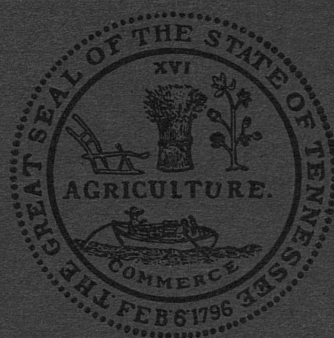


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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Tennessee is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Crockett County, is number 17 of the Tennessee series.

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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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

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

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

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

F. C. Harrington
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PREFACE

The field inventory of the archives of Crockett County was carried forward by workers of the Federal Historical Records Survey in Tennessee from January 1938 to June 1938. The inventory was rechecked in the winter of 1938-39. The archives listed in this book are those available on March 15, 1939. The Crockett County inventory was made, and the book prepared during the administration of T. Marshall Jones as State Supervisor of the Survey Project before he resigned in February 1940 to become State Supervisor of the Research and Records Section of the Division of Professional and Service Projects.

The Federal Historical Records Survey was inaugurated in Tennessee early in 1936; it expired, pursuant to act of Congress, August 31, 1939. By the provisions of the Emergency Relief Act of 1939, it became necessary for the project to become locally sponsored. This was done, and the present project, the Tennessee Historical Records Survey Project, sponsored by the Tennessee State Library and cosponsored by the counties and municipalities of the State, succeeded the Federal Survey on September 1, 1939.

While the new order has in no way brought about a lowering of the standards of the Federal Survey, it has been partially, although not wholly, responsible for certain rearrangements of editorial concepts. For example, the Tennessee Survey has instituted a series of special publications to make available certain material accumulated in the State Office editorial procedures which may be of general interest. Too, the county archives inventories are assuming a somewhat different form.

The Tennessee Survey Project is now engaged in preparing a comprehensive statement of the general law regulating county government in the State. It is expected that this book will serve as a handbook on the organization, structure, and evolution of county government in Tennessee, and will make it unnecessary to repeat certain items of general information in the various inventories. The essays in this Inventory are, therefore, limited to special legislation concerning Crockett County or an exposition of the manner in which the general law has been in effect altered, and only such consideration of the general law as is necessary to state the facts of existence of the offices, the dates of their creation, their present status, the manner in which filled, and the terms.

The arrangement of offices and entries in this Inventory is a result of a process of trial and error and the pattern followed is one settled upon in earlier publications; however, the complex nature of some offices, particularly those with divergent functions, precludes an absolutely logical arrangement. In general, the arrangement of offices consists of grouping those of a similar nature. For example, the quarterly county court, the governing body, is followed by the county judge, the chief executive officer; the courts are placed together, followed by the jury

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commission and the law enforcement offices. Within the offices, related and similar records are grouped under appropriate subject headings.

The Inventory of the County Archives of Tennessee will, when completed, consist of a set of ninety-five volumes with a separate number for each county in the State. The number assigned this Inventory, 17, merely indicates the alphabetical position of Crockett among the counties of the State.

The field inventory in Crockett County was made by Clarence H. Williams and John T. Moore, under the immediate supervision of James E. Davis and the general supervision of Mary Alice Burke. The record entries were prepared under the supervision of Vylva Holland; the historical and legal sections, William Miller; the alphabetical index, Robert Cassell, assisted by Paul Hinant; and the housing and care essay, floor plans, and chart, Roscoe Alexander; the typing and stencil cutting were done by Margaret Abernathy, Helen Allen, and Patsy R. Floyd.

The Survey Project gratefully acknowledges the help and cooperation of all the officials of Crockett County under whose administrations the inventory and recheck were made.

The Tennessee staff has profited in all phases of its work by the constructive advice and criticism of the Washington staff. The Inventory in manuscript form was edited by Mabel S. Brodie, assistant archivist in charge of public records inventories, of the staff of the Library of Congress project in the District of Columbia. The Crockett County Inventory was prepared during the time Dan Lacy, Assistant Director of the Survey Program, served as Regional Supervisor.

The publications of the Historical Records Survey projects in all states are limited in number and in consequence are placed in centrally located designated depositories. Inquiries requesting the locations of the nearest depositories should be addressed to the State Supervisors or to the Division of Professional and Service Projects, Work Projects Administration, Washington, D. C., for the attention of the Director of the Historical Records Survey Projects.

Madison Bratton, State Supervisor
The Tennessee Historical Records Survey Project

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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Crockett County is near the center of West Tennessee, about equidistant from the northern and southern boundaries of the State and in the second tier of counties east of the Mississippi River.

Its economy and social and physical characteristics are largely those common to the region: it is rural, low and level as Tennessee counties go, wet and muddy in season, safely Democratic, and relies on cotton as its chief money crop. It differs from nearby counties in that it is newer and smaller, has a smaller percentage of Negroes, and is, as far as the Bureau of the Census is concerned, completely rural, having, in 1930, not a single town with as many as a thousand inhabitants.

Crockett County was organized March 12, 1872,¹ under an act of 1871.² A series of acts had already contemplated the organization of the county, and one of them, an act of 1845,³ creating a new county out of fractions of Dyer, Gibson, Haywood, and Madison Counties,⁴ subject to the approval of the voters in affected areas,⁵ was temporarily placed in force. Commissioners were appointed to hold an election on March 15, 1846, to determine the will of the voters,⁶ and, if an affirmative vote resulted, to conduct an election for county officials in April.⁷

The election supposedly resulted in favor of establishing a new county and the quarterly court is supposed to have met in June and declared the county open for business. Because of constitutional limitations on the size and boundaries of counties and the location of county seats in relation to the county boundaries, the new county was doomed from the beginning, and its existence was reputedly held to be in violation of the Constitution by the circuit judge when he arrived to open the circuit court in October and gave an informal opinion on the matter.⁸

1. Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 13, 14, in Minutes, entry 3 in this Inventory.

2. Acts 1871, ch. 132. Passed November 23rd; approved December 14th.

3. Acts 1845-46, ch. 25.

4. *Ibid.*, sec. 1.

5. *Ibid.*, sec. 4.

6. *Ibid.*, sec. 3.

7. *Ibid.*, secs. 4, 8.

8. The short political history of Crockett County in 1846 has been very imperfectly preserved. The location of the minutes and any other records of the commissioners and the court, if they have been preserved, is not known, and searches in the courthouses of the four counties from which Crockett was created did not reveal any information on the subject. Such as is known or reported about the 1846 county is in the personal recollections, appearing in newspaper scrapbooks in the State Library at Nashville, of some of the participants; in certain undocumented brochures, and in certain State histories of a general nature, such as A. P. Foster, Counties of Tennessee, Nashville, 1923, 103, 104. Concerning the missing

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The organization of Crockett County was unconstitutional probably because it was impossible for the county to contain at least three hundred and fifty square miles and yet not approach the courthouse of one of the old counties nearer than twelve miles and not reduce the area of one of the old counties to less than six hundred and twenty-five square miles, limitations imposed by the Constitution of 1834.⁹

The desire for a new county persisted and the difficulty in reaching the county seats of the old counties, which, in the case of Brownsville, in Haywood County, and Trenton, in Gibson County, involved crossing swamps and unbridged rivers, remained. The proponents of a new county tried unsuccessfully to amend the Constitution¹⁰ so as to permit the creation of a county, and in 1851 passed an act creating the county again, conditioned on the adoption of the amendment.¹¹ They tried again in 1866, this time by simple statute,¹² and again their efforts were unsuccessful.¹³ The Constitution of 1870 permits the creation of new counties with a minimum area of two hundred and seventy-five square miles and allows the boundaries of a new county to come within not less than eleven miles of the courthouse of a partitioned county.¹⁴ Under these loosened restrictions, another enabling act was passed,¹⁵ but in spite of the facts that considerable

records, it may be of some significance that a short mimeographed history of the county of obscure origin gives the names of the 1846 officials. Whether this information was actually taken from the minutes of the commissioners or the court or from a contemporary newspaper account, the editors have been unable to determine.

9. Const. 1834, art. 10, sec. 4. The following table, compiled from Preliminary Population Report, General Population Statistics and Trends (mimeographed), Tennessee State Planning Commission, Nashville, 1935, Sec. I-A, Table 1, hereafter cited as Preliminary Population Report, General Population Statistics and Trends, showing the areas in square miles of the four counties out of which Crockett County was formed, shows that it was impossible to organize Crockett as a constitutional county under the Constitution of 1834:

County	1830	1840	1850	1870
Dyer	766.1	702.0	673.5	602.0
Gibson	554.8	644.9	628.6	719.4
Haywood	744.7	604.1	573.5	652.0
Madison	646.6	620.4	632.6	735.7

10. Acts 1847-48, resolution 23; Acts 1849-50, resolution 11; Acts 1851-52, resolution 17.

11. Acts 1851-52, ch. 195..

12. P.A. 1865-66, ch. 19.

13. What happened under this act is not known, but the 1866 act was patently unconstitutional because of still another violation; it failed to provide for a referendum in the areas affected, as required by the Constitution.(Const. 1834, art. 10, sec. 4).

14. Const. 1870, art. 10, sec. 4.

15. Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 89, July 7, 1870.

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pioneering had been done and that there had been long experience in trying to establish Crockett County, the surveying must have been defective, for in December an amendment authorized the commissioners to change the boundaries set out in the original act so as not to infringe upon the constitutional limits of Dyer, Gibson, and Madison Counties.¹⁶ Probably because this amendment was a delegation of a power found only in the legislature,¹⁷ and consequently unconstitutional, the act of 1870, too, was not effective. Even under the enabling act of 1871,¹⁸ which was placed in force, the county still had an area of less than two hundred and seventy-five square miles.¹⁹ It was probably on the basis of this deficiency that a suit attacking the constitutionality of Crockett County was instituted in Madison County chancery court, but this time the court declined to interfere,²⁰ probably basing its refusal on the fact that in the case of Ford v. Farmer et al.,²¹ involving Putnam County, and other cases, the Supreme Court had held that a county, once completely organized, although not before, is a political corporation of the State and that the courts have no power to inquire into the validity of the act although they must force the boundaries back if the constitutional rights of an old county have been infringed upon.²²

Under all acts, except that of 1851, Crockett County was named "in honor of and to perpetuate the memory of David Crockett, one of Tennessee's distinguished sons."²³

The leading spirit in the long fight to establish Crockett County seems to have been a Mr. Isaac M. Johnson, pioneer merchant and justice of the peace. Reputedly it was he, who as a Haywood County justice of the peace, swore in the commissioners in 1846 and was himself elected county court clerk.²⁴ The old county was organized at his home, near present Alamo.²⁵ By the act of 1845, the commissioners were required to

16. Acts 1870-71, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 26.

17. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.

18. Acts 1871, ch. 132.

19. Preliminary Population Report, General Population Statistics and Trends, Sec. I-A, Table 1.

20. Minute Book, vol. A, p. 343, in Minutes, entry 3 in this Inventory.

21. 9 Humphreys, 152 cited by Acts 1853-54, ch. 320.

22. See Acts 1853-54, ch. 320; C 1896, 100, fn., citing 2 Humphreys, 428; 1 Coldwell, 259, 585; 5 Sneed, 490; 1 Swan, 236; 7 Baxter, 46.

23. Acts 1845-46, ch. 25, sec. 1; P.A. 1865-66, ch. 19; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 89, sec. 1; Acts 1871, ch. 132, sec. 1. The act of 1851 (Acts 1851-52, ch. 195, sec. 1) merely gave the county its usual name without reciting the reasons therefor. Whether habit, uncomprising determination, or the fact that the memory of Davy Crockett's martyrdom at the Alamo continued fresh in the mind of man so soon after the Civil War and given the State and Nation a new generation of military heroes was responsible for the county retaining its historic name is not known.

24. See fn. 8.

25. Acts 1845-46, ch. 25, sec. 6.

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lay out a permanent county seat and this they are supposed to have done, placing it near the temporary place of meeting and naming it Cageville, after one Lycurgus Cage, a partner in the mercantile firm of Johnson and Cage.²⁶ In any event, the town of Cageville was established by some authority, for two of the subsequent enabling acts directed that Cageville should be the temporary county seat.²⁷ The act of 1871 fixed the name of the county, when it should be located and established, as "Alamo" in order "to perpetuate the name of the place where David Crockett fell fighting for the liberties of Texas."²⁸ The commissioners and the court met at Cageville²⁹ and on August 6, 1872, the commissioners reported to the court that they had, the previous day, after considering several offers to donate land for the site of the county seat, accepted an offer from "the citizens of Cageville" and had ordered its name changed to Alamo.³⁰

Crockett County was laid off and the referendum and the election of county officials were held by the board of commissioners appointed by the enabling act.³¹ The commissioners organized at Cageville, December 19, 1871³² and, in January, conducted a census of the voting population in the fractions to be taken from Dyer, Gibson, Haywood, and Madison Counties.³³ The referendum was held February 19, 1872³⁴ and resulted in an overwhelming victory for the new county.³⁵ The commissioners then laid the county off into civil districts and held elections for county officers.³⁶ On March 12, 1872, after the justices of the peace were duly sworn and qualified, the quarterly court was organized.³⁷ Crockett County was, after the long fight, a functioning political corporation. Under the supervision of the board of commissioners, the court proceeded to the business first in order-- the election of a chairman, and, in abundant justice, Isaac Johnson, who had led the good fight, was elected.³⁸

The court held its early sessions in the Masonic Hall at Cageville-- Alamo.³⁹ In September 1872 a committee was appointed by the court "to form

26. See fn. 8.

27. Acts 1851-52, ch. 195, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 89, sec. 6.

28. Acts 1871, ch. 132, sec. 11.

29. Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 69, 70, in Minutes, entry 3 in this Inventory.

30. Ibid., 69, 70, 79, 80.

31. Ibid., 1, 19, 69, 70, 79, 80; Acts 1871, ch. 132, secs. 3-13. Although called "county commissioners" by the various enabling acts, the commissioners were concerned chiefly with organizing the county and ceased to function after the county was safely a going concern. They should not be confused with the true boards of county commissioners which are permanent administrative agencies in several counties.

32. Minute Book, vol. A, p. 1; in Minutes, entry 3 in this Inventory.

33. Ibid., 1-3.

34. Ibid., 4, 5.

35. Ibid., 5-7.

36. Ibid., 8-13.

37. Ibid., 13, 14.

38. Ibid., 14.

39. Ibid., 28, 35, 59, 71, 84.

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a plan and accept designs and plans thereof for the building of a brick or wood Court House and Jail to be erected in Alamo."⁴⁰ Arrangements were made, however, for building a jail before a courthouse, the county commissioners being authorized to contract for the building of a "good and substantial" place of incarceration.⁴¹ In January 1873 the court requested State aid for the building of a courthouse⁴² and again appointed a courthouse committee.⁴³ In April, Isaac Johnson's home was again established as the seat of government. For providing office space in his house for the county court clerk, the register, the circuit court clerk, the sheriff, and the clerk and master, the chairman was to receive five dollars per month.⁴⁴ The courts continued to meet in the Masonic Hall,⁴⁵ although the "County Courts Office" and the "County Court Clerks Office" are mentioned in this connection later in the year.⁴⁶ For a time, in 1874, the court met "in Klyce's Coach Factory."⁴⁷ Finally, in January 1874, the court appointed the commissioners a special committee to receive and adopt any designs and plans for a courthouse and to contract for its construction, the building to be completed by January 1, 1875.⁴⁸ In addition to the office space rented from the chairman, Klyce's showroom was rented for \$300 for a year.⁴⁹ The quarterly court held its first session in the courthouse apparently on January 4, 1875.⁵⁰ Once in, the court proceeded to levy on a "court house" tax.⁵¹

The courthouse occupied in 1874 or 1875 is still in use. The building was remodeled in 1934, after the court appropriated \$500 to assist in a Civil Works Administration project to rehabilitate the structure.⁵²

Crockett County roughly forms a rectangle, the longer side lying in a northwest-southeast line. The odd shape of the county and its wedge-like position between the surrounding counties evidence the difficulties involved in making the county conform to constitutional requirements. It is delimited on the northwest by Dyer County,⁵³ on the northeast by Gibson County,⁵⁴ on the southeast by Madison County,⁵⁵ on the southwest by Haywood

40. Ibid., 79.

41. Ibid., 100.

42. Ibid., 141, 142.

43. Ibid., 155.

44. Ibid., 212.

45. Ibid., 286, 307.

46. Ibid., 315.

47. Ibid., 348, 378.

48. Ibid., 349.

49. Ibid., 389, April term, 1874.

50. Ibid., 556.

51. Ibid.

52. Minutes, vol. I, p. 206, entry 3 in this Inventory.

53. Acts 1871, ch. 132, secs. 1, 4; Acts 1887, ch. 194; Acts 1889, ch. 108, sec. 1; Acts 1893, ch. 22.

54. Acts 1871, ch. 132, secs. 1, 4; Acts 1879, ch. 137, sec. 13; Acts 1883, ch. 121, sec. 1; Acts 1887, ch. 128; Acts 1889, ch. 50, sec. 1; Acts 1897, ch. 137, sec. 1.

55. Acts 1871, ch. 132, secs. 1, 4; Pr.A. 1911, ch. 97, sec. 1.

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County,⁵⁶ and on the west by Lauderdale County.⁵⁷ For the most part, the northeastern and southwestern boundaries of the county follow the Middle Fork and the South Fork of the Forked Deer River, respectively, but on each side there are indentations in the boundary away from the rivers and toward the center of the county, evidently parts of the complicated scheme of surveying to keep the boundaries eleven miles from Brownsville and Trenton, the seats of Haywood and Gibson Counties. In the northwest, the boundary curves slightly inward, away from Dyersburg, the seat of Dyer County.

The two rivers, one on each side of the county, are the centers of extensive bottom and swamp land which, with the rivers themselves, contributed to the isolation from the county seats of the parts of Gibson and Haywood Counties taken in the formation of Crockett County. Between these two marshy stretches is the arable area of Crockett County. The county is a part of the area loosely called the West Tennessee Plateau, so-called not because of its altitude but because, compared with the rest of the State, the area is, generally, broad and level and is not marked by the sharp and contrasting physical contours found in other parts of the State. Low hills, however, appear in several parts of the county, particularly in the southeast. At Bells, in the south, the altitude is 331 feet, and at Gadsden, in the east, 417 feet.⁵⁸ The county has an area of approximately two hundred and sixty-seven square miles.⁵⁹

Generally speaking, the best lands are in the southwest and northwest, the poorest in the southeast. Conversely, the staples, cotton and corn, are less prominent in the east than in the west. The county, like the greater part of West Tennessee, lies in the Memphis-Grenada soil areas which extend up the Mississippi Valley from Louisiana to Illinois.⁶⁰

There are extensive areas of moderate sheet erosion, extending to practically all parts of the county outside the river bottoms.⁶¹ In the east there are also frequent gullies.⁶² Few counties in the State are tied more closely to the land than Crockett County; the few small towns are only ancillaries to the agricultural community. In 1935, of a land area of

56. Acts 1871, ch. 132, secs. 1, 4.

57. Ibid. Of the counties bordering Crockett, Lauderdale is the only one not partitioned in the formation of Crockett County.

58. Henry Gannett, Directory of Altitudes in the United States, Washington, 1906, 926, 931.

59. Preliminary Population Report, General Population Statistics and Trends, Sec. I-A, Table 1.

60. Year Book of Agriculture, 1938, 75th Cong., 2nd ses., House Doc. 398, Washington, 1967.

61. Report of the Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Tennessee Valley Authority, 76th Cong., 1st ses., Sen. Doc. 56, Chart 19.

62. Ibid.

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approximately 171,000 acres, over eighty-six percent was farm land.⁶³ In 1935, the county was reported as having 3,390 of the State's 273,783 farms.⁶⁴ While the average size of its farms was below the State average, 43.6 acres against 69.7,⁶⁵ the average acre in Crockett County was worth \$40.27, compared with the State average of \$29.12, and more valuable than that of any adjacent county.⁶⁶ Likewise, the drop in farm land values between 1930 and 1935 was not as severe in Crockett as in adjacent counties,⁶⁷ but relatively higher values of land in Crockett County are no doubt related to the fact that the property tax is lower there than in surrounding counties.⁶⁸ In 1930, 5,047 of the 6,188 persons in the county gainfully employed were so employed in agriculture.⁶⁹ In 1920, the number employed in agriculture was 3,070.⁷⁰ In 1935, 903 farms were operated by full owners, 2,289 by tenants,⁷¹ both figures representing increases over 1930.⁷² Of the persons operating farms in 1935, 2,840 were white, 550 colored.⁷³

Crockett County is a major cotton producing county, ranking tenth in the State in 1938, producing 21,734 bales.⁷⁴ The 1938 figure represented a slight increase over 1937,⁷⁵ and a sharp increase over 1934 when 17,082 bales were produced.⁷⁶ However, the number of acres in cotton declined from 41,122 to 28,937 between 1929 and 1934.⁷⁷ In the same year--1934--31,606 acres were in corn,⁷⁸ compared with 26,913 in 1929.⁷⁹

In 1936 the spendable income per capita of the county was \$138, compared with a state-wide figure of \$296.⁸⁰ The Crockett County figure was

63. United States Census of Agriculture, 1935, Tennessee Statistics by Counties ..., Washington, 1935, 7, hereafter cited as Agricultural Census, 1935, Tennessee.

64. Ibid.

65. Ibid.

66. Ibid., 7-11.

67. Ibid.

68. Tennessee Blue Book 1937-38, Nashville, 1938, 159, 160.

69. Fifteenth Census of the United States, Population, III, Washington, 1932, 910.

70. Fourteenth Census of the United States, Population, II, Washington, 1921, 447.

71. Agricultural Census, 1935, Tennessee, 7.

72. Ibid.

73. Ibid.

74. As of December 1st. Covington Leader, December 15, 1938. Ahead of Crockett were Shelby, Dyer, Tipton, Lake, Lauderdale, Gibson, Haywood, Fayette, and Madison Counties, in that order.

75. Covington Leader, December 15, 1938.

76. Agricultural Census, 1935, Tennessee, 23.

77. Ibid.

78. Ibid.

79. Ibid.

80. 76th Cong. 1st ses., Sen. Doc. 56, Chart 20.

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lower than in any adjacent county, the seventh lowest among the twenty-one counties of West Tennessee.⁸¹

The total population of Crockett County has shown an increase every decade, except during the nineteen-twenties. The white population has increased every decade, while the Negro population has fluctuated within rather narrow limits. In 1880, the first time the region of Crockett County was reported separately,⁸² 14,109 persons were counted in the county.⁸³ There were 15,146 inhabitants in 1890,⁸⁴ 15,867 in 1900,⁸⁵ 16,076 in 1910,⁸⁶ 17,438 in 1920,⁸⁷ and 17,359 in 1930.⁸⁸ The Negro population in 1930 was 3,433,⁸⁹ compared with 4,046 in 1900,⁹⁰ 3,612 in 1880.⁹¹

Alamo, the county seat, has a population of 907.⁹² Other communities in the county are Bells, population 919;⁹³ Friendship, 487;⁹⁴ Gadsden, 350;⁹⁵ Crockett Mills, 200;⁹⁶ Chestnut Bluff, 40;⁹⁷ Fruitvale, 105;⁹⁸ Mason Grove, 20;⁹⁹ Maury City, 425;¹⁰⁰ Maury Junction, 50;¹⁰¹ Nichols, 20;¹⁰² Proctor, 10;¹⁰³ Brittain, and Johnson Grove.

The southeastern part of the county is crossed by the Memphis-Louisville division of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. An extension of the Gulf,

81. Ibid.

82. Because the enabling acts failed to follow the lines of civil districts in fixing the boundaries of Crockett County, it is impossible to determine the population of the area of present Crockett County before 1880.

83. Twelfth Census of the United States, I, Population, pt. i, Washington, 1901, 39.

84. Ibid.

85. Ibid.

86. Thirteenth Census of the United States, Population, Washington, 1913, 746.

87. Fourteenth Census of the United States, Population, II, Washington, 1921, 1361.

88. Fifteenth Census of the United States, Population, III, Washington, 1932, 923.

89. Ibid.

90. Twelfth Census, I, Population, pt. i, 556.

91. Ibid.

92. According to Rand McNally.

93. Ibid.

94. Ibid.

95. Ibid.

96. Ibid.

97. Ibid.

98. Ibid.

99. Ibid.

100. Ibid.

101. Ibid.

102. Ibid.

103. Ibid.

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Mobile, and Northern runs northwest through the center of the county. The county is served by State Highways 20, 54, 76, and 88.

The county has three newspapers, the Crockett Times, Alamo; the Crockett County Sentinel, Bells; and the Tri-County News, Friendship.

The 1938 property assessment in Crockett County was \$4,988,326,¹⁰⁴ consisting of acreage assessed at \$4,072,945, town lots at \$845,015, and personalty at \$70,366.¹⁰⁵ The 1938 property tax rate was \$1.85 per \$100 value of real property.¹⁰⁶ Earlier rates were \$1.77 in 1937,¹⁰⁷ \$1.70 in 1935,¹⁰⁸ and \$1.48 in 1933.¹⁰⁹ The county's bonded indebtedness is in the neighborhood of \$675,000.¹¹⁰

104. Tax Book, dated 1938, entry 156 in this Inventory. It should be understood that in practice assessed valuations are always lower than the market value and may not be offered in court as proof of value.

