

# Attention Searchers!!!

## Please read before you begin your search.

As you search this website for indexing information, there are several factors you should keep in mind.

Prior to 1-1-1995, all Registers of Deeds in the State of North Carolina had no indexing guidelines. Therefore, all offices indexed documents in different ways. There was no uniformity in indexing.

In Scotland County, prior to 1-1-1995, and defined as Pre 95 Real Estate, there are several unusual ways of indexing certain documents:

The surname Mc...such as McNair...is indexed Nair Mc... If you are searching prior to 1-1-1995, in the Pre 95 Real Estate index search and you are searching a name that begins with Mc, you will need to key in the Mc at the end of the surname instead of the beginning.

For example: The name McCormick would be indexed ...Cormick Mc.

If you are searching prior to January 1, 1995 in what is known as the Pre 95 Real Estate, search and you are searching for a Bank name, we set Bank out and then listed the name of the bank. Example: First Southern Savings Bank: to call this name up you will key in..... Bank First Southern Savings.

Church names will also be a set out prior to January 1, 1995 in the search system known as the Pre 95 Real Estate search.

Example: Faith Presbyterian Church: to pull up this name key in.... Church Faith Presbyterian.

On January 1, 1995, Uniform Indexing Standards for Registers of Deeds in the State of North Carolina became effective according to G.S. 161.22. Beginning on this day, the Mc surname, such as, McNair is indexed as presented.... For example, McNair will now be indexed just as it is presented..... McNair. On and after January 1, 1995 you will key in Mc at the beginning of the surname, as presented in the index search known as Consolidated Real Property. Again, the Consolidated Real Property search begins on January 1, 1995.

This would also pertain to an index search for banks and churches on and after January 1, 1995. Churches and banks are indexed under the name of the bank or church as presented in the search known as Consolidated Real Property Search. This search begins January 1, 1995.

If you should have any questions, please ask us, or call our office at 910-277-2577.