

The searcher is reminded here that insofar as the probate records are concerned most if not all of those of Calvert County through the year 1776 are preserved in the records of the Secretary of the Province and of the Prerogative Court which were formerly in the Land Office and are now at the Hall of Records. Unfortunately, the law of 1784 which provided that an abstract of every deed record be sent from the county to the Court of Appeals was not strictly enforced, but three volumes have survived for this period: 1787-1817, 1863-1867, and 1873 to the time of the fire. The original abstract volumes are in the Land Office; microfilm copies, in the Hall of Records.

Note

The Metes and Bounds of the courthouse lot at Battle Town we found in *Provincial Court Judgments* (W.T. No. 4, 1702, ff 126-27, Ms. Hall of Records). However the exact location of the several county buildings and their appearance still escape us. A plausible effort to solve both problems was made by Charles F. Stein. His carefully considered plan is here reprinted with his kind permission (*A History of Calvert County, Maryland*, Baltimore, 1960, p. 222).

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LAND RECORDS, 1840--. Original volumes predating 1882 were destroyed in the Courthouse fire of 1882. Conveyances for 1840-81 were copied from original instruments that were recorded anew and given legal effect by Chapter 117, Acts of 1884 and Chapter 116, Acts of 1886. See also Abstracts of Deeds. Earlier volumes include mortgages which were established as a separate series in 1926. Most volumes indexed. C.H. 1840--. L.O. 1949--. H.R. 1840-1952, microfilm.

MORTGAGES, 1926--. 1840-1926 in Land Records. C.H. 1926--. L.O. 1949--., microfilm.

INDEX TO LAND RECORDS, 1840--. Campbell. Includes deeds, mortgages and chattel records. C.H. 1840--. L.O. 1840-1916, microfilm. H.R. 1840-1951, microfilm.

ABSTRACTS OF DEEDS, 1785-87, 1792-98, 1801-02, 1807-17, 1863-67, 1873-75, 1882-1949. L.O. 1785-1933. H.R. 1933-49; 1785-1893, microfilm.

INDEX TO [ABSTRACTS OF] DEEDS, 1785-1945. L.O. 1785-1909, 1933-45. H.R. 1909-33; 1785-1909, microfilm.

INDEX TO LANDS CONVEYED, 1785-1893. Index to instruments in Abstracts of Deeds by tract name. L.O. 1785-1893. H.R. 1785-1893, microfilm.

PLAT BOOK, 1930--. 1882-1929 in Land Records. Indexed. C.H.

PLAT BOOK STATE ROADS COMMISSION, 1932--. C.H.

PETITION RECORD, 1882--. Record of petitions filed in tax sales, insolvencies, division of estates, condemnation of land for roads, etc. Each volume indexed. C.H.

JUDGMENT RECORD, 1882--. C.H.

DOCKET, 1882--. Includes Court Minutes. Each volume indexed by name of defendant. C.H.

STET DOCKET, 1883--. Indexed by name of defendant. C.H.

EXECUTION RECORD, 1882--. Record of proceedings in sale of land and other property in judicials. Indexed. C.H.

PETITION DOCKET [MISCELLANEOUS DOCKET], 1882--. Each volume indexed. C.H.

RECORD OF BONDS, 1902--. 1882-1902 in Land Records. Each volume indexed. C.H.