



A USER GUIDE TO FAMILYSEARCH

HOW TO FIND BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES DOCUMENTS ON FAMILYSEARCH

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STATE OF HAWAI'I BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES

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STATE OF HAWAI'I BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES

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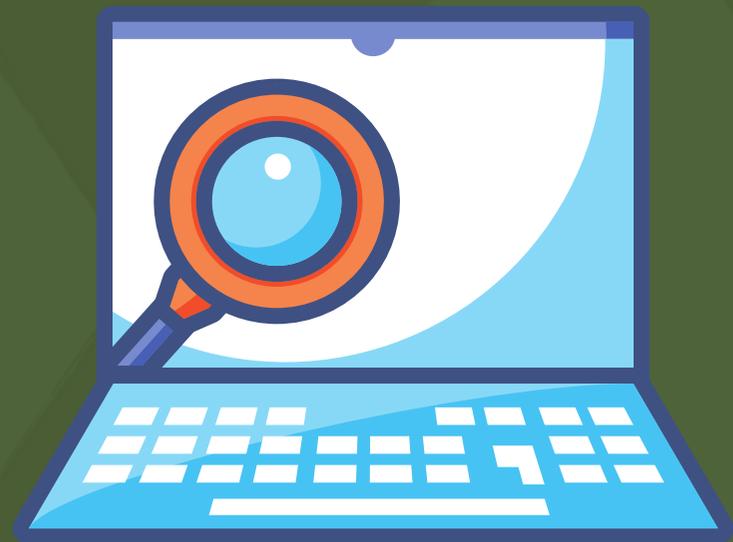


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- **Deeds and other records in Hawai‘i 1844-1900**
- **Indexes 1845-1917**
- **Associated Deeds**



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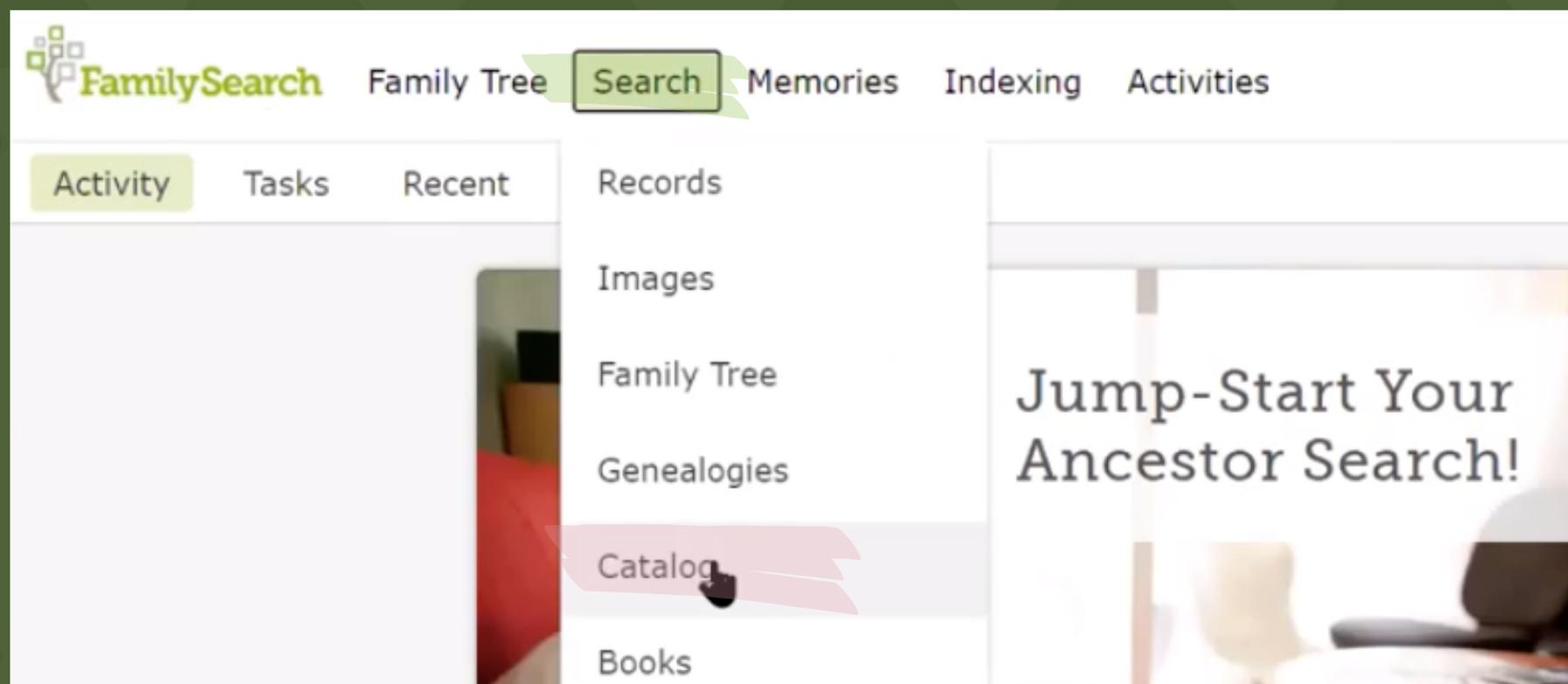
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[Deeds and other records \(Hawaii\), 1844-1900; index, 1845-1917](#)

