

Family Land Records

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Land Records
Hold the keys to
many secrets!

Bureau Of Land Management - General Land Office Records

What's a land patent?

Land patents document the transfer of land ownership from the federal government to individuals. Our land patent records include the information recorded when ownership was transferred.

What are public lands?

The term public land means any lands and interest which title is still vested in the Federal Government. The Secretary of the Interior through the BLM administers those lands within the several states.

Where are the Public Land States?

Those states created out of the public domain are the lands now embraced in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas,

Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

What are vacant public lands?

These are public domain lands that have never left Federal ownership and have not been reserved, withdrawn, dedicated or set aside for a certain purpose. These lands are mostly in the 11 Western states although there are scattered parcels throughout each of the eastern public lands States. The Eastern States field offices in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Jackson, Mississippi have information about lands that may be available for sale.

Why are there no public lands in the thirteen colonies and other states in the east?



In the very early years of the United States, the Congress of the Confederation declared it would sell or grant the unclaimed lands in "the West" (given up by the States to the United States) for the common benefit of the United States. The States gave up their claims to what is now Alabama, Michigan, part of Minnesota, Mississippi, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The United States could then sell this unclaimed land to raise money for the Treasury. In turn, **the United States gave up its claims to any land within the boundaries of the Colonies.**

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How was the land sold or disposed of?

The land was disposed of by the authority of many acts of Congress - sale, homesteads, military warrants for military service, timber culture, mining, etc. One of the primary purposes of these public land laws was to encourage people from the East to move West. In the early 1800's people could buy public land for \$1.25 an acre. For a time, they could buy up to 640 acres under this law. The sale of public land under the "Cash Act" is no longer in effect.

Several Military Warrant Acts granted public land to soldiers instead of pay. These acts have been repealed.

The Homestead Act of 1862, allowed people to settle up to 160 acres of public land if they lived on it for five years and grew crops or made improvements. This land did not cost anything per acre, but the settler did pay a filing fee. This act is no longer in effect.

Why is there sometimes a long time period between purchase date and signature date?

Due to the tremendous amount of land sold in the 1800's, the General Land Office experienced quite a backlog in the middle part of the 19th century. It was not unusual for several years to pass between the time an individual purchased land from the local land office and the time a patent for that tract was finally signed by the GLO in Washington, D.C.

What is pre-emption?

Some patents have the word "Pre-emption" in the upper left-hand corner. "Pre-emption" was a tactful way of saying "squatter". In other words, the settler was physically on the property before the GLO officially sold or even surveyed the tract, and he was thus given a pre-emptive right to acquire the land from the United States.

What is the Mississippi/Alabama and Florida/Alabama "Crossover"?

The St. Stephens Meridian and Huntsville Meridian surveys cross into both Mississippi and Alabama, creating situations where the land offices in St. Stephens and Huntsville, Alabama and in Columbus, Mississippi sold lands in both states. We suggest that anyone researching that area take a look at the databases for both states.

The original state line between Alabama and Florida did not close against the Tallahassee Meridian survey (which covered all of Florida), but rather against the earlier St. Stephens Meridian survey in south Alabama. The state line was later resurveyed, creating a situation where some Tallahassee Meridian lands fell across the border into Alabama. We suggest that anyone researching that area take a look at the databases for both states.

What about revolutionary war military bounty warrants?

The only state we have Revolutionary War-era military bounty warrants for is Ohio (mostly in

the Virginia Military District), and even those records for the most part have only a survey number and warrant number on them. A few were issued for rectangularly surveyed sections of land, but most were for metes and bounds surveys in the Virginia Military District.

Why do some Indiana land records say the land is in Ohio?

The Cincinnati land office issued several thousand patents for lands in southeastern Indiana within what was called "the Gore" - a roughly triangular-shaped area bounded by the Ohio-Indiana border, the Greenville Treaty line and the Ohio River. These Indiana records have been scanned and indexed as Ohio records.

What are Credit Patents?

Credit patents are similar to Cash; lands could be purchased under the Land Law of 1800 from the General Land Office. This credit system allowed purchasers to pay in installments over a four-year period. A delinquent payment or non-payment of the full balance resulted in forfeiture to the U.S. Because of the economic hardship Congress quickly abandoned the credit system and through the Act of April 24, 1820 required full payment for land to be made at the time of purchase. These cash patents were bound in volumes specific to a particular state - credit patents were not, and those credit volumes will be scanned and indexed into our system at a later date.

