

ICC Valuation Maps and Records Research

**Accessing ICC Maps & Documents in
One Day at NARA-CP**

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ICC Railroad Valuation Records



Interstate Commerce Commission inventoried majority of the U.S. railroad system between 1915-1920. ICC maps covered tracks, structures, land parcels and infrastructure across the country.



Records include historical and financial information dating from the 1800s



Information about railroads was periodically updated until the 1960s

Who Uses ICC Records and Why

- Frequently utilized by **engineering firms**, **legal practices**, **environmental consultants**, and **land surveyors**.
- These records help establish and verify **right-of-way boundaries**, resolve **railroad property use conflicts**, and investigate **land ownership disputes**.
- They also provide **historical data** on easements, property transfers, and corporate land holdings—essential for legal, environmental, and planning research.

National Archives at College Park (NARA-CP)



Hours of Operation

Monday–Friday
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location Highlights

- Adjacent to University of Maryland Golf Course
- Free and easy parking available

Arrival at NARA-CP and What to Bring

What to Bring?

- Government-issued photo ID
- USB flash drive
- Laptop (or use public-access desktops)
- One quarter for locker use
- Personal items (jackets, bags, umbrellas) must be stored in lockers

Arrival and Security

Upon Arrival:

- Present ID at the gate
- Tell the guard you are here for “Research”

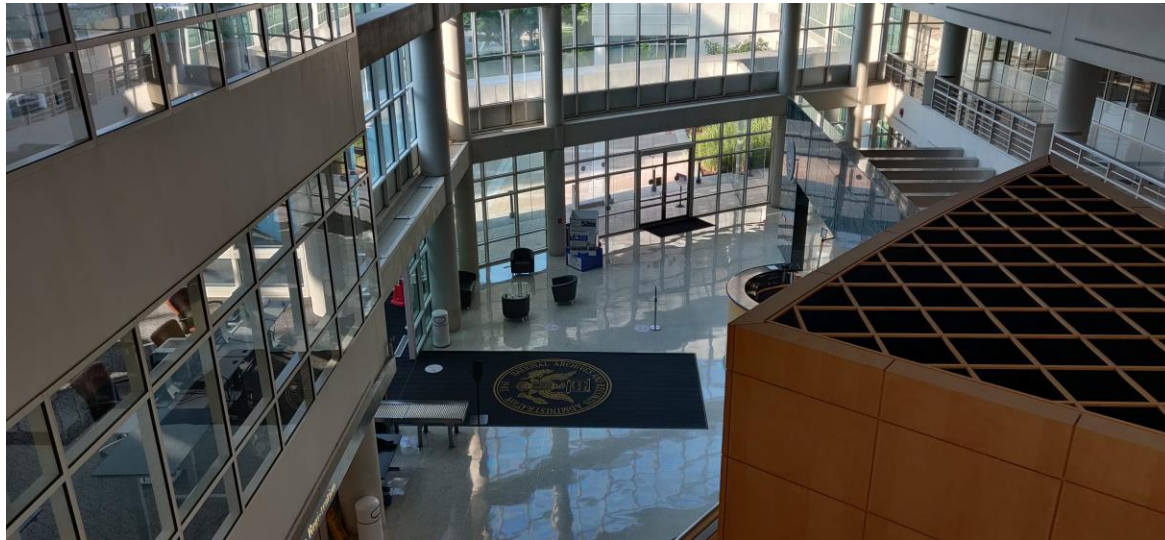
Inside the Building:

- Pass through metal detector at entrance
- Proceed to registration room on the main level (right of security)

Registration and Lockers

Steps to Register

- Request a NARA Researcher Card
- Complete a 15-minute tutorial on document handling
- Receive your card (valid for one year)



Lockers and Access

Lockers:

- Located one floor below the main level
- Required for storing all personal items

Research Access:

- Return to main floor
- Scan Researcher Card to enter research areas

ICC Map Access

Where to Go?

- Take elevator to **3rd Floor**
- Visit the **Cartographic Room** to the left
- Request, view and scan ICC maps with staff assistance

