

Hamilton County Deed Index Three, 1836-1845

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Our volunteers have transcribed 90% of the original handwritten Deed Index Three that covers many deed books between 58 and 99. Images of these books can now be seen on the Recorder's Office website <http://www.recordersoffice.hamilton-co.org/>. See page 19 of the March 2017 *Tracer* for information on how to access the deeds. By July 2017, the 11,000 names in index three will be on our website at: <http://www.hcgsohio.org/cpage.php?pt=147>. To illustrate what the index will look like, refer to the opposite page, which contains a random sample of entries showing the variety of records, buyers, and sellers.

Spelling

This was a time of rapid growth for Cincinnati. Immigrants from Germany, Ireland, Italy and other European countries came here to escape the potato famine or political turmoil. The attorneys and clerks were dealing with unfamiliar names and accents as they recorded information, so it is not surprising that name spelling became a guess from what was heard or seen of non-English handwriting. The concept of standard spelling was new in the 1840's after Noah Webster created the first extensive English dictionary. Review of the index transcriptions for questionable spelling shows that the number misspelled increases greatly over indexes 4 through 8. Fortunately, I can now view the actual documents online and make corrections.

Where the surname is spelled differently in only two places, each is separated by a slash. See Darusmont /Darrusmont in the index example (line 8). Deed book 99, page 478, contains an extreme example. The clerk wrote "John Ream" in the first line that contains the seller name, document type and buyer names. The deed was copied, verbatim, below the first line. In the third line is "... between John Remer and Margaret his wife ...", the spelling "Remer" being repeated throughout the deed. And last, the signatures, again copied exactly as written, are "Johannes Rim" and "Marget Ream." You need to look for these three spellings and others, to find all documents by John and Margaret. For this case and others like it, I will add additional entries in

the index.

Other Index Fields

Researchers should note that where there is only the buyer's surname and no other information for some records in our index, the seller's name and other information *is* in the original index. This is only because we do not have the time to verify all 11,000 documents. Perhaps after all the early indexes are transcribed, we might go back and fill in more names. But for now, only if there are obvious errors by the original indexers, will I take the time to correct them. There is still the chance that the spelling error is a valid name, so be sure to check for surname spelling differences that you have seen before.

- Names: For all documents I review for spelling, I extract additional information and extend all abbreviations and initials in the original index.
- Record Type: All document types were written into the deed books until the 1850's. Some index entries have the type, some do not. In the original and our index, if the type is blank, that means the record is a deed. For those I review, I enter the type from the deed books.
- Surname columns: If there are three or more adjacent deeds for the same person in the same book, the number is entered after the surname in the first column as in "Dayton (4 deeds)" with a page number range such as 282 -284. Two surnames with "&" in between could represent a partnership, two investors or two relatives involved in an estate settlement. I have added first names when there is room to further identify each party. See Folger, Seth W. & Stone, Elisha in the example (mid page).
- Grantor (Seller): If there is enough space, I enter the seller names, including the wife or estate sales indicated by "heirs of," "per admr.," or "per exec."

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John Ream Deed Adam Redinbo
This Indenture made this 2nd day of January in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven
between John Remer and Margaret his wife of the County

