

Nantucket Town Clerk's Records Restoration Project PHASE FOUR



Capital Program Funds brought us from:

- THIS...



TO THIS!

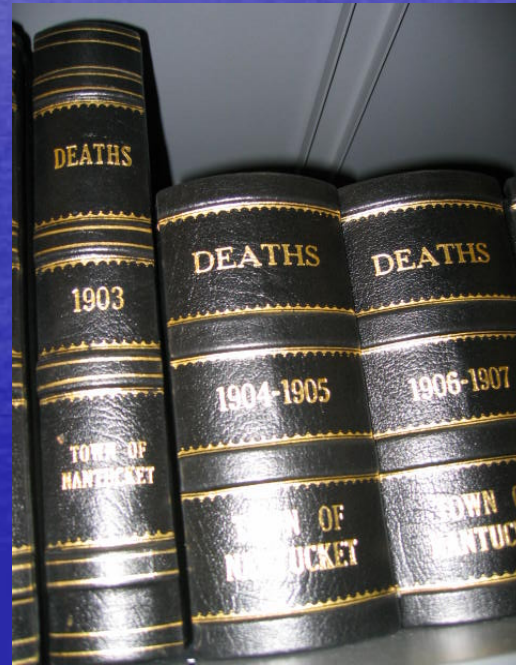


CPC Funds have brought us:

FROM THIS.....

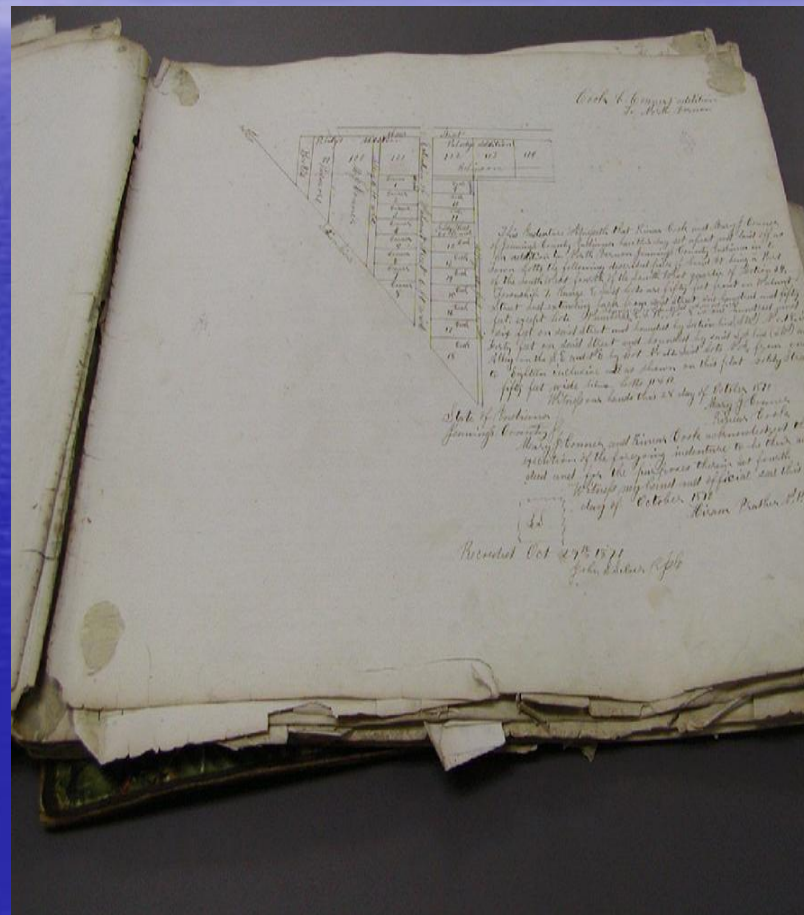


TO THIS!!



Historic Records Preservation

- From early times until 1850, natural fibers such as cotton were used to make paper.
- The paper is fairly stable, but the inks fade quickly.



