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There was only one change in the membership of the Hall of Records Commission: the Chairman of the Board of the Peabody Institute, William L. Marbury, Esq., was succeeded by the President, Mr. John R. Montgomery. This change was made at the suggestion of Mr. Marbury, who felt that it was required by Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1935 (the Hall of Records Commission Act).

A meeting of the Hall of Records Commission was held Monday, April 11, 1960, at the Hall of Records. The following members were present: Judge Brune, Dr. Weigle, Governor Tawes, Senator Radcliffe, and Mr. Goldstein. The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 3 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved in the form in which they had been circulated. The following members of the staff who had received temporary appointments were approved as permanent staff members: Anne C. Grigg, Stenographer, Accounting; Patricia C. Goldsborough, Manuscript Repair Technician I; Phebe R. Jacobsen, Junior Archivist; Daisy Lee Jones, Senior Clerk; Mary Ellen Hopkins, Photographer; John W. Rousseau, Photographer.

The Commission then gave its attention to the activities of the Hall of Records staff, including an appraisal of the new *Maryland Manual* which included various changes that had been suggested by members of the Commission. There was some further discussion of the proposal to place the staff under the Merit System, and of the possibility of expanding the membership of the Hall of Records Commission.

Care of the records of the State in the Hall of Records and in the Land Office then came under the scrutiny of the Commission. At the suggestion of Mr. Goldstein, and with the approval of all the members present, the Archivist was instructed to ask for an unbiased report of these conditions from experts at The Library of Congress and The National Archives.

The meeting adjourned sine die at 4:20 p.m.

Subsequent to this meeting the Librarian of Congress, Dr. L. Quincy Mumford, and the Archivist of the United States, Dr. Wayne C. Grover, generously sent us Alvin W. Kremer and James L. Gear to make this inspection. Their report follows.