

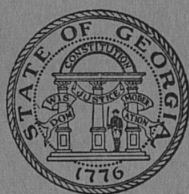
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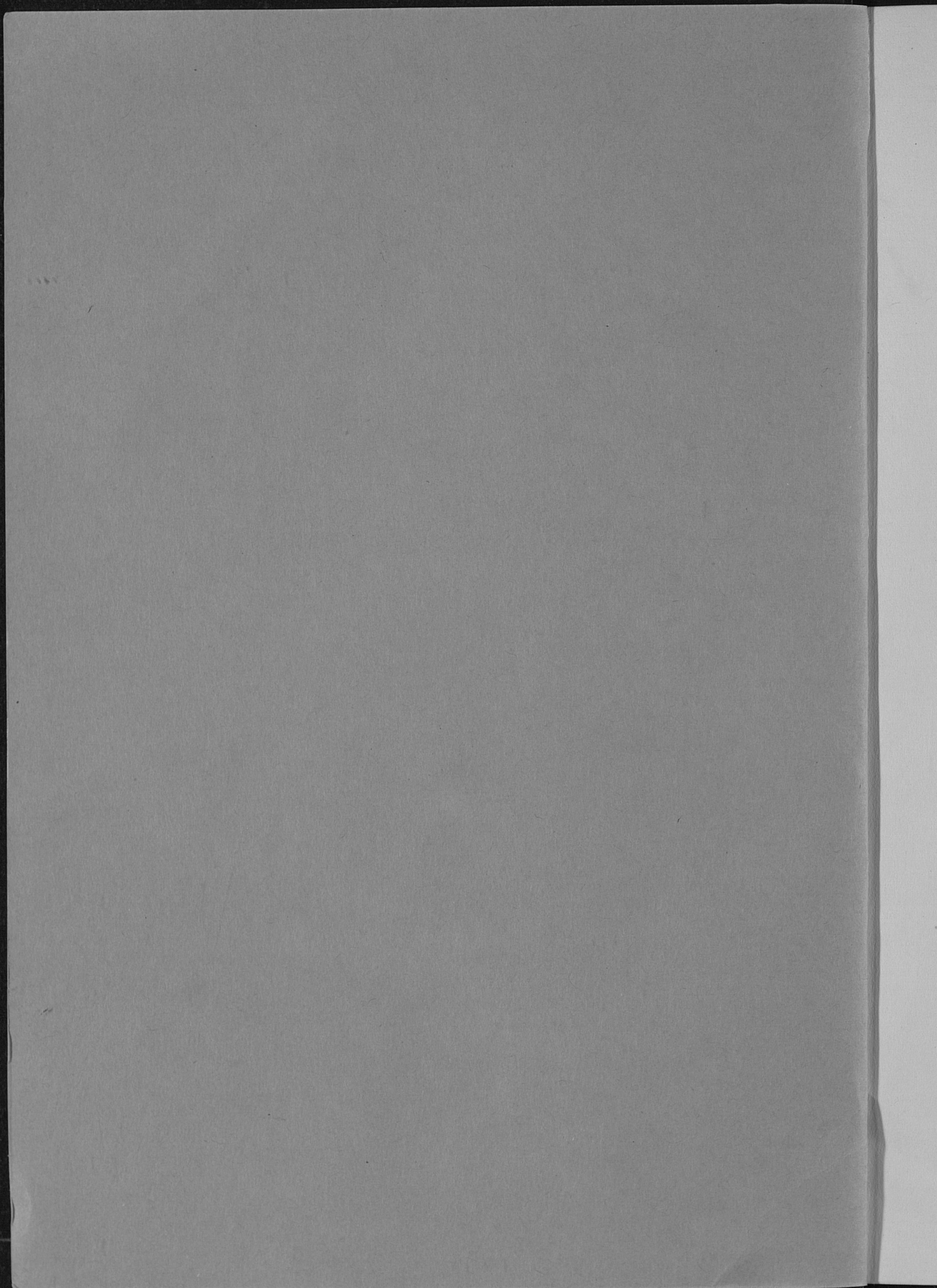
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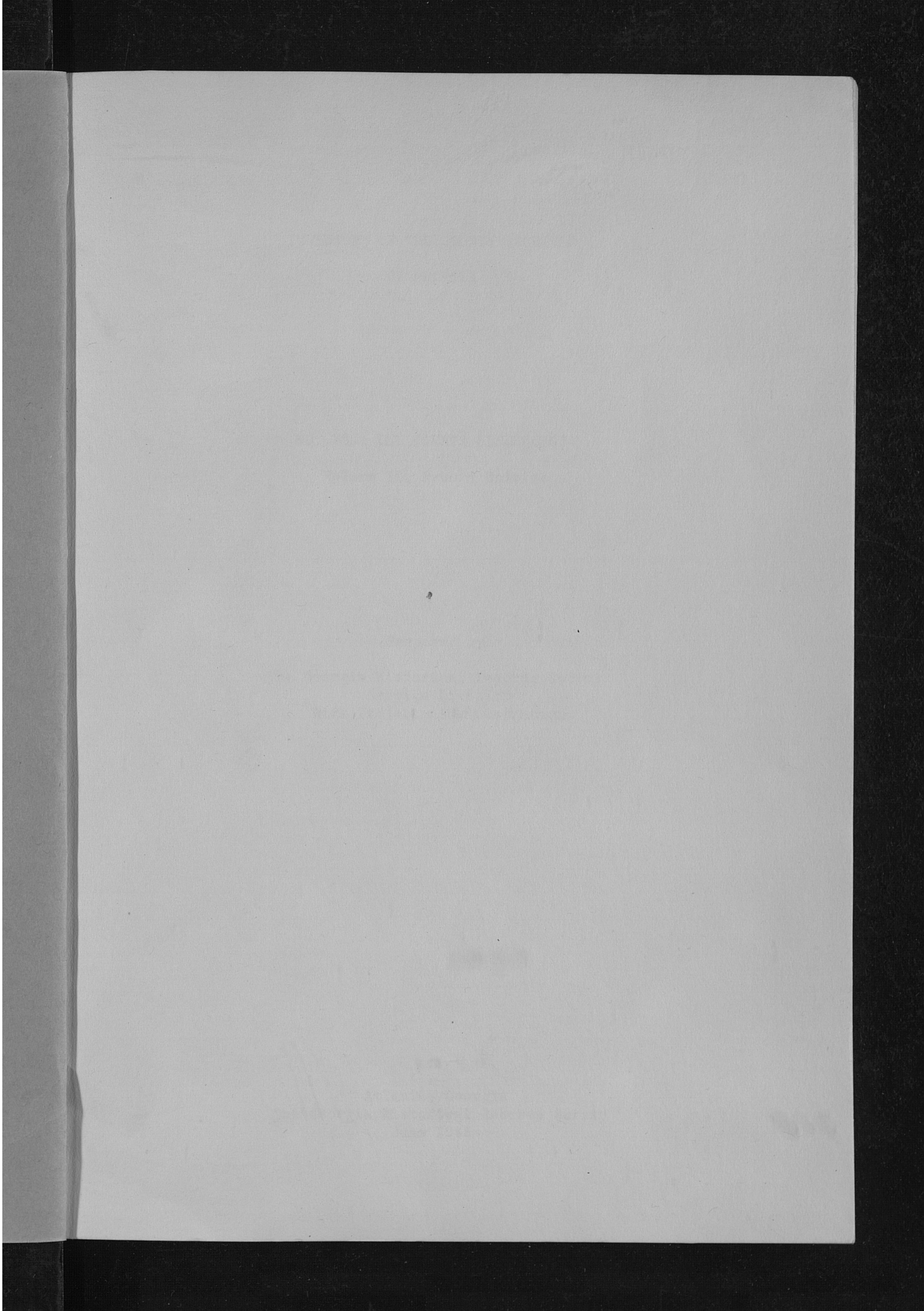
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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Georgia is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey projects of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, the Record Entries of an inventory of the archives of Lee County, is Volume II of Number 88 of the Georgia series.

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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was initiated in Georgia in October 1936, as a unit of a Nation-wide program under the supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans, National Director. The project at the beginning was set up as a part of the Federal Writers Project, but functioned thereunder for only a few weeks. The Survey became an independent unit of Federal Project No. 1 on November 1, 1936, and operated as such until September 1, 1939, when the transfer of the Survey to the status of a locally sponsored State-wide project was effected.

Since this is probably the last volume the Georgia Historical Records Survey will publish before it suspends operations for the duration of the War, it would seem appropriate to list the persons who have been head of the project since it was initiated in this State and give the dates they served. Miss Annie Laurie Hill was in charge of the Survey as Assistant State Supervisor under Mrs. Carolyn P. Dillard, State Supervisor of the Federal Writers Project, until November 1936. Raiford J. Wood was named State Supervisor of the project in November 1936 and served in such capacity until July 1939, at which time Philip Warren was appointed State Supervisor. Mr. Warren was succeeded as State Supervisor of the project by Frederick S. Hulse on October 10, 1940. Dr. Hulse served in this capacity until June 8, 1942, at which time the writer was placed in charge of the project.

With a view to encouraging the study of local history in the schools, it was decided to publish the Historical Sketch of Lee County separately as Volume I, this book being Volume II, Record Entries.

The principal objective of the Survey in Georgia is to prepare complete inventories of the public archives of the State and its political subdivisions, and to make readily accessible to research students and historians this large store of source material. This includes the publication, not only of inventories of county archives, but also of maps, vital statistics, and other important data found both in State and county depositories. Inventories of church archives, of Federal Archives in the State of Georgia, and guides to manuscript depositories have also been or will be prepared. A list of the publications of the Georgia Historical Records Survey appears on page 96, *infra*. Such a survey should greatly aid and encourage a more systematic study of local governmental structure and point the way to an improvement in the methods of storage and preservation of both current and noncurrent records.

The arrangement of agencies in the inventory classifies them according to governmental function: Administration, registration of property titles, administration of justice, law enforcement, finance, elections, education, health, welfare, public works, agriculture, and miscellaneous. Records are classified in general according to the agencies which make them, unless other disposition of the records is directed by law. Under agencies, records have been classified insofar as possible according to the subjects with which they deal. The information contained in record entries is discussed in detail in the Explanatory Notes, *infra*, p. x.

The Survey is now engaged in preparing a comprehensive statement of the general law regulating county government, to be entitled "County

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Government in Georgia." It is expected that this book will serve as a handbook on the organization, structure, and evolution of county government and records in Georgia, and will make it unnecessary to repeat in each inventory information applicable to all counties in the State. The office essays in this inventory are, therefore, limited to the creation of the office and its present status, the manner in which it is filled, the term, and special legislation affecting Lee County. Pending issuance of the volume on county government in Georgia, it is suggested that the reader consult the Inventory of the County Archives of Georgia, No. 106, Muscogee County, for more detailed essays than those found in the present inventory.

The Survey was begun in Lee County in January 1940, and the initial field work was completed in December of that year. The work was rechecked during December 1941. For the completeness and accuracy of the inventory of the records, as well as the transcriptions of the county minutes cited herein, the field workers are responsible. This volume was prepared by the Project Technician. The typing and stencil cutting of both Lee County volumes were done by Gertrude B. Lacy and Virginia C. Callaway, and the volumes were mimeographed by Charles E. Cox, Foreman of the project mimeographing section.

The publication of this volume is made possible largely through the assistance rendered on behalf of Lee County by the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues. The valuable assistance rendered by the Superintendent of Schools, the Superior Court Clerk, the Ordinary, and other officials of Lee County is gratefully acknowledged. Acknowledgment is also made for the aid given by the various workers and officials of the State and District offices of the Work Projects Administration.

The Inventory of the County Archives of Georgia will, when completed, consist of a separate, numbered volume (or volumes) for each county in the State. Each county unit of the series is numbered according to its respective position in an alphabetical list of Georgia's 159 counties. Thus, the volumes for Lee County are numbered 88, in accordance with this list.

The inventory of the State archives, of county, municipal, and other local records, will constitute separate series of publications. They are in mimeographed form for free distribution to certain State and local public officials, public libraries in Georgia, and to a limited number of libraries and governmental agencies outside the State. Requests for information concerning these publications should be addressed to Julian J. Barfield, State Supervisor, Research and Records Programs, Ten Forsyth Street Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Project Technician in Charge

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ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Abbreviations

agri.	agricultural
agt.	agent
alph.	alphabetical(ly)
arr.	arranged
art.	article
aver.	average
bd.	board
bdl(s).	bundle(s)
bsmt.	basement
C.C.	County Courthouse
C.H.	City Hall
chron.	chronological(ly)
clk.	clerk('s)
co.	county
col.	collector
comm.	commissioners(')
Const.	Constitution
cont'd	continued
ct.	court
ctrm.	courtroom
deft.	defendant('s)
dept.	department
DPW	Department of Public Welfare
e.g.	<u>exempli gratia</u> (for example)
env.	envelope
est.	estimated
et al.	<u>et alii, et alias</u> (and others)
et seq.	<u>et sequentia</u> (and the following)
Ex. Sess.	Extra Session
Ext. Ser.	Extension Service
f.b.	file box(es)
f.d.	file drawer(s)
fl.	floor
Ga.	Georgia
gen.	general
hds.	headings
hdw.	handwritten
ibid.	<u>ibidem</u> (in the same place)
i.e.	<u>id est</u> (that is)
indef.	indefinite
infra	below
J.P.	justice of the peace
loc. cit.	<u>loco citato</u> (in the place cited)
M.D.	militia district
n.d.	no date
no(s).	number(s)
numer.	numerical(ly)
off.	office
op. cit.	<u>opere citato</u> (in the work cited)
ord.	ordinary('s)

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p(p).	page(s)
par(s).	paragraph(s)
<u>passim</u>	here and there
pltf.	plaintiff('s)
ptd.	printed
pvt.	private
rd.	road
rm.	room
sec(s).	section(s)
S.E.	Southeastern Reporter
sess.	session
sher.	sheriff('s)
sol. gen.	solicitor general
strm.	storeroom
<u>supra</u>	above
supt.	superintendent('s)
sup.	superior
U.S.	United States
U.S. Stat.	United States Statutes at Large
v.	versus
va.	vault
viz:	videlicet (namely)
vol(s).	volume(s)
WPA	Work Projects Administration

Symbols

x	by (in dimensions)
--	to date and continuing
'	foot, feet
"	inches
#	space marks are used in footnote citations preceding sections of the Georgia Code, as a symbol for section.

Explanatory Notes

Records are described in entries whose style is formalized to give the following information: Title of record, dates for which available, quantity, labeling of volumes or containers, information on missing records or discontinuance, variant titles, description of record contents, manner of arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, size of volumes or containers, and location.

Titles of Records. The exact titles of records, as they appear on the spine or outside of volumes and record containers, are written in solid capitals without parentheses (as in entry 1). In the absence of titles, descriptive titles have been assigned, which are written in solid capitals and enclosed in parentheses (as in entry 4). If a record title is not adequately descriptive of the contents of the record, an assigned

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explanatory title (or explanatory words), written with initial capitals and enclosed in parentheses, has been added to the exact title (as in entry 81). If in a single series the title of a record varies, the current or most recent title is used as the entry title, but title variations are indicated in the title lines, as well as records that have no title (as in entries 15, 16).

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 the record entry.

Indexing. All indexes to records, unless otherwise stated, are self-contained. If a record has a separate index, the index entry immediately follows the record entry where possible. Cross references are given in an entry for a separate index to the record entry or entries it serves; and conversely, cross references are given in a record entry to the separate index serving it, or entries where there is more than one separate index.

Condition of Records. It may be assumed that records are in good condition unless otherwise indicated.

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

Location of Records. All records are in the county courthouse unless otherwise noted in the entries. When all or the majority of the records of an office have a common location, the location is indicated in the last sentence of the office essay instead of in each individual entry.

Cross References. Title-line cross references are used to show the continuity of a record series which has been kept separately for a period

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of time and with other records for different periods of time. An example of this type is in entry 89: "1887-- in Letters of Administration and Testamentary, entry 90." 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 described elsewhere in the inventory, as in entry 163; or in those set up for a record which is never kept separately but is found in two or more records of miscellaneous content, such as entry 61. In both instances the description in the master entry (entry of miscellaneous content) shows the title and entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made, as for example, these words in entry 40 do: "Also contains: Coroner's inquests, entry 61." Dates shown in the description of the master entry or entry of miscellaneous content are only for the part or parts of the record contained therein, and are shown only when they vary from those of the master entry.

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

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GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The Georgia County is a civil division of the State for judicial and political purposes - that is, a local organization invested with certain functions of corporate existence.¹ The county serves as agent of the State in the collection of taxes and cooperates in the promotion of public health, education, welfare, and the enforcement of law.

Counties are created by amendments to the State Constitution, which, until the year 1904, limited the number of counties to the 145 then existing in the State.² In the early nineteenth century, however, counties were created by legislative act.³ Since the constitutional amendment of 1904, 16 additional counties have been created, aggregating 161, but the merger in 1932 of Campbell and Milton Counties with the County of Fulton reduced them to the present number, 159.⁴ There are no limitations or restrictions as to size, population, or taxable value of property in the creation of new counties in Georgia.

Lee County was created by an act approved December 11, 1826.⁵ It was laid out and organized from lands acquired by the State from the Creek Indians by treaty the preceding year.⁶ The act creating Lee County also established a new judicial circuit, the Chattahoochee, and attached Lee to it, along with Muscogee, Troup, Coweta, Carroll, Fayette, and DeKalb Counties.⁷ Lee County is now attached to the Southwestern Judicial Circuit,⁸ is in the Tenth State Senatorial District,⁹ has one representative in the State House of Representatives,¹⁰ and is in the Third Congressional District.¹¹

A board of commissioners of roads and revenues was established in Lee County on March 13, 1876,¹² under authority of an act of that year.¹³ It succeeded to the jurisdiction over county affairs which had been exercised by the inferior court from the organization of the county in 1827¹⁴ until 1868, and by the ordinary from 1868¹⁵ until 1876.

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- 1 Hammond v. Clark, 136 Ga. 313; 71 S.E. 479 (1911).
 - 2 Ga. Code of 1933, #2-8201, #2-8202; Ga. Acts 1904, p. 47, ratified Oct. 5, 1904.
 - 3 Ga. Const. 1798, art. 1, sec. 23.
 - 4 Ga. Acts 1929, p. 551; 1931, p. 527.
 - 5 Ga. Acts 1826, p. 57.
 - 6 Adiel Sherwood, A Gazetteer of the State of Georgia, 1827, p. 9.
 - 7 Ga. Acts 1826, p. 58.
 - 8 Ga. Acts 1941, p. 1886.
 - 9 Georgia's Official Register, 1931 - 1935 - 1937, p. 79.
 - 10 Ga. Acts 1931, pp. 48, 49.
 - 11 Ga. Acts 1931, p. 47.
 - 12 Minutes (Inferior Court - County Purposes), vol. A-1, p. 372, see entry 76.
 - 13 Ga. Acts 1876, pp. 281, 282.
 - 14 Act 1796, Marbury and Crawford, pp. 171, 172; Ga. Acts 1826, p. 57.
 - 15 Ga. Const. 1868, art. 5, sec. 5, par. 2; art. 5, sec. 14; art. 11, sec. 7.

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Serving in Lee County at the present time are the following courts, officers, and agencies: A board of five commissioners of roads and revenues;¹ the superior court, the highest State tribunal of original jurisdiction;² the superior court clerk, who, in addition to his duties as clerical officer of the court, is county recorder, and is responsible for the recording of all titles to property, mortgages, and liens;³ the solicitor general, who is the State prosecuting officer of the judicial circuit embracing Lee County;⁴ a board of six jury commissioners, who are appointed by the judge of the superior court,⁵ and who select the names of citizens of the county, eligible to serve, to be placed in the grand and trial jury boxes;⁶ the grand jury, which cannot consist of less than 18 nor more than 23 persons, whose principal duty is to investigate criminal offenses that come to its knowledge and indict law violators,⁷ and also to make recommendations concerning county matters;⁸ a court of ordinary, with jurisdiction over estate and probate matters;⁹ a county administrator, appointed by the ordinary, whose principal duty is to take charge of all estates unrepresented, and not likely to be represented, and administer them¹⁰ (if no county administrator is appointed the ordinary is supposed to vest the duties of this office in the superior court clerk);¹¹ the city court of Leesburg, with jurisdiction over all civil cases of whatever amount, except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the superior court, and over all criminal cases where the offender is not subject to loss of life or confinement in the penitentiary (misdemeanors), and the superior court clerk and the county sheriff also serve as ex officio officers of this court;¹² a city court solicitor, whose principal duty is to prosecute all criminal cases cognizant before the city court;¹³ five justice of the peace courts,¹⁴ one serving in each of the five militia districts in the county,¹⁵ and in addition there can be a commissioned notary public ex officio justice of the peace, appointed by the superior court judge upon recommendation of the grand jury, in each of these district;¹⁶ constables (law provides for two for each

1 Ga. Acts, 1876, pp. 281, 282.

2 Ga. Const. 1777, arts, 36-40; Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3201, #24-2615.

3 Ga. Const. 1777, arts, 36-40; Ga. Code of 1933, #24-2714.

4 Ga. Const. 1798, art. 3, sec. 3; Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3901.

5 Ga. Code of 1933, #59-101; Ga. Acts 1878-79, p. 27.

6 Ga. Code of 1933, #59-106.

7 Ga. Const. 1777, art. 45; Ga. Code of 1933, #59-202, #59-304.

8 Ga. Code of 1933, #59-309, #59-314 to #59-317; Ga. Acts 1889, p. 156.

9 Ga. Code of 1933, #24-1701; Ga. Acts 1851-52, pp. 49, 50, 91-98.

10 Ga. Code of 1933, #113-1301; Ga. Acts 1882-83, p. 79, 80.

11 Ga. Code of 1933, #113-1307; Ga. Acts 1882-83, p. 81.

12 Ga. Acts 1905, pp. 266-276.

13 Ga. Acts 1905, pp. 266, 268; 1906, p. 255.

14 Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3501, #24-401.