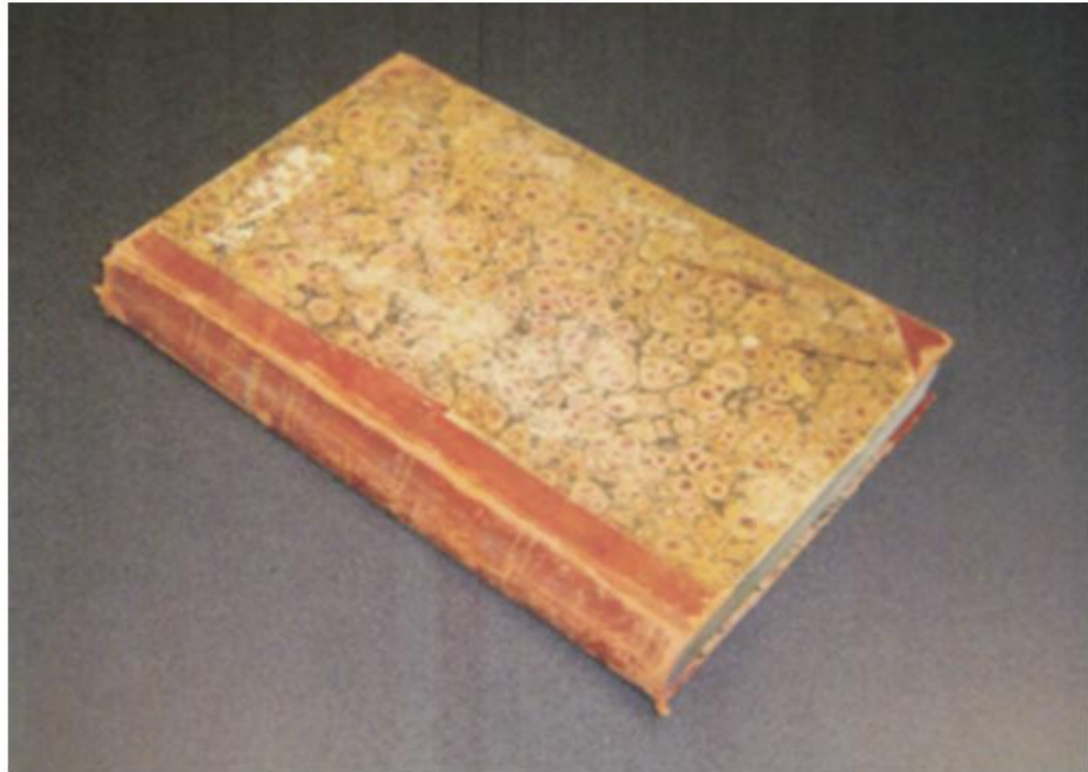
From 1850 – 1993, wood pulp paper was used. It is extremely acidic, and unstable.



Volumes from Attic Vault (note crumbling text & bindings)



Book of County Commissioners' Minutes arrives at Brown's River Bindery.



Record is logged in.



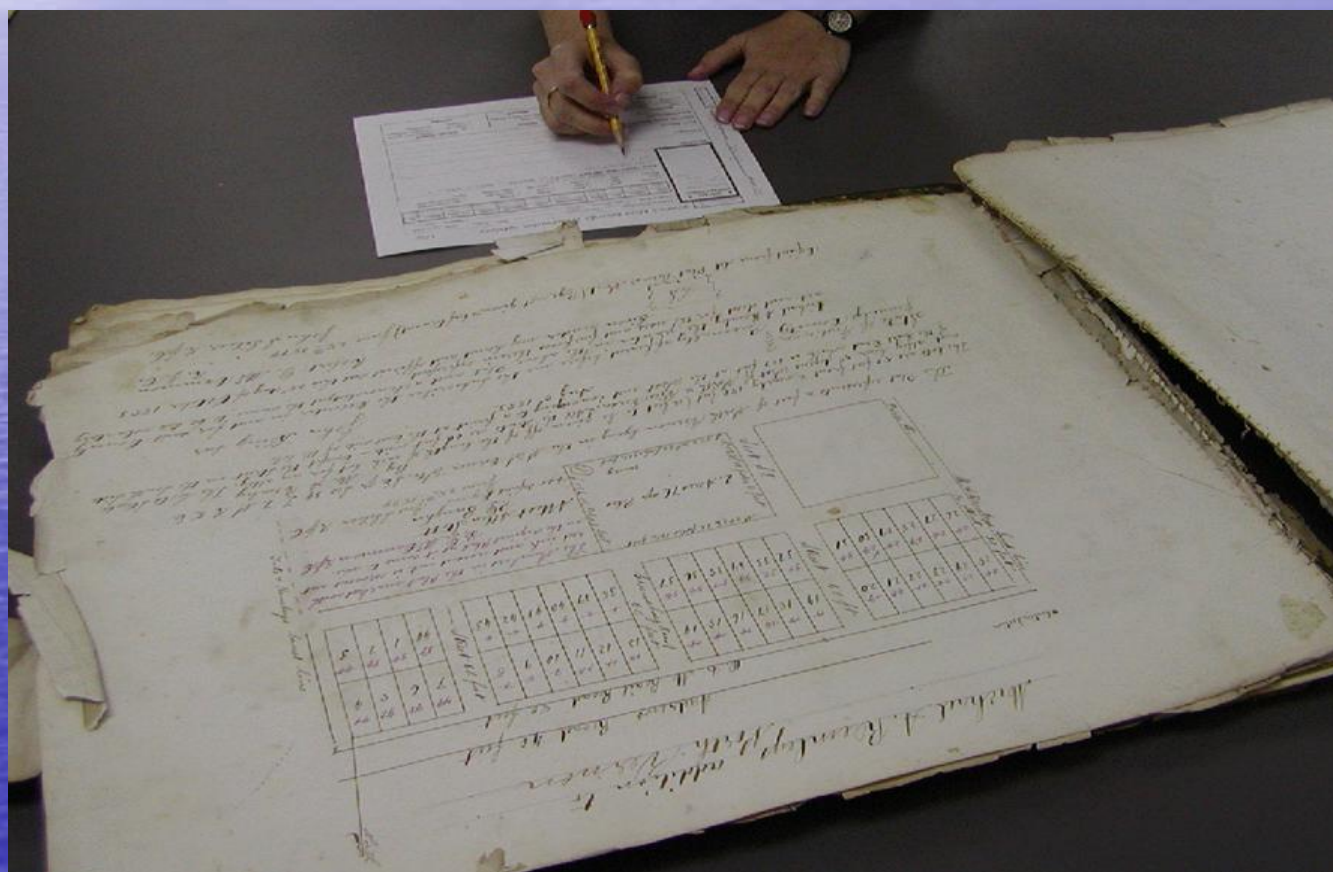
Record is dismantled.



