## **Recorder of Deeds**

Serving Kent County with Pride by using property records industry standards and best practices to make transactions faster, safer, & more convenient for everyone.

## Explore Property Records from Anywhere—Free



Most who use the Countv's public land

records database are professional title searchers, real estate attorneys, realtors, paralegals, and surveyors. In addition, a few times a week, citizens call or come to the county Deeds office to verify the ownership of their property records. In addition, you may also find it instructive and fun to trace the ownership history of your current home.

Citizens can do this themselves from the comfort and privacy of their own homes.

In addition to our electronic records, we also have books dating back to when the Dutch granted lands from 1646 to 1657 and



For records before January 30, 1874, the books are in the Deeds office. Thereafter, look online.

when the Duke of York granted lands until 1680.

We don't have all records: the British destroyed some when they captured New Castle during the Revolutionary War! Using any computer, follow this link: https:// i2g.uslandrecords.com/DE/ Kent2/D/Default.aspx or use the camera on your smartphone to enter the site using this QR code:



Type a name in the search box and access electronic records as far back as January 30, 1874.

Researching and viewing are free, but downloading/printing incurs a nominal charge.

There are three download/ printing options:

1. Need just a few pages? Use the PayPal portal to pay \$2.00 per page with your PayPal account or credit or debit card.

2. Need more than 25 pages in one month? Take a 30-day unlimited download subscription for \$75.

3. Don't have a computer? Visit the Recorder of Deeds office at the Kent County Building, 555 Bay Road, Dover. We have several computers for public use. We cannot help you with your title search but will print pages for \$1.00 each.

In addition to the US Land Records database, Kent County maintains its own database—also free to use—that shows taxes, permits, etc. To access that database, click: https://kcpms.co.kent.de.us/ Print free from your home.

To learn more, contact us at (302) 744-2314.



Hon. Eugenia Thornton, Recorder



Online access is convenient for everyone!

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- Use any device connected to the internet to scan the QR code or type the URL for access.
- Viewing is free.
- **Copies cost** \$2.00 per page; for unlimited copies, the cost is \$75 for a full 30-day subscription.
- Use the PayPal portal with your PayPal account or your debit/credit card to pay.
- Free computers in the Deeds office are available and copies cost \$1.00 per page.
- **Questions? Call** the Deeds office at (302) 744-2314.

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https://www.kentcountyde.gov/My-Government/Departments/Deeds-Office

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## Explore your property records, step-by-step



The history of your home and property can be fun and instructive to research on your own. Photos are provided to show you where to look on the page.

Use any device connected to the internet. Visit the Kent County Website at <u>https://www.kentcountyde.gov</u>. From the main page, **select "Deeds Search"**.

From the "Welcome to Kent County Real Property Search" page, look at the top center. First **select "Name Search"** and then **enter your legal name** on the search bar.





**Select "Search"** to see all the **Kent County** land documents indexed in your name. (See footnote to learn about property indexing and what to do if you see something you do not recognize.) You will only find property in Kent County, Delaware here.

**Click "View Image"** to view the document(s). To check current ownership, look at the most recent. To discover history, go back through time, noting Book and Page and Names of previous owners. There is no charge for looking. In order to download and/or print, return to the "Welcome to Real Property" page.

Select "add to basket" documents for download/print. If you have not already registered, you will be invited to do as a "New Subscriber." If you want to print a few pages, choose "Personal." (\$2.00 per page) or to print a lot, choose "Subscription-30." (Unlimited downloads for 30 days—\$75.) If you have been a subscriber reverted to Casual, and want to subscribe again, sign on to the

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PayPal payment method does not require a PayPal account. But you must **Select PayPal** to check-out to use either PayPal or a credit card. Follow instructions on the screen.

You are also welcome to come to the Deeds office and use one of our public access computers. Ask one of the clerks to print out the documents you want for \$1.00 per page.

Now, you can ensure the title to your home doesn't contain unpleasant "surprises," and explore the history of your property. We recommend you take the next step and register for Property Fraud Alerts to keep on top of what is recorded in your name. Go back to the "<u>Welcome to Kent County Real Property Search page</u>" and select <u>Property Fraud Alert</u> in paragraph 2.

Note: When documents are recorded, each entity associated with the document is "indexed" for future searching. This information includes owner's name, other owners' names, mortgage companies, lien holders, etc. If you see a name you do not recognize, immediately contact the mortgage company or closing attorney for explanation. If you detect fraud, initiate a police investigation from the jurisdictional agency over the property. Do not contact the Deeds office as we cannot offer legal advice.