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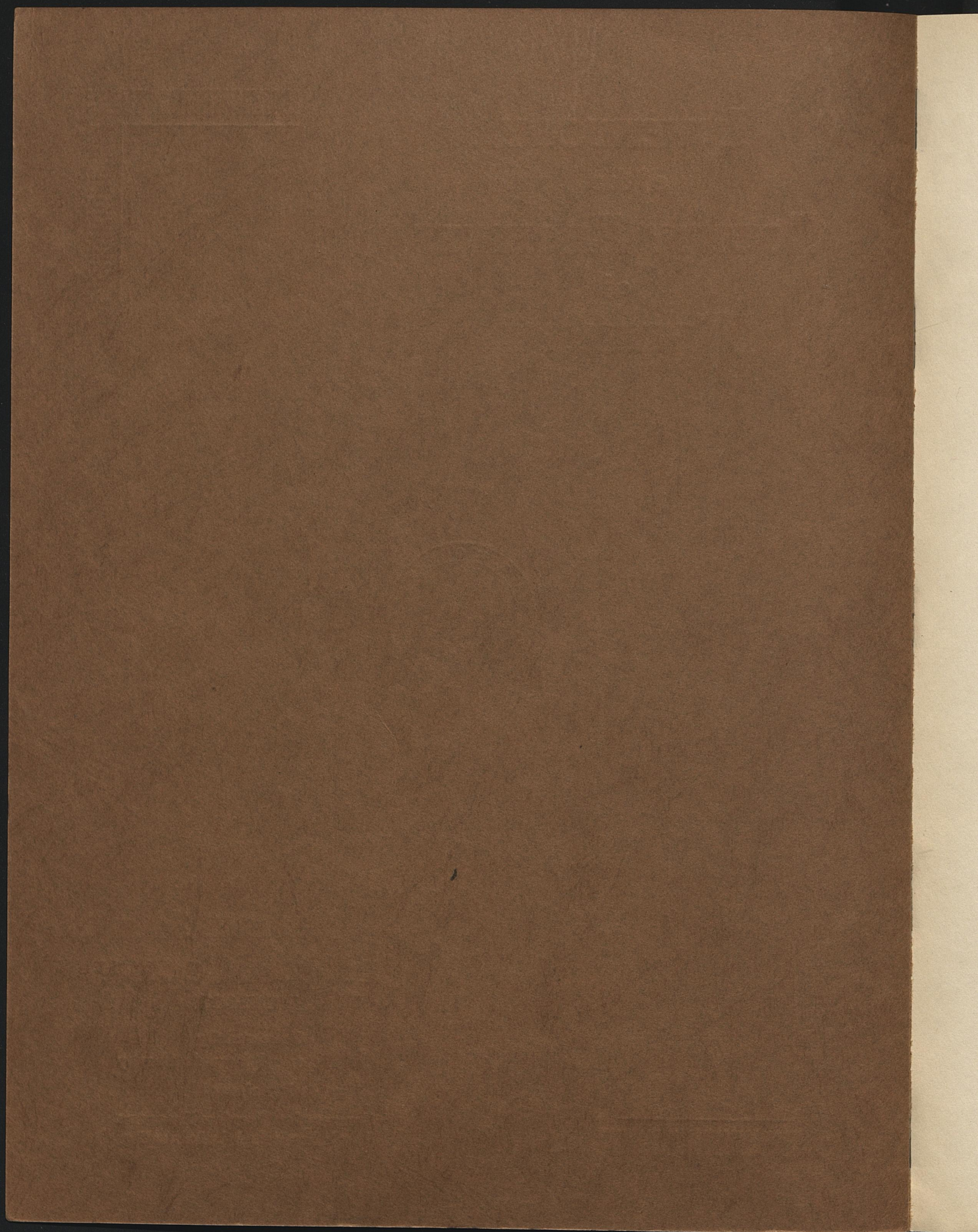
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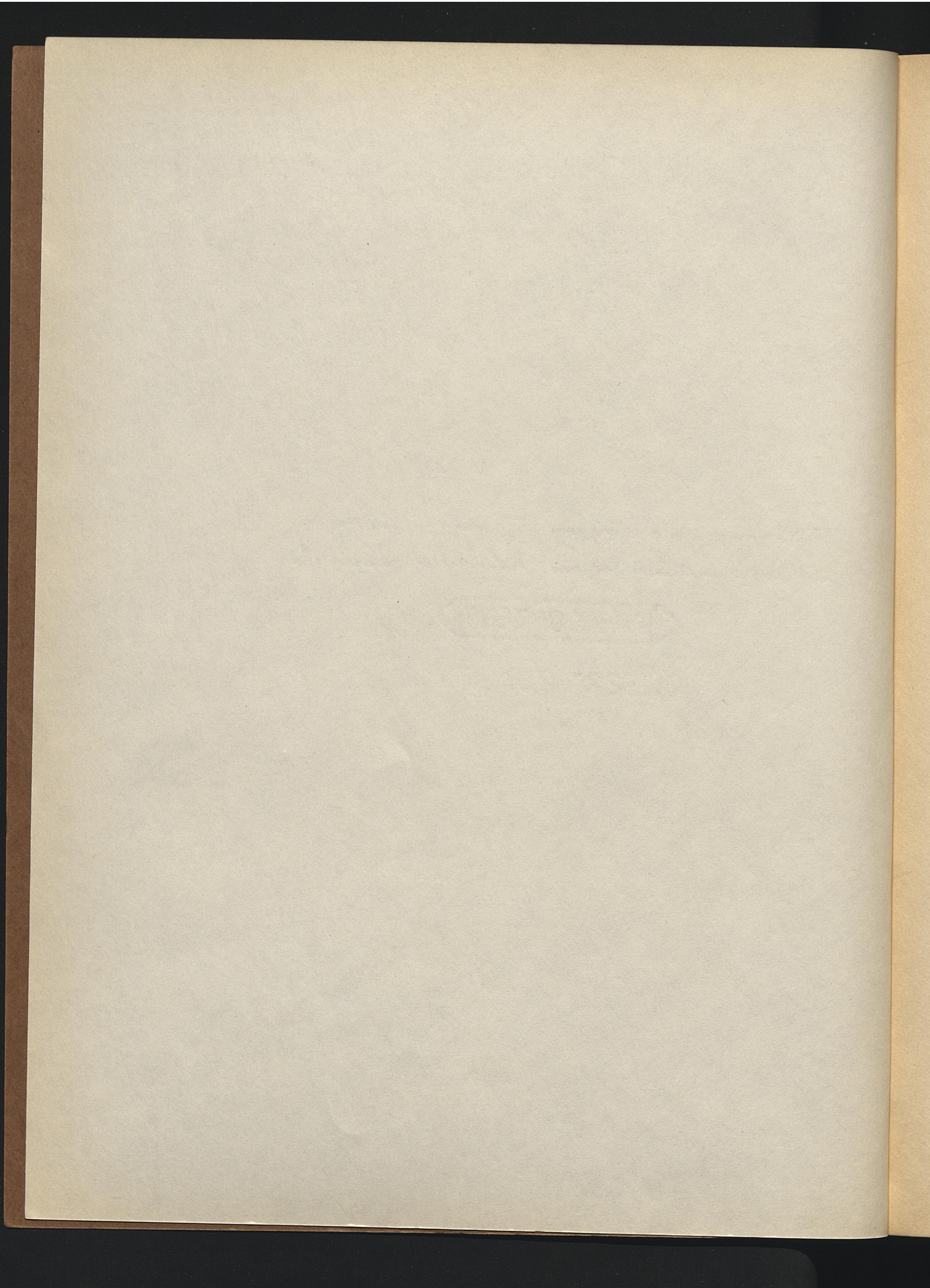


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PREFACE

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 the Survey became an independent unit of Federal Project No. 1, and functioned under Federal sponsorship until September 1, 1939. On September 5, 1939, the unit became a State-wide locally sponsored project under the supervision of Howard H. Jacoway. Mr. Jacoway resigned September 1, 1940, to become State Chief of the Research and Records Programs and was succeeded by Raymond Foster, who had served on the supervisory staff of the Survey since December 1938.

The Survey in Arkansas is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Arkansas and co-sponsored by the county judges of the State. It operates under the jurisdiction of Research and Records Programs of the Division of Community Service Programs of the Work Projects Administration. The Arkansas unit is under the technical and editorial supervision of the central office in Washington, D. C.

The chief objective of the Survey in Arkansas is the publication of county inventories, but it also is making a survey of State, municipal, and church archives, early American imprints, manuscript depositories, and is preparing a guide to Arkansas newspapers. A list of publications of the Survey will be found on the last page of this volume.

The Survey is preparing a volume which will include detailed discussions of the organization, structure, and evolution of county government in Arkansas. The material for this volume will be taken from the State's constitutions and codes, and from the acts of the General Assembly. It will consist of all those laws and constitutional provisions that are or have been governing county offices. It is believed publication of this volume will make it unnecessary to repeat certain items of general information in the various county inventories. Therefore, the essays in this volume are limited to the creation of the office; its present status; manner of selection and term of officials; and the chief function of the office or agency. Pending issuance of the general volume on county government, it is suggested that the reader consult the Inventory of the County Archives of Arkansas, No. 23, Faulkner County (Conway) for more detailed discussions than those found in this inventory.

This volume is divided into two parts. In the first, or general section, is a historical sketch of the county and an essay on the governmental organization of the county. In the second section are brief essays on the county offices and a listing of the records of these offices. The arrangement by functions is as follows: 1) General administration; 2) recording; 3) administration of justice; 4) finance; 5) elections; 6) education; 7) health and welfare, and 8) miscellaneous. The records are segregated under subject headings, according to office of origin or final deposit, unless other classification of the records is directed by law. Under agencies, records have been classified, so far as possible, according to the subjects with which they deal. They are described in entire whose style is formalized to give the following information:

Preface

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.

The inventory of the Jackson County archives was begun November 20, 1939, and completed in March 1941. This work was done by Ruth Dodd, unit foreman, and Pauline Owens, research checker, under the supervision of Joel H. Spragins and Rand Barker, District Supervisors of the Survey.

Work done in the State Office included the editing of forms, writing of entries, historical and legal research, writing and editing of essays, and publication of the volume. Maida Arnold, Irene Thibault, Tom J. Bransford, and Arthur Jones collaborated in writing the historical sketch, and the governmental organization and office essays. For completeness and accuracy of the technical work credit is due Albert A. Condray, forms editor; Mary H. Winburne, entries editor, and Virginia Farley, essay editor. The indexes were compiled by Carl E. Ott, and the cutting of stencils and publication of the volume was supervised by Maybelle Neighbors, Elizabeth Byrd, and Ida Stevens.

Guy P. Timboe, assistant editor, and Mable S. Brodie, editor in charge of public records inventories in the central office, examined the volume in final manuscript form and gave helpful editorial criticism. The administrative personnel of the Work Projects Administration, of Community Service Programs, and of Research and Records Programs have cooperated with the Survey in all phases of its program. The friendly counsel and suggestions of John C. L. Andreassen, Regional Supervisor of Historical Records Survey Projects, are gratefully acknowledged.

The Survey's official sponsor, its State-wide advisory board, and the Community Advisory Board of Jackson County contributed valuable assistance to the Project in the compilation and publication of this volume. Other contributing agencies were: The Arkansas History Commission; the Arkansas State Supreme Court Library; the Little Rock Public Library; the library of the Arkansas Secretary of State; the Arkansas State Library Commission; Arkansas Writers' Project, WPA; and the county officials of Jackson County.

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 inventories are numbered according to their position in an alphabetical list of the counties. Thus, the volume herewith presented, Jackson County, is No. 34.

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Former publications of the Survey have been distributed to State and local libraries, to a limited number of agencies outside the State, and to each county judge in Arkansas. Requests for information concerning any of the publications should be addressed to the State Supervisor, or to Dean H. M. Hosford, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

A. A. A.	Agricultural Adjustment Administration
A. Ark.	Acts of Arkansas
agt.	agent
admr.	administrator
alph.	alphabetical(ly)
amend.	amendment
app.	approved
Ark.	Arkansas Reports
arr.	arranged
art.	article
aver.	average
ba.	basement
chron.	chronological(ly)
cir.	circuit
clk.	clerk
co.	county
Const.	Constitution
Crim. Code	Criminal Code
deft.	defendant
dist.	district
ed.	edition, editor
est.	estimated
et al.	and others
f. d.	file drawer(s)
F. S. A.	Farm Security Administration
gdn.	guardian
h.	handwritten
hpf.	handwritten on printed form
hph.	handwritten under printed head
ibid.	ibidem (in the same place)
L. A. T.	Laws of Arkansas Territory
ms.	manuscript
mimeo. bul.	mimeographed bulletin
no(s).	number(s)
numer.	numerical(ly)
N. Y. A.	National Youth Administration
off.	office
op. cit.	opere citato (in the work cited)
pltf.	plaintiff
p(p).	page(s)
r.	range
rec.	recorder
Rev. Stat.	Revised Statutes
sec(s).	section(s)
sher.	sheriff
strg.	storage
t.	typed
Terr.	Territorial
tpf.	typed on printed form
treas.	treasurer
twp.	township

Abbreviations, Symbols, and Explanatory Notes

U. S. Stat. United States Statutes At Large
v. vault
vol(s). volume(s)
WPA Work Projects Administration

Symbols

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' foot, feet
" inch(es)
x by (dimensions)

Explanatory Notes

Titles of Records

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Dates

All dates used 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, in so far as possible.

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Description of Records

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Location of Records

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Cross References

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Citations

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

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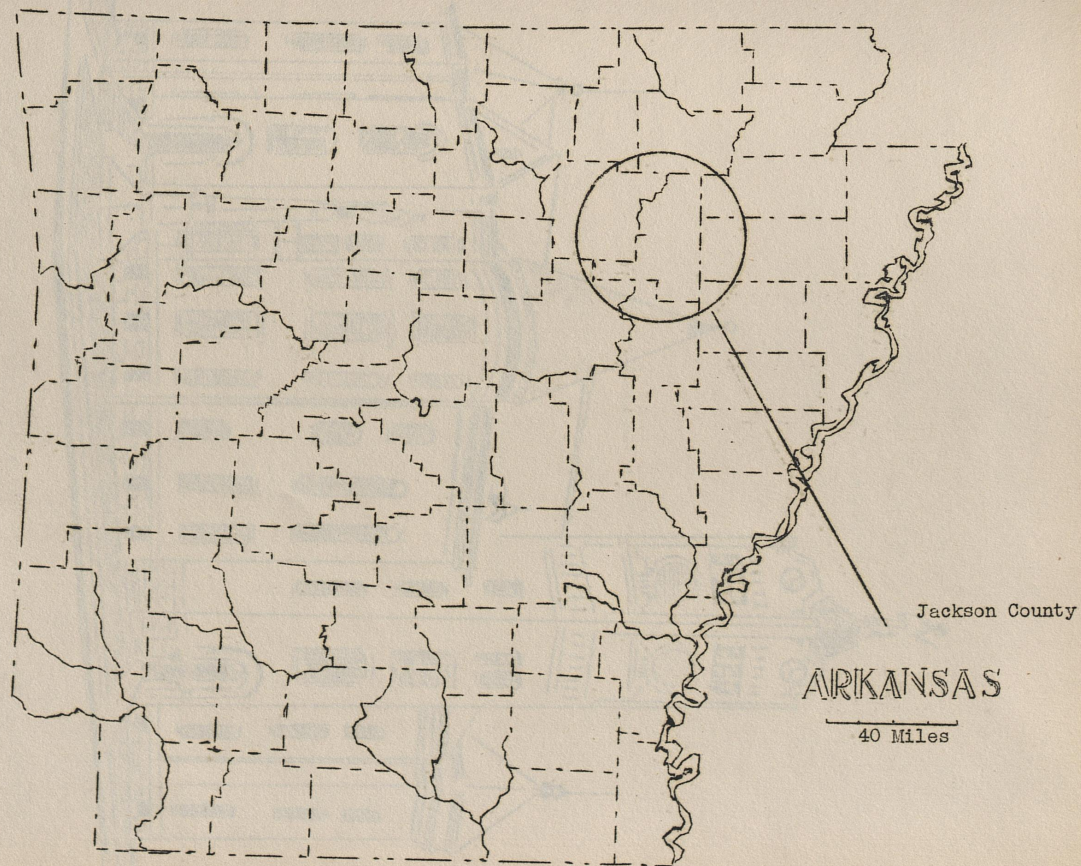
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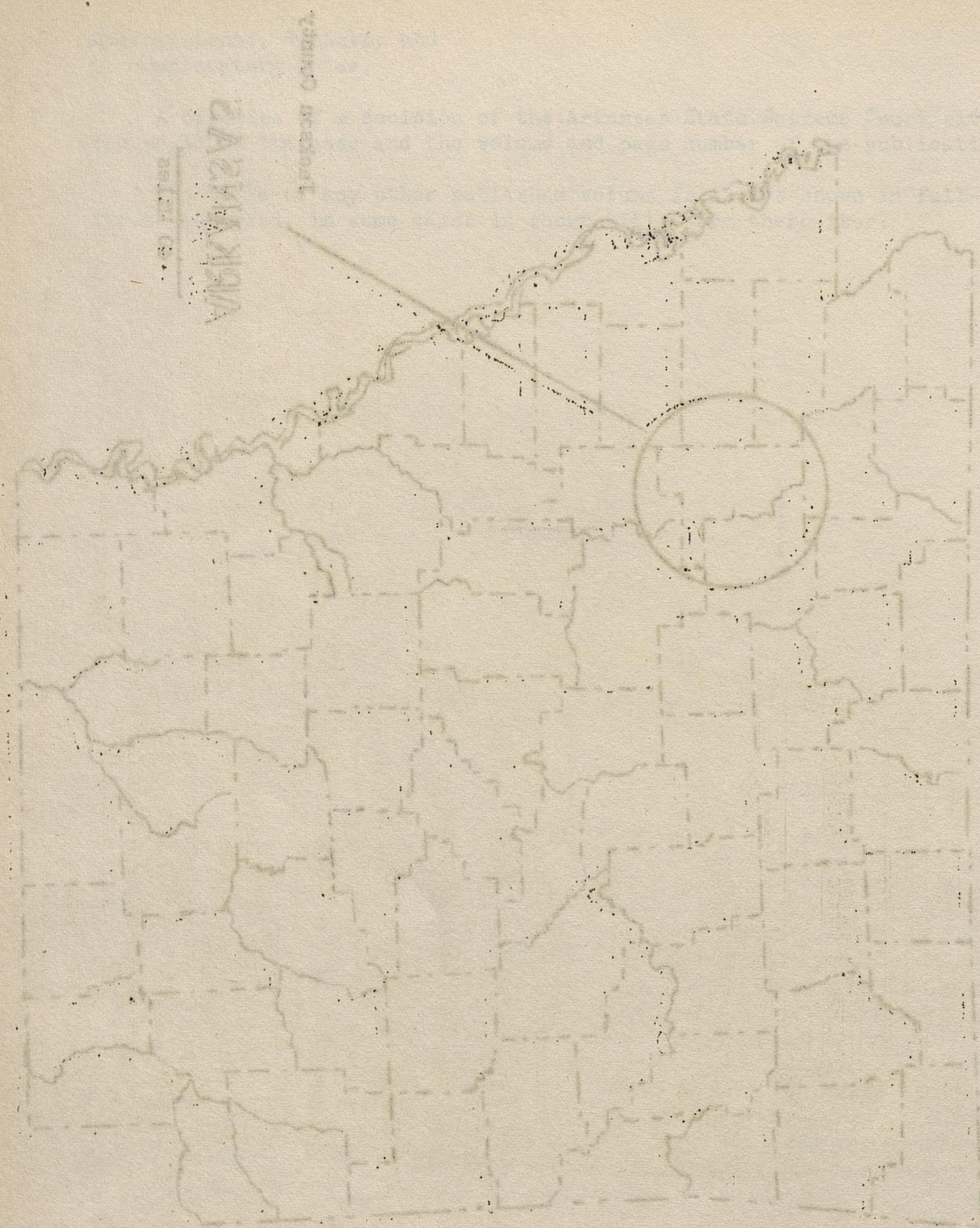
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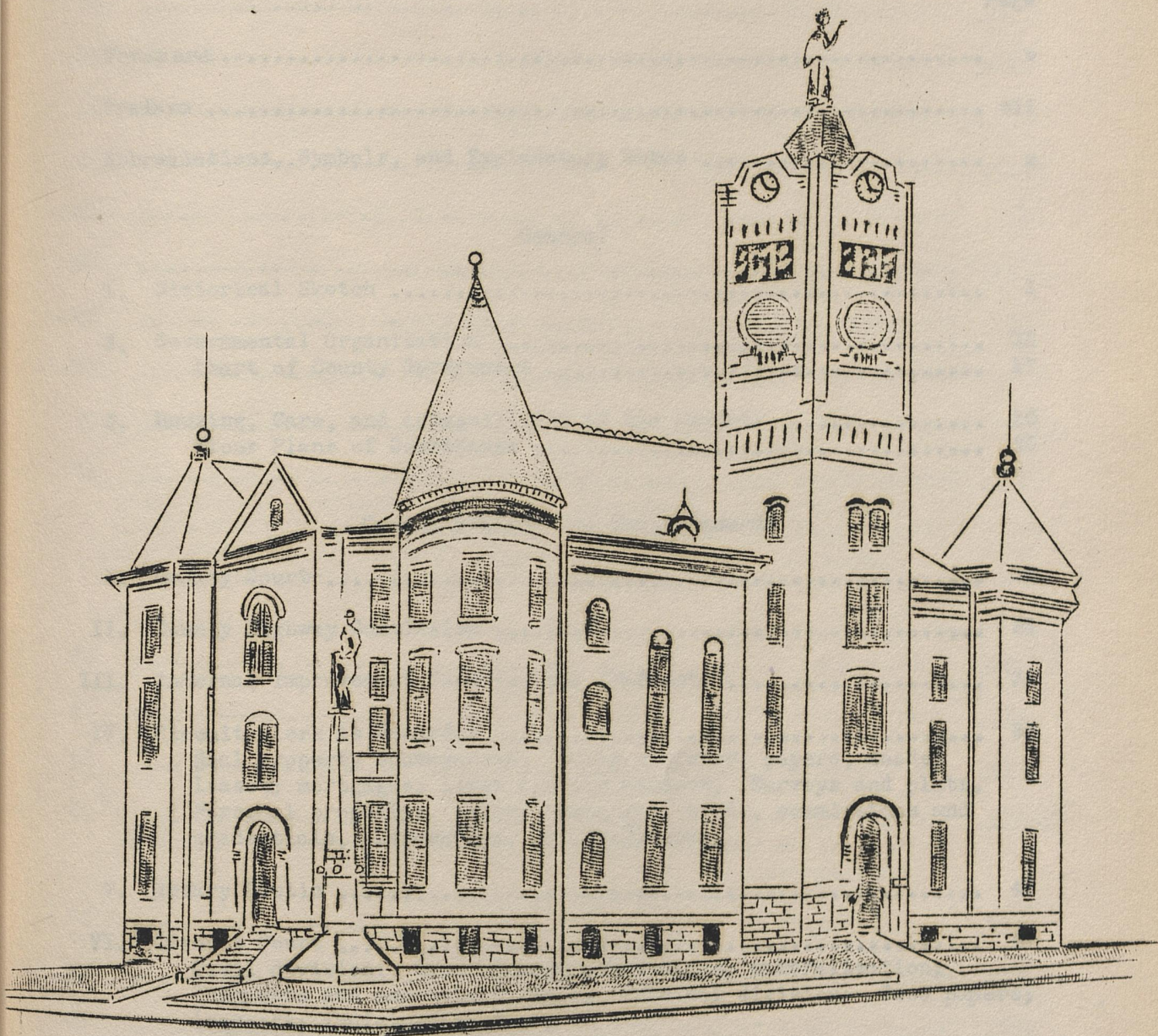
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Jackson County Courthouse - 1893



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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Physical Features

Jackson County, situated in the north central part of Arkansas, is bounded on the north by Lawrence County; on the east by Craighead, Poinsett, and Cross Counties; on the south by Woodruff and White; and on the west by Witt and Independence. (1) With the exception of a small area in the southwestern part which is in the rolling hills of the Arkansas Valley, the 637 square miles of the county lie in the fertile Mississippi Alluvial Plain. (2) In this comparatively level land, averaging 240 feet above sea level, is the confluence of two major Arkansas streams, the White and Black Rivers. The Black River forms half of the western boundary and empties into the larger stream near old Jacksonport. From there the White River winds in a southerly direction through the county. The Cache River drains the eastern part, and the interstream areas are traversed by numerous bayous. (3) Except in the river swamps where there are growths of cotton wood, tupelo, and cypress, the timber is chiefly cut-over forests of mixed bottomland hardwoods. (4)

The fertile alluvium in the river bottoms and abandoned stream channels, the small section of sandstone and shale in the southwestern portion, and the sandy loam covering the larger part of the county make possible a wide variety of agricultural products. (5) The county has a mean annual temperature of 61.1 degrees, varying from an average of 80 degrees in July to 40 degrees in January. The average precipitation of 47.78 inches and the long growing season of 216 days permit in many instances the growing of two crops in one season on the same land. (6)

Early Settlement

Following the first settlers who lived by hunting and trapping came a thrifty class of people, many of them the younger members of families of large estates east of the Mississippi. Some of them came to redeem their soldiers' grants, as may have been true of Thomas Wideman, whose home was the temporary county seat. Wideman, a man of education and ability, had been an officer in the Indian wars in Florida. His numerous services to Jackson County were recognized in the giving of his name to one of the first established townships. Many of the newcomers settled on the 30-mile-long ridge east of White River, safe from the overflows that menaced the river bottoms. Among these were M. B. McCoy, (7) who represented the county in the Fifth General Assembly, (8) Alvin and Robert McDonald, and Colonel Davis. (9) Land records show that as early as 1822, Jonathan Robinson, heir of James Robinson, entered 160 acres, perhaps as a soldier's land bounty. (10) He was the forerunner of the Robinson party that arrived sometime prior to 1831, the largest party of immigrants to settle in the county. (11) The caravan was composed of members, relatives, and friends of the Robinson family with their slaves, about two hundred in all. It included a surveyor, doctor, preacher, teacher, lawyer, and craftsman, and was well equipped with cattle, horses, wagons, tools, and provisions. Having left broad-acred

farms in the southern States, they entered extensive tracts of the cheap fertile land and built comfortable homes. (12) During the thirties and forties John Robinson acquired the largest holdings amounting to 1,205 acres purchased at \$1.25 an acre. (13) Members of the Robinson family came to hold positions among the leading citizens in civic, financial, social, and religious affairs, serving in both county and State offices. John Robinson, represented the county in the first Constitutional Constitutional Convention. (14) Many descendants of these families are in this section of the State today.

