

## Jackson County, Oregon Recorder's Office



The Recorder's Office is in the Annex behind 10 Oakdale. It faces Laurel Street, and a free parking lot is on the other side of the street.



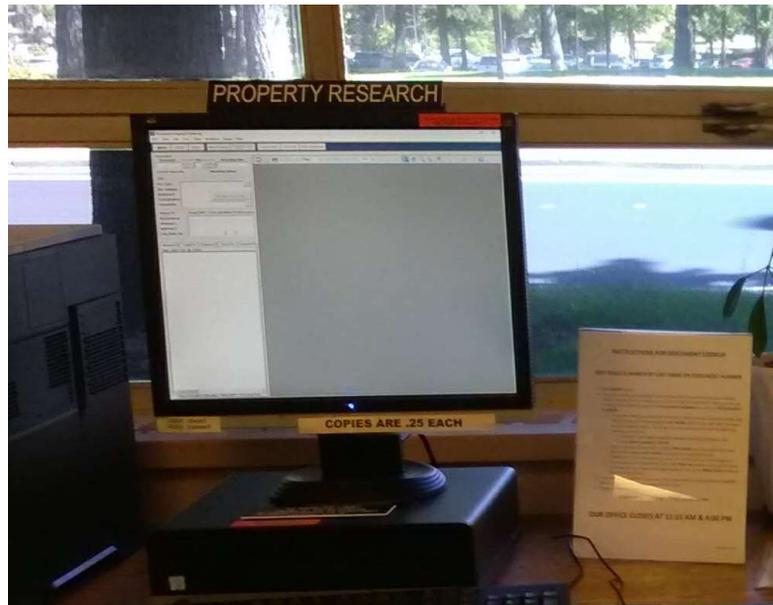
Home ownership after about 1950 may be traced online at <http://web.jacksoncounty.org/pdo/>  
This guide covers research for earlier deeds.

## Begin your search with your Deed Card

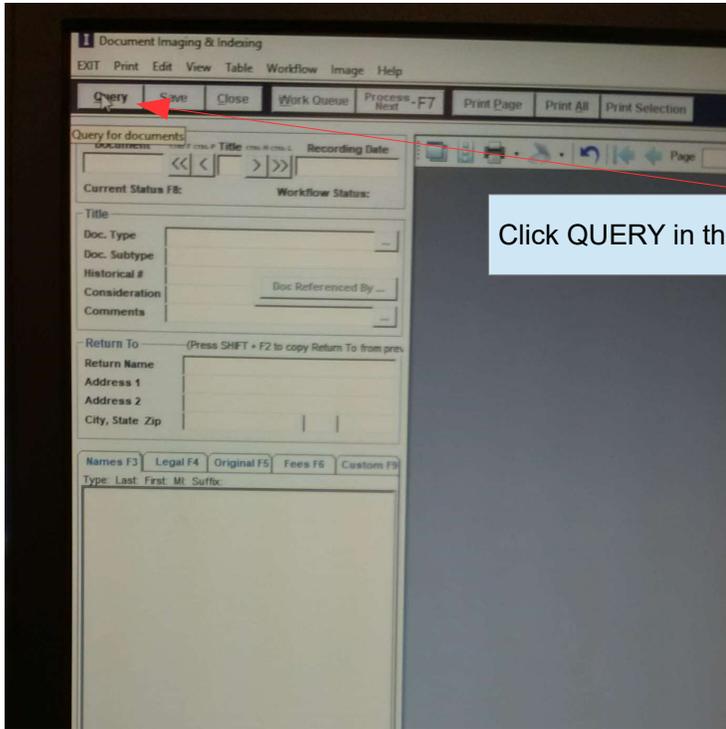
86-16-5		OFFICIAL RECORD OF		RF 1	35547-4	OPERTIES	549-1
ACCOUNT NUMBER		OFFICE OF COUNT		371W296CD6500 C4901		SON	CODE NUMBER
37 161 29 AC 6500						86-16	AERIAL PHOTO
SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	W.M.	MAP NO.			
5-3							
LOT	BLOCK	Ankeny Heights		Medford			
5		ADDITION		CITY			
TAX LOT NUMBER	NO.	NO.					
LEGAL DESCRIPTION		DEED RECORD		ACRES			
THIS INFORMATION FOR ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION PURPOSES ONLY.		YEAR	VOLUME	PAGE	REMAINING		
Edwards, Donald R. & Barbara L.		7-19	444	319			
		1957	JV 58-1895				
Bessonette, Jerry M. & Meredith G.		1959	469	95			
		JV 60-942					
Welsh, Elizabeth G		1962	532	370			
		JV 63-5181					
Griebler, Bruce R & Ann M		1963	554	334	VE		
		JV 61-6006					
Griebler, Ann M (LE) & Griebler, Sharon Ann		1963	554	334	VE		
		O.R. 83-01967					
		J.V. 83-02678					