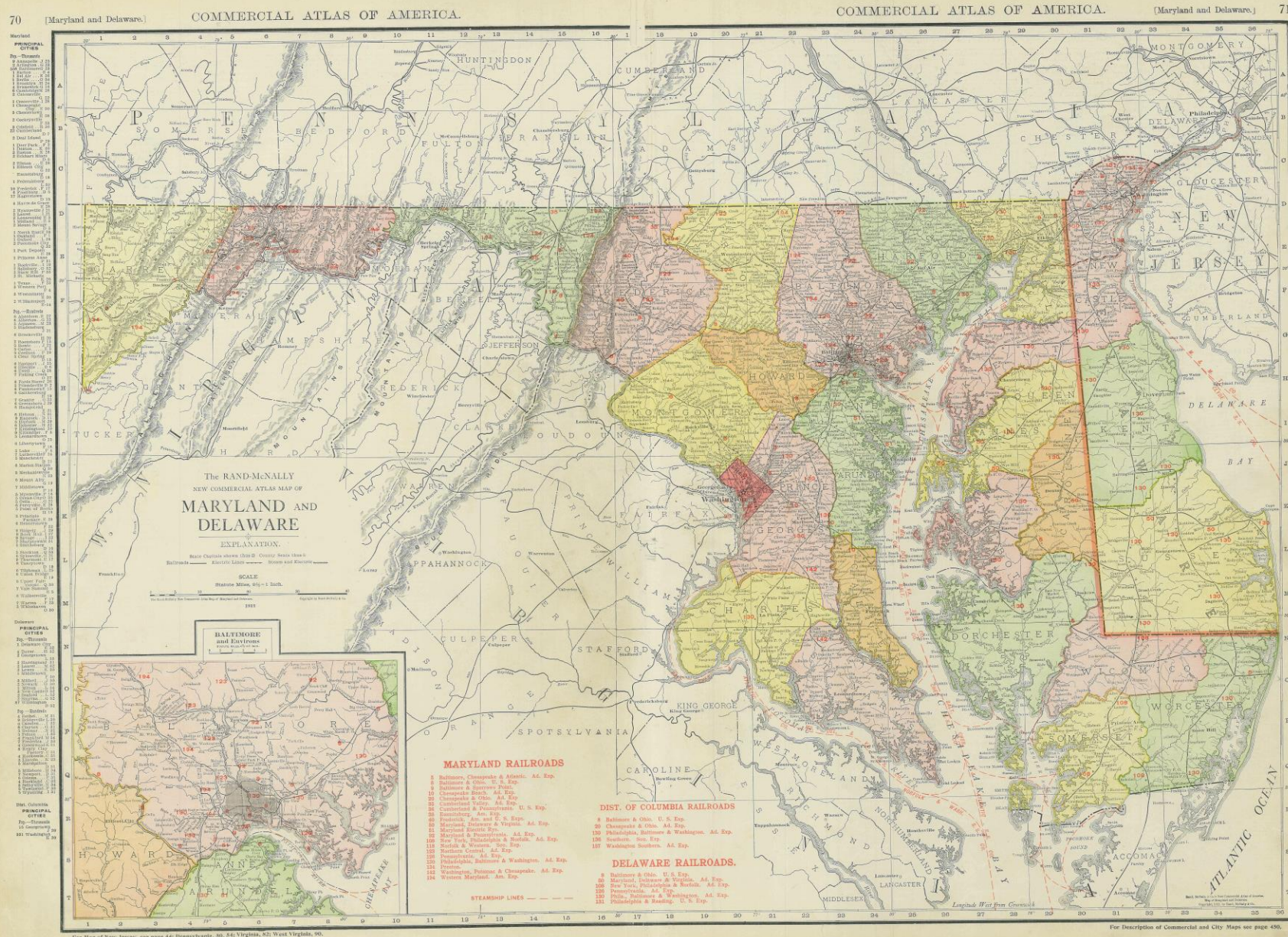


ICC Maps Are the Most Requested Documents
in the Cartographic research room

Maryland ICC Map Holdings

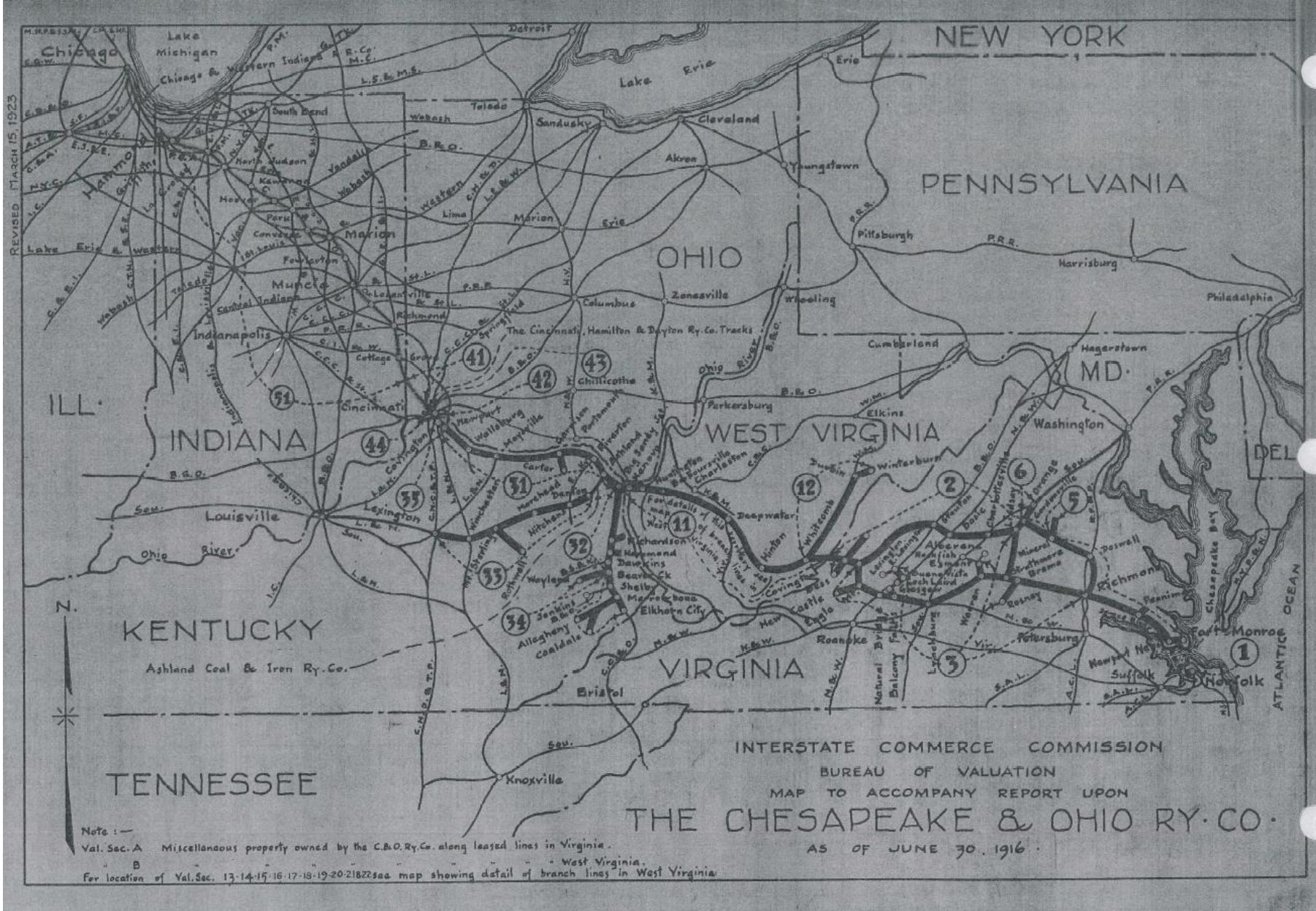
- Bachman Valley
- Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic
- Baltimore & Eastern
- Baltimore & Ohio
- Baltimore & Sparrows Point
- Canton
- Cape Charles
- Castleman Valley
- Catonsville Short Line (under Pennsylvania RR)
- Chesapeake & Curtis Bay
- Chesapeake Beach
- Chesapeake & Ohio
- Cumberland
- Cumberland Valley
- Cumberland & Pennsylvania
- Delaware RR (under Pennsylvania RR)
- Delaware & Hudson
- Delaware, Maryland & Virginia
- Emmitsburg
- Maryland & Delaware Coast
- Maryland, Delaware & Virginia
- Maryland & Pennsylvania
- New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk
- Norfolk & Western
- Northern Central (under Pennsylvania RR)
- Patapsco & Black Rivers
- Pennsylvania RR
- Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington
- Preston RR
- Union Railroad of Baltimore (under Pennsylvania RR)
- Washington Southern
- Western Maryland
- York, Hanover & Frederick

Step 1: Railroad Atlas Maps



- The Railroad Atlas collection is housed in **pull-out drawers** within the **large finding aid desk** at the rear of the **Cartographic Room**.
- Researchers can use the atlas to **identify railroad names and routes** across the state.
- Web search or pull adjacent maps if railroad not on Atlas.

