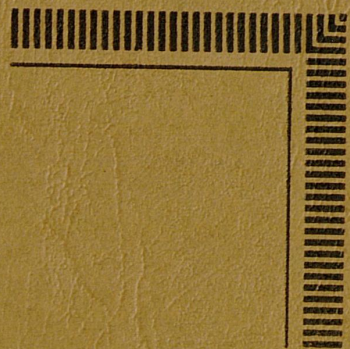


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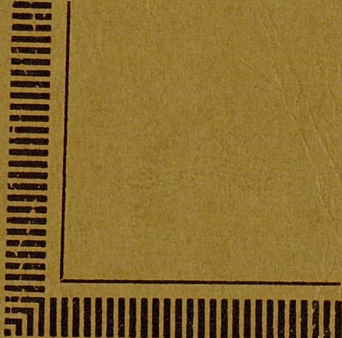


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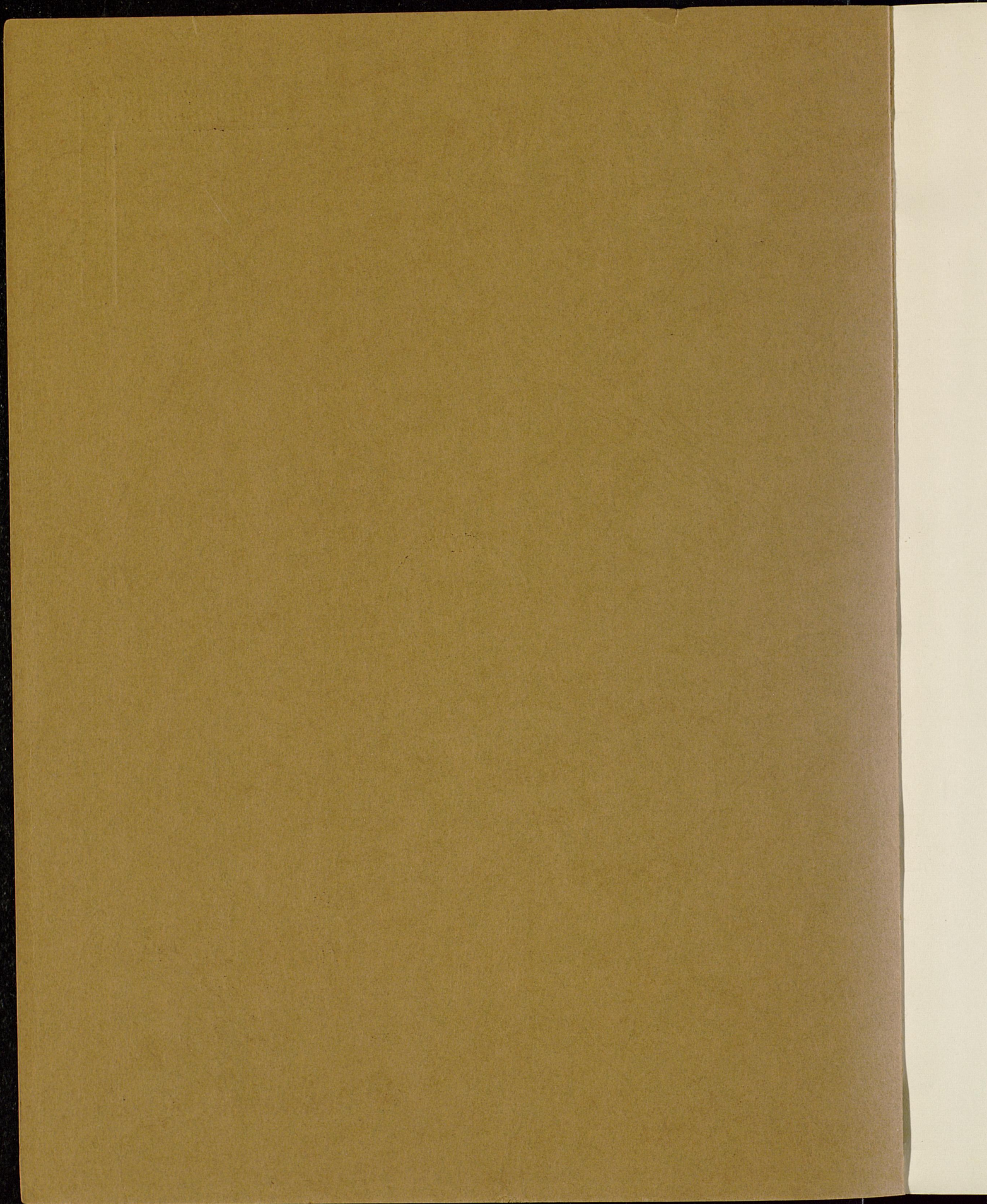
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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Arkansas is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Searcy County, is number 65 of the Arkansas series.

The Historical Records Survey Program was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment for needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political, economic, and social history. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by the officials of the county, and also the needs of lawyers, business men, and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designated that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

The inventories produced by the Historical Records Survey Program attempt to do more than give merely a list of records -- they attempt further to sketch in the historical background of the county or other unit of government, and to describe precisely and in detail the organization and functions of the government agencies whose records they list. The county, town, and other local inventories for the entire county will, when completed, constitute an encyclopedia of local government as well as a bibliography of local archives.

The successful conclusion of the work of the Historical Records Survey Program, even in a single county, would not be possible without the support of public officials, historical and local specialists, and many other groups in the community. Their cooperation is gratefully acknowledged.

The Survey Program was organized by Luther H. Evans, who served as National Director until his appointment as Director of the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress. He was succeeded on March 1, 1940, by Sargent B. Child, who had served in the capacity of Field Supervisor since the inauguration of the Survey. The Survey Program operates as a Nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Professional and Service Projects, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

F. C. Harrington
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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was organized in Arkansas in March 1936, as a part of the Federal Writers' Project. In November of the same year, it became an independent part of Federal Project No. 1, and Howard Reed was appointed State Director. Mr. Reed was succeeded on November 2, 1938, by Robert L. Baugh, who served until August 31, 1939, at which time Federal Project No. 1 passed out of existence. On September 5, 1939, the Arkansas Survey re-opened as a locally-sponsored, state-wide project, with Howard H. Jacoway as State Supervisor.

The Arkansas Survey operates under the general provisions of the Research and Records Section of the Division of Professional and Service Projects of the Work Projects Administration. The project is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Arkansas. Sixty-six county judges act as co-sponsors.

The Inventory of the County Archives of Arkansas, when completed, will consist of 76 volumes, one volume for each of the 75 counties and a volume on county government. The books will be numbered according to their positions in an alphabetical list of the counties; thus, this volume, Searcy County, is No. 65.

This inventory is divided into two parts. The first part of the book contains an historical sketch of Searcy County, brief essays on the governmental organization and records system, the housing, care and accessibility of the records and an explanation of the abbreviations and symbols used in the inventory. The second part of the book gives a listing of the records of the county, which are segregated under subject headings, according to the office of origin or of final deposit. Records are described in entries whose style is formalized to give the following information: Title of record, dates for which available, quantity, labeling of volumes or containers, variant titles, description of record contents, manner of arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, size of volume or containers and location. Each group of records is preceded by a brief explanatory outline of the structural set-up of the office to which the records pertain. In the chronological index, record entry numbers are arranged chronologically by decades and in the subject index they are arranged alphabetically, with cross references.

The inventory of the records of Searcy County was begun in the courthouse at Marshall August 1, 1938, and completed April 1, 1940. The field workers were Mrs. Maggie Kuykendall and Olen M. Gibson, who worked under the supervision of Rand Barker, District Supervisor of the Historical Records Survey. The legal and historical research, writing, editing and publishing was done by the State Office staff, under the direction of Raymond Foster, State Editor.

The Survey is indebted to a number of organizations and individuals whose cooperation and technical advice have made possible the completion of this volume. Among these are: The Arkansas Historical Records Survey Advisory Committee, composed of Dallas T. Hernden, Little Rock, Secretary of the Arkansas History Commission, Dr. David Y. Thomas, Fayette-

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ville, Senior Professor of History of the University of Arkansas, Mason E. Mitchell, Conway, H. M. Hosford, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of Arkansas, and J. M. Malone, County Judge of Lonoke County; the Little Rock Public Library; the Arkansas Supreme Court Library; the Library of the Secretary of State; the Arkansas Library Commission, Judge W. G. Fendley and other county officials of Searcy County.

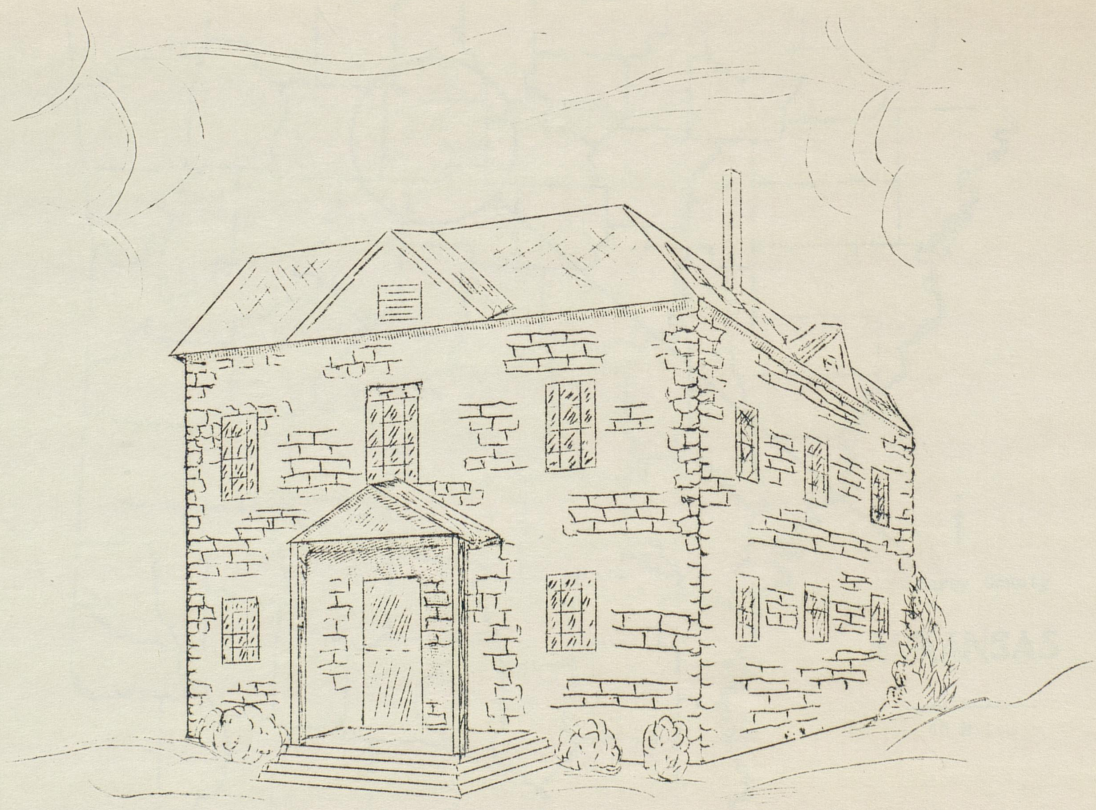
The Survey is now engaged in preparing a volume of the general laws regulating county government in Arkansas. It is expected that this volume will serve as a handbook on the organization, structure, and evolution of county government in Arkansas and will make it unnecessary to repeat certain items of general information in the various inventories. The office essays in this inventory are, therefore, limited to the creation of the office and its present status, the manner in which it is filled and the term of office. Pending issuance of the volume on county government in Arkansas, it is suggested that the reader consult the Inventory of the County Archives of Arkansas, No. 23, Faulkner County, for more detailed essays than those found in the present inventory.

A list of earlier publications will be found on the last page of this volume. The books have been distributed to state and local libraries; to a limited number of libraries and agencies outside the state, and to each county judge in Arkansas. Requests for information concerning any of the inventories should be addressed to the State Supervisor or to Dean H. M. Hosford, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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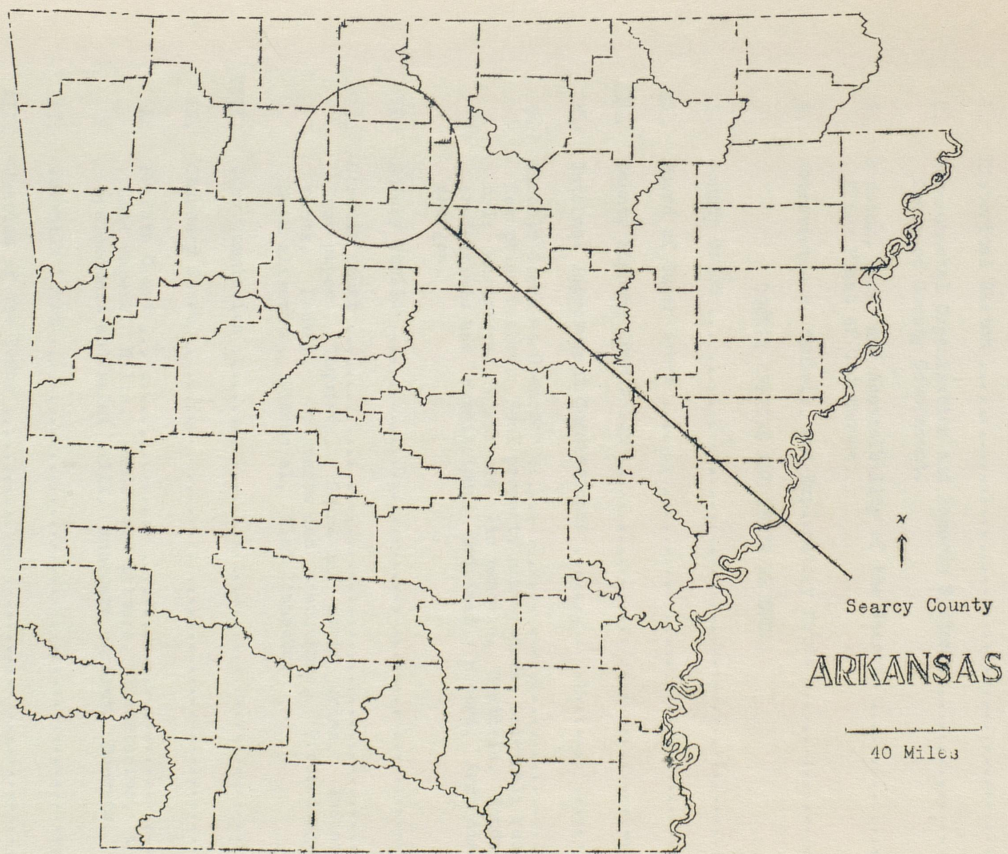


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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Searcy County, in the northern part of Arkansas (1), was created by an act of the General Assembly, December 13, 1838, of territory taken from the southern part of Marion County. As described in the organic act, the boundaries were as follows: "Beginning on the eastern boundary line of Marion County; thence west to the line dividing Marion and Carroll Counties; thence south with said line, to the Van Buren County line; thence east with said line, to the eastern line of Marion; thence north with said line, to the place of beginning", the north line being located so as to give the new county an area of 900 square miles. (2) The county lay south of Marion between the counties of Izaard, Van Buren, and Carroll as they then existed, and included portions of the present counties of Stone and Baxter (3). The county was named in honor of Judge Richard Searcy, an eminent Territorial lawyer, who lived in Independence County (4). The name of Richard Searcy was given first to Marion County, created in 1835 from a portion of Izaard County, but in compliance with the wishes of the people of Izaard County, the name was changed to Marion, two years before the present county of Searcy was created (5).

On January 12, 1853, the boundary line between Searcy and Van Buren Counties was altered by an act of the General Assembly (6). Finally, in 1873, portions of the county were taken to become integral parts of the new counties of Baxter and Stone, and a part was annexed to Marion County (7). The present county of Searcy comprises 673 square miles of mountainous country (8), bounded by Boone and Marion Counties on the north, Baxter and Stone on the east, Van Buren and Pope on the south, and Newton on the west (9).

Physical Characteristics

Searcy County lies in two divisions of the physiographic province of the Ozark Plateaus, namely, the Boston Mountains, covering most of the southern half of the county, and the Springfield Plateau, extending over the remainder of the county. The topography of the Boston Mountains is very irregular, varying from steep cliffs to deep, narrow valleys. Although the surface of the Springfield Plateau is generally rough in some areas it is gently undulating, forming what are locally called "prairies", which comprise the better farm land of the county. (10) The

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| (1) Arkansas State Highway Commission, <u>Official Highway Service Map</u> . (Hereinafter cited as <u>Official Highway Map</u> .) | (7) A. Ark., 1873, pp. 34, 177. |
| (2) A. Ark., 1836-43, p. 27. | (8) U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Fifteenth Census of the United States, Population, I</u> , 104. (Hereinafter cited as <u>Fifteenth Census, Population</u> .) |
| (3) <u>Official Highway Map</u> . | (9) David Y. Thomas, <u>Arkansas and Its People</u> , II, 772. |
| (4) Josiah H. Shinn, <u>Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas</u> , p. 345. | (10) <u>Official Highway Map</u> . |
| (5) L. A. T., 1835, p. 84; L. Ark., 1836-43, p. 32. | (10) Arkansas State Planning Board, <u>Progress Report</u> , 1936, |
| (6) A. Ark., 1853, p. 192. | |

average elevation is 1,085 feet, although a large part of the county is only about 650 feet above sea level (11). Witts Springs, in the southwestern part of the county, has an elevation of 1,853 feet, while Gilbert, situated on the Buffalo River about 8 miles northwest of Marshall, has an elevation of 675 feet (12). The soils of the county are principally of limestone origin, which under favorable climatic conditions are commonly adapted to general farming and fruit production. However, in the southwestern portion of the county where the terrain is steep and rocky and the basic rock types are sandstone, shale, and slate, the soil is classified as "non-agricultural." (13) The county lies in the lead and zinc belt of the State and has deposits of lead, zinc, phosphate, manganese, iron, and limestone. Black marble of unique quality is found near Marshall, the county seat, and in Wiley's Cave. (14)

Searcy County is considered one of the most healthful sections of the state. Vital statistics, based on the 1930 Census and on average deaths for the 5-year period from 1930 to 1935, show the death rate per 100,000 population as follows: From malaria, 9.0; from typhoid, 9.0; from tuberculosis, 36.1. These figures contrast with the corresponding figures for the state which are as follows: malaria, 31.2; typhoid 14.8; tuberculosis, 65.1. (15) Marshall, situated in mountainous country at an elevation of 1,070 feet, has a mean annual temperature, taken over a period of 15 years, of 59.8 degrees. The highest recorded range of extremes is from 24 degrees below zero to 108 degrees. The average annual precipitation from 1924 to 1930 was 47.78 inches, of which 14.6 inches occurred as snow. The average length of the growing season was 217 days. (16)

Searcy County is drained chiefly by the Buffalo River, which flows across the northern part of the county and empties into the White in Marion County. A number of small streams empty into the Buffalo, including Tomahawk and Water Creeks from the north, and Bear and Big Creeks from the mountains in the southern part of the county. The southeastern section is drained by the Middle Fork of the Little Red River. (17)

The Ozark National Forest now includes small sections in the south-

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| <p>pp. 7, 9. (Hereinafter cited as <u>Progress Report</u>.)</p> <p>(11) <u>Nineteenth Biennial Report from the Bureau of Mines, Manufactures and Agriculture of the State of Arkansas for the years 1929 and 1930, p. 211.</u> (Hereinafter cited as <u>Nineteenth Biennial Report</u>.)</p> <p>(12) <u>U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Climatic Summary of the United States,</u></p> | <p>secs. 14, 21, 59. (Hereinafter cited as <u>Climatic Summary</u>.)</p> <p>(13) <u>Progress Report</u>, pp. 23, 69.</p> <p>(14) <u>David Y. Thomas, Arkansas and Its People</u>, II, 772.</p> <p>(15) <u>Progress Report</u>, p. 216.</p> <p>(16) <u>Climatic Summary</u>, secs. 14, 22-24, 28, 59.</p> <p>(17) <u>Arkansas Geological Survey, Topographic Map of the State of Arkansas.</u> (Hereinafter cited as <u>Topographic Map</u>.)</p> |
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western and northwestern parts of the county; however, the proposed expansion of the forest preserve would include approximately the southern half of the county. In the northern and western parts of the county are privately owned forests which are under the protection of the Arkansas Forestry Commission. (18) The county lies in the hardwood section of the state with a valuable timber growth that includes white oak, post oak, hickory, gum, walnut, and sycamore (19). The numerous streams of the county are known for good fishing while in the hills and forest, there is still much hunting. In good seasons, many fur-bearing animals are caught. (20)

Big Hurricane Cavern, the most widely known among the numerous caves of Searcy County, is two miles southwest of Pindall near U. S. Highway 65. The name was given to the cavern in pioneer days because of a storm which swept through this section, uprooting giant oak trees. Scientists and tourists are attracted to the cavern by the rare and beautiful stone formations and the evidence of prehistoric occupation. (21) In addition to their beauty, the stalagmites are of special interest since scientists have discovered a method of determining their age and therefore the probable age of any human remains contained in them (22). The ruins of Big Hurricane Mine, named for the same destructive storm, are near the entrance of the cavern. Today the site is marked by "mine shafts grown over with vines, mill houses with caving roofs, and rusted machinery." (23)

Blowing Cave at the flag station of Zack on the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad is so called because a wind seems to be blowing continuously through the long corridor. The low temperature in the cave enables fruit growers to use the place to store fruit while it is awaiting shipment. (24) Other caves of interest in the county are Dane's Creek Cave about 6 miles east of Marshall; Point Peter Cave near the place of that name; Pruitt's Cave near Marshall; and Wind Cave, 15 miles southwest of Marshall on Highway 27 (25).

The drive on U. S. Highway 65 through Searcy County is one of the notable scenic drives in the state. The wild azaleas along the highways and by forest trails are among the attractions that bring visitors to the county. Near St. Joe are marble bluffs that bear pictographs, indi-

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- (18) State of Arkansas, Fifth Annual Report of the Arkansas Forestry Commission for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1938, p. 32.
 (19) Nineteenth Biennial Report, p. 211.
 (20) Little Rock, Arkansas Democrat, December 11, 1938.
 (21) Ibid., September 11, 1932.

- (22) Vance Randolph, The Ozarks, p. 8.
 (23) Harrison, (Ark.) Daily Times, July 14, 1936.
 (24) Dallas T. Herndon, Centennial History of Arkansas, I, 806.
 (25) Harrison, (Ark.) Daily Times, July 14, 1936.
 (26) Arkansas Writers' Project, WPA, Arkansas: A Guide to the

cating that the bluffs have long been used as a landmark. (26)

According to tradition, there is a rich silver mine in the county, discovered and mapped by De Soto. As late as 1900, an Oklahoma man claimed that he had discovered the location of the mine from an old Mexican map of 1580. (27) Another treasure story is that, during the Civil War, a hermit named Tabor, who lived in a cave on Tomahawk Creek, made ornaments from silver which he claimed that he found in a silver mine. This mine has also been sought for more than 50 years. (28)

Another point of interest is the Devil's Back Bone, a narrow ridge between Marshall and Leslie, over which U. S. Highway 65 runs down into Marshall. This drive is said to be one of the most picturesque in the Ozarks. The ridge derived its name from the fact that in early days the flat surface on the top was only about 50 feet in width. (29)

In the opinion of many who have visited this region, "The Ozarks have potentialities for recreational development far beyond anything that has yet been realized. The climate, the streams, the woods, and the wildlife make these regions excellent playgrounds for thousands." (30)

Historical Background

Archeologists have found ancient remains, indicating that many caves and bluffs in this section of the state were once occupied by primitive people, known to scientists as cave dwellers and bluff dwellers. Winslow M. Walker, anthropologist of the Smithsonian Institution, discovered in 1931 in excavations along the Buffalo River in Marion and Searcy Counties, artifacts that revealed signs of prehistoric cave dwellers. Among other material exhumed was an "atlatl," the primitive throwing stick of ancient Mexico, which preceded the bow and arrow. In discussing his discoveries, Dr. Walker said that the records indicate little else than that "the people were evidently a primitive tribe, devoting most of their time to hunting, fishing, eating, and sleeping." (31) There is evidence also that the Caddoan tribes came into the Ozarks from the south about 1000 A. D. (32).

This section of Arkansas was not specifically described by the early travelers and explorers, though the "herds of wild cattle" toward the north, mentioned by De Soto's men probably referred to the bison or buf-

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| State, Tour 5. | <u>of Romantic Arkansas</u> , I, 284, 292. |
| (27) Troy W. Lewis and Octavius Coke, eds., <u>The Scrapbook of Arkansas Literature</u> , pp. 364, 428. (Hereinafter cited as <u>Scrapbook of Arkansas</u> .) | (29) <u>Scrapbook of Arkansas</u> , p. 397. |
| | (30) <u>Progress Report</u> , p. 39. |
| (28) Fred W. Allsopp, <u>Folklore</u> | (31) <u>Little Rock, Arkansas Democrat</u> , September 27, 1931 |
| | (32) Randolph, <u>op. cit.</u> , p. 5. |

falo that roamed over this part of the state even within pioneer times (33), thus giving the name to Buffalo Fork (34). The French Canadian trappers left their mark on the county in the name "Ozark". Some authorities believe that the name is an anglicized form of "Aux Arcs", an abbreviation of "Aux Arkansas", the name applied by the traders not only to Arkansas Post, but to the river, and the mountains north of it. (35) Another explanation is that the term was originally applied to the Indian inhabitants of these mountains, who traveled aux arcs, with bows (36).

The land lying within the present boundaries of Searcy County was claimed within historic times by the Osage. The designation "Osage" was a corruption of the Indian name of the tribe by French traders, who came in contact with the Indians in western Missouri. According to Lewis and Clark, about 2,300 Osage migrated to Arkansas in 1802, and took possession of all the land north of Arkansas River extending eastward to the Mississippi, a claim recognized by the government when the United States acquired the Louisiana Purchase. (37) In 1808, the Osage ceded to the United States most of their land north of the Arkansas River, including the present County of Searcy (38). Thomas Nuttall, who explored the Arkansas valley in 1819, came in contact with these Indians, then living in the extreme western part of the territory, and wrote of them in his Journal as follows: "While in...their company...the stranger is sure to be protected... To be found upon their warpaths is... criminal. These particular routes, which they pursue in quest of their enemies, are recognized by beacons, painted posts, and inscribed hieroglyphics." (39).