Author: Hawaii. Registrar of Bureau of Conveyances

[Hawaiian kingdom, 1890 census](#)

[United States Bureau of Land Management tract books : COLLECT](#)

Author: United States. Bureau of Land Management



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5 You will be prompted to "click here"
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Deeds and other records (Hawaii), 1844-1900; index, 1845-1

Authors: [Hawaii. Registrar of Bureau of Conveyances \(Main Author\)](#)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English
Hawaiian

Publication: Honolulu, Hawaii : Hawaii. Department of Land and Natural Resources, [197-?]

Physical: on 108 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

References: (Digital Collection) [Hawaii, grantor and grantee index : COLLECTION RECORD, 1845-1909](#)

Notes

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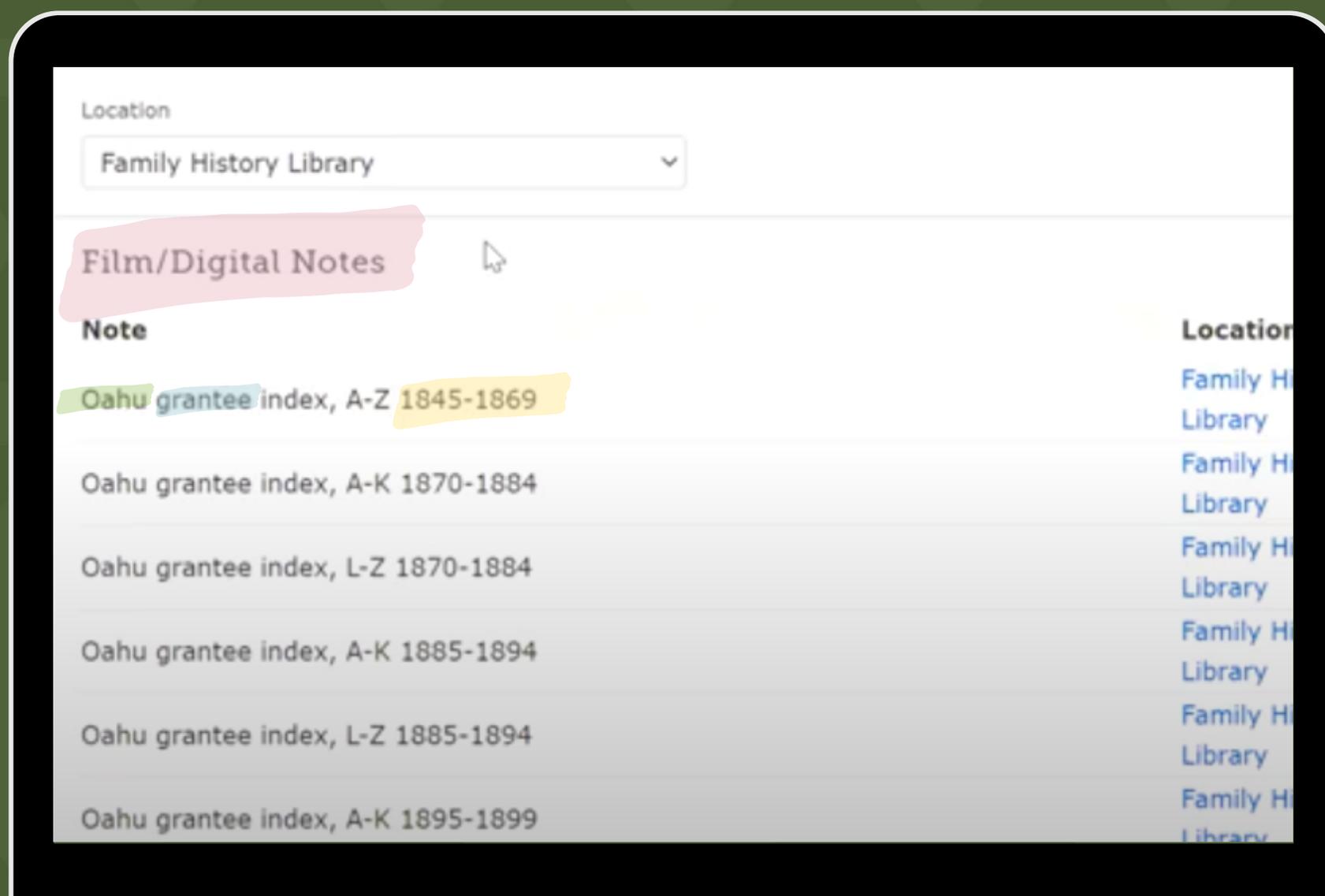