105. Tax Book, dated 1938, entry 156 in this Inventory.

106. Minutes, vol. I, pp. 423, 435, entry 3 in this Inventory.

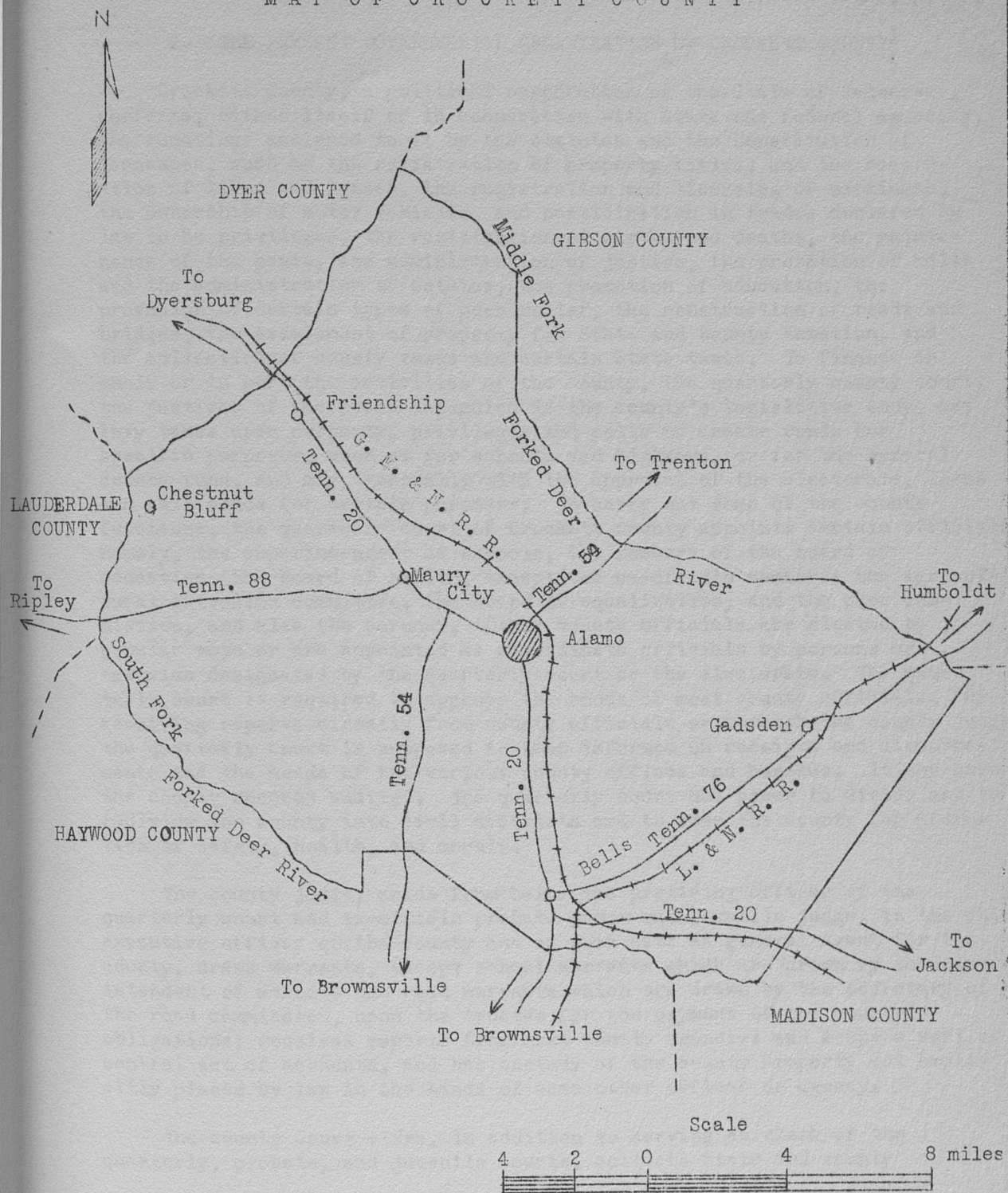
107. Ibid., 373.

108. Ibid., 271, 273.

109. Ibid., 200.

110. Ibid., 215.

MAP OF CROCKETT COUNTY



2. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF CROCKETT COUNTY¹

Crockett County, a political corporation of the State of Tennessee, performs, either itself or in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, the functions assigned to it by the statutes and the Constitution of Tennessee, such as the registration of property titles, and the recordation of liens and leases, the registration and licensing of marriages, the ownership of motor vehicles, and participation in trades declared by law to be privileges, the registration of births and deaths, the maintenance of the peace, the administration of justice, the probation of wills and the administration of estates, the promotion of education, the provision of certain types of poor relief, the construction of roads and bridges, the assessment of property for State and county taxation, and the collection of county taxes and certain State taxes. To finance in whole or in part the activities of the county, the quarterly county court, the justices of the peace assembled as the county's legislative body, may levy taxes upon property, privileges and polls to create funds for specific purposes, such as for schools and highways, or for the general county fund, and may, generally with the approval of the electorate, issue and sell bonds for certain purposes. To carry out some of the county functions, the quarterly court of Crockett County appoints certain officials, namely, the superintendent of schools, the members of the board of education, the board of health, except the ex-officio members; the agricultural extension committee, the board of equalization, and the poor commission, and also the coroner. Other county officials are elected by popular vote or are appointed as subordinate officials by persons or agencies designated by the quarterly court or the electorate. The quarterly court is required to approve the bonds of most county officials. By receiving reports directly from county officials or through the county judge, the quarterly court is supposed to keep informed on receipts and disbursements and the needs of the various county offices and bureaus. It may have the county records audited. The quarterly court has power to divide and to redivide the county into civil districts and to zone the county for promotion of safety, health, and morals.

The county judge, aside from being the presiding officer of the quarterly court and ex-officio probate judge and juvenile judge, is the chief executive officer of the county and as such acts as general agent for the county, draws warrants, except school warrants which are drawn by the superintendent of schools and road warrants which are drawn by the secretary of the road commission, upon the trustee for the payment of the county's obligations; receives reports from most county agencies and keeps a sort of central set of accounts, and has custody of the county property not explicitly placed by law in the hands of some other officer or agency.

The county court clerk, in addition to serving as clerk of the quarterly, probate, and juvenile courts, collects State and county

1. For documentation, see the essay sections of Part B of this Inventory and the Survey Project's forthcoming key volume on county government in Tennessee, as announced in the Preface of this Inventory.

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privilege taxes, issues licenses, and registers marriages, births, deaths, motor vehicles, and practitioners of trades and professions declared by law to be privileges.

The register, sometimes called the register of deeds, records papers evidencing property titles, liens, leases, and other written instruments entitled by law to registration.

Maintenance of the peace and the execution of court orders are duties of the sheriff, his deputies, and the several constables.

The coroner and the justices of the peace conduct inquests over the bodies of persons meeting death by violence at the hands of some other person.

The circuit, chancery, probate, and juvenile courts and the justices of the peace are charged with the administration of justice. The circuit court, of which the circuit judge and the circuit court clerk are the chief officers, is chiefly a court of law, having common law and statutory jurisdiction over civil and criminal matters and certain matters of probate. Jurors for the circuit court are now selected by the quarterly county court. The chancery court, of which the chancellor and the clerk and master are the chief officers, is for the most part a court of equity and also holds a wide range of jurisdiction concurrently with the circuit and probate courts. The probate court has jurisdiction centering, by and large, in the probation of wills and the appointment and supervision of personal representatives and the administration of estates. Some of the probate court's jurisdiction is held concurrently with the circuit and chancery courts. Probably because the county judge is probate judge, the probate court has jurisdiction over the establishment and operation of special drainage, levee, and road improvement districts. The juvenile court, held by the county judge, has jurisdiction over juvenile delinquency. The justices of the peace are committing magistrates and have power to decide misdemeanor cases wherein the defendants plead guilty and civil cases involving debts and demands of small amounts.

The tax assessor evaluates property and lists privileges and polls for State and county taxation. His assessments are subject to review by the county board of equalization and by the State Board of Equalization.

State and county taxes on property and polls are collected by the trustee. In Crockett County a special collection officer, the delinquent poll tax collector, assists the trustee in the collection of delinquent poll taxes. As mentioned beforehand, privilege taxes are collected by the county court clerk. The trustee is the county treasurer as well as its chief tax collector.

The board of education and the superintendent of schools are charged with the operation of the elementary schools of the county and, together with the high school boards of two special school districts, the high

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schools of the county. The county school system is, of course, subject to considerable control by the State Department of Education.

The health department is concerned chiefly with the prevention and control of communicable diseases.

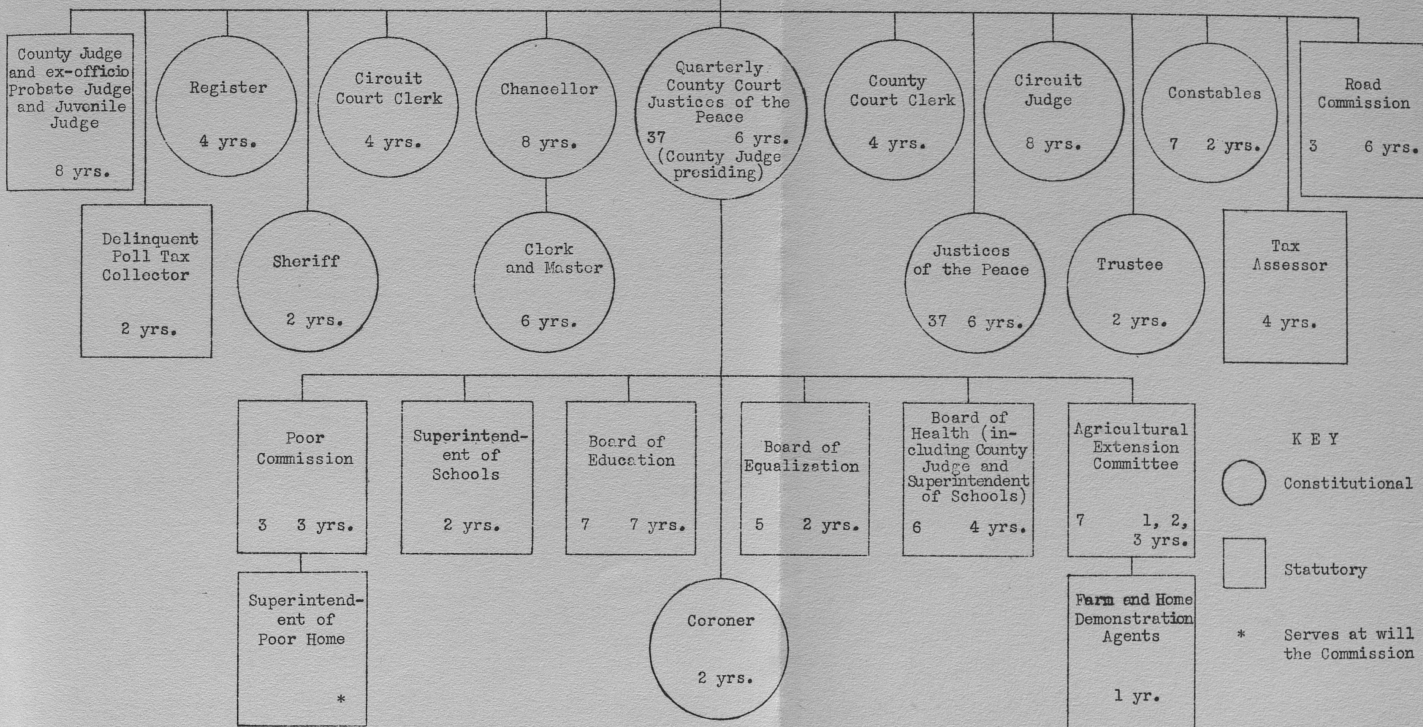
The highway department, consisting of the road commission and a road supervisor, is charged with general supervision over and the maintenance of the roads, bridges, and levees of the county.

The poor commission and the poor home superintendent operate the poor home, a place to stay for those who can not live elsewhere or otherwise.

The county agent seeks to educate the farmers to better agricultural techniques and performs certain duties in connection with crop control and soil conservation activities by the Federal Government. The home demonstration agent instructs the women in home economics.

CROCKETT COUNTY GOVERNMENT

ELECTORATE



COUNTIES OF TENNESSEE WITH YEARS OF CREATION (1)

Anderson (Clinton)	1801	Lauderdale (Ripley)	1835
Bedford (Shelbyville)	1807	Lawrence (Lawrenceburg)	1817
Benton (Camden)	1835	Lewis (Hohenwald)	1843(4)
Bledsoe (Pikeville)	1807	Lincoln (Fayetteville)	1809
Blount (Maryville)	1795	Loudon (Loudon)	1870
Bradley (Cleveland)	1836	McMinn (Athens)	1819
Campbell (Jacksboro)	1806	McNairy (Selmer)	1823
Cannon (Woodbury)	1836	Macon (Lafayette)	1842
Carroll (Huntingdon)	1821	Madison (Jackson)	1821
Carter (Elizabethton)	1796	Marion (Jasper)	1817
Cheatham (Ashland City)	1856	Marshall (Lewisburg)	1836
Chester (Henderson)	1879(2)	Maury (Columbia)	1807
Claiborne (Tazewell)	1801	Meigs (Decatur)	1836
Clay (Celina)	1870	Monroe (Madisonville)	1819
Cocke (Newport)	1797	Montgomery (Clarksville)	1796
Coffee (Manchester)	1836	Moore (Lynchburg)	1871
Crockett (Alamo)	1871(3)	Morgan (Wartburg)	1817
Cumberland (Crossville)	1856	Obion (Union City)	1823
Davidson (Nashville)	1783	Overton (Livingston)	1806
Decatur (Decaturville)	1845	Perry (Linden)	1819
DeKalb (Smithville)	1837	Pickett (Byrdstown)	1879(5)
Dickson (Charlotte)	1803	Polk (Benton)	1839
Dyer (Dyersburg)	1823	Putnam (Cookeville)	1854(6)
Fayette (Somerville)	1824	Rhea (Dayton)	1807
Fentress (Jamestown)	1823	Roane (Kingston)	1801
Franklin (Winchester)	1807	Robertson (Springfield)	1796
Gibson (Trenton)	1823	Rutherford (Murfreesboro)	1803
Giles (Pulaski)	1809	Scott (Huntsville)	1849
Grainger (Rutledge)	1796	Sequatchie (Dunlap)	1857
Green (Greeneville)	1783	Sevier (Sevierville)	1794
Grundy (Altamont)	1844	Shelby (Memphis)	1819
Hamblen (Morristown)	1870	Smith (Carthage)	1799
Hamilton (Chattanooga)	1819	Stewart (Dover)	1803
Hancock (Sneedville)	1844	Sullivan (Blountville)	1779
Hardeman (Bolivar)	1823	Sumner (Gallatin)	1786
Hardin (Savannah)	1819	Tipton (Covington)	1823
Hawkins (Rogersville)	1786	Trousdale (Hartsville)	1870
Haywood (Brownsville)	1823	Unicoi (Erwin)	1875
Henderson (Lexington)	1821	Union (Maynardsville)	1851(7)
Henry (Paris)	1821	Van Buren (Spencer)	1840
Hickman (Centerville)	1807	Warren (McMinnville)	1807
Houston (Erin)	1871	Washington (Jonesboro)	1777
Humphreys (Waverly)	1809	Wayne (Waynesboro)	1817(8)
Jackson (Gainesboro)	1801	Weakley (Dresden)	1823
Jefferson (Dandridge)	1792	White (Sparta)	1806
Johnson (Mountain City)	1836	Williamson (Franklin)	1799
Knox (Knoxville)	1792	Wilson (Lebanon)	1799
Lake (Tiptonville)	1870		

(1) Most counties were organized within a few months after creation.

(2) Not organized until 1882.

(3) First organized in 1846, but the enabling act was invalidated the same year.

(4) Abolished and recreated in 1869.

(5) Probably not organized until 1881 or 1882.

(6) An enabling act of 1842 was invalidated in 1845 and the county dissolved.

(7) Apparently the act of 1850 failed to go into effect until amended in 1851.

(8) Recreated in 1819, although a defective act of 1817 was placed in operation.

COUNTIES OF TENNESSEE

Chronologically by years of creation

Washington (Jonesboro)	1777	Carroll (Huntingdon)	1821
Sullivan (Blountville)	1779	Henderson (Lexington)	1821
Davidson (Nashville)	1783	Henry (Paris)	1821
Greene (Greeneville)	1783	Madison (Jackson)	1821
Hawkins (Rogersville)	1786	Dyer (Dyersburg)	1823
Sumner (Gallatin)	1786	Fentress (Jamestown)	1823
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Smith (Carthage)	1799	Lauderdale (Ripley)	1835
Williamson (Franklin)	1799	Bradley (Cleveland)	1836
Wilson (Lebanon)	1799	Cannon (Woodbury)	1836
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Claiborne (Tazewell)	1801	Johnson (Mountain City)	1836
Jackson (Gainesboro)	1801	Marshall (Lewisburg)	1836
Roane (Kingston)	1801	Meigs (Decatur)	1836
Dickson (Charlotte)	1803	DeKalb (Smithville)	1837
Rutherford (Murfreesboro)	1803	Polk (Benton)	1839
Stewart (Dover)	1803	Van Buren (Spencer)	1840
Campbell (Jacksboro)	1806	Macon (Lafayette)	1842
Overton (Livingston)	1806	Putnam (Cookeville)	1842, 1854*
White (Sparta)	1806	Lewis (Hohenwald)	1843, 1869*
Bedford (Shelbyville)	1807	Grundy (Altamont)	1844
Bledsoe (Pikeville)	1807	Hancock (Sneedville)	1844
Franklin (Winchester)	1807	Decatur (Decaturville)	1845
Hickman (Centerville)	1807	Scott (Huntsville)	1849
Maury (Columbia)	1807	Union (Maynardsville)	1850, 1851*
Rhea (Dayton)	1807	Cheatham (Ashland City)	1856
Warren (McMinnville)	1807	Cumberland (Crossville)	1856
Giles (Pulaski)	1809	Sequatchie (Dunlap)	1857
Humphreys (Waverly)	1809	Clay (Celina)	1870
Lincoln (Fayetteville)	1809	Hamblen (Morristown)	1870
Lawrence (Lawrenceburg)	1817	Lake (Tiptonville)	1870
Marion (Jasper)	1817	Loudon (Loudon)	1870
Morgan (Wartburg)	1817	Trousdale (Hartsville)	1870
Wayne (Waynesboro)	1817, 1819*	Crockett (Alamo)	1871, 1845*
Hamilton (Chattanooga)	1819	Houston (Erin)	1871
Hardin (Savannah)	1819	Moore (Lynchburg)	1871
McMinn (Athens)	1819	Unicoi (Erwin)	1875
Monroe (Madisonville)	1819	Chester (Henderson)	1879, 1882*
Perry (Linden)	1819	Pickett (Byrdstown)	1879, 1882*
Shelby (Memphis)	1819		

*See footnote on preceding page for explanations.

3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The Crockett County courthouse is in the center of the public square of Alamo. The building, erected in 1874 and remodeled in 1934, is a rectangular, brick structure, 60x90x40, with 216,000 cubic feet of space. It is ninety percent fireproof.

On the first floor of the courthouse are the offices of the circuit court clerk, the trustee, the county court clerk, the county judge, the board of equalization, the register, the sheriff, and the clerk and master. The offices of the superintendent of schools, the county agent, the home demonstration agent, and the assistant county agent are on the second floor.

The county court clerk, the county judge, the board of equalization, and the tax assessor jointly occupy an office on the southwest corner of the first floor. The room measures 21x33x14. There are thirty feet of wooden shelving and fifty-eight feet of filing space in the cabinets along the east wall which house forty feet of bound volumes and fifty-four feet of unbound material. Accommodations for users consist of three desks, a table, and five chairs. All of the records of the board of equalization, ninety percent of the clerk's records, including those of the quarterly and probate courts; fifty percent of the county judge's records, and all of those of the juvenile court are kept here. The remaining records are in the storage room. The office is not overcrowded but additional shelving is needed.

The register's office, measuring 16x17x14, is on the southeast corner of the first floor. All of the records are in the adjoining vault which measures $12\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$. There are sixty feet of steel shelving along the north and west walls which care for eighty feet of bound volumes. Twenty feet of the records are stacked on tables and on the floor. The vault is crowded, and additional shelving is needed. Two desks, two tables, and four chairs in the office are available for users.

The circuit court clerk's office, on the northwest corner of the first floor, measures 17x17x14. There are twenty feet of wooden shelving under a desk and sixty feet in a pigeonhole cabinet along the south wall. Here are forty-four feet of bound volumes and twenty-five feet of unbound material which constitute eighty percent of the records in the clerk's custody, including those of the jury commission. Additional shelving is needed for the twenty-four feet of the bound volumes stacked on top of the cabinet and desk. With thirty-five of the pigeonholes not in use, there is adequate space for the unbound material. Two desks, a table, and two chairs furnish accommodations for users. Twenty percent of the clerk's records is kept in the storage room.

The clerk and master's office, on the northeast corner of the first floor, measures 17x17x14. Two wooden bookcases and a wooden cabinet along the east and west walls contain eighty feet of shelving, caring for seventy feet of bound volumes and ten feet of unbound material. Ten feet of the bound volumes are kept on tables and cabinets. Thirty-five percent of the clerk's records is kept here; sixty percent in the sheriff's office, and

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five percent in the storage room. A table and six chairs furnish adequate accommodations. Additional cabinets and shelving are needed.

A room, 14x17x14, on the east side of the first floor, is used by the sheriff for an office and by the clerk and master and highway department as a storage room. The sheriff also maintains an office at the county jail, where his records are located. Ninety feet of material, or sixty percent of the clerk's records and fifty percent of the highway department's, is in one hundred feet of cabinet shelving along the south and west walls. There is ample room for expansion.

The tax assessor does not maintain an office in the courthouse. His records are housed in the county court clerk's office and in the storage room on the first floor under the stairway.

The trustee's office, on the west side of the first floor, measures 15x17x14. There are twenty-five feet of wooden shelving along the north wall housing twenty feet of bound volumes and two feet of unbound material, thirty percent of the trustee's records. The remaining seventy percent is in the storage room. Two desks, a table, and chairs afford adequate accommodations for users.

The office of the superintendent of schools is on the northwest corner of the second floor and measures 17x17x14. Twelve wooden cabinets along the north, southeast, and west walls contain one hundred and four feet of shelving housing one hundred feet of bound volumes and four feet of unbound material, or forty-five percent of the records of the department of education. Fifty percent is in the adjoining office which measures 15x16x14. One hundred and twenty feet of wooden shelving along the north, south, and east walls house one hundred feet of bound volumes and six feet of unbound material. Accommodations for both offices consist of two desks, a table, and eleven chairs. Five percent of the department's records is in the storage room.

The record storage room is on the first floor, under the stairway at the north end of the central corridor. It is six feet wide, eighteen feet long at the base, and twelve feet high in front, tapering to the ceiling. The eighty feet of open front, wooden shelving on the east and west walls is overcrowded, there being one hundred feet of bound volumes in the room. Some of the volumes are on the floor, some are stacked on top of others. The percentages of records of the various offices located here are as follows: county court clerk, ten percent; circuit court clerk, twenty percent; clerk and master, five percent; trustee, seventy percent; tax assessor, seventy-five percent; county judge, fifty percent; and superintendent of schools, five percent. There are no accommodations. Approximately fifty feet of shelving is needed.

The county agent's office is in the northeast corner of the second floor. It measures 17x17x14. There are seven steel filing cabinets along the south and west walls housing thirty feet of unbound material. Fifty percent of the agent's records is here.

The assistant county agent has an office measuring 18x16x14 on the north side of the second floor. There are eight feet of wooden shelving and six steel filing cabinets along the west wall caring for eight feet of bound volumes and twenty feet of unbound material, forty percent of the agent's records. Four desks, a table, and nine chairs in the two rooms furnish adequate accommodations for users.

