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Deeds and Easements, 1836-

Abstract: Deeds and easements (1836-2024) filed with Commissions in the Office of Secretary of State, including abstracts of title, annexations, cessations, declarations of trust, leases, option contracts, quitclaims, rights of way, and vacancies that involve public lands of Missouri.

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Arrangement: Chronologically by year of date filed (if known) and thereunder alphabetically by folder and chronologically within folders

Scope and Content

This series includes only those land transactions filed with the Commissions division of the Office of Secretary of State and that involve public lands in Missouri, as opposed to private lands of individuals. Other public land deeds, including swamp, seminary, and Jefferson City lots sold to the public, are found in the Land Office records. State park deeds are generally filed under the Department of Conservation records, although a few are found here.

Most of the deeds in this series are purchases for public institutions or are selling off state land at the direction of the General Assembly. Easements are usually granted for roads and utilities near public facilities. A number of the deeds from 1938-1941 deal with armories established for the Missouri National Guard. In other cases, it is not always apparent from the deed what the land was to be for, though it can be assumed that, for instance, the inlots around the state capitol in Jefferson City in 1912 were to enlarge the capitol grounds after the fire of 1911.

Many of the early deeds and easements are in individual folders because of voluminous abstracts of title. Starting in 1974, several smaller deeds and easements are foldered together. Generally there is only one folder per year. Because land is rarely identified with a state building or entity in later accessions, the description lists only the grantee when the state is the grantor or the grantor when the state is grantee.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
OB1	1	1836	Missouri State Penitentiary
1	1	1851	Deaf and Dumb Asylum (Plat and Certificate of Survey)
1	2	1855	Missouri Institute for the Education of the Blind (Declaration of Trust, Amendment)
1	3	1861-1871	Masonic College at Lexington (Deeds and Letter)
1	4	1871	Alley in City of Jefferson (Copy of Deed)
1	5	1872	Normal School, Johnson County (Deed of Release)
1	6	1872	Northwestern Missouri Lunatic Asylum (Letters of Transmittal)

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1	7	1897	Confederate Home of Missouri at Higginsville (Deed and Resolution of Board)
1	8	1897	Woman's Relief Corps Soldiers' Home aka Federal Soldiers' Home at St. James (Copy of Deed)
1	9	1911	Various Inlots, City of Jefferson (Option Contracts)
1	10	1912	Part of Inlots No. 67 and 68, City of Jefferson (Abstract of Title)
1	11	1912	Part of Inlot No. 70, City of Jefferson (Abstract of Title)
1	12	1912	Part of Inlot No. 71, City of Jefferson (Abstract of Title)
1	13	1912	Part of Inlot No. 72, City of Jefferson (Abstract of Title)
1	14-18	1912	Part of Inlots No. 319 and 320, City of Jefferson (Abstracts of Title)
1	19-20	1912	Part of Inlot No. 321, City of Jefferson (Abstract of Title)
1	21-23	1912	Part of Inlot No. 322, City of Jefferson (Abstracts of Title)
2	1-5	1912	Part of Inlot No. 327, City of Jefferson (Abstracts of Title, Deed of Trust)
2	6	1912	Various Alleys and Streets, City of Jefferson (Ordinance)
2	7	1912	Various Inlots, City of Jefferson (General Warranty and Quitclaim Deeds)
2	8	1912-1913	State Industrial Home for Negro Girls (Warranty Deed, Correspondence, Abstract of Title, Attorney General's Opinion)
2	9	1913	Part of Inlot No. 381, City of Jefferson (Abstract of Title)
2	10	1917	Part of Inlot No. 452, City of Jefferson (Abstract of Title)
2	11	1918	Part of Inlot No. 381, City of Jefferson (House Lease)
2	12	1921	State Capitol Grounds (Letter of Transmittal, Certificate of Notary Public, Quitclaim)