Organization and Development of the County Government

Jackson County, the twenty-third in order of formation, (15) was created by the Sixth Territorial Legislature, November 5, 1829, from a portion of Independence County. (16) It was named in honor of President Andrew Jackson from Tennessee, which was the native State of many of the settlers. (17) Following its creation the county underwent several boundary alterations until it assumed its present outline. In 1835 part of Jackson County was taken to form White County, (18) and a year later Jackson received a small portion of land from Independence County. (19) In 1851 all that portion of St. Francis County lying west of Cache River was made a part of Jackson. (20) The last change occurred in 1862 when a large part of Woodruff County was carved from the southern portion of Jackson County. (21)

The Territorial Legislature provided that the temporary seat of justice should be located in the home of Thomas Wideman, a few miles east of Litchfield. (22) There the county court held its first recorded meeting, July 12, 1830, presided over by Hiram Glass. (23) County Government was administered also by John C. Saylor, clerk; Isaac Gray, sheriff; and Mark Copeland, coroner. (24) The next year the legislature authorized the county to elect commissioners to locate a permanent county seat (25), and their choice, Litchfield, served as the seat of justice until 1839. It was then that a new body of commissioners accepting the donation of Noadiah Marsh and Aaron Lyon of a block of land suitable for a public square in Elizabeth, a town about half-way between Jacksonport and the later town of Newport, moved the county seat to that site. (26) Plans for a courthouse in the new location specified that the building should be of brick, two stories high with two rooms on each floor (27), but efforts to move the county seat again caused the court to order the suspension of work on all public buildings. (28) Finally on April 13, 1842, the building commissioners reported to the court the completion of a frame courthouse in the town of Elizabeth by the contractor James J. Waddill. (29)

Because of the flood of 1844, efforts were made in 1847 to relocate the county seat (30) "at the most desirable place on high ground, regardless of expense." Commissioners were elected for this purpose and on July 14, 1851, they reported the selection of Augusta. (31) County records were moved to the new location and stored in a house designed to be used as a temporary courthouse. Almost at once, however, petitions were presented to the court asking for another removal. (32) An election was held and in the summer of 1853 the commissioners selected the

Historical Sketch

flourishing river town, Jacksonport, as the county seat, a decision promptly accepted by the court. (33)

For a number of years only rented quarters were used in Jacksonport for the county officers, but in January 1857 a petition was presented to the court asking that a special tax be levied for the purpose of building a courthouse. (34) Action on the matter was delayed, however, and by the outbreak of the Civil War the only step taken was the assessment of a special tax of $2\frac{1}{2}$ mills on the taxable property for the year 1861 for a courthouse building fund. (35) The tax was levied, but in 1866 the sheriff reported that the entire amount collected, \$4,755.16, had been paid out by him in obedience to the orders of the court to equip military companies and to support the families of the soldiers. (36) After the war various makeshift quarters were used (37) until 1872 when a new courthouse, a two-story brick structure, completed to the satisfaction of the county court, was received from J. H. Schnable, contractor. (38)

For many years Jacksonport held the county seat honor without contest, but after Newport came into existence through the building of the Cairo and Fulton Railroad, efforts were made to remove the county seat to the newer town. In 1882 the requisite number of electors petitioned for the removal to Newport and 4 years later the effort was repeated. (39) The final battle for the removal commenced on August 25, 1891 when a petition was presented offering as an inducement certain lots donated by Elbert I. Watson and Ottis [six] N. Scarborough. (40) At an election called for the next month, the vote was for removal. (41) Accordingly, a courthouse was built in Newport by contractor George H. Johnson for \$44,196 (42) and with the completion of part of the building in December 1892, the court ordered that the county seat be removed to that city. (43) In 1939 the structure was enlarged and remodeled. (44)

Transportation

Beginning with its first meeting, the county court issued orders at various sessions to review and lay out roads (45), but in a raw land such work was slow. When the Robinson party came into Arkansas through Memphis, Tennessee, they sent a surveying party ahead to open a way through the unbroken forests. Trees were felled to make bridges for the smaller streams and rafts for the rivers. (46) Tanner's map of Arkansas for 1836 indicates a road, perhaps little more than a trail, beginning at Memphis and running north and west through Litchfield and Batesville. (47) By 1850 another road is shown running from Davidsonville south through Elizabeth to Augusta, the prospective county seat. (48) In 1857 a post road was established from Jacksonport via Powhatan to Pocahontas in Randolph County. (49) These dirt roads through sand and swamp were practically impassable for many years (50), but during that time the river was the real highway. As early as 1831 the first steamboat reached Elizabeth bringing mail, freight, and passengers, and for many years thereafter river traffic led in importance. (51)

A gradual decline in river transportation began in 1873 when the Cairo and Fulton Railroad was completed from St. Louis through Jackson.

County to Little Rock. Owned later by the Iron Mountain Railroad, today it forms part of the main line of the Missouri Pacific. (52) In 1879 a railroad was begun in Brinkley which eventually became the White and Black River Valley Railroad extending from Brinkley through Newport to Jacksonport, a distance of 58 miles. For a number of years this railroad, locally known as "Jude," contributed to the development of this section of the State, but in recent years its operation has been unprofitable, and in 1940 the line was abandoned. (53) A railroad built in 1883 from the town of Diaz, just north of Newport, to Batesville is now merged with the White River Division of the Missouri Pacific. A branch line of the St. Louis-San Francisco has a terminus at Algoa, a few miles southwest of Newport. The entire railroad mileage in Jackson County in 1935, including the Brinkley-Newport road, was 61. (54)

With the use of cars and busses, a modern system of highways has been developed. Foremost is Federal Highway No. 67 traversing the county from northeast to southwest, a distance of 37.6 miles. Eight State highways, the most of which are graveled, make a total of 154.6 miles of road under the State Highway Commission. In 1935 there were 626 miles of county roads. (55)

Organized Religion

Most of the early records of organized religion in Jackson County have been lost, but there is little doubt that Protestant ministers followed the early settlers into the new territory and established churches as soon as congregations could be mustered. The first church organized was probably the one founded at Elizabeth in 1833 by the Reverend Dr. Daniel L. Gray, a Presbyterian divine who had come to Arkansas Territory the previous year. A second Presbyterian church, known as Walnut Woods, was founded in 1845 and a third at Jacksonport in 1848. (56) Although the census of 1850 listed no churches in the county, there were probably organizations in existence, for in 1852 there was a well-established Batesville, Jacksonport, and Searcy Circuit of the Methodist Church. (57) An Episcopal service was held by the Right Reverend Henry Champlin Lay in Jacksonport in 1859, although there is no census record of an Episcopal church in the county at that time. (58) The census of 1870 reported a total of 17 churches, namely, 3 Baptist, 8 Methodist, 3 Presbyterian, and 3 Union churches. (59) The first Catholic Church in Jackson County, St. John's, was founded at Newport in 1896. (60)

The religious census of 1906 listed organizations in most of the leading congregations. The Baptist church had the largest membership, followed by the Methodist. (61) In 1941 the largest churches in the county were the Baptist, Church of Christ, and Methodist. (62)

Education

There are no records of any attempt to provide education in Jackson County for the first two decades of its existence, although there were doubtless private tutors and subscription schools at an early date. It is not until 1850 that statistics are available; at that date the census

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reports that there were 3 public schools in the county with a total attendance of 125 pupils. (63) During the early years some of the young people may have gone up the river to attend the Batesville Academy which was established as early as 1836. (64) In 1870 the public schools enrolled 665 white students and 151 Negroes. (65) This low attendance was due partly to the fact that the well-to-do planter of the sixties and seventies saw no value in free, public instruction. He brought in tutors for his children and sent them to colleges and seminaries in Tennessee and other southern States. (66) Unlike his contemporaries, Franklin Doswell, a highly educated and brilliant lawyer, worked for free education until he saw public schools in operation, attended by children of all classes. (67) As county examiner for 10 years, he laid the foundation of the school system in Jackson County. In his report in 1886, he commented on the slow growth of public endorsement of free schools, which was then not strong enough to impel the directors to perform their full duty. But the teachers were more efficient, he wrote, and better school houses were being constructed so that winter terms might be held. (68) In recognition of his service to education, a number of schools in the county have been named for Doswell.

Small private academies were opened before the public schools were well established. One of these, the Auvergne Academy founded by Dr. D.W. Bristol in 1885 at the request of the leading citizens, is said to have been an educational center for Jackson and neighboring counties. (69)

In 1900 about 64 percent of the children were attending school but the school term remained low, averaging not quite 4 months. In that year public education was supplemented by a small school, the Franklin Doswell Institute of Newport. For about 10 years it was the leading school in the town. (70)

A number of improvements were made in the school system during the next 40 years. By 1938 the school term had been lengthened to 161 days for white children and 155 for Negroes. The number of districts had been cut to 36, containing 56 white and 13 colored schools. The enrollment had increased to 71 percent of the enumerates for white children and 74 percent for Negroes. (71) In the 1939-40 term the enrollment of white children reached 78.3 percent. The assessed valuation of the property taxable for school purposes was \$4,911,297. (72) Newport had a modern school system with a high school belonging to the North Central Association. The Tuckerman High School was graded A. (73)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Levees and Drainage

For many years large areas in Jackson County were subject to periodic inundation, a condition that seriously affected the economic development. In 1844 the county seat, Elizabeth, was wiped out by a sudden flood. (74) Again in 1891 great damage was done by flood waters. (75) In 1915 the White River went over its banks, washing out the causeway of Lake Newport and damaging the water and light plants at Newport. (76) Even greater damage was sustained during the flood of

In early days the planters, singly and in groups, built dikes with slave labor around the plantations, but it was not until 1907 that drainage was made a county problem. In response to a petition of several citizens in August 1907, the county court appointed a civil engineer and three viewers of a proposed ditching district. (78) Since that date great sums of money have been spent in the construction of barriers against the rivers. (79) By 1939, 17 drainage districts had been formed within the county and several others in cooperation with adjoining counties. (80) Newport is now protected in its industrial section by a concrete wall. (81)

Manufacturing

In pioneer days, Jackson County manufactured only the goods necessary for the welfare of local communities. In 1840 the county produced small quantities of lumber, brick, soap, lime, leather, cotton goods, furs, skins, carriages, wagons, and furniture. Although secondary to agriculture, the industrial output totaled \$29,472, thus ranking the county fifth in the State in this respect. (82) By the outbreak of the Civil War the value of goods manufactured annually had reached \$76,500. Seven establishments employed 40 men who were paid about \$15,000 annually. (83) The Civil War brought such work to an abrupt halt and by the time of the next census the output was very nearly the same as in the preceding decade. (84)

Following the construction of the Cairo and Fulton Railroad through the county, those goods which had formerly been manufactured on a small scale were shipped in with the result that in 1880 there were only 9 establishments employing 43 persons. The total value of the finished products of the factories was \$17,250. (85) A 50 percent increase in the population between 1880 and 1890 undoubtedly accounts for a great part of the increase in the value of manufactures during that time. A total of \$485,895 worth of goods was produced in 1890 by 14 plants employing 281 men. (86)

Commencing about 1895 a unique industry was started through the discovery of a pearl in a mussel shell. The pearl hunters soon found that the shells could be made into a profitable side line and button factories were established. At its peak this industry brought the fishermen \$300,000 for pearls and \$120,000 for the shells. The first World War brought the business to an end, but attempts are being made to rehabilitate it. (87)

In 1940 Jackson County had 18 manufacturing concerns, employing 176 persons at the total annual wages of \$98,281. The value of the products plus the value added by manufacture totaled \$1,598,009. (88) These factories included lumber mills, cottonseed oil mills, canning factories, included lumber mills, cottonseed oil mills, canning factories, wood working plants, and gravel plants (89)

Agriculture

Agriculture has been the prime industry of the county since the days when the first settlers were attracted by the two-crop soil. In

1840 Jackson County produced cotton, wheat, oats, corn, potatoes, tobacco, wool, dairy products, and poultry in quantities that met the needs of the 1,540 residents. (90) In 1850 the census reported that 10,319 acres of improved land valued at \$239,832 produced 870 bales of cotton, 2,153 bushels of Irish potatoes, and 9,871 bushels of sweet potatoes. The livestock included 914 horses, 106 asses and mules, 1,549 milch cows, 417 working oxen, 384 sheep, and 14,224 swine. (91)

With increasing population, the agricultural products increased up to the Civil War, especially cotton and corn, amounting respectively in 1860 to 10,483 bales and 332,165 bushels. The cash value of the farms had increased tenfold to \$2,063,231. (92) Owing to loss in territory in the county and the depressing effects of the war, the acreage of cultivated land in 1870 was only half that of 1860, and the valuation fell to \$648,361. Livestock holding were reduced; cotton production fell to 3,996 bales, and corn to 115,215 bushels. (93)

By 1890 Jackson County had once again established itself as one of the most productive counties in the State. Agricultural products for that year included 12,594 bales of cotton, 368,131 bushels of corn, 21,779 bushels of Irish potatoes, 15,515 bushels of sweet potatoes, and 13,447 bushels of oats. Holding of domestic animals included 3,163 horses, 1,843 mules, 1,320 sheep, and 25,228 swine. (94) The total valuation of the farms, which contained 196,309 acres of improved land, was estimated at \$2,125,510. By 1930 Jackson County had taken its place as one of the rich cotton counties of the State with high rank also in the production of corn and mules. (95) In order of the average value of farm products it stood sixth among the counties of the State. (96)

The last half century has seen only one major addition to the agricultural products. Rice was first grown in Jackson County in 1914 by A. J. Gotz, and since then the production has developed so steadily that by 1939 almost 15 million pounds of rice were harvested Arkansas

Gazette. September 8, 1939, a threefold increase since 1935. (97) Farms in 1939 totaled 281,526 acres valued at \$8,571,252. The county produced 33,156 bales of cotton, 668,227 bushels of corn, 46,735 bushels Irish potatoes, 19,496 bushels of sweet potatoes, 185,046 chickens, 478,541 dozen eggs, and the rice mentioned above. Livestock holdings amounted to 2,064 horses and mules, 6,395 cows and heifers, 16,040 swine, and 877 sheep. (98) The 1940 crop of cotton amounted to 39,950 bales. (99)

The assessed valuation of personal and real property in Jackson County in 1939 was \$5,166,775. The highest valuation in recent years was \$7,965,152 in 1930. (1)

Population

When Jackson County was formed its population totaled only 333, but within a decade the number had risen to 1,540 including 276 slaves. (2) At the outbreak of the Civil War the population had reached 10,493, of which 2,536 were Negroes. (3) In 1870 the total number of people was only 7,268, (4) a decrease that was probably due to the formation of

Woodruff County in 1862. (5) By 1880 the population was approximately the same as it had been before the Civil War, and by 1890 it had increased 50 percent, amounting to 15,179 persons. (6) Continued increases brought the population to 18,383 in 1900, 25,446 in 1920, and 27,943 in 1930. (7) In 1940 the population was 26,427. (8)

The early inhabitants were principally of Anglo-saxon extraction as their names indicate. (9) In 1930 the percentage of native white was 81; foreign born, .2; and Negroes 18.8. (10) At the last census, about 84 percent of the population was classed as rural. (11)

The towns of Jackson County have had a steady growth with the exception of Jacksonport, the former county seat, which, as an active trading center in the days of steamboating, boasted a population of 1,600. (12) In 1940 there were 215 people in the town. Newport rose steadily from 683 in 1880 to 4,547 in 1930. In 1940 the population was 4,321. (13)

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GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The county is a political subdivision of the State, created and existing as an agent for the State in matters of taxation, the administration of justice and law enforcement, and to discharge some functions of self-government. (1)

The county, through the county judge, exercises jurisdiction in the management of county-owned real and personal property; the construction, repair, and maintenance of public buildings, roads, and bridges; the levying and collecting of taxes; the appropriation of funds to meet county expenses; and the care of the poor, persons of unsound mind, minors, and orphans; as well as other matters of local concern. (2) The county supports and maintains prisoners, may support other public charges, (3), and also may contract for the services of prisoners. (4)

The county recorder maintains a record of instruments conveying title to or imposing liens upon real and personal property. (5)

The judicial power is vested in the circuit, chancery, probate and justice of the peace courts. (6) The Arkansas State Supreme Court has appellate and supervisory jurisdiction over all the lower courts. (7) The circuit court has jurisdiction in all civil and criminal cases where exclusive jurisdiction is not vested in some other court. It has appellate jurisdiction and supervisory control over the county court, and justice of the peace courts. (8) The chancery court is vested with exclusive original jurisdiction in all equity matters. (9) Jurisdiction over the estates of deceased persons, and the persons and estates of minors and incompetents is exercised by the probate court. (10) A justice of the peace court has original jurisdiction in all matters of contract or damage to personal property where the amount in controversy does not exceed \$100, exclusive of interest. In criminal cases the justice of the peace court functions as an examining court and may commit, discharge, or recognize offenders to the court having jurisdiction, for trial. (11) Juvenile courts were established in 1911 for the benefit and protection of dependent and delinquent children. (12)

Investigations of criminal cases and the official conduct and records of public officials and institutions may be conducted by the grand jury which may return indictments, and recommend reforms that do not conflict with existing laws. (13) Trial by jury is the constitutional right of all persons charged with a criminal offense. A jury may be demanded or waived in all cases. (14) After an indictment has been returned by the grand jury (15), or information filed by the prosecuting attorney (16), the accused is brought to trial before a petit or trial jury. (17) Inquests to establish the cause of violent deaths are conducted by the coroner. (18)

The prosecuting attorney and his deputy defend all suits against the county, both civil and criminal. (19)

The county conserves the peace through the sheriff, coroner, and constables, any one of whom may apprehend alleged malefactors, and serve

warrants, writs, and other processes upon persons residing or found within the county. (20) 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. (21) A defendant, upon having been found guilty of a crime by a court of competent jurisdiction, is again placed in the custody of the sheriff, who is responsible for the execution of the sentence. (22)

The county's revenue is derived from the general property tax (23), the issuance of licenses (24), the filing and recording of instruments (25), a share of the gasoline tax (26), and excise tax on marketed natural resources produced within the county (27), a per capita road tax (28), a general improvement tax (29), as well as from fines, penalties, forfeitures and judgments imposed, adjudged or rendered in favor of the county by the courts. (30)

Tax levies for the maintenance of the State government, county government, municipal government, and school districts within the county are set by the quorum court. From this levy the amount of tax required to be paid by each property owner is computed. Taxpayers are authorized to pay their taxes in installments. (31) Discrepancies in the amount of an assessment are adjusted by the county board of equalization. (32) All funds payable to the county that are collected by its several officials are paid into the county treasury. Funds so collected and belonging to other governmental sub-divisions are distributed by the treasurer. County funds, which are appropriated by the quorum court, are expended through the issuance of warrants by the county clerk in payment of claims which have been audited and approved by the county court. (33) All financial offices of the county are audited periodically by the State Comptroller as ex officio county auditor. (34) The county through the county clerk keeps a complete and permanent record of every transaction. (35)

• Any citizen of the United States who has attained 21 years of age and has resided in the State 12 months, in the county 6 months, in the same precinct, town or ward 1 month, next preceding any election, and has a poll tax receipt, is a qualified elector in Arkansas. Aliens and persons convicted of felony are deprived of right of franchise. (36) Candidates for public office must be electors, and must not have fought or participated in a duel for a period of 10 years prior to the date of the election. An atheist is denied the right to hold office in Arkansas. (37) General elections are held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year. (38) All general and special elections for the election of State or county officers, or balloting upon State or local legislation, are conducted by the county board of election commissioners, who establish precincts, adjusting their size in accordance with the number of electors within the area. This board selects judges for each voting precinct, furnishes all necessary supplies, and canvasses and certifies the election returns. (39) In the event of a vacancy in the office of United States Senator, and in all elective State, district, circuit, county, and township offices except those of Lieutenant Governor, member of the General Assembly, and Representative in the Congress of the United States, the Governor appoints a

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person to fill the unexpired term. Persons so appointed are prohibited from succeeding themselves. (40)

The county, through the county court and county examiners of schools, supervises and directs the formation of school districts and boundary line changes of existing districts (41), levies and collects school taxes (42), conducts school elections (43), acts as custodian of school funds, disburses these funds by warrants drawn by school district authorities (44), enforces the rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Department of Education, furnishes the department with necessary statistical data concerning the county school system (45), and authorizes the county textbook board to supervise and distribute free textbooks to the schools. (46) The county cooperates with the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, University of Arkansas, in providing education in agriculture and home economics. (47)

The county participates with the Arkansas State Board of Health and the United States Public Health Service in the maintenance of a carefully planned public health program. (48) In the administration of direct relief the county department of public welfare serves as agent for the State and Federal Governments in the various phases of relief administration. (49) The county cooperates with State and Federal authorities in the treatment and quarantine of contagious or infectious diseases of animals, eradication of cattle ticks, and burning of carcasses. (50) Marks and brands of livestock and timber marks may be recorded. (51) Inspection of weights, measures, and scales is authorized. (52) The county directs the organization of improvement districts for drainage (53), flood protection (54), and fencing. (55) Public and private boundary lines may be surveyed and established by the county surveyor. (56)

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- (1) Eagle et al. v. Beard et al., (1878), 33 Ark. 601.
 - (2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 28.
 - (3) A. Ark., 1851, p. 99; 1923, p. 249.
 - (4) Ibid., 1939, p. 273.
 - (5) Rev. Stat., p. 654; A. Ark., 1887, p. 143; 1921, p. 574; see entries 7-41.
 - (6) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 1.
 - (7) Ibid., sec. 4.
 - (8) Ibid., secs. 11, 14.
 - (9) A. Ark., 1899, p. 29.
 - (10) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. 1, 34.
 - (11) Ibid., sec. 40.
 - (12) A. Ark., 1911, p. 167; Underwood v. Farrell, (1927), 185, Ark. 219.
 - (13) Crim. Code, secs., 99-106, 401-406; A. Ark., 1927, p. 1185.
 - (14) Const. 1874, art. II, sec. 7.
 - (15) Rev. Stat., p. 306.
 - (16) Const. 1874, amend. XXI, app. Nov. 3, 1936.
 - (17) Rev. Stat., p. 306.
 - (18) Ibid., p. 195.
 - (19) Ibid., pp. 131-133, 295.

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- (20) Ibid., p. 728.
- (21) Const. 1874, art. II, sec. 8; A. Ark., 1875, p. 10; Crim. Code, 1869, sec. 79.
- (22) Rev. Stat., p. 311.
- (23) A. Ark., 1883, p. 208.
- (24) Ibid., 1883, p. 210.
- (25) Ibid., 1933, p. 489.
- (26) Ibid., 1935, p. 452.
- (27) Ibid., 1923, p. 68.
- (28) Ibid., 1913, p. 864.
- (29) Ibid., 1921, p. 574.
- (30) Ibid., 1883, p. 199.
- (31) Ibid., 1935, p. 777.
- (32) Ibid., 1929, II, 864.
- (33) Rev. Stat., p. 227.
- (34) A. Ark., 1931, p. 210.
- (35) Ibid., 1883, p. 260.
- (36) Const. 1874, art. III, sec. 1; amend. VIII, 1920.
- (37) Const. 1874, art. II, secs. 1-3.
- (38) A. Ark., 1927, II, 1187.
- (39) Ibid., 1891, p. 32; 1931, p. 1118; 1935, p. 427.
- (40) Const. 1874, amend. XXIX, app. Nov. 8, 1938.
- (41) A. Ark., 1931, p. 504.
- (42) Ibid., p. 555.
- (43) Ibid., 1935, p. 68.
- (44) Ibid., 1931, p. 558.
- (45) Ibid., p. 494.
- (46) Ibid., 1937, p. 1100.
- (47) Ibid., pp. 204, 961.
- (48) Arkansas State Board of Health, Report, 1940; A. Ark., 1929, II, 1926.
- (49) A. Ark., 1935, p. 56; ibid., 1937, p. 152; ibid., 1939, pp. 256, 672.
- (50) Ibid., 1928, p. 662.
- (51) Rev. Stat. p. 704; A. Ark., 1901, p. 203.
- (52) A. Ark., 1913, p. 1057.
- (53) A. Ark., 1911, p. 193; 1921, p. 391.
- (54) Ibid., 1879, p. 117; 1891, p. 297.
- (55) Ibid., 1899, p. 166.
- (56) Ibid., 1909, p. 180.

- (50) Laws of 1938, p. 212.
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Offices shown in circles created by Constitution.

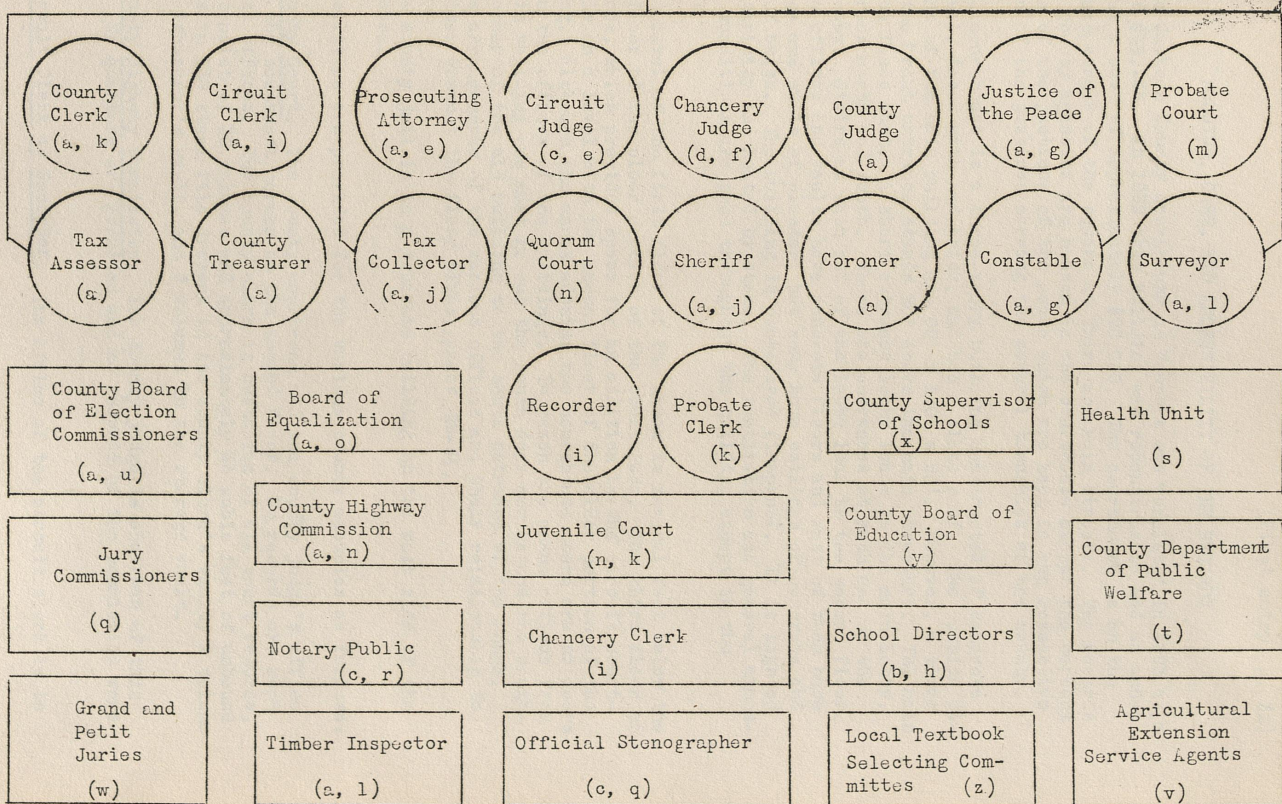
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- (a) Two-year term of office.
- (b) Three-year term of office.
- (c) Four-year term of office.
- (d) Six-year term of office.
- (e) Elected by and for all counties in third judicial circuit, consisting of Jackson, Independence, and Lawrence Counties.
- (f) Elected by and for all counties in eighth chancery circuit, consisting of Jackson, Cleburne, Filton, Independence, Izard, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp and Stone Counties.
- (g) Elected by and for political townships.
- (h) Elected by voters of school districts.
- (i) Circuit clerk is ex officio recorder and chancery clerk.
- (j) Sheriff is ex officio tax collector.
- (k) County clerk is ex officio clerk of the probate and juvenile courts, and of the Board of Equalization.
- (l) Surveyor is ex officio timber inspector.
- (m) Chancery judge presiding.
- (n) County judge presiding.
- (o) Appointed by quorum court.
- (p) Appointed by county judge.
- (q) Appointed by circuit judge.
- (r) Appointed by Governor.
- (s) Appointed by Arkansas State Board of Health.
- (t) Appointed by Arkansas State Board of Public Welfare.
- (u) Appointed by Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners.
- (v) Appointed by University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture.
- (w) Jury venires selected by jury commission.
- (x) Appointed by County Board of Education for 1 or 2 years, subject to re-employment.
- (y) Five members, terms range from 1 to 5 years.
- (z) Appointed by board of school directors.

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JACKSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT, 1942

THE ELECTORATE



HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The Jackson County courthouse at Newport was completed in 1893 at a cost of \$44,196. In 1939 this building was reconstructed and an annex added at a cost of approximately \$90,000. The courthouse is on the southwest corner of the square at Third and Main Streets. The records of all county agencies are housed in the courthouse except the current records of the justices of the peace which are kept in the respective offices of the justices serving the several townships of the county.

The courthouse is a three-story building constructed of concrete and steel, faced with red brick, and has a slate roof. The outside dimensions of the main building are 96' x 120' x 60'. However, a tower above the front entrance stands 20' above the main structure. The main entrance faces east. A short entrance lobby leads to the main lobby, which runs north and south. There are entrances at each end of the main lobby. Stairs at each end of the lobby lead to the second floor. All the offices and vaults have concrete floors and most of them have ceilings and walls of plaster, but some have ceilings of concrete and walls of brick. The building is considered fireproof. It is lighted by electricity and heated by steam. The ventilation and general atmospheric conditions are good throughout the building except in the vaults.

The level of the first floor of the annex is several feet below the first floor of the older portion of the courthouse. The third floor of the annex, which provides space for an addition to the circuit courtroom, is on a level with the second floor of the older portion of the building. Although the annex adjoins the courthouse there are no doors between the offices of the buildings. To reach the annex offices from the main building one must go out the south door and around the southwest corner of the old building to the south entrance of the annex. For the arrangements of the various offices and their relationship to each other consult the floor plans, pages 28-31.

The county jail is in a separate building on the west side of the courthouse.

Facilities are provided for the various county agencies as follows:

County Court. The county courtroom and the county judge's office are in the southeast corner on the second floor. No records are kept in these offices. The county clerk is custodian of all court records, which consist of 30 volumes and approximately 43 cubic feet of unbound records in 130 steel file drawers in the county clerk's vault; 1 volume in the treasurer's vault, and 3 volumes in the storage vault.

County Highway Commission. The county judge is chairman of this group. No quarters are provided and no records of the commission were found.

