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(L-R) Craig Olive, Register of Deeds, Pauline Sanders, Deputy Register of Deeds, Jeff Wilson Computer Systems Analysis and Melody Mitchell, Deputy Register of Deeds, have been working to digitize county records so citizens can access them online 24/7.

Records dating back to the 1700s fully digitized

The Johnston County Register of Deeds office has reached a milestone in their ongoing automation process. Craig Olive, register of deeds, announced the completion of another step in the plan to improve the services offered to the citizens of Johnston County. This includes all scanned land record books back to the beginning of Johnston County, the mid 1700s. These index records are available in a searchable format in the office and on the Internet for public access.

The web site is www.johnstonnc.com/registerofdeeds.

The citizens of Johnston County will have access to all land records, indexes and images dating from 1739 to current. These records will give an accurate 270 year search range when searching for title work. This will save citizens time and money by eliminating the need for trips to the Register of Deeds to access these records and will lessen the amount of time needed for title search work performed by attorneys, paralegals, and abstractors. This will be beneficial to all genealogists, as well.

All vital records, which include marriages, births and deaths have been digi-

tized since 2003. Land records from 1940 to 1988 were digitized in 2005. Birth and death images date back to 1913 and marriage images date back to the 1700s, with some of these records being marriage bonds.

"Since taking office in December 2002, I have kept my promise to make public records more accessible at a very low cost," said Olive. "I am further committed to developing and expanding services to make this office easier and more efficient for the public to use, while maintaining our core focus on providing friendly and excellent service to the citizens of Johnston County and all others who utilize this office."