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2	13	1921-1922	State Fair Grounds (Envelope, Note, and Warranty Deeds)
2	14	1923	Burial Site for Judge George Tompkins and family in Riverview Cemetery, Jefferson City, Cole County (Correspondence and Deed)
2	15	1923	Strawberry Hill Farm, Marion County (Acceptance of Land Devised, Conveyance of Right-of-Way)
2	16	1929	List of State Park Purchases in 1928
2	17	1930	Ewing Farm, Cole County (Abstract of Title)
2	18-20	1930	Old Post Office, Jefferson City (Correspondence, Quitclaim, Abstract of Title, Title Papers, Blueprints)
3	1	1930-1968	Algoa Reformatory (Warranty Deed, Quitclaim, Abstract of Title)
3	2	1934	Lincoln University (Copies of Deeds)
3	3	1937	Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park (Deed of Conveyance, Copy of Deed of Trust)
3	4	1937	Part of Inlot No. 82 in the City of Jefferson (Guardian's Deed, General Warranty Deed, Abstract of Title)
3	5	1937	Part of Inlots No. 82 and 83 in the City of Jefferson (General Warranty Deed, Tax Receipts, Abstract of Title)
3	6-8	1937	Part of Inlot No. 83 in the City of Jefferson (General Warranty Deeds, Abstracts of Title)
3	9-11	1937	Part of Inlot No. 90 in the City of Jefferson (General Warranty Deeds, Tax Receipts, Abstracts of Title)
4	1-3	1937	Part of Inlot No. 90 (Continued from above)
4	4	1937	Inlot No. 91, City of Jefferson (General Warranty Deed, Abstract of Title)
4	5	1937	Part of Inlot No. 452 in the City of Jefferson (Abstract of Title)
4	6	1937	Part of Inlot No. 453 in the City of Jefferson (Letter of Transmittal, Abstract of Title)
4	7	1938	National Guard Armory, Chillicothe, Livingston County (Abstract of Title, Deed)

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4	8	1938	National Guard Armory, Columbia, Boone County (Abstract of Title, Deed)
4	9	1938	National Guard Armory, Doniphan, Ripley County (Abstract of Title, Deed, Correspondence)
4	10	1938	National Guard Armory, Kennett, Dunklin County (Abstract of Title, Deed)
5	1	1938	National Guard Armory, Kirksville, Adair County (Abstract of Title, Deed)
5	2	1938	National Guard Armory, Monett, Barry County (Abstract of Title, Deed)
5	3	1938	National Guard Armory, Neosho, Newton County (Abstract of Title, Deed)
5	4	1938	National Guard Armory, Sikeston, Scott County (Abstract of Title, Deed)
5	5	1938	National Guard Armory, Warrensburg Johnson County (Abstract of Title, Deed)
5	6	1938	State Cancer Commission (Abstract of Title)
5	7	1939	National Guard Armory, Festus, Jefferson County (Abstract of Title, Deed)
5	8	1939	National Guard Armory, Hannibal, Marion County (Abstract of Title, Deed)
5	9	1939	Woman's Community Improvement Club of Poplar Bluff (Abstract of Title)
5	10	1940	Church Farm, Sections 18 and 19, Township 45, Range 12, Cole County (Abstract of Title)
6	1	1940	National Guard Armory, Albany, Gentry County (Abstract of title, deed)
6	2	1940	National Guard Armory, Charleston, Mississippi County (Abstract of Title, Deed)
6	3	1940	National Guard Armory, Dexter, Stoddard County (Abstract of Title, Deeds)
6	4-5	1940	National Guard Armory, Pierce, Lawrence County (General Warranty Deeds, Abstracts of Title)
6	6	1941	City of Aurora, Lawrence County (Abstract of Title)

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6	7	1941	McClung Park, City of Jefferson, Cole County, exchange of four inlots for park (Abstract of Title, Ordinance 4422, Ordinance 4423)
6	8	1941	National Guard Armory, Caruthersville, Pemiscot County (Certificate from District Court, Abstract of Title, Deed)
6	9	1941	National Guard Armory, Fayette, Howard County (Deed, Abstract of Title)
7	1	1943	Arrow Rock Park (Receipt of State Park Board)
7	2	1949	Land for Cancer Hospital, Boone County (Copy of House Bill, Patent)
7	3	1957-1963	Department of Corrections, Moberly, Randolph County (General Warranty Deeds, Abstract of Title, Options)
7	4	1961	Conservation Commission, South of Osage River (Patent from Bureau of Land Management)
7	5	1962	Fordland Honor Camp (Quitclaim)
7	6	1962	Missouri State Penitentiary for Men, Webster County (Warranty Deed, Abstract of Title)
7	7	1963	Rolling Hills Regional Library (Lease)
7	8	1964	Inlots No. 191 and 192, City of Jefferson, for Missouri State Penitentiary (Abstract of Title, Deeds)
7	9	1965	Board of Training Schools, Girl Scouts, Cole County (Envelope and Deed)
7	10	1968	William Loyd Musick Farm to the Department of Corrections (Contract for Sale)
7	11	1971	Knob Noster State Park, formerly Montserrat Recreational Demonstration Area (Correspondence from State Park Board and copies of 1942 quitclaim)
7	12	1971	Maximum Security Site at Steele (Letter of Transmittal, Quitclaim, Easement)
7	13	1974	United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Missouri (2); City of Boonville; St. Louis Union Trust Company

