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**ALL BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DEATH CERTIFICATES BEING  
SCANNED AND ELECTRONICALLY INDEXED**

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**Carlinville** - All vital records, which include birth, marriage and death certificates, going back to Macoupin County's founding are being scanned and electronically indexed, Macoupin County Clerk Pete Duncan announced.

"Since taking office, I've tried to make the County Clerk's office more efficient by moving as many records as possible into a digital format," Duncan said. "My belief is that getting a copy of a vital record should be just as easy as getting a song from iTunes or an eBook from Amazon. This latest project will move us to that goal and take another step towards smarter, better government."

Duncan pointed out that it had been well over ten years since the last change in how vital records are stored and retrieved. Back in 2001, the County began entering all new records going forward into their computer system. No action has been taken since to convert older records until now. When the project he, his staff, and dedicated volunteers are working on is completed, every vital record in Macoupin County will be available with just a click of the mouse.

Currently some marriage and death certificates have been sent away to be restored and then scanned. Copies of these records can still be provided, it's just the processing time might be longer than normal. "My office can still provide anyone a copy of any certificate upon request, but it will probably take us a little bit longer than usual. We apologize for the inconvenience now and appreciate everyone's cooperation."

Anyone with questions on the project or who needs a copy of a vital record is asked to contact the County Clerk's office at 217 854-3214 ext. 707.

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