15 Ga. Acts 1929, p. 654; Tax Digest (1940), see entries 7, 193.

16 Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3601, #24-501.

militia district),¹ who are the process servers and arresting officers of justice of the peace and commissioned notary public ex officio justice of the peace courts;² a county attorney, who advises the county commissioners when legal problems arise and represents the county when it becomes involved in litigation;³ a coroner, whose duty is to conduct inquests in all sudden or violent deaths where there are no eyewitnesses;⁴ the sheriff, the county's principal law enforcement officer and process server;⁵ a tax receiver, whose principal duty is to receive tax returns on both real and personal property⁶ and prepare the county tax digest;⁷ a board of three tax assessors, who are appointed by the board of commissioners of roads and revenues,⁸ and are charged with the duty of seeing that all property returned for taxation is assessed at a fair valuation;⁹ the tax collector, whose principal duty is to collect State and county taxes and remit to the State and county treasuries their proportionate share of such funds,¹⁰ and to collect poll taxes and keep a permanent record of all qualified voters of the county;¹¹ the treasurer, whose principal duty is to collect and disburse county funds;¹² a board of three registrars, appointed by the superior court judge, whose principal duty is the preparation of lists of registered voters of the county;¹³ a board of education composed of five members, appointed by the grand jury;¹⁴ a superintendent of schools, who is also secretary of the county board of education and is its chief executive officer;¹⁵ the board of health, composed of the chairman of the board of commissioners of roads and revenues, the superintendent of schools, and one reputable physician supposed to be appointed by the grand jury (in Lee the "County Clinic Doctor" serves on the board), with supervision over all matters relating

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- 1 Ga. Code of 1933, #24-801; Act 1829, Cobb, p. 213; Ga. Acts 1869, p. 22.
 - 2 Ga. Code of 1933, #24-817; Act 1811, Cobb, pp. 645, 646; Ga. Acts 1811, p. 16.
 - 3 Commissioners Minutes, vol. F, p. 573, see entry 1.
 - 4 Ga. Code of 1933, #21-101, #21-202; Act 1823, Cobb, p. 537; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 43.
 - 5 Ga. Const. 1777, art. 40; Ga. Code of 1933, #24-2801, #24-2813; Act 1799, Cobb, p. 198.
 - 6 Ga. Code of 1933, #92-4611, par. 1; Act 1804, Cobb, p. 1045.
 - 7 Ga. Code of 1933, #92-4611, par. 2; Act 1807, Cobb, p. 1054.
 - 8 Ga. Code of 1933, #92-6903; Ga. Acts 1913, pp. 123, 124.
 - 9 Ga. Code of 1933, #92-6911; Ga. Acts 1937, p. 519.
 - 10 Ga. Code of 1933, #92-4901, #92-6203; Act 1804, Cobb, p. 1048.
 - 11 Ga. Code of 1933, #34-201, #92-4901.
 - 12 Ga. Code of 1933, #23-1015; Ga. Acts 1825, pp. 67-69; Act 1825, Cobb, pp. 211, 212.
 - 13 Ga. Code of 1933, #34-401; Ga. Acts 1894, p. 118; 1908, p. 58; 1924, p. 47.
 - 14 Ga. Code of 1933, #32-902; Ga. Acts 1919, p. 320.
 - 15 Ga. Code of 1933, #32-907, #32-1001, #32-1009; Ga. Acts 1919, pp. 322, 349, 351.

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Governmental Organization

to health and sanitation in the county;¹ a county department of public welfare consisting of a director, who is appointed by the county welfare board, and a welfare board of five members, appointed by the board of commissioners of roads and revenues subject to the approval of the State Department of Public Welfare, the principal duties of the county department being to administer all forms of public assistance in the county, and to perform such welfare activities as may be delegated to it by the State Department of Public Welfare, or by the board of commissioners of roads and revenues;² a superintendent of roads, appointed by the board of commissioners of roads and revenues, who has charge of the construction and maintenance of all roads and bridges in the county under the general supervision of the board of commissioners (secondary roads - the main highways are under the supervision of the State Highway Department);³ a county surveyor, who surveys county and district lines, executes surveys required by court order, and plats all surveys made by him;⁴ and a county agricultural agent, selected by the Agricultural Extension Service of the University System of Georgia, with the approval of the board of commissioners of roads and revenues and the county board of education,⁵ whose principal duties are to instruct the farmers of his county in improved and advanced methods of farming as recommended by the Agricultural Extension Service, and to administer Federal conservation programs in the county.

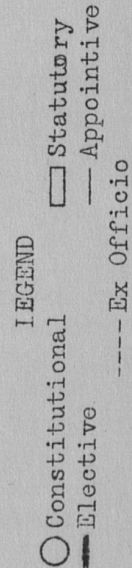
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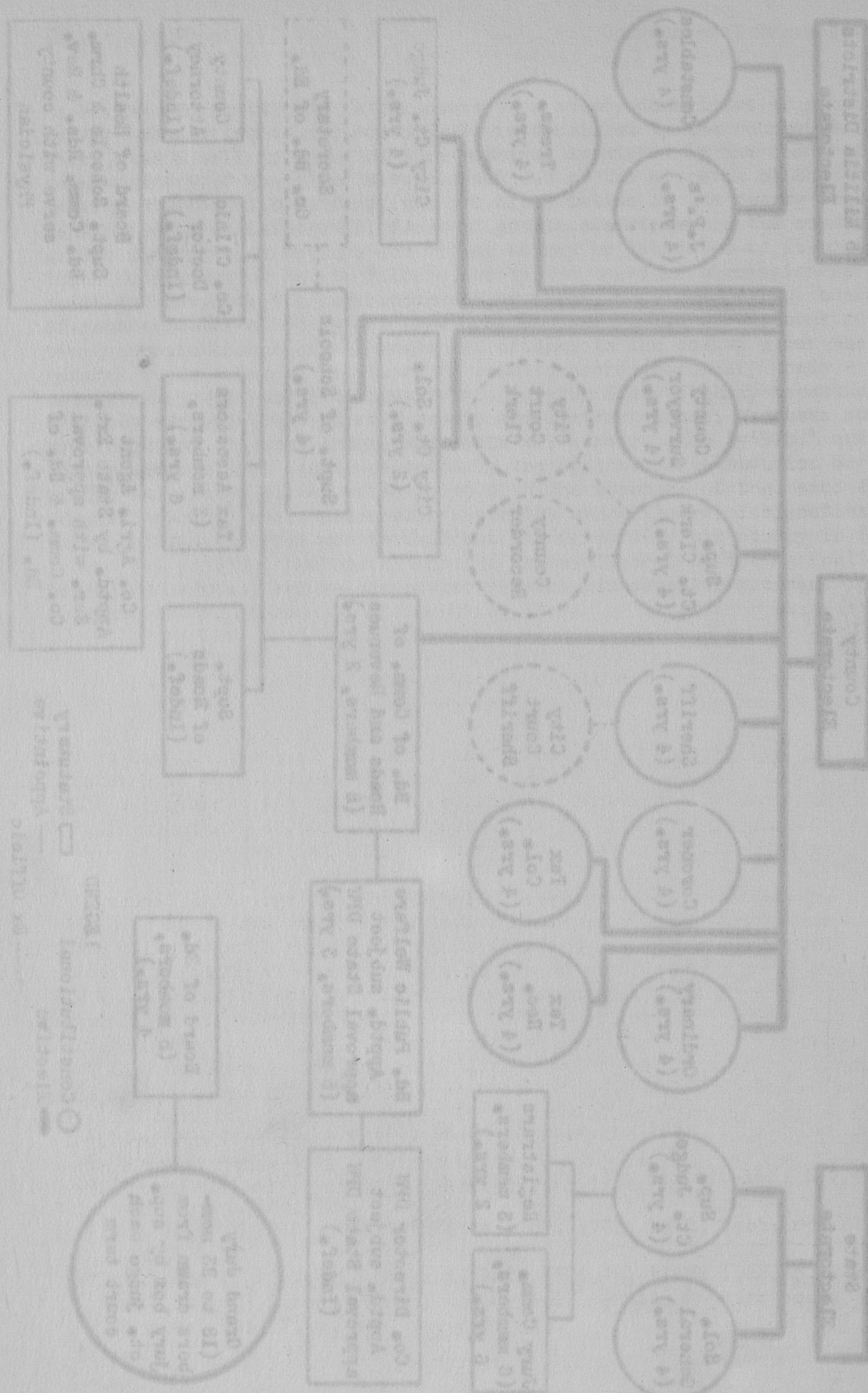
² Ga. Acts 1937, pp. 363-365.

³ Ga. Code of 1933, #95-801; Ga. Acts 1882-83, pp. 140-145; 1890-91, vol. I, pp. 135, 136.

⁴ Ga. Code of 1933, #23-1108; Acts 1783, 1785, 1838, Cobb, pp. 215, 668, 672.

⁵ Ga. Code of 1933, #32-944; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 1243; 1922, p. 82; 1923, p. 88; Barnes Federal Code, #8413, #8414; Commissioners Minutes, vol. F, p. 445, see entry 1.





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HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

A courthouse fire early in the year 1858 destroyed virtually all the official records of Lee County, only a few scattered volumes and documents having been saved. Complete records, since the fire, of several officers are not available. Their loss is attributed to the confusion attendant upon their removal from the old to the new courthouse in 1918. All records of road commissioners, who last served in 1903, are reported missing.

Most of the official records subsequent to 1858 are complete and well preserved as the result of efficient and proper handling and supervision by past and present officials.

The courthouse at Leesburg is the depository for county records in the currently functioning offices except two: the county department of public welfare and the county agricultural agent. The former agency keeps its records in rented quarters on the second floor of the Lipsey Building on Courthouse Street. Records of the county agricultural agent are deposited in four rented offices on the second floor of the Williams Building, situated west of the Dixie Highway opposite the depot.

In the courthouse also are deposited the extant records of the inferior court, the county court, and the district court, agencies now defunct in Lee County.

The Courthouse

The present Lee County courthouse, located in Leesburg, was erected in 1917 and 1918 by R. W. Wimbish and Company, contractors of Savannah, Georgia, from architectural designs by, and under the supervision of James J. Baldwin, architect,¹ at a cost of \$46,106.23, including \$2,500 for the lot.² A major portion of the building is fireproof.

The building is of modified colonial design, typical of county courthouses constructed in Georgia during the first two decades of the Twentieth Century. It is rectangular in shape, has a rectangular central section 48 by 60 feet, and on either side of which is a wing approximately 30 by 50 feet. Entrances are provided on the north, east, south and west, the main entrance facing west. The courthouse is constructed of red brick with a roof of gray slate shingles, is two stories high, and has a center tower about 30 feet in height above the roof, and in which is a 4-way clock about 5 feet in diameter. The tower is capped with a dome 12 feet in diameter and 10 feet high, covered with tin, and painted brick red. The exterior dimensions of the courthouse are 54 by 92 feet and it is approximately 50 feet high. A basement under a portion of the building provides for a fuel room and a boiler room. The

¹ Commissioners Minutes, vol. F, p. 14, see entry 1.

² Ibid., vol. E, pp. 29, 34, 47.

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building is adequately steamheated from the central plant, and natural and artificial lighting and ventilation are good throughout.

A foundation of red brick extends to the level of the first floor, approximately 2 feet above the ground, and the walls are also of red brick from the first floor to the roof. At the main entrance there is a portico 37 feet wide by 8 feet deep. The floor foundation is of brick and cement. The roof of the portico is supported by four round, white, concrete columns, spaced about 8 feet apart and resting on concrete bases 4 feet by 4 feet by 1 foot high. The seven steps leading to the portico are 29 feet, 2 inches long. Above the doorway is a galvanized iron plate, painted white, with "LEE COUNTY" painted on it in raised black letters. A marble plaque on the right wall inside the main entrance bears the following inscription:

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LEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE

- COMMISSIONERS -

E. J. STOCKS

A. J. POWELL

H. L. LONG, SR.

D. C. JONES

T. S. BURTON

ARCHITECT

BUILDER

JAS. J. BALDWIN

R. W. WIMBISH & CO

The first floor offices are divided by a north-south and an east-west corridor, which form a central lobby where they bisect. The floors of the corridors and lobby are of terraza, a combination material composed of crushed marble and glazed over to resemble tile; walls and ceilings are of cream plastering. There are stairways leading from the north and south corridors on the first floor to those on the second floor, the steps of which are of wood with steel reinforcements. The balusters are of pine wood, stained walnut, and the railings are of iron pipe. Under each of the stairways are closets where supplies are kept. Many records of the superintendent of schools, however, are also stored in the closet under the north stairway. The floors, walls, and ceilings of the second floor corridors are of the same material and finished in the same manner as the first floor. Double doors of oak, stained walnut, open from the corridors into the courtroom auditorium.

The superior court room occupies the central area of the second floor. The flooring is of pine wood and is kept well oiled. The walls

and ceiling are of cream-colored plastering, and the walls are decorated with 20 pilasters, evenly distributed. There are two pilasters in each of the four corners of the room, one on each side of the two double doors, one on either side of the judge's dais, and one on either side of the three windows in the rear of the room. The rear section of the courtroom is for the use of spectators and will seat about 250 whites. Wooden steps on each side of the courtroom lead to the balcony, which will seat about 100 negroes. That portion of the courtroom reserved for court officials, litigants, and witnesses is divided from the spectator's section by a wooden railing, in front of which is a row of turnover wooden seats. The judge's bench is mounted on a dais, to the left of which are 12 swivel chairs for the jurors. The courtroom is illuminated by 11 chandeliers, 5 of which are over the front of the room, 3 over and 3 under the balcony, and swinging from brass link chains. One double window with a transom on each side of the judge's bench, and three double windows in the rear of the room, provide ample daylight. There is a detention room with three cells for prisoners, entrance to which is had only through a door to the left of the judge's bench. Both to the right and the left of the courtroom section reserved for court officials and litigants are doorways leading from the courtroom into passageways through which entrance is had to the corridors.

Opening off the left of the upper south corridor is the grand jury room, and to the right, a passageway from which a door on the right leads into the board of health office with lavatory conveniences. To the left is an entrance to the courtroom.

From the north corridor on the second floor a small passageway leads to the right, and the office of the city court judge is on the right side of the passageway. To the rear of the passageway is an office occupied by a lawyer, and adjoining it is the ladies' rest room, equipped with modern facilities, and to which entrance is had from the corridor. The jury room, equipped with sanitary facilities, a small office for use of the judge, solicitor general, and the clerk during sessions of the court, and the courtroom are accessible from the north corridor by a passageway to the left.

Following is a description of the record-keeping facilities of the various county offices, agencies, and courts, and an enumeration of the records kept in each. They are arranged in the order in which the office essays appear in the inventory. Since scaled floor plans of the Lee County courthouse are included in this volume on pages 14-16, dimensions and location of offices are given only for those located elsewhere than in the courthouse.

Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues: These officials occupy a first-floor office where they hold their meetings and where their clerk attends to official county business. Some of their records are stored in their own office, some in the vault of the clerk of the superior court, and many are in the vault of the ordinary. The records of this agency which are not kept in its office are listed under the office in which they are deposited.

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Commissioners' Office: Fifteen volumes, 4 cardboard boxes and 4 file drawers, containing an estimated 5,000 official documents and 3 annual audit reports.

The justice of the peace of the 915th (Leesburg) Militia District has two volumes of dockets stored in this office.

Superior Court and Clerk: The judge of the superior court shares an office with the solicitor general and clerk of the court on the second floor during court sessions, which are held in the courtroom adjoining it. The superior court clerk is also clerk of the city court of Leesburg. He is provided with an office and a vault on the first floor of the courthouse in which are housed all official documents of the superior and city court.

Superior Court Clerk's Vault: This fireproof compartment is protected by a steel door and has windows with steel frames and thick glass, reinforced by wire. There are 177 volumes and an estimated 27,500 papers in 46 file drawers, 1 wooden box, and 7 pigeon holes of superior court records in this vault. Three additional file drawers house 111 voters' lists and 1 file drawer contains 34 blueprints. There are, in addition, 17 bound volumes of newspapers.

The records of other agencies kept in this vault are as follows: County commissioners, 6 volumes; grand jury, 2 volumes, and an estimated 350 papers in 2 file drawers and 2 pigeon holes; inferior court, 5 volumes; county court, 5 volumes; and the justice of the peace of the 915th Militia District, 1 volume.

Solicitor General: This official shares an office on the second floor with the superior court judge and clerk when the Lee County superior court is in session. No records are kept there.

Jury Commissioners: No office is provided this group and they keep no records.

Grand Jury: The room in which this body deliberates is located on the second floor but no records are kept there. It is the duty of the clerk of the superior court to preserve indictments, presentments, and other documents of the grand jurors.

Court of Ordinary: The office of this official is located on the first floor and has a vault adjoining it. Only affidavits and personal papers are kept in the office. The justice of the peace of the 915th (Leesburg) District has desk space there.

Ordinary's Vault: This fireproof compartment is protected by a steel door and its single window is encased in steel frames with thick glass, reinforced by wire. The ordinary's records deposited here consist of 66 volumes, 8,200 official documents in 22 file drawers, 7 volumes of newspapers, an estimated 210 unbound newspapers in 1 wooden

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box, 4,000 cards in 1 file drawer, and 11 volumes of voters lists in 1 wooden box.

The records of other agencies kept in this vault are as follows: County commissioners, 46 volumes of tax digests, and an estimated 550 papers in 1 wooden box and 1 file drawer; and the justice of the peace of the 915th Militia District, 7 volumes.

City Court and Clerk: The city court judge is provided with an office on the second floor and sessions of that court are held in the courtroom. All records of this court are preserved in the vault of the clerk of the superior court and consist of 25 volumes, an estimated 11,575 official documents stored in 5 cardboard boxes, 11 pigeon holes, and 28 file drawers.

Justice of the Peace Courts:

738th (Palmyra) Militia District. No records were located for this district.

915th (Leesburg) Militia District. The records of this official are housed in the vault of the superior court clerk, the ordinary's vault, and in the county commissioners' office. These records are listed under the offices in which they are deposited.

975th (Red Bone) Militia District. No records were located for this district.

976th (Smithville) Militia District. This official has two volumes of records which are kept at his residence: Smithville, Ga.

1238th (Chokee) Militia District. This official likewise has two volumes of records kept at his residence: RFD. 2, Smithville, Ga.

Constables: These officials are provided with no offices and keep no records.

Juvenile Court: The ordinary was designated by the judge of the superior court to act as judge of this court. Apparently no cases have been tried by this court as no records were located.

County Attorney: No office is provided for this official, all county business handled by him being filed by the county commissioners.

Coroner: This official likewise is furnished no office space by the county and is required to keep no records. The results of inquests handled by him are turned over to the clerk of the superior court, are filed in his vault, and become a part of the clerk's records.

Sheriff: This officer has an office on the first floor of the courthouse. He stores 22 volumes and an estimated 7,050 official

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documents in 28 file drawers. Two of his volumes are housed in the office of the jailer at the county jail, and a few are in and listed under the tax collector's office.

Tax Receiver: A first-floor office, which he shares with the tax collector, is provided for this official. His records, all in this office, consist of 32 volumes and an estimated 1,400 official papers in 2 file drawers.

Board of Tax Assessors: While no office is provided for this agency, the board, when in session, meets in the office of the tax receiver and tax collector. They are required to keep no records.

Tax Collector: All records of this official are kept in his office on the first floor, which he occupies jointly with tax receiver. They consist of 57 volumes and an estimated 250 official papers in 9 envelopes.

The following records of other agencies are in this office: County court, two volumes; and sheriff, two volumes.

Treasurer: A first-floor office is provided for this official, who keeps on file there all his official papers and records, which include 3 volumes, and an unspecified number of original warrants stored in 4 cardboard boxes.

Registrars: This board is provided with no office and keeps no records. The list of registered voters which it prepares is deposited with the clerk of the superior court and a certified copy with the ordinary.

Board of Education: Sessions of this body are held in the first-floor offices of the superintendent of schools, who keeps the minutes and records of the board. Three volumes of the minutes are kept in the office of the superintendent and 3 volumes in a closet under the north stairway on the first floor.

Superintendent of Schools: This official keeps his records in his first-floor office and in a closet under the north stairway on the first floor.

Superintendent's Office: Kept in this office are 25 school lists, 5 censuses in 1 stack, 16 budgets, 26 reports in 1 file drawer, and 200 registers.

Closet Under North Stairway: Contains an estimated 35,000 papers (miscellaneous records) in 7 cardboard boxes and 26 reports in 1 folder.

Board of Health: A second-floor office is provided this agency. All records in this office are stored in a steel cabinet and consist of an estimated 5,900 cards in 14 file drawers, an estimated 867 papers in 3 file drawers, and an estimated 500 reports in 1 file drawer.

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County Physician: The duties of this official were taken over in September 1940 by a "County Clinic Doctor" who has quarters in the board of health office.

