

evidently is purely the result of an artist's imagination.

- (6) Photographs of the interior of the building taken by a photographer of Annapolis, named Pickering, in approximately 1910.
- (7) Thirteen photographs showing four views of the exterior and nine views of the interior. These pictures were taken under our direction, by Harry Leopold, a Baltimore photographer, on February 9, 1949.
- (8) Copy of an article which apparently appeared in the Baltimore Sun, pertaining to a vault which was discovered during the excavation of the floor of one of the rooms. The exact date of this publication is unknown.

In Dr. Stephens' article for The Patriotic Marylander, he refers to a new State Office Building completed in Annapolis in 1903. This is the existing building bound by College Avenue, Bladen Street, and State Circle, known as the Court of Appeals Building. Further along in this article, Dr. Stephens states that about forty years ago (which would mean 1875) the flat ceilings were removed and the original arch ceilings were restored. It is our opinion that this building was originally built with a flat ceiling and that the only time the arch ceilings or barrel vaults were installed was in 1875. We base this opinion on the fact that the attic of this building was the storage place for records and valuable papers and that a good many of these records and papers were destroyed by workmen when the flat ceiling was removed.

Following a careful examination of the interior of the building as it stands today, Mr. Fowler and I have come to the conclusion that it has been changed from time to time. The original fireplaces have been removed and the existing fireplaces are of a much later date. The wood trim on the interior around the windows and doors is also of a much later date, as are the existing floors.