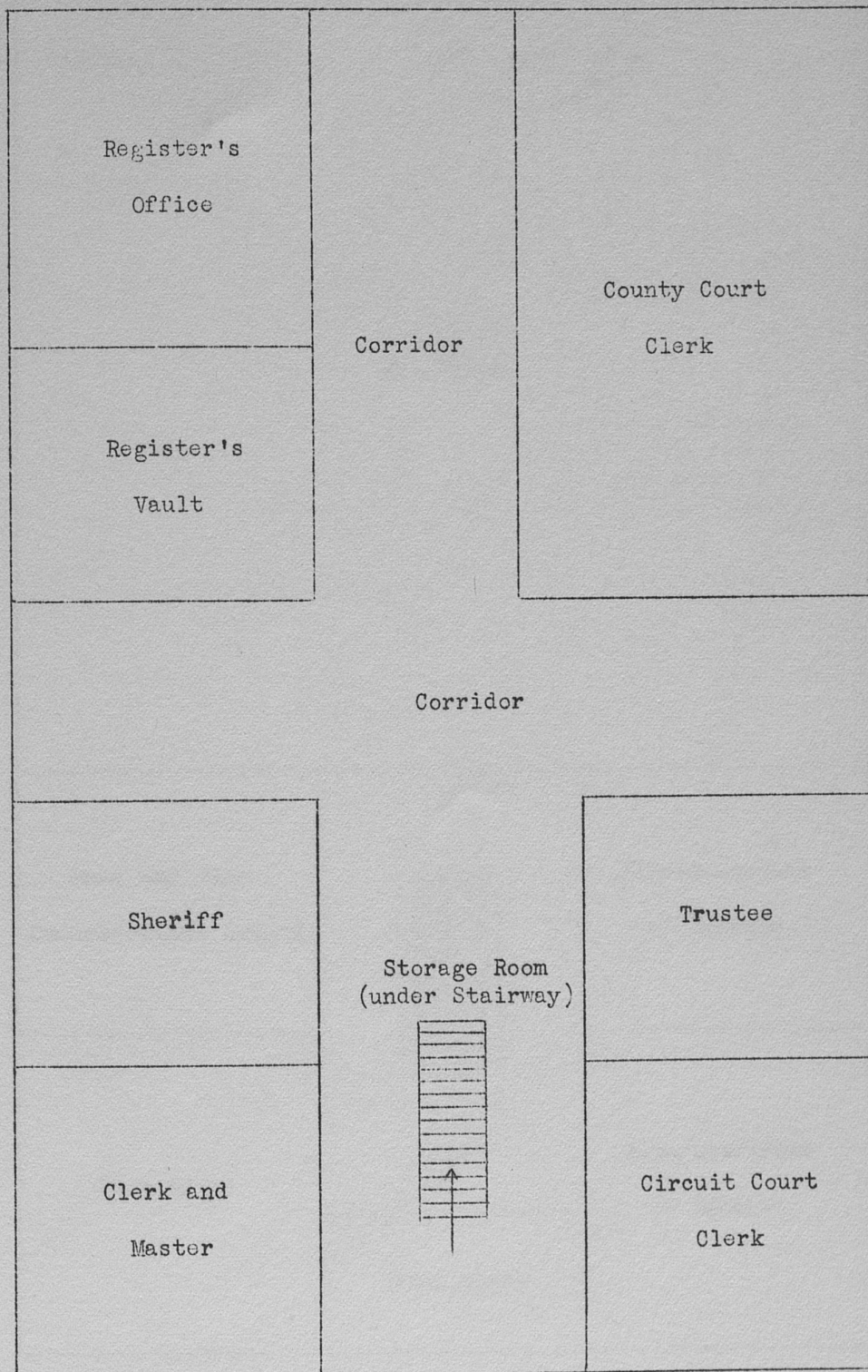
The office of the home demonstration agent is on the east side of the second floor and measures 15x17x14. It has a bulletin rack, and one wooden and three steel filing cabinets. The records here consist of thirty feet of unbound material. Three desks and five chairs furnish adequate accommodations for users. All the records of the home demonstration agent and ten percent of the county agent's records are kept here.

The sheriff's office is in the county jail, on College Street. The jail, an "L" shaped brick building, was erected in 1874. It is forty percent fireproof. A room in the southwest corner of the sheriff's quarters, measuring 17x17x9, cares for one bound volume and one bundle of papers, all of the sheriff's records. Two tables and four chairs furnish sufficient accommodations for users.

The highway garage on Bells Street measures 30x45x10, allowing 13,500 cubic feet of space. Erected in 1935, the wooden and corrugated tin building is sixty percent fireproof. The highway commissioners' office, on the east side of the garage, measures 12x12x7. One wooden and one steel cabinet along the south wall and a wooden desk in the northeast corner care for six feet of material, fifty percent of the records of the highway department. The other fifty percent is in the sheriff's office at the courthouse.

The county poor home is located two miles northwest of Alamo on the Old Alamo-Cairo Road. The administration building, a wooden structure, was erected in 1879. The main building, 30x45x11, has an "L", 18x60x11, on the south side, allowing 26,730 cubic feet of space. The northeast corner room of the main building, measuring 18x18x8, houses all the superintendent's records which consist of one bound volume. The accommodations for users consist of a table and three chairs. Kerosene lamps furnish inadequate lighting facilities.

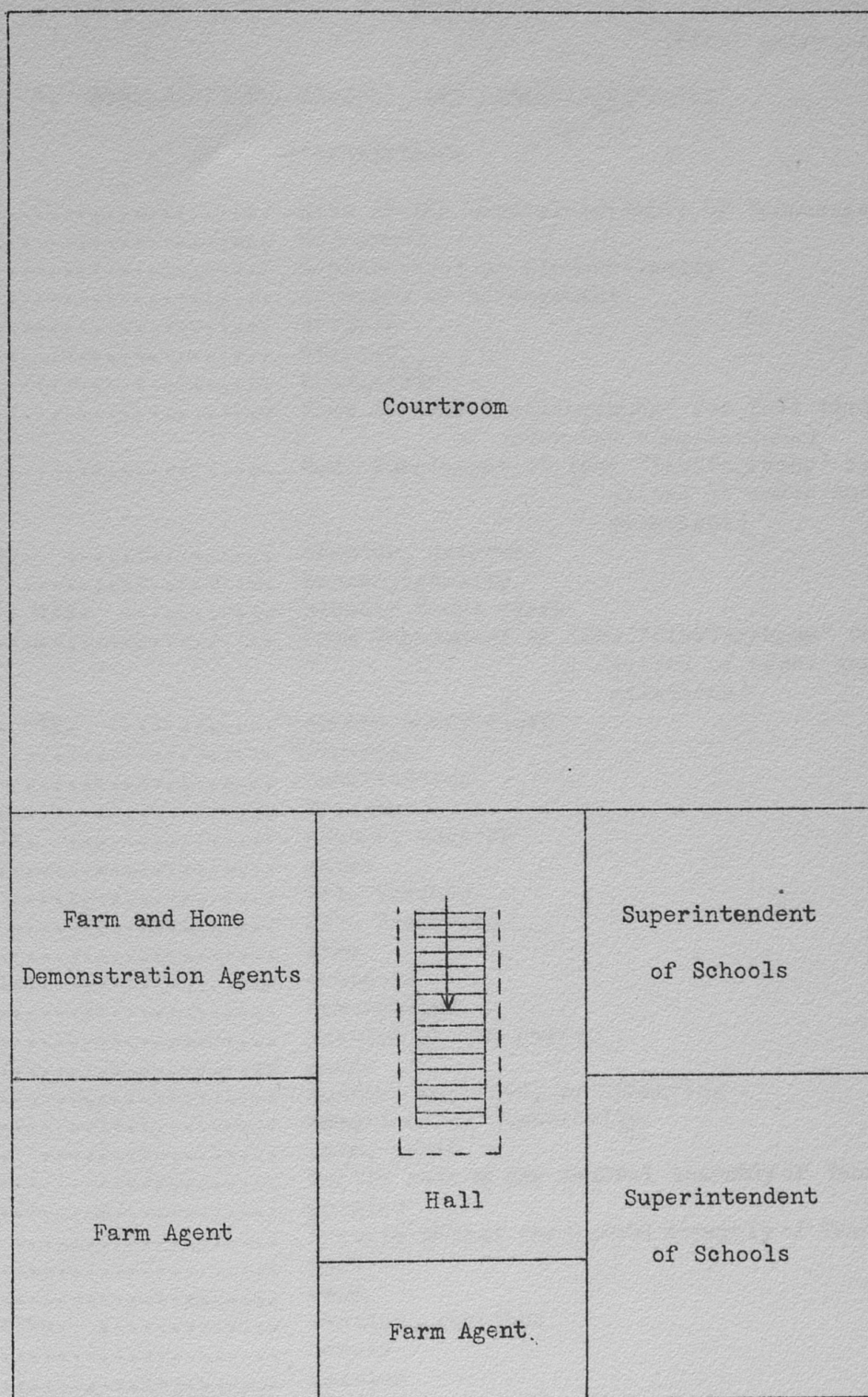
The health department is quartered in two rooms on the first floor of the Yearwood Building, on the east side of the public square in Alamo. The building which was erected in 1928, measures 54x28x25, and allows 37,800 cubic feet of space. Constructed of brick and wood, it is in good condition but it is not fireproof. The reception room measures 12x12x9 and houses four feet of unbound material, or seventy percent of the department's records, in a steel filing cabinet. Thirty percent of the records is in the consultation room, which is 14x12x9. Five feet of unbound material are in fifteen feet of open wooden shelves along the north wall. The rooms are not crowded and accommodations for users are adequate.



Scale: 1 inch equals 10 feet

First Floor Plan

CROCKETT COUNTY COURTHOUSE



Scale: 1 inch equals 10 feet

Second Floor Plan

CROCKETT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Abbreviations

<u>Acts</u>	Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
<u>ad.</u>	adjourned
<u>alph.</u>	alphabetical or alphabetically
<u>arr.</u>	arranged or arrangement
<u>art.</u>	article
<u>aver.</u>	average
<u>bdl.</u>	bundle(s)
<u>C</u>	Code of (See "Bibliography" for full titles of codes and compilations)
<u>CBS</u>	Code Supplement of (See "Bibliography" for full titles of codes and com- pilations)
<u>ch., chs.</u>	chapter, chapters
<u>chron.</u>	chronologically
<u>cir. ct. clk.</u>	circuit court clerk
<u>CMS</u>	Code Supplement of (See "Bibliography" for full titles of codes and com- pilations)
<u>co. ct. clk.</u>	county court clerk
<u>Cong.</u>	Congress
<u>Const.</u>	Constitution
<u>Doc.</u>	Document
<u>ed., eds.</u>	editor, editors
<u>ex.</u>	extra
<u>f. b.</u>	file box(es)
<u>f. d.</u>	file drawer(s)
<u>fm.</u>	form
<u>fn.</u>	footnote
<u>hdw.</u>	handwritten
<u>J.P.</u>	justice of the peace
<u>lrg.</u>	large
<u>no.</u>	number, numbered, or numbering
<u>num.</u>	numerical or numerically
<u>p., pp.</u>	page, pages
<u>P.A.</u>	Public Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
<u>pr.</u>	printed
<u>Pr.A.</u>	Private Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
<u>pt.</u>	part
<u>rm.</u>	room
<u>sec., secs.</u>	section, sections
<u>Sen.</u>	Senate
<u>ses.</u>	session
<u>sml.</u>	small
<u>strg.</u>	storage
<u>subsec., subsecs.</u>	subsection, subsections
<u>Survey</u>	Tennessee Historical Records Survey Project
<u>v.</u>	versus
<u>vol., vols.</u>	volume, volumes

Abbreviations, Symbols, and Explanatory Notes

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Symbols

&	and
x	by, in dimensions
--	placed after a year date means from that year to present time.

Explanatory Notes

Throughout this book the arrangement of entries, each entry representing a record, is by bureaus and by subjects within each of these divisions. The bureaus themselves are arranged in related groups. For example, judicial agencies are grouped. The same is true for the so-called public service group, including highways, education, and health. Within each bureau related entries are grouped under subject headings and frequently thereunder by sub-headings.

The titles in the individual entries may be interpreted in the following manner: the actual title of the record as it appears on the outside of the volume or container is in upper case letters but if this exact title is vague, misleading, or otherwise inadequate, an assigned explanatory title is inserted in lower case letters enclosed in parentheses. If a record has no title and it has thus been necessary to assign one, the assigned title is in upper case letters and is enclosed in parentheses.

The years for which a record is available are shown immediately following the title. The use of a hyphen between two dates indicates the inclusive years for which a record is available. A single date followed by two hyphens indicates that the record is current and dates from the year given. Dates are broken to indicate years for which a record was not made or could not be located. Where no statement is made that the record was discontinued at the last date shown in the entry, it could not be definitely established that such was the case. Where no comment is made on the absence of prior or subsequent records, no definite information could be obtained.

The labeling of a record is described or shown by figures or letters in parentheses immediately following the number of volumes, file boxes, or other type of container.

Since the vast majority of the records in this county is housed in the courthouse, only the name of the office or room in which a record may be found is given. If all the records of an office, which are listed under that office, are in one place, the location reference has been omitted. In all other instances, the exact location of each record is given. The location of each office and department is set out in the section entitled "Housing, Care, and Accessibility of the Records."

Except in the section entitled "Housing, Care, and Accessibility of the Records", in which measurements are given in feet, measurements are given in inches, unless otherwise indicated, and therefore the mathematical symbol for inches is omitted.

Unless otherwise specified, the record is in good condition.

An effort has been made to keep terminology uniform. However, the terms "justice of the peace" and "magistrate" are practically synonymous and in practice and throughout this book these terms are used interchangeably. The words "judge" or "clerk" in a record entry refer to the judge or clerk of the court under which the record is listed, or the judge or clerk named in the title of the chapter; exceptions to this are clearly indicated. If not otherwise indicated, the word "district" means civil district.

Because so many justice of the peace records were, because of their location, virtually inaccessible to the field workers, the survey of these records was of necessity incomplete. Such information about most of these records as appears in this Inventory was obtained by mail through the cooperation and assistance of the justices themselves.

The purpose of the chronological index is to furnish the researcher a guide to the entries in which all records covering a particular decade or part thereof may be found. The closing date in the final decade corresponds with the date of the recheck.

The user's attention is particularly directed to the fourth paragraph of the Preface in which a forthcoming key volume on the evolution and structural development of county government in Tennessee is announced, and in which the office and governmental organization essays, as appearing in this Inventory, are dealt with. Only so much information is included in the essays as to show to what extent local legislation has altered the pattern of the general law, i. e., the structure of county government in Tennessee as contemplated by the Public Acts and the Code of 1932, and, also, only so much information on the general law as is necessary to identify and state the facts of existence of the several offices, agencies, and departments of the county organization.

The device "(C 1932)" immediately following a citation to a legislative act means that the substance of the legislative act is still in force and is reenacted in the official Code of 1932. The numbers appearing immediately after "C 1932", and separated from it by a comma, are the section numbers of the codes. A citation to the Code of 1932, placed in parentheses immediately following a citation to the Code of 1858, indicates that the provision first appeared in the earlier code and is reenacted in the official Code of 1932. Individual citations within a footnote are unrelated if separated by a semicolon.

The name following a citation to a court case is that of the Attorney-General and Reporter under whose name the volume of Supreme Court reports containing the case was published. The number preceding the name is the volume number; that following, the page number.

Abbreviations, Symbols, and Explanatory Notes

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Not all of the codes and compilations listed in the Bibliography are cited in this Inventory, but all of them are used by the legal research unit of the Survey Project and are listed for the convenience and information of the users of this Inventory. For a complete listing of the titles, see Check List of Acts and Codes of the State of Tennessee, 1792-1939 (mimeographed), Nashville, 1940.

I. QUARTERLY COUNTY COURT
(County Court Clerk as Clerk)

The quarterly county court, the legislative branch of the county court and the county's governing body, is as old as the county itself, for the effect of the organization of the quarterly court on March 12, 1872, was to complete the organization of the county.¹ The court is composed of two justices of the peace from each civil district, except the civil district containing the county seat from which there are three, and of one justice from each incorporated town that chooses to elect one, all elected by popular vote for terms of six years.² In Crockett County there are thirty-seven justices of the peace or members of the quarterly court. The presiding officer of the court is the county judge,³ who is elected by popular vote for a term of eight years.⁴ The clerk of the court is the county court clerk,⁵ who is elected by popular vote for a term of four years.⁶

Original Papers
(See also entries 5, 7-11)

1. (MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS), 1872--. 53 f. d. (lettered), 8 f. b. Original minutes and papers of the quarterly county court, including quarterly and annual reports from county bureaus and agencies, bonds and oaths of county officials, petitions to the court, appointments of commissioners, results of votes on bond issues, oaths of office of mayor and aldermen, and all instruments and records from which the recorded minutes are compiled. Also contains: (Original Probate Papers), entry 110. 53 f. d., 1872--., arr. alph. by name of individual or subject; 8 f. b., 1879--., no obvious arr. No index. Hdw., 1872-1912; hdw. and typed, 1913--. F. d., 5x10x12; f. b., 4x6x10. Office.

1. Acts 1871, ch. 132, secs. 3, 12; Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 14-18, in Minutes, entry 3 in this Inventory. For the structure, powers, and duties of the quarterly county court, see C 1932, 10193-10220, 10235, 10236, 10238-10268.

2. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3 (C 1932, 673, 674); Acts 1839-40, ch. 68, sec. 3 (C 1932, 674, 675); Acts 1855-56, ch. 138, sec. 13 (C 1932, 674, 675); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15. The court is a constitutional body by virtue of the provision in the Constitution directing it to elect a coroner and a ranger. (Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1, art. 11, sec. 17; State ex rel. v. Campbell, 8 Lea, 81, 82).

3. P.A. 1857-58, ch. 38, sec. 4 (C 1932, 764); Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 763); Pr.A. 1927, ch. 432, sec. 4.

4. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; C 1917, 385, fn. 6, citing: State ex rel. v. Glenn, 7 Heiskell, 472, 486, 487, 489, 491, 493; State ex rel. v. Leonard, 2 Pickle, 485, 487, 489, 490, 493; State ex rel. v. Maloney, 8 Pickle, 68; Redistricting Cases, 3 Cates, 251; Ledgewood v. Pitts, 14 Cates, 607.

5. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 7 (C 1932, 10082, subsec. 1).

6. C 1858, 324 (C 1932, 650), C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1915); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13.

Quarterly County Court - Court Proceedings; Road Records

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Court Proceedings
(See also entries 1, 4)

2. APPROPRIATION DOCKET, 1872--. 3 vols.

Record of appropriations made by the county court for payment of claims, showing date filed, to whom made, for what purpose, amount, and remarks. Appropriations cover such items as repair and maintenance of roads, poor home account, printing, jurors compensation, election costs, telephone service, and all other claims on general county expense. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 450 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

3. MINUTES, 1872--. 9 vols. (A-I). Title varies: Minute Book, 1872-79.

Recorded minutes of the proceedings of the quarterly sessions of the county court, including many various and sundry records recorded in these volumes as provided for by law. Some of the more important actions recorded herein are: Fixing of the tax levy, adoption of a budget, receiving financial reports from county officials and institutions, appropriation of funds for the maintenance and operation of the county offices and institutions, and several score items of a similar nature. In the first volume is the record of proceedings of the board of commissioners appointed by the legislature to organize Crockett County in 1871 at Cageville. Also contains: Minutes Quorum Court, 1872-1906, entry 113. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names and subjects. Hdw., 1872-1906; typed, 1907--. Aver. 725 pp. 12x18x4. Office.

Road Records

4. ROAD BOOK, 1872-91. 3 vols.

Record of appointments of road overseers by the court, showing date of appointment, name of overseer appointed, names of persons to be employed, name or description of road to be worked, and type of work to be done. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of overseer. Hdw. Aver. 350 pp. 10x16x2. Strg. rm.

5. ROAD CONTRACTS AND BONDS, 1900-1918. 1 vol. (1).

Contracts between district road commissioners and the chairman of the county court, showing names of commissioner and chairman, district number, class of road, description of road, dates of term commissioner is to serve, date of contract, and signatures of commissioner and chairman. Also includes road contractors' bonds to insure proper execution of contracts entered into with the county, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, number of district where work is to be performed, date bond executed, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 18x8x2. Office.

Quarterly County Court - Official Bonds; Financial Records

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Official Bonds
(See also entry 5)

6. OFFICER'S BONDS, 1872-1926. 1 vol. (A).

Copies of bonds of county officers, including sheriff, register, trustee, surveyor, ranger, coroner, county court clerk, county chairman, constables, notaries public, justices of the peace, road commissioners, and deputies sheriff, showing date and amount of bond, names of principal and sureties, condition of the obligation, oath of office, and approval of the court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of principal. Hdw. on pr. fm. 475 pp. 18x12x3. Office.

7. CONSTABLE BONDS, 1888--. 1 vol. (1).

Original bonds made by constables to insure the faithful performance of duties, and the proper handling of all money collected, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date of bond, and signatures of principal and sureties; also shows oath taken and signed by constable. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of principal. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 8x14x2. Office.

8. MAGISTRATES BOND BOOK, 1888--. 3 vols. (1-3). Title varies:
Magistrates' Bonds, 1888-1936.

Original bonds made by magistrates to insure faithful performance of all duties and the proper handling of all money collected, showing names of magistrate and bondsmen, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date of bond, and signatures of magistrate and bondsmen; also shows oath of office signed by the magistrate. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of magistrate. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 275 pp. 12x10x2. Office.

9. NOTARY BONDS, 1907--. 2 vols. (1, 2), 1 bdl.

Original bonds executed by notaries public to insure faithful and proper performance of duties, showing name of county, name of notary, date and amount of bond, term of court at which elected, signatures of notary and his bondsmen, and oath of office signed by notary. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of notary public. Hdw. on pr. fm. Vols. aver. 200 pp. 14x8x1 $\frac{1}{2}$; bdl., 8x24x18. Office.

Financial Records
(See also entries 2, 6-9)

10. (REPORT OF REVENUE COLLECTED), 1875-1902. 1 vol.

Original reports from various county officials collecting State and county revenue, showing date of each collection, name of person from whom received, account for which collected, amounts due the State and the county, total amount of collections, date of report, signature of official reporting, and judge's acknowledgment. These reports are pasted in the volume. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of official reporting. Hdw. 300 pp. 12x18x4. Office.

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11. (QUARTERLY REPORTS, COUNTY JUDGE'S TO COUNTY COURT), 1872--.
10 vols. (A-J).

Quarterly reports of the judge on the financial status of the county, listing all assets and liabilities of various accounts, including schools, highway, library, books, bonds, refunding and old judgment accounts; judge's recommendations to the court, and claims filed against the county. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Aver. 450 pp. 12x18x4. Office.

12. TAX DUPLICATE, 1873-76, 1879-1914. 20 vols. (dated).

Duplicate copies of trustee's tax books prepared by county court clerk, showing name of property owner, location and description of taxable real property, acreage, or number of town lots; assessed valuation of real and personal property, less deduction of \$1000 from personal property; amount of polls and other assessments, amount of county and State taxes, and totals. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of property owner. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 450 pp. 14x18x3. Strg. rm.

For original tax record, see entry 156.

II. COUNTY JUDGE - CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COURT (As Administrative and Financial Agent of the County)

Except for short periods in 1937 and 1939, when there were both a county judge and a chairman of the county court in Crockett County holding offices simultaneously, the county had, from the time of organization until 1927, a chairman, and since 1927 has had a county judge.⁷ The office of county judge differs from that of chairman of the county court in that the chairman of the county court is elected by the court for a term of one year,⁸ while the county judge is elected by popular vote for a term of eight years.⁹ Also unlike the chairman of the county court, the county judge is declared to be an inferior judge within the meaning of the Constitution,¹⁰ a legalistic concept which to a degree protects the office of county judge from the assaults of special legislation.

7. Minute Book, vol. A, p. 14, in Minutes, entry 3 in this Inventory; Pr.A. 1927, ch. 609; Pr.A. 1933, ch. 687; Pr.A. 1937, chs. 53, 60, 130, 131, 203, 441; Jerman v. Tanner, in Minute Book, vol. I, p. 545, Minute Book, vol. J, pp. 98, 99, entry 102 in this Inventory, and Trial Papers, entry 92 in this Inventory; Pr.A. 1939, chs. 140, 144, 245, 246.

8. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10202); Acts 1887, ch. 236, sec. 2 (C 1932, 10202).

9. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; C 1917, 385, fn. 6, citing State ex rel. v. Glenn, 7 Heiskell, 472, 486, 487, 489, 491, 493; State ex rel. v. McKee, 8 Lea, 28; State ex rel. v. Leonard, 2 Pickle, 485, 487, 490, 493; State ex rel. v. Maloney, 8 Pickle, 68; Redistricting Cases, 3 Cates, 251; Ledgewood v. Pitts, 14 Cates, 607.

10. Ibid.

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Normally either office combines the functions of the probate and juvenile judges, presiding officer of the quarterly court, and general administrative, financial, and executive officer of the county.¹¹

Although the office of county judge is created by special legislation, the office is recognized by the code and the public acts, in whose eyes the offices of judge and chairman are, at least functionally, practically synonymous. Nonetheless, the act of 1927 creating the office of county judge in Crockett County deals at length with the duties and the structure of the office, but these sections are largely a repetition of general provisions, and the office is, further, affected by general provisions not restated in the act. The act of 1927 fixes the amount of the judge's bond at \$5,000 and his salary at a minimum of \$1,000 annually.¹² In 1933 the county judge was made purchasing agent for the county and was empowered to employ an auditor or auditors to examine the records of county offices and agencies when he thought it necessary that the books be perused, and to employ, also when necessary, a physician to attend the inmates of the county jail and poor home and to replace the county physician provided for by general law.¹³

In 1937 several special acts, one of them aimed at abolishing the office of county judge and others designed only to strip it of its functions, were passed. The special act of 1933 which made the county judge purchasing agent and authorized him to employ an auditor or auditors and to appoint a county physician was repealed.¹⁴ Another act of 1937 created the office of chairman of the county court and vested in the office all the powers and duties belonging to the county judge under the special act of 1927¹⁵ but, though the county judge was left without powers and a salary, his office presumably was not abolished and under the act continued to exist although it consisted of nothing more than a title. Still another act of 1937 named the person to serve as chairman of the county court until the next session of the quarterly court at which his successor was to be regularly designated.¹⁶ The chairman was required to post a bond of \$1,000.¹⁷ Finally, the office of county judge was apparently abolished by the repeal of the act of 1927¹⁸ but, probably because it was realized that the abolition of

11. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10202); Acts 1847-48, ch. 106, secs. 1 (C 1932, 10211), 2 (C 1932, 10210); Acts 1855-56, ch. 253 (C 1932, 769, 10221, 10222); Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 10193, 10204); P.A. 1911, ch. 58, sec. 2 (C 1932, 10275).