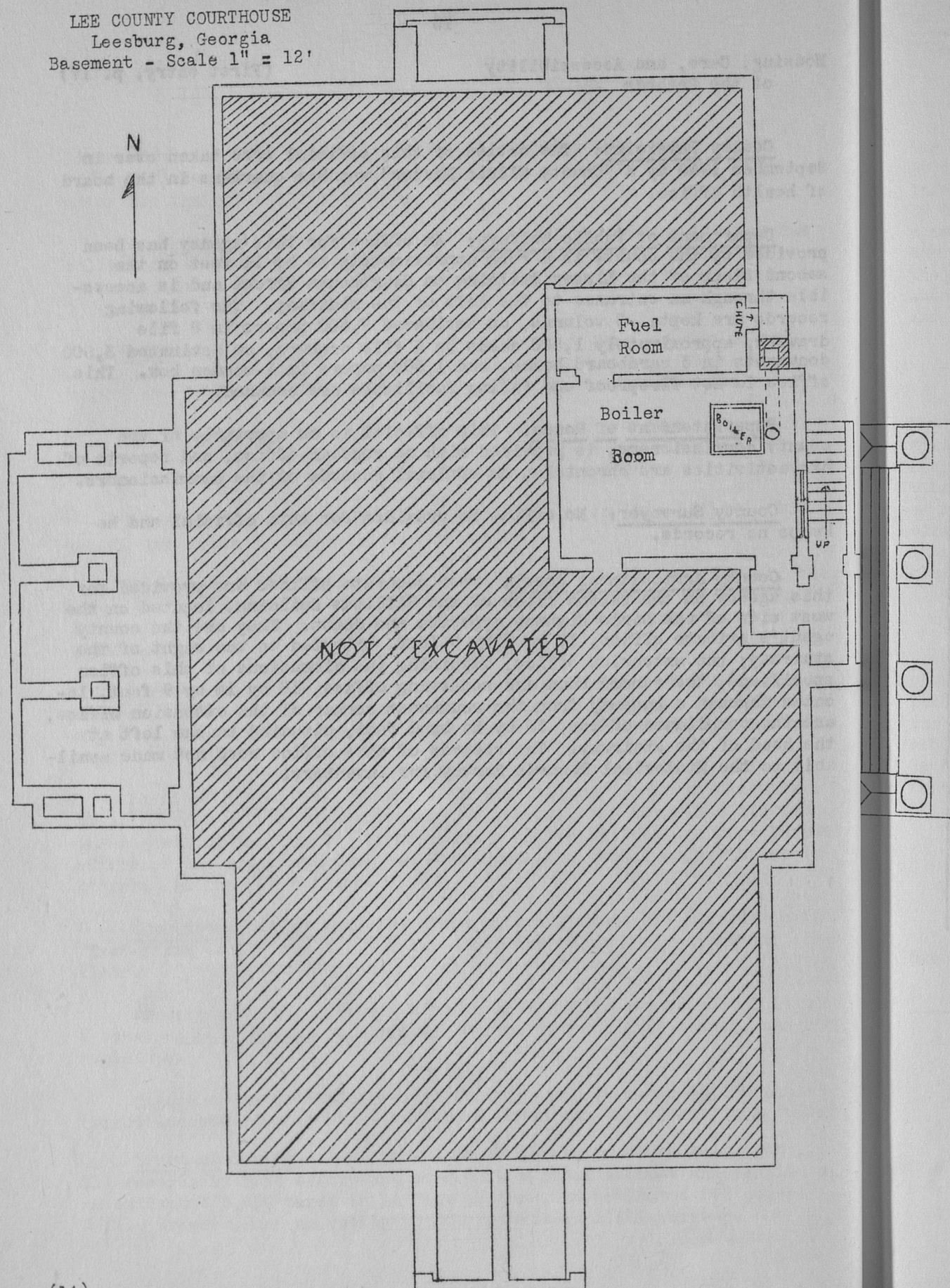
Department of Public Welfare: An office for this agency has been provided by the county in a room approximately 14 by 14 feet on the second floor of the Lipsey Building on Courthouse Street and is accessible through an entrance to the left of the stairway. The following records are kept: 8 volumes, an estimated 7,600 papers in 8 file drawers, approximately 1,500 cards in 3 file drawers, an estimated 3,500 documents in 3 cardboard boxes, and 1,500 papers in 1 wooden box. This office is not fireproof and filing facilities are crowded.

Superintendent of Roads: This official is an appointee of the county commissioners, is provided with no regular office, and reports of his activities are chronicled on official records of the commissioners.

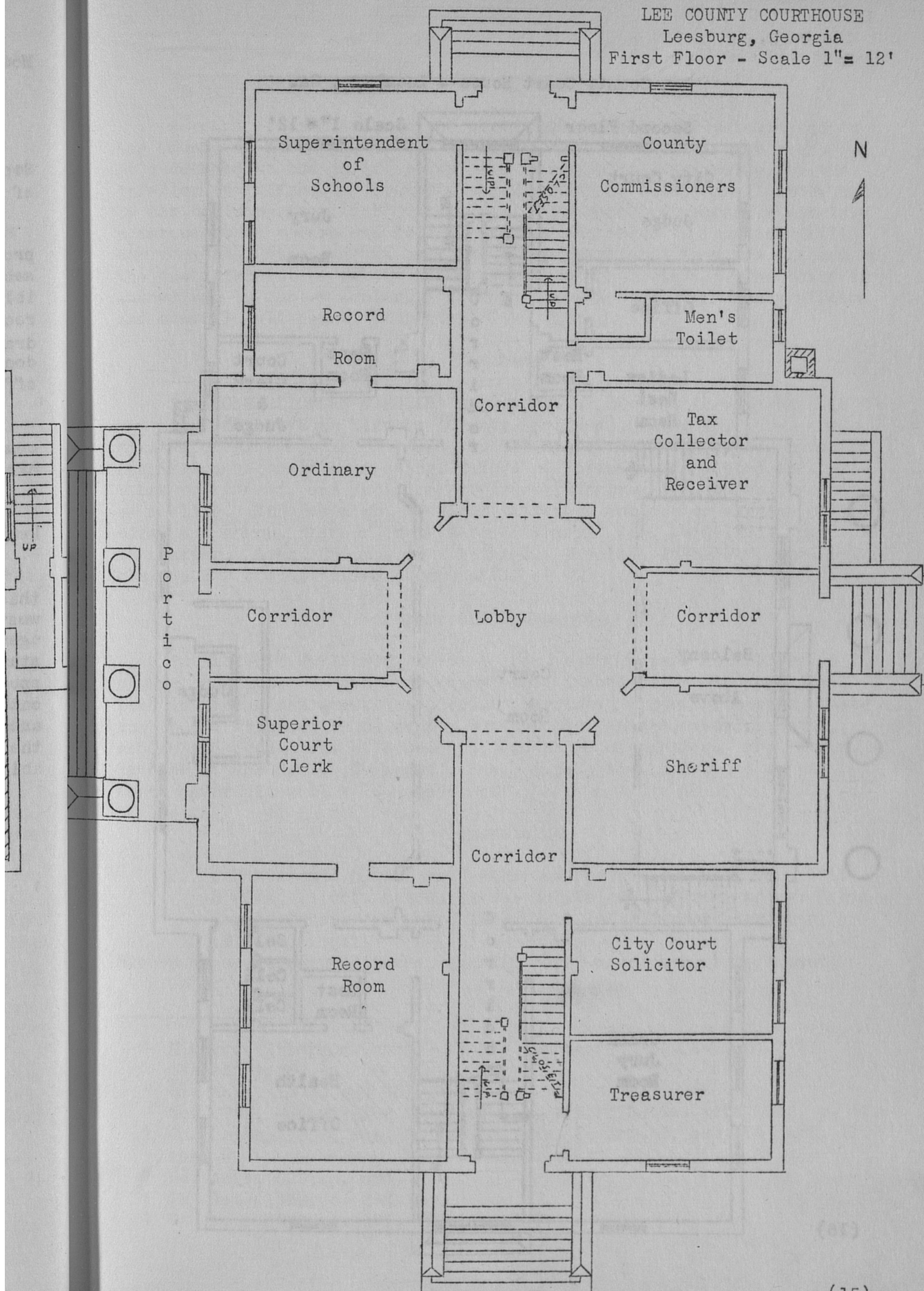
County Surveyor: No office is provided for this official and he keeps no records.

County Agricultural Agent: Four separate offices are provided for this agency on the second floor of the Williams Building, located on the west side of the Dixie Highway opposite the depot. They are the county agent's private office, 12 by 6 by 9 feet, situated to the right of the stairway; the extension office, adjoining (no dimensions of this office specified), the record room and receiving office, 18 by 14 by 9 feet, located through a passway from the southwest corner of the extension office, and the compliance office, 18 by 14 by 9 feet, situated to the left at the head of the stairway. The records of this office were not made available to the Historical Records Survey for inventory.

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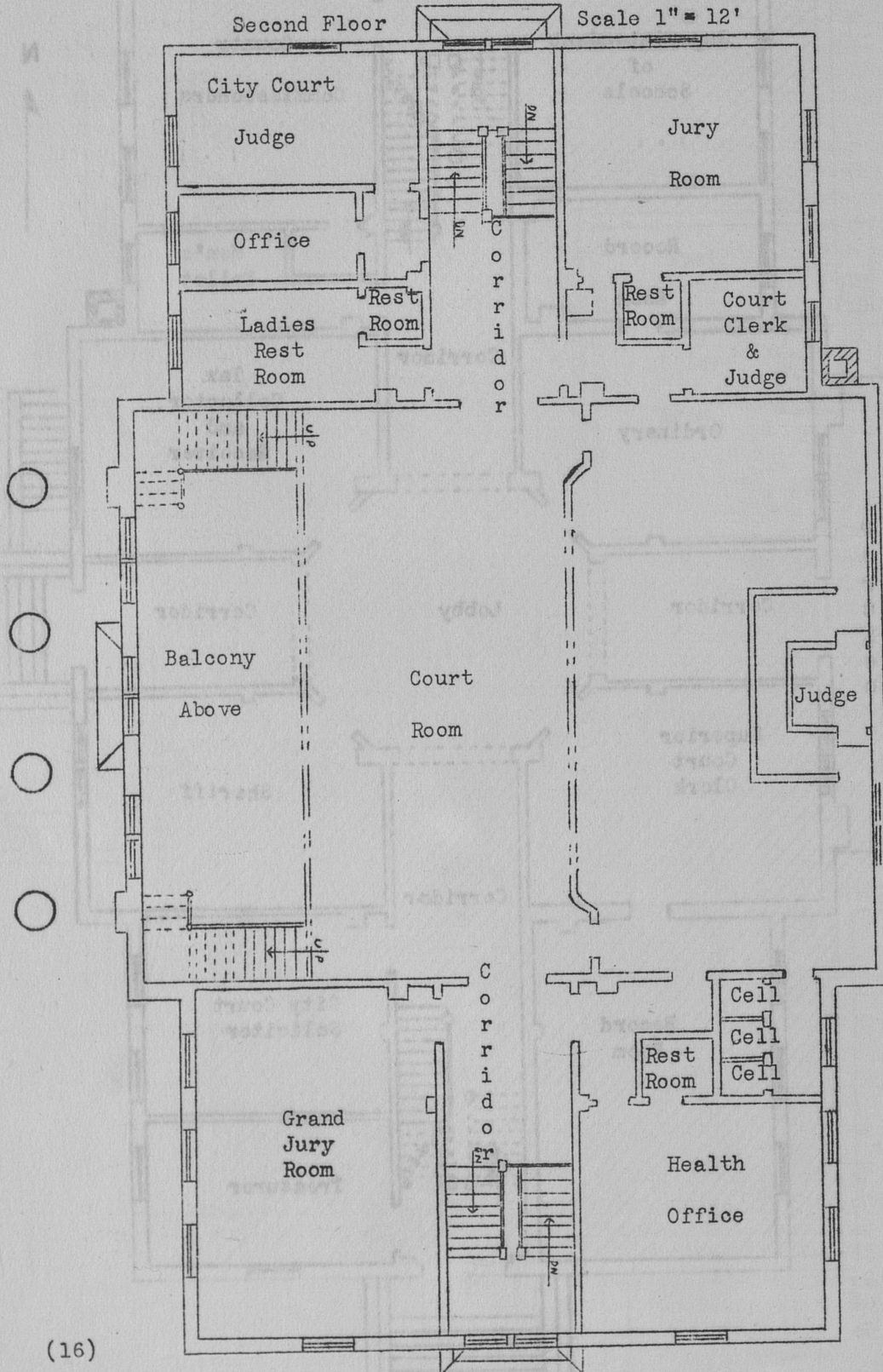
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ROADS AND REVENUES

A board of commissioners of roads and revenues was established in Lee County on March 13, 1876,¹ by authority of an act of that year.² It succeeded to the jurisdiction over county affairs exercised by the inferior court from the county's organization in 1827,³ until 1868, and by the ordinary from 1868⁴ until 1876. The board subsequently acquired numerous other powers and duties, and has continued to function until the present. Five members constitute the board, and they are elected by the qualified voters of the county for terms of 2 years.⁵ The board is authorized to employ a clerk,⁶ and has jurisdiction over county affairs and controls all county property.⁷

Minutes

1. COMMISSIONERS MINUTES, Aug. 1878--. 7 vols. (A-G). Mar. 1876-July 1878 in Minutes (County Purposes), entry 76.

Minutes of proceedings of board, including tax levies, showing names of commissioners, date of meeting, nature of business transacted and petitions considered, and decisions of board thereon. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. Indexed alph. by first letter of subject or surname of principal and chron. thereunder by date of entry. Hdw. 1876-1903; typed thereafter. Aver. 650 pp. 16 x 11½ x 3. 5 vols., 1878-1917, sup. et. clk. va.; 2 vols., 1917--., comm. off.

Papers and Documents

2. (COUNTY BUSINESS), 1919--. Est. 4,000 papers in 2 boxes, 4 f.d. County contracts, general correspondence, insurance premium receipts, paid invoices, tax executions, county warrants, and other papers relating to the transaction of county business in general, showing dates, nature and conditions of documents, and names of parties. Arr. chron. by date of document. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Aver. 14 x 11 x 26. Comm. off.

Financial

3. EXPENDITURES OF CO(unt) COMM(issio)RS, 1909-17, Dec. 1919--. 3 vols. (1 vol. dated; 1919-- unlabeled). Title varies: Register of County Warrants, 1909-17, 1 vol.; Warrant Register, 1919-25, 1 vol.

Record of county expenditures, showing date, warrant number, amount,

¹ Minutes (Inferior Court - County Purposes), vol. A-I, p. 372, see entry 76.

² Ga. Acts. 1876, pp. 281, 282.

³ Act 1796, Marbury and Crawford, pp. 171, 172; Ga. Acts 1826, p. 57.

⁴ Ga. Const. 1868, art. 5, sec. 5, par. 2; art. 5, sec. 14: art. 11, sec. 7.

⁵ Ga. Acts 1929, p. 654.

⁶ Ga. Acts 1929, p. 655.

⁷ Ga. Acts 1876, p. 281; 1921, p. 519.

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fund drawn on, purpose of expenditure, and name of payee. Arr. chron. by date warrant issued, with items numbered consecutively to correspond with warrant numbers. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 185 pp. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 2. Comm. off.

4. (COUNTY WARRANTS), 1902-8, 1915-16, 1918--. Est. 1,500 papers in 1 wooden and 2 cardboard boxes, 11 vols. Stubs of warrants issued to pay county obligations, showing warrant number, date issued, amount and purpose of expenditure, fund from which drawn, and name of payee. No obvious arr., 1921-35; arr. chron. by date issued, with stubs numbered consecutively, 1902-8, 1915-16, 1918-20, 1935--. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Wooden box, 15 x 30 x 14; cardboard boxes, 15 x 11 x 24; vols. aver. 600 pp. 17 x 13 x 3. 1 vol., 1902-8, sup. ct. clk. va.; 1 wooden box, 1921-27, ord. va.; 2 cardboard boxes, 10 vols., 1915-16, 1918-20, 1928--, comm. off.

Audits

5. AUDITORS REPORT, 1938--. 3 reports. Annual audits and inventories of county property, giving a detailed breakdown of the assets and liabilities of the county, together with an inventory and valuation of property owned by the county. Arr. chron. by years. No index. Typed. Aver. 50 pp. x 11 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$. Comm. off.

Tax Records

6. SHERIFF'S TAX DEEDS, 1925--. Est. 50 instruments in 1 f.d. Last instrument filed in 1938. Original tax deeds to property sold by sheriff to satisfy tax executions and bought in by county, showing date, name of former owner, location and description of property, and consideration (amount of delinquent taxes and costs). Arr. chron. by date of deed. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 16. Ord. va.

7. TAX DIGEST, 1895--. 46 vols. (32 vols. unlabeled; 14 vols. dated).

Digest of returns on real and personal property for State and county taxes, showing name of owner, location, description, and valuation of property, year and amount of taxes due, with notation whether paid, or payment enforced by execution. Vols. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first three letters of taxpayer's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 250 pp. 17 x 18 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Ord. va.

SUPERIOR COURT CLERK AS COUNTY RECORDER

The superior court clerk, in addition to his duties as court clerk, serves as the principal recording officer of the county, and the non-judicial records listed immediately following this essay have been arbitrarily separated from those kept by the clerk in his capacity as

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a court officer.¹ For information concerning the clerk's office and the court records kept by him, see the next succeeding essay and the entries which follow it.

All records listed hereunder are located in the superior court clerk's vault, except as otherwise indicated in the entries.

Realty and Personalty

Filing Docket

8. FILING DOCKET, 1890--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Instruments conveying or encumbering realty and personalty are registered in docket when filed for record, and docket shows names of grantor and grantee, date and character of instrument, date and hour filed in office, and volume and page number where recorded. Arr. alph. by first letter of grantor's surname and chron. thereunder by date filed in office. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 450 pp. 18 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Deeds

9. DEED RECORD, 1858--. 23 vols. (A, 1-B, B-V).

Record of deeds, powers of attorney, debt deeds, mortgages, and other instruments conveying or encumbering real property, showing date of instrument, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description and location of property, and date recorded. Also contains: Plat record, 1858-1926, entry 24. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of grantor's surname and chron. thereunder by date recorded, 1858-1916; also separate indexes, see entries 10-12. Hdw. 1858-1902: typed and typed on ptd. form thereafter. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

10. DUPLEX INDEX (Direct and Indirect), 1858-1916. 3 vols. (1-A, 1-2; 1 vol. unlabeled).

Index to Deed Record, entry 9; and Mortgage Record, entry 15; showing names of grantor and grantee, date and character of instrument, date and hour filed in office, date recorded, and volume and page number where recorded. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of both grantor and grantee and chron. thereunder by date recorded. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 5.

11. FILING DOCKET AND GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS AND MORTGAGES (Grantor), 1917--. 8 vols. (labeled by contained letters of alph.).

Index to Deed Record, entry 9; and Mortgage Record, entry 15; showing information as in entry 10. Arr. alph. by first three letters of

¹ Ga. Code of 1933, #24-2714, #24-2715, #24-2726. A few important instruments are recorded and registers are kept by other county officials. For examples, see Ga. Code of 1933, #24-1804, #92-4901.

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grantor's surname and chron. thereunder by date recorded. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 400 pp. 10 x 17 x 2.

12. FILING POCKET AND GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS AND MORTGAGES (Grantee), 1917--. 8 vols. (labeled by contained letters of alph.). Index to Deed Record, entry 9; and Mortgage Record entry 15; showing information as in entry 10. Arr. alph. by first three letters of grantee's surname and chron. thereunder by date recorded. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 400 pp. 10 x 17 x 2.

13. NUMERICAL INDEX TO DEEDS, n.d. 1 vol. (A). Numerical index to Deed Record, entry 9, showing militia district and land lot number (mostly rural land), and volume and page number where instruments encumbering or transferring title to the particular piece of land are recorded. Vol. divided into sections by militia districts and towns, and thereunder arr. numer. by land lot no. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 10 x 2.

14. NUMERICAL INDEX SUBDIVISIONS, n.d. 2 vols. Numerical index to subdivisions in Lee County, showing name of subdivision, block and lot number, and volume and page number where instruments affecting title to the particular lot are recorded. Vol. divided into sections by subdivisions, and thereunder arr. numer. by lot no. Hdw. Aver. 300 pp. 15 x 11 x 12.

Mortgages

15. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1858--. 63 vols. (B-Z, 1-38). Title varies: Record of Mortgages, Bills of Sale, Marriage Contracts, & C, 1858-77, 2 vols; Record of Mortgages, 1877-1904, 19 vols. Record of marriage contracts (1858-77), bills of sale, conditional sales contracts, chattel mortgages, liens, and other instruments conveying or encumbering personal property, showing date of instrument, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, terms and conditions of instrument, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Loose index under cover of vols., arr. alph. by first letter of mortgagor's surname and chron. thereunder by date recorded, 1858-83; indexed alph. by first letter of mortgagor's surname and chron. thereunder by date recorded, 1883-1922; also separate indexes, see entries 10-12. Hdw. 1858-90; hdw. and hdw. on ptd. form 1890-1905; typed and typed on ptd. form thereafter. Aver. 650 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

16. MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES, 1875--. Est. 1,300 papers in 2 pigeon holes (5-6) and 3 f.d. (unlabeled). Untitled, 1875-1930, 2 pigeon holes, 1 f.d. Affidavits, executions, and other pleadings and papers in connection with mortgage foreclosure cases, showing date filed, term of court, names of mortgagor, mortgagee, and attorneys, amounts of principal and interest claimed, and judgment rendered therein. Also contains: Motions, 1878-1905, entry 42. Arr. approx. chron., with some of papers numbered

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consecutively. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form.
Pigeon holes, 6 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12; f.d. 11 x 5 x 13.

17. (ORDERS OF CANCELLATION), 1932--. Est. 75 orders in 1 f.d.
Orders by mortgagees and grantees setting out that the indebtedness
secured by their mortgages and debt deeds have been satisfied, and di-
recting the superior court clerk to mark the same canceled of record,
showing date, names of parties, character of instrument, and volume and
page number where recorded. Arr. chron. by date of order. No index.
Hdw. and typed. 11 x 5 x 13.