In 1817, the Government granted to the Cherokees part of the territory ceded nine years before by the Osage, greatly to the dissatisfaction of the white squatters and hunters who were beginning to come into this part of the country. For 11 years, this area formed a part of the Cherokee reservation. (40) The Cherokees, of Iroquois stock, readily assimilated the manners of the white people. Nuttall comments on this fact in his Journal: "Both banks of the river were lined with houses and farms of the Cherokees... [they] have houses handsomely and conveniently furnished, and their tables spread with our dainties and luxuries". (41)

(33) Francis W. Halsey, ed., Great Epochs in American History, I, 149.

(34) John Hugh Reynolds, Makers of Arkansas History, p. 184.

(35) Grant Foreman, Indians and Pioneers, footnote, p. 18.

(36) Ozark Playgrounds Association, Official Guide Book, pp. not numbered.

(37) Reynolds, op. cit., p. 295.

(38) Richard Peters et al., eds.,

Treaties Between the United States and the Indian Tribes, p. 108. (Hereinafter cited as Treaties.)

(39) Thomas Nuttall, A Journal of Travels into the Arkansas Territory During the Year 1819, with Occasional Observations on the Manners of the Aborigines, p. 186.

(40) Treaties, pp. 108, 158, 311.

(41) Nuttall, op. cit., p. 124.

However, such evidence of civilization did not prevail throughout the reservation. Because of conflicts between the Indians and the white settlers, the Arkansas Legislature urged Congress to remove the Cherokees, and in 1828 the Cherokee Reservation was established beyond the western boundary of Arkansas Territory. (42)

The earliest known settler in this section was Robert Adams who took some land by squatters' rights about 1817 when the Cherokees were being moved in from Tennessee. Other early settlers who came in prior to 1836 included Rufus Ragland, Jesse Jackson, Charley Boyd, Dick Melton, Jackson Melton, John Melton, Basil Kimbrell, Annias Sutterfield, and Gibson Parks. John Wiley, for whom Wiley's Cave was named, came in also about this time. Many of the settlers migrated from North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, and Kentucky, though to most of them Kentucky and Tennessee was "back home". They were almost entirely of pure Anglo-Saxon blood, as their names indicate, and were for the most part members of the Methodist, Baptist, or Christian Church. Some who came from Georgia were attracted by the healthful altitudes, free from the dreaded disease, malaria; others were seeking the freedom of the frontier. Many of the settlers, following the Indian Trail through the town of Batesville, traveled here in oxcarts which contained all their possessions, sometimes including a barrel of whisky and a barrel of molasses. Their lights were pine torches and later grease lamps made by using a saucer of grease and a twisted string. The early crops of the family were corn and wheat with a little cane for molasses and enough cotton for the home-woven clothing. A number of wild plants served as food including "poke salet". Tomatoes were not used as food until about 1875. The houses of the early settlers were built of logs with puncheon floors, clapboard roofs, and sometimes with stick and mud chimneys, although it is traditional that the true mountaineer of the Ozarks has always built his chimney of carefully selected limestones. Beds were built in the corner of a room against the wall, so that only one support was necessary. (43) Clothing and farm implements were made at home for many years, the first steel plow being introduced about 1858 (44). At the same time that progressive pioneers were forming settlements in the fertile valleys, immigrants from the Tennessee and Kentucky mountains were seeking homes in the hills where they might live as their people had before them (45).

Early History

Pose Kuykendall, a pioneer living in Marshall in 1939, told of his family's leaving Georgia in 1859 when there were threats of war, and

(42) Reynolds, op. cit., pp. 298, 300; Treaties, p. 311.

(43) Information obtained from Pose Kuykendall, May 16, 1939, by Maggie Kuykendall.

(44) Information obtained from Mrs. Mary E. Hays, May 16, 1939, by Olen M. Gibson.

(45) Randolph, op. cit., p. 4.

coming to Arkansas by oxcart. They spent the Christmas of 1860 at a Methodist camp near the present site of Leslie. In the spring his people went several miles back in the mountains and built their home of logs with a stick and dirt chimney. Their attempt to evade participation in the Civil War was futile, and, early in 1861, recruiting officers for the Confederacy came into the county and arrested about 80 men, including Kuykendall's father, Frank Kuykendall, on charges of treason. They were imprisoned for two weeks and then marched to Little Rock, where they were required to enlist in the Confederate Army. His father was sent with the other men to join the Confederate forces in Kentucky. At the end of two years, Frank Kuykendall returned home and enlisted with the Federal forces, then stationed at Lewisburg, near the present town of Morrilton. During his father's absence, the mother and sisters tried to raise a crop, but because of the frequent raids of the "jay hawkers", the family joined the other people of the community in an ox-wagon caravan that journeyed, by way of Batesville, to Lewisburg, which was a place of refuge for many other people from Searcy County and the surrounding country. At the end of the war, the family returned to their home. (46)

As late as 1887, dangerous animals were in the mountains of the county for in that year the county court placed premiums on the scalps of wild cats, panthers, and wolves (47). Wayman Hogue writes thus of the panther in the Ozarks: "The mountain people pronounce the word 'painter'....it lingered in the northern hills long after it had been annihilated in the lowland...equally as dangerous and deadly as the lion and tiger. Had we been able to eliminate the 'painter' from our midst, we still would not have felt safe in the woods alone and unarmed. Other ferocious beasts denned and roamed about us, among which were the wolf, the wildcat, and the bear. However, they were not considered dangerous like the 'painter'". (48)

County Seats

The organic act which made the residence of James Eagan the temporary seat of justice for the county, provided that an election be held in March 1839 to elect commissioners to locate the permanent county seat (49). The village of Lebanon, located on Bear Creek, 6 miles east of the present town of Marshall, was chosen and it remained the county seat for 17 years (50). At that time the village was composed of two stores, a saloon, a blacksmith shop, and a home used as a hotel, operated by Jack Hensley, who owned the largest store. County business was transacted in the home of James Eagan until the first courthouse was built in 1842. The courthouse, made of logs, contained the jail, the courtroom, and the offices of the clerk and sheriff. (51) The first judge, clerk, and sher-

(46) Information obtained from
Pose Kuykendall.
(47) County Court Record, C, 23.
(48) Wayman Hogue, Back Yonder,

pp. 172, 182.
(49) A. Ark., 1838, pp. 28-29.
(50) Thomas, op. cit., II, 772.
(51) Information obtained from

iff, who served in this courthouse were, respectively, John Campbell, T. H. Boyce, and Joe Brown (52). In response to a growing sentiment for the removal of the county seat to Burrowsville, the county court appointed Littleton Barker, John Marshall, and Warren Gray as commissioners to select a new seat of government. After these commissioners had selected Burrowsville, there was controversy over their decision with the result that the General Assembly legalized the proceedings by an act passed December 31, 1856. This act specified that the new county seat be named Burrowsville (53), the name being adopted from that of N. D. Burrows who deeded "11 acres and 119 poles" of land to the county as a site for the courthouse. Court was held in a frame store building until March 22, 1857 when a disastrous fire destroyed all of the county records. (54)

In 1867, the General Assembly passed an act changing the name of the county seat to Marshall (55). In 1884 the town was incorporated (56). Two years later the courthouse, erected 28 years before, was burned and the county records were again destroyed (57).

In 1889 the present courthouse was erected (58), and on October 7 of the next year, Marshall was incorporated as a town of the second class. The petition for incorporation included the following signatures: A. Y. Bar, Albert Wellborn, A. G. Leslie, A. P. Treece, I. C. Morris, A. J. Redwine, and A. L. Bromley. (59)

Education

The first school of which there is any record was a subscription school taught by Joe Meadow in the Canaan settlement during the year 1850, but educational facilities were meager, for in 1851 there were only two school buildings in the county (60). In 1853, the General Assembly enacted a law permitting the citizens of any congressional township in Searcy County to sell or lease the 16th section in order to establish public schools (61). However, there are no local records indicating that schools were established under the provisions of this law, or that there were any academies such as were founded in other parts of the state before the Civil War (62). Col. John Campbell, a well-educated man of Scotch-Irish descent, who came to the county from Tennessee in 1837, in-

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| (52) Jim B. Higgins, <u>Biennial Report of the Secretary of State, 1925-26, Arkansas</u> , p. 505. (Hereinafter cited as Higgins, Biennial Report.) | (57) County Court Record, C. 20. |
| (53) A. Ark., 1836-7, pp. 21, 37. | (58) <u>Ibid.</u> , 280. |
| (54) Information obtained from Mrs. Mary Hays. | (59) <u>Ibid.</u> , 329. |
| (55) A. Ark., 1867, p. 433. | (60) Information obtained from Mrs. Mary Hays. |
| | (61) A. Ark., 1852-1853, pp. 104-107. |
| | (62) Information obtained from Mrs. Mary Hays. |

fluenced the county educationally and politically. Col. Campbell was opposed to the so-called "blab" schools of the day, and when his children were ready for school, he began teaching the first silent school. He was the county judge while the court was still being held under the shade trees by the home of John Eagan. (63) He served as a member of the General Assembly in 1842-43 and in 1852-53. He was a member of the Secession Convention in 1861, and served as state senator for two terms from 1874 to 1877. (64) In 1874, the State Constitution authorized the levying of taxes for the support of public schools and made possible the development of a free school system throughout the state (65). At present the county is divided into 77 school districts, maintaining 75 white schools. There are no Negro schools in the county. Eighty-five percent of the children enumerated are in school. (66)

In 1937, the Ozark Christian College, an independent Bible Training Institute, was incorporated under the supervision of the educational board of the Disciples of Christ. The College was organized as an industrial institution to be operated on a farm near St. Joe where the students might work for part of their expenses in the shop and on the farm. The purpose of the school was to bring an educational opportunity to the young people of the hill section. The first president, David Leroy Mantle, characterized the school as an "overall college". In order to erect the main hall on the 320-acre farm, the people of the community assembled in September 1938 for a "house-raising" like those of pioneer times. However, the college did not prosper there, and it was forced to move, first to Harrison in Boone County, and then to Bentonville, in Benton County. (67)

Population

The census of 1840, the first after the creation of the county, gave Searcy County a population of 936 persons, three of whom were slaves. By 1860 the population had increased to 5,271 and there were only 93 slaves in the county, a condition that determined the political trend before the Civil War. In contrast to this comparatively small number of slaves, a delta county like Arkansas at that time had 4,921 slaves. Unlike some other counties in the State the population in Searcy increased during the war period, and the census of 1870 showed 5,614 persons in the county. (68)

(63) Little Rock, Arkansas Gazette
August 29, 1937.

(64) Higgins, Biennial Report, pp.
261, 269, 290, 292.

(65) Const. 1874, art. XIV, secs.
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(66) Biennial Report of the State
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State Commissioner of Educa-
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1937, 1937-1938, pp. 103-104,
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(67) Little Rock, Arkansas Demo-
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(68) U. S. Bureau of the Census,
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In 1930 Searcy County had a population of 11,056, with 16.4 persons to the square mile, a decrease of 24.2 percent since 1920 (69). However, the population is now increasing for the estimated figure for 1940 is 12,169 (70). The greatest population recorded was 14,825, enumerated in 1910, before the county had subsided from the boom caused by the building of the Missouri and Arkansas Railroad through the county. In 1930, 99.7 percent of the people of Searcy County were native white; 0.3 percent were foreign-born white. There was one Negro in the county (71). According to the preliminary figures of the 1940 census, Marshall now has a population of 824, an increase of 186 persons since 1930. Leslie, which had a population of 1,898 in 1910, is slowly approaching that figure again in its present population, estimated to be 777. (72)

In some of the hills in Searcy County, as well as in other mountainous sections in northwest Arkansas and southwest Missouri, live descendants of the early settlers who have kept many of their old social customs (73).

Vance Randolph writes of the hill people: "It is only in such isolated places that we find the traditional American nowadays, neither refined nor corrupted by the influence of European and Asiatic Civilization. It may be that the native Ozarkers will soon... vanish like the Indians and Bluff Dwellers, who kept these wilds in other years. He must inevitably go the way of all primitive people who stand in the way of economic progress". Randolph's information about the Ozark mountaineers is based, he says, upon "some ten years of association with people of this type". A number of expressions used by them were in common use in Shakespeare's time: "Buss" and "a race o' ginger" have kept their original definitions. With them a necklace is a "pair of beads", an expression almost identical with that used by Chaucer in describing the "peire of bedes" worn by the Prioress. They use "admire" to mean "wonder at" as Pepys did in his Diary. Some people in the Ozarks still speak of "new Christmas" and "old Christmas". (74)

Wayman Hogue, a contemporary Arkansas Writer, who was born among these people, says of them: "They are still living the peaceful, free, and easy life they lived fifty years ago and that they will continue to

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- (69) States, 1870, The Statistics of the Population of the United States, I, 13-14.
U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population Bulletin, Families, Arkansas, p. 24.
 (70) Little Rock, Arkansas Democrat, June 30, 1940.

- (71) Fifteenth Census, Population, I, 104; *ibid.*, III, 188.
 (72) Letter from John R. Newman, Supervisor of Sixteenth Census of the United States, Arkansas, District 3.
 (73) Orville Thrasher Gooden, The Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad Strike, p. 22.
 (74) Randolph, op. cit., pp. 22,

live for a hundred years to come.... The self-sufficiency and rugged independence of American pioneer days exists today in the Ozarks, almost untouched by machine age economics and material improvements, to a stranger, these people might at first sight appear poverty-stricken, but they are far from it. Their wants are few and easily filled; they are rich because they are satisfied." (75)

Agriculture

When the early settlers built their homes in Searcy County, each family raised all the food it needed, the crops consisting usually of corn, wheat, oats, and a little cotton. Cattle were killed for beef and the tallow saved for candles. (76) When the production exceeded the needs of the family and community, the farmers began taking their cattle and wheat overland to Little Rock. At that time the cattle were raised on the range and needed to be "finished" by the butchers. (77) By degrees the building of the railroads and the opening of the highways aided in the marketing of cattle and farm products. The introduction of the farm demonstration work in 1915 introduced scientific agriculture (78), so that today finished livestock brings good prices at the weekly auctions held at Marshall. (79) The majority of the people are still interested in agriculture. The census of 1930 classed 9,084 out of the 11,056 people of the county as rural-farm. There are 2,115 farms averaging about 100 acres each (80), the most of which are operated by the owner on a family unit basis. Only about 34 percent of the farm land is worked by tenants. (81) Fruit, vegetables, especially tomatoes, cattle, hogs, and corn are produced in quantities to insure a satisfactory livelihood. In 1929, the county ranked 9th among the 75 counties of the State in the production of apples, and 19th in the production of strawberries. (82)

On January 1, 1935, there were 12,310 head of cattle and calves of all ages on the farms, an increase of nearly 50 percent over the number reported by the census on 1930. More hogs also are being raised. In 1930 the farms reported 6,628 swine of all ages; in 1935, the number had increased to 9,925. (83) In that year, 26,686 bushels of corn were harvested for grain; 12,157 bushels of winter wheat were produced and 704

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(75) Hogue, op. cit., p. 302.

(76) Information obtained from Mrs. Mary Hays.

(77) Little Rock, Arkansas Gazette, September 30, 1938.

(78) A. Ark., 1915, p. 1078.

(79) Little Rock, Arkansas Democrat, June 23, 1940.

(80) United States Census of Agri-

culture: 1935, Arkansas, Statistics by Counties, Farms, Farm Acreage and Value and Selected Livestock and Crops, p. 11. (Hereinafter cited as Fifteenth Census, Statistics by Counties.)

(81) Progress Report, p. 206.

(82) Ibid., p. 200.

(83) Fifteenth Census, Statistics

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bales of cotton, 10,010 pounds of tobacco were raised in 1934, a decided increase since 1929. (84)

Property Evaluation

The assessed valuation of personal and real property in Searcy County, as estimated by the State Comptroller for 1938, was \$1,617,611. In 1927, the assessed valuation was over \$2,000,000, but it decreased gradually to \$1,185,000 in 1934; since then it has slowly increased to the 1938 valuation. (85)

Transportation, Finance, and Industry

Transportation had its legal beginning in Searcy County in 1851 when the General Assembly granted to James J. Barrens of Van Buren County and Page Hatchell of Searcy County a charter to establish a "good and substantial turnpike road" across Clinton Mountains, commencing at Clinton in Van Buren County and ending at the house of Page Hatchell, a distance of 18 miles. These men were required to keep the road in order under penalty of the law and were permitted to erect a toll gate and charge a rate of toll specified by the act. (86) The county did not have stage coach service, but immigrants of this period may have used the road for some of them spoke of having to pass a number of toll gates (87). In 1915 a few years after the first automobile was seen in the county, the first road improvement district of Searcy County was created (88). Development of the roads continued and in 1923, the county court ordered the commissioners of road improvement district no. 3 to make a \$20,000 bond issue to hasten improvement work in the district (89).

The next year in order to refund the indebtedness of Searcy County, the county judge ordered 5 percent funding bonds to be issued for the amount of \$82,500 and further ordered the quorum court to levy a 3-mill tax for the purpose of paying the bonds (90).

Searcy County is now traversed by one of the main thoroughfares of the Nation. U. S. Highway 65, which runs from the northwestern to the southeastern part of Arkansas by way of Little Rock, crosses the county diagonally, connecting the towns of St. Joe, Marshall, and Leslie, State

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- by Counties, p. 20.
(84) Ibid., p. 27
(85) State Comptroller's Report
Covering Fiscal Years 1936-37
and 1937-38, Special Features
A Review of State Taxation
and Revenues, p. 142. (Here-
inafter cited as State Comp-

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(86) A. Ark., 1851, p. 312.
(87) Information obtained from
Pose Kuykendall.
(88) County Court Record, G, 506.
(89) County Court Record, 10, 206.
(90) Ibid., 555.

Highway 27, extending from Marshall to the northeastern part of the county, connects with State Highway 14 running north through Yellville, and also with State Highway 9 which passes through Melbourne. (91) In 1936, there were about 112 miles of state highways in the county and 638 miles of county roads (92).

Duff, an active trading center 50 years ago, is now being revived by the construction of a graveled county road, six miles in length, from U. S. Highway 65 to Gilbert. At the height of its prosperity, people for 10 miles around camped overnight at Big Mays Spring in order to trade their horses and market their cattle and hogs at Duff. The town had a cotton gin at that time which served the entire surrounding country. But the building of the railroad, a quarter of a mile away from Duff, caused the business of the town to move to Gilbert and St. Joe. Now the roads have been improved, electricity is available through a rural electrification project, and business buildings are being erected again in Duff. John Mays, the son of William Mays for whom the spring was named, has built a modern grist mill in the town, and George Mays, another son, has constructed a modern home. (93)

There were no local industries in Searcy County before the Civil War (94), but with the coming of the railroads, mining and other industries developed. In 1861 the General Assembly passed an act to incorporate the White River Valley Railroad Company which planned to extend a railroad from Jacksonport to Fayetteville, passing through Searcy County. Among the subscribers to the railroad were the following men from Searcy County: John Marshall, John Hensley, Samuel Leslie, and Thomas Richardson. (95) However, there is no record of this development having been made.

In 1899 the county court acknowledged the agreement for a right-of-way from the people of Searcy County to the Arkansas Northern Railway, under construction since 1882 (96). When this railroad was extended to Harrison about 1900, the Big Hurricane Mine near Pindall was opened. Later a spur to Pindall, known as the Big Hurrican Spur, was built. During the war years, 1916 and 1917, \$235,000 worth of zinc ore was shipped from the mine. In 1920 the mine was closed because of a low zinc market. (97) In 1903, the road was extended to the southeastern part of the county (98), and the town of Leslie, named for Samuel Leslie, a mem-

(91) Rand McNally Pocket Maps of Arkansas.

(92) State of Arkansas, Twelfth Biennial Report of the Arkansas State Highway Commission, p. 50. (Hereinafter cited as Twelfth Biennial Report.)

(93) Little Rock, Arkansas Democrat, November 28, 1938.

(94) Information obtained from Mrs. Mary Hays.

(95) A. Ark., 1858-61, p. 319.

(96) County Court Record, (1896). 493.

(97) Harrison, (Ark.) Daily Times, July 14, 1936.

(98) Thomas, op. cit., I, 434.

ber of a pioneer family, came into being as the terminus of the railroad. Leslie experienced a short period of industrial development. The largest cooperage plant west of the Mississippi was established there as well as stave plants, a hub factory, canning factories, flour mills and saw mills. During the temporary mining boom brought on by the railroad, several towns started as mining villages. (99) For a number of years there was active mining near St. Joe and in the zinc region in the northwestern part of the county (100). Seven miles northeast of St. Joe was the Tomahawk Copper Mine from which a large nugget was shipped to the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. The presence of copper in that neighborhood was discovered accidentally in 1876 and mining operations were begun. From that date until 1930 various methods of mining the copper were employed, but without success. It is believed now that with the development of hydro-electric power on the White River, the Tomahawk Mine can be run profitably. (101)

The extent of the mining activities that ended with the World War is shown in the 9 volumes of mining records of the county, beginning in 1895. The records contain such essential facts about the mines as the location of mining claims, date located, and signatures of locators. The records are still open, but no entries have been made since 1917. (102) The records of the claims made in the Tomahawk Mining District were kept in a separate volume, dated 1899 (103).

In 1921 there was a general strike of the employees of the railroad, known at that time as the Missouri and North Arkansas, an operation of the road was suspended entirely from July 1921 to May 1922. The floods of 1927 caused further losses in the county, and industrial development declined accordingly. (104) Today this railroad, now called the Missouri and Arkansas, crosses the county diagonally from northeast to southwest, passing through Pindall, St. Joe, Gilbert, Marshall, and Leslie (105), a distance of 42.6 miles (106).

The value of the stone and gravel sold in the county from 1929 to 1934, inclusive, totaled \$152,869.73 (107); however, the Arkansas Geological Survey did not list any mineral producers in the directory for 1935 (108). In 1936 the Arkansas State Planning Board reported that the production of lead, zinc, and manganese was almost entirely marginal,

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| (99) Thomas, <u>op. cit.</u> , II, 772. | (104) Thomas, <u>op. cit.</u> , I, 434. |
| (100) Herndon, <u>op. cit.</u> , I, 889. | (105) <u>Rand McNally Pocket Maps. Arkansas.</u> |
| (101) <u>Little Rock, Arkansas Democrat</u> , March 10, 1940. | (106) <u>Twelfth Biennial Report</u> , p. 47. |
| (102) <u>Mining Record</u> , Searcy County Mining District, 1895-1917, see entry 18. | (107) <u>Arkansas Geological Survey, Mineral Production Statistics of Arkansas for the Period 1880-1935</u> , p. 64. |
| (103) <u>Mining Record A</u> , Tomahawk Mining District, 1899, see entry 19. | (108) <u>Arkansas Geological Survey.</u> |

and that no detailed survey of the phosphate beds in northern Arkansas had been made up to that time (109). However, a rich vein of phosphate was discovered near St. Joe during a recent geological survey of Searcy County. The deposit has great commercial possibilities and may result in the establishment of a fertilizer plant near St. Joe. (110)

Marshall of 1940 is developing in accordance with present trends. "A few years ago", writes Will Rice, "there were lurid and perhaps overplayed stories of...lawless acts. Now the stories are of...continued prosperity as the result of sensible development of natural resources, livestock improvement in the town's trade territory, and a constant improving and extending of farm-to-market roads and national and state highways... It has become a tourist center with modern hotels, cafes, tourist camps and cabins." The town has a modern livestock sales pavilion, and the weekly auctions of livestock of good breed show a constantly increasing volume of business. Profitable marketing of timber resources is another factor in the revival of trade. A promising feature of the boom in the county seat is the fact that it is supported by greater economic activity throughout the county. (111)

(109) Directory of Arkansas Mineral Producers for 1935, p. 19.
Progress Report, p. 73.

(110) Little Rock, Arkansas Gazette, April 7, 1940.

(111) Little Rock, Arkansas Democrat, June 23, 1940.

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Administrative

Jurisdiction over business affairs of the county is vested in the county court by authority of the Constitution of 1874, which delegates to the court exclusive original jurisdiction in all matters relating to county taxes, roads, bridges, ferries, paupers, and the apprenticeship of minors, and in every other case affecting the internal improvement and local concern of the county (1). It is authorized to build, rebuild, and repair courthouses, jails, hospitals, and other buildings and improvements used for county welfare (2). Also, it supervises the county's eleemosynary and penal institutions (3), contracts for the services of the inmates of the prisons (4), and prescribes rules and regulations governing the conduct and welfare of the inmates of both the penal (5), and eleemosynary (6) institutions.

The county judge serves as chairman of the county highway commission (7).

Public Improvements

In Arkansas, the State Highway Commission through the county judge, county road commissioner and township road overseers exercises technical supervision of the construction and maintenance of township, county and state roads, culverts and bridges. Searcy County is in Arkansas State Highway Maintenance District No. 9. (8) All real estate necessary in the discharge of any legally prescribed function of the county is purchased and sold by a commission appointed by the county court (9). Local districts for drainage (10), flood protection (11), and fencing (12) are maintained for the benefit of the citizens of the county, also school districts with adequate improvements (13).

Recording

The clerk of the circuit court is ex officio recorder of the county. He keeps a register of titles to property and all instruments filed

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| (1) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 28. | (7) A. Ark., 1939, 1018. |
| (2) Const. 1874, amend. XVII, secs. 1-8, app. 1928, declared adopted 1929; <u>ibid.</u> , amend. XXV, app. 1938, declared adopted 1939. | (8) A. Ark., 1871, 56; <u>ibid.</u> , 1905, 722; <u>ibid.</u> , 1933, 4; <u>ibid.</u> , 1935, 383, 869. |
| (3) A. Ark., 1851, 99; <u>ibid.</u> , 1868, 84. | (9) Rev. Stat., 287. |
| (4) A. Ark., 1909, 155. | (10) A. Ark., 1911, 193; <u>ibid.</u> , 1921, 391. |
| (5) A. Ark., 1868, 84. | (11) A. Ark., 1879, 117; <u>ibid.</u> , 1891, 297. |
| (6) A. Ark., 1851, 99. | (12) A. Ark., 1899, 166. |
| | (13) A. Ark., 1935, 68. |

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for recordation. (14) Also, he is ex officio clerk of the county and probate courts of Searcy County (15), and ex officio clerk of the chancery court (16). It is his duty to attend all sessions of the courts, to keep dockets and records of the proceedings (17). As county clerk he keeps a record of delinquent ad valorem taxes (18), and as chancery clerk a record of delinquent improvement district taxes (19).

