
HALL OF RECORDS COMMISSION

No changes in the membership of the Hall of Records Commission occurred during the past fiscal year. The present members of the Commission are listed below in this order: chairman, members of the State government, heads of institutions in the order of the ages of these institutions.

HONORABLE CARROLL TANEY BOND, Chief Judge Maryland Court of Appeals, Chairman.

HONORABLE HERBERT R. O'CONNOR, Governor.

HONORABLE J. MILLARD TAWES, JR., Comptroller of the Treasury.

MR. STRINGFELLOW BARR, President of the St. John's College.

HONORABLE GEORGE L. RADCLIFFE, President of the Maryland Historical Society.

DR. J. HALL PLEASANTS, President of the Board of the Peabody Institute.

DR. ISAIAH BOWMAN, President of the Johns Hopkins University.

Membership in the Commission is ex-officio; the chairman is chosen by the Commission.

One meeting of the Hall of Records Commission was held during the year, December 11, 1941. This meeting was held in the office of Governor O'Connor, and in addition to the Governor there were present Judge Bond, Dr. Pleasants and Mr. Barr. Various plans were considered for the emergency care of records deposited in the Hall of Records. It was agreed that the Archivist should prepare to remove the records from Annapolis to specially prepared depositories in Western Maryland in the event that the danger of bombing should become more acute. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P. M.

Subsequent to this meeting it was discovered that the cost, the lack of materials and equipment, and the inconvenience of travel made the preparation of special depositories in Western Maryland impractical. It was then decided that the following substitute plan should be followed. Depositories should be found in public institutions in the relatively safe zone, a program of microfilming our more valuable records should begin immediately, these films should be transferred immediately to a safe place in Western Maryland, preparations should be made to move the originals themselves on short notice.

The members of the Commission are referred to the section of this report devoted to "Emergency Protection of Records" for a full account of how much has been accomplished in this matter.