18. (UNCLAIMED MORTGAGES), 1895--. Est. 100 papers in 1 pigeon
hole (4).
Original mortgages left with clerk for cancellation and never called for
by owners, showing dates of mortgage and of order of cancellation, names
of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount of mortgage, description and location
of property, and date recorded. Also contains: Revised jury lists, 1906-
25, entry 68. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed
on ptd. form. 6 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

19. (UNCLAIMED RECORDED INSTRUMENTS), 1841--. Est. 450 papers in
1 pigeon hole (1) and 1 f.d. (unlabeled).
Original deeds, mortgages, leases, and other instruments filed with clerk
to be recorded and not called for by owners, showing date of instrument,
names of parties, consideration, description and location of property,
and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed in office. No index. Hdw.;
typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Pigeon hole, 6 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12; f.d.,
11 x 5 x 13.

20. FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX, 1927--. 1 vol. (1).
Index to tax liens under internal revenue laws, recorded in Deed Record,
entry 9, showing name and residence of defaulter, collector's serial
number of notice, date and hour filed, amount of penalty assessed, and
volume and page number where recorded. Also contains one tax lien notice
dated June 23, 1938, and filed in middle of volume. Arr. alph. by first
letter of defaulter's surname and chron. thereunder by date notice filed
in office. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. (6 used) 17 x 15 x 1.

Land Title Registers

21. TITLE REGISTER, May 1939--. 1 vol. (1). Last entry Nov. 1939.
Register of certificates of title issued to persons to perfect their
title under the Land Registration Law of 1917, showing registered title
number and certificate of title number, name of person title vested in,
description and location of land, name of transferee, date of instru-
ments, consideration, whether transfer voluntary or involuntary, if in-
voluntary, shows volume and page where judgment on which order issued is
recorded, number of the certificate issued to transferee, date and hour
registered, date canceled, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date

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registered. Indexed alph. by first letter of owner's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 20 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

22. SECURITY DEED AND REALTY MORTGAGE REGISTER, Dec. 1925--. 1 vol. Last entry Dec. 1939.

Book in which owners of security deeds and realty mortgages may register them, such registration making it incumbent upon the sheriff to give the owners 20 days notice in event the property covered by their instrument is levied on for taxes, showing names of owner and grantor or mortgagor, their addresses, kind of instrument, date filed, volume and page number where recorded, and date notice of tax levy issued, if issued. Arr. chron. by date registered. Indexed alph. by first letter of owner's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

23. REGISTER FOR POSTED LANDS, 1903--. 1 vol.

Register of lands posted against trespassing, showing description and location of land, name and address of owner, and date registered. Arr. chron. by date registered. Indexed alph. by first letter of owner's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. (11 used) 15 x 11 x 1.

Maps and Plats

24. PLAT RECORD, 1926--. 1 vol. (A). 1858-1926 in Deed Record, entry 9.

Original maps and plats of lots, tracts, and subdivisions of land, showing date, names of surveyor and owner, scale, block, and lot in town; if in county, shows land lines, acreage, where situated, roads and streams, district and lot numbers. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of land owner's surname and chron. thereunder. Hand-drawn on tracing cloth and pasted in vol. 200 pp. 27 x 21 x 2.

25. PLAT RECORDS, 1926--. 1 vol. (B).

Copies of original plats, drawn on the pages of the volume, showing information as in entry 24. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of land owner's surname. Handdrawn. 200 pp. 27 x 21 x 2.

26. (MAPS AND PLATS OF SUBDIVISIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS), 1920-24. 34 blueprints in 1 f.d.

Maps and plats of subdivisions, Central of Georgia Railway rights-of-way, telephone, telegraph, and power lines in county, showing date, scale, name of surveyor or draftsman, name, blocks, lots, and streets of subdivision, and location of utility lines and rights-of-way. Arr. chron. by date filed in office. No index. Various draftsmen. Blueprints. Scales vary. 11 x 5 x 13.

Homesteads

27. RECORDS (Constitutional Homesteads), 1868--. 1 vol. Last entry 1911.

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Record of petitions by heads of families to ordinary, together with related papers, praying that real or personal property, or both, in the aggregate value of \$1,600 be set aside as an exemption, such exemption being known as a constitutional homestead, showing names of all petitioner's creditors, amounts owed each, their addresses, and an itemized schedule of the property exempted, together with appraisers valuation thereof; also shows names of petitioner, his family, and attorney, date filed, and date of order allowing or disallowing same. Arr. chron. by date granted. Loose index under cover of vol., arr. alph. by first letter of petitioner's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. 400 pp. 15 x 10 x 2.

Charters of Incorporation

28. SUPERIOR COURT CHARTERS, 1890--. 2 vols. (A-B).

Record of petitions for charters, and orders of incorporation granted by court, showing term of court, names of petitioners, corporate name, capital structure, amount of capital paid in, nature and extent of business engaged in, and location of principal office. Arr. chron. by date charter granted. Indexed alph. by first letter of corporate name and chron. thereunder. Typed. Aver. 350 pp. 17 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

Trade Names

29. (TRADE NAME AFFIDAVITS), Aug. 1929-Oct. 1936. 10 affidavits under cover of Index to Trade Names vol., entry 30.

Affidavits of true ownership of businesses operating under trade names, showing name of owner, date, kind of business in which engaged, trade name and location of business, signature of owner or owners, and notarization. Arr. chron. by date of affidavit. For index, see entry 30. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 7.

30. INDEX TO TRADE NAMES, 1929--. 1 vol. Last entry Mar. 1937.

Index to (Trade Name Affidavits), entry 28, showing names and addresses of true owners of firm, trade name used, date, and address of firm. Arr. alph. by first letter of trade name and chron. thereunder by date of entry. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. (9 used) 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Professional Registration

31. PHYSICIANS REGISTER, July 1920--. 1 vol. Last entry May 1939.

Register of licensed physicians, druggists, and dentists, showing date registered, name, address, date and place of birth of registrant, date and by what authority admitted to practice. Arr. chron. by date registered. Indexed alph. by first letter of registrant's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. (7 used) 12 x 16 x 2.

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32. COMMERCIAL NOTARY PUBLICS (sic), 1914--. Est. 200 papers in 1 f.d.

Orders appointing notaries public and other officials whom superior court judge has authority to appoint, and some grand jury appointments, including members of board of education, showing date, name of office, name of appointee, term of office, and signature of judge. Arr. chron. by date of order. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

33. (REGISTER OF NOTARIES PUBLIC), 1858--. In Minutes, entry 55. Record of commercial notaries appointed by superior court judge, showing name of person appointed, date commissioned, term of office, and date commission expires.

34. (NOTARIES PUBLIC EX OFFICIO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE), 1886--. In Minutes, entry 55. Record of notaries public ex officio justices of the peace appointed by judge upon recommendation of the grand jury, showing name of officer, date commissioned, term of office, militia district in which he serves, and date commission expires.

Voters and Elections

35. (REGISTERED VOTERS LISTS - REVISED), 1925--. Est. 75 lists in 1 f.d. Voters lists revised biennially by registrars (persons are struck therefrom if disqualified by reason of conviction of certain crimes, nonpayment of poll tax, and insanity), showing name of voter, his age, address, sex, color, and occupation. Arr. alph. by name of voter by militia district. No index. Typed. 11 x 5 x 13.

36. (VOTERS LISTS), 1938--. 36 lists in 2 f.d. Lists of persons qualified to vote in elections, showing date, militia district or precinct, name of voter, his age, sex, color, address, and occupation. Arr. alph. by name of voter by militia district. No index. Typed. 11 x 5 x 13.

37. VETERANS AND DESCENDANTS REGISTERED VOTERS, Oct. 1909-Feb. 1910. 1 vol. Roster of soldiers or descendants of soldiers entitled to register to vote under provisions of Ga. Acts 1908, pp. 27-31, showing oath taken, district, date registered, name, age, and color of registrant, whether a soldier or a descendant of a soldier, knowledge of duties of citizenship, extent of education, amount of property owned, and occupation. Arr. chron. by date registered. Indexed alph. by first letter of registrant's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 12 x 16 x 2. Ord. va.

38. (CANDIDATES' AFFIDAVITS OF CAMPAIGN EXPENSES), 1932--. Est.
50 papers in 1 f.d.

Itemized schedules, under oath, required of candidates seeking public office, showing date, name of candidate, office sought, amount expended in campaign, purpose for which expended, and source of funds. Arr. chron. by date filed in office. No index. Typed. 11 x 5 x 13.

Soldiers and Sailors

39. DISCHARGE RECORD, Nov. 1917--. 1 vol. (1). Last entry May 1921.

Record of discharges from the armed forces of the United States of ex-service men resident of the county, showing name and serial number of person, rank, date and place entered service, date and place of birth, physical description, date and place discharged, whether married or single, character rating, and amount of bonus, if any. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of ex-service man and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. (14 used) 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

SUPERIOR COURT AND CLERK

Lee County, upon its creation in 1826, was attached to the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, which circuit was created by the same legislative act, and provision was also made for a superior court and clerk.¹ It was transferred in 1840 to its present circuit, the Southwestern Judicial Circuit,² which also includes Macon, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, and Webster Counties.³ One judge serves this circuit, and he is elected by the qualified voters of the State⁴ for a term of 4 years.⁵ Each county of the circuit has a superior court clerk who is elected by the voters of the county⁶ for a 4-year term.⁷ This official also served as clerk of the district court during its existence,⁸ as clerk of the second county court from its establishment in 1872 to its abolition on January 1, 1906,⁹ and since the latter date has served as clerk of the city court of Leesburg.¹⁰

The superior court is the highest State tribunal of original jurisdiction,¹¹ and has exclusive jurisdiction over divorce, equity, and

¹ Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.

² Ga. Acts 1840, p. 112.

³ Ga. Acts 1939, p. 1469.

⁴ Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3101, #2-3102; Ga. Acts 1897, p. 16.

⁵ Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3101, #24-2601.

⁶ Ga. Code of 1933, #2-8301; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 43.

⁷ Ga. Code of 1933, #2-8301, #24-2701; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 43.

⁸ Ga. Acts 1870, p. 33.

⁹ Ga. Acts 1872, pp. 410, 416; 1905, pp. 266, 418, 419.

¹⁰ Ga. Acts 1905, p. 268.

¹¹ Ga. Code of 1933, #24-2615.

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land title cases, and felony criminal cases.¹ It has concurrent jurisdiction over all other cases except probate and estate matters, original jurisdiction of which is vested in the ordinary.² Numerous other powers and duties, in addition to those listed above, are vested in the superior court and its officers.

All records listed hereunder are located in the superior court clerk's vault.

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Case Papers and Pleadings

40. CIVIL COURT PAPERS, 1844-- (f.d. labeled "1" contains one paper dated 1827). Est. 20,000 papers in 23 f.d. (3 f.d. unlabeled; 1-8, 11-13, 15; 8 f.d. labeled by contained case nos.). Untitled, 1844-1934, 22 f.d.

Original case papers and pleadings, including divorce, which have been prosecuted to judgment, showing term of court, date filed, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, case number (if any), nature of case, and disposition thereof. Also contains: Coroner's inquests, entry 61; grand jury presentment, 1844-95, entry 74. Arr. approx. chron. by court term, with some cases (1911--) numbered consecutively (all this official's case papers are mixed up and dates overlap badly; clerk refused to give permission for them to be rehabilitated and arranged in some semblance of order). Issue dockets, entries 45, 46, serve as index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Condition very poor, 1844-66, 1 f.d. Wooden f.d. aver. 10 x 15 x 16; metal f.d. 11 x 5 x 13.

41. CASES PENDING (Civil and Criminal), 1930-- 50 papers in 1 f.d.

Original papers and pleadings of case pending in superior court, showing information as in entry 40. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

42. MOTIONS LEE SUPERIOR COURT, 1913-- Est. 150 papers in 2 f.d. Untitled, 1913-22, 1 f.d. 1878-1905 in Mortgage Foreclosures, entry 16.

Various motions, civil and criminal, together with related papers, petitions to establish lost deeds, petition and pleadings in adoption cases, proceedings in connection with the validation of school, water works, drainage, and other bond issues, peace warrants and bonds, bond forfeiture proceedings, and other miscellaneous papers, showing term of court, date, name of parties, kind of motion or nature of proceeding, and disposition thereof. Arr. approx. chron. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

¹ Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3201.

² Ga. Code of 1933, #24-1901, #24-2615.

43. MOTIONS FOR NEW TRIAL, 1914--. Est. 150 papers in 2 f.d.

Untitled, 1914-31, 1 f.d.

Miscellaneous motions and orders of court, such as to pay court reporter, appoint jury commissioners, and nolle prosequi a criminal case, and some habeas corpus proceedings, showing term of court, date, names of parties, kind of motion or nature of order, and disposition thereof. Arr. approx. chron. by court term, with some papers bearing case no. Motion dockets, entries 47, 48, serve as index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

44. (EXECUTIONS), 1922-39. 50 fi. fas. in 1 f.d.

Executions issued on superior court judgments, showing date issued, case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of case, date and amount of judgment, court costs, interest, and total, and whether satisfied. Arr. chron. by court term. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

Dockets

45. ISSUE DOCKET - BENCH, 1855--. 2 vols. (A; 1 vol. unlabeled).

Title varies: Common Law Docket, 1855-68, 1 vol.

Docket of cases in which an issue to be tried by a jury is made, or is likely to be made, showing term of court, case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case, and disposition thereof. Also contains: Equity docket, 1880--, entry 49; appeal docket, 1871--, entry 50; claim docket, 1861--, entry 51; county court common law docket, July 1866-Jan. 1868, entry 133. Serves as index to Civil Court Papers, entry 40. Arr. chron. by court term, with cases numbered consecutively. Indexed alph. by first letter of pltf. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 500 pp. 19 x 11 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

46. ISSUE DOCKET - BAR, 1868--. 1 vol.

Copy of Issue Docket - Bench, showing information as in entry 45. Also contains: Equity docket, 1880--, entry 49; appeal docket, 1871--, entry 50; claim docket, 1861--, entry 51. Serves as index to Civil Court Papers, entry 40. Arr. chron. by court term, with cases numbered consecutively. Indexed alph. by first letter of pltf. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 400 pp. 20 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

47. MOTION DOCKET - BENCH, 1877--. 1 vol.

Docket of motions made in civil cases to be decided by the judge without the intervention of a jury, showing term of court, case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, character of motion, date of hearing, and judge's decision. Serves as index to Motions for New Trial, entry 43. Arr. chron. by court term, with cases numbered consecutively. Indexed alph. by first letter of pltf. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 230 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

48. MOTION DOCKET - BAR, 1877--. 1 vol.

Copy of Motion Docket - Bench, showing information as in entry 47. Serves as index to Motions for New Trial, entry 43. Arr. chron. by court term, with cases numbered consecutively. Indexed alph. by pltf. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 230 pp. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

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49. EQUITY DOCKET, 1859-79. 1 vol. (6). 1880-- in Issue Docket - Bench, entry 45; Issue Docket - Bar, entry 46.
Docket of suits in equity only, showing term of court, names of petitioner and respondent, nature of equitable relief sought, and disposition of suit. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 1½.

50. APPEAL DOCKET, 1858-70. 1 vol. 1871-- in Issue Docket - Bench, entry 45; Issue Docket - Bar, entry 46.
Docket of cases appealed to superior court, showing name of court from which appealed, names of appellant, respondent, and attorneys, court term, nature of case, and disposition thereof. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by first letter of appellant's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 1½.

51. CLAIM DOCKET, Sept. 1856-Mar. 1861. 1 vol. (10). 1868-- in Issue Docket - Bench, entry 45; Issue Docket - Bar, entry 46.
Docket of claim cases, showing term of court, names of plaintiff, defendant, claimant, and attorneys, nature of case, date claim filed, and disposition thereof. Arr. chron. by court term. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. (30 used) 14 x 9 x 1½.

52. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1858--. 3 vols. (A-C).
Docket of executions issued on judgments obtained in superior court, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, date and amount of judgment, amount of court costs and interest, date execution issued, disposition, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date issued. Loose index under cover of vol., arr. alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder, 1858-91; indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder, 1891--. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 400 pp. 18 x 11½ x 3.

53. GENERAL EXECUTION (and Attachment) DOCKET, 1890--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Docket of executions issued on judgments (and attachment) obtained in all courts of the county, and from foreign courts, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, name of court in which judgment rendered or attachment issued, date and amount of judgment or attachment, amount of court costs and interest, date entered on docket, and if satisfied, date entered thereon. Arr. alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 525 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

54. SUBPOENA DOCKET (Civil), 1858--. 2 vols.
Docket of subpoenas issued in civil cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses, date and at whose instance subpoenas issued, name and return of serving officer, and date witnesses must appear in court. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 250 pp. 15 x 10 x 2.

Minutes and Proceedings

55. MINUTES (Civil and Criminal), 1858--. 10 vols. (C-F, F-1, G-K).
Title varies: Records, 1865-72, 1 vol.

Minutes of civil and criminal proceedings, business, and cases had before the court, including grand jury presentments, showing term of court, name and nature of case or business, date, and disposition thereof. Also contains: Register of notaries public, entry 33; notaries public ex officio justices of the peace, 1886--, entry 34. Arr. chron. by court term. Loose indexes under cover of vols., 1858-84; self-contained indexes, 1884--; both arr. alph. by first letter of surname of plft. in civil cases, deft. in criminal cases, and principal in other matters, and chron. thereunder. Hdw. 1858-1904; typed thereafter. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

56. DECLARATION (Final) RECORDS, 1859-89, 1893--. 8 vols. (A-1, A-G). Title varies: Record of Declaration, 1859-89, 1893-1918, 6 vols.

Record of all pleadings and papers of civil cases tried, showing dates, case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case, verdict, and judgment. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. to 1904; typed thereafter. Aver. 700 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

57. COMMISSIONS FOR INTERROGATORIES, 1858-1905. 1 vol. Discontinued.

Record of commissions issued allowing interrogatories to be taken in civil cases, showing term of court, names of plaintiff, defendant, and witness, nature of case, date, and at whose instance the commission was issued. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. 150 pp. (57 used) 14 x 9 x 1.

CriminalCase Papers

58. SUPERIOR COURT INDICTMENTS PENDING, 1925--. Est. 150 papers in 1 f.d.

Original indictments and accusations in felony and misdemeanor cases, showing date, term of court, case number, names of defendant, prosecutor, grand jurors, and State's witnesses, offense charged, date crime alleged to have been committed, signatures of foreman of grand jury and solicitor, date of trial, and disposition of case. Arr. chron. by court term. State Bench Docket, entry 62, serves as index. Hdw.; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

59. (GRAND JURY NO BILLS), 1900--. Est. 250 papers in 1 f.d. Indictments drawn against accused, but upon which grand jury found "no bills," i.e., refused to indict, showing information as in entry 55, except there is no trial. Arr. chron. by court term, with documents numbered consecutively. State Bench Docket, entry 62, serves as index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

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60. CRIMINAL WARRANTS, 1878--. Est. 4,000 papers in 1 wooden f.d. (14), 1 pigeon hole (7), 1 metal f.d., and 1 wooden box (labeled by contained warrant nos.). Untitled, 1878-1910, 2 f.d., 1 pigeon hole.

Original warrants issued in criminal cases, showing warrant number, names of prosecutor and accused, offense charged, date of affidavit and signature of prosecutor, order to sheriff to apprehend accused, return of arresting officer, and date. Also contains: Criminal evidence, 1878-1913, entry 65. Arr. chron. by date issued, 1878--; with warrants numbered consecutively, 1910--. State Bench Docket, entry 62, serves as index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Wooden f.d., 9 x 11 x 12; pigeon hole, 6 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12; metal f.d., 11 x 5 x 13; wooden box, 8 x 4 x 20.

61. (CORONER'S INQUESTS), 1844--. 1844-- in Civil Court Papers, entry 40; 1895-1917 in Grand Jury Presentments, entry 74. Original inquest papers, showing names of jurors and witnesses, substance of testimony of witnesses, name of deceased, date and cause of death, and name of person responsible for death, if ascertainable.

Dockets

62. STATE BENCH DOCKET, 1904--. 2 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; 2). Docket of criminal cases tried in superior court, showing term of court, case number, names of defendant, attorney, and solicitor general, offense charged, disposition of case, and entries of judge. Serves as index to Superior Court Indictments Pending, entry 58; (Grand Jury No Bills), entry 59; and Criminal Warrants, entry 60. Arr. chron. by court term, with cases numbered consecutively. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 400 pp. 18 x 11 x 3.

63. STATE BAR DOCKET, 1880--. 3 vols. (2 vols. unlabeled; 2). Copies of State Bench Docket, showing information as in entry 62. Arr. chron. by court term, with cases numbered consecutively. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 400 pp. 18 x 11 x 3.

64. CRIMINAL SUBPOENA DOCKET, 1902--. 2 vols. (B-C). Docket of subpoenas issued in criminal cases, showing term of court, name of defendant, offense charged, names of witnesses, date issued, date to appear in court, date served, and name of serving officer. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on pts. form. Aver. 350 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

Minutes and Evidence (See also entry 55)

65. (CRIMINAL EVIDENCE), 1906-37. Est. 200 papers in 3 f.d. (labeled by contained case nos.). 1878-1913 in Criminal Warrants, entry 60.

Transcriptions of evidence educed from witnesses in criminal cases, showing date, term of court, case number, names of accused and witnesses, offense charged, testimony of witnesses, statement of accused,

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judge's charge to jury, verdict, and names of trial jurors. Arr. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. No index. Typed. 8 x 4 x 20.

66. CRIMINAL EVIDENCE RECORD, May 1925--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of evidence educed from witnesses in criminal cases, showing information as in entry 65. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Typed. 612 pp. 17 x 12 x 3.

67. REPORT OF CONVICTIONS, 1909--. 2 vols. Untitled, 1909-14, 1 vol.
Duplicates of conviction reports (originals forwarded to State Prison and Parole Commission), showing name of prisoner, crime for which convicted, date, term of sentence, and complete physical description of prisoner. Arr. chron. by date convicted. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 12 x 9 x 1.

