

of Wills' office are the Wills. The other papers had long ago been placed in large wooden boxes and stored in a little-used room in the basement of the courthouse. The first installment of these papers has already been transferred and is listed below. In view of the poor conditions under which the papers are stored, we shall probably transfer all of them to the Hall of Records, even though they date much later than the papers we usually receive.

Another large quantity of probate papers was brought in from the office of the Register of Wills of Caroline County. In this case all papers through 1830 were transferred. Included in the collection were several bundles dating much earlier than 1773, the date of formation of Caroline County. The explanation of this apparent anachronism is that these papers relate to the estates of persons who lived in that section of Dorchester County which later became part of Caroline. Had these papers not been sent to Caroline, they would in all probability have been destroyed along with all the rest of the probate records of Dorchester County in the courthouse fire of 1851.

The first volume of Washington County Wills likewise contains wills which antedate the establishment of the County. These are wills of residents of the part of Frederick County that became Washington County.

Among the papers transferred from the Register of Wills' office of Anne Arundel County are a number of discharge papers of Revolutionary War soldiers. These discharges are valuable as proofs of service of the men involved.

The most interesting of the records received from State agencies are the Journals and Ledgers relating to Emissions of Bills of Credit obtained from the State Treasurer. Several such volumes had previously been transferred, and we had assumed that everything else had been lost. Students of the paper currency situation in Maryland during the colonial and revolutionary periods should find these volumes very helpful.

The frequent demands for photocopies of recent Acts of the General Assembly has led to a further revision of policy in this respect. Whereas the Court of Appeals formerly retained the Acts of the most recent session of the Assembly, it has now been decided that the