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South Dakota Land Patents Database

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) inherited the functions of the General Land Office when it was established by Congress in 1946. The South Dakota Land Patents Database, derived from General Land Office and BLM information, contains deeds (primarily patents) issued by the United States in the region now known as the State of South Dakota between 1859 and 1995. While BLM has been referred to as "the Nations record keeper", it is the National Archives that actually keeps the files. The BLM, maintains diagrammatic plats known as Master Title Plats, which depict lands which are owned by the United States and lands which are patented. However, these plats do not have any information about who the lands were patented to. That information which has only been available after tedious research, it is available now in this database.

The South Dakota Land Patents Database contains the following information for each land transaction: date, location (township, range, section, meridian),
name of person the land was patented to, case type, conveyance type, county, and the patent document identification number.

Using this information you can obtain copies of the patent file for $10 from the National Archives at the following address:

Reference Branch (Lands)
National Archives
Washington, DC 20408
(202) 501-5428

You need to submit your request on a copy of Form 84. To get the form, send an e-mail message to

inquire@nara.gov

In the body of the message, be sure to ask for Form 84 "Order for Copies of Land Entry Files", tell them how many copies you want (get at least 2, in case you make a mistake) and give your name and snail address so they can send you the forms.

(Or you can send a snail mail letter to above address). Sending by e-mail takes less than a week; by snail mail both ways takes about 2 weeks.

Key to Case Types

181000- Public Lands Litigation
186001- Quit claim deed by US
210000- Acquisition by US
220000- Land exchange
230000- Withdrawal of Land by US
240000- Classification of Lands by US
250000 Disposition: Use and Occupancy
    251000- Homestead
    252000- Desert Land Act
    253000- Indian Patents
    254000- Color of Title Act
    255000- Mining Claim Occupancy Act
260000 Grants
    261000- Military Scrip Warrant Patents
    262000- Lands to the State of South Dakota
    262500- Swamp Land
    263000- Rail Road Grants
    264000- Airport conveyance act
270000 Sales
    271000- Public Land Sale
    272000- Cash
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273000- Small Tract
274000- Recreation & Public Purposes
275000- Cemeteries and Parks
276000- Townsites
278000- Unintentional Trespass
371000 Multiple Use Act
386000 Mining Laws
  386200- Lode Mining Claims
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(See map http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/sd/images/meridians.jpg)

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