Administration of Justice

The judicial power of Searcy County is vested in the circuit court, chancery, probate, and the justices of the peace courts (20). The Supreme Court of the State has appellate and supervisory jurisdiction over all the lower courts (21). The circuit court has jurisdiction in all civil and criminal cases where exclusive jurisdiction is not vested in some other court provided for by constitution. It has appellate jurisdiction and supervisory control over the county and justice of the peace courts. (22) In 1903, chancery courts were established in every county in the State, and vested with exclusive, original jurisdiction in all matters in equity (23). The chancery judge is the presiding magistrate of the probate court and determines all probate matters. Appeals are taken directly to the Supreme Court. (24) The county court exercises a limited jurisdiction in civil matters (25). Justices of the peace courts have exclusive original jurisdiction in all matters of contract and damage to personal property where the amount in controversy does not exceed \$100, and concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court in similar matters where the amount in controversy does not exceed the sum of \$300. In felony cases, justices of the peace are authorized to sit as examining courts and commit, discharge, or recognize offenders to the court having jurisdiction, for further trial. (26) The General Assembly, in 1911, established juvenile courts for the benefit of dependent and delinquent children (27). There is no record of this court having functioned in Searcy County.

Trial by jury is the constitutional right of all persons charged with criminal offense (28). The grand jury is usually called into session at each term of the circuit court (29), to investigate criminal cases brought before it, and to probe into the official conduct and records of public officials and institutions. It may return indictments

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| (14) Rev. Stat., 654. | (24) A. Ark., 1939, 7. |
| (15) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19. | (25) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 34. |
| (16) A. Ark., 1903, 323. | (26) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 40. |
| (17) Rev. Stat., 178. | (27) A. Ark., 1911, 167; Underwood v. Farrell (1927), 175, Ark., 219. |
| (18) A. Ark., 1887, 143. | (28) Const. 1874, art. II, sec. 7. |
| (19) A. Ark., 1897, 8. | (29) Crim. Code, 1869, secs. 99-106, 401-406. |
| (20) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 1. | |
| (21) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 4. | |
| (22) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. 11, 14. | |
| (23) A. Ark., 1903, 316. | |

and recommend reforms, providing such are in compliance with existing laws. (30) After an indictment has been returned by the grand jury or on information filed by the prosecuting attorney, the accused is brought to trial before a petit or trial jury (31).

Law Enforcement

The well-being of the community and the efficiency of the government depend, to a large extent, upon the prosecuting attorney. He defends all suits against the State, causes witnesses to be summoned, and gives advice upon legal matters to the sheriff, constables, justices of the peace, county court, grand or petit juries (32). The chief law enforcement officer of the county is the sheriff. He apprehends and commits to jail all felons and traitors; executes all warrants, writs, and other processes directed to him by legal authority, and attends all courts of record in his county (33). A person under arrest is placed in the custody of the sheriff who incarcerates him in the county jail, or releases him under bond, providing the offense charged is bailable (34). After a defendant has been found guilty of a crime he is remanded to the custody of the sheriff who is responsible for the execution of the sentence (35). Although the constable is a township officer, he holds county-wide jurisdiction as a peace officer, and serves the justice of the peace courts in the same capacity as the sheriff serves the other courts of the county (36). Investigations to establish the cause of violent deaths are conducted by the coroner (37).

Finance

The finances of the county are handled by a definite correlation of activities of several county officers. The assessor assesses the properties (38). The amount of the county levy is set by the quorum court which also makes appropriations for the expenses of the county (39). The county clerk computes the amount of taxes accrued against each item of real and personal property listed on the assessment books. He is the clearing agent as the records pass from office to office. (40) The sheriff, as ex officio collector, collects the taxes (41). Specified periods in which taxpayers are required to pay their taxes have been designated by the General Assembly (42). The treasurer is the custodian of the funds of the county, townships, and school districts (43). All claims

(30) A. Ark., 1869, 284; ibid.,
1927, 1185.

(31) A. Ark., 1883, 72; ibid., 1893,
88; Crim. Code, secs. 99-106.

(32) Rev. Stat., 131-133, 295.

(33) Rev. Stat., 728.

(34) Const. 1874, art. II, sec. 8;
A. Ark., 1875, 10; Crim. Code,
1869, sec. 79.

(35) Rev. Stat., 1838, 311.

(36) Rev. Stat., 184, 504.

(37) Rev. Stat., 195.

(38) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.

(39) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 30.

(40) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec.
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(41) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec.
46; A. Ark., 1883, 199.

(42) A. Ark., 1935, 777-782.

(43) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.

against the county are examined by the county court in quasi-judicial proceedings conducted by the county judge before they are approved for payment and the county clerk is directed to issue a warrant, to be paid by the treasurer. Both officers keep a warrant register, upon which they enter a descriptive record of every warrant issued and paid. The county court, through its recording officer, the county clerk, keeps a record of each appropriation, the warrants drawn against, and the balance remaining in, each fund. (44) After all transactions have been made by the various officers and the records have been completed, they are returned to the clerk to be preserved as a permanent record (45). The State Comptroller is ex officio director of county audits. He is authorized to employ one chief accountant and other assistants to make an annual audit of the books and accounts of all county and township officers. (46)

Elections

Primary elections of all political parties are held on the second Tuesday in August preceding the general election. Special elections may be called to fill vacancies in political offices. (47) The State Central Committee of each political party selects a committee for each county in the State which conducts the primary elections (48). The conduct of all general and special elections for the election of state or county officers, or balloting upon state or local legislation, is conducted by the county board of election commissioners. The state board of election commissioners appoint county commissioners, who establish precincts, adjusting their size in accordance with the number of electors within the area; select election judges for each; furnish all necessary supplies; and canvass and certify the election returns. (49) General elections are held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the each even-numbered calendar year (50). All candidates for office must be qualified electors, and not have participated in a duel in any way for ten years prior to the date of their election (51). Every citizen of the United States of the age of 21 years, or older, who has resided in the State 12 months, in the county 6 months, in the precinct, town or ward 1 month, next preceding any election, and has a poll tax receipt is privileged to vote. Idiots, insane persons, aliens, or persons having committed felonies are not entitled to this privilege. (52)

Education

The county functions in the formation of school districts or the

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| (44) Rev. Stat., 227; A. Ark., 1879, 115. | 1118; <u>ibid.</u> , 1935. 427. |
| (45) A. Ark., 1883, 260. | (50) A. Ark., 1927, 1187. |
| (46) A. Ark., 1931, 120. | (51) Const. 1874, art. XIX, secs. 2, 3. |
| (47) A. Ark., 1919, 12. | (52) Const. 1874, amend. VIII, secs. 1, 5, app. 1920, declared adopted 1925. |
| (48) A. Ark., 1909, 505. | |
| (49) A. Ark., 1891, 32; <u>ibid.</u> , 1931, | |

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changing of boundaries of existing districts (53). It levies and collects the taxes for the schools (54); conducts school elections (55); is custodian of the school funds, which it disburses by warrants drawn by the school district authorities (56); enforces the rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Department of Education, and furnishes the state department with necessary statistical data concerning the county school system (57). The county judge and the county examiner of schools, aided by the county treasurer, compose the county text book board, supervising the distribution of free text books (58). The county cooperates with the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture of the University of Arkansas, and the United States Department of Agriculture in carrying on cooperative educational work in agriculture and home economics (59). The State and county, in cooperation with the Federal Government, maintain schools for adult education and rural libraries (60).

Public Welfare

The county cooperates with the State in the maintenance of a public health program. The State receives cooperative benefits from the Federal Government, The Rockefeller Foundation, The Julius Rosenwald Fund and other agencies. (61) The various services rendered for promoting the public health are administered through the county health unit under the supervision of the Arkansas State Board of Health (62). Administration of direct relief in the county is a function of the county department of public welfare which is the agent in the county for the State and Federal governments in the various phases of direct relief and relief work assignments (63).

Miscellaneous Functions

Marks and brands of stock may be recorded by the clerk of the county court (64). Upon petition, an inspection of weights, measures and scales is made by a constable or a marshal (65). Public and private boundary lines may be surveyed and established by the county surveyor (66). The surveyor, as ex officio timber inspector, may survey tracts of timber land, and register timber marks (67).

(53) A. Ark., 1931, 504.

(54) A. Ark., 1931, 555.

(55) A. Ark., 1935, 68.

(56) A. Ark., 1931, 558.

(57) A. Ark., 1931, 494.

(58) A. Ark., 1937, 1100.

(59) A. Ark., 1937, 204, 961.

(60) A. Ark., 1939, 847.

(61) A. Ark., 1929, II, 1297.

(62) A. Ark., 1913, 348; ibid., 1925, 662; Arkansas State Board of Health, Report, p. 1.

(63) A. Ark., 1935, 56; ibid., 1937, 152; ibid., 1939, 256, 672.

(64) Rev. Stat., 704.

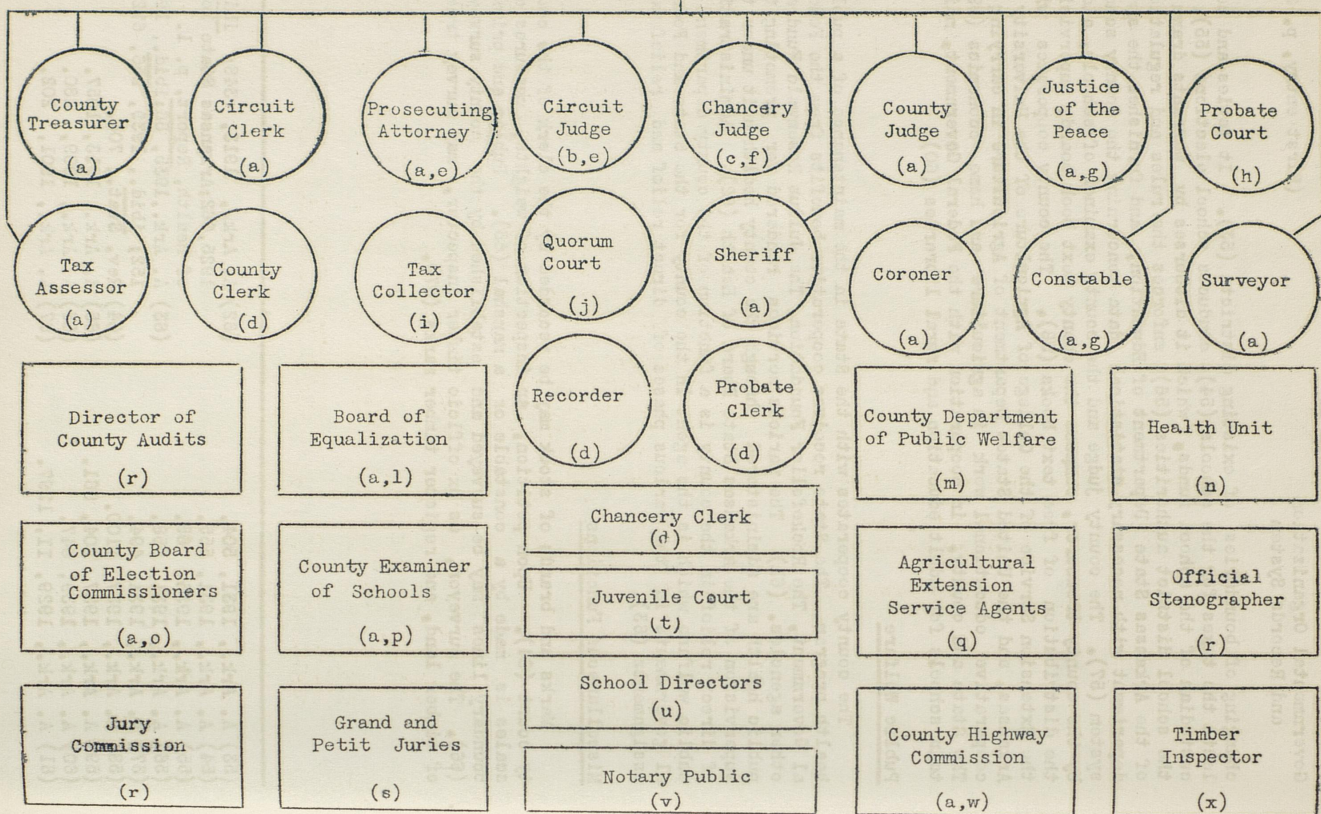
(65) A. Ark., 1913, 1057.

(66) A. Ark., 1909, 180.

(67) A. Ark., 1901, 202.

SEARCY COUNTY GOVERNMENT, 1940

THE ELECTORATE



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LEGEND

Offices shown in circles created by Constitution.
Offices shown in rectangles created by statute.

- (a) Two-year term of office.
- (b) Four-year term of office.
- (c) Six-year term of office.
- (d) Circuit clerk is ex officio county clerk, chancery clerk, probate clerk, and recorder.
- (e) Elected by and for all counties in 14th judicial circuit, consisting of Newton, Boone, Van Buren, Cleburne, Searcy, and Marion Counties.
- (f) Elected by and for all counties in 11th chancery circuit, consisting of Baxter, Newton, Boone, Searcy, Marion, and Van Buren Counties.
- (g) Elected by and for political townships.
- (h) Chancery judge is ex officio judge of probate court.
- (i) Sheriff is ex officio tax collector.
- (j) County judge presiding and justices of the peace members.
- (k) State Comptroller is ex officio director of county audits.
- (l) Appointed by quorum court.
- (m) Appointed by Arkansas State Department of Public Welfare.
- (n) Appointed by Arkansas State Board of Health.
- (o) Appointed by Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners.
- (p) Appointed by county judge.
- (q) Appointed by University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture.
- (r) Appointed by circuit judge.
- (s) Appointed by jury commission.
- (t) County judge presiding magistrate.
- (u) Elected by and for school districts.
- (v) Appointed by Governor.
- (w) County judge chairman. Two other members appointed by quorum court.
- (x) Surveyor is ex officio timber inspector.

HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The present courthouse of Searcy County was completed in 1889. The building, a two-story and basement structure, is of native stone, with a metal roof and of no particular architectural design. It is located on a 90' x 90' tract in the business section of Marshall, facing east on U. S. Highway 27. A central hall, 10' in width runs from the east entrance to the west. An outside basement entrance is on the south side of the building.

All offices have a four-foot wainscoting of wood, with upper walls of plaster. The building is lighted by electricity and heated with stoves. A vault on the first floor, between the offices of the circuit clerk and the treasurer is the only fireproof room in the building. Floors throughout the building are of oak, with window and door facings of oak and pine. All walls are 12', with wood ceilings.

County Judge and County Treasurer. The judge and treasurer share an office on the first floor of the courthouse. Approximately 90 percent of the treasurer's records are stored in the adjoining vault and the other 10 percent in the office, in file boxes.

Circuit Clerk, Ex Officio Recorder, and Ex Officio County Clerk. This office, located on the first floor of the courthouse and joining the one vault in the building, houses the greater portion of the county records. The vault, which measures 13' 6" x 8', houses approximately 90 percent of the clerk's records. It contains about 150 linear feet of bound records and 150' of shelving. Of the latter, 100' is steel shelving and the balance wood. The vault is very crowded, with no accommodations for inspection of records. In the office of the clerk there is approximately 60' of shelving, of which 40' is steel and 20' wood, containing current records of the office.

Circuit Court, Chancery Court, Probate Court, County Court, Quorum Court. The entire second floor of the courthouse is a courtroom, with the judge's platform and the section reserved for juries and officers of the court, in the east end. This section is separated from the spectator's part of the courtroom by a railing. A corridor which is 6' 4" wide, formed by two partitions of graduated height, runs from the entrance to within 3' of the railing and divides the spectators' gallery into two sections. Each of the sections has a separate entrance from a central landing at the head of the stairs. This unusual arrangement is said to have been effected so that unfriendly parties involved in court proceedings might be seated on opposite sides of the courtroom to preserve order during trials. A few of the county records are stored in the rear of the courtroom.

Sheriff and Ex Officio Tax Collector. The office of the sheriff and ex officio tax collector, on the first floor of the courthouse, contains his late and current records as sheriff. His records as collector are deposited with the county clerk.

Tax Assessor. The tax assessor occupies an office in the court-

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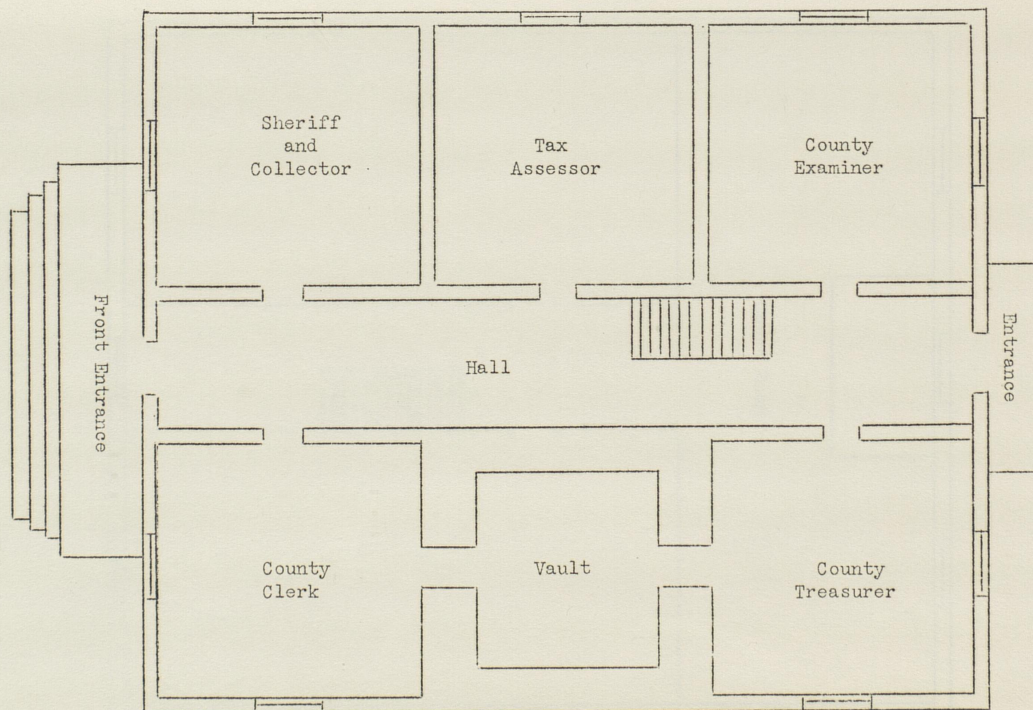
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house, but his records are made a part of the county clerk's permanent record.

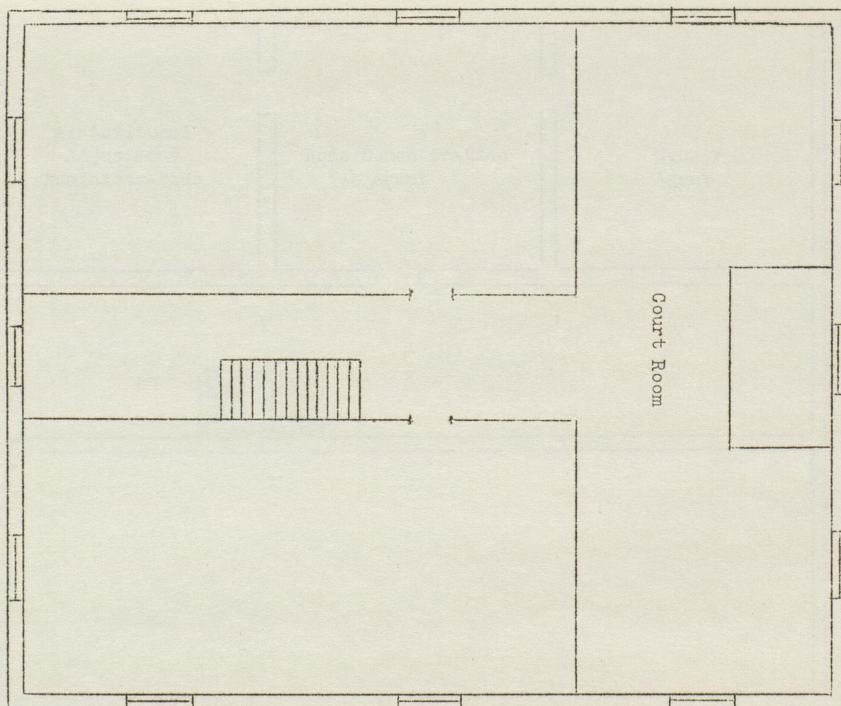
County Examiner of Schools. This official has an office on the first floor of the courthouse, in which are housed the records of his office.

County Agent and Home Demonstration Agent. These agents occupy a suite in the basement of the courthouse, in which is stored the records of their offices.

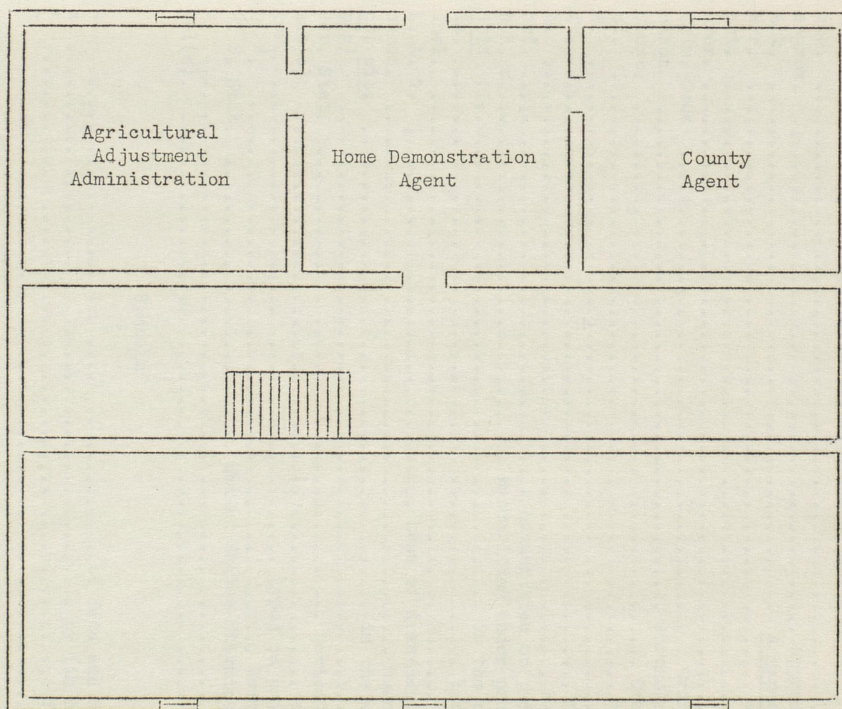
Another room in the basement is used by the local branch of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.



Searcy County Courthouse - Marshall
First Floor Plan
Scale 1/16" = 1'



Searcy County Courthouse
Second Floor Plan
Scale 1/16" = 1'



Searcy County Courthouse
Basement Floor Plan
Scale 1/16" = 1'

ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Abbreviations

A. Ark.	Acts of Arkansas
alph.	alphabetical(ly)
amend.	amendment
app.	approved
approx.	approximate(ly)
Ark.	Arkansas Reports
arr.	arrange(d)
art.	article
aver.	average
Crim. Code	Criminal Code
chron.	chronological(ly)
Const.	Constitution
ed.	editor (s)
f.	form
ft.	foot, feet
h.	handwritten
hpf.	handwritten on printed form
hph.	handwritten under printed head
ibid.	in the same place
in.	inch, inches
incl.	inclusive
L. A. T.	Laws of Arkansas Territory
numer.	numerical(ly)
op. cit.	in the work cited
p(p).	page(s)
Rev. Stat.	Revised Statutes
sec(s).	section(s)
tpf.	typed on printed form
U. S.	United States
U. S. Stat.	United States Statutes at Large
v.	versus
vol(s).	volume(s)

Symbols

--	to date and continuing
x	by (in dimension)
'	foot, feet
"	inch(es)

Explanatory Notes

Titles of Records. Exact titles of records are written in solid capitals without parentheses. In the absence of titles, descriptive titles have been assigned, which are written in solid caps and enclosed in brackets. If a record title is not descriptive of the contents of

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the record, an assigned explanatory title (or explanatory words), written with initial caps and enclosed in parentheses, has been added. The current or most recent title of a record is used as the entry title and title variation is indicated.

Dates. All dates are inclusive. Missing records are indicated by broken dates.

Quantity. When two or more types of containers are considered in a single entry, the quantity is shown in chronological order, insofar as possible.

Labeling. Figures or letters in parentheses, following the number of volumes, file boxes, or other types of container, indicate the labeling. If no labeling is indicated, it may be assumed that there is none.

Discontinuance. Where no statement is made that the record was discontinued, at the last date shown in the entry, it could not be definitely established that such was the case. Where no comment is made on the absence of prior, subsequent, or intermediate records, no definite information could be obtained.

Description of Records. The description of the contents of a record applies only to the current or most recent record unless change in contents is actually shown in a record entry.

Indexing. All indexes to records, unless otherwise stated, are self-contained.

Condition of Records. Records are in good condition, unless otherwise indicated.

Dimensions. Dimensions are always given in inches, unless otherwise indicated, and, therefore, the symbol for inches ("") has been omitted.

Location of Records. When all or the majority of the records of an office have a common location, the location is indicated in the last sentence of the office essay instead of in each individual entry.

Cross References. Title line cross references are used to show the continuity of a record series which have been kept separately for a period of time and with other records for different periods of time. An example is that in entry 9: "1866-78, 1886-1900, in Deed Record, entry 7". They are also used in all artificial entries, those set up to cover records which must be shown separately under their proper office even though they are kept in files or records appearing elsewhere in the inventory, as, for example, the title-line cross reference in entry 46, "In County Court Papers, entry 1". The description of the entry shows the title and entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made as, for example, these words in entry 4 do: "Also contains quorum court proceedings, 1866--, entry 97". Dates shown in the description of the master entry or entry of miscellaneous contents are only for the part or parts of the record contained therein, and are shown only when they vary

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from those of the master entry.

