

Iowa Land Records Search Tips – Webster County

- Images and indexing are available from 1999 to present on Iowa Land Records.
- Indexing is available from 1994 to 1999 on Iowa Land Records.
- Prior documents may be requested from our office for a fee of \$0.50 per page.
 - We can only search by (a) Book/Page or Instrument/Reference Number, or (b) the names of the parties and the date the document was recorded.
 - You may contact the Webster County Auditor at 515-573-7175 if you need the date of a recording.
- Less is more. Entering too much information into too many fields at once may limit your search results.
- Search by “Book & Page” for documents prior to Book 2008, Page 1099 (02/29/2008).
 - When searching “Book & Page,” omit “0’s” from the “Page”

Book Number
2008

Page Number
1098

- Search by either “Book & Page” or “Instrument/Reference Number” for documents 2008-01100 (03/03/2008) through 2017-05175 (11/08/2017).
- Search by “Instrument/Reference Number” for documents 2017-05176 (11/13/2017) to present.
 - When searching “Instrument/Reference Number,” use the following format: YYYY-XXXXX. Include all “0’s” in this search format.

Reference Number
2017-05176

- Abbreviations are used in non-human/organization names beginning with the second word. (i.e., Real Estate Company LLC = Real Est Co LLC) – see abbreviation chart below.

Organization Name
Real Est Co LLC

- Punctuation is not indexed.
 - Periods are dropped. A space is not added for both human/person and non-human/organization names. (i.e., J.J. Doe = JJ Doe; J.J. Doe Company LLC = JJ Doe Co LLC)

Organization Name
JJ Doe Co LLC

- Hyphens (-) and slashes (/) are dropped and a space will separate the two words. (i.e., John-Doe Company LLC = John Doe Co LLC)

Organization Name
John Doe Co LLC

- “The” as the first word is dropped and not indexed. (i.e., The Doe Company = Doe Co)
- Trusts and Estates are indexed as both human/person and non-human/organization. (i.e., The Estate of John Doe = John Doe Est)

Organization Name
John Doe Est

- When searching by legal description, add the city code after the subdivision name if the same subdivision name is in another city in the county. (For example: Original Town is a subdivision found in multiple cities. Add the city code after the subdivision name i.e. “Original Town FD” – see city code chart below.

City/Town
FD

Subdivision
Original Town FD

- An Asterisk * may be used as a wild card on Iowa Land Records.
 - This function is particularly useful when you are unsure of the exact term you are looking for or when you want to include multiple variations of a keyword in your search results. (Example: using “*data” might return results for 'metadata', 'big data', 'database'.

Organization Name
*data

Abbreviations

Administrator	Adm
And	&
Association	Assn
Associate(s)	Assoc
Bank and Trust	B&T
Building	Bldg
Chairman	Ch
Certified Public Accountant	CPA
Co-Executor	CoEx
Co-Trustee	CoTr
Company(ies)	Co
Condominium	Condo
Conservator	Cons
Conservatorship	Conshp
Construction	Constr
Corporation	Corp
County	Cnty
Credit	Cr
Custodian	Cust

Department	Dept
District	Dist
Estate	Est
Et Cetera	Etc
Et ux, Et uxor	Etux
Executor, Executrix	Ex
Finance	Fin
Guardian	Gdn
Guardianship	Gdnshp
Incorporated	Inc
Interest	Int
Insurance	Ins
International	Intl
Investment	Inv
Irrevocable Trust	IrrevTr
Life Estate	LE
Limited	Ltd
Mortgage	Mtg
National	Natl
Partner	Ptnr
Partnership	Ptnrp
Residuary Trust	ResTr
Revocable Trust	RevTr
Savings	Svgs
Savings & Loan	S&L
Secretary	Secy
Service(s)	Serv
Single	Sgl
State name	Use zip code abbr
Substitute Trustee	SubTr
Successor Trustee	SucTr
Surveyor	Surv
System(s)	Sys
Trustee	Tr
Undivided	Und

City Codes

BA	Badger
BN	Barnum
BP	Border Plains
BR	Burnside
BS	Brushy
CA	Callender
CL	Clare
CO	Coalville
CR	Crooks

DA	Dayton
DU	Duncombe
EV	Evanston
FA	Farnhamville
FD	Fort Dodge
GO	Gowrie
HA	Harcourt
IN	Industry
KA	Kalo
LA	Lanyon
LE	Lehigh
Lena	Lena
MO	Moorland
OT	Otho
RO	Roelyn
SL	Slifer
ST	Stratford
TA	Tara
VN	Vincent
WC	Webster County