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FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Arkansas is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on Historical Records Survey projects of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Baxter County, is number 3 of the Arkansas series.

The Historical Records Survey program was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment for needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable date for students of political,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, businessmen, 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 projects 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. Up to the present time more than 1,500 Survey publications have been issued in the country as a whole.

The successful conclusion of the work of the Historical Records Survey projects, 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 March 1, 1940, when he was succeeded by Sargent B. Child. The Survey operates as a Nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Community Service Programs, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was initiated in Arkansas in March 1936 as a branch of the Federal Writers' Project. In November of the same year the Survey became an independent unit of Federal Project No. 1, and functioned under Federal sponsorship until September 1, 1939. On September 5, 1939, the unit became State-wide locally sponsored project under the supervision of Howard H. Jacoway. Mr. Jacoway resigned on September 5, 1940 to become State Chief of the Research and Records Programs and was succeeded by Raymond Foster who has served on the supervisory staff of the Survey since December 1938.

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

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

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

A consultation of the table of contents of this volume will indicate that the inventory is divided into two parts. In the first, or general section of the volume will be found a historical sketch of the county, and an essay on the housing, care, and accessibility of the records. In the second section of the volume will be found a listing of the records of county offices. The arrangement of offices by functions is as follows: General administration; recording; administration of justice; finance; elections; education; health and welfare, and miscellaneous. The records are segregated under subject headings, according to office of origin or final deposit, unless other classification

is directed by law. Under agencies, records have been classified, so far as possible, according to the subjects with which they deal. They are described in entries whose style is formalized to give the following information: Title of record, dates for which available, quantity, labeling of volumes or containers, variant titles, description of record contents, manner of arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, size of volumes or containers, and locations.

The inventory of the Baxter County Archives was begun during the latter part of 1938 and completed in December 1940. The original field workers were: Elizabeth Lutz and Jefferson P. McBroom, who were assisted in the subsequent completion of the inventory of Baxter County. Field work was done under the supervision of Rand Barker, Bryce C. Rogers and Joel H. Spraggins, District Supervisors.

The work in the State office included the editing of forms, writing of entries, historical and legal research, writing and editing of essays and publication of the volume. Persons in the State editorial office to whom credit is due are: Albert A. Condray, forms editor; Mary H. Winburne and Jennie Birkhead, entry editors; Gladys Lynn and W. Jett final editors; Irene Thibault, Maida Arnold writers, who prepared the material for publication; Frances Kennedy who directed the mimeographing and publication. Mabelle Neighbors, Pauline LaFever, Flossie Blassingame, Leonora Robyn and H.F. Jernigan complete the unit responsible in the final publication of this volume, Carl E. Ott who directed the preparation of the index.

The editorial criticisms of Mabel S. Brodie, editor in charge of public records inventories in the central office, and Guy P. Timboe, assistant editor, has been invaluable to the Arkansas staff in preparing this volume for publication. The administrative personnel of Work Projects Administration, of the Division of Community Service Programs, and of Research and Records Programs have cooperated with the Survey in all phases of its program. The helpful suggestions and friendly counsel of John C. L. Andreassen, Regional Supervisor of Historical Records Survey, is gratefully acknowledged.

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

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ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

A. Ark. ..... Acts of Arkansas
acct. ..... account
admr. ..... administrator
alph. ..... alphabetical(ly)
arr. ..... arrange(d)
aver. ..... average
chron. ..... chronological(ly)
Const. ..... Constitution
deft. ..... defendant
dist. ..... district
ed(s). ..... editor(s)
est. ..... estimate(d)
f.d. ..... file drawer(s)
gdn. ..... guardian
h. ..... handwritten
hpf. ..... handwritten on printed form
hph. ..... handwritten under printed head
ibid. ..... ibidem (in the same place)
L. of U. S. ..... Laws of the United States
no(s). ..... number (s)
numer. ..... numerical(ly)
op. cit. ..... opere citato (in the work cited)
pltf. ..... plaintiff
p(p). ..... page(s)
r. ..... range
sec(s). ..... section(s)
t. ..... typed
Terr. A. Ark. ..... Territorial Acts of Arkansas
tpf. ..... typewritten on printed form
tph. ..... typewritten under printed head
T. L. M. ..... Territorial Laws of Missouri
twp. ..... township
vol(s). ..... volume(s)
U. S. Stat. ..... United States Statutes at Large

Symbols

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

Abbreviations, Symbols and
Explanatory Notes

Explanatory Notes

Titles of Record

Exact titles of records are written in solid capitals without parentheses as in entry 2. In the absence of titles, descriptive titles have been assigned, which are written in solid capitals and enclosed in brackets as in entry 1. If a record title is not descriptive of the contents of the record, an assigned explanatory title (or explanatory words), written with initial capitals and enclosed in parentheses, has been added as in entry 45. The current or most recent title of a record is used as the entry title.

Dates

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

Quantity

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

Labeling

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

Discontinuance

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

Description of Records

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

Indexing

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

Condition of Records

Records are in good condition unless otherwise indicated.

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Dimensions

Dimensions are always given in inches, unless otherwise indicated; in the entries, therefore, the symbol for inches (") is omitted.

Location of Records

Baxter County records are located at the residence of W. H. Powell, which serves as a temporary courthouse pending completion of the new courthouse now under construction. When the new building is completed the records will be housed with their respective offices.

Cross References

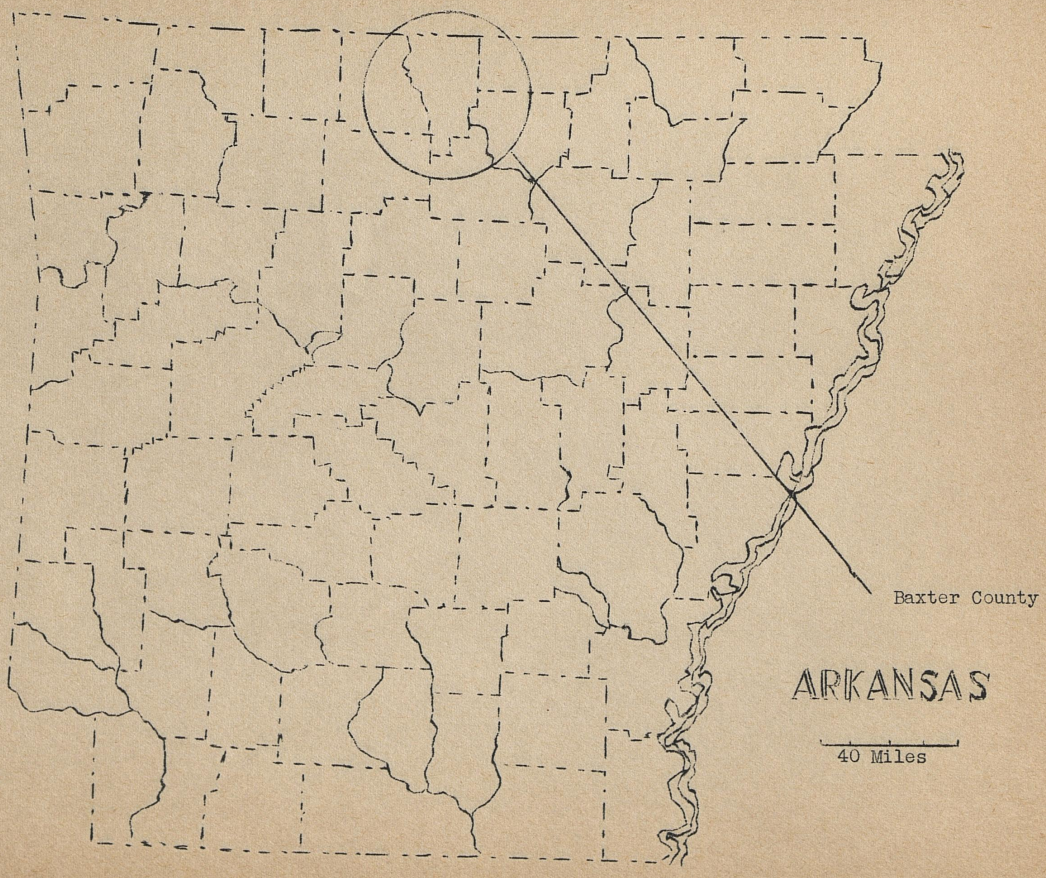
Title-line cross references are used to show the continuity of a record series which has been kept separately for a period of time and with other records for different periods of time. An example is that in entry 3 "1890-1932, in County Court Record, entry 4." They are also used in all artificial entries, those set up to cover records which must be shown separately under their proper office even though they are kept in files or records appearing elsewhere in the inventory, as, for example, the title-line reference in entry 10; "In Deed Record, entry 9." The description of the entry shows the title and entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made, as, for example, these words in entry 52; "Also contains: Docket of Chancery Court Cases, 1890-1902, entry 76." Dates shown in the description of the master entry or entry of miscellaneous contents are used only for the part or parts of the record contained therein, and are shown only when they vary from those of the master entry.

Citations

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

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

The title of any other published volume is always shown in full the first time used. Thereafter the short-title form is used.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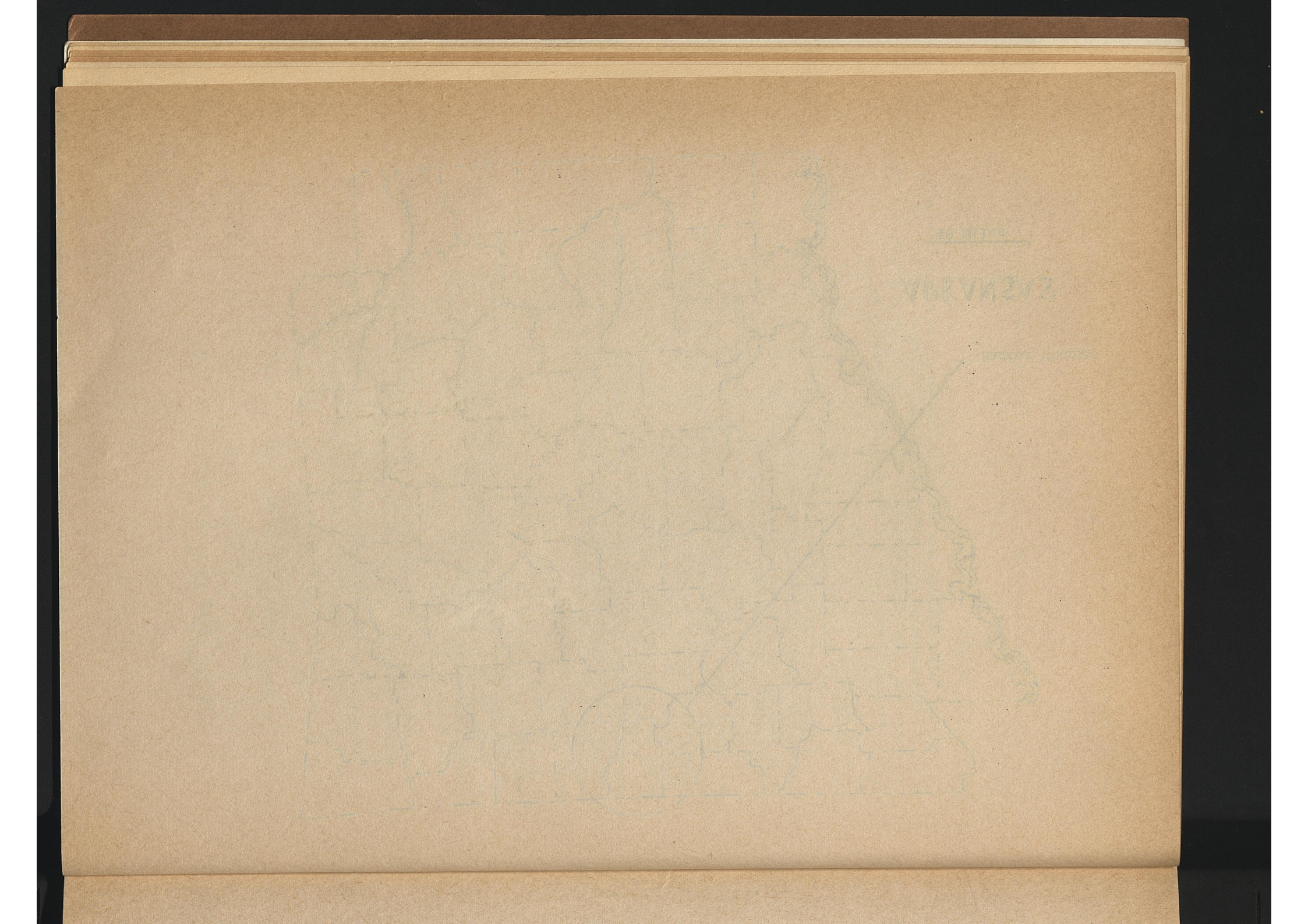

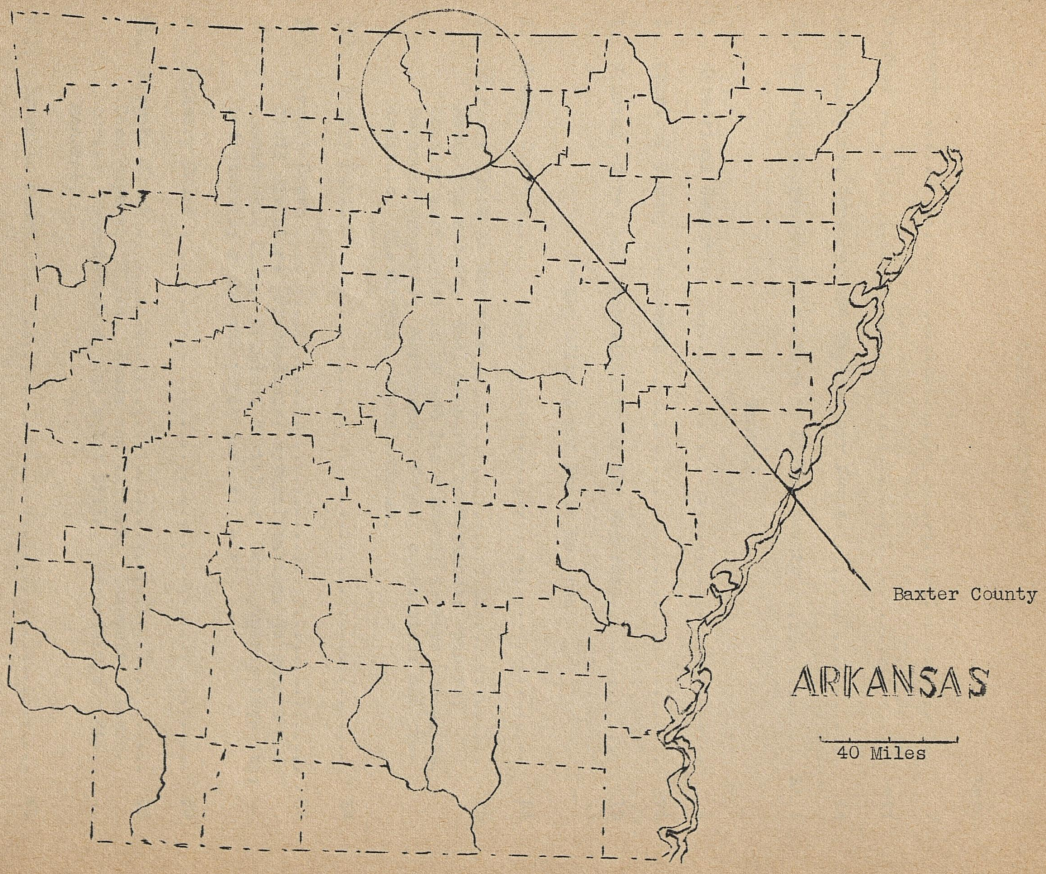
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Physical Features

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Baxter County is situated in a region of great natural beauty in the Ozark Plateaus, on the northern boundary line of Arkansas, midway between the eastern and western boundary lines of the State. (1) The county has a mountainous area of 571 square miles, (2) bounded on the north by the State of Missouri; on the east by Fulton and Izard Counties; on the southeast and south by Stone; and on the west by Searcy and Marion. (3) The history of Baxter County was one of quiet cultural and economic growth until recently when the construction of multiple-purpose dams in the upper White River basin brought the county into State and National prominence.