Step 2: ICC Index Maps – Locating Valuation Sections



- Index map finding aids are sitting **on top of the large finding aid desk** at the rear of the **Cartographic Room**.
- Use the **specific railroad's index map** to locate its **valuation sections** for detailed review.
- In some cases, index maps may be unavailable (e.g., **Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic**).
- If so, request **all valuation sections** for the state of interest to ensure complete coverage.

Step 3: ICC Maps – Finding Aid Binders



Box No.	Carrier	Vol. Rec.	Vol. No.
360	Cincinnati, Lebanon & Northern Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific	All 1, 2 Ky. 1, 1A Tenn., 1 Ohio	
361	Cincinnati Northern	1, 1A 2	
362	Cincinnati Union Terminal Cisao & Northwestern City of Prineville	All All All	
363	Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis	1, 2 3 4, 4A 5 6-7 8 9 10-13 14-16 19, 19A 20 21, 21A 22-25 26, 26A, 26B 27-30 31-32B 33-35 36, 37 38, 39 40, 40A 41-41B 42-42C 43-43A 44-44D 47, 47A, 50	
364	Clarendon & Pittsford	All	
365	Cleveland Union Terminal	All	
366	Cliffside	All	
367	Clinton and Oklahoma Western	All	

- Binders are located on the **back right wall** of the **Cartographic Room**.
- Record Group finding aids** are arranged in **numerical order** for easy reference.
- Consult the **Original or Revised finding aid binder** to locate the **NARA bundle location** needed to complete a pull slip.

