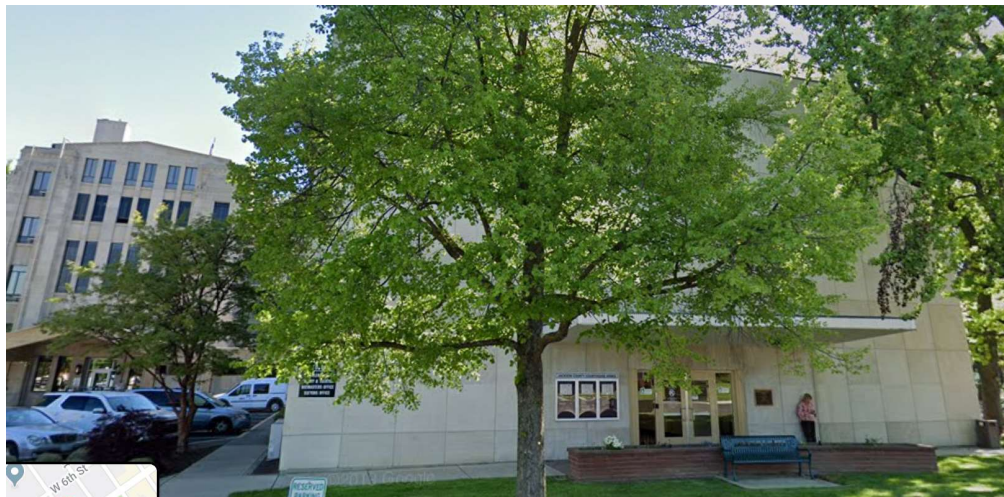


## Jackson County, Oregon Recorder's Office



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.



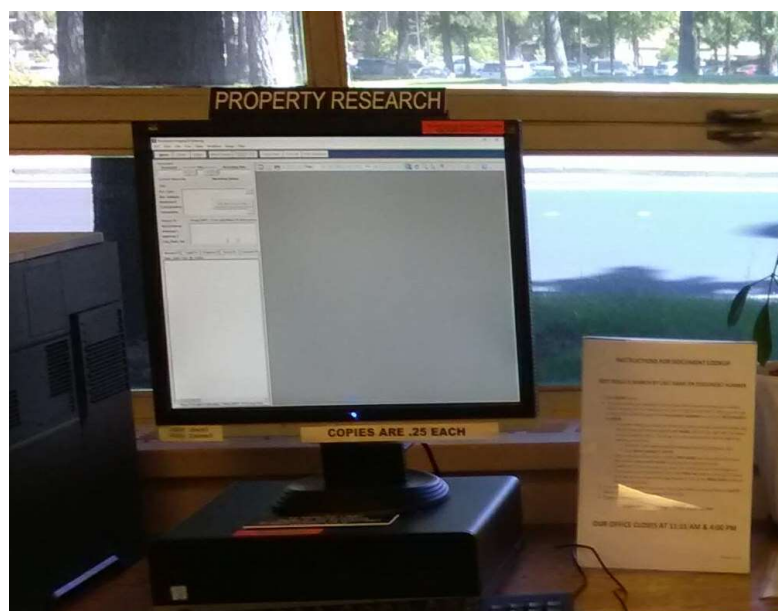
Home ownership after about 1950 may be traced online at <http://web.jacksoncounty.org/pdo/>  
This guide covers research for earlier deeds.