The basic rock is dolomite, or magnesian limestone, and from the breakdown of this residual rock come the prevailing soils of the county which are adapted to general farming, pastures, and fruit production. In small sections in the southern part are found less fertile non-magnesian limestone soils. (4)

The topography varies from isolated mountain peaks and rocky hills and ridges, divided by swift, clear streams, to the undulating land along the river. (5) The country around Mountain Home is a great plateau "scored on the edges by the gorges of streams flowing into White River and its large tributaries." (6) The average elevation of the county is 819 feet above sea level, (7) ranging from 400 feet in the river valleys to 1,350 feet on the summit of the double peak of Three Brothers. (8)

The situation of Baxter County between the Missouri and Arkansas Ozarks gives it an invigorating climate with a temperature averaging about 58 degrees. The rainfall is ample and the snowfall more moderate than in the counties farther west. The growing season lasts about 6 months from mid-April to mid-October. (9)

The county lies in the upper White River basin and is drained chiefly by the White River which forms a part of the western boundary of the county and winds in an easterly direction between rocky promontories and fertile plains across the south central section. (10) The White River is not only a distinctive physical feature in this section of the State, but it is classed as one of the beautiful rivers of the United States. From the earliest days, it has been admired for its translucence. The Cherokees named it Unica, meaning white river; to the French traders it was la Riviere an Blanc. (11) "From its source to below Batesville, it is a succession of rapids, rippling and rough water, and deep mirror-like pools, overhung by beautiful weather-beaten palisades that rise majestically in many places hundreds of feet above the water." (12) The Buffalo and North Fork Rivers, tributaries of the White are also characterized by crystal-clear water, swift currents, "holes and shoals", and meandering courses. Because of the alternation of rapids and pools, the rivers are used for float trips by "bass fishermen who float their swift reaches in longboats and other craft and enter remote and otherwise inaccessible waters." (13) Springs of clear, cold water, found throughout the county, form another of its attractive features. (14)

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The eastern section of the Ozark National Forest extends over the entire southern part of the county below the White River, an area of 84,281 acres. (15) Work is now in progress on a recreational camp on North Sylamore Springs, reputed to be one of the most picturesque sections of the Forest. (16) The game preserves in the Forest have protected wild life to such an extent that the deer in the Sylamore district have increased from 25 head in 1925 to 3,500 in 1940. (17) The trees on the 293,000 acres of forest land both north and south of the White River, belong to the mixed upland hardwoods except in the river valley where there are mixed bottom land hardwoods. (18)

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The history of Baxter County is not concerned with early explorers and Indian treaties and conflicts. The county came into existence nearly 50 years after the Indians were removed from this section of the State, and its pioneer history is mainly that of Izard County. However, the old log house of Major Jacob Wolf at Norfork, built in 1809, is preserved as the landmark of greatest historic value in the county. Under the joint ownership of the Wolf family and the citizens of Norfork, the house has been rehabilitated and converted into a memorial of the family and a museum for the preservation of Indian and pioneer relics. The house is a rectangular structure of hewn yellow pine logs with four spacious rooms, two down-stairs and two up-stairs. In each room is a great fireplace, built of dried bricks, still capable of being used. A winding stair with closets at the turns leads to the second floor. Over 100 years after the house was built the doors and shutters were still hanging on wrought iron hinges fastened with rivets made on Major Wolf's forge. (19)

Major Wolf came into this locality from Tennessee as an Indian agent. He built his home with Indian labor at the southern terminal of the Salt Trail near the mouth of the North Fork, (20) while Arkansas was governed as the District of Arkansas. (21) He opened a trading post in his home which drew traders from both sides of the Missouri-Arkansas line. Many articles traded here were made by the Major, who was a skilled blacksmith and a craftsman in iron and steel. In a short time, a small port grew up at the junction of Northfork and White Rivers, which received salt and manufactured goods brought up the river, at first by pirogue and later by steamboat. (22)

When Izard County was created in 1825, (23) Jacob Wolf used his influence to have his house designated as the seat of justice. At that time, the community that had grown up around his home was known as Liberty. With the changing of county lines, Liberty in Izard County became in the course of years the present Norfork of Baxter County. (24)

The social and economic conditions in this section of the upper White River in territorial days are described in the journal of Henry Schoolcraft, the geologist, who traveled through Baxter County in 1818. A "deadly and deep-rooted hostility" existed at that time between the Cherokees and Osages, in spite of recent treaties. Fur trading was an important occupation and trappers caught great numbers of beaver, otter, raccoon,

deer and bear. Schoolcraft wrote: "These skins are carefully collected and preserved during the summer and fall, and taken down the river in canoes, to the mouth of the Great North Fork of White River . . . where traders regularly come up with large boats to receive them. They also take down some wild honey, bear's bacon, and buffalo-beef, and receive in return, salt, iron-pots, axes, blankets, knives, rifles, and other articles of first importance in their mode of life." (25)

Organization and Development of the County

Baxter County was created by act of the General Assembly on March 24, 1873, (26) one of nine counties formed in that year while the State government was in the process of reorganization. The county was named in honor of Elisha Baxter, (27) who had recently been inaugurated as Republican Governor of the State. (28)

The original area of the county included portions of Marion, Izard, Fulton, and Searcy. (29) The eastern line bordering on Izard and Fulton was more exactly defined in the next session of the General Assembly. (30) The boundary line between Baxter and Marion Counties was altered in 1881. (31)

The organic act designated Mountain Home, a small community in the central part of the county, as the temporary county seat. (32) The town was first known as Rapp's Barrens. The term, "Barrens" was derived from the impression the place made on the early settlers but no explanation has been given for the name Rapp. The legend is that the community became known in pre-county days as Mountain Home because this was the name by which the slaves of Col. O. L. Dodd always referred to their home while on their trips down the river. (33)

The county government was directed during the first year and a half by a board of supervisors, a form of county administration established by legislative enactment a few days after the creation of the county. The board consisted of the following locally prominent men, appointed by the Governor: (34) B. F. Lance, O. L. Dodd, and Bird Deatherage. B. F. Lance was elected president of the board at one of their first meetings, held in July 1873 in the store of Randolph D. Casey, which was used as a temporary courthouse. (35) At a later meeting in the month, C. A. Eatman was installed as county clerk, J.E.Jordan as county surveyor, and J. H. Haley as treasurer. Included in the first business of the board was the division of the county in 13 townships, each containing a voting precinct, and the grouping of the townships into 3 supervisors' districts. (36) J. S. Russell deeded a house and lot to the county and W. H. Lane and wife gave an entire block of land. (37) The Lane grant was still owned by the county in 1936. (38)

For the first permanent courthouse, the county purchased from J. C. Price, for the sum of $600, a two-story log house, known locally as the Joe Price boarding house, on the southwest quarter of block No. 26 in Truman's addition. (39)

The administration of the county government by a board of supervisors came to an end with the adoption of the Constitution of 1874, which provided for the re-establishment of the county court, the administrative system in use today. (40) John S. Russell was elected as first county judge of Baxter County. Serving with him were A. G. Byler, sheriff and collector; C. A. Eatman, clerk; John W. Haley, treasurer; W. P. Hargrave, surveyor; and James M. Cox, coroner. (41)

The county had neither a poor house nor a jail during the first few years and in consequence it became the custom for the county to pay responsible citizens to care for the paupers and to confine the culprits. An early record shows that Charity Talburt received $25 for her care of a sick indigent for two and a half months. (42) Somewhat later a regular pauper fund was established, maintained by the levying of a pauper tax. (43) In order to lessen the expense to the county, the court ordered in 1897 that all the paupers of the county be put under the care of one person. (44) Twenty-one years later, however, paupers were still being "kept by different persons in various parts of the county." At that time the court allowed from $6 to $11 a month per person to cover "all expenses of keeping, clothing, etc." (45)

At first there appeared to be little need for a public jail. Dr. J. F. Norman who came to Baxter County as a boy, says that at this time, "the laws were enforced 100 percent . . . there was very little drinking of whiskey with its attendant evils. . . most of the lawlessness was disturbing public worship, violating the Sunday law." (46) The first case of a civil nature entered in the county records concerned the disturbance of a religious congregation. (47) By 1876, however, there was a demand for a jail and a fund was raised by levying a two-mill tax. (48) O. L. Dodd was appointed building commissioner (49), and by 1878 a jail of stone and wood was completed at a cost of approximately $1,200.(50) The old jail has now been displaced by a stone jail southwest of the square. (51)

The log house of J. C. Price served as the courthouse until it became insecure, and in 1880 a new courthouse was constructed near the center of the town square for approximately $3,000. (52) In February 1890, this courthouse was destroyed by fire, (53) and although the records were kept in a fire proof vault, (54) some of them were damaged, (55) In 1891 a brick courthouse of two stories was constructed on the site of the old courthouse for the sum of $4,290. (56) In addition to the insurance on the burned building, funds for erecting the courthouse were raised by a 2-mill tax levied in 1890 (57) and 1½-mill tax in 1891. (58)

In September 1939, the county court ordered that a special election be held to decide the matter of the construction of a building to house both the courthouse and jail. Specifications and estimates of cost of the proposed building were filed with the county clerk by the architects and approved by the county court. (59) In 1940 the old courthouse had been razed and a new building was being constructed on the same site. The sessions of the courts were held in a warehouse until construction was completed. (60)

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Education

Although the establishment of a free school system has been a major concern of the State from the time of the constitution of 1836, (61) inefficient management, (62) and a general distrust of free schools, (63) retarded the development of a satisfactory school program for a number of years. That there was never any lack of interest in education, however, is evidenced by the organization in Baxter County as well as in many other counties, of private academies both denominational and non-denominational. (64) One of these schools was the Male and Female Academy founded at Mountain Home about 1853 by Professor J. S. Howard of Platteville, Wisconsin, while Baxter was still a part of Marion County. So strong was the influence of the academy, incorporated in 1859, (65) that the town of Mountain Home is said to have grown up economically as well as culturally around the institution. (66)

Like many other schools in the northern part of the state, the Mountain Home Academy closed its doors when war was declared, the students and teachers enlisted, and Prof. Howard became a quartermaster of the Confederate Army. Although this part of Arkansas was not in the line of march of either army, it suffered from frequent scouting raids, and bushwhackers burned the school building and a number of nearby homes. Three years after the war, the people of Mountain Home sent for Professor Howard, who had returned to Wisconsin, and the school was reopened in a new building. The number of students increased to 100; the best homes in town offered them board; and the community prospered as a college town. (67)

The Male and Female Academy was discontinued, but the cultural standing of the town was maintained by the establishment of a similar institution. In 1893 the Mountain Home Baptist College, a denominational school like those found throughout the Ozarks, was organized with Professor W. S. Johnson as principal. The first year there was an enrollment of 193 students. At the height of its prosperity, the school property consisted of 10 buildings, situated on a campus of 46 acres, with a total valuation of $150,000. (68) As an affiliate of the Ouachita-Central System of Colleges and Academies, it was known as the Ouachita-Mountain Home Academy. (69) For 36 years the people of this section of the State depended upon the academy and it was a great loss to them when it was permanently discontinued in 1929. (70)

During the years when the early academies flourished, the public school was slowly developing. In 1873 the General Assembly passed a comprehensive act for a common school system directed by a state superintendent, county superintendent, and district trustees. School districts were authorized by this act to levy a tax not greater than 5 mills for the support of schools for 3 months or longer. (71) Among the first acts of the county board of supervisors of Baxter County were the re-defining of school districts, (72) and the granting of petitions for the levying of taxes in the districts. (73) However, school revenue was small and the compensation low. In October 1873 a tax was levied on school district No. 21. "for the purpose of raising the sum of $52 to pay teachers in said district for the year 1872" (74), and in January 1874 Ambrose J. Truman

was allowed $150 for his services as county superintendent during the year 1873. (75) The report of the State Superintendent in 1879 showed that 2 schoolhouses had been erected in Baxter County during the preceding school year and that there were 18 teachers. (76) From 1900 on, there has been steady progress in the public schools with longer school terms, better trained teachers, and more adequate school facilities. The length of the term in Baxter County has increased from 73 days in 1900, (77) to 95 in 1920, (78) and to 155 days in 1940. (79) The total value of the school property in 1920 was $54,983; (80) at the last report the assessed valuation of the property was $1,816,570. (81) The local tax for schools has increased from 5 mills, authorized by the Constitution in 1874, (82) to 18 mills in 1926. (83)

Following the establishment of consolidated school districts with schools of higher standards, the number of school districts has been lowered from 69 in 1920, (84) to 53 in 1940. (85) In the 1937-1938 term there were 54 schools in the county attended by 80 percent of the children of school age. (86) A county examiner has now displaced the county superintendent as the supervisor of education in the county. (87)

