

I want to do Genealogy Research. Where do I start?

It is best to know the exact legal description (Section-Township-Range) of the land so we can get you into the correct book to search. We do have a map in the office with roads if you know an approximate area or you can look at the Assessors GIS website <https://saline.gworks.com>. If you have no idea, we do have several grantee/grantor books you may look through for last names. Please note some of the books are heavy and stored above head level, it is suggested to bring someone that is able to handle the books if you are not able to do so. We also suggest pen and paper to take notes, a camera to take pictures of the documents, cash or check for copies.

You can search the index online or in person, in the vault, but **you will need to come into the office to pull the books for dates, exact names and filing information on the documents prior to June 24, 2009.**

To search in office pull the corresponding Township/Range Book and look for your Section.

To search online go to <https://nebraskadeedsonline.us/search.aspx?county=22> and click the search numerical index box in the top left hand corner. Under indexes choose lands, and then the township, range and finally section. There are page numbers behind each section with page 1 being the first or earliest entry.

Search your Quarter by following the Quarter(s) from top to bottom. Numbers are used just for ease in following the column down the page so 1 is the first column, 2 the second column. The letter "p" stands for "part" of the quarter. Follow the quarter down the page and make note of any deeds indexed against the property. Look for **WD, SWD, QCD** these are some of the most common types of deeds that transfer ownership.

There may be a few others but let's start here. The following documents: Mtge (Mortgage), AM (Assignment of Mortgage), REL (Release), Affi (Affidavit) or Cert (Certificate) are generally NOT helpful as they do not convey ownership. Write down the book and page number of any that are found. Now we can look at the deed books in the vault and follow the "chain of title" for ownership.

In the example below we are searching the SW ¼ SW ¼ of Section 1 Township 7 Range 3.

The Grantor is the “Seller” and the Grantee is the “Buyer.” I have highlighted the documents in the Quarter that we are looking at. The first document under kind of instrument is a patent in book 13 page 226 from the United States to the Rail Road. The second highlighted document is listed as SW & QCD. This is something we should look at. Write down the book and page number, which is highlighted on the right side. Next pull book 26 page 56 to see the deed from the Rail Road to Thompson. See the copy on the last page below. The next three documents are mtge (Mortgages) so probably will not be helpful if we are looking at ownership. Keep going through the index pages and write down your deeds to look at or pull them as you go.

Saline County, Nebraska

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NUMERICAL INDEX, SALINE COUNTY

Section.....1.....Town...7.....Range...3.....

	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	KIND OF INSTRUMENT	N. E. QUARTER				N. W. QUARTER				S. W. QUARTER				S. E. QUARTER				ACRES	BOOK	PAGE	REMARKS		
				1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4						
1	Nicholas Meechel	B. M. R. R. Co. in Neb.	Patent																	80	9	147			
2	Williams Meyer	Carl's Brothers Reche	mtge				3 4													80	7	146			
3	B. M. R. R. Co.	United States	Patent	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	638	10	226			
4	Mike Jenkins	Carl Reche wif	mtge				3 4													14	423				
5	Carl Reche	Mike Jenkins wif	mtge				3 4													11	221				
6	Carl Reche	William Meyer	Pat.				3 4													80	13	441			
7	Mike Jenkins wif	Carl Reche	Pat.				3 4													80	148	200 f			
8	Carl Reche	B. M. R. R. Co.	Patent				3 4													80	23	211			
9	Equitable Trust Co	Mike Jenkins wif	mtge				3 4													80	313	200 f			
10	Equitable Trust Co.	Mike Jenkins wif	mtge				3 4													80	314	200 f			
11	Mutl Resert Life Ins Co	Equitable Trust Co.	am.				3 4													80	281	200 f			
12	Horace L. Thompson	C. B. & R. R. Co.	Patent																	80	26	56			
13	John Lueck	Nicholas Meechel	Pat.																	40	25	426			
14	Horace L. Thompson	Nicholas Meechel	Pat.																	40	25	425			
15	Joyf Brachta	C. B. & R. R. Co.	Patent																	79 1/2	26	234			
16	William Meyer	Horace L. Thompson	mtge																	80	35	242			
17	James Link																								
18	Bankof Maca	C. B. & R. R. Co.	Patent																	1 2 3 4	160	26	325		
19	James Link	Bankof Maca wif	Pat.																	8	8	40	30	161	88
20	Bankof Maca	James Link wif	Pat.																	1 2 3 4	120	30	162	88	
21	B. M. R. R. Co	New England Trust Co	Pat.				3 4													33	342	20 lots - land.			
22	M. May W. Lake	Horace L. Thompson	mtge																	80	36	103			
23	James W. Lawrence																								
24	Rayette J. Foxe	Horace L. Thompson wif	mtge																	80	36	367			

Documents filed from June 24, 2009 to present can be viewed on the website (with the exception of Death Certificates.) Index books were scanned in the fall of 2019. If you need to search more recent documents use the search bars on the first page of the website.

