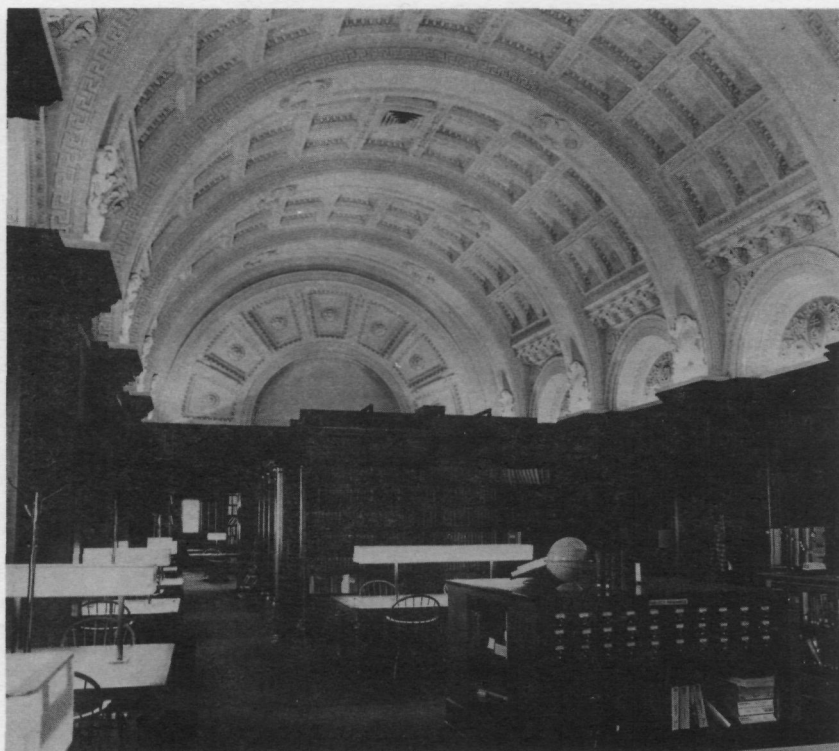


*The Sesquicentennial
of the
Library Company
of the
Baltimore Bar
1840 - 1990*



*Commemorative Reception
April 27, 1990*

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March 30, 1840

"This meeting was called by George William Brown, Esquire, who having fully informed himself of the origin and purpose of similar institutions in Boston, New York and Philadelphia, proposed to the bar foundation of the present Library and gave to the undertaking its first impulsive step. It is to his zeal, aided afterwards by the liberal cooperation of the whole bar, that the Library is indebted for its existence and success."



*George William Brown
(1812 - 1890)*

Later Mayor of Baltimore and the second Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, George William Brown was 27 years old when he called the meeting which led to the founding of the Bar Library in 1840.

THE FOUNDING OF THE

Imagine the practice of law without law books! It seems impossible, even in this present age of microfilm and computers. But in the Baltimore of 1840, law books were in scarce supply. In those days, before the permanent establishment of law schools and law libraries, law students apprenticed themselves to practicing lawyers and "read law" under their watchful gazes. There were no legal reference libraries where attorneys could study and prepare their cases for trial. Most members of the bar did not own extensive collections of law reports and legal treatises. And without them, there could be no knowledge of precedent or citation of authority to support a legal argument. This made law practice very difficult and not very erudite. That is why the organization of the Bar Library was a major advance in the history of the legal profession in Baltimore.

Founded in 1840 as "The Library Company of the Baltimore Bar," the Bar Library is one of the oldest private libraries in the U.S. Its membership has grown from 66 initial members in 1840 to more than 3,000. It serves as the principal reference resource of the Baltimore City judges and their law clerks, the Baltimore City State's Attorneys' office and the City Solicitor's office. Its collection has grown from a few shelves of books to more than 180,000 volumes and is one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of its kind in the country. Its main reading room on the sixth floor of the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse, crowned with an elegant barrel vault ceiling, is beyond duplication. The Bar Library's staff has grown since 1840 from a single law student who served as librarian to 11 employees. Its budget, \$400 for 1840, exceeds \$700,000 for its current fiscal year.

Many materials are available on microfiche or online. Most of these are primary research materials —statutes and cases. The collection also includes extensive secondary research materials —legal digests and encyclopedias, treatises, loose leaf services and law reviews. The Bar Library's collection is one of the largest in Maryland.

