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 people who use the County's

public land records database are professional title searchers, real estate attorneys, paralegals, realtors, and surveyors. But average citizens may find it instructive and fun to trace the ownership history of their current home.

In addition, a few times a week, citizens call or come to the Deeds office to verify the ownership of their property records.

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



Before Jan 30 1874, look in books in the Deeds office. Thereafter, look online.

In addition to our electronic records, we also have books dating back to when the Dutch

granted lands from 1646 to 1657 and when the Duke of York granted lands from 1657 to 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 a nominal charge occurs for downloading/printing.

There are download/printing three options:

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

More than 25 pages in one month? Take a 30-day unlimited download subscription for \$50.

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 this 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 the Honorable Eugenia Thornton, Kent County Recorder of Deeds.

- No need to come or call the deeds office.
- Use any device connected to the internet.
- Use QR code or URL to access.
- · Viewing is free.
- Copies \$2.00
 per page; unlimited copies
 \$50 for 30-day
 subscription.



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- Free computers in the Deeds office and copies \$1.00 per page.
- Questions? Call Hon. Eugenia
 Thornton.



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. From the main page, select "ONLINE" from the drop down menu. Select "Deeds Documents."

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.



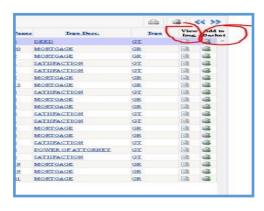


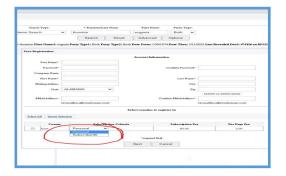
Select "Search" to see all the **Kent County** land documents indexed in your name. (See footnote to learn about indexing, and what to do if you see something you don't recognize.) You will only find property in Kent County here.

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.

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—\$50.)





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 Transaction Alerts to keep on top of what is recorded in your name. Go back to the "Welcome to Kent County page" and select Property Fraud Alert in paragraph 2.

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