ICC Maps – Finding Aid Binders



4/4/2016

Revised Valuation

4/4/2016

Name/Carrier	Other Railroad	State	Val Sect	Bundle N	Cross Reference
Illinois Central		WI	001, 002	336	
Illinois Central	Alabama & Vicksburg	MS	1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e	340	
Illinois Central	Chicago St. Louis & New Orleans	AL	001, 002, 003, 006, 007	336	
Illinois Central	Chicago Terminal	IL	1	340	
Illinois Central	Gulf & Ship Island	MS	001, 002a, 002b, 002c, 002d, 002e, 003, 004, 005a, 005b	336	
Illinois Central	Vicksburg Shreveport & Pacific	LA	001a, 001b, 001c, 002	340	
Illinois Central	Yazoo & Mississippi Valley	AR	001	338	
Illinois Central	Yazoo & Mississippi Valley	LA	001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 007	338	
Illinois Central	Yazoo & Mississippi Valley	MS	009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014, 015, 017, 018, 019, 020, 022, 023, 024, 025, 028, 029, 030, 031	339	
Illinois Central	Yazoo & Mississippi Valley	TN	001, 002	338	
Illinois Northern		IL	001	340	

Step 4: Submitting a Pull Slip for ICC Maps

Pull Slip Process

- NARA uses **carbon copy Reference Service Slips** (not digital).
- Blank slips are available on **both desks** in the Cartographic Room.
- Present the completed pull slip to the designated NARA staff member stationed at the service desk near the room entrance.

Required Information

- Record Group: **RG 134**
- Railroad Name
- Map Type: **Original** or **Revised**
- Bundle Number
- Valuation Section
- State

Processing Time

- Fulfillment typically takes **20 minutes** to **1 hour**.
- Use this time to:
 - Submit additional pull slips for **Land Acquisition Schedules** or **Land Appraisal Notes**
 - Visit the **main floor cafeteria** for a coffee break

REFERENCE SERVICE SLIP				DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	TRACKING NUMBER
SHADED BOXES FOR NARA USE ONLY					
LAST NAME (PRINT)		FIRST NAME (PRINT)		RESEARCHER CARD NUMBER	
Goodmanson		Tyler			
SERIES OR COLLECTION NAME					
ICC Orig. Val. Maps					
RECORD GROUP NUMBER/ COLLECTION DESIGNATION		ENTRY NUMBER	NATIONAL ARCHIVES IDENTIFIER (OPTIONAL)	BOX/ITEM NOS. REQUESTED	
134				1131	
STACK	ROW	COMPARTMENT	SHELF	NUMBER OF BOXES/ITEMS PULLED	
OTHER RECORD IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION [SPECIFY FOLDER TITLE(S)/FILE NUMBER(S)]					
Toledo, Peoria + Western					
Bundle 1131, V.S. 1-IL, maps 22-46					
REQUEST REVIEWED BY			REQUEST PULLED BY		
RECEIVED BY		DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)	REFILED BY		DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION See the back of this form for the Privacy Act Notice that applies to the information you are providing on this form.					
DO NOT REMOVE FROM RECORDS					
NA 14001 (05-18) Required by NARA 1572					