Note the earliest volume and page. In this case: v444, p319

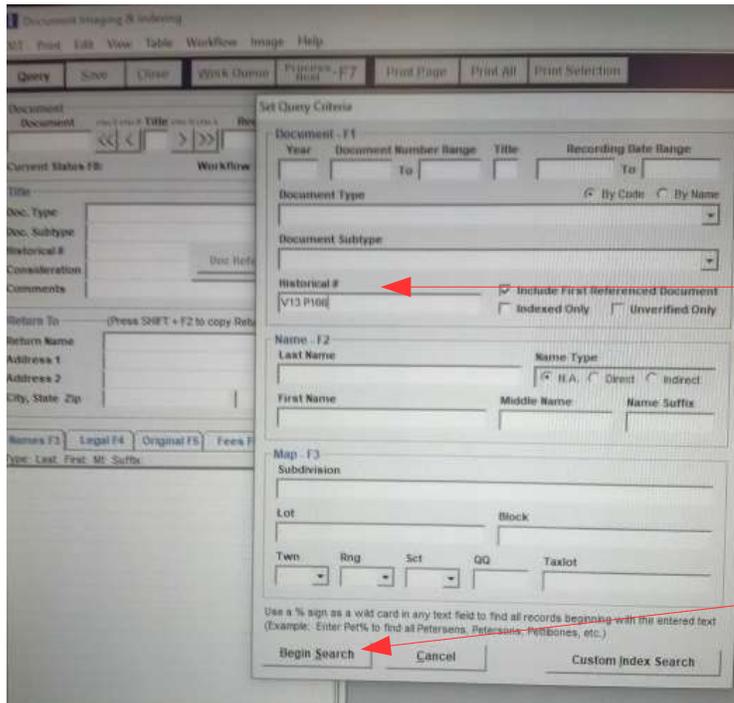
You could also search the other volumes and pages, but may not gain much more information from them



Use one of the Property Research computers to look up the deed information

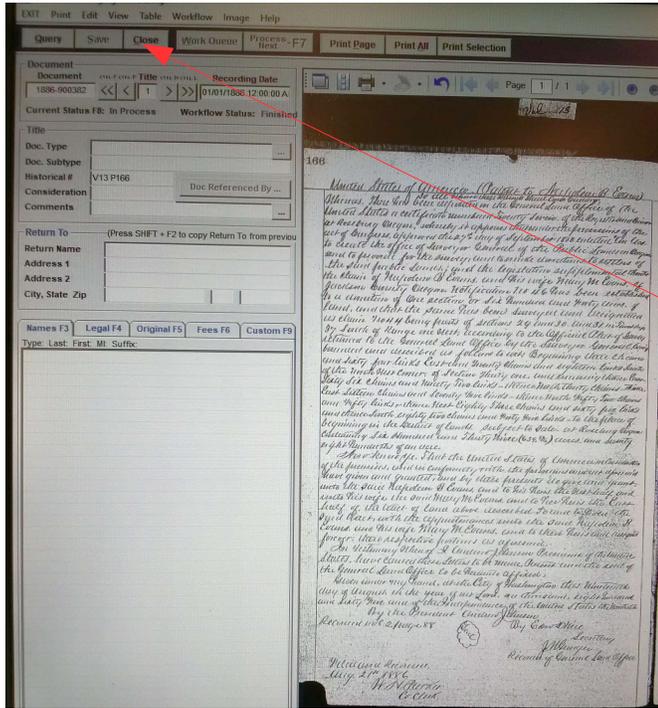


Click QUERY in the upper left corner



In the Historical Number field, enter: V## p#### (in this case, V13 P166)

Then click "Begin Search"



Older deeds are hard to read!  
You may want to print them out and pore over them later.

