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ACQUISITIONS AND EXHIBITS

It was a year of growth for the Museum of Baltimore Legal History. Acquisitions include a 1911 Oliver typewriter and framed portraits of Judge Albert Levin. The Museum is planning a new permanent exhibit on the Bar Association of Baltimore City and identifying funds to pay for its completion.

Use and enjoyment of our Museum grew to include 4,500 registered visitors, while many stop in without registering. The annual ceremony for new admittees to the Bar featured a tour of the Museum.

At the Term of Court ceremony on September 22, the portrait of Judge George A. Solter was unveiled and presented to the Foundation by his son, Judge George D. Solter and Mrs. Solter. The portrait joins those of Judges Alfred S. Niles, Emory H. Niles, Albert L. Sklar, Joseph Allen, T. Parkin Scott, Joseph R. Byrnes, Albert Ritchie and Everett J. Waring in Courtroom 231 of the Mitchell Courthouse. Out of the 128 judges who have served on the Supreme Bench/Circuit Court since 1867, 38 now have their portrait located in the Baltimore City Courthouses.



*Judge George D. Solter and Mrs. Solter unveil portrait of his father, Judge George A. Solter
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ORGANIZATION OF THE BAILIFF'S INN

The Bailiff's Inn, one of two constituent membership groups of The Baltimore Courthouse and Law Museum Foundation, enjoyed continued growth in 1993 due to the efforts of former law clerks Lisa Gladden and Teresa Carnell. Drawing its membership from the over 800 former bailiffs and law clerks of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, the organization currently boasts a membership of over 75 practicing attorneys. Lisa Gladden, the Chair of the Bailiff's Inn, has been instrumental in the collection of the \$10 dues, and in the selection of an executive committee made up of sixteen members.

On September 22, 1993, The Bar Association of Baltimore City and The Baltimore Courthouse and Law Museum Foundation hosted The Term of Court Reception celebrating the formation of the Bailiff's Inn. Refreshments, music and fellowship marked this observance of the eighty-year tradition of bailiffs and law clerks serving the masters and judges of Baltimore City. The Bailiff's Inn has completed a handbook for existing and future law clerks, and continues to provide services to the former clerks and bailiffs of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

THE 2000 PLAN - A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The long range plan of The Baltimore Courthouse and Law Museum Foundation was presented by Judge John Carroll Byrnes at the Annual Meeting of the Foundation held on May 24, 1993. The plan, entitled "The 2000 Plan, A Centennial Celebration", sets forth specific goals in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse in the year 2000.

The Plan envisions a scaled back version of the 1989 Master Plan, in which structural improvements to the Courthouse would be funded through a cooperative venture between the City and State Governments, and the private sector. Private sources have already contributed nearly three-quarters of a million dollars. The City commitment provides for repairs to the roof, window casements and hallway flooring, with the State providing HVAC climate control.

A schedule for improvement to the floors, ceilings, walls, and antique wood furnishings contained in the courtrooms is also included in the 2000 Plan. These improvements would be made in the following order:

Room 406: Complete by 1996
Room 417: Complete by 1997
Room 226: Complete by 1998
Room 215: Complete by 2000

The Bar would not be solicited for this undertaking until after 1996, when consideration will be given to designing one of the courtrooms as the focal point for the 100th Anniversary Celebration. In the year 2000, the Foundation would initiate another phase in courtroom restoration with improvements planned for rooms 236, 231, 203 and 451 by the year 2008. The Foundation will continue to support Administrative Judge Joseph H. H. Kaplan's efforts to

improve the flooring and lighting of other courthouse spaces such as hallways, stairwells, and restrooms. As the courtrooms are their daily work spaces, Plan 2000 environs a strong role for the current judges of The Circuit Court for Baltimore City in the beautification of their jury rooms, courtrooms and adjacent spaces.

