

COURTHOUSE INDEXES ILLUSTRATED, published 2006

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INTRODUCTION

My book *Courthouse Research for Family Historians* (San Jose, Calif.: CR Publications, 2004) explained in detail the indexes found in courthouses across America. That book discussed the myriad indexes to look for, and how to use the information they hold. This present book, *Courthouse Indexes Illustrated* is not meant to supplant that information, but is intended to illustrate the indexes and give step-by-step instructions on how to use them to find the names sought.

There are so many variations of indexes. Most are simple, some are complicated. One thing seems likely — all of us at one time or another have missed records because we did not understand the index we were using. It is my hope that by studying these illustrations, and keeping this book handy as you research in the courthouse or in microfilm, that this guide will assist you in finding all the entries for your family.

It may even be a good idea to return to some of those indexes you used years ago, and give them another try after reading this. Your family may be in them, afterall! If this book helps you, I will be pleased.

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