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Honorable Judge Dean Fowler
Upshur County Judge


Re: District Clerks Records Archive Plan

Honorable Judge,

Please find attached the 2018-2019 District Clerk's Preservation and Restoration Records Archive Plan for the District Clerk's Office. Thank you, and have a great day.

Sincerely,

Karen Bunn

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DISTRICT CLERK – UPSHUR COUNTY, TEXAS
PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION RECORDS PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this document is to define the restoration and preservation, digital capture, storage, retention and management of archived records belonging to the District Clerk's Office. Records maintained in the District Clerk's office have been identified to fall under the category of "Preservation and Restoration Plan" that will provide reproduction and archiving of such records and assist in maximizing storage space and making records readily available for optimum viewing. It is the intent of the District Clerk to follow guidelines set by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for preservation of such records.

GOAL

The goal is of this plan is to reproduce and archive all documents, regardless of type, as efficiently as possible (Civil, Family, Criminal, and Tax suits). The District Clerk's Office is imaging records so that these records are assessable to the public by a public terminal located in the District Clerk's Office. Therefore we are able to send old files to the Storage Facility. I currently have requested a quote from Scott-Merriman on having all the Micro Film put on Disk for the Public to view on our Public Terminal.

SCOPE

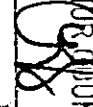
The scope of this document includes the following:

- *All District Clerk records (Civil, Family, Criminal, and Tax Suits) that are filed at the Upshur County Justice Center.
- *Future plans are to improve public and governmental access, and to provide an archive for records that have or will be imaged.

This document addresses the restoration and preservation needs of the District Clerk Records Archive. No other Departments are implicated.

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SECTION ONE: RECORDS CURRENTLY IMAGED

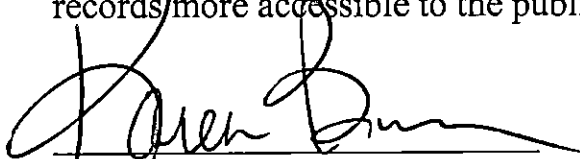
The District Clerk's Office is currently imaging all documents in Civil, Family, Criminal, and Tax Suits. We have scanned Civil and Family cases from 1975 thru 1997. Our office is currently scanning 1997 thru 2003. All Tax Cases have been scanned, as well as Civil, Family, and Criminal from 2003 to current date. Due to the ongoing Software Conversion issues it has been a slow process scanning old files at this time. There are several cases that were scanned in Able Term that did not Convert over, therefore we are going to Rock Building several times a week to pull files. Our CPS case load has increased tremendously, and we are currently having CPS Court twice a month. The amount of Daily Court, and the Caseload has really created a hardship on our office being short staffed.

**SECTION TWO:
RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION**

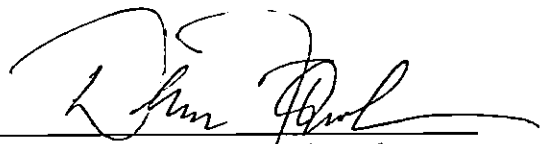
After reducing and/or reproducing these images, the District Clerk plans to utilize the space for the growing number of cases occurring daily. The extra space will allow better access to the records by the public and also eliminate for extra office space in the future. We currently have boxes of scanned filed sitting in our office, and due to problems with space in the Rock Building that are stacked in our office. Records are imaged by Case file, and the District Clerk has scanners on each Deputies desk.

**SECTION THREE: OVERALL GOAL AND VISION OF THE DISTRICT
CLERK'S OFFICE:**

It is the intent of the District Clerk's Office to make public records more accessible by imaging all records (old and new). Restore and preserve approximately 62 older volumes of Civil and Criminal Record Books when funds are available. Therefore, eliminating more office space and making records more accessible to the public.



Karen Bunn, District Clerk
Upshur County, Texas



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