

COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE—Annapolis

HALL OF RECORDS BUILDING

College Avenue and St. John's Street

(All Terms Expire 1937)

Name.	Postoffice.
Commissioner:	
Edgar F. Czarra.....	Hyattsville
Chief Clerk:	
Arthur Trader	Arnold
Principal Clerk:	
Holland P. Watts.....	Odenton
Senior Clerks:	
Malcolm W. Waring.....	St. Margarets
Edward S. Lockwood.....	Annapolis
Allison C. Trader.....	Arnold

The Commissioner of the Land Office is appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, to hold office during the term of the Governor. (Constitution, Art. 7, Sec. 4.) All clerks are under the Merit System.

The Land Office is the State Record Office, pertaining to boundaries of land, and is the means by which discovered vacant land is passed by the State to the individual, and covers the period from the earliest to the present date. The Commissioner sits as a judge in contested disputes over vacant land, and there is a right of appeal direct to the Court of Appeals over his decision.

The duties of the Land Office, in regard to its clerical force, is to keep the indexing, answer the various questions that are daily brought to it by the mail, wait on the visiting public, and record the patents and certificates that are returned on the different kinds of warrants executed by the County Surveyors throughout the State.

Questions relating to military service during the war of the American Revolution.

Questions relating to wills, administration proceedings, inventories, accounts and balances from the earliest to 1777.

Questions relating to confiscated British property.

Questions relating to Provincial Court, General Court, Court of Chancery, debt books, rent rolls, insolvent proceedings and extracts of deeds from the whole State.

Duplicate records of all deeds, mortgages and releases of mortgages throughout the State are filed in the Land Office, and it is the duty of the Commissioner to have them properly bound and indexed.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS—

Annapolis

Name.	Postoffice.
Superintendent:	
Philip A. Myers.....	Severn

The Superintendent and all officers in this department are appointed by the Governor. (Ch. 551, 1906.)

The Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds is the custodian of the State Capitol, Court of Appeals Building and Executive Mansion in the City of Annapolis.