Research Assignment 2: Public Records

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Section 1: Keep Track of the Research Process

Search #1

Database: Douglas County Property Records

Search Term: 1347 Massachusetts St

Why: This is the database to find who owns the property at the address 1347 Mass St, where

Mass Street Music is.

Result: I got 3 results. One is for the company, Mass Street Music. And the other two are for the owner, James Baggett. I clicked on the tax value with the largest amount of money.



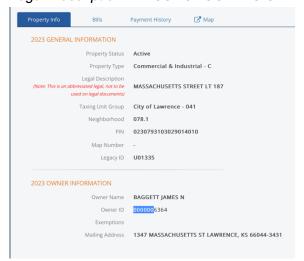
Clicking on "Property Info" and then scrolling to the bottom, I find:

Quick Ref ID: R16489

PIN: 0230793103029014010

Owner ID: 0000006364

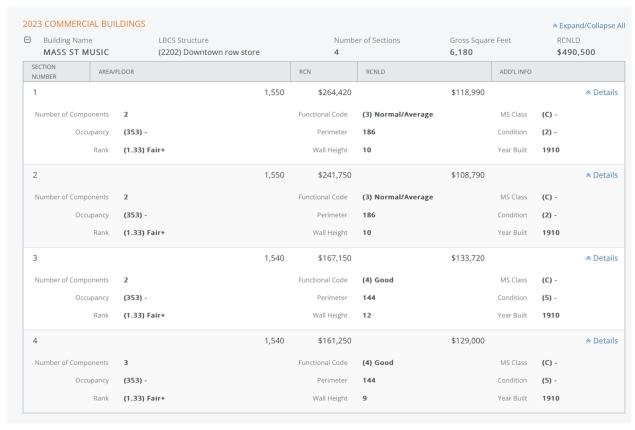
Legal Description: MASSACHUSETTS STREET LT 187



I also find the sales history, will use the book/page for deed search later

DEED DATE	INSTR#	INSTR TYPE	BOOK/PAGE
1/28/1983		Warranty Deed	488/1960

I also see it was built in 1910



Clicking on "Bills" I find they spent \$15,403.93 on their taxes for the 2022 year.

2022			Tax State	ment
TAXING ENTITY	RATE	TOTAL TAXES DUE	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
Installment 1			Last Paid Date	: 12-22-2022
City of Lawrence	0.033207	\$1,937.63	\$1,937.63	\$0.00
Douglas County	0.046219	\$2,696.88	\$2,696.88	\$0.00
State of Kansas	0.001500	\$87.53	\$87.53	\$0.00
USD 497 Bond & Int	0.009656	\$563.43	\$563.43	\$0.00
USD 497 Lawrence	0.021414	\$1,249.50	\$1,249.50	\$0.00
USD 497 Lawrence (SG)	0.020000	\$1,167.00	\$1,167.00	\$0.00
Installment 2			Last Paid Date	: 12-22-2022
City of Lawrence	0.033207	\$1,937.63	\$1,937.63	\$0.00
Douglas County	0.046219	\$2,696.88	\$2,696.88	\$0.00
State of Kansas	0.001500	\$87.52	\$87.52	\$0.00
USD 497 Bond & Int	0.009656	\$563.43	\$563.43	\$0.00
USD 497 Lawrence	0.021414	\$1,249.50	\$1,249.50	\$0.00
USD 497 Lawrence (SG)	0.020000	\$1,167.00	\$1,167.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	0.131996	\$15,403.93	\$15,403.93	\$0.00

What's Next: Look into their Business records

Search #2

Database: Kansas Business Entity Search Station

Search Term: Mass Street Music

Why: I wanted to see if James Baggett actually owns the company, not just the property. **Result:** I hit "Business Entity Database" and then search "By business entity name". Got one

result for Mass Street Music

Results

	Name	ID Number	Status
View Record	MASS STREET MUSIC, INC.	1632900	ACTIVE AND IN GOOD STANDING

Then, after hitting "View Record" I find the resident agent is James N. Baggett. They are also in active and good standing.

Current Entity Name

Business Entity ID Number

MASS STREET MUSIC, INC.