The new Horace Mann School at Norfork is an example of what a community can do towards improving its educational facilities. Although this is a community of only 300 persons, it has built through individual effort and government aid a modern educational plant with a vocational training department. The successful operation of this school to which almost every family in the district has contributed, has developed a new spirit in the community. (88)

Religion

The settlers of the county were of a strongly religious nature and before the organization of the churches, religious meetings, often lasting several weeks with three services a day, were held at camp grounds scattered throughout the county. At a Baptist camp meeting held near Norfork in 1843 as many as 500 people were in attendance, according to the report of one of the campers. In 1853 there was a camp ground near Mountain Home, covering several acres. In the center was the arbor or tabernacle, a large structure of hewn logs, open on the sides and roofed with clapboards. (89)

In Mountain Home, members of the Methodist, Baptist, Cumberland Presbyterian, and Christian Churches used the old Male and Female Academy as a place of worship until the increase in population justified the organization of different churches. At first each denomination held service there on Sunday in the month and united in their Sunday School. In 1876 the Baptists, (90) at that time one of the leading denominations in this section, (91) erected a building which they used for nearly 60 years. A new Baptist church was built in 1935. The original Christian Church building is still being used by that sect. The Presbyterians disbanded and their church was bought by the Methodists in 1904 when the Methodist church was destroyed by a storm. (92)

At Cotter not only the Methodist, Baptist and Christian denominations are represented but also the Presbyterian, Assembly of God, and Catholic faiths, each of which has a regular place of worship. (93)

TRANSPORTATION

In 1873 the county roads were built and maintained, under the direction of an overseer, by men from 18 to 45 years of age, living in the townships through which the roads ran. (94) Accordingly, one of the first acts of the board of supervisors was to lay off 10 road districts with a road overseer and an apportioning justice in each district. (95) This system of local supervision and drafted labor, however, did not achieve its purpose in building good roads. (96)

At present, the responsibility for maintaining the highways is in the hands of a State Highway Commission, (97) and a county highway commission,(98) and the chief burden of the maintenance is placed on the drivers of motor vehicles. In 1937-1938, there were 1,040 motor vehicles of all types in use in the county. (99)

In 1936 there were 90.4 miles of State highway in the county and 381 miles of county roads. (1) During the administration of County Judge R. M. Ruthven, in 1939 many miles of good county roads were built through a cooperative program by which the people of the communities cleared the right-of-way and gathered rocks for the crusher, and the road districts provided fuel for the machinery. (2)

Today State Highway No. 5, one of the most popular scenic drives in this section of the State, follows the general direction of the old Salt Trail; U. S. Highway No. 62, one of the important Federal highways runs through the central part of the county; and State Highway No. 14 crosses the southern end of the county in the National Forest. (3)

The navigable rivers were the most important avenues of transportation until the coming of the railroads. By 1873 steamboating on the White River had recovered from the devastation of the Civil War, and was just entering the most flourishing period of its history. It became a custom for merchants from such inland towns as Mountain Home and Big Flat to make an annual trip down the river to buy a year's supply of goods. After 1883 a decline in steamboating set in on the lower White River owing to the construction of railroads, but river traffic continued to prosper between the towns of Buffalo and Batesville until the end of the century. (4)

In 1885, visitors to the county seat were advised to go by the most direct railroad to West Plains, Missouri, where they could take the stage running daily to Mountain Home. (5) The first railroad entered the county with the construction of the White River Railway from Batesville northwest along the course of the White River. On September 1, 1903, this railroad, then a division of the Iron Mountain, was extended to Cotter.(6) The White River road is now a division of the Missouri-Pacific system and is said to have one of the most beautiful routes in the South. (7)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Agriculture

Before the coming of the railroads, cattle and sheep and such crops as corn, wheat, oats, tobacco, vegetables, were among the products essential to the self-sustaining economy of the county. There was an abundance of timber for fuel and building purposes, and the water mills found on nearly every stream, ground the corn for home use. (8)

Agricultural production increased until by 1890 several crops were raised in larger quantities than in 1935. (9) The increase continued, with apparently no thought of soil conservation, and in 1900 the consus reports show 373,770 bushels of corn, 74,440 bushels of oats, 71,600 bushels of wheat, and 2,894 bales of cotton. (10) These conditions, combined with the over-production of the World War period and the frequent droughts in recent years have left the county in comparatively low state of productivity. Agriculture is still the chief source of income, but agricultural methods and objectives, have been altered and improved. The depleted soil is now being built up on a permanent basis. The "row crop lands" are being converted into meadows and pastures, seeded with drought-resistant grasses and hay, and the quality of the livestock, particularly the beef cattle, is being improved by the introduction of registered sires and dams. (11)

On most of the farms, in 1935, corn for all purposes was raised and on about a third of the farms, cotton was among the marketable crops. (12) On 496 farms, there was land in fruit orchards, chiefly apple and peach, vineyards, and planted nut trees. Most of the farmers had milk cows and a total of 194,740 pounds of butter was reported as being churned, about 23,000 pounds more than in 1929. (13) At the last census, the value of all farms in the county, including land and buildings, was $2,489,474. (14)

Mining

The mineral resources of Baxter County were known and used long before county history was written. A slag pile at the mouth of Bruce Creek and two others on the White River below Bull Shoals are believed to mark the beginning of mining in this section, in some remote period. (15) Early explorers may have mined the lead for their supply of rifle balls, (16) but School craft was the first writer to record the occurrence of iron, lead and zinc in the Arkansas Ozarks. (17)

At the beginning of the century, mining operations began on a larger scale. According to local authorities there were 21 mining companies owning property and operating in Baxter County in December 1901; and by the next year there were more steam drills at work there than in any of the other mineral counties of the section. (18) The most extensive mining operations were in the Pigeon Creek, Bruce Creek, and Jenkins Creek mining districts. (19) In the county records are nine volumes beginning in 1892 giving the location of mines, (20) and five volumes containing the sworn statements of the owners that the necessary work to hold the claims had

been completed.(21) The mineral industry did not develop as expected, however, because of the high cost of transportation and production, and a number of the mines closed. A brief period of expansion followed the demand for minerals during the World War and some of the mines were reopened, but since 1918, mining has practically ceased in the county. There are still many undeveloped deposits of ore, however, and it is believed that the production of hydro-electric power at the new dams will revive mining and other industries. (22) The directory of Arkansas Mineral Producers listed two mineral operators in the county in 1935. (23)

Manufactures

Such neighborhood manufactories as saw mills, grist mills, brick kilns and tan yards supplied many needs of the early settlers. (24) As a result of the general exploitation of timber, (25) there was an appreciable increase in the number of saw mills about 1900. The census of that year reported 25 manufacturing establishments in the county, employing an average of 25 wage earners at a total annual average wage of $4,559. (26)

Lumbering declined after 1909, (27) but recently there has been a revival in the industry. A press report from Mountain Home states that the production of red cedar posts and lumber is becoming one of the major timber industries of north Arkansas. The increased shipments of timber are due chiefly to the fact that the improved roads enable trucks to reach sections far removed from the railroads. (28)

Reservoirs

A revivifying of trade and industry in this entire section of the State has followed the construction of dams in the upper White River Basin. The Seventy-fifth Congress appropriated $25,000,000 for six reservoirs in the White River watershed, two of which are in Baxter County, namely, the Lone Fork on the Buffalo River and the North Fork River. (29) In August, 1940, the War Department recommended to Congress a further development of the White River, costing $79,000,000. The proposal included the construction of a 40,000 acre reservoir at Wildcat Shoals in Baxter County and a multiple purpose dam 223 feet high and 2,235 feet long at Bull Shoals, 12 miles distant. The dam would be designed to produce a total of 140,000 kilowatts of power and by controlling the flow of water prevent such floods as those that occurred at Newport in 1914 and 1927. (30)

It is expected that the production of hydro-electric power at these dams will hasten the development of the rich mineral resources in this section of State, retarded for many years by lack of commercial fuel. The tourists business, which is increasing in economic importance, will doubtless be stimulated by the maintenance of the attractive lakes connected with the dual-purpose dams. (31)

Population

The settlers of Baxter County came largely from the Southern States, traveling west, for the most part, along the lines of latitude. (32) Nearly all of them were born in this country. In 1870 in the areas comprising Izard, Fulton, Marion, and Searcy counties, -the counties from which Baxter was formed three years later,-there were only 22 persons of foreign birth. (33)

From a population of 6,004, reported by the census of 1880, (34) years after the county was created, the population increased with the development of the county up to the industrial period of 1910. In that year the census showed a population of 10,389, the highest number yet reached by the county. Economic conditions in the next two decades brought about a loss, (35) that is being slowly regained: the population in 1940 was 10,281 an increase of 762 since the census of 1930. (36) In 1930 there were only 78 persons of foreign birth in the county and one Negro. (37) The entire population was classified as rural. (38)

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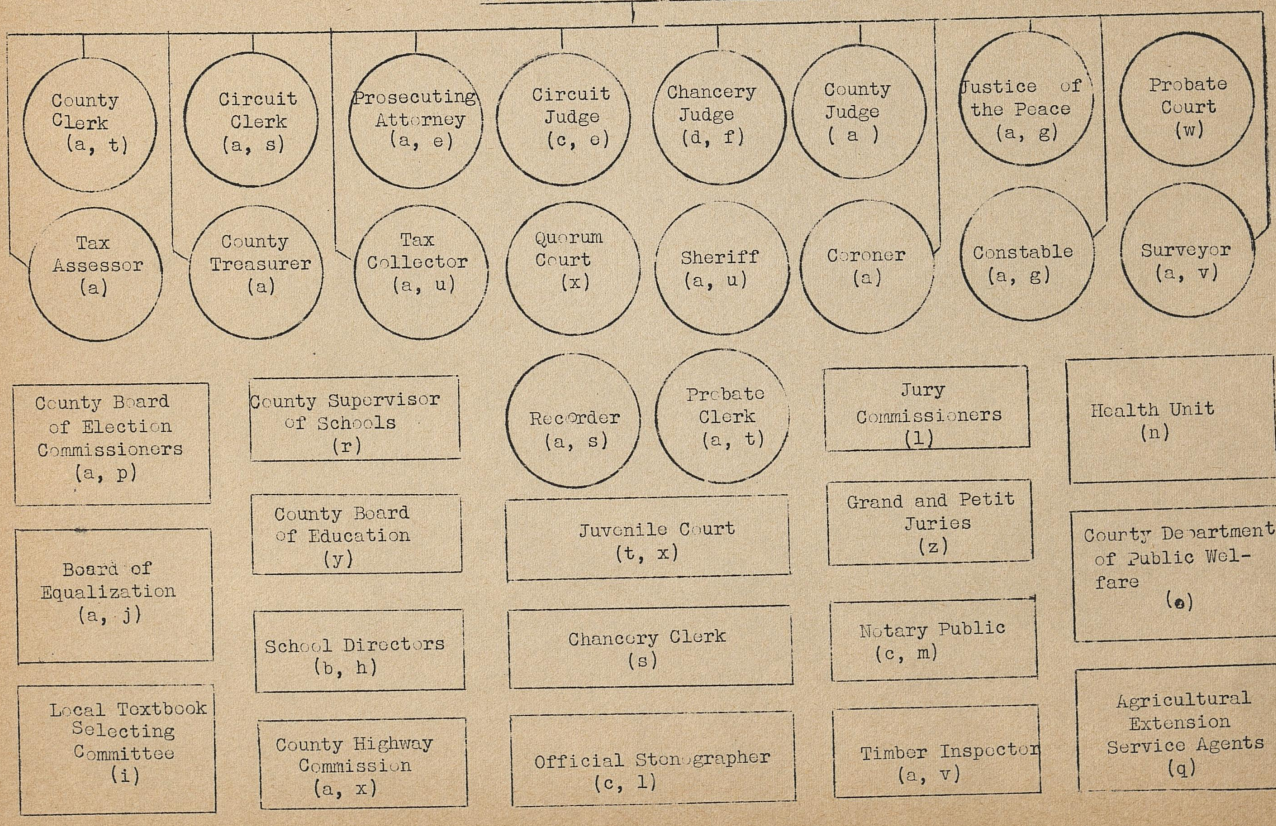
BAXTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT, 1942



LEGEND

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

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

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HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

Since the compilation of this inventory, the Baxter County courthouse built in 1892 at Mountain Home is now being razed and a new structure will take its place.

The county records temporarily stored in a warehouse consist of the following:

County Court. There are approximately 8.96 cubic feet of unbound records and 27 volumes of county court records in the custody of the county clerk and will be stored in his vault in the new building.

County Highway Commission. No records of this commission were found.

Circuit Clerk as Recorder. The recorder's records consist of 11.22 cubic feet of unbound records and 115 volumes, which will be stored in his vault.

Notary Public. There is one volume, which is in the custody of Katherine Pitman, Notary Public, in the vault of C. E. Hopkins Lumber Co., Cotter, Arkansas.

Circuit Court. Approximately 8.25 cubic feet of unbound records and 21 volumes of circuit court papers are in the custody of the circuit clerk and will be housed in the new vault of the circuit clerk.

Jury Commission. No records of the jury commission were disclosed in the inventory.

Chancery Court. Chancery court papers consist of approximately 23.43 cubic feet of unbound records and 17 volumes, in the custody of the circuit clerk as ex officio chancery clerk which will be placed in his vault in the new building.

Probate Court. Probate papers consist of approximately 7.92 cubic feet of unbound records and 19 vols. They are kept by the county clerk.

Juvenile Court. For the records of the juvenile court see entries 91 and 92.

Justice of the Peace. There are 4 volumes of the justice of the peace records which are being taken care of by the county clerk.

Prosecuting Attorney. The prosecuting attorney keeps no records.

Sheriff. No records of the sheriff were found.

Coroner. No records of the coroner were found.

Constable. No records of constables were found.

Quorum Court. Approximately .66 cubic feet of unbound records of the

quorum court are in the custody of the county clerk, for others see entry 4.

County Clerk. In Baxter County the circuit clerk serves as ex officio county clerk. The records kept by the county clerk consist of approximately 6.60 cubic feet of unbound records and 147 bound volumes.

Tax Assessor. The tax assessor's records are placed in the custody of the county clerk.

Board of Equalization. The records of this agency consists of 1 volume, which is in the custody of the county clerk.

Tax Collector. There are 669 tabs or books which were kept in the collector's office, and will probably be placed in the vault of the county clerk in the new building.

County Treasurer. There are approximately .33 cubic feet of unbound records and 83 bound volumes belonging to the treasurer's office.