Record is assessed for paper type, ink type, pagination, content, and damage.



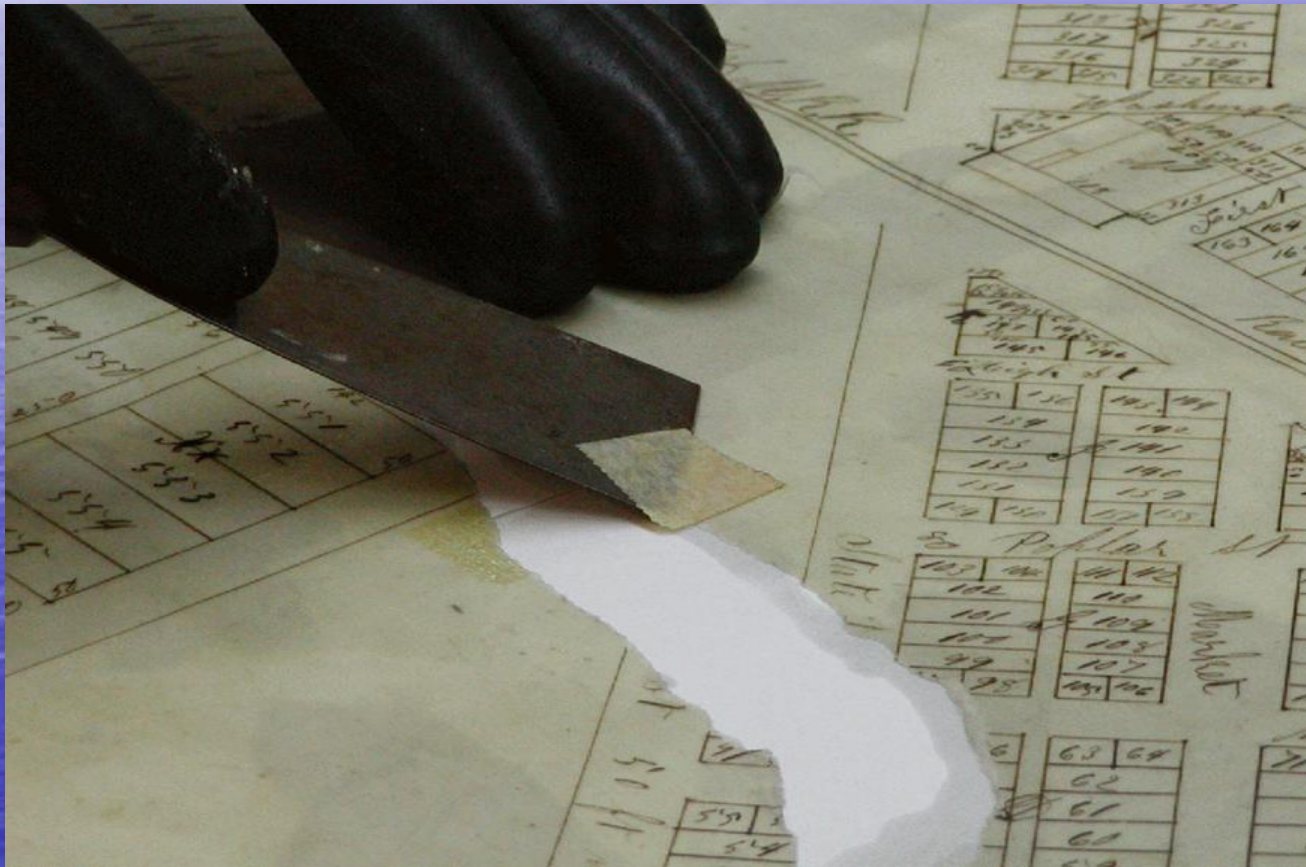
Assessment.



