

HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION

The Hall of Records Commission is an ex-officio body created by Chapter 18, Acts of 1935. Its present membership is as follows :

- HONORABLE HERBERT R. O'CONOR, Governor.....Annapolis
- HONORABLE J. MILLARD TAWES, Comptroller of the
TreasuryCrisfield
- HONORABLE D. LINDLEY SLOAN, Chief Judge Court
of Appeals.....Cumberland
- MR. STRINGFELLOW BARR, President of the St.
John's College.....Annapolis
- HONORABLE GEORGE L. RADCLIFFE, President of the
Maryland Historical Society.....Baltimore
- DR. J. HALL PLEASANTS, President of the Board of
the Peabody Institute.....Baltimore
- DR. ISAIAH BOWMAN, President of the Johns Hopkins
UniversityBaltimore

No meeting of the Commission was held during the year. Such business of the Hall of Records which requires action of the Legislature has had to be postponed to the 1945 session and other matters which normally are settled by consultation between the Chairman of the Commission and the Archivist have also been postponed as there has been no Chairman of the Commission since the death of Judge Bond. A meeting of the Commission is required in order to elect a new Chairman.

The death of Judge Carroll Taney Bond, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, removed from the Commission its first Chairman. Judge Bond, who had had a large part in the creation of the Commission and of the Hall of Records was elected Chairman at its first meeting in 1935. He continued to serve in this position until his death January 18, 1943. During these many years his interest in the Hall of Records never failed. He understood its purpose and its problems and he was ever ready to give his time and his counsel to its work. He will be sorely missed.

Judge D. Lindley Sloan was named by Governor O'Conor to the Chief Judgeship of the Court of Appeals on January 27, 1943, to succeed Judge Bond. By virtue of this appointment he becomes a member of the Hall of Records Commission. Judge Sloan's lifelong interest in Maryland and its antiquities makes his choice an exceedingly fortunate one for the Hall of Records.