Maryland Land Records: Introduction to <u>MdLandRec.net</u>

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Mdlandrec.net provides free, online access from home to land record instruments recorded at the Maryland County Circuit Courts for the land record books, such as deeds and mortgages. Land records include deeds and mortgages, as well as bills of sale, manumissions, and certificates of freedom prior to emancipation.

Logging in

- From the home page at <u>msa.maryland.gov</u>, click on Maryland Land Records, **or** just type <u>mdlandrec.net</u> into your browser.
- Log in automatically in our Search Room, or "Create Account" for free at home.
- Select the appropriate county from dropdown.

Searching for Historical Deeds

To search land records, first determine the county where the property is located. Select the county from the drop down menu on the yellow tool bar.

The Individual Search only goes back to the beginning of that county's electronic database, and the earliest year is stated on the search. (In the example below, the earliest year is 1967, but the year changes depending on the county). So, to search records prior to that year, select "Active Indices" to get to the older, historical indexes. This lets you browse scans of older index books by last name or by business name, which provides you with the book and page to enter in the "Jump to New Volume" fields.

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Searching for Current Deeds

If you already have a book (liber) and page (folio), then you can jump directly to the document by using the "Jump to New Volume" feature. Otherwise, you can use the "Individual Search" to search land records by first and last name.

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Searching by Address

If you only have an address for a property, then you can search by address for the book and page of the current deed by using the website for State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) real property search. There is a link to this search on the mdlandrec.net home page (under Related Links). At this site, you can select the county in which you are interested and then select the search by address. The search results include a book/page deed reference, under the Owner's Information section and / or the Transfer Information section.

Tracing property backwards

Once you view a deed, it should include a reference to the previous deed, usually listed in the paragraph starting with the words (or words similar to) **"Being the same as..."** You can enter the book and page reference into the "Jump to New Volume" to pull up the document.

Tip: If a deed does not include a book and page reference, then search grantee indexes using the name of the grantor in that deed to discover when the seller first purchased the property.

You also may view the user guide and frequently asked questions, which are linked from the "Help" link on yellow tool bar on the website. Please email us if we can be of further assistance at **msa.helpdesk@maryland.gov**, or call at **410-260-6487**.

Tips from Archivists		
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