12. Ibid., secs. 4, 9. Under the general law, the amount of the bond of a county judge or chairman as an accounting officer or general agent is fixed by the quarterly county court. (Acts 1879, ch. 76, sec. 1 (C 1932, 768) See C 1932, 10679, for general provisions on compensation.

13. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 687.

14. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 53.

15. Ibid., ch. 60.

16. Ibid., ch. 130.

17. Ibid., ch. 203.

18. Ibid., ch. 131.

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the office of county judge during the incumbency of the judge elected in 1934,¹⁹ was a violation of the constitutional provision giving inferior judges a term of eight years,²⁰ another special act, equally obscure, amended the act of 1927 so as, apparently, to continue both the judge and chairman in office, the judge being left as probate and juvenile judge, and the chairman with all the other functions associated with the office.²¹ At least, such seems to have been the local application of this statute. How this act could amend an act which had been unqualifiedly repealed and yet to state, specifically, that it in no way had any relation to the repealing act is not revealed.²² The office of chairman, however, was short lived, for, after previously issuing a restraining order against the chairman, the chancellor of the district, on June 8, 1938, issued five decrees invalidating all of the acts abolishing or otherwise tampering with the office of county judge, except the act withdrawing the judge's powers as purchasing agent for the county and his power to appoint an auditor and a county physician,²³ and these acts were formally repealed at the next session of the legislature.²⁴

However, the 1939 legislature then began work anew on the county judge. Although they are vague and contradictory, two special acts of 1939 were probably designed to relieve the county judge of his capacities as presiding officer of the quarterly court and as general administrative, accounting, and financial agent for the county and to transfer them to the chairman of the county court, which office was recreated.²⁵ A member of the quarterly court was designated to serve as chairman until the next regular term of court, at which his successor was to be elected.²⁶ Soon after the passage of this act, the chancellor, acting on the petition of the county judge, issued a temporary restraining order against the person named as chairman of the county court and a few days later granted an injunction against him; however, at its April term the quarterly court elected another of its members chairman, whereupon, on new petitions the chancellor issued two more injunctions, one against the chairman named in the act, the other against the person elected.²⁷ Instead of writing for the adjudication of the appeal to the Supreme Court, the quarterly court, in January 1940, elected a

19. Acts 1927, ch. 609, sec. 3.

20. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; C 1917, 385, fn. 4, citing: State v. Leonard, 2 Pickle, 485; Judges' Cases, 18 Pickle, 544, 545, 559, 560, 626, 629, 644, 649, 650, 693; State v. Lindsey, 19 Pickle, 635, 636; Redistricting Cases, 3 Cates, 249, 251; Malone v. Williams, 10 Cates, 478, 479.

21. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 441.

22. Ibid.

23. Jerman v. Tanner, in Minute Book, vol. I, p. 545, Minute Book, vol. J, pp. 98, 99, entry 102 in this Inventory, and Trial Papers, entry 92 in this Inventory.

24. Pr.A. 1939, chs. 140-144.

25. Ibid., chs. 245, 246.

26. Ibid., ch. 245, sec. 2.

27. Minutes, vol. I, p. 470, entry 3 in this Inventory; Minute Book, vol. J, pp. 244, 245, entry 102 in this Inventory; Rule Docket, vol. 9, pp. 153, 154, entry 96 in this Inventory.

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chairman over an adverse ruling of the county judge, who presided, and then elected a chairman pro tempore.²⁸ At this writing (February 3, 1940) the county judge has not again appealed to the chancery court although he might call to the court's attention those sections of the Code touching upon contempt.²⁹ For copy of chairman's bond and oath of office, see entry 6.

13. (WARRANT STUBS), 1926, 1928--. 10 vols.

Stubs of warrants issued by the judge in payment of general county expense, showing warrant number, amount of warrant, date issued, name of payee, purpose of payment, and signature of person receiving warrant. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 12x12x1. Co. ct. clk's office.

For canceled original warrants, see entry 171.

14. CHAIRMAN'S REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1874--. 6 vols. Title

varies: General Warrant Register Warrants Issued, 1925-28.

Register of warrants issued by the judge, showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, holder of warrant if assigned, amount, purpose for which drawn, on what account, date registered, and date canceled. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 250 pp. 14x18x3. 3 vols., 1874-1924, strg. rm.; 3 vols., 1925--, co. ct. clk's office.

For register of warrants paid, see entry 167.

15. AUDIT FOR COUNTY, DEC. 1938, Jan. 24, 1939. 1 vol.

Copies of State Auditor's reports on audits of county offices including trustee, circuit court clerk, county court clerk, and delinquent poll tax collector; as made to the State Comptroller and transmitted by the Comptroller to the judge. For each audit there is a copy of the Auditor's letter of transmittal to the Comptroller, a letter of transmittal to the judge, and a copy of the audit. No obvious arr. No index. Typed. 39 pp. 18x10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. ct. clk's office.

III. COUNTY COURT CLERK

(As a State Registration and Revenue Agent)

The county court clerk is clerk of the quarterly, probate, and juvenile courts and is a licensing and revenue agent for the State.³⁰ The office is as old as the county.³¹ The county court clerk is elected by popular vote for a term of four years.³² He is paid on a fee basis with a ceiling at \$3,000.³³ For copy of clerk's bond and oath of office, see entry 6.

28. Minutes, vol. I, p. 491, entry 3 in this Inventory.

29. C 1932, 10605, rule VI, 10111, 10122.

30. Acts 1794, ch. 11, sec. 50; P.A. 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 7 (C 1932, 10082, sec. 1); P.A. 1911, ch. 58, sec. 3 (C 1932, 10278. See also C 1932, 10082-10092).

31. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 14, in Minutes, entry 3 of this Inventory.

32. C 1858, 324 (C 1932, 650); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 6 (C 1932, 1915).

33. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 816, sec. 2.

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Record of Owners - (See also entries 18-24)

16. AUTOMOBILE RECORD, 1910-15. 1 vol.
Record of automobile licenses issued, showing name of owner, number of license, make and horsepower of automobile, date of registration, and address of owner. Arr. num. by license no. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 225 pp. 10x14x1. Strg. rm.

17. (LICENSE TRANSFER), 1925-27, 1929, 1934--. 8 vols. 1917-19, in Automobile License Report, entry 18.
Record of transfers of licenses on motor vehicles, showing date of transfer, plate number, motor number, year model, make and weight of vehicle, name and address of purchaser, tonnage for trucks, and amount of tax and fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 12x18x $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

Reports

18. AUTOMOBILE LICENSE REPORT, 1917-19, 1923--. 17 vols.
Copies of monthly reports, to the motor vehicle division of the State Department of Finance and Taxation, of licenses issued to motor vehicle owners, showing date issued, number of license, make of vehicle, motor number, year model, type body, whether new or transferred, owner's name and address, and amount of fee. Also contains: (License Transfer), 1917-19, entry 17. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 50 pp. 12x18x $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

For other records of licenses issued, see entry 16.

19. FREE LICENSE, 1928, 1932, 1935--. 5 vols.
Copies of reports on free licenses issued for motor vehicles owned or operated by officials of the State, county or municipal government, showing county, months covered by report, date license issued, plate number, motor number, kind of vehicle, name and address of owner, and tonnage, if truck. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 25 pp. 8x14x $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

20. TRUCK LICENSE REPORT, 1926--. 13 vols.
Copies of reports of commercial truck licenses issued, showing name of county, month covered by report, date license issued, plate number, motor number, make of vehicle, model, whether old or new, horsepower or tonnage, name and address of owner, and amount of tax and fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 50 pp. 14x14x $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

21. FARM TRUCK REPORT, 1935--. 3 vols.
Copies of reports of licenses issued for farm trucks, showing date of report, date of license issued, classification, license number, make of truck, motor number, gross weight, year model, whether new or old, name and address of owner, and amount of tax and fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 16x8x1. Office.

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22. TAXI LICENSE REPORT, 1927--. 12 vols.

Copies of reports of taxi licenses issued, showing name of county, month of report, date issued, plate number, motor number, name and address of owner, make of vehicle, old or new, type of body, and amount of tax and fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 50 pp. 14x14x $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

23. MOTORCYCLE DEMONSTRATION REPORT, 1925--. 8 vols. Last entry 1932.

Copies of reports of motorcycle licenses and dealers' demonstration licenses issued, showing date issued, to whom, make of vehicle, horsepower, name and address of owner, plate number, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 20 pp. 12x18x $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

24. TRAILER LICENSE REPORT, 1931--. 5 vols. Last entry 1935.

Copies of reports of trailer licenses issued, showing name of county, date of report, date license issued, license number, kind of vehicle, name and address of owner, and amount of tax and fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 50 pp. 14x14x $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

Licenses Granted

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Merchants and Ad Valorem

25. (MERCHANT'S BOND AND OATH), 1879-1902. 1 f. b.

Original merchants' bonds, showing names of merchant and bondsmen, amount of bond, date executed, condition of the obligation, signatures of merchant and bondsmen, and approval of the clerk; and merchants' oaths, showing cash value of the largest amount of stock on hand during past year, cash value of smallest amount on hand, aggregate amount of stock on hand, average amount of stock, amount of capital employed in any manner of trading, amount of capital stock, and signature of merchant. Clerk's certification that he has sworn merchant to correctness of statement in the oath, shows date certified, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x8x12. Sheriff's office.

26. MERCHANTS' BONDS & LICENSE, 1880-1909. 5 vols. (B, 3; three vols. not labeled). Title varies: Merchants Bonds, 1880-87; Merchants Bonds, Oath and License, 1888-99.

Copies of merchants' licenses, bonds and oaths. Copy of license shows name of merchant, amounts paid for use of county, State, and school; date license issued, date of expiration, signature of clerk, and countersignature of circuit court clerk. Copy of the bond and oath shows name of merchant and bondsmen, amount of bond, condition of obligation, date bond executed, statement under oath of cash value of the largest amount of stock on hand during past year, cash value of smallest amount on hand, average value, amount of capital employed during said period, name of merchant making oath, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of merchant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 225 pp. 12x14x2. Strg..rm..

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27. MERCHANTS LICENSE (Ad Valorem), 1937--. 1 vol. (licenses no. 1-125). 1929-36 in Privilege License, entry 28.

Copies of ad valorem licenses issued to merchants operating with a capital stock exceeding \$800, showing license number, date issued, amount of capital invested, date of license expiration, name and address of taxpayer, and total amount of tax paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 125 pp. 9x11x2. Office.

Special Privileges

28. PRIVILEGE LICENSE, 1872--. 24 vols.

Duplicates of licenses issued to individuals and firms exercising taxable privileges, showing date issued, license number, name of firm or individual to whom issued, type of privilege licensed to exercise, date of expiration, amounts of State and county tax, interest and penalty, if any; amount of clerk's fee, total tax, and clerk's signature. Also contains: Merchants License (Ad Valorem), 1929-36, entry 27. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 8x14x2. Office.

For record of countersigned licenses, see entry 87.

29. PRIVILEGE EXPIRATION DOCKET, 1908-22. 1 vol.

Clerk's privilege license expiration record, showing name of licensee, kind of business, type of privilege, date license issued, and date of expiration. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 174 pp. 10x14x1. Office.

Professional Registrations

30. REGISTER OF PHYSICIANS' CERTIFICATES, 1907--. 1 vol. (1).

Copies of permanent and temporary certificates of license issued to physicians by the State Board of Medical Examiners, showing date issued, name of physician, school attended, date of diploma, if graduated; name and address of physician, certificate number, and names of officers of the State board. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of physician. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2. Office.

31. OPTOMETRY REGISTER, 1907--. 2 vols.

Clerk's register of certificates and permits issued by the State Board of Optometry, authorizing persons to practice optometry, showing date of issue, name and address of optometrist, names of members of the State board, and date recorded. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 10x16x1. Office.

32. DENTIST REGISTER, 1919--. 1 vol.

Registration of dental certificates issued by the State Board of Dental Examiners, showing name and address of dentist, number and date of license issued, names of the chairman and secretary of the board, date registered, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 8x14x1. Office.

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33. VETERINARY SURGEON'S REGISTER, 1905--. 1 vol.

A register of veterinarians licensed to practice in the county, showing date of registration, name, age, and address of veterinarian, number of certificate held, date issued, name of college from which graduated, and whether certificate of license is temporary or permanent. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 pp. 8x10x1. Strg. rm.

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Marriages

34. APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1929-35, 1937--. 4 vols.

A written notice of intention to wed, filed with the clerk when making application for license, showing name, address, and age of male applicant; name, age, and address of female, names and address of parents, guardian, or next kin of female; sworn statement of the parent, guardian, or next kin as to the ages of the applicants named in the statement, a certificate of the county court clerk to the effect that he has caused notice of the foregoing application to be sent to the parent, guardian, or next kin of the female by registered mail to address given by applicant, and county court clerk's certificate that both contracting parties are over twenty-one years of age. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 8x12x2. Office.

35. MARRIAGE BOND (and License), 1872--. 20 vols. (1-20). Title varies: Marriage Record, 1872-1908.

Marriage bonds, record of licenses issued, and record of returns. Bonds show names of contracting parties, date and amount of bond, condition of the obligation, and signatures of groom and surety. Record of licenses issued, authorizing performance of marriage ceremony, shows names of contracting parties, date license issued, and signature of the clerk. Record of returns shows date ceremony performed, and name of officiant. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 750 pp. 8x14x3. Office.

36. (MARRIAGE LICENSES), 1934--. 5 f. b.

Original marriage licenses issued to contracting parties and returned to the clerk by persons performing ceremonies, showing license number, names of contracting parties, date issued, and signature of the clerk; record of return shows date ceremony performed, signature of officiant, clerk's acknowledgment of return, and book and page numbers where recorded in Marriage Record. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x12x12. Office.

Births

37. REPORT OF BIRTHS, 1925--. 1 vol.

Monthly reports of births submitted by district registrars, showing month for which report is submitted, name, sex, and color of child; names of parents, place and date of birth, numbers of districts included in the

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report, and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x14x4. Office.

38. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1909-11, 1925--. 2 vols. (1; one vol. not labeled).

Record of births as reported by physicians and registrars, showing date of birth, name, sex, and color of child; place of birth, father's name, birthplace, and occupation; mother's name and birthplace, name of attending physician or midwife, and date birth recorded. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by surname of child. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 250 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

For other record of births, see entry 190.

Deaths

39. REPORT OF DEATHS, 1925--. 1 vol.

Monthly reports of deaths submitted by district registrars, showing month for which report is submitted, name of deceased, age, sex, color, place of birth, place, date, and cause of death; numbers of districts included in the report, and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 450 pp. 10x14x4. Office.

40. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1925--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of deaths as reported to the clerk by district registrars, showing name of deceased, age, color, sex, place of birth, place of death, date of death, and cause. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

For other record of deaths, see entry 190.

Bonds

(See also entries 25, 26, 35)

41. TIPPLER'S BOND AND OATH, 1872-78. 2 vols. (A; 1 vol. not labeled).

Original bonds and oaths of liquor dealers by which they are bound to operate orderly houses and not adulterate spirituous liquors, showing names of dealer and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, condition of the obligation, signatures of principal and sureties, and clerk's acknowledgment of the oath. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 8x14x2. Office.

42. (LIQUOR BOND), 1879-98. 1 bdl.

Original bonds in the sum of \$500 whereby individuals engaged in the sale of spirituous liquors, guarantee compliance with statutes designed to prevent adulteration of same, showing name of merchant, date of bond, statement of obligation, and signatures of merchant and surety. Also oath of merchant to abide by restrictions imposed by law. Also bond and oath to keep orderly house. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 14x8x1. Sheriff's office.

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43. BEVERAGE BOND RECORD, 1933--. 1 vol. (1).
Original bonds made by individuals applying for permit to sell or manufacture beer, showing names of principal and sureties, date of bond, length of time for which executed, amount of consideration, condition of the obligation, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 8x14x2. Office.

Financial Records
(See also entries 18-24, 26-28)

44. CASH BOOK AND BANK RECORD, 1938--. 1 vol.
Clerk's daily record of all cash accounts, showing date of entry, name of account, debits and credits by name of account, clerk's fees, and totals. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 pp. 14x10x1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

45. REVENUE PROBATE DOCKET, 1872--. 4 vols.
Record of State taxes and clerk's fees on deeds and mortgages filed for probate, showing date and amount of collection, from whom collected, on what account, and amount of tax and fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 300 pp. 12x18x3. 3 vols., 1872-1913, strg. rm.; 1 vol., 1914--., office.

46. REVENUE DOCKET, 1914--. 2 vols.
Record of revenue collected and disbursed, showing date of collection, name of payor, source of collection, distribution of collection, funds credited, disbursements to State and county, clerk's commission, and total disbursements. Receipts from the trustee, Comptroller, and bank, for money paid to State and county, are pasted in the book. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 250 pp. 14x16x3. Office.

47. VEHICLE TAX (Duplicate Receipt), 1925. 2 vols.
Duplicates of receipts issued for payment of vehicle tax, showing name of county, date of collection, from whom received, district number, amount collected, year for which paid, make and horsepower of car, number of receipt, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 8x14x1. Strg. rm.

For other records of vehicle tax collections, see entries 18-24.

48. (MONTHLY REPORT OF HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES), 1936--.
2 vols.
Duplicate reports of hunting and fishing licenses issued, as submitted monthly to the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation, showing name and address of licensee, date license issued, kind and number of license, amount of fines, total fees collected, amount of fees due the State, amount enclosed as remittance to cover fees and fines due the State, date submitted, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 10x10x1. Office.

Miscellaneous

49. LIQUOR DELIVERY FILE, 1913-16. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Waybills for whiskey shipments, showing name and address of shipper,

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name and address of purchaser or consignee, date received, kind and amount of liquor, name and address of express company transporting liquor, and signatures of express agent and county court clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 12x18x5. Strg. rm.

50. (NOTARIES PUBLIC COMMISSIONS), 1926--. 1 bdl. Original commissions issued to duly appointed notaries public by the Governor of the State, showing name of county, term of county court by which appointed, name of appointee, and signatures of Governor and Secretary of State. Arr. chron. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 5x10x2. Office.

IV. REGISTER

The office of register, concerned with registration and recordation of property titles, leases, and liens, is necessarily as old as the county, that is, it dates from 1872.³⁴ The register is also ex-officio entry-taker.³⁵ He is elected by popular vote for a term of four years.³⁶ Under a special act of 1933, he is paid on a fee basis with a maximum of \$2,500 a year.³⁷ For copy of register's bond and oath of office, see entry 6.

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Warranty Deeds

51. DEEDS, 1872--. 39 vols. (A-Z; 1-13). Title varies: Deed Record, 1872-1922; Deed Book, 1923-36.

Recorded copies of absolute conveyances of real property, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of instrument, location and description of property, consideration, terms of payment, acknowledgment before notary public, and the register's certificate of recordation. Also recorded in these volumes are bills of sale, powers of attorney, and articles of agreement. Also contains: Judgment Roll, 1872-1907, entry 59. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse; 1872-1909, 1925--, also indexed in separate vols., entry 52. Hdw., 1872-1911; hdw. and typed, 1912-14; typed, 1915--. Aver. 640 pp. 18x12x4.

52. GENERAL INDEX TO DEED RECORDS, 1872-1909, 1925--. 3 vols. (1-3). Title varies: General Index Deeds, 1872-1909.

A direct and reverse index to Deeds, entry 51; showing names of parties

34. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 807); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 17, in Minutes, entry 3 in this Inventory.

35. Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 68; Acts 1875, ch. 55; P.A. 1879, ch. 46, sec. 1; P.A. 1927, ch. 61 (C 1932, 803).

36. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 807); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 6 (C 1932, 1915); Const. 1870, art 7, sec. 1.

37. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 814.

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involved, nature of the instrument, date executed, date of filing, and numbers of volume and page of recording. Arr. alph. direct and reverse. Typed on pr. fm., 1872-1909; hdw. and typed on pr. fm., 1925--. Aver. 600 pp. 18x12x4.

Trust Deeds and Chattel Mortgages

53. TRUST DEEDS, 1872--. 50 vols. (A-Z, AA-XX). Title varies: Record of Trust Deed, 1880-1909; Trust Deed Record, 1910-32. Recorded copies of conditional conveyances of real and personal property, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of instrument, location and description of property, amount of consideration, terms of payment, provisions in case of non-payment, acknowledgment before notary public, and the register's certificate of recordation. Releases of instruments, on partial or full payment of consideration, are noted in the margin. Also contains: Trust Deeds U. S. Loans, 1931-32, entry 55; Chattel Mortgages, 1872-1912, entry 56. Arr. chron. 1872-1924, indexed alph., within the vol., direct and reverse; for index, 1925--, see entry 54. Hdw., 1872-1912; hdw. and typed, 1913-15; typed, 1916--. Aver. 700 pp. 18x12x4.

54. GENERAL INDEX TO TRUST DEEDS, CONTRACTS & ETC., 1925--. 1 vol. A direct and reverse index to Trust Deeds, entry 53; showing names of grantor and grantee, text of instrument, date instrument executed, date of filing, and volume and page number of recording. Arr. alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 400 pp. 18x12x3.

55. TRUST DEEDS U. S. LOANS, 1918-28, 1933--. 3 vols. (1-3). Last entry 1937. Title varies: Mortgages Federal Farm Loan, 1918-22; Federal Farm Loan Mortgage Record, 1923-28. 1931-32 in Trust Deeds, entry 53. Recorded copies of trust deeds covering Federal loans to land-owners, by Federal Land Bank of Louisville, showing amount of loan, date made, date due, name of farmer or land-owner, who is the grantee, description of land, with location and valuation; and conditions of agreement. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of grantee. Typed on pr. fm. Aver. 250 pp. 12x8x2.

56. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1913--. 28 vols. (1-28). 1872-1912 in Trust Deeds, entry 53. Recorded copies of mortgages given to secure loans on personal property, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, location and description of chattels, course of action in case any part of agreement is broken, acknowledgment before notary public, and the register's certificate of recordation. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Typed. Aver. 600 pp. 18x12x4.

57. GOVERNMENT MORTGAGE, 1931--. 7 vols. (1, 2, 18; three vols. dated; one vol. not labeled). Title varies: Chattel Mortgage, 1931; Crop Mortgage, 1932-33; Federal Crop Mortgage, 1934. Mortgages retained on crops to secure loans from various agriculture agencies created by the New Deal, showing names of grantor and grantee, location of farm, landlord's waiver, description of crops pledged, amount

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of loan, date mortgage executed, and date payment is due. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagee. Typed on pr. fm. Aver. 160 pp. 18x12x1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Releases

58. AFFIDAVIT OF RELEASE RECORD, 1932--. 1 vol. (1). Last entry Oct. 29, 1937.

Recorded copies of affidavits effecting the release of notes or other original instruments which can not be produced by the holder thereof, showing name of owner or holder of instrument, description of instrument, extent of release, reason why instrument can not be produced, and the register's acknowledgment of the sworn statement. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 pp. 18x12x2.

Judgments

59. JUDGMENT ROLL, 1908--. 1 vol. (1), 1872-1907 in Deeds, entry 51. Abstracts of judgments, bills, and attachments from court cases involving real estate. Judgments show names of plaintiff and defendant, number and style of case, date and amount of judgment, by whom judgment was rendered, and date of registration. Bills show names of plaintiff and defendant, date bill filed, date of levy, case number, and description of property. Attachments show date of registration, names of plaintiff and defendant, by whom attachment is issued, number of attachment, date issued, date of levy, and description of property. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Typed. 345 pp. 18x12x2.

Military Discharges

60. SOLDIER'S AND SAILOR'S DISCHARGE RECORD, 1920--. 1 vol. (1). Recorded copies of discharges from military service, showing name of ex-service man, date discharge recorded, reason for discharge, place of birth, age and occupation at time of enlistment, physical description, commanding officer's oath, and a detailed enlistment record. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of ex-service man. Typed, 1920-29; hdw., 1930--. 450 pp. 16x12x3.

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61. REGISTER MINUTE BOOK (Note Book), 1872--. 7 vols. (1-7). A record of instruments received for recording in the register's office, showing date and hour of reception, names of grantor and grantee, name of county, district number, number of acres, and fees received. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 400 pp. 18x12x2.

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62. RECORD OF FEES, ETC., 1898-1900. 1 vol. (1).

A record of fees collected by the register, showing date, entry number, parties' names, nature of services, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. and num. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 pp. 18x12x1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

V. SURVEYOR

Under a general law of 1835, the quarterly court is required to elect a surveyor every fourth year at its January term.³⁸ The first surveyor of Crockett County was elected at the first meeting of the quarterly court in 1872;³⁹ when the surveyor resigned on January 2, 1939,⁴⁰ a successor was not immediately elected. For copy of surveyor's bond and oath of office, see entry 6.

VI. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court and the offices of circuit judge and circuit court clerk are creations of general law and all date from 1872.⁴¹ The circuit court is a court of general jurisdiction at law in civil and criminal cases, having exclusive jurisdiction over all actions triable before a jury and, also, certain probate jurisdiction.⁴² The circuit judge is elected by popular vote for a term of eight years,⁴³ the circuit court clerk by popular vote for a term of four years.⁴⁴ According to a special act of 1935, the circuit court clerk now receives a salary of \$1,350 a year.⁴⁵

Original Instruments (See also entries 83, 88, 90)

63. (RETURNED EXECUTIONS), 1933--. 11 f. b.
Executions issued by the clerk, in cases appearing before the grand jury,

38. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 782).

