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**DALLAS COUNTY CLERK JOHN WARREN KICKS OFF HISTORICAL
BOOK PRESERVATION PROJECT**

DALLAS, TX (May 19, 2009) – Dallas County has over 12,000 historical books that has been stored away and poorly maintained. Over the years, these historical books have slowly deteriorated due to improper storage and handling.

Mr. Warren has taken action regarding this issue and has contracted with GTSI, Inc., AmCad and Louisiana Binding Services, Inc. to spear head the preservation project. This project is estimated to take approximately seven (7) years to complete. The preservation process of the books will be done in several phases depending on the severity of the books condition. The condition of the books range from torn and brittle pages to ripped binding and mold. “It is very important that we preserve the history of Dallas County and its land records.” Mr. Warren noted.



As part of the preservation process, the books will be disassembled and the pages cleaned. Afterward, each page will be placed in a protective plastic sleeve. The books will then be rebounded in humidity, water and fire proof encapsulation. The protective sheeting and encapsulation will preserve the books for a period of over three hundred years.

On May 19th Mike Deakes of GTSI, Corp., Ryan Schoenfeld of AmCad, and Scott Williams of Louisiana Binding Services presented Mr. Warren with the first four completed books of the preservation project.

“I was amazed at the quality of the work that is being done to preserve the books. The encapsulation process that Louisiana Binding uses is something to see. Knowing that Dallas County’s books are being preserved for hundreds of years gives me a level of comfort that we won’t have to address this issue again in our lifetime. This is records management and preservation at its best. I know the citizens of Dallas County will be very pleased with the manner in which these books are being taken care of.” Mr. Warren said.