

Welcome to the Saline County Kansas Register of Deeds website. The Register of Deeds office belongs to the people of Saline County. We strive to provide all our customers with helpful and efficient service. Should you have an opportunity to do business with our office, we hope your experience is pleasant and that we are able to fulfill your needs. (blue goes on landing page followed by “read more”)

The Register of Deeds is a local government office headed by an elected official, Rebecca Seeman, whose term of office is four years. Kansas statutes govern the procedures, fees and regulations.

The Register of Deeds office is the official recording and filing office for all legal documents affecting real and personal property attached to real estate. The professional real estate community, including merchants, abstract and title companies, lawyers, banks, lending institutions, credit bureaus, contractors, developers, utilities and builders are among the many people who check on the recording and filings of instruments in the office. Important office records and indexes are used for legal purposes concerning the most valuable material possession you own -YOUR HOME.

Examples of real property are warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, administrator deeds, tax and sheriff deeds, also mortgages and any assignment or discharge thereof, land patents, leases, liens, (state, federal, mechanics, etc.), probate orders, agreements, land contracts, oil and gas leases, surveys and plats.

The Recorder is crucial in the home buying process, lending and refinancing process. Recorders drive both direct and indirect revenue to their counties as well as revenue to local merchants, and businesses.

The Register of Deeds office is the foundation of all real estate in the County, including 10 unincorporated towns and 6 Incorporated cities. They are the cornerstone to other real estate county offices, such as the Clerk, Treasurer, Appraiser, GIS, city and county planning and zoning.

By law, the Register of Deeds is charged with the maintenance, integrity, completeness, accuracy, and preservation of these public records forever and to make them accessible.

The Register of Deeds also files financing statements and security agreements on personal property under the Uniform Commercial Code, Federal and State tax liens, powers of attorney, and military discharges.

## **ELECTRONIC RECORDING**

We currently accept electronic recording through Simplifile with a 4:00 cut off time. All the same requirements apply.

## **PRESERVATION**

As part of the ongoing preservation of old records, PLATS, dating back to 1863, the beginning of Saline County were incubated, de-acidified, surface cleaned, repaired, and mended. Adhesive components were also removed from some of the plats and stains were reduced to maintain the records for many more years to come. Now, after a very long time, the plats in their new plat books and sleeves may be utilized again without worry of continued destruction of brittle pages or acidic damage.

There have been multiple methods and mediums used in recording including handwritten bound books, typed, photostats, microfilm, aperture cards and digital. We constantly inspect and enhance deteriorating images. Each has their own unique issues including vinegar syndrome on microfilm, redox of aperture card film, deterioration of CD's and corrupt digital images. All methods take constant scrutiny and monitoring, enhancing as needed when possible. It is imperative that the original documents be large font, dark and clear to help us preserve the best image.

## **BACKUP**

Most all records have been scanned and we have back up in numerous places and in various media should an emergency or disaster occur.

## **MISC HISTORICAL RECORDS**

Rural School records are scanned and on loan to the Smoky Valley Genealogical Society and Library

Road Records are scanned and reside at the Road and Bridge Department.

The Register of Deeds office is the keeper of limited information on Old and primitive cemetery areas with some interesting commentary.

## **PASSPORTS**

The Saline County Register of Deeds has been the area passport acceptance agency since 2009.

## **TRIVIA**

There are 10 cities in America named Salina and there are 5 States that have a Saline County.