As for jury rooms and jury assembly area, Plan 2000 has set a goal of eliminating unsightly duct work and replacing the existing seating with more comfortable and attractive chairs. The Plan recommends a collaboration with the Pratt Library and the Peale Museum in establishing a "mini-museum" on the second floor of Jury Assembly displaying historic and contemporary photographs of Baltimore City life. Judge Kaplan would continue as executive coordinator of the proposed improvements.

The Foundation, in cooperation with the Bar Association of Baltimore City, will celebrate the Centennial of the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse with a Centennial Celebration to be held at the Courthouse in conjunction with the Annual Term of Court Reception in the Fall of 2000. The Board of Directors had early approved the Plan, which received unanimous endorsement at the Foundation's Annual Meeting.

Copies of The 2000 Plan - A Centennial Celebration are available from Judge John Carroll Byrnes in Room 209, Courthouse East, 111 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202.

RENOVATIONS TO THE CLARENCE M. MITCHELL, JR. COURTHOUSE CONTINUED

The plans for replacement of the roof of the Courthouse were presented by Administrative Judge Joseph H. H. Kaplan at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 24, 1993. Judge Kaplan reported on his nearly successful efforts to obtain State legislative support for one-half of the cost of these repairs. The City has since committed to replacing the roof, with work commencing in the spring of 1994. Other changes to the Courthouse include the dedication of the entirety of the first floor of the Courthouse, including the former Marriage Room, to juvenile causes. Courtroom 600 is now being used for the civil marriage ceremonies.



Cecil Calvert, Lord Baltimore at the St. Paul Street entrance to the Mitchell Courthouse.

ANNUAL MEETING COMMEMORATES GROWTH

The Mitchell Courthouse historic Courtroom 600 was the location of the Foundation's annual meeting on May 24, 1993. The neoclassical elegance of the former Supreme Bench courtroom witnessed a program recognizing the growth in membership and acquisitions of The Baltimore Courthouse and Law Museum Foundation.

President James K. Archibald began the program that featured brief reports on a variety of developments during the preceding year. Judge Robert Watts noted that Judges Harry Cole and Joseph Pines have joined the Supreme Bench Society, a constituent part of the Foundation composed of former Judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and its predecessor courts. The Bailiff's Inn, whose members are current and former clerks of Baltimore City's circuit judges, mushroomed to 72 general members and an executive committee of 16. Chair Lisa Gladden reported on that growth and the plans it made possible.

Administrative Judge Joseph H. H. Kaplan reported on physical changes to the courthouses, while Judge John Carroll Byrnes capsulized the plans for many more improvements proposed in the Master Plan. Additions to the collection of the museum were noted by General Philip Sherman, and Judge James F. Schneider focused on new and restored portraits. After the nomination and election of new officers and members of the Board of Directors, those in attendance adjourned to a catered buffet lunch.



*Term of Court Reception in the Ceremonial Court Lobby, Mitchell Courthouse.
Guill Photo*



Judge James F. Schneider explains museum to newly admitted members of the Bar.

FOUNDATION ADDS BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AS WELL AS NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Baltimore Courthouse and Law Museum Foundation, Inc. is a charitable organization established to support the preservation of Baltimore's circuit courthouses, to operate the Museum of Baltimore Legal History and to foster growth in the collections of the courthouses and museum. In 1993, the Foundation was fortunate to have its first volunteer Executive Director, Jacob D. Hornstein.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORS TWENTY-FIVE

The Bar Association of Baltimore City presented its annual memorial service on May 20, 1993, for members of the bar who died in 1992. Each of the twenty-five lawyers honored was remembered in brief remarks spoken by a family member or friend. Chief Judge Robert I. H. Hammerman, Association President Robert T. Gonzales, Memorial Committee Chair Joseph K. Pokempner, U. S. District Judge Marvin J. Garbis and Judge Mabel H. Hubbard addressed the sizeable audience. From the program in Ceremonial Courtroom 400, those assembled adjourned to a wine and cheese reception in the second floor lobby of the Mitchell courthouse.

Those honored were:

Albert C. Bard
 Albert H. Blum
 S. Vannort Chapman
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