It includes all federal and state statutes, all federal and some state regulations, and all federal, state and regional reports and digests. The Maryland collection also includes all Maryland county and most municipal codes and ordinances. The Library maintains over 300 law

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reviews and other periodicals and more than 200 looseleaf services. It has the major treatises in all areas of law and an extensive collection of audiotapes and videotapes. The collection is appropriate for a comprehensive reference law library serving Maryland judges and lawyers.

Some materials in the Bar Library's collection are not available anywhere else in Maryland. Its collection of English cases and statutes is unsurpassed. It has an extensive collection of records and briefs filed in the Maryland appellate courts. Its collection of transcripts and digests from English and American cases is rare and impressive.

The Bar Library has four special funds which are used to purchase and maintain specialized portions of its collection. The Horwitz Collection, which has 3,000 volumes dealing with legal history and philosophy, is named for Orville Horwitz, the famed attorney and Bar Library member whose will bequeathed funds to establish the collection. The Daniel and Abram Joseph Shelf of History and Biography, which has 300 volumes, is funded by a bequest from two brothers who were both Bar Library members. The Paul Kach Bequest, received in the mid-1980's from a former Bar Library member, is not restricted as to use. In 1989 the Bar Library received a \$31,000 gift from the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., Foundation to be used to maintain the memorabilia displayed in the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse and to purchase the Bar Library's civil rights collection.

The act incorporating the Bar Library in 1840 provided for its organization for the "sole and exclusive purpose of establishing and continuing a law library." *Laws of Maryland*, chapter 8 (1840). The Bar Library's founders expressed its purpose in 1840 as "to provide the Bench and Bar of Baltimore with the necessary legal resources for the successful practice of law." Since its organization the Bar Library has served continuously as a general reference law library for its members. There have been many changes in the law, the Bar and legal research material and methods in the years since 1840. These changes have not altered the basic purpose of the Bar Library.

PORTRAIT OF CHIEF JUSTICE

Minutes of the first meeting of the founders of the Library on March 30, 1840:

"Before the meeting proceeded to the consideration of the business for which it was convened, Mr. [James Mason] Campbell stated that upon a former occasion the Bar purchased from Mr. Wattles a painting of Chief Justice Marshall, which is now in the Masonic Hall and could not be obtained without the action of the Bar in general meeting; and he therefore offered the following resolution which was passed: Resolved, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the chair to procure the portrait of Chief Justice Marshall, belonging to the Bar, from the Masonic Hall, where it is now deposited and to cause the same to be transferred to, and placed in the Court House."