Directors of County Audits. There are 3 volumes of auditor's reports in the custody of the county clerk.

County Board of Election Commissioners. Returns and other records pertaining to elections are in the custody of the county clerk.

County Examiner of Schools. The record of this office include approximately .33 cubic feet of unbound records and 1 volume. See entries 4 and 141.

School Directors. Lists of the directors are kept by the county examiner, now the county supervisor of schools.

Health Unit. There are approximately 3.85 cubic feet of unbound records and 1 volume pertaining to health work, which will be kept in their own quarters.

Department of Public Welfare. The records consist of approximately 7.15 cubic feet of unbound records and 1 volume, which will be kept in the welfare office.

Confederate Pension Board. This agency, while inactive, has never been abolished by law. Its records, kept in 2 volumes, are in the custody of the county clerk.

County Surveyor. The surveyor's records consist of 3 volumes in the custody of the circuit clerk.

Timber Inspector. The county surveyor is ex officio timber inspector. No records were found in the inventory.

County Farm Agent. This official and the Home Demonstration Agent share offices together. The records, many of them common to both offices, will be housed in their own offices and consist of 9.32 cubic feet of unbound records.

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COUNTY COURT

1. [COUNTY COURT PAPERS], 1887--. Est. 4,720 instruments in 8 steel f. d. (unlabeled), 13 wooden f. d. (dated), and 38 bundles (unlabeled).

Original miscellaneous case papers of the county court, consisting of:

i. Bastardy papers, 1890--, showing name, age, and residence of complainant, name of defendant, date and place of birth of child, amount sought for it's support, signature of complainant, and date filed.

ii. County (general) claims allowed and disallowed, showing date and amount of claim, name of claimant, whether allowed or disallowed, signature of claimant, and date filed.

iii. County officers' quarterly settlements, 1894-1917, showing date of report, name of reporting officer, itemized statement of receipts and disbursements, signature of officer, and date filed.

iv. School transfer petitions, 1938, showing name and age of child, names and numbers of school districts from which transferred and to which transferred, signature of petitioner, acknowledgment, and date filed.

v. Specifications for power dam sites and roads, 1925-30, showing location of site and road, description of dam, signature and seal of president of Arkansas Power and Light Company, and date filed.

vi. Stock law petition, 1930, showing purpose of petition, date, and names and addresses of qualified voters signing petition.

Also contains: Incidental filings of probate court papers, 1896-1929, entry 80, and juvenile court papers, 1911--, entry 91. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., 1889-1918; hpf., 1919--. 11 x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$.

2. SHERIFFS' & COLLECTORS' SETTLEMENTS, 1889-1931. 6 vols. (A-C, C-E). 1931-- in Treasurer's Accounts Record, entry 137. Titles vary slightly.

Record of annual settlements of the sheriff as collector, showing information as in entry liii. Arr. chron. by settlement date. No index. Hph. Aver. 262 pp. 16 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

3. COUNTY COURT CLAIM DOCKET, 1933--. 2 vols. (A,B). 1890-1932 in County Court Record, entry 4.

Record of claims filed against the county, for services rendered or supplies furnished, showing information as in entry lii. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., 1933-38; hph., 1939--. Aver. 320 pp. 17 x 12 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

4. COUNTY COURT RECORD, 1873-84, 1886--. 16 vols. (A,B, A-C, 3-13). 2 vols., 1873-84, transcribed in 1903.
Record of proceedings of the board of supervisors, May 5, 1873- October 13, 1874, and of the county court 1874-84, 1886--, in such matters as petitions for the opening or extension of roads, transfer of school children, elections, matters of incorporation of towns and cities, equalization of assessments, appointments authorized by law to be made by the county court, construction of court houses and other county buildings, purchase and sale of real estate by the county, construction of bridges, and issuance of bond. Entries show names of interested parties, location of road and school districts affected, nature of proceedings or claim, order of court concerning each action, date of proceedings, names of legally constituted officers of court who are in attendance, and signature of presiding judge. Also contains: County claims, 1890-1932, entry 3; incidental recordings of probate court proceedings, 1914-34, entry 89; proceedings in juvenile court, 1911--, entry 92; proceedings in quorum court, 1882--, entry 95; road record, 1904--, entry 126; register of school directors, 1921--, entry 132, and treasurers' accounts, 1890-1912, entry 137. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. H., 1873-84, 1886-1927; t., 1928--. Aver. 480 pp. 18" x 12 x 3.

CIRCUIT CLERK AS RECORDER

Reception Record

5. RECORD INSTRUMENTS FILED (Reception Record), 1931--. 1 vol. Chronological listing of instruments filed with the recorder for permanent filing or recording, showing names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, date of instrument, date filed, book and page of record entry, and fees charged. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hph. 320 pp. 16½ x 12 x 2.

Real Property Conveyances

Papers

6. DEEDS NOT RECORDED, 1861--. Est. 600 instruments in 3 steel f. d. (labeled by contained letters of the alph.).

Original deeds left in the custody of the recorder but not recorded, showing names of grantor and grantee, date, consideration, legal description of property, signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. alph. by first letter of grantee's name. No index. H., 1861-1929; tph., 1930--. 13½ x 11½ x 4½.

7. [RECORDED MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUMENTS], 1857--. Est. 2,850 instruments in 38 pasteboard f. d. (labeled by contained letters of the alph.).

Miscellaneous papers which have been recorded and returned to files, consisting of:

i. Deeds conveying title to real property by public or private sale, showing information as in entry 6.

ii. Oil and gas leases, 1921, conveying right to ingress and egress for the purpose of exploring for oil, gas, and minerals, showing names of lessor and lessee, legal description of property concerned, consideration, term and date of lease, signature of lessor, acknowledgment, and date filed.

Also contains: Incidental filings of land patents, 1902-18, entry 8. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., 1857-91; hpf., 1892-1907; t, 1908-21; tpf., 1922--. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

8. Patents, 1854-1927. Est. 356 instruments in 2 steel f. d. (labeled by contained letters of the alph.). Incidental filings, 1902-18, in [Recorded Miscellaneous Instruments], entry 7.

Original land patents issued by the United States Government to lands sold at public sale or claimed under home stead rights, showing certificate date and number, name of grantee, legal description of property, signatures of the President of the United States, Secretary of the Interior, and Recorder in General Land Office, and date filed. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantee. No index. H., t. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

9. DEED RECORD, 1890--. 44 vols. (A-D, CC, 1, 1, 1, 2-37; 1 vol. unlabeled). Titles vary slightly, being descriptive in some instances of the contents of certain vols. in which conveyances of a standardized or special form may be grouped.

Record of deeds, showing information as in entry 6. Also contains: Right-of-way deeds, 1902-7, entry 10; timber deeds, 1931-37, and incidental recordings, 1908-30, entry 11; incidental recordings of mortgages, 1927, entry 18; town plats, 1893-1902, and incidental recordings, 1903-12, entry 27; powers of attorney, 1891-1910, entry 30; affidavits, 1905-18, entry 47; bonds for title, 1891-99, entry 48, and corporation proceedings, 1892, entry 118. Arr. chron. by date filed. For index, see entry 12. Hpf., 1890-1927; t., 1928--. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

10. (RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED RECORD), 1902-30. 1902-7 in Deed Record, entry 9; 1908-30 in Miscellaneous Record, entry 17.

Record of right-of-way deeds permitting the building of highways, railroads, power, telephone and telegraph lines across privately owned property, showing names of grantor and grantee, legal description of property, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.

11. (TIMBER DEED RECORD), 1900-1937. 1900-1930 in Miscellaneous Record, entry 17; 1931-37, and incidental recordings, 1908-30, in Deed Record, entry 9.

Record of instruments executed for the purpose of conveying timber rights, showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description and location of timber, date and duration of deed, copy of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.

12. INDEX TO DEEDS AND MORTGAGES, 1890--. 8 vols. (1-2; 3-4; 4-18; 19-26; A; CD; 2 vols. dated).

Direct and indirect index to Deed Record, entry 9; Mortgage Record, entry 18, and Deed of Trust (Record), 1902--, entry 36. Direct section shows names of grantor and grantee, date and kind of instrument, and book and page of record entry. Indirect section shows names of grantee and grantor, date and kind of instrument, and book and page of record entry. Direct section arr. alph. by first letter of name of grantor; indirect section arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantee. Hpf. Aver. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Leases

13. RECORD (Oil and Gas Leases), 1919--. Last entry 1927. 2 vols. (1, 2). Title varies slightly. 1900-1918, 1928-30, and incidental recordings, 1919-27, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 17.

Record of oil and gas leases, showing information as in entry 7ii. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T., 1919-20; tph., 1921--. Aver. 272 pp. 14 x 10 x 1½.

14. MINING LOCATION NOTICE, 1892--. 9 vols. (A, B, A, C, 4-7; 1 vol, unlabeled). Titles vary slightly.
Record of mining location notice, showing name of person locating mine, description of land where found, description of lode or vein, copy of signature of claimant, acknowledgment, date filed, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of location. Hpf. Aver. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

15. PROOF OF LABOR (Mining Claim), 1892-1933. 5 vols. (A, C, 1, 2; 1 vol. unlabeled). Incidental recordings, 1902, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 17.
Record of sworn statement of owner of mining claim that necessary work required to hold claim has been completed, showing date of instrument, name and location of claim, copy of signature of claim owner, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hpf., 1892-99, 1903-33; h., 1900-1902. Aver. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

16. PROOF OF ASSESSMENT (Mining Claim), 1900-1915. 2 vols. (B; 1 vol. unlabeled).
Record of sworn statement of owner that mining claim has been assessed for taxes, showing information as in entry 15. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of claim owner. H. Aver. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

17. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1890--. 3 vols. (A-C).
Record of miscellaneous instruments filed with the recorder, consisting of:

i. Adoption, notice of, record of, 1916, showing date executed, names of adopted child and parents, date of adoption, copy of signatures of parents, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.

ii. Agreements, record of, 1895-1931, showing date executed, purpose of agreement, names of parties concerned, date filed, and recording certificate.

iii. Assignments, record of, 1905-18, showing names of assignor and assignee, consideration, description of property, date of assignment, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.

iv. Bills of sale, record of, 1913-27, 1934, showing date executed, names of grantor and grantee, listing and description of property, copy of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.

v. Court order affecting title to property, record of, 1916-29, showing number and style of case, names of parties affected, legal description of property involved, date order executed, copy of signature of presiding judge, date filed, and recording certificate.

vi. Promissory notes, record of, 1894-1917, showing information as in entry 46.

vii. Property exempt from execution, schedules of, record of, 1891-1915, showing date executed, name of person executing instrument, description of property claimed as exempt from execution, copy of signature of property owner, date filed, and recording certificate.

viii. Public miller, application for, record of, 1892-1921, showing date executed, name of applicant, location of mill, copy of signature of applicant, date filed, and recording certificate.

ix. Revocation of power of attorney, record of, 1908, showing name and address of person who had conferred power, purpose for which conferred, name of attorney, date canceled, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.

Also contains: Right-of-way deeds, 1908-30, entry 10; timber deeds, 1900-1930, entry 11; oil and gas leases, 1900-1918, 1928-30, and incidental recordings, 1919-27, entry 13; incidental recordings of proof of labor on mining claims, 1902, entry 15; mechanics' and laborers' liens, 1892, and incidental recordings, 1913-27, entry 24; incidental recordings of lis pendens, 1914-20, entry 26; powers of attorney, 1911-27, and incidental recordings, 1903-10, entry 30; incidental recordings of ministers' credentials, 1915, entry 42; affidavits, 1919-32, and incidental recordings, 1913-18, entry 47; bonds for title, 1900-1926, and incidental recordings, 1894-99, entry 48; incidental recordings of corporation proceedings, 1935, entry 118, and incidental recordings of professional licenses, 1902-29, entry 121. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of person concerned. H., 1890-1930; t., 1931--. Aver. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Mortgages

18. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1890--. 15 vols. (A, B, 1-6, 8-13, 15). Titles vary slightly. Incidental recordings, 1927, in Deed Record, entry 9.

Record of mortgages on real estate, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, legal description of property, date of execution, consideration, copy of signature of mortgagor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. Also contains: Old age pension liens, 1936-37, entry 25; deeds of trust, 1890-1901, and incidental recordings, 1902-30, entry 36. Arr. chron. by date recorded. For index, see entry 12. Hpf., 1902-36; tpf., 1937--. Aver. 575 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

19. MORTGAGE RECORD (Arkansas Power and Light Company), 1932. 1 vol. (14).

Record of supplemental mortgages executed by the Arkansas Power and Light Company to the Guaranty Trust Company, New York City, as trustee,

covering physical assets of the company, showing date executed, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, terms of mortgage, signatures of officials of bond companies, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. No index. T. 125 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

20. DEED AND MORTGAGE RECORD, 1917. 1 vol. (AA).
Record of deed executed July 7, 1917, by Lee W. Hagerman, special master, and others, to Missouri Pacific Railway Company, conveying title to right-of-way and other physical assets of railway system; also a record of a first and refunding mortgage by the Missouri Pacific Railway Company to Guaranty Trust Company, New York City, covering real estate and physical assets of the Missouri Pacific Railway System, showing date of instrument, name of mortgagor, legal description of property, terms of mortgage, signature of mortgagor, acknowledgment, and recording certificate. No index. T. 595 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

21. FEDERAL FARM LOAN MORTGAGE RECORD, 1922-35. 1 vol. (1).
Record of mortgages of farm property to Federal Land Bank of St. Louis, made separate because of special form of mortgage used, showing names and addresses of mortgagor and mortgagee, legal description of property, amount borrowed, rate of interest, date due, terms of payment, copy of signatures of mortgagor and mortgagee, acknowledgment, endorsement of secretary and treasurer of Federal Land Bank, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of mortgagor. Hpf. 325 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

22. ORDER FOR RELEASE OF MORTGAGE, 1911--. 250 instruments in 1 steel f. d.
Original authorization by mortgagee for the purpose of releasing mortgage liens upon property, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date of original mortgage, book and page of record entry, description of property, signature of mortgagee, acknowledgment, and date filed. Also contains: Permits for marriage license, 1911--, entry 115. Arr. chron. by order date. No index. T., 1911-27; h., 1928--. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

Liens and Lis Pendens

23. MECHANIC'S AND MATERIAL MAN'S LIENS, 1890--. 176 instruments in 1 steel f. d.
Original liens held by laborers and mechanics upon the property of another for security of debt for services, showing names of person or firm imposing lien and property owner, character of lien, description of property, signature of lien holder, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

24. MECHANICS' & LABORES (sic) LIEN RECORD, 1898--. 1 vol. (1). 1892, and incidental recordings, 1913-27, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 17.