Circuit Clerk as Recorder. The office of the circuit clerk is in

the northwest corner of the main building. Convenient steel shelving, counters, and desks are provided to facilitate the handling of current records in daily use. The recorder's records consist of 233 volumes and 3.5 cubic feet of unbound records which are stored in his vault; 2 volumes and 44 cubic feet of unbound records in steel and wood containers in the circuit clerk's vault; 31 volumes and 8.6 cubic feet of unbound records in the storage vault; 8 cubic feet of unbound records in the circuit clerk's office; and 1 volume and approximately .2 cubic feet of unbound records in the county clerk's vault.

The recorder's vault, measuring 13' x 13' x 15' 3", is adjacent to the circuit clerk and recorder. It contains records of the recorder, the circuit court, chancery court, and probate court. There are approximately 400 feet of steel roller shelving containing 243 volumes of bound records and 94 steel file drawers containing approximately 67.4 cubic feet of unbound records. Access to the vault is through a steel door off the corridor connecting the offices of the circuit clerk and the county clerk. A second steel door connects this vault with the vault of the circuit clerk, which adjoins it on the south. Ventilation is poor, and a drop light provides only fair illumination. One table and two chairs are provided for the accommodation of the users of the records. The vault is crowded; however, the oldest of the non-current records are moved to the storage vault from time to time to make space for new records.

Notary Public. The county does not provide office space for the notaries public.

Circuit Court. The courtroom occupies the central part of the west side of the second floor of the main building and the third floor of the annex. It is well equipped for the holding of the courts. Atmospheric and lighting conditions are good. No additional space or equipment is needed. The circuit judge's office adjoins the courtroom in the northwest corner of the main building. No records are kept in the courtroom or office. The circuit court records are in the custody of the circuit clerk and consist of 64 cubic feet of unbound documents and 48 volumes in the circuit clerk's vault; 33.5 cubic feet of unbound papers and 6 volumes in the recorder's vault; 2.5 cubic feet of unbound records and 76 volumes in the storage vault.

The circuit clerk's vault, measuring 13' x 24' x 15' 3", is located midway between the offices of the circuit clerk and the county clerk. It contains records of the circuit court, chancery court, recorder, and county clerk. It has approximately 400 linear feet of wood and steel shelving in which are stored 283 volumes of bound records. Steel file drawers, cardboard file boxes, and wooden pigeon holes contain 187.4 cubic feet of unbound records. Access to the vault is through two steel doors opening off an inside corridor and a third steel door which connects it with the recorder's vault. Ventilation is poor and the drop lights provide only fair lighting. A table and two chairs are provided to accommodate the users of the records.

Jury Commission. The jury room is located in the southwest corner on the second floor of the main building. There is plenty of space; it is well lighted, ventilated, and equipped. The jury commission's records are filed with the circuit clerk. See entry 57.

Chancery Court. Chancery court is held in the circuit courtroom. Records of the court are kept by the circuit clerk in his ex officio capacity of chancery clerk. They consist of 79.4 cubic feet of unbound documents and 118 volumes in the circuit clerk's vault; 35 volumes and 1 cubic foot of unbound papers in the storage vault; and 3 volumes and 4.4 cubic feet of unbound papers in the recorder's vault.

Probate Court. Probate Court is held in the circuit courtroom. The records are in the custody of the probate clerk and consist of approximately 12 cubic feet of unbound papers and 64 volumes in the county clerk's vault; 26 cubic feet of unbound documents in the recorder's vault; and 15 volumes in the storage vault.

Juvenile Court. Juvenile court is held in the county courtroom. The county clerk, as clerk of the juvenile court, is custodian of the records, which consist of three volumes in the county clerk's vault.

Justices of the Peace. Jackson County does not provide quarters for the justices of the peace. Their courts are held in the respective townships they serve. Their current records are in the several townships. Non-current records consist of 22 volumes in the storage vault and 3 volumes in the sheriff's vault. Three volumes of current records are in the office of Garfield Rutledge, justice of the peace.

Prosecuting Attorney. This official has two offices on the south side of the second floor of the main building. One is a large outer office and the other is a smaller private office adjoining. No records are kept in these offices.

Sheriff. The sheriff's and collector's office is to the right of the main entrance on the first floor. The sheriff's records consist of five volumes in the sheriff's vault, and four volumes in the storage vault.

Coroner. No office space is furnished in the courthouse for this official. His inquisition records become a part of the circuit court records and are in custody of the circuit clerk. See entry 55.

Constable. The county does not furnish quarters for constables. They keep no records.

Quorum Court. Proceedings of the quorum court are recorded in the county court record. Other records of this agency consist of approximately .7 cubic feet of unbound documents in the county clerk's vault.

County Clerk. The county clerk's office is in the southwest corner of the first floor of the main building and his vault adjoins the office. The clerk's records consist of 7.6 cubic feet of unbound documents.

ments and 156 volumes in his vault; 114 volumes in the circuit clerk's vault, and 197 volumes in the storage vault.

The county clerk's vault, measuring 13' x 13' x 15' 3" is adjacent to the county clerk's office. It contains records of the recorder, county clerk, county court, probate court, juvenile court, quorum court, board of equalization, and confederate pension board. It contains approximately 400 linear feet of steel roller shelving in which are stored 257 volumes of bound records, and 181 steel file drawers which provide storage for 62.8 cubic feet of unbound records. Ventilation is poor and lighting is only fair. Access to the vault is by a steel door which opens off an inside corridor connecting the offices of the county clerk and the circuit clerk. A small table in the center of the room is provided for the accommodation of users of the records.

Tax Assessor. The tax assessor and the treasurer share an office on the left side of the main entrance on the first floor of the old building. There are no permanent records kept by this official. The assessment lists prepared by the assessor are turned over to the county clerk. See entries 106-111.

Board of Equalization. No office space is provided for this agency. The county clerk is ex officio clerk of the board and the records are in his care. There is one volume of records in the county clerk's vault, and three in the storage vault.

Tax Collector. The sheriff is ex officio tax collector. His office is located to the right of the main entrance on the first floor. No records of the tax collector were found.

County Treasurer. The treasurer's records consist of 6 steel file drawers containing 2 cubic feet of unbound documents and 19 volumes in his vault, and 9 volumes in the storage vault.

Director of County Audits. There are no regular quarters in the courthouse for this official, but convenient space is provided when audits are being made. Copies of the audits are filed with the county clerk.

County Board of Election Commissioners. The county does not provide quarters for this agency. Records pertaining to elections are in the custody of the county clerk.

County Examiner of Schools. This official occupies an office on the northeast corner of the second floor of the main building. There are 19 linear feet of wooden shelving along the northwest wall of the office. The records occupy three file drawers containing approximately one cubic foot of space, and one volume in the county clerk's vault.

County Textbook Board. This agency holds its meetings in the county examiner's office. Its records are kept by the examiner.

School Directors. The county does not provide quarters for the

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directors. Records of elections of directors are shown in entries 132 and 133.

Health Unit. The county health unit is on the east side of the first floor of the annex. It is composed of the director's office, nurse's office, laboratory, and a waiting room. There is no room for expansion. The records consist of approximately 20.4 cubic feet of unbound documents in 12 file drawers and 4 file boxes.

County Department of Public Welfare. This department occupies 3 rooms to the right of the entrance on the first floor of the annex, and a fourth room across the corridor from these. The records consist of 31 cubic feet of unbound records in 33 file drawers. No shelving is provided for the 4 volumes of records in the office.

Confederate Pension Board. This agency, while not abolished, was rendered inactive by the General Assembly of 1939. The records, consisting of one volume, are in the county clerk's vault.

County Surveyor. No office space is furnished the surveyor. His records consist of one volume kept at his home.

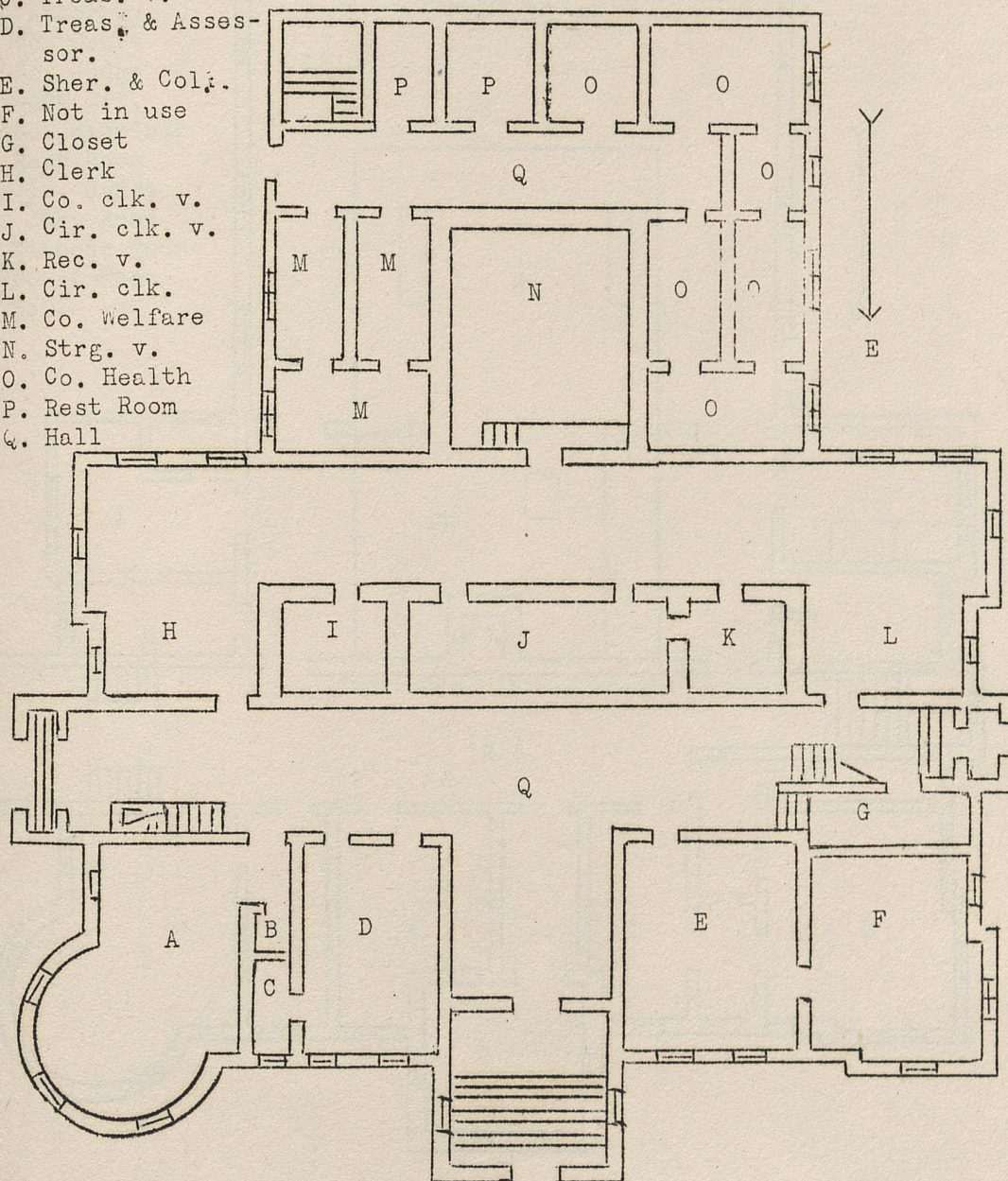
Timber Inspector. The county surveyor serves as ex officio timber inspector. No records of the timber inspector were found.

Agricultural Extension Service. This department occupies most of the second floor of the annex. It consists of an AAA office, county agent's office, secretary's office, home demonstration agent's office, council kitchen, and a large storage room for the Extension Service agencies. The records are in 21 file drawers, containing approximately 28 cubic feet of unbound documents, kept in the various offices of the department.

Storage Vault. This vault, measuring 24' x 28' x 18', is located in the center of the courthouse annex. Access to it is had by a steel door off the corridor connecting the circuit clerk's and county clerk's offices. In it are non-current records of the county court, recorder, circuit court, chancery court, probate court, justice of peace courts, sheriff, county clerk, board of equalization, county treasurer, and county examiner. The 40 linear feet of wooden shelving provides inadequate facilities for the storage of the 393 volumes of records it contains. There are 12.1 cubic feet of unbound records in bundles and steel file drawers. The vault is poorly ventilated and a lone drop light provides inadequate illumination. The custodians of the records believe that, since the ceiling height is 18', a second floor could be built within the vault which, with additional shelving and cabinets or file drawers, would provide adequate storage for non-current records for many years.

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- A. Library
- B. Closet
- C. Treas. v.
- D. Treas. & Asses-
- E. Sher. & Coli.
- F. Not in use
- G. Closet
- H. Clerk
- I. Co. clk. v.
- J. Cir. clk. v.
- K. Rec. v.
- L. Cir. clk.
- M. Co. Welfare
- N. Strg. v.
- O. Co. Health
- P. Rest Room
- Q. Hall

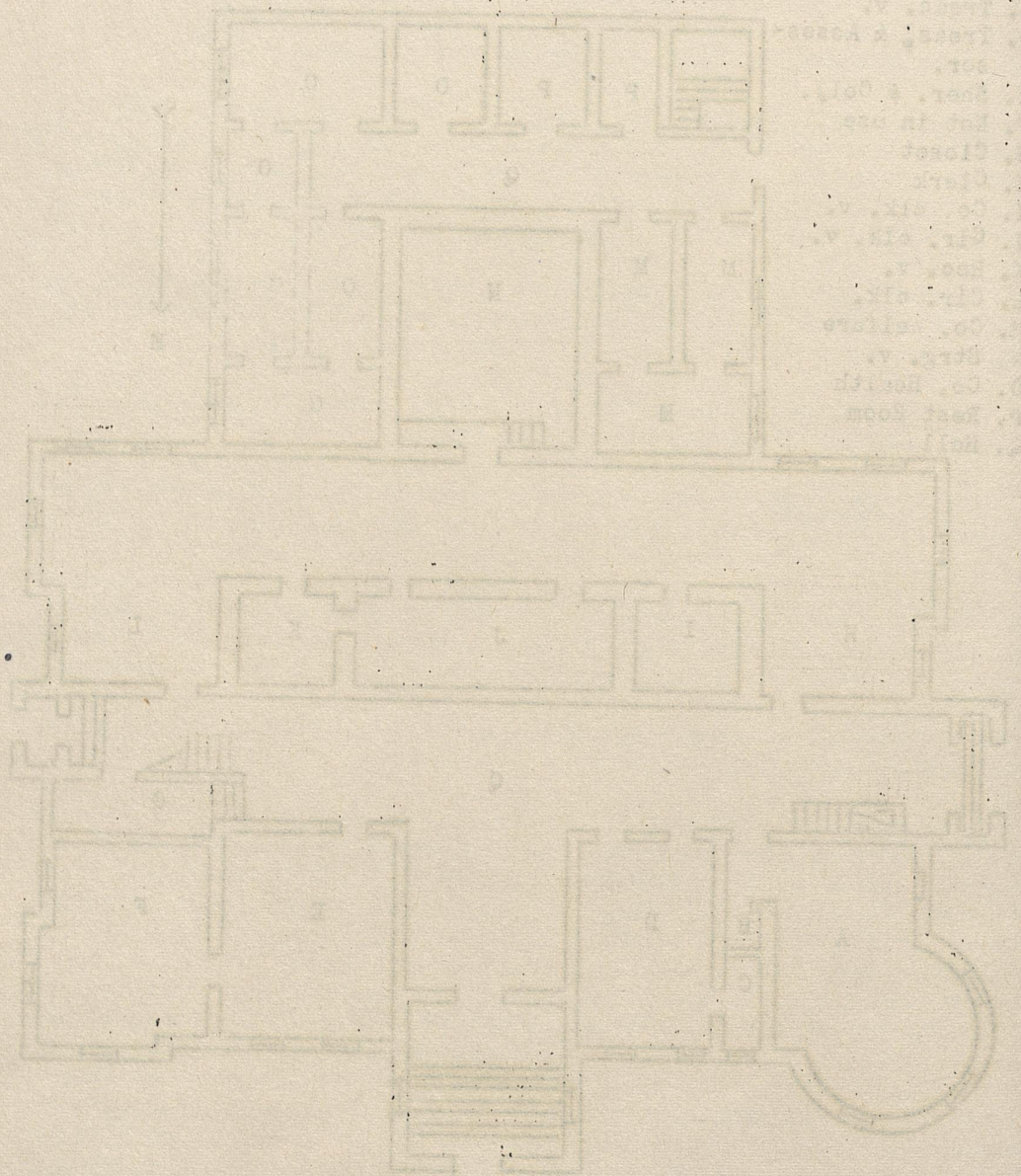


Jackson County Courthouse

First Floor Plan

LEGEND

- A. Library
- B. Chapel
- C. Vestibule
- D. Vestibule & Passage
- E. Vestibule
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- G. Vestibule
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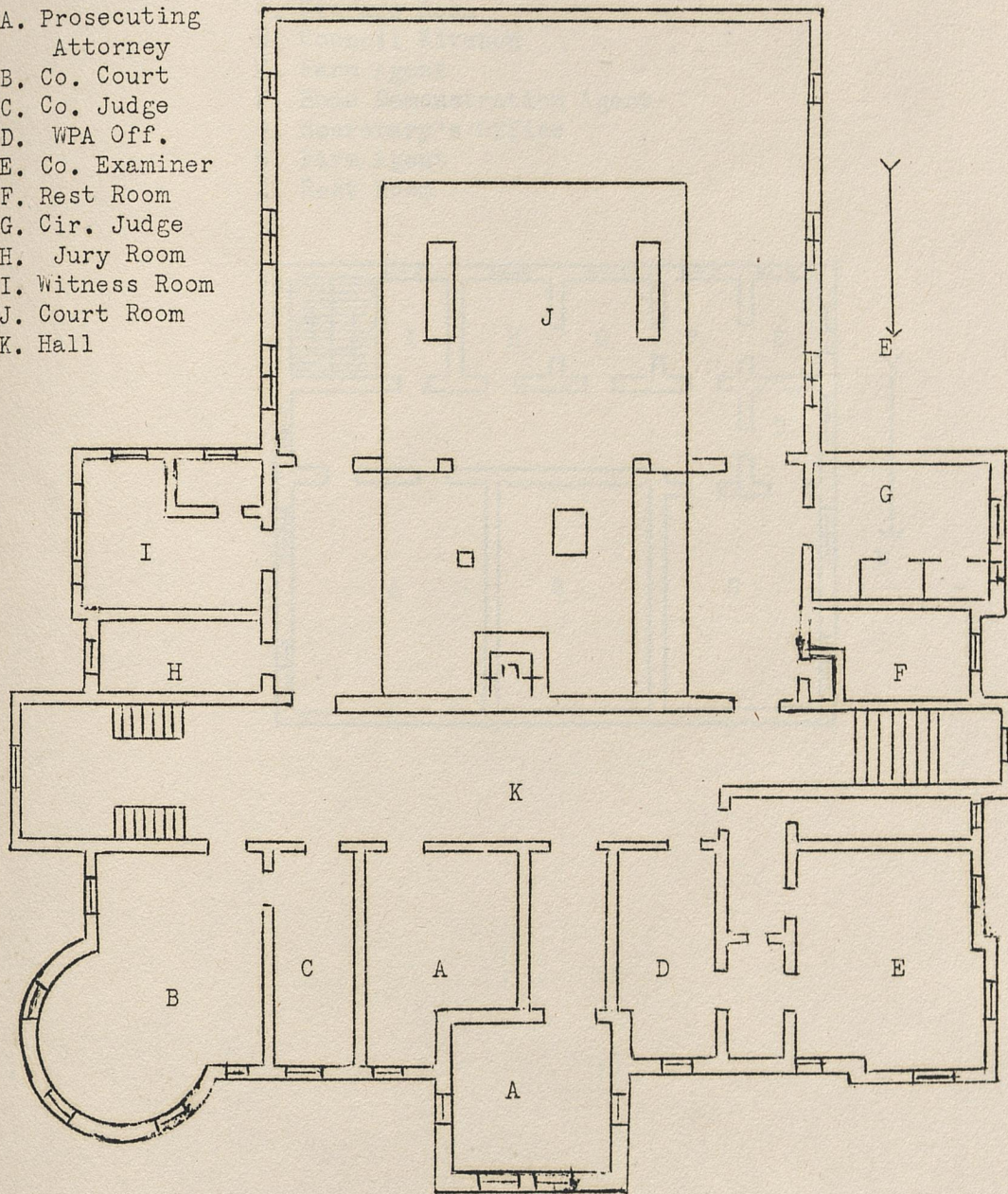


St. John's County Courthouse

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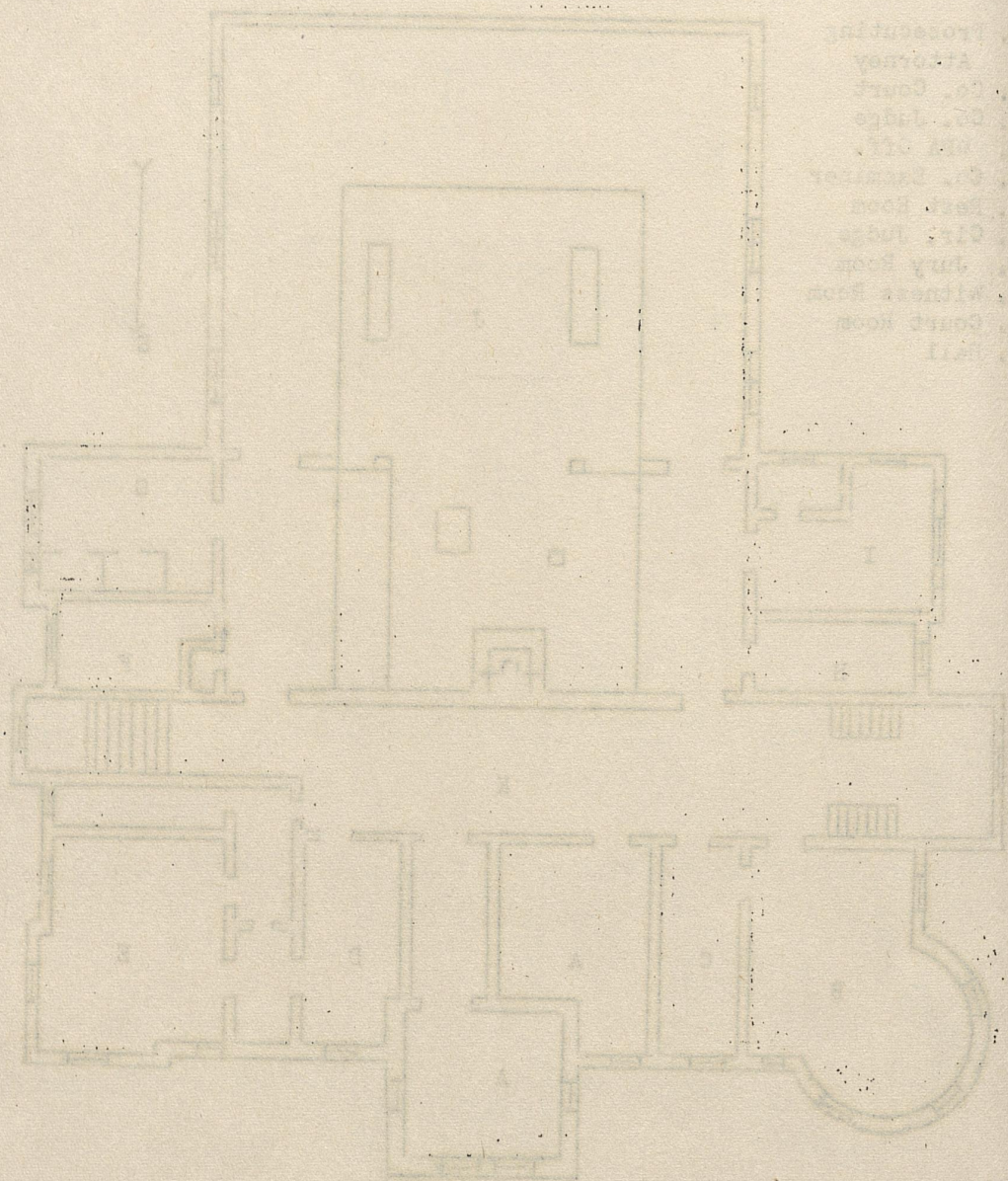
LEGEND

- A. Prosecuting Attorney
- B. Co. Court
- C. Co. Judge
- D. WPA Off.
- E. Co. Examiner
- F. Rest Room
- G. Cir. Judge
- H. Jury Room
- I. Witness Room
- J. Court Room
- K. Hall



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Second Floor Plan

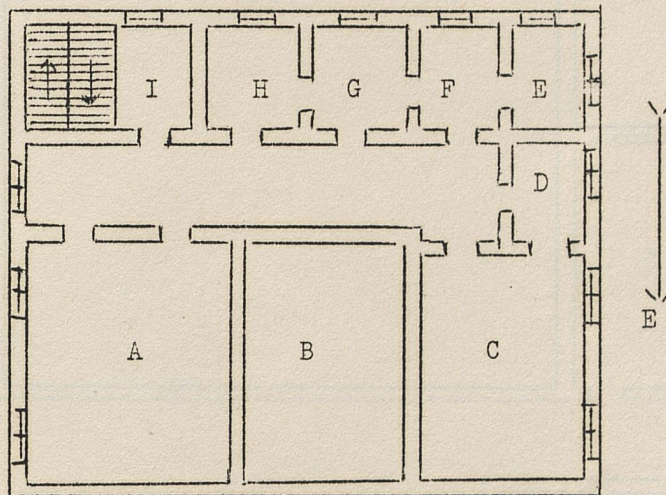


- LEGEND
- 1. Prosecuting Attorney
 - 2. Court Room
 - 3. Judge's Office
 - 4. Jury Room
 - 5. Witness Room
 - 6. Court Room
 - 7. Hall
 - 8. Cor. Jail
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Jackson County Courthouse
Second Floor Plan

LEGEND

- A. AAA
- B. Upper part of strg. v.
- C. Storage Room
- D. Council Kitchen
- E. Farm Agent
- F. Home Demonstration Agent
- G. Secretary's Office
- H. Farm Agent
- I. Rest Room

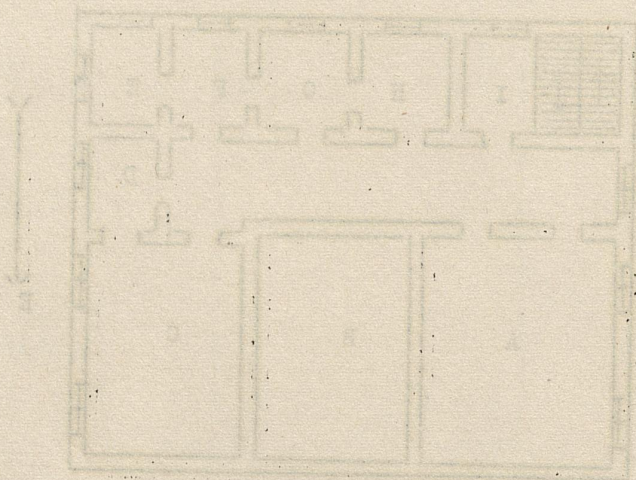


Jackson County Courthouse

Second Floor - Annex

LEGEND

- A. All
- B. Upper part of wing
- C. Storage Room
- D. Council Kitchen
- E. Farm Agent
- F. Home Demonstration Agent
- G. Secretary's Office
- H. Farm Agent
- I. Post Room

