Eddy County Backfile Index: The Old Grantor and Grantee Books Online

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Last time, the Eddy County tract search left a hole in the middle of the chain. Today we fill it, with the Backfile Index: the county's old index books, scanned, and open to a guest.

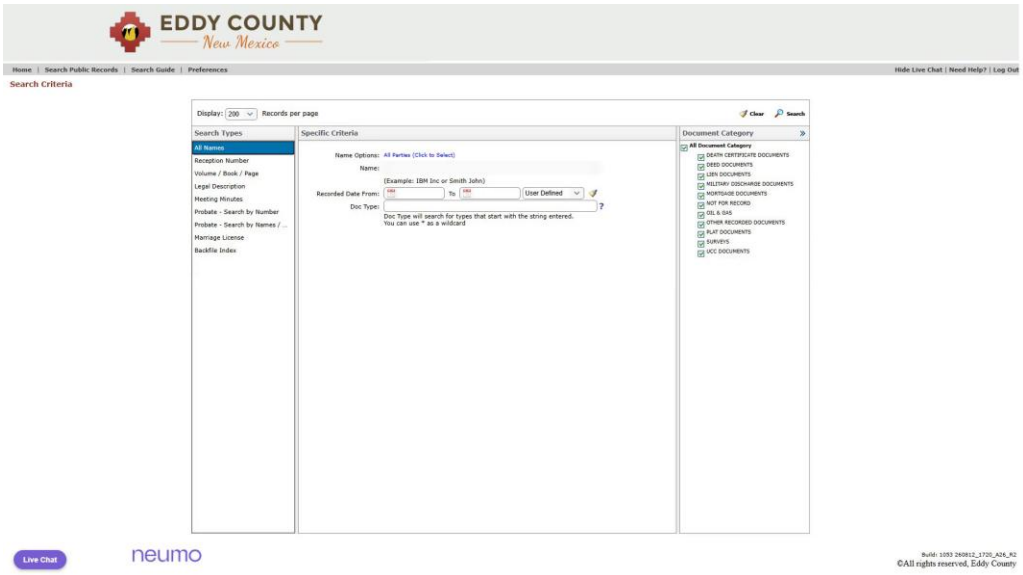
Every screen here is a real frame from the video, on the Eddy County Clerk's public site.

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Step by step

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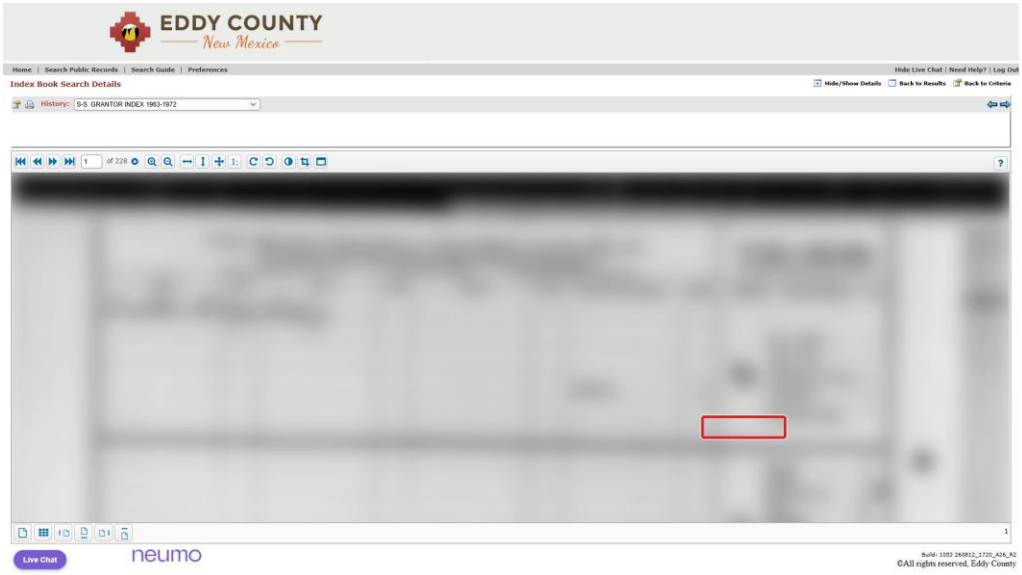
On the left, Backfile Index. There's only one box: Name, one character. You're not searching names here. You're picking a letter, the way you'd pull a book off the shelf.