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6 Film / Digital Notes are organized by island, date, and alphabetized by Grantee or Grantor

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Grantee vs Grantor

The Grantee is the individual who the property is given to. The Grantee is the recipient.



The Grantor is the individual who has given rights or interests of a property to another person or entity. The Grantor is the one giving.



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Scroll through and select the index you'd like to search through. In order to view the index pages, click on the **camera icon** on the far right.

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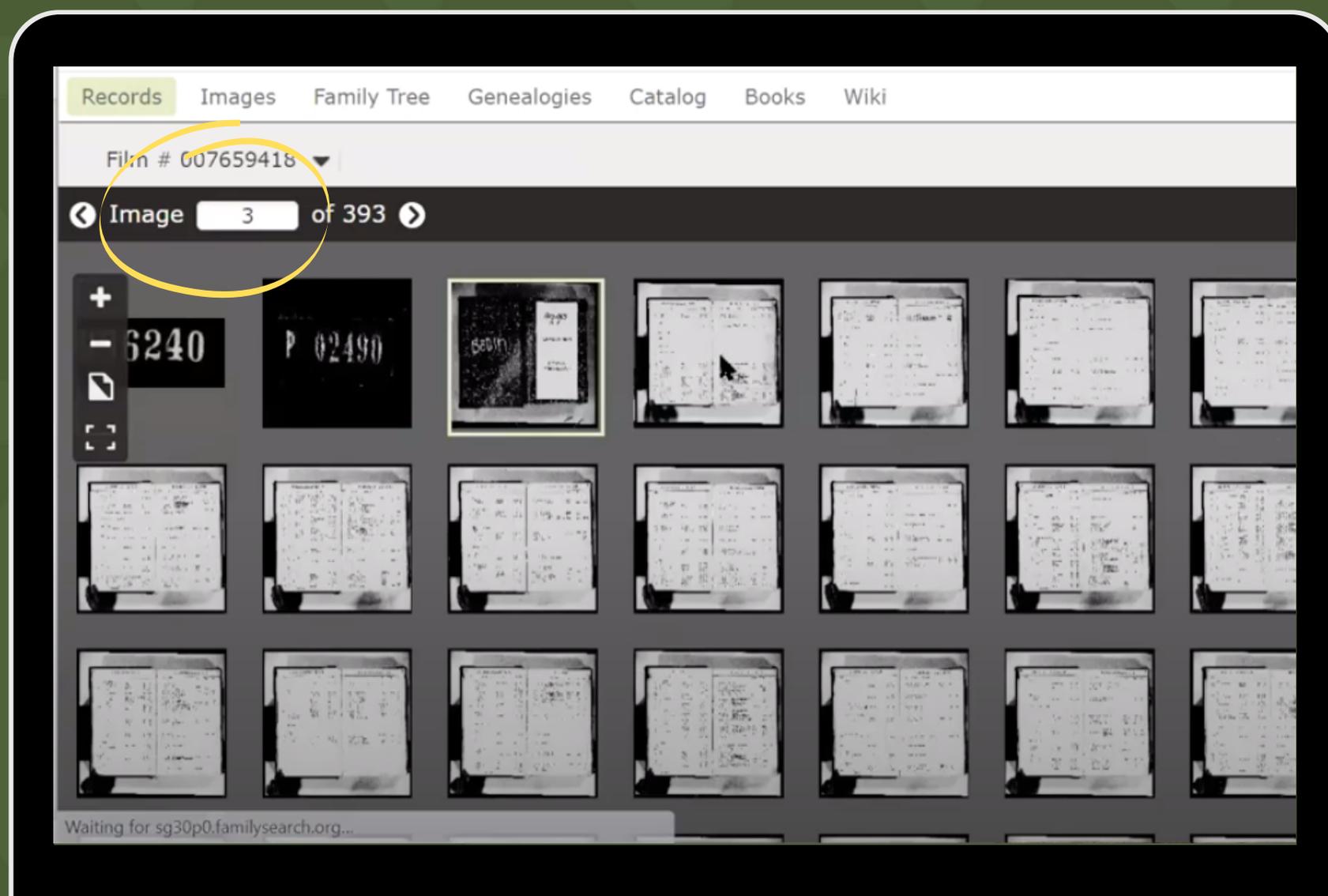




