

## Recording District History

### **Anchorage Recording District:**

#### Precinct Books

1. Book 1 (Precinct Books) began August 13, 1905 at the village of Knik
2. Knik Precinct in the Territory of Alaska covers from 5 North to 19 North
3. Early Precinct Books mostly Mining and Power of Attorneys (related to mining) within the Willow Creek Mining Region or Knik Recording Precinct
4. First mortgages found in Book 13 (leases, deeds, patents and miscellaneous documents began to gradually appear in the early books)
5. Included in books 13 through 16 (up to about 1939) many instruments relate to Palmer Townsite and surrounding areas
6. Book 17 forward (about 1940) most property referenced relates to property now within the Anchorage Recording District
7. Precinct Book 1 through Book 22 (August 13, 1905 through October 5, 1944) contain instruments relating to property outside the city limits of Anchorage
8. Precinct Book 23 through Book 156 (December 8, 1944 through March 4, 1958) contain all types of instruments except Mortgages relating to property outside the city limits of Anchorage (predominately deeds)
9. Deed Book 157 through Book 477 (March 4, 1958 through February 7, 1975) contains all Deeds within the Anchorage Recording District regardless of where the property was located (in or outside the city limits). These Books are a continuation of the Precinct Book Numbers

#### City Books

1. Book 1 (City Books) through Book 40, plus 43 and 44 (July 13, 1915 through July 5, 1945) contain all instruments within the Anchorage City limits.
2. The City Books listed below contain all Deeds and Miscellaneous instruments within the city limits of Anchorage (June 29, 1944 through March 3, 1958)

42, 46, 48, 50, 52, 55, 58, 62, 65, 67, 70, 71, 78, 80, 89, 94, 96, 98, 100, 103, 106, 112, 115, 119, 122, 127, 131, 137, 142, 147, 153, 161, 172, 178, 188, 193, 200, 206, 212, 218, 223, 229, 234, 239, 246, 253 and 260

### Judgment Books

1. Judgment Books for Anchorage district include Book 1 through Book 18 (covering the period from 1935 through 1961)

### Mortgage Books

1. Mortgage Books 41, and 45 through 883 (March 28, 1944 through February 7, 1975) contain all Mortgage documents within and outside the city limits of Anchorage with the exception of the above listed City Books. The City Books contain Deeds and Miscellaneous instruments within the City of Anchorage.
2. Mortgage Books start out as being grouped with the City Books and discontinued around 1958

### Miscellaneous Books

1. Misc. Book 1 through Misc Book 234 (June 8, 1956 through February 7, 1975) contain a variety of documents other than those listed in specific book types for this time period

### Lien Books

1. Book 1 (Liens) through Book 7 cover the time period from August 14, 1952 through February 19, 1960
2. Lien Book 60-1 covers from March 8, 1960 through October 4, 1960
3. Lien Book 9 through Book 62 covers from October 4, 1960 through February 7, 1975

### Power of Attorney Books

1. POA Book 60-1 covers March 18, 1960 through October 27, 1960
2. POA Book 2 through 22 covers October 28, 1960 through February 2, 1975

### Easement Books

1. Books numbers E1 through E6 (Easement) covers the time period from January 17, 1957 through February 19, 1960
2. After February 19, 1960 all Easements were recorded in the Miscellaneous Books

### Mining Books

1. Books numbers M1 through M3 (Mining) covers the time period from June 22, 1956 through January 31, 1975
2. No Mining type documents appear to have been recorded between January 31, 1975 and February 10, 1975 when Anchorage switched to a one-book system
3. Prior to June 22, 1956 all Mining instruments were located in the Precinct Books

Anchorage's oldest records are the "multi-book" system up to 1971 (Historic Book Records). From 1971 to 1975 the multi-book system was used with Aperture Cards; From 1975 to 1977 documents were recorded in the one-book system and preserved on Aperture Cards. In 1977 the Anchorage office converted to the use of Microfiche.

### **Chitina Recording District**

1. A fire sometime in January 1949 destroyed Chitina records from 1890 up to about 1944
2. Grantor/grantee indices from 1890 forward are available

### **Homer/Seldovia Districts:**

1. Prior to 1949 Homer documents were recorded in Seldovia
2. The Seldovia recording district was moved to Homer in 1974

### **Seward District:**

1. If searching for Seward plats 1 through 79, please be sure to also check using S-1 through S-79 in order to access all associated files.

### **Juneau, Haines and Skagway Districts**

1. The Haines Borough has property in both the Juneau and Haines Recording Districts
2. Recordings for Haines, prior to October 23, 1943, were recorded in the Skagway District
3. Juneau Town Lot Location Book 1 (aka "D"), Book 2 (aka "G"), and Book 4 include lots for Haines and Skagway. There is no Book 3
4. Juneau Mortgage Book 1892 (November 14, 1892 to May 19, 1900) contains documents for Sitka, Wrangell, Valdez, Kodiak and Skagway
5. Juneau Deed Book 1 (October 21, 1884 to June 28, 1893) contains conveyance documents for Sitka, Wrangell and Skagway
6. Juneau Deed Book 2 (June 27, 1893 to February 20, 1899) contains conveyance documents for Kodiak, Sitka, Bristol Bay, Aleutian Islands, Wrangell, Skagway and Valdez
7. Juneau Deed Book 3 (February 20, 1899 to September 16, 1901) contains conveyance documents for Homer, Kodiak, Ketchikan, Sitka, Yukon, Aleutian Islands and Cape Nome

### **Ketchikan, Petersburg and Wrangell Districts:**

1. Hyder merged into the Ketchikan District on July 1, 1975.
2. The cities of Ketchikan, Petersburg and Wrangell are on different islands, none of which are connected to the mainland or each other by a bridge.
3. The boundary line between the Ketchikan and Petersburg Recording Districts runs through the northern part of Prince of Wales Island which prompts some people to record documents in both districts.
4. Baranof Warm Springs is in the Petersburg Recording District but within the Sitka City and Borough taxing authority.

