

## ARCHIVAL ACCESSIONS

Although the past history, agreement of deposit and other particulars relating to the recovery of certain fugitive Maryland records which had somehow found their way into the Peter Force Collection of the Library of Congress were described in our last *Annual Report*, the actual transfer was not accomplished until December 3, 1969.

Other records, acquired in less dramatic fashion, but certainly of equal importance, were the Engrossed Laws of the General Assembly for the Regular and Special Sessions of 1969 and the several items pertaining to elections transferred from the State Administrative Board of Election Laws.

In pursuing our policy of making microfilm security copies of the more important records in the local courthouses of Maryland, we have now brought the filming of the Baltimore City Land Records two years closer to completion. Only the volumes for the period 1945-1949 remain to be done. We also supplemented our collection of vital records by filming the Baltimore County birth and marriage records and the Kent County marriage records listed below. While our photographer was in Kent, he also filmed the early records of incorporation.

The investigations of the scholars participating the Annapolis Project of the National Endowment for the Humanities led to our acquiring on microfilm a number of items of Maryland interest, which were found in the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library and the Maryland Historical Society. Most of these items are letter books and accounts of a colonial merchant company known originally as Wallace, Davidson and Johnson, and by other names thereafter as the partners changed. The several volumes thus acquired supplement the thirty odd volumes that we already had. Apparently they came into possession of the State as exhibits in an equity case tried before the old Chancery Court, which was abolished under the Constitution of 1851.

Largely because of the persistent efforts of Mrs. Jacobsen, who has been in charge of our church record program for several years, over 180 volumes from about forty churches or other religious groups were acquired during the past year. In most instances, the churches preferred to have the originals returned after we had completed the microfilming, but a few decided to