

GARRETT COUNTY

Records

There is fortunately little to be said about the records of Garrett County. Both man and nature have been kind. There have been no wars or rumors of wars in Western Maryland since this county was created. Neither has there been fire nor flood. Finally, the clear unpolluted mountain air is by far safer for records than any air-conditioning system yet devised by man. The searcher is fortunate to find full sets of records in every record-keeping agency.

Note

In Volume I, I stated that the contractor for the second courthouse was W. A. Liller. The weight of the evidence was for "W. A." and not "W. H." Liller, but there was a difference of opinion. Since that time we have found in the office of the Clerk of Court the *Record of Proceedings, Minutes of Meetings, Accounts of Commission, Miscellaneous Records of Court House Commission*. There the name is clearly given as Wm. A. Liller. We also learned that the exact day the Courthouse Commission turned the building over to the County Commissioners was December 7, 1908 and that the architect J. Riley Gordon was a member of the New York City firm of Gordon, Tracy and Swartaut.

Circuit Court

- LAND AND MORTGAGE RECORDS, 1873--. Beginning in 1892, Land Records and Mortgage and Chattel Records were recorded in separate volumes, but in same series. In 1947, Chattel Mortgages were established as a separate series. C.H. 1873--. L.O. 1949--, microfilm.
- INDEX TO DEEDS, 1873--. Cottco Universal. C.H. 1873--. L.O. 1873-1946. H.R. 1873-1963, microfilm.
- INDEX TO REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES, 1873--. Cottco Universal. C.H.
- INDEX TO LAND RECORDS, 1873--. Campbell. C.H. 1873--. H.R. 1873-1963, microfilm.
- MORTGAGE AND CHATTEL INDEX, 1873--. Campbell. C.H.
- INDEX TO ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGES, 1888--. Campbell. C.H.
- REPORTS OF TAX SALES, 1906--. Each volume indexed. C.H.
- JUDGMENT RECORDS, 1873--. Record of proceedings in equity cases, including foreclosures, trustees' sales, partition suits and final ratifications. C.H.
- INDEX TO JUDGMENT RECORDS, 1873--. Campbell. Also serves as index to real estate cases in Court Dockets. C.H.
- COURT DOCKET, 1873--. Also contains Court Minutes. Each volume indexed by names of plaintiff and defendant. C.H.
- INDEX TO CRIMINAL COURT, 1873--. Campbell. Indexed by name of defendant. C.H.
- STET DOCKET, 1874--. Beginning in 1904, civil and criminal cases are in separate volumes. Each volume indexed. C.H.