Use the Close option to move onto the next document

## Next Step, the Deed Indexes



Use the Index to Deeds Indirect to discover who your last known owner purchased the property from. You are looking up your last owner as the Grantee.

The oldest volumes cover recorded deeds through 1908



Look for the volume and page number for each transaction that seems relevant

Year	Grantor	Grantee	Quarter	Book	Page
1899	Napoleon B	United States		2	262
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Note the Book number (same as volume number) and page number, then look them up on a Property Research computer. Repeat the process for previous owners until you have the chain of title for your home completed.

**CROSSROADS:** Once you have traced your home to its original owners, you could switch focus, or track the property's history

## Switch Focus

- Search for information on the previous home owners
- Explore building permits for your home
- Determine if others, such as renters, lived in the home

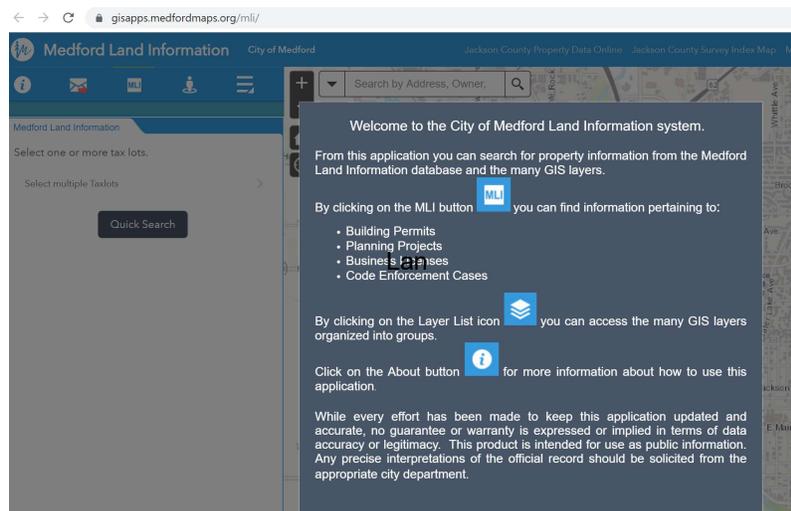
## Keep Searching

- Explore what is known about indigenous people in the area and their land use
- Determine first settlers on the property
- Work forward from the first settler to determine how land was divided and sold (this is hard!) The Research Guide on the homehist.com home page has hints

## MEDFORD BUILDING PERMITS

Begin with the Medford Land Information map

<https://gisapps.medfordmaps.org/mli/>



The screenshot shows the Medford Land Information website interface. On the left, a sidebar lists property details for Maplot 371W29BC6500. The main area displays a map of Eastwood Dr with a highlighted property parcel. A pop-up window provides specific information for 63 Eastwood Dr.

Property Details	Value
Maplot:	371W29BC6500
Acres:	0.27
Lot Sq Ft:	11761.2
Year Built:	1951
Improvement Value:	\$80,890.00
Land Value:	\$195,130.00
Owner Address:	63 EASTWOOD DR MEDFORD, OR 97504
Tax Code:	4901
In City?:	
Zoning:	SFR-4
Zoning Overlays:	A-C
Zoning Admin Mapping:	
Comprehensive Plan:	UR
Comp Plan Overlay:	
Ward:	4
Fire District:	MED
Building Permits:	<a href="#">BP07-02554</a> <a href="#">BP10-01741</a> <a href="#">BP15-01918</a>

On this page, you may access building permits issued after 1961. Searching for earlier permits requires going through ledgers year by year. The staff may ask you to make an appointment for this process. (in other cities, contact the Building or Planning Department)