Record of mechanics', laborers' and materialmens' liens, showing information as in entry 23. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of lien holder. Hph. 396 pp. 16½ x 11 x 2.

25. (OLD AGE PENSION LIEN), 1936-37. In Mortgage Record, entry 18.

Record of order of approval and old age pension certificates recorded for the purpose of establishing liens against the estates of persons who receive grants, record of release of lien, showing assigned grant number, amount of pension, name of pensioner, date pension payment commenced, names of Governor and members of Arkansas State Board of Public Welfare, and signature of recorder.

26. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1903--. 1 vol. (1). Incidental recordings, 1914-20, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 17.

Record of notices of suits pending in court, stating that a lien might be established against certain designated property, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, name of person in possession of property, legal description of property, date filed, and recording certificate. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of pltf. Hpf. 320 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

Surveys and Plats

27. TOWN PLATS, 1903-16. 1 vol. 1893-1902, and incidental recordings, 1903-12, in Deed Record, entry 9.

Plats of original town sites and additions and subdivisions to towns and cities of Baxter County, showing section, township and range numbers, location of town site or subdivision, lot and block numbers, dimensions of lots, blocks, streets, and alleys, names of streets, names of towns and subdivisions, date of survey, and name of surveyor. No obvious arr. No index. H. 30 pp. 18½ x 30 x ¼.

28. PLATS BAXTER COUNTY (Township), 1821-87. 2 vols.

Ownership plats of geographic townships in Baxter County, showing boundary lines of townships, sections, and individual tracts separately owned, names of owners, section, township, and range numbers. Arr. numer. by sec. no. of legal description. No index. H. Aver. 208 pp. 16 x 14 x ½.

29. FIELD NOTES, 1821-31. 1 vol.

Field notes of government surveys of boundaries of Baxter County, its townships and subdivisions of townships, showing boundary, subdivisions of townships to be surveyed, the beginning points, direction of survey, distance proceeded in that direction, marks at the end of distance, description of land surveyed, showing contour and moisture, fitness for culture, timber and undergrowth, date of survey, and sometimes signature of surveyor. Arr. numer. by twp. and r. nos. No index. H. 26 pp. 12½ x 7½ x ¼.

30. (RECORD OF POWERS OF ATTORNEY), 1891-1927. 1891-1910 in Deed Record, entry 9; 1911-27, and incidental recordings, 1903-10, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 17.
Records of powers of attorney, showing name of person conferring power, name of person upon whom power is conferred, date executed, copy of signature of person conferring power, date filed, and date recorded.

Personal Property

Mortgages

31. [CHATTEL MORTGAGES], 1914--. Est. 3,465 instruments in 21 steel f. d. (labeled by contained letters of the alph.).
Original mortgages given on personal property, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date and amount of mortgage, description of property, terms of mortgage, signature of mortgagor, acknowledgment, and date filed. Also contains: Federal farm crop mortgages, 1937--, entry 32. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., 1914-15; tpf., 1916--. 11½ x 4½ x 13½.

32. FEDERAL FARM CROP MORTGAGES, 1931-36. Est. 525 instruments in 3 steel f. d. (dated). Titles vary slightly. 1937-- in [Chattel Mortgages], entry 31.
Original crop mortgages given to Farm Credit Administration as security for emergency loan, showing names and post office addresses of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property on which crop is raised, consideration, rate of interest, date when due, acknowledgment, date filed, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of mortgagor, 1931-34; arr. alph. by first letter of surname of mortgagor, 1935-36. No index. Tpf. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

33. DEEDS AND ABSTRACT OF TITLE FEDERAL FARM LOAN, 1921-25. 15 instruments in 1 steel f. d.
Original applications for Federal farm loan, showing name and address of applicant, date of application, legal description and value of property, purpose of loan, financial condition, status, and signature of applicant; also report of loan committee showing whether accepted or rejected, date of report, and signatures of loan committee. Arr. chron. by date application accepted. No index. Hpf. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

34. RECORDED MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST, 1892--. Last entry 1931. Est. 540 instruments in 3 steel f. d.
Original mortgages and deeds of trust that have been recorded and left for safekeeping, showing name of mortgagor, name of trustee as party of the second part, description of property, amount of indebtedness, rate of interest, where and when interest is payable, date filed, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hpf., 1892-1905; Hpf., 1892-1905; t., 1906--. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

Circuit Clerk as Recorder (35,39)

35. ORDERS OF RELEASE OF FSA MORTGAGES, 1939--. 50 instruments in 1 steel f. d.

Original instruments executed by United States Department of Agriculture (as mortgagee) for the purpose of releasing mortgage liens upon real property, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date of original mortgage, book and page of record entry, description of property, signature of duly qualified agent of FSA, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by release date. No index. Hpf., tpf. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

36. DEED OF TRUST (Record), 1902--. 2 vols. (1, 7). 1890-1901, and incidental recordings, 1902-30, in Mortgage Record, entry 18.

Record of deed of trust, showing information as in entry 34. Arr. chron. by date recorded. For index, see entry 12. Hpf. Aver. 480 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

37. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1932--. Last entry 1937. 1 vol. (B).

Recorded copies of chattel mortgages, showing information as in entry 31. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of mortgagor. Hpf. 302 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

38. ABSTRACT RECORD CHATTEL MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST (Minutes), 1906--. .8 vols. (5-12).

Numerical listing of chattel mortgages filed, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property mortgaged, amount secured, date executed, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed, 1906-37; arr. in alph. tabbed secs. and chron. under each letter by date filed, 1938--. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of mortgagor. Hph. Aver. 302 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Bonds, Commissions and Credentials

39. [OFFICIAL BONDS], 1889--. Est. 750 instruments in 3 steel f. d. (1-3).

Miscellaneous bonds filed with the county, consisting of:

i. Abstractors' bonds, 1933, 1941, showing names of principals and sureties, amount of bond, provisions, signatures of principal and sureties, acknowledgment, and filing certificate.

ii. Contractors' bonds, 1936-37, showing name of contractor, amount of bond, kind of construction work to be done, location of structure, terms, signature of contractor and sureties, acknowledgment, and date filed.

iii. Depository bonds, 1923-39, showing names of bank as principal and sureties, amount and purpose of bond, date filed, signatures of principal and sureties, and acknowledgment.

iv. Ferry bonds, 1924-31, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, location of ferry, signatures of principal and sureties, acknowledgment, and date filed.

v. Notary bonds, 1891--, showing name of notary, amount and terms of bond, signatures of notary and sureties, acknowledgment, and date filed.

vi. Official bonds, 1889--, showing name of official, name of office to which appointed or elected, date filed, date approved, names of sureties, amount and duration of bond, signature of official and sureties, and acknowledgment.

Arr. chron. by date executed. No index. H., 1889-94; hpf., 1895-1908; tpf., 1909--. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

40. OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1891--. 3 vols. (A-C). Titles vary slightly.
Record of official bonds, showing information as in entry 39vi. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of official's surname. H., 1891-1929; t., 1930--. Aver. 464 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

41. REGISTER OF OFFICERS, 1890-1921. 1 vol. (A).
Register of commissions of county officers, showing name and address of officer, name of office to which elected, date of commission, qualifications, date and amount of bond, names and addresses of sureties, fee due Secretary of State for commission, date fee collected, date remitted to Secretary of State, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hph. 159 pp. 16 x 11 x 1.

42. CREDENTIAL RECORD, 1890--. 1 vol. (A). Incidental recordings, 1915, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 17.
Record of credentials issued to ministers authorizing performance of marriage ceremonies, showing name of minister, date credentials were granted, minister's creed, and reference to records of other counties in which credentials are recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of minister's surname. H. 320 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½.

Discharges

43. (DISCHARGES), 1919. In Bureau of Vital Statistics, Discharges & Wills, entry 147.
Original discharge certificates of soldiers and sailors who served or were called into service in military or naval forces of the United States during the World War, showing name of discharged person, rank and organization, reason for discharge, place of residence, age at enlistment, civilian occupation, physical description, commanding officer's certificate of discharge, date of discharge, enlistment record, giving details including name, grade, whether enlisted or

inducted, length of service, rank, skill in marksmanship and horsemanship, wounds, physical condition, marital status, commanding officer's signature, rank and organization, and date filed.

44. RECORD OF SOLDIER'S AND SAILOR'S DISCHARGES, 1919--. 1 vol. (A).
Recorded copies in verbatim of honorable discharge certificates, showing information as in entry 43. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of registrant's surname. Hph. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Miscellaneous

45. ROSTER OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS (Minutes of Local Draft Board), 1917. 1 vol. (A).
Record kept by draft board for military service in World War, showing name, age, and address of person registering, date registered, claims for exemption, and whether granted or denied. Arr. chron. by date registered. No index. Hpf. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½.

46. (PROMISSORY NOTES), 1921-1927. In Bureau of Vital Statistics, Discharges & Wills, entry 147.
Original promissory notes, showing names of party making note and party to whom note is made, date of note, rate of interest, date due, signature of party making note, and date filed.

47. (RECORD OF AFFIDAVITS), 1905-32. 1905-18. Deed Record, entry 9; 1919-32, and incidental recordings, 1913-18, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 17.
Record of sworn statement of fact, showing date executed, name of affiant, purpose of affidavit, copy of signature of affiant, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.

48. (RECORD OF BONDS FOR TITLE), 1891-1926. 1891-99. Deed Record, entry 9; 1900-1926, and incidental recordings, 1894-99, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 17.
Record of bonds for title to property, showing date executed, names of principal and sureties, terms of bond, legal description of property involved, copy of signatures of principal and sureties, acknowledgment, date filed, and recording certificate.

NOTARY PUBLIC

49. NOTARIES OFFICIAL RECORD, 1929--. 1 vol.
Record of all acknowledged instruments by notary, showing date of acknowledgment, nature of instrument, names of parties for whom executed, fee, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date acknowledged. No index. Hph. 164 pp. 10½ x 8 x 1. Record kept by Katherine Pitman, Notary Public, in vault of C. E. Hopkins Lumber Company, Cotter, when not in use.

CIRCUIT COURT

Civil Division
(see entries 69, 70, 71)

50. CIRCUIT COURT (Civil Cases,) 1890--. Est. 990 instruments in 22 steel f. d. (labeled by contained case nos.).
Original papers of civil cases tried in circuit court, including petitions, subpoenas, motions, pleadings, and court orders. Each instrument shows number and style of case, nature of instrument, names of litigants and their attorneys and date filed. Also contains: Incidental filings of official transcripts, 1922, entry 96. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. Hpf., 1890-1904; tpf., 1905--. 11x 4½ x 13½.

51. [Pending Civil Cases], 1939--. 45 instruments in 1 steel f. d. (labeled by contained case nos.).
Original papers of cases pending in circuit court, showing information as in entry 50. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. Tpf. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

Proceedings

52. CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET (Civil and Criminal), 1890--. 7 vols. (A-D, D, E; 1 vol. unlabeled).
Judge's minutes of civil and criminal cases. Civil cases show style and number of case, names of litigants and their attorneys, date filed, order of court, date of order, amount of fees accumulated, and book and page of judgment entry. Criminal cases show case number, names of defendant and his attorney, offense charged, date filed, order of court, date of order, and book and page of judgment entry. Also contains: Docket of chancery court cases, 1890-1902, entry 76. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hph. Aver. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

53. CIRCUIT COURT RECORD, 1874-77, 1881-85, 1891--. 8 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; B, A-F). Titles vary slightly.
Record of proceedings in civil and criminal cases of circuit court. Entries consist of notation of action of the court on motions, pleadings, and final judgments, names of jurors and witnesses, orders of custody, and orders of opening and closing terms of court. Entries show number and style of case, date of proceedings, names of attorneys, interested parties, prosecuting judge, clerk, and sheriff. Arr. numer. by case no. Civil cases indexed alph. by first letter of name of pltf.; criminal cases, alph. by first letter of surname of deft., 1881-85, 1891-98, 1907--; no index, 1874-77; for index, 1899-1906, see entry 54. H., 1874-77; hph., 1881-85, 1891-1923; tpf., 1924--. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

54. INDEX TO CIRCUIT COURT RECORD, 1899-1906. 1 vol. (B).
Index to Circuit Court Record, entry 53, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, and book and page of record entry. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of pltf. H. 60 pp. 18 x 11½ x ½.

Circuit Court

Naturalization

55. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR, DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION, RECORD OF DECLARATION AND INTENTION, 1907--. Last entry 1928. 1 vol.

Record of declaration by aliens of intention to become citizens of the United States and permanently reside therein, showing name, age, occupation, personal description, place of birth, last foreign residence and allegiance, date of arrival in this country, in some cases, name of vessel, present place of residence in the United States, and oath of intention to renounce allegiance to any other government than that of the United States. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of alien. H. 225 pp. 16 x 9 x 3/4.

56. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR, DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION, PETITION AND RECORD. 1913--. Last entry 1928. 1 vol.

Record of petition by aliens to become citizens of the United States, and permanently reside therein showing information as in entry 55. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter os surname of alien. H. 225 pp.

Judgments and Executions

57. TRANSCRIPTS, JUSTICE'S JUDGMENTS, 1890--. 200 instruments in 1 steel f. d.

Papers of cases tried in justice of the peace courts in which judgments have been rendered and certified to circuit court for execution, consisting of transcripts of proceedings, examinations, bonds, order of executions, itemized statement of judgment and costs. Each instrument shows number and style of case, date of judgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by judgment date. No index. H., 1890-1909; t., 1910--. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

58. JUDGMENT BOOK, 1889--. 2 vols. (A,B). Title varies slightly.

Record of judgments of circuit court and transcript of judgments of justice of the peace courts certified to circuit court of execution, showing case number, name of parties to suit, against whom judgment is rendered, date and nature of judgment, amount and costs, and book and page of record entry. Arr. numer. by case no. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of pltf. Hph. Aver. 560 pp. 17½ x 14½ x 2½.

59. CIRCUIT COURT EXECUTION, 1901--. 150 instruments in 1 steel f. d.

Original execution orders issued by the circuit court to carry out the judgments of the court, showing number of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment date, execution date, amount of judgment interest and cost, name of county to which orders are issued, fees of officers, amount of fees, and returns. Arr. chron. by execution date. No index. H., 1901-27; 1928--. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

60. EXECUTION BOOK, 1889--. 1 vol. (A).

Record of execution orders issued by the circuit court to carry out the judgments of the court, showing information as in entry 59. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of pltf. Hpf. 320 pp. 17 x 14 x 1½.

