

Hunterdon County Clerk's Office
Hall of Records
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Monday - Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Available Records

Deeds

Book A in reverse end of Common Plea Minute Book I (1716-1730) Alpha Index in Front

Book 1 - 1250 (1785-2000) Books on shelves

Book 1250-current (2000-date) Images on computer system

Deed Indices

Volumes for each letter A-Z

There are 2 sets Grantor (Seller) and Grantee (Buyer)

Series I - Campbell System (Divided by First Names) 1785-1955

Series II - Russell Index System (Key Letters L-M-N-R-T-Misc) 1956-1975

Series III - Russell Index System (Key Letters L-M-N-R-T-Misc) 1976-1986

Series IV - Russell Index System (Double Key Letters) 1987-1996

Series V - Indexed in Computer by First Party (Grantor) and Second Party (Grantee) 1997-date

Special Deeds

These contain Powers of Attorney, Certificates of Incorporation, Easements, Right of Ways, and other unusual transactions involving real estate...

Books 1 - 12 (1730-1931)

Alphabetical Index - 1 indexed, divided, Grantor/Grantee

Partition of Lands

Book 1 & 2 Front Alpha Index (1800-1915) contains many maps of lands.

Lands partitioned or divided for various reasons but often due to the decease of the owner. These two volumes arranged chronologically by the date of the recording.

Road Records

Road Books

Book 1-7 (1761-date) Front Alpha Index

The entries in these 7 volumes are edited versions of the original papers, which are in the Road Record Files. At the top of most records is the road record number, which contains all the original papers.

Road Books: Vacations: (1931-present)

These bound volumes contain information regarding the closing of roads or the cessation of public responsibility for the upkeep.

Road Record Map: (1761-1928)

The roads, which have been determined to be on the map, are marked along the route of each road. It acts as a type of index.

Road Record Files: (1781-1969)

Eight file drawers hold these files, which are the original documents, which appear in edited form in the Road Books. These original, handwritten papers remain from the road applications and include all or some of the following papers: petitions, notices, returns, caveats, and reimbursements.

Card Index - Divided by Municipality:

Mortgages

Mortgages: These bound volumes arranged chronologically by date of recording. The mortgage begins with the date of the transaction, then the name of the mortgagor (the borrower) and residence, followed by the name of the mortgagee (lender) and residence, a description of the property put up as collateral, and the amount borrowed. If the mortgage was paid, a notation is made horizontally on the side.

Mortgage Indices

Book 1-1427 (1766-2000) on shelves in Mortgage room

Book 1427-current (2000-date) Images on computer system

Mortgagor (Borrower) Some Mortgagee Indices (Lender)

Series I - Alpha Index for books 1-18

Series II - Campbell System divided by first names Book 19 to year 1956

Series III - Russell Index System (Key Letters L-M-N-R-T-Misc) 1957-1975

Series IV - Russell Index System (Key Letters L-M-N-R-T-Misc) 1976-1986

Series V - Russell Index System (Double Key Letters) 1987-1996

Series VI - Computer by First Party (Mortgagor) and Second Party (Mortgagee) 1997-date

Marriage Records

Books 1-4 (1795 -1875) Indexed by Hiram Deats
Indexed by last name of husband and maiden name of wife
Original records filed under Pastor's names, etc.

Railroad Papers

Railroad Papers (1848-1897)

These are the reports of the commissioners appointed to determine the rights of way of the railroads, land condemnations, etc. for the various railroads in existence in the county.

Court Records

Common Plea Minute Books - Book 1-45 (1714-1948)

The Court of Common Pleas was a court for the trial of pleas between party and party and not for the trial of please of the crown or later, the State. It was a common law court with civil, not criminal, jurisdiction. The Judges of the Court of Common Pleas were appointed and commissioned by the Governor. Original volumes are mostly handwritten and arranged chronologically by the date of recording.

Indexed in card catalog by name (1714-1900)

Circuit Court Minutes - Book 1-19 (1810-1948) - No Index

The Circuit Court hear evidence in trials for misdemeanors, larceny, perjury, even murder, as well as cases of assault and battery. Disputes in land ownership are particularly interesting. The Supreme Court consisted of a chief justice and two associates, of which one held a Circuit Court in every county twice a year for causes brought before the Supreme Court but triable in each county. The Circuit Court was abolished in 1948 and pending matters transferred to the Superior Court, Law Division.

