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The Wells County Recorder's Office is located on the main floor of the Wells County Courthouse. Wells County is a full member of NDRIN and began imaging its real estate records in August of 1995, beginning with Document Number 178370. We are also working on entering and imaging older real estate records. **Currently we have data and images of our documents that are in books as follows:**

**Deed Records – Deed Records** – Book 50 of Deeds Page 1; Document No. 103362– February 1, 1944 to Present

**Mortgage Records** – Book 132 of Mortgages Page 1; Document No. 124782– November 30, 1956 to Present

**Miscellaneous Records** – Book 21 of Miscellaneous Page 1; Document No. 90740, February 8, 1934 to Present

**Patent Records** – Book 1 of Patents Page 1; Document Number 01001P – July 28, 1885 to Present  
(All Patent Books are imaged and indexed on NDRIN)

**Receiver's Receipts** – Book 1 of Receiver's Receipts Page 1 to present are completely imaged and indexed.  
We only have two Receivers' Receipt books

**Corner Records** – All Corner Records are now on NDRIN and can be searched by legal description

**All Documents Indexed prior to August 1995 have not been verified**

**Searching NDRIN:**

**City Subdivision Searching** – when searching for a city subdivision type it in as follows:

City – subdivision name

Example: Fessenden – Original

**Searching using Book and Page Numbers: All Images are on NDRIN and can be searched by book and page or document number but not all are indexed**

**Deeds for Books 89 – 101** just use the number and the page number

Example: 101 (Book Number) 1 (Page Number)

**Deeds for Books 1 – 88** you must put a D behind the Book Number

Example: 88D (Book Number) 001 (page number must be 3 digits.)

**Mortgages for Books 161 – 172** just use the book number and the page number

Example: 171 (Book Number) 1 (Page Number)

**Mortgage for Books 1 – 160** you must put a MG behind the Book Number

Example: 55MG (Book Number) 001 (page number must be 3 digits.)

**Miscellaneous for Books 79 – 81** you must put an M behind the Book Number and the page number

Example: 81M (Book Number) 1 (page number)

**Miscellaneous for Books 1-78** you must put an M behind the Book Number

Example 78M (Book Number) 001 (page number must be 3 digits)

**Patents for Book 1 -7** you must put a P behind the Book Number

Example 1P (Book Number) 001 (page number must be 3 digits)

**Receiver's Receipts – 1 (1) – 2 (11)** you must put RR behind the number

Example 2RR (Book Number) 001 (page number must be 3 digits)

**Plat and Certificate of Survey Requirements** – Please see checklists that are downloaded under the information page for Wells County's plat and survey requirements.

**City Subdivision Plats -** All City Subdivision Plats and Cemetery Plats are imaged, legal descriptions indexed and are uploaded to NDRIN

**Highway Right of Way Plats** – All Highway Right of Way Plats are imaged, legal descriptions indexed and are uploaded to NDRIN

**NDRIN Exports** usually are done daily.

**If you have any problems accessing records please give our office a call and we will be happy to assist you.**