

<i>Record Series</i>	<i>Times Circulated</i>		
	<i>1958-59</i>	<i>1957-58</i>	<i>1956-57</i>
Baltimore County Marriage License Records.....	26	18	20
Baltimore County Administration Accounts, Original.....	24	21	13
Talbot County Administration Accounts.....	24	6	11
Talbot County Distributions.....	24	3	12
Baltimore City Wills.....	23	5	11
Caroline County Wills.....	22	20	19
Frederick County Marriage License Records....	22	22	2
Laws of Maryland.....	22	10	4
Talbot County Wills, Original.....	22	21	29
Baltimore County Guardian Accounts.....	21	14	3
Depreciation Pay.....	20	9	6

## ARCHIVAL AND MANUSCRIPT ACCESSIONS

The additional stack space gained by the removal of the Land Office to the new State Office Building made it possible for us to accept many valuable county records which had been awaiting transfer for several years. For example, it will be noted that we have accessioned several series transferred from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Talbot County. Among them are the Minutes of the Court dating from 1826 to 1916. The earlier Minutes were transferred some years ago. The Test Books, dating from 1794 to 1942, contain the signatures of various county officers to the oaths they are required to take in qualifying for office. The commissions of many of these officials are recorded in the Records of Officers Commissions, which run from 1800 to 1895.

The Minute Books received from the County Commissioners of Wicomico County extend to 1932. It was dismaying, however, to learn that the volumes dating before 1896 are missing. The Assessment Books have been better preserved and date back to the origin of the County in 1867.

In surveying the records of the County Commissioners of Worcester County, we made another unhappy discovery. None of the Commissioners Proceedings dating before 1869 have survived. The Proceedings from 1869 to 1936 were transferred to our stacks.

We also acquired two volumes of Minutes of the County Commissioners of Caroline County dated 1850-1853 and 1896-1916 respectively. But, here again, serious losses have occurred: witness the absence of any record before 1850 and the long gap between 1853 and 1896.

Receipt of the Proceedings of the Somerset County Commissioners was reported in my *Twenty-Third Annual Report*. Last year we