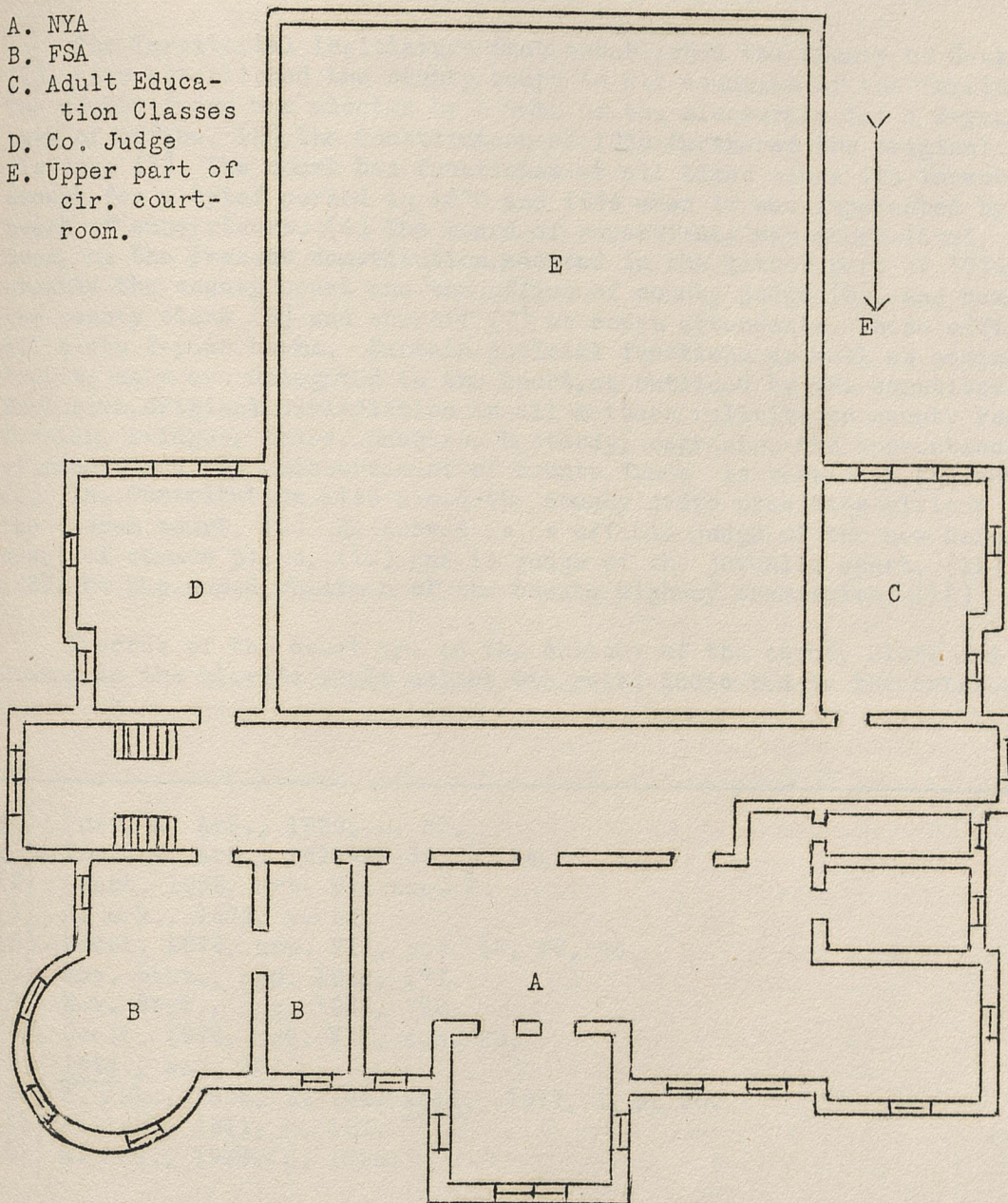


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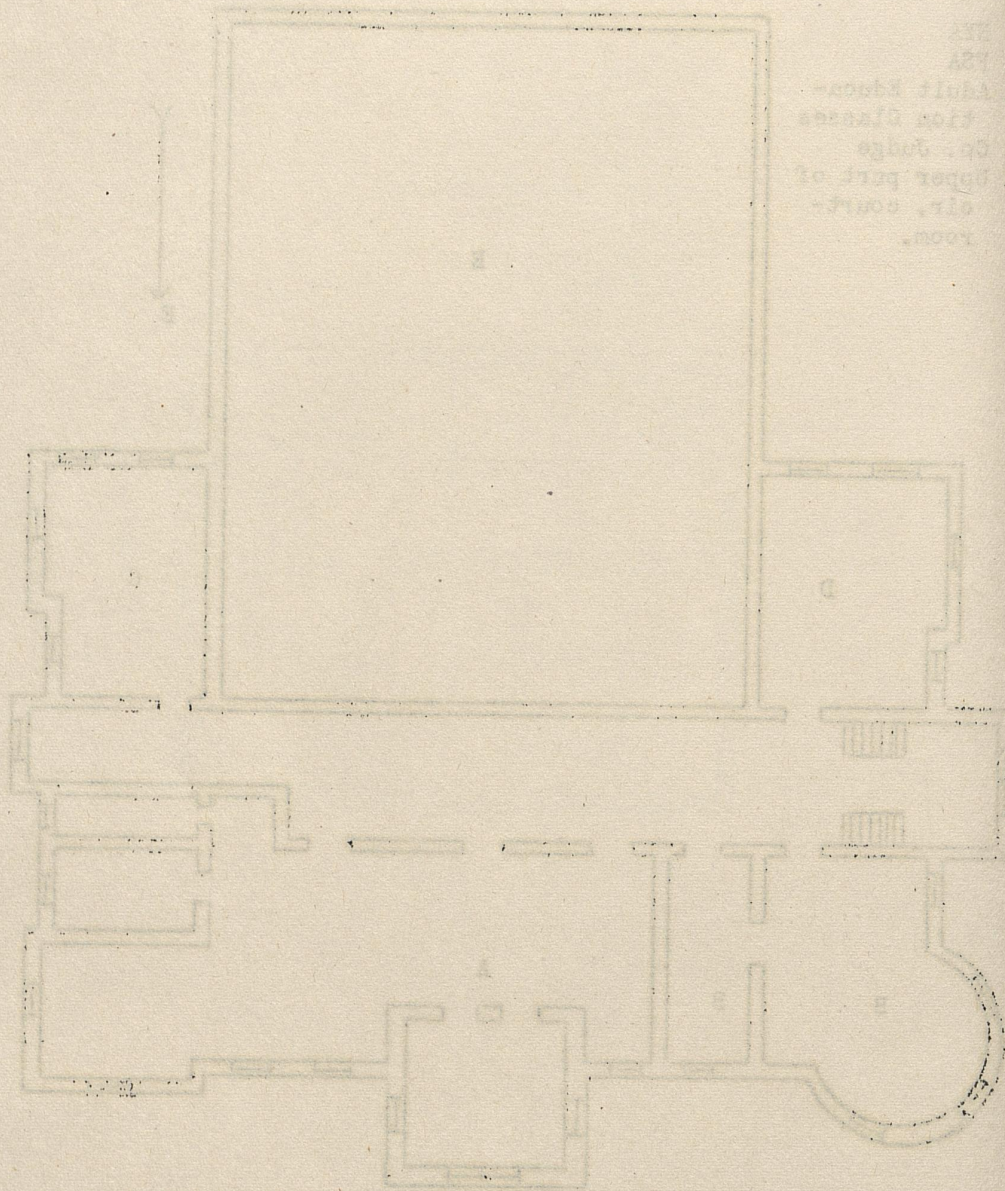
LEGEND

- A. NYA
- B. FSA
- C. Adult Education Classes
- D. Co. Judge
- E. Upper part of cir. courtroom.



Jackson County Courthouse

Third Floor



Jackson County Courthouse
Third Floor

Legend
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3. 3rd Floor
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COUNTY COURT

The Territorial legislature that established the County of Jackson (1), also established the county court in all counties of the Territory. The county judge was elected by a vote of the electorate for a 2-year term of office. (2) The Constitution of 1836 furthered the original provisions. (3) The court has functioned at all times since its inception, except for a brief period in 1873 and 1874 when it was supplanted by a board of supervisors. (4) The board of supervisors was short-lived, however, as the present constitution, adopted in the latter part of 1874, recreated the county court and the office of county judge (5), and named the county clerk (6) and sheriff (7) as court attendants. These officers all serve 2-year terms. Certain judicial functions as well as administrative ones are delegated to the court, as outlined by the constitution. Exclusive, original jurisdiction in all matters relative to county roads, ferries, bridges, taxes, paupers, bastardy, vagrants, the apprenticeship of minors and the disbursement of county funds is vested in the court. (8) The Constitution also named the county judge presiding officer of the quorum court. (9) He served as ex officio judge of the now defunct court of common pleas, (10) and is judge of the juvenile court. (11) In 1939, he was named chairman of the county highway commission. (12)

Records of the court are in the custody of the county clerk and are housed in the clerk's vault unless otherwise indicated in the entries.

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- (1) Terr. A. Ark., 1829, p. 80.
 - (2) Terr. A. Ark., 1829-31-33, p. 14.
 - (3) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 9.
 - (4) A. Ark., 1873, p. 53.
 - (5) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19, 29, 46.
 - (6) Rev. Stat., app. 1838, 177.
 - (7) Rev. Stat., app. 1837, 728.
 - (8) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 28.
 - (9) Ibid., sec. 30.
 - (10) A. Ark., 1875, p. 124; ibid., 1917, I, p. 90.
 - (11) A. Ark., 1911, p. 167.
 - (12) A. Ark., 1939, p. 1018.
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1. [COUNTY COURT PAPERS], 1839-- . Est. 6,500 instruments in 130 steel f. d. (1-130).

Miscellaneous county court papers such as:

- i. Claims for allowance, showing name of claimant, date filed, amount of claim, nature of service rendered or material furnished, order of approval of county judge, and judge's signature. For record, see entry 4.

- ii. Courthouse construction papers, 1939, pertaining to the construction of courthouse and annex, such as bids, contracts, transfer of funds, court orders, and plans and specifications of building. For record, see entry 6.
- iii. Court orders, 1894--, showing date issued, statement of order, signature of county judge, and date filed.
- iv. Fee bills, showing name of person brought up for trial, nature of indictment, case number, officer's fees, date examined and approved by county judge, judge's signature, and date filed.
- v. Financial statements, county treasurer's, 1902-17, showing revenue derived from taxes, warrants issued and canceled, land redemption, delinquent personal taxes, treasurer's balance at beginning of fiscal year, bond issue, if any, fund from which warrants are issued, total warrants issued, outstanding warrants, date filed, date examined and approved by county judge, and his signature.
- vi. Petitions, 1905--, showing date of petition, purpose, signatures of petitioners, and date filed.
- vii. School children, application for transfer of, 1919--, showing date of application, name of child to be transferred, numbers and names of school districts from which transferred and to which transferred, signature of petitioner, and date filed.

Also contains: Official bonds, 1904-20, 1926--; and incidental filings, 1921-25, entry 30; commissions, 1899-1917, entry 32; incidental filings of disposed of circuit court criminal cases, 1909-26, entry 53; jury lists, 1889--, entry 56; quorum court papers, 1928--, entry 96. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index, 1889-92, 1938--; for index, 1893-1937, see entry 2. H., hpf., 1889-1935; t., tpf., 1936--. 11 x 4 x 13.

2. INDEX TO COUNTY AND PROBATE COURT PAPERS, 1893-1937. 1 vol. (1). Index to [County Court Papers], 1893-1937, entry 1; [Probate Court Papers], 1893-1937, entry 77; [Officers Reports to Quorum Court], 1903-37, entry 97; [Clerk's Miscellaneous Papers], 1893-1937, entry 99; Official Transcripts (of Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures), 1898-1937, entry 100; Redemption Certificates, 1893-1937, entry 118; Marriage Certificates, Affidavits, and Bonds, 1893-1937, entry 123; [Corporation Papers], 1900-1921, entry 125; [Drainage District Papers], 1910-37, entry 131; Lists of School Directors, 1932, entry 132; showing kind of instrument, names of parties to instrument, and number of file box in which papers are located. Arr. alph. by first letter of names of interested parties and chron. thereunder by date filed. Hpf. 480 pp. 18½ x 13 x 2½.

3. COUNTY COURT DOCKET, 1932. 1 vol. Minutes of proceedings in the county court, showing case number, names of interested parties and their attorneys, kind of action, date filed, orders of the court, date of orders, and book and page of record entry. Arr. chron. by date filed and chron. thereunder by case no. No index. Hpf. 170 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

County Court;
County Highway Commission

- (2,3) 4. ALLOWANCE CLAIM RECORD, 1916-33. 3 vols. (A-C). 1934-- in County Court Record, entry 5.

Record of claims for allowances, showing information as in entry 1i. Arr. chron.. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 500 pp. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 3. In strg. v.

5. COUNTY COURT RECORD, 1835--.. 28 vols. (1; 6 vols. unlabeled; F-Z). Titles vary: Probate Court Record, 1873-74; other titles vary slightly.

Record of proceedings of county court, 1835-73, 1874--.. and board of supervisors, May 5, 1873-October 13, 1874, showing actions of the court or board in such matters as appointment of county officers, the formation and dissolution of municipal corporations, removal of county seat, the construction of county buildings and the purchase and sale of county property, construction of roads and bridges, issuance of bonds, petitions for transfer of school children, for the calling of elections, formation of improvement districts, and allowance for claims. Each entry shows date of proceedings, names of parties affected by court proceedings, nature of proceedings or claim, court order concerning each action, and signature of presiding judge. Also contains: Allowance claims, 1934--.., entry 4; insanity proceedings, 1835-1914, entry 90; quorum court proceedings 1875--.., entry 98. Arr. chron. by date of proceedings. Indexed alph. by name of claimant or other interested party. H., 1835-1913; t., 1914--.. 100 to 620 pp. 13 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 x 13 x 3.

6. COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT GRANT, 1939-40. 1 vol.

Record of contract between county and Works Progress Administration for construction of courthouse, showing name and number of project, date of contract, amount allowed, and balance left in construction account. Arr. chron. by date of grant. No index. H. 276 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. In treas.v.

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

The General Assembly of 1929 authorized the establishment of a county highway commission in the county, provided the measure was ratified by a majority of the county electorate, (1) and an act of the 1939 session made their establishment mandatory. The county judge was named chairman of the board and was authorized to appoint two other members to serve with him for a 2-year term. All appointments are subject to the approval of the quorum court. (2) The county highway commission is allowed to contract for construction and work on all county roads, and, as a corporate body, to sue and be sued. The commissioners have the authority to do anything reasonably necessary to enable them to carry out the functions of laying out, constructing, repairing, and maintaining all county roads except those included in the State or Federal highway system. (3) The secretary of the commission is required to keep a complete record of all proceedings of its meetings to be presented to the quorum court at its regular session together with an annual report of the activities of the commission. Copies of all orders and contracts,

Internal Improvement
Commissioner

when properly certified by its chairman and secretary are filed with the county clerk for recordation. (4)

No records of this agency were found.

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- (1) A. Ark., 1929, I, 712.
 - (2) A. Ark., 1939, p. 1018.
 - (3) Ibid.
 - (4) Ibid., pp. 1019-1021.
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INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONER (Defunct)

The General Assembly of 1850 created the office of county internal improvement commissioner (1) and the Constitution of 1868 abolished it. (2) It was re-created by statute in 1873. The latter law provided that the county court appoint an internal improvement commissioner for a term of 2 years. (3) The office became extinct when the Constitution of 1874 failed to provide for its continuance.

No records of this agency were found in the inventory.

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- (1) A. Ark., 1850-51, p. 53.
 - (2) Const. 1868, art. VI, sec. 23.
 - (3) A. Ark., 1873, p. 51.
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CIRCUIT CLERK AS RECORDER

The office of recorder, filled in an ex officio capacity by the circuit clerk, was established in Jackson County with the creation of the county in 1829. (1) Subsequent legislation and the State's first constitution upheld the provision. (2) The Constitution of 1874 provides for the election of a clerk of the circuit court, for a term of 2 years, who serves as ex officio clerk of the county and probate courts and recorder until the county reaches a total population of 15,000 inhabitants. Jackson County attained this in 1890; since then a separate county clerk is elected, and the circuit clerk serves as clerk of the circuit court, recorder, and chancery court clerk. (3) As recorder he is officially responsible for the recordation and preservation of all conveyances or other instruments of writing which affect titles to real

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and personal property. (4)

No records of this office are kept in the recorder's vault unless otherwise indicated in the entries.

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- (1) A. Ark., 1829-31-33, pp. 16, 80-83.
 - (2) Rev. Stat., p. 654; Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 7.
 - (3) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19; U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, I, 103; A. Ark., 1903, p. 314.
 - (4) Rev. Stat., p. 656.
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Real Property Conveyances

Daily Register

7. REGISTER OF INSTRUMENTS RECORDED, 1916-34, July 1, 1941--. 4 vols. (C-F). 1935-June 30, 1941 in Circuit & Chancery Clerk's Fee Book, entry 63.

Chronological listing of instruments filed with the recorder for recording, showing instrument number, kind of instrument, names of parties to instrument, date filed, clerk's fees, date delivered, and to whom delivered. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 238 pp. 16 x 11½ x 2. 3 vols., 1916-34, in strg. v; 1 vol., July 1, 1941-- in rec. v.

Papers

8. [RECORDER'S MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS], 1879--. Est. 1,040 instruments in 20 cardboard and 7 steel f. d. Subtitled by names of contained papers.

Miscellaneous instruments filed with the recorder, consisting of:

- i. Agreements, 1890--, showing date executed, names of contracting parties, purpose and terms of agreement, signatures of contracting parties, acknowledgment, and date filed. For record of agreement, see entry 36.
- ii. Articles of incorporation, benevolent and fraternal groups, 1935, showing names of organization and incorporators, statement of purpose of corporation, date of proceedings, order of court, and filing certificate. For record of articles of incorporation, see entry 12ii.
- iii. Assignments, 1922-37, showing names of assignor and assignee, date executed, consideration, description of property, signatures of assignor and assignee, acknowledgment, and date filed. For record of assignments, see entry 38.

- iv. Bills of sale, conveying title to personal property, 1888-1937, showing date executed, names of grantor and grantee, listing and description of property, consideration, signatures of grantor and grantee, acknowledgment, and date filed. For record of bills of sale, see entry 25.
- v. Bonds, notary public, 1906, showing name of notary, amount of bond, signatures of notary and sureties, certificate of approval, and date filed.
- vi. Clerk's tax deed, 1899-1935, showing name of person owning land prior to forfeiture, name of grantee, legal description of property, date of tax sale, total value of property, total taxes, penalties and costs, signature of clerk, and date filed.
- vii. Commissioner's deed to property sold to satisfy judgment of chancery court, 1895-- , showing names of mortgagor, mortgagee, and grantees, consideration, description of property, date of notice of sale, date of sale, date filed, and signature of chancellor or commissioner.
- viii. Deeds of trust, showing name of mortgagor, name of trustee as second party, legal description of property, amount of indebtedness, terms of payment, rate of interest, date and place of payments, and date filed.
- ix. Donation lands, application for, 1887, showing name of applicant, application number, date executed, legal description of property applied for, statement by applicant that he is a citizen of the United States and eligible to donate lands, signature of applicant, and date filed. For record of application for donation lands, see entry 9v.
- x. Executor's deed, 1921, showing name of executor and grantee, date executed, legal description of property, consideration, date sold, date approved by probate court, executor's signature, acknowledgment, and date filed.
- xi. Lis pendens, notice of, 1936, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and person in possession of property, legal description of property, and date filed. For record of lis pendens, see entry 20.
- xii. Ministers' credentials, 1908, showing name of minister, date of instrument, denomination with which he is affiliated, date ordained, signature of church official who issued certificate, and date filed. For record of credentials, see entry 33.
- xiii. Mortgages, real estate, 1894-1906, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, legal description of property, date of instrument, terms and conditions of mortgage, signature of

mortgagor, acknowledgment, and date filed. For record of mortgages, see entry 16.

- xiv. Mortgage release, 1891--, executed by mortgagee for purpose of releasing mortgage liens upon real property, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date of original mortgage, description of property, date of release, signature of mortgagee, and date filed. For record of mortgage releases, see entry 18.
- xv. Powers of attorney, 1890-1935, showing name of person conferring power, name of person upon whom power is conferred, date executed, signature of person conferring power, and date filed. For record of powers of attorney, see entry 39.
- xvi. Promissory note, 1936, showing names of party making note and person to whom note is made, amount, rate of interest, date executed, date due, signature of person making note, and date filed.
- xvii. Quitclaim deeds, 1890--, showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description of property, date executed, signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and date filed.
- xviii. Redemption deed, 1891--, showing date executed, name of grantee, legal description of property, date property sold for taxes, date redeemed, signature of county clerk, and date filed.
- xix. Revocation of power of attorney, 1909--, showing name of person who had conferred power, name of person upon whom power was conferred, purpose for which conferred, date of cancellation, signature of person revoking power, acknowledgment, and date filed. For record of revocations, see entry 40.
- xx. Right-of-way deed, 1905, showing names of grantor and grantee, legal description of property, consideration, signature of grantor, and date filed. For record of right-of-way deeds, see entry 9xi.
- xxi. Schedule of individually owned property of married women, 1882-95, showing name of property owner, date executed, description and valuation of each item of property, signatures of interested parties, acknowledgment, and date filed. For record of schedules, see entry 41.
- xxii. Timber deeds, 1904-35, showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description of land upon which timber is located, date and duration of deed, signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and date filed.
- xxiii. Warranty deeds, 1890--, showing names of grantor and grantee, description of property, date executed, consideration, signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and date filed.

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Also contains: Chattel mortgages, 1883-1911, and incidental filings, 1912--, entry 26; commissions of county officers, 1936, entry 32; incidental filings of disposed of circuit court civil cases, 1886--, entry 42; incidental filings of disposed of circuit court criminal cases, 1890-1936, entry 53; inquisition papers, 1895-1921, entry 55; incidental filings of jury lists, 1934, entry 56; incidental filings of disposed of chancery cases, 1890-1937, entry 65; commissioner's report of sale, 1934-36, entry 73; incidental filings of probate court papers, 1890, entry 77. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., 1879-1900; tpf., 1901-35; t., 1936--. Cardboard f. d., $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10; steel f. d., 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$. 20 cardboard f. d., 1879-1938, in strg. v.; 7 steel f. d., 1924--, in cir. clk. v.

Deeds

9. DEED RECORD, 1831--. 109 vols. (A, B; 1 vol. unlabeled; D-Z, 1-52, 54, 56-85), and 1 vol. (ABC), which is a transcription of the original record, 1831-45. Titles vary slightly, being descriptive in some instances of the contents of certain vols. in which conveyances of a standardized or special form may be grouped. Incidental recordings, 1896, 1927, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12.

Record of instruments executed to convey title to real property by private or public sale, showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description of property, copy of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Included also are other recordings:

- i. Apprenticeship, record of, 1856-1929, showing name of minor, name of person to whom apprenticed, term of apprenticeship, date executed, copy of signature of party apprenticing minor, date filed, and recording certificate.
- ii. Bond for title, record of, 1835-1932, showing date executed, names of principal and sureties, term and amount of bond, legal description of property involved, copies of signatures of principal and sureties, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
- iii. Court orders affecting land titles, record of, 1842-99, showing number and style of case, legal description of property involved, names of parties affected by order, date executed, copy of signature of acting judge, date filed, and recording certificate.
- iv. Discharge, record of army, 1850, for veterans of War with Mexico, showing name of soldier, reason for discharge, place of birth, age at enlistment, civilian occupation, physical description, commanding officer's certificate of discharge, date of discharge, enlistment record, shows name, whether enlisted or inducted, and length of service. For discharges, veterans of World War, 1919--, see entry 34.

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- v. Donation lands, record of application for, 1916, showing information as in 8ix.
- vi. Emancipation deed, record of, 1845-59, showing date executed, name and physical description of slave, consideration or reason for granting freedom, copy of signature of owner, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.
- vii. Homestead improvement, record of proof of, 1874-1916, showing date executed, name of person donating land, names and affidavit of witnesses to proof that requirements of donation certificate have been complied with, copy of signature of attesting officer, date filed, and recording certificate.
- viii. Incorporation of town, record of petition for, 1875, showing date of petition, name of town to be incorporated, names of petitioners, proof of publication, date of filing map or plat with clerk, legal description of property, copy of judge's signature, and recording certificate.
- ix. Relinquishment, record of, 1839-81, showing name of person relinquishing claim to property, description of property relinquished, name of person to whom relinquished, date executed, date filed, and recording certificate.
- x. Removal of county seat, record of proceedings incident to, 1839, 1854, showing statement of agreement of commissioners, description of property on which courthouse is to be built, name of person to whom contract is let, amount of contract, date, copy of signatures of commissioners, date filed, and recording certificate.
- xi. Right-of-way deed, record of, 1851, 1910-27, showing information as in entry 8xx.

Also contains: Leases, 1848--, entry 15; mortgages, 1831-78, and incidental recordings, 1879-1914, entry 16; mortgage releases, 1839--, entry 18; plats of incorporated towns, 1854-1922, 1925-30, and incidental recordings, 1923-24, entry 23; bills of sale, 1832-1936, entry 25; official bonds, 1834-39, entry 31; minister's credentials, 1835-77, entry 33; affidavits, 1854, entry 35; record of agreements, 1839-1937, entry 36; record of ante-nuptial contracts, 1851-1921, entry 37; assignments, 1868--, entry 38; powers of attorney, 1834--, entry 39; revocation of power of attorney, 1867--, entry 40; listing of married womens' property, 1853-86, entry 41; wills, 1831-44, and incidental recordings, 1845--, entry 79; administrators' bonds and letters, 1839-45, and incidental recordings, 1846-1914, entry 80; letters of guardianship, 1884, entry 81; corporation proceedings, 1857-90, and incidental recordings, 1891-94, entry 126, and estray notices, 1839-42, entry 128. Arr. chron. by date filed. For indexes, see entries 10 and 11. H., 1831-98; t., 1899-1921, 1927--; tpf., 1922-26. 200 to 640 pp. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ to $19\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2} \times 3$.

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10. INDEX TO DEEDS (Direct), 1831--. 7 vols. (A-G).

Index to Deed Record, entry 9, and Mortgage Record, 1898-1908, entry 16, showing names of grantor and grantee, date filed, date of instrument, book and page of record entry, to whom delivered, and fees charged. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and chron. thereunder by date filed. H. Aver. 320 pp. 18½ x 13 x 3.

11. INDEX TO DEED (Indirect), 1831--. 7 vols. (A-G).

Index to Deed Record, entry 9, and Mortgage Record 1898-1908, entry 16, names of grantee and grantor, date of instrument, date filed, book and page of record entry, to whom delivered, and fees charged. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantee and chron. thereunder by date filed. H. Aver. 320 pp. 18½ x 13 x 3.

12. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1887--. 2 vols. (A, B).

Record of miscellaneous instruments filed with the recorder:

- i. Contractor's bond, record of, 1923, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, kind of construction work to be done, location of structure, terms of bond, copy of signatures of principal and sureties, date filed, and recording certificate.
- ii. Incorporations, Benevolent and Fraternal, record of articles of, 1887-1938, showing information as in entry 8ii.
- iii. Public miller license, record of, 1917, showing name of miller, name and kind of mill, name of place in which mill is located, date filed, and date recorded.
- iv. Release of contract, record of, 1927-29, showing names of contracting parties, amount involved, date of original contract, date of release, copy of signature of person releasing contract, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.
- v. U. S. tax lien, record of, 1921-35, against estate of delinquent taxpayer, showing lien number, date of lien, name and address of taxpayer, kind of tax, date of taxable period, amount of tax and penalty, name of collector, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.

Also contains: Incidental recordings of deeds, 1896, 1927, entry 9; incidental recordings of real estate leases, 1927, entry 15; incidental recordings of mortgages, 1888-89, entry 16; incidental recordings of bills of sale, 1888-1928, entry 25; incidental recordings of ministers' credentials, 1903-25, entry 33; incidental recordings of soldiers' discharges, 1919, entry 34; affidavits, 1917-31, entry 35; incidental recordings of agreements, 1888-1928, entry 36; pre-nuptial contracts, 1922-23, and incidental recordings, 1914-21, entry 37; incidental recordings of assignments, 1890-1931, entry 38; incidental recordings of powers of attorney, 1890--; entry 39; incidental recordings of powers of attorney revoked, 1912-32, entry 40; listing of married women's property, 1892-95, entry 41; Mexican divorce decree, 1926, entry 72; incidental recordings

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of executors' bonds, 1917, 1922, entry 80; incidental recordings of corporation proceedings, 1888--; entry 126; incidental recordings of professional licenses, 1915-24, entry 127; and appointment of deputies, 1900-1939, entry 134. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of person executing instrument. H., 1887-1915; t., 1916--. Aver. 583 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 1 vol.; 1887-1932, in strg. v.; 1 vol., 1933--; in rec. v.

Leases

13. OIL AND GAS LEASES, 1921. 40 instruments in 1 steel f. d. Original leases of property for oil and gas, showing names of lessor and lessee, consideration, dates and terms of lease, legal description of property, signature of lessor and date filed. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of lessor. No index. Tpf. 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. In strg. v.

14. OIL AND GAS LEASE RECORD, 1920-29. 2 vols. (53, 55). Title varies slightly. Record of oil and gas leases, showing information as in entry 13. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of lessor. T., 1920-26; tpf., 1926-29. Aver. 664 pp. 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 3.

15. (RECORD OF REAL ESTATE LEASES), 1848--. In Deed Record, entry 9. Incidental recordings, 1884-89, in Mortgage Record, entry 16; incidental recordings, 1927, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12; incidental recordings, 1939, in Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 28.

Record of contracts which lease property for a stated time, showing names of lessor and lessee, description of property, consideration, date and terms of lease, date of expiration, copy of signatures of lessor and lessee, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.

Mortgages

16. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1879--. 86 vols. (1-20, 22-25, 27, 28, 30-89). Titles vary slightly. 1831-78, and incidental recordings, 1879-1914, in Deed Record, entry 9; incidental recordings, 1888-89, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12.

