## MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION OF

## BALTIMORE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AGENCIES

These records were deposited in the Maryland Historical Society

(MS. 1866) by the Baltimore City Department of Social Services on December

4, 1970. They consist of eight (8) volumes as follows:

- 1. Minutes of the Trustees of the Poor for Baltimore City and County: January 9, 1833 March 2, 1842
- 11. Minutes of the Board of Trustees for the Poor of the City of Baltimore: November 18, 1863 December 29, 1869
- 111. Minutes of the Board of Trustees for the Poor of the City of Baltimore: November 4, 1874 October 13, 1879
- IV. Minutes of the Board of Trustees for the Poor of the City of Baltimore: October 13, 1879 February 27, 1882
- V. Minutes of the Board of Trustees for the Poor of the City of Baltimore: March 1, 1882 February 25, 1884
- VI. Minutes of the Board of Trustees for the Poor of the City of Baltimore: January 7, 1889 
  May 29, 1893
- VII. Minutes of the Board of Supervisors of the City Charities:

  January 6, 1905 
  December 14, 1921
- VIII. Minutes of the Board of Supervisors of the City Charities:

  January 6, 1922 
  January 4, 1935 -

Missing from this collection are:

Minutes for the periods April, 1842 - October, 1863; January, 1870 - October, 1874; March, 1884 - December, 1888; and June, 1893 - December, 1904. An extensive search for the missing volumes has proved unavailing.

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In May, 1768, the Maryland State Legislature enacted "An act for the relief of the poor" authorizing the erection of county almshouses.

The first Baltimore County Almshouse, located at Eutaw and Biddle Streets, was opened in 1774. The administrators were seven Trustees of the Poor — five from Baltimore City and two from the County.

In December, 1822, a new almshouse located at Franklin and Pulaski Streets, in an area known as Calverton, was opened. Shortly, thereafter, in 1823, legislation modified the membership of the Trustees slightly to four representatives from the City and three from the County. After Baltimore City became separate from the County in 1850, the Trustees were all residents of the City.

In 1866, the location of the almshouse was again changed. The new institution called Bayview Asylum was located on Eastern Avenue, the present site of the Baltimore City Hospitals.

The Board of Trustees of the Poor was abolished under the Baltimore City Charter of 1898, and was merged with the boards of hospitals for the insane and tubercular in 1900, to become the Board of Supervisors of City Charities. The Baltimore City Department of Public Welfare was established in January, 1935. Its name was changed to the Baltimore City Department of Social Services on July 1, 1968.

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