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**CLERK-RECORDER ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF CONSERVATION
PROJECT AND NEW ONLINE CATALOG AT COUNTY ARCHIVES**

(Santa Ana, CA) ----- Clerk Recorder Hugh Nguyen is pleased to announce two exciting enhancements at the Orange County Archives that will be a great benefit to academics, researchers, historians and the general public.

The Orange County Archives, a function under the Office of Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen, took the first step to complete an extensive conservation project in order to repair, clean, de-acidify, encapsulate and re-bind property indexes from 1889-1953, as well as 60 of the most damaged deeds kept at the Archives.

A total of 210 volumes have been repaired so far. This project is especially important because prior to the overhaul, the County did not have back-up copies of these historical records. This project ensures that this historical part of the County's legacy will remain safe for generations to come. The Archives will continue its conservation efforts on a case by case basis.

In addition to the conservation project, the Archives recently launched a searchable online catalog that is accessible to anyone with Internet access. The public can now locate historical property records using the new online catalog. This will be an on-going project intended to modernize the way records are stored, and made accessible to the public as well as academics, researchers and local historians. These parties will no longer have to leave the comfort of their own homes or offices to conduct preliminary historical research of the resources available at the County's Archives.

"When I took office, I promised to safeguard and make our records more accessible to the public," Clerk-Recorder Hugh Nguyen said. "These two projects make it easier for the public to access the resources available at the Archives and ensure that the County's history continues to be preserved for the future and accessible to generations to come."

The Orange County Archives are located in the Old Orange County Courthouse in Santa Ana. The Archives contains a collection of historical documents from the County dating back to 1889. These records include deeds and property records; marriage and birth records; maps and various photographs.

To access the new online catalog and learn more about the Orange County Archives, please visit us at www.ocarchives.com. To learn more about the services offered by the Orange County Clerk-Recorder Department, please visit www.ocrecorder.com.

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