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Divide County records are on NDRIN from January 1, 2008 to present starting with Document Number 238955. We are currently preparing documents from 2007 for their placement on NDRIN. As such, you may be able to find some 2007 documents but it is still a work in progress.

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

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

City – subdivision name Example: Crosby– Original

Mineral Research Information

Many people contact the County Recorder's office inquiring about suspected mineral ownership in North Dakota. As North Dakota law allows the "severing" of mineral interest (often called "mineral rights") from "surface ownership", the tracing of this ownership can become complex.

Documents affecting real property transactions are to be recorded in the office of County Recorder of the specific county containing the land. Each county records thousands of these documents each year, indexing them to the township, range, and section in which the land lies. Some counties also index these documents by "grantor" and "grantee", or the names of the parties to the transaction.

For an individual wishing to research possible mineral interests, the only effective method is a thorough review of the recorded documents. This review <u>CANNOT</u> be conducted by a County Recorder – county officials can make copies of specific documents requested (for an appropriate fee), but may not conduct the research often necessary to identify the relevant documents. This research must be conducted by the individual themselves or a private land record researcher. Some records from some counties are available on the internet through a subscription service, <u>www.ndrin.com</u> but in some cases, on-site review of the records will be necessary.