39. Minute Book, vol. A, p. 18, in Minutes, entry 3 in this Inventory.

40. Minutes, vol. I, p. 460, entry 3 in this Inventory.

41. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 5, sec. 3; C 1858, 107-114 (C 1932, 159); Const. 1870, art. 6, secs. 1, 3, 13; Acts 1871, ch. 132; P.A. 1931, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 38.

42. For the present jurisdiction of the circuit court, see C 1932, 10318-10330.

43. C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 3 (C 1932, 1912), 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4.

44. C 1858, 324 (C 1932, 650); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13.

45. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 334.

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and returned by serving officers, including affidavit of offense, warrant for arrest of defendant, subpoenas for witnesses to appear before the grand jury, record of findings of the grand jury, subpoenas for defendants to appear before circuit court, showing date issued, name of defendant, charge, date served, and date returned. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 6x6x12. Office.

64. (ORIGINAL TRIAL PAPERS), 1933--. 24 f. b. (dated by term of court).

Original instruments incident to civil and criminal actions in this court. All process from inception of the case to final execution are included. Such process as summons, bail bonds, subpoenas, cost bonds, and warrants, are examples of the many different papers filed in this record, and show date, style and number of case, and names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; in addition to the particular details of each type of process. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. or typed on pr. fm. 6x6x12. Office.

65. BONDS, 1872--. 2 vols. (2; one vol. not labeled).

Original bonds executed by plaintiffs in civil cases to insure the payment of costs in the event prosecution is not successful, showing names of principal and sureties, amount and date of bond, condition of the obligation, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of principal. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 210 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

66. (FIERI FACIAS), 1930-33, 1936--. 2 f. b.

Original fieri facias issued to enforce collection of judgments and costs, showing date issued, style of case, date rendered and amount of judgment, itemized statement of judgment and costs, and officer's return. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x5x12. Office.

Dockets

(See also entry 84)

Civil - (See also entry 80)

67. CLERK'S TRIAL DOCKET (New and Continued Cases), 1930--. 1 vol.

Clerk's record of new and continued cases, showing date of court term, case number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; style of action, and rules of past and present court sessions. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 175 pp. 10x12x2. Office.

68. CLERK'S TRIAL DOCKET (Disposed of Cases), 1872-1913. 5 vols.

Clerk's record of cases tried and disposed of by the court, showing name of county, date of court term, case number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; style of action, and rules of past and present court sessions. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 240 pp. 12x14x2. Strg. rm.

69. JUDGE'S TRIAL DOCKET (New and Continued Cases), 1920--. 1 vol.

Judge's record of new and continued cases, showing date of court term,

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names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; style of action, and rules of past and present court sessions. Arr. chron. Indexed by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 175 pp. 10x12x2. Office.

70. JUDGE'S TRIAL DOCKET (Disposed of Cases), 1872-1913. 5 vols. Judge's trial docket of civil cases disposed of in this court, showing term of court, case number, names of attorneys and parties to action, style of action, rules of last court, and rules of present term. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 12x14x2. Strg. rm.

71. BAR TRIAL DOCKET (New and Continued Cases), 1920--. 1 vol. Docket prepared for the bar, listing cases to be tried and continued cases, showing term of court, case number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; style of action, and rules of past and present terms of court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 175 pp. 10x12x2. Office.

72. BAR TRIAL DOCKET (Disposed of Cases), 1872-1913. 5 vols. Trial docket prepared for the bar, showing term of court, date of entry, case number, names of attorneys, names of parties to cause, style of action, and rules of past and present court sessions. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 240 pp. 12x14x2. Strg. rm.

Criminal - (See also entry 80)

73. RULE DOCKET, 1887-99. 1 vol. (1). A record of process issued in criminal cases tried in this court, showing case number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; date and nature of process, note of officer's return, and clerk's notation of court ruling in the disposition of the case. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

74. CLERK'S STATE DOCKET (New and Continued Cases), 1920--. 1 vol. Clerk's list of criminal cases set for trial and cases continued from last term, showing term of court, case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; offense charged, and rules of past and present court terms. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 175 pp. 10x12x2. Office.

75. CLERK'S STATE DOCKET (Cases Disposed of), 1872-1913. 5 vols. Clerk's docket of criminal cases disposed of by the court, showing term of court, number and style of case, names of attorneys, offense charged, and rules of past and present court sessions. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 240 pp. 12x14x3. Strg. rm.

76. JUDGE'S STATE DOCKET (New and Continued Cases), 1920--. 1 vol. Judge's docket of new and continued criminal cases to be tried by the court, showing term of court, number and style of case, names of attorneys, offense charged, and rules of past and present court sessions. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 175 pp. 10x12x2. Office.

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77. JUDGE'S STATE DOCKET (Cases Disposed of), 1872-1913. 5 vols. Judge's docket of criminal cases disposed of by the court, showing date of court term, case number, names of attorneys, style of case, offense charged, and rules of past and present court sessions. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 240 pp. 12x14x2. Strg. rm.

78. BAR STATE DOCKET (New and Continued Cases), 1920--. 1 vol. Trial docket prepared for the bar, listing new and continued criminal cases, showing term of court, number and style of case, names of attorneys, offense charged, and rules of past and present court sessions. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 175 pp. 10x12x2. Office.

79. BAR STATE DOCKET (Cases Disposed of), 1872-1913. 5 vols. Trial docket of criminal cases which have been disposed of, prepared for the use of the bar, showing term of court, case number, style of case, names of attorneys, offense charged, and rules of past and present court sessions. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 240 pp. 4x10x3. Strg. rm.

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80. (TRIAL DOCKET - Disposed Cases), 1914--. 1 bdl., 11 f. b. Record of civil and criminal cases disposed of by the court, showing term of court, date case filed, style of case, names of attorneys, offense charged, and rules of past and present court sessions. These are transferred from active records for convenience of judge, bar and clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Bdl., 8x10x12; f. b., 5x5x12. 1 bdl., 1914-30, strg. rm.; 11 f. b., 1931--, office.

Court Proceedings

81. MINUTE BOOK (Civil and Criminal), 1872--. 20 vols. (A-T). Title varies: Minutes, 1872-75, 1881-1907, 1915-30. A record of the proceedings of this court in the disposition of civil and criminal cases, showing date of court term, number and style of case, nature of action or offense charged, whether defendant pleads guilty or not guilty, names of jurors selected and witnesses appearing, record of grand jury's action in the case, and signatures of trial judge, attorney-general, and clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw., 1872-1907, 1926--; hdw. and typed, 1908-14, 1919-25; typed, 1915-18. Aver. 600 pp. 18x12x3. Office.

Jury Service

82. JURY BOOK, 1895--. 4 vols. A list of jurors serving in cases tried before this court, showing date of court term, number and style of case, offense charged or nature of

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action, names of jurors serving, and names of officers attending. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 240 pp. 6x18x1. 3 vols., 1895-1927, strg. rm.; 1 vol., 1928--., office.

For record of jury selection, see entry 91.

83. (CANCELED JURY TICKETS), 1910--. 2 f. b.

Jury tickets issued by the clerk, which have been paid, showing name of juror, days served, term of court, ticket number, date issued, type of service, rate per day, mileage, total due, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6x12x14. 1 f. b., 1910-16, strg. rm.; 1 f. b., 1917--., co. ct. clk's. office.

For original list of jurors selected, see entry 91.

Financial Records
(See also entry 90)

84. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1872--. 15 vols. (A-0).

A financial record of all cases tried, showing term of court, case number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; date of judgment, itemized bill of costs, date paid, amount paid, and receipts for same; date executions issued, and note of officers' returns. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 12x18x3. 14 vols., 1872-1911, 1916--., office; 1 vol., 1912-15, strg. rm.

85. RECORD OF FEES, 1898-1914. 1 vol.

Record of fees collected by the clerk, showing date and amount of collection, from whom received, and number and style of case. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 12x16x2. Office.

For prior and subsequent records of fees, see entry 84.

86. CASH BOOK, 1902--. 2 vols. (1 vol. dated; 1 vol. not labeled).

A record of all cash received by the clerk, showing date of collection, style of case, name of person from whom received, and amount of collection. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

Countersigned Licenses

87. COUNTERSIGNED LICENSE, 1899-1931. 3 vols. Discontinued.

Record of privilege licenses issued to merchants and business firms by the county court clerk and countersigned by the circuit court clerk, showing number and date of license, expiration date, name of firm, kind of business, address, amount of State and county ad valorem, school tax, State and county highway tax, university tax, and high school tax. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 10x14x2. 2 vols., 1899-1929, strg. rm.; 1 vol., 1930-31, office.

For other record of privilege licenses issued, see entry 28.

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Miscellaneous

88. (REPORT OF LIQUOR SEIZURES), 1928--. 2 f. b.
Original reports of liquor seized by the sheriff and his deputies, showing date found, amount, name of person having liquor in his possession, kind of liquor, date reported, and signature of sheriff or deputy. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 6x6x12. Office.

89. (OATH OF INSOLVENCY AND ORDER OF DISCHARGE), 1937--. 1 vol.
Oath of insolvency and order of discharge prepared for convicted persons who are unable to pay fines and costs and who have been in jail thirty days, showing name of defendant, date of conviction, certification that he has been in jail thirty days, and that he is insolvent, and signatures of defendant, clerk, and sheriff. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 10x12x1. Office.

90. FILE BOOK, 1898-1905, 1910--. 4 vols.
Original correspondence addressed to the clerk, regarding such matters as withdrawals of suits, and claims for witness fees, showing date, name of addressee, text of communication, and signature of correspondent. Also original receipts taken by the clerk for bank deposits to the credit of the trustee, showing date of receipt, amount of deposit, name of bank in which deposited, and signature of receiptor. Original papers are pasted in blank volumes. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of correspondent. Hdw. and typed. Aver. 300 pp. 12x18x5. 2 vols., 1898-1915, strg. rm.; 2 vols., 1916--., office.

VII. JURY COMMISSION

The Crockett County board of jury commissioners, created by special act, existed from January 1914 until May 1937.⁴⁶

The board of jury commissioners consisted of three "discreet" men who were "householders or free holders of the county", who had been "residents of the county for at least three years", and who were neither county officials nor attorneys-at-law.⁴⁷ They were appointed by the circuit judge.⁴⁸ Before they entered office, the commissioners were required to take an oath before the circuit court clerk to be impartial in selecting jurors and to keep their selections secret.⁴⁹ After taking the oath, the commissioners organized by electing from their body a chairman and a

46. Pr.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 91; Minute Book, vol. L, p. 271, entry 81 in this Inventory; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 805.

47. Pr.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 91, sec. 1.

48. Ibid.

49. Ibid., sec. 2.

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secretary.⁵⁰ A commissioner received \$5.00 for each jury list he helped compose.⁵¹ The term of office was two years.⁵² Either the failure of a commissioner to qualify by taking the prescribed oath or wilful neglect of duty by him constituted contempt of court and was punishable as such.⁵³ If only one of the commissioners attended a meeting of the board, that member could cause the circuit court clerk and the sheriff to take the oath prescribed for jury commissioners and act as such.⁵⁴

On the first Wednesday in the month prior to each regular term of the circuit court or between thirty and twenty days before each special term, the board of jury commissioners was required to meet for the purpose of selecting, from the tax lists and "other sources", and reporting to the circuit court a list of thirty names "of good and upright men, known for their integrity and common sense and sound judgment", from which the grand and petit jurors were selected.⁵⁵ A person seeking to have his name placed upon the jury list was guilty of contempt and subject to a fine of between \$50 and \$100 and up to six months' imprisonment in the county jail.⁵⁶

The secretary was required to keep a well-bound book in which to record the jury lists and the initials of the commissioners recommending each name upon each jury list.⁵⁷ The circuit court clerk was required to record the oaths of the commissioners on the minutes of the circuit court and to sign and file the reports of the board.⁵⁸

Since 1937 the jury panels have been made up by the quarterly court under the general law, as they were prior to 1914.⁵⁹

91. RECORD OF JURY COMMISSIONERS, 1919-37. 1 vol. (1). Discontinued.

Record of proceedings of the jury commission in regular meetings, showing date of meeting, names of chairman and members present, list of persons selected for jury service, and signatures of members of the commission. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 475 pp. 10x16x2. Cir. ct. clk's office.

For records of jury service, see entries 82, 83.

50. Pr.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 91, sec. 2.

51. Ibid., sec. 9.

52. Ibid., sec. 1.

53. Ibid., sec. 6.

54. Ibid., sec. 8.

55. Ibid., secs. 3-5.

56. Ibid., sec. 12.

57. Ibid., sec. 3.

58. Ibid.

59. See C 1932, 9984-10005.

VIII. CHANCERY COURT

The chancery court and the offices of chancellor and clerk and master are also creations of the general law and all date from 1872.⁶⁰ The chancery court is chiefly a court of equity.⁶¹ The chancellor, or judge of the chancery court, is elected by popular vote for a term of eight years.⁶² The clerk and master is appointed by the chancellor for a term of six years.⁶³ According to a special act of 1935, the salary of the clerk and master, like that of the circuit court clerk, is \$1,350 a year.⁶⁴

Original Instruments (See also entry 109)

92. (TRIAL PAPERS), 1872--. 110 f. b., 2 f. d.
Original papers incident to cases tried in this court, including all process from inception to final execution. Such instruments as warrants, subpoenas, original bills, depositions, receipts, answers, pleas and judgments are examples of the many different papers filed in the case, each showing style of case, number of case, and date filed. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Hdw. F. b., 8x18x12; f. d., 12x12x24. 90 f. b., 1872-1926, strg. rm.; 20 f. b., 2 f. d., 1927--, office.

93. SOLICITORS RECEIPTS FOR PAPERS, 1879--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Record of papers borrowed from the files by attorneys and solicitors, showing name of borrower, style of case, date taken out, and signature of borrower, date returned, and clerk's signature acknowledging receipt of same. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

94. BONDS FOR COSTS, 1872--. 4 vols. (1-4). Title varies:
Prosecutor's Bonds, 1872-88.
Bonds of complainants, who file bills in chancery, executed to insure payment of all costs and damages in case of failure to prosecute with effect, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date executed, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 8x14x2. 1 vol., 1872-88, strg. rm.; 3 vols., 1889--, office.

60. C 1858, 107-114 (C 1932, 159); Const. 1870, art. 6, secs. 1, 3, 13; Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 1-3, entry 102 in this Inventory.

61. For the present jurisdiction of the chancery court, see C 1932, 10349-10388.

62. Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 3 (C 1932, 1912), 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4.

63. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13.

64. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 334.

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95. INJUNCTION AND ATTACHMENT BONDS, 1872-1907, 1922--. 3 bdl. Original bonds executed by complainants in injunction and attachment proceedings, to insure the payment of costs and damages in case of wrongful suing, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, condition of the obligation, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10x4x2. 2 bdl., 1872-1907, strg. rm.; 1 bdl., 1922--, office.

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(See also entry 105)

96. RULE DOCKET, 1872--. 9 vols. (1-9). Record of all process filed in each case, showing names of solicitors, complainant, and respondent; date of filing original bill, date and type of bonds executed, date and nature of process issued, note of officer's return, and date and nature of orders and decrees of the court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. Aver. 300 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

97. APPEARANCE DOCKET (Clerk), 1876-86. 1 vol. A record of first appearance of cases in this court, prepared for use of the clerk, showing date of court term, number of case, names of solicitors, complainant, and respondent; cause of action, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 12x16x3. Strg. rm.

98. APPEARANCE DOCKET (Bar), 1876-86. 1 vol. A record of first appearance of cases in this court prepared for use of the bar, showing date of court term, number of case, names of solicitors, complainant, and respondent; cause of action, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 12x16x3. Strg. rm.

99. HEARING DOCKET - CLERK, 1872--. 4 vols., 1 bdl. Clerk's record of cases set for hearing in this court, showing date of court term, number of case, names of solicitors, complainant, and respondent; cause of action, rules of previous and last court sessions, final disposition of the case, and date filed. This record is made up prior to the commencing of a court session. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Vols. aver. 240 pp. 10x16x2; bdl., 8x16x3. 40 vols., 1872-1914, strg. rm.; 1 bdl., 1915--, office.

100. HEARING DOCKET - BAR, 1872--. 4 vols., 1 bdl. A record prepared for the use of the bar, prior to the commencing of court, listing all cases set for hearing, showing date of court term, number of case, names of solicitors, complainant, and respondent; cause of action, orders of previous and last court sessions, final disposition of the case, and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. vols. aver. 240 pp. 10x16x2; bdl., 8x16x3. 4 vols., 1872-1914, strg. rm.; 1 bdl., 1915--, office.

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101. HEARING DOCKET - CHANCELLOR, 1872--. 4 vols., 1 bdl.
A record prepared by the clerk, prior to the commencing of court, for the use of the chancellor, listing cases set for hearing, showing date of court term, number of case, names of solicitors, complainant, and respondent; cause of action, orders of previous and last court sessions, final disposition of the case, and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Vols. aver. 240 pp. 10x16x2; bdl., 8x16x3. 4 vols., 1872-1914, strg. rm.; 1 bdl., 1915--, office.

Court Proceedings
(See also entry 125)

102. MINUTE BOOK, 1872--. 10 vols. (A-J).
A record of exact proceedings in cases heard by this court, showing date of court term, date of entry, number and style of case, date of hearing, name of chancellor, clerk's financial report on the case, and orders and decrees of the court. Cognizance of each step taken in open court is minutely made. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. Aver. 600 pp. 12x18x4. Office.

Enrollments

103. ENROLLED CASES - DEPOSITIONS, ETC., 1872-89. 1 vol. (1).
Discontinued.
Recorded copies of original process filed, including depositions, writs of replevin, attachment, and injunction; summons, affidavits, cost and injunction bonds, notice of answer, and deeds, showing, in addition to text of the instrument, case number, names of complainant and respondent, nature of action, and date process filed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. 550 pp. 12x18x4. Strg. rm.

104. ENROLLED CASES - ANSWERS, PLEAS, ETC., 1872-89. 1 vol. (1).
Discontinued.
Recorded copies of answers and pleas filed in cases settled by this court and enrolled at the instance of litigants, showing, in addition to text of the instrument, number of case, names of complainant and respondent, and date process filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 540 pp. 12x18x4. Strg. rm.

Financial Records
(See also entries 94, 95, 102)

105. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1872--. 8 vols. (1-8).
Financial record of all cases, showing number of case, names of complainant and respondent, dates and amounts of judgment and cost, amounts collected, amounts paid out and receipts for same, and distribution of balance collected to State, county, and clerk's salary. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. Aver. 300 pp. 10x18x3. Office.

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106. LEDGER, 1872-94. 1 vol.

Ledger accounts against individuals involved in chancery litigation, showing date of entry, style of case, name of account, and amount of debits, credits, totals, and balance. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. 400 pp. 12x18x2. Strg. rm.

107. CASH BOOK, 1872--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of cash received from such sources as costs of litigation, judgments, and alimony payments; and disbursed by the clerk, showing date received, style of case, from whom received, amounts of cost, principal, interest, and total amount received; amount paid out, to whom paid, purpose, and date of payment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 10x16x3. Office.

108. JOURNAL (Cash), 1872-94. 1 vol.

Clerk's record of money paid out, showing number of case, names of complainant and respondent, amount of payment, name of payee, purpose of payment, and record of receipt issued. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. 475 pp. 12x18x3. Strg. rm.

109. RECEIPTS, 1872-91. 2 vols.

Original receipts given to the clerk for money paid out by him, showing amount of payment, name of clerk and master, style of case under which payment is made, purpose of payment, date received, and signature of payee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 8x14x2. Strg. rm.

For other records of receipts, see entries 105, 108.

IX. PROBATE COURT

The probate court--the judicial branch of the county court, now held by the county judge--has existed in various forms and names, e. g., the quorum court, the county chairman's or the county judge's court, and the monthly county court, since the organization of the county.⁶⁵ The clerk of the probate court is the county court clerk.⁶⁶ The court is usually referred to in Crockett County as the quorum court. The probate court has jurisdiction chiefly over the probate of wills, the appointment and supervision of personal representatives, and the partition and distribution of estates.⁶⁷

65. See P.A. 1835-36, ch. 5, secs. 7 (C 1932, 10318), 8, 10; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, secs. 1 (C 1932, 10193, 10194), 2 (C 1932, 10225, subsecs. 1, 2); Acts 1837-38, ch. 135, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10193, 10194); Acts 1835-36, ch. 253, secs. 4 (C 1932, 10221), 6; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 5; Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 763; 10193, 10194).

66. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 7 (C 1932, 10082, subsec. 1).

67. C 1932, 10225-10237.

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110. (ORIGINAL PROBATE PAPERS), 1872--. In (Miscellaneous Papers),
entry 1.

Original papers incident to the proceedings of the probate court, such as
probation of wills, settlement, partition, and distribution of estates;
settlement of insolvent estates, insanity, adoption, and the establishment
and maintenance of drainage districts.

111. APPRENTICE BONDS, 1872-1914. 1 vol.

Original bonds made to the State by individuals employing minors, binding
themselves to diligently tutor, provide for, and rear said minor until he
shall reach a specified age, showing date of bond, name of minor, name of
person to whom apprenticed, amount of bond, conditions of the obligation,
and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. Indexed alph.
direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 10x12x2. Office.

Docket
(See also entry 129)

112. CHAIRMANS DOCKET, 1 entry, Nov. 1922; 2 entries, Aug. 1926.
1 vol.

Hearing docket for probate cases, showing docket number, name or style of
case, names of attorneys, process issued, and action of past and present
court terms. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 105 pp. 11x16x1.
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Court Proceedings
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113. MINUTES QUORUM COURT, 1907--. 5 vols. (8-12). 1872-1906 in
Minutes, entry 3.

Recorded minutes of the proceedings of the county court sitting as a probate
court, including the appointment of administrators and guardians, settlement
of estates, probate of wills, adoption and insanity hearings, and the dis-
patch of all matters coming within the jurisdiction of this court. Arr.
chron. Indexed alph. by names or subjects. Typed. Aver. 725 pp. 12x18x4.
Office.

Inheritances
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Wills

114. WILL BOOK, 1872--. 2 vols. (A, B).

Recorded copies of original wills filed for probate, showing name of

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devisor, date instrument executed, provisions for the partition, distribution, or administration of the estate; names of devisor and witnesses, date of probaton, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of devisor. Hdw. Aver. 400 pp. 10x14x3. Office.

Bonds and Letters

115. APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR, 1936--. 1 vol. Applications for appointments of administrators for estates of deceased persons, showing name of deceased and date of death, name of applicant, oath that deceased died intestate, signature of petitioner and acknowledgment of the clerk; order of appointment, name of administrator, date appointed, and amount of bond to be made. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 pp. 8x14x3. Office.

116. ADMINISTRATORS' BONDS AND LETTERS, 1872--. 3 vols. (A, 2, 3). Copies of bonds executed by administrators, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, date bond approved by the court, and signature of the judge; and letters of administration issued by the court, showing names of administrator and estate, purpose of the letter, date issued, and signature of the clerk. Also contains: Executors Bonds, 1872-77, 1903--, entry 117. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of administrator. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

117. EXECUTORS BONDS, 1878-1924. 1 vol. 1872-77, 1903-- in Administrators' Bonds and Letters, entry 116. Copies of bonds executed by executors of estates, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, name of estate, condition of the obligation, date bond approved by the court, and signature of the judge. From 1903 through 1924 these bonds were recorded interchangeably in this volume and in Administrators' Bonds and Letters. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of executor. Hdw. on pr. fm. 450 pp. 14x10x2. Office.

118. GUARDIANS' BONDS AND LETTERS, 1872--. 4 vols. Copies of guardians' bonds, showing name of guardian, amount and date of bond, names of principal and sureties, names of heirs or wards, date approved by the court, and signature of the chairman; copy of letter authorizing guardian to proceed under the terms of the will of the deceased to make proper settlement of the estate, and to assume his stewardship over the affairs of the heirs, and make proper reports to the court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 450 pp. 12x18x4. 2 vols., 1872-1909, strg. rm.; 2 vols., 1910--, office.

Inventories

119. INVENTORY BOOK, 1872--. 4 vols. (1-4). Recorded copies of inventories of estates of deceased persons made by executors or administrators, showing itemized list of all real and personal

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property, value of each item, total assets and liabilities, date of report, and oath and signature of executor or administrator. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of executor. Hdw. Aver. 500 pp. 12x18x4. 1 vol., 1872-79, strg. rm.; 3 vols., 1880--, office.

