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ABSTRACT BOOK FOR COUNTY RECORDS, &c.

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NO MODEL.

FIG. 1

A

Grantee	Grantor	Consideration	Cash	Kind of Instrument	Date of Deed	Date of Acknowledgment	Ack. Stat.	Officer taking Acknow.	Date Recorded	Book Page
John Jones and wife Julia Jones	Sam Smith	\$1000. ⁰⁰	\$500. ⁰⁰ and one note for \$500. ⁰⁰	Warranty deed with Vendor's Lien retained.	6/5/90	6/6/90	yes or no	J. B. Moore Notary Public Wilbarger County, Texas	6/7/90	10 625
John Jones et al	Sam Smith	Agreement to convey 1/2 acre of land all interest in full.	\$600. ⁰⁰ and one note for \$500. ⁰⁰	Release of Vendor's Lien note.	1/10/92	1/10/92	yes	J. B. Williams Notary Public Wilbarger County, Texas	1/11/92	14 167

FIG. 2

Property Abstracted	Thomas Fulton Survey No. 21 Certificate No. 125, 640 Acres, Wilbarger County, Texas.									
Book	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pages	20 Mc 120 75 824 230 150 251, 252 253, 258	65 328	10 Mc 37 280	47 Mc 2, 140 377	3 138	44 J. 177 289 375	77	17 199	180	89 com 200 390
Book	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Pages	25 256	190	130 300	383	527	166 Mc 29 600	40 260	8 347	16 167 490	5 600
Book	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Pages	427	314	230	78 J. 230 186	625	28	288	407	284	190
Book	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
Pages	240 447	47	617	333	393	527	613	240	135	237

FIG. 3

Property Abstracted	Lot 7 in Block 11, City of Vernon, Wilbarger County, Texas.											
Book	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pages	11 127 340	88 630	211 Mc 125	47	6 Mc 240 250	30 180	90 580	75 395	20	10 J. 90 360	25	83
Book	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Pages	130 460	27 187	711	100 800 150	314	17 170 450	600	420	502	63 540	23	67
Book	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
Pages	13 187	48 460 612	560	36	250	370 520	42	78	268	535	630	262
Book	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
Pages	190 380	29 499										

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ABSTRACT-BOOK FOR COUNTY RECORDS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. LUTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Vernon, in the county of Wilbarger and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Abstract-Books for County Records, &c.; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to an improved book leaf or page for abstracting county and like records, and has for its object the production of a leaf or page arranged to receive entries from county records in a manner to greatly facilitate the work and present in concise form and intelligent arrangement all entries affecting the titles to State, Territorial, and other lands.

The nature of the invention will be readily comprehended, reference being had to the following specification, description of the details of construction, manner of use, and resultant advantages, and to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a leaf or page employed for keeping county records. Fig. 2 is a view of the leaf or page employed for taking off from the county records each and every instrument affecting the particular land. Fig. 3 is a view of a similar leaf or page with entries of instruments thereon affecting a town lot.

Referring to the drawings by letter, and first to Fig. 1, A denotes the leaf or page adapted for the convenient entry of data for keeping a county record. The page is cross-sectioned by horizontal and vertical lines, providing spaces for the entry of the name or names of the grantee and grantor, the amount and nature of the consideration passed, the date and kind of instrument, date and nature of acknowledgment, name of officer taking acknowledgment, record-date, and book-number. An opposite page (not shown) is provided for a full description of the land and transfer and for defects, if any, in the deed or transfer or in the acknowledgment.

B, Fig. 2, designates the page for abstracting from county records. At the top of the page is a space *c*, bounded by lines, for the

entry of a brief description of the property abstracted. Below the page is cross-sectioned by vertical and horizontal lines, forming spaces *d d*, each subdivided to provide a small space *e* for numbers. The spaces *d d* are arranged in parallel horizontal rows, all the spaces being consecutively numbered, the numbers referring to the particular record-books from which the abstracts are taken. The numbers in the spaces *d*, which are shown relatively large, relate to the page of the deed-records and in practice are entered in preferably black ink, while the other numbers and abbreviations, which are shown relatively small, are entered in an ink of different color—as, for instance, red. In the abbreviations employed, “J.” stands for judgment-record, “Mg.” for mortgage, “D. C. M.” for district-court minutes, “J. P. C.” for justice-of-the-peace court, “B. T.” for back taxes, “P. C.” for probate court, “M. L.” for mechanic’s lien, &c. In the space numbered “6,” for instance, the numbers “44,” “289,” and “375” are pages of book 6 of the deed-records, and “J-177” stands for book 6, judgment-record, page 177.

C, Fig. 3, denotes a page for abstracting county records with entries thereon affecting the title of a town lot. The page is an exact counterpart of page B as to the arrangement of spaces and numbers and other matter, and the manner of entry of the book-numbers is precisely the same as that above described with reference to said page B.

By my invention the work of abstracting is very greatly facilitated. Each abstract-page is provided with sufficient numbered squares to enable entries from all record-books containing data as to title, regardless of the number. While I have shown on one page forty-eight spaces and on the other forty, obviously these spaces may be increased in number to any desired extent. Obviously, also, these pages may be employed for abstracting from land and property records of any character, and the specific illustrations are therefore not to be regarded as a limitation. The nature of the entries not only enables the abstract data to be presented in a concise and very intelligible manner, but insures compactness in the books containing the pages and materially reduces the number thereof

compared with the number of books necessary to abstracting by other methods.

I claim as my invention—

In combination with a series of numbered
5 county and like record books, of a page for
abstracting records therefrom having a space
at its top and horizontal and vertical lines
forming vertical columns and horizontal rows
of rectangular spaces, said rectangular spaces
10 being consecutively numbered in accordance

with the numbers of the record-books and
each containing abstracts from the corre-
sponding record-books.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
in presence of two witnesses.

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