

for which a patent has previously been issued *in order to obtain a new patent therefor*.

(viii) "Surveyor" means the person elected or appointed pursuant to Article VII, Section 2, of the Constitution of Maryland as county surveyor for the county to which a warrant of survey or resurvey is to be directed; or, if no such person is elected or appointed, any person authorized to practice land surveying as defined and regulated by Article 75 $\frac{1}{2}$.

14.

(a) The functions of the Commissioner of *Land Patents* under this subtitle shall be performed by the Archivist appointed by the Hall of Records Commission. When acting in such capacity, the Archivist shall be deemed to act independently of the powers, duties and responsibilities imposed upon him as Archivist. The seal used by him in the performance of any duty under this subtitle shall be the seal formerly used by the Commissioner of the Land Office.

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(b) The application shall contain :

(i) The name and address of the applicant ;

(ii) The county and election district in which the property for which patent is sought is located ;

(iii) Separate descriptions of any vacant land and any land then owned by the applicant for which a patent is sought, and the estimated acreage contained within each such description. Such descriptions shall be made by specific reference to the names and addresses of the owners of all adjoining tracts or parcels of land as shown on the assessment records of the county in which such land is situated ; and a metes-and-bounds description is not required in the application.

(iv) In cases where either type of warrant [of] to resurvey is requested, a certified copy of the instruments by which the applicant acquired fee-simple absolute title and, if such instruments do not contain a metes-and-bounds description of the land, a certified copy of the last instrument in the chain of title of such applicant which does contain such description.

(v) A statement that no person other than the applicant and those under whom he claims title has held and possessed the described land [for] *continuously during the period of twenty years next preceding the date of filing the application*.

(vi) The name and address of the surveyor to whom the warrant is to be directed.

(vii) The name to be given to the tract to be surveyed and/or resurveyed if a patent is issued.

(viii) Any other information required by the Commissioner from time to time by rule.

(ix) A request for the issuance of one of the specific types of warrant referred to in subsection (a) and the issuance of a patent for the land described in the certificate returned upon such warrant.