

County Recorder

McKenzie County

History

The County Recorder's office is one of the county offices formally organized by the Constitutional Convention of 1889, and in some counties still existed as part of the Territorial Offices.

County Recorder officers are elected to four-year terms which begin January 1.

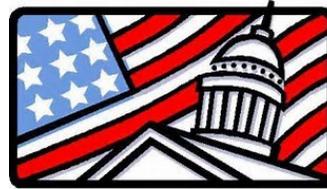
The County Recorders are active members of the ND Association of Counties and have representatives on the Executive Committee.

On August 1, 2001, after 96 years, the McKenzie County Register of Deeds' name was changed to County Recorder.

Land Records Manager

As the land record office, the County Recorder's office keeps a record of each patent, deed, mortgage, bill of sale and any document related to these transactions, insuring a permanent record of property ownership and accurate account of financial responsibilities.

The information filed and recorded in the County Recorder's office is used by the County Auditor, Treasurer, Commissioners and other county officials that provide service to the citizens.



Customers

The County Recorder's office works with a wide and varied customer base. These customers use the filed and recorded information to document legal instruments, create and/or extend abstracts, conduct land appraisals, locate property lines, draw plats, search ancestry, historical data, heirships, mineral leases, courtroom testimony, and many other interests.

Register of Deeds Since 1905

H. L. Moe	1905-1914
H. H. Swenson	1914-1918
John Skavland	1918-1930
H. C. Doely	1930-1936
E. F. Raddatz	1936-1956
Ray Kemmis	1956-1960
Gudrun Sanford	1960-1970
Marion Sanford	1970-1983
Cecelia Johnsrud	1983-1990
Donna Lou Sanford	1990-1997
Arn Johnsrud	1997-Present

County Recorder's Duties

1. Keep a record of each patent, deed, mortgage, bill of sale, security agreement, judgement, decree, lien, certificate of sale and other instrument required to be filed or recorded in proper books provided for such recording, upon receipt of the filing or recording fees.
2. When the instrument is recorded or filed, endorse on the instrument the document number, date, and the hour and minute when it was recorded or filed.
3. Record military discharge records as requested per NDCC 37-01-34
4. Deposit wills for safe-keeping per NDCC 30.1-11.01

Marriage Licenses

The County Recorder issues marriage licenses and can perform marriage ceremonies pursuant to NDCC 14-03.

NDRIN

The County Recorder's office also participates in the ND Recorders Information Network (NDRIN), a central repository for storage of computer generated text/data and images produced by the county recorder's office. This is in effect a back-up support system for valuable, irreplaceable real estate records. A by-product of the repository is the NDRIN web site which allows real property records to be made available 24 hours a day for a monthly service fee. Information about all Recorder's offices in North Dakota including fee schedules may also be found at this web site www.ndrin.com.

The Register of Deeds Association was organized in 1928 to help North Dakota's 53 counties keep up-to-date with changes in methods of recording and with changes in laws affecting their offices. The County Recorders Association also monitors legislation and proposals to better serve the state. An annual summer meeting is held along with training sessions and Quad meetings.