Separate third-paragraph cross references from entry to entry, and See also references with subject headings or subheadings are used to show prior, subsequent, or closely related records which are not parts of the same series.

Citations. A citation of an act of the legislature of the Territory of Arkansas or the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, or of an act of a legislative body of another territory or state, refers to the page number of the official publication of the laws.

A citation of a decision of the Arkansas Supreme Court gives the style of the case, the volume and page numbers of the publication.

A citation of any other published volume is shown in full the first time used, and in short title form subsequently throughout the inventory.

I. COUNTY COURT

The Constitution of 1836 authorized the establishment of a county court, and the election of its presiding officer (1). Since that time, the court has functioned continuously, with the exception of a brief period during 1873 and 1874 when it was abolished and supplanted by a board of supervisors (2). The present constitution, adopted in 1874, restored the county court, re-affirmed the office of county judge (3), and named the county clerk and sheriff court attendants (4). These officers are elected at the regular general election, for 2-year terms of office (5).

The court, aside from being the governing body of the county, is vested with certain judicial functions, enumerated by the constitution. It holds original, exclusive jurisdiction in all matters relating to taxes, disbursements of county funds, roads, bridges, ferries, paupers, vagrants, bastards, and the apprenticeship of minors. (6) Appeals from decisions of the court are taken to the circuit court of the county (7).

By constitutional authority, the judge, as presiding officer, meets once annually with the justices of the peace of the county, as the quorum court, for the purpose of levying the tax and making appropriations for the forthcoming year (8). The General Assembly of 1911, in the act creating a separate juvenile court, named the county judge as presiding magistrate of that tribunal (9), and the 1939 session made him chairman of the county highway commission (10).

Records of the proceedings of the county court are kept in the office of the clerk, unless otherwise indicated in the entries.

1. [COUNTY COURT PAPERS], 1922--. 36 bundles and 1 cardboard file box. Title varies: County Judge, 1925-27. Earlier records not found. Incidental filings, 1925-28, in Official Bonds, entry 37; incidental filings, 1927-28, in Bonds, Notaries Public and Constable, entry 38.

Original case papers of the county court, consisting of claims for allowances, petitions for the transfer of school children, petitions for the opening or improvement of roads, settlements of county officers, bids and contracts for the upkeep of paupers, and the maintenance of county poor farm, orders refunding excess tax payments, improvement district proceedings, and other orders of the court. Each instrument shows names of parties affected by the proceedings, purpose of petition or claim,

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| (1) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 9. | 19, 29, 46. |
| (2) A. Ark., 1873, p. 53. | (6) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 28. |
| (3) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. 1, 19, 29. | (7) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 11. |
| (4) Rev. Stat., pp. 171, 728. | (8) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 30. |
| (5) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. | (9) A. Ark., 1911, p. 167. |
| | (10) A. Ark., 1939, p. 1018. |

date of proceedings, date filed, and signature of clerk or judge. Also contains: incidental filings of circuit court papers, 1926, entry 43; coroner's report of inquest, 1933, entry 46; incidental filings of probate court papers, 1925-26, 1929, entry 75; quorum court papers, 1922-23, and incidental filings, 1926, entry 96, and election papers, 1925-27, entry 124. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 60 papers. Bundles 2 x 4 x $9\frac{1}{2}$, file box $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

2. COLLECTOR'S SETTLEMENTS, 1918--. 18 instruments in 1 cardboard file box. Prior records not found.

Original settlements of the tax collector with the county and copies of settlements with the State Auditor, showing date of settlement, amount of tax collected, itemized debits and credits, which show valuation, tax rate, and amount due, together with total debit and credit and certificate of accounts by county clerk, certification of collector, and notation of county court approval. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

3. COUNTY COURT DOCKET, 1906-9. 1 vol.

Record of minutes of proceedings in the county court, giving name of petitioner or claimant, claim number, purpose of petition or claim, date of hearing, court order, and signature of county judge. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. 478 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

4. COUNTY COURT RECORD, 1886--. 14 vols. (C, D, G, 2 vols. dated, 6-9, 11-15).

Record of proceedings in the county court in such matters as the appointment of county and township officials, matters of incorporation of towns and cities, construction of county buildings, purchase and sale of county property, construction of roads and bridges, issuance of bonds, petitions for roads and bridges, petitions for transfer of school children, elections and formation of improvement districts, allowance of claims, showing date of proceedings, names of officers comprising the court who are in attendance, names of interested parties, locations of roads and school districts affected, nature of proceedings of claim, order of the court concerning each action, and signature of presiding judge. Also contains: quorum court proceedings, 1866--, entry 97. Arr. chron. by date of proceedings. Indexed by first letter of surname of claimant, petitioner, or other interested parties. H., hpf., tpf. Aver. 600 pp. $18\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

For other records of road improvement petitions to the county court, see entry 16, xxii.

County Highway Commission;
Internal Improvement
Commissioner

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II. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The General Assembly of 1873 abolished the county court and supplanted it with a board of supervisors, endowed with all the powers and jurisdiction formerly held by the court. The act authorized the Governor to appoint three members, to serve for a term of 2 years. (1) The board functioned during 1873 and 1874, but was abolished by the Constitution of 1874, which restored the county court (2).

No records of the proceedings of the board of supervisors were found in Searcy County.

III. COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

The General Assembly of 1929 authorized the establishment of a county highway commission, provided the measure was ratified by a majority of the electorate of the county (3), and the provision was made mandatory by the 1939 session. The county judge, as chairman of the board, appoints, with the approval of the quorum court, two other members, who serve 2-year terms. (4)

No records of the commission were found in Searcy County.

IV. INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONER (Defunct)

The elective office of internal improvement commissioner was created by statute in 1850 (5), abolished by the Constitution of 1868 (6), and re-created by the General Assembly of 1873. The 1873 law authorized the county court to appoint the commissioner for a 2-year term. (7) The office passed out of existence when the 1874 constitution failed to make provision for its continuance.

No records were found in Searcy County.

(1) A. Ark., 1873, p. 53.

(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 1;
ibid., schedule, sec. 23.

(3) A. Ark., 1929, pp. 712, 719.

(4) A. Ark., 1939, p. 1022.

(5) A. Ark., 1850, p. 51.

(6) Const. 1868, art. VI, sec. 23.

(7) A. Ark., 1873, p. 51.

V. CIRCUIT CLERK AS RECORDER

The office of recorder has been filled at all times in an ex officio capacity by the circuit clerk, which office was authorized by the Constitution of 1836 (1). The present constitution upheld the ruling and authorized the election of the clerk at the regular general election, for a 2-year term (2).

All records of the recorder's office in Searcy County are in the office or vault of the circuit clerk, unless otherwise specified.

Reception Record

5. RECORD OF RECEIPT OF INSTRUMENTS RECORDED, 1903-27. 2 vols. (1, A). Title varies: Register Instruments Filed for Record, 1903-23.

List of instruments filed with the recorder, giving serial number of instrument, name of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, date filed, date recorded, book and page of record entry, date returned, and to whom returned. Arr. chron. by date filed. 1903-23, indexed alph. by first letter of grantor's name; 1916-27, not indexed. Hpf. Aver. 440 pp. 16 x 14 x 2.

Real Property Conveyances

Original

6. INSTRUMENTS HELD FOR FEES, 1913--. 45 instruments in 1 cardboard file box.

Original instruments filed with this office for recording but withheld from the records because of non-payment of fees, including real estate mortgages, chattel mortgages, quit claim deeds, timber deeds, warranty deeds, minister's credentials, notary public bond, soldier's and sailor's discharge, and ante-nuptial contracts. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

Record

7. DEED RECORD, 1866-78, 1886--. 20 vols. (A, C-F, H, I, P, S, 12, 15, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37). Title varies: Miscellaneous Deed Record, 1899-1900.

Record of deeds executed for the purpose of conveying title to real property, giving the names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description of property, date of execution, copy of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Also contains: recordings of

(1) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 17; Rev. Stat., p. 654. (2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19.

warranty deeds, 1866-78, 1886-95, entry 3; patent deeds, 1866-78, 1886-1900, entry 9; quit claim deeds, 1866-78, 1886-1900, entry 10; deeds of tax sale, 1866-78, 1886-1915, entry 13; real estate mortgages, 1866-78, 1886-94, entry 22. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of grantor's name. H., hpf. Aver. 600 pp. $18\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 3.

8. WARRANTY DEED RECORD, 1896--. 25 vols. (G, L, N-R, T, U, 16, 20, 22, 24, 26, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50). Title varies: Printed Deed Record, 1909-14. 1866-78, 1886-95 in Deed Record, entry 7; incidental recordings, 1902-20, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

A record of conveyances of real property in which the title is warranted, giving the names of grantor and grantee, amount of consideration, legal description of property, date of execution, copy of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Also contains: incidental recordings of quit claim deeds, 1896--, entry 10. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Direct and indirect index alph. by first letter of name of grantor and grantee. Hpf. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

9. PATENT DEED RECORD, 1901--. 4 vols. (K, 2, 18, 19). 1866-78, 1886-1900 in Deed Record, entry 7.

Record of land patents issued by the United States Government to lands sold at public sale and claimed under homestead right, giving certificate number, conditions to be discharged in securing a deed, name of grantee, legal description of property, copy of signatures of the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior, recording certificates in the office of the recorder of the General Land Office and the county recorder. Arr. chron. by date recorded in county. Indexed alph. by first letter of grantee's name. Hpf. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

10. QUIT CLAIM DEED RECORD, 1901--. 3 vols. (J, V, 1). 1866-78, 1886-1900 in Deed Record, entry 7; incidental recordings, 1896--, in Warranty Deed Record, entry 3, and 1902-26, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of instruments executed for the purpose of relinquishing title to real property, giving names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description of property, date of execution, copy of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of grantor's name. Hpf. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

For unrecorded instruments see entry 6.

11. DEED RECORD, COMMISSIONERS', TRUSTEES', AND ADMINISTRATORS', 1919--. 1 vol. (25). Trustees and administrators deeds, 1902-18, and incidental recordings of trustees' deeds only, 1919-27, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of deeds executed by trustees for property placed in trust to secure obligation, and by administrators in disposing of property of estates. Trustees' deeds show date of instrument, names of grantor and grantee, legal description of property, copy of signature of trustee, acknowledgment, and certificate of recordation. Administrators' deeds show name of administrator, name of estate, nature of sale, terms, de-

scription of property, name of purchaser, amount received, copy of signature of administrator, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Also contains: Commissioners' deeds, 1919-28. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Direct and indirect index alph. by first letter of name of grantor and grantee. Hpf. 646 pp. $18\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

12. COMMISSIONER'S DEED RECORD, 1929--. 1 vol. (26). 1902-18 in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16 and 1919-28, in Deed Record, Commissioners', Trustees', and Administrators', entry 11.

Record of deeds executed by commissioners in chancery to convey property sold for the purpose of satisfying judgments of the chancery court, showing date of instrument, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount of mortgage, date of sale, consideration and terms, description of property, dates of advertisement of sale, date of report of sale to court, name of chancellor, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Direct and indirect index alph. by first letter of name of grantor and grantee. Hpf. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

13. CLERK'S DEED OF TAX SALE, 1916--. 1 vol. (22). 1866-78, 1886-1915 in Deed Record, entry 7, and incidental recordings, 1902-7, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of tax deeds issued by the county clerk to holders of sheriff's certificates of purchase, giving date of instrument, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description of property, copy of signature and seal of county clerk, and certificate of recordation. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Direct and indirect index alph. by first letter of name of grantor and grantee. Hpf. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

14. TIMBER DEED RECORD, 1909-26. 1 vol. (A). 1902-8, 1927--., in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of instruments executed for the purpose of conveying timber rights, showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description of land upon which timber is located, date and duration of deed, copy of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and certificate of recordation. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of grantor's name. Hpf. 314 pp. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{4}$.

For unrecorded instruments see entry 6.

15. TIMBER CONTRACT RECORD, 1911. 3 contracts in 1 vol. (2). 1902-10, and 1912--., in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of instruments executed for the purpose of conveying timber rights, showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description and location of timber, date and duration of deed, copy of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of grantor's name. Hpf. 318 pp. $18\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x $2\frac{1}{4}$.

16. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1902--. 10 vols. (A-E, G, 29, 30, 33, 34).

Record of miscellaneous instruments filed with the recorder, consisting of:

- i. Adoptions, notice of, 1939, showing date executed, names of adopted child and parents, date of adoption, copy of signatures

- of parents, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
- ii. Affidavits, 1902-36, showing date executed, name of affiant, purpose of affidavit, names of individuals and/or property involved, copy of affiant's signature, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - iii. Assignment of trustees, 1907, showing date executed, names of trustees, description of property assigned, purpose of the assignment, copies of trustees' signatures, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - iv. Bill of sale, 1902--, showing date executed, names of grantor and grantee, listing and description of property, copy of grantor's signature, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - v. Bonds for title, 1905-23, showing date executed, names of principal and sureties, term of bond, legal description of property involved, copies of signatures of principal and sureties, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - vi. Certificate of purchase, 1918-26, showing date executed, names of grantor and grantee, description of property involved, copy of signature of purchaser, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - vii. Court order affecting land title, 1917, showing number and style of case, legal description of property involved, names of persons affected by court order, date executed, copy of signature of presiding judge, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - viii. Equipment lease, 1933, showing date executed, names of lessor and lessee, description of property, consideration, terms of lease, copy of signature of lessor, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - ix. Forfeited lands, deeds to, 1929, showing date executed, name of grantee, legal description of property, consideration, date sold, copy of sheriff's signature, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - x. Forfeited lands certified to the State, 1902-23, showing name of person who owned land prior to forfeiture, legal description of property, date forfeited, date sold, assessed valuation, total taxes, penalties and costs, date executed, copy of county clerk's signature, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - xi. Guardians' deeds, 1907-26, showing date executed, names of grantor and grantee, legal description of property, consideration, date sold, date approved by probate court, copy of guardian's signature, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - xii. Mining deeds, 1907--, showing date executed, names of grantor and grantee, legal description of property, consideration, kind of minerals conveyed, copy of grantor's signature, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - xiii. Mining leases, 1902--, showing date executed, names of lessor and lessee, legal description of property, consideration, terms of lease, copy of lessor's signature, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - xiv. Ministers' credentials, 1905--, showing date of instrument, name of minister, denomination with which he is affiliated, date or-

- dained, signature of church official who issued certificate, date filed, and recording certificate.
- xv. Options, 1930--, showing date executed, name of property owner, name of person holding option, legal description of property, consideration, terms, copy of grantor's signature, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - xvi. Power of attorney, 1902--, showing date executed, name of attorney-in-fact, name of person conveying power of attorney, date executed, in some instances legal description of property is given, extent or limitation of authority granted, copy of signature of person bestowing power of attorney, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - xvii. Property exempt from execution, schedules of, 1902--, showing date executed, name of person executing instrument, description of property claimed as exempt from execution, copy of signature of property owner, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - xviii. Real estate lease, 1906-36, showing date executed, names of lessor and lessee, legal description of property, consideration, terms, copy of lessor's signature, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - xix. Release of mortgages, 1912-27, showing date executed, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date and amount of mortgage, legal description of property, copy of mortgagee's signature, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - xx. Redemption deed, 1927, showing date executed, name of grantee, legal description of property, consideration, date sold for taxes, date redeemed, copy of signature of county clerk, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - xxi. Right-of-way deeds, 1906-18, showing date executed, names of grantor and grantee, legal description of property, consideration, specific provisions regarding use of right-of-way, copy of grantor's signature, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - xxii. Road improvement petitions to the county court, 1921-29, 1934, showing date executed, geographic location of road proposed, description of proposed improvements, estimated cost of improvements, copies of signatures of petitioners, date filed, and recording certificate.
 - xxiii. Transfer of property, 1919, showing date executed, names of grantor and grantee, description of property, consideration, copy of grantor's signature, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
- Also contains: Incidental recordings of warranty deeds, 1902-20, entry 8; incidental recordings of quit claim deeds, 1902-26, entry 10; recordings of trustees' and administrators' deeds, 1902-18, and incidental recordings of trustees' deeds, 1919-27, entry 11; commissioners' deeds, entry 12; incidental recordings of deeds of tax sale, 1902-7, entry 13; timber deeds, 1902-8, 1927--, entry 14; timber contracts, 1902-10, 1912--, entry 15; oil and gas leases, 1916-18, 1927--, and incidental recordings, 1919-26, entry 17; proof of assessment of mining claim, 1899-1900, entry 21; mechanics' liens, 1908, and incidental recordings, 1921-33, entry 30; incidental recordings of chattel mortgages, 1908-9, entry 35; incidental recordings of official bonds, 1917-30, entry 39; incidental recordings

of soldier's and sailor's discharges, 1919-22, entry 40; declaration of intention, 1903, entry 63; incidental recordings of probate court documents, 1928, entry 89; redemption certificates, 1906-24, entry 120; births and deaths, 1938, entry 128; articles of incorporation, 1909-34, entry 129; proceedings of Tomahawk Copper Company, 1907-11, 1921, 1931, entry 130; incidental recordings of physicians' licenses, 1933, entry 132; dentists' licenses, 1907, entry 134; chiropractors' licenses, 1922, entry 135, and optometrists' licenses, 1917-26, entry 136. Arr. chron. by date filed. Property conveyances indexed alph. by first letter of grantor's name, other instruments indexed alph. by first letter of surname of individuals named. H., t. Aver. 640 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

17. OIL AND GAS LEASE RECORD, 1919-26. 1 vol. (A). 1916-18, 1927-- , and incidental recordings, 1919-26, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

A record of instruments executed for the purpose of conveying to lessee the right of ingress and egress for the purpose of exploring for oil and gas and minerals and reserving an undivided royalty interest to the lessor, giving the names of lessor and lessee, legal description of property leased, consideration, terms of the lease, date of execution, copy of signature of lessor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter in lessor's name. Hpf. 638 pp. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3.

18. MINING RECORD (Searcy County Mining District), 1895-- . 9 vols. (A, A, B, D, G-J, L). Last entry, 1917. Title varies: Mineral Record (no date given); Roster of School Directors (no date given).

Record of notices of location of mining claims in the Searcy County Mining District, giving boundary lines of claim, location by section, township and range, name of claim, date located, signatures of locators and witnesses, date recorded, and signature of recorder. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index 1895-99; indexed, 1900-- , alph. by first letter in locator's name. Hph., hpf. Aver. 375 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

See also entry 16, xii and xiii.

19. (Mining) RECORD A, TOMAHAWK MINING DISTRICT, 1899. 1 vol. (A). Record of notices of mining claim locations made in the Tomahawk Mining District in Searcy County, giving boundaries of the claim, location by section, township, and range, name of claim, signature of claim holder, signature of witnesses, date filed, and recording certificate. Arr. numer. by serial number of notice. No index. H. 195 pp. 12 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

See also entry 16, xii and xiii.

20. INDEX TO MINERAL (Mining) RECORD, 1895-1917. 1 vol.

A numerical listing of mining claims located in Searcy County, giving serial number of claim, name of claim, date located, date filed, book and page where recorded, description of boundary line of claim, location by section, township and range, date of assessment, book and page of assessment record and remarks. Arr. numer. by township and range numbers. Hpf. 500 pp. 20 x 15 x 3.

21. (PROOF OF ASSESSMENT OF MINING CLAIM), 1899-1900. In Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of sworn statement of owner of mining claim that necessary work required to hold claim has been completed and claim has been assessed for taxes, giving date of instrument, name and location of claim, copy of signature of claim owner, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.

Mortgages

22. MORTGAGE RECORD (Real Estate), 1895--. 1866-78, 1886-94 in Deed Record, entry 7. 11 vols. (A, C-E, G, J, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19).

Record of real estate mortgages, giving date of instrument, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, legal description of property, terms, copy of signature of mortgagor, and recording certificate. Also contains: Home Owners Loan Corporation mortgages, 1934-35, entry 28; old age pension liens, 1936-37, entry 31; incidental recordings of chattel mortgages, 1934--., entry 35. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of mortgagor's name. H., tpf. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

23. DEED OF TRUST, 1898--. 9 vols. (B, F, H-J, 1, 12, 14, 16).

Record of instruments creating a mortgage lien on real property in favor of a trustee acting as representative for the mortgagor, giving names of mortgagor and trustee, legal description of property, consideration, rate of interest, terms of payments, date of lien, acknowledgment, and certificate of recordation. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Direct and indirect index alph. by first letter of names of mortgagor and trustee. H., hpf. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

24. DEED OF TRUST RECORD, SPECIAL, 1910-21. 1 vol. (F).

Record of (special form of instrument) creating mortgage lien on real property handled through a trustee acting as agent for the mortgagor, giving names and addresses of mortgagor, trustee and mortgagee, consideration, terms, legal description of property, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Direct and indirect index, contained in vol. but separately bound, alph. by first letter in name of mortgagor and mortgagee. Hpf. 205 pp. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 3.

25. FEDERAL FARM LOAN MORTGAGE RECORD, 1918--. 1 vol. (K).

Record of special form of mortgages made to the Federal Land Bank of St. Louis, giving names and addresses of mortgagor and mortgagee, legal description of property, consideration, rate of interest, terms, copy of signature of mortgagor and mortgagee, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of mortgagor. Hpf. 644 pp. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3.

26. MORTGAGE RECORD (Conservative Loan Company), 1917-23. 1 vol. (23).

Record of real estate mortgages held by the Conservative Loan Company, Shawnee, Oklahoma, Giving names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, legal description of property, terms, copy of signature of mortgagor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date

recorded. Direct and indirect index, contained in vol, but separately bound, alph. by first letter in names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Hpf. 600 pp. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 3.

27. MORTGAGE RECORD (Arkansas Power and Light Company), 1932. 1 vol. (10).

Record of supplemental mortgage executed by the Arkansas Power and Light Company to the Guarantee Trust Company of New York as trustee, giving names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date of instrument, description of property mortgaged, signatures of officials of both companies, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate. No index. Ptd., h. 237 pp. 10 x 8 x 1.

28. (HOME OWNERS' LOAN CORPORATION MORTGAGE RECORD), 1934-35. In Mortgage Record, entry 22.

A record of mortgages held by the Home Owners Loan Corporation, giving date of instrument, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, terms, legal description of property, copy of signature of mortgagor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.

Liens and Lis Pendens

29. (MECHANICS AND LABORERS' LIENS), 1930. In Chattel Mortgages, entry 33.

Original liens held by mechanics or laborers upon the property of others to secure the payment of claims for work done, giving name of lien holder, name of property owner, nature of lien, description of property, signature of lien holder, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.

30. (Record of) LIENS, 1911--. 1 vol. (1). 1908, and incidental recordings, 1921-33, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

A record of liens held by mechanics and materialmen against property, giving serial number of lien, name of lien holder, amount and character of lien, description of property, date filed, and date paid. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of lien holder. H. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

31. (OLD AGE PENSION LIEN RECORD), 1936-37. In Mortgage Record, entry 22.

Record of orders of approval and old age pension certificates recorded to establish liens against the estates of persons granted old age pensions, and record of release of lien, showing assigned number of grant, amount of pension, name of pensioner, date payment commenced, names of governor and members of Arkansas State Board of Public Welfare, marginal notation of release of lien, and signature of recorder.

32. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1905--. 1 vol. (A).

Record of notices of suits pending in court, stating that a lien may be established against certain designated property to satisfy a judgment of the court, giving names of plaintiff and defendant, purpose and nature of lien, legal description and location of property, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of plaintiff. Hpf. 336 pp. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Chattels

33. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1922--. 20 cardboard file boxes. Incidental filings, 1935, in Sheriff's Notes, entry 93. Original chattel mortgages given to secure payment of specified indebtedness, giving date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, terms, signature of mortgagor, acknowledgment, and filing certificate. Also contains: mechanics' and laborers' liens, 1930, entry 29. Arr. alph. by first letter in mortgagor's name. No index. Tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

34. FEDERAL CROP MORTGAGE, 1931--. 22 cardboard file boxes. Original crop mortgages given to Farm Credit Administration as security for emergency crop loan, giving names and post-office addresses of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property on which crop is raised, consideration, rate of interest, date due, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

35. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1903--. 1 vol. (A). Incidental recordings, 1908-9, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16, and incidental recordings, 1934--, in Mortgage Record, entry 22. Recorded copies of chattel mortgages filed in office of recorder, giving date filed, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, legal description of property, terms of mortgage, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of mortgagor and mortgagee. Hpf. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

36. (Record of Filed) CHATTEL MORTGAGE(s), 1886--. 12 vols. (B-I, 37-40). Title varies: Record of Filed Mortgages, 1886-1938. Chronological listing of chattel mortgages filed, giving assigned serial number of mortgage, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date of instrument, amount secured, date due, description of property, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of mortgagor. Hpf. Aver. 320 pp. 16 x 13 x 3.

Bonds, Credentials, and Commissions

Originals

37. OFFICIAL BONDS, 1908--. 3 cardboard file boxes. Original bonds filed by county officers guaranteeing faithful performance of duties, giving name of office held, names of officer and sureties, amount of bond, duration, signatures of official and sureties, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Also contains: incidental filings of county court papers, 1925-28, entry 1; bonds of notaries public and constables, 1918-21, and incidental filings, 1922-25, entry 38; election papers, 1908, entry 124. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., tpf., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

38. BONDS, NOTARIES PUBLIC AND CONSTABLE, 1922--. 1918-21, and incidental filings, 1922-25, in Official Bonds, entry 37. 25 instruments in 1 cardboard file box. Original bonds of notaries public and constables filed to guarantee

faithful performance of official duties, giving name of notary or constable, amount of bond, signatures of officer and sureties, acknowledgment, certificate of approval, and certificate of recordation. Also contains: incidental filings of county court papers, 1927-28, entry 1. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

Record

39. RECORD OF OFFICIAL BONDS, 1884--. 3 vols. (first vol. unlabeled, C, 1). Title varies: Official Bond Record, 1884-1925. Incidental recordings, 1917-30, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of official bonds filed by county and township officers, including notaries public, giving same information as entries 37 and 38. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of official. Hpf. Aver. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Army Discharges

40. RECORD OF SOLDIER'S AND SAILOR'S DISCHARGES, 1919--. 1 vol. (A). Incidental recordings, 1919-22, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record containing honorable discharge certificates of citizens who served, or were called into service, in military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, giving name of discharged person, rank and organization, testimonial of faithful service, reason for discharge, place of residence, occupation at home, age at enlistment, physical description, commanding officer's certificate of discharge, date of discharge, enlistment record, giving details including name, grade, whether enlisted or drafted, length of service, rank, skill in marksmanship and horsemanship, wounds, health, marital status, officer's signature, rank, and organization. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of soldier or sailor. Hpf. 687 pp. $18\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x 3.