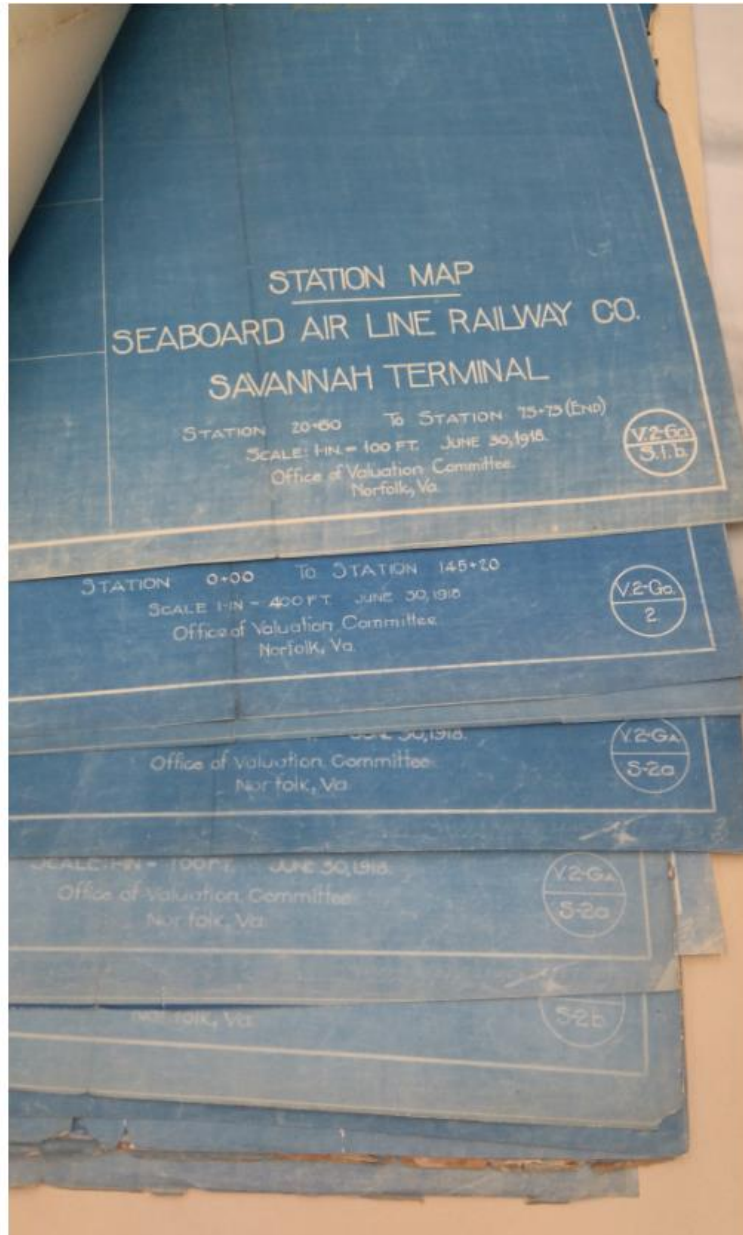
Submitting a Pull Slip for ICC Maps

Map Delivery & Review

- Maps arrive on a **large cart** in **oversized folders** (up to 10 folders per pull)
- Review only the **valuation section(s)** relevant to your research
- Look for an **index map** at the front of each section to locate specific areas
- Use **Google Maps** on your laptop to pinpoint locations and measure proximity (If no index map is present)



ICC Valuation Map Examples



Scanning and Reproduction of ICC Maps

Reproduction Request Form for Oversized Copies

Researcher Name: _____ Researcher Card #: _____
Date: ____/____/____ Time of Request (Staff Only): _____

Please list up to ten items to be reproduced:

	RG	Series Title	Item Identifier
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

*Note: Items cannot be wider than 36 inches on their shortest side

Digital Scans (\$3.50 per scan)

* For most records, we recommend selecting the following: Color, 300 dpi, JPEG or PDF

Please select a color option: Color _____ Black & White _____ Grayscale _____

Please select a file format: PDF _____ JPEG _____ TIFF _____ (Max. 200 dpi resolution & 10 per day limit for TIFFs.
Researcher must provide flash drive for TIFFs)

Please select a file resolution: 150dpi _____ 200dpi _____ 300dpi _____ 400dpi _____ 600dpi _____

Please select where the files should be saved: Personal flash drive _____ NARA provided CD _____

Enhanced Digital Scan (\$25.00 per scan). Enhanced scans are available through NARA's Digital Imaging Lab. Enhanced scans include TIFFs at 300 dpi or higher resolutions, items larger than 36 inches on their shortest side, and any other adjustments such as density, contrast, sharpness and/or background suppression. There is a two week turnaround for enhanced scans. In addition to the information above, please complete the section on reverse of this sheet to order.

Scanning Options

- Submit a **Reproduction Request Form** at the front desk (\$3.50 per map scanned to your USB thumb drive), or
- Use a **mobile scanning app** to digitize maps independently

Reproduction Request Form Details

- Available at the Cartographic Room main desk
- Complete with:
 - Record Group (**RG 134**)
 - Railroad Name
 - Map Type (**Original** or **Revised**)
 - Bundle Number
 - Valuation Section
 - Map Number
 - Up to **10 scans** may be submitted at one time
 - Requests must be submitted **by 3:00 PM**

Scanning and Reproduction of ICC Maps

Payment Instructions

- **Credit cards are not accepted**
- Set up a payment account via copycard.archives.gov
- Accessible only on **NARA's internal Wi-Fi**
- Add the exact amount needed (e.g., 3 scans × \$3.50 = \$10.50)

Certified Paper Copies

- Paper reproductions available upon request
- Ask for “**Red Ribbon Certification**” for legal documentation
- Maps are scanned, printed, and bound with a red ribbon
- Certification affirms the maps are “true and correct copies”
- Fees may exceed **\$50** and completion may take more than one day

Digitized ICC Maps

Digitization Status

- NARA-CP has undertaken a **limited digitization effort** for ICC maps.
- Only a **small percentage** of these maps have been scanned and made available online.