Quarter Session Minutes - Book 1-19 (1875-1948) - No Index

The Court of Quarter Sessions had jurisdiction over all indictable offenses perpetrated in the county. It could call juries. In certain criminal cases, such as treason and murder, the cases were tried in the Supreme Court or Court of Oyer and Terminer. The minutes of the Court of Quarter Sessions and the Court of Common Pleas were kept together until 1875 in Hunterdon County. In 1948, the County Court assumed jurisdiction for the civil disputes.

Oyer and Terminer Minutes (1870-1948)

The Court of Oyer and Terminer was the forerunner of the County Court with jurisdiction over criminal matters. In the province of New Jersey, this was a Court with statewide jurisdiction. The chief judge was one of the justices of the Supreme Court assisted by judges of the Courts of Common Pleas, or any three of them. It had the authority of

deliver prisoners to jail. In 1948, the cases were transferred to the County Court, Criminal Division, now the Superior Court, and Criminal Division.

Naturalization Records

Naturalization Papers-Indexed by name on cards

Declarations & Certificates, etc., (1808-1966)

Please see the County Clerk to obtain access to Naturalization records.

Petition and Record #1-2219 (1906-1966)

Declarations of Intention (1871-1906)

Petitions for naturalization, Underage (1896-1906), Overage (1895-1906)

Miscellaneous Records

Road and Miscellaneous Records (1801-1881)

The road records (1844-1847) appear to relate to road record files for public and private roads. Some of the files are accompanied by maps. This record group also contains powers of attorney, releases of dower, deeds, and mortgages.

Not indexed

Miscellaneous Deeds, Mortgages, Court Papers and Releases (1751-1867)

This is mainly a collection of parchment deeds and mortgages as well as other documents relating to land ownership.

Miscellaneous Documents (1778-1804)

These documents contain handwritten documents with no particular arrangement. There are several writs of venire facias (on parchment), list of jurors for an 1804 case, and a certificate that Wm. Napton refused an order to march during the Revolution.

Miscellaneous Documents (1752-1898)

The miscellaneous documents contain papers relating to cases heard in the Court of Common Pleas. Many are original, handwritten documents such as summonses, inquisitions, recognizance bonds, affidavits, appeals, etc. They are numbered from 1 to 35611, but the numbering system does not give a clue as to the age of the document. One dated 1765 might be in numerical order after one dated 1895.

Maps

Hammond Series - Manuscript maps of earliest land records

Beer's Atlas - Hunterdon County in 1873

Tax Maps - Current tax maps for all 26 municipalities in Hunterdon County

Map Index (1869-2000)

This is a bound volume, arranged alphabetically by the name of the property or property owner.

Map Index (2000-current)

Maps are indexed alphabetically in the computer, by the name of the municipality and the name of the subdivision may be search by municipality, block and lot.

The following maps are framed and hanging throughout the Hall of Records.

1851- Hunterdon County

1860 – Alexandria Township

1850 – Raritan Township

1860 – Clinton Township

1860 – Union Township

This list does not include all the records in the County Clerk's Office but includes those that have historical significance.

The County Clerk Staff does NOT do extensive searching: however, we will show you how to research the records yourself.

Information request should be limited to one or two request with full names and approximate dates. A self-addressed stamped envelope should be included.

Copies of records are available for \$2.00 per page when mailed. Certified True Copies are available for \$1.00 per page PLUS \$10.00 for each document certified.

Vital Records in New Jersey

Effective January 1, 2009 vital records from the period of June 1878 through 1900 have been transferred to the Division of Archives. www.njarchives.org

The State Bureau of Vital Statistics and Registration registers vital events and maintains the following vital records:

- * Birth, marriage and death records back to 1901
- * Domestic partnership records back to 2004
- * Civil union records back to 2007
- *Certificate of Birth Resulting in Stillbirth data back to 1969

NJ Department of Health and Senior Services
Vital Statistics Registration
PO Box 370
Trenton, NJ 08625-0370
609-292-4087
www.state.nj.us/health/vital/vital.htm

New Jersey State Archives
225 West State Street
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Trenton, NJ 08625-0307
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