

with reference to the installation of a card index system of chattel mortgages in the recorder's office.

Section 8562 of the General Code says in part:

'The officer receiving such an instrument shall endorse thereon the time of receiving it and its consecutive number, and enter in a *book* to be provided by the county the names of all parties thereto, etc.'

The question is: Would a card index system be a book?

It is possible that your office has passed upon this question, as the recorder told me he believed that such a system was in use in several other counties."

It is a well established principle of law that ordinary words having a well recognized and understood meaning will be construed in their ordinary sense and given their usually accepted meaning unless there is something in the context to indicate a contrary legislative intent. See 37 *O. Jur.* pp. 542-544 and innumerable cases therein cited. There can be no possible question as to the usual and ordinary meaning of the word "book". It is a word of common, every day usage and under the foregoing authorities, since Section 8562, General Code, the pertinent portion of which is quoted in your letter, is clear and explicit and discloses no intent that the word should be given other than its ordinary meaning, the conclusion is inescapable that there is no authority to enter the names of all parties to chattel mortgages deposited with the recorder, together with such other information as is required by such section, in a card index file. Should it appear that such practice should be preferable than entering such data in a book as is provided by statute, the remedy must be with the legislature.

Respectfully,

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