And look at the list of books. General Index, 1884 to 1892, and on through 1912. Then Grantee Index and Grantor Index books, from 1912 all the way to 1963 to 1972, and 1973 to 1979.

I'll type the letter S. Search. Thirty-one items. That's one row for each book: eight General Index books, eleven Grantee books, eleven Grantor books, and a Miscellaneous Index. Each one holds the S names for its years.

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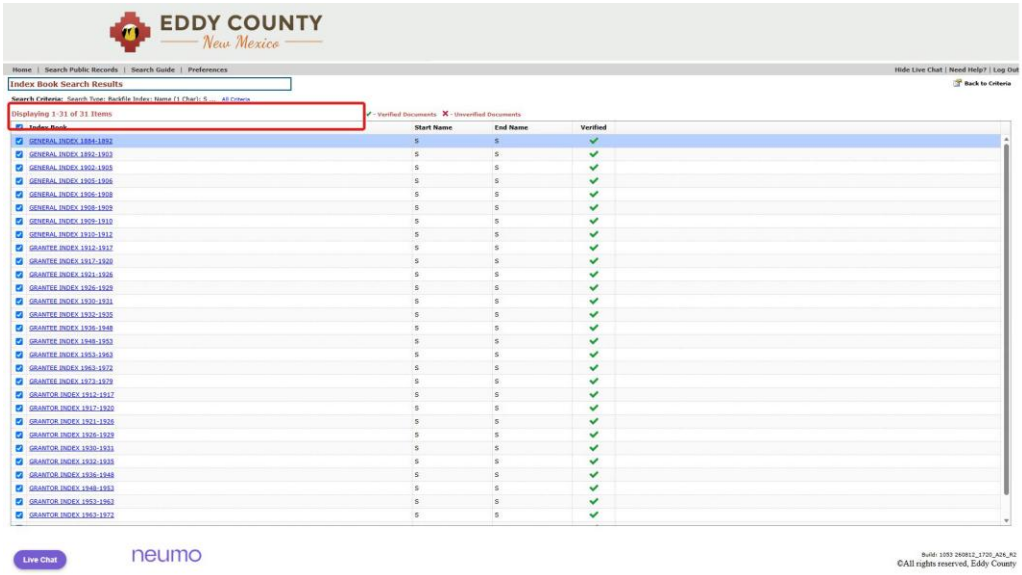
I'll open the Grantor Index, 1963 to 1972. Two hundred twenty-eight pages, just for the S grantors in those ten years. I'm blurring the pages, because they're full of private names. On your screen, you'll read the page itself.



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That's the bridge. The tract search gave us the nineteen fifties and the records indexed since 2016. These books cover the years up to 1979, by name. For the later years, the online name index takes over, and you check how far back it reaches for each name.

So here's how I run an Eddy County chain. Tract search both ways, with the letters and without, and write down the dates each one covers. For the years before 1980, take every name you have, owners, lessees, and the companies, and open the grantor book for that letter and those years. Then the grantee book. For the later years, run the same names in All Names, and note the earliest date it returns for each one.



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Write down every book you opened, the letter, the years, and the pages you read. When the opinion asks what you searched, that's your answer.

The routine

1. Tract both ways. Mark the gap.
2. Grantor and grantee books, by letter, for every name in the gap years.
3. All Names for the later years.
4. And a search log that lists every book and page.

The trap

Saying the old Eddy County index isn't online. It is. It's in the books, by letter, and you have to read them.

Links

- **Eddy County Clerk records search:** https://countyfusion15.govos.com/countyweb/loginDisplay.action?countyname=EddyNM
- **Watch the video:** LMJ Chalk Talk on YouTube, Site Walkthroughs playlist
- **LMJ directory, New Mexico counties:** https://lmjlandservices.com/directory/new-mexico/
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