

equal proportions. The second group, "Records Consulted by the Public" is at present the greatest strain on our staff and on the records themselves. Many of these researchers have never been here before and therefore, require a great deal of attention and many of them have never been in an archival establishment, so that they must be instructed in how to handle documents along with how to use them. One more Archivist II would solve our problem for the present, but this additional member of our staff appears as difficult to get as a piece of the moon. I suppose that we shall never achieve additions to our staff until the pressures are off the Legislature for welfare and education, which now and for years have consumed every increase in the finances of the State, leaving very little for the other branches of government.

Visitors

1966-1967.....	2,509
1967-1968.....	3,027
1968-1969.....	3,162

Records Consulted by the Public

1966-1967.....	13,925
1967-1968.....	16,508
1968-1969.....	21,551

Queries Answered by Mail

1966-1967.....	2,030
1967-1968.....	2,537
1968-1969.....	2,770

RECORDS MOST FREQUENTLY CIRCULATED

<i>Record Series</i>	<i>Times Circulated</i>		
	1968-69	1967-68	1966-67
Wills	1417	1102	1332
Patents	1286	993	
Testamentary Proceedings	1010	683	651
Church Records	984	624	658
Anne Arundel County Land Records	935	655	561
Accounts	870	664	696
Baltimore County Land Records	761	448	376
Inventories	682	507	454
Gifts, Purchases, Deposits	565	215	192
Chancery Records	528	241	
Certificates, Patented	458	374	
Rent Rolls	435	248	
Baltimore County Wills	367	349	344
Inventories and Accounts	326	314	250
Chancery Papers	279	178	
Charles County Wills	263	150	178
Frederick County Land Records	261	102	263