Miscellaneous

41. [MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS], 1908-39. 3 cardboard file boxes. Miscellaneous collection of official papers pertaining to the office of circuit clerk and those offices filled in an ex officio capacity by the circuit clerk, such as mechanic's and materialmen's liens, 1908, petitions to members of the quorum court, 1931, petitions for election on Initiative Act #7, Searcy County, 1934, sheriff's certificate of purchase, 1927, list of forfeited lands sold by the state, 1926, list of legal voters, 1933, coroner's inquest, 1930, homestead application, 1910, surrender of charter, 1910, grand jury venire, 1908-18, articles of agreement and corporation, 1908, pardons, 1915-23, redemption certificate, 1919-23, birth certificate, 1918, auditor's report, 1919, applications for blind pension, 1931, treasurer's settlements, 1939, oath of office, 1933, certificates of school tax levies voted, 1929-33. Also contains: incidental filings of circuit court papers, 1909-22, entry 43; incidental filings of chancery court papers, 1930-33, entry 68; and incidental fil-

ings of probate court papers, 1930-38, entry 75. No obvious arr. No index. H., hpf. Aver. 150 documents. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

42. SCHEDULES (of Separately Owned Property), 1912--. 50 papers in 1 cardboard file box.

Original instruments showing lists of married woman's property in which her husband has no interest, giving date executed, description and valuation of each item of property, signatures of interested parties, acknowledgment, and filing certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

VI. NOTARY PUBLIC

The General Assembly of 1837 authorized the Governor to appoint a notary in each county for a 2-year term (1). An act of 1875, still in effect, permits the Governor to appoint an indefinite number of notaries, and lengthened the term of office to 4 years (2).

VII. CIRCUIT COURT

The original Constitution of the State of Arkansas, adopted in 1836, authorized the establishment of a circuit court in each county (3), which provision was upheld by the present constitution. In order to facilitate the administration of justice, the state is divided into convenient judicial circuits, composed of contiguous counties. The electorate of each circuit elects a circuit judge, for a term of 4 years, and court terms in the various counties are set by the General Assembly (4). Searcy County, together with Newton, Boone, Van Buren, Cleburne and Marion Counties make up the fourteenth judicial circuit (5). Two terms of court are held in Searcy County annually, beginning on the seventh Monday after the first Mondays in January and July (6). All sessions are attended by the circuit clerk and the sheriff (9).

Exclusive, original jurisdiction in all matters, both civil and criminal, not assigned to another court, is held by the circuit court (8). Prior to the establishment of separate chancery courts, all cases in equity came under the jurisdiction of the circuit court (9). The court has general supervision and appellate jurisdiction over the county court and the justice of the peace courts (10), and concurrent jurisdiction with the chancery court in certain matters defined by statute law or clarified by decisions of the Arkansas Supreme Court (11). Appeals from the rulings of the circuit court are made to the Arkansas Supreme

(1) Rev. Stat., p. 588.

(2) A. Ark., 1874-1875, p. 61.

(3) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 1.

(4) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. 1, 12-13, 17.

(5) A. Ark., 1893, p. 84.

(6) A. Ark., 1907, p. 4.

(7) Rev. Stat., pp. 177, 728.

(8) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 12.

(9) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 15.

(10) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 11.

(11) A. Ark., 1903, p. 244: Dunbar

Court (1).

The General Assembly of 1897 authorized the circuit judge to appoint an official court stenographer for his judicial circuit. Tenure of office of the stenographer is concurrent with the term of the judge making the appointment. (2)

Circuit Clerk

The Constitution of 1836 authorized the election of a circuit clerk in each county (3), and the present constitution continues the office. He is elected at the regular general election for a 2-year term. Aside from his duties as clerk of the circuit court, he serves ex officio as recorder, county clerk, probate clerk (4), chancery clerk (5), juvenile clerk (6), clerk of the quorum court (7), and clerk of the board of equalization (8).

Records relevant to the proceedings of circuit court are kept by the clerk in his office and vault.

Case Papers

43. [CIRCUIT COURT PAPERS, Civil and Criminal], 1892-- .65 steel file boxes. Incidental filings, 1926, in [County Court Papers], entry 1; incidental filings, 1909-22, in [Miscellaneous Papers], entry 41; incidental filings, 1913-22, in [Chancery Court Papers], entry 68; and incidental filings, 1913, in Inventories (Miscellaneous Papers), entry 91.

Original civil and criminal case papers of the circuit court. Civil case papers include petitions, pleadings, motions, subpoenas, official transcripts, fee bills, with appealed cases including appeal bonds and mandates of the Arkansas State Supreme Court. Criminal case papers include indictments, bail bonds, summons, pleadings, court orders, judgments, with appeal cases including appeal bonds and mandates of the supreme court. Each instrument gives number and style of case, nature of instrument, names of affected parties, and certificate of filing. Also contains: incidental filings of chancery court case papers, 1902, 1913-22, 1924-34, entry 68. Civil case papers arr. chron. by date filed; criminal case papers chron. by date of court term and number. thereunder by case number. No index, 1892-1919; for index 1920--, see entries 44 and 45. H., t., Hpf., tpf. Aver. 235 documents. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 16.

44. INDEX TO (Papers of) CIRCUIT COURT CASES, CIVIL, 1920--, 8 vols. Alphabetical index to civil case papers of the circuit court, entry 43,

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| v. Bourland, 88, Ark., 153. | 19. |
| (1) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 4. | (5) A. Ark., 1903, p. 326. |
| (2) A. Ark., 1897, p. 64. | (6) A. Ark., 1911, p. 167. |
| (3) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 7. | (7) A. Ark., 1879, p. 112. |
| (4) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. | (8) A. Ark., 1883, p. 245. |

by first letter of name of plaintiff. H. Aver. 26 pp. 12 x $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$.

45. INDEX TO (Papers of) CIRCUIT COURT CASES, CRIMINAL, 1920--. 8 vols.

Alphabetical index to criminal case papers of the circuit court, entry 43, by first letter of surname of defendant. H. Aver. 52 pp. $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Inquests

46. (CORONER'S REPORT OF INQUESTS), 1933. In County Court Papers, entry 1.

Detailed report of investigation of deaths made by the county coroner, giving date of inquest, name of deceased, manner and cause of death, names of members of coroner's jury, names of witnesses, summary of testimony taken, signatures of jury foreman and coroner, and date filed. See also entry 41.

Grand and Petit Juries

47. PAPERS FOR NEXT GRAND JURY, 1927--. 50 documents in 1 cardboard file box.

Collection of miscellaneous papers held for attention of the circuit court grand jury, consisting of official transcript of fines imposed by justices of the peace and magistrates, subpoenas, bail bonds, warrants, fee bills of justices of the peace, road district reports, and affidavits. Each instrument shows date executed, names of interested parties, and date filed. Hpf., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

48. VENIRE (Grand Jury Lists), 1927-38. 25 documents in 1 steel file box. Incidental filings, 1929, in [Chancery Court Papers], entry 68; incidental filings, 1930, in Sheriff's Notes, entry 93; incidental filings in Overseer's Road Reports, Bonds and petitions, entry 141.

Original instrument listing names of persons selected by the jury commissioners of the circuit court to serve as grand jurors, each list being accompanied by an order directing the sheriff to summons the jurors for service. Each instrument shows date of court term, names of grand jurors, addresses, names of alternate jurors, date of summons, date the jury is to convene, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. T., Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

49. GRAND JURY MINUTES, 1914-23, 10 vols. (dated)

Minutes of proceedings before the circuit court grand jury, giving date of term of court, names of witnesses that testified, digest of testimony, brief statement of investigation made, number of indictments returned, and date filed in court. Arr. chron. by date filed. Hpf. Aver. 80 pp. 12 x $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$.

50. CERTIFICATES (of Jury Attendance) ISSUED, 1936--. 200 documents in 1 cardboard file box.

Circuit clerk's original certificates of jury attendance, giving date of

court term, name of juror, number of days in attendance at court, amount of fees and mileage due, signature of clerk, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 10$.

Indictments

51. INDICTMENTS, 1920-21. 10 instruments in 1 cardboard file box. Original indictments returned by the circuit court grand jury in cases in which defendant has not been arrested, giving style of case, offence charged, date of alleged crime, indictment number, name of prosecuting attorney, names of witnesses, signature of grand jury foreman, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Hpf., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 10$.

52. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1886--. 9 vols. (B, C, E-K). Record of indictments returned by circuit court grand juries, showing same information as entry 51. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. Hpf. Aver. 490 pp. $16 \times 12 \times 2$.

Docket

53. JUDGES LAW DOCKET, 1883-1917. 5 vols. (1st vol, not labeled, C-E, 13). Title varies: Judges Motion Docket, 1890-1903. Minutes of proceedings in civil cases in circuit court, giving number and style of case, names of attorneys, date of proceedings, orders of the court, process issued, amount of juries fees accumulated in each case, book and page number of judgment entries. Also contains: proceedings in criminal cases, 1883-1903, entry 54; proceedings in chancery court, 1883-1903, entry 70. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of plaintiff. Hpf. Aver. 450 pp. $16 \times 9 \times 2$.
For subsequent records, see entries 55 and 56.

54. JUDGES CRIMINAL DOCKET, 1903-13. 2 vols. (E, F). 1883-1903 in Judges Law Docket, entry 53. Minutes of proceedings of circuit court in criminal cases, giving same information as entry 53. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. Hpf. Aver. 450 pp. $15 \times 9 \times 2$.
For subsequent records, see entry 57.

55. DISPOSED OF CASES CIVIL DOCKET, 1928--. 1 loose leaf vol. Minutes of proceedings of civil cases in circuit court, giving case number, names of litigants and attorneys, nature of action, date filed, chronological listing of court order, book and page number of record entry of judgments, itemized statement of court costs, and name of party paying costs. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Hpf. 700 pp. $9\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$.

56. CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET CIVIL (Pending Cases), 1929--. 1 loose leaf vol. Minutes of proceedings in pending circuit court civil cases, giving the same information as entry 53. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Hpf. 200 pp. $9\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$.

57. CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET CRIMINAL (Pending Cases), 1929--. 1 loose leaf vol.

Minutes of proceedings in circuit court in the trial of criminal cases, giving case number, names of defendant and attorneys, offense charged, chronological listing of proceedings of court, including court order, verdict, judgment, and sentence. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Hpf. 40 pp. $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $14\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

Judgments and Executions

58. JUSTICE OF PEACE TRANSCRIPTS FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGMENT, 1914. 48 documents in 1 steel file box.

Papers in cases tried in justice of peace courts in which judgments have been rendered and certified to circuit court for execution, consisting of transcript of proceedings, examinations, bonds, order of executions, itemized statement of judgment and costs. Each instrument shows number and style of case, date of judgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

59. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1866--. 4 vols. (A, 2-4).

Record of judgments and decrees entered or filed in the circuit court for execution, giving number of case, names of litigants and attorneys, judgment date, amount of judgment, interest rate, itemized statement of costs, book and page number of entry of court proceedings in which judgment was rendered. Arr. chron. by judgment date. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of defendant. Hpf. Aver. 230 pp. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

60. EXECUTIONS, 1909--. 2 cardboard file boxes.

Original executions issued in circuit court for the collection of judgments in civil cases and fines and costs in criminal cases, showing number and style of case, amount of judgment lien, accrued interest, date filed, name of sheriff, name of judgment debtor or defendant, signature of circuit clerk, itemized statement of fees due sheriff for execution, and signature of sheriff. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 325 documents. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

61. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1866--. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Record of executions issued by the circuit court, giving the same information as entry 60. Arr. chron. by execution date. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of plaintiff. Hpf. Aver. 310 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

Proceedings

62. CIRCUIT COURT RECORD, 1867--. 10 vols. (A, C-G, 19, 28-30).

Record of proceedings in circuit court in civil and criminal cases. Entries consist of notations of action of the court on motions, pleadings and final judgments, names of jurors and witnesses, orders of custody, and orders opening and closing terms of court. Entries show number and style of case, date of proceedings, nature of proceedings, names of attorneys, interested parties, prosecuting judge, clerk and sheriff. Arr. chron. by date of proceedings. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of defendant. H., t. Aver. 638 pp. 18 x 13 x $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Naturalization

63. (RECORD OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION), 1903. In Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of declaration by aliens of intention to become citizens of the United States, giving name, age, occupation, personal description, place of birth, last foreign residence and allegiance, date of arrival in this country, present place of residence in the United States; oath of intention to renounce allegiance to any government other than that of the United States and to become a citizen.

Financial

64. FEE BOOK, 1873--. 8 vols. (first vol. not labeled, A, A, 5 vols. dated).

Record of fees assessed in civil and criminal cases, tried in circuit court, consisting of witness', collector's, attorney's and sheriff's fees, giving date of term of court, number and style of case, names of witnesses, number of days served, mileage allowance, amount due from plaintiff, amount due from defendant, amount due each witness, total fees charged by collector, sheriff and prosecuting attorney and total of all costs. Also contains: chancery fees, 1890-1914, entry 74. Arr. chron. by date of proceedings. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of defendant. Hpf. Aver. 500 pp. $16\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$.

65. DAILY REGISTER OF FEES, 1904-5, 1914-36. 2 vols. Title varies: Record of Fees, 1904-5.

Itemized record of fees collected by the circuit clerk, giving number and style of case, name of officer receiving fees, date of collection and total. Record for 1904-5 also shows disbursements. Arr. chron. by date received or paid out. No index. Hpf. Aver. 165 pp. $16 \times 12 \times 2$.

Miscellaneous

66. ATTORNEY'S REGISTER AND RECEIPT FOR PAPERS, 1889-1917. 1 vol. Record of receipts for papers borrowed by practicing attorneys from files of the circuit clerk, giving name and address of attorney, date of admission to the bar, case number, name of litigants, date borrowed and date returned. Arr. chron. by entry date. No index. Hpf. 164 pp. $16 \times 10 \times 1$.

67. [HISTORICAL MEMOIRS OF B. V. ROBERTSON], 1917. 1 vol. Memoirs of B. V. Robertson, late historian who resided in Searcy County. Book is sealed and carries a memorandum on the cover that it contains valuable historical data prepared by Robertson and that the seal is not to be broken until July 12, 1942, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the filing of the book with the circuit clerk. Clerk's notation reads: "Filed in my office for safe keeping, to be opened in 1942, 7-12-17." H. $10 \times 5 \times \frac{1}{2}$.

VIII. JURY COMMISSION

The Arkansas Criminal Code, adopted in 1869, authorized the circuit judge to appoint three resident electors of the county to serve as jury commissioners. A new commission is appointed for each term of court, and its sole function is to select grand and petit jurors for the forthcoming term (1).

From a list of the qualified electors of the county, the jury commission selects 25 names to serve as grand jurors, 9 being alternates, and 36 names of petit jurors, of which 12 are alternates. All jurors serve for the term of court for which they are selected only. (2)

The jury commission and the juries keep no records as such. All appointments of the commission and findings of the juries are incorporated in the court records.

IX. CHANCERY COURT

The establishment of a separate chancery court was left to the discretion of the General Assembly by all constitutions of the State, and until they were established, equity jurisdiction was vested in the circuit court (3). It was not until 1903 that the General Assembly made their establishment mandatory, and until that time, there was no separate court in Searcy County. At the time of the creation of the courts the state was divided into chancery circuits, composed of neighboring counties and Searcy County was attached to the Eleventh Chancery Circuit. The chancery judge is elected by the voters of his circuit, for a term of 6 years. Other attendants of the court are the circuit clerk, in his ex officio capacity of chancery clerk, and the sheriff of the county. Exclusive, original jurisdiction in all cases of equity is held by the chancery court. (4)

A constitutional amendment, approved in 1938, made the chancery judge the presiding magistrate of probate court (5).

Records of the court are kept in the office of the clerk.

Case Papers

68. [CHANCERY COURT PAPERS], 1893--. 64 steel file boxes. Inci-

(1) Crim. Code, sec. 401; A. Ark., 1871, p. 264.

(2) Crim. Code, sec. 401; A. Ark., 1881, p. 92; *ibid.*, 1921, p. 418.

(3) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 6; Const. 1861, art. VI, sec. 6;

Const. 1864, art. VII, sec. 6;

Const. 1868, art. VII, sec. 5;

Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 15.

(4) A. Ark., 1903, p. 314.

(5) Const. 1874, amendment XXIV, sec. 2, approved 1938, declared adopted January 1, 1939.

dental filings, 1930-33 in [Miscellaneous Papers] entry 41; incidental filings, 1902, 1916-22, 1924-34, in [Circuit Court Papers, Civil and Criminal], entry 43.

Original case papers of the chancery court including such documents as petitions, motions, pleadings, subpoenas, official transcripts, and fee bills, with appeal cases including appeal bonds and copies of the decision of the Arkansas State Supreme Court. Each document shows case number, names of litigants, nature of the instrument, names of other parties affected, and filing of certificate. Also contains: incidental filings of Circuit Court Case Papers, 1913-22, entry 43; incidental filings of grand jury lists, 1929, entry 48. Arr. numer. by case number. No index, 1893-1918; for index 1919-- see entry 69. H., t., hpf., tpf. Aver. 200 documents, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 16$.

69. CHANCERY COURT INDEX (to Case Papers), 1919--. 11 vols. Alphabetical direct index to Chancery Court Papers, entry 68, by first letter of name of plaintiff, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, case number, and number of file box containing papers. H. Aver. 26 pp. $12 \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$.

Dockets

70. CHANCERY DOCKET, 1903-20. 2 vols. (E, 14). 1883-1903 in Judges Law Docket, entry 53. Minutes of proceedings in the trial of cases in the chancery court, giving date of proceedings, case number, names of litigants, attorneys, presiding judge, sheriff and clerk. Arr. chron. by date of proceedings. No index. Hpf. Aver. 500 pp. $18 \times 12 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$.

71. DISPOSED OF CASES, CHANCERY DOCKET, 1920--. 2 loose leaf vols. Minutes of proceedings in the chancery court, giving case number, names of litigants, attorneys, officers of court and other interested parties, cause of action, date of proceedings, nature of proceedings, book and page number of entry in court record. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 850 pp. $9 \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 5$.

Proceedings

72. CHANCERY COURT RECORD, 1867--. 8 vols. (A, D, 9, 22, 27-30). Record of proceedings in the circuit court sitting in chancery, 1867-1903, and of the chancery court, 1903--, giving date of proceedings, case number, style of case, names of attorneys and officers of the court, names of witnesses, court orders and judgments, prayers for new trial, and other motions and pleadings. Arr. chron. by date of proceedings. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of plaintiff. H., t. Aver. 624 pp. $18\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 3$.

73. RECORD OF DELINQUENT IMP(rovement) DIST(riict) LANDS, 1921-26. 1 vol. Record of lands in improvement districts on which improvement tax has not been paid, giving name of owner, legal description of property, area,

valuation, tax, penalty, court cost, commissioner's fee, attorney's fee, advertising fee, cost of sale notice, total number of acres sold, date sold, by whom purchased, when redeemed and by whom, amount paid, official signature attesting redemption of lands, when deeded, and to whom. Arr. numer. by legal description. No index. Hpf. 200 pp. 17 x 15 x 2.

74. CHANCERY FEE BOOK, 1915-29. 2 vols. (dated) 1890-1914 in Fee Book, entry 64.

A record of fees charged against litigants in the chancery court, showing date of term of court, date of debit, style of case, names of witnesses, and the number of days each attended court, amount of clerk's, sheriff's, and other fees assessed, total of all fees, and date paid. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 638 pp. 18 x 14 x 3.

X. PROBATE COURT

The Constitution of 1836 provided for the establishment of a probate court in Searcy County (1), and the same provisions were re-enacted by the present constitution. Both instruments made the county judge presiding magistrate of the court (2), which practice continued until 1939, when a constitutional amendment transferred the duties to the chancery judge (3). Other officers of the court are the circuit clerk, as ex officio clerk of the probate court and the sheriff (4).

The probate court holds exclusive, original jurisdiction in matters concerning the estates of deceased persons and the persons and estates of minors and incompetents (5).

Records of the proceedings of probate court are kept by the clerk, in his office in the courthouse, unless otherwise noted in the entries.

Case Papers

75. [PROBATE COURT PAPERS], 1891--. 8 steel file boxes. (1, 2, 41, 42, 52, 56, 73, one box not labeled). Incidental filings, 1925-26, 1929 in County Court Papers, entry 1; incidental filings, 1930-38 in [Miscellaneous Papers], entry 41.

Original case papers of the probate court, such as petitions for the appointment, of administrator, guardian, orders of appointment, bonds, letters of guardianship or administration, reports of guardian or administrator, motion for pleadings and court order. Each instrument shows names of estate, administrator or ward, and guardian, nature of instrument, and date filed. Also contains: insanity papers, 1891-1926, entry 79. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. 1891-1919, 1925--; for index, 1920-24, see entry 76. H., T., hpf., tpf. Aver. 46 jackets. 11½ x 5 x 16.

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| (1) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 10. | (4) Const. 1874, amendment XXIV, |
| (2) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 10. | sec. 2; Rev. Stat., p. 728. |
| (3) Const. 1874, amendment XXIV, | (5) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. |
| sec. 2. | 34. |

76. PROBATE COURT PAPERS INDEX, 1920-24. 2 vols.

An alphabetical direct index to Probate Court Papers, entry 75 by first letter of surname of guardian or administrator, showing case number, name of estate or ward, name of guardian or administrator, and file box number in which papers are filed. H. Aver. 26 pp. 12 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$.

77. INSANITY PAPERS, 1927--. 35 documents in 1 steel file box.
1891-1926, in [Probate Court Papers], entry 75; incidental filings, 1929-35, in Inventories (Miscellaneous Papers), entry 91; 1917, in Tax Letters for Assessor, entry 107.

Original papers of insanity proceedings in the probate court, consisting of petitions, certificates of examining physicians, and orders for commitment. Instruments show name of person filing the petition, name of person alleged to be insane, itemized certificate of the mental and physical condition of the patient, signatures of examining physicians, signature of probate judge, date of proceedings, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Hpf. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

Wills

78. WILLS, 1904--. 20 documents in 1 cardboard file box.

Original wills of deceased persons which have been filed for record, showing date executed, itemized bequest, signatures of testator and witnesses, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by dates filed. No index. H., t. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

79. RECORD OF WILLS, 1909--. 1 vol. (A).

Record of wills of deceased persons which have been filed, showing same information as entry 78. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of testator. T. 485 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Bonds and Letters

80. RECORD OF GUARDIANS' BONDS AND LETTERS, 1859--. 2 vols. (A,1).

Record of guardians' bonds given to insure faithful performance of official duties, showing names of guardian and sureties, amount of bond, names, addresses and ages of wards, date of execution, copy of signatures of guardian and sureties, date approved by probate court, copy of signature of probate judge attested by probate clerk, qualifications of sureties, and date filed. Record of letters of guardianship shows name of guardian, names of wards, copy of signature of probate judge, date letters issued, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of guardian. Hpf. Aver. 335 pp. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

81. (Record of) ADMINISTRATOR'S BONDS AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, 1886--. 2 vols. (B, B). Title varies: Bonds and Letters of Administration, 1886-1904.

Record of bonds of administrators of estates and letters of administration. Bonds show names of administrators and sureties, amount of bond, name of deceased, date of death, copy of signatures of administrator,

sureties, witnesses and probate clerk, date filed and recorded, qualifications of sureties, and copy of signature of probate judge. Letters of administration show names of deceased and administrator, date of execution, and copy of signature of probate clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of administrator. Hpf. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1886-1904 in court room, second floor of courthouse.

Inventories, Appraisements and Sales Bills

82. RECORD OF APPRAISEMENTS, INVENTORIES, SALES BILLS, 1928--. 1 vol.

Record of appraisements, inventories and sale of property of estates. Appraisements show same information as entry 83; inventories show same information as entry 84, and sales bills show same information as entry 85. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. Hpf. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

83. APPRAISEMENT RECORD, 1874-1914, 1 vol. (A). 1928-- in Record of Appraisements, Inventories, Sales Bills, entry 82.

Record of appraisements of estates shows name of deceased, names, qualifications, oaths, and signatures of appraisers, description of real and personal property and other assets and their values, appraiser's certificate, date filed, where recorded, probate clerk's signature, date of examination and approval by probate judge, and judge's signature. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. Hpf. 560 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

84. INVENTORY RECORD, 1875-1911. 1 vol. (A). 1928-- in record of Appraisements, Inventories, Sales Bills, entry 82.

Record of inventories of estates, shows itemized listing of real and personal property owned, valuation, evidence of debts, value of property, certificate of administrator, order of approval of probate judge, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed. Hpf. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

85. SALES BILL RECORD, 1875-1907. 1 vol. (A). 1928-- in Record of Appraisements, Inventories, Sales Bills, entry 82.

Record of public sales of personal property of an estate conducted by the administrator, showing name of estate, itemized list of articles sold and the amount received, names of purchasers, and administrator's affidavit of correctness of list. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. Hpf. 600 pp. 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Accounts Current

86. RECORD OF ACCOUNTS, GUARDIANS AND ADMINISTRATORS, 1875--. 4 vols. (1, B, B, C). Title varies: Accounts Current, 1875-1929.

Record of financial statements of estates of deceased persons or wards, giving itemized account of receipts and disbursements, together with the dates and amount of each, statement of balance due estates or wards, copy of signature of the administrator or guardian, confirmation by probate

judge and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed by first letter of surname of administrator or guardian. Hph. Aver. 480 pp. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Dockets

87. PROBATE DOCKET, 1891-1909, 1 vol. (B). Minutes of proceedings in probate court, giving names of officers of the court, estate, administrator, guardian and attorneys, nature of case, date of proceedings, orders of court. Arr. chron. by date of proceedings. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased or ward. Hph. 239 pp. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 2.