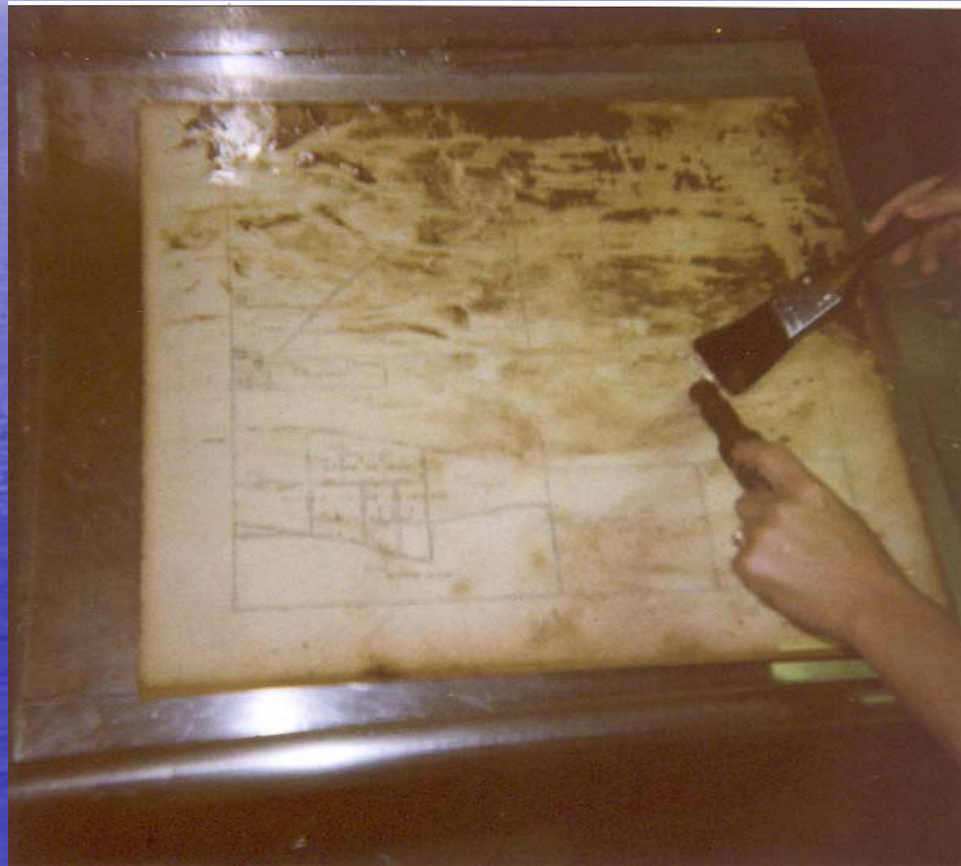
Adhesive residue is removed.



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Record is cleaned.