Juries

68. (REVISED JURY LISTS), 1926--. Est. 50 papers in 1 f.d.
1906-25 in (Unclaimed Mortgages), entry 18.
Lists of persons selected as eligible for grand and petit jury service, revised biennially, with certification of jury commissioners and superior court clerk that lists are correct. Arr. chron. by date revised. No index. Typed. 11 x 5 x 13.

69. RECORD OF REVISED JURORS, 1904--. 3 vols. (2 vols. unlabeled; B). Untitled, 1904-26, 2 vols.
Record of grand and petit jurors, showing information as in entry 68. Arr. chron. by biennial revisions, and alph. by juror's surname thereunder. No index. Hdw. 1904-26; typed thereafter. Aver. 275 pp. 17 x 11 x 2.

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70. CLERK'S REPORT OF FEES, Jan. 1913-Feb. 1916, Jan. 1933-Sept. 1934. 2 vols. Title varies: Clerk's Fee Record, 1913-16, 1 vol.
Copies of itemized monthly accounting to State Comptroller of fees collected, showing name of party from whom fee collected, date, amount charged for each type of service rendered, total, and affidavit of clerk as to correctness of statement. Arr. chron. by months. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 100 pp. 17 x 16 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

71. (FINES AND INSOLVENT COSTS), 1897--. Est. 200 papers in 1 f.d.
Papers and accounts of fines imposed and insolvent costs incurred in criminal cases, showing name of defendant, case number, amount of fine imposed, amount of costs of all courts and officials who have been connected with case, and if defendant is not insolvent, amount of fine or

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costs, or both, collected. Arr. chron. by court term. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

72. RECORD OF FINES AND INSOLVENT COSTS, 1897--. 2 vols. (1; 1 vol. unlabeled).

Record of fines and insolvent costs in criminal cases, showing information as in entry 71. Also contains: Record of city court fines and insolvent costs, 1908--, entry 162. Arr. chron. by court term. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 300 pp. 17 x 14 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Newspapers

73. LEE COUNTY JOURNAL, 1904-15, 1917--. 17 vols. (dated). Untitled, 1904-15, 1917-28, 11 vols.

Bound volumes of newspapers in which official advertisements, citations, and notices appear; published weekly. Arr. chron. by date published. No index. Ptd. Aver. 832 pp. 22 x 18 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

SOLICITOR GENERAL

The solicitor general of the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, in which Lee County was placed upon its creation in 1826, was selected under authority of the act creating the county; and this act also established the Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit.¹ This officer served at the first term of the superior court of Lee County in July 1827.² Since 1840 the county has been attached to the Southwestern Judicial Circuit and served by the solicitor general of that circuit.³ This officer is elected by the qualified voters of the State for a term of 4 years.⁴ His principal duty is to represent the State as prosecuting officer in the superior courts of his circuit.⁵

JURY COMMISSIONERS

A jury commission was established in Lee County in 1880,⁶ under provisions of a general act of 1879 which provided for such boards in each county of the State.⁷ It succeeded to those duties concerning selection of jurors, performed from the organization of Lee County in

¹ Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.

² Act 1826, Dawson, p. 133.

³ Ga. Acts 1840, p. 112; 1939, p. 1469.

⁴ Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3901, #24-2902; Ga. Acts 1897, pp. 16, 17.

⁵ Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3902, #24-2908; Act 1799, Cobb, p. 1141.

⁶ Minutes (Superior Court), vol. F, p. 144, see entry 55.

⁷ Ga. Acts 1878-79, p. 27.

1827¹ until 1869 by the inferior court justices, the superior court clerk, and the sheriff,² and from 1869 until 1880 by the ordinary, the superior court clerk and three commissioners appointed by the judge of the superior court.³ The jury commission consists of six discreet persons, appointed by the superior court judge for 6-year terms.⁴ The clerk of the superior court serves as their clerk.⁵ The jury commissioners select the names of citizens of the county to be placed in the grand and trial jury boxes.⁶

GRAND JURY

A grand jury was selected in Lee County in 1827, but due to the loss of the court records by a fire in 1858 the exact date of organization is not available. The State's first constitution recognized the existence of such bodies,⁷ and a general act of the legislature in 1799 provided for grand juries in each county.⁸ The grand jury consists of not less than 18 nor more than 23 persons.⁹ Jurors are selected by drawing from a box containing the names of eligible persons chosen by the jury commissioners.¹⁰ No citizen can be compelled to serve more than 4 weeks in 1 year on the grand jury.¹¹ The judge of the superior court may appoint the foreman of the grand jury or direct that he be elected by the grand jury.¹² A clerk usually is elected by custom, there being no legal provision for the office. The solicitor general examines witnesses before the grand jury and is its legal counsel.¹³ The principal duty of the grand jury is to investigate criminal offenses that come to its knowledge and to indict law violators.¹⁴ It also makes recommendation concerning county matters.¹⁵

74. (GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS), 1895--. Est. 350 papers in 2 pigeon holes (2-3) and 2 f.d. (unlabeled). 1844-95 in Civil Court Papers, entry 40.

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- ¹ Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.
 - ² Ga. Acts 1805, p. 43; Act 1805, Cobb, p. 549.
 - ³ Ga. Acts 1869, p. 139.
 - ⁴ Ga. Code of 1933, #59-101; Ga. Acts 1878-79, p. 27; 1901, p. 44; 1935, p. 151.
 - ⁵ Ga. Code of 1933, #59-104; Ga. Acts 1878-79, p. 28.
 - ⁶ Ga. Code of 1933, #59-106; Ga. Acts 1878-79, pp. 27, 28, 34.
 - ⁷ Ga. Const. 1777, art. 45.
 - ⁸ Ga. Acts 1799, Jan. An. Sess., sec. 38, p. 39.
 - ⁹ Ga. Code of 1933, #59-202; Act 1799, Cobb, p. 547; Ga. Acts 1869, p. 140.
 - ¹⁰ Ga. Code of 1933, #59-106; Ga. Acts 1878-79, p. 34; 1892, p. 61.
 - ¹¹ Ga. Code of 1933, #59-118; Ga. Acts 1872, p. 15.
 - ¹² Ga. Code of 1933, #59-208.
 - ¹³ Ga. Code of 1933, #24-2908.
 - ¹⁴ Ga. Code of 1933, #59-304; Act 1829, Cobb, p. 553.
 - ¹⁵ Ga. Code of 1933, #59-314 to #59-317; Ga. Acts 1889, p. 156.

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Original presentments returned by grand jury, criticising and making recommendations regarding the operation and conditions existing in the several county offices, departments, and institutions, and county affairs in general, showing date, contents of presentment, and names of grand jurors, with order that same be published in local newspaper. Also contains: Coroner's inquests, 1895-1917, entry 61. Arr. approx. chron. by court term. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Pigeon holes, 6 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12; f.d. 11 x 5 x 13. Sup. ct. clk. va.

75. GRAND JURY DOCKET, 1890--. 2 vols. (1 vol. dated; B). Docket of criminal investigations by grand jury, showing term of court, names of accused, State's witnesses, grand jury foreman, and solicitor general, offense charged, and whether "no bill" or "true bill" found. Arr. chron. by court term. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 400 pp. 17 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Sup. ct. clk. va.

INFERIOR COURT

The inferior court was established in Lee County in 1827, as provided by the act creating the county,¹ under authority of an act of 1789.² This court exercised jurisdiction until 1868, when it was abolished.³ There were five justices of the inferior court,⁴ elected by the qualified voters of the county for terms of 4 years.⁵ A clerk of the inferior court was provided, and he was elected by the qualified voters of the county for a term of 2 years.⁶ The same person could serve as clerk of both the superior and inferior courts.⁷ The inferior court functioned in three capacities: as a court of ordinary with jurisdiction over estate and probate matters,⁸ as a court of law with jurisdiction inferior to that of the superior court,⁹ and as the administrative agency in charge of county affairs.¹⁰ It was shorn of the first of these jurisdictions, ordinary functions, in 1852, when the court of ordinary was established;¹¹ of the second, as a court of law, in 1866, when its unfinished business was transferred to the newly created county court;¹² and of the third, administration of county affairs, in 1868.¹³ This last

¹ Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.

² Act 1789, Watkins, pp. 396, 397.

³ Ga. Const. 1868, art. 5, sec. 14.

⁴ Ga. Acts 1819, p. 125; 1826, p. 57; Act 1819, Cobb, p. 206.

⁵ Ga. Acts 1819, p. 125; Act 1819, Cobb, p. 206.

⁶ Acts 1799, 1811, Cobb, pp. 198, 201.

⁷ Ga. Acts 1799, Jan. An. Sess., sec. 36, p., 38; Act 1799, Cobb, p. 574.

⁸ Ga. Acts 1799, Jan. An. Sess., pp. 71-73.

⁹ Act 1797, Marbury and Crawford, pp. 285-287.

¹⁰ Act 1796, Marbury and Crawford, pp. 171, 172; Act 1818, Cobb, p. 952.

¹¹ Ga. Acts 1851-52, pp. 49, 50, 91-98.

¹² Ga. Acts 1865-66, pp. 22, 71.

¹³ Ga. Const. 1868, art. 5, sec. 14.

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function was transferred to the ordinary, who administered county affairs from 1868¹ to 1876, when a board of commissioners of roads and revenues was established.²

All records listed below are in the superior court clerk's vault.

Sitting for County Purposes

76. MINUTES (County Purposes), Apr. 1858-Mar. 1870, Mar. 1876-July 1878. 1 vol. (A-1).

Minutes of proceedings of inferior court sitting for county purposes, showing names of justices, date of meeting, nature of business transacted and petitions considered, and decisions of court thereon. Also contains: Commissioners minutes, 1876-78, entry 1; ordinary's minutes - county purposes, 1868-70, entry 81. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 505 pp. 15 x 11 x 2.

Sitting as a Court of Law

77. LEE INFERIOR COURT MINUTES, 1858-66. 1 vol. (A).

Minutes of cases and proceedings heard by the court sitting as a court of law, showing term of court, names of presiding justices, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of case, and disposition thereof. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. 480 pp. (80 used) 15 x 11 x 2.

78. RECORD OF DECLARATIONS, July-Dec. 1858, Apr. 1873-Jan. 1875. 1 vol. (C).

Record of the petitions and pleadings in civil cases tried, showing term of court, dates, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case, and disposition thereof. Also contains: Record of declarations - county court, 1873-75, entry 137. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hdw. 640 pp. (32 used) 15 x 11 x 2.

79. BENCH DOCKET, Jan. 1855-July 1863. 1 vol.

Docket of civil cases tried in inferior court, showing term of court, case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case, and disposition thereof. Arr. chron. by court term, with cases numbered consecutively beginning with number "1" each court term. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. (32 used) 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

80. MOTION DOCKET, July 1858-July 1860. 1 vol.

Docket of motions made in civil cases to be decided by the court without the intervention of a jury, showing term of court, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, character of motion, date of hearing, and court's decision thereon. Arr. chron. by court term. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. (32 used) 14 x 9 x 2.

¹ Ga. Const. 1868, art. 5, sec. 5, par. 2; art. 11, sec. 7.

² Ga. Acts 1876, pp. 281, 282.

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COURT OF ORDINARY

A court of ordinary was established in Lee County in 1852, succeeding to the powers and duties of the inferior court "sitting for ordinary purposes," and has continued to function to the present.¹ The ordinary is elected by the qualified voters of the county for a term of 4 years.² In Lee County he acts as his own clerk, but he may, at his own expense, appoint one or more deputy clerks.³ Among other powers and duties, he has jurisdiction over estate and probate matters.⁴ The ordinary of Lee County administered county affairs from the time the inferior court was abolished in 1868,⁵ until 1876, when a board of commissioners of roads and revenues was established.⁶

All records listed hereunder are located in the ordinary's vault.

Minutes

81. RECORDS (Ordinary's Minutes - County Purposes), 1870-94.
1 vol. (1). 1868-70 in Minutes (County Purposes), entry 76.
Minutes of proceedings of ordinary sitting for county purposes (1870-76, pp. 1-405), showing name of ordinary, nature of business transacted and petitions considered, decisions of ordinary thereon, and date. Also contains: Minutes - court of ordinary, 1877-94, entry 82. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Loose index in front of vol., arr. alph. by first letter of subject or surname of principal and chron. thereunder. Hdw. 635 pp. 16 x 12 x 3.

82. MINUTES (Court of Ordinary), 1858--. 6 vols. (A, A-2, B-E).
1877-94 in Records (Ordinary's Minutes - County Purposes), entry 81.
Minutes of proceedings and business had before court of ordinary; showing term of court, name and nature of case or business, action taken, date, and disposition thereof. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate or principal and chron. thereunder. Hdw. 1858-1933; typed thereafter. Aver. 600 pp. 17 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Estates

Wills

83. WILLS, 1865--. Est. 300 wills in 1 f.d.
Original wills probated, showing names of testator, witnesses, and

¹ Ga. Acts 1851-52, pp. 49, 50, 91-98.

² Ga. Code of 1933, #24-1701, #24-1702; Ga. Acts 1851-52, p. 50; 1872, pp. 81, 82; 1914, p. 43.

³ Ga. Code of 1933, #24-1801; Ga. Acts 1851-52, p. 50.

⁴ Ga. Code of 1933, #24-1701, #24-1901; Ga. Const. 1877, art. 6, sec. 6, par. 1; Act 1799, Cobb, p. 281; 1810, Cobb, p. 283; Ga. Acts 1851-52, pp. 50, 91.

⁵ Ga. Const. 1868, art. 5, secs. 5, 14; art. 11, sec. 7.

⁶ Ga. Acts 1876, pp. 281, 282.

executor, disposition of estate and other provisions of will, dates executed, probated, and recorded, and signature of ordinary. Arr. approx. chron. by date probated. No index. Hdw. and typed. Earlier dates, condition poor; some of documents partially destroyed by termites and rodents. 11 x 5 x 16.

84. RECORD OF WILLS, 1858--. 1 vol. (A).

Record of wills probated, together with probate proceedings had thereon, showing information as in entry 83. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of testator's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. 1858-1925; typed thereafter. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

Case Papers

85. ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES - ACTIVE CASES, 1916--. Est. 200 papers in 2 f.d. Title varies: Completed Administrations, 1916-37, 1 f.d.

Original case papers, pleadings, and letters pertaining to the administration of estates, showing names of estate and representative, character of instrument or paper, date filed, and date ordinary acted thereon. Also contains: Guardians', administrators', and pistol toters' bonds, 1927--, entry 96; lunacy commissions - years support - pony homestead, entry 104. Arr. chron. by date filed or issued. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 16.

86. ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES, 1858-1932. Est. 350 papers in 3 f.d.

Original case papers, pleadings, and letters pertaining to the administration of estates, showing information as in entry 85. Also contains: Guardians', administrators', and pistol toters' bonds, 1858-1910, entry 96; lunacy commissions - years support - pony homestead, entry 104. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Earlier records, condition poor. 11 x 5 x 6.

87. ANNUAL RETURNS, 1904--. Est. 1,100 papers in 4 f.d. Title varies: Annual Returns of Estate papers, 1904-15, 1 f.d.; Administration of Estate and Papers Guardianship - Annual Returns, 1913-32, 1 f.d.

Original annual and final returns of representatives of estates, together with some miscellaneous estate papers, showing names of estate and representative, amounts received, disbursed, and on hand, dates, to whom money paid, and for what purpose. Also contains: Lunacy commissions - years support - pony homestead, entry 104. Arr. chron. by date of instrument. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 16.

Letters of Representatives

88. (TEMPORARY LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION), 1861--. 1861-86 in Letters of Administration, entry 89; 1887-1903 in Letters of Administration and Testamentary, entry 90; 1904-- in Temporary (and Permanent) Letters of Guardianship, entry 91.

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Record of letters granted to petitioners authorizing them to collect, keep, and preserve estates, principally of persons dying intestate until permanent administration can be had thereon, showing names of deceased and temporary administrator, date appointed, and date recorded.

89. LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, 1861-86. 1 vol. (A). 1887-- in

Letters of Administration and Testamentary, entry 90.

Record of letters vesting authority to administer estates of persons dying intestate, showing name of person appointed to administer estate of decedent, date letters granted, name of decedent, date recorded, and signature of ordinary. Also contains: Temporary letters of administration, entry 88; letters testamentary, 1861-72, entry 90; letters of guardianship, entry 91. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 120 pp. 13 x 8½ x 1.

90. LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND TESTAMENTARY, 1873--. 1 vol.

(1). 1861-72 in Letters of Administration, entry 89.

Record of letters testamentary issued upon probation of wills, authorizing executors named therein to administer estates, showing name of executor, date letters granted, name of testator, date recorded, and signature of ordinary. Also contains: Temporary letters of administration, 1887-1903, entry 88; letters of administration, 1887--, entry 89. Vol. divided into sections by type of representative, each section arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

91. TEMPORARY (and Permanent) LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIPS, 1886--.

1 vol. (1). 1861-86 in Letters of Administration, entry 89.

Record of petitions to be appointed, and letters appointing guardians to take custody and control of the person and property of minors, incompetents, and lunatics during minority or lunacy, showing date appointed, names of guardian and ward, and date recorded. Also contains: Temporary letters of administration, 1904--, entry 88. Vol. divided into sections by type of representative, each section arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased or ward and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form 1886-1905; typed on ptd. form 1905--. 400 pp. 14 x 9½ x 2.

92. LETTERS OF DISMISSION FROM ADMINISTRATION AND EXECUTORSHIP, 1885--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of letters dismissing administrators and executors of estates after they have discharged all their legal duties in connection therewith, showing names of representative and estate, dates of appointment and dismission, and date recorded. Vol. divided into sections by type of representative, each section arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

93. GUARDIANS DISMISSIONS, 1905--. 1 vol. (1). Last entry 1937.

Record of letters dismissing guardians after they have discharged all their legal duties in connection with wards and their estates, showing names of guardian and ward, date of dismission, and date recorded. Arr.

chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of ward's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. (17 used) 14 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2.

Docket

94. DOCKET, 1913-18. 1 vol. Discontinued (inexplicable - this is a required record).

Docket of applications, cases, and proceedings heard by ordinary, showing date, term of court, names of estate and representative, his capacity, nature of case or application, and disposition thereof. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Pp. 30-56 and index torn out of vol. 130 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Minors' Estates

95. ORDINARY'S CUSTODIAN MONEY & ETC. ESTATE NOT OVER \$500.00, 1920--. 1 vol. (dated 1919). (Only entry July 28, 1920; ordinary presumes there has been no occasion to use vol. since then).

Record of cases where ordinary has acted as guardian of minors who have no legal and qualified guardian, and whose estates are valued at \$500 or less, showing name of minor, description and value of estate property, itemized accounts of receipts and expenditures, and dates. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Index section unused. Hdw. 400 pp. (1 used) 15 x 11 x 2.

Bonds

96. GUARDIAN AND ADMINISTRATORS BONDS - PISTOL TOTERS BONDS, 1910-27. Est. 200 bonds in 1 f.d. 1858-1910 in Administration of Estates, entry 86; 1927-- in Administration of Estates - Active Cases, entry 85.

Original \$100 bonds given by applicants for permits to carry pistols, conditioned to prevent illegal use of weapon, and original bonds given by representatives of estates to assure faithful performance of their legal duties, showing names of pistol toter or representative, sureties, and estate, date, amount, and conditions of bond, with notation of approval by ordinary. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 16.

97. TEMPORARY (Administrators') BONDS, 1870--. 1 vol.

Record of bonds given by temporary administrators of estates to assure faithful performance of their legal duties until a permanent administrator is named, showing names of administrator, sureties, and estate, date, amount, and conditions of bond, with notation of approval by ordinary. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

98. ADMINISTRATOR'S (and Executor's) BOND & OATH, 1870--. 2 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; 2). Title varies: Administrators Bonds, 1870-1928, 1 vol.

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Record of oaths and bonds given by administrators and executors of estates to assure faithful performance of their legal duties, showing information as in entry 97. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate and chron. thereunder. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Aver. 350 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

99. RECORD GUARDIANS BONDS, 1862--. 2 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; 3). Title varies: Guardians' Bond, 1862-91, 1 vol.
Record of bonds given by guardians to assure faithful performance of their legal duties in handling their ward's estate, showing names of representative, sureties, and estate, date, amount, and conditions of bond, with notation of approval by ordinary. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index, 1862-91; indexed alph. by first letter of ward's surname and chron. thereunder, 1885--. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 250 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

100. TEMPORARY LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION (Bonds of Estate Representatives), 1857-1901. 1 vol.
Record of oaths and bonds given by temporary and permanent administrators, executors, and guardians of estates (volume partially overlaps entries 97-99), showing names of presentative, sureties, and estate, date, amount, and conditions of bond, with notation of approval by ordinary. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 100 pp. 13 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

Inventories and Appraisements

101. INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT, 1915--. 1 vol. (dated 1915).
Last entry 1935.
Record of inventories and appraisements of deceased persons' estate property, both real and personal, showing names of decedent, representative, and three appraisers, description, location, and valuation of property, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate and chron. thereunder. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Returns of Representatives (See also entry 87)

102. ANNUAL RETURNS, 1852--. 9 vols. (3 vols., 1852-59, 1867-79, unlabeled; 2-7). Title varies; Administrators, Executors, Guardians, etc., 1852-59, 1 vol.; Returns Administrators, Executors, &, 1859-67, 2 vols.; Returns, 1867-69, 1 vol.; Records, 1869-79, 1 vol.; Record of Returns, 1879-1916, 2 vols.
Returns of representatives of estates, showing names of estate and representative, amounts received, disbursed, and on hand, property received and sold (if sold), dates, to whom money paid, for what purpose, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Loose indexes under cover of vols., arr. alph. by first letter of name of estate and chron. thereunder, 1852-83; indexed alph. by first letter of name of estate and chron. thereunder, 1884--. Hdw. 1852-1934; typed 1934--. Aver. 600 pp. 17 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Court of Ordinary - Lunacy Cases;
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Widows' Year's Support (See also entry 104-iii)

103. PETITION YEARS SUPPORT, 1918--. 1 vol. (1; also dated 1916). Record of widow's petition and report of three persons appointed to appraise and set aside out of deceased husband's estate a sufficient amount of either property or money, or both, to maintain his widow and minor children for the year next following the date administration is granted upon such estate, showing name of widow, names of children (if any), total amount allowed, description and valuation of property awarded (if any), names of appraisers, date award granted, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of widow's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Lunacy Cases

104. LUNACY COMMISSIONS - YEARS SUPPORT - PONY HOMESTEAD, 1898--. Est. 100 papers in 1 f.d. 1858-1932 in Administration of Estates, entry 86; 1916-- in Administration of Estates - Active Cases, entry 85; 1904-- in Annual Returns, entry 87. Miscellaneous records, consisting of:

- i. Lunacy case papers, 1909--, showing information as in entry 105.
- ii. Pony homestead papers, 1898--, showing information as in entry 117.
- iii. Widows years support, petition and papers in connection therewith, 1927--, showing information as in entry 103.