88. CURRENT DOCKET PROBATE COURT, 1939--. 1 vol. Separate docket of cases pending in probate court, showing same information as entry 87. Arr. in alph. tabbed sections according to the first letter of surname of deceased or ward, and numer. thereunder by case number. 400 pp. 15 x 9 x 2.

89. PROBATE COURT RECORD, 1866--. 5 vols. (A, A, one vol. dated, 10, 11). Incidental recordings, 1928, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16. Record of proceedings in probate court, giving case number, names of estate, guardians, administrator or executor and attorneys, date and nature of proceedings, names of witnesses, judgment of court. Arr. chron. by date of proceedings. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased or ward. H. Aver. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x $3\frac{1}{2}$.

90. RECORD OF JUDGE'S FINDINGS AND DECISIONS OF INSANE, 1915--. 1 vol. (A). Record of findings in the probate court in insanity cases, showing name of the accused person, name of person making accusation, date of proceedings, names of examining physicians, findings of the court, copy of signature of the presiding judge, dates filed and recorded, signature of the probate clerk. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of accused. Hph. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

91. INVENTORIES (Miscellaneous Papers), 1907--. 45 documents in 1 steel file box. Miscellaneous collections of papers pertaining to cases tried in the probate court, such as inventories of estates, 1907-11, guardian's bonds, 1909, letters of guardianship, 1909, briefs, 1914. Each paper shows number and style of case, nature of the instrument, and date filed. Also contains: circuit court case papers, 1913, entry 43; insanity papers, 1929-35, entry 77. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T., tpf. 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$.

XI. JUVENILE COURT

The juvenile court, as a separate tribunal, was erected by the

General Assembly of 1911, and given jurisdiction of dependent and delinquent minors. The creative act designated the county judge and the county clerk as judge and clerk, respectively, of the court, and specified that any officer authorized to serve process might execute its mandates. (1) Juvenile courts throughout the State are under the general supervision of the State Department of Public Welfare (2).

This court has never functioned in Searcy County.

XII. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Justice of the peace, a township office, was provided for by the Constitution of 1836, which allowed each township to elect one justice, for a 2-year term of office (3). The present Constitution provides that one justice may be elected for every 200 voters in the township, but that each township, regardless of population must elect two justices. The term of office is two years. (4) The justice of the peace court holds exclusive, original jurisdiction in matters involving personal property and contract to the amount of \$100, and concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court in similar matters up to the amount of \$300. Its criminal jurisdiction is limited to misdemeanor cases, but the justice is authorized to serve as an examining court in felony cases, and bind offenders to the proper court. (5) The justice's most important function is his membership in the quorum court (6).

Justices' records in Searcy County are shown in entry 92.

Docket

92. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET, 1901--. 14 vols. Minutes of proceedings in justice of the peace court in civil and criminal cases. Civil cases show number and style of case, names of attorneys and presiding justice, chronological listing of instruments filed, date of proceedings, fees charged, and disposition of case. Criminal cases show name of defendant, offense charged, chronological listing of instruments filed, date of proceedings, names of jurors and witnesses, fees charged, and judgment of court. Arr. chron. by date instituted. Indexed, civil cases alph. by first letter of name of plaintiff, criminal cases by first letter of name of defendant. Hpf. Aver. 300 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. 6 vols. in office of A. J. Parks, Justice of the Peace, 5 vols. in office of A. G. Leslie, 3 vols. in main vault.

(1) A. Ark., 1911, p. 167.

(2) A. Ark., 1937, p. 148.

(3) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 15.

(4) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 15.

(5) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 40.

(6) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 30.

XIII. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The Constitution of 1836 authorized the General Assembly, by joint vote, to elect a prosecuting attorney for each judicial circuit (1). The present constitution authorizes the electorate of the judicial circuit to elect the prosecutor, for a 2-year term of office (2). Searcy County is a part of the fourteenth judicial circuit (3).

The prosecuting attorney keeps no records.

XIV. COUNTY ATTORNEY

The General Assembly of 1859 authorized the county court to appoint a county attorney, to serve a term of two years (4). The office functioned until the adoption of the Constitution of 1874, which made no provision for its continuance.

No records of the office were found in Searcy County.

XV. SHERIFF

The Constitution of 1836 authorized the election of a sheriff in each county, for a 2-year term of office (5). The present constitution, adopted in 1874, provides that the sheriff serve, in an ex officio capacity, as tax collector, unless special legislation separates the offices (6). Searcy County has never had a separate collector.

The records of the sheriff, as enforcement officer, are housed in his office, in the courthouse, unless otherwise specified in the entries.

Papers

93. SHERIFF'S NOTES, 1910-35. 150 documents in 1 cardboard file box.

Miscellaneous papers pertaining to sheriff's office and duties and functions of sheriff and deputies, such as appointment of deputy sheriffs, 1918-33, notices of appointment of election commissioners, 1950-32, criminal fee bills, 1910-21, venire, 1931, penitentiary commitment, 1927, warrant for commitment of insane, 1931, and order of execution, 1916. Each instrument shows nature of instrument, names of parties affected, date issued, and date filed. Also contains: incidental filings of chattel mortgages, 1935, entry 33; incidental filings of list of grand

(1) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec.13.

(2) Const. 1874, art.VII, sec.30.

(3) A. Ark., 1893, p. 84.

(4) A. Ark., 1859, p. 101.

(5) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec.17.

(6) Const. 1874, art.VII, sec.46.

Coroner; Constable

jurors, 1930, entry 48. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

Fees

94. SHERIFF'S FEE BOOK, 1891-97, 1906-16, 1931--. 4 vols. (3 vols. unlabeled, one dated). Title varies: Proceedings Docket, 1891-97.

Chronological listing of fees earned by the sheriff in serving subpoenas and mandates of the courts, giving number and style of case, date received, name of court issuing process, kind of process, by whom served, date returned, and total cost. Arr. chron. by date received. Indexed alph. by first letter of names of litigants. Hpf. Aver. 200 pp. 11 x 8 x 2.

Prisoners

95. SHERIFF'S JAIL RECORD, 1931--. 1 vol. (31).
Record of prisoners confined in county jail, giving name of prisoner, physical description, place of birth, physical deformities, criminal record, date committed, offense, date discharged or escaped, and remarks. Arr. chron. by commitment date. No index. Hpf. 159 pp. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 2.

XVI. CORONER

The Constitution of 1836 authorized the election of a coroner(1). and the present constitution made the same provision and fixed the term of office at two years (2). The chief function of the coroner is the investigation of accidental or violent deaths and the holding of inquests to determine causes of death (3). In the event the sheriff is disqualified to serve process, it is directed to the coroner (4).

All records of the coroner's office are deposited in the office of the circuit clerk, unless otherwise indicated in the entries.

XVII. CONSTABLE

The office of constable was established in Searcy County, in accordance with provisions of the Constitution of 1836 (5). The office functions at present by authority of the current constitution. The electorate of every township is authorized to elect one constable for a 2-year term of office. (6)

- (1) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec.17.
(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.
(3) A. Ark., 1893, p. 260.

- (4) Rev. Stat., p. 195.
(5) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec.16.
(6) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. 47-48.

The constable keeps no records.

XVIII. QUORUM COURT

The Constitution of 1874 established the quorum court, named the county judge as presiding officer and the justices of the peace of the county members. The agency's chief functions are the levying of taxes within the county and the appropriating of funds for county expenses. (1) The circuit clerk, in his ex officio capacity as county clerk attends all sessions of the quorum court (2).

Records of the court are kept by the clerk in his office or vault in the courthouse.

Papers

96. QUORUM COURT (Papers). 1924--. 40 instruments in 1 cardboard file box. 1922-23, and incidental filings, 1926, in [County Court Papers], entry 1; 1918 in Tax Letters for Assessor, entry 107.

Original instruments filed with the quorum court, such as reports of county officials, petitions to the court, amount of tax levied in incorporated towns and school districts, amount of state tax levies, and other papers pertinent to the discharge of the business of the court. Each instrument shows names of interested persons or names of political subdivisions and their officials, nature of instrument, date filed, and notation of approval or disapproval. Also contains: incidental filings of election papers, 1928, entry 124. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

Proceedings

97. (QUORUM COURT RECORD), 1886--. In County Court Record, entry 4. Record of proceedings in the quorum court, giving names of county officials and justices of the peace who composed the court, date of proceedings, listing of taxes levied for the county, state and political subdivisions of the county, listing of appropriations made for county offices and institutions and other purposes, and record of actions of the court in other matters in which it had jurisdiction.

98. RECORD OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1927--. 1 vol. (1). Record of appropriations made by the quorum court for each county office and for the general expense of the county, giving name of fund, amount appropriated, claims allowed, date of payment, warrant number, name of claimant, balance cash on hand, and names of funds from which appropriations have been made. Arr. chron. by dates of appropriations and pay-

(1) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 30. (2) A. Ark., 1879, p. 42.

ments. Indexed by first letter of name of account. Hpf. 484 pp. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

XIX. COUNTY CLERK

The office of county clerk in Searcy County has been filled, at all times, by the circuit clerk (1). The Constitution of 1874 authorizes the election of a separate county clerk when the population of the county reaches 15,000 (2). Searcy County has never attained the requirement.

Records kept by the clerk will be found in this inventory following the several courts and boards he serves. The records shown in the entries following this text are financial records of the county, and others required by law to be kept by the clerk. All records are housed in the office and vault in the courthouse, unless otherwise indicated in the entries.

Papers

99. COUNTY ACCOUNTS DISPOSED OF (County Clerk's Miscellaneous Papers), 1926--. 65 documents in 1 cardboard file box. Original papers pertaining to official business of the county clerk, such as claims for allowance, assessment list, accounts, appointments of deputy clerk, petitions, fee bills, list of road hands. Each instrument shows date, nature of instrument, names of interested parties, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t., hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

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100. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS (of Fines Assessed in Justice of Peace Courts), 1913--. 5 cardboard file boxes (1, two unlabeled, 4, 5). Incidental filings, 1934, in Overseer's Road Reports, Bonds and Petitions, entry 141. Original instruments made by justice of the peace in reporting fines assessed against individuals tried in justice courts on misdemeanor charges, showing name of defendant, date of judgment, amount of fine and cost, name of justice of the peace, name of township in which court had jurisdiction, name of constable or deputy to which judgment has been certified for collection, amount of cash fines collected, certification and signature of justice of the peace. Also contains: election papers, 1912, entry 124. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 90 instruments. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

(1) Rev. Stat., p. 177.

(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19.

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101. RECORD OF OFFICERS' ACCOUNTS, 1899--. 4 vols. (1-3, last vol. unlabeled).

Record of accounts kept by the clerk with collecting officers and those county officials who handle county funds. Accounts with collecting officers show chronological listing of fines certified to the officer for collection, date, amount of fine, amount collected, date of officer's release from obligation. Accounts with county officials show itemized statements of collections and disbursements, date and amount of settlements and bail, if any, due. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of official's surname. Hpf. Aver. 250 pp. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Audits

102. COMPTROLLER'S REPORT, AUDIT OF SEARCY COUNTY, ARKANSAS, 1933--. 6 vols.

Copy of auditor's report of the audit of county offices including the letter of transmittal, statement of conditions of records and accounts of various county officials, and itemized transcript of audit. Arr. chron. by date audited. T. Aver. 150 pp. 15 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Warrants

103. REGISTER OF HIGHWAY WARRANTS (ISSUED), 1925--. 1 vol. (1). Register of road warrants issued, showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, name of account on which warrant is drawn, amount of warrant, date delivered, to whom delivered, and date canceled. Arr. numer. by warrant number. No index. Hpf. 199 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

104. REGISTER OF COUNTY WARRANTS, 1886--. 5 vols. (B, B, 1, two vols. dated).

Numerical register of warrants issued by the county in payment of claims against the county general funds, giving same information as entry 103. Arr. numer. by warrant number. No index. Hph. Aver. 200 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Assessment and Taxation

105. ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT, 1927--. 350 documents in 1 cardboard file box.

Original applications of persons asking for assessment for the purpose of paying poll tax together with affidavit that person is a resident of the county and at least twenty-one years of age, also giving reason why assessment was not made during regular assessment period, shows name of applicant, address, school district number in which applicant resides, signature of applicant, and acknowledgment before county clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. Hpf. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

106. ABSTRACT OF TAX BOOKS, 1921--. 24 documents in 1 cardboard file box.

Original listings of real and personal property to be used by the as-

essor in preparation of the assessment record, showing name of property owner, legal description of property if real estate, separate listing of property assessed by Arkansas State Tax Commission, total valuation of property, and certificate of county clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 10$.

107. TAX LETTERS FOR ASSESSOR, 1915-28. 100 documents in 1 cardboard file box.

Itemized statements of tax levies prepared by the county clerk for the use of the tax assessor in preparation of the tax roll, showing amounts of state, personal, real estate, school district, municipal, and revenue tax. Also contains: insanity papers, 1917, entry 79; quorum court papers, 1918, entry 96; redemption certificates, 1919, entry 119. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 10$.

108. ABSTRACT OF TITLE (U. S. Land Grants), 1859. 3 vols. (one vol. unlabeled, A, B). Title varies: Homestead Patents, 1859. Record of lands to which the United States has granted title to homesteaders or purchasers, showing name of grantee, legal description of property, consideration, total number of acres, date of instrument, acknowledgment, date filed, and book and page of recordation in deed record. Arr. numer. according to township number of the legal description of property. No index. Hph. Aver. 640 pp. $21\frac{1}{2} \times 17\frac{1}{2} \times 3$.

109. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT TAX BOOK, 1908--. 25 vols. (dated)
Record of assessments of personal property and personal property tax payments, showing name of property owner, address, name of township or political subdivision in which property owner resides, number of persons in the family liable for the payment of poll tax, total valuation of property as affixed by the assessor, by the equalization board, and by the county court, school district tax rate, road improvement tax rate, total tax, penalty, receipt number and dates of payment on first, second and third installments. Arr. in tabbed sections according to name of township, and alph. thereunder by name of tax payer. No index. Hpf. Aver. 175 pp. $17\frac{1}{2} \times 15 \times 2$.

110. REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT RECORD, 1919--. 11 vols. (dated)
Record of assessments of real estate, showing name of property owner, legal description of property, number of acres improved and unimproved, value of land, value of improvements, total value, number of road districts and school districts in which land is located. Arr. in tabbed sections according to number of township and numer. thereunder by section number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 500 pp. $17\frac{1}{2} \times 16\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$.

111. REAL ESTATE TAX BOOK, 1900--. 39 vols. (dated)
Record of real estate tax, showing name of property owner, valuation of property, legal description of property, school district number in which land is located, amount of school district tax, itemized listing of all taxes levied, total tax due, receipt number and date paid. Arr. in tabbed sections according to number of township and numer. thereunder by section number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 390 pp. $18\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$.

Tax Collector

112. COLLECTOR'S RECEIPTS (for Tax Books), 1885--. 80 documents in 1 cardboard file box.

Original receipts signed by the collector and delivered to the county clerk for tax books, including statement of amount of taxes to be collected and amount actually collected. Instruments show amount of state, county, improvement district, municipal and poll taxes, and penalties to be collected, and the amount of each actually collected, name of collector, and date of receipt. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

113. (Record of) TAX RECEIPTS, 1904--. 360 vols. (dated).

Duplicate copies of tax receipts issued by the collector to tax payers, showing name of collector, year for which taxes are paid, receipt number, legal description of real property, valuation of real and personal property, amount of state, county, municipal, school and improvement district, and poll taxes, penalties, total tax, and date paid. Arr. numer. by receipt number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 1904-22 in court room.

114. SHERIFF'S DELINQUENT LAND, 1930--. 4 vols. (dated).

Lists prepared by the sheriff as ex officio collector of real property in the county upon which taxes have not been paid, showing owner's name, legal description of property, valuation, itemized statement of taxes due, total tax, and penalties. Arr. numer. by township number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 476 pp. 18 x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

Delinquent Sales and Redemptions

115. (Record of) LIST AND NOTICE OF SALE (of) DELINQUENT LAND, 1891--. 7 vols. (dated). Title varies: Record of Delinquent Lands, 1891-1926.

Record of lands sold for the payment of delinquent ad valorem tax, showing name of land owner, legal description of property, valuation, total tax, penalties and cost, number of acres sold, date sold, name of purchaser, date redeemed, amount paid for redemption, by whom redeemed, signature of county clerk, date clerk's tax deed issued, and name of grantee. Arr. numer. by township number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 350 pp. $17\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 x 2.

116. DELINQUENT LANDS SOLD FOR TAXES (to) INDIVIDUALS AND STATE, 1912--. 4 vols. (6-8, A).

Record of lands sold to individuals at public auction because of non-payment of taxes and of lands purchased by the state because of non-payment of taxes, showing amount of delinquent tax, years for which payments were delinquent, number of acres sold, legal description of land, and name of purchaser. Arr. numer. by township number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 576 pp. $17\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 x 2.

117. RECORD OF LAND SOLD UNDER ACT 365, 1930--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of sale by the collector of lands forfeited to the state for non-

payment of taxes in accordance with provisions of Act 365 of 1923 General Assembly. Record shows date of sale, name of purchaser, legal description of property, number of acres sold, appraised value, serial number of application for purchase, and book and page number of court record of confirmation of sale. Arr. chron. by sale date. No index. Hpf. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

118. SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE, 1906--. 60 instruments in 1 cardboard file box.

Original certificates of purchase issued by the sheriff as ex officio collector to individuals buying land at tax sales, showing date of sale, years for which taxes were delinquent, legal description of land, name of land owner, name of purchaser, amount of taxes, penalties and costs, and signature of collector.

119. REDEMPTION CERTIFICATES, 1925--. 50 instruments in 1 cardboard file box. 1919 in Tax Letters for Assessor, entry 107.

Original redemption certificates, with treasurer's receipt attached, issued by the county treasurer to persons redeeming land that has been sold for taxes, showing date of redemption, legal description of land, valuation, date of sale, name of purchaser, amount of delinquent tax, total tax and penalties, and signature of treasurer. On the face of the instrument is the treasurer's receipt for moneys paid for the redemption of property, showing date of receipt, amount paid, and signature of treasurer. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

120. REDEMPTION CERTIFICATES, 1925--. 3 vols. 1906-24 in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Carbon copies of certificates of redemption issued by the treasurer to individuals who redeem land that has been sold at tax sale, showing same information as entry 119. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hpf. 200 pp. 10 x 8 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

121. ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #1, 1915-27. 38 documents in 1 cardboard file box.

Original instruments filed in connection with the organization and operation of Road Improvement District #1, Searcy County, including petitions to the county court to form improvement district, oath of commissioners, bond of engineer, assessment record, and listing of warrants issued. Each instrument shows date of execution, nature of instrument, date filed, with a listing of warrants showing warrant number, date, name of payee, purpose of payment, and amount paid. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

122. ASSESSMENT RECORD (Road Improvement District #1), not dated. 1 vol.

Record of assessments of property included in Road Improvement District #1, Searcy County, which is taxed for the purpose of paying off improvement district bonds, showing name of land owner, legal description of property, present assessed valuation, assessed valuation with improvements added, amount of tax, and dates paid. Arr. numer. by township number. No index. Hpf. 240 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

123. RECORD (of Road Commissioners), 1920-21. 1 vol.
A record of the minutes of the meetings of road commissioners of the Leslie and Trace Ridge Road District, showing date of meeting, purpose, summary of business transacted, names of commissioners, and signature of secretary. Arr. chron. by meeting date. No index. H. 272 pp. 16 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Elections

124. ELECTIONS (Papers), 1928--. 3 steel file boxes. 1925-27 in [County Court Papers], entry 1; 1908 in Official Bonds, entry 37; incidental filings, 1928, in Quorum Court (Papers), entry 96; 1912 in Official Transcripts (of Fines Assessed in Justice of Peace Courts), entry 100.

Original election papers consisting of abstracts of elections, certificates of election, appointment and oaths of commissioners. Abstracts of election gives names of candidates receiving highest vote in general and special elections, showing date of election, and certification by election commissioners. Other papers show date of execution, nature of instrument, names of parties affected, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T., hpf. Aver. 32 documents. 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$.

125. RECORD OF VOTERS, 1909--. 4 vols. (first two vols. unlabeled, 1, 3).

Record of names of citizens who are qualified to vote by paying poll tax, showing name of voter, precinct in which he resides, mail address, school district number. Arr. numer. by precinct number and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of voter. No index. Hpf. Aver. 600 pp. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x 3.

Pensions

126. PENSION CERTIFICATES, 1904-31. 65 instruments in 1 cardboard file box.

Original applications for Confederate pensions, showing name of applicant, date, statement of proof of legal residence in the state, summary of military service, statement of financial condition and health, doctor's certificate, signature of applicant, and county clerk's certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

Marriage

127. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1881--. 16 vols. (B-Q).

Record of marriages, showing marriage bond and application, marriage license, and certificate of marriage. Bond and application show names of principal and sureties, date and amount of bond, signatures of principal and sureties. Marriage license shows names, addresses and ages of contracting parties, date of license, signature and seal of county clerk. Certificate of marriage shows names of contracting parties, name of person performing ceremony, date of ceremony, signature of pastor

or justice of peace and, if a minister, the book and page number of the record in which his credentials are recorded. Arr. chron. by date issued. Cross indexed alph. by first letter of surname of each contracting party. Hpf. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

128. RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS (Births and Deaths), 1919-21. 2 vols. 1938 in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of vital statistics kept by the county clerk in accordance with laws in effect at the time the record was made. One volume, record of births, shows the name, sex and color of the child, the names of parents, their birthplace, maiden name of mother, her age at last birthday, occupation, certificate of attending physician or mid-wife, date recorded, and signature of clerk. Second volume, record of deaths, shows the name, age, sex and color of the deceased, place of death, names and birthplaces of parents, doctor's certificate, name of undertaker and place of burial. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of child or deceased person. Hpf. Aver. 560 pp. 18½ x 13½ x 3.

Corporations

129. (ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION), 1909-34. In Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of articles of incorporation, showing name of corporation, names of organizers, members of corporation, nature of business it has to transact, number and value of shares of stock, list of stockholders and shares owned by each, acknowledgment, and date recorded.

130. CORPORATION RECORD, 1917-18. 1 vol. 1907-11, 1921, 1931 in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of by-laws and minutes of meetings of the directors of the Tomahawk Copper Company, showing date and place of meeting, statement of business transaction, names of directors in attendance, and signature of secretary. Arr. chron. by meeting date. No index. H. 208 pp. 11 x 8½ x 1.

131. RECORD OF BANK STOCK TRANSFERS, 1922-23. 1 vol. (A).

Record of bank stock transfers, showing name and address of bank, number of shares transferred, stock certificate number, names of persons transferring and receiving stock, names of bank officials, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Direct and indirect index, alph. by first letter of surname of seller and purchaser. Hpf. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½.

Professional Licenses

132. OFFICIAL REGISTER, PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, 1888--. 2 vols. (A, second vol. unlabeled). Incidental recording of physicians licenses, 1933 in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16. Title varies: Physicians and Surgeons Register, 1888-1933.

A register of licenses of physicians and surgeons, showing the name and address of physician, former address, date of certificate, name of the examining board, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No

index in vol. A, second vol. indexed alph. by first letter of surname of physician. Hpf. Aver. 250 pp. 17 x 13 x 2.

133. PHYSICIANS CERTIFICATE REGISTER, 1903-16. 1 vol.

Record of re-registration of licenses of physicians and surgeons as required by an act of the General Assembly of 1903, showing name of the examining board, name of physician, certificate of qualification, date of certificate, names of officers and members of the examining board. Arr. in alph. tabbed secs. according to the first letter of surname of physician, and chron. thereunder by date recorded. No index. Hpf. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

134. REGISTER OF DENTISTS (Licenses), 1918--. 1 vol. (1). 1907 in Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of dentists' licenses, showing date of certificate, license number, name, address and age of dentist, names of officers and members of the examining board, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of dentist. Hpf. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

135. (RECORD OF CHIROPRACTOR'S LICENSE), 1922. In Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of chiropractor's license to practice, showing name of examining board, name, residence and sex of chiropractor, date of license, and date recorded.

136. (RECORD OF OPTOMETRIST'S LICENSE), 1917-26. In Miscellaneous Record, entry 16.

Record of the licenses of optometrists, showing name of examining board, name, address and sex of optometrist, date of license, and date recorded.

Livestock

137. (Record of) MARKS AND BRANDS, 1890--. 1 vol. (A).

Registration of brands and earmarks used by livestock owners to establish ownership of cattle, showing name of owner, place of residence, a facsimile of earmarks and brands, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed by first letter of surname of owner. Hpf. 150 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 2.

138. ESTRAY RECORD, 1890--. 1 vol.

A record of stray livestock taken up by individuals and reported by a justice of the peace to the county clerk, showing name of person holding livestock, name of the justice of the peace, date of posting notice, appraised value, and total expense incurred, and description of animal. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of person holding livestock. Hpf. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

139. RECORD OF ESTRAY NOTICE, 1895-1926. 1 vol.

Record of notices of estrayed animals which have been taken up by individuals, and reported by justice of the peace to the county clerk, showing description of animal, marks, age and color, value of animal, and name of

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person in possession. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed by first letter of surname of person taking up animal. H. 317 pp. 14 x 9 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Firearms

140. REGISTER OF PISTOLS, 1923-25, 1 vol. (1).
Record of registration of pistols required by a law enacted in 1923 and repealed in 1925. Record shows name of manufacturer of weapon, serial number, name of owner, and date registered. Arr. chron. by date registered. No index. Hpf. 200 pp. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Officers

141. OVERSEER'S ROAD REPORTS, BONDS AND PETITIONS, 1915-34.2 card-board file boxes.
Original reports of road overseers to county judge and overseer's bonds. Reports show number of miles embraced in road district, number of hands subject to road duty in district, number of days worked for pay during term, amount paid, amount of fines assessed during term, number of days team used, amount expended for material and tools, total amount expended, amount of money collected, amount of tax worked out, condition of roads, condition of bridges, amount of fines assessed, and signature of overseer. Overseer's bond shows name of principal, amount of bond, district number, amount of equipment, terms, signatures of overseer and sureties. Also contains: incidental filings of official transcripts, 1934, entry 100; list of grand jurors, 1929, entry 48. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 125 documents. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

XX. TAX ASSESSOR

The tax assessment function was performed by the sheriff (1) until 1868 when the General Assembly created the office of tax assessor (2). The office became a constitutional one in 1874. The assessor is elected at the regular general election for a 2-year term (3).