## Begin your search with your Deed Card

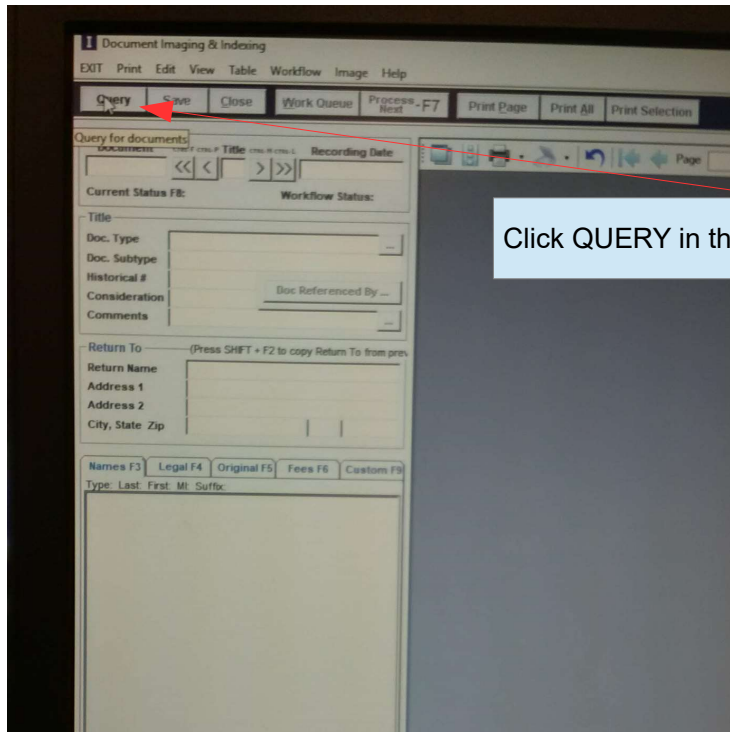
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LOT NO. 5		RANGE W.M. MAP NO.		Ankeny Heights	
BLOCK NO.		CITY		Medford	
LEGAL DESCRIPTION		DEED RECORD		ACRES	
EDWARDS, Donald R. & Barbara L.		7-19		319	
Bessouette, Jerry M. & Meredith G.		1957 444		319	
Welsh, Elizabeth G		1959 469 95		319	
Griebler, Bruce R. & Ann M		1962 532 370		319	
Griebler, Ann M (LE) & Griebler, Sharon Ann		1963 554 334		319	

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



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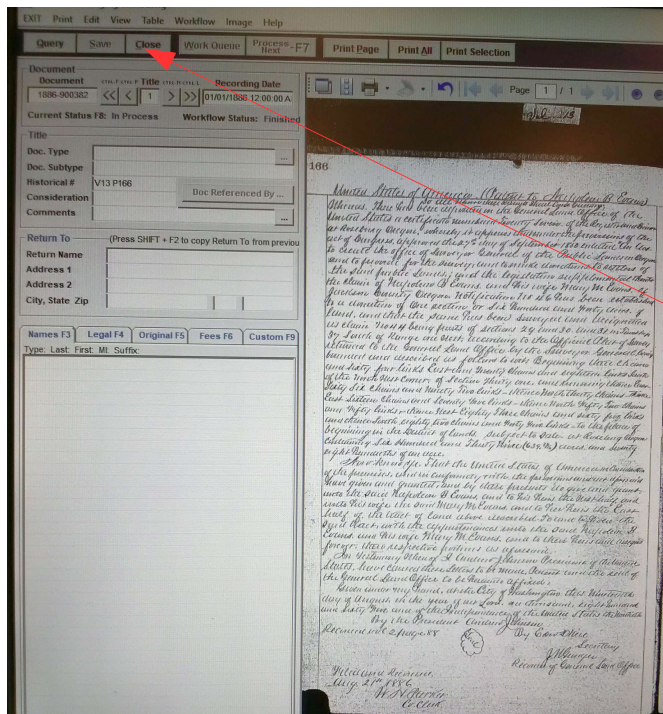
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Older deeds are hard to read!  
You may want to print them out and pore over them later.

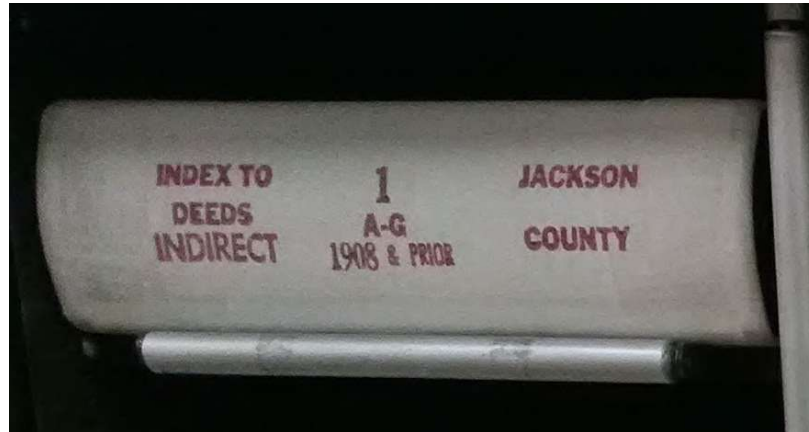
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## Next Step, the Deed Indexes



