

How to Use the Chains of Title Datafiles

Each property is listed by their address as of December 2025. Click on the hyperlink for each address to bring up a PDF containing the complete chain of title for each property.

How to Read a Chain of Title

Below is an example page of what a chain of title looks like.

Identity of a Small Town Project
Bayside History Museum
4025 4th Street
North Beach, MD

- 1977, February 19; JLB 210/6
 - Grantee: Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County
 - Grantor: North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
 - Lots 7 and North 2/3 of 4, 5 and 6 in Block 15
- 1977, February 19; JLB 210/4
 - Grantee: Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County
 - Grantor: North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
 - Lot parts of 4, 5, and 6 in Block 15
- 1953, November 27; AWR 38/35
 - Grantee: The North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
 - Grantor: Alta F. and Milton Gordon, of Calvert County
 - Lot 7 and North 2/3 of 4, 5, and 6 in Block 15
 - Described as the "garden lot" in the Will of Dora West.
- 1928, December 13; AAH 18/460
 - Mortgagor: The North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
 - Mortgagee: The Southern Maryland Trust Company, at Upper Marlboro
 - Lot parts of 4, 5, and 6 in Block 15
 - Mortgage for \$1,000
- 1926, October 27; AAH 14/575
 - Grantee: The North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
 - Grantor: Dora West, of Calvert County
 - Lot parts of 4, 5, and 6 in Block 15, "Beginning for the same at a point on Dayton Avenue (formerly Buffalo Avenue) which is 69 feet distant in a southerly direction along said Avenue from the southwest corner formed by the intersection of Buffalo Avenue (now Dayton Avenue) and Second Street (now Fourth Street)...and running thence from said place of beginning in a westerly direction parallel with Second Street 75 feet, thence in a southerly direction parallel with Buffalo Avenue (now Dayton Avenue) 36 feet to an alley thence with the alley in an easterly direction 75 feet to said Buffalo Avenue (now Dayton Avenue) thence in a northerly direction binding on the west side of said last mentioned Avenue 36 feet to the place of beginning..."; \$50
- 1926, October 27; AAH 14/571
 - Grantee: Dora West
 - Grantor: Robert G. Wickes, of Calvert County
 - Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 in Block 15; \$100
- 1926, August 4; AAH 14/563-564
 - Certificate of Incorporation of "The North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Inc."
- 1923, July 11; AAH 9/214
 - Grantee: Robert G. Wickes, of North Beach
 - Grantor: North Chesapeake Beach Land and Improvement Company
 - Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 in Block 15; \$1,000

(No further deed references)

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The following is a breakdown of the top abstract from the chain of title for 4025 4th Street, as shown above. A digital copy of each deed can be found by using the [Maryland land records website](#). These chains of title do not include all available information on a property, but merely information that was found in the official deed books for Calvert County.

1977, February 19

- This is the date that the transaction was made. This may be different than when the deed was entered into the official county deed book.

JLB 210/6

- This is the deed book reference.
- The first three letters are the Clerk of the Circuit Court's initials. These initials are followed by the Liber (book) and Folio (page) numbers.

Grantee: Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County

- The entity that is buying the property

Grantor: North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

- The entity that is selling the property

Lots 7 and North 2/3 of 4, 5, and 6 in Block 15

- This is the description of the property that is being transacted.
- Some abstract descriptions have further details about the property that were found in the original deed. These details can include things such as business names, relationships of the parties involved, and whether the property was improved by a building at the time.

The following lists the Calvert County Clerks of the Circuit Court and their initials, as can be found in the chains of title.

Calvert County Clerks of the Circuit Court and their Initials

1897-1916 – George W. Dowell	GWD
1916-1938 – Arthur A. Harkness	AAH
1938-1942 – Alan W. Ross	AWR
1942-1946 – Arthur A. Harkness	AWR
1946-1955 – Alan W. Ross	AWR
1955-1977 – J. Lloyd Bowen	JLB
1977 – Charles C. Conway	JLB&ABE
1977-1997 – Audrey B. Evans	ABE
1997 – Betty J. Smack	BJS
1998-Present – Kathy P. Smith	KPS