

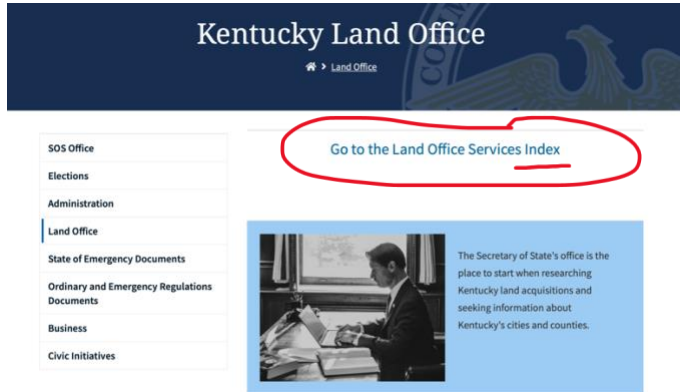
A Brief Introduction to Navigating the Land Records on Kentucky Secretary of State Website

1. Link to the Kentucky Land Office Page

<https://www.sos.ky.gov/land/Pages/default.aspx>

2. Choose the Index

<https://web.sos.ky.gov/land/>



This is an extensive index! This screenshot only shows part of the listings.



Let's say you need to check for Land Patents an ancestor may have had, or ... if you are doing a deed history of property in your family, you need to find that first landowner.

Example: You have a deed history for your grandfather's farm and have found 10 deeds going back to 1827 and that last deed says " land that came from Matthew Walton's preemption...." Find the collection and begin. A good place to start is the Virginia and Old Kentucky Land Patents.

3. To search the patents by **name** choose Search Virginia and Old Kentucky Patents

- **Virginia and Old Kentucky Patent Series**
 - **Search Virginia and Old Kentucky Patents**

This search included only the last name and in the SELECT SERIES box, OLD KENTUCKY PATENT SERIES was chosen. Scroll through the list and you will see VIRGINIA PATENT SERIES results after OLD KENTUCKY PATENT SERIES.

The screenshot shows the search interface for the Virginia and Old Kentucky Patent Series. At the top left is the logo of the Kentucky Secretary of State, Michael G. Adams. Below it is a navigation menu with options: Virginia and Old Kentucky Patent Series (selected), West of Tennessee River Military Patents, West of Tennessee River Non-Military Patents, and County Court Orders. The main search area is titled "Virginia and Old Kentucky Patent Series" and includes a "Describe this search here" section. This section has input fields for Last Name (filled with "walton"), First Name, Middle Name, Or ..., and Watercourse/Location. Below this is a "Search by Series and Patent Number" section with a "Select Series" dropdown menu (set to "Old Kentucky Patent Series") and an "Enter Patent #" field. There are "Search" and "Reset Form" buttons at the bottom of the search area. A link for "Excel Spreadsheet of Results" is located below the search area.

<https://web.sos.ky.gov/land/vaok.aspx> This link will take you to the results for **Walton** in the OLD KENTUCKY PATENTS SERIES. Note that this is a last name search. There are spaces provided in the search form to add first name and other information, if known.

4. Return to the index and search other collections. KENTUCKY DOOMSDAY listings are another early land record documentation that is smaller in size but another piece of treasure on this website.