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Register of Deeds Implements North Carolina Electronic Birth Recording System

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Lee King, Henderson County Register of Deeds is proud to announce that as of 1 August 2017, Henderson County went live with the North Carolina Electronic Birth Recording System (NCEBRS). This system enables citizens who live in Henderson County but were born elsewhere in North Carolina to be able to obtain a certified abstract of their Birth Certificate. This applies to citizens born in 1971 or later.

The service costs \$24, \$14 of which is retained by the State and \$10 retained by the County. Please be aware that if you use the system to look up a certificate, you will be charged \$14 per search whether the certificate is found or not. This is per State Law.

Please be aware that you should not use this system if any of the following conditions apply to your request:

- the individual was born prior to 1971
- you don't have correct birth facts (name, birth year, mother's maiden name)
- the individual was adopted
- you want an image copy of the complete birth certificate rather than an abstract
- the individual's birth was registered as a delayed birth registration (more than one year after the fact of birth)

Furthermore, only the individual whose certificate is requested, his/her immediate family, or a legal representative of any of those individuals may obtain a certified copy of a birth certificate.

King stated, "EBRS also allows us to communicate digitally with Vital Records in Raleigh in order to more efficiently process Amendments and Legitimations on Birth Certificates. My favorite part about the system is it saves the citizen from having to send a written request to the North Carolina County of



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their birth and wait for the request to be completed. A citizen can walk into our office and request an out of County Birth Abstract and leave with it on the same day.”

The Register of Deeds also has begun accepting Credit/Debit Cards. King noted, “We have a lot of young people coming in for marriage licenses or a copy of their vital records and they do not carry cash as a rule in this electronic age. This allows them the convenience of paying with a card.”

“We are continuing to digitize older documents to put them online as well as preserve older books from the 19th Century that are in need of restoration. My staff and I are always glad to help our citizens and preserve the history of Henderson County.”

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