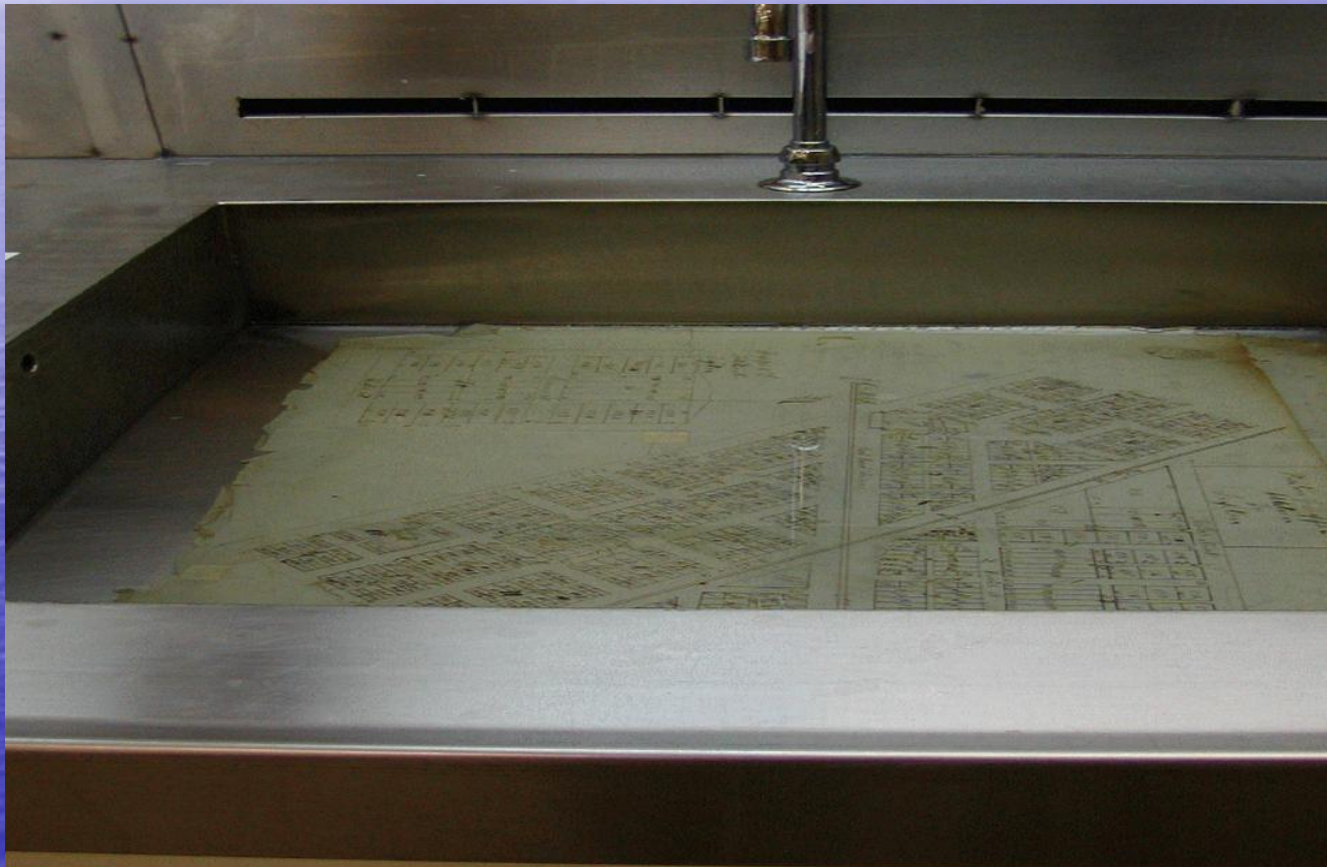
Record is cleaned.



Record is repaired.



Record is de-acidified.



Record is dried.



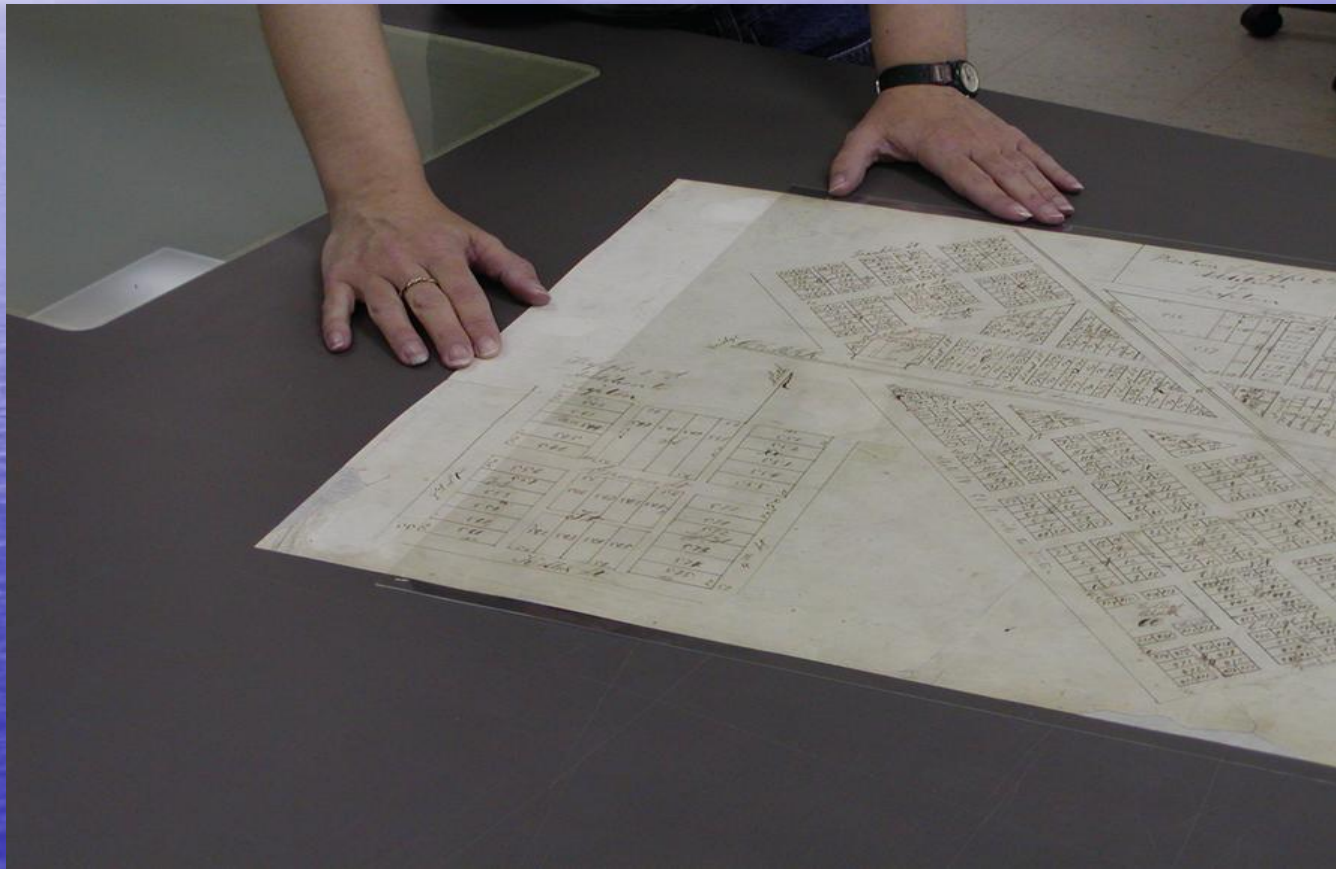
Record's binding is handsewn.