File Name Change Online

1632900

View History and Documents

Current Mailing Address: JIM BAGGETT - 1347 MASSACHUSETTS ST, LAWRENCE, KS 660443431 Update

Business Entity Type: KANSAS FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

Date of Formation in Kansas: 04/25/1988

State of Organization: KS

Current Status: ACTIVE AND IN GOOD STANDING

Certificate of Good Standing

Resident Agent and Registered Office

Resident Agent: JAMES N. BAGGETT

Registered Office: 1347 MASSACHUSETTES, LAWRENCE, KS 66044

Update Resident Agent/Office

Address is also the same as the one on the Douglas County Property record.

What's Next: Further research on James Baggett as its clear I'm not discovering any new owners.

Search #3

Database: Kansas Business Entity Search Station

Search Term: James Baggett

Why: Was curious if he owned any other companies, other than Mass Street Music

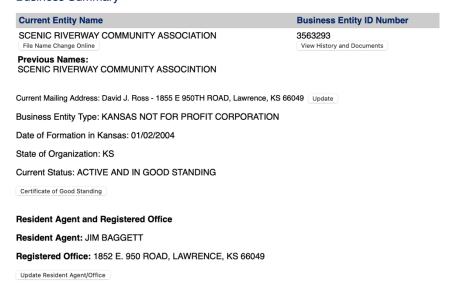
Result: I hit "Business Entity Database" but then searched "By resident agent's full name", didn't get any hits for James Baggett so I then tried James N. Baggett, didn't get any results.

Tried just "Baggett" and got a lot of results.

	Name	Status	ID Number	Agent Name	
View Record	BAGGETT & BECKER CONSTRUCTION LLC	FORFEITED - FAILED TO TIMELY FILE A/R	2674687	BRUCE BAGGETT	
View Record	BRUCE BAGGETT CONSTRUCTION LLC	FORFEITED - FAILED TO TIMELY FILE A/R	9416926	BRUCE BAGGETT	
View Record	CATHERINE BAGGETT, PSYD, LLC	ACTIVE AND IN GOOD STANDING	6725832	CATHERINE BAGGETT	
View Record	CEDAR VALE MARKET, LLC	FORFEITED - FAILED TO TIMELY FILE A/R	6726145	DOUG W. BAGGETT	
View Record	DAVE'S ORIGINAL DELI, INC.	FORFEITED - FAILED TO TIMELY FILE A/R	2078467	S. PATRICK BAGGETTE, II	Only one that
View Record	ENTERPRISE SERVICES ALLIANCE, INC.	FORFEITED - FAILED TO TIMELY FILE A/R	1788058	BOB A. BAGGETT	applies to the owner that I'm
View Record	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	ACTIVE AND IN GOOD STANDING	0229690	CHARLES BAGGETT	looking for.
View Record	H&G&K PHARMACY, INC.	ACTIVE AND IN GOOD STANDING	6111876	DOUG BAGGETT	
View Record	MASS STREET MUSIC, INC.	ACTIVE AND IN GOOD STANDING	1632900	JAMES N. BAGGETT	
View Record	SCENIC RIVERWAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	ACTIVE AND IN GOOD STANDING	3563293	JIM BAGGETT	Decided to try
View Record	THE BAGGETT AGENCY, INC.	FORFEITED - FAILED TO TIMELY FILE A/R	1753839	RONDAL C. BAGGETT	this one too in case it was under
View Record	WICHITA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION	ACTIVE AND IN GOOD STANDING	0427856	Jan Baggett	his nickname.

The Blue circled result was the record search we were just on, for Mass Street Music. The green circled one looked like it might be owned by him too, although as of now I'm not too sure. Need to do another search to see if this company is a different Jim Baggett, or if he used his nickname on this record.

Business Summary



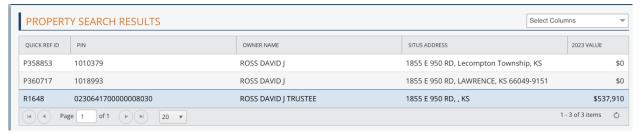
What's Next? Research the business for further info on ownership through the Douglas County Property search.