The assessment records are delivered to the county clerk and are housed in his office.

XXI. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The General Assembly of 1883 created the board of equalization (4) and it functioned until 1917, when it was supplanted by township boards

(1) Rev. Stat., p. 674.
(2) A. Ark., 1868, p. 262.

(3) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 47.
(4) A. Ark., 1883, p. 245.

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of assessment and valuation (1). In 1929, the township boards were abolished and the equalization board re-created. The boards consist of three members, appointed by the quorum court, for a term of two years. The county clerk serves as clerk of the board (2).

Records of the proceedings of the board are housed in the clerk's office, unless otherwise shown in the entries.

Proceedings

142. EQUALIZATION BOARD REPORT (Record), 1929-31. 1 vol. Minutes of meetings of the board of equalization, showing meeting dates, name and address of tax payer, legal description of property, valuation set by assessor, and valuation set by equalization board. Arr. chron. by meeting date. No index. H., 400 pp. $18\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$.

XXII. TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ASSESSMENT AND VALUATION (Defunct)

The General Assembly of 1917 authorized the county court to appoint two residents of each township, to serve with the county assessor on the township board of assessment and valuation, which supplanted the simultaneously abolished county board of equalization. The term of office was for one year. (3) The township boards functioned until 1929, when the equalization board was re-created (4).

No records of these boards were found by survey workers in Searcy County.

XXIII. TAX COLLECTOR

Since the creation of Searcy County, the office of tax collector has been filled in an ex officio capacity by the sheriff, in accordance with laws in effect at that time (5), and subsequent constitutional provisions. The sheriff is elected at the regular biennial general elections, for a 2-year term. (6)

Records of the tax collector are deposited in the office of the county clerk.

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- (1) A. Ark., 1917, II, 1238.
(2) A. Ark., 1929, II, 864.
(3) A. Ark., 1917, II, 1238.

- (4) A. Ark., 1929, II, 864.
(5) Rev. Stat., p. 678.
(6) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.

XXIV. COUNTY TREASURER

The Constitution of 1836 authorized the election of a county treasurer (1). The office exists at present by authority of the Constitution of 1874, which provides for a 2-year term of office. The treasurer serves ex officio as treasurer of the common school fund (2), and as treasurer of the county library fund (3).

Records of the office are housed in the office and vault in the courthouse, unless otherwise designated.

Receipts

143. TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, 1923--. 3 cardboard file boxes. Carbon copies of original receipts issued by the treasurer for cash and warrants redeemed, showing receipt number, date, name of person to whom receipt was issued, amount, and copy of signature of county treasurer. Arr. chron. by receipt date. No index. Hpf. Aver. 2000 documents. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

Accounts

144. RECORD OF OFFICERS' ACCOUNTS (with the Treasurer), 1886--. 5 vols. (first four vols. unlabeled, 2). Record of treasurer's accounts with county officers, showing amount received, amount expended, and balance on hand in the following funds: general road, district road, school, redemption, county general, dog tax, county superintendent, and equalizing fund for schools, examination fees, poll, city, and state tax, assessor's penalty and justice of the peace settlements. Arr. chron. by entry date. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of the public official. H. Aver. 395 pp. $18\frac{1}{2}$ x $16\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

145. TREASURER'S LEDGER, 1907-12. 1 vol. (B). Record of treasurer's general account with various county officers, showing subdivisions of funds, amount received, amounts disbursed, persons to whom disbursed, purposes for which disbursed, and balance in various funds. Arr. chron. by entry date. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of account. 484 pp. Hpf. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Warrants

146. (Treasurer's) REGISTER OF COUNTY WARRANTS, 1896--. 6 vols. (first and fourth vol. unlabeled, A, B, 2, last vol. dated). Title varies: Justice Criminal Docket, 1896-99.

(1) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 17.

(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.
(3) A. Ark., 1927, p. 832.

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Register of county warrants issued and redeemed, showing warrant number, name of payee, name of account upon which warrant is drawn, amount and date, reference to the book and page number of county court record authorizing issuance of warrant, date delivered, by whom delivered, and dates redeemed and canceled. Arr. chron. by warrant number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

147. REGISTER OF REDEEMED COUNTY WARRANTS, 1898-1904. 1 vol. Record of county warrants redeemed and canceled by the county treasurer, showing same information as entry 146. Arr. chron. by date redeemed. Hpf. 200 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

148. TREASURERS' ROAD (Warrant) RECORD, 1913--. 3 vols. (1-3). County treasurer's register of road warrants issued, showing road district number, date issued, warrant number, name of payee, and to whom delivered. Arr. in tabbed sections according to road district number and number thereunder by warrant number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 400 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 2.

Bond Issues

149. TREASURER'S BOND AND COUPON REGISTER, 1935--. 1 vol. Register of county funding bonds issued, showing purpose of the bond issue, authority for issue, date of bonds, amount issued, interest rate, interest coupons due, principal due, fiscal agent, trustee, serial number and amount of each bond due, number of warrant issued in payment, warrant date, coupon number, coupon date, assessed valuation of real and personal property, tax levy necessary for retiring bonds, listing of interest coupons, number of warrant issued for interest payments, and date of warrant. Arr. numer. by bond number. No index. Hpf. 200 pp. 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Schools

150. TREASURER'S RECORD OF TEACHER'S CONTRACTS, 1938--. 190 documents in 1 steel file drawer. Original employment contracts between school districts and teachers filed with the county treasurer, showing school district number, name of teacher, kind of license held by teacher, length of school term, date of beginning of school term, monthly salary, and other terms of contract, and signatures of school directors and teacher. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. 10 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 22 $\frac{1}{2}$.

151. SCHOOL DISTRICT BOOK, 1913-18. 1 vol. (1). Treasurer's accounts with various school districts, showing date of entry, receipts, warrant number and to whom issued, teachers' salaries, items entered, statistical summary, showing names of directors, post-office addresses, date elected, date qualified, date of expiration of term, name, age, sex and color of teacher, grade of certificate, date of contract, length of school term, salaries, and date of opening and closing school. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed numer. by dist. num-

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ber. Hpf. 480 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

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152. NUMERICAL REGISTER OF SCHOOL WARRANTS, 1899-1903. 1 vol. (1). Register of school warrants, showing number, amount, and date of warrant, to whom issued, date registered, and date paid or canceled. Arr. numer. by school dist. number. No index. Hpf. 239 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

XXV. DIRECTOR OF COUNTY AUDITS

The General Assembly of 1931 abolished the office of commissioner of accounts and provided that the state comptroller serve ex officio as director of county audits. (1). The comptroller is appointed by the Governor for a 6-year term of office (2).

No records of the office were found.

XXVI. COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS (Defunct)

The General Assembly of 1885 authorized the circuit judge to appoint three commissioners of accounts. The act required that one member of the board be an accountant, and one of the other two members a justice of the peace to serve for one year. (3) In 1917 the term was lengthened to 3 years (4). The board was abolished in 1931 (5).

No records were found in Searcy County.

XXVII. COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The General Assembly of 1891 authorized the county board of election commissioners, whose duty it is to select judges and clerks, and generally supervise the conduct of general and special elections within the county. The board is composed of three members, appointed by the State Board of Election Commissioners, and they serve a 2-year term. (6)

Records of the appointments of the board of election commissioners are turned over to the county clerk and are housed in his office, unless otherwise designated in the entries.

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- (1) A. Ark., 1931, p. 130.
(2) A. Ark., 1917, II, 1333.
(3) A. Ark., 1885, p. 78.
(4) A. Ark., 1917, II, 1613.

- (5) A. Ark., 1931, p. 125.
(6) A. Ark., 1891, p. 33; ibid., 1931, p. 119; ibid., 1935, p. 426.

XXVIII. BOARD OF REGISTRATION

An act of the General Assembly of 1868 authorized the Governor to appoint a 3-man board of registration, to serve 2-year terms of office. The board's function was to pass on the eligibility of voters. (1) It passed out of existence when the Constitution of 1874 made no provision for its continuance.

No records were found in Searcy County.

XXIX. COUNTY EXAMINER OF SCHOOLS

The office of county examiner of schools was created by the General Assembly of 1875 (2), abolished in 1919 (3), and re-created in 1933. The examiner is appointed by the county judge, upon the endorsement of a majority of the licensed school teachers of the county for a 2-year term of office. (4) He is required to serve as executive secretary of the county textbook board (5).

Records of the office are housed in the office of the examiner, unless otherwise shown in the entries.

Reports

153. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY EXAMINER, 1934--. 6 vols. Copies of annual reports of county examiner to Arkansas State Department of Education, showing school enumeration, race, enrollment by grades, average number, total days attendance, average daily attendance, number of pupils promoted, age - grade table, classification by grade and age, teaching positions, valuation of school property, assessment and mills voted, receipts for support of school, report of expenditures, indebtedness, report of blind, deaf and other handicapped children, summary, list of directors, number of teachers, and kind of certificate held by teacher. Arr. numer. by school dist. number. Hpf. Aver. 83 pp. 12 x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$.

154. COUNTY EXAMINER'S RECORD OF TEACHERS LICENSE, 1920--. 6 vols. Record of licenses of teachers of the county, showing name of teacher, sex, post office address, nativity, scholastic preparation, date and grade of certificate, date license was issued, license number, and date of expiration of license. Arr. chron. by date filed. Hph. Aver. 52 pp. 12 x $9\frac{1}{4}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$.

(1) A. Ark., 1868, p. 50.
(2) A. Ark., 1875, p. 67.
(3) A. Ark., 1919, I, 181.

(4) A. Ark., 1933, p. 779; ibid.,
1935, p. 496.
(5) A. Ark., 1937, p. 1100.

County Board of Education;
Board of School Commissioners

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XXX. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (Defunct)

The office of county superintendent of schools was created by the General Assembly of 1853 (1), abolished in 1868 (2), re-created in 1875, (3) and again abolished in 1875 (4). The General Assembly of 1919 established a county board of education and authorized it to appoint a county superintendent to serve a 1-year term of office. (5). This system continued until the office was abolished in 1933 (6).

No records of the office were found in Searcy County.

XXXI. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (Defunct)

The county board of education, composed of five members, elected for a 3-year term, was created in 1919 to take over supervision of the county schools (7). The General Assembly of 1931 changed the membership to six, and the term of office to 3 years, two members elected each year (8). The board was abolished in 1933 (9).

Records of the proceedings of the board were found in the office of the county examiner of schools.

155. PROCEEDINGS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1920-33. 1 vol. (1), Record of minutes of each meeting of the county board of education, showing dates of meeting, members attending, and business transacted. Arr. chron. by meeting date. No index. Hph. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. In County Examiner's office.

XXXII. BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS (Defunct)

The initial provision for a system of common schools in Arkansas was made by the General Assembly of 1843, by the creation of a county board of school commissioners. The county judge and clerk served as board members and three other members were elected by popular vote, for a 3-year term. (10) The board functioned until it was abolished in 1851 (11).

No records of this board were found in Searcy County.

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| (1) A. Ark., 1853, p. 148. | (7) A. Ark., 1919, I, 178. |
| (2) A. Ark., 1868, p. 181. | (8) A. Ark., 1931, p. 494. |
| (3) A. Ark., 1875, p. 409. | (9) A. Ark., 1933, p. 60. |
| (4) A. Ark., 1875, p. 54. | (10) A. Ark., 1843, p. 131. |
| (5) A. Ark., 1919, I. 181. | (11) A. Ark., 1850 - 1851, p. |
| (6) A. Ark., 1933, p. 778. | 122. |

XXXIII. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The General Assembly of 1843 authorized the election of school directors for each school district (1). At present, directors are elected by authority of a law passed in 1935, which allows three directors in the rural districts: six in districts lying within cities of the first class, and five in all other districts. In the rural districts one director is elected each year for a 3-year term; in the urban districts, two are elected each year for 3-year terms and in the other districts one is elected each year for a 5-year term. (2)

XXXIV. HEALTH UNIT

The public health program in Searcy County is directed by a district unit which serves the contiguous counties of Searcy, Stone and Van Buren, under the general direction of the Arkansas State Board of Health. The personnel of the unit, consisting of a physician and a sanitarian, both with district-wide jurisdiction, and a county health nurse and clerical assistants in each of the respective counties. All appointments are made by the State Board of Health, with the approval of the respective county judges, and the terms of office are indefinite. (3)

Records of the Searcy County health unit are housed in the office of the county nurse, unless otherwise shown by the entries.

Correspondence

156. CORRESPONDENCE FILE, 1938--. 100 folders in 1 steel file drawer.

Correspondence of the county health officer and county health nurse and letters of instruction from the State Board of Health and United States Public Health Service. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of correspondent. H., t. 20 x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10.

Reports

157. REPORTS, 1938--. 300 folders in 1 steel file drawer.

Weekly and monthly reports to the State Department of Health by the county health officer showing work done in the county and district. Reports include vital statistics, record of diseases, quarantines, requests for and reports of nursing service, field visits of health officers, treatment and hospitalization, aid in promoting hygiene for school children and adults. Arr. chron. by report date. No index. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

(1) A. Ark., 1843, p. 131.
(2) A. Ark., 1935, p. 69.

(3) A. Ark., 1913, p. 354; Arkansas State Board of Health, Report, 7.

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158. NURSES DAILY REPORT, 1938--. 300 documents in 1 steel file drawer.

Daily reports of health nurse, showing date of visit, name and address of patient, and nature of illness. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of person visited. No index. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

159. LABORATORY SPECIMEN REPORT, 1938--. 150 documents in 1 steel file drawer.

Record of laboratory tests of specimen sent to state laboratory for examination, showing name and address of attending physician, date, name, address, occupation, color and sex of patient, kind of test, and result. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of patient. For index see entry 171. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

Medicines

160. REQUISITION FOR BIOLOGICALS OR DRUGS AND INVENTORY, 1938--. 500 documents in 1 steel file drawer.

Requisition and inventory of biologicals in terms of kinds and amounts, kept by the county health nurse, to be used at the request of attending physicians for people who are unable to pay, showing date, name of person to whom sent, and signature of person receiving consignment. Arr. chron. by date filed. For index see entry 171. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

Case Records

161. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, 1938--. 120 documents in 1 steel file drawer.

Individual report of each case of communicable and reportable disease made by the attending physician to county health officer, giving name and address of person, nature of disease, date reported, age, sex, color, occupation or school, source of milk, and date of notice. Arr. alph. according to name of disease. For index see entry 171. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

162. TUBERCULOSIS FIELD RECORD, 1938--. 300 documents in 1 steel file drawer.

Record of tuberculosis tests and treatments, showing name, address, age, color, and sex of patient, names of physician and sanatorium, date admitted, date discharged, diagnosis and summary of clinical findings, sputum examination, significant facts, members of household, extra household contacts, summary of physician's orders, services rendered, and comments on progress. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of patient. For index see entry 171. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

163. PELLAGRA FILE, 1938--. 13 cards in 1 steel file drawer. Record showing name of disease, name and address of person afflicted, age, sex, color, head of home, occupation, name of physician reporting, source of milk supply, date of release notice to dairy, and date of notice to school. Arr. chron. by name of disease. For index see entry 171. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

164. TYPHOID FEVER IMMUNIZATION, 1938--. 2 steel file drawers. Record of typhoid immunizations given to individuals, showing name, age, address, sex, color, education, school and names of parents or client, date treatment given, remarks and results. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of person taking test. For index see entry 171. Hpf. Aver. 1000 cards. 20 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$.

165. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL RECORD, 1938--. 50 folders in 1 steel file drawer. Record of tests and immunization treatments given to individuals, showing name, address, age, sex, color, disease, occupation of patient, name of parents or client, members of household, school attended, laboratory data, possible mode of infection, possible source of contacts other than family, and private physician's orders. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of family. For index see entry 171. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

166. SUMMARY FROM INFANT AND PRE-SCHOOL RECORD, 1938--. 26 folders in 1 steel file drawer. Record kept by county health nurse of visits made to infants and children of pre-school age, date of first and last visit, number of visits, significant data, notes on clinical conferences, and number and date of field visits. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of school and alph. thereunder by surname of child. For index see entry 171. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

Maternity

167. MATERNITY RECORD, 1938--. 150 documents in 1 steel file drawer. Record of maternity cases the county health nurse attends, showing name and address of patient, date of birth, history and treatment of case, physical examination, significant facts, physician's notes, urinalysis, blood pressure, weight, other laboratory explanations, history of previous pregnancies, anti-partum and post-partum records, and summary of doctor's orders. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of patient. For index see entry 171. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

168. REQUEST FOR MATERNITY NURSING SERVICE, 1938--. 100 documents in 1 steel file drawer. Record of cases attended by county health nurse either at the request of the attending doctor or expectant mother, showing date request issued, name of doctor, name and address of patient for whom request is made, kind of service requested, and signature of doctor attending. Arr. chron. by date filed. For index see entry 171. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

169. MIDWIFE RECORD, 1938--. 50 documents in 1 steel file drawer. Record of midwife applications and pledge cards, giving requirements for midwives, name and address, date of birth and location, marital status, intelligence, grade in school, number years practice, permit issued, date of renewal, doctors given as references, births registered, nurses inspection, midwife classes attended, date and place of classes. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of midwife. For index see entry 171. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

County Board of Medical Examiners;
County Department of Public
Welfare

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Teachers

170. GENERAL MEDICAL RECORD FOR TEACHERS, 1938--. 1 instrument in 1 folder.

Record of medical examinations of teachers, showing name, address, sex, age, employer, physician and person in charge of patient, significant facts concerning present illness, and physician's orders. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of patient. For index see entry 171. Hpf. 21 x 13 x 7.

Index

171. CARD INDEX, 1938--. 1800 cards in 1 cardboard file box. Alphabetical index to Laboratory Specimen Report, entry 159; Requisition for Biologicals or Drugs and Inventory, entry 160; Communicable Diseases, entry 161; Tuberculosis Field Record, entry 162; Pellagra File, entry 163; Typhoid Fever Immunization, entry 164; Epidemiological Record, entry 165; Summary From Infant and Pre-School Record, entry 166; Maternity Record, entry 167; Request for Maternity Nursing Service, entry 168; Midwife Record, entry 169, and General Medical Record for Teachers, entry 170 by first letter of surname of person about whom record is made, showing name and address of individual, date of birth, sex, color, names of parents, type of record, and where filed. Arr. in alph. tabbed sections by first letter of surname of person affected. Hpf. 11 x 10 x 4.

XXXV. COUNTY BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Defunct)

The General Assembly of 1881 authorized the county judge to appoint a county board of medical examiners, to consist of three members who were to serve 4-year terms. The function of the board was to examine and license physicians (1), but this authority was given the State Board of Medical Examiners in 1893, and the county board was abolished (2).

No records were found in Searcy County.

XXXVI. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The State Department of Public Welfare was authorized in 1935 to appoint a county board, to consist of five members, who had been nominated by five constitutional officers of the county. County board appointments are for 5 years, and the board, in turn, selects the county

(1) A. Ark., 1881, p. 41.

(2) A. Ark., 1893, p. 332.

County Department of Public
Welfare

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welfare director who has general supervision of the county department.
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Records of this agency are housed in the county welfare department office, unless otherwise designated in the entries.

Correspondence

172. CORRESPONDENCE FILE, 1936--. 200 pp. in 1 steel file drawer. Official correspondence of Public Welfare Board and department employees. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of correspondent. No index. H., t. 26 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Applications

173. CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD, 1936--. 2 vols.
Record of applications for various forms of relief such as old age pensions, blind assistance, Works Progress Administration, National Youth Administration, dependent children, hospital cases, and statistical records. Applications record shows name of county, date, name and address of applicant, county serial number, date of application, date considered by county board, date rejected or approved, amount monthly grant approved or increased, date grant dropped, death cancellations, total amount monthly grants paid, and total amount monthly grants required. Statistical record shows breakdown of relief clients by color, sex, new additions to roll, total white, total colored, grand total enrolled, number dropped from roll, net total on roll, number of white and colored dependents, and total of all dependents. Arr. chron. by application date. No index. Hpf. 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

174. APPLICATION FOR AID - OPEN CASES, 1936--. 5 steel file drawers.
Original applications for Works Progress Administration assignments and copies of forms 402 and 403. Form 402, notice to report for work, shows name and address of worker, identification number, wage classification, sex, race, relief status, time to report, number hours to be worked, signatures of placement officer, foreman, and client. Form 403, notice of termination of employment, shows name and address of worker, identification number, sex, race, date of termination of employment, number of project and signature of person approving order. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. No index. Hpf., tpf. Aver. 250 folders. 26 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

175. APPLICATION FOR AID - CLOSED CASES, 1936--. 4 steel file drawers.
Original applications for relief, and copies of Works Progress Admini-

(1) A. Ark., 1935, p. 56; ibid., 1937, pp. 152-153; ibid., 1939, p. 672.

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Welfare

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stration forms 402 and 403, showing same information as entry 174. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. No index. Hpf., tpf. Aver. 250 folders. 26 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

176. ACCEPTED RELIEF APPLICATION RECORD, 1936--. 60 folders in 1 steel file drawer.

Original approved applications for aid to dependent children, blind, and old age pensions, general relief and a voucher register showing form number, name of county, date, name of client, case number, voucher number, amount of voucher, and date of payment. Arr. chron. by application date. No index. Tpf. 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Visitation

177. VISITATION RECORD, 1936--. 2 steel file boxes.

Card record of visits made by case workers, showing name and address of client, date of visit and signature of case worker, members of household, date of birth, relation to head of household, date certified for Works Progress Administration, National Youth Administration, Civilian Conservation Corps or other relief agencies. Reverse side of card shows dates of visits, classification of client, commodities furnished, status of worker, and remarks. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. No index. Hpf. Aver. 300 cards. 4 x 5 x 11.

Grants

178. NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION FILE, 1936--. 200 folders in 1 steel file drawer (N.Y.A.).

Record of certification of eligibility of applicants for National Youth Administration assignment, showing date of application, name, address, age, height, weight, identification number, education and signature of applicant, and signature of county welfare director. File contains assignments to work and notices of termination of employment. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. No index. H., tpf. 26 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

179. RECORD OF OLD AGE GRANTS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of relief clients receiving combined State and Federal old age pension grants, showing name and address of client, proof of age, client's signature, and verification of signature. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. 150 pp. 12 x 16 x 2.

180. RECORD OF CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS, ENROLLMENTS AND DISCHARGES, 1936--. 75 documents in 1 steel file box.

Service record of Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees, showing name, age and address of enrollee, date of enrollment, and date of discharge. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of enrollee. No index. H., tpf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 26.

Confederate Pension Board;
Surveyor

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Financial

181. LIST OF CHECKS ISSUED BY PUBLIC WELFARE BOARD, 1936--. 1 loose leaf vol.

Record of checks issued each month by county welfare board to relief clients, showing name of client, check number, amount of check, balance cash of welfare fund on hand assigned to county by State Welfare Board. Arr. chron. by date of check. No index. Hpf. 200 pp. $17\frac{1}{2}$ x $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

XXXVII. CONFEDERATE PENSION BOARD (Defunct)

The General Assembly of 1891 authorized the county judge, clerk and sheriff to serve as a board for passing on the eligibility of applicants for Confederate pension (1). This provision was altered in 1901 and the county judge was empowered to appoint three members to serve on the board, for a term of 2 years (2). The board functioned until 1939, when it was rendered inactive by an act of the General Assembly which transferred the general supervision of the Confederate pension fund to the Arkansas State Department of Public Welfare (3).

No records were found in Searcy County.

XXXVIII. SURVEYOR

The Constitution of 1836 authorized the election of a surveyor (4), and the present constitution makes the same provision. The surveyor is elected at the regular general election, for a 2-year term of office (5). Since 1901, the surveyor has served ex officio as county timber inspector (6).

182. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1906-14. 1 vol.

Record of surveys made by surveyor, showing beginning points, direction of lines, length in chains and links, and of corners in degrees and minutes. Plat of survey shows section, township and range numbers, number and size of trees used as markers, course, links distance, and remarks. Arr. chron. by survey dates. No index. H. 18 x 12 x 20.

(1) A. Ark., 1891, p. 162.
(2) A. Ark., 1901, p. 86.
(3) A. Ark., 1939, p. 512.

(4) Const. 1836, art.VII, sec. 17.
(5) Const. 1874, art.VII, sec. 46.
(6) A. Ark., 1901, p. 203.

XXXIX. TIMBER INSPECTOR

The General Assembly of 1901 created the office of timber inspector, and ruled that the office should be filled in an *ex officio* capacity by the county surveyor. The term of office runs concurrently with the surveyor's term. (1)

No records of the office were found in Searcy County.

XL. AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE AGENTS

County Farm Agent

The county farm agent, official representative of the Agricultural Extension Service, was authorized by the General Assembly of 1915. The Federal Agricultural Extension Service, with the approval of the University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture, appoints the agent. His term of office is indefinite, but annual renewals of appointment must be made. (2)

Home Demonstration Agent

The office of home demonstration agent was created simultaneously with that of the county agent. This official, a woman, is appointed by the Federal Agricultural Extension Service, with the approval of the University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture. The appointment is for an indefinite period of time, but must be renewed each year. (3)

Records of both agencies are housed in the office in the courthouse, unless otherwise shown by the entries.

Correspondence

183. CORRESPONDENCE FILE(County Agricultural Agent and Home Demonstration Agent), 1930--. 2 steel file drawers.
Miscellaneous correspondence of county agricultural agent and county home demonstration agent. Arr. alph. by name of correspondent and chron. thereunder by date of letter filed. No index. H., t., Aver. 500 folders. 24 x 20 x 19.

Information

184. GENERAL INFORMATION FILE, 1937--. 1 cardboard file box, 4 steel filing drawers.

(1) A. Ark., 1901, p. 203.
(2) A. Ark., 1915, p. 1078; 38,
U. S. Stat., 372.

(3) A. Ark., 1915, p. 1078; 38,
U. S. Stat., 372.