Fees (see also entry 72)

61. CIVIL FEE BOOK, 1916--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Itemized record kept of fees and costs due in civil cases, showing number and style of case, names of litigants, date fees incurred, total amount, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of pltf. Hpf. Aver. 240 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

62. CIRCUIT COURT FEE BOOK, 1890-1915. 3 vols. (A,B,1).
Itemized record of fees and costs due in civil, criminal, and chancery cases. Civil fees show information as in entry 61; criminal fees show information as in entry 72, and chancery fees show information as in entry 79. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hpf. Aver. 240 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

Criminal Division
(see entries 52, 53)

Case Papers

63. CIRCUIT COURT (Criminal Cases Disposed of), 1891-1938. Est. 800 instruments in 8 steel f. d. (labeled by contained case nos.).
Original criminal case papers disposed of in circuit court, including indictments, subpoenas, witness lists, jury lists, bail bonds, and court orders. Each instrument shows number and style of case, names of defendants and their attorneys, and if recorded, book and page of record entry. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. Hpf., 1891-1914; tpf., 1915-38. 11 x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$.

64. CIRCUIT COURT PAPERS (Pending Criminal Cases), 1939--. 100 instruments in 1 steel f. d.
Original papers of criminal cases pending in the circuit court, showing information as in entry 63. Arr. numer. by case nos. No index. Tpf. 11 x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$.

Inquests

65. CORONER'S INQUISITION, 1891--. 50 instruments in 1 steel f. d.
Reports of coroners inquests, showing name of deceased person, date of death, date and place of inquisition, testimony, and signatures of witnesses, certificate of examining physician, list of jurors, verdict of jury, signatures of foreman, jury, and coroner. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., 1891-1926; tpf., 1927--. 11 x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$.

Indictments

66. INDICTMENTS, 1890-1934. Est. 1,000 instruments in 2 steel f.d. (unlabeled), and 2 bundles (labeled by contained case no.).
Original indictments returned by grand jury showing style of case, offense charged, date and place of alleged offense, name of prosecuting attorney, indictment number, signature of grand jury foreman, names of witnesses, date filed, and signature of clerk. Also contains: Incidental filings of petit jury venire, 1917, entry 68. Arr. chron. by date of indictment. No index. H., hpf. 11x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$.

67. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1890--. 4 vols. (A, 2-4).
Recorded copies of true bills of indictment, showing information as in entry 66. Arr. numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date of court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deft. Aver. 480 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. H., 1890-1900; hpf., 1901-38; t., 1939--.

Grand and Petit Juries

68. VENIRE FOR GRAND AND PETIT JURY, 1890--. 98 instruments in 1 steel f. d. Incidental filings, 1917, in indictments, entry 66.
Original lists of persons selected by jury commissioners of the circuit court to serve as jurors, each list being accompanied by an order directing the sheriff to summon jurors. Each instrument shows date of court term, names and addresses of jurors and alternates, date issued, date filed, and signatures of sheriff and clerk. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hpf., tpf. 11 x 4½ x 13.

69. [MINUTES OF THE GRAND JURY], 1890-1918. 111 instruments in 1 steel f. d.
Minutes of the grand jury, showing term of court, signature of witnesses who have testified before the jury, signature of jury foreman, and report of evidence presented. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. H., hpf. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

70. GRAND & PETIT JURY CERTIFICATES, 1921--. 50 instruments in 1 steel f. d.
Certificates given by circuit clerk authorizing issuance of warrants for services as jurors, showing name of juror, term of court, number of days in attendance, amount due, signature of circuit clerk, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hpf. 11 x 4½ x 13.

71. JOURNAL, GRAND & PETIT JURORS, WITNESSES BEFORE GRAND JURY, CIRCUIT COURT, 1890--. 2 vol. Title varies slightly.
A record containing grand and petit jurors, and witnesses, showing names and addresses of jurors and witnesses, term of court in which they served, amounts due each person for services, including mileage and ferriage, and names of jury commissioners. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. H. Aver. 225 pp. 14 x 8 x 1½.

Fees (see also entry 62).

72. CRIMINAL FEE BOOK, 1916--. 2 vols. (2,3).
Record of fees and costs accrued in criminal cases, showing number and style of case, date of court term, names of litigants, and witnesses, days served, clerk's, sheriff's, and other officers' costs, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deft. Hpf. Aver. 240 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

CHANCERY COURT

73. CHANCERY COURT PAPERS, 1890--. Est. 3,015 instruments in 67 steel f. d. (labeled by contained case nos.).

Original papers of cases tried in chancery court, including petitions, subpoenas, motions, answers, witness list, court order, notices of appeal, transcripts of testimony, exhibits and mandates of the Arkansas State Supreme Court. Each document shows kind of instrument, number and style of case, and date filed. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. H., t., and tpf. 11½ x 4½ x 13½.

74. (Case Papers) PENDING IN CHANCERY, 1938--. 23 instruments in 1 steel f. d.

Papers of cases pending in chancery court, showing information as in entry 73. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. T. 11 x 4½ x 13.

75. CHANCERY MISCELLANEOUS, 1890--. Est. 135 instruments in 3 steel f. d.

Miscellaneous chancery court pleadings, showing date and nature of instrument, cause of action, order of court, and date filed. No obvious arr. No index. H., t. 11½ x 4½ x 13½.

76. CHANCERY COURT DOCKET, 1903--. (3 bound and 1 loose-leaf vol. 1-3; 1 vol. unlabeled). 1890-1902 in Circuit Court Docket (Civil and Criminal), entry 52.

Minutes of proceedings in cases tried in chancery court, showing number and style of case, date filed, names of litigants and attorneys, cause of action, date of trial, term of court, and orders of court. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hph. Aver. 163 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

77. CHANCERY COURT RECORD, 1890--. 8 vols. (A-H). Titles vary slightly.

Record of proceedings in chancery court, showing term of court, number and style of case, names of attorneys, date of trial, cause of action, names of witnesses, verdict of court, judgment or penalty assessed in court, order of custody of person or property, prayer for new trial, motions and pleadings. Arr. chron. by trial date. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of pltf. Hph., 1890-1926; tph., 1927--. Aver. 525 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

78. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LANDS ROAD Imp(rovement) Dist(rict), 1921-27. 2 vols. (1,2).

Record of delinquent taxes in road improvement district number 1, showing name of owner, legal description of land, assessed valuation, amount of taxes, penalty and costs, and date of sale or redemption. Arr. chron. by date delinquent and numer. thereunder by twp. no. of legal description. No index. Hpf. Aver. 142 pp. 18 x 14½ x 2.

79. CHANCERY FEE BOOK, 1903--. 3 vols. (1,2,3).

Record of fees due in chancery court, showing number and style of case, date of trial, amount received, and itemized statement of fees charged. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of pltf. Hpf. Aver. 240 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

PROBATE COURT

Case papers

80. PROBATE COURT (Papers), 1889--. Est. 990 instruments in 17 steel f. d. (labeled by contained letters of alph.), and 5 steel f. d. (labeled by contained case nos.). Titles vary slightly. Incidental filings, 1896-1929, in [County Court Papers], entry 1.

Original papers of cases filed in probate court, such as court orders and decrees, motions, pleadings, petitions of executors or guardians, disposition of case, notices of sale of property, and final settlements of administrators, executors or guardians, showing names of estates, claimants, heirs and attorney, case number, and date filed. Arr. alph. by name of estate or ward and chron. thereunder by date instituted. No index. Hpf., tpf., and t.

81. PENDING CHANCERY IN PROBATE (Case Papers), 1939--. 45 instruments in 1 steel f. d.

Original papers of cases pending in probate court, showing information as in entry 80. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T., tpf. 11½ x 4½ x 13½.

82. INSANITY (Case Papers), 1896--. 200 instruments in 1 steel f. d.

Case papers of insanity proceedings in probate court, showing name of complainant and examining physician, petitions, findings of court, date instituted, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date instituted. No index. H., 1896-1909; hpf., 1910-30; tpf., 1931--. 11½ x 4½ x 13½.

Wills

83. RECORD OF WILLS, 1874--. 2 vols. (A, B).

Record of original wills, showing names of testator and witnesses, oaths of subscribing witnesses, date of death of testator, acknowledgment of signatures, date filed, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of testator. Aver. H., 1874-1916; t., 1917--. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Bonds and Letters

84. ADMINISTRATOR'S BONDS AND LETTERS, 1873--. 2 vols. (A,B). Title varies slightly.

Record of applications for letters of administration and letters and bonds of administrators of estates, showing name of deceased, name of administrator, amount of bond, names of sureties, date of instrument, date of approval of letters and bond, date filed, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of admr. Hpf., 1873-1937; tpf., 1938--. Aver. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

85. GUARDIANS LETTERS AND BONDS, 1890--. 1 vol. (A).
Record of guardians' letters and bonds. Letters of guardianship, show name of guardian, names of wards, qualifications and duties of guardians, signature of probate clerk, date of execution, and date recorded. Bond of guardian, shows age and residence of wards, statement of guardian guaranteeing faithful discharge of duties according to law, signature of guardian and sureties, date of approval by probate court, signature of probate judge attested by clerk, qualifications of sureties and filing date. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of gdn. Hpf., tpf. 340 pp. 16 x 10 x 1½.

Accounts

86. ACCOUNT CURRENT RECORD, 1874-1929. 3 vols. (A, B, C). Titles vary slightly. 1930-- in Probate Court Records, entry 89.
Record containing the itemized accounts of administrators, executors, guardians, and curators of the estates of deceased persons, or minor heirs, showing approval of the probate judge, date of filing and recording, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of admr., executor or gdn., and chron. thereunder by date of account. Hph. Aver. 440. pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Inventories, Appraisements, and Sales Bills

87. RECORD OF APPRAISEMENTS, SALES BILLS, AND INVENTORIES, 1890--. 2 vols. (A, B). Title varies slightly.
Record of inventories and appraisements, and of sale of assets of estates. Appraisements show name of deceased, names, qualifications, oaths, and signatures of appraisers, acknowledgment, description and values of real and personal property, certificate of appraisers, date filed, signature of probate clerk, date examined and approved by probate judge, and copy of signature of judge. Sales bills of public auctions conducted by auctioneers and clerks appointed by administrator of estate, disposing of real and personal property, shows name of estate, itemized list of articles sold and amount received, name of purchaser, and administrator's affidavit of correctness of list. Inventories show name of deceased person, value of real and personal properties, oath, signature and acknowledgment of administrator or executor, date filed, signature of probate clerk, date of approval, and signature of probate judge. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate. H. Aver. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

Proceedings

88. PROBATE COURT DOCKET, 1896--. 1 vol. (A,B).
Minutes of proceedings in cases heard in probate court, showing number and style of case, names of estate, administrator, executor or guardian, and attorneys, nature of case, date of hearing, court order and date of order. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hph. 199 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

89. PROBATE COURT RECORD, 1885--. 5 vols. (A,B, 1-3). Incidental recordings, 1914-34, in County Court Record, entry 4.
Record of proceedings in probate court showing case number, name of estate, guardian, administrator or executor, style of case, attorneys, date of trial, cause of action, list of witnesses, findings of the court, motions, petitions, and pleadings. Also contains: Accounts current, 1930--, entry 86. Arr. chron. By date of court term and numer. thereunder by case no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of gdn. or minor. H., 1885-1934; t., 1935--. Aver. 575 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Financial

90. PROBATE FEE BOOK, 1873-1890, 1903--, 3 vols. (1, 1 vol. dated, 1 vol. unlabeled). Titles vary slightly.
Record of fees earned by probate clerk, showing name of administrator or guardian, name of deceased or ward, name of person paying fee, date and amount of payment, services for which fee was charged, and amount paid to county treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate. H., 1873-90; hpf., 1903--. Aver. 350 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

JUVENILE COURT

91. (JUVENILE COURT PAPERS), 1911--. In [County Court Papers], entry 1.
Papers of cases heard in juvenile court, such as petitions, motions, pleadings and court orders, showing name of minor, offense, list of witnesses, number and style of case, and date filed.

92. (JUVENILE COURT RECORD), 1911--. In County Court Record, entry 4.
Record of orders and proceedings, warrants for arrest and commitment of delinquent, receipts from industrial schools for delinquent children received there, petitions from parents to the court to send delinquent children to industrial schools, and findings and orders of court.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

93. JUSTICE OF PEACE DOCKET (Civil and Criminal), 1907--. 4 vols.
Minutes of proceedings in the justice of peace court in civil and criminal cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date of trial, fees allowed, disposition of case, and name of presiding justice. Arr. chron. by trial date. Indexed alph. by name of pltf. Hpf. Aver. 320 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

QUORUM COURT

94. LEVYING COURT (Papers), 1890--. Est. 250 instruments in 2 steel f. d. Titles vary slightly.
Original reports of county officials to quorum court, showing conditions of reporting office, amount of cash collected, cash expended, cash on hand, source of revenue and purpose of expenditure, dates covered by report, signature of reporting officer, and date filed. Arr. chron, by report date. No index. H., 1890-1904; t., 1905--. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

95. (QUORUM COURT PROCEEDINGS), 1882--. In County Court Record, entry 4.
Clerk's minutes of proceedings in quorum court, showing date of meeting, list of justices of peace present, reports of county judge, county clerk, sheriff, and treasurer submitted to court for approval, levies for state and county tax, levies of school district taxes as certified by county examiners, levies for incorporated towns as certified by various town councils, and adjournment orders.

of property, years for which taxes are delinquent, total taxes, penalty and costs. Arr. alph. by name political twp. and alph. thereunder by first letter of name of property owner. No index. Hph. Aver. 115 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

Tax Sales

107. DELINQUENT LANDS SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS, 1889--. 3 vols. (A, B; 1 vol. unlabeled).
Record of lands on which payments have become delinquent, and which have been sold to individuals, showing years for which tax payments are delinquent, area and legal description of tract, amount of taxes, penalties and costs due, and to whom sold. Arr. numer. by sec., twp., and r. nos. No index. Hph. Aver. 185 pp. 17 x 15 x 1½.

108. RECORDS OF LANDS SOLD STATE, 1889--. 2 vols. (2; 1 unlabeled).
Record of lands sold to state for non-payment of taxes, showing amount of taxes delinquent, plus penalties and costs, years for which taxes are delinquent, area and legal description of tract, taxes, penalties and costs due. Arr. numer. by sec., twp., and r. nos. No index. Hph. Aver. 250 pp. 17 x 16 x 1½.