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After clicking on the "camera icon" you will be redirected to original scans of the index pages. You can navigate through the index by manually selecting each page or typing in the **image number**.





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When you click on the scanned image, you will see two pages of an open book. The **Island** that the book references is titled at the top of the page. The left side of the book will list the **Grantee**, **Grantor**, and the **Date** the transaction was made.

The right side of the book lists the **Book**, **Page**, and **Date of Record** of the deed, information on the **land Awarded**, and the **Situation of the Land** which includes the **Name of Land**, **District**, and **Island**.

ISLAND OF MAUI				MAUI, MOLOKAI, LANAI and KAHOO LAWE											
BOOK	PAGE	DATE OF RECORD	NAME OF LAND	SITUATION	DISTRICT	ISLAND	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	DATE OF INSTRUMENT						
							AWAHI (Continued)								
P./A.	*	*	James W.	Younans, Kate W. & hab.	July 15 1862					25 260 Apr. 4 1860	General powers				
D.	*	*	Admr. & Exor. at als.	Lewers, C. H.	Dec. 5 1868					26 447 Dec. 9 *	{lands, leaseholds, mills, bldgs, wharves, livestock, tools, etc. of Waialeale Sugar Plant'n}			Maui	
*	*	*	*	Allen, Elisha H. & wf.	May 14 1869					28 87 May 29 1869	H.Pa. 2743 & 2965		Kaupo	"	
*	*	*	*	Rogers, E. H. & wf.	" 18 "					* 121 June 22 *	5 Ahupuaa		Kapuaiei Ac.	Molokai	
Rel.	*	*	J. W. et als. Cons.	Emerson, J. S.	"- " -"					1 Mises 375 Aug. 16 1858	pc. land &c.		Kaanani	Maui	
*	*	*	et al. Assignees	Robertson, G. W.	May 29 1858					7 575 May 29 *	R. P. 1114		Main St.	"	
Par./Rel.	*	*	*	Brewer, Chas. 2nd.	" 20 -"					* 586 " " "	" " "		Kuhua	"	
Rel.	*	*	*	Viz Holt & Heisk	" 29 1858					8 36 June 1 "	pc. land		"	"	
*	*	*	Cons.	Marshall, T. Ret. of by Atty. of Exor.	Feb. 27 1865					10 399 Mar. 1 1865	Kul. 277		Lanaha	" Ac.	
*	*	*	Admr.	Chillon, Chas. F.	Nov. 10 1859					* 427 Nov. 10 1859	* 8515		"	" "	
