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# CLERK'S CLIPS



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Dear Friends,

In conjunction with Tax Assessor Gerald Barber, our office is proud to test an exciting new land record search tool which can be accessed through the online landroll on the county's website. This tool labeled "Search by Legal Description," enables a researcher to view all subdivisional index entries (and the instruments they represent) associated with a particular parcel number with a single click of the mouse. To use the new feature, go to the county webpage and access either the Tax Assessor's "Landroll Express Search" or our office's "Search Tax Rolls" feature and reach the land roll entry for a particular parcel using any of the search options offered. When you click "more," the "Property Parcel Details" screen appears. As a part of this screen and in addition to the "View Deed" feature, you will see the "Search by Legal Description" feature. By clicking there, the computer queries the landroll looking first of all for a subdivision code and lot number for that parcel. If it finds a subdivision code and lot number, it instantly queries the subdivisional index in the Chancery Clerk's webpage ("Search Land Records") using that code and lot number and produces a list of all transactions since 1988 (or since the inception of the subdivision if it was platted later than 1988) involving that lot. If it does not find a subdivision code and lot number, then it defaults to section, township and range and queries the sectional index using those fields and produces a similar (though much larger and less useful) result. Beware that this new feature is not designed as a shorthand way to perform a title search, and be further advised that a parcel number which covers more than one lot in a subdivision or which covers property in more than one section will not produce a complete list of applicable transactions. In addition, the data used to query the respective land record indices (the subdivision code and lot number or the section, township and range) is data retrieved from the landroll itself and may not be reliable. There are other limitations as well which will be detailed in the disclaimer section of the webpage. This new feature is not a substitute for an examination of title by a professional; rather, it is simply provided as a quick way to access more information about a property. We hope you find it useful.

Best Regards!

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Mrs. Cynthia Parker has worked with Madison County for the past 13 years. She presently serves as Deputy Chancery Clerk, Secretary to the Madison County Board of Supervisors and Assistant Purchase Clerk. In her many years of working for the county, she has always enjoyed assisting and working with the public. Cynthia is married to Barry Parker, also an employee of Madison County. She and Barry have three children, Melissa, Kate and Rob. Cynthia enjoys Nascar, camping, and spending time with her family. She and Barry are members of the First Baptist Church in Canton.



### COURT CORNER:

A detailed handout of the Policies adopted by the Chancellors of the Eleventh Chancery Court District, Judge Goree and Judge Brewer, is available in our office. These policies include scheduling of Ex Parte Matters, Docket Settings, Allocation of Cases, Trial and Hearing Dates, Judge's Court Administrators, Chancery Clerk's Authority on Admitting Wills to Probate and Rule 81 Matters, Preparation and Submission of Judgments, Law Clerks, and Parenting Classes. Call or come in and see Lakisha Jones or Kim Sievers to obtain a copy of this handout.