DATATRACE UNVEILS ACCESS TO DIGITALLY ENHANCED HISTORICAL NEW YORK PRE-ACRIS IMAGES AND CORRESPONDING INDICES
Images and Indices from 17th Century Through 1966 Now Available Online

SANTA ANA, CALIF., Feb. 4, 2021 – DataTrace®, the nation's largest provider of data and automation solutions to the title and settlement services industry, announced today the company can provide title professionals access to historical property document images that are currently unavailable through New York City's Automated City Register Information System (ACRIS).

The ACRIS portal currently houses information from January 1966 to present for Bronx, Kings, New York and Queens counties. DataTrace has acquired documents pre-dating ACRIS, and digitally enhanced them to make them more legible. These newly available, high-quality images date back to the 17th century through 1966. Access to these images will save title professionals time and reduce expense in the property transfer process, particularly when they are researching land subdivision issues.

To assist clients in finding the images they need, DataTrace is also offering optional access to the county historical index through a fixed-fee subscription service. It's designed to help find specific documents that pertain to the property in question because, once identified, the images can then easily be pulled from the repository.

"Our clients look to DataTrace for critical information needed for their real estate closings," said Chuck Mauro, vice president of operations at DataTrace's New York regional office, which offers a comprehensive set of New York state data and managed services to assist title producers. "Both the historical images and indices are available through our order entry and retrieval system, SearchTrax. The combination of these two digital assets effectively eliminates the cost and time to physically visit the courthouse to conduct real estate due diligence in Metro New York. By eliminating the need to physically visit the courthouse, DataTrace has achieved single-seat title production through remote access in the four ACRIS counties of New York City. Our customers can now expedite real estate closings for their clients, helping them achieve the American dream of homeownership faster."

Key benefits for title professionals include:

Superior Image Quality: First generation, digitally enhanced images are directly from source image films, meaning the quality is superior to what is available in the courthouses today.

Predictable Pricing: The fixed fee makes it easy for title professionals to assess client charges and better manage their costs.

Time and Cost-Savings: Title professionals no longer have to travel to and from courthouses to physically search for document images that pre-date what's available in the ACRIS portal. An optional subscription to Pre-ACRIS Historical County Indices is available to assist title professionals in finding the images needed, further reducing the need to visit the courthouse.

Convenience: Title professionals can pull the enhanced images, which are useable without further alteration, right from the DataTrace system. The image repository eliminates the need to make multiple copies while adjusting gray scale to create a readable image.

Flexibility: Title professionals can expand their hours of operation because they are no longer limited by the courthouse hours of operation. Users can search for and access the documents virtually anytime and anywhere.

About DataTrace

DataTrace Information Services, LLC provides advanced real estate title search technology, automation and production services that enable settlement services companies to quickly access and search regional title databases through a secure application. The DataTrace system delivers title history information, property tax assessment and payment data, document images and property profiles in 47 states across the United States. With its significant geographical coverage, DataTrace title plant and tax database is the broadest and most comprehensive title information system available and is used by the largest national title insurance underwriters. For additional information, visit www.DataTraceTitle.com.

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