*	*	*	Assignee	Sackfeld, J. by Atty.	June 7 1864					14 4 Oct. 14 1864	Shanty pc. land, bldgs. & livestock		Vailuku Ac.	"	
*	*	*	Admr.	Claghorn, A. E.	July 17 1866					17 365 Dec. 14 1865	Pr. land		Makemo	"	
D.	*	*	et als.	Havelock, J. D. Ret. of by Assignee & Tr.	May 14 1864					18 277 Aug. 10 1864	{ 5 pcs. land Kul. 5335 & Kul. 407 Ap. 4		Ealeula }	Vailuku	
E.	*	*	Atty. et als.	Kamehameha IV.	Aug. 1 1863					* 350 Oct. 4 *	pc. land		"	"	
Tr./D.	*	*	Tr.	McCandless, H. C.	June 5 1867					23 572 June 7 1867	Real, personal & mixed property		"	" "	
M.	*	*	Admr. et als.	Ferris, Charles C. & wf. et als.	Apr. 1 1869					28 98 May 22 1869	Int. in Lands, leasehold, bldgs, wharves &c.		Waialeale Ac.	Maui	
D.	*	*	Stafford L.	Kamakana & wf.	June 23 1856					9 594 Apr. 16 1857	Kul. 11067 B.		"	" "	
C./M.	*	*	S. L.	Lidgate, Wm.	May 18 1869					28 391 Sept. 30 1869	Engine, lathe, fixtures &c.		"	" "	
							AWA								
Agmt.	*	*	Along et al.	Clark, Geo. & Co.	Feb. 24 1868					25 121 Feb. 24 1868	{ in re apprenticeship of Awa in Art { A Trade of shoe making for 5 years }		"	" "	
							AWAHEA								
D.	*	*	& wf.	Kool (k)	Jan. 13 1868					25 208 Mar. 21 1868	Int. in Mah. 1 Kul. 1739		"	" "	
							AWAKA - See also - AWAH								
L.	*	*		Wahaaku	July 1 1863					22 438 Jan. 26 1867	5 Lots		"	" "	
							AWALI								
D./A.	*	*	et al.	Ealalo & wf.	Jan. 15 1855					6 477 Feb. 21 1855	female child Hookeho 3 1/2 yrs. old		"	" "	
"	*	*	& wf.	Labati & wf.	Aug. 1 1865					20 37 Aug. 1 1865	" " Elena Kopeki		"	" "	



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Once you find the kupuna or ‘āina you are researching, take note of the information listed. You can also download or print the page to begin building the mo‘okū‘auhau of ‘āina and piecing together its story.

In the example below, **Awana**, also possibly listed in other documents as **Awon** is noted as the grantee. Awana was given **5 lo‘i** by **Wahaeku**, the grantor. This transaction was made on **July 1, 1863** and the deed can be found in **Book 22, Page 430**, recorded in **January 26, 1867**. The **Situation of the Land** is not listed.

