

All deeds, wills, mortgages, papers or other instruments of writing which have been re-recorded, whether from the original or FROM certified copies [thereof], either in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Calvert County or in the office of the Register of Wills of [said] THE county, since [the third day of March, eighteen hundred and eighty-two] MARCH 3, 1882, or which may [hereafter] LATER be re-recorded in [said] THOSE offices, the original records of which were destroyed by fire, shall have the same force and effect in law and equity that the originals had. [; provided, that] HOWEVER, all [such] THESE deeds, mortgages, wills, papers and other instruments of writing which may be re-recorded, WHERE recording [whereof] was made necessary by law, shall be re-recorded in conformity and compliance with the laws of this State relating to conveyancing and recording, and shall be subject to the conditions and regulations [thereof], JUST the same as new deeds, mortgages, wills and other instruments of writing ARE SUBJECT. [; provided, that the] THE existence and recording of any deed, mortgage, will or other instrument of writing destroyed by [said] fire or lost[, ] may be proven by parol or otherwise[, ] in accordance with the rules of evidence, and when so proven shall have the same force and effect as the original would have had.

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~~[The] UPON PETITION OR OTHERWISE, A MAJORITY OR ALL OF THE Judges of the Circuit Court for Calvert County[, or a majority of said judges, upon petition or otherwise, are authorized and empowered to] MAY hear and determine all matters relating to or concerning the contents of the lost records and docketts of [said] THE county, and [to] MAY order the restoration and reinstatement of any and all judgments, decrees and other matters at law or in equity[, ] obtained in the courts of [said] THE county prior to the destruction of the records [thereof] by fire, the evidence of which, whether primary or secondary[, ] OR written or parol, is [in their judgment] sufficient to justify them in ordering the restoration and reinstatement upon the records, books or docketts of [said] THE courts, of [said] THOSE judgments, decrees and other matters. [; and all such] ALL OF THESE judgments, decrees and other matters shall have the same effect and operation in law or equity as they had when rendered by the judges of [said] THE courts, and shall secure to the parties interested the same rights, interest and privileges as they were possessed of before the fire occurred.~~

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~~When [it is made to appear to the satisfaction] A MAJORITY OR ALL of the judges of [said] THE Circuit Court[, or a majority thereof,] BELIEVE that the amounts of [said] THE judgments, decrees or other matters, or any one of them so sought to be reestablished and reenacted, does not include [the] incidental expenses, such as clerks costs,~~