

his records. It was agreed that the Orphans' Court Proceedings be transferred up to 1954; although the physical move has not yet gone that far. The cut-off date of the other series was set at 1900. The Proceedings, Inventories and Administration Bonds have been replaced with microfilm copies.

The records received from the Registers of Wills for Anne Arundel and Kent Counties are later additions to series already in our custody.

In recent years, we have received from the County Commissioners of Prince George's County, what is probably the most complete set of Assessment Books in the State. They cover the period 1796-1909. Last year we received the surviving Proceedings of the Commissioners and their predecessors, the Levy Court, dating from 1795 to 1928. It may well be, however, that some of the lesser series acquired: Minutes of the Commissioners of the Tax, Tobacco Inspection Proceedings of the Levy Court, School Proceedings of the Orphans' Court, Minutes of the Road Directors and Minutes of the Alms House Trustees, may prove of greater interest to historians. They provide an insight into the functioning of agencies of county government that no longer exist, or have greatly changed.

We continued our explorations of the attic of the Frederick County Courthouse (see *Twenty-Third Annual Report*) and were rewarded by finding the Marriage License Record for 1798-1814. We feared this record had been lost. We also brought back three eighteenth-century dockets and a nearly complete set of dockets for 1801-1850.

For reasons that have been given in several previous reports, we have devoted most of our efforts in collecting church records to those of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Last year we added the records of three more parishes. Of special interest are the records of St. John's Parish of Baltimore and Harford Counties, which was one of the thirty original parishes established under the Act of 1692. The Vestry Minutes before 1735 are missing, but otherwise the records have been well preserved.

Recently, Dr. Nelson W. Rightmyer, Historiographer of the Diocese of Maryland, has addressed a circular letter to every minister in the diocese, describing our church record program and urging the cooperation of the parish authorities. We have already received several inquiries on the subject.