

CELEBRATING
175 YEARS

1847

Deep Roots *for a* Strong Future

2022



Chicago Title and Trust Co. dates back more than 175 years through the succession of several firms and corporations that were engaged in the abstract and title business in Cook County, Illinois.

The year was 1847; Chicago was booming.

Almost 17,000 persons called it home... and new pioneers were streaming in steadily to grasp the opportunities for independence, which the rich prairie soil promised.

An obscure young law clerk, Edward A. Rucker, devised a system of keeping track of every recorded instrument and legal proceeding affecting real estate titles. This saved attorneys the laborious task of searching official records in connection with transfers of real property. It was a valuable service that was welcomed.

Rucker hung out his shingle in the Saloon Building... then, later that year, joined with James H. Rees in the Merchants' Exchange.

As the city grew, abstract indices similar to Rees' and Rucker's were established by J. Mason Parker in 1852, and Fernando Jones in 1863. This was the foundation of what was to become Chicago Title and Trust Co. (CT&T).

With over 175 years of history, employees at Chicago Title take great pride in providing our customers with the highest level of service and are passionate in helping our clients to achieve a smooth closing. Everyday, across the nation, Chicago Title's in-depth title searches, title clearance and title insurance policies help to produce efficient transfer of real estate properties.

As a Fortune 500 company, Chicago Title is committed to the highest standards of financial stability as well as professionalism.

Thank you for being a part of our incredible journey.

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