AWANA - See also - AWON	Wahaeku	July 1 1863	22 430	Jan. 26 1867	5 Lois
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ISLAND OF MAUI				MAUI, MOLOKAI, LANAI and KAHOO LAWE			
BOOK	PAGE	DATE OF RECORD	NAME OF GRANTOR	NAME OF GRANTEE	SITUATION	DISTRICT	REMARKS
25	260	Apr. 4 1859	General powers				
26	447	Dec. 9 "	(lands, leaseholds, mills, bldgs, wharves, livestock, tools, &c. of 'Waialeale Sugar Plant'n)				Maui
26	87	May 29 1859	R.P.s. 2743 & 2985			Kaupo	"
"	121	June 22 "	5 Ahupua'a			Kaunaloa Ac.	Molokai
1 Mlgeo	576	Aug. 16 1859	pc. land &c.			Keawiki	Maui
7	576	May 29 "	R. P. 1114			Main St.	"
"	586	" " "	" " "			Kuhua	"
8	36	June 1 "	pc. land			"	"
10	399	Mar. 1 1855	Kul. 277			Lanaha	" Ac.
"	427	Nov. 10 1859	" 8515			"	"
14	4	Oct. 14 1854	Shanty pc. land, bldgs. & livestock			Wailuku Ac.	"
17	365	Dec. 14 1855	pc. land			Makamao	"
18	277	Aug. 10 1854	(3 pcs. land Kul. 5336 & Kul. 407 Ap.4			Haloula	"
"	350	Oct. 4 "	pc. land			"	"
23	372	June 7 1857	Real, personal & mixed property			"	"
28	98	May 22 1859	Int. in Lands, leasehold, Bldgs, Wharves &c.			Vaihee Ac.	Maui
9	594	Apr. 16 1857	Kul. 11047 B.			"	"
28	591	Sept. 30 1859	Engine Lathes, fixtures Ac.			"	"
25	121	Feb. 24 1859	(in re apprenticeship of Awa in Art & Trade of shoe making for 5 years)			"	"
25	200	Mar. 21 1859	Int. in Mah. 1 Kul. 1739			"	"
22	430	Jan. 26 1867	5 Lois			"	"
6	477	Feb. 21 1855	Female child Hookeho 3 1/2 yrs. old			"	"
20	37	Aug. 1 1855	" " Elena Kapaki			"	"





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Looking at the information provided in the index, take note of the **Book Number, Page, and Date of Record**. You will use this information to find the Deed attached to the parcel of land you are researching.

Book #: 22

Page #: 430

Date Recorded: January 26, 1867

AWANA - See also - AWON

Wahaaku

July 1 1863

22 430 Jan. 26 1867 5 Lois

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TYPE OF INSTRUMENT	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	DATE OF INSTRUMENT
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"	"	Allen, Elisha H. & wf.	May 14 1869
"	"	Rogers, E. H. & wf.	" 18 "
Rel.	J. W. et als. Gms.	Emerson, J. S.	" " " "
"	et al. Assignees	Robertson, G. W.	May 29 1859
Par./Rel.	"	Brewer, Chas. 2nd.	" 20 " "
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"	Adm.	Duillon, Chas. F.	Nov. 10 1859
"	Assignee	Hackfeld, J. by Atty.	June 7 1864
"	Adm.	Cleghorn, A. S.	July 17 1866
D.	et als.	Havokost, J. D. Est. of by Assignee & Tr.	May 14 1864
L.	Atty. et als.	Kamehameha IV.	Aug. 1 1863
Tr./D.	Tr.	McCandless, H. C.	June 5 1867
M.	Adm. et als.	Farris, Charles C. & wf. et als.	Apr. 1 1869
D.	Stafford L.	Makakane & wf.	Jan. 23 1856
C./W.	D. L.	Lidgate, Wm.	May 18 1869
AWA			
Agmt.	Along et al.	Clark, Geo. & Co.	Feb. 24 1866
AWAIIA			
D.	& wf.	Kool (k)	Jan. 13 1868
AWANA			
"	See also - AWON	Wahaaku	July 1 1863
AWILI			
D./A.	et al.	Esalao & wf.	Jan. 15 1855
"	& wf.	Labati & wf.	Aug. 1 1865

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MAUI, MOLOKAI, LANAI and KAHOO LAWE

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26	447	Dec. 9 "		(lands, leaseholds, mills, bldgs, machinery, livestock, tools, etc. of various Sugar Plant'n)		MAUI
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"	121	June 22 "		5 Ahupuaas	Kapoulei Ac.	Molokai
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Go back to the Film / Digital Notes page and scroll down the list of Island indexes until you see "Deeds." Find the Book Number that matches the 'āina you are researching and click on the camera icon to open.

