

CARROLL COUNTY

Records

No county of Maryland has more complete records than has Carroll County, and only a very few have them equally as full and as well kept. Many factors have combined to accomplish this end. In the first place, the county has been fortunate to have had public servants who realized the value of the records and gave them the interest and care which they deserve.

But without detracting any of the credit from these officers, it must be said that their part would not have been enough. The county has also been especially blessed in having been spared all of the agents which have destroyed or damaged records elsewhere. There has been only one courthouse; there have been no fires, earthquakes, floods or civil disturbances, and no marauding armies.

Note

The architect of the Courthouse Colonel James M. Shellman was a native of Louisville, Georgia who read law in Frederick County and became the first Burgess of Westminster. His day book, which he kept from 1824 to 1850—he died in 1851—is now in the possession of the Carroll County Historical Society. (*News Letter Historical Society Carroll County, Maryland, Inc.* XI, 1., January 1962)

Circuit Court

LAND RECORDS, 1837--. Also includes Real Estate Mortgage Records, 1837-59; Indentures, 1837-51; Bond Record, 1837-75. Each volume indexed. C.H. 1837--. H.R. 1837-1949, microfilm. L.O. 1949--, microfilm.

INDEX TO LAND RECORDS, 1837-1951. Campbell. H.R. 1837-1930. L.O. 1837-1951, microfilm.

INDEX TO LAND AND MORTGAGE RECORDS, 1837--. Cottco Universal. C.H.

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE RECORDS, 1860--. 1837-59 in Land Records. Each volume indexed. C.H.

INDEX TO MORTGAGE RECORDS, 1860--. Campbell. C.H. 1860--. H.R. 1860-1913.

PLAT BOOKS, 1837--. C.H.

PLAT INDEX, 1837--. C.H.

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

CHATTEL RECORDS [CHATTEL AND BOND RECORDS], 1837--. Also includes Bond Records, 1876-1901, Corporation Records, Manumissions, Petitions and Deeds of Trust, Strays, etc. Each volume indexed. C.H.

CHATTEL AND BOND INDEX, 1882--. Campbell. C.H.

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT, 1842--. Also includes Naturalizations, 1842-1904; Election Returns, 1896-1915. Each volume indexed. C.H.