Arr. chron. by date adjudicated. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 16.

105. LUNACY RECORD, 1915--. 2 vols. (A-B). Record of affidavit of interested person deposing that alleged lunatic is insane, warrant for arrest of alleged lunatic, return of arresting officer, examining physician's certificate that party is insane, precept to sheriff directing him to summon named persons and doctors to sit as a jury to determine whether party is insane, verdict of jury, acknowledgement by three nearest relatives of alleged lunatic of original service of notice, waiving all further notice in connection therewith, and order of ordinary. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of lunatic's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 175 pp. 15 x 10 x 2.

Marriages

106. MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS, 1933--. 4 vols. Applications for marriage licenses, showing date, names, ages, race, and addresses of man and woman, whether previously married and divorced, and if divorced, shows when and where divorce granted, and names and addresses of both parties' parents. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Aver. 100 pp. 7 x 11 x 1.

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107. MARRIAGE LICENSES (White), 1865--. Est. 3,000 licenses in 4 f.d. (dated).

Original marriage licenses, showing serial number, names, ages, and color of contracting parties, dates license issued and ceremony performed, date license returned to ordinary by officiant, and date recorded. Also contains: Marriage licenses - colored, 1865-1912, entry 108. Arr. chron. by date issued, with licenses numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 16.

108. MARRIAGE LICENSES (Colored), 1912--. Est. 2,500 licenses in 3 f.d. (dated). 1865-1912 in Marriage Licenses (White), entry 107.

Original marriage licenses issued to colored persons, showing information as in entry 107. Arr. chron. by date issued, with licenses numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 16.

109. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE (Stubs - White), 1918-20, 1927--. 2 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; 1 vol. labeled by contained serial nos.).

Stubs of marriage licenses issued to white persons, showing serial number, date license issued, and names, ages, and color of contracting parties. Arr. chron. by date issued, with stubs numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 500 pp. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 x 2.

110. MARRIAGE LICENSE (Stubs - Colored), 1921--. 2 vols. Title varies: Marriage Certificate, 1921-37, 1 vol.

Stubs of marriage licenses issued to colored persons, showing information as in entry 109. Arr. chron. by date issued, with stubs numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 500 pp. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 x 2.

111. MARRIAGE RECORD - WHITE, 1870--. 6 vols. (A, C, E-H).

Record of marriage licenses issued to white persons, showing information as in entry 107. Also contains: Marriage record - colored, 1870-1925, entry 112. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of husband's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

112. MARRIAGE RECORD - COLORED, 1925--. 2 vols. (H-I). 1870-1925 in Marriage Record - White, entry 111.

Record of marriage licenses issued to colored persons, showing information as in entry 107. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of husband's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form 1925-39; typed on ptd. form 1939--. Aver. 600 pp. 16 x 12 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Vital Statistics

113. BIRTHS, 1898-- (record incomplete 1898-1927; births reported haphazardly during that period). 2 vols.

Copies of birth certificates, showing date and place of birth, residence of mother, name and sex of child, whether plural birth, names, race, ages, birthplaces, and occupations of parents, physical condition of

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child at birth, total number of children born to mother, local registrar's name, date certificate filed, serial number, supplementary data as to physical condition of mother at time of and after birth, together with attending physician's oath that certificate is accurate. Arr. chron. by date registered, with certificates numbered consecutively. For index, see entry 115. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Aver. 1,250 pp. $7\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x 6.

114. DEATHS, 1928-- (also one death reported in 1918, two in 1920, and several in 1927). 1 vol.
Copies of death certificates, showing serial number, name and residence of decedent, date and place of death, sex, race, marital status, age, occupation, and place of birth of decedent, names and birthplaces of parents, name and address of informant, place and type of burial, date certificate filed, and name of local registrar, together with attending physician's certificate as to date and cause of death. Arr. chron. by date reported, with certificates numbered consecutively. For index, see entry 115. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 1,500 pp. $7\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x 6.

115. VITAL STATISTICS INDEX TO BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1928--. 1 vol.
(1).
Index to Births, entry 113; and Deaths, entry 114; showing name of infant or decedent, date of birth or death, and certificate number. Arr. alph. by first letter of infant's or decedent's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

116. (CARD MEMOS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS), 1898--. Est. 4,000 cards in 1 f.d.
Card memos of births (1898--) and deaths (1928--), showing name, sex, and race of infant or decedent, names and residence of infant's parents, age and residence of decedent, and date of birth or death. Arr. alph. by names of infant and decedent. No index. Typed. 12 x 5 x 16.

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117. PONY (Statutory) HOMESTEAD (and \$300 Non-waivable Exemption), 1918--. 1 vol. (dated 1916).
Record of applications for and homesteads granted to petitioners who are heads of families, exempting to them household furniture and kitchen equipment and provisions to the value of \$300, which may be claimed even though all homestead rights have been waived, and statutory homesteads which may exempt to petitioner, among other things, 50 acres of land, or in lieu thereof, real estate in town of the value of \$500, domestic animals, necessary provisions and household furnishings, and common tools of trade, showing itemized schedule of personal property exempted, approximate value, date, and order allowing same. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of petitioner's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

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118. OATHS AND BONDS COUNTY OFFICERS, 1897--. Est. 150 papers in 1 f.d.

Original oaths and bonds of county officials and public weighers, showing name of official, date, title, term of office, amount and conditions of bond, and names of sureties. Arr. chron. by date of instrument. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 16.

119. COUNTY OFFICERS BONDS, 1920--. 1 vol. (2). 1899-1920 in County Officers (Constables) Bonds, entry 120.

Record of bonds given by county officials to assure faithful performance of their legal duties, showing date, names of office, officer, and sureties, term of office, amount and conditions of bond, date recorded, and notation of approval by ordinary. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of officer's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 450 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

120. COUNTY OFFICERS (Constables) BONDS, 1899--. 1 vol. (A).

Record of bonds given by constables to assure faithful performance of their legal duties while in office, showing information as in entry 119. Also contains: County officers bonds, 1899-1920, entry 119. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of constable's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

121. RECORD OF OFFICIAL BONDS & ACCOUNTS, 1894-1917. 1 vol. (B). Discontinued.

Record of bonds given by county officials, showing information as in entry 119; and salary accounts of county commissioners, showing name of commissioner, amount paid, and date. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by first letter of official's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. (73 used) 16 x 11 x 2.

Pensions

122. PENSION ROLL OF LEE COUNTY, 1890-1922. 1 vol. Discontinued. Record of pensioners (Confederate soldiers and their widows), showing name and address of pensioner, amount granted annually, date and amount of payment made, and reason for discontinuance if pension discontinued. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 50 pp. 18 x 14 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

123. PENSION RECEIPTS - ACTIVE, 1898--. Est. 300 papers in 2 f.d. Title varies: Pension Receipts Etc. Complete, 1898-1932, 1 f.d.

Receipts given by and canceled pension checks issued to Confederate soldiers and their widows, showing name of pensioner, date, and amount paid. Arr. chron. by quarter-years. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 16.

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124. APPLICATION & LICENSE EX-SOLDIERS TO CONDUCT BUSINESS, 1933--.
 1 vol. (1).

Record of applications for and certificates authorizing blind and indigent persons, and disabled war veterans to peddle without a license, showing name of licensee, proof of veteran's service and disability, kind of business to be engaged in, date license or certificate issued, and date of expiration. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by first letter of licensee's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 14 x 9 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

125. PISTOL TOTERS RECORD, 1910--. 2 vols. (1 unlabeled; 2).

Title varies: Pistol Toters Register and Bond, 1910-24, 1 vol. Record of applications for permits to carry pistols and the \$100 bond given by pistol toters, conditioned to prevent illegal use of weapon, showing name and address of applicant, name of surety, date and conditions of bond, name of manufacturer, serial number, and caliber of pistol. Arr. chron. by date of application. Indexed alph. by first letter of pistol totor's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 250 pp. 11 x 15 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Spirituous Liquors

126. RECORD OF ALCOHOL AND WINE APPLICATIONS, June 1917-June 1919.
 1 vol.

Record of applications for permits to purchase alcohol and wine for medicinal and sacramental purposes, showing serial number, name and address of applicant, kind and quantity of liquor, date, and how to be used. Arr. chron. by date of application. Indexed alph. by first letter of applicant's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

127. WHISKEY REGISTER, Aug. 1916-Apr. 1917. 1 vol.

Record of whisky shipments into county, showing names of consignor and consignee, place of delivery, name of carrier, origin of shipment, quantity of liquor, date received, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of consignee's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

Livestock

128. REGISTER OF LIVESTOCK DEALERS, June 6, 1937--. 1 vol. Last entry July 8, 1937.

Register of livestock dealers operating in the county, showing serial number, name, age, race, and address of dealer, and date registered. Arr. chron. by date registered, with registrants numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 100 pp. 11 x 9 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

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129. ESTRAY BOOK, 1909--. 1 vol. (b). Only one entry in vol.:
June 22, 1909.

Record of proceedings where domestic animals have strayed and been picked up, showing their appraised value, name of holder, costs for keeping estrays, order of sale and amount paid by purchaser (if sold), or amount charged for holding if animal claimed by owner, and signature of ordinary. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Typed. 200 pp. (1 used) 18 x 12 x 1.

Court Costs and Fees

130. ORDINARY'S REPORT OF FEES, Jan.-July 1934. 1 vol. Discontinued.

Itemized monthly report of all fees collected by ordinary for services rendered, showing date, names of representative and estate, or principal, kind of service rendered, and amount of costs. Arr. chron. by date collected by months. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 14 x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Voters

131. (VOTERS LISTS), 1886-90, 1904-16. 11 vols. in a wooden box. Lists of persons qualified to vote, showing date, militia district or precinct, name of voter, his age, sex, color, address, and occupation. Arr. alph. by name of voter by militia district. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 12 x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Newspapers

132. LEE COUNTY JOURNAL, Nov. 1913-Dec. 1915, Jan. 1917--. Est. 210 unbound papers, in 1 wooden box (unlabeled), and 7 vols. (dated).

Copies of weekly newspapers in which official advertisements, citations, and notices appear. Arr. chron. by date published. No index. Ptd. Box 12 x 18 x 20; vols. aver. 1,400 pp. 20 x 22 x 3.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The office of county administrator was established in Lee County and the first official appointment made on December 3, 1883,¹ under authority of an act of that year providing for such an officer in each county of the State.² The duties of this office were vested in the clerk of the court of ordinary from 1827 to 1852,³ and in the clerk of the superior court from 1852 to 1883.⁴ County administrators are appointed by the ordinary for terms of 4 years, or until a successor is appointed

¹ Minutes (Court of Ordinary), vol. A-2, p. 300, see entry 82.

² Ga. Acts 1882-83, pp. 79-81.

³ Act 1816, Lamar, p. 284; Act 1839, Cobb, p. 331.

⁴ Ga. Acts 1851-52, p. 92.

and qualified;¹ and if no such official is appointed, the ordinary is required to vest the duties of the office in the superior court clerk of the county.² The last record of an appointment of county administrator in Lee County was at the March term, 1905, of the court of ordinary.³ This official died in November 1910,⁴ and the office presumably has since been filled by the clerk of the superior court. It is the duty of the county administrator to take charge of all estates unrepresented, and not likely to be represented, and administer thereon.⁵ Since 1891 he also has been ex officio county guardian where letters of guardianship were not applied for, and a necessity for a guardian existed.⁶

COUNTY COURT

A county court was established in Lee County in 1866,⁷ but was abolished by the constitution of 1868.⁸ A second county court was established in 1872,⁹ and functioned until 1906, when it was succeeded by the city court of Leesburg.¹⁰ The court created in 1866 succeeded to the jurisdiction that had been vested, from the county's organization in 1827 until 1866, in the inferior court sitting as a court of law.¹¹ When the county court was abolished in 1868, its unfinished business was transferred to the superior court.¹² Each county court was served throughout its existence by one judge,¹³ who in the first court was elected by the qualified voters of the county,¹⁴ and in the second court was appointed by the Governor.¹⁵ The judge's term of office was 4 years.¹⁶ Under the act creating the court in 1866, it was provided that the judge could either appoint a clerk or act in that capacity himself.¹⁷ The act of 1872 made the superior court clerk ex officio clerk of the county court.¹⁸ The county sheriff and his deputies served both the county courts as

¹ Ga. Code of 1933, #113-1301; Ga. Acts 1882-83, p. 80.

² Ga. Code of 1933, #113-1307; Ga. Acts 1882-83, p. 81.

³ Minutes (Court of Ordinary), vol. B, p. 455, see entry 82.

⁴ Information obtained from solicitor general E. L. Forrester, October 17, 1940, by Martha H. Mercer.

⁵ Ga. Code of 1933, #113-1301; Ga. Acts 1882-83, p. 80.

⁶ Ga. Code of 1933, #49-501; Ga. Acts 1890-91, vol. I, p. 102.

⁷ Ga. Acts 1865-66, pp. 64-71; Common Law Docket, vol. A, pp. 2-8, see entry 133.

⁸ Ga. Const. 1868, art. 5, sec. 16.

⁹ Ga. Acts 1872, pp. 408-416.

¹⁰ Ga. Acts 1905, pp. 418, 419, 266-276.

¹¹ Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.

¹² Ga. Const. 1868, art. 5, sec. 16; art. 11, sec. 7.

¹³ Ga. Acts 1865-66, p. 64; 1872, p. 409.

¹⁴ Ga. Acts 1865-66, p. 64.

¹⁵ Ga. Acts 1872, p. 409.

¹⁶ Ga. Acts 1865-66, p. 64; 1872, p. 409.

¹⁷ Ga. Acts 1865-66, p. 65.

¹⁸ Ga. Acts 1872, p. 410.

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executive officers.¹ The county court had concurrent jurisdiction with the superior court in all criminal cases below the grade of felony, except where exclusive jurisdiction was vested in other courts. Its civil jurisdiction varied widely from time to time under the creating and subsequent amendatory acts, and different terms were provided for the trial of cases under the various jurisdictions.²

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133. (COMMON LAW DOCKET), July 1866-Jan. 1868. In Issue Docket - Bench, entry 45.

Docket of common law cases, principally attachments, garnishments, and bail trover, showing term of court, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of case, and disposition thereof.

134. CIVIL LAW DOCKET, Aug.-Nov. 1866, Sept. term 1867, May-Aug. 1871, Jan. 1873-1905. 1 vol. (A).

Docket of civil cases tried, showing term of court, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case, and disposition thereof. Also contains: Docket of district court civil cases, May-Aug. 1871, entry 163. Vol. divided into four sections (first county court; district court; second county court, monthly term; second county court, quarterly term); each section arr. chren. by term of court. No index. Hdw. 635 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Sup. ct. clk. va.

135. DOCKET FOR CLAIMS, MOTIONS AND ILLEGALITIES, July 1866-Jan. 1868, Feb. 1873-July 1874. 1 vol. (A).

Docket of motions, illegalities, and claim cases, showing term of court, names of plaintiff or movant, defendant or respondent, claimant, and attorneys, nature of motion or case, and disposition thereof. Arr. chren. by court term. No index. Hdw. 650 pp. (15 used) 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Sup. ct. clk. va.

136. EXECUTION DOCKET, Nov. 1866-July 1867, July 1871, 1872-1905. 1 vol. (A).

Docket of executions issued upon county court judgements, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, date and amount of judgment, amount of court costs and interest, date execution issued, and if satisfied, date entered thereon. Also contains: District court execution docket, July 1871, entry 164. Vol. divided into sections by type of court, each section arr. chren. by term of court. No index. Hdw. 640 pp. (136 used) 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Sup. ct. clk. va.

137. (RECORD OF DECLARATIONS - COUNTY COURT), Apr. 1873-Jan. 1875. In Record of Declarations, entry 78.

¹ Ga. Acts 1865-66, 67; 1872, p. 410.

² Ga. Acts 1865-66, p. 66; 1872, pp. 409, 410; 1878-79, pp. 133, 135; 1893, pp. 22, 23.

Record of the petitions and pleadings in civil cases tried, showing term of court, dates, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case, and disposition thereof.

Criminal

138. CRIMINAL DOCKET, June 1866-Aug. 1867, Apr.-Aug. 1871, Dec. 1872-1905. 3 vols. (A, A, B).

Docket of criminal cases tried, showing term of court, case number, names of defendant, attorney, and court solicitor, offense charged, disposition of case, and judge's entries. Also contains: District court criminal docket, Apr.-Aug. 1871, entry 165. Vol. divided into sections by type of court, each section arr. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. 1866-1901; hdw. on ptd. form 1901-5. Aver. 650 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. 2 vols., 1866-74, 1901-5, sup. ct. clk. va.; 1 vol., 1874-1901, tax. col. off.

139. (Criminal) SUBPOENA DOCKET, June 1866-July 1867, May-Aug. 1871, Dec. 1872-Aug. 1905. 1 vol. (A).

Docket of subpoenas issued in criminal cases, showing term of court, name of defendant, offense charged, names of witnesses, date issued, date witness to appear in court, date served, and name of serving officer. Also contains: District court criminal subpoena docket, May-Aug. 1871, entry 166. Vol. divided into sections by type of court, each section arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. 288 pp. 12 x 12 x 2. Tax. col. off.

COUNTY COURT SOLICITOR

The office of solicitor of Lee County Court was established May 10, 1866, with the issuance of his commission by the governor,¹ which was authorized by the act creating the court and providing for such an official in each county.² This office ceased to function when the court was abolished in 1868.³ The office was again established in 1872 by an act creating a second county court for Lee County,⁴ and functioned until January 1, 1906, when this court was abolished and the city court of Leesburg established.⁵ The solicitor for the first county court was elected by the qualified voters of the county for a term of 4 years,⁶ and for the second county court he was appointed by the governor, but the act did not fix any term of office.⁷ It was the duty of the county

¹ Commissions of Judges and Solicitors, County Courts, 1866, p. 72 (in State Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, Georgia).

² Ga. Acts 1865-66, p. 70.

³ Ga. Const. 1868, art. 5, sec. 16.

⁴ Ga. Acts 1872, pp. 409, 416.

⁵ Ga. Acts 1905, pp. 418, 419, 266.

⁶ Ga. Acts 1865-66, pp. 64, 70.

⁷ Ga. Acts 1872, p. 409.

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court solicitor to prosecute all offenders of criminal laws within the jurisdiction (misdemeanors) of his court.¹

CITY COURT OF LEESEBURG AND CLERK

The city court of Leesburg was established by a local act effective January 1, 1906.² It's first session was held on January 18, 1906,³ and it has continued to function to the present. It succeeded to the jurisdiction formerly vested in the county court of Lee.⁴ The judge of the city court is elected by the qualified voters of the county, and serves a 4-year term.⁵ The superior court clerk of Lee County is also ex officio clerk of the city court of Leesburg and the county sheriff is ex officio sheriff of the court.⁶

The court has jurisdiction over all civil cases in the county of whatever amount, except those within the exclusive jurisdiction of the superior court, and over all criminal cases where the offender is not subject to loss of life or confinement in the penitentiary (misdemeanors).⁷

All records listed hereunder are located in the superior court clerk's vault.

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Case Papers and Pleadings

140. MONTHLY TERM, 1906--. Est. 1,500 papers in 1 cardboard box (3), 7 pigeon holes (8-13, 18), 2 wood f.d. (labeled by contained case nos.), and 1 metal f.d. (unlabeled). Untitled, 1906-38, 1 cardboard box, 7 pigeon holes, 2 wood f.d.

Papers and pleadings of civil cases tried at monthly term of city court (suits not over \$100 and no demand for trial by jury is made), showing term of court, case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case, and disposition thereof. Arr. approx. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. Issue Docket (Monthly Term), entry 148, serves as index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Cardboard box, 10 x 10 x 15; pigeon holes, 6 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$; wood f.d.'s, 5 x 5 x 20; metal f.d., 11 x 5 x 13.

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- 1 Ga. Acts 1865-66, p. 70; 1872, p. 409.
 - 2 Ga. Acts 1905, pp. 266-276.
 - 3 Minutes (City Court), vol. A, pp. 1, 2, see entry 153.
 - 4 Ga. Acts 1905, pp. 418, 419.
 - 5 Ga. Acts 1906, p. 254.
 - 6 Ga. Acts 1905, p. 268.
 - 7 Ga. Acts 1905, pp. 266, 267.

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141. QUARTERLY TERM CITY COURT PAPERS, 1906--. Est. 5,000 papers in 2 cardboard boxes (4-5), 10 wood f.d. (labeled by contained case nos.), and 1 metal f.d. (unlabeled). Untitled, 1906-37, 2 cardboard boxes, 10 wood f.d.