109. RECORD LIST NOTICE SALE LANDS DELINQUENT, 1890--. 6 vols. (A-F). Titles vary slightly.
Records listing all lands subject to sale for collection of delinquent taxes, showing name of owner, legal description of property, valuation, years for which taxes are delinquent, total taxes, penalties and costs due, date sold, and name of purchaser. Arr. numer. by sec., twp, and r. nos. No index. Hpf. Aver. 220 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½.

110. TAX SALES SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE, 1890--. Est. 800 instruments in 4 steel f. d.
Original certificates of purchase issued by sheriff as ex officio collector to persons buying land at tax sale, showing date of tax sale, description of property, amount of taxes, penalty and cost, to whom sold, and signature of collector. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. 11½ x 4 x 13½.

Redemptions

111. REDEMPTION CERTIFICATE DELINQUENT LAND, 1890-1920. Est. 250 instruments in 2 steel f. d. Title varies slightly.
Original redemption certificates issued to persons redeeming land sold for taxes, showing name of person redeeming lands, date of redemption, description of property, date of sale, amount of taxes, penalties, and costs, distribution of taxes, treasurers receipt attached to and part of redemption certificate, showing amount received, purpose for which money was paid, date of receipt, and signature of treasurer. No obvious arr. No index. Hpf. 13½ x 11 ½ x 4½.

Elections

112. ELECTIONS (Papers), 1890--. 60 instruments in 1 steel f. d. Abstracts of election returns filed for safe keeping, showing names of candidate, name of office sought, amendments and initiative acts voted, number of votes cast in each political township, number of absentee votes cast, total votes cast in each political township, total votes cast in each county, certificate of judges and clerks certifying results of election, and signature of the board of election commissioners. Arr. chron. by election date. No index. Hpf. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

113. LISTS OF VOTERS BAXTER COUNTY, 1933, 1935--. 5 instruments in 1 steel f. d.
Original lists of eligible voters, showing name of person who has paid the poll tax, specifying name of townships in which they are eligible to vote, affidavit by collector as to correctness of list as turned over to clerk, and signature of clerk. Arr. alph. by political twp. and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of voter. No index. T. 18 x 22 x 24.

114. RECORD OF VOTERS, 1893-1905, 1921-30. 2 vols. (1; 1 vol. unlabeled). Title varies slightly.
Record of list of qualified electors, names of persons who have paid the poll tax and specifying the townships in which they are eligible to vote. Arr. alph. by name of political twp. and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of voter. No index. Aver. 375 pp. 16 x 11½ x 1½.

Marriages

115. (PERMIT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE), 1911--. In Order for Release of Mortgage, entry 22.
Original permit to county clerk from parents of minor giving their consent to issuance of marriage license. Order shows date executed, name and age of girl, and signatures of parents.

116. MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1890--. Est. 400 instruments in 2 steel f. d. (labeled by contained letters of alph.).
Original marriage licenses that have been recorded and not called for, showing names, addresses, and ages of contracting parties, date of license, signature and seal of county clerk, and book and page of record entry. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of bridegroom. No index. H. and t. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

117. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1873-74, 1887--. 11 vols. (A, B, B, 3-10). A record of marriages consisting of marriage bond, affidavit for license application, license, and certificate of marriage. Marriage bond shows names of principal and surety, date of bond, names of contracting parties, and signatures of principal and bondsman. Affidavit for license application shows name, address, and age of person applying for license, name, address and age of woman he intends to marry, date of affidavit, and signature of county clerk. Marriage license shows information as in

entry 116. Certificate of marriage shows name of person performing ceremony, date of ceremony, date certificate signed, signature of person performing ceremony, and if minister, book and page of record in which credentials are recorded. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of bridegroom. H., t. Aver. 600 pp. 16 x 12 x 2½.

Corporations

118. CORPORATION RECORD, 1895--. 2 vols. (B,A). 1892 in Deed Record, entry 9; incidental recordings, 1935, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 17. Title varies slightly.
Record of incorporation papers, showing name of corporation, names of persons subscribing stock, numbers of shares, value, amount subscribed, total capital stock, place of business, name of officers, articles and by-laws of the corporation, date filed, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of corporation. H . Aver. 350 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½.

119. CERTIFICATE TO TRANSFER BANK STOCK, 1929--. 15 instruments in 1 steel f. d.
Original certificates of transfers of bank stock which have been recorded and placed in file box for safe keeping, showing name and post office address of bank, names of the president and cashier of the bank, name of person to whom stock was transferred, number of shares, amount, name of president or vice president signing transfer, date filed, and clerk s signature. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

120. RECORD OF TRANSFER OF BANK STOCK, 1915--. 1 vol.
Record of transfers of bank stock, showing information as in entry 119. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. H. 320 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½.

Professional Licenses

121. RECORD OF CERTIFICATES (Professional Licenses), 1881--. Last entry 1934. 2 vols. Incidental recordings, 1902-29, in Miscellaneous Record, entry 17.
Record of physicians' and surgeons' certificates, 1881--, and re-registration of licenses as required by an act of the General Assembly of 1903, and subsequent registration of professional licenses, such as optometrist's licenses, 1916. Record of re-registration shows name of examining board, physician's name, statement of qualifications, date executed, names of officers and examining board, and date recorded. Record of professional licenses shows title of examining board, date of examination, name of licensee, date license issued, copy of signature of official of examining board, date filed, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of licensee. Hpf. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 1½.

Livestock

122. ESTRAY PAPERS, 1890--. 300 instruments in 1 steel f. d. (dated).
Original notices of estray animals that have been taken up by indivi-

duals and reported by justice of the peace to the county clerk, showing description, marks, age, color, and value of animal, name of person in possession of animal, when and where taken up, and whether claimed by owner. Arr. chron. by date of notice. No index. H., t. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

123. ESTRAY RECORD, 1890--. 1 vol. (A).
Record of estray livestock taken up by individuals and reported by justices of the peace to the county clerk, showing name of justice of the peace, names of groups of three appraisers appointed by justice of the peace to determine value of animal, appraised value, total expense, description of animals, when, where, and by whom animal was taken up, and whether claimed by owner. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. H., t. 320 pp. 12 x 11 x 1½.

124. STOCK REGISTER, 1890--. 2 vols. (A; 1 vol. unlabeled).
Title varies: Record of Marks and Brands, 1890-1909.
Illustrated description and record of marks and brands of livestock to identify ownership, specifying the earmark and place upon the body where the brand is applied, showing name and place of residence of owner, township, date recorded, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Aver. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

Pensions

125. CONFEDERATE PENSIONS, 1919--. 50 instruments in 1 steel f.d.
File drawer containing all applications, letters of inquiry, and correspondence pertaining to Confederate pensions, showing name of applicant, date of birth, age, if widow, name of deceased husband, date filed, and place of residence. No index. H., t. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

Roads

126. REGISTER OF ROADS AND ROAD OVERSEERS, 1887-89. 1 vol. 1904--
in County Court Record, entry 4.
Record of roads and overseers, showing name of overseer, date appointed, date term expires, road district number, amount appropriated for roads, numbers of warrants issued, purpose for which issued, amount, total amount of warrants issued, and balance on hand. Arr. chron. by date. Hpf. 156 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

School Lands

127. SCHEDULE OF SALE OF 16th SECTION LANDS & PERSONAL PROPERTY, 1892--. 50 instruments in 1 steel f. d.
Original papers pertaining to 16th section lands sold, showing date of sale, to whom sold, parts of section, township, and range, cost of sale, and amount of sale. Arr. chron. by date of instrument. No index. H., t. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

Appointments

128. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTIES, 1890-1936, 1939--. 200 documents in 1 steel f. d.
Original papers of appointment of deputies, showing name of deputy, date appointed, name of appointing officer, oath and signature of deputy, acknowledgment, date of approval by county judge, and signatures of county judge and county clerk. Arr. chron. by date appointed. No index. H., t. 11 x 4½ x 13.

129. APPOINTMENTS OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND CLERKS, 1890-96. 1 vol.
A record of appointment of deputies, showing information as in entry 128. Arr. chron. by date appointed. No index. H. 212 pp. 14½ x 9 x 1.

130. OATH OF OFFICE AND RESIGNATION, 1890-31. 250 instruments in 1 steel f. d.
Original oaths and resignations of various county officers. Oath of office shows name and address of official, name of office to which elected, obligation to State and nation, date oath administered, signature of official taking oath, and signature of officer administering oath. Resignations of county officers show date of resignation, name of official, name of office, date resignation becomes effective, and signature of officer resigning. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. 13½ x 11 x 4½.

131. ORIGINAL ENTRIES U. S. LANDS, 1824-1903. 1 vol.
Listing of all claim entries made at the U. S. Land Office for land given by the Government with specified requirements, showing name of owner, date entered, legal description of property, and remarks. Arr. numer. by sec., twp., and r. nos. and chron. thereunder by date granted. No index. H., t. 308 pp. 17 x 12 x 1.

132. REGISTER OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS, 1887-1920. 1 vol. (A).
1921-- in County Court Record, entry 4.
Register of school directors, showing names of the directors, school district and number in which elected or appointed, date of election or appointment, qualification, and date of expiration of term. Arr. numer. by school dist. No index. Hpf. 158 pp. 16 x 10½ x 1½.

COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

133. EQUALIZATION BOARD, 1903-16. 1 vol. (B).
Record of proceedings of the equalization board, showing date and place of meeting, names of members, names of property owners, description of property upon which assessment was equalized. Arr. chron. by meeting date. No index. H. 320 pp. 14 x 9 x 1½.

TAX COLLECTOR

134. [TAX RECEIPTS], 1927-39. 669 tabs or books. (dated).
Duplicate tax receipts issued to tax payers, showing number of receipt, name of township, valuation of real property, valuation of personal property, total valuation of real and personal property, legal descrip-

tion of property, district number, State, county general, road, city and school district taxes, total taxes, name of tax payer, amount paid, and signature of sheriff as ex-officio collector or deputy. Arr. numer. by receipt no. No index. Hpf. Aver. 100 pp. 17 x 9 x ½.

COUNTY TREASURER

135. TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, 1923-36. 150 instruments in 1 steel f. d. Incidental filings, 1925, in Bureau Vital Statistics, Discharge and Wills, entry 147.

Duplicate receipts for moneys received by county treasurer from sheriff, equalizing fund, Department of Education, showing date of receipt, amount, by whom paid, and signature of treasurer. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hpf. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

136. [TREASURER'S RECEIPTS FOR REDEMPTION OF LANDS SOLD FOR TAXES], 1917--. 69 vols.

Duplicate treasurer's receipts on land sold for taxes, showing name of owner, name of party redeeming land, date redeemed, description of property, date of sale, amount of taxes, penalties and costs, date of receipt, and signature of treasurer. Arr. chron. by date redeemed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 50 pp. 10 x 7½ x ½.

137. TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS (Record), 1913--. 11 vols. (E, E, 1, 2, 3-7; 2 vols. unlabeled). 1890-1912 in County Court Record, entry 4. Titles vary slightly.

General account with various county officers, showing subdivisions of funds, amount received and from whom, amount disbursed, to whom paid, purpose for which disbursed, and balance in various funds. Also contains: Settlements of sheriffs and collectors, 1931--, entry 2. Arr. numer. by school and road dist. nos. No index. Hpf. Aver. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

138. REGISTER OF SCHOOL WARRANTS, 1899--. 2 vols. (1; 1 vol. unlabeled). Title varies slightly.

Numerical listing of school warrants, showing date of warrant, school district number, to whom issued, warrant number, amount, date paid or canceled, purpose for which warrant was drawn, and remarks. Arr. numer. by school dist. no. No index. Hpf. Aver. 180 pp. 16 x 11 x 2¼.

139. TREASURER'S REDEMPTION RECORD, 1933--. 1 vol. (A).

Record of redemption of lands sold for taxes, showing legal description of lands, to whom sold, date of redemption, by whom redeemed, number of redemption certificate, cost, penalty, and total tax. Arr. chron. by date redeemed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 241 pp. 17½ x 15 x 2.

DIRECTOR OF COUNTY AUDITS

140. [REPORTS OF COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS], 1927-30. Est. 69 instruments in 3 bundles. Titles vary slightly.

Annual reports on canceled school, road and county warrants made by commissioner of accounts, showing number, date, and amount of warrant, number of district, to whom paid, date of cancellation, and signature

of commissioner. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hpf. 14 x 8½ x 1.

COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOL

141. VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Miscellaneous), 1893-1910, 1931--. 50 instruments in 1 steel f. d.

File drawer containing miscellaneous school papers, such as: Enumeration of school districts, 1893-1910; annual school elections, 1933-37; apportionments, 1932--; and court orders calling special elections, 1937. Also contains: Reports of county board of education, 1931-33, entry 143. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., T. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

142. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY EXAMINER, 1916--. 22 vols. (20 vols. dated, 2 vols. unlabeled).

Record of copies of annual report of county examiner to state department of education, 1916-17, 1938--, and of county superintendent, 1918-37, showing enumeration of white and colored enrollments of schools by grades, average number enrolled, total days attended, average daily attendance, length of term, number of pupils promoted, age-grade table, classification by grade and age, number of teaching position, valuation of school property, assessed valuation, and extra levy voted, receipts for support of schools, report of expenditures and indebtedness, report of blind, partially blind, deaf, feebleminded, and physically handicapped children, number of teachers and kind of certificate held by each, report on transportation of pupils, number and value of buildings erected, and list of directors of each district. Arr. chron. by date reported. No index. Hpf. Aver. 75 pp. 12 x 9½ x ½.

143. (REPORTS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION), 1931-33. In various School Districts (Miscellaneous), entry 141.

Reports of the county board of education, showing number and name of each school district, number of children enumerated, number of mills voted in each district, names of school directors and term of years for which elected, apportionment for each school, date filed, and signature of clerk.

144. RECORD OF TEACHER'S LICENSE, 1904-39. 6 vols. Titles vary slightly.

Record of license of teachers, showing name, sex, and post office address, race, nationality, scholastic preparation, date and grade of certificate, date license was issued, license number, and date of expiration. Arr. chron. by date filed, 1904-23; alph. by first letter of surname of teacher, 1924-39. No index. Hph. Aver. 50 pp. 12 x 9½ x ½.

HEALTH UNIT

145. [COUNTY HEALTH NURSE'S FILES], 1937--. Est. 3,300 instruments in 4 steel f. d.

