

In 1926, a municipal ordinance created a Bureau (later Department) of Audits to supervise the general accounting system of the city and also to oversee the accounts of agencies. Operating under the comptroller, the department's activities have remained consistent up to the present. The department's primary duties are to audit all municipal agencies (except those under the superintendence of the comptroller) at regular intervals and to provide or initiate special audits at the request of the Board of Estimates (RG5) or the comptroller.

#### Records Summary

This record group is limited in volume, but the materials included do cover most of the Department of Audit's responsibilities. Topics dealt with include budgets, special appropriations, contracts, auditing procedures, and allegations of fraud and financial misconduct. There are some gaps in the material. Record types are correspondence, reports, and financial accounts.

These records are unrelated to the nineteenth century auditor's office (RG6).

#### Series

1. Administrative Files. 1959-72. 4.95 cu. ft. (11 boxes). Arranged by year and thereunder alphabetically by subject.

#### Manuscript Collections

##### MS 1 New Marsh Wholesale Produce Market Authority Records (1955-75)

#### History

The New Marsh Wholesale Produce Market Authority was created in 1955 and lasted until 1975 when the market was moved to Jessup, Maryland and placed under the Greater Baltimore Consolidated Wholesale Food Market Authority. The origins of the New Marsh authority date from 1773 when the state government created the Centre Market, which consisted of a group of sheds running from Baltimore to Pratt Streets along Market Place. Centre was primarily a retail market until about 1870 when it also began to be utilized as a wholesale market. The market was destroyed by the Baltimore fire of 1904 and rebuilt by the city in 1905-07. It was renamed the Marsh Market in its new location on Pratt Street. By the 1930s, the market had reached its peak of prosperity by catering to the strengthening truck farming in the Baltimore area.