## Learn More about Previous Home Owners

The screenshot shows the SOHS website with a navigation menu. The menu includes options like 'About Us', 'Collections', 'SOHS Events', 'Library', 'Research', and 'Exhibits'. A dropdown menu is open under 'Research', listing various resources such as 'Online Catalog', 'Mega Index', 'Photos Index', 'Address Index', 'Eugene Bennett Archives', 'Frank Clark Inventory', 'Post Offices', 'Film List', and 'Search Other Sites'. Red arrows point from text annotations to the 'Mega Index', 'Photos Index', and 'Address Index' items.

The Mega Index and Photos Index may include references to your previous home owners.

The SOHS Address Index is an important resource that includes indexing for the historical surveys done in Jackson County, plus SOHS files

## SOHS and Public Libraries have city directories that can help you determine if your homeowners lived on the property, or renters lived there

### [Polk's Medford and Ashland city directory: including Jackson County residents, 1939 -](#)

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Record Type: Library

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## Newspapers are essential sources



**Southern Oregon History,  
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# Focus on Property History

Many deeds refer to Donation Land Claims and Land Patents.

View the original surveys: <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx>

Enter state, county, name if you know it, township, range if you have that information

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR *PRIVATE CLAIMS*  
**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT** General Land Office Records

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Patents

Note: An *Italic* entry denotes data that has not been indexed against the land patent document, and has no image.

Image	Accession	Names	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #	County
---	<i>ORRAA 004083</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> EVANS, MARY M. <input type="checkbox"/> EVANS, NAPOLEON B	8/19/1865	27	OR	Willamette	037S - 001W		29	Jackson
							037S - 001W		30	Jackson
							037S - 001W		31	Jackson

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Names On Document		Miscellaneous Information					
<input type="checkbox"/> EVANS, MARY M.		Land Office:	Roseburg				
<input type="checkbox"/> EVANS, NAPOLEON B		US Reservations:	No				
		Mineral Reservations:	No				
		Tribes:	---				
		Militia:	---				
		State In Favor Of:	---				
		Authority:	September 27, 1850: Oregon-Donation Act (grant) (99 Stat. 496)				
		General Remarks:	---				
Military Rank:	---						
Document Numbers		Survey Information					
Document Nr:	27	Total Acres:	639.78				
Misc. Doc. Nr:	---	Survey Date:	---				
BLM Serial Nr:	ORRAA 004083	Geographic Name:	---				
Indian Allot. Nr:	---	Metes/Bounds:	No				
Coal Entry. Nr:	---						
Land Descriptions							
Map	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Section	Survey #	County
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OR	Willamette	037S - 001W		29	44	Jackson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OR	Willamette	037S - 001W		30	44	Jackson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OR	Willamette	037S - 001W		31	44	Jackson

## Determine your township and range, then search the Surveys section

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 Surveys  
 LSR  
 CDI  
 Tract Books

Search

Location

State: OREGON  
 County: Any County

Land Description

Township: 37 / South  
 Range: 1 / West  
 Meridian: Any Meridian

Miscellaneous

Survey Type: Any Survey Type Contract/Group Nr: Survey Nr:  
 Surveyor: Any Surveyor Approved Date: to

**Search Surveys**

*Note: This site does not cover every state. We do have [resource links](#), though, for most states.*

**To search for surveys**

1. Start by selecting the state.
2. **You do not have to fill in all fields**, but provide *at least* one additional field.
3. Click the **Search Surveys** button.
4. You will be switched to the "Search Results" page.

You can get a brief description of what each field means by hovering your mouse over it. You can get more detailed information by checking the [Glossary](#) in the Reference Center. For more tips and help, check out our [Survey Search Overview](#).

