LIBRARY ACCESSIONS

Our library consists of a small collection of Marylandiana, genealogical aids, and archival and state publications. It serves several purposes. First, it assists the staff in answering inquiries received by mail and by telephone, as well as those from persons using the search room. It also provides easily available information for searchers, state officials, and others who use our facilities. Finally, it functions as a specialized library for local historical groups. The collection grows through gifts, purchases and exchanges. During the 1957-1958 fiscal year, we added 121 titles. This compares with the 77 acquired in 1956-1957, and the 141 added in 1955-1956. Our library now consists of approximately 4,800 items.

Many donors presented welcome materials for our shelves. Mr. William N. Wilkins continued to supplement his gifts from the files of the Ida-Charles Wilkins Foundation. Other valuable acquisitions included 200 Years with the Maryland Gazette, 1727-1927, Baltimore ... A Picture History, and the publications of the St. Mary's County Historical Society. Other donors included Miss Martha Sprigg Poole, Mrs. Robert Lee Peabody, T. Stockton Matthews, the University of Kentucky Library, and The Library of Congress.

We purchased several volumes mainly in connection with the revision of the Maryland Guide. These included Henry Chandlee Forman's Tidewater Maryland Architecture and Gardens, and Hugh Morrison's Early American Architecture. Through exchanges we have continued to receive publications from The National Archives and the archival institutions of such states as Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina. We have also acquired reports from the Ghana, Israel and India Archives.

The following list of acquisitions is printed here in acknowledgment of these gifts and exchanges, and as a record of what we have purchased during the year.

- ALTFELD, E. MILTON, The Jew's Struggle for Religious and Civil Liberty in Maryland, Baltimore, 1924. Gift.
- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY, American Heritage, Vol. VIII, Nos. 4, 5, 6, 1957; Vol. IX, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 1957-1958, New York, New York, 1957-1958. Subscription.
- History News, Vol. XII, Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1957; Vol. VIII, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1958, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Madison, Wisconsin, 1957-1958. Gift.
- AMERICAN CLAN GREGOR SOCIETY, Year Book of American Clan Gregor Society, Containing the Proceedings of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Annual Gatherings, 1924 and 1925, edited by Egbert Watson Magruder, Charlottesville, Virginia, n.d. Gift.
- AMERICAN JEWISH ARCHIVES, Vol. IX, No. 1, 1957. Cincinnati, Ohio, 1957. Gift.
- AMES, SUSIE M., County Court Records of Accomack-Northampton, Virginia, 1632-1640, American Legal Records, Vol. 7, Washington, D. C., 1954. Purchase.