Agricultural Extension Service
Agents; 4-H Club

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General information on agriculture, economics, farm management, general marketing, farm and home forum, county agricultural work, fairs and exhibits, home demonstration agent work, camps and short courses, annual plans, bills paid and unpaid, enrollment, illustrative material, and other information connected with work of county agricultural agents and county home demonstration agents. Arr. alph. by title of bulletin, chron. by date filed. No index. P., t. Aver. 800 folders. 24 x 20 x 19.

185. COMBINED ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY EXTENSION WORKERS, 1930--.
175 pp. in 1 steel file drawer.

Summary of extension activities in county, showing progress made during year, general activities, report of legumes and forage crops, all other special crops, forestry, wild life, agricultural engineering, poultry and bees, cattle, swine, horses, food and nutrition, parent education, summary of activities and accomplishments, special events, outstanding county-wide meetings and activities. Arr. chron. by date filed. Hpf. 11 x 8 x 2.

4-H CLUB

186. 4-H CLUB RECORD FILE, 1930--. 2 steel file drawers.

Permanent record of 4-H Club members, showing name and address of member, date of birth, name of parent or guardian, kind of project, size, work done, value, cost, net profit or loss, notation if project not completed, and why, grade in school, outstanding achievements, offices held, special awards, 4-H Club trips, and remarks. Arr. alph. by club name. No index. Hph. Aver. 100 folders. 24 x 20 x 19.

187. 4-H CLUB FILE, 1930--. 3 steel file drawers.

Reports of county plan of work in 4-H clubs, showing record of attendance, budgets, programs, county clubs, council, rallies, demonstrations, program material, games, parliamentary practices, and miscellaneous publications. Arr. in sections alph. by name of activity, Indexed alph. by first letter of name of report. H., t. Aver. 235 folders. 24 x 20 x 19.

LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIAL

COUNTY JUDGES

William Wood, 1836-1839	W. H. Cummings, 1886-1890
Joseph Rea, 1839-1841	J. A. Rambo, 1890-1894
John Campbell, 1841-1843	G. W. Drewery, 1894-1898
James D. Robertson, 1843-1845	W. H. Sutterfield, 1898-1902
Calvin P. Thomas, 1845-1847	J. A. Moore, 1902-1906
James C. Jameson, 1847-1849	V. C. Bratton, 1906-1914
Presley B. Ruff, 1849-1851	J. F. Henley, 1914-1916
J. K. Lenna, 1851-1854	J. N. Bromley, 1916-1918
Andrew J. Melton, 1854-1858	J. F. Henley, 1918-1919
John S. Wilson, 1858-1862	Hugh Treece, 1919-1923
Wm. H. Jones, 1862-1866	V. C. Bratton, 1923
Josiah Lane, 1866-1872	Z. V. Ferguson, 1923-1929
Israel Burnes, 1872-1874	Will Rix, 1929-1931
F. A. Robertson, 1874-1876	J. C. Baker, 1931-1933
Jesse Cypert, 1876-1878	Buck Mays, 1933-1937
F. A. Robertson, 1878-1880	Sam S. Redwine, 1937-1938
Jesse Cypert, 1880-1884	Z. V. Ferguson, 1938-1939
J. A. McIntire, 1884-1886	W. G. Fendley, 1939--

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

W. H. Hays, 1873-1874	Israel Burnes, 1873-1874
E. S. Hamon, 1873-1874	

List of County Officials

CIRCUIT CLERK, EX OFFICIO RECORDER, EX OFFICIO COUNTY
AND PROBATE CLERK, 1836--; EX OFFICIO CHANCERY
CLERK, 1903--

Wm. Kavanaugh, 1836-1839
Wm. Rutter, 1839-1840
Thomas H. Boyce, 1840
Calvin P. Thomas, 1840-1841
John M. Hensley, 1841-1844 (1)
C. J. Bottom, 1844
Alexander Hill, 1844-1848
C. A. McCain, 1848-1852
Alexander Hill, 1852-1866
William M. Hays, 1866-1868
C. A. P. Horn, 1868-1874
Shem E. Hatchett, 1874-1876
Jno. W. Morris, 1876-1878
J. N. Hamilton, 1878-1880
J. W. Hensley, 1880-1884
M. Dampf, 1884-1886

V. C. Bratton, 1886-1890
M. A. Sanders, 1890-1894
J. R. Aday, 1894-1898
J. M. McCall, 1898-1900
W. Frank Reeves, 1900-1902
J. W. Smith, 1902-1904
Ed. Mays, 1904-1906
Hosea Keeling, 1906-1908
Rufus Blair, 1908-1912
Wilse Stevenson, 1912-1916
Barney Castleberry, 1916-1921
Leonard Matthews, 1921-1925
Alf. Henley, 1925-1927
W. F. Reeves, 1927-1929
Sam Blair, 1929-1935
Mrs. Mary Massey, 1935--

(1) Resigned

CIRCUIT JUDGES

(3rd Judicial Circuit, 1836-1844;
4th Judicial Circuit, 1844-1848;
3rd Judicial Circuit, 1848-1873;
16th Judicial Circuit, 1873-1874;
4th Judicial Circuit, 1874-1893;
14th Judicial Circuit, 1893--)

Thomas Johnson, 1840-1844
Sebrom G. Sneed, 1844-1848
Beaufert H. Neely, 1848-1856
William C. Bevins, 1856-1860
William R. Cain, 1860-1866
L. L. Mack, 1866-1868
Elisha Baxter, 1868-1873
James W. Butler, 1873
Elisha Mears, 1873
H. R. Withers, 1873-1876
James M. Pittman, 1876-1878
J. H. Berry, 1878-1882

James H. Patterson, 1882
J. M. Pittman, 1882-1890
E. S. McDaniels, 1890-1893
B. B. Hudgins, 1893-1898
E. G. Mitchell, 1898-1906
B. B. Hudgins, 1906-1910
George W. Reed, 1910-1914
John I. Worthington, 1914-1919
J. M. Shinn, 1919-1927
J. F. Koone, 1927-1935
Jack Holt, 1935-1937
Garner Fraser, 1937--

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CHANCERY JUDGES (11TH CHANCERY CIRCUIT)

T. H. Humphries, 1903-1912	Sam Williams, 1924-1935
Ben F. McMahan, 1916-1919	Elmer Owens, 1935-1937
J. M. Shinn, 1937--	

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS

(3rd Judicial Circuit, 1836-1844;
4th Judicial Circuit, 1844-1848;
3rd Judicial Circuit, 1848-1873;
16th Judicial Circuit, 1873-1874;
4th Judicial Circuit, 1874-1893;
14th Judicial Circuit, 1893--

William F. Denton, 1836-1840	J. P. Walker, 1886-1888
Nathan Haggard, 1840-1844	S. M. Johnson, 1888-1890
A. B. Greenwood, 1844-1846	J. M. Peel, 1890-1892
Silas C. Walker, 1846-1849	J. N. Tilman, 1892-1894
John H. Byers, 1849-1855	Frank Pace, 1894-1896
William K. Patterson, 1855-1860	W. J. Crump, 1896-1899 (1)
Franklin W. Desha, 1860-1861	James M. Shinn, 1899-1904
L. L. Mack, 1866	Garner Fraser, 1904-1908
Milton D. Baber, 1866-1868	W. F. Reeves, 1908-1910
Edward W. Thompson, 1868	Gus Seawel, 1910-1914
William A. Inman, 1868-1873	J. F. Koone, 1914-1919
Y. B. Shappard, 1873-1876	Karl Greenhau, 1919-1925
E. J. Stirman, 1876-1878	J. C. Smith, 1925-1929
H. A. Dinsmore, 1878-1884	Jack Holt, 1929-1935
J. F. Wilson, 1884-1886	Robert B. Gaston, 1935-1939
Len Jones, 1939--	

(1) Resigned

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SHERIFFS (EX OFFICIO TAX COLLECTORS)

Edward M. Hale, 1836-1839	A. R. Allen, 1878-1880
Joseph Brown, 1839-1842	W. J. McBride, 1880-1884
Josiah Lane, 1842-1843	B. F. Snow, 1884-1886
Isham Hodges, 1843-1844	C. P. Lawrence, 1886-1890
R. B. Lutt, 1844-1845	A. H. Luna, 1890-1892 (7)
Jas. C. Jameson, 1845-1846	W. J. McBride, 1892
Richard Clayton, 1846 (1)	W. P. Hodges, 1892-1894
Hiram Evans, 1846-1847	W. C. Bratton, 1894-1896
C. A. McCain, 1847	J. N. Bromley, 1896-1898
William Thornhill, 1847-1850 (2)	J. A. Melton, 1898-1900
Andrew J. Osborne, 1850	B. A. Watts, 1900-1902
John L. Readman, 1850-1852 (3)	J. N. Bromley, 1902-1906
R. N. Melton, 1852	W. W. Findley, 1906-1908
Alexander Gray, 1852-1854	A. L. Barnett, 1908-1912
Peter A. Tyler, 1854-1857 (4)	Hugh Treece, 1912-1916
William S. Lindsey, 1857-1860 (5)	Lore Hensley, 1916-1919
Thos. M. Alexander, 1860-1862	Chas. A. Watts, 1919-1923
Samuel L. Redwine, 1862-1866	Dan J. Patterson, 1923-1924(8)
L. D. Jameson, 1866-1872	Harvey Helm, 1924-1925
B. F. Henly, 1872-1874	W. M. McCall, 1925-1927
C. A. Williams, 1874-1876 (6)	J. D. Treece, 1927-1931
B. W. Hensley, 1876	Ray Hogg, 1931-1933
Jas. N. Hamilton, 1876-1878	G. M. Robertson, 1933-1935
	Oscar Barnett, 1935--

(1) Resigned
(2) Resigned
(3) Resigned
(4) Resigned

(5) Resigned
(6) Died
(7) Resigned
(8) Died

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CORONERS

Thomas S. Hale, 1839-1842
Theopolus Parks, 1842-1844
Robt. Matthews, 1844-1846
James Campbell, 1846-1848
Richard N. Melton, 1848-1852
Patrick L. Downey, 1852-1854
Levi C. Barnes, 1854-1856
Richard N. Melton, 1856-1857 (1)
Presley B. Ruff, 1857-1858 (2)
John Hollabaugh, 1858-1860
Avary King, 1860-1866
W. A. Bradley, 1866-1868
J. W. Morris, 1868-1874
John W. Hollabaugh, 1874-1876
J. M. Russell, 1876-1878
Henry Modgelin, 1878-1880
J. C. Wood, 1880-1884
G.B. Greenhaw, 1884-1886
J. C. Wood, 1886-1888

(1) Resigned

T. J. Jones, 1888-1890
J. E. McMahan, 1890-1892
J. T. Gray, 1892-1902
Albert Garrison, 1902-1904
N. M. Hensley, 1904-1906
J. B. Crider, 1906-1908
N. M. Hensley, 1908-1912
C. V. Hollabaugh, 1912-1914
J. S. Butler, 1914-1919
L. D. Robertson, 1919-1921
Dr. A. S. Melton, 1921-1925
J. A. Hensley, 1925-1926
N. M. Hensley, 1926-1927
John P. Griffin, 1927-1929
Newt Hensley, 1929-1931
E. G. Fendley, 1931-1933
W. W. Heard, 1933-1935
Dr. E. G. Fendley, 1935-1939
Leonard Coffman, 1939--

(2) Resigned

TAX ASSESSORS

Benjamin W. Hensley, 1868-1872
Jas. A. Ham, 1872-1874
S. E. Hatchett, 1874
Jas. W. Cypert, 1874-1876
H. L. Watts, 1876-1878
Max Dampf, 1878-1880
Wm. B. Keeling, 1880-1882
A. H. Luna, 1882-1884
Jas. Scott, 1884-1886
M. A. Sanders, 1886-1888
W. H. Satterfield, 1888-1890
A. A. Bradley, 1890-1892
S. A. Lay, 1892-1894
W. G. Jordan, 1894-1896

C. B. Cotton, 1896-1898
W. A. Franklin, 1898-1900
N. M. Hensley, 1900-1904
Thos. F. Guthrie, 1904-1908
Lon Grey, 1908-1910
John L. Ellis, 1910-1912
Tom McCasland, 1912-1916
Alvin Moore, 1916-1921
N. M. Hensley, 1921-1923
Vol Oliver, 1923-1927
J. C. Drewry, 1927-1929
Albert Horton, 1929-1931
Howard Sanders, 1931-1933
Vol Oliver, 1933-1937

Wayne Martin, 1937--

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COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Matthew Sniter, 1883-1885	Wm. Wyatt, 1886-1889
Geo. Turney, 1883-1885	Matthew Sniter, 1886-1889
Wm. Wyatt, 1883-1885	W. S. Lindsay, 1889
Geo. Turney, 1885-1889	B. F. Taylor, 1889
A. J. Bradwin, 1889	

* No later appointments found in County Court Record

TREASURERS

Vincent Robinson, 1839-1843	John W. Morris, 1888-1892
Jas. D. Shaw, 1843-1844	Matthew Sooter, 1892-1894
Robt. Cagle, 1844-1845	C. A. Horn, 1894-1898
William Baker, 1845-1850	W. M. Bratton, 1898-1900
Joseph Rea, 1850-1854	Jas. T. Gray, 1900-1904
Israel Burnes, 1854-1858	Benj. Bratton, 1904-1906
J. D. Shaw, 1858-1860	S. B. Cotton, 1906-1912
Elvin Long, 1860-1866	A. M. Sanders, 1912-1916
Tidings Thompson, 1866-1868	Albert Arnold, 1916-1919
Green Ross, 1868-1873	Sam Blair, 1919-1921
Jasper W. Hensley, 1873-1874	Andy Morrison, 1921-1925
Jno. W. Morris, 1874-1876	Thos. Battershell, 1925-1927
T. Thompson, 1876-1886	B. A. Watts, 1927-1929
J. Thompson, 1886-1888 (2)	Chas. B. Passmore, 1929-1933
W. C. Castleberry, 1888 (3)	A. G. Leslie, 1935-1937
Henry W. Shillings, 1937--	

(1) Deceased

(2) Deceased

(3) Deceased

COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION

E. D. Arnold, 1868-1870	Green Ross, 1872-1873
A. C. Stevenson, 1868-1870	G. W. S. Smith, 1872-1873
Jno. W. McDaniel, 1868-1870	W. T. Fisher, 1872-1873
Jno. T. Murphy, 1870-1872	Jno. T. Murphy, 1872-1873
Thos. Fisher, 1870-1872	Jno. R. Wyatt, 1872-1873
Stephen Still, 1870-1872	W. S. Lindsay, 1872-1874
Jas. A. Ham, 1872-1873	Wm. A. Wyatt, 1872-1874
James Bratton, 1872-1874	

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COUNTY EXAMINERS

C. M. Hallabaugh, 1904-1905	J. N. McCall, 1919-1923
C. E. Stephenson, 1905-1908	U. M. Sutterfield, 1923-1925
J. N. McCall, 1908-1913	Evelyn Wood, 1925-1928
J. G. Ferguson, 1913-1917	Una Bratton, 1928-1935
M. Sutterfield, 1917-1919	No Record - 1935
C. M. Hallabaugh, 1936--	

SURVEYORS (EX OFFICIO TIMBER INSPECTOR, 1901--)

John Campbell, 1839-1844	Henry L. Watts, 1880-1882
Wright Williams, 1844-1852	B. F. Snow, 1882-1884
Geo. W. Cagle, 1852-1858 (1)	V. H. Williams, 1884-1888
Silas Teague, 1858	A. R. Allen, 1888-1890
W. H. McMahan, 1858-1860	Geo. G. Davis, 1890-1900
Wilson G. Gray, 1860-1866	T. J. Ellis, 1900-1906
W. H. McMahan, 1866-1868	A. C. Horn, 1906-1912
F. A. Duck, 1868-1870	Roy Sanders, 1912-1916 (2)
J. C. Jameson, 1870-1872	C. V. Smith, 1916-1918
E. B. Jameson, 1872-1874	A. C. Hogan, 1918-1919
A. R. Allen, 1874-1878	H. V. Brown, 1919-1925
V. H. Williams, 1878-1880	A. C. Horn, 1925-1931
H. V. Brown, 1931--	

(1) Resigned

(2) Resigned

COUNTY AGENTS

J. R. Southworth, 1911	Irvin J. Heath, 1919-1921
L. B. Bruner, 1911-1914	Julian M. Dyer, 1924-1927
U. G. Jordan, 1914-1917	C. C. Lockwood, 1927-1935
Arthur L. Watkins, 1917-1919	C. W. Bedell, 1935--

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS

Mrs. Mattie B. Watkins, 1917-1920	Katharine Gratian, 1930-1931
Bertha Snelling, 1920-1924	Ola M. Walton, 1931-1935
Beatrice Blackford, 1924-1925	Earl Kniffin, 1935-1937
Dorothy G. Sanborn, 1929-1930	Lurline Cagle, 1937--

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STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Brown C. Roberts, 1836-1844
Samuel Leslie, 1840-1844
John Campbell, 1842-1844
Isham Hodges, 1844-1846
Samuel Leslie, 1846-1852
John Campbell, 1852-1854
Samuel Leslie, 1854-1856
Joseph Stephenson, 1856-1858
Israel Burnes, 1858-1862
John Bradshaw, 1862-1864
James J. Barnes, 1864-1866
Benjamin F. Taylor, 1866-1868
Walter W. Brasher, 1868-1870
James R. Hall, 1868-1870
Harmon W. Hodges, 1868-1870
N. H. Cleland, 1870-1872
Thomas D. Hawkins, 1870-1872
Benjamin F. Taylor, 1870-1872
Benton Turner, 1872-1874
Y. B. Shappard, 1872-1874
J. F. Stevenson, 1872-1874
L. W. Davis, 1874 spec. sess.
J. S. Venable, 1874 spec. sess.
James H. Love, 1874-1877
A. Davis, 1877-1879

Israel Burnes, 1879-1881
B. F. Taylor, 1881-1885
J. W. S. Leslie, 1885-1887
Thomas L. Thompson, 1887-1891
J. F. Henley, 1891-1895
Ulysses S. Bratton, 1895-1899
Joseph F. Evans, 1899-1901
J. F. Henley, 1901-1903
T. L. Arnold, 1903-1905
William A. Perry, 1905-1907
Shem E. Hollabaugh, 1907-1909
F. G. Hollabaugh, 1909-1911
Albert Garrison, 1911-1913
James C. Evans, 1913-1915
Christopher C. Taylor, 1915-1917
Dan W. McInturff, 1917-1919
S. A. Hollabaugh, 1919-1921
Adriel Stephenson, 1921-1923
D. G. Horn, 1923-1925
Dr. A. S. Baker, 1925-1928 (1)
A. C. Jones, 1928-1929 (2)
Ted R. Christy, 1929-1931
Shem E. Hollabaugh, 1931-1933
Zeb V. Ferguson, 1933-1937
Orville J. McInturff, 1937--

- (1) Deceased
(2) Appointed September 6, 1928,
by Governor Harvey Parnell

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STATE SENATORS

(8th Senatorial District, 1866-1867;
5th Senatorial District, 1868-1874;
26th Senatorial District, 1874-1939;
7th Senatorial District, 1939--.)

Charles R. Saunders, 1836-1840
W. C. Mitchell, 1840-1844
J. D. Shaw, 1844-1850
Henry S. Maxwell, 1850-1854
Calvin Coker, 1854-1858
D. C. Williams, 1858-1861
Joseph W. Dodd, 1861-1862 spec. sess.
Eli Dodson, 1862-1864
Thomas Jefferson, 1864-1866
Eli Dodson, 1866-1868
Zachariah Keeton, 1868-1871
A. D. Thomas, 1871-1874
John R. Homer Scott, 1874 spec. sess.
John Campbell, 1874-1879
W. S. Hannah, 1879-1883

Z. B. Jennings, 1883-1887
W. S. Hannah, 1887-1889
A. J. Redwine, 1889-1895
William L. Moose, 1895-1899
William T. Hammoch, 1899-1905
Sam W. Simpson, 1903-1907
Frank P. Greenhaw, 1907-1911
Gustave F. Clerget, 1911-1915
Dr. Horace E. Ruff, 1915-1919
M. B. Lefler, 1919-1923
A. J. McClullum, 1923-1927
Gustave F. Clerget, 1927-1931
Guy Walls, 1931-1935
Joe Steel Hall, 1935-1939
Roy Milum, 1939--

ARKANSAS COUNTIES IN THE ORDER OF CREATION

<u>NO.</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TAKEN FROM</u>
1.	Arkansas*	Dec. 31, 1813	Dist. of Arkansas Missouri Terr.
2.	Lawrence	Jan. 15, 1815	New Madrid Co., Terr. of Missouri
3.	Pulaski	Dec. 15, 1818	Arkansas County
4.	Clark	Dec. 15, 1818	Arkansas County
5.	Hempstead	Dec. 15, 1818	Arkansas County
6.	Miller**	Apr. 1, 1820	Arkansas County
7.	Phillips	May 1, 1820	Arkansas & Hempstead Counties
8.	Crawford	Oct. 18, 1820	Pulaski County
9.	Independence	Oct. 20, 1820	Lawrence County
10.	Chicot	Oct. 25, 1823	Arkansas County
11.	Conway	Oct. 20, 1825	Pulaski County
12.	Crittenden	Oct. 22, 1825	Phillips County
13.	Izard	Oct. 27, 1825	Independence County
14.	St. Francis	Oct. 13, 1827	Phillips County
15.	Lafayette	Oct. 15, 1827	Hempstead County
16.	Sevier	Oct. 17, 1828	Miller & Hempstead Counties
17.	Washington	Oct. 17, 1828	Crawford County
18.	Pope	Nov. 2, 1829	Crawford County
19.	Union	Nov. 2, 1829	Clark & Hempstead Counties
20.	Hot Spring	Nov. 2, 1829	Clark County
21.	Monroe	Nov. 2, 1829	Arkansas & Phillips Counties
22.	Jefferson	Nov. 2, 1829	Arkansas & Pulaski Counties
23.	Jackson	Nov. 5, 1829	Independence County
24.	Mississippi	Nov. 1, 1833	Crittenden County
25.	Pike	Nov. 1, 1833	Clark & Hempstead Counties
26.	Greene	Nov. 5, 1833	Lawrence County
27.	Scott	Nov. 5, 1833	Crawford & Pope Counties
28.	Van Buren	Nov. 11, 1833	Conway, Independence & Izard Counties
29.	Carroll	Nov. 11, 1833	Izard County
30.	Johnson	Nov. 16, 1833	Pope County
31.	White	Oct. 23, 1835	Jackson & Pulaski Counties
32.	Randolph	Oct. 29, 1835	Lawrence County

*First established as District of Arkansas by an act of the Territory of Louisiana passed June 27, 1806; district government erected August 23, 1808; officially designated as a county unit of government by legislature of the Territory of Missouri, December 31, 1813.

** First established 1820; abolished 1836; Re-established 1874.

Arkansas Counties in the
Order of Creation

<u>NO.</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TAKEN FROM</u>
33.	Saline	Nov. 2, 1835	Hempstead & Pulaski Counties
34.	Marion	Sept. 29, 1836	Izard County
35.	Madison	Sept. 30, 1836	Washington County
36.	Benton	Sept. 30, 1836	Washington County
37.	Franklin	Dec. 19, 1837	Crawford County
38.	Poinsett	Feb. 28, 1838	Greene & St. Francis Counties
39.	Desha	Dec. 12, 1838	Arkansas County
40.	Searcy	Dec. 13, 1838	Marion County
41.	Yell	Dec. 5, 1840	Pope & Scott Counties
42.	Bradley	Dec. 18, 1840	Union County
43.	Perry	Dec. 18, 1840	Conway County
44.	Ouachita	Nov. 29, 1842	Union County
45.	Montgomery	Dec. 9, 1842	Hot Spring County
46.	Newton	Dec. 14, 1842	Carroll County
47.	Fulton	Dec. 21, 1842	Izard County
48.	Polk	Nov. 30, 1844	Sevier County
49.	Dallas	Jan. 1, 1845	Clark & Bradley Counties
50.	Prairie	Nov. 25, 1846	Pulaski County
51.	Drew	Nov. 26, 1846	Bradley County
52.	Ashley	Nov. 30, 1848	Drew County
53.	Calhoun	Dec. 6, 1850	Dallas & Ouachita Counties
54.	Sebastian	Jan. 6, 1851	Crawford, Scott & Polk Counties
55.	Columbia	Dec. 17, 1852	Hempstead, Lafayette & Ouachita Counties
56.	Craighead	Feb. 19, 1859	Greene, Mississippi & Poinsett Counties
57.	Cross	Nov. 15, 1862	Crittenden, Poinsett & St. Francis Counties
58.	Woodruff	Nov. 26, 1862	Jackson & St. Francis Counties
59.	Little River	Mar. 5, 1867	Hempstead & Sevier Counties
60.	Sharp	July 18, 1868	Lawrence County
61.	Grant	Feb. 4, 1869	Hot Spring, Jefferson & Saline Counties
62.	Boone	Apr. 9, 1869	Carroll & Madison Counties
63.	Nevada	Mar. 20, 1871	Columbia, Hempstead & Ouachita Counties
64.	Logan	Mar. 22, 1871	Franklin, Johnson, Scott & Yell Counties
65.	Lincoln	Mar. 28, 1871	Arkansas, Bradley, Desha, Drew & Jeffer- son Counties
66.	Clay	Mar. 24, 1873	Greene & Randolph Counties

Arkansas Counties in the
Order of Creation

<u>NO.</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TAKEN FROM</u>
67.	Baxter	Mar. 24, 1873	Fulton, Izard, Marion & Searcy Counties
68.	Garland	Apr. 5, 1873	Hot Spring, Montgomery & Saline Counties
69.	Faulkner	Apr. 12, 1873	Conway & Pulaski Coun- ties
70.	Lonoke	Apr. 16, 1873	Prairie & Pulaski Counties
71.	Cleveland*	Apr. 17, 1873	Jefferson, Dallas, Bradley & Lincoln Counties
72.	Howard	Apr. 17, 1873	Hempstead, Pike, Polk & Sevier Counties
73.	Lee	Apr. 17, 1873	Crittenden, Monroe, Phillips & St. Fran- cis Counties
74.	Stone	Apr. 21, 1873	Independence, Izard, Searcy & Van Buren Counties
75.	Cleburne	Feb. 20, 1883	Independence, Van Buren & White Counties

*Formerly called Dorsey County; became Cleveland County on March 5, 1885.

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