Ex. Book 22

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Wills, v. 1 1847-1849 Vessels, v. 1 1847-1850 Royal conveyances, v. 1 1847 Miscellaneous, v. 1 1844-1846	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film
Deeds, v. 1 1846-1852 Lease, v. 1 1846 C/Mortgage, v. 1 1849-1851 Mortgage, v. 1 1846-1854	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film
Deeds, v. 2-3 1846-1849	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film
Deeds, v. 4-6 1849-1855	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film
Deeds, v. 7-10 1855-1858	Family History Library	United States & Canada Film
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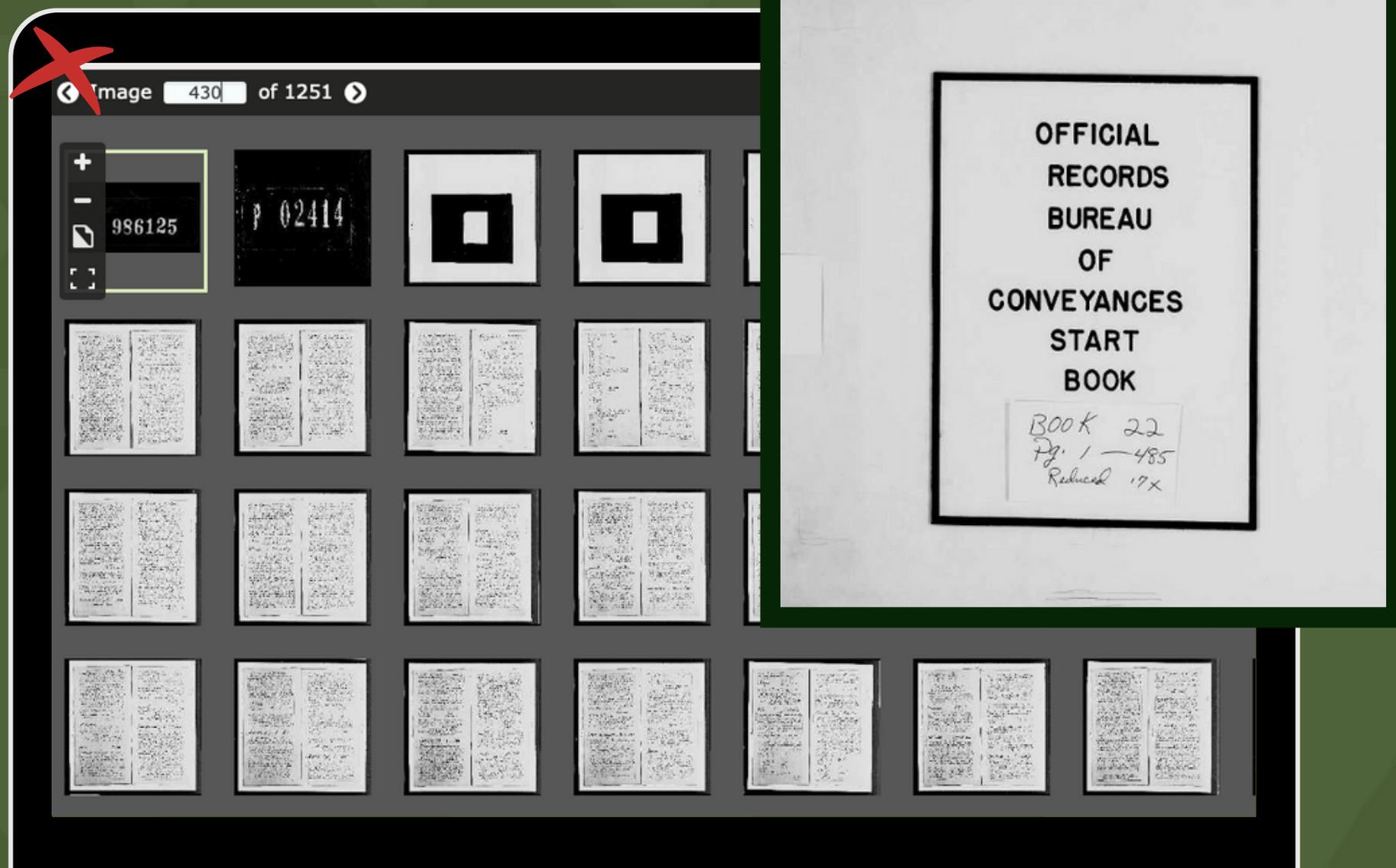