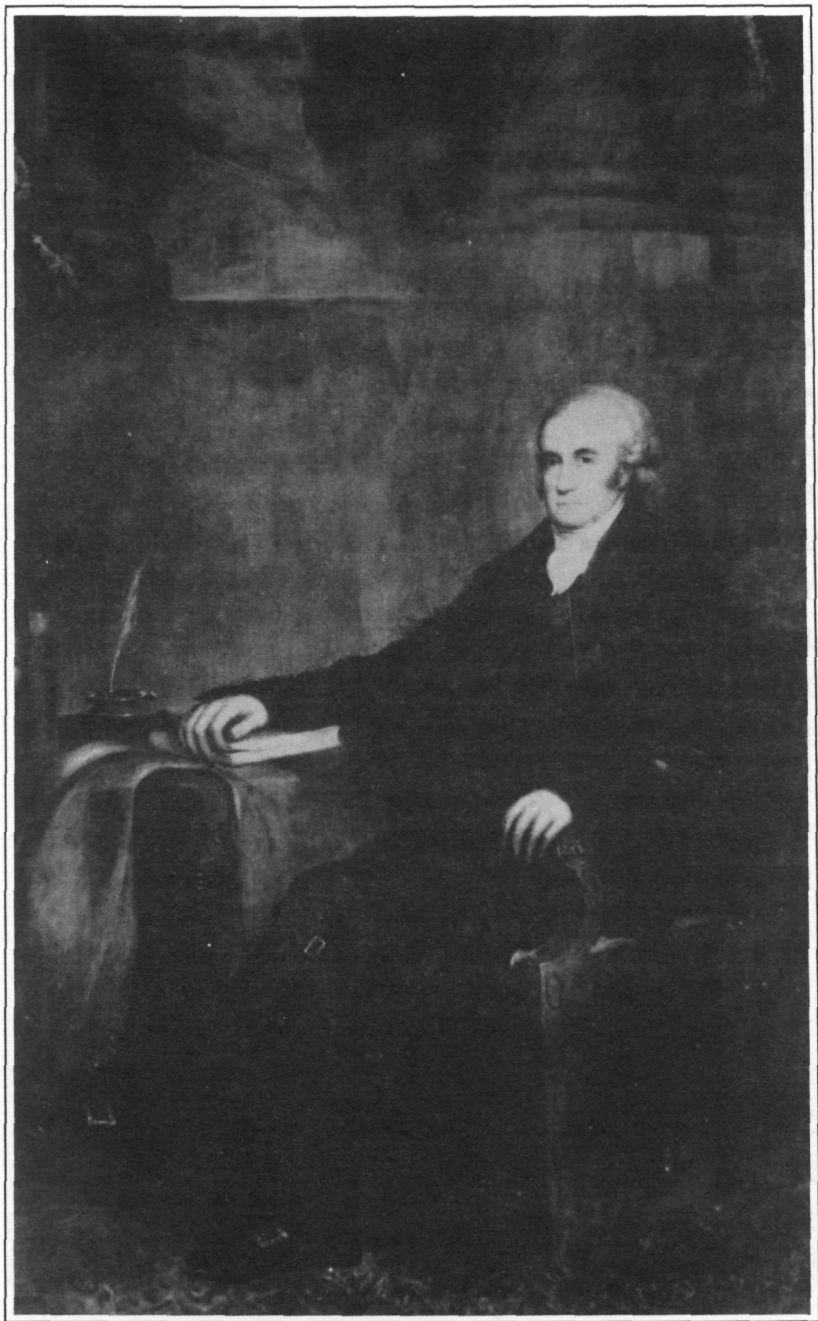
During the 150 years of its existence, the Bar Library has come into possession of many portraits of famous judges and lawyers. The very first one of these, a large full-length portrait of Chief Justice John Marshall is mentioned in the minutes of the first meeting of the founders of the Library on March 30, 1840.

The artist was probably James L. Wattles who is known to have lived and worked in Baltimore from 1829 to 1854. The Masonic Hall stood on the east side of St. Paul Street, on the present site of the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse (at about the location of the statue of Cecil Calvert) and housed the Federal Court in Baltimore. The portrait may have hung in the courtroom on the first floor. It was in this courtroom that Marshall's successor, Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney, presided when he held court as a circuit judge. It was on one such occasion in 1861 that his opinion in the case of *Ex Parte Merryman* was issued. Mr. Campbell was Taney's son-in-law and it may have been at Taney's suggestion that the motion was made to transfer the portrait. (This is pure speculation, but oftentimes a judge would rather not share his courtroom with his predecessor.)

The Portrait was retrieved by Mr. Campbell and brought to the

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JOHN MARSHALL



The Lost Portrait of Chief Justice Marshall

Librarians of the Bar Library

	<i>Years of Service</i>
1. Charles Summerfield Carter	1840-1844
2. S. Asbury Shepparde	1844-1846
3. Philip L. Moore	1846-1847
4. Wilson C. N. Carr	1847-1848
5. James A. Buchanan	1848-1851
6. Thomas William Hall, Jr.	1851-1854
7. Samuel W. Emory	1854-1856
8. John Prentiss Poe	1856-1857
9. William E. Geeson	1857-1859
10. J. Campbell Dorry	1859-1862
11. George L.L. Davis	1862-1868
12. Thomas S.H. Phillips	1868-1871
13. Charles Poe	1871-1872
14. Pierre Phillips	1872-1874
15. Col. Daniel T. Chandler	1874-1877
16. Josiah Holmes Converse	1877-1897
17. Winfield Scott Amoss	1897-1899
18. Andrew Hartman Mettee	1899-1933
19. Laurie Howard Riggs	1933-1958
20. Betty Hancock	1958-1961
21. John Dyrud	1961-1962
22. Samuel M. Briggin	1962-1970
23. Michael L. Renshawe	1971-1976
24. Kai-Yun Chiu	1976-

