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CLERK'S CLIPS



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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to announce that Phase 4 of our "backscannig" project has been completed. This means that images of all deeds and deeds of trust filed from June of 1988 until the present are now available for viewing, downloading and printing on our webpage – www.madison-co.com/chanceryclerk. They are also available on the public use terminals in our office. In addition, images accessed online will contain redacted social security numbers. On the older records, marginal notations may appear both on the face of the image and as an attachment to it. Do not be alarmed by these "double" marginals. We would rather have slight duplications than omissions. A big "thank you" to our contractor LMI Technologies and U.S. Networx, Inc., our web host. These two firms have worked hard to make this dream a reality.

Longtime Deputy Chancery Clerk Shirley Cole is our featured employee this quarter. I am glad we sweet-talked her into coming back to work when I took office in 2004. She is within a month or two of completing a quality control review of every instrument filed during the troublesome years of 2002 and 2003 and correcting indexing errors. Her leadership and hard work have helped make our office an example of how to do it right. If you get the chance, please let Mrs. Shirley know how much her service has meant.

Best regards!



FEATURED STAFF MEMBER:

Mrs. Shirley Cole re-joined our staff in 2004 as Deputy Chancery Clerk and Director of Land Records after a brief two-year retirement. Prior to her departure in 2002, she had worked as a Deputy Chancery Clerk since 1984 when Mr. Billy Cooper held the office. She is married to Mr. Nathan Cole, a longtime employee of Mississippi Valley Title Insurance Company. She has two grown children, Kevin and Lisa, and a total of four grandchildren. Asked what she enjoys most about her work, Mrs. Shirley responded that she likes the knowledge she has gained by her employment and the friendships she has made over the years assisting people. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking and looking after the grand kids. She and Nathan are members of First Baptist Church of Canton.



- Our office newsletters are distributed each month with our outgoing mail. If you would like to receive a copy on a regular basis by e-mail, contact our office at chanceryclerk@madison-co.com.

- All county offices will be closed on November 13, in observance of Veteran's Day and on November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving holidays.

- Come see us on the Square in Canton. We always have a cup of coffee waiting.



Court Corner:

- This week, our office has mailed stale case notices and "accounting due" reminders. If you receive one, please respond promptly.

- We anticipate a formal docket call of all open chancery cases during the first few weeks of the new year. Be on the lookout for notices to this effect.

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