and in case any lien be laid by the party giving such notice and be also laid by the contractor or builder, the said contractor or builder shall receive only the difference between the amount due him and that due the person giving the notice.

# 9-105. Filing of Claims.

### (a) General rule.

Each person entitled to such lien shall file a claim or statement of his demand in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county, and such claim or statement shall be redelivered by the clerk to the party filing the same after it has been recorded. The clerks of each circuit court shall keep a docket or book to be called "The Mechanics' Lien Docket," in which he shall record all designations or descriptions of lots or pieces of ground and all claims which may be filed by virtue of this article together with the day of filing the same and shall cause the names of the owner of the lot of ground and of the contractor, architect or builder, if such be named, and of the person claiming the lien under this law to be recorded therein. Said docket or book shall contain an index in which shall appear a reference to every lien so recorded, or the clerk at his discretion shall maintain a separate index of the liens so recorded.

# (b) Contents of claim.

Every such claim shall set forth: First, the name of the party claimant and of the owner or reputed owner of the building, and also of the contractor or architect, or builder, when the contract was made by the claimant with such contractor, architect or builder; second, the amount or sum claimed to be due and the nature or kind of work or the kind and amount of materials furnished and the time when the materials were furnished or the work done; thirdly, the locality of the building and the number and size of the stories of the same, or such other matters of description as may be necessary to identify the same.

#### (c) Claim against two or more buildings.

In every case in which one claim for materials shall be filed by the person preferring the same against two or more buildings owned by the same person, the person filing such joint claim shall at the same time designate the amount he claims to be due him on each of said buildings, otherwise such claim shall be postponed to other lien creditors; and the lien of such claimant shall not extend beyond the amount so designated as against other creditors having liens by judgment, mortgage or otherwise.

### (d) Time within which claim must be filed to preserve lien.

Every such debt shall be a lien until after the expiration of six months after the work has been finished or the materials furnished, although no claim has been filed therefor, but no longer, unless a claim shall be filed at or before the expiration of that period.

#### 9-106. Suit to enforce lien; expiration of lien.

The lien of every such debt for which a claim may have been filed according to the provisions of this article shall expire at the end of two years from the day on which it was filed, during which time the