

Historical Society at its December 6, 1854, meeting, together with a number of other old manuscripts, by Bernard U. Campbell, who at the time of presentation referred to "a letter from Edmund J. Plowden, Esq., of St. Mary's County, showing that by the aid of a deed contained in that record he had been able to establish the bounds of Bushwood, his plantation, that had long been uncertain". Bushwood was part of St. Clement's Manor, and Campbell's statement suggests the possibility that Plowden had become the heir of the manor records and that Campbell had acquired them from him for deposit in the Maryland Historical Society. Campbell was a very prominent Catholic and at the time of his death was the senior member of the firm of Campbell & Graham. Both had been brought up in the firm of Alexander Brown & Sons of Baltimore, but in 1853 were placed in charge of the Baltimore agency of the associated firm of Brown Bros. & Co. of New York.