

1847

Chicago Title traces its roots to 1847, when a young law clerk named Edward Rucker develops a system of tracking every recorded instrument and legal proceeding affecting real estate titles, which saves attorneys the painstaking task of searching official records for transfers of real property.

In 1848, a notary public and searcher of records in San Francisco named C.V. Gillespie launches the company that will eventually become Fidelity National Title Insurance.

1871

Employees of three predecessor companies of Chicago Title risk their lives to save land records from the Great Chicago Fire. When the blaze destroys the Cook County, Illinois' land records, the title companies' preserved records become the basis for Cook County's land record system.

1906-1961

During the devastating San Francisco earthquake and fire, employees of the predecessor company to Fidelity National Title and their wives save the title plant and other important company records. The documents become a valuable resource when San Francisco's City Hall and the Hall of Records are destroyed in the disaster.

1981-1984

With Arizona agency operations in Maricopa and Pima Counties in 1981, FNTIC is purchased from CIGNA, and FNTIC's corporate offices are moved from Denver to Scottsdale, Arizona. At the time, FNTIC is the country's 48th largest title insurance company with \$6.2 million in annual revenue. In 1984, controlling interest of FNTIC was sold to Fidelity National Financial Inc. (Fidelity), its present holding company. William Foley became president and chairman of the board.



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STANDING THE TEST OF TIME.



Fidelity National Title Insurance Company (FNTIC), a Nebraska corporation, receives a certificate of authority to begin doing business in Nebraska.

Chicago Title Insurance Company is formed and chartered to conduct national business.

1987

Fidelity begins trading on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol FNF. Fidelity acquires Western Title Insurance Company. Safeco Title (now Security Union), a national title insurer based in California with a history dating to 1908, is acquired by Chicago Title.

1991-1992

In 1991, Tigor Title Insurance Company is acquired by Chicago Title. Tigor's heritage can be traced to 1893 with the merger of two Los Angeles abstract companies. Fidelity begins trading on the New York Exchange under the symbol FNF in 1992.

2000-2008

In 2000, Chicago Title and its' subsidiaries, Tigor Title and Security Union Title, are acquired by FNF. In the years following, FNF continued to acquire Land Canada, American Pioneer Title, Service Link, Mercury Title (Colorado operations), and Land America under Commonwealth Land and Lawyers Title. The combined companies make FNF the largest title insurance organization in the world.

TODAY

Chicago Title is now a member of the nation's largest title insurance company through its title insurance underwriters - Chicago Title, Commonwealth Land Title, Alamo Title and National Title of New York, Western Title & Escrow and Fidelity National Title - that collectively issue more title insurance policies than any other title company in the United States.



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