



Sonoma County Recorder

One of the responsibilities of the Sonoma County Recorder is the maintenance of the real property records, which includes the preservation of all historical records, dating back to 1835. The records maintained by the Recorder are "public" records, which means they must be made available to the public for inspection. The maintenance of and access to these records is essential.

Starting in 1980, the Recorder's office began to electronically image all recorded documents. All records prior to 1980 remain archived on approximately 2,000 rolls of microfilm. This microfilm is made available for public use, but it is cumbersome to use and requires multiple reader printers, which are costly to maintain and take up valuable office space. These challenges faced by the County of Sonoma offices were the driving force behind the development of an innovative new product called **Digital Reel™**.

Digital Reel™ is a software and service solution that creates an electronic replica of the original microfilm. The **Digital Reel™** conversion process maintains absolute roll integrity: every frame, every splice, every inch, every time. **Digital Reel™** presents a continuous stream of images in the exact order found on the original microfilm. This "digital integrity" is especially important in the Recorder's Offices, where accurate capture of every image is critical. **Digital Reel™** allows the operator to quickly jump to a given page or scroll the continuous image stream, exactly as the original microfilm would appear. Operators may select a single page, multiple pages or only a section of a page to print. Image redaction and email connectivity are also available.

Digital Reel™ is a fraction of the cost of traditional imaging systems and eliminates the need for microfilm reader printers. Saves county staff and the public time by searching electronic files from PCs rather than microfilm rolls.