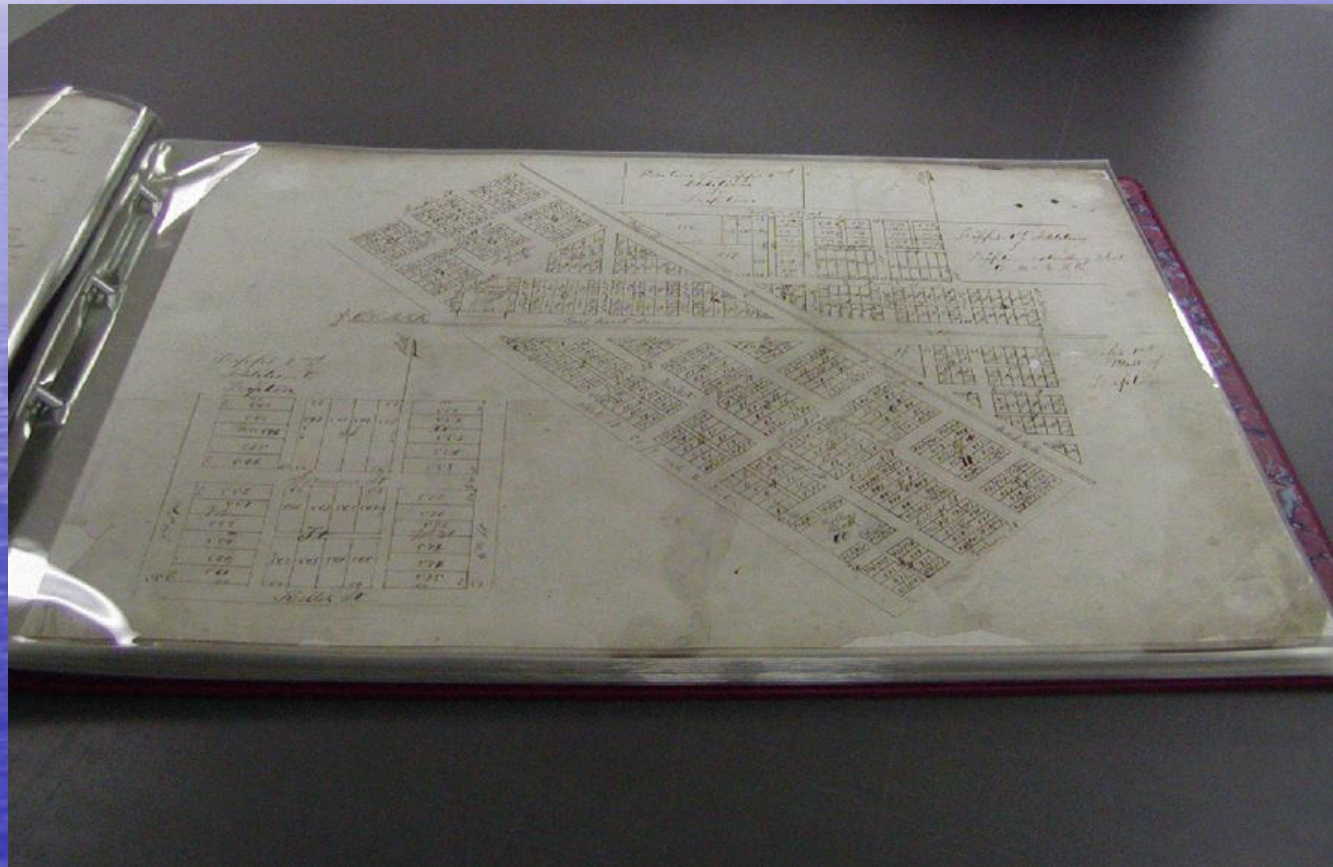
Leather binding is cut, and applied.



