

HALL & MCCHESENEY:

Caroline	4
Carroll	10
Charles	7
Dorchester	6
Frederick	15
Howard	10
Kent	4
Queen Anne's	5
St. Mary's	8
Somerset	1
Talbot	7
Wicomico	6
Worcester	8
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Total	91

In addition to the above, the microfilm staff filmed 232 reels of County probate records which were added to the Microfilm Collection of the Hall of Records and herein listed in "Archival Accessions."

ACTS OF ASSEMBLY

The history of Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1954 is long and unhappy. In the *Eighteenth Annual Report of the Archivist*, a summary of its misadventures was given and is here being repeated for the convenience of the members of the Hall of Records Commission:

"One of the oddities of the 1953 Session of the General Assembly was House Bill No. 354. The story begins with Chapter 542 of the Acts of 1949, which provided for a penalty to be paid by anyone presenting for recordation any instrument which was not in good order. It also made certain special provisions for the form of instruments presented for recordation in offices where recording was done by photostat camera. The provisions of this Act were inadvertently omitted from the Annotated Code of 1951; therefore, the preamble to the Act of 1953 said, among other things, that "It is desirable to re-enact these provisions without change in order to remove any doubts as to their effectiveness." In the meanwhile, many counties had introduced microfilming as