Settlements - (See also entry 110)

120. ADMINISTRATOR'S (and Executor's) SETTLEMENT, 1874--. 4 vols. (2-5).

Recorded copies of administrators' and executors' settlements with the court, showing names of estate and administrator or executor, amounts of receipts and disbursements during reported period, totals, and balance due estate; date of settlement, and acknowledgment of settlement by the court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of administrator or executor. Hdw. Aver. 450 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

121. GUARDIAN SETTLEMENTS, 1872--. 6 vols. (3-6; two vols. not labeled).

Recorded copies of guardians' annual and final settlements and reports on their stewardship of the estates controlled by them, showing names of guardian and ward, date of appointment, itemized account of all receipts and disbursements during the reported period, balance due ward, oath of the guardian, acknowledgment and approval of the court, date of recording, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. Aver. 475 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

Insolvent Estates - (See also entry 110)

122. MINUTES OF INSOLVENT ESTATES, 1873--. 1 vol.

Minutes of proceedings in cases of insolvency, showing administrator's suggestion of insolvency to the court, order from the clerk to administrator to advertise the fact of insolvency, and order all claimants to file claims within certain limits of time with the clerk, date order issued, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of administrator. Hdw., 1873-1926; typed, 1927--. 450 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

123. ACCOUNTS OF INSOLVENT ESTATES, 1873--. 2 vols. (2; one vol. not labeled).

Record of claims filed against insolvent estates and payments made, showing name of estate, date and number of claim, name of creditor, date due, amount, interest pro rata, date share paid, and signature of recipient. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 12x14x2. 1 vol., 1873-77, strg. rm.; 1 vol., 1878--, office.

Inheritance Tax

124. INHERITANCE TAX, 1901-30. 1 vol. Since 1930 this record has been kept by the State Department of Finance and Taxation. Copies of inheritance tax reports, showing name of appraiser appointed

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to appraise the estate of the deceased, name of deceased, date of appointment of appraiser, oath of appraiser, signatures of appointee and clerk, and report of findings. Minutes of the appraiser, including time spent on the work, description of property, method of procedure, and a detailed report of items, showing names of legatees, appraised value, and amount of State tax. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on pr. fm. 35 pp. 10x16x1. Office.

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125. MINUTES OF INSANITY RECORDS, 1919--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of county pay patients committed to the Western State Hospital, showing name of patient, name of county, and a signed statement of a legal resident of the county that patient has no one liable for maintenance. Pasted in the volume are clerk's notices to serving officers to bring patients before the judge of the court for hearings. Also contains: Letters from the hospital listing patients removed for any reason. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 pp. 10x14x4. Office.

Drainage Records

126. DRAINAGE RECORD, 1914-20. 4 vols. (1-3; one vol. not labeled).
A complete record of all proceedings in drainage cases, including all orders made by the court, copy of original petition, and all bonds required to be given, showing date of petition, name of petitioner, location and description of property to be affected, and benefits sought; date and amount of bond, and names of principal and bondsmen. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. Aver. 200 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

127. (DRAINAGE PAPERS), 1916--. 3 bdl.
Miscellaneous reports of engineers, juries of view, and commissioners, and correspondence relative to various drainage projects in the county, showing date of instrument, to whom addressed, subject, and signature of correspondent. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 4x8x2. Strg. rm.

128. GENERAL DRAINAGE ACCOUNT, 1917-25. 1 vol. (A).
A record of payments made by the clerk, as ordered by the court, of funds derived from drainage assessments in the various districts, showing name of district, amount derived from assessment, as turned over to the clerk by the trustee; date of each payment, name of recipient, amount of payment, total of all payments, and balance. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of district. Hdw. 750 pp. 8x16x1. Office.

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129. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1872--. 3 vols. (C-D; one vol. not labeled).
Financial record of cases tried in probate court, showing style of case,

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names of parties, date and amount of judgment, bill of costs, total amount of judgment and costs, including attorney's and witness fees; receipt for distribution of monies collected is shown by signature of recipient, and date received. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 290 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

130. CASH BOOK (Estate Accounts), 1899--. 2 vols. (1, 2). Clerk's record of settlements with heirs of deceased persons of monies collected by him through the court, showing date of collection, style of case, source of collection, amounts of principal and interest, and total collection; date of disbursement, name of payee, amount of payment, and total disbursements. A majority of the entries are for trust funds. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. Aver. 175 pp. 12x18x4. Office.

X. JUVENILE COURT

The juvenile court, with jurisdiction over juvenile delinquencies, is regulated by the general law and dates from 1911.⁶⁸ The court was held by the chairman of the county court from 1911 to 1927, and from 1927 to date it has been held by the county judge.⁶⁹ The county court clerk is clerk of the juvenile court.⁷⁰

131. JUVENILE TRIAL PAPERS, 1928--. 1 f. b. Original papers filed relative to action against juvenile defendants, such as warrants, summons, petitions, and bills of cost; each paper, in addition to its text, showing names of juvenile and plaintiff, nature of complaint, number of case, and date filed. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 5x10x $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. ct. clk's. office.

132. TRIAL DOCKET, 1926-30. 1 vol. Record of juvenile cases set for trial, showing date of summons, names of petitioners, complainant, and custodian of minor; date set for hearing, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 125 pp. 14x10x1. Co. ct. clk's. office.

133. JUVENILE DOCKET (Minutes), 1928--. 1 vol. (B). Last entry 1930. Record of proceedings in juvenile cases heard by the judge, showing date of proceedings, name of defendant, offense charged, testimony as to age of defendant, disposition of the case, and signature of the judge. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 450 pp. 12x14x4. Co. ct. clk's. office.

68. P.A. 1911, ch. 58 (C 1932, 10275, 10278).

69. Ibid.; Pr.A. 1927, ch. 432, sec. 13.

70. P.A. 1911, ch. 58, sec. 3 (C 1932, 10278).

XI. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The office of justice of the peace is necessarily as old as the county, for the organization of the county could not have been completed until the justices received their commissions and convened to organize the quarterly court. Individually, the justices of the peace are minor judges and committing magistrates; severally, they make up the membership of the quarterly court, the county's governing body, but there is no relation in this duality of functions.⁷¹ The justices of the peace share concurrently with the coroner the power to conduct inquests over the bodies of persons meeting death "by unlawful violence at the hands of some other person."⁷²

Two justices of the peace are elected by popular vote in each civil district except that in the county seat district three may be elected;⁷³ one additional justice may be elected from each incorporated town.⁷⁴ A justice of the peace holds office for a term of six years.⁷⁵ There are thirty-seven justices in Crockett County. For justices' bonds and oaths of office, see entries 6, 8.

Trial Papers

134. (TRIAL PAPERS - Civil and Criminal, E. W. Revelle), 1919--.
1 lrg. box.
Residence, Alamo, R. F. D.
135. (TRIAL PAPERS - W. A. Young, H. Martin, Oscar Griggs, A. P. Woodside), 1912--. 1 sml. bdl.
Residence, A. P. Woodside, Friendship, R. F. D. #2.

Dockets

Civil and Criminal

136. (J.P. DOCKET - Civil and Criminal, J. H. Hall, N. C. Bailey, S. E. Emerson, Ollie Williams, J. W. Brasfield), 1894--.
2 vols.
Trial papers appertaining to cases recorded in these volumes are fastened

71. See C 1932, 10126-10268.

72. Ibid., 11876.

73. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3 (C 1932, 673); Acts 1839-40, ch. 68, sec. 3 (C 1932, 674); Acts 1855-56, ch. 138, sec. 13 (C 1932, 674); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.

74. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3 (C 1932, 674); Acts 1839-40, ch. 68, sec. 3 (C 1932, 675); Acts 1855-56, ch. 138, sec. 13 (C 1932, 675); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.

75. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.

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to pages of same. 1894-1935, no index; 1936--, indexed. Residence, J. W. Brasfield, Humboldt, R. F. D.

137. MAGISTRATE DOCKET (R. M. Coop, J. A. Cox, S. L. Cox, Allen Jackson), 1926--. 1 vol.
Residence, Allen Jackson, Humboldt, R. F. D.

138. (J. P. DOCKET - Civil and Criminal, E. W. Revelle), 1919--.
1 vol.
Indexed. Residence, Alamo, R. F. D.

139. DOCKET (W. A. Young, H. Martin, Oscar Griggs, A. P. Woodside), 1912--. 1 vol.
Indexed. Residence, A. P. Woodside, Friendship, R. F. D. #2.

140. J. P. DOCKET (J. B. Lyons, G. C. Perry, W. G. Lambert), 1910--.
1 vol.
Trial papers appertaining to cases tried by W. G. Lambert, 1930--, are filed between the pages of the volume. Indexed. Residence, W. G. Lambert, Alamo, R. F. D.

141. J. P. DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, Jas. H. Perry, B. H. Harmon, J. H. Harmon, W. R. Warren, J. A. Robertson, Eli Strange, J. Wade Perry, J. W. Taylor), 1876--. 1 vol.
Record of civil and criminal cases, showing number of case, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, offense charged or nature of action, amount of judgment, names of witnesses claiming fees, receipts of witnesses, bill of costs, and receipts of officers. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 16x11x1. Residence, J. W. Taylor, Friendship, R. F. D.

142. MAGISTRATES DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, E. Hughes, J. T. Jennings, W. R. Jennings), 1901-6, 1909-13. 1 vol.
Record of civil and criminal cases, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered, names of stayor and returning officers, nature and date of process issued, bill of costs, and officers' returns. Arr. alph. and num. thereunder by case no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 12x16x2. Strg. rm.

143. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, F. G. Johnson), 1882-84.
1 vol.
Record of civil and criminal cases, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered, names of stayor and returning officers, nature and date of process issued, bill of costs, and officers' returns. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 pp. 12x15x2. Strg. rm.

144. MAGISTRATES' DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, T. G. Johnson, J. D. Wortham, J. D. Green), 1885-1909. 1 vol.
Record of civil and criminal cases, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered, names of stayor and

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returning officers, nature and date of process issued, bill of costs, and officers' returns. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 12x15x4. Strg. rm.

145. MAGISTRATES DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, T. G. Johnson), 1918-23. 1 vol.

Record of civil and criminal cases, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered, names of stayor and returning officers, names of witnesses and amounts claimed, witnesses' receipts, bill of costs, and officers' returns. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 12x16x2. Strg. rm.

146. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. M. Klyce), 1889-94. 1 vol.

Record of civil and criminal cases, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered, names of stayor and returning officers, nature and date of process issued, bill of costs, and officers' returns. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 pp. 12x15x2. Strg. rm.

147. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, R. N. Raines, D. T. Williams), 1924, 1927-29. 1 vol.

Record of civil and criminal cases, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered, names of stayor and returning officers, nature and date of process issued, bill of costs, and officers' returns. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 pp. 12x15x2. Strg. rm.

148. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, Elmo Randle, W. T. Lanier, I. N. Lemond, C. A. Foster, W. S. Corbitt, J. H. Avery, W. I. Hunt), 1894-1918, 1930--. 1 vol.

Record of civil and criminal cases, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered, names of stayor and returning officers, nature and date of process issued, bill of costs, and officers' returns. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 12x16x2. Sheriff's office.

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149. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, W. C. Fly, A. T. Evans, E. W. Austin), 1927-36. 1 vol.

Record of civil cases tried, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered, names of stayor and returning officers, bill of costs, and officers' returns. Also contains: Magistrate's Docket (Criminal, A. T. Evans, E. W. Austin), 1927-28, entry 151. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 12x16x2. West rm., Bank of Alamo.

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150. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, R. F. Tanner), 1936--. 1 vol. Record of civil cases tried, showing case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered, names of stayor and returning officers, names of witnesses claiming fees and amount claimed, witnesses' receipts, bill of costs, and officers' returns. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 pp. 10x14x1. West rm., Bank of Alamo.

Criminal

151. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Criminal, A. T. Evans, E. W. Austin), 1929-36. 1 vol. 1927-28 in Magistrate's Docket (Civil, W. C. Fly, A. T. Evans, E. W. Austin), entry 149. Record of criminal cases tried, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered, names of serving officers, and notes of officers' returns. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 12x16x2. West rm., Bank of Alamo.

152. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Criminal, R. F. Tanner), 1936--. 1 vol. Record of criminal cases tried, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered, names of stayor and returning officers, names of witnesses claiming fees and amount claimed, witnesses' receipts, bill of costs, and officers' returns. Arr. chron. and num. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 pp. 10x14x1. West rm., Bank of Alamo.

XII. SHERIFF

The sheriff is the county's chief peace officer⁷⁶ and executive officer of its courts.⁷⁷ In Crockett County the office of sheriff dates from 1872.⁷⁸ The sheriff is elected by popular vote for a term of two years.⁷⁹ For copy of sheriff's bond and oath of office, see entry 6.

76. C 1932, 699, 11007, 11013, 11418, 11420, 11421, 11526-11528, 11536-11540, 11611, 11928.

77. C 1932, 696, subsec. 1, 702, 1788, 4236, 6744, 6745, 6747, 8659, 8660, 8663, 8664, 8751, subsecs. 1, 2, 8902, 9513, subsec. 1, 9518, 10104-10106, subsecs. 2, 5-7, 13, 10127, 10160, 10163, 11923; CMS 1937, 1003, subsec. 4.

78. Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 17, in Minutes, entry 3 of this Inventory; Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 9 (C 1932, 1915).

79. C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916); Acts 1895, ch. 120, sec. 37.

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153. PRISONER'S RECORD, 1932--. 1 bdl., 1 vol.

A record of prisoners committed to the county jail, showing name of prisoner, offense charged, total number of meals served, boarding cost per day, total amount due, and disposition of the case. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Vol., 150 pp. 14x18x2; bdl., 2x5x10. 1 bdl., 1932-35, co. ct. clk's. office; 1 vol., 1936--, office.

XIII. CORONER

The coroner shares concurrently with the justices of the peace the power to conduct inquests over the bodies of persons meeting death by "unlawful violence at the hands of some other person."⁸⁰ He acts as sheriff when the office of sheriff is vacant or when the incumbent sheriff is incompetent.⁸¹ The office of coroner has existed from the beginning of the county.⁸² For a copy of coroner's bond and oath of office, see entry 6.

XIV. CONSTABLE

The constables are minor peace officers,⁸³ executive officers for justice of the peace courts,⁸⁴ and servers of certain writs and process for the other courts.⁸⁵ In Crockett County the office of constable dates from the time the county was organized.⁸⁶ One constable may be elected for a term of two years, by popular vote in each civil district except the county seat district in which two may be elected.⁸⁷ With fifteen civil districts, Crockett County is permitted to elect sixteen constables, but actually there are only seven at the present time. For constables' bonds and oaths of office, see entries 6, 7.

XV. TAX ASSESSOR

The tax assessor is charged with the task of evaluating property for State and county taxation and the listing of polls and privileges for

80. C 1932, 11876.

81. Ibid., 708.

82. Acts 1845-46, ch. 88 (C 1932, 712); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 20, in Minutes, entry 3 of this Inventory.

83. C 1932, 728, 11239-11241, 11424, 11526, 11536-11540.

84. C 1932, 10160.

85. Ibid., 708, 731, 732, 7655, 9309, 9423, 9681-9689.

86. Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15; Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 15, 16, in Minutes, entry 3 of this Inventory.

87. Acts 1851-52, ch. 139, sec. 1 (C 1932, 722); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916).

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State and county taxation.⁸⁸ From the beginning of the county until 1888 there was a tax assessor elected by the quarterly court for each civil district.⁸⁹ In 1888 a tax assessor for the entire county should have been elected by the quarterly court.⁹⁰ In 1892 a tax assessor for the county should have been elected by popular vote.⁹¹ Between 1896 and 1909 there should have been an assessor elected by popular vote for each civil district.⁹² Since 1909 the tax assessor has been elected by popular vote and for a term of four years.⁹³

154. ASSESSOR'S BOOK (Field Books), 1886-96, 1905-6, 1912-13, 1917, 1919--. 125 vols.

Record of assessments on real estate and personal property, showing name of taxpayer, boundaries, number of acres, value, number of town lots, value of personal property less \$1000.00, number of polls, total assessment, and adjustments made, if any, by county and State boards of equalization. 1906-- also contains adjustments made by the county board of equalization, showing number of town lots, value of each, number of acres of land, value of personal property less \$1000.00, and total value of all property and poll tax. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of property owner. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 75 pp. 8x14x1. 80 vols., 1886-1934, strg. rm.; 45 vols, 1935--, co. ct. clk's. office.

For other record of assessments, see entry 156; for other record of adjustments made by county board of equalization, see entry 155.

XVI. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The board of equalization's duties are to "examine, compare, and equalize the county assessments."⁹⁴ The machinery for reviewing and equalizing tax assessments has, like the original assessment of taxes, been the subject of much legislation, but Crockett County seems to have had no special legislation in this field. Crockett County should have

88. Acts 1870-71, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 59; Acts 1873, ch. 118; Acts 1875, ch. 81; Acts 1877, ch. 73; Acts 1881, ch. 171; Acts 1883, ch. 105; Acts 1885, ch. 1; Acts 1895, ch. 120; Acts 1897, ch. 1; Acts 1899, ch. 435; Acts 1903, ch. 258; Acts 1907, ch. 602, secs. 3 (C 1932, 1348), 12 (C 1932, 1357), 45 (C 1932, 1125), 18 (C 1932, 1374).

89. Acts 1870-71, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 59; Acts 1873, ch. 118; Acts 1875, ch. 81; Acts 1877, ch. 73; Acts 1881, ch. 171; Acts 1883, ch. 105; Acts 1885, ch. 1.

90. Acts 1887, ch. 2.

91. Acts 1889, ch. 96.

92. Acts 1895, ch. 120; Acts 1897, ch. 1; Acts 1899, ch. 435; Acts 1903, ch. 258.

93. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 9, subsecs. 1 (C 1932, 1336), 3 (C 1932, 1336).

94. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 32 (C 1932, 1426).

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had a board of equalization throughout its history.⁹⁵ The five members of the present board of equalization are elected by but not from the quarterly county court and serve for terms of two years.⁹⁶ The assessments as revised by the county board of equalization are subject to examination and revision by the State Board of Equalization.⁹⁷

155. REPORT OF COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, 1907--. 1 vol. Copies of reports submitted to the State Board of Equalization summarizing adjustments and assessments made by the county board, showing district number, number of acres assessed, assessment by county board, number of town lots assessed, assessment by county board, personal property assessed, total of all property assessed by the county board, number of polls, remarks, and signatures of members of the board certifying the honesty and impartiality of adjustments. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 12x14x1. Co. ct. clk's. office.

For other record of adjustments in assessments, see entry 154.

XVII. TRUSTEE

The trustee, who is county treasurer and collector of property and poll taxes levied by the State and the county, is a constitutional officer, and the office is as old as the county.⁹⁸ The only special act affecting the duties of the trustee in Crockett County is an act creating the office of delinquent poll tax collector.⁹⁹ The trustee is elected by popular vote for a term of two years.¹⁰⁰ According to a special act of 1933, the trustee is paid on a fee basis with a ceiling of \$3,000 a year.¹⁰¹ For copy of trustee's bond and oath of office, see entry, 6.

95. Acts 1855-56, ch. 74, sec. 26; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 12, sec. 5; Acts 1873, ch. 118, sec. 35; Acts 1877, ch. 73, sec. 4; Acts 1881, ch. 171, secs. 35-38; Acts 1883, ch. 105, sec. 35; Acts 1885, ch. 1, sec. 35; Acts 1887, ch. 2, sec. 41; Acts 1889, ch. 96, sec. 42; Acts 1895, ch. 120, sec. 49; Acts 1897, ch. 1, sec. 41; Acts 1899, ch. 435, sec. 34; Acts 1901, ch. 174, sec. 33; Acts 1903, ch. 258, sec. 33; Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 32 (C 1932, 1419).

96. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 32 (C 1932, 1419); Acts 1909, ch. 495, sec. 1 (C 1932, 1420).

97. C 1932, 1447-1472.

98. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 772); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915); Minute Book, vol. A, p. 20, in Minutes, entry 3 of this Inventory; Acts 1875, ch. 91, sec. 1 (C 1932, 775, subsec. 1, 1546); C 1932, 775, subsecs. 1-13.

99. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 658.

100. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 772); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916).

101. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 815.

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Realty, Personalty, and Polls - (See also entries 158-160)

156. TAX BOOK, 1874, 1879-81, 1883-84, 1886, 1888-93, 1897, 1899-1900, 1902-7, 1909-14, 1916--. 50 vols. (dated). Record of all taxable property in the county, and amount of tax due thereon, showing district number, name of property owner, description of property by boundaries, number of town lots, number of acres farm land, assessed valuation of each, value of personal property over \$1000, amounts of State, county, city, and poll taxes; total taxes, and, if paid, date of payment, and number of receipt issued. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 375 pp. 10x14x4. 31 vols., 1874-1919, strg. rm.; 19 vols., 1920--, office.

For duplicate tax books, see entry 12; for other record of assessments, see entry 154.

157. TAX RECEIPTS (Duplicates), 1910-37. 210 vols. Duplicate receipts issued for payment of property and poll taxes, showing number of receipt, date issued, to whom issued, amount received, year assessed, district number, whether for poll or property tax, and, if for property tax, number of acres, valuation, and signature of the trustee. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 125 pp. 10x14x1. Office.

Drainage

158. DRAINAGE ASSESSMENTS, 1916--. 5 vols. (labeled by name of district). A record of assessments made for drainage projects, showing tract number, name of property owner, boundaries, number of acres, percent of benefits, total acreage benefits, total cash assessment, special assessments, date paid, number of tax receipt issued, and remarks. Arr. num. by tract no. Indexed alph. by name of property owner. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 210 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

159. DRAINAGE TAX RECEIPTS, 1916-21, 1923, 1926--. 20 vols. (dated). Duplicates of receipts issued for payment of drainage taxes, showing name of drainage project, receipt number, number of acres, date, amount, from whom received, year for which assessed, tract number, and signature of trustee. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 8x12x1. 7 vols., 1916-23, strg. rm.; 13 vols., 1926--, office.

Delinquency

160. DELINQUENT TAX BOOK, 1909--. 138 vols. Record of delinquent property and poll taxes, showing name of property owner, location and description of property, number of acres farm land, number of town lots, assessed valuation, total of all taxes due, amount

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of fees, penalties, and interest; and date paid. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 60 pp. 5x8x $\frac{1}{2}$. 90 vols., 1909-32, strg. rm.; 480 vols., 1933--, office.

Dog Tax

161. DOG TAX ASSESSMENT, 1920-21. 6 vols. Discontinued.
A record of dog tax assessments, showing date, name and address of owner, district number, name, breed, sex, age, and description of dog; amount of assessment, amount paid, receipt number, tag number, and signature and oath of owner certifying that correct descriptions and number of dogs owned have been given. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 50 pp. 12x10x $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

For register of pedigreed dogs, see entry 177.

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(See also entries 166-171, 175, 176)

162. GENERAL RECEIPTS, 1916--. 9 vols.
Duplicates of receipts issued for monies received from all sources other than property or poll taxes, such as the county court clerk, circuit court clerk, clerk and master, magistrates, rent on county farm, delinquent road time, delinquent drainage tax, and miscellaneous collections, showing receipt number, date, amount, from whom collected, for what purpose, and signature of trustee. Also contains: Tax Receipts - Public Utilities, 1916-27, entry 163. Arr. chron. and num. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 122 pp. 10x14x1. 5 vols., 1916-32, strg. rm.; 4 vols., 1933--, office.

163. TAX RECEIPTS - PUBLIC UTILITIES, 1928--. 10 vols. (dated).
1916-27 in General Receipts, entry 162.
Duplicate receipts issued for taxes collected from public utilities, showing year of assessment, receipt number, date of collection, from whom collected, district number, assessed valuation of real and personal property, poll tax, signature of trustee or deputy, and distribution to various county funds. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 10x14x1. Office.

164. TRUSTEE'S RECEIPTS, 1899--. 9 vols. Title varies: Monthly Collections, 1899-1925.
Accounts of all funds received and collected by the trustee, excepting drainage taxes, showing date and amount of collection, source from which fund was received or collected, and distribution to accounts to which collection is credited, including poll, State and county taxes; railroad and public utilities tax, funds received from clerks and justices of the peace, school accounts, highway, local health unit, social security, Western State Hospital, school money received from the State, rural school building fund, library fund, and State principal and interest reimbursement funds. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 300 pp. 12x18x3. 8 vols., 1899-1929, strg. rm.; 1 vol., 1930--, office.

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165. TRUSTEE'S DISBURSEMENTS, 1872--. 8 vols. Title varies: Ledger, 1872-1913.

Record of disbursement of money received or collected, showing date and amount of payment, to whom payment is made or purpose of disbursement, and distribution to accounts to which expenditures are charged, including poll, State, and county taxes; railroad and public utilities tax, funds received from clerks and justices of the peace, school accounts, highways, local health unit, social security, Western State Hospital, school funds received from the State, rural school building fund, library fund, and State principal and interest reimbursement funds. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 10x20x3. 6 vols., 1872-1936, strg. rm.; 2 vols., 1930--., office.

Warrants

166. INTEREST BEARING WARRANTS, 1919-25. 1 vol.

Record of interest-bearing warrants, issued by trustee, for road and other county purposes, showing date, to whom issued, warrant number, amount and purpose of payment, and signature of person receiving warrant. Arr. chron. and num. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 125 pp. 12x16x1. Strg. rm.

167. RECORD OF SPECIAL WARRANTS, 1919--. 1 vol.

Register of all general county warrants, issued for purposes other than schools, highways, and bonds; and paid by the trustee, showing date issued, to whom issued, to whom paid, warrant number, amount, date paid, and number of check issued for warrants cashed by the bank. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 12x16x2. Office.

For record of warrants issued, see entry 14.

168. RECORD OF SCHOOL WARRANTS, 1884--. 12 vols.

Register of school warrants paid by the trustee, showing whether for elementary or high school, date issued, to whom issued, purpose of payment, amount paid, warrant number, date paid, and number of check issued by the trustee for warrants cashed by the bank. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 250 pp. 12x16x2. 10 vols., 1884-1932, strg. rm.; 2 vols., 1933--., office.