Database: Douglas County Property Records

Search Term: Scenic Riverway Community Association

Why: Wanted to see if I could get any results on if it's the same James (Jim) Baggett that owns Mass Street Music as the Jim that's on this association's business entity record. My search term led to no results, so I searched for the current mailing address listed, "1855 E 950th RD" and I got 3 results.

Result:



Clicking on the third result listed, I learned under "Property Info" that the property type is a farm homesite, so I'm beginning to wonder if this is a nonprofit that him and this "David Ross" run at home.



What's Next?: Do some googling on this association to see if there's anything that highlights if the James Baggett I'm researching is involved and who David Ross is.

Database: Google

Search Term: Scenic Riverway Community Association Jim Baggett

Why: Wanted to learn more about who is involved in this non-profit other than the government

records.

Results: I found this planning commission meeting <u>document</u> from 2007. In the "Public Hearing" Section (Page 20 of 53), it says that's "Mr. David Ross, President of the Scenic Riverway Association, formed in 2003 as a result of the previous rezoning request." The document further explains the association was opposed to the project because Ross said the wooded area should remain as a natural area because it had been donated to KU. On page 21, they mention Jim Baggett. Says he lives on 950 Road, offered a different proposal to the rezoning issue.

What's Next? Research where Jim Baggett lives, as I still don't know if this is the same as the James Baggett that owns Mass Street Music.

Search #6

Database: Google

Search Term: Jim Baggett

Why: Wanted to learn more about where James Baggett Lives

Results: Found this website where you can search people and their records. After searching

"Jim Baggett Lawrence, Ks" The second result showed:

Jim Baggett

Goes By James Baggett

Lawrence, KS

Age: 74

Full Name: James N Baggett

Current Home Address:

1852 E 950th Rd Lawrence KS 66049

Past Addresses: Homes, Rental Properties, businesses, apartments, condos and/or other real estate associated with Jim Baggett in

Lawrence, KS.

3424 W Coleman Rd 1341 Massachusetts St Kansas City MO 64111 Lawrence KS 66044

305 Lakewood Dr 1341 1/2 Massachusetts St Buda TX 78610 Lawrence KS 66044

 3520 W 6th St
 601 Kasold Dr, Unit D105

 Lawrence KS 66049
 Lawrence KS 66049

So, I feel confident that the Jim Baggett in the Scenic Riverway Community Association is the same as the James Baggett I'm researching because the names, age, and a few of the previous addresses match my Douglas County Property Search.

Database: Google

Search Term: James baggett site:wikipedia.org

Why: Wanted general information on the owner of Mass Street Music

Results:



A bunch of results on people that were not who I was looking for. James is a pretty common name.

What's Next? Use a different search term to find information on James.

Search #8

Database: Google

Search Term: "James Baggett" and Lawrence

Why: To get general information on the owner that was specific to the Lawrence area.

Results: I ended up finding something interesting that could be a possible news pitch. I found this <u>article</u> that discussed the decision concerning the *James Baggett, et al. v. Board of Commissioners of Douglas County, et al.* The <u>opinion</u> concerning the City's annexation of the 155 acres in the case is linked.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS
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James Baggett, et al., Plaintiffs,	2010 APR 19 A 8:28
v.	01
The Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas, Defendant,	Case No. 2008CV371
and .)	Div. No. 1
Mastercraft Corporation, A Kansas Corporation,	
and)	
City of Lawrence, Kansas,) Intervenor-Defendants.)	% /

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

This matter comes before the court on plaintiff's petition. All parties have submitted memoranda in support of their respective positions.

Nature of the Case

The plaintiffs appeal the decision of the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas (hereinafter referred to as the *County*) approving the annexation of approximately 155 acres of land by the City of Lawrence. The plaintiffs ask the court to declare the County Commission's actions to be null and void and to set them aside.