Or, the Record is encapsulated.



Record is bound.



Gold leafing, and lettering.

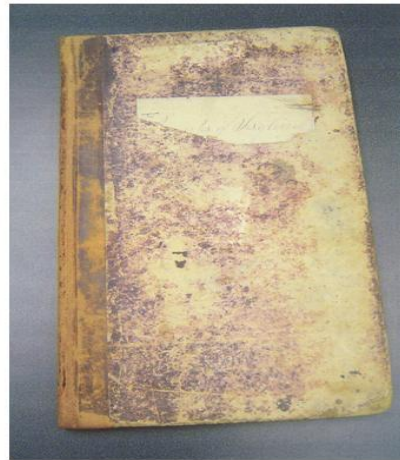


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BEFORE...

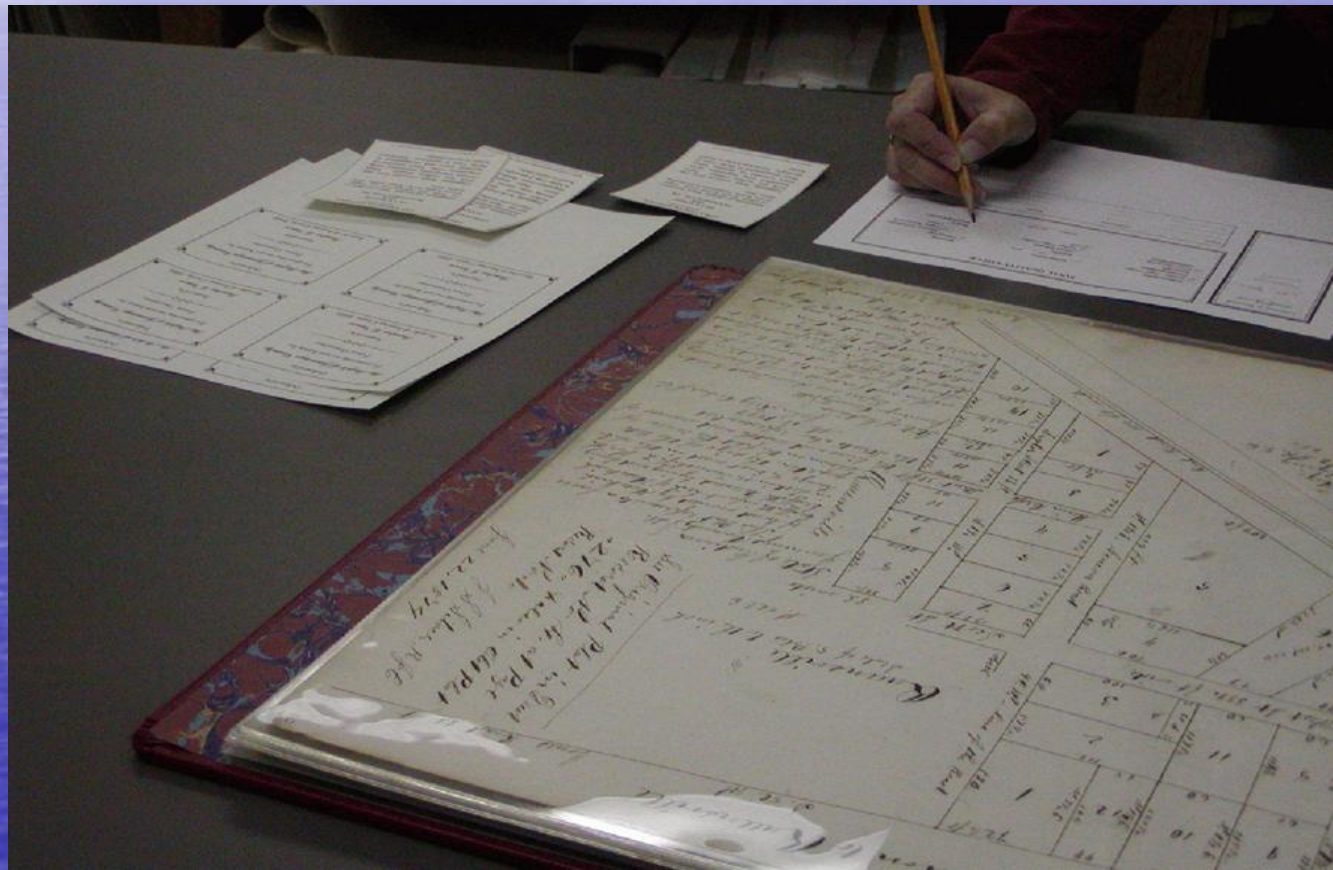


