

Collins, Downes, Lomax, Robinson, Spicknall, Tayloe and other families. In addition, the Maryland State Society, D.A.R., presented us with typewritten copies of numerous other *Bible* records dating from 1738 to 1959.

While it is not the function of an archival agency to collect newspapers, we have in recent years become increasingly aware that the files of a few representative newspapers would be useful in supplementing our primary materials. Consequently, when the Peabody Institute offered us its file of the *Baltimore American*, we were delighted to accept. Except for a few torn pages, the file is complete from 1808 to 1920, but there are several sizeable gaps from 1920 to 1928. We purchased a microfilm copy of the *Montgomery County Sentinel* which covers the years 1856-1896 with some issues missing.