## View the 1855 and the 1858 Surveys

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Survey	Approved / Accepted	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Boundaries / Subdivisional	County	Field Notes
<a href="#">Original Survey</a>	1/16/1855	OR	Williamette	037.0S - 001.0W	---	Jackson	<a href="#">Plot Image</a>
<a href="#">Original Survey</a>	4/12/1858	OR	Williamette	037.0S - 001.0W	---	Jackson	<a href="#">Plot Image</a>
<a href="#">Diagram</a>	3/30/1863, 6/12/1865	OR	Williamette	037.0S - 001.0W	---	Jackson	<a href="#">Plot Image</a>
<a href="#">Dependent Resurvey and Subdivision of Sections</a>	11/9/2006	OR	Williamette	037.0S - 001.0W	---	Jackson	<a href="#">Plot Image</a>
<a href="#">Original Survey</a>	3/28/2008	OR	Williamette	037.0S - 001.0W	---	Jackson	<a href="#">Plot Image</a>

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# View DLC outlines on a modern map?

- Jackson County Survey map:  
<http://jacksoncountyor.org/surveyor/Survey-Index-Map>



**JACKSON COUNTY Surveyor**

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE  
Jackson County Courthouse  
10 South Oakdale, Room 318  
Medford, Oregon 97501  
(541) 774-6191

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### Survey Index Map

This index map is only provided by the Jackson County Surveyors office to assist in locating recorded county surveys. For questions or comments regarding the completeness or functionality of this map, please contact the Jackson County Surveyor's office at [541-774-6191](tel:541-774-6191).

**Getting Started**

**Basemaps:** You can choose a basemap in the upper right hand corner of the map or keep the default topographic map.

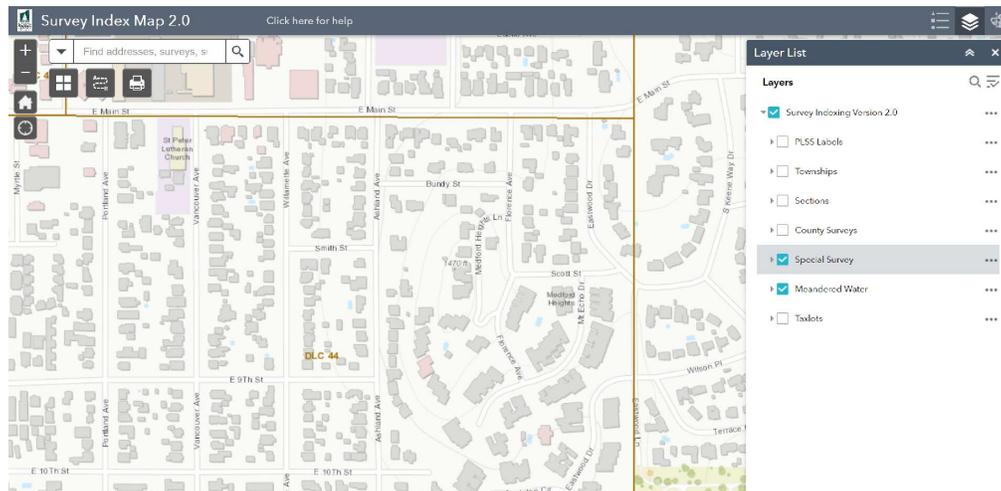
**Zooming and Panning:** There are various ways to zoom. With the mouse wheel, scroll up to zoom in and scroll down to zoom out. Hold shift, click, and drag will create a zoom box. Double click. Use the zoom tools in the upper left hand side. You can similarly pan through the map using the mouse by clicking and dragging, or by using the tools in the upper left hand side.

[Launch Interactive Map](#)  
*NOTE: Opens in a new window*

## Open the map, then limit the layers



The brown outlines are Donation Land Claim boundaries. Zoom out to view the complete outline, zoom in to view the DLC number.



Survey Index Map 2.0 [Click here for help](#)

Find addresses, surveys, s

Layer List

- Survey Indexing Version 2.0
- PLSS Labels
- Townships
- Sections
- County Surveys
- Special Survey
- Meandered Water
- Taxlots

To look up a Donation Land Claim by its number, email or visit the Southern Oregon Historical Society Library and request the Donation Land Claim book (929 G45 1962 ). This will provide the name(s) of the grantees and sometimes provide details about them.