For record of warrants issued, see entry 183.

169. RECORD HIGHWAY WARRANTS, 1933--. 1 vol.

Register of highway warrants paid, showing date warrant issued, to whom issued, to whom paid, number of warrant, amount, date paid, and number of check issued by the trustee for warrants cashed by the bank. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 220 pp. 11x16x1. Office.

For record of warrants issued, see entry 203.

170. RECORD HIGHWAY WARRANTS (Road Bond Issues), 1936--. 1 vol.

Register of warrants issued for purpose of paying principal and interest due on road bond issues, and paid by the trustee out of the State interest road bond account and the county bond account, showing date warrant issued, to whom issued, to whom paid, warrant number, amount, date paid, and number

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of check issued by the trustee for warrants cashed by the bank. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 225 pp. 11x16x1. Office.

171. (CANCELED COUNTY WARRANTS), 1932--. 1 f. d.

Canceled warrants issued by the judge and paid by the trustee, showing warrant number, to whom payable, amount, purpose of payment, date issued, signature of judge, trustee's stamp of cancellation, and date paid. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11x24. Office.

For stubs of warrants issued, see entry 13.

Bond Issues

172. COUNTY BOND ISSUES, 1914--. 1 vol.

Record of county bond issues, including first issue for \$28,000, second issue for \$35,000, third issue for \$150,000, and a refunding issue for \$35,000; showing date of issue, date of maturity, amount of issue, denomination of bonds, rate of interest, how payable, and date issue refunded, if such is the case. Canceled bonds and interest coupons are pasted in the volume. Arr. chron. and num. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 480 pp. 12x18x6. Office.

173. SCHOOL BOND ISSUE, 1937--. 1 vol.

Record of bonds issued for school purposes, in the amount of \$100,000; and a refunding issue in the sum of \$17,000; showing date of issue, date of maturity, amount of issue, denomination of bonds, rate of interest, how payable, if and when an issue is refunded. Canceled bonds and coupons are pasted in the volume. Arr. chron. and num. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 pp. 12x18x4. Office.

174. ROAD BOND ISSUES, 1919--. 2 vols.

Record of road bond issues, the first for \$137,500, the second for \$100,000, the third for \$145,000, and a refunding issue for \$10,000, showing date of issue, maturity, amount of issue, denomination of bonds, rate of interest, how payable, if and when refunded. Canceled bonds and coupons are pasted in the volume. Arr. chron. and num. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 475 pp. 12x18x6. Office.

Reports and Correspondence

175. (TRUSTEE'S MONTHLY REPORT OF STATE TAX COLLECTION), 1930--.

1 f. b.

Copies of trustee's monthly reports to the Comptroller, of all State tax collections, interest, and penalties thereon; and penalties on delinquent real estate taxes, showing year reported, total valuation, tax collected, interest, penalty, total, less trustee's commission; and a bank certificate showing that a deposit of an amount equal to amount collected, less commission, was made by trustee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 4x10x2. Office.

176. REPORT (and Correspondence), 1933--. 1 f. d.

Miscellaneous reports of settlements made by or with the trustee, including:

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- i. Copies of quarterly reports to the county court, which is a list of assets and liabilities. Under "assets" are listed balance on hand in each county fund, and total funds on hand; under "liabilities" are listed all warrants registered, unpaid principal on bonds, judgments against the county, and total liabilities.
 - ii. Copies of monthly reports to the judge, showing date of report, amounts of receipts, disbursements, and balances of county fund accounts; classification of receipts as to source, such as from property, poll, public utility, and pick-up taxes; delinquent taxes, revenue from county officers, and State revenue, showing source of collection, amount received, amount received same month last year, and grand total; bank balances and undeposited cash on hand.
 - iii. Original monthly reports from the county court clerk of all revenue collected, showing date of report, source of collection, amount received, and signatures of clerk and deputy.
 - iv. Original quarterly reports from the circuit court clerk, and the clerk and master, of revenue belonging to the county, such as delinquent taxes, fines, forfeitures, and unclaimed money; showing date and source of collection, amount received, and signature of official submitting report.
 - v. General correspondence pertaining to the activities of this office, showing in addition to the text, date, and names of correspondents.
- Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x11x24. Office.

Pedigree Record

177. DOG REGISTER, 1901. 1 vol.

A register of pedigreed dogs, showing name of owner, address, registration fee, name of dog, description, date registered, registration number, and signature of trustee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 12x16x4. Strg. rm.

For record of dog tax assessments, see entry 161.

XVIII. DELINQUENT POLL TAX COLLECTOR

The office of delinquent poll tax collector is a creation of a special act of 1935.¹⁰² The delinquent poll tax collector is elected by popular vote for a term of two years.¹⁰³ Before he enters office, he is required to take an oath before the county court clerk to perform his duties faithfully and to post a \$1000 bond.¹⁰⁴ On March 1st each year the trustee furnishes the delinquent poll tax collector a list of delinquent poll taxes.¹⁰⁵

102. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 658.

103. Ibid., sec. 1.

104. Ibid., sec. 7.

105. Ibid., sec. 2.

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For each delinquent poll tax he collects, the collector receives fifty cents in addition to the fee usually received by the trustee or the constables for making such a collection.¹⁰⁶ The delinquent poll tax collector is required to use receipt books furnished him by the trustee¹⁰⁷ and to turn over his collections to the trustee at the end of each month.¹⁰⁸

XIX. BUDGET COMMISSION AND PURCHASING COMMISSION

A special act of 1937 creating a budget commission was repealed soon after its passage.¹⁰⁹ Another special act of 1937 which created a purchasing commission¹¹⁰ has not been put into effect by the quarterly court.

XX. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools)

The office of superintendent of schools was created in 1867¹¹¹ and probably dates from 1872 in Crockett County.¹¹² Although a special act of 1921 contemplated the election of the superintendent by popular vote,¹¹³ this official is now elected by the quarterly court for a term of two years.¹¹⁴

The rest of the department of education apparently operated exclusively under the general law until 1909.¹¹⁵ The general education act of 1907 seems to have gone into effect as scheduled, but it was repealed for Crockett County in 1909¹¹⁶ and restored to force in 1913.¹¹⁷ Apparently

106. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 658, sec. 2.

107. Ibid., sec. 5.

108. Ibid., sec. 6.

109. Pr.A. 1937, chs. 54, 804.

110. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 806.

111. P.A. 1866-67, 2nd ad. ses., ch. 27, secs. 22-45.

112. Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 64, secs. 72, 73; Acts 1870-71, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 110; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 249, in Minutes, entry 3 in this Inventory; Acts 1873, ch. 23; Acts 1875, ch. 138; Acts 1881, ch. 91; Acts 1889, ch. 107; Acts 1895, ch. 54; Acts 1899, ch. 231; Acts 1907, ch. 236, sec. 9; Acts 1909, ch. 508, sec. 1; P.A. 1921, ch. 119, sec. 1; P.A. 1925, ch. 115, secs. 5 (C 1932, 2320, subsec. a), 6 (C 1932, 2321-2325).

113. Pr.A. 1921, ch. 855.

114. Minutes, vol. J, p. 362, entry 3 in this Inventory.

115. For general laws on education between 1867 and 1909, see P.A. 1866-67, 2nd ad. ses., ch. 27; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 64; Acts 1873, ch. 23; Acts 1875, ch. 138; Acts 1881, ch. 91; Acts 1889, ch. 107; Acts 1895, ch. 54; Acts 1899, ch. 231; Acts 1907, ch. 236.

116. Acts 1909, ch. 186.

117. Pr.A. 1913, ch. 181.

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the general education laws in force prior to 1907 were, in effect, re-enacted by the repealing act of 1909 and regulated the educational system of the county between 1909 and 1913.¹¹⁸

In 1919 the county high school board, presumably a creation of general laws of 1899 and 1917,¹¹⁹ was abolished and its powers conferred upon the county board of education.¹²⁰ Subsequently, three high school districts were set up--the Crockett High School District,¹²¹ the Friendship High School District,¹²² and the Crockett Mills High School District.¹²³ Seven men were named to form the high school board for the Crockett District,¹²⁴ seven for the Crockett Mills District,¹²⁵ and five for the Friendship District.¹²⁶ The successors to officers appointed by the acts were to be elected by popular vote in 1922 for terms of two years.¹²⁷ Vacancies were to be filled by the remaining members.¹²⁸ No one could be a member of one of these district boards except resident freeholders and householders of at least twenty-five years of age, of "a good moral character", and with at least an elementary school education.¹²⁹ Each board was required to organize by electing from its membership a president, a secretary, and a treasurer.¹³⁰ A majority of each board made a quorum.¹³¹ Each board was vested with the corporate powers to sue and to be sued, to have continual succession, to have a seal, and to make by-laws.¹³² The powers and duties of each board were to maintain a high school, to employ teachers, to determine the length of the school term, to have the custody of school property in the district, to superintend the school funds belonging to the district, to take a census annually of the scholastic population of the district and to report each census to the superintendent and the county trustee, and to hold such regular meetings as they wished and such special meetings as the president or any three members called.¹³³ Special property and poll taxes were levied in each district, these to be

118. See Acts 1909, ch. 588.

119. Acts 1899, ch. 279; P.A. 1917, ch. 96.

120. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 454.

121. Pr.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 45.

122. Pr.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 89.

123. Pr.A. 1921, ch. 781.

124. Pr.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 45, sec. 2.

125. Pr.A. 1921, ch. 781, sec. 2.

126. Pr.A. 1921, ch. 89, sec. 2.

127. Pr.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 45, sec. 4 and ch. 89, sec. 4; Pr.A. 1921, ch. 781, sec. 4.

128. Pr.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 45, sec. 2 and ch. 89, sec. 2; Pr.A. 1921, ch. 781, sec. 2.

129. Ibid.

130. Ibid.

131. Ibid.

132. Pr.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 45, sec. 3 and ch. 89, sec. 3; Pr.A. 1921, ch. 781, sec. 3.

133. Pr.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 45, sec. 5; Pr.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 89, sec. 5; Pr.A. 1921, ch. 781, sec. 5.

collected by the trustee and paid over by him to the treasurer of the board, along with the district's share of the other school money in his hands.¹³⁴ The treasurer paid the money out on the order of the board.¹³⁵ The secretary was required to keep a minute book and the treasurer was required to keep an account of receipts and disbursements.¹³⁶ The Friendship High School District was abolished in 1929¹³⁷ and the Crockett High School District was abolished in 1931.¹³⁸ Another special school district, the Gadsden Special School District, was created in 1935 after the pattern of those set up in 1920 and 1921.¹³⁹

The school system, with the exception just noted, now operates under the general education act of 1925.¹⁴⁰ The seven members of the board of education are elected by the quarterly county court for terms of seven years.¹⁴¹

Minutes

178. (MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION), 1927--. 2 vols. Record of the exact proceedings of the board, showing date of meeting, names of members present, business discussed, disposition of matters coming before the board, and signatures of board members. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. Aver. 230 pp. 10x14x1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

Record of Teachers (See also entries 182, 185)

179. (TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES), 1938--. 1 letter file. Certificates issued to qualified teachers by the Commissioner of Education, and filed with the superintendent during the time such teachers are employed by the county, showing certificate number, name of person to whom issued, whether certified to teach in elementary or high school, kind of degree and name of school conferring same, number of quarter hours credited, seal of the State Department of Education, and signatures of the Commissioner of Education and the Supervisor of Certification. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 12x12x3. Office.

134. Pr.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 45, secs. 6, 7 and ch. 89, secs. 6, 7; Pr.A. 1921, ch. 781, secs. 6, 7.

135. Pr.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 45, sec. 7 and ch. 89, sec. 7; Pr.A. 1921, ch. 781, sec. 7.

136. Pr.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 45, sec. 9 and ch. 89, sec. 9; Pr.A. 1921, ch. 781, sec. 9.

137. Pr.A. 1929, ch. 893.

138. Pr.A. 1931, ch. 530.

139. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 303.

140. P.A. 1925, ch. 115, See C 1932, 2306-2364, 2366-2417, 2428-2442, 2472-2474, 2476-2503, 2506, 2507, 2509-2521, 6902-6907, 6957-6969, 6980, 7005, 7023, 7025, 7030, 7075, 7093, 7142.

141. P.A. 1925, ch. 115, sec. 6 (C 1932, 2317).

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180. (TEACHERS' CONTRACTS), 1937--. 6 vols.

Contracts between the county board of education and teachers or principals, showing contract number, name of teacher or principal, date of contract, name of school, duration of contract, agreement as to salary and conditions of the contract, and signatures of chairman of the board, county superintendent, and teacher or principal. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 6x8x1. Office.

Record of Pupils

181. (PUPIL'S RECORD CARD), 1935--. 4 f. d.

Permanent record cards for all pupils enrolled in county schools, showing name and address of pupil, date and place of birth, sex, color, name and occupation of parent or guardian, pupil's complete health record, date entered school, whether graduated or left school, names of schools attended, subjects taken, and grades made for each year. Arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of school. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 9x18x6. Office.

182. (SCHOOL REGISTER), 1926--. 150 vols.

Teachers' class room registers, covering the year's work, including teacher's affidavit that data contained are correct, general data concerning pupils, showing name, grade, date of birth, age, and address of pupil; distance from school, name and occupation of parent or guardian, and school last attended; scholastic record of work, showing daily and examination grades, and average in each subject; summaries of enrollment, and attendance by months; teacher's record, showing name, color, and address of teacher; kind of certificate held, extent of training, type of position held, and other data, such as, previous experience, date of birth, sex, marital status, number of dependents, salary, and grades taught. Also includes teacher's annual property report, showing type and size of building, manner of heating and ventilation, source of water supply, number and condition of toilets, value of building and heating plant, grounds, and equipment; number and cost of books in the library; teacher's and principal's annual report of promotions and retardations at end of year; progress table, classifying pupils by number of years attended and progress made; age grade table, classifying pupils by ages and grades; and record of eighth grade certificates issued, showing name of pupil, age, general average for the year, and date, month, and year graduated. Arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of school. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 350 pp. 10x12x2. Office.

Warrants Issued

183. REGISTER OF SCHOOL WARRANTS, 1916--. 7 vols.

The superintendent's record of warrants issued in payment of salaries, transportation, furniture and fixtures, supplies and equipment, and all

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items of expense incurred by operation of county schools, showing date issued, number of warrant, to whom payable, amount, and purpose of payment. Arr. chron. and num. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 350 pp. 14x18x3. 5 vols., 1916-33, strg. rm.; 2 vols., 1934--, office.

For record of warrants paid, see entry 168.

Textbooks

184. BOOK RENTALS, 1936--. 2 vols.

Record of a project sponsored by the elementary schools, whereby textbooks for all elementary grades are available at the superintendent's office for rental to the various school principals at fifty percent of cost per year, and returned at end of year for same rental next year. Profits from this project revert to the elementary schools. Record shows name of schools and principal to whom rented, description and number of books issued, date issued, price, date returned, and signature of principal receiving books. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of school. Hdw. and typed. Aver. 100 pp. 8x12x1. Office.

Reports and Correspondence

185. (PRELIMINARY SCHOOL REPORTS), 1926--. 1 f. d.

Principals' annual and monthly reports to the superintendent. Annual report shows name and address of school, name of principal, number of teachers, enrollment, teacher's name, age, and salary; number of years in high school, college, normal or university attended; number years taught, subject taught, recitations for each teacher, and number in class. Monthly report shows name of school, address, month covered by report, name of teacher, number of days actually taught, average daily attendance, and percent of attendance. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

186. (REPORTS AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE), 1934--. 1 f. d.

This miscellaneous file includes:

- i. Copies of financial reports made quarterly to the county court, showing amount of money received, date and source of collection, amount of money paid out, date and purpose of payment.
- ii. Annual reports to the State Department of Education, on the activities of all county schools, teachers employed, and transportation of pupils by school busses.
- iii. Miscellaneous correspondence written and received by the superintendent, showing date, to whom addressed, from whom received, and subject matter of communication.

Arr. alph. by names and subjects. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. or typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

XXI. COUNTY PHYSICIAN

Since 1885 the general law has required the quarterly court to elect a county physician¹⁴² to render medical service to the inmates of the jail and the poor home.¹⁴³ The office of county physician was discontinued in Crockett County by a special act of 1933, and the county judge was authorized to employ a physician when some person in the jail or poor home had to have medical attention.¹⁴⁴ Although this power of the county judge was removed in 1937,¹⁴⁵ the quarterly court has not, according to the latest information, restored the office of county physician, and the practice established by the special act of 1933 is still being followed.

XXII. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

(Board of Health and Health Officer)

Apparently Crockett County did not have an organized health department, a bureau first authorized in 1921,¹⁴⁶ until 1938. The present board consists of two physicians, one dentist, the county judge, the superintendent of schools, and the health officer,¹⁴⁷ in accordance with a general law of 1935.¹⁴⁸ The two physicians, the dentist, and the health officer are elected by the quarterly county court for terms of four years.¹⁴⁹ The chief duty of the board of health is to control contagious diseases.¹⁵⁰

General Index

187. INDEX CARDS, 1938--. 3 f. b.

General index to (General Medical and Health Records), entry 188; School Records, entry 191; and Closed Records, entry 193; showing name, address, date of birth, sex, and color of patient; names of parents, type of record kept, and where filed. Arr. alph. by family name. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 5x6x10. Office.

Family Records (See also entry 193)

188. GENERAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH RECORDS), 1938--. 1 f. b.

Miscellaneous general medical and health records which deal mostly with

142. Acts 1885, ch. 95, sec. 4 (C 1932, 5778); Acts 1891, ch. 181 (C 1932, 5778); Acts 1895, ch. 206 (C 1932, 5778).

143. Ibid.; P.A. 1911, ch. 54, sec. 4 (C 1932, 4826).

144. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 687.

145. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 53.

146. P.A. 1921, ch. 89, sec. 1 (C 1932, 5783).

147. Minutes, vol. I, p. 458, entry 3 in this Inventory.

148. P.A. 1935, ex. ses., ch. 37 (CMS 1937, 5775-5788).

149. Ibid.; C 1932, 5778, 5785.

150. P.A. 1935, ex. ses., ch. 37 (CMS 1937, 5775).

families as a whole or treatment administered in the home, including:

- i. Family folders prepared for all families receiving treatment or under observation of the local unit, showing names of husband, wife, each child in the family, and any other members of the household; date of birth of each member, age at death and cause of death, in case of deceased members; and significant economic and social data. Closed cases are summarized, showing names of individuals carried, date admitted, classification as to physical condition, date closed, and remarks.
- ii. Infant and pre-school records, showing name, address, age, sex, and color of child; names of father, mother, family physician, and attendant at birth; date and place of birth, significant facts from history, immunity status, notes on diet and general habits, dates of health examinations, physical defects, special recommendations, and notes on clinical, conference, and field visits.
- iii. Maternity records, showing name, address, age, and color of patient; names of physician and nurse, significant clinical findings, patient's previous history, results of laboratory tests, physician's orders, and record of delivery.
- iv. Records of service rendered crippled children, showing name, address, age, sex, and color of patient; date of birth, age when crippled, names of parents, or guardian, and family physician; date patient committed to the service, date accepted, name and address of any interested individual or group, clinical history, previous medical care, present plan of treatment, results of investigations into financial status, personal data concerning the patient, including extent of education, living arrangements, personality and attitude, recreational facilities, and family background; and notes on clinical, conference, and field visits.
- v. Records of communicable diseases, such as smallpox, typhoid, diphtheria, tuberculosis, scarlet fever, and measles; showing name of disease, name, address, age, color, and sex of patient; names of householder and family physician, dates of first symptoms, and physician's first visit; date case reported, length of patient's residence in county, economic status, physical data pertaining to other members of the household, sanitary status of premises, food consumed during incubation period, laboratory findings in the case, contacts, control problems, conclusions as to source of infection, and record of home visits.

Arr. by type of record and alph. thereunder by family name. For index, see entry 187. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6x10x12. Office.

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189. V. D. (Venereal Diseases), 1938--. 2 f. b. (Friendship, Alamo). Record of venereal diseases, showing name, address, age, sex, color, and occupation of patient; marital status, date and by whom referred, whether related to other clinic case, date admitted, date of onset, stage of disease, significant clinical findings, name of patient's personal contacts, dates contacts examined and result of examination, and date and nature of final disposition of case. Arr. alph. by family name. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6x10x12. Office.

190. LABORATORY REPORTS, 1938--. 1 f. b. Reports of laboratory findings as result of specimen analysis conducted by State laboratory in cases of diphtheria, tuberculosis, typhoid, black leg, rabies, gonorrhea, and syphilis, showing laboratory number, date of examination, name and address of patient, specimen examined, purpose and result, remarks, name of patient's doctor, and signature of bacteriologist. Reports on bacteriological water examinations, showing laboratory number, name of town, source of water supply, name of property owner, where, when and by whom sampled, date received, date reported, results, remarks, and signature of bacteriologist. Also contains:

- i. Record of births, showing name, residence, sex, color, date of birth, place of birth, whether single or plural birth, premature or full term, stillbirth, or live birth, legitimate or not, names, ages and occupation of parents, number of children born to this mother, number living, number dead, number stillborn, number born at full term; if stillborn, cause of stillbirth, period of gestation, date recorded, and name of attending physician.
- ii. Record of deaths, showing name, address, sex, color, and age of deceased; date and place of death, place of birth, names of parents, cause of death, date recorded, names of attending physician and undertaker.

Arr. by type of record and alph. thereunder by family name. No index. Typed on pr. fm. Office.

For other records of births and deaths, see entries 38, 40.

School Records
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191. SCHOOL RECORDS, 1938--. 1 f. d. Health records of school children, showing name, age, sex, color, height, weight, and address of pupil; date and place of child's birth, names of parents and family physician, supplemental facts (history, habits, or other clinical record), immunity status, name of school attended, grade, date of examination, result of examination and findings, and notes on clinical, conference, and field visits. Arr. alph. by name of school and alph. thereunder by family name. For index, see entry 187. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

192. (IMMUNIZATIONS), 1938--. 11 f. b. (A-B, C, D-E, F-G-H, I-J, K-L, M-N-O-P; 4 boxes not labeled). Record of immunizations given to school children against smallpox, diphtheria,

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and typhoid; showing name, age, address, sex, and color of child; school attended, parent's name, date immunization given, results (whether positive or negative), and remarks. Arr. alph. by family name. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x6x12. Office.

Closed Cases

193. CLOSED RECORDS, 1938--. 1 f. d.

Files pulled from all records, including family folder, communicable diseases, school children's health records, infant and pre-school and general medical records, where cases have been closed. Arr. alph. by name of patient in folders (folders are labeled by name of record from which case was removed). For index, see entry 187. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

Miscellaneous

194. EXPENSE ACCOUNTS, DAILY REPORTS, MONTHLY TABULATIONS AND CERTAIN SUMMARIES, 1938--. 1 f. d.

Miscellaneous records of the department, including: contingent account, a copy of monthly expense account covering equipment and supplies purchased for use of the unit and reported to the State Department for payment; copy of monthly report to the State Department, showing visits made, work performed, and immunizations given; monthly attendance record, showing number of days worked by each member of the unit during the month; copies of payrolls, showing name of employee, number of days worked, rate of pay per month, amount of earnings, amount due for travel, and total. Also included are requests made to the unit for school health examinations to be conducted. Arr. alph. by subjects and chron. thereunder. No index. Typed. 12x12x24. Office.

195. CORRESPONDENCE, 1938--. 1 f. d.

Correspondence received and copies of letters written pertaining to activities of the local unit, showing date of correspondence, contents, and names of correspondents. Also contains copies of acts passed by the legislature relative to activities of health units, and bulletins and monthly news letters from the State Department. Arr. chron. No index. Typed and pr. 12x12x24. Office.

XXIII. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

From the organization of Crocket County until 1913 the county road system depended almost exclusively on the general law.¹⁵¹

151. For discussion of the general law for most of this time, see Summary of General Highway Legislation in Tennessee During the Period 1881-1909, Tennessee Historical Records Survey Project, Special Publications Series, No. 3, Nashville, 1940.

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A special act of 1913 provided for a five member board of public road commissioners.¹⁵² This act, although it was slightly amended in subsequent years, continued in force until 1927.¹⁵³ The members of the board were selected by the quarterly court.¹⁵⁴ To be eligible for membership on the board, a person was required to be a citizen of Crockett County and could not be a State, county, or municipal official.¹⁵⁵ Before he entered office, a commissioner was required to take an oath "to well and faithfully perform the duties of the office."¹⁵⁶ The board was required to organize by electing one of its members chairman and another secretary.¹⁵⁷ Three members of the board constituted a quorum.¹⁵⁸ The compensation of the members was fixed by the quarterly court.¹⁵⁹ Under the original act, the term of office was apparently four years,¹⁶⁰ but in 1921 two members were given a term of two years and three a term of one year.¹⁶¹ A penalty of from \$50 to \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail up to one year was prescribed for a commissioner with a personal interest in any contract entered into by the board.¹⁶² Vacancies were filled by the quarterly court.¹⁶³

The board was required to keep a record of all its proceedings and a set of financial accounts.¹⁶⁴

The highway department was reorganized in 1927.¹⁶⁵ The five members who composed a board of highway commissioners were selected by the quarterly court.¹⁶⁶ To be eligible to become a highway commissioner, a person had to be a citizen of Crockett County and could not be a State, county, or municipal official.¹⁶⁷ Before he entered office, a commissioner was required to take an oath "to well and faithfully perform the duties" of the office.¹⁶⁸ The board was required to elect a chairman and a secretary from its membership.¹⁶⁹ Three members were a quorum.¹⁷⁰ The commissioners served without compensation, but expenses incurred in the performance of

152. Pr.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 101, sec. 1.

153. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 784, sec. 10.

