



WELLS COUNTY RECORDER
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Summer Office Hours
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Monday - Thursday
7:30 AM – 12:00 PM
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Closed Holidays

The Wells County Recorder's Office is located on the main floor of the Wells County Courthouse. Wells County is a full member of NDRIN and began imaging its real estate records in August of 1995, beginning with Document Number 178370. We are also working on entering and imaging older real estate records. **Currently we have data and images of our documents that are in books as follows:**

Deed Records – Book 50 of Deeds Page 1; Document No. 103362– February 1, 1944 to Present

Mortgage Records – Book 132 of Mortgages Page 1; Document No. 124782– November 30, 1956 to Present

Miscellaneous Records – Book 23 of Miscellaneous Page 1; Document No. 102431, July 28, 1943 to Present

Patent Records – Book 1 of Patents Page 1; Document Number 01001P – July 28, 1885 to Present
(All Patent Books are imaged and indexed on NDRIN)

Receiver's Receipts – Book 1 of Receiver's Receipts Page 1 to present are completely imaged and indexed.
We only have two Receivers' Receipt books

Corner Records – All Corner Records are now on NDRIN and can be searched by legal description

All Documents Indexed prior to August 1995 have not been verified

Searching NDRIN:

City Subdivision Searching – when searching for a city subdivision type it in as follows:

City – subdivision name

Example: Fessenden – Original

Searching using Book and Page Numbers: All Images are on NDRIN and can be searched by book and page or document number but not all are indexed

Deeds for Books 89 – 101 just use the number and the page number

Example: 101 (Book Number) 1 (Page Number)

Deeds for Books 1 – 88 you must put a D behind the Book Number

Example: 88D (Book Number) 001 (page number must be 3 digits.)

Mortgages for Books 161 – 172 just use the book number and the page number

Example: 171 (Book Number) 1 (Page Number)

Mortgage for Books 1 – 160 you must put a MG behind the Book Number

Example: 55MG (Book Number) 001 (page number must be 3 digits.)

Miscellaneous for Books 79 – 81 you must put an M behind the Book Number and the page number

Example: 81M (Book Number) 1 (page number)

Miscellaneous for Books 1-78 you must put an M behind the Book Number

Example 78M (Book Number) 001 (page number must be 3 digits)

Patents for Book 1 -7 you must put a P behind the Book Number

Example 1P (Book Number) 001 (page number must be 3 digits)

Receiver's Receipts – 1 (1) – 2 (11) you must put RR behind the number

Example 2RR (Book Number) 001 (page number must be 3 digits)

Plat and Certificate of Survey Requirements – Please see checklists that are downloaded under the information page for Wells County's plat and survey requirements.

City Subdivision Plats - All City Subdivision Plats and Cemetery Plats are imaged, legal descriptions indexed and are uploaded to NDRIN

Highway Right of Way Plats – All Highway Right of Way Plats are imaged, legal descriptions indexed and are uploaded to NDRIN

NDRIN Exports usually are done daily.

If you have any problems accessing records please give our office a call and we will be happy to assist you