Folders containing records kept by county health nurse, consisting of:

i. Biologicals issued or ordered, inventory of, and requisition for. Inventory shows amount and kind on hand at end of month, date, and signature of person making inventory. Re-

Health Unit

quisitions show date, amount and kind ordered from Arkansas State Board of Health, date filed, signature of person filing requisition, date filed, and by whom.

ii. Communicable diseases, registry of, showing name and color of patient, nature of disease reported, date reported, and name of reporting physician.

iii. Daily reports, showing name of nurse, name of patient, number and date of visits made.

iv. Epidemiological record of diseases among persons of adult age, showing name, age, sex, color, and occupation of patient, type of disease, date of onset, date reported, date of physician's first visit, name of physician, laboratory, data, probable source and mode of injection, sanitary surroundings, possible source of contacts other than family, private physician's orders, consultations, and special treatment.

v. General medical closed cases, record of, showing name, address, age, and sex of each member of the family, living conditions, history of tests and treatments given.

vi. Immunizations given to school children, record of, showing name, address, age, sex, and color of child, school attended, names of parents, kind of immunization or test, and remarks.

vii. Maternity cases, record of, showing name of patient, address, name of husband, date of birth, color marital status, by whom referred, physician in charge, date of first visit of physician or nurse, expected date of confinement, physical examination, significant facts and physician's notes, blood pressure, and other laboratory examinations.

viii. School record, showing name, age, address, sex, and color, name, and birthplace of parents, general record of child, showing results of tests and immunizations, summary of infant and preschool record, note on clinical conference, field visits and notices to parents suggesting correction of certain defects in child.

ix. Specimens examined, laboratory tests of, showing name and address of attending physician, name, address, occupation, color, and sex of patient, and results.

x. Tuberculosis clinic record, 1939, showing name, address, age, sex, and color of patient, physician's name, whether or not X-ray is necessary.

Arr. in folders alph. by name of record. Self contained card index. Hpf. 11 x 5½ x 15.

146. [TRACHOMA RECORD], 1940--. 150 instruments in 1 steel f. d. Clinical records of trachoma patients, showing name, sex, age, and occupation, if minor, names of parents, if wife, name of husband, home directions given, history of case, and present condition of each eye. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of patient. No index. Hpf. 13 x 6 x 13.

147. BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, DISCHARGES & WILLS, 1919-1933. 50 instruments in 1 steel f. d.
Original list of births and deaths, showing name of person, names of parents, and signature of attending physician. Also contains: Soldiers' and sailors' discharges, 1919, entry 45; promissory notes, 1921-27, entry 46; incidental filings of county treasurer receipts (duplicates), 1925, entry 135. Arr. alph. by kind of instrument and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. H. 11 x 4½ x 13½.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

148. [APPLICATIONS - OPEN CASES], 1934--. Est. 300 instruments in 3 steel f. d. (labeled by contained letters of alph.).
Original applications for relief clients, showing name of county, application number, name of case worker, name and address of applicant, kind and amount of property owned by applicant, names, ages, and present employment of each member of household, facts relative to insurance, pensions, or other benefits, data on military service and description of all debts. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. No index. Hpf., t. 12 x 12 x 24.

149. [APPLICATIONS - CLOSED CASES], 1934--. Est. 854 instruments in 7 steel f. d. (labeled by contained letters of alph.).
Original relief applications in which cases are closed showing information as in entry 148. Also shows reason for closing case.

150. RECORD OF VISITATION, 1937--. Est. 600 instruments in 3 steel f. d.
Card record of visits made by case workers, showing name and address of client, date of visit, signature of case worker, and members of household. Reverse side of card shows dates of visits, classification of client, commodities furnished, status of worker, and remarks. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of client. No index. T. 4 x 3½ x 14.

151. CHRONOLOGICAL REGISTER, 1937--. 1 vol.
Registration of application for relief, showing name and address of applicant, date of application, date of approval or rejection, and amount of grant. Arr. chron. by application date. No index. Hpf. 245 pp. 18 x 14 x 2.

CONFEDERATE PENSION BOARD

152. PENSIONS (Record of), 1901-32. 2 vols. Title varies slightly.
Record of proceedings of pension board, showing date of meeting, members of board, lists of applications for old age pensions examined, name and

address of applicant, whether pension allowed or disallowed, amount allowed, and list of pension checks received from State auditor, showing name of pensioner, number and amount of check, to whom mailed, and date mailed. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Aver. 110 pp. 12 x 8 x ½.

COUNTY SURVEYOR

153. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1886--. 3 vols. (A-C).
Record of lands surveyed, showing all lines run out, corner post determined, name of property owner, location of property, brooks, creeks, intersections, where survey began, direction proceeded toward and distance, setting of temporary centers and posts, distances and in what direction temporary posts were moved, date of survey, signature of surveyor and chainmen . Arr. chron. by date of recording. Vol. A.C. and "Field Notes", indexed alph. by name of land owner. H. hpf. Aver. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE AGENTS

154. CORRESPONDENCE FILE (Home Demonstration and County Agents), 1939--. Aver. 875 instruments in 2 steel f. d.
Letters of instruction from the various departments connected with the county agent's office, also correspondence containing general information in home demonstrations, and miscellaneous letters. Arr. alph. by name of correspondent and chron. thereunder by date of letters. No index. T., h. 24 x 14 x 12.

155. [4-H CLUB FILE], 1935--. Est. 552 folders in 2 steel f. d.
Records of 4-H Club members in individual folders containing application and membership card, project record book, permanent record, showing name and address of member, date of birth, name of parent or guardian, kind of project, size of project, work done, value, cost, net profit or loss, notation if project not completed, and why, grade in school, outstanding achievements, offices held, special awards, 4-H Club trips made, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of club and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of club member. No index. Hpf. 12 x 14 x 24.

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CHANCERY JUDGES
(8th Chancery Circuit, 1903-1927)
(11th Chancery Circuit, 1927--)

CHANCELLORS

Geo. T. Rogers, 1903-1919
Lyman F. Reeder, 1919-1926
Alvin S. Irby, 1926-1927 (1)

(1) Vice Reeder, resigned.

Sam Williams, 1927-1935
Elmer Owens, 1935-1939 (2)
J. M. Shinn, 1939--

(2) Vice Williams, deceased.

SENATORS

B. G. Hart, 1874-1877
H. C. Tipton, 1877-1885
V. B. Tate, 1885-1889
W. E. Davidson, 1889-1897
Jerry C. South, 1897-1901
Joseph C. Short, 1901-1905
Granville S. Rector, 1905-1909
J. A. Watson, 1909-1913

John C. Ashley, 1913-1917
Elbert E. Godwin, 1917-1921
Wm. U. McCabe, 1921-1925
H. A. Northcutt, 1925-1929
Wm. H. V. Wahlquist, 1929-1933
John C. Ashley, 1933-1937
H. A. Northcutt, 1937-1939
Roy Milum, 1939--

CIRCUIT JUDGES
(3rd Judicial Circuit, 1873-1887)
(14th Judicial Circuit, 1887-1895)
(16th Judicial Circuit, 1895--)

James W. Butler, 1873-1874
Wm. Byers, 1874-1878
R. H. Powell, 1878-1887
J. W. Butler, 1887-1890
B. V. Hudgins, 1890-1895

J. B. McCaleb, 1895-1902
J. W. Meeks, 1902-1914
J. B. Baker, 1914-1923
John C. Ashley, 1923-1931
John L. Bledsoe, 1931--

COUNTY JUDGES

John S. Russell, 1874-1880
James H. Linn, 1880-1882
John S. Russell, 1882 (1)
J. W. Cypert, 1882-1886
S. J. Megee, 1886-1888
J. S. Russell, 1888-1890
John W. Cypert, 1890-1896
R. C. Love, 1896-1904
J. T. Jones, 1904-1908
G. W. Walker, 1908-1912
(1) Vice Linn, deceased.

Edgar Douglass, 1912-1914
Lee Jones, 1914-1921
Edgar Morris, 1921-1923
J. T. Jones, 1923-1925
H. E. Curlee, 1925-1927
R. H. Hudson, 1927-1929
R. M. Ruthven, 1929-1937
R. C. Love, 1937-1939
R. M. Ruthven, 1939-1941
Jim Martin, 1941--

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PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS
(3rd Judicial Circuit, 1873-1887)
(14th Judicial Circuit, 1887-1895)
(16th Judicial Circuit, 1895--)

Wm. A. Inman, 1873-1874
J. L. Abernathy, 1874-1878
Charles Coffin, 1878-1882
M. N. Dyer, 1882-1886
W. B. Padgett, 1886-1887
DeRoos Bailey, 1887-1890
J. C. Floyd, 1890-1894
Frank Pace, 1894-1895
J. B. Baker, 1895-1896
R. B. Maxey, 1896-1902
P. A. Crenshaw, 1902-1904
Thos. H. Hern, 1904-1910
C. E. Elmore, 1910-1912
H. A. Northcutt, 1912-1916
John C. Ashley, 1916-1923
Oscar E. Ellis, 1923-1927
George M. Booth, 1927-1931
Shelby C. Ferguson, 1931-1939
R. H. Wood, 1939--

REPRESENTATIVES

R. D. Casey, 1874-1877
V. B. Tate, 1877-1885
A. G. Byler, 1885-1889
H. H. Hilton, 1889-1891
Jerry C. South, 1891-1897
Wm. T. Hopper, 1897-1899
Thomas T. Jones, 1899-1901
James T. Jones, 1901-1903
Zephania M. Horton, 1903-1907
Ed D. Smothers, 1907-1911
Thos. Harvey Henley, 1911-1913
Jackson T. Thrasher, 1913-1915
Randolph C. Love, 1915-1917
Owen Kendrick, 1917-1921
Ed D. Smothers, 1921-1925
Randolph C. Love, 1925-1929
Kent K. Jackson, 1929-1931
Wm. U. McCabe, 1931 (1)
M. R. Pryor, 1933-1935
Claude Cowart, 1935-1941
Jack Hornbuckle, 1941--

(1) Deceased; no subsequent appointment or special election to fill the vacancy.

COUNTY AGENTS - BAXTER COUNTY

W. J. Apple, 1910-1911
L. E. McCoy, 1915
W. B. Wolf, 1917-1920
Byron T. Smith, 1926
J. C. Geddy, 1926-1927
Henry D. Green, 1928-1929
R. L. McGill, 1929-1934
John W. Bell, 1934-1937
E. M. Ragsdale, 1937-1942

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS

Mattie Melton, 1917-1918
Mrs. Mary M. Yates, 1930-1931
Lola D. Heard, 1935
Lucile Paul, 1936-1937
Mrs. Ruth R. Chapin, 1937-1938
Neva Hill, 1938-1942

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SHERIFFS

A. G. Byler, 1873-1884
Jacob H. Wolf, 1884-1890
A. G. Byler, 1890-1892
Samuel Livingston, 1892-1893
Wm. F. Eatman, 1893-1894a
Jacob H. Wolf, 1894
R. M. Hancock, 1894-1896
G. W. Foster, 1896-1900
R. H. Hudson, 1900-1904
E. W. Mooney, 1904-1907
Leon Mooney, 1907-1912b
R. F. Hurst, 1912-1921
Jim Martin, 1921-1925
R. S. Hurst, 1925-1928
Jim Martin, 1928-1941c
Harvey S. Powell, 1941--

a. Vice Livingston, deceased b. Vice Mooney, deceased c. Vice Hurst, deceased

CIRCUIT CLERKS

C. A. Eatman, 1874-1886
R. M. Hancock, 1886-1894
W. F. Eatman, 1894-1914
H. B. Ayler, 1914-1931
Mrs. Nellie Cooper, 1931-1939
J. D. Alley, 1939--

SURVEYORS

W. P. Hargraves, 1874-1878
Robt. E. Hurst, 1878-1884
T. B. Goforth, 1884-1894
W. N. Galaspie, 1894-1896
T. B. Goforth, 1896-1902
E. N. Osborne, 1902-1906
Charles Christian, 1906-1914
J. E. Goforth, 1914-1919
W. H. Messick, 1919-1925
J. E. Goforth, 1925-1941
J. S. Wedgeworth, 1941--

TREASURERS

William Denton, 1873
John W. Haley, 1873-1875a
Miles G. Anglin, 1875-1881b
John S. Howard, 1881-1888
W. D. Henderson, 1888-1896
J. W. Baker, 1896-1898
A. A. Wolf, 1898-1904
J. W. Baker, 1904-1906
A. A. Wolf, 1906-1916
J. E. L. Cooper, 1916-1927
Rudolph Bodenhamer, 1927-1929
Jesse Coffee, 1929-1933
Charles Howard, Jr., 1933-1937
W. F. (Faye) Nelson, 1937-1939
Ward Hackler, 1939-1941
Ben Tilley, 1941--

a. Vice Denton, ousted by court b. Vice Haley, resigned

CORONERS

M. J. Wolf, 1873-1874
James M. Wolf, 1874-1876
S. H. Talburt, 1876-1878
Jacob H. Wolf, 1878-1882
J. L. Elliott, 1882-1890
W. H. Conditt, 1890-1893
C. A. Eatman, 1893-1894
R. H. Wolf, 1894-1896
L. B. Mangrum, 1896-1898
G. W. Walker, 1898-1900
James Milburn, 1900-1902
Dr. Albert Garver, 1902-1904
M. D. Foster, 1904-1910
W. K. Gray, 1910-1912
G. N. Foster, 1912-1916
D. C. Brown, 1916-1921
W. S. Baldwin, 1921-1925
Chas. Skiver, 1925-1931
J. T. Tipton, 1931-1935
Scott Appleby, 1935-1937
Dr. R. Hedrick, 1937-1939
Dr. M. L. Mooney, 1939--

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TAX ASSESSORS

V. B. Tate, 1873-1876
E. H. Messick, 1876-1878
Wm. A. Collis, 1878-1882
J. A. Carter, 1882-1886
W. A. Collis, 1886-1888
J. B. Schoggen, 1888-1892
E. T. Patterson, 1892-1896
R. H. Hudson, 1896-1898
J. H. Gorkin, 1898-1902
J. V. Thrasher, 1902-1906
J. A. Carter, 1906-1910
W. L. Loman, 1910-1912
J. H. Wolf, 1912-1916
M. E. Curlee, 1916-1921
Leffel Smith, 1921-1925
Jesse Coffee, 1925-1929
Chas. Howard, 1929-1931
Chas. Howard, Jr., 1931-1935
G. Hardy Hand, 1935-1937
J. B. Tilley, 1937-1939
Ben Tilley, 1939-1941
Chas. Howard, Jr., 1941--

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