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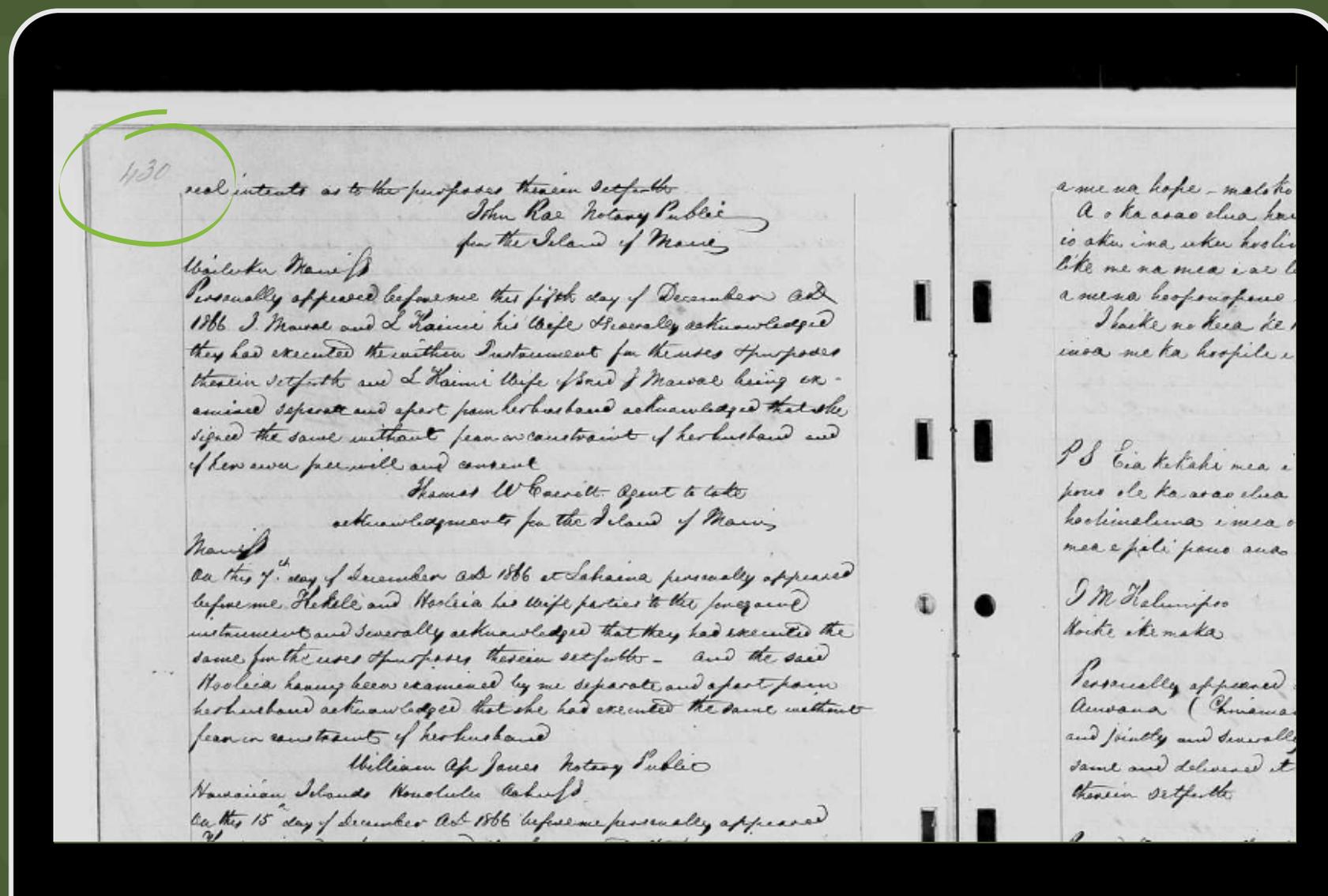




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Carefully scroll through the pages of the book until you find the corresponding page number you are looking for. The **page number** is located on the upper left-hand corner of the page.





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Search through the page until you find the **deed** you are looking for. You can **download or print** the document and add it to your file. If you plan to use FamilySearch again to find this document, it is a good idea to take note of the **Image Number**. When looking for this document again, you can simply type in the Image Number instead of scrolling through the pages.

