Missouri State Archives Newest Database

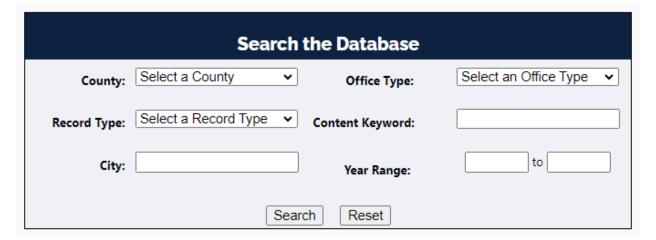## Christina Miller, Missouri State Archives

County and Municipal Record Database

https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/countyrecords/

Launched in May 2023, the County and Municipal Records database will be the home to digitized copies of Missouri State Archives microfilm from various local government offices. These are the records that won't be indexed (at least not anytime soon) to be added to one of our other name-based databases.

PDF copies of records will be available for researchers to browse. Records will be continually added as new records become available.

- As of July 1, 2023, there are 6,200+ entries from 91 counties

Browse by:

- **County**
- **Office Type:** Assessor, Chamber of Commerce, Circuit Court, City Clerk, Collector, County Clerk, Library District, Probate Court, Recorder of Deeds, School District, Surveyor
- **Record Type:** Annual Reports, Audits, Deed Books, Marriages, Minutes, Miscellaneous, Plats/Surveys, Probate Books, Court Books, Tax Books, Ordinances/Resolutions, School Records

- **Content Keyword:** Used for refining once you know specific keywords were used. The best example for using keywords is searching for "index" to find indexes separate from records volumes.
- **City**
- **Year Range**

Search Tips:

- There are only a handful of cities, so best to use once you know a city is there.
- Start by searching by county to get an idea of what is there for the county and then narrow down by record type if there are a lot of records.
- Tax books and county court minutes are the most common records because they have been the focus of projects the last few years.
- The *Description of Record Series* page (linked from the search and results pages) will provide more details about each type of record (Quitclaim v. Trust v. Warranty deed, etc.) - https://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/county/croll2

Results:

- Results default to the order the records were added to the database.
- You can select any of the column headers and the results will sort based on that column (useful to get volumes in order or date order). The contents field will work the best to get the same types of record sorted together in volume/date order.
- The image link column will allow you to open the actual record. Volumes have been split up when they are too large so that no pdf is larger than 50 MB. Some large volumes might have two entries because it needed to be split into many parts.
  - Parts may be labeled with page numbers, letter ranges, date ranges, or just part 1, etc, depending on how the records are organized.
- The Notes field will list any oddities about the record or try to explain the arrangement of the record when it's not obvious.

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