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**Long-term relationship helps preserve the past and automate the future**

Selma, AL – Probate Court officials in Dallas County, Alabama are preserving the past and keeping an eye on the future with the help of preservation services from Syscon, Inc. Dallas County and Syscon have enjoyed a ten-year long relationship during which time decades and decades of historic documents have been electronically preserved and new documents have been automated and imaged.

Probate Judge Kim Ballard has continued the efforts started by the retired judge, Johnny Jones, with the recent conversion of an additional 180,000 pages of records. According to Suzanne Ingram, chief clerk, hundreds of thousands of documents including marriage records dating back to the county's inception in 1818 and deeds dating back to the 1950s have been preserved.

The advantage of an effective document retention system is two-fold in that it protects vital documents from the threat of natural disaster such as flood or fire and provides the convenience and time-saving that only electronic access can offer.

Court officials have been very pleased with the peace of mind that has come with having a secure back-up of the county's important records. "One of our neighboring counties recently lost a huge number of records," said Ingram. "We don't have to worry about that. We feel secure."

Citizens have been very pleased with the ability to view and print records via public workstations in the county's records department.

Through the years, Syscon has offered comprehensive service from consultation, through installation, training and troubleshooting. "From bringing down larger scanners to accommodate our larger bound records to responding to any questions or concerns we have had, Syscon has been wonderful to work with and we definitely recommend them to others," Ingram added.

Syscon, incorporated in 1973, is a leading provider of Windows-based client and server document management software and technology services that address the needs of government entities. In addition to **PROMIS**, Syscon offers the **Court Clerk** records and docket management systems; **VISION**, a voter registration system; online payment modules; and document preservation services. All products feature integrated imaging and are utilized in counties and municipalities with populations ranging from 1,500 to over 750,000.

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