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7	14	1974	Prison Lagoon Site, Randolph County (Letter of Transmittal, Warranty Deeds, and Abstract of Title)
7	15	1975	Town of Carrollton; US Army Corps of Engineers
7	16	1976	US Army Reserve Center, Farmington; City of Sikeston; City of Nevada; City of Mount Vernon
7	17	1977	Concurrent jurisdiction: Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, Springfield National Cemetery, Jefferson City National Cemetery, and Union Cemetery Confederate Monument Site and Veterans Administration Hospitals at St. Louis, Kansas City and Poplar Bluff
7	18	1978	City of Mountain Grove; North Kansas City Levee District
7	19	1979	Missouri Edison Company; Morris and Wilma King; John Robert and Sandra J. Owen; United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Missouri, Inc.; City of Springfield; Missouri Power and Light Company; Fort Leonard Wood Military Reservation
7	20	1979	Mt. Vernon, Lawrence County, Section 25, Township 28, Range 27 (Petition requesting annexation)
7	21	1980	James P. Anstey; John J. Noecker (2); Thomas J. Mangogna; Marvin D. and Jessie L. Mitchell; Emmitt L. and Betty J. O'Neal; Lemmie L. Rose, John Douglas, and Clinton Bartley; St. Joseph School District (2); City of St. Joseph; Carl David Jackson; County of El Paso, Texas; Robert D. and Mildred McCoy (2); Lois E. Hooks and Doris Ellen McCain; Lloyd C. and Lilla Parks; Morris and Wilma King; Housing Authority of the City of Jefferson (4); Hogan Street Youth Center; City of Boonville; Ace Athletic Club of Kansas City, Inc.; Phil Roberts; SFC Homes, Inc.; Ozark Steel Fabricators, Inc.; C. M. Comte; Loren D. and Shirley J. Mitchell; City of Farmington; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company

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7	22	1981	Kaysinger Oil Company; Bartus P. and Evelyn L. Nickels (2); Missouri Utilities Company; City of Poplar Bluff; City of Springfield; City of Fulton; Union Electric Company; City of Nevada; County of Livingston
7		1982	City of St. Louis; Cathie Kirk; Gingerbread House; George W. and Hilda L. Mitchell; City of Boonville
7	23	1983	Earl E. and Cheryl L. Dickenson; Department of Natural Resources; City of Springfield; Housing Authority of the City of Jefferson (5); Curators of the University of Missouri (2); City of Mountain Grove
7	24	1983-1986	Meramec Park Lake Project (Quitclaims)
8	1	1983-1986	Meramec Park Lake Project (Continued)
8	2	1984	Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi Counties Cerebral Palsy Affiliate; Conservation Commission (2); Department of Natural Resources; City of Mt. Vernon; Union Electric Company; Curators of the University of Missouri
8	3	1985	County of Pettis; City of Kennett; County of St. Louis; Highway and Transportation Commission; Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens, Inc.; Central Dairy Company; City of Fulton; Union Electric Company; John and Bertha Hooper
8	4	1986	City of Farmington; Greene County Association for Retarded Children (2); City of St. Peters; Roth's Properties (2); Uniticorp United, Inc.; Kansas City Power & Light; May Wilson; Housing Authority of the City of Jefferson; Ray County Memorial Park Association; County of St. Louis; Audie and Jewell Bradshaw

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8	5	1987	Jerry Dean Smith and Barbara Ann Smith; Inlots in City of Jefferson; Sterling Lacquer Manufacturing Company; City of St. James; Union Electric Company; City of Cameron; N. W. Electric Power Cooperative, Farmers Electric Cooperative, Northwest Electric Cooperative, and Platte City Electric Cooperative; American National Red Cross; Utili Corp United Kansas City Power and Light Company; N. W. Electric Power Cooperative
8	6	1988	County of Callaway; Various Utilities at State Facilities; City of Poplar Bluff; Union Electric Company; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; City of Cape Girardeau; Inlots in City of Jefferson; Union Electric Company; St. Louis Sewer District; City of Marshall; County of St. Louis; Kansas City Power and Light Company; Callaway County; City of Cape Girardeau
8	7	1989	Union Electric Company; Sterling Lacquer Manufacturing Company; United Telephone Company of Missouri; Chariton Valley Association for the Handicapped Citizens; Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission; Laclede Gas Company; City of Independence; Douglas A. and Anne Dorris; City of Potosi; Economic Opportunity Corporation of Greater St. Joseph; City of Farmington; Board of Regents of Southwest Missouri State University; Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission; Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District