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

INDEX TO DEEDS--INDIRECT. JACKSON COUNTY, OREGON.									
Year	First Given Name in Deeds Transcribed				Quarter (Party to Whom Deed is Given)	Quarter (Party Having Deed)	Volume of Instrument	Book	Page
	A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z								
30	Al				Evans	Boone	151		
31	Norris				"	Johnson, John	146		
32	"				"	Markus, William	171		
33	"				"	Robinson, Geo	2183		
34	Napoleon B				"	United States	2262		
35	Norris				"	Co School Supt.	2212		
36	"				"	Ambron, Geo W. E.	2244		

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

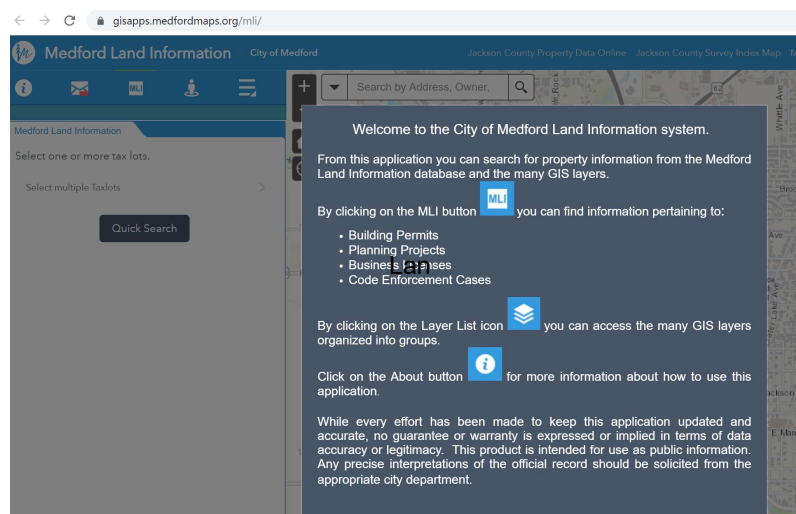
## Keep Searching

- 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/>



gisapps.medfordmaps.org/mlil/

**Medford Land Information** City of Medford Jackson County Property Data Online Jackson County Survey Index Map MLI Use Instructions

Search by Address, Owner,

**Medford Land Information**

Options Results

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: [BP07-02554](#)  
[BP10-01741](#)  
[BP15-01918](#)

63 EASTWOOD DR

Account: 10355474  
 Maplot: 371W29BC6500  
 Owner: HARPER PATRICIA A  
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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

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 SINCE 1946  
 MAKING HISTORY TOGETHER

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 Est. 1857  
 SOUTHERN OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Online Catalog  
 Mega Index  
 Photos Index  
 Address Index  
 Eugene Bennett Archives  
 Frank Clark Inventory  
 Post Offices  
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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 -

Polk's Medford and Ashland **city directory**: including Jackson County residents, 1939

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Polk's Medford and Ashland Oregon **city directory**: including Jackson County residents

## Newspapers are essential sources



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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>

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Range: /  
Meridian: Any Meridian  
Section #:

Miscellaneous  
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Document #: Militia:  
Indian Allot #: Tribe: Any Tribe  
Survey #: Geo. Name/  
Authority: Any Authority Mining Claim:

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Range: /  
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Names On Document

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EVANS, NAPOLEON B

Military Rank: ---

Miscellaneous Information

Land Office: Roseburg

US Reservations: No

Mineral Reservations: No

Tribe: ---

Militia: ---

State In Favor Of: ---

Authority: September 27, 1850: Oregon Donation Act (grant) (99 Stat. 496)

General Remarks: ---

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Indian Allot. Nr: ---

Coal Entry. Nr: ---

Survey Information

Total Acres: 639.78

Survey Date: ---

Geographic Name: ---

Metes/Bounds: No

Land Descriptions

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County: Any County

Land Description

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

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Miscellaneous

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Surveyor: Any Surveyor Approved Date: to

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## View the 1855 and the 1858 Surveys

