

members of our staff who entered the area to select the records to be transferred. Both of them became nauseated, but fresh air restored them and the mission was accomplished. Such are the vicissitudes of the archival profession.

The transfer of the records of the Register of Wills of Prince George's County was less hazardous, although not without a certain amount of inconvenience caused by the fact that the Courthouse was being renovated at the time. The early records of this office had been transferred previously, but with space at a premium in the Courthouse, the Register requested that we accept additional material. The cut-off date mutually agreed upon was 1900. The original records have been replaced with microfilm copies.

The seemingly endless project of preparing microfilm security copies of the Land Records of Baltimore City ground out another 154 reels containing 308 volumes. This advanced the years covered from 1941 to 1943 and leaves about six more years to be done.

The highly controversial speech made on April 11, 1968 by Governor Spiro T. Agnew to a large gathering of Black leaders elicited a mail response that now fills eight record center cartons (12" x 15" x 10"). Whatever may be the merits of the speech, it may well be that future historians will regard the opinions expressed and the subsequent publicity as significant factors in the decision of presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon to select Governor Agnew as his running mate. Also of interest are the resignation of Governor Agnew for the purpose of accepting the office of Vice President, his farewell address, the resignation of Speaker Marvin Mandel as a member of the House of Delegates, his acceptance speech as Governor and other documents relating to the transfer of executive power that occurred on January 7, 1969.

Practically all of the items added to our collection of church records during the past year came from congregations in the United Methodist Church. Although many of these are of fairly recent date, we are certain that most of them will prove useful in establishing dates of birth for individuals whose birth was not officially recorded.

We were also permitted to microfilm the records of Gunpowder Baptist Church in Baltimore County, which date back to 1806. The only original church records received were those deposited by the Vestry of Chester Parish in Kent County.