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MEDIA ALERT

Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds Completes 400,000 Page Digitization Project

Lancaster, **PA** – The Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds Office has completed their most recent digitization of over 400,000 Lancaster County historical documents. Documents such as the original Lancaster County recorded deed for James Buchanan's residence and the property records for Thaddeus Stevens law practice are now publicly available and searchable online along with over 3.8 million other pages of historical documents.

If Lancaster County residents want to find historical documents of their ancestor's home or business, they can visit the Recorder of Deeds website to peruse millions of documents for free. Lancaster County is the largest county in Pennsylvania to offer a fully free database of deeds and documents for the public to search, download and print from their office or at home.

"It is exciting to have so much of Lancaster County's history so easily accessible" Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds Ann Hess said. "We want to remain a resource for Lancaster County residents to explore the history of our community and their own families. By expanding our digital library, we can increase the availability of them and ensure that they are preserved for generations to come."

The Recorder of Deeds Office has records from Lancaster County dated nearly 300 years ago. These records and others are available for public consumption at https://www.lancasterdeeds.com/.

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