

**HISTORY OF THE KANSAS STATE
REGISTER OF DEEDS ASSOCIATION HANDBOOK**

1955- This was the year the first office handbook was compiled. Glen McMillan from Sumner County was President of the state association. In his Forward in the handbook he wrote, "It is not claimed that the contents of this little book is correct in every detail, or that it is a "cure-all" for all the problems that confronts a Register of Deeds. But I do believe that the Register of Deeds' of Kansas will find this a handy reference book in performing the duties of their respective offices. I know first-hand that this book represents a tremendous amount of hard work on the part of the Hand-book Committee. We are truly grateful to the committee of their excellent work."

The handbook contained the following: an alphabetical listing of Topics. Opposite each was the statute number as well as the page number for the law books, an alphabetical index, and printed in length is the Federal Stamp Tax law on Deeds of Conveyance. The price was \$2.00 each.

The handbook committee was:

Minnie I. Frazier, Chairman, Rush County (a
former Register of Deeds)
Laura Sangster, Rice County
Bessie Watson Wolfe, Ness County
Minnie Larson, Marshall County
Agnes Taylor, Sherman County
O.B. Youngs, Norton County
Ruth Elledge, Meade County
Lillie Ricord, Stevens County
Hazel D. Metz, Stafford County

1970- Second Edition – This handbook contained the following dedication: "We, the committee, dedicated this handbook to Lucille Dunn, Reno County, who was vice-president and to Agnes Taylor, a member of the handbook committee when the handbook was edited in 1955."

The handbook contained the following: Index, A Section of Land drawing, a mortgage registration fee table, a filing fee schedule, and an alphabetical listing of Topics with statute number and page number of law book.

The handbook committee was:

Mary F. Abrahamson, Stafford County
Beverly Gavin, Graham County
Gladys L.L. Reynolds, Dickinson County
Susie Parmer, Leavenworth County
Raymond King, Cowley County
Kenneth Shepler, Harvey County

- 1975- Third Edition – This handbook contained the following dedication: “We, the committee, dedicated this handbook to Gladys L.L. Reynolds, a former Register of Deeds of Dickinson County.”

This handbook contained the same information as was in the 1970 handbook, with updated material.

The handbook committee was:

Dixie Rose, Butler County
Beverly Gavin, Graham County
Susie Parmer, Leavenworth County
Rosa Mary Moore, Reno County
Gladys Meek, Rice County
Lynette Keddie, Stafford County

- 1978- Fourth Edition – The updating of the office handbook this year was a project of Lynette Keddie, President of the State Register of Deeds Association.

This was the first time that pictures of each Registrar were printed in the handbook. Other information included was: district map and meeting information, the association’s Constitution and Bylaws, a section of land drawing, the filing fee schedule, an index, and the alphabetical topic listings with the statute numbers for each. Below each Registrars picture was the year they took office.

- 1981- Fifth Edition – This handbook contained a list of Past Presidents of the state association, district map and information, the Constitution and Bylaws, a section of land drawing, the filing fee schedule, pictures of each Registrar, an index, and the alphabetical topic listings with statute numbers.

The handbook committee was:

Carol Bickford, Jackson County
Lynette Keddie, Stafford County
Susie Parmer, Leavenworth County
Linda Fincham, Marshall County

- 1985- Sixth Edition – This handbook contained all of the information (updated) as appeared in the 1981 book with the addition of a numerical listing of statute numbers.

The handbook committee was:

Rosa Mary Moore, Reno County
Linda Fincham, Marshall County
Lynette Bennington, Stafford County
Nancy Reynolds, Brown County
Mary Ann Holsapple, Nemaha County

1989- Seventh Edition – This Handbook was dedicated to Bernitta Martin, who served as Ottawa County Register of Deeds from 1951 through retirement on January 9, 1989.

With this edition, the handbook changed from a bound book to a loose-leaf binder. It includes all the information found in the 1985 handbook with the following additions: lists of frequently used telephone numbers, synopses of current attorney general opinions, highlights of the state association, lists of current committees and their members, and a history of the office handbook.

The handbook committee was:

Lynette Bennington, Stafford County
Mary Ann Holsapple, Nemaha County
Nancy Reynolds, Brown County
Linda Fincham, Marshall County

2001- Tenth Edition – This handbook included a section map showing all the types of measurements, i.e. chains, rods, etc. The synopses of attorney general opinions were removed and will appear in a separate book. Revised Article 9-UCC took affect this year.

The handbook committee was:

Susie Thompson, Mitchell County
Mary Allen, Morris County
Loretta Stoecklein, Ness County
Suzanne Simon, Wabaunsee County

2005- Eleventh Edition – This handbook included a section on the new fees and a section on the standing rules.

The handbook committee was:

Katie Forck, Miami County
Tami Kerth, Lincoln County

2009- Twelfth Edition – This handbook was revamped by the hand book committee.

The handbook committee was:

Brenda Pogue, Ford County
Vicki Valentine, Hamilton County
Margaret Hermstein, Harvey County
Mary K. Sullivan, Grant County
Marcia Johnson, Barton County
Tami Kerth, Lincoln County