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8	8	1990	Union Electric Company; City of Independence; Estate of Elmer H. Berg; United Telephone Company; St. Louis County Water Company; Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District; Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission; Missouri State Conservation Commission; Marion, Glen, Harold and Olen Ballard; Inlots in City of Jefferson; City of Fulton; United Cerebral Palsy of Buchanan County; Curators of the University of Missouri; Township of Washington; City of Ballwin; Roy Elvin Blackwell and Marjorie Lee Blackwell; Gilbert B. Ferguson and Claudetta M. Ferguson
8	9	1991	Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission; City of Fulton; Missouri State Highway and Transportation Commission; Department of Natural Resources; Union Electric Company; Ina M. Lindsey; City of Monett; St. Louis County Water District; City of Festus; City of Fulton; Kansas City Power and Light Company; Missouri Department of Natural Resources; Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission; Union Electric Company; Southwestern Bell Telephone; Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District
8	10	1992	City of Independence; Sho-Me Power Corporation; Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission; City of Nevada; Gingerbread House, Home for the Severely Handicapped; City of Mount Vernon; City of Aurora; Central Missouri State University; City of Nevada; Joshua Brown; Operation Impact Land Company; Hubert R. and Susan D. Maddox; William R. and Patrick M. Simpson; William F. and Bonnie F. Stubblefield; Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission; Union Electric Company
8	11	1993	Fred and Norma Hosenfelt; Bradford H. and Betty J. McKinney; Conservation Commission; Union Electric Company; Raymond H. Wilbers
8	12	1994	Arthur H. Young and Geneva Young; City of Maryville; Department of Natural Resources; MidAmerica Hotels; Union Electric Company

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8	13	1995	City of St. Louis; Missouri National Guard Association; Gary L. Headley and Vicky S. Headley; Mt. Vernon School District; City of Jefferson; John Werdehausen and Leona Werdehausen; Lloyd and Mary Ann Smart; James P. Keeven
8	14	1996	Calvin and Karen Travers; Board of Curators of University of Missouri; American Legion Post #416, Farmington; Edwin Kister; City of Columbia; Conservation Commission; Capitol City Sod Farms; Washington Fain Reser; Joseph V. Steer et al
8	15	1997	City of Vandalia; Southwestern Bell Telephone; City of Fulton; City of Rolla Public Works Department; Union Electric Company; St. Mary's Manor; City of Warrenton
8	16	1998	St. Louis Health Care Network; Union Electric Company; City of Poplar Bluff; City of Nevada; City of Springfield; Southwestern Bell Telephone; Clarence Cannon Water District; City of Nevada; City of St. Louis; John A. Hilton; Kansas City Power and Light Company
8	17	1999	YMCA of Greater St. Louis; Cole County Public Works Department; Fort Zumwalt R-II School District; Sprint; Public Water Supply District No. 1; City of Kansas City; City of Osage Beach; City of St. Peters; AmerenUE; County of Callaway
9	1	2000	Bryan L. and Dana N. Hodges; Missouri Gas Energy; Clyde de Jarnette; Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission; Laclede Gas Company; City of Nevada; UtiliCorp United; Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District; Sho-Me Power Electric Cooperative; Southwestern Bell Telephone; City of Jefferson; City of St. Louis; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Johnson County)