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Sample Certificate!

How can I get Land Entry file information for patents?

Land Entry files were created when a person claimed land under an act of Congress. They first had to fill out an application, and sometimes provide other information (marriage or immigration documents), at the local General Land Office. Other documents were also created under that application, like receipts for any payments, or affidavits of occupation, immigration, marriage, and homestead application. Eastern States did not keep these files. They are now the responsibility of the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D. C.

These records can be viewed online at this web site:

<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>

Do a search for the state you are interested in seeing the image of the document of each person listed below!

A red entry denotes data that has not been indexed against the land patent document, and therefore has no image associated with it.

Patentee = Who

Legal Land Description = Where

Signature Date = When

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE
 No. 30,380 }

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS *Catharine M. Muckolls of said County, Missouri*

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Clinton* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

Catharine M. Muckolls according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for *the West half of the 4th numbered two of the North West quarter of Section four, in Township forty one, of Range thirty three, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Clinton, Missouri, contain- ing thirty seven acres and sixteen hundredths of an acre*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Catharine M. Muckolls*

NOW KNOW YE, That the **United States of America,** in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said *Catharine M. Muckolls*

and to *her* heirs, the said tract above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Catharine M. Muckolls*

and to *her* heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Millard Fillmore

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *fifteenth* day of *February* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty one* and of the *Seventy fifth* Independence of the United States

BY THE PRESIDENT: *Millard Fillmore*

By *Wm. McCormick* Sec'y,
E. Perry Recorder of the General Land Office.

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NUCKOLLS	BEN W	WY	04/09/1931		1045579
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NUCKOLLS	CHARLES D	IL	09/16/1831	4756	IL0530__.177
NUCKOLLS	CHARLES D	IL	07/22/1826	752	IL0120__.286
NUCKOLLS	CHARLES H	CO	08/20/1918		644828
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NUCKOLLS	GEORGE L	MO	06/01/1849	16584	MO0850__.262
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NUCKOLLS	GEORGE L	MO	06/01/1849	16752	MO0850__403
NUCKOLLS	GEORGE L	MO	06/01/1849	16753	MO0850__404
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NUCKOLLS	GEORGE L	MO	06/01/1849	16808	MO0850__452
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NUCKOLLS	JAMES N	CA	11/01/1881	7582	CACAAA 022905
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NUCKOLLS	LAURA B	CA	04/08/1916		523570
NUCKOLLS	LORENZO	CA	12/22/1910	55376-10	167511
NUCKOLLS	LORENZO	CA	12/03/1919		722223
NUCKOLLS	LORENZO	CA	04/15/1895	198	CACAAA 022579
NUCKOLLS	LORENZO D	MO	09/07/1838	9149	MO1230__.118
NUCKOLLS	MYRA	WY	05/25/1921		807688
NUCKOLLS	NATHANIEL	AL	01/30/1843	1141	AL5090__.357
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NUCKOLLS	NATHANIEL	AL	06/25/1841	487	AL5070__.145
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NUCKOLLS	NATHANIEL	AL	08/01/1838	5457	AL4290__.403
NUCKOLLS	NATHANIEL	AL	06/10/1848	9069	AL4360__.039
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NUCKOLLS	NATHANIEL	CA	04/15/1879	37301	CACAAA 024692
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NUCKOLLS	ROBERT E	NM	05/25/1916		NMNMCM 0011147
NUCKOLLS	STEPHEN F	CO	05/10/1870	1050	COCOAA 042929
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NUCKOLLS	STEPHEN F	UT	08/26/1876	1940	UTUTAA 014779
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NUCKOLLS	STEPHEN F	UT	10/07/1873	621	UTUTAA 000285
NUCKOLLS	STEPHEN F	UT	10/07/1873	624	UTUTAA 000299
NUCKOLLS	STEPHEN F	MO	06/01/1850	8088	MO4540__272
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NUCKOLLS	WILLIAM S	WY	11/14/1928		1020854
NUCKOLLS	WILLIAM S	WY	11/25/1916		556021
NUCKOLS	EDWARD T	MO	10/30/1857	30404	MO2590__.111
NUCKOLS	EUGENE O	NM	06/07/1920		754281
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NUCKOLS	HENRY	CO	12/03/1887	12660	COCOAA 016263
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NUCKOLS	MELVIN W	WY	06/29/1920		760229
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NUCKOLS	VIRGIL P	AL	12/01/1860	38782	AL2970__.032
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NUCKOLS	WILLIAM A	OK	02/23/1909	0145	47666
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NUCKOLS	WILLIAM G	AL	06/01/1858	28878	AL2780__.205
NUCKELS	ZELTA Y	AZ	01/29/1957		1168496
NUCHOLS	JAMES R	CA	06/12/1953		1139482
NUCHOLS	SAMUEL L	ND	09/17/1907	8116	NDMTAA 047682