How to Search Online

Visit: <https://catalog.archives.gov>

1. Enter the **railroad name** in the search bar
2. On the left panel:
 - Under “**Type of Materials**”, select “**Maps and Charts**”
 - Under “**Part of Record Groups**”, select “**134: Records of the Interstate Commerce Commission**”
3. Review available map links for your railroad of interest
4. Look for a **System Index Map** (if available) to identify valuation sections
5. To narrow results, return to the search page and enter the **specific valuation section** of interest

Pulling and Capturing Land Acquisition Schedules and Land Appraisal Field Notes

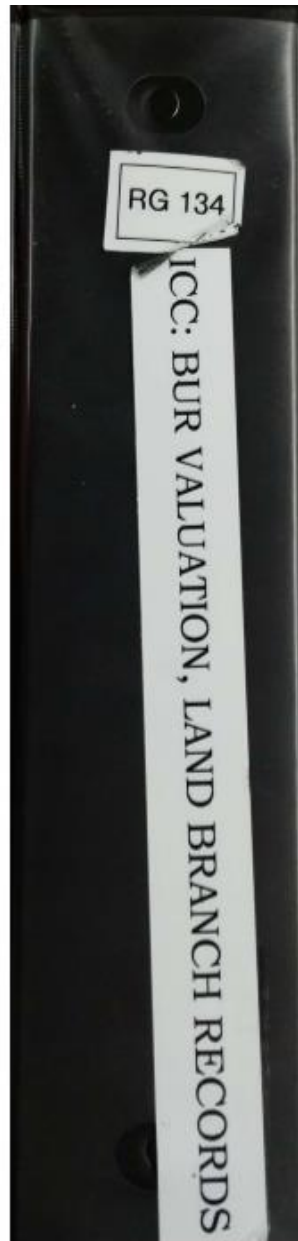
Pull submittal

- Must have pull slips signed off by a NARA employee in the Civilian section on the Mezzanine level on the third floor prior to submitting to the main desk on the second-floor research room.
- Documents will take about one hour to be pulled on the second floor.

Scanning

- Use Camscanner or another mobile scanning app to digitize records.

Benefits of ICC Land Acquisition Schedules



Record Group 134:
Interstate Commerce Commission
Bureau of Valuation
Land Branch
Land Acquisition Schedules,
Accession 62A-738

Location Register

41 23
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1914-1939

Bundle Number	Stack Location
Bundles 1-2	570/45/15/1
Bundles 3-4A	570/45/15/2
Bundles 4B-5C	570/45/15/3
Bundles 6-10 (Missing 8)	570/45/15/4
Bundles 11-13	570/45/15/5
Bundles 14-16B	570/45/15/6
Bundles 18-19 (Missing 17)	570/45/15/7
Bundles 21-23 (Missing 20)	570/45/16/1
Bundles 24-26B	570/45/16/2
Bundles 27-28B	570/45/16/3
Bundles 29-31A	570/45/16/4
Bundles 31B-33	570/45/16/5
Bundles 34-36	570/45/16/6
Bundles 37-39	570/45/16/7
Bundles 40-42	570/45/17/1
Bundles 43-45B	570/45/17/2
Bundles 46-48	570/45/17/3

ICC Land Acquisition Schedules document **original property ownership**, land transfers, and appraised values of parcels acquired by railroads during the ICC's nationwide valuation effort (1915–1920).

These records support **legal research**, infrastructure planning, and environmental assessments by verifying easements, right-of-way boundaries, and providing certified documentation.

When paired with valuation maps and field notes, they offer a **comprehensive view of railroad land use**, economic development patterns, and historical property conditions—valuable for surveyors, historians, and redevelopment professionals.

Land Acquisition Schedule (Form 107) Example

D. V. Form No. 107
10,000 4-5-17

Owner Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington RRCo.
Operating Company Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington RRCo.
Division Maryland
State Maryland Council Council
Valuation Section No. 4
From Bay View, Md. to Md. Del State Line.

