

caveat hearings were extensively revised. The Archivist appointed by the Hall of Records Commission was designated as the Commissioner of Land Patents and assigned the responsibility of administering these procedures. In doing so, he acts independently of the duties imposed on him as Archivist (Code 1957, 1968 Repl. Vol., 1968 Supp., Art. 54, secs. 12-26).

The records formerly in the custody of the Land Office have now been transferred to the Hall of Records Building. The Hall of Records Commission serves as the official depository for the duplicate copies of subdivision plats formerly sent to the Land Office as insurance against the loss of the originals (Code 1957, 1968 Repl. Vol., 1968 Supp., Art. 17, secs. 59-62).

Appropriations	1969	1970
General Funds .....	\$265,255	\$313,539
Staff: 29.		

### COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE

(Abolished by Chapter 489 of the Acts of 1966. See Hall of Records Commission.)

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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