The Importance of Maintaining Historical Records

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Over time, records can be lost, damaged, misplaced or discarded either intentionally or unintentionally.

Each time, a portion of our history erodes away and vanishes...

Types of Land Records

- Road Records
 - Establishment, Right-of-Way widths, Vacating, Realignments
- Road Easements
- Road Plans
- Surveys/Survey Drawings
 - County Surveyor/County Engineer (1803 to present)
 - Private Surveys (1890s to present)
- Survey Notes
 - Field Books
 - Papers

Types of Land Records

- Plats/Drawings
 - Subdivision Plats
 - Recorders Plat Books
 - Auditors Plat Books
 - Surveyors Plat Books (County Engineer's Office)
- Tax Maps
- Maps
 - Snapshots in time
- Aerial Photographs
 - Snapshots in time
 - 1938 SCS Photos of every county in Ohio

Methods of Storing or Copying Records

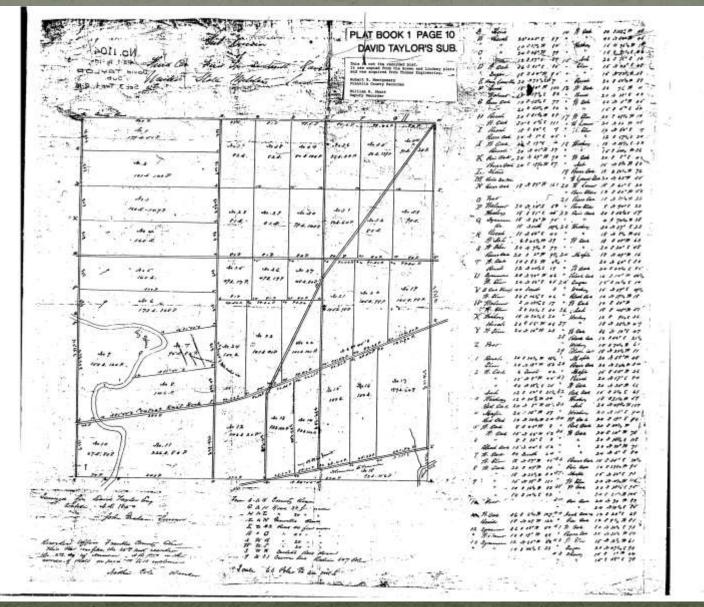
- Paper
 - Scribes/Monks hand copying
 - Paper Copying with machines (Xerox)
- Mylar
- Microfilm
- Photography (Film)
- Light sensitive paper
 - Diazo
 - Thermal
- Digital
 - Photography
 - Scanning technology

Examples Showing the Importance of Keeping Good Records

- State Line Monuments and Locations
 - East Side of Road versus West Side of Road
 - References to Road, Railroad or Fence lines
- Road versus Railroad which one first
- Dates of Recording which one first
- Survey Boundary Line being the Center of a Waterway
 - Waterway moved by flooding
 - Waterway moved over a long period of time
 - Waterway moved by man

We must realize as Makers, Users or Keepers of Land Records, we are the ones responsible for perpetuating what others will need in the future. Franklin County Recorders Plat Book 1, page 10 (original destroyed in fire January 31, 1879)

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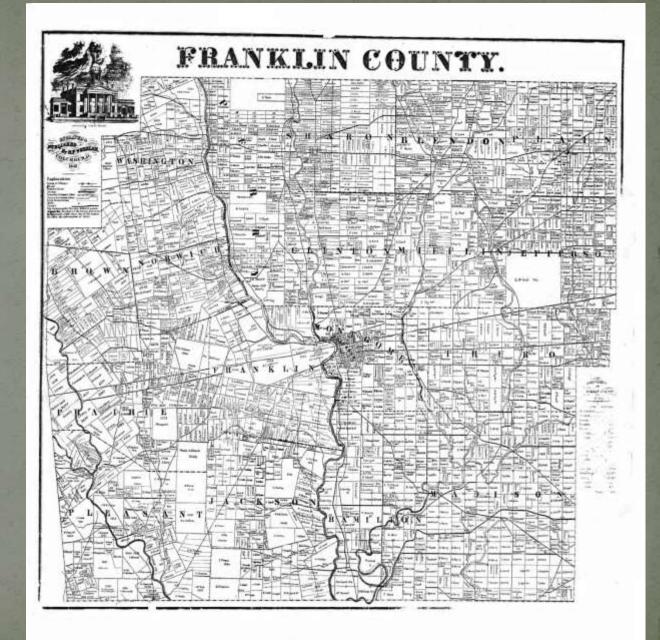
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• William Faden Map of 1793





1842 Franklin County Road and Property Map



1857 Ohio Railroad Map



1895 Franklin County Road and Property Map



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Types of Digital Storage

- Computer Hard Drives (PC and Main Frame)
- Flash Drive/Thumb Drive
- DVD
- CD
- 3 ½" Floppy Disk
- 5 1/4" Floppy Disk
- Tapes (various sizes)
 - For PCs and Main Frame Computers
- 8" Floppy Disk
 - Main Frame Computer

Remember, today is tomorrow's history!

Keep good records!

