WE ARE OPENING THE RECORDS!

After the first of the year, our public records from 1684 through to modern day will all be available online at Landex.com. By opening our records we will be assisting our residents in many ways. For example, for those doing genealogy searches who cannot get to our office will now be able to research family history from the comfort of their own home. Landex fees will apply.
Periodically, you may have heard us mention Quester groups in our newsletters or in one of our presentations. I am sure you have wondered, what is a Quester? The Questers are an international organization of study clubs founded in 1944 by Jessie Elizabeth Bardens. One of the objectives for Quester groups is to encourage the preservation and restoration of historical landmarks. For this reason our office deed records are of major importance to these groups. We have gone to several Quester meetings to present the newly preserved deed books and have been welcomed with open arms. There are 70 such groups in Pennsylvania, with about 36 in Bucks County alone. We hope to speak with all of them within the short term.

The Questers mission is to ensure the preservation and restoration of historic landmarks and expand knowledge of antiques and our country’s history. While blue and gold are the Questers’ colors, their motto is “It’s fun to search and a joy to find.”

It has been a joy to work with, and get to know, different Questers groups in Bucks County. They have all been very friendly, receptive and generous with information sharing and support in regards to our mission of restoring the historic deed books in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds.

A FAMILY HOLIDAY STORY

My mother and father, Harriet and Don Robinson, met and were stationed in Cairo Egypt during WWII. The following is my mother’s writing about the Holiday season in 1944, stationed in Cairo!

Suddenly, it was Christmas and it was freezing. We were issued winter uniforms, which we were glad to have. Egypt is hot for nine months of the year and cold for three, but, it seemed as cold to me as it was in Des Moines (at basic training), except without the snow. It’s very lonely and depressing to be far away from home during the holidays, but usually there’s next year to look forward to. In wartime, however, there is no certainty about anything, life or death, or whether you’ll ever get home again. So, we made the best of it.

Don gave me an alexandrite ring and bracelet. It was green in the daylight and red and violet at night. I had never seen this gem before, but it was very popular in Cairo. I gave him my rations for beer. An enlisted married couple, who lived off base, invited several of us out to their tiny apartment in Heliopolis, a small suburb outside of Cairo. At best, their place could only hold six people. The rest of us congregated in the hallway and shared our goodies from home with the locals, who in turn offered us their strange concoctions. For the moment, we were happy and enjoying the holiday spirit of sharing...
THE WOMEN’S MEMORIAL

Did you hear? There is a new Vietnam exhibit at The Women’s Memorial in Washington, D.C., the only national memorial honoring all women who have defended America throughout history. The Women’s Memorial was dedicated on October 18, 1997, and is endorsed by the Departments of Defense, Transportation, Veterans Affairs and Interior. They offer special and permanent collections pertaining to the history of women through the ages who have served, including photographs, documents, textiles, artifacts and audiovisuals available for research. We are proud to recognize these veteran’s devoted patriotism and bravery as an integral part of our national heritage.

Women’s Memorial Foundation
200 North Glebe Rd. Suite 400, Arlington, VA 22203
www.womensmemorial.org

This memorial is a place that means a great deal to me. When my mother, Harriet, passed away I contacted the Women’s Memorial and they offered to archive all my mom’s memorabilia.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . . TEACH our children the value of Freedom. Just like last year, we will be participating in this event. Please help us Remember, Honor, and Teach on December 14, 2019 by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering, or inviting friends to help. For information, go to: www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pa0043P

AND THE WINNER IS....

The winner of the drawing at William Penn’s 375th Birthday Party, in our office, on October 15 is Betsy Hunt, a realtor from Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Fox & Roach Realtor in New Hope, PA.

Betsy’s name is now in Deed Book 145, Volume 1.

Betsy is very familiar with historical properties as she lives in a historic home here in Bucks County. She said, “As far as my work goes, I am particularly good with historic houses and realizing the intrinsic value of them. I always look forward to stewarding the history of Bucks County homes when possible.”
RESCUE PURRFECT

With many of our staff being animal lovers we, as an office, try to adopt animal charities that are in need. In October, we choose Rescue Purrfect as the recipient of the revenue from the bake sale. This bake sale was by donation only with all proceeds going toward the rescue.

Rescue Purrfect, aims to help cats live happy and healthy lives. It cares for homeless and abandoned cats and kittens of varying ages, breeds, needs, and personalities from Bucks County. Their ultimate goal is to find their cat friends the wonderful homes they deserve; ones where they are cared for and loved unconditionally.

For example: Louie was brought into Rescue Purrfect almost two years ago.

Found behind a Bensalem motel, this big guy is amazing with adults, but not great with other cats. He would do best in a home as the only pet. Carol, from our office, has met Louie while volunteering with Rescue Purrfect. Carol says that Louie craves human affection and would be a great companion for anyone looking to adopt a very loving cat.

Rescue Purrfect is a no-kill, nonprofit, cat rescue located at 1 Declaration Drive, Bensalem, PA. Rescue Purrfect specializes in rescuing homeless kittens and cats especially those with medical needs. For more information on adopting, volunteering, and donating, please visit their website:

https://www.rescuepurrfect.org/ or email adoption@rescuepurrfect.com or call 215-639-6100.

ADOPT-A-BOOK PROGRAM

A tremendous thank you to all of those who have contributed to our Adopt-A-Book Program. This program invites individuals and companies alike to help preserve these historical books starting in 1684.

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Through our time and effort the office continues to raise a significate amount of money to help preserve these books. We would like to thank the following historic societies for their generous donations toward saving Bucks County history:

- Doylestown Historical Society
- Historical Society of Bensalem Township
- Durham Historical Society
- Plumstead Historical Society
- Springfield Township Historical Society

Please call 215-348-6210 with any questions regarding this program.
BUCKS COUNTY FRAUD ALERT SYSTEM

The Bucks County Fraud Alert System is available FREE to the public. Please use the link below and follow the instructions to sign up.

https://www.landex.com/recordalert/bucks

Once signed up, you will receive an email or text from our recording vendor, Landex, alerting you anytime a document has been recorded in our office against your name. We encourage businesses to sign up as well as individuals.

This complimentary service is provided by our office to combat any fraudulent activity that may occur in your name. After seeing a commercial for a similar service being offered for a fee, we felt this should be a service that our office provides at no cost to county residents. We worked for many months with Landex to develop the Bucks County Fraud Alert System. Please call the office at 215-348-6209 if you have any questions or need help signing up. We are happy to help!

ON THE ROAD

We are out and about in the community on a regular basis. Recently we presented at Springfield Township Historical Society, Chalfont-New Britain Business Alliance, the Bucks County Ancestry Fair held at Delaware Valley University, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Pine Run Retirement Community, to mention a few.

We are always looking for more places to be in the county. Please let us know if there is a group or community that would be interested in having us speak.

Please be sure to like us on Facebook@RobinRobinsonBCRecorderofDeeds

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