

The records of Salisbury, Spring Hill and Stepney Parishes in Wicomico County had already been microfilmed, but we are still old-fashioned enough to prefer the original record to the film. Therefore we were glad to accept them when they were offered this year.

Through private sources we received several collections of papers that will be of interest to historians. From Colonial Williamsburg we received a microfilm copy of correspondence, public and private, of and concerning Francis Nicholson, a colonial governor of Maryland and Virginia in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Letters to and from Reverdy Johnson between 1834 and 1869 were the gift of Lester S. Levy; during these years Johnson was Attorney General of the United States (1849-50) and United States Senator from Maryland (1863-68). Chief Judge Emory H. Niles of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City presented us with materials he had collected from a history of the Admiralty Court in Maryland during the colonial period. The McParlin Papers, deposited with us by Guy Weatherly of our own staff, are also of interest. They include papers of William Faris, Annapolis silversmith from 1763 to 1805 and letters of the 1840's and 1850's written by Thomas McParlin, an officer in the Medical Corps of the United States Army from various outposts in the West describing frontier life to his mother and brother in Annapolis. There are also many official and semi-official Army papers dating from before and during the Civil War.

Early maps are always valuable items. An atlas of Maryland and the District of Columbia prepared by Martenet, Walling, and Gray and published in 1873 was the gift of Mrs. Aline Cartier, and Miss Bessie Spafford kindly allowed us to photostat her copy of a map of Caroline County drawn by John B. Isler and published in 1875. We were also able to increase our collection of newspapers with the purchase of a file (on microfilm) of *The Daily News* of Frederick, Maryland, which is nearly complete, from October 15, 1883 to September 29, 1904.

ARCHIVAL ACQUISITIONS

The letters and/or numbers in parentheses are accession symbols.

ALLEGANY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Land Records, 1850-1949, 220 volumes, microfilm (CR6722-CR6858)

General Index to Land Records, 1791-1963, 93 volumes, microfilm
(CR6859-CR6884)

Marriage Records, 1865-1873, 1900-1914, 5 volumes, microfilm (CR6885-CR6886)

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Original Manumissions, 1785-1820, 1842-1844, 1865, ¾ cubic foot (16375)