

HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION

The Hall of Records Commission is an ex officio body created by Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1935 to collect and preserve the historical records of Maryland and to encourage research and investigation in the history of the Province and State. Since passage of this Act, additional responsibilities and duties have been assigned to the Hall of Records Commission and thereby to the staff of the Hall of Records: to administer the Records Management Program for State and county governmental agencies; to compile and distribute the MARYLAND MANUAL; and to supervise the microfilming of current land records for its files and for the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. The Hall of Records has been made a depository for all publications of State Agencies, and its staff microfilms the Proceedings of the General Assembly at the close of each legislative day. The Hall of Records Commission acts as the historical agency of the State. It participates in the planning and conduct of historical celebrations, the restoration of monuments and houses and the search for historical data necessary for the conduct of the State's business. (Article 54, Chapters 1-26).

On January 25, 1967 the Archivist assumed the duties of the Commissioner of the Land Office and Land Patents as provided for by Chapters 488 and 489 of the Acts of 1966.

The members of the Hall of Records Commission for fiscal year 1968 and the offices which entitled them to membership were the following:

- Chief Judge, Court of Appeals of Maryland:
HONORABLE HALL HAMMOND, *Chairman* Annapolis
- President of St. John's College:
DR. RICHARD D. WEIGLE, *Vice Chairman* Annapolis
- Governor of Maryland:
HONORABLE SPIRO T. AGNEW Annapolis
- Comptroller of the Treasury:
HONORABLE LOUIS L. GOLDSTEIN Prince Frederick
- President of the Maryland Historical Society:
COL. WILLIAM BAXTER Baltimore