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DIVISION OF VALUATION

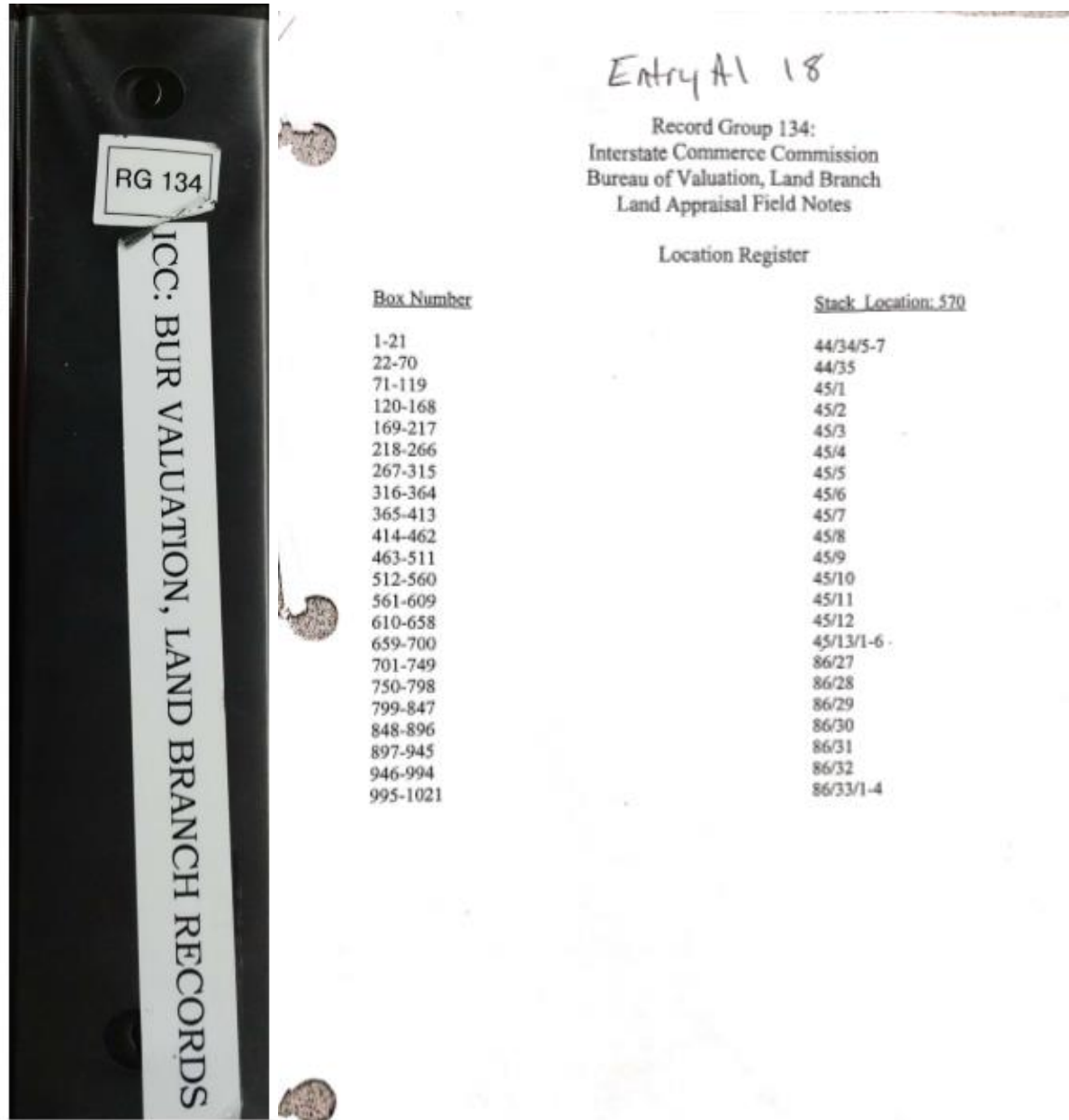
Sheet No. 27 of 47 sheets (this form).
RRCo. Map No. 2-2 to 2-17 incl. (Dv 18)
Date compiled as of June 30th, 19 15
Compiled by R. E. Dept. (P.C.S. and F.C.D. Jr.)
Val. G. H. H. Jr.
Correct G. H. H. Jr. Assistant (Title Valuation engineer)

LANDS OWNED OR USED FOR PURPOSES OF A
COMMON CARRIER

D.V. Map and Parcel no.	RRCo. PARCEL NO. Dr. 35	CUSTO- DIAN'S NO.	KIND OF INSTRU- MENT.	DATE OF INSTRU- MENT.	GRANTOR	GRANTEE.	RECORDED.			AREA.		CONSIDERATION.	DATE OF DEDICA- TION TO PUBLIC USE.	COST OF PARCEL WHEN ORIGI- NALLY ACQUIRED.		IF PORTION OF PARCEL HAS BEEN SOLD.		COST AT DATE OF DEDICATION OF PARCEL AS NOW OWNED.	REMARKS.
							Book	Page	Date	Acres	Square Feet			Amount	Character of Expenditure	Date of Sale	Actual Consider- ation Received		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	
18-15	2-2	(B. 85 P.611 ((((B. 85 P.609	Deed	6-9 1882	John Stump	PW&BRRCo.	JAD-4	507	6-17 1882	2.03		\$ 2,000. and RR. to maintain fence.		\$ 570. Pt. Consideration (Appertioned) 428. Rel. of Damages (Appertioned) 600. 85. Consideration (Appertioned)				Cons. and costs appor- tioned. Balance show on Perryville Br. PB& RRCo. DV Form 107, Dr. 35, Map 2, No. 3. Easement over 22 feet wide strip granted to Havre DeGrace and Per- ryville Bridge Co. 5-14 1909 for approach to bridge (B. 1389 P. 3.)	
		(B. 85 P.609	Deed*	2-15 1845	Isaac R. Trimble etal	"	GMD-8	91	3-14 1845			600. 2-15 1845							
14	2-4	B. 85 P.612	" *	2-7 1845	William B. Stokes	"	"	37	2-21 1845	21,312		600. 2-7 1845		147. Consideration (Appertioned)				Cons. and area appor- tioned. Balance shown on Perryville Br. PB& RRCo. DV Form 107, Dr. 35, Map 2, No. 4.	
21	2-8	B. 83 P.613	"	7-18 1853	Geo. Davidson Jr.	"	HHM-2	488	2-28 1854	6.375		2,000. 7-18 1853		2,000. Consideration	2-16 1912	\$5,000.		Area and original par- cel 7.74 ac. of which 18861 sq. ft. were con- veyed to Geo. A. Wentz 12-16-1912 (B. 1733 P. 9.) and 39663 sq. ft. were conveyed to Will- is B. Gorrell 3-24-1914 (B. 1875 P. 3)	
															3-25 1914	750.		of original cost cannot be ascertained, this e data required under this column heading.	