Papers and pleadings of civil cases tried before juries at quarterly terms of the city court, showing information as in entry 140. Also contains: Chattel mortgage foreclosures, 1925--, entry 143. Arr. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. Issue Docket (Quarterly Term), entry 149, serves as index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Cardboard boxes, 15 x 10 x 16; wood f.d., 5 x 5 x 20; metal f.d., 11 x 5 x 13.

142. PENDING (Civil and Criminal Cases), 1929--. Est. 75 papers in 1 f.d.

Original papers in civil and criminal cases pending in city court (some of these cases have been determined but have not been removed from the "pending" file), showing information as in entries 140, 141, and 155. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

143. (Chattel) MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES, 1909-25. Est. 700 papers in 2 pigeon holes (16-17), and 1 f.d. (unlabeled). Untitled, 1909-18, 2 pigeon holes. 1906-11 in (Miscellaneous Civil and Criminal Papers), entry 149; 1925-- in Quarterly Term City Court Papers, entry 141.

Papers and pleadings in mortgage foreclosures on personalty, showing date of mortgage, date of foreclosure, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description and location of property, amount of mortgage, amount paid in on it, and amount in default. Arr. chron. by date suit filed. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Pigeon holes, 6 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$; f.d., 11 x 5 x 13.

144. RETENTION TITLE PAPERS - DISTRESS WARRANTS, 1916--. Est. 50 papers in 1 f.d. Last entry 1925.

Papers and pleadings in litigation based upon retention title contracts and distress warrants, showing term of court, names of vendor or plaintiff and vendee or defendant, nature of action, description of property involved, and disposition of case. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

145. MOTIONS DISPOSED OF IN CITY COURT, 1906--. Est. 400 papers in 1 cardboard box (2), 1 pigeon hole (14), and 1 f.d. (unlabeled). Untitled, 1906-21, 1 cardboard box, 1 pigeon hole.

Motions and related pleadings in matters to be determined by the judge without the intervention of a jury, showing term of court, date of motion, case number, names of movant, respondent, and attorneys, nature of motion or petition, and disposition thereof. Arr. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. Motion Docket, entry 150, serves as index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Cardboard box, 10 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 15; pigeon hole, 6 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$; f.d., 11 x 5 x 13.

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146. (MISCELLANEOUS CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PAPERS), 1906-11. Est.
300 papers in 1 cardboard box (1).

Miscellaneous civil and criminal case papers, showing term of court, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case or offense charged, and disposition thereof. Also contains: Chattel mortgage foreclosures, entry 143. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw.; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 7x 10 x 12.

147. FI(eri) FA(cia)S, 1911--. Est. 350 papers in 2 f.d.
Executions issued on city court judgments, showing date issued, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of case, date and amount of judgment, court costs, and interest, and how satisfied (if satisfied). Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

Dockets

148. ISSUE DOCKET (Monthly Term), 1906--. 1 vol. (A).
Docket of civil cases in which an issue returnable to the monthly term of city court has been made, showing term of court, case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case, and disposition thereof. Serves as index to Monthly Term, entry 140. Arr. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

149. ISSUE DOCKET (Quarterly Term), 1906--. 2 vols. (A-B).
Docket of civil cases in which an issue to be tried by a jury is made, and therefore returnable to the quarterly term, showing information as in entry 148. Serves as index to Quarterly Term City Court Papers, entry 141. Arr. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 350 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

150. MOTION DOCKET, 1906--. 1 vol. (A).
Docket of motions made in civil cases to be decided by the judge without the intervention of a jury, showing term of court, case number, names of movant, respondent, and attorneys, nature of motion, and disposition thereof. Serves as index to Motions Disposed of in City Court, entry 145. Arr. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 350 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

151. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1906--. 3 vols. (A-C).
Docket of executions issued on judgments obtained in city court, showing serial number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, date and amount of judgment, amount of court costs and interest, date entered on docket, disposition, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date issued, with executions numbered consecutively. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 350 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

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152. SUEPCENA DOCKET CIVIL, 1906--. 1 vol. (A).
Docket of subpoenas issued in civil cases, showing date issued, term of court, names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses, date and how served, name of serving officer, and date witnesses must appear in court. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

Minutes and Proceeding

153. MINUTES (Civil and Criminal), 1906--. 4 vols. (A-D).
Minutes of civil and criminal cases and proceedings had before the court, showing term of court, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of case or proceeding, and disposition thereof. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Typed. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

154. RECORD OF DECLARATIONS, 1906--. 6 vols. (A-F).
Record of all petitions and other pleadings in civil cases tried, showing term of court, case number, dates, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case, verdict, and judgment. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Typed. Aver. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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Case Papers (See also entries 142, 146)

155. (OLD CRIMINAL PAPERS), 1906-29. Est. 200 papers 1 pigeon hole (15).
Warrants, accusations, and pleadings in misdemeanor cases, showing term of court, case number, dates of warrant and accusation, names of defendant, prosecutor, solicitor, attorneys, and witnesses, offense charged, date crime alleged to have been committed, date of trial, and disposition of case. Arr. approx. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

156. (CRIMINAL CASE PAPERS), 1915--. Est. 2,500 papers in 5 f.d. (labeled by contained case nos.).
Warrants, accusations, and pleadings in misdemeanor cases, showing information as in entry 155. Arr. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. Criminal Docket, entry 160, serves as index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 5 x 5 x 20.

157. CRIMINAL CITY COURT PAPERS PENDING - QUARTERLY TERM, 1929--.
Est. 50 papers in 1 f.d.
Original papers and pleadings in misdemeanor cases pending in city court (some of these cases have been determined but have not been removed from the "pending" file), showing information as in entry 155. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

158. INDICTMENTS - NO ARRESTS, 1914--. Est. 250 papers in 1 f.d.
Indictments, accusations, and warrants in cases where sheriff has been

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unable to apprehend defendants, showing information as in entry 155. Arr. chron. by court term. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

159. (CASES TRANSFERRED TO DEAD DOCKET), Dec. 1931--. Est. 200 papers in 1 f.d.

Original accusations (and occasionally some related papers) in cases which have been transferred to the dead docket, showing date of accusation, case number, names of accused and prosecutor, offense charged, date and reason case transferred. Arr. chron. by date case transferred. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

Dockets

160. CRIMINAL DOCKET, 1906--. 5 vols. (A-E).

Docket of criminal cases (misdemeanors) heard before the city court, showing term of court, case number, names of defendant and attorney, offense charged, disposition of case, and entries of judge. Serves as index to (Criminal Case Papers), entry 156. Arr. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 350 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

161. SUBPOENA DOCKET CRIMINAL, 1906--. 2 vols. (A-B).

Docket of subpoenas issued in city court criminal cases, showing term of court, case number, name of defendant, offense charged, names of witnesses, date to appear in court, date subpoena issued, date and how served, and name of serving officer. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 350 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

Fines and Court Costs

162. (RECORD OF CITY COURT FINES AND INSOLVENT COSTS), 1908--.

In Record of Fines and Insolvent Costs, entry 72.

Papers and accounts of fines imposed and insolvent costs incurred in criminal cases, showing name of defendant, case number, amount of fine imposed, amount of costs of all courts and officials who have been connected with case, and if defendant is not insolvent, amount of fine or costs, or both, collected.

CITY COURT SOLICITOR

The office of city court "solicitor-general" was established by the local act, effective January 1, 1906, creating the city court of Leesburg,¹ and has continued to function to the present. The solicitor is

¹ Ga. Acts 1905, pp. 266, 268.

elected by the qualified voters of the county for a 2-year term.¹ His principal duty is to prosecute all criminal offenses cognizant before the city court.²

CRIMINAL COURT

Provisions were made for the establishment of criminal courts in Lee County by an act of 1868 authorizing the creation of such courts in all counties of the State.³ Two years later the act was repealed.⁴ Criminal courts could be established in militia districts, including the county site, or in districts having an incorporated town within their limits. Each criminal court had two judges, these being the justice of the peace and the notary public ex officio justice of the peace of the militia district in which the court was located. These courts had jurisdiction over all criminal offenses not punishable by death or imprisonment in the State penitentiary (misdemeanors).⁵ Since no criminal court records were located in Lee County, it is impossible to state definitely whether this court ever existed there.

DISTRICT COURT

A district court was established in the tenth senatorial district, of which Lee County was a component part, under provisions of an act effective January 1, 1871.⁶ Dougherty and Worth Counties were also included in this district.⁷ The court functioned in Lee County from April to August in 1871,⁸ and was abolished by an act passed over the Governor's veto December 7, 1871, all cases pending being transferred to the superior court.⁹ The superior court clerk of Lee County served as ex officio clerk of this court, and the sheriff of the county served as executive officer.¹⁰ The judge was appointed by the Governor to serve a 4-year term.¹¹ The district court had jurisdiction to hear and determine all offenses not punishable by death or imprisonment in the penitentiary, and civil cases not within the exclusive jurisdiction of some other court, and the judge could exercise the powers of a justice of the peace in civil and criminal matters.¹²

¹ Ga. Acts 1906, pp. 254, 255.

² Ga. Acts 1906, p. 255.

³ Ga. Acts 1868, pp. 19-21.

⁴ Ga. Acts 1870, p. 31.

⁵ Ga. Acts 1868, p. 19.

⁶ Ga. Acts 1870, pp. 32-36; Ga. Const. 1868, art. 3, sec. 2, par. 1.

⁷ Ga. Const. 1868, art. 3, sec. 2, par. 1.

⁸ (District Court Criminal Docket), vol. A, pp. 28, 37, see entry 165.

⁹ Ga. Acts 1871-72, p. 68.

¹⁰ Ga. Acts 1870, p. 33.

¹¹ Ga. Acts 1870, p. 32.

¹² Ga. Acts 1870, pp. 34, 35.

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163. (DOCKET OF DISTRICT COURT CIVIL CASES), May-Aug. 1871. In Civil Law Docket, entry 134.
Docket of civil cases tried, showing term of court, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case, and disposition thereof.

164. (DISTRICT COURT EXECUTION DOCKET), July term 1871. In Execution Docket, entry 136.
Docket of executions issued upon district court judgments, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, date and amount of judgment, amount of court costs and interest, date execution issued, and if satisfied, date entered thereon.

Criminal

165. (DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL DOCKET), Apr.-Aug. 1871. In Criminal Docket, entry 138.
Docket of criminal cases tried, showing term of court, case number, names of defendant, attorney, and court solicitor, offense charged, disposition of case, and judge's entries.

166. (DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL SUBPOENA DOCKET), May-Aug. 1871. In (Criminal) Subpoena Docket, entry 139.
Docket of subpoenas issued in criminal cases, showing term of court, name of defendant, offense charged, names of witnesses, date issued, date witnesses to appear in court, date served, and name of serving officer.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

The office of district attorney was established in the Tenth Senatorial District, to which Lee was attached, by the act creating district courts.¹ The office of district attorney was abolished along with the district court by an act passed over the governor's veto in December 1871.² The district attorney was appointed by the governor to serve a term of 4 years.³ The principal duty of this official was to prosecute all criminal cases within the jurisdiction of the district court.⁴

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS

The act of 1826 creating Lee County made no provision for the

¹ Ga. Const. 1868, art. 3, sec. 2, par. 1; Ga. Acts 1870, p. 32; (District Court Criminal Dockets), vol. A, p. 28, see entry 165.

² Ga. Acts 1871-72, p. 68.

³ Ga. Acts 1870, p. 32.

⁴ Ga. Acts 1870, p. 34.

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election of justices of the peace.¹ On March 11, 1828, however, the Governor issued commissions to justices of the peace for the county.² An act of 1828 provided for the laying out of captains' (militia) districts in Lee County, and for the election of two justices of the peace in each district.³ There are at present five militia districts in the county,⁴ each served by a justice of the peace court.⁵ One notary public ex officio justice of the peace also may be appointed for each district.⁶ The justices of the peace are elected by the qualified voters of their respective districts for 4-year terms.⁷ The notaries public ex officio justices of the peace are appointed by the superior court judge on recommendation of the grand jury and also serve terms of 4 years.⁸

It is the duty of the justices to preserve the public peace in their districts.⁹ Their criminal jurisdiction includes the issuance of warrants, examination and commitment of offenders, and binding over or discharging persons brought before them on criminal warrants.¹⁰ They have authority to hold courts of inquiry,¹¹ and may act as coroner when there is no coroner in the county, or when that official is absent or will not or cannot serve.¹² The justices can perform marriages,¹³ and had civil jurisdiction over cases not in excess of \$100 until 1941,¹⁴ when their jurisdiction was increased to \$200.¹⁵

738th (Palmyra) Militia District
(No records located for this district)

915th (Leesburg) Militia District

167. CIVIL DOCKET, July 1910-Sept. 1912, 1922--. 4 vols. Title varies: Justice of the Peace Docket, 1922--, 2 vols.

Docket of civil cases, showing militia district, term of court, case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of action, date heard, disposition of case, and amount of court costs. Arr. chron.

- 1 Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.
- 2 Justices of the Peace (1799-1828), Executive Department, p. 35 (in Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, Ga.).
- 3 Ga. Acts 1828, pp. 63-64.
- 4 Ga. Acts 1929, p. 654; Tax Digest (1940), see entries 7, 193.
- 5 Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3501, #24-401.
- 6 Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3601, #24-501.
- 7 Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3501, #2-3503, #24-401; Act 1819, Cobb, p. 207.
- 8 Ga. Code of 1933, #2-3601, #24-501.
- 9 Ga. Code of 1933, #24-601, #24-1501; Act 1827, Cobb, p. 860; 1850, Cobb, p. 865.
- 10 Ga. Code of 1933, #24-1501.
- 11 Ga. Code of 1933, #27-401.
- 12 Ga. Code of 1933, #21-204.
- 13 Ga. Code of 1933, #53-201; Act 1799, Cobb, p. 282.
- 14 Ga. Code of 1933, #24-1001, #2-3502; Ga. Acts 1878-79, p. 31.
- 15 Ga. Acts 1941, p. 120.

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by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1910-12, sup. ct. clk. va.; 2 vols., 1922--, ord. va.; 1 vol., 1935--, comm. va.

168. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET (Criminal), 1901--. 6 vols.

Title varies: Criminal Docket, 1930-37, 1 vol.

Docket of criminal cases, showing term of court, case number, names of accused, prosecuting witness, and justice, date warrant issued, by whom and when served, offense charged, date of hearing, disposition of case, and amount of court costs. Arr. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 150 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 5 vols., 1901--, ord. va.; 1 vol., 1930-37, comm. off.

975th (Red Bone) Militia District
(No records located for this district)

976th (Smithville) Militia District

169. JUSTICE DOCKET (Civil), 1933--. 1 vol. (976).

Docket of civil cases, showing information as in entry 167. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 175 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Residence of Justice J. H. Randall, Smithville, Ga.

170. CRIMINAL DOCKET, 1920--. 1 vol.

Docket of criminal cases, showing information as in entry 168. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Residence of Justice J. H. Randall, Smithville, Ga.

1238th (Chokee) Militia District

171. CIVIL DOCKET, 1933--. 1 vol. (1238).

Docket of civil cases, showing information as in entry 167. Arr. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. (23 used) 16 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. J. P.'s residence, R.F.D. 2, Smithville, Ga.

172. JUSTICE DOCKET CRIMINAL, 1933--. 1 vol. (1238).

Docket of criminal cases, showing information as in entry 168. Arr. chron. by term of court, with cases numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 170 pp. (28 used) 14 x 9 x 1. J.P.'s residence, R.F.D. 2, Smithville, Ga.

CONSTABLES

Constables have served the Lee County justice of the peace courts since 1828, at which time the first commissions were issued by the Governor to justices of the peace in the county.¹ The law provides for

¹ Justices of the Peace (1799-1828), Executive Department, p. 35 (in Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, Ga.).

two constables in each militia district,¹ of which this county has five.² They are elected by the qualified voters of their respective districts,³ but where a vacancy exists from any cause, the office is filled by appointment by the district justice of the peace.⁴ Constables serve 4-year terms,⁵ and are the process servers and arresting officers of justice of the peace and notary public ex officio justice of the peace courts.⁶

JUVENILE COURT

A juvenile court was established in Lee County on January 27, 1922, when the judge of the superior court designated the court of ordinary to act as the juvenile court,⁷ under authority of an act of 1916.⁸ This court, though dormant during many intervals, has authority to function at any time a case within its jurisdiction may arise. The judge of the juvenile court, with the concurrence of the superior court judge, can appoint one or more probation officers.⁹ The juvenile court has jurisdiction over any child under 16 years of age who has committed a criminal offense, or who is neglected or delinquent. It retains this jurisdiction as long as the court deems it necessary for the correction or education of the child, but such jurisdiction is terminated when the child reaches the age of 21.¹⁰

COUNTY ATTORNEY

A county attorney was appointed in Lee County, March 13, 1876,¹¹ and such an officer has served to the present time,¹² with exception of lapses between 1890 and 1912,¹³ and 1919 and 1921.¹⁴ The county attorney is appointed by the board of commissioners of roads and revenues under general supervisory powers granted by the act creating the board, and

¹ Ga. Code of 1933, #24-801; Act 1829, Cobb, p. 213; Ga. Acts 1869, p. 22.

² Ga. Acts 1929, p. 654; Tax Digest (1940), see entry 7.

³ Ga. Code of 1933, #24-801; Act 1829, Cobb, p. 213; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 43.

⁴ Ga. Code of 1933, #24-806; Act 1811, Cobb, p. 201.

⁵ Ga. Code of 1933, #24-801; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 43.

⁶ Ga. Code of 1933, #24-817; Act 1811, Cobb, pp. 645, 646; Ga. Acts 1811, p. 16.

⁷ Minutes (Superior Court), vol. J, p. 236, see entry 55.

⁸ Ga. Acts 1916, p. 60.

⁹ Ga. Acts 1916, p. 61.

¹⁰ Ga. Code of 1933, #24-2402; Ga. Acts 1916, p. 59.

¹¹ Minutes (Inferior Court - County Purposes), vol. A-1, pp. 375, 463, see entry 76.

¹² Commissioners Minutes, vol. F, p. 573, see entry 1.

¹³ Ibid., vol. D, p. 396.

¹⁴ Ibid., vol. F, pp. 41, 133.

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his term is within their discretion.¹ Prior to 1876, and during intervals when there was no county attorney, the county authority employed special attorneys for specified purposes.² It is the duty of the county attorney to advise the commissioners in legal matters and represent the county when it becomes involved in litigation.

CORONER

The office of coroner was established in Lee County in 1827, as provided in the act organizing the county,³ and this office has continued to function to the present. The coroner is elected by the qualified voters of the county and holds office for a term of 4 years.⁴ The principal duty of the coroner is to conduct inquests.⁵ He executes writs or other processes of the courts in the event the sheriff is disqualified, or refuses to act.⁶ He is not required to keep any records, but returns all inquests papers to the superior court.⁷

SHERIFF

The office of sheriff, a county agency recognized by the State's first constitution,⁸ was filled in Lee County in 1827, under authority of an act of 1826, providing for the organization of this county and the election of a sheriff.⁹ The office has continued to function to the present. The sheriff is elected by the qualified voters of the county and holds office for a 4-year term.¹⁰ He served as sheriff of the district court,¹¹ as sheriff of the first county court,¹² and as ex officio sheriff of the second county court throughout their existence,¹³ and has been ex officio sheriff of the city court of Leesburg since it was created in 1905.¹⁴ He is the principal law enforcement officer and process server of the county, and, among his other duties, he or his deputies are

1 Ga. Acts 1876, pp. 281, 282.

2 Minutes (Inferior Court - County Purposes), vol. A-1, p. 70 see entry 76; Commissioners Minutes, vol. A, p. 710, see entry 1.

3 Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.

4 Ga. Code of 1933, #21-101; Ga. Acts 1799, Nov. Sess., p. 8; 1914, p. 43.

5 Ga. Code of 1933, #21-201; Act 1823, Cobb, p. 537; Ga. Acts 1893, p. 116; 1901, p. 44.

6 Ga. Code of 1933, #21-106; Act 1799, Cobb, p. 1136.

7 Ga. Code of 1933, #21-215; Act 1823, Cobb, p. 539.

8 Ga. Const. 1777, art. 40.

9 Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.

10 Ga. Code of 1933, #2-8301, #24-2801, #24-2701; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 43.

11 Ga. Acts 1870, p. 33.

12 Ga. Acts 1865-66, pp. 66, 67.

13 Ga. Acts 1872, 410; 1905, pp. 418, 419.

14 Ga. Acts 1905, p. 268.

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required to attend all sessions of the superior court. Upon request, he must also attend sessions of the court of ordinary.¹

Executions and Sales

173. SHERIFF'S EXECUTION DOCKET (Courts), 1873-1925. 4 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; 2-3; 1 vol. dated). Discontinued. Title varies: Sheriff's Docket, 1873-1911, 1 vol.

Docket of fieri facias issued upon judgments rendered in county (1873-1905), city (1906-25), and superior (1873-1925) courts, and delivered to the sheriff for execution, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, date of judgment, amount of principal, interest, and costs, date and court from which execution issued, date levied (if levied), return of levying officer, and remarks. Also contains: Record of prisoners, 1873-1911, entry 179. Arr. chron. by date execution issued. No index, 1873-1911; indexed alph. by first letter of deft. surname and chron. thereunder, 1912-25. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 200 pp. 16½ x 11 x 2. 1 vol., 1873-1911, tax col. off.; 3 vols., 1912-25, sher. off.

174. ORIGINAL (Sales) DOCUMENTS, 1925--. Est. 200 papers in 1 f.d. Executions, and other processes of court, by virtue of which property has been levied on and sold, together with memos of such sales, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, court of origin, date of levy, name of purchaser, purchase price, date of sale, and court costs. Arr. alph. by name of deft. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 12 x 5. Sher. off.