Society Sales of new book & CD

NWK has released a CD that contains the first edition of the book, "First Virginia Nuckolls & Kindred." Also on the CD are many pictures of the different family members going back into the 1800's. This is a wonderful compliment to the new book that was just released by the Society.

The cost is as follows:

\$20 for nonmembers

\$15 for members

The price INCLUDES postage.



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Allow 4- 6 weeks.

NWK book was released this year. It is the second volume that continues the research of Berth Nuckolls. Many new families are represented in the wonderful publication. Write to Sandi Koscak, Secretary/Treasurer for the cost and availability at the address above.

Society Dues:

On the mailing label is the date when your newsletter subscription expires. If you wish to continue with a newsletter subscription, please mail your check of \$15 to the Society address above. This will entitle you to 4 more newsletters.

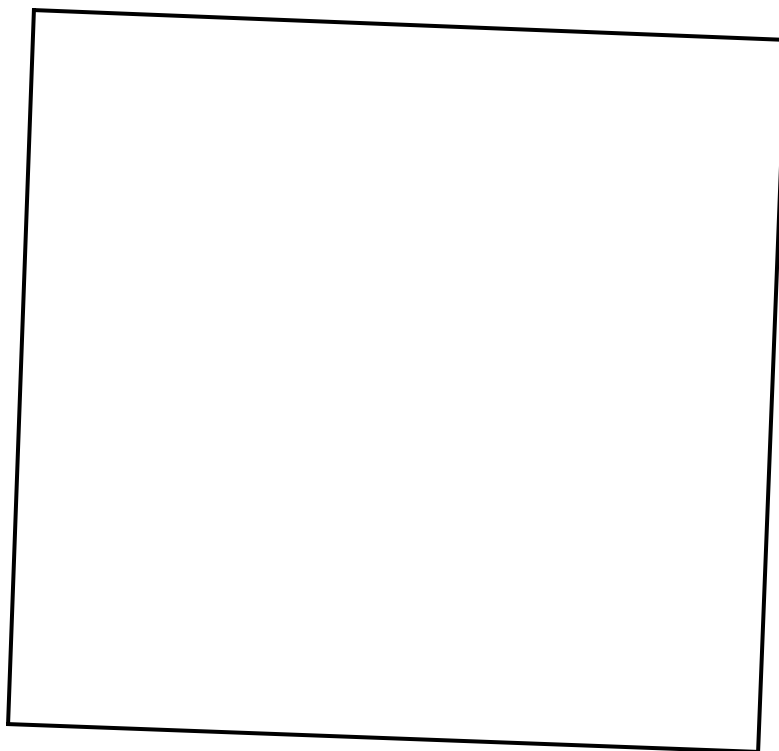
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Society News

We've had a great year. Several new members have joined the Society. It seems that most every week we have another cousin find us through the Internet with the results netting us some new friendships and information.

I hope that as the new year approaches you will consider writing in and sharing news updates with your family. Make sure that any birth & death announcements are sent in for future updates. If you have any stories about your family you would like to share please mail them in. We are constantly looking for new material for the newsletter.

There will be changes in this year concerning the Society so be sure and keep your subscription current through the year 2001.

Thanks to all of you who shared in the new book and we hope it brings you as much joy as it did for us to compile it.

The CD will continue to be updated as we add new data and correct errors that come in to Sandi.

Until next year, the WNK Society wishes you and your family the Merriest Christmas!

David, Sandi, Clarence, Bruce and Adrienne

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