Standard of Review

When considering a request from a city that a board of county commissioners determine that an annexation of property will not hinder or prevent the proper growth and development of the area or that of any other incorporated city located with the county, the board acts in a quasi judicial capacity. Cedar Creek Properties v. Board of Johnson County Commissioners, 249 Kan. 149, 815 P.2d 492 (1991). When reviewing the Board's actions the district court is limited to considering whether, as a matter of law, (1) the Board acted fraudulently, arbitrarily, or capriciously, (2) the Board's order is supported by substantial evidence, and (3) the Board's action was within the scope of its authority. City of Topeka v. Shawnee County Board of County Commissioners, 252 Kan. 432, 845 P.2d 663 (1993).

The court cannot substitute its judgment for that of the members of the Board "who act as elected representatives and are able to observe and hear those who testify." *Id.*, 252 Kan. at 439. A reviewing court must accept as true the evidence and inferences supporting the Board's findings and disregard conflicting evidence and inferences. *Friends of Bethany Place, Inc. v. City of Topeka*, Court of Appeals Docket # 100,997, 222 P.3d 535, 549 (2010).

Database: Register of Deeds Using the Real Estate Record Search

Search Term: Book/Page Search -> Search Book 488 Page 1960

Why: Want to see who's owned the property at 1347 Massachusetts St where Mass Street Music is located.

Result: Got the Book Number and Page from search #1. There were 85 records that matched the search, but only one record that matched the page and book number.

We see the deed from Michael Ranney to James Newton Baggett March 15th, 1993.

<	Dated January 28 , 1983 STATE OF KANSAS, DOUGLAS COUNTY, ss BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 28th day of January,	110
	A.D. 19 <u>83</u> , before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public	NUMERICAL INDEX
	in and for the County and State aforesaid, came	100-008
	Michael Ranney, a single person,	STATE OF Kansas Douglas county,
		This instrument was filed for record on the
	who_1S personally known to me to be the same person who executed the within instrument of writing and such person duly acknowledged the execution of the same.	at 2,5% clock
	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, the day videinear last above written.	ar bage 1960 Register of Deeds.
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What's Next? Evaluate Sources

Section 2: Evaluate Sources for Use in the Email Pitch

Search #1

Database: Douglas County Property Records

Search Term: 1347 Massachusetts St (see screenshot in Section 1)

Cue	Evidence	Contributes to (+) or diminishes (-) the source's credibility
Primary/secondary	Primary. This is an official government record	+
Publisher	Douglas County, Kansas	+
Date	Records recent as of tax year 2022	+

Synthesis statement: In general, this source can be considered reliable for use as it is the primary repository for property records within Douglas County, it is overseen by the county administration, and its purpose is sole to provide information, without intent to influence or persuade. The data is also fairly current.

Search #2

Database: Kansas Business Entity Search Station

Search Term: Mass Street Music

Cue	Evidence	Contributes to (+) or diminishes (-) the source's credibility
Primary/secondary	Primary. Official government record	+
Publisher	Office of the Secretary of state	+
Date	Records recent as of tax year 2023	+

Synthesis statement: This source provides credible and up-to-date information as a primary and official government source with current records.

Search #3

Database: Kansas Business Entity Search Station

Search Term: James Baggett

Cue	Evidence	Contributes to (+) or diminishes (-) the source's credibility
Primary/secondary	Primary. Official government record	+
Publisher	Office of the Secretary of state	+
Date	Records recent as of tax year 2023	+

Synthesis statement: As stated in the last search evaluation, this source is credible, providing primary official government information that is up to date.

Database: Douglas County Property Records

Search Term: Scenic Riverway Community Association

Cue	Evidence	Contributes to (+) or diminishes (-) the source's credibility
Primary/secondary	Primary. This is an official government record	+
Publisher	Douglas County, Kansas	+
Date	Records recent as of tax year 2022	+

Synthesis statement: This source can be used as a reliable source as it's a primary government record and current data.

Search #5

Database: Google

Search Term: Scenic Riverway Community Association Jim Baggett

		Contributes to (+) or diminishes (-)
Cue	Evidence	the source's
		credibility
Primary/secondary	Primary. Transcript of meeting	+
Publisher	Assets.lawrenceks.org	+ / -
Date	Dec 17 th & 19 th , 2007	-
Substance/Argum	Report of the Planning Commission Meeting, relevant	+
ents	information to topic of article	'

Synthesis statement: This source is a primary transcript of a Planning Commission Meeting. Contains relevant information to the topic of the article however, the information is a little bit outdated as it is from Dec 2007.