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1. John Van Lear McMahon 1840-1861
2. George William Brown 1861-1874
3. Arthur W. Machen, Sr. 1874-1915
4. J.S.T. Waters 1915-1916
5. G.W.S. Musgrave 1916-1917
6. J.S.T. Waters 1917-1921
7. Shirley Carter 1921-1928
8. Walter H. Buck 1928-1930
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20. Robert J. Thieblot 1973-1975
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22. Lewis A. Noonberg 1977-1979
23. Joseph H.H. Kaplan 1979-1983
24. David H. Fishman 1983-

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old city courthouse on the corner of Lexington and Calvert Streets. There it remained until 1895 when it was taken down and stored while the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse was being built. When the new building was dedicated on January 8, 1900, the portrait of John Marshall gazed down from the walls of Room 406, next door to the large ceremonial courtroom. It was photographed in 1938 at the request of the late Judge Joseph R. Byrnes (father of Judge John Carroll Byrnes). In the early 1950s, work was commenced to renovate the courthouse. One day in 1954 some workmen accidentally damaged the portrait, then in storage, by punching a hole in the canvas with a ladder. After that the portrait disappeared without a trace. Investigations over the years proved fruitless.

In 1989, 35 years after the Marshall portrait was lost, the Board of Directors of the Bar Library commissioned the painting of a new portrait by the noted artist Henry Cooper. To obtain the best possible likeness, Mr. Cooper gathered copies of portraits of John Marshall from all over the country. He personally visited the U.S. Supreme Court and obtained permission to examine and photograph a portrait of Marshall in the Justices' Conference Room, which is believed to have been the inspiration for the portrait by James Wattles. Using all this information together with the 1938 black and white photograph, Mr. Cooper executed a portrait that surpasses the quality of the original.

When the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Bar Library is celebrated at the reception on Friday, April 27, 1990, the unveiling of the new portrait of Chief Justice John Marshall will be the centerpiece of the ceremony.

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1840 to the Present (1990)*

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1919-1920 |
| Alexander, John D., Jr.
1967-1970 | Bramble, Forrest
1936-1942 |
| All, W. LeRoy
1928-1929 | Brent, Robert
1889-1892 |
| Alpert, Paul E.
1970-1974 | Brown, Arthur George
1906-1913 |
| Altfeld, E. Milton
1954-1958 | Brown, George, William
1840-1845, 1848-1854
1855-1859, 1860-1861
P 1861-1874 |
| Arnold, Judith
1972-1976 | Brown, Frederick
1882-1884 |
| Armstrong, Alexander
1925-1927, 1931-1937 | Brown, W. Emerson, Jr.
1966-1973 |
| Baer, Thomas
1886-1891 | Brune, Frederick W., Jr.
1845-1848 |
| Baetjer, Edwin
1892-1897 | Bryan, William S.
1872-1877 |
| Baker O. Parker
1909-1915 | Bryan, William S., Jr.
1901-1904 |
| Baker, William George
1846-1851, 1854-1856 | Buchanan, James
1856-1857 |
| Ballard, Paul G.
1939-1944 | Buck, Walter H.
1927-1930
P 1928-1930 |
| Barnes, Wilson K.
1945-1946, 1949-1954 | Buckmaster, Everett L.
1955-1960 |
| Barroll, L. Wethered
1940-1945 | Bump, Orlando F.
1875-1879, 1881-1884 |
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1874-1879 |
| Beeuwkes, C. John
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Levin, Sigmund 1962-1964	Noonberg, Lewis A. 1967-1989 P 1977-1979
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Machen, Arthur W. 1856-1862, 1866-1915 P 1874-1915	Perkins, Eben F. 1941-1946, 1947-1951
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Preston, Leroy 1961-1965	Stein, Charles F. 1914-1918
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1924-1927

Venable, Richard M.
1883-1894

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1927-1947
P 1930-1947

Wallis, Severn Teakle
1849-1850, 1857-1860

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1882-1885, 1895-1901

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1868-1873

Weisgal, Fred E.
1964-1967
P 1966-1967

Williams, E. Calvin
1880-1881

Williams, George Washington, Jr.
1916-1917

Williams, Roger B.
1927-1931

Willis, George R.
1915-1919

Wolman, Paul C., Jr.
1966-1970

Young, William H.
1848-1852

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