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AFTER!



Restoration Report is written,
labels applied.



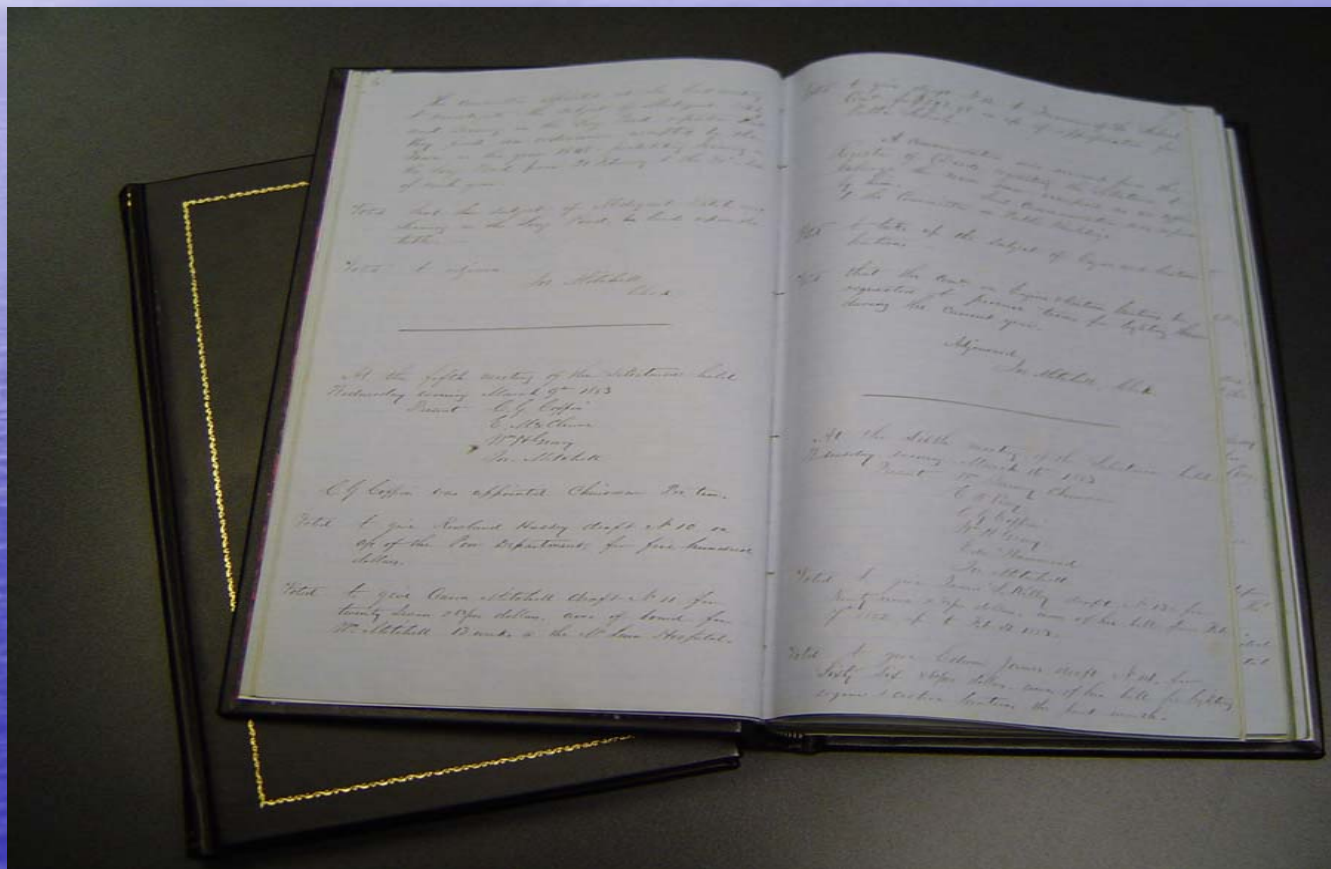
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Going home...



Home, at last!



Our greatest Treasures

