

Effective Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Watauga County Courthouse is close to the public. The Register of Deeds office will continue offering services as follows:

1. All vital records requests for certified copies of births, deaths and marriages must be submitted online at: <https://www.getcertificatenow.com/watauga#1> There is no additional charge for using our online service and the certificate will be mailed out the same day the request is received.
2. Customers wishing to record real estate documents have these options:
  1. Electronic recording  
We currently work with three e-recording vendors:  
Simplifile [www.simplifile.com](http://www.simplifile.com) (800) 460-5657  
CSC [www.erecording.com](http://www.erecording.com) (866) 652-0111  
EPN [www.goepn.com](http://www.goepn.com) (888) 325-3365
  2. US Mail, FedEx, UPS – as long as they continue delivery to the courthouse
  3. Hand deliver – Call 828-265-8052 for an appointment and further instructions.
3. Online document searches should be done online at [www.wataugacounty.org](http://www.wataugacounty.org) or using the link: <http://72.15.246.181/watauganc/#1>
4. Other services: Notary Oaths, Issuance of Marriage Licenses, Filing Military Discharges, Vital Record Amendments, Delayed Births or Legitimations will be by appointment only. Call 828-265-8052 for instructions and to make an appointment.