

with William Thomas, October 8, 1785. 1 sheet. (6) Award of the arbitrators in the dispute between William Thomas and John Tippet, November 19, 1785. 1 sheet. (7) Account of William Thomas against the estate of John Goldsmith for expenses incurred in securing his title to the land he purchased from John Goldsmith, Sr., and John Goldsmith, Jr., February 14, 1788. 1 sheet. Deposit.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE AND MRS. WILLIAM DUNBAR GOULD, Diploma of Edward Scott, an early graduate of Washington College, July 11, 1788. 1 sheet. Deposit.

WILKINSON, HUGH M., *Ancient Plantation Burying-Ground Returned to Wilkinson Family*, Dedicated as a Historic Site by Maryland State Chapter, D. A. R. Processed 13 sheets. Gift.

WOOLEN, JOHN SELLMAN, Diary of John Sellman, 1818-1862. Original loaned by Mr. Woolen for microfilming.

RECORDS WITHDRAWN

It is not often that records are withdrawn from the Hall of Records, but there was such an instance last year. The circumstances leading to the withdrawal of the records of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Maryland (Homeopathic) have been described in the *Nineteenth Annual Report* (pp. 61-62). The opinion of the Attorney General effectively reversing an earlier opinion is cited in full at the end of the present report. Pursuant to this opinion, the records of the Board (see list in *Nineteenth Annual Report*, p. 34) were turned over to Dr. Robert H. Reddick, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, January 10, 1955.

LIBRARY

The Hall of Records added a number of useful books to the small library which it maintains for the use of the staff and for researchers. As in previous years, staff members have been able to study the procedures of other archival agencies as a result of materials received on an exchange basis. A gift from the Carnegie Institution of Washington enabled us to complete our set of the *Letters of Members of the Continental Congress*.

The Hall of Records purchased few books during the year, among them Benson J. Lossing's *Pictorial History of the Civil War in the United States of America* and Aubrey C. Land's *The Dulany's of Maryland*. A number of other local and family histories were given to us including Cora Anderson Dulany's *The Andersons from the Great Fork of the Patuxent* and James Wade Emison, Jr.'s, *The Emison Families, Revised*. Of especial value in the field of Maryland local history have been the *Chronicles of St. Mary's*, prepared by the St. Mary's County Historical Society each month since June 1953. Among the material received from other states was a book on *Ohio Place Names* by William D. Overman.