Search #6

Database: Google

Search Term: Jim Baggett

		Contributes to (+)
Cue	Evidence	or diminishes (-)
Cue	Lviderice	the source's
		credibility
Primary/secondary	Secondary, database of unofficial and official records	+/-
Publisher	Fastpeoplesearch.com	-
Date	Unknown	-
Ads	Many	-

Substance/Argum	No new information, Gave name and age	1/	l
ents		17-	l

Synthesis statement: This source is a collection of records / matches to a name the user searches up, so I would say it's not very credible. Doesn't show provide evidence for the information they give, and very click-baity & ad covered site. I will not be using this source in section 3.

Search #7

Database: Google

Search Term: James baggett site:wikipedia.org NO RESULTS, NO SOURCE TO EVALUATE

Search #8

Database: Google Use of the Opinion linked.
Search Term: "James Baggett" and Lawrence

Cue	Evidence	Contributes to (+) or diminishes (-) the source's credibility
Primary/secondary	Primary. Report of Case	+
Publisher	Assets.lawrenceks.org (Filed in Douglas County District Court)	+
Date	April 19 th 2010	+/-
Substance/Argum ents	Entire case report given	+

Synthesis statement: This source is a primary report of a 2010 case involving James Baggett and the City of Lawrence. Although it's a bit outdated, this report gives credible information that's relevant to the case.

Search #9

Database: Register of Deeds Using the Real Estate Record Search

Search Term: Book/Page Search -> Search Book 488 Page 1960

Cue	Evidence	Contributes to (+) or diminishes (-) the source's credibility
Primary/secondary	Primary. Unofficial copy of official government Deed	+
Publisher	Douglas County, KS	+
Date	Records recent as of the year 2023, but this deed if from 1993	+

Synthesis statement: This source provides primary evidence of the deed to the property 1347 Massachusetts St. It is a public record that is kept up to date. This source is credible.

SEARCHES FROM ASSIGNMENT 1:

Search #1

Database: Google

Search Term: Mass street music "founded"

Cue	Evidence	Contributes to (+) or diminishes (-) the source's credibility
Primary/secondary	Secondary. Journalistic Article	+/-
Publisher	The University Daily Kansan. Editorially independent student newspaper.	-
Date	April 18 th , 2017	+ / -
Author	Jacob Schermerhorn. LinkedIn says he's a freelance photographer and film editor. Graduated with a BGS, Film and Media from KU. Staff section on publishing site doesn't show the author anymore so that may damage credibility.	+/-
Ads	Not too many for an online article	+
Style	Journalistic Article. Many direct quotes from James Baggett	+

Synthesis Statement: The credibility of this source is slightly damaged as its published in a student newspaper with editorial independence, the style of the article shows journalistic integrity from the author and there is no agenda of influence/persuasion. It also has multiple direct quotes from James Baggett and is current. I think this article is credible enough to cite the number of years they've been in business / slight background of James

Section 3: Email Pitch

Oct. 1, 2023

Dear Editors:

I would like to pitch three stories for your publication *Lawrence Magazine* about Mass Street Music, its owner James Baggett, and the property (1347 Massachusetts Street) where the business is.

- 1. Story about the Business
 - a. The store is going on its 40th year of business.

- b. Article that states Baggett opened a music store in 1978, but moved to its current location in 1983, becoming Mass Street Music
- c. Moved to Lawrence with the rise of the folk music scene. Baggett saw a good business opportunity.
- d. Small, independent music store
- 2. Story about the Owner
 - a. James Baggett is involved in the Scenic Riverway Community Association
 - b. Reported to have given his input in the commission meeting where the association was opposed to a project that would occur on land that was donated to KU.
 - c. He is involved in the community and cares about the land that was donated to the local university.
- 3. Story about the Property
 - a. The property is over 100 years old.
 - b. <u>Property Search</u> on 1347 Massachusetts St reveals the property was built in 1910.
 - c. Timeline of previous stores that took place in that property.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding these proposals. Please contact me at e727s272@ku.edu.

Thank you, Elizabeth Soltis