

## ACCESSIONS FROM PRIVATE SOURCES

During the past year, we received an outstanding collection of papers from Mrs. Ford K. Brown. Apparently they were accumulated by Ezekiel F. Chambers, a Judge of the Court of Appeals from 1834 to 1851 and an ancestor of the donor. Many of them are "Statements and Points" and "Briefs" submitted in Court of Appeals cases. Some of these are duplicates of papers found in the records of the Court, but others appear to be unique. Very likely the papers were used by Judge Chambers in writing his opinions. Three lists of members of the legislature in 1839, 1844 and 1845 and a letter regarding the prevention of the absconding of slaves from Maryland to New Jersey, written in 1826, are also of historical interest.

Another large and varied collection came to us from the estate of the late Peter Hagner Magruder. It included the family Bible, photocopies of several maps of Annapolis, five albums of photographs of Annapolis and the Naval Academy, and several valuable broadsides.

One of the most interesting single items received is a letter written by Gov. Thomas W. Veazey to a friend describing and lamenting the conditions in his office after the Council was abolished by the Amendment of 1837. In concluding the letter, he asked his friend to "burn this as soon as you read it, as it contains matter, not fit to be seen by any one than yourself." Among other interesting items received are a newspaper account of the opening of the Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1889 given by Judge Ogle Marbury and a photocopy of a 1796 map of Georgetown presented by Newman F. McGirr.

## Gifts

There follows a detailed list of all accessions from private sources:

ANDREWS, MRS. WILLIAM (MARY BIGGAR), (1) *A Short Life History of Hamilton Fish Biggar*. Included in this volume is a "Chronology of the Biggar family" by William Hunter,