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9	2	2001	Missouri Public Service Company; Missouri Highways and Transportation (2); Eureka Fire Protection District; City of Kansas City; Governor Hotel; American Legion Post No. 416; City of Jefferson; City of Joplin; Optimist Club Foundation of Mexico, MO; AmerenUE; Southwestern Bell Telephone; City of Bonne Terre
9	3	2002	Missouri Gas Energy; Public Water Supply District #4 of Cole County; City of Springfield; Sprint; Macon Electric Cooperative; Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission
9	4	2003	Kansas City International Airport; Gingerbread House; City of Fulton; Habitat for Humanity of St. Francois; County Commission of Crawford County; Bishop LeBlond High School of St. Joseph; City of St. Joseph; City of Kansas City; City of Pacific; Missouri Gas Energy; Union Electric Company; City of Poplar Bluff; Pike Creek Common Sewer District; Laclede Gas Company; Rolla Municipal Utilities; ASAP Properties; Aquila, Inc.
9	5	2004	Habitat for Humanity of St. Francois County; City of Lebanon; Linda B. Twehous; City of Bellefontaine Neighbors; Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (2); City of Pierce; City of Salem (2); St. Joseph Museum, Inc.; City of Kansas City (15); Children's Mercy Hospital (2); City of Caruthersville; Aquila Utility Company; City of Sedalia; City of Boonville (2); City of Fulton (2); Sprint and AmerenUE (3); St. Joseph School District
9	6	2005	City of Neosho; City of St. Charles; AmerenUE; Missouri American Water Company; City of Fulton (3); City of Mount Vernon; County of Callaway; City of Kansas City (3); Truman Medical Center, Inc.; Regional West Fire District of Cole County; Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Macon County; Saint Louis University; United States of America; Land Reutilization Authority of the City of St. Louis; City of Charleston; Tristar Truss Manufacture; City of Hannibal

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9	7	2006	City of Jefferson; Southwestern Bell Telephone (2); Great Ozarks Association for Retarded Citizens; Irene E. Knernschield Trust; City of Dexter (2); Kansas City Power & Light Company (2); Farmington American Legion Post 416; Greater Missouri Builders, Inc.; Evangel University of the Assemblies of God; City of Bernie; BJC Health System
9	8	2007	Missouri American Water Company; Fred A. Granneman; Bugu Company LLC and Blue Investments LLC; Thomas S. Naught; St. Louis University; City of Park Hills; Gateway, Inc.; Bobby Rich LLC; White Oaks Real Estate Investments of Joplin LLC; Christopher and Michelle Currie; Girl Scouts – Heart of Missouri Council Inc.; City of Warrensburg; AmerenUE; Public Water Supply District No. 5 of Jefferson County; Poplar Bluff Municipal Utilities and City Cable; Stoddard County Common Sewer District Number 1
9	9	2008	Embarq Missouri, Inc; Public Water Supply District No. 7 of Jefferson County; City of Chillicothe; Manchester United Methodist Church of St. Louis County; Missouri State Penitentiary Redevelopment Commission
9	10	2009	City of Farmington; Missouri State Penitentiary Redevelopment Commission; City of Chillicothe; Curators of the University of Missouri; Kansas City Power and Light Company; City of Jefferson; Missouri State Highways and Transportation Commission (2); City of Boonville; Arc of the Ozarks (2); City of Springfield
9	11	2010	William S., Sandra K., Christopher C. and Lisa Blomberg of Macon County; City of Springfield; Sho-Me Technologies LLC; Pardalos Trusts; City of Cape Girardeau
9	12	2011	City of Cameron; Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission; City of Ballwin; Dianne E. Cook; City of Joplin; Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company, LP; City of Jefferson; Michael and Katherine Kelley

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9	13	2013	City of Boonville; City of Fulton; Keith and Jeff Kroner; Louisiana Farms LLC; Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission; John R. and Glen R. Stephens
9	14	2016	J.D. Twenter; City of Jefferson; F&F Development, LLC; FP Home I LLC; Energy Americas LLC; County of Pettis
10	1	2017	St. Louis Charter School; Derek McCubbin; Matthew A. and Susan C. Conger; City of St. Joseph; St. Louis County; Brandon Miller; Comprehensive Mental Health Services, Inc.; Moila Temple Association
10	2	2018	City of Marshall; Union Electric Company dba Ameren Missouri; David E. Summers; Steve and Glenda Pulley; Clemons Real Estate; City of Jefferson (2)
10	3	2019	City of Joplin; The LaunchCode Foundation; The 512 Investment Company, LLC; Missouri-American Water Company; City of Pacific; Spire Missouri, Inc.
10	4	2020	Ozark Border Electric Cooperative; Union Electric Company; Three Rivers Electric Cooperative; F&F Development, LLC; Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission
10	5	2021	City of Farmington (2); Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center; Amtrak Platform (near Jefferson Landing)
10	6	2022	City of Farmington
10	7	2023	Kirksville R-III School District; James Stafford; Jefferson Barracks Heritage Foundation, Inc.; Truman State University; Christopher McDonnell
10	8	2024	Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission; Freedom Living St. Louis, LLC