Johannes Rim Seal
Marget Ream Seal

Hamilton County Recorder's Office, Deed Books 58 through 99

Grantee (Buyer)		Record Type	Deed Book	page	Grantor (Seller)		Date recorded or estimate
Last name	First name(s)				Last name	First name(s)	
Groesbeck	Jno. F		58	2			Apr-Dec 1836
Foote	John P.		58	6	Lawler	Davis B.	Apr-Dec 1836
Carter	Thomas		58	11	Reynolds	Benj. B. & Julia A.	Apr 19 1836
De Witt	Garret & H.		58	12	Young	Wm. & Sarah A. L.	Apr 19 1836
Shakers of Whitewater Dry Fork			58	97	Atherton	Aaron & Margaret	May 18 1836
Cassilley	Michael P.	per Grdn.	58	104	Ormsbey	Oliver H.	May 25 1836
Huffman (10 deeds)	Allen	per Shr.	58	113	Huffman	Robt. Heirs of	Apr-Dec 1836
Darusmont/Darrusmont	William P.	asst lease	58	421	Warren	Josiah	Sep 10 1836
Greenham, Joseph & Phillips, Richard			58	512	Baker	Melenne	Apr-Dec 1836
Disciples of Christ Ch. Trustees			58	521	Clark	Jeremiah M.	Apr-Dec 1836
Geddess (5 deeds)	Sarah Ann		58	632	Page	Benjamin, heirs of	Dec 5 1836
Geddess	Sarah Ann		58	634, 634	Page	Benjamin, heirs of	Dec 5 1836
Hardin	Saml. D.		58	141, 142			Apr-Dec 1836
Dayton (4 deeds)	Jonathan		58	282 -284			Apr-Dec 1836
Fulton town council			58	571, 572			Apr-Dec 1836
Cronimus	George	Lease	61	23	Shafer	Henry	Dec 1 1836
Findlay	Jas., exec. of		61	39	Burnet	Jacob	Dec 2 1836
Cambridge	Wm., heirs of		61	96			Jan-Sep 1837
Frazer & Page		per Comr.	61	129	Hotchkiss	Elisha	Feb 16 1837
Cormick	John	Bond	61	165			Jan-Sep 1837
Hackwelder	Geo.	burial lot	61	205	Price	Isaac	Jan-Sep 1837
Disney	Wm.	Trust	61	212			Jan-Sep 1837
Folger, Seth W., & Stone, Elisha		Lease	61	291	Akins	Samuel	Mar 30 1837
Graham	Thos.	Contract	61	342			Jan-Sep 1837
Guesnard	Louis	Release	61	360	Nicholet & Company et al		May 9 1837
Wright	Wendle	partition	61	456	Coombs	Alfred	Jun 23 1837
Cilley, Avery & Corry		decree	61	485	Sears	Jos., heirs of	Jun 29 1837
Collins	Lydia	Bill of sale	61	499	Collins	Henry	July 1 1837
Worthington	Vachel	P. of Atty	61	577	McMillan	Andrew	Jan-Sep 1837
Dilks	Sarah	Marg. Cont.	61	621			Jan-Sep 1837
Fosdick	Samuel		62	198	Cutter	James, admr. of	Mar 4 1837
Crawford	Robert	mortgage	62	536	Smead	Wesley	Aug 7 1837
Harrod	John	per auditor	64	289	Hunt	Samuel F	Dec 30 1837
Fenton	Jacob	per Admr.	67	18	Altman	Dirk	Jun 11 1838
Findlay	Jane	agreement	67	66			Jun-Dec 1838
Fulton Meth. Epis. Church trustees			67	231	Davies	Samuel W.	Sep 12 1838
Cummins	James	Title Bond	67	534	Curry	John	Nov 22 1838
Wade	D. E.	per mayor	67	548			Jun-Dec 1838
Cornick	John	Plat	71	180	land, heirs of David Cornick		Mar 20 1839
Cin'ti & Harrison Turnpike co.		deed & map	72	235	Hedges, Robert & Lewis, Charles		Oct 19 1839
Veach	Judith, trustees of		84	63	Veach	Jos. & Judith	Feb 21 1842
Reeder	Ed. B.	exchange	84	197			Jan-Aug 1842
Spencer Twp. Sch. Dist #13 trustees			91	21	Maylin	Thos.	Jul-Dec 1844
Robinson	David		91	505 (540)	Guion	David B.	Jan 11 1844
Fore	Prier G.	Lease & Rel.	94	464	Harbeson	Sarah	May 31 1844

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- Page column: If a buyer has two documents on the same page or two documents in the same book, you will see two page numbers in the page column. Deed book 91 has many incorrect pages so I have indicated this by listing the page from the index followed by the actual page number in parentheses. See the entry for book 91 505 (540) in the example. When the index is completed, unverified page numbers in book 91 will be underlined to indicate they may be incorrect.
- Date recorded or estimate: An estimated season and year in the last column means I have ***not*** seen the actual record. If complete month, date and year is given, I have reviewed the document and all the information is correct.

Record types

type column	meaning
assigns	Seller is an assignee
agreement	99 year water right
asst lease	assignment of a lease
award	Boudary settlement
bill of sale	receipt
Bond	pledge to provide good deed in cemetery
burial lot	Auditor certifies land purchase

type column	meaning
contract	various
decree	court judgment
exchange	swap of land to resolve survey differences
In trust	wife's land before marriage in trust for her heirs
Lease	a rental for period of time
marriage contract	she has no right to his property after his death
Plat	Land survey or map
P. of Atty	power of attorney, person can act for issuer.

type column	meaning
per admr. or per exec.	estate exec. or administrator acting for deceased.
per Auditor	acting on order by county auditor
per Commr.	acting on order by court appointed commissioner
per Grdn.	guardian acting for minor child
per Mayor	as ordered by mayor's court
per Shrf.	as ordered by sheriff
Quitclaim	Seller renounces any claim
release	lease or mortgage has been paid off