

1959-1960. Governor Tawes thus becomes the third governor to follow the precedent established by the late Governor Herbert R. O'Connor in 1947. The gubernatorial papers reflect practically every facet of the State government and it may well be that future historians will find them to be the most useful collection in our custody. Dr. Harry W. Kirwin made extensive use of the O'Connor Papers in our custody when he was writing his recently published biography of Governor O'Connor called, *The Inevitable Success*. We made these materials available to Dr. Kirwin only after he had secured written permission from Mr. O'Connor to use them.

In our last report, we listed a number of records found in the attic of the Queen Anne's County Courthouse, which was then in process of being renovated. A few more items were transferred last year. Records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court included a volume containing commissions of county officials, 1848-1876, and several miscellaneous dockets. Among the county commissioners' records found in the attic were three sets of Assessment Books; each set composed of seven volumes, one for each district in the county. The books are not dated, but from the evidence at hand it seems reasonable to surmise that they fall near the end of the nineteenth century. Other items of interest are the Levy Lists dating from 1868 to 1893 and the Rough Minutes of the Levy Court for 1828.

At the request of the Register of Wills of Caroline County, we extended our holdings of his records by transferring the volumes listed below. The net result is that we now have all of the volume records created by his office prior to 1850 and a few items beyond. An anomalous volume found in this collection contains the records of the Choptank Baseball Club for the years 1866-1873 and sheds some light on the early history of the game in Maryland. The box scores found in this volume record only that the batter scored a run or made an out. The scores were astronomical by modern standards; in one nine-inning game, Chesterfield defeated Choptank 51 to 41. Another game was discontinued after three innings with the score 30 to 8. Perhaps the players were too exhausted to continue, although it is possible that the scorer simply became bored with his task.

The Anne Arundel County Marriage Records, 1865-1904, acquired last year, give several details not found in the earlier marriage records, such as age, color and residence of both parties. More im-