

By far the largest and most important collection of records came from the Executive Department, but we continued to make steady progress in the program of acquiring Frederick County Land Records by replacing them with photocopies. Moreover, a similar program for Somerset County which had been temporarily halted has been resumed. With the addition of another operator in the Photoduplication Department, there is good reason to believe that both counties will be completed during the current year.

Another interesting acquisition is *Iron Chest Accounts No. 1, 1734-1767*, which contains the accounts of the first issue of paper money in Maryland. The records in this volume tie in with the Bank Stock papers of the "Blue Books" and of the collection of the Secretary of State.

Several of the accessions from private sources warrant special mention. The letter of Francis Scott Key deposited by the Francis Scott Key Chapter of the D. A. R. is a fine addition to our growing collection of Key materials. The deposit of Baldwin materials completes the excellent collection relating to the churches and schools of Severn Parish which the late Reverend Charles W. Baldwin had begun to deposit before his death several years ago. The gift of the family of Benjamin Watkins, especially the *Proceedings of the Free School of Anne Arundel County* is an unusual prize. This little volume was mentioned and analyzed many years ago by the late Daniel R. Randall in an article in the *Maryland Historical Magazine* (XVIII, 248-256). He did not give the location of the volume and efforts to find it since that time have failed. It was found by Mr. A. C. Roth, Jr., in the course of his research in Anne Arundel County education in the collection of the Watkins family where it had always been. At the suggestion of the Archivist it was graciously presented to the Hall of Records.

The letters which were given by Mr. Julian Hurst Jacobs, are prized additions to the Claude papers which were presented some years ago by the late Dr. Gordon Claude of Annapolis. The *Map and Directory of Camp Patterson Park, of the One Hundred and Tenth Regiment of New York Volunteers* is a beautiful and rare work which we were glad to accept for our permanent collection. Another fine printed work which was received this year is a copy of Elie Vallette's *Deputy Commissary's Guide* which contains the extremely rare engraved fly