Record of real estate mortgages, showing information as in entry 8xiii. Also contains: Incidental recordings of real estate leases, 1884-89, entry 15; incidental recordings of liens, 1904-1921, entry 28; agreements, 1938--; and incidental recordings, 1883-1933, entry 36; incidental recordings of assignments, 1883-1933, entry 38; incidental recordings of powers of attorney, 1883-1905, entry 39. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first two letters of name of mortgagor; also separate index, 1898-1908, entries 10 and 11. H., 1879-1900; hpf., 1901-16; t., 1917--. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

17. MORTGAGE RECORD (Arkansas Power and Light Company), 1924, 1933. 2 vols. (71A, 83A).

Record of supplemental mortgages executed by the Arkansas Power and Light Company, one to the Guarantee Trust Company, New York City, and one to Chase National Bank, New York City, as trustees, covering real

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and personal property and other physical assets of the company. Record shows date executed, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, terms of mortgage, signatures of company officials, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate. No index. Printed. Aver. 350 pp. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$.

18. (RECORD OF MORTGAGE RELEASES), 1839--. In Deed Record, entry 9.

Record of instruments executed by mortgagee to release mortgage lien upon real property, showing information as in entry 8xiv.

Liens and Lis Pendens (See also entry 12v)

19. MECHANICS LIEN AND REGISTER, 1889--. 1 vol. (A). Incidental recordings, 1904-23, in Mortgage Record, entry 16.

Record of liens held by laborers, contractors, or mechanics upon property for security of debt for services rendered, showing name of person or firm imposing lien, amount of lien, name of person against whom lien is filed, description of property, copy of signature of lien holder, character of lien, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of person imposing lien. H. 368 pp. $16 \times 11 \times 2$.

20. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1903--. 1 vol.

Record of lis pendens, showing information as in entry 8xi. Also contains: Record of affidavits, 1910, entry 35. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of pltf. H., t. 480 pp. $18 \times 12 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$.

21. OLD AGE PENSION (Lien) RECORD, 1936-38. 1 vol.

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, name of Governor and member of Arkansas State Board of Public Welfare, marginal notation of release of lien, and recorder's signature. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. Tpf. 198 pp. $19 \times 13 \times 2$.

Surveys and Plats

22. TOWNSHIP PLATS, (undated). 1 vol.

Ownership plats of geographic townships of Jackson County, showing boundary lines of townships, sections, and individual tracts separately owned, names of owners, section, township, and range numbers. Arr. numer. by twp. and r. nos. No index. Handdrawn. 50 pp. $16 \times 21 \times 1$. In co. clk. v.

23. PLAT BOOK (of Incorporated Towns), 1923-24. 1 vol. (1). 1854-1922, 1925-30, and incidental recordings, 1923-24, in Deed Record, entry 9.

Plats of original town sites and additions and subdivisions to towns and cities of Jackson County, showing section, township, and range township

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numbers, location of town site or subdivision, lot and block numbers, dimensions of lots, blocks, streets, and alleys, names of streets, towns and subdivisions, date of survey, and name of surveyor. Arr. numer. by twp. and r. nos. of legal description. For index, see entry 24. Hand-drawn. 200 pp. 16 x 23 x 3. In cir. clk. v.

24. INDEX TO PLAT BOOK, 1923-24. 1 vol.

Index to Plat Book (of Incorporated Towns), entry 23, showing name of town or addition, and book and page of plat. Arr. alph. by first letter of town or subdivision. T. 16 pp. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$. In cir. clk. v.

Personal Property

Sales

25. (RECORD OF BILL OF SALE), 1832-1936. In Deed Record, entry 9. Incidental recordings, 1884-1906, in Mortgage Record, entry 16; incidental recordings, 1888-1928 in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12.

Record of bills of sale, showing information as in entry 8iv.

Mortgages (See also entry 17)

26. [CHATTEL MORTGAGES], 1912--. Est. 13,100 instruments in 80 steel f. d., (54 dated; 26 not labeled) 22 cardboard file boxes, and 24 wood pigeon holes (labeled by contained letters of alphabet), 10 bundles (dated). 1883-1911, and incidental filings, 1912--, in [Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers], entry 8. Original chattel mortgages executed to establish a mortgage lien on personal property, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date executed, amount of mortgage, description of property, terms of mortgage, signature of mortgagor, acknowledgment and date filed. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of mortgagor and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. Hpf., tpf. 26 f. d. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 x 16 $\frac{1}{2}$; 54 f. d. 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$; f. b. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10; pigeon holes 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 20 $\frac{1}{2}$; bundles 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x 24. 54 f.d., 22 f.b. and 24 pigeon holes, 1912-38, in cir. clk. v.; 26 f.d., 1939--, in cir. clk. off.; 10 bundles, 1939, in strg. v.

27. FEDERAL SEED LOAN MORTGAGES, 1931-36, 1938--. Est. 1,625 instruments in 9 steel f. d. and 4 bundles. Titles vary: Federal Crop Mortgages; 1931.

Original mortgages given to Farm Credit Administration as security for emergency crop loan, showing names and post office addresses of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property on which crop is to be raised, date, amount, and terms of mortgage, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. F. d. 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ bundles, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x 4.

28. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1890-93, 1922--. 3 vols. (15, 21, 24). 1894-1921 in Mortgage Record, entry 16.

Record of chattel mortgages, showing information as in entry 26. Also contains: Incidental recordings of real estate leases, 1939, entry 15;

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incidental recordings of agreements, 1935-39, entry 36; incidental recordings of assignments, 1935, entry 38. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., 1890-93; h., 1922-28; t., 1929--. Aver. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 2 vols., 1890-93, 1929-- in rec. v.; 1 vol., 1922-28, in strg. v.

29. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD (Minutes), 1884--. 32 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; 2-32). Titles vary slightly.

Chronological listing of chattel mortgages filed with the recorder, showing date filed, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date of instrument, amount of mortgage, when due, description of property, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first two letters of surname of mortgagor. Hpf., 1884-1912, 1923--; tpf., 1912-22. Aver. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 24 vols., 1884-1932, in strg. v.; 8 vols., 1933--, in rec. v.

Bonds, Commissions and Credentials (See also entry 8v)

30. OFFICIAL BONDS, 1921-25. 50 instruments in 1 steel f. d. 1904-20, 1926--, and incidental filings, 1921-25 in [County Court Papers], entry 1.

Original bonds filed by county officials to guarantee faithful performance of duties, showing name of officer, name of office to which elected or appointed, amount of bond, period for which made, signatures of principal and sureties, and date filed. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of official. No index. Tpf. 11 x 4 x 13. In co. clk. v.

31. RECORD OF OFFICIAL BONDS, 1845--. 4 vols. (B-E). 1834-39 in Deed Record, entry 9. Titles vary slightly.

A record of official bonds, showing information as in entry 30. Also contains: Incidental recordings of powers of attorney, 1938, entry 39. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of officer. H., 1845-1909; t., 1910--. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 2 vols., 1845-1909, in strg. v.; 2 vols., 1910--, in rec. v.

32. (COMMISSIONS), 1899-1917, 1936. 1899-1917, in [County Court Papers], entry 1; 1936, in [Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers], entry 8.

Commissions of county officers, showing name of person and to what office commissioned, date and duration of commission, signature of acting Governor, signature and seal of Secretary of State, and date filed.

33. RECORD (of Ministers') CREDENTIALS, 1882--. 2 vols. (A). Titles vary slightly. 1835-77, in Deed Record, entry 9; incidental recordings, 1903-25, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12.

Record of minister's credentials, showing information as in entry 8xii. Also contains: Incidental recordings of professional licenses, 1916, entry 127. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of minister. H. Aver. 404 pp. 16 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. In poor condition.

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Discharges

(See also entry 9iv)

34. RECORD OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' DISCHARGE, 1919--. 1 vol. (A).
Incidental recordings, 1919, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12.
Record containing verbatim copies of honorable discharge certificates of persons who served or were called to service in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, showing information as in entry 9iv. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of soldier or sailor. Tpf., 1919-27; hpf., 1928--. 588 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Miscellaneous

35. (RECORD OF AFFIDAVITS), 1854, 1910, 1917-31. 1854, in Deed Record, entry 9; 1910, in Lis Pendens Record, entry 20; 1917-31, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12.
Record of affidavits, showing date executed, name of affiant, purpose of affidavit, names of individuals and property involved, copy of affiant's signature, date filed, and recording certificate.

36. (RECORD OF AGREEMENTS), 1839--. 1839-1937, in Deed Record, entry 9; 1938--, and incidental recordings, 1883-1937, in Mortgage Record, entry 16; incidental recordings, 1888-1928, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12; incidental recordings, 1935-39, in Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 28.
Record of agreements, showing information as in entry 8i.

37. (RECORD OF ANTE-NUPTIAL CONTRACTS), 1851-1923, 1851-1921 in Deed Record, entry 9; 1922-23, and incidental recordings, 1914-21, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12.
Record of contract executed to show individual property rights of parties contemplating marriage, showing date executed, names of bride and groom, terms of contract, description of property involved, copies of signatures of parties to contract, date filed, and recording certificate.

38. (RECORD OF ASSIGNMENTS), 1868--. In Deed Record, entry 9. Incidental recordings, 1883-1933, in Mortgage Record, entry 16; incidental recordings, 1890-1931, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12; incidental recordings, 1935, in Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 28.
Record of assignments, showing information as in entry 8iii.

39. (RECORD OF POWERS OF ATTORNEY), 1834--. In Deed Record, entry 9. Incidental recordings, 1883-1905, in Mortgage Record, entry 16; incidental recordings, 1890--, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12; incidental recordings, 1938, in Record of Official Bonds, entry 31.
Record of powers of attorney, showing information as in entry 8xv.

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40. (RECORD OF REVOCATION OF POWERS OF ATTORNEY), 1867--. In Deed Record, entry 9. Incidental recordings, 1912-32, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12.

Record of powers of attorney revoked, showing information as in entry 8xix.

41. (RECORD OF SCHEDULE OF INDIVIDUALLY-OWNED PROPERTY), 1853-95. 1853-86, in Deed Record, entry 9; 1892-95, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12.

Record listing of married women's separately owned property, showing information as in entry 8xxi.

NOTARY PUBLIC

The office of notary public was established in Jackson County at time of the creation of the county in 1829, (1) in accordance with the provision of a law of the Territory of Missouri. (2) The Supreme Court has ruled that it is a county office. (3) The Governor appoints an indefinite number of notaries public in each county for terms of 4 years. (4) A notary has power to administer oaths in all matters incident to, or belonging to, the exercise of his notarial office. He may take the proof or the acknowledgment of all instruments of writing relating to commerce and navigation, receive and authenticate acknowledgments of deeds, letters of attorney, and other instruments of writing, make declarations and protests, and certify under his official seal the truth of all matters and things done by virtue of his office. He is required to keep a record of all his official acts, and when required, must give a certified copy of any record in his office, on the payment of the fees thereon. (5) No records of this agency were found in the inventory.

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- (1) Terr. A. Ark., 1829-31-33, p. 80.
 - (2) T.L.M., Digest, app. 1817, p. 526; L.A.T., Digest, app. 1819, p. 39.
 - (3) Lanier v. Norfleet, (1922-23) 156 Ark. 216.
 - (4) A. Ark., 1874-1875, p. 61.
 - (5) Rev. Stat., p. 588.
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CIRCUIT COURT

A circuit court was established in Jackson County by the act creating the county, (1) which was placed in the third judicial circuit. (2) The Constitution of 1874 made provision for the circuit court as it exists today, (3) and the county remains a part of the third judicial circuit. (4) The presiding judge is elected by the voters of the sev-

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eral counties composing the judicial circuit for a term of 4 years. (5) Other counties in the circuit are Independence, Lawrence, and Stone. (6) Two terms of court are held each year, commencing on the second Monday after the third Monday in January and the second Monday after the fourth Monday in August. (7) Ministerial officers of the court are the circuit clerk, (8) and the sheriff. (9) The circuit court has jurisdiction in all civil and criminal cases the exclusive jurisdiction of which is not vested in some other court provided for by the Constitution. (10) It exercises a superintending control and appellate jurisdiction over county, probate, common pleas, municipal and justice of the peace courts. (11) Appeals from the circuit court are taken to the Arkansas Supreme Court. (12)

Records of the court are in the custody of the circuit clerk and are housed in the clerk's vault unless otherwise indicated in the entries.

- (1) Terr. A. Ark., 1829-31-33, p. 80.
- (2) Ibid., 1835, p. 77.
- (3) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 1.
- (4) A. Ark., 1891, p. 110.
- (5) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 17.
- (6) A. Ark., 1891, p. 110.
- (7) Ibid., 1903, p. 167.
- (8) Rev. Stat., p. 177.
- (9) Ibid., p. 728.
- (10) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 11.
- (11) Ibid., sec. 14.
- (12) Ibid., secs. 4, 5.

Civil Division

(See also entries 57, 64)

Case Papers

42. [DISPOSED OF CIVIL CASES], 1845--. Est. 2,940 jackets and 650 folders in 111 steel f. d. (labeling varies). Incidental filings, 1886--, in [Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers], entry 8. Original papers of civil cases tried in circuit court including petitions, pleadings, motions, subpoenas, official transcripts, with appealed cases including appeal bonds and mandates of the Arkansas State Supreme Court. Each instrument gives number and style of case, nature of instrument, names of affected parties and filing certificate. Also contains: Incidental filings of disposed of criminal cases, 1904, entry 53; incidental filings of jury lists, 1904, entry 56; incidental filings of disposed of chancery cases, 1870-81, entry 65. No obvious arr., 1845-1935; arr. numer. by case no. 1936--. No index, 1845-65; for index,

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1866--., see entry 44. 98 f. d., $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $14\frac{1}{2}$; 13 f. d., 11 x $16\frac{1}{2}$ x 28. 4 f. d., 1886-1906, 1933-34, in strg. v.; 99f. d., 1845-1939, in cir. clk. v.; 8 f. d., 1936--., in rec. v.

43. [Pending Civil Cases], 1936--. Est. 50 folders and 30 jackets in 1 steel f. d.

Original papers of civil cases pending in circuit court, showing information as in entry 42. Arr. numer. by case nos. For index, see entry 44. H., tpf., and t. 11 x $16\frac{1}{2}$ x 28. In rec. v.

44. INDEX TO CIRCUIT COURT PAPERS, 1866--. 4 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; one dated; 2, 3). Titles vary slightly.

Index to [Disposed of Civil Cases], entry 42; [Pending Civil Cases], 1936--., entry 43; [Disposed of Criminal Cases], entry 53; [Criminal Papers, Pending Cases], 1932--., entry 54; showing names of litigants, number and style of case, and file box in which filed. Hpf. Aver. 320 pp. 18 x $16\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{4}$. 2 vols., 1866-1930, in cir. clk. v.; 2 vols., 1931--., in rec. v.

Proceedings

45. LAW DOCKET (Disposed of Cases), 1870--. 16 bound vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; B-P), and 4 loose-leaf vols. (unlabeled).

Minutes of proceedings in civil cases tried in circuit court, showing case number, names of litigants and attorneys, cause of action, and date of proceedings. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. Hpf. 240 to 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 to 10 x 16 x 5. 16 vols., 1870-1923, in strg. v.; 4 vols., 1924--., in cir. clk. v.

46. LAW DOCKET (Pending Cases), 1937--. 1 loose-leaf vol.

Minutes of proceedings in pending civil cases, showing information as in entry 45. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. Hpf. 250 pp. 10 x 16 x 3. In rec. v.

47. CIRCUIT COURT RECORD, 1841--. 16 vols. (2 vols. unlabeled; C-P). Titles vary slightly.

Record of proceedings in circuit court in civil 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 of opening and closing terms of court. Entries show number and style of case, date and nature of proceedings, names of attorneys, interested parties, clerk, and sheriff. Also contains: Naturalization proceedings, 1920, entry 48; Criminal Record, 1841-73, entry 61. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Civil cases indexed alph. by first letter of name of pltf.; criminal cases, alph. by first letter of surname of def. H., 1841-1904; t., 1905--. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Naturalization

48. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR, DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION, DECLARATION OF INTENTION, 1907--. 1 vol. last entry 1919.1920 in Circuit Court Record, entry 47.

Record of declaration of aliens of intention to become citizens of the

United States and permanently reside therein, giving name, age, occupation, personal description, place of birth, last foreign residence and allegiance, date of arrival in this country, name of vessel on which he arrived, present place of residence in the United States, and oath of allegiance to any government other than that of the United States. Arr. chron. by date entered. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of alien. Hpf. Back cover torn off. 100 pp. (18 used). 14 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. In strg. v.

49. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR, DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION, PETITION, 1910--. 1 vol. Last entry 1918.

Record of petition by aliens to become citizens of the United States and permanently reside therein, showing same information as in entry 48. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of alien. Hpf. 50 pp. (14 used) $17\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 1.

Judgments and Executions

50. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1838--. 5 vols. (B-F).

Record of judgments rendered in court showing names of attorneys, parties to suit, person against whom judgment is rendered, date and nature of judgment, amount of judgment and costs, by whom paid, and book and page of record entry. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of judgment debtor. Hpf. Aver. 256 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 2 vols., 1838-98, in strg. v.; 3 vols., 1899--., in cir. clk. v.

51. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1842--. 4 vols. (A, C; 2 vols. unlabeled).

Record of execution orders issued by the circuit court to carry out the judgments of the court, showing case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment date, execution date, amount of judgment, interest and costs, to what county execution orders are issued, fees of officers, amount of fees, and returns. Arr. chron. by execution date. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of pltf., 1842-1916; cross indexed alph. by first letter of names of pltf. and def., 1917--. Hpf. 200 to 450 pp. 13 x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 x 12 x 3. 3 vols., 1842-1914, in strg. v.; 1 vol., 1915--., in cir. clk. v.

Fees (See also entry 63)

52. CIVIL FEE BOOK, 1857-59, 1869-71, 1873--. 10 vols. (4 vols. unlabeled; A-F).

Itemized record kept of fees and costs due in civil cases, showing number and style of case, names of litigants, date fees incurred, total amount, and remarks. Also contains: Criminal fees, 1857-59, 1869-71, 1882-93, entry 62. Arr. numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date of court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of pltf. 100 to 600 pp. 13 x $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 x 13 x 3. 6 vols., 1873-1932, in strg. v.; 4 vols., 1857-59, 1869-71, 1933--., in cir. clk. v.

Criminal Division

Case Papers

53. [DISPOSED OF CRIMINAL CASES], 1849--. Est. 3,450 instruments in 70 steel f. d. (labeling varies). Incidental filings, 1890-1936, in [Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers], entry 8; incidental filings, 1904, in [Disposed of Civil Cases], entry 42; incidental filings, 1909-26, in [County Court Papers], entry 1.

Original papers of cases tried in criminal division of circuit court, including indictments, bail bonds, summonses, pleadings, court orders, judgments, with appeal cases including appeal bonds and mandates of the supreme court. Each instrument shows the number and style of case, names of parties affected, names of attorneys, date filed, and if recorded, book and page of record entry. Arr. numer. by case no. No index 1849-65; for index 1866--, see entry 44. Hpf., and t. 69 f. d. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $14\frac{1}{2}$; 1 f. d. 11 x $16\frac{1}{2}$ x 28. 65 f. d., 1849-1932, in cir. clk. v.; 5 f. d., 1932--, in rec. v.

54. [CRIMINAL PAPERS, PENDING CASES], 1932--. 200 folders in 1 steel f. d.

Original case papers of criminal cases pending in circuit court, showing information as in entry 53. Arr. numer. by case no. For index, see entry 44. Hpf., and t. 11 x $16\frac{1}{2}$ x 28. In rec. v.

Inquests

55. (REPORT OF INQUESTS), 1895-1921. In [Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers], entry 8. Subsequent records not found.

Reports of inquests conducted by the coroner, showing name of deceased person, date of death, date of inquest, list of witnesses, digest of testimony, signatures of witnesses, certificate of examining physician, names of members of coroner's jury, jury verdict, and signatures of jury foreman and coroner.

Indictments

56. (LIST OF GRAND AND PETIT JURORS), 1889--. In [County Court Papers], entry 1. Incidental filings, 1904, in [Disposed of Civil cases], entry 42; incidental filings, 1934, in [Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers], entry 8.

Original lists of grand and petit jurors, showing name of juror, date of term of court, number of days each served, amount due each, signature of circuit clerk, and his certification that list is correct.

57. (Grand and Petit) JUROR'S RECORD, 1885--. 6 vols. (4 vols. unlabeled; C, D). Titles vary slightly.

Record of jurors selected to serve in the criminal and civil divisions of the circuit court, showing date of court term, name of juror, number of days in attendance, ferriage or mileage, amount paid per day, total amount due, date discharged, date certificate issued, and to whom issued. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. H. 100 to 320 pp. 11 x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 x 11 x 2. 5 vols., 1885-1936, in strg. v.; 1 vol. 1937--, in rec. v.

58. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1882--. 13 vols. (A-M).

Record of true bills of indictment returned by the grand jury and filed with the circuit clerk for recording after apprehension of person charged with violation of law, showing style of case, offense charged, date and place alleged crime, name of prosecuting attorney, copy of signature of grand jury foreman, date filed, amount of bond, name of trial judge, list of witnesses, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed by first letter of surname of deft. Hpf., 1882-1903; tpf., 1904--. 480 to 600 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 3. 11 vols., 1882-1928, in strg. v.; 2 vols., 1929--, in cir. clk. v.

Proceedings

59. CRIMINAL DOCKET (Disposed of Cases), 1874--. 15 bound vols. (3 vols. unlabeled; 10 dated; 2, 3), and 3 loose-leaf vols. (unlabeled). Titles vary slightly.

Minutes of proceedings in criminal cases tried in circuit court showing case number, names of defendants and attorneys, date filed, offense charged, court orders, date of orders, book and page of judgment entry, names of witnesses, appeal or indictment, and witnesses' and clerk's fees. Arr. chron. by court term and roughly numer. thereunder by case no. No index. Hpf. 480 to 650 pp. 9 x 14 x 5 to 18 x 13 x 3. 15 vols., 1874-1916, in strg. v.; 3 vols., 1917--, in cir. clk. v.

60. CRIMINAL DOCKET (Pending Cases), 1937--. 1 vol.

Minutes of proceedings in pending cases of criminal division of circuit court, showing information as in entry 59. Arr. chron. by court term and numer. thereunder by case no. No index. Hpf. 250 pp. 9 x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3. In rec. v.

61. CRIMINAL RECORD, 1874--. 12 vols. (G-S). Titles vary slightly. 1841-73 in Circuit Court Record, entry 47.

Record of proceedings of circuit court in criminal cases, showing style and number of case, date of proceedings, name of prosecuting attorney, offense charged, penalty, order of custody, names of grand and petit jurors, signature of presiding judge. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deft. H., 1874-92; t., 1893--. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 2 vols., 1874-87, in strg. v.; 10 vols., 1888--, in cir. clk. v.

Fees (See also entry 52)

62. CRIMINAL FEE BOOK, 1873-81, 1894--. 6 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; B-F). Titles vary slightly. 1857-59, 1869-71 and 1882-93 in Civil Fee Book, entry 52.

Record of fees and cost accrued in criminal cases, showing number and style of case, date of court term, names of litigants, names of witnesses, days served, clerk's, sheriff's, and other officers' costs, and remarks. Arr. numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deft. Hpf. 200 to 600 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 to 18 x 13 x 3. 5 vols., 1873-81, 1894-1928, in strg. v.; 1 vol., 1929--, in rec. v.

Circuit Clerk

63. CIRCUIT & CHANCERY CLERK'S FEE BOOK, 1878-1923, 1935--. 5 vols. (A; 3 vols. unlabeled; 1). Titles vary: Register of Fees, 1878-1923.

A record of all fees earned by and expenditures of the circuit clerk, showing date filed, kind of instrument, number and style of case, in what court, court costs, book and page of entry, kind of funds received, expenditures, county tax and total. Also contains: Daily register of instruments recorded, 1935-June 30, 1941, entry 7. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hpf., 1878-1923; hph., 1935--. 240 to 600 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 to 18 x 13 x 3. 4 vols., 1878-1923, in strg. v.; 1 vol., 1935--, in cir. clk. v.

64. WITNESS CLAIM DOCKET, 1860-75, 1881--. 7 vols. (A-C, B, E; 2 vols. unlabeled).

Record of claims filed by various persons for moneys due for service as witness in criminal and civil cases in the circuit court showing term of court, style of case, names of witnesses, cause of action, names of attorneys, number of days in attendance, amount claimed for per diem and mileage, and signature of witness. Arr. chron. by date of claim. No index. H. 260 to 480 pp. 17½ x 13 x 3 to 17 x 15 x 2½. 6 vols., 1860-75, 1881-1923, in strg. v.; 1 vol., 1923--, in cir. clk. v.

CHANCERY COURT

The establishment of separate chancery courts was left to the discretion of the General Assembly by all constitutions of the State. Until such time, equity jurisdiction was vested in the circuit courts. (1) A court of chancery was established in Jackson County in 1903, when a general law made its establishment mandatory in all counties. Jackson county was placed in the eighth chancery circuit, (2) where it still remains. (3) The chancery judge is elected by the voters of his circuit, for a term of 6 years. (4) The circuit clerk, as ex officio chancery clerk, and the sheriff are the ministerial officers of the court. (5) A constitutional amendment, approved in 1938, made the chancery judge the presiding magistrate of the probate court. (6) The chancery court holds exclusive, original jurisdiction in all cases of equity. (7) Appeals are taken to the Arkansas State Supreme Court. (8)

Records of the chancery court are in the custody of the chancery clerk and are housed in the circuit clerk's vault unless otherwise indicated in the entries.

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- (1) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 6; 1861, art. VI, sec. 6; 1864, art. VII, sec. 6; 1868, art. VII, sec. 5; 1874, art. VII, sec. 15.
 - (2) A. Ark., 1903, p. 314.
 - (3) Ibid., 1919, p. 130.
 - (4) Ibid., 1903, p. 314.
 - (5) Ibid.
 - (6) Const. 1874, amend. XXIV, sec. 2, approved Nov. 1938, effective Jan. 1, 1939.
 - (7) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 15.
 - (8) Ibid., sec. 4.
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Case Papers

- 65. [CHANCERY CASES DISPOSED OF], 1843--. Est. 51,000 documents in 170 steel f. d. (irregular numerical labeling). Incidental filings, 1870-81 in [Disposed of Civil Cases], entry 42; incidental filings, 1890-1937 in [Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers], entry 8.

Original papers of cases disposed of in chancery court consisting of petitions, subpoenas, complaints, witness lists, demurrers, court orders, and mandates from the Arkansas State Supreme Court. Each document shows names of parties affected and their attorneys, number and style of case, and date filed. Arr. numer. by case no. No index 1843-1903; for index 1904-- see entry 67. H., tpf., t. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$. 160 f. d., 1843-1925 in cir. clk. v.; 10 f. d., 1926-- in rec. v.

Chancery Court

66. [PENDING CHANCERY COURT CASES], 1936--. Est. 1,500 documents in 3 steel f. d. (1-3).

Original pending cases of chancery court showing information as in entry 65. Arr. numer. by case no. For index, see entry 67. H. Tpf. T. 11 x 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 28. In rec. v.

67. INDEX TO CHANCERY COURT PAPERS, 1904--. 3 vols. (2 vols. unlabeled; 2).

Direct index to [Chancery Cases Disposed of], entry 65, and [Pending Chancery Court Cases], 1936--, entry 66, showing case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, number of box in which filed, and date disposed of. Hpf. Aver. 480 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. 2 vols., 1904-32, in cir. clk. v.; 1 vol., 1933--, in rec. v.

Proceedings

68. DISPOSED OF DOCKET, CHANCERY, 1866-74, 1884, 1920--. 13 bound vols. (2-4; 10 vols. dated), and 4 loose-leaf vols. (unlabeled). Titles vary slightly.

Minutes of proceedings in chancery court, showing number and style of case, names of litigants and their attorneys, cause of action, date of trial, court orders, verdict, and motions. Arr. chron. by date of court term, 1866-1920; numer. by case no., 1921--. No index. H., 1866-67; hpf., 1867-74, 1884, 1923--; tpf., 1920-22. 400 to 650 pp. 9 x 14 x 5 to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 13 vols., 1866-74, 1884, in strg.; v. 34 vols., 1920--, in cir. clk. v.

69. CHANCERY DOCKET (Pending Cases), 1936--. 1 loose-leaf vol. Record of proceedings in chancery court, showing information as in entry 68. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. Hpf. 200 pp. 9 x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

70. CHANCERY COURT RECORD, 1845--. 24 vols. (C-Z) and 1 vol. (E) which is a transcription of the original record, 1860-67. Titles vary slightly.