Nebraska Deeds Online

Search Served by WEBSERVER-1

SALINE COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Search Numerical Index

Click above for records older than 06/24/2009.

Name Search

To locate records by name fill in either the Grantor, Grantee, or both. After the name(s) have been entered, click on the SUBMIT button to the right of the Grantor field. Whole names are not required because the search engine will return any records that contain the characters you entered.

Property Search

Fill in property details you are searching for. The more fields you enter, the smaller the number of returned records will be. After the property details have been entered, click on the SUBMIT button to the right of the Section field.

Grantor:

Grantee: [Advanced Options](#)

Show all names

Either search by name above, or by property details below.

Records last updated on 03/27/2024

Sec. Twp. Rng: [Advanced Options](#)

NE Quarter: NE NW SW SE

NW Quarter: NE NW SW SE

SW Quarter: NE NW SW SE

SE Quarter: NE NW SW SE

Show records indexed in any of the selected 1/4's

Show all legals

Town:

Subdivision:

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Lot:

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Deed Record No. 26, Saline County.

Filed for Record the 19th day of May
 A. D. 1885, at 10 o'clock, A. M.
Edward Deek Co. Clerk.
 By _____ Deputy.

Contract No. 17422 Deed No. 9371

Know all Men by these Presents:

That the CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD COMPANY, Grantee and Assignee of the BURLINGTON & MISSOURI RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY IN NEBRASKA, for the consideration of Ten hundred seven²³ / 100 (1007²³) DOLLARS, to it paid by Horace L. Thompson of Osceola in Saline County, in the State of Nebraska

(the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged), doth hereby GRANT, BARGAIN AND SELL unto the said Horace L. Thompson the following described Real Estate, lying and being in the County of Saline and State of Nebraska, to-wit:
 The South half of the South West quarter

of Section One (1) in Township Seven (7) of Range Three (3) East of Sixth Principal Meridian, containing, according to the United States survey, Eighty (80) acres,

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, To the said Grantee, and his Heirs and Assigns forever, to their own use and behoof. And the said grantor doth hereby agree with the said grantee, that at the enrolling of these presents it is well seized of the premises, as of a good, indefeasible estate in the fee simple, and hath good right to sell the same as is above written, and that the same are free from all incumbrances, except taxes for the year 1884 and thereafter. And furthermore, the said grantor doth covenant with the said grantee his Heirs and Assigns, their peaceable possession of the said premises against all lawful claims, Forever to Warrant and Defend, except against taxes as aforesaid.

And we, THE NEW ENGLAND TRUST COMPANY, Trustee, under a certain indenture of Trust and Mortgage between us and the said BURLINGTON & MISSOURI RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY IN NEBRASKA, bearing date the first day of July, 1878, whereby an undivided two-thirds part of the lands of said corporation was conveyed to us in Mortgage, as therein set forth, do in consideration of the sum thus paid to said corporation, and in conformity with the terms of said Indenture, hereby release and forever quit-claim to the said Horace L. Thompson the Real Estate described as aforesaid, to be held by the said Horace L. Thompson his Heirs and Assigns, free and exempt from all liens incumbrances or charges created by said indenture.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company hath herunto set its seal, and caused the same to be signed by its President, and countersigned by the Land Commissioner, this 7th day of March 1885
 THE CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD COMPANY,
 By C. E. Perkins PRESIDENT.
 Witness, C. D. Smith

COUNTERSIGNED,
J. A. Macfarland LAND COMMISSIONER
 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The New England Trust Company, Trustee and Mortgagee as aforesaid, in conformity with the provisions of said indenture of Trust and Mortgage above named, has by its attorney in fact J. H. Denson President of the BURLINGTON & MISSOURI RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY IN NEBRASKA, caused its hand and seal to be hereto set this 14th day of March 1885
 THE NEW ENGLAND TRUST COMPANY,
 TRUSTEE AND MORTGAGEE.
 By its Attorney in fact, J. H. Denson
 President of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company in Nebraska.

STATE OF Massachusetts ss. On this 7th day of March A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty five
 County of Suffolk, City of Boston
 before me H. J. Ladd a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned, personally came C. E. Perkins who is personally known to me to be the President of The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, described in the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the execution of the same to be his voluntary act and deed, and the voluntary act and deed of said Railroad Company.

IN WITNESS OF WHICH I hereto set my hand and affix my official seal at my office in the city of Boston, the day and year above written.
H. J. Ladd NOTARY PUBLIC.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, ss. On this 14th day of March A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty five
 County of Suffolk, City of Boston.
 before me H. J. Ladd a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned, personally came J. H. Denson who is personally known by me to be the President of the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Company in Nebraska, attorney as aforesaid for The New England Trust Company, described in the foregoing instrument as releaser, and acknowledged the execution of the same to be his voluntary act and deed, and the voluntary act and deed of said New England Trust Company.
 IN WITNESS OF WHICH I hereto set my hand and affix my official seal at my office in the city of Boston, the day and year above written.
H. J. Ladd NOTARY PUBLIC.