

HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION

The Hall of Records Commission is an ex officio body, created by Chapter 18, Acts of 1935, to collect and preserve the non-current records of Maryland and to encourage historical investigation and research in the history of the State. Since the passage of this Act, the Hall of Records has been assigned other duties: it is responsible for compiling and editing the State's year book, the *Maryland Manual*; it has been made a depository for all publications of State agencies; it has been charged with the implementation of the "Records Management Act" of 1953; it microfilms or supervises the microfilming for deposit in the Land Office of all the deeds, mortgages and releases of mortgages recorded in the several county courthouses and it provides at stated intervals positive microfilm copies of all the deed records for use by the State Tax Commission in the preparation of tax maps. The work of the Hall of Records Commission is centered at the Hall of Records building in Annapolis (Flack's Code 1951, Article 41, Sections 121, 148-157; Chapters 436, 437, Acts of 1953).

At the end of the fiscal year 1953 the members of the Commission and the offices which they held were as follows:

Chief Judge, Court of Appeals of Maryland:

HONORABLE SIMON E. SOBELOFF, Chairman Baltimore

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DR. RICHARD D. WEIGLE, Vice-Chairman Annapolis

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HONORABLE THEODORE R. MCKELDIN Annapolis

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HONORABLE J. MILLARD TAWES Crisfield

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HONORABLE GEORGE L. RADCLIFFE Baltimore

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