Record of proceedings of cases tried in chancery court, showing case number, date of court term, names of officers of court, names of litigants and their attorneys, trial date, nature of proceedings, and court orders. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed direct and indirect alph. by first letter of names of pltf. and deft. H., 1845-1906; t., 1907--. Aver. 590 pp. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3.

71. CHANCERY JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1885-1931. 3 vols. (2 vols. unlabeled; A). Record discontinued.

Record of judgments in chancery court, showing case number, names of litigants and their attorneys, name of person against whom judgment rendered, amount of judgment, costs, rate of interest, date judgment rendered, book and page of record entry, and receipt of satisfaction. Arr. chron. by date judgment rendered. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of pltf. Hpf. Aver. 150 pp. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 1. 2 vols., 1885-1930, in strg. v.; 1 vol., 1931, in cir. clk. v.

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72. (MEXICAN DIVORCE DECREE), 1926. In Miscellaneous Record, entry 12.

Record of certified copy of divorce decree granted in Mexico, showing names of complainant and defendant, address of court in which suit was filed, transcription of bill of complaint and other court proceedings, signature of Mexican judge who granted decree, acknowledgment, copy of signature and seal of acknowledging officer, [above portion of document in Mexican language] acknowledgment of vice-consul of United States as to authenticity of Mexican notary public acknowledgment, copy of signature and seal of vice-consul of United States, service number, amount of vice-consul's fee, amount of American consul service fee stamp, amount of Mexican revenue stamps, date filed, and recording certificate.

Foreclosures

73. (COMMISSIONER'S REPORT OF SALE), 1934-36. In [Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers], entry 8.

Report of chancery commissioner of land sold to satisfy judgments of chancery court, showing date of decree, case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, legal description of property, date of sale, name of purchaser, consideration, and signature of commissioner.

Delinquent Taxes

74. RECORD OF LANDS SOLD FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS, 1928-34. 2 vols. (I, I).

Record of lands returned delinquent by commissioners of improvement districts, because of non-payment of improvement taxes, showing name of landowner, legal description of land, valuation, amount of tax, penalty, attorney's fee, court costs, total, date redeemed and by whom, date of certificate of sale, and remarks. Arr. numer. by twp. no. Indexed alph. by name of dist. Hpf. Aver. 241 pp. 16 x 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

75. REDEMPTION CERTIFICATE AND RECEIPT FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT TAXES, 1931--. 98 vols. (unlabeled), 4 envelopes (unlabeled), and 1 folder (dated). Subtitled by name or number of improvement district.

Certificates issued by clerk or chancery court for redemption of lands in improvement districts on which improvement tax has not been paid, showing name of owner, year for which taxes assessed, legal description of property, area, tax, penalty, court costs, commissioner's fees, attorney's fee, advertising fee, cost and sale notice, by whom redeemed, date redeemed, amount paid, and signature of chancery clerk. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hpf. Aver. 100 pp. vols., 11 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$; envelopes, 11 x 11 x $\frac{1}{2}$; folder, 15 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Financial

(See also entry 63)

76. CHANCERY FEE BOOK, 1866-69, 1873-1922, 1925--. 8 vols. (2 vols. unlabeled; A-F).

Record of fees due in chancery court cases, showing number and style of

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case, names of plaintiff, defendant and witnesses, number of days witnesses served, date of court term, itemized statement of fees charged, date and amount of payments, and remarks. Arr. numer. by case no., and chron. thereunder by date of entry. Indexed alph. by first letter in surname of pltf. Hpf. 150 to 500 pp. 11 x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 x 13 x 3. 6 vols., 1866-69, 1873-1922, 1925-31, in strg. v.; 2 vols., 1931-- in rec. v.

PROBATE COURT

The probate court in Jackson County was first established by a provision of the Constitution of 1836, (1) and now exists in accordance with provisions of the present constitution. Both constitutions made the county judge the presiding magistrate of probate, (2) a custom which prevailed until 1939, when a constitutional amendment transferred the duties to the chancery judge. (3) The probate court holds exclusive, original jurisdiction in matters concerning the estates of deceased persons, and of incompetents and minors and their estates. (4) The county clerk serves in an ex officio capacity as clerk of the probate court, (5) and the sheriff is enforcement officer. (6) Appeals are taken to the Arkansas State Supreme Court. (7)

The records of the court are in the custody of the county clerk in his capacity as probate clerk, and are housed in the county clerk's vault unless otherwise indicated in the entries.

- (1) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 10.
- (2) Ibid.; Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 34.
- (3) Const. 1874, amend. XXIV, adopted 1938, effective Jan. 1, 1939.
- (4) Ibid., art. VII, sec. 54.
- (5) Ibid., amend. XXIV.
- (6) Rev. Stat., p. 728.
- (7) A. Ark., 1939, p. 388.

77. [PROBATE COURT PAPERS], 1846-- Est. 4,500 instruments in 81 steel f. d. Incidental filings, 1890, in [Recorder's Miscellaneous Papers], entry 8.

Original case papers and documents filed in probate court, such as court orders and decrees, motions, proceedings, petitions of executors or claimants, disposition of case, notices of sale of property, disposition and final settlements of administrators, executors, or guardians, showing names of estate claimant, heirs and attorneys, case number, date executed, and date filed. Arr. numer. by case no. No index, 1846-92, 1938-- for index, 1893-1937, see entry 2. H., hpf., 1846-1901; t., tpf., 1901-- Sizes vary from 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 x 4 x 13. 59 f. d., 1846-1915, in rec. v.; 22 f. d., 1916-- in co. clk. v.

78. INSANE PAPERS, 1890--. Est. 500 instruments in 5 steel f. d. Original case papers of insanity proceedings in probate court, such as petitions for sanity hearing, reports of examining physician, and court orders. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of deft. No index. Hpf. 11 x 4 x 13.

Wills

79. WILL RECORD, 1845--. 4 vols. (B-E). 1831-44, and incidental recordings, 1845--. in Deed Record, entry 9.
Record of original wills, showing names of testator and witnesses, proof of will, oaths of subscribing witnesses to will, date of death of testator, acknowledgment of signatures, date filed, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of testator. H., 1845-1918; t., 1912--. Aver. 475 pp. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 vols., 1845-1926, in strg. v.; 1 vol., 1927--. in co. clk. v.

Bonds and Letters

80. ADMINISTRATOR'S BONDS AND LETTERS, 1846--. 5 vols. (C, E, F; 2 unlabeled). 1839-45, and incidental recordings, 1846-1914, in Deed Record, entry 9; incidental recordings, 1917, 1922, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12.
Record of applications for letters of administration, letters and bonds of administrators or executors of the estates, showing name of deceased, name of person appointed administrator or executor, amount of bond, names of sureties, date of instrument, date of approval of letters and bonds, date filed, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. H., 1846-61; hpf., 1861--. Aver. 425 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

81. GUARDIANS BONDS AND LETTERS, 1885--. 4 vols. (A-D). 1884, in Deed Record, entry 9.
Record of guardian's bonds and letters. Letters of guardianship shows name of guardian, names of wards, qualifications and duties of guardians, signature of probate clerk, date of execution, and date recorded. Guardian's bond shows statement of guardian guaranteeing faithful discharge of duties according to law, signature of guardian and sureties, date of approval by probate court, signature of probate judge attested by clerk, qualifications of sureties, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of ward. Hpf. Aver. 585 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Accounts

82. PROBATE CLAIM RECORD, 1857-83, 1886--. 4 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; B-D).
Record of claims against estates of deceased persons filed with the probate clerk, showing name of estate, names of claimants, items for which claim is made, amount of claim, class of claim according to legal definition, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. Hpf. Aver. 215 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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83. ACCOUNTS CURRENT RECORD, 1872--. 8 vols. (C-J).

Record of accounts current submitted by the administrator or guardian to probate court for approval, showing date of court term, name of estate, name of guardian or administrator, names of minors, annual settlement, giving itemized account of all property, description and valuation, amount of indebtedness against estate, listing of all cash, stocks or bonds, oath and signature of guardian or administrator, signature and confirmation of probate judge, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter in name of administrator. Hpf., 1872-1921; tpf., 1921--. Aver. 475 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Inventories, Appraisements, and Sales

84. INVENTORY RECORD, 1846-55, 1871--. 5 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; B-E).

Record of inventories of estates, showing name of deceased person, itemized listing of real and personal properties, valuation, evidence of debts, value of property, certificate of administrator or executor, date and order of approval of probate judge, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate. H. Aver. 215 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1846-55, in strg. v.; 4 vols., 1871-- in co. clk. v.

85. APPRAISEMENT RECORD, 1871--. 4 vols. (B-E).

Record of appraisements of estates showing name of deceased, names, qualifications, oaths, and signatures of appraisers, acknowledgment, description of real and personal property and other assets and their values, certificates of appraisers, date filed, signature of probate clerk, date of examination and approval by probate judge, and signature of judge. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. Hpf. Aver. 238 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1871-1908, in strg. v.; 2 vols., 1909-- in co. clk. v.

86. SALE BILL (Record) 1849-71, 1878-1930. 4 vols. (B, B-D). Titles vary: Settlement Book, 1849-71; Record of Sale Bills, 1878-89.

Record of public sale of real and personal property of an estate conducted by the administrator, showing name of estate, itemized list of articles sold and amount received, names of purchasers, and administrator's affidavit as to correctness of listed property. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate. H. Aver. 215 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 vols., 1849-71, 1878-1925, in strg. v.; 1 vol., 1926-30, in co. clk. v.

Proceedings

87. PROBATE DOCKET-GUARDIANSHIP, 1879--. 5 vols. (2, 3, 4; 2 vols. unlabeled). Titles vary slightly. Incidental recordings, 1884-87, in Probate Court Administration, entry 88.

Minutes of proceedings in guardianship matters, showing names of minor and guardian, number of box in which papers are filed, date of letters

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of guardianship, date and amount of bond, names of sureties, remarks, date of court term and book and page of record entry. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of minor. Hpf. Aver. 435 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

88. PROBATE COURT DOCKET-ADMINISTRATION, 1839-43, 1866-78, 1884--. 7 vols. (A, 2, 3, 4; 3 vols. unlabeled). Titles vary slightly. Minutes of proceedings in matters of administration, showing names of estate and administrator, number of the box in which papers are filed, date of letter of administration, date and amount of bond, names of sureties, remarks, date of court term, remarks, and book and page of record entry. Also contains: Incidental recordings of matters in guardianship 1884-87, entry 87. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index, 1839-43, 1866-78; indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate, 1884--. Hpf. Aver. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

89. PROBATE COURT RECORD, 1836--. 19 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; A-R). Titles vary slightly. Record of proceedings in probate court, showing case number, names of deceased or ward, guardian, administrator or executor, attorneys, style of case, date of trial, cause of action, list of witnesses, findings of court, order of custody of person or property, prayer for new trial, motions, petitions, and pleadings. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of deceased. H., 1836-1910; t., 1910--. Aver. 584 pp. 16 x 13 x 3 to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 3.

90. RECORD OF JUDGE'S FINDINGS & ORDERS OF INSANE, 1915--. 2 vols. (A, B). 1835-1914 in County Court Record, entry 5. Record of findings and decisions of probate judge in insanity cases, showing name of accused person, complainant, names of witnesses and examining physicians, findings of court, judge's signature, and date of proceedings. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deft. Hpf. Aver. 400 pp. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Financial

91. PROBATE COURT FEE BOOK, 1861--. 8 vols. (A-E; 3 vols. unlabeled). Record of fees earned by probate clerk, showing name of administrator or guardian, name of deceased or ward, name of person paying fee, date and amount of payments, services for which fee was charged, and amount paid to county treasurer. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased or ward. H. Aver. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 6 vols., 1861-1911, in strg. v.; 2 vols., 1912--., in co. clk. v.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (Defunct)

The court of common pleas was created in Jackson County in 1875. The county judge served as presiding magistrate of this court and the sheriff and county clerk attended all its sessions. Its rules of prac-

tice were the same as those of the circuit court. (1) This court was abolished by the General Assembly in 1879. (2)

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- (1) A. Ark., 1874-1875, pp. 123-128).
(2) Ibid., 1879, p. 29.
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JUVENILE COURT

The juvenile court was created in 1911 by an act which specified that the county judge and county clerk serve as judge and clerk, respectively, of the court and that any officer authorized to serve process might enforce the mandates of the court. (1) The court has original jurisdiction in all cases of dependent, neglected, or ~~delinquent~~ children coming within the terms of the act. Appeals are taken to the circuit court. (2)

The records of the court are in the custody of the clerk and are housed in the county clerk's vault.

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- (1) A. Ark., 1911, p. 137.
(2) Ibid., pp. 169, 183.
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92. JUVENILE DOCKET, 1931--. 1 vol.

Minutes of proceedings in juvenile court, showing case number, box in which papers are filed, names of delinquent and attorneys, offence charged, date filed, court orders, date of orders, book and page of record entry, and witnesses' information. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Approx. 180 pp. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 x 2.

93. JUVENILE RECORD, 1912-30, 1935--. 2 vols. (1, 2). Titles vary slightly.

Record of orders and proceedings in juvenile court, warrants for arrest and commitment of delinquents, receipts from industrial schools for delinquent children received there, petitions from parents to the court to send their delinquent children to industrial schools, and summary of hearings concerning alleged delinquencies of minors. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of delinquent. H., 1912-30; t., 1935--. Aver. 642 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

During the territorial days of Jackson County the justices of the peace were chosen by a joint vote of both houses of the legislature, at such time and for such term of service as the legislature prescribed. They were commissioned by the Governor, and subject to removal by the legislature (1) The Constitution of 1836 provided for their election by the voters of the township. (2) The present constitution permits the election for a 2-year term of office of 1 justice for every 200 voters in a township; however, each township must elect a minimum of 2. (3) The justice of the peace courts have exclusive, original jurisdiction in matters involving personal property and contract up to \$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 it is authorized to serve as an examining court in felony cases and to bind offenders to the proper court for trial. (4) The justices of the peace serve with the county judge as a member of the quorum court. (5)

Non-current records of these courts are placed in the custody of the clerk. These are listed in the inventory together with the records of one court.

- (1) L. A. T., 1835, app. 1829, p. 37.
- (2) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 15.
- (3) Ibid., 1874, art. VII, sec. 38.
- (4) Ibid., sec. 40.
- (5) Ibid., sec. 30.

94. J(ustice of) P(eace) DOCKET-CIVIL & CRIMINAL, 1835-39, 1847-50, 1853-56, 1868-82, 1923--. 28 vols. (1 vol. dated; 27 vols. unlabeled).

Minutes of proceedings in justice of the peace court in civil and criminal cases, showing style of case, date instituted, cause of action, trial date, fees assessed, judgment of court, and name of presiding justice. Arr. chron. by date filed. Civil cases indexed alph. by first letter of name of pltf., criminal cases, alph. by first letter of surname of deft. H., 1835-39, 1847-50, 1853-56, 1868-82; hpf., 1923--. Aver. 320 pp. 12 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. 20 vols., 1835-39, 1847-50, 1853-56, 1868-82, 1923-33 in strg. v.; 3 vols., 1934--, in sher. v.; 5 vols., 1935--, in office of Justice of the Peace Garfield Rutledge, in Arkansas Bank & Trust Building, Newport.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The prosecuting attorney of Jackson County during its early existence was elected by the voters of the counties composing the circuit, in accordance with an act providing for the election of civil officers of the Territory. (1) The Constitution of 1836 authorized the General Assembly, by joint vote, to elect a prosecuting attorney for each judicial circuit. (2) The present constitution, adopted in 1874, authorizes the voters of the various judicial circuits to elect, at each general election, a prosecuting attorney for a term of 2 years. (3) Jackson, Law-

Prosecuting Attorney;
Sheriff

rence, Independence, and Stone Counties compose the third judicial circuit. (4) The prosecutor is required to commence and prosecute actions, both civil and criminal, in which the State or any county in his circuit may be concerned. (5) Appeals and writs of error may be brought by the prosecuting attorneys for the State, in the same manner as brought by individuals, except when otherwise provided by law. (6)

This officer keeps no records.

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- (1) Terr. A. Ark., 1829-31-33, pp. 3-9.
 - (2) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 13.
 - (3) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 24.
 - (4) A. Ark., 1891, p. 110.
 - (5) Rev. Stat., p. 131.
 - (6) Ibid., p. 641; Civil Code, sec. 859.
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COUNTY ATTORNEY (Defunct)

The office of county attorney was created in 1859. The prosecutor was appointed for a term of 2 years by the county judge. (1) This appointive power descended upon the board of supervisors in 1873. (2) The Constitution of 1874 made no provision for the continuance of the office; consequently, it passed out of existence.

No records of this office were found in Jackson County.

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- (1) A. Ark., 1859, p. 101.
 - (2) A. Ark., 1873, p. 54.
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SHERIFF

The office of sheriff in Jackson County was set up in accordance with an act of the same legislature that established the county. (1) It was authorized by the Constitution of 1836; (2) and is continued by the present Constitution, which stipulates that the sheriff be elected at the biennial general election for a term of 2 years, and that he serve in an ex officio capacity as tax collector, unless special legislation separates the offices. (3) In Jackson County the sheriff still serves in this capacity. As sheriff he is a conservator of the peace.

Sheriff

It is his duty to quell and suppress all assaults and batteries, affrays, insurrections, and unlawful assemblies; to apprehend and commit to jail all felons and other offenders; to execute all process directed to him by legal authority; and to attend the sessions of all courts held in his county. (4)

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- (1) Terr. A. Ark., 1829-31-33, p. 3.
 - (2) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 17.
 - (3) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.
 - (4) Rev. Stat., p. 728.
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- 95. SHERIFF'S DAY BOOK, 1877-81, 1903--. 9 vols. (2 vols. unlabeled; 2 dated; 6-9). Titles vary: Sheriff's Docket, 1877-81; Sheriff's Criminal Docket, 1903-26.

Record of fees earned by sheriff for service of process in civil and criminal cases, showing title of cause, names of attorneys, nature of process, date received, upon whom served, date of return, costs and remarks. Arr. chron. by date entered, numer. thereunder by case no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deft. Hpf. 100 to 600 pp. 10 x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 x 16 x 3. 4 vols., 1877-81, 1903-26, in strg. v.; 5 vols., 1927--in sher. v.

CORONER

The coroner's office was provided for by an act of the Territorial Legislature of 1829, (1) and became a constitutional office in 1836.(2) It now functions in accordance with provisions of the Constitution of 1874. The coroner is elected at each general election for a term of 2 years. (3) The coroner's primary duty is to hold inquests over the bodies of persons having met death by unnatural or unknown causes. He is a conservator of the peace and his jurisdiction is county wide. (4)

The coroner keeps no records. His reports of inquests are filed with the circuit court. See entry 55.

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- (1) Terr. A. Ark., 1829-31-33, pp. 3-9.
 - (2) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 17.
 - (3) Ibid., 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.
 - (4) Rev. Stat., p. 194.
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Constable

CONSTABLE

The office of constable was established in Jackson County in 1829, (1) and became a constitutional office in 1836. (2) It now functions under the present constitution, which permits each township to elect a constable for a term of 2 years. (3) The constable may appoint one or more deputies to assist him in conserving the peace and executing civil process throughout the county. (4)

This official keeps no records. A record of his collection of fines is kept by the county clerk. See entry 101.

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- (1) Terr. A. Ark., 1829-31-33, pp. 3-9.
 - (2) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 16.
 - (3) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 47.
 - (4) Rev. Stat., pp. 184, 186.
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QUORUM COURT

The quorum court was established by the Constitution of 1874, for the purpose of levying taxes within the bounds of the county, and making appropriations of county funds. The county judge and the justices of the peace of the county are the members of the court; the judge serves as the presiding officer. (1) The county clerk serves as clerk of the court and he is required to attend all its sessions. (2)

Records of the court are in the custody of the county clerk and are in his vault.

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- (1) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 30.
 - (2) A. Ark., 1879, p. 111.
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96. (QUORUM COURT PAPERS), 1928--. In [County Court Papers], entry 1.

Original instruments filed with the quorum court, such as 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 official nature of instrument, date filed, and notation of approval or disapproval.

97. [OFFICERS REPORTS TO QUORUM COURT], 1903-39. Est. 100 instruments in 2 f. d. (75, 76).

Original reports of county officials to quorum court, showing conditions of reporting office, amount of cash collected, cash expended, cash on hand, source of revenue and purpose of expenditure, dates covered by re-

port, signature of reporting officer, date filed, and reports of county judge on condition of roads, bridges, and county institutions. Arr. chron. by dates filed. No index, 1938-39; for index, 1903-37, see entry 2. T. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16.

98. (QUORUM COURT RECORD), 1875--.. In County Court Record, entry 5. Minutes of proceedings of the quorum court, showing date of meeting, names of justices of the peace present, reports of county judge, county clerk, sheriff, and treasurer submitted to court for approval, county tax levy and appropriations made for salaries of county officers and expenses, taxes levied for State political subdivisions of the county, and adjournment order.

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JURY COMMISSION

By authority of the Arkansas Criminal Code, adopted by the General Assembly of 1869, the circuit court is authorized to appoint three resident electors to serve as jury commissioners for each term of circuit court. The function of this commission is to select the grand and petit juries. (1)

At each term of the circuit court in the county, the jury commission selects the grand and petit jury panels. (2) The grand jury panel consists of 25 men, 9 of whom are alternates. The petit jury panel consists of 36 men, of whom 12 are alternates. The juries serve only for the term of court for which they are selected. (3)

Reports of the jury commission and records of the grand jury are filed with the circuit clerk and become a part of the court's records. See entries 56-58.

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- (1) Crim. Code, sec. 401; A. Ark., 1871, p. 264.
 - (2) Crim. Code, sec. 401.
 - (3) A. Ark., 1881, p. 92.
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COUNTY CLERK

At the time of the creation of Jackson County, the office of county clerk was filled in an ex officio capacity by the circuit clerk. (1) The State's present constitution makes the same provision, but authorizes the election of a separate county clerk after the county attains a population of 15,000. Consequently, Jackson County has had a separate clerk since 1890. The clerk is elected at the regular general election for a 2-year term. (2) He may appoint one or more deputies to assist him in his duties. The clerk serves as ex officio probate clerk (3), clerk of the quorum court (4), equalization board clerk (5), and juvenile court clerk. (6)

The records of the several courts and agencies served by the clerk are listed in this inventory under the office to which they pertain. Other records of the clerk, listed below, are kept in his vault unless otherwise indicated in the entries.

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- (1) Terr. A. Ark., 1829-31-33, p. 3.
 - (2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census, Population, I, p. 103.
 - (3) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19.
 - (4) A. Ark., 1879, p. III.
 - (5) Ibid., 1883, 245.
 - (6) Ibid., 1911, p. 167

Miscellaneous

99. [CLERK'S MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS], 1889--. Est. 500 instruments in 10 steel f. d. (1-10).

Auditor's reports, 1892-99, showing amount of revenue with which officers are charged, debits and credits of each, and signature of auditor. Miscellaneous papers filed with the county clerk, consisting of:

- i. Abstract of tax books, 1891-1908, shows name of property owner, legal description of property if real estate, separate listing of property assessed by Arkansas State Tax Commission, total valuation of personal property, and certificate of county clerk.
- ii. Bonds, road overseers', 1901-34, showing name of principal, amount of bond, district number, amount of equipment, terms and signatures of overseer and sureties.
- iii. Candidates' pledges, 1929, executed by candidate stating that he had read and understands the conditions of Act 308 of the General Assembly of 1913 which limits the amount of money that can be spent in a campaign for office, showing name of candidate, name of office he is seeking, date, and acknowledgment.
- iv. Deputy, appointment of, 1904-39, showing name of appointee, name of office to which appointed, date appointed, and date filed.
- v. Deputy, cancellation of appointment of, 1940, showing name of deputy, date of appointment, date of cancellation notice, date cancellation is effective, signature of deputy, and date filed.
- vi. Delinquent tax lands, list of, 1910-37, showing name of landowner, legal description of property, valuation, years for which taxes are delinquent, amount of taxes, penalties, and costs, and date filed.
- vii. Ferry bond, 1901, executed by ferry boat operator licensed by county court, showing date executed, amount of bond, terms, signatures of principal and sureties, and date filed.
- viii. Licenses, liquor and dram, 1889-1937, showing name of licensee, amount paid for license, duration of permit, signature of county judge and date filed.
- ix. Official oaths, 1890--., showing date executed, name of official, statement that he will support Constitution of the United States and the State of Arkansas and faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which elected or appointed, name of office to which elected or appointed, signature of official, acknowledgment, and date filed.

- x. Road overseer's report, 1895-1919, showing number of miles in road district, number of workers subject to road duty, days worked for pay, amount paid, amount expended for materials and tools, total amount expended, condition of roads and bridges, and signature of overseer.
- xi. Warrants redeemed, list of, 1889-90, showing warrant number, date and amount of warrant, to whom issued, for what purpose, date paid, and date filed.

Arr. chron. by date filed. No index, 1889-92, 1938--; for index, 1893-1937, see entry 2. H., hpf., and tpf. 11 x 4 x 13.

Financial

Accounts

100. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS (of Fines, Penalties, and Forfeitures), 1898--. Est. 950 instruments in 2 steel f. d. (98, 99). Reports of justices of the peace listing fines imposed and names of collecting officers, showing style of case, date of trial, fees collected disposition of case, and signature of justice. Arr. chron. by date filed. For index, 1898-1937, see entry 2, no index, 1938--; T. 11x 4 x 13.

101. OFFICIAL ACCOUNTS, 1884--. 11 vols. (C-M). Record of accounts of county offices and special funds of the county, showing name of official or fund, dates and items of debits and credits, amounts of each, and balance. Arr. chron. by date of account. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of official and page of acct. H. Aver. 640 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 4 vols., 1884-1910, in strg. v.; 7 vols., 1911-- , in co. clk. v.

102. ABSTRACT OF ALLOWANCES, 1876-1928. 10 vols. (A, B; 1 vol. unlabeled; 1, D-I). Recorded listings of claims paid by the county court, showing date, name of person paid, purpose, fund from which money was drawn, amount, date filed, to whom delivered, and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. by date allowed. No index. Hpf. 200 to 620 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 x 13 x 3. 9 vols., 1876-1926, in strg. v.; 1 vol., 1927-28, in cir. clk. v.

Warrants

103. REGISTER OF COUNTY WARRANTS ISSUED, 1859-76, 1889--. 11 vols. (A, B, A-E, A, B; 2 vols. unlabeled). Record of warrants issued to pay claims against the county, showing name of person to whom issued, date issued, warrant number, amount, on what fund drawn, date delivered, and to whom. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hpf. Aver. 242 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 9 vols., 1859-76, 1889-1931, in strg. v.; 2 vols., 1932-- , in co. clk. v.

104. REGISTER OF ROAD WARRANTS, 1909--. 2 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; 1).

A record of highway and road warrants, showing warrant number, date issued, to whom, amount, number of road district, when paid, and date and term of court. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hpf. Aver. 242 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Assessment and Taxation

105. U. S. PLATS & ORIGINAL ENTRIES, 1821-74. 1 vol.

Listing of United States land patents issued to convey title to land in Jackson county, and used as basic record for assessment of real property, showing date entered, name of grantee, number of acres and legal description of property. Arr. numer. by twp. and r. nos. No index. Hpf. 100 pp. 16 x 21 x 1.

106. [PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX RECORD], 1839-57, 1859-69. 13 vols. (3 vols. dated; 10 vols. unlabeled). Titles vary: Assessment Roll, 1839-56; Tax List, 1860, 1867.

Record of real and personal assessments, showing name of owner, those persons required to pay poll tax, legal description of real property, value of land, value of improvements, total value, numbers of road and school district in which land is located, number and value of livestock, farm equipment, jewelry, stocks and bonds, moneys invested, total assessed value of all property, total value as equalized, assessor's penalty, and school penalty. Arr. alph. by town and political twp. and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hpf. Aver. 149 pp. 17 x 14 x 2. In strg. v.

107. REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT, 1868--. 47 vols. (46 vols. dated; 1 vol. unlabeled).

Record of real estate assessments, showing name of owner, legal description of property, number of acres improved and number unimproved, value of land, value of improvements, total value, numbers of school and road districts in which located. Arr. numer. by sec. twp. and r., and alph. thereunder by name of property owner. No index. Hpf. Aver. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. 21 vols., 1869-75, 1877-79, 1896-1932, in strg. v.; 18 vols., 1868, 1876, 1880-95, in cir. clk. v.; 8 vols., 1933-44, in co. clk. v.

108. REAL ESTATE TAX BOOK, 1868--. 63 vols. (dated). Titles vary slightly.

Tax rolls for real property in the county, showing property owner's name, legal description of property, numbers of school and road districts, amount of school taxes, taxes extended, state, county, district, and city taxes, total tax, amount of tax delinquent, tax receipt number, and when paid. Arr. numer. by sec. twp. and r., and alph. thereunder by property owner. Aver. 300 pp. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 17 x 3. 43 vols., 1868-1920, in cir. clk. v.; 20 vols., 1921--., in co. clk. v.

109. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT, 1870-1916. 47 vols. (dated).

Record of personal property assessment, showing owner's name, those persons required to pay poll tax, number and value of livestock, farm

equipment, jewelry, stocks and bonds, moneys invested, total assessed value of all property, total value as equalized, road and school district numbers, assessor's penalty, and school penalty. Arr: alph. by name of political twp. and alph. thereunder by first letter of name of taxpayer. No index. Hpf. Aver. 317 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. In strg. v.

110. PERSONAL TAX BOOK, 1868-1916. 33 vols. (dated).

Tax rolls of personal property, showing receipt book and receipt number, name of property owner, address, date tax paid, description of personal property, valuation of various items of personal property, total valuation, penalty assessed for delinquency, if any, valuation as equalized, number of school and road districts, State, county, general, school, and total taxes. Arr. alph. by name of political twp. and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hpf. Aver. 203 pp. 17 x 14 x 2. In strg. v.

111. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT TAX BOOK, 1917--. 46 vols.

Record of personal property assessments and tax rolls, showing information as in entries 109 and 110. Arr. alph. by name of political twp. and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hpf. Aver. 265 pp. 17 x 14 x 2. 41 vols., 1917-35, in strg. v.; 5 vols., 1936--., in co. clk. v.

Improvement Districts

112. IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (Assessment Records), 1910--. 28 vols.

(5 vols. labeled by dist. no. or name; 23 vols. dated).

Titles vary: Ditch Assessment Record, 1910-16, 4 vols.

Record of assessments of property in improvement districts, which is taxed for the purpose of paying off improvement district bonds, showing name of landowner, legal description of property, present assessed valuation with improvements added, amount of taxes, and dates paid. Arr. numer. by twp. no. of legal description. Indexed numer. by imp. dist. no., 1917--; no index, 1910-16. Hpf. Aver. 325 pp. 17 x 15 x 3. 11 vols., 1910-23, in cir. clk. v.; 17 vols., 1924--., in co. clk. v.

Collections

113. RECORD TAX RECEIPT, 1880-1916, 1918--. 93 vols. (52 vols. dated; 40 vols. labeled by contained receipt no.; 1 vol. unlabeled).

Record of tax receipts, showing name of collector, year for which taxes were paid, receipt number, to whom issued, legal description of property, amount of school and improvement taxes, total taxes and date paid. Arr. chron. by date of issue and numer. thereunder by receipt no. No index. Hpf. 200 to 800 pp. $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 x 17 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. 38 vols., 1880-89, 1891-1913, 1920-23, 1931-34, in cir. clk. v.; 11 vols., 1890, 1914-19, 1924-28, in strg. v.; 44 vols., 1929-30, 1935--., in co. clk. v.

114. DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAX RECORD, 1869-1907, 1932--. 6 vols.

(3 vols. unlabeled; 1 vol. dated; B, C).

Recorded list of persons who have not paid personal property taxes, showing name of owner, number of school district, number of persons liable

to pay poll tax, description and assessed value of property, years for which taxes are delinquent, total taxes, penalty and costs. Arr. numer. by school dist. and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of property owner. No index. Hpf. Aver. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. 4 vols., 1869-1907, in strg. v.; 1 vol., 1932-35, in cir. clk. v.; 1 vol., 1934--, in co. clk. v.

Tax Sales (see also entries 74, 75)

115. (Record of) LIST AND NOTICE OF SALE OF LANDS, 1861--. 7 vols. (B, C, A-E). Titles vary: Tax Sale Record, 1861-83, 2 vols. Record of lands that are to be sold for collection of delinquent taxes, showing name of original owner, legal description of property, assessed valuation, years for which taxes are delinquent, total taxes and penalties due, date sold, and name of purchaser. Arr. numer. by twp. no. of legal description. No index. Hpf. Aver. 300 pp. 17 x 14 x 3. 2 vols., 1861-83, in cir. clk. v.; 5 vols., 1884--, in co. clk. v.

116. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LAND SOLD TO STATE, 1884--. 5 vols. (A -E). Record of lands sold to the State for non-payment of taxes, showing amount of delinquent taxes, penalties and costs, years for which taxes are delinquent, legal description of tract, and date sold. Arr. numer. by twp. no. of legal description. No index. Hpf. Aver. 325 pp. 18½ x 15 x 3.

117. RECORD OF LANDS SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS, 1884--. 1 vol. (A). Record of lands sold to individuals for collection of delinquent taxes, showing legal description of tract, year for which taxes are delinquent, amount of taxes, penalties and costs due, and name of purchaser. Arr. numer. by twp. no. of legal description. No index. Hpf. Aver. 235 pp. 18½ x 15 x 3.

Redemption

118. REDEMPTION CERTIFICATES, 1891-1937. Est. 270 instruments in 2 steel f. d. Original certificates issued to persons redeeming land, showing name of person redeeming land, date of redemption, legal description of property, date of sale, amount of taxes, penalty and costs, distribution of taxes, treasurer's receipt attached to and forming part of the redemption certificate, showing amount of receipt, purpose for which money was paid, date of receipt, and signature of treasurer. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index, 1891, 1892; for index, 1893-1937, see entry 2. Hpf. 11. x 4 x 13.

119. [DUPLICATE REDEMPTION CERTIFICATES], 1933-36, 1938--. 2 vols. Carbon copies of redemption certificates, showing information as in entry 118. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hpf. Aver. 400 pp. 11 x 8 x 2.

120. REAL ESTATE BOUGHT AND REDEEMED FROM STATE LAND COMMISSIONER, 1935--. 1 vol. Recorded list of delinquent lands in county sold to State which have

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been bought or redeemed by individuals, showing date of deed, kind of deed, to whom issued, legal description of property, and years for which forfeited. Arr. chron. by date of deed. No index. Hpf. 35 pp. 17 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

121. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LANDS (Redeemed), 1885-1918, 1926--. 8 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; 1-7). Titles vary slightly. Recorded listing of delinquent lands which have been redeemed, showing name of owner, description of property, valuation, total taxes, penalties and costs paid, date sold for taxes, name of purchaser, date redeemed, by whom, signature of clerk attesting redemption, when needed, and to whom. Arr. numer. by twp. no. of legal description. No index. Hpf. Aver. 300 pp. 17 x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3.

Elections

122. VOTERS RECORD, 1931--. 1 vol. (4). Recorded list of qualified voters of county, showing name of voter, school district number or voting precinct in which they are eligible to vote. Arr. numer. by school dist. no. and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of voter. No index. H. 175 pp. 16 x 13 x 2.

Marriages

123. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, AFFIDAVITS, AND BONDS, 1866--. Est. 300 instruments in 4 steel f. d. Original marriage licenses, affidavits for license, and marriage bonds. Licenses show names, addresses, and ages of contracting parties, date of license, and signature and seal of county clerk. Affidavits show name of man, his age and address, name, age, and address of woman he intends to marry, date of affidavit, and signature of clerk. Marriage bond shows name of principal and sureties, date of bond, names of contracting parties, signature of principal and bondsmen. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index, 1866-92, 1938--; for index, 1893-1937, see entry 2. Hpf. 11 x 4 x 13.

124. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1846--. 17 vols. (B, C, A-O). Record of marriages consisting of certificate of marriage, 1846-84; marriage bond, affidavit for marriage license, license, and certificate of marriage, 1875--. Marriage licenses show names, addresses and ages of contracting parties, date of licenses, signature of county clerk. Certificate of marriage, bond, and affidavit for license show information as in entry 123. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of bridegroom. H., 1846-84; hpf., 1875--. Aver. 635 pp. 15 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 3.

Corporations

125. [CORPORATION PAPERS], 1900-1921. 50 instruments in 1 steel f. d. (110). Miscellaneous corporation papers consisting of annual reports, articles of dissolution, and certificates of transfers of bank stock. Annual reports show amount of capital stock paid in, cash value of credits, names

of stockholders and number of shares owned by each. Articles of dissolution show time and place of meeting, resolutions to surrender charter and cease operation, signatures of president and secretary, date executed, acknowledgment, and date filed. Transfers of bank stock show name and address of bank, names of bank president, cashier, and person making transfer, number of shares transferred, name of assignee, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. For index see entry 2. Hpf., 1900-1915, t., 1916--. 11 x 4 x 13.

126. CORPORATION RECORD, 1891--. 4 vols. (A-D). 1857-90, and incidental recordings, 1891-94, in Deed Record, entry 9; incidental recordings, 1888--., in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12. Record of incorporation papers, showing name of corporation, names of persons subscribing stock, amount subscribed, capital stock, place of business, and amendments to articles and bylaws of corporation, date filed and recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by name of corporation. H., 1891-1912; h., 1912-19; t., 1920--. Aver. 578 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Professional Licenses

127. RECORD OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS (Professional Licenses), 1894--. 2 vols. (A, B). Incidental recordings, 1915-24, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 12; incidental recordings, 1916, in Record (of Ministers') Credentials, entry 33. Record of physicians' and surgeons' licenses, 1894--., and re-registration of licenses as required by an act of the General Assembly of 1903, and subsequent registration of professional licenses, such as dentists' licenses, 1904-6, nurses' licenses, 1927-30, and veterinarian licenses, 1911-15. Record of re-registration shows name of examining board, physician's name, statement of qualifications, date executed, names of officers and members of examining board, and date recorded. Record of professional licenses shows title of examining board, date of examination, name of licensee, date license issued, copy of signature of official of examining board, date filed, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of licensee. H., 1894-1902; hpf., 1903--. Aver. 320 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

Livestock

128. ESTRAYS RECORD, 1846--. 2 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; B). Last entry 1931. 1839-42 in Deed Record, entry 9. Titles vary slightly. Record of stray livestock taken up by individuals and reported to the county clerk by justice of the peace, showing name of justice of the peace, names of appraisers, appraised value of animal, total expense, name of person taking up stock, and notation if claimed by original owner. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of party taking up animal. H., 1846-59; h. and hpf., 1860-1919; hpf., 1920--. Aver. 336 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. In strg. v.

129. RECORD OF MARKS AND BRANDS, 1832--. 5 vols. (2 vols. unlabeled; B-D).

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Register of marks and brands used by livestock owners, showing facsimiles of the mark and brand, place of residence of owner, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of owner. H., 1856-59; h. and hpf., 1860-90; hpf., 1891--. Aver. 425 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 vols., 1832-98, in strg. v.; 2 vols., 1899--, in co. clk. v.

Fees

130. FEE BOOK (County and Probate Clerk), 1935--. 1 vol.
Record of fees earned by clerk as county clerk and as probate clerk, showing name of person paying fee, for what purpose paid, amount, and date of payment. Arr. chron. by date entered. No index. Hpf. 480. 18 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Public Works

131. [DRAINAGE DISTRICT PAPERS], 1910--. Est. 350 instruments in 3 steel f. d. (128-130).
Original papers of drainage districts filed with the county clerk, such as petitions for establishing drainage district, orders of approval, blue print plat of drainage district, engineer's bond, and engineer's report. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index, 1938--; for index, 1910-37, see entry 2. Hpf. 11 x 4 x 13.

Schools

132. LISTS OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS, 1932. 25 instruments in 1 steel f. d. (56).
Original lists of directors in each school district in Jackson County, showing number and name of district, names of directors, their addresses, whether elected or appointed, and date, date qualified, and date term expires. Arr. chron. by date filed. For index, see entry 2. T. 11 x 4 x 13.

133. REGISTER OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS, 1883--. 1 vol. (1).
A record of school directors, showing information as in entry 132. Arr. numer. by dist. no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of director. Hpf. 148 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

Appointments

134. (APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTIES), 1900-1939. In Miscellaneous Record, entry 12.
Record of appointments of deputies, showing name of appointee, name of office to which appointed, date appointed, acknowledgment, and date recorded.

TAX ASSESSOR

From the time of the establishment of Jackson County in 1829. (1), until 1868, the sheriff served as ex officio tax assessor. The Gener-

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Equalization

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al Assembly of that year established a ~~separate office~~. (2) The Constitution of 1874 continued the office and provided that a county assessor be elected at the biennial general elections for a term of 2 years. (3) It is the duty of the assessor to assess all real estate and tangible personal property and all intangible personal property, moneys, and credits within the county. (4)

The assessor keeps no records. The assessment and tax records, prepared in this office, are kept by the county clerk. See entries 106, 111.

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- (1) Terr. A. Ark., 1829-31-33, p. 80.
 - (2) A. Ark., 1868, p. 262.
 - (3) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.
 - (4) Rev. Stat., p. 675; A. Ark., 1929, II, p. 841.
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COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The county court served in correcting the assessments of aggrieved taxpayers from 1829 until 1883, (1) when a county board of equalization was created. (2) It was supplanted in 1917 by a township board of assessment and valuation. (3), and recreated in 1929. It consists of three members appointed by the quorum court for a term of 2 years, whose duty it is to equalize the assessed values of such property as has been assessed by the assessor for the then current year. (4)

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- (1) Terr. A. Ark., 1829-31-33, p. 13.
 - (2) A. Ark., 1883, p. 245.
 - (3) A. Ark., 1917, II, p. 1238.
 - (4) A. Ark., 1929, II, p. 866.
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135. EQUALIZATION BOARD RECORD, 1883-1916, 1929--. 4 vols.
(2 vols. unlabeled; A, 1). Titles vary slightly.

Record of proceedings of equalization board, showing names of members, date of meeting, names of property owners, and description of property or land upon which assessment was equalized. Arr. chron. by meeting date. No index. H. Aver. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 3 vols., 1883-1916, in strg. v.; 1 vol., 1929--, in co. clk. v.

Tax Collector;
County Treasurer

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TAX COLLECTOR

From the time of the establishment of Jackson County (1), to the present the office of tax collector has been filled in an ex officio capacity by the sheriff who is elected at the biennial general election for a term of 2 years. (2)

The collector keeps no records.

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- (1) Terr. A. Ark., 1929-31-33, p. 80.
 - (2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.
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COUNTY TREASURER

The office of county treasurer was authorized by the State's first Constitution (1), and is now provided for by the Constitution of 1874. The county treasurer is elected for a term of 2 years, and serves as ex officio treasurer of the county school funds. (2) Beside being the custodian of the county and school funds, he is the disbursing officer for the county and the school districts. (3) By an act of the General Assembly of 1927, the treasurer was made ex officio treasurer of the county library board. (4) He may appoint a deputy when necessary. (5)

The records of the treasurer are kept in his vault unless otherwise indicated in the entries.

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- (1) Const. 1836, art. VI, sec. 17.
 - (2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.
 - (3) Ibid., schedule 23.
 - (4) A. Ark., 1927, p. 832.
 - (5) A. Ark., 1883, p. 66.
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Papers

136. [TREASURER'S MISCELLANEOUS FILE], 1937--. Est. 300 instruments in 6 steel f. d. (4 f. d. unlabeled; 2 dated).
Original papers filed by county treasurer including letters, bank and depository bonds, distribution sheets for land, redemption and common school apportionment, teachers contract and health certificate, letters and opinions by attorney general, district attorney audits, adjustments and court orders, and canceled teachers' contracts. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 13.

Accounts

137. GENERAL AND ROAD ACCOUNT RECORD, 1932--. 3 vols. (dated). General account record shows total amount of county revenue received by treasurer from all sources, amounts received, amounts disbursed, manner of disbursement, to whom paid and to what credited. Road account record shows number of district, to whom paid, date and number of warrant, amount and receipt. Arr. in tabbed sec. by name of acct. and chron. thereunder by date entered. No index. Hpf. Aver. 640 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

138. SCHOOL ACCOUNT RECORD, 1932--. 3 vols. (dated). Record kept by the county treasurer of all money received and paid out by school districts, showing name of school district, warrant number, date issued, to whom paid, amount received, amount of warrant, fund from which paid, and balance of account. Arr. in tabbed secs. according to school dist. no. and chron. thereunder by date entered. Indexed alph. by name of school dist. Hpf. Aver. 611 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Warrants

139. TREASURER REGISTER COUNTY WARRANTS PAID, 1919-31, 1936--. 8 vols. (4 vols. unlabeled; A, B, 1, 2). Titles vary slightly.

Register of county warrants issued and paid, showing warrant number, name of payee, name of account upon which warrant is drawn, amount and date, date delivered, to whom delivered, and dates redeemed. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hpf. Aver. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. 4 vols., 1919-31, in strg. v.; 4 vols., 1936--; in treas. v.

140. TREASURER REGISTER ROAD WARRANTS PAID, 1934--. 2 vols. (1, 2). Record kept by the county treasurer of all money received and paid out by road districts, showing number of voucher or warrant, date, amount, date paid, to whom paid, and on what road district drawn. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hpf. Aver. 242 pp. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

141. REGISTER OF SCHOOL WARRANTS ISSUED, 1899-1935. 1 vol. (1). Register of warrants canceled, showing warrant number, date, amount, in whose favor drawn, date canceled by county court, and remarks. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hpf. 200 pp. $14\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

142. [REGISTER OF SCHOOL WARRANTS ISSUED AND REDEEMED], 1898--. 7 vols. (2-5; 3 vols. unlabeled). Record of school warrants, showing warrant number, date issued, in whose favor, for what purpose, on what fund drawn, date presented, date paid, to whom paid, and remarks. Arr. numer. by warrant no. ~~No index.~~ Hpf. Aver. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 5 vols., 1898-1921, in strg. v.; 2 vols., 1921--; in treas. v.

Teachers' Contracts

143. TEACHER'S CONTRACT REGISTER, 1913-32, 1935--. 2 vols. (1; 1 vol. unlabeled). Titles varies: School Directors and Teachers' Contracts, 1913-32, 1 vol.

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Register of school directors and teachers. First volume shows school district number, director's name, address, term for which elected, teacher's name, term of school for which contract is made, and salary. Second volume shows school district number, name of teacher, grade license, number of poll tax, length of school term, date of beginning and ending of school term, salary per month, salary per term, and remarks. Arr. numer. by school dist. no. No index. Hpf. Aver. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

Improvement Bonds

144. REGISTER OF SCHOOL (Building) BONDS, 1917-37. 1 vol. (1). Register of bond issues of various school districts, showing name of school district, date bond issued, bond number, amount, purchaser's name, amount of issue, sale price, number of bond and amount, rate of interest, date registered, date of maturity, date paid, and place of payment. Arr. alph. by name of school district. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of school district. Hpf. 119 pp. 12 x 16 x 1.

145. [COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION BOND REGISTER], 1939--. 1 vol. Record showing name and number of Public Works Administration Project, date of loan, name of person to whom paid, warrant number, amount paid on loan, and balance due. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. H., 187 pp. 12 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS (Defunct)

This agency was established in 1885 for the purpose of making periodical audits of the accounts of the various county offices. (1) Legislation passed by the General Assembly in 1917 authorized the county judge to request the State Comptroller to make an audit of county offices. (2) The office of commissioner of accounts was abolished in 1931 by an act of the General Assembly which designated that the State Comptroller become ex officio director of account audits. (3)

No records of the commissioner of accounts were found in the inventory.

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- (1) A. Ark., 1885, p. 78.
 - (2) A. Ark., 1917, p. 1613.
 - (3) A. Ark., 1931, p. 120.
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COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

During the early history of Jackson County, general supervision of elections was a duty of the county court. (1) The board of election

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commissioners was provided for each county in Arkansas by an act of the General Assembly of 1891. (2) The board is composed of three members appointed by the State Board of Election Commissioners, not more than 90, nor less than 30 days before the general election. They serve a term of 2 years. It is the duty of the county board, not less than 5 days before any general election, to appoint three judges of election for each voting precinct in the county. (3)

No records of this office were found.

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- (1) Terr. A. Ark., 1829-31-33, p. 14; Rev. Stat., p. 349; A. Ark., 1874-1875, p. 93.
 - (2) A. Ark., 1891, p. 33.
 - (3) Ibid., 1931, p. 1119; 1935, p. 426.
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BOARD OF REGISTRATION (Defunct)

The board of registration functioned in Jackson County from 1868 until 1874 for the purpose of supervising elections and passing upon the qualifications of electors. (1) The board consisted of three members who were appointed by the Governor for a term of 2 years. (2) It was rendered inactive by an act of the General Assembly of 1874 (3), and became extinct when the Constitution of 1874 made no provisions for its continuance.

No records of this office were found.

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- (1) A. Ark., 1868, p. 50.
 - (2) Ibid.
 - (3) A. Ark., 1874, p. 5.
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COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERVISOR

The county examiner of schools has been the chief educational officer of the public schools at various times in the history of Arkansas Counties (1), also the county superintendent of schools (2), and now the county school supervisor, who is selected and employed by the county board of education for a term of 1 or 2 years, subject to re-employment. He is required to hold examinations for persons making application for licenses to teach school, to make all reports required by law, but is not required to devote all of his time to his employment as county supervisor. He is executive officer of the county board of education. (3).

(Note: Citations on following page).

Local Textbook ;

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Selecting Committee

- (1) A. Ark., 1850-51, 122; *ibid.*, 1875, 67; *ibid.*, 1933, 61, 779.
- (2) A. Ark., 1853, 146, *ibid.*, 1873, 409; *ibid.*, 1919, Gen., 181.
- (3) A. Ark., 1941, 838.

County School Supervisor

146. [COUNTY EXAMINER'S FILES], 1928--. Est. 378 documents in 3 steel f. d.

Original papers kept by county examiner consisting of school board's record of elected teachers, report of new entrants, report of change in teachers' salaries, certificate of leave of absence, application for retirement, monthly report of enrollment and attendance, and budget for school year. Arr. alph. by title of subject matter. No index. Hpf. 11 x 16 x 26.

LOCAL TEXTBOOK SELECTING COMMITTEE

Local textbook selecting committees, composed of three teachers or supervisors of the school district, are, upon recommendation of the superintendent of schools, appointed by the school directors for the purpose of selecting state text books for use in their public schools. (1)

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- (1) A. Ark., 1941, 832.
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COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The General Assembly of 1919 transferred supervisory control of school affairs from the county court to a county board of education.

- (1) The board was abolished in 1933 and its functions were re-assigned to the county court.
- (2) A system of county boards of education was re-created by the 1941 General Assembly. The county board of education is composed of five members, one of whom is elected from each of the four zones within the county, and one from a district that does not employ a superintendent, and if there is no such district in the county, then from a rural district. The members of the board are elected at the annual school election, and their terms of office range from 1 to 5 years.
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- (1) A. Ark., 1919, Gen., 177.
 - (2) A. Ark., 1933, p. 60.
 - (3) A. Ark., 1941, p. 839.

School Directors;
Health Unit

(147)

147. COUNTY EDUCATIONAL BOARD RECORD, 1921-33, 1 vol.
Record of proceedings of county board of education, showing date of meeting, members present, and business transacted. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. H. and t. 635 pp. 18 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3. In co. clk, v.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The General Assembly of 1869 authorized the election of six school directors in cities and towns. Their terms of office were from 1 to 4 years. (1) In 1875, the General Assembly authorized the voters of rural school districts, at the annual school meeting, to elect three school directors to serve 1, 2 and 3 years respectively. (2) Prior to this time the affairs of the county schools had been under the supervision of school trustees (3), and school commissioners. (4)

The present status of school directors was fixed by the 1935 General Assembly. The rural districts have 3 directors, elected for a 3-year term; the school district containing a city of the first class have six directors, two elected annually for 3-year terms. All other districts have five directors, one elected each year for a 5-year term. (5)

The chief function of school directors is the selection of school teachers for their respective districts. They are also custodians of all school property within their districts. (6)

For records of the election of school directors, see entries 132, 133.

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- (1) A. Ark., 1869, p. 20.
 - (2) Ibid., 1875, p. 73.
 - (3) Ibid., 1843, p. 130.
 - (4) Ibid., 1840, p. 89.
 - (5) Ibid., 1935, p. 69.
 - (6) Ibid., 1931, p. 436.
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HEALTH UNIT

The public health program in Jackson County functions by authority of an act of the General Assembly of 1913, which authorized the State Board of Health to set up regulations for its administration. (1) In the event a single county is unable to set up a unit of its own, it may join with one or more neighboring counties in establishing a district health unit. Jackson, Woodruff, White, and Cross Counties compose District 11. The personnel, which is selected by the Arkansas State Board of Health, with the approval of the county judges, is composed of one medical director, a health nurse and sanitarian in each county, and

necessary clerical assistants..(2)

The records of the health unit are kept in its offices.

(1) A. Ark., 1913, p. 354.

(2) Arkansas State Board of Health, Report, Little Rock, 1937, p. 7.

Index

148. INDIVIDUAL INDEX CARDS, 1937--. Approx. 2,000 cards in 1 steel f. d.

Card index to Family Folder, 1938--, entry 152; General Medical Records, entry 153; V(eneral) D(isease) File, 1939--, entry 154; Communicable Diseases, entry 155; Immunization File, entry 156; School Records, entry 157, showing name and address of client, date of birth, sex, color, names of parents, type of record, and where filed. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of person affected. Tpf. $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 28.

Reports

149. DAILY REPORT, 1936--. Est. 1,000 instruments in 2 wooden f. d. Doctor's and nurse's daily report of patient, showing name of worker, district, date, item number, patient's name and address, remarks, and narrative of day's work. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hpf. 8 x 8 x 14.

150. WEEKLY REPORT, 1935--. Approx. 500 instruments in 1 wooden f. d.

Weekly reports of white and colored patients to Arkansas State Board of Health, showing date of report, number of cases of each kind of disease and signature of county health officer, names and addresses of physicians moving into community, names and addresses of those moving out, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hpf. 8 x 8 x 14.

151. MONTHLY REPORTS, 1930--. Est. 150 instruments in 3 cardboard file boxes.

Copies of monthly reports to the State Department of Health by the county and district. These reports cover vital statistics, record of communicable diseases, record of quarantines, request for and report of maternity nursing service, reports of field visits of health officers, tuberculin tests given, treatment and hospitalization of crippled children, Red Cross activities, operation of midwives, and aid in promoting hygiene for school children and adults. Arr. chron. by report date. No index. H pf. 14 x 3 x 12.

Case Histories

152. FAMILY FOLDER, 1938--. Approx. 50 instruments in 1 wooden f. d.

Folders containing medical record of family whose name appears in folder, showing household register with date born, age at death, cause of death, date, significant economic and social data, address and directions, excreta disposal, water, screening, property owner, summary of open cases, showing name, service, and date case closed and date opened. Also contains the following: Epidemiological records, tuberculosis records, maternity records, and infant and preschool records. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of family. For index, see entry 148. Hpf. $5 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$.

153. GENERAL MEDICAL RECORDS, 1937--. Approx. 100 instruments in 1 wooden f. d.

General medical record of employees, showing name, address, age, sex and color, nature of illness, significant facts concerning present illness, and physician's orders. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. For index, see entry 148. Hpf. $5 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$.

154. V(eneral) D(isease) FILE, 1939--. Approx. 50 cards in 1 cardboard file box.

Original information cards, showing name, age, sex, color, marital status and address of patient, previous contact to Wasserman test, date, result, and name of reporting physician. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. For index, see entry 148. Hpf. and tpf. $8 \times 8\frac{1}{2} \times 12$.

155. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, 1937--. 600 cards in 1 steel f. d.

Chronological card record of examinations of pupils, showing communicable disease, date of examination, case number and name of patient. Case register shows name of disease, number of case, name of patient, address, age, sex and color, head of home, physician reporting case, source of milk supply, notice to dairy and school. Arr. alph. by name of disease and alph. thereunder by family name. For index, see entry 148. Tpf. $5\frac{1}{2} \times 13 \times 28$.

Immunization

156. IMMUNIZATION FILE, 1937--. Est. 8,000 cards in 4 steel f. d. (labeled by contained letters of alph.)

Record of tests and immunizations given to individuals, showing name, age, address, sex, color, school, name of parents of client, kind of immunizations or test, date treatment given, remarks and results. Arr. alph. by first letter in surname of client. For index, see entry 148. Tpf. and hpf. $5\frac{1}{2} \times 13 \times 28$.

Schools

157. SCHOOL RECORDS, 1937--. Approx. 2,500 instruments in 1 steel f. d.

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Medical Examiners

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Individual health record of each school child, showing name, age, address, sex and color of each child, names and birthplaces of parents, general medical record of child, showing results of tests and immunization given, summary of infant and preschool record, not on clinical conferences, and field visits, and notices to parents suggesting the correction of certain defects in child. Arr. alph. by name of school and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of child. For index,

Vital Statistics

158. [BIRTHS AND DEATHS], 1937-38, 50 instruments in 1 steel f. d. Card record of births and deaths in Jackson County. Births show name of child, home address, sex, color, date and place of birth, first name of father, first name of mother, birthplace of mother, attendant, and date registered. Deaths show name of person, home address, sex, color, date and place of death, age at death, name of reporting physician, cause of death, and date registered. Births arr. alph. by first letter of surname of child; deaths arr. alph. by first letter of surname of deceased. No index. Tpf. $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 7 x 17.