### **Palmer/Talkeetna Districts:**

1. Matanuska-Susitna Borough has property in seven recording districts (Palmer, Talkeetna, Anchorage, Chitina, Nenana, Mount McKinley and Valdez)
2. Talkeetna has always used a single book series
3. Palmer Recording District started in 1938 and went to a one book series in 1975
4. Prior to 1938 Palmer documents were recorded in the Anchorage Precinct books
5. Wasilla Recording district started in 1923 and merged into the Palmer district in 1960. The single book series includes book numbers 1 through 29. The early Wasilla district included Wasilla, Big Lake, Willow, Houston, and other communities.
6. Prior to 1923 Wasilla records were recorded in the Anchorage Precinct books
7. Matanuska Townsite consists of one book covering from 1916 to 1921 and includes recordings for Palmer and Wasilla. This book is in the Anchorage Recording District
8. Talkeetna books 5, 6, and 7 (from August 10, 1916 through November 14, 1918) were destroyed in a fire prior to moving to Palmer

### **Sitka District:**

1. Port Alexander annexed from Sitka to the Petersburg District in the early 1970's. Records for Port Alexander prior to the 70's are with Sitka records.
2. Mount Edgecumbe no longer exists as a recording district as it changed to the Sitka District around 1983.

Nome District:

NOME ARCHIVE BOOKS PRIOR TO 01/01/1972

COUNCIL MINING DISTRICT:

ELDORADO – Became Ophir

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COUNCIL MINING DISTRICT WAS ABSORBED INTO THE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT 01/01/1936.

KOUGAROK MINING DISTRICT:

RIO GRANDE – became Bunker Hill then Kuzitrin

GOLDEN GATE - Next to northern boundaries of Cape Nome and Bonanza Mining District on Pilgrim River

INDEPENDENT - At about Basin Creek up Kougarok Road

KOUGAROK MINING DISTRICT MOVED TO NOME BEGINNING 01/01/19.

FAIRHAVEN RECORDING DISTRICT:

ROCK MOUNTAIN - Monument mountain and Kiwalik Mountain area. Was 27 Miles South and 6 miles east of Candle.

FAIRHAVEN BORDERED KOUGAROK MINING DISTRICT CAME IN AS FAR AS HUMBOLT CREEK AREA.

FAIRHAVEN RECORDING DISTRICT INCLUDED IN CAPE NOME RECORDING DISTRICT BEGINNING 06/13/1975.

KOYUK MINING DISTRICT:

RAMPART – above Koyuk District

KOYUK MINING DISTRICT WAS ALSO KNOWN AS HAYCOCK MINING DISTRICT.

KOYUK MINING DISTRICT WAS MOVED TO NOME IN ABOUT 10/1950.

SAINT MICHAEL DISTRICT:

CAPE DENBY - also known as Denbigh

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NORTON BAY - also known as Norton Sound

LAST ENTRY IN SAINT MICHAEL RECEPTION BOOK IS 06/11/1949.

**OLD DISTRICTS WEST OF NOME:**

**NEW ELDORADO** - next to Rodney

**RODNEY** - between Sinuk and Port Clarence

**SINUK** - also known as Sinook & Sinrock - next to Rodney

**FAIRVIEW** – close to Sinuk

**GRANITE** – Granite and Cripple next to each other

**CRIPPLE**

**OLD DISTRICTS EAST OF NOME:**

**GOLOVIN BAY DISTRICT** – became Chenik

**TOPKOK** – became Monumental, became Independent became Chenik, next to Bonanza Mining District

**BONANZA** – Soloman area

**BLUFF CITY** – included in Topiok District

**ANACONDA** – on Fish River about 36 miles directly east of the Golden Gate Bridge on Kougarok Road

**KOUIK** – Became Tuboktulok, became Chenik

**QUINROCK** – next to Golovin Bay on Quinrock (Kwiniuk) River

**CALIFORNIA** – Recorder's office temporarily located at Port Safety

**PORT CLARENCE MINING DISTRICT:**

**BEAR** – became Arctic, at Washington Creek, close to Shishmaref Inlet

**CAPE YORK**

**AGIAPUK** – across from Teller, along the Agiapuk River beginning 2.5 miles up from the mouth of Bear Creek

**KANAWGOK** – next to Cape York on the Wales Side.

**EUEREKA** – across from Teller

**THREE ROCK** – on Bluestone, Coyote Creek and Gold Run

**BLUESTONE** – also known as Blue Rock

**HOT SPRINGS** – became Goodhope - Ear Mountain to Serpentine Hot Springs Area

**PORT CLARENCE MINING DISTRICT WAS MOVED TO NOME 05/23/1943.**