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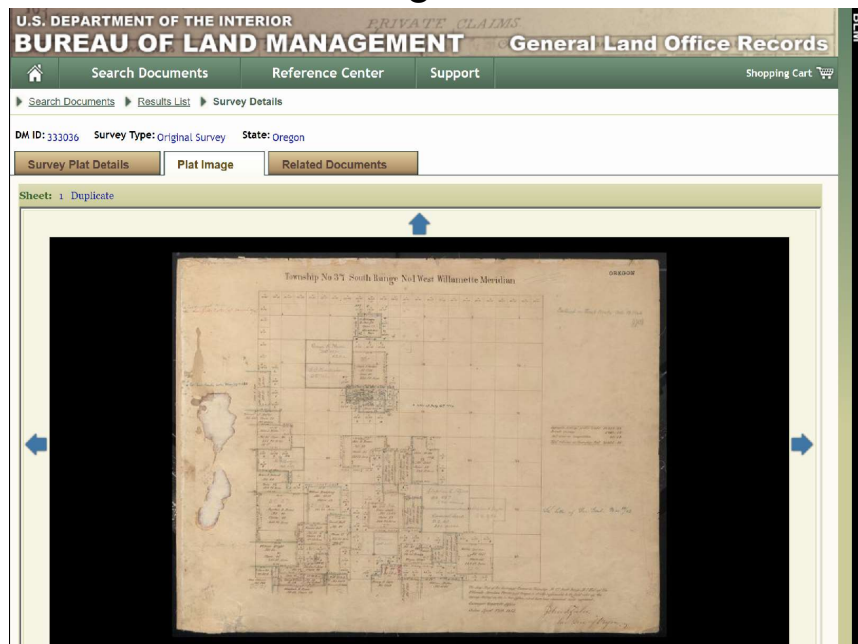
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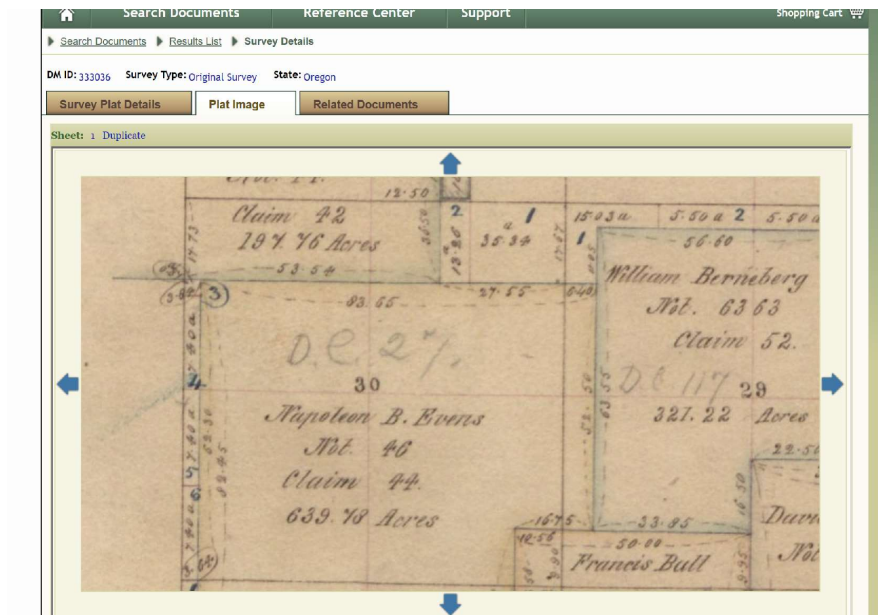
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**SURVEYOR'S OFFICE**  
Jackson County Courthouse  
10 South Oakdale, Room 318  
Medford, Oregon 97501  
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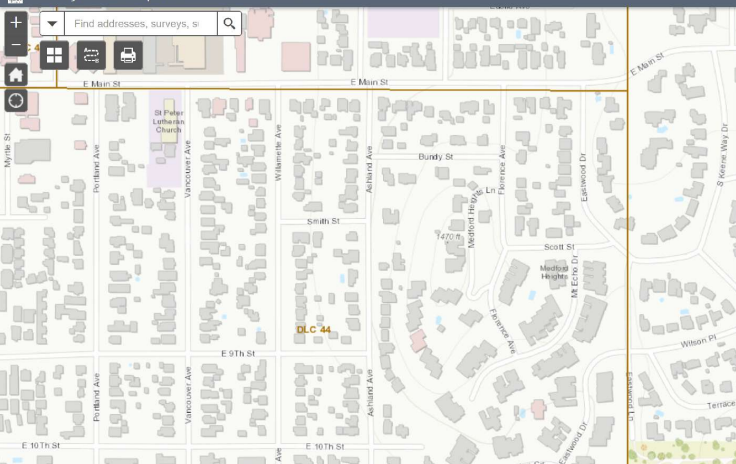


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