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. (1) The county board was abolished in 1893, and its functions were taken over by a simultaneously created State Board. (2)

No records of this agency were found in the inventory. Records of licenses of physicians and surgeons are kept by the county clerk. See entry 127.

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- (1) A. Ark., 1881, p. 41.
(2) A. Ark., 1893, p. 331.
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COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

A county department of public welfare was first established in 1935 (1), and continued by subsequent legislation in 1937 (2), and 1939. (3) The State Department of Public Welfare appoints a county board, to consist of five members, who must have been nominated by five constitutional officers of the county. County board appointments are for 5 years, and the board, in turn, selects the county welfare director who has general supervision of the department. The welfare board has charge of, and control, over the administration of unemployables, and selects and

designates persons entitled to relief. (4) Hospitalization and medical care are furnished indigent persons. (5)

Records of the welfare agency are kept in its offices in the court-house

Correspondence

159. [CORRESPONDENCE FILES], 1935--. Est. 1,200 instruments in 8 cardboard file boxes.
Official correspondence of public welfare board and department employees. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of correspondent. No index. Tph. 14 x 3 x 12.

Applications

160. [APPLICATIONS FOR AID, OPEN CASES], 1935--. Est. 1,350 folders in 9 steel f. d. (labeled by contained letters of alphabet).
Original approved applications for aid to dependent children, blind pension, old age pensions, and general relief, showing form number, date, name of applicant, case number, report of investigation, date approved, and a duplicate or receipt for orders which have been issued to client. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. No index. Hpf. 12 x 17 x 26.
161. [APPLICATIONS FOR AID, CLOSED CASES], 1935--. Est. 1,500 folders in 5 steel f. d. and 5 cardboard drawers.
Original relief applications in which cases are closed, showing information as entry 160. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. No index. Hpf. 12 x 17 x 26.
162. [PENDING APPLICATION RECORD], 1937--. 1 vol.
Record of relief applications pending, showing date, name and address of applicant, date of application, date of investigation, by whom made, and family history. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. No index. Tpf. 200 pp. 18 x 12½ x 1.

Visitation

163. [RECORD OF VISITS], 1938--. Est. 375 instruments in 5 cardboard file boxes.
Card record of visits made by case worker, showing name and address of client, date of visit and signature of case worker, members of household, date of birth of each member, relation to head of household. 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. 4½ x 5½ x 12.

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164. [WORK RELIEF CERTIFICATION REGISTER], 1936-37. 1 vol. Record discontinued.

Register of applicants for Works Progress Administration work relief, showing name and address of applicant, case number, date of investigation, report and name of investigator, and acceptance or rejection of applicant. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Fair condition. 200 pp. 18 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

Financial

165. [CONTROL RECORD], 1938--. 2 vols.

Record of assistance given to welfare clients, showing amount of check or voucher, to whom issued, for what purpose, and date received. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. No index. Tpf. Aver. 350 pp. 6 x 9 x 2.

Child Welfare

166. [CASE APPLICATIONS], 1940--. 25 folders in 1 steel file drawer.

Record of applications for child welfare services showing names of applicant and child, date executed, reason for application, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Hpf. 11 x 12 x 24.

167. [MISCELLANEOUS RECORD], 1940--. Approx. 200 instruments in 1 steel file drawer.

Papers showing monthly reports, expenditure receipts, adoption studies, children bureau reports, receipts and staff meeting reports, committee reports, publicity reports, correspondence, miscellaneous reports, county contacts, mileage reports, county study, minutes, crippled children reports, daily reports and memoranda. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Tpf. 11 x 12 x 24.

168. FOSTER HOME'S RECORD, 1940--. Approx. 50 folders in 1 steel file drawer.

Instruments listing prospective foster homes, showing cases approved and closed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. 11 x 12 x 24.

169. [CASE INDEX], 1940--. 1 steel file box.

Shows name of child, family history, date of application, and date accepted. Arr. alph. by first letter in surname of child. No index. T. 3 x 4 x 6.

CONFEDERATE PENSION BOARD

The General Assembly of 1891 created the Confederate pension board and specified that its members should consist of the county judge,

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county clerk, and sheriff. This provision was altered in 1901 and the county judge was authorized to appoint three members to serve on the board for a term of 2 years. The Arkansas State Welfare Department was given general supervision of the Confederate pension fund by the 1939 General Assembly and county boards were rendered inactive.

Records of the board are in the county clerk's vault.

170. [CONFEDERATE PENSION BOARD RECORD], 1913-38. 1 vol. Record of proceedings of pension board, showing date of meeting, members of the board present, lists of applicants for old age pension examined, names and addresses of applicants, whether pension allowed or disallowed, amount allowed, list of pension applicants received from State Auditor, showing name of pensioner, number and amount of check, to whom mailed, and date mailed. Arr. chron. by meeting date. No index. H. 152 pp. (28 used), 12 x 9 x 1. In co. clk. v.

COUNTY SURVEYOR

Upon the creation of Jackson County in 1829, the office of surveyor functioned in accordance with a law of the Missouri Territory of 1813. The office is now authorized by the Constitution of 1874. The surveyor is elected by the voters of the county for a term of 2 years. He is required to execute all orders directed to him by any court of record for the survey or resurvey of any tract of land, to survey any public or private boundary line, and to accompany viewers of roads for the purpose of running or measuring any proposed new road. Since 1901 he has served as ex officio timber inspector.

171. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1889--. 1 vol. (A). 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 date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of landowner. H. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. In home of W. A. Bowman, Surveyor, Newport, Arkansas.

TIMBER INSPECTOR

In 1901 the office of county timber inspector was created by the General Assembly, which specified that the county surveyor should be ex officio timber inspector. The surveyor is elected for a term of 2 years. In his capacity as timber inspector he is required to put his mark and the mark of the owner on all logs, lumber, or timber in any estimate he is required to make, and to make and keep a record thereof for the purpose of establishing legal ownership in case of

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sale or transfer of title.

No records of this office were found in Jackson County.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE AGENTS

County Farm Agent

Agricultural extension work, on its present basis, was established in Arkansas in 1915, when the General Assembly approved an act enabling Arkansas farmers to obtain the benefits of the Federal Smith-Lever Act, passed in 1914. The Federal Agricultural Extension Service, with the approval of the University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture, appoints the county agent, for an indefinite term, but his appointment must be renewed annually.

Home Demonstration Agent

The post of home demonstration agent was created simultaneously with that of county farm agent by the General Assembly of 1915, in accordance with provisions of the Congressional Smith-Lever Act of the previous year. The home demonstration agent, 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 time, but must be renewed annually.

Records of these agencies are kept in their office in the courthouse.

172. PAST RECORDS, 1929--. 250 folders in 2 steel file drawers. File drawers containing miscellaneous correspondence, assistant club agents' reports, 4-H Club enrollment, 4-H Club rolls, National 4-H Club news, and plan of work program. Arr. alph. by title of subject matter and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. Hpf. 12 x 18 x 25.

173. 4-H CLUB FILE, 1929--. 250 folders in 1 steel file drawer. Reports of county plan of work in 4-H Clubs, showing attendance, budgets, programs, county clubs, councils, rallies, demonstrations, program material, games, parliamentary practices, and miscellaneous publications. Arr. alph. by name of activity. No index. Hpf. 13 x 16 x 26.

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LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

CIRCUIT JUDGES

(3rd Judicial Circuit, 1829-1873;	Wm. Byers, 1874-1878
12th Judicial Circuit, 1873-1874;	R. H. Powell, 1878-1890
3rd Judicial Circuit, 1874--)	J. W. Butler, 1890-1894
Thomas Johnson, 1840-1844	R. H. Powell, 1894-1898
Wm. B. Conway, 1844-1846	F. D. Fulkerson, 1898-1908
Wm. C. Scott, 1846-1851	Charles Coffin, 1908-1910
B. H. Neely, 1851-1856	R. E. Jeffrey, 1910-1914
Wm. C. Bevens, 1856-1860	D. H. Coleman, 1914-1927
Wm. R. Cain, 1860-1866	S. M. Bone, 1927--
L. Mack, 1866-1868	
Elisha Baxter, 1868-1873	
P. Callan Dooley, 1873-1874	

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS

Alfred D. G. Davis, 1829-1831	Charles Coffin, 1878-1882
S. G. Sneed, 1831-1832	M. N. Dyer, 1882-1886
David Walker, 1832-1835	W. B. Padgett, 1886-1888
Thos. Johnson, 1835-1836	J. L. Abernathy, 1888-1890
Wm. F. Denton, 1836-1840	J. M. Stayton, 1890-1894
Nathan Haggard, 1840-1842	Paul Butler, 1894-1898
S. S. Tucker, 1842a	S. D. Campbell, 1898-1902
Nathan Haggard, 1842a	W. A. Oldfield, 1902-1906
A. R. Porter, 1842-1846	R. E. Jeffries, 1906-1910a
S. C. Walker, 1846-1849	G. L. Grant, 1910
J. H. Byers, 1849-1855	C. M. Erwin, 1910-1914
W. K. Patterson, 1855-1860	H. U. Williamson, 1914-1916
F. W. Desha, 1860-1861	E. C. Casey, 1916-1921
L. L. Mack, 1861-1866	H. U. Williamson, 1921-1931
M. D. Baker, 1866-1868	Sam Bains, 1931-1933
Wm. A. Inman, 1868-1873	Ray Richardson, 1933-1937
D. D. Leach, 1873-1874	C. M. Erwin, Jr., 1937-1941
J. L. Abernathy, 1874-1878	H. L. Ponder, Jr., 1941--

a. Resigned

CHANCERY JUDGES (EIGHTH CHANCERY CIRCUIT)

Geo. T. Humphries, 1903-1919	Lyman F. Reeder, 1919-1926a
Alvin S. Irby, 1926--	

a. Resigned

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CIRCUIT CLERKS

John C. Saylor, 1830-1834	F. R. Hargraves, 1874-1876
Asa M. Carpenter, 1834-1836	H. C. Lowe, 1876-1878
Peter O. Flynn, 1836	R. W. Bandy, 1878-1884
John C. Saylor, 1836-1840	J. J. Walker, 1884-1896
William G. Haggard, 1840-1842	R. W. Bandy, 1896-1900
Green Silvy, 1842-1844	J. S. Jones, 1900-1904
W. Y. Hoggard, 1844-1846	John D. Neal, 1904-1908
Atrides Crow, 1846-1848	G. R. Hays, 1908-1912
Alexander H. Logan, 1848-1852	Chas. E. Smith, 1912-1916
William R. Jones, 1852-1854	R. W. Bandy, 1916-1923
DeWitt C. Perry, 1854	Chas. K. Coe, 1923-1927
Richard E. Hayden, 1854-1856a	John L. McLain, 1927-1931
Christopher W. Beard, 1856-1858	J. Fred Ball, 1931-1935
Ralph R. Kellogg, 1858-1868	Gray Albright, 1935
Wm. Akers, 1868-1871	W. H. Reid, 1935-1939c
Michael McCanany, 1871-1874b	Alvis W. Jackson-- 1939--

a. Vice Perry, died b. Vice Akers, resigned c. Vice Albright, re-signed

COUNTY CLERKS

G. A. Lockard, 1890-1896	E. F. Taylor, 1923-1927
E. L. Boyce, 1896-1904	J. I. Hastings, 1927-1931
G. A. Lockard, 1904-1908	J. L. McLain, 1931-1932
J. S. Jones, 1908-1912	R. P. McCustion, 1932-1933b
G. L. Robinson, 1912-1916	J. L. McLain, 1933
John E. Williams, 1916-1918	Mrs. J. L. McLain, 1933-1935c
J. F. Parish, 1918-1923a	J. Fred Ball, 1935-1941
	Grover C. Nance, 1941--

a. Vice Williams, resigned court b. Vice McLain, suspended by circuit court c. Vice J. L. McLain, resigned

COUNTY JUDGES

Hiram Glass, 1830-1831	Joseph W. Phillips, 1878-1884
Elijah Bartly, 1831-1833a	W. H. Jaga, 1884-1885
John Robinson, 1833-1836	J. W. Phillips, 1885-1886
David C. Waters, 1836-1837	M. M. Stuckey, 1886-1892
John Roddy, 1837-1840	L. D. Smith, 1892-1894
David C. Waters, 1840-1843	L. Lippman, 1894-1896
Obadiah M. Stephenson 1843-1845	J. M. Jones, 1896-1900
James Robinson, 1845-1846	O. W. Scarborough, 1900-1902
John Robinson, 1846-1851	J. M. Jones, 1902-1904
John H. T. Webb, 1851-1854	Edwin L. Boyce, 1904-1908
John C. Johnson, 1854-1856	H. S. Simmons, 1908-1910

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Robert Reynolds, 1857-1858	W. D. McLain, 1914-1919
John C. Kirkpatrick, 1858-1862b	John A. Mellville, 1919-1923
A. J. Lankford, 1862-1868	J. F. Parish, 1923-1927
T. J. Randolph, 1868-1871	F. M. Pickens, 1927-1931
John Creagan, 1871-1873	W. A. McCourtney, 1931-1935
John W. Stayton, 1874-1878	Leon L. Mack, 1935-1941
J. Fred Ball, 1941--	

a. Vice Glass, resigned. b. Vice Reynolds, died

SHERIFFS

Isaac Gray, 1830-1836	James M. Hobgood, 1892-1896
James Robinson, 1836-1838	J. R. Cox, 1896e
Isaac Gray, 1838-1842	J. J. Walker, 1896-1899
James Robinson, 1842-1844	Joseph G. Walker, 1899-1900f
John H. T. Webb, 1844-1846a	R. W. Bandy, 1900-1904
James J. Waddle, 1846-1850	H. S. Simmons, 1904-1908
Garland Silvey, 1850-1854b	J. D. Neal, 1908-1912
Rush Hudson, 1854-1856	J. S. McCuiston, 1912-1916
Alexander H. Logan, 1856-1862	J. M. Ivy, 1916-1921
T. H. Phillips, 1862c	G. R. Hayes, 1921-1927
John R. Jelks, 1862-1864	D. J. Nance, 1927-1931
L. R. Clay, 1864-1866	Gray Albright, 1931-1935
John R. Loftin, 1866-1868	Lee Reid, 1935-1936
Riley Kinman, 1868-1872	Edwin McCall, 1936-1937g
James S. Smith, 1872-1873	Lee Reid, 1937
H. N. Faulkenberg, 1873-1874d	W. P. Davis, 1937h
John R. Loftin, 1874-1882	Edwin McCall, 1937-1941
T. S. Stephens, 1882-1892	D. J. Nance, 1941--

a. Vice Robinson, resigned b. Vice Waddle, resigned c. Vice Logan, moved from county
d. Vice Smith, died e. Vice Hobgood, suspended and resigned
f. Vice J. J. Walker, died g. Vice Reid, moved
h. Vice Reid, failed to qualify

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CORONERS

Mark Copeland, 1830-1833
Hiram Glass, 1833-1836
Samuel Mathews, 1836-1838
Samuel Allen, 1838-1840
R. Montgomery, 1840-1842
John Williams, 1842-1843
R. L. Bonton, 1843-1844
A. Crow, 1844-1846
James Patten, 1846-1848
Isaiah Hamilton, 1848-1850
L. R. Clay, 1850-1852
J. G. Newbold, 1852-1854
Charles McKinney, 1854-1858
C. H. Jackson, 1858-1860
J. L. Quinn, 1860-1862
W. J. Sweat, 1862-1864
A. J. Greenshaw, 1864-1866
W. H. Watkins, 1866-1872
Wm. L. Gibson, 1872-
George Gordon, 1872-1874

R. O. Duffer, 1874-1880
W. D. Shackelford, 1880-1881
J. H. Cauthers, 1881-1882a
R. O. Duffer, 1882-1884
R. W. Wallace, 1884-1886
F. Harrison, 1886-1888
Tom Nance, 1888-1894
R. F. Drummond, 1894-1900
Tom Nance, 1900-1902
J. L. Bishop, 1902-b
F. J. Harrison, 1902-1906
Henry Grant, 1906-1910
John Melville, 1910-1914
W. H. Nolen, 1914-1919
Dan Hogan, 1919-1921
H. S. Grant, 1921-1923
W. H. Nolen, 1923-1927
Omer Albright, 1927-1928
S. G. Jones, 1928-1931c
Sam Rich, 1931-1939

B. W. Hafner, 1939--

a. Vice Shackelford, died from county b. Vice Nance, died c. Vice Albright, moved

TREASURERS

George W. Cromwell, 1836-1840
B. Bailey, 1840-1842
Jeremiah Webb, 1842-1844
I. C. Pugh, 1844-1846
John R. Frost, 1846-1850
John Condry, 1850-1851
Coleman Slayden, 1851-1852a
L. R. Clay, 1852-1854
Alexander H. Logan, 1854-1856
William F. Mason, 1856-1859
P. S. Wisdom, 1859-1864b
W. F. Young, 1864-1868
A. J. Greenhaw, 1868-1872
E. C. Branch, 1872-c
Green Brandenburg, 1872-1874

Wm. S. Shuford, 1874-1878
W. H. Heard, 1878-1892
Wm. H. Herd, 1892-1894
A. J. Wolff, 1894-1898
W. A. Joyce, 1898-1904
F. G. Smith, 1904-1910
J. M. Ivy, 1910-1914
J. H. Camp, 1914-1915
G. L. Smith, 1915-1919d
Chas. K. Coe, 1919-1923
Mrs. Annie L. Stuckey, 1923-1927
Alfred N. Johnson, 1927-1931
Austin Murphy, 1927-1935
Alvis Jackson, 1935-1939
J. G. Armstrong, 1939--

a. Vice Condry, resigned b. Vice Mason, failed to qualify c. Vice Greenhaw:
d. Vice Camp, died.

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TAX ASSESSORS

Wm. Brian, 1868-1871	B. F. Simmons, 1898-1902
Wm. J. Scott, 1871-1873	Passmon White, 1902-1904
F. W. Lynn, 1873-1874	R. L. Condit, 1904-1908
J. G. Bandy, 1874	Chas. E. Smith, 1908-1912
Micajah Hawks, 1874-1876	W. M. Timms, 1912-1916
Geo. C. Buford, 1876-1880	D. J. Nance, 1916-1921
J. R. West, 1880-1884	W. H. Tinal, 1921-
J. S. Jones, 1884-1888	R. T. Simmons, 1921-1927
F. R. Dowell, 1888-1892	Owen Crabtree, 1927-1931
J. A. Condit, 1892-1894	R. T. Simmons, 1931-1935
Chas. B. Coe, 1894-1898	G. T. Lacy, 1935-1938

O. H. Hurley, 1938--a

a. Vice Lacy, died

COUNTY WEIGHER

G. L. Robinson, 1923-1927

COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

J. T. Vandrer, 1883-1885	E. B. Gilliam, 1884-1885a
W. W. Collier, 1883-1885	J. T. Henderson, 1885-1887
V. Y. Cook, 1883--	J. C. Sharp, 1885-1887
J. Q. Guban, 1883-1885	T. N. Con, 1885-1886
J. Y. Harrison, 1886-1887	

a. Vice Cook, refused to qualify

COUNTY EXAMINERS AND COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS

J. D. Neal, 1904-1905	E. H. Bowman, 1915-1919
G. R. Hopkins, 1905-1906	G. E. Land, 1919-1923
E. A. Shaver, 1906-1915	J. G. Albright, 1923-1941

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONERS

Harry H. Miller, 1866-1868	Riley Kinman, 1868-1871
Henry N. Faulkenburg, 1871-1872	

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COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION

E. N. Faulkenburg, 1868-1871	Henry N. Faulkenberg, 1872-1873
John Creagan, 1868-1871	T. H. Phillips, 1873-1875
James Henry, 1870-1872	J. C. Grubbs, 1873-1873
Wm. J. Scott, 1872-1873	Geo. Bonner, 1873-1875
Chas. E. Frizzell, 1872-1873	R. S. Henderson, 1873-1874
E. C. Branch, 1872-1873	J. C. Grubbs, 1874-1875

COUNTY SUPERVISORS

John Creagan, 1873-1874	S. A. McFadden, 1873-1874
J. R. Mason, 1873-1874	Thomas Burton, 1873-1874

SENATORS

Rowland Tidwell, 1831-1836	John B. Driver, 1881-1885
John Ringold, 1836-1837	J. W. Stayton, 1885-1889
D. J. Chapman, 1837-1840a	Benjamin Harris, 1889-1893
L. B. Tully, 1840-1844	W. P. West, 1893-1897
David Maxwell, 1844-1850	George A. Hillhouse, 1897-1901
Franklin Deshong, 1850-1854	John J. Mardis, 1901-1905
Wm. S. Keith, 1854-1858	Wm. F. Harrison, 1905-1909
Decius McCreary, 1858-1862	John H. Keel, 1909-1913
Robert Anthony, 1862-1864	L. Clyde Going, 1913-1917
William Hicks, 1864-1868b	E. E. Alexander, 1917-1921
James Nanny, 1864-1868	J. O. Goff, 1921-1925
David M. Goodman, 1868-1871	O. C. Howser, 1925-1929
J. G. Frierson, 1871-1874	R. A. Nelson, 1929-1935c
J. T. Henderson, 1874-1877	John F. Parrish, 1935-1937
Benjamin Harris, 1877-1881	Lucien E. Coleman, 1937-1939
Eugene B. Baker, 1939--	

a. Vice Ringold, resigned b. Vice Anthony, deceased c. Winner over John Fred Parrish in election contest, Jan. 9, 1933

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REPRESENTATIVES

Morgan Magness, 1831-1835
Caleb S. Manley, 1831-1835
John C. Saylor, 1833-1835
John Hill, 1833-1835
E. D. Scruggs, 1835-1836
Rowland Tidwell, 1836-1837
Charles H. Moore, 1837-1838
John Robinson, 1838-1842
David C. Waters, 1842-1844
M. P. McCoy, 1844-1846
G. W. Cromwell, 1844-1848
E. G. Bennett, 1846-1848
James Robinson, 1848-1850
J. G. Witherspoon, 1850-1852
James Robinson, 1852-1854
Wm. K. Patterson, 1854-1856
A. L. Yancy, 1856-1858
G. Hammond, 1858-1860
W. H. Stone, 1860-1862
Rufus W. Martin, 1862-1864
H. J. McLaren, 1864-1866
Lucien C. Gause, 1866-1868
Wm. W. Stansberry, 1868-1871
N. L. Pears, 1868-1871
A. M. Johnson, 1868a
Jeffrey A. Houghton, 1868-1871
David Nichols, 1868-1871
Wm. H. Cate, 1871-1873
Chas. Minor, 1871-1873
Logan D. Rozell, 1871-1873

Sam M. Bains, 1939--

Joseph A. Meek, 1871-1873
Roderick Joiner, 1873-1874
H. M. McVeigh, 1873-1874
F. W. Lynn, 1873-1874
J. F. Davis, 1874
Francis Doswell, 1874
Willis M. Baird, 1874-1877
J. A. Stinson, 1877-1879
Charles Minor, 1879-1881
J. M. Parish, 1881-1883
W. M. Baird, 1883-1885
J. W. Jones, 1885-1887
Harmon L. Remmel, 1887-1889
Joseph M. Stayton, 1889-1891
J. A. Schnables, 1891-1893
Wiley M. Baird, 1893-1897
John H. Keel, 1897-1899
Otis W. Scarborough, 1899-1901
John H. Keel, 1901-1907
James U. Ard, 1907-1911
Geo. L. Grant, 1911-1915
Wesley M. Shaver, 1915-1917
L. D. Smith, 1917-1919
George A. Hillhouse, 1919-1921
G. L. Smith, 1921-1925
W. A. Jackson, 1925-1929
Jim M. Balch, 1929-1931
Oran D. Watson, 1931-1933
Henry S. Grant, 1933-1935
Eugene B. Baker, 1935-1939

a. Assassinated

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SURVEYORS

John Robinson, 1833-1836
 Hall Roddy, 1836-1840
 William Scrugg, 1840-1842
 Joseph Gibson, 1842-1845
 H. H. Pougue, 1845-1846
 William Hughes, 1846-1848
 Jesse Oats, 1848-1850
 John Towey, 1850-1852
 Bartlett Ford, 1852-1854
 J. Mullins, 1854-1860
 H. C. Simmons, 1860-a
 John Glass, 1860-1862
 J. R. Siddell, 1862-1864
 Inatius Sprigg, 1864-1869
 B. F. Chandler, 1869-1871b

John W. Tibbs, 1871-1872c
 Chas. E. Brizzell, 1872-1876
 Wm. P. McDonald, 1876-1878
 Felix Simmons, 1878-1888
 T.W. Jamison, 1888-1894
 A.T. Moore, 1894-1895
 George R. Hays, 1895-1898d
 J. N. Beede, 1898-1902
 H. S. Simmons, 1902-1904
 W. A. Bowman, 1904-1912
 J. N. Aitkins, 1912-1919
 E.H. Bowman, 1919
 H. S. Simmons, 1919-1921e
 T. H. Morrow, 1921
 W. A. Bowman, 1921--f

a. Vice Mullins, died. b. Vice Sprigg, died. c. Vice Chandler, moved
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 f. Vice Morrow, resigned.

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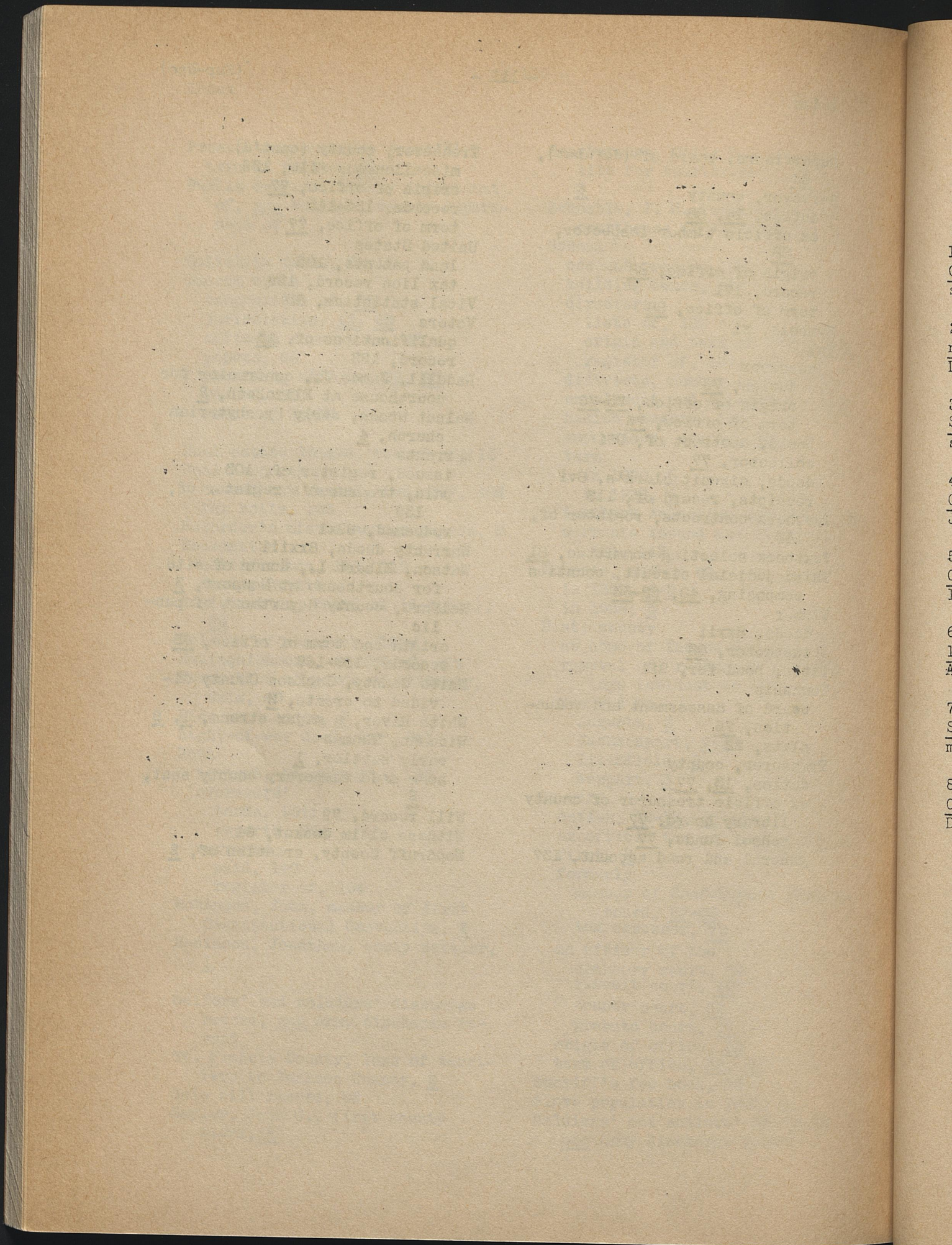
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