154. Pr.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 101, sec. 1.

155. Ibid.

156. Ibid.

157. Ibid.

158. Ibid.

159. Ibid.

160. Ibid.

161. Pr.A. 1921, ch. 718.

162. Pr.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 101, sec. 1.

163. Ibid.

164. Ibid., sec. 4.

165. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 784.

166. Ibid., sec. 1.

167. Ibid.

168. Ibid.

169. Ibid.

170. Ibid.

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their duty were paid out of the county highway fund.¹⁷¹ The term of office was six years in length.¹⁷² An act of 1929 allowed each commissioner \$5.00 for each meeting he attended up to twelve meetings a year.¹⁷³ The acceptance of a bribe was a misdemeanor, subjecting the offender to a fine of from \$50 to \$500 or to imprisonment in the county jail up to one year, or both.¹⁷⁴ Vacancies were filled by the quarterly court.¹⁷⁵ The commissioners convened on the call of the chairman.¹⁷⁶

The board of highway commissioners was charged with the general management of roads and bridges of the county.¹⁷⁷ The board was directed to employ a competent person with at least three years experience in road building as superintendent of the roads of the county.¹⁷⁸ The salary of the superintendent was fixed by the board of highway commissioners but could not exceed \$1,800 a year.¹⁷⁹

The board of public road commissioners was vested with the general management of the public roads and bridges of the county,¹⁸⁰ the quarterly court retaining control of the "levies [levees] and the levy [levee] bridges."¹⁸¹ The quarterly court levied a road tax of from five to twenty-five cents and assessed the number of day's work required of each road hand.¹⁸² The board of public road commissioners was empowered to open, close, or change public roads upon its own motion or upon the application of any citizen of the county.¹⁸³ Damages to private property by any change were assessed by a jury of view, a record of the assessment being filed with the board.¹⁸⁴ Any member of the board or any interested person could appeal from the decision of the jury of view to the circuit and Supreme Courts.¹⁸⁵ Most of the work upon the roads and bridges was done by the road hands, that is, all physically able male residents between the ages of eighteen and fifty, with the probable exception of the inhabitants of incorporated towns, working under road overseers selected by the board.¹⁸⁶ A road overseer received a per diem of \$1.25 and any other compensation that the board might allow.¹⁸⁷ Road hands who failed to work were, under the original act,

171. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 784, sec. 1.

172. Ibid.

173. Pr.A. 1929, ch. 706.

174. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 784, sec. 1.

175. Ibid.

176. Ibid.

177. Ibid., sec. 3.

178. Ibid., sec. 2.

179. Ibid.

180. Ibid., sec. 2.

181. Ibid., sec. 12.

182. Ibid., sec. 5.

183. Ibid., sec. 10.

184. Ibid.

185. Ibid.

186. Ibid., sec. 7.

187. Ibid.

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required to pay seventy-five cents for each day of failure to work.¹⁸⁸ This tax was reduced to forty cents a day in 1917,¹⁸⁹ raised to fifty cents in 1919,¹⁹⁰ and fixed at fifty-five cents in 1921.¹⁹¹ Prisoners of the county jail could be requisitioned for road duty.¹⁹² The board was given custody of the road tools and machinery owned by the county and was authorized to contract for the building of bridges and culverts.¹⁹³ The superintendent of roads served at the will of the highway board.¹⁹⁴ He could employ such assistants as were necessary for the maintenance of the roads and bridges at such salaries as he deemed proper.¹⁹⁵ All physically and mentally able male inhabitants of the county between the ages of twenty-one and fifty, except the residents of incorporated towns, were required to work upon the county roads for up to ten ten-hour days or to pay up to fifty cents for each day of failure to work,¹⁹⁶ or sixty-five cents after 1929.¹⁹⁷ The board was given custody of the county road machinery, materials, and equipment and was authorized to make additional purchases, except that a new bridge could be built only on a resolution passed by the quarterly court.¹⁹⁸ The board could condemn private property needed for road purposes.¹⁹⁹ To provide money for the building and maintenance of roads and bridges, except for the building of new bridges, the quarterly court was required to levy a tax of twenty cents on each \$100 of taxable property and was authorized to levy an additional tax of twenty-five cents for building and repairing the roads and bridges, this latter tax to be known as "the general tool tax."²⁰⁰ The proceeds were disbursed on warrants issued by the county judge on the certification of the road superintendent.²⁰¹ The building of new bridges was financed out of the general county fund.²⁰² Likewise, new equipment or machinery costing more than \$500 could be paid for out of the general county fund.²⁰³ The board of highway commissioners was required to keep a minute book.²⁰⁴

The highway department was again reorganized in 1931.²⁰⁵ The highway commission created by the act consisted of three freeholders of the county above the age of twenty-one elected by the quarterly court.²⁰⁶ A

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- 188. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 784, sec. 7.
 - 189. Pr.A. 1917, ch. 325.
 - 190. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 483.
 - 191. Pr.A. 1921, ch. 554.
 - 192. Ibid., sec. 2.
 - 193. Ibid.
 - 194. Ibid.
 - 195. Ibid., sec. 5.
 - 196. Ibid., secs. 7, 8.
 - 197. Pr.A. 1929, ch. 706, sec. 3.
 - 198. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 784.
 - 199. Ibid., sec. 6.
 - 200. Ibid., sec. 4.
 - 201. Ibid.
 - 202. Ibid., sec. 3.
 - 203. Ibid.
 - 204. Ibid.
 - 205. Pr.A. 1931, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 27.
 - 206. Ibid., sec. 1.

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member of the court was not eligible for membership on the commission.²⁰⁷ The commissioners were to be allowed a reasonable compensation by the quarterly court.²⁰⁸ The terms of office of the three commissioners varied from one to three years.²⁰⁹ The chairman of the commission was designated by the court.²¹⁰ The highway commission was authorized to employ, at a salary not to exceed \$125 a month, a road supervisor with general supervision over the public roads of the county.²¹¹ The supervisor, if appointed, served at the will of the commission.²¹² The chairman of the highway commission was the county's agent for dealing with the State Department of Highways and Public Works.²¹³

The commission's duty was, in general, "to provide an efficient system of laying out, building, reconstructing, repairing and maintaining public roads and bridges, and of operating, constructing and repairing ferries" in Crockett County.²¹⁴ The road supervisor could employ and fix the wages of such assistants and laborers as were required to build and maintain the public roads, levees and bridges.²¹⁵ In addition, all physically and mentally able male inhabitants between the ages of twenty-one and fifty, probably with the exception of the inhabitants of incorporated towns, were bound by act to work from six to ten days upon the public roads of the county, as the quarterly court might require, or to pay a tax of fifty cents for each day of failure to work.²¹⁶ The highway commission was custodian of the county's road equipment and had power to purchase new equipment, except that a contract involving more than \$500 required the approval of the quarterly court before it was legally binding.²¹⁷

The reorganization act of 1931 was repealed in 1933²¹⁸ and another act, which, as revised in 1935 and 1937, forms the legal basis of the present highway department, was passed.²¹⁹ Crockett County is divided into three road districts.²²⁰ The voters in each road district elect one member of the county road commission.²²¹ Under the original act, all commissioners served for terms of four years;²²² in 1937 the terms were extended to six years.²²³

207. Pr.A. 1931, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 27, sec. 1.

208. Ibid., sec. 8.

209. Ibid., sec. 1.

210. Ibid.

211. Ibid., sec. 4.

212. Ibid.

213. Ibid., sec. 3.

214. Ibid.

215. Ibid., sec. 4.

216. Ibid., sec. 5.

217. Ibid., sec. 10.

218. Pr.A. 1933, chs. 26, 140.

219. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26; Pr.A. 1935, ch. 781; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.

220. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 3; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268, sec. 1.

221. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 4; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.

222. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 4.

223. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.

To be eligible for the office of road commissioner, a person must be a resident of the district from which he is elected and can not be the holder of another county office.²²⁴ Under the act of 1933, each commissioner was required to give a \$500 bond,²²⁵ but in 1937 the amount was raised to \$5,000.²²⁶ The chairman and the secretary of the commission are elected by the commission from its membership.²²⁷ Formerly each commissioner received \$4.00 for every meeting he attended but could not receive more than \$48 a year,²²⁸ but under the act of 1937 he receives \$25 a quarter.²²⁹ Vacancies, formerly filled by the county judge,²³⁰ are now filled by the quarterly court.²³¹ Whereas under the act of 1933, the county judge was required to employ a road supervisor at a salary not to exceed \$125 a month,²³² the highway commission is now authorized, but not required, to employ such an official.²³³

The commission has general supervision over the county roads, bridges, and levees.²³⁴ The section of the act of 1933 which required all physically and mentally able males between the ages of twenty-one and fifty residing within the county but outside incorporated towns to work upon the roads three days a year or to pay a dollar for each day of failure to work was repealed in 1937.²³⁵ Apparently labor for road work is now done by employees of the road commission.²³⁶ The commission has custody of the county's road machinery, equipment, and materials.²³⁷ Under the act of 1933, the commission could, with the approval of the county judge, purchase any additional machinery, equipment, and materials needed.²³⁸ The commission can now make any such purchase, except that any one contract involving more than \$500 probably requires the approval of the quarterly court.²³⁹ The commission has the right of eminent domain.²⁴⁰ Warrants upon the county road fund were under the act of 1933, signed by both the chairman of highway commission and the county judge;²⁴¹ under the act of 1937, these warrants are issued by the secretary of the highway commission and countersigned by the chairman, but are not required to bear the signature of the county judge or chairman of the

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224. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 5.
225. Ibid., sec. 6.
226. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.
227. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 8; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.
228. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 8.
229. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.
230. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 5.
231. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.
232. Ibid., sec. 10.
233. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.
234. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 9; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.
235. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 12; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.
236. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.
237. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 11; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.
238. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 11.
239. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.
240. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 10; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.
241. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 17.

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county court.²⁴² Since 1933 the trustee has been required to keep a road warrant register.²⁴³ Formerly, the road supervisor was required to make up and to keep up to date a list of road hands to be kept on file by the highway commission.²⁴⁴ The commission must now keep a minute book and an "accurate set of books" and make a financial report to the quarterly court of each of its regular sessions.²⁴⁵ For copies of road commissioners' bonds and oaths of office, see entry 6.

Personnel Records
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196. (DAILY TIME CARDS), 1938--. 2 f. d.
Daily time cards turned in by employees, showing date, name of employee, road on which work was performed, time in, time out, and total number of hours worked during the day. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

197. LEDGER (Time Book), 1931-32. 2 vols.
Original time book kept for employees of this department, showing name of employee, and a record of the number of days worked in each week during the year. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Aver. 175 pp. 5x7x1. Sheriff's office.

198. (PAYROLLS), 1936--. 2 bdl.
Payrolls for employees of this department, showing payroll number, inclusive dates covered by payroll period, date submitted, date and by whom checked, name of employee, occupation, total days and hours worked, rate of pay per hour, and total amount of payment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 8x14x1. Office.

Financial Records
(See also entries 198, 206)

Supplies and Equipment

199. (ORDER REGISTER), 1936-37. 1 f. d.
A record of all purchases of lumber, showing from whom purchased, date, number of pieces, size, and unit price. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

200. (GAS, OIL, AND LUMBER ACCOUNTS), 1938--. 3 vols.
A record of all gasoline, oil, grease, and lumber purchased by the highway commission, showing date, amount of each purchase, and from whom purchased. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Aver. 100 pp. 7x12x1. Office.

242. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.

243. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 17; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.

244. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 26, sec. 3.

245. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 268.

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201. (VOUCHER DUPLICATES), 1931-32. 7 vols.

Duplicates of vouchers issued by the commission for material, supplies, equipment, freight and salaries, showing voucher number, date issued, purpose of payment, to whom payable, amount of payment, and signature of person issuing same. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 7x10x1. Sheriff's office.

202. (GRAVEL TRUCK RECORD), 1933--. 2 f. d.

Reports of truck drivers, showing yardage of each load of gravel hauled, date, number of truck, name of road on which gravel was used, amount of gas and oil purchased for truck, and driver's signature. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

Warrants

203. WARRANT REGISTER, 1938--. 1 vol.

Register of all warrants issued by the secretary of the commission for salaries, supplies, equipment, repairs, and construction of bridges and levees, showing date issued, to whom payable, number of warrant, amount, and purpose of payment. Arr. chron. and num. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

For record of warrants paid, see entry 169.

Ledger Accounts

204. (ACCOUNTS PAYABLE), 1932. 3 vols.

Copies of statements submitted by the chairman to the board of commissioners for approval, listing all accounts payable, showing date of statement, name of creditor, description of goods purchased or services rendered (other than payroll), and amount of each account; chairman's certification that accounts are true, just and unpaid, and number of warrant issued as payment is made. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 6x10x1. Sheriff's office.

205. (GENERAL ACCOUNTS LEDGER), 1938--. 1 vol.

A record of all purchases by the highway commission, showing date of purchase, from whom purchased, list of items, cost, credits deducted, and balance due. Also contains individual performance record of each truck, showing amount of work performed, and unit cost. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 10x14x1. Office.

Miscellaneous

206. (REPORTS AND GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE), 1938--. 1 f. d.

This miscellaneous file includes:

- i. Weekly and monthly reports on material and supplies of the W.P.A. farm-to-market roads project, showing amount of material and supplies on hand at beginning of reported period,

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amount received during the period, amount used, and balance on hand.

- ii. Monthly reports of work performed by W.P.A. farm-to-market roads project, showing quantity of grading and drainage work done, miles of widening, scarifying and reshaping; amount of surfacing, bridges constructed and repaired, and all other work completed by the project.
- iii. Copies of the commission's quarterly report to the county court, showing date of report, inclusive dates of period covered, amount of cash on hand, amounts received from State Highway Commission and two-cent gas fund, amounts expended for material, supplies and other miscellaneous items; number gallons of gasoline purchased, amount used, and balance on hand; total bills due, and work performed by W.P.A. labor.
- iv. General correspondence pertaining to the business activities of the commission, showing date of communication, to whom addressed, text of communication, and name or signature of correspondent.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x12x20. Office.

XXIV. WORKHOUSE COMMISSION (Workhouse Superintendent)

The workhouse commission was probably first set up about 1891.²⁴⁶ The workhouse commission was composed of four persons appointed by the quarterly court for terms of two years, and the county judge or chairman of the county court as chairman.²⁴⁷ A superintendent of the workhouse was appointed by the commission for a term of two years.²⁴⁸ Both the workhouse and the workhouse system were abolished in Crockett County in 1927.²⁴⁹

XXV. POOR COMMISSION (Poor Home Superintendent)

The first quarterly court of Crockett County did not immediately establish a poor home but paid various individuals to keep paupers.²⁵⁰ The first poor commission was set up in 1874.²⁵¹ The poor commission consists of three persons elected by the quarterly court for terms of three years.²⁵² The superintendent of the poor home is selected by and

246. Acts 1891, ch. 123, sec. 3 (C 1932, 12012).

247. Acts 1891, ch. 123, sec. 3 (C 1932, 12012, 12013).

248. Acts 1891, ch. 123, sec. 7 (C 1932, 12020).

249. Minutes, vol. I, p. 22, entry 3 in this Inventory.

250. Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 54, 345, 350, 351, in Minutes, entry 3 in this Inventory.

251. Ibid., 388.

252. Acts 1879, ch. 102 (C 1932, 4798); Acts 1889, ch. 150 (C 1932, 4798).

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serves at the will of the poor commission.²⁵³ As their titles suggest, the poor commission and the superintendent of the poor home are charged with the maintenance and operation of the poor home.²⁵⁴

207. (RECORD OF INMATES), 1930--. 1 vol.

A record of the inmates of the county poor home, showing name, age, sex, date admitted, date of discharge or death, and disposition of body, in case of death. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 pp. 10x12x1. Office.

XXVI. RANGER

The office of ranger, although constitutional,²⁵⁵ is now defunct in Crockett County, the office probably being abandoned when there was no longer the need for such an officer to receive and take up stray livestock. The office was filled on March 13, 1872, the day after the quarterly court was organized.²⁵⁶ The first report made by the ranger to the quarterly court at its June session of 1873 shows that since his appointment he had received twelve horses and mules valued at \$660 and that the owners of four of the animals valued at \$250 had been identified.²⁵⁷ For copy of ranger's bond and oath of office, see entry 6.

XXVII. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

(Farm and Home Demonstration Agents and Agricultural Extension Committee)

A general law of 1913 authorized the quarterly court to appropriate money for "Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work."²⁵⁸ Soon afterward, on January 6, 1914, the quarterly court of Crockett County appropriated money to pay one-third of the expense of an "agricultural instructor."²⁵⁹

Under a general law of 1929, Crockett County now has an agricultural extension committee of seven members elected by the quarterly court, for terms of three, two, and one years, to assist the court in the selection of a county agent and a home demonstration agent.²⁶⁰ There are now a farm

253. Pr.A. 1827, ch. 112, secs. 6 (C 1932, 4809, subsec. 3), 8 (C 1932, 4811).

254. Pr.A. 1827, ch. 112, secs. 6 (C 1932, 4809, 4810), 7 (C 1932, 4799), 8 (C 1932, 4811), 9 (C 1932, 4812); C 1858, 1599 (C 1932, 4800); C 1858, 1600-1607 (C 1932, 4801-4808); C 1858, 1612-1614 (C 1932, 4813-4815).

255. C 1858, 817 (C 1932, 1904); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.

256. Minute Book, vol. A, p. 17, in Minutes, entry 3 in this Inventory.

257. Ibid., 261, 262.

258. P.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 27 (C 1932, 10242, subsec. 18; C 1932, 10251).

259. Minutes, vol. H, p. 313, entry 3 in this Inventory.

260. Ibid., vol. I, p. 228; P.A. 1929, ch. 81, sec. 5 (C 1932, 2545).

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agent and a home demonstration agent, both designated annually.²⁶¹

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208. (PLOW UP CONTRACTS), 1933. 1 f. b.

Contracts between the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and cotton producers, through the Secretary of Agriculture, wherein the producer agrees to plow up a stated number of acres planted in cotton, the consideration to be a stated amount per acre in cash settlement, or an advance of six cents per pound of average lint yield per acre, with option to get advantage of any increase in price at later date, showing contract number, name and address of producer, number of acres in cotton for years 1932-33, average pounds of lint cotton per acre reasonably expected, liens against crop, number of acres to be taken out of production, rate of payment per acre, certificate to correctness of facts stated, signatures of producer and committeemen, and sketch map of farms. Arr. alph. by name of producer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 20x40x12. Office.

209. RECEIPT FOR PARITY PAYMENT CHECK AND DECLARATION OF TRUST, 1934-35. 3 f. d.

Receipts for parity payment checks delivered to operator, and his agreement to properly distribute them to any and all tenants and sharecroppers having an interest in the crop grown on the farm, showing contract number, amount and number of check, regulations concerning delivery, date, and signatures of producer acknowledging receipt of check and witness to the signature. Arr. num. by contract serial no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

210. DISTRIBUTION OF PARITY PAYMENTS, 1934-35. 2 f. d.

Record of the distribution of parity payments by producers to tenants and sharecroppers having an interest in cotton grown on their farms, showing rules and conditions governing payment, contract serial number, amount of parity check, name of each tenant or sharecropper, his acreage in cotton, value of share, amount due, and signature acknowledging receipt of same; also shows signature of producer certifying that all payments have been made, date, and notarization. Arr. num. by contract serial no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

211. (APPLICATION FOR SECOND PAYMENT UNDER COTTON OPTION), 1934. 1 f. b.

Applications for the payment of additional money due cotton producers who took the option payment under the 1933 "plow-up contract", showing contract serial number, name and address of producer, record of trust certificate issued to option holder, number of bales optioned, rate per bale,

²⁶¹. Minutes, vol. I, pp. 212, 288, 354, 370, 418, entry 3 in this Inventory.

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conditions regulating such payment, and signature of producer. Arr. num. by contract serial no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 20x40x12. Office.

212. RECEIPTS FOR CHECKS DELIVERED, 1933. 2 f. b.

Duplicate record of checks sent to the county to be delivered to participants in the cotton acreage rental, parity, and soil conservation program, showing State and county code, contract number, name of payee, amount and number of check, and signature of payee. No arr. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

213. COTTON SALES CERTIFICATE, 1935, 1937. 8 f. d.

Certificates executed by purchasers and producers of cotton sold, including purchaser's statement of amount purchased, showing name and address of purchaser, date of purchase, name and address of producer, number of bales purchased, gross weight, pounds of seed cotton, and lint cotton, signature of purchaser, date and place executed; and including producer's statement of interest in cotton sold, showing name of each person having interest in cotton sold, number of pounds in each share, producer's certification as to correctness of statement, date signed, and signature of producer. 1935, arr. num. by contract serial no.; 1937, arr. num. by application serial no. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

214. (FARM RECORD CARDS), 1934-35. 1 f. b. Discontinued.

Condensed information on farms in the county for the use of county committee in rating farms and assigning the number of acres to be rented to the Government in the cotton acreage reduction program, showing contract number, district, name and address of producer, total adjusted yield of lint cotton for each farm, cotton base acreage, number of acres allowed for cotton, number rented to Government, and record of payment to co-operatives. Arr. num. by contract serial no. No index. Typed. 5x12x4. Office.

215. C. A. R. CONTRACTS (Cotton Acreage Reduction Contracts), 1934-35. 8 f. d.

Contracts entered into between the Government and the cotton producers effecting a reduction of cotton acreage on a basis established by the county cotton committee and Federal Government, showing contract serial number, name and address of producer, number of acres in farm, number of acres established as base for cotton, wheat and tobacco, yield per acre, number of acres rented to the Government, rate of rental per acre, total to be paid, and signature of producer. Arr. num. by contract serial no. and alph. thereunder by name of community. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

216. APPLICATION FOR ALLOTMENT AND TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE, 1934-35. 30 vols. (no. by districts).

Applications for tax exemption certificates to sell cotton without tax, showing contract number, name and address of operator, whether owner, renter or sharecropper; size and location of farm, district in which located, production of lint cotton per acre for 1928-32, established by county cotton committee, name and address of each person having a share

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in the crop, and signatures of operator, county agent, and committeemen. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Typed on pr. fm. Aver. 230 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

Corn-Hog Contracts

217. CORN-HOG CONTRACTS, 1934-35. 5 f. b.

Corn-hog reduction contracts between producers and the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to the Agricultural Adjustment Act, showing contract serial number, name and address of producer, whether owner, renter, or sharecropper; outline of performance agreed to by producer and the Secretary, basis for reductions and payments as determined by numbers of acres of crops planted or harvested during two previous years, corn utilization for last two years, history of fields designated in contract, contracted corn acres and production thereon, 1932-33 hog production and contracted reduction for 1934, certification of county allotment committee, and acceptance by producer and landlord. Arr. num. by contract serial no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 14x12x24. Coal bin, courthouse lawn.

Soil Conservation

218. SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAM, 1936--. 6 f. d.

Work sheets, reports of performance, and applications for payment of benefits under the soil conservation program, showing number and date of work sheet, names and addresses of producer, tenants, and sharecroppers; their share in crops produced, total acres in the farm, number of acres in cultivation, and number acres idle land, woods, and waste land. Arr. num. by work sheet no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

Miscellaneous

219. (RECORDS, REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE), 1936--. 5 f. d.

Reports and correspondence pertaining to the activities of the county agent in connection with projects undertaken, various clubs and organizations, including 4-H clubs, county farm bureau, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Soil Conservation Program, Farm Security Administration, and other Federal organizations. Also contains: Agent's annual report to the State Department, summarizing all activities during the year and covering such items as 4-H and men's clubs, soil conservation and AAA programs, meetings held and attended, livestock projects, trips made, telephone calls made and received, persons calling on the agent, and inquiries made regarding various programs of the department, and the number of favorable and unfavorable comments received. Arr. alph. by subject or name of correspondent. No index. Typed and pr. 12x12x24. Office.

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220. (CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS), 1935--. 4 f. d.

Weekly, monthly, and annual reports of activities of the home demonstration agent; correspondence, leaflets, bulletins, and pamphlets pertaining to all phases of the work, including child care, selection, construction and care of clothing; selection, preparation, serving and conservation of food; handicraft, health and sanitation, horticulture, poultry, marketing of home products, house planning, and recreation. The weekly field report covers day-by-day activities of the agent and shows date of report, name of community visited each day, type of work performed or subject discussed, farm visits made, home visits made, number in attendance at each project, days on which official work was performed during the week, amount of time lost, office work performed, and number of miles traveled. The monthly report, a certificate of service, shows date of report, name of community visited, if any, on each day of the month; if employed, whether in field or office; or if absent from work, whether on annual leave, sick leave, or without pay; totals for the month, and signature of agent. The annual report is a summary, with analysis and interpretations, showing what part the agent has taken in forwarding the extension program, by reporting in detail all activities and results or accomplishments, showing date of report, and signature of agent. Arr. alph. by subject or name of correspondent and chron. thereunder. No index. Typed and pr. 12x12x24. Office.

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