

Upcoming Changes to the Maryland Land Records Website Fall 2025 Launch

Things to Know about the New Release:

- On November 17, an updated version of the Maryland Land Records website will be released, along with a new URL <https://landrec.msa.maryland.gov>.
- After the launch of the new site, the old URL, <https://mdlandrec.net>, will redirect users to the new site for a short period. However, the Archives encourages users to bookmark and begin using the new URL.
- All users will need to create a new account, as previous accounts will no longer be active and cannot be migrated.
- The login process has been modified to now require two-factor authentication with a valid email address. When a user enters their username and password to login, a security code will also be required to complete this process. This code will be sent to the email associated with the account.
- Users can only be logged into the site on one device at a time.

Acceptable Use Policy:

- All users will be required to adhere to the Maryland State Archives [Acceptable Use Policy](https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/main/html/aup.html) (<https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/main/html/aup.html>).

Some Enhancements to be Included in the Launch:

- The new home screen combines all search functions that were previously separated into individual pages. The user will select the desired county from the dropdown menu located at the top left. All fields included in search functions on the old site are also included in the new site, along with a few additional fields to allow for further refining of the search. A description for each field is listed below, as well as shown on the website as a ToolTip.
 - **Clerk:** Initials of the Clerk of the Court at the time of the recording
 - **Book:** Number assigned to the book for which the instrument was recorded
 - **Page:** Page number that the instrument starts at in the book for which it was recorded
 - **Last Name and Corporation Name** have been merged into one field on the search page
 - **Suffix:** Additional information related to a person's name (i.e., Sr., Jr., III, etc.)
 - **Legal Capacity:** A person's authority under law to engage in a particular undertaking (i.e., Trustee, Esq, etc.)
 - **Ownership:** On the current site, corporation or individual searches were conducted on separate search pages that had to be explicitly selected. Now, both searches will be included on one search page with the option to filter by "Corporation" or "Individual"
 - **Party Type:** Grantor or Grantee. "AS" in the current version. Both searches will be included on one search page with the option to filter by "Grantor" or "Grantee"
 - **Instrument Type:** Specifies which kind of instrument was recorded (i.e., Deed, Mortgage, Deed of Trust, Release, Easement, etc.)
 - **Remarks:** Additional comments by court staff at the time of recording. This may include address information for Baltimore City
 - **Cross Reference Book:** Instruments that contain Cross References to this book

- All text fields now contain the option to fine-tune a search by selecting from a list of search modifiers. If only partial information is known, the modifiers of “Begins With”, “Ends With”, or “Contains” can be applied to aid in the search process. The Last Name/Corporation field also contains two additional modifiers for “Fuzzy” and “Soundex”.
- The updated website offers two key functionalities: searching for an entire instrument by Book/Page and directly navigating to a specific Book/Page. Users can jump to a single page by entering both Book and Page numbers and clicking "Jump." Alternatively, clicking "Search" after filling in the Book or Book and Page fields will initiate a search for that book, or for the instrument starting at the specified page.

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Search

Select a County and fill in any fields
SELECT NEW COUNTY ▼

Jump to New Volume or Search for a Book/Page
Clerk: Book: Page: Jump

Individual or Corporation Name Search
Corporation Name / Last Name: Is
First Name: Begins With
Middle Name: Begins With
Suffix: Begins With
Legal Capacity: Begins With
Ownership: ☒ All ☐ Corporation ☐ Individual
Party Type: ☒ All ☐ Grantor ☐ Grantee

Additional Fields
Instrument Type: ☒ Contains
Remarks: ☒ Contains
Cross Reference Book: Page:

Filter
Date Range: All Dates
Sort By: Date Ascending

Search Clear

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- In the top left corner of the website, the user will see a link called “Indices”. After clicking this link, the user will be redirected to a new page with a drop-down where they can choose a county. Once they choose a county, the system will present a breakdown of all scanned indices for that county. These will be categorized into three groups.
 - Historical Indices

Historical Indices were known as Active Indices in the current version of the site. They are scanned images of paper indices that are older than those available for searching on the Maryland Land Records search page.
 - Retired Indices

Retired Indices were also present in the current version of the site. These indices are paper indices that were originally used in the courthouses but have been retired from active use, scanned, and sent to the Maryland State Archives.

- Additional Indices in Land Record Volumes

Additional Indices were not present in the current version of the site. These indices were found at the start or end of a specific land record book to assist in locating records found within it.

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Indices Search

Montgomery County

Historical Indices

Date	Index	MSA Citation
1777-1976	Land Records, Grantee Index, Original	CE 217
1777-1976	Land Records, Grantor Index, Original	CE 218

Retired Indices

Date	Index	MSA Citation
1777-1851	Land Records, Index, Retired	CE 460
1777-1951	Land Records, Grantee Index, Retired	CE 150
1777-1951	Land Records, Grantor Index, Retired	CE 152
1851-1927	Land Records, Index, Retired	CE 461
1947-1952	Land Records, Grantee Index, Retired	CE 462
1947-1952	Land Records, Grantor Index, Retired	CE 463

Additional Indices in Land Record Volumes

MSA Citation	Date	BookName	BookInfo
CE148-1	1777-1781	A	
CE148-2	1781-1785	B	
CE148-4	1787-1791	D	
CE148-5	1791-1794	E	
CE148-6	1794-1795	E-6	
CE148-7	1795-1795	E-7	
CE148-8	1795-1797	G	
CE148-9	1797-1799	H	
CE148-10	1799-1801	I	