

7. If any person applies for a copy of the record of a judgment or decree, in any case where the judgment or decree is not required by law to be recorded, the clerk shall make and certify a copy of the same from the papers, minutes, and docket entries of such case, which shall be as available as a regular transcript of a recorded judgment or decree.

Id s 20.
1817, c 119, s 8
Copies of record
of judgment or
decree, where
not required to
be recorded.

RECORDING OF DEEDS.

8. Each clerk of the Circuit Courts for the counties and the Superior Court of Baltimore City shall record all deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, and other instruments required to be recorded, in a well-bound book, which book shall contain an alphabetical index in the names of all the parties to such deed, mortgage, bill of sale, or other instrument of writing; *provided*, that they shall not be required to record or receive for recording any deed, mortgage, bill of sale, or other instrument of writing, unless the fees for recording the same as regulated by law shall first be paid by the person offering the same for record.

1865, c 157
Recording
deeds, etc
3 Md 79, 6 Md
79, 7 Md 178,
11 Md 41,
2 Gall 161.

Not to record
unless fees first
paid

9. They shall make a full and complete general alphabetical index (unless the same shall have already been done), in a book or books well bound for that purpose, of all deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, and other conveyances of record in their respective offices; which index shall be both in the names of each and all the grantors, bargainors, donors or mortgagors, and each and all the grantees, bargainees, donees or mortgagees, and shall refer to the book and page of the record of the several conveyances designating the same.

Art 18, s 52
1833, c 88, s 1
To make full
index of all
deeds, etc

10. They shall continue and keep up the alphabetical indexes required by the preceding section, by noting at the time of recording any deed, mortgage, bill of sale, or other conveyance, the names of parties, and the character of the conveyance, in such alphabetical index, in the manner prescribed in the preceding section.

Id. s 53
1833, c 88, s 3
To continue and
keep up the
same.

11. Every clerk, after he records any deed, shall, before he delivers the original, carefully and with accuracy enter the substance of such deed—that is to say, the date of the deed, the christian names and surnames of the parties, with their additions (if any); the name of the land or estate (if any), in such deed mentioned to be conveyed; the courses, metes, and bounds thereof, if expressed in the deed; and the number of acres (if therein stated); and such other description of the land conveyed as may be contained in such deed, and the place where the same may lie; the consideration for making the deed, as the estate conveyed by such deed, in the very expressions thereof; and also state and certify immediately after and following such entry, the day such deed was recorded, and shall sign his name thereto.

Id s 54
1785, c 9, s 7,
1808, c 90, s 7
Duty of clerk
after recording
deed

12. The said clerk shall make the entry aforesaid on good royal writing paper, such as is commonly used in record books, each sheet measuring in length nineteen inches, and in breadth twelve inches,

1874, c. 66.
To make and
send extracts to
commissioner of
Land Office.