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Land Appraisal Field Notes



- ICC Land Appraisal Field Notes provide **parcel-level documentation** of land conditions, terrain features, and built structures recorded by ICC field engineers during the nationwide railroad valuation effort (1915–1920).
- These notes are critical for verifying **property boundaries, right-of-way details**, and **infrastructure presence**, supporting legal claims, environmental assessments, and historical land use research.
- When used alongside **Land Acquisition Schedules** and **Valuation Maps**, they offer a **comprehensive technical and historical profile** of railroad property, aiding surveyors, planners, and preservationists in understanding early 20th-century land development.

Land Appraisal Field Notes

Accession No. 62A-708		Record Group No.	
Agency Container No.		Description and Date	
		Land Appraisal Notes - Basic	
Row No.	Carrier	Val. Sec.	Vol. No.
795	Pennsylvania R.R. (Rocky Hill R.R. & Transportation Co.)	1.0-	2532
	(Shamokin Valley & Pottsville) 1-1.07-Pa.		2533
	(Union R.R.) 1.1A-10-Md.		2534
	(United N.J. R.R. & Canal) 1.01-1.05.		2536, 2537
	2.1-N.J.		2537
	Zones 1-126, 2.2-N.J.		
795-796	Pennsylvania R.R. (United N.J. R.R. & Canal Co.)	Zones 127-end, 2.2-N.J.	2536
		2.210-3.25-N.J.	2537-2542
		4.01-N.Y.	2542
797	(Western N.Y. & Pennsylvania) 1.0-1.01-Pa.		2543
798		2.1-3.2-N.Y.	2544-2546
799		4.1-5.22-Pa.	2547, 2548
	Pennsylvania Tunnel & Terminal	All	2549
	Peoria, Hannu City & Western	"	2550
	Perkiemen	"	190
	Peoria Railway Terminal	"	191
	Perth Anboy & Woodbridge	"	191
	Philadelphia & Beach Haven	"	191
	Philadelphia & Camden Ferry	"	191
	Pere Marquette	1A-Mich., 1-Ohio	2551
		2B-Mich., zones 1-15	2551
		1B-1D, 2A, 3A, 4A,	
		1E, 1-1E, 7, 1F-1H, 1J	
		and 1A-Mich.	2552-2556
801-802		1K-1X-Mich.	2557-2563
802-804	Pere Marquette	2B-Mich., zones 16 to end	2564
805		2C-2E, 2F, 2P-Mich.	2565, 2566
		2F, 2G, 4K, 4L, -Mich.	2567
		2H, 2J, 3D, 3L, 4F, 4N-Mich.	2568
806-807	Pere Marquette	2L-2N, 3J1, 3M, 3N-Mich.	2569, 2570
		3B, 4C, 4D-Mich.	2571
		3D1-3D3, 3N, 3E2, 3E3-Mich.	2572
		3F1-3F6-Mich.	2573
807		3H-Mich.	2574
808		3K-Mich.	2575

D. V. FORM No. 501
Owner P. B. & W.
Operating Company do
Valuation Section No. 4.1

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION
DIVISION OF VALUATION
LAND FIELD NOTES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Cecil CITY Elkton

Boundaries of Zone: Map # 4. Being Engineering Station
2233 + 85' to Station 2235 + 40.

Parcel # 28-29.

Remarks: This is a narrow strip of land, Beg
in the Center of the Public Highway (Elk Landing
Tram) and running west to Eng Sta, this is
a strip of land between a highway and a house ad

TRG Areas of Expertise

- ICC Railroad Maps
- Environmental Site Histories
- Rivers & Harbors Investigations
- Photographic Research
- Historical Documentary Research
- Museum Research
- Native American Land Rights Research
- Water Rights Research

Thank You!

QUESTIONS?



<https://www.archives.gov/research/transportation/railroad-valuation>



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