Warrants

175. ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS (Bench Warrants), 1925--. Est. 350 papers in 1 f.d.

Original bench warrants issued by judge and delivered to sheriff for execution, showing name of accused, offense charged, date issued, date executed, and return of arresting officer. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 14 x 22. Sher. off.

176. BENCH WARRANT DOCKET, 1880-95, 1916-24. 2 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; 1 vol. dated: 1916). Discontinued (albeit the sheriff may be held in contempt of court for failure to keep this docket - Ga. Code of 1933, #24-3352).

Docket of bench warrants issued by judge to apprehend persons indicted by grand jury for crimes, showing court of origin, case number, name of accused, offense charged, date warrant issued, date executed, and if not executed, reason why, whether accused confined in jail or released under bond, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date issued, with cases numbered consecutively, Indexed alph. by first letter of accused's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. 1880-95; hdw. under ptd. hds. 1916-24. Aver. 150 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 1 vol., 1880-95, tax col. off.; 1 vol., 1916-24, sher. off.

¹ Ga. Code of 1933, #24-2813.

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Appearance Bonds

177. BOND BOOK, 1902--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Bonds given by persons charged with criminal offenses (and some witnesses) to assure their appearance at trial, showing name of accused, offense charged, date, amount, and conditions of bond, names of sureties, and date to appear for trial. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 450 pp. 17 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3. Sher. off.

Service Docket

178. SHERIFF'S SERVICE DOCKET, Apr. 1923-Jan. 1924. 1 vol. (Dated). Discontinued.

Docket of papers served by sheriff, showing court of origin, term of court, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case, kind of document served, date and by whom served, amount of costs, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. (11 used) 17 x 12 x 3. Sher. off.

Prisoners

179. LEDGER (Record of Prisoners), 1913--. 4 vols. (2 vols. dated; 2 vols. unlabeled). Title varies: Jail Record, 1913-28, 2 vols. 1873-1911 in Sheriff's Execution Docket (Courts), entry 173.

Record of persons committed to jail, showing date committed, name, address, color, age, sex, and physical description of prisoner, sentence of court, date released, and description of personal effects taken from prisoner when committed. Arr. chron. by date committed. Indexed alph. by first letter of prisoner's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 250 pp. 15 x 11 x 2. 2 vols., 1913-27, sher. off.; 2 vols., 1927--, jailor's off, at co. jail.

Tax Records

180. (TAX FIERI FACIAS), 1935--. Est. 6,500 executions in 26 f.d. (labeled by contained letters of alph.).

Tax executions which have been satisfied, showing name of taxpayer, militia district, date, serial number, years in default, amount and kind of taxes, interest and costs, and date satisfied. Arr. alph. by first letter of taxpayers surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 9 x 3 x 13. Sher. off.

181. (TAX EXECUTION STUBS), 1933-35. 3 vols.

Stubs of fieri facias issued to enforce payment of taxes, showing name of delinquent taxpayer, militia district, date, serial number, years in default, amount and kind of taxes due. Arr. chron. by years, with stubs numbered consecutively. No index. Typed on ptd. form. Aver. 700 pp. (3,500 stubs) 17 x 14 x 2. Sher. off.

182. (TAX EXECUTION RECORD), 1936--. 5 vols.

Tax executions issued by the tax collector on December 20 of each year

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and delivered to the sheriff for collection, showing information as in entry 180. When the executions are satisfied, they are detached and filed in (Tax Fieri Facias), entry 180, leaving the stubs in these volumes; if the serving officer makes a return of "no property," entry of such fact is made on the insolvents list, but the executions remain in these volumes until satisfied. Arr. chron. by years, with executions numbered consecutively. No index. Typed on ptd. form. Aver. 1,000 pp. 17 x 14 x 2. Sher. off.

183. SHERIFF'S EXECUTION DOCKET (Tax), 1917--. 3 vols. (A-B; 1 vol. unlabeled).

Docket of executions issued against delinquent taxpayers, showing execution number, date issued, name of delinquent, years in default, kind and amount of taxes due, amount of interest, date execution delivered to sheriff, serving officer's return, and notation whether paid. Arr. chron. by date issued, with execution entries numbered consecutively. Indexed alph. by first letter of delinquent's surname and chron. thereunder, 1917-23; no index, 1923--. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 1917-23; typed under ptd. hds. 1923--. Aver. 750 pp. 8 x 14 x 2 to 18 x 15 x 2. Sher. off.

TAX RECEIVER

The office of tax receiver was established in Lee County in 1827, as provided in the act organizing the county,¹ under authority of an act of 1796.² The offices of tax receiver and tax collector were consolidated by an act of 1861,³ and again made separate by an act of 1863,⁴ and they have continued as separate offices in Lee County until the present. The tax receiver is elected by the qualified voters of the county and serves a term of 4 years.⁵ His principal duties are to receive tax returns of both real and personal property from all taxpayers of the county,⁶ and to prepare the tax digest.⁷

All records listed hereunder are located in the tax receiver's office.

Returns

184. TAX RETURNS (White), 1925--. 16 vols.
Original returns made by white taxpayers on real and personal property, showing name and address of taxpayer, description, location, and

¹ Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.

² Act 1796, Watkins, p. 614.

³ Ga. Acts 1861, p. 29; Minutes (Inferior Court - County Purposes), vol. A-1, p. 112, see entry 76.

⁴ Ga. Acts 1863, p. 16.

⁵ Ga. Code of 1933, #2-8301, #92-4601; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 43.

⁶ Ga. Code of 1933, #92-4611, par. 1; Act 1804, Cobb, p. 1045.

⁷ Ga. Code of 1933, #92-4611, par. 2; Act 1807, Cobb, p. 1054.

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valuation of property, date returned, and amount of State, county, and other taxes. Vols. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 1,500 pp. 15 x 18 x 8.

185. TAX RETURNS (Colored), 1925--. 16 vols.

Original returns made by colored taxpayers on real and personal property, showing name and address of taxpayer, description, location, and valuation of property, date returned, and amount of State, county, and other taxes. Vols. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 750 pp. 15 x 18 x 6.

Tax Exemptions

186. APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION (Real Property),

Feb. 1938--. Est. 600 papers in 1 f.d.

Petitions of persons for exemption from taxation on real property (owner's homestead) to the value of \$2,000, showing date, name of petitioner, description, location, and valuation of property, kind of title held, when and from whom acquired, amount of liens on property (if any), name of lienee, and affidavit of petitioner. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by name of petitioner. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 6 x 8 x 18.

187. APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION (Personalty), Feb.

1938--. Est. 800 papers in 1 f.d.

Petitions of persons seeking exemption from taxation on personal property up to the value of \$300, showing information as in entry 186. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by name of petitioner. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 6 x 8 x 18.

BOARD OF TAX ASSESSORS

A board of tax assessors was established in Lee County on January 1, 1914,¹ under authority of an act of 1913.² The board assumed principally those duties formerly vested in the tax receiver in regard to the assessment of property for taxation at a fair valuation.³ The board consists of three members who are appointed by the board of commissioners of roads and revenues for terms of 6 years.⁴ The board of tax assessors is authorized to employ a competent person to serve as secretary, and an agent whose duty it is to seek out and report on all unreturned property.⁵

¹ Commissioners Minutes, vol. D, p. 274, see entry 1.

² Ga. Code of 1933, #92-6903; Ga. Acts 1913, pp. 123, 124.

³ Ga. Acts 1851-52, p. 290.

⁴ Ga. Code of 1933, #92-6903, #92-6904; Ga. Acts 1913, p. 124.

⁵ Ga. Code of 1933, #92-6910; Ga. Acts 1912, p. 126.

TAX COLLECTOR

The office of tax collector in Lee County was established in 1827, as provided in the act organizing the county,¹ under authority of an act of 1796.² It was combined with the office of tax receiver by an act of 1861,³ but they were again made separate in 1863,⁴ and have continued as separate offices in Lee County to the present. This official is elected by the qualified voters of the county for a term of 4 years.⁵ His principal duty is to collect State and county taxes, and remit to the State and county treasuries their proportionate share of such funds.⁶ In connection with his collection of poll taxes, he is required to keep a permanent record of all qualified voters of the county.⁷

All records listed hereunder are in the tax collector's office.

Receipts

188. TAX RECEIPTS, 1925, 1928--. 14 vols.

Stubs of tax receipts, showing receipt number, name of taxpayer, year, kind and value of property returned, amount of State, county, poll, and professional tax, total, and date paid. Arr. chron. by date paid, with stubs numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 1,000 pp. 15 x 14 x 2.

189. (SPECIAL TAX RECEIPTS), 1935--. 8 vols.

Stubs of receipts issued upon payment of special taxes, showing receipt number, name of taxpayer, kind and location of business, year, amount of tax, and date paid. Arr. chron. by date paid, with stubs numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 100 pp. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

190. N(ot) O(n) D(igest) RECEIPTS, 1927--. 2 vols.

Duplicate of receipts issued for taxes collected, but which were not listed on the regular digest, showing receipt number, value of property returned, militia district number, name of taxpayer, year, amount of professional, poll, State, county, and school tax, total, and date paid. Arr. chron. by date paid, with receipts numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 250 pp. 12 x 8 x 2.

Cash Books

191. CASH BOOK, 1925--. 7 vols.

Record of moneys collected, showing name of taxpayer, date, kind of tax

1 Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.

2 Act 1796, Watkins, p. 614.

3 Ga. Acts 1861, p. 29; Minutes (Inferior Court - County Purposes), vol. A-1, p. 112, see entry 76.

4 Ga. Acts 1863, p. 16.

5 Ga. Code of 1933, #2-8301; #92-4601; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 43.

6 Ga. Code of 1933, #92-6203, #92-4901; Act 1804, Cobb, p. 1048.

7 Ga. Code of 1933, #34-201, #92-4901, pars. 2, 11; Ga. Acts 1913, pp. 115-117.

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Tax Collector - Tax Digests;
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and amount, interest (if any), total amount received, and receipt number; also shows amounts and dates disbursed to the State, county, and schools. Arr. chron. by date taxes paid, with entries numbered consecutively by receipt no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 160 pp. 16 x 14 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

192. SPECIAL TAX CASH BOOK, 1925--. 1 vol.
Record of special taxes collected, showing name of taxpayer, year, kind of business engaged in, amount of tax, amount of interest and penalties (if any), and date paid. Arr. chron. by date paid. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 150 pp. 16 x 14 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Tax Digests

193. TAX DIGEST, 1917-18, 1921, 1924--. 20 vols. (dated).
Digest of returns on real and personal property for State and county taxes, showing name of owner, location, description, and valuation of property, year, and amount of taxes due, with notation whether paid, or payment enforced by execution. Vols. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first three letters of taxpayer's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 250 pp. 17 x 14 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

194. SPECIAL TAX DIGEST, 1925--. 1 vol.
Digest of special taxes collected, showing receipt number, name of business owner, name and kind of business, year, amount of tax, penalties (if any), total, date paid, and remarks. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of individual, firm, or corporation, and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 150 pp. 14 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Executions

(See also entries 180-183, 198)

195. TAX EXECUTION DOCKET, 1928--. 1 vol.
Docket of executions issued to collect delinquent taxes, showing date execution issued, name of delinquent, militia district, years in default, kind and amount of taxes due, amount of interest and costs, date execution delivered to sheriff, serving officer's return, and notation whether paid. Vol. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first letter of delinquent's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 300 pp. 15 x 12 x 3.

Reports

196. REPORTS OF TAX COLLECTOR, 1932--. Est. 250 papers in 9 env.
Copies of reports made by tax collector on December 20 of each year to State Revenue Commissioner and county commissioners, together with a supplemental report every 30 days thereafter (there is a penalty if collector does not make final settlement by April 20), showing amount of State and county taxes due and unpaid on the tax digest, amount allowed on insolvents list, amount of collections of all kinds of taxes since

last previous report, and date of report. Arr. chron. by date of report.
No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. $9\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 1$.

Insolvents

197. INSOLVENT LISTS, 1927--. 1 vol.
Lists of insolvent persons against whom executions have been issued and returned marked "nulla bona" by the serving officer, showing name of insolvent, militia district, year, kind and amount of taxes in default, date execution issued, and order of county commissioners allowing the insolvent list. Vol. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by insolvent's surname. No index. Typed under ptd. hds. 500 pp. $15 \times 13 \times 3$.

198. RECORD OF INSOLVENT TAX FI(eri) FA(cia)S, 1878-1900. 1 vol.
(dated).

Record of tax executions issued against insolvents, showing name of insolvent, year or years in default, execution number, and amount of taxes in default. Arr. chron. by years. Indexed alph. by first letter of insolvent's surname and chron. thereunder. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 100 pp. $17 \times 14 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$.

Voters

199. VOTERS BOOK (and Oaths), 1916--. 1 vol.
Register of persons who have qualified as electors, together with their oaths, showing date registered, militia district, name of person, and his age, sex, race, occupation, and address. Vol. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first letter of voter's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. $16 \times 12 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$.

TREASURER

The office of county treasurer was provided for by a general act of 1825, which authorized the justices of the inferior court to appoint some fit and proper person as treasurer.¹ As all Lee County records from its organization in 1827² to 1858 were destroyed by fire, there is no local record relating to this office prior to 1858. Election of this officer by the qualified voters of the county was provided for by an act of 1865,³ and the first treasurer so elected in Lee County was commissioned by the Governor in 1866.⁴ The treasurer of Lee County is now elected by the

¹ Ga. Acts 1825, pp. 67-69; Act 1825, Cobb, pp. 211, 212.

² Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.

³ Ga. Acts 1865, Ex. Sess., p. 49.

⁴ County Officers (1862-68), pp. not numbered, in Department of Archives, Atlanta, Ga.

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qualified voters of the county¹ for a 4-year term.² His principal duties are to collect and disburse county funds.³

200. BOOK OF RECEIPTS (and Disbursements), 1918--. 3 vols. Record of receipts and expenditures showing date, amount, source from which received, and fund credited to; and date, check number, amount, name of payee, and account drawn on. Arr. chron. by date received or disbursed. No index. Hdw. 1918-23; hdw. on ptd. form 1923--. Aver. 600 pp. 13 x 19 x 4. Treas. off.

201. COUNTY ORDERS, 1918--. 4 cardboard boxes. Original warrants issued to pay county obligations, showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, amount and purpose of expenditure, and fund from which drawn. Arr. chron. by date issued, with warrants numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 12 x 10 x 18. Treas. off.

REGISTRARS

Three county registrars were appointed for Lee County in 1895,⁴ under an act approved December 17, 1894, providing for such officials in all counties,⁵ and the office has continued to function to the present. The registrars, who must be from more than one political interest or party, are appointed by the superior court judge for a term of 2 years.⁶ If in the opinion of the judge they are unable to prepare a list of the registered voters of the county on or before June 1 of each election year, he may appoint one or more assistant boards of registrars.⁷ It is the duty of the registrars to have such a list prepared in the required time and to file it within 5 days after its completion with the superior court clerk.⁸ The board must also file certified copies of the registered voters lists with the ordinary.⁹

BOARD OF EDUCATION

A board of education was provided for each county by an act of 1859, which stipulated that the members should consist of the justices of the

¹ Ga. Code of 1933, #2-8301, #23-1001; Ga. Acts 1865, Ex. Sess., p. 49; 1914, p. 43.

² Ga. Code of 1933, #2-8301, #23-1001; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 43.

³ Ga. Code of 1933, #23-1015; Ga. Acts 1825, pp. 67-69; Act 1825, Cobb, pp. 211, 212.

⁴ Minutes (Superior Court), Vol. F-1, p. 680, see entry 55.

⁵ Ga. Code of 1933, #34-301; Ga. Acts 1894, p. 118.

⁶ Ga. Code of 1933, #34-301, #34-302; Ga. Acts 1894, p. 118.

⁷ Ga. Code of 1933, #34-403; Ga. Acts 1908, p. 59; 1924, p. 48.

⁸ Ga. Code of 1933, #34-404; Ga. Acts 1908, p. 60.

⁹ Ga. Code of 1933, #34-1101; Ga. Acts 1894, p. 121.

inferior court, the ordinary, and some other person to be selected by them.¹ This selection was made on February 17, 1860, thus completing the board for Lee County.² This board succeeded to the duties in regard to the administration of school affairs which had been exercised by: the trustees of the poor school fund from the county's organization in 1827 to 1839;³ a board of school commissioners from 1839 to 1852;⁴ and by the ordinary from 1852 until 1859.⁵ The board of education functioned until 1868, when it was succeeded by a commissioner of schools.⁶ A second board, separate and distinct from other county agencies and with the same general structure as the present board of education, was provided by an act of 1870.⁷ In 1872 a board of education was selected by the grand jury of Lee County consisting of five members, as authorized by an act of that year.⁸ The present board is also selected by the grand jury and composed of five members who serve 4-year terms.⁹ The board of education, among other powers and duties, employ teachers,¹⁰ establishes schools,¹¹ and administers the compulsory school attendance law.¹² The county superintendent of schools acts as secretary of the board and performs its clerical duties.¹³

202. MINUTES, 1873-78, 1889--. 6 vols. (3 vols. dated; 3 vols. unlabeled).

Minutes of proceedings and business transacted at meetings of board of education, showing date of meeting, names of members present, nature of business, petitions, or applications considered, and disposition thereof. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 1873-78, 1889-1937; typed 1937--. Aver. 250 pp. 14 x 9 x 1½. 3 vols., 1873-78, 1889-1914, closet under north stairway, first fl.; 3 vols., 1914--, supt. off.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The office of superintendent of schools was created by an act of the General Assembly approved August 21, 1911,¹⁴ and in Lee County, the

-
- 1 Ga. Acts 1859, pp. 29-31.
 - 2 Minutes (Inferior Court - County Purposes), vol. A-1, p. 53, see entry 76.
 - 3 Ga. Acts 1823, pp. 3-5; 1826, pp. 57, 58.
 - 4 Ga. Acts 1838, pp. 96-98.
 - 5 Ga. Acts 1851-52, p. 2; 1857, p. 10.
 - 6 Ga. Acts 1866, pp. 59, 64.
 - 7 Ga. Acts 1870, p. 52.
 - 8 Minutes (Superior Court), vol. E, p. 14, see entry 55; Ga. Acts 1871-72, p. 279.
 - 9 Ga. Code of 1933, #32-902; Ga. Acts 1919, pp. 320, 321.
 - 10 Ga. Code of 1933, #32-913; Ga. Acts 1887, p. 73.
 - 11 Ga. Code of 1933, #32-909; Ga. Acts 1919, p. 323.
 - 12 Ga. Code of 1933, #32-2101, #32-2102; Ga. Acts 1919, p. 358.
 - 13 Ga. Code of 1933, #32-907, #32-1004; Ga. Acts 1919, p. 325.
 - 14 Ga. Acts 1911, p. 101.

school commissioner, whose office had been created by an act of 1866, effective January 1, 1868, continued to function under the new title of superintendent of schools.¹ This office has continued to function to the present. The superintendent is elected by the county's qualified voters for a 4-year term.² He is secretary of the board of education and its chief administrative officer.³ His principal duties are to enforce all regulations, rules, and instructions of the State Superintendent of Schools and of the county board of education; to conduct examinations of all teachers of the county; to visit every school within his school district at least once every 60 days; to acquaint himself with the studies taught; to see what advancement is being made by the pupils; to advise with the teachers and otherwise supervise, aid, and assist in the advancement of education in his county, and he is the medium of communication between the State Superintendent of Schools and the subordinate school officers.⁴

All records listed hereunder are located in the superintendent's office except as otherwise indicated in the entries.

Pupils

203. LISTS OF PUPILS, 1916--. 25 lists.

Lists of pupils made at the end of each school year, showing names of schools and teachers, school term, names, ages, color, and sex, of pupils, their attendance and scholarship records, grades and subjects taught, and average daily attendance for each grade. Lists arr. chron. by school year. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 12 pp. 17 x 14 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

204. (CENSUS OF SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN), 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933, 1938. 5 censuses in 1 stack.

Quinquennial enumerations of children between the ages of 6 and 18 years, showing name, address, age, birthdate, sex, color, and grade completed by child, names of census enumerator and parents or guardian of child, militia district or ward, date census taken, and average number of miles children live from nearest school; also shows number of children in household under 6 years of age, number of illiterate children between 10 and 18 years of age, number of defectives, and number of persons over 18 years of age who can neither read nor write, with totals of each category for the entire county. Each census divided into sections by districts and wards; no obvious arr. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 10 pp. 36 x 18 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

¹ Ga. Acts 1866, pp. 59, 64; 1911, p. 101.

² Ga. Code of 1933, #32-1002; Ga. Acts 1919, p. 349.

³ Ga. Code of 1933, #32-907, #32-1009; Ga. Acts 1919, pp. 322, 351, 352.

⁴ Ga. Code of 1933, #32-1009, #32-1010; Ga. Acts 1911, pp. 101, 102; 1919, pp. 351, 352.

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Budget

205. BUDGET, 1925--. 16 budgets.

Copies of estimated receipts and proposed expenditures for ensuing school year; originals forwarded to State Board of Education. Stacked chron. by years. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 5 pp. 17 x 11 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

Reports

206. SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, 1915--. 26 reports in 1 f.d.

Copies of reports made to State Board of Education annually, showing names and number of public schools operated, names and salaries of teachers, total student enrollment for year, classified by color, sex, and grade, length of school term, inventory and valuation of school property, number of new buildings and improvements since last report, how rural students transported, library facilities of each school, and date of report. Arr. chron. by years. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Reports aver. 24 pp. 15 x 15 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

207. (SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT TO GRAND JURY), 1929--. 26 reports in 1 folder. 1910-26 in (Miscellaneous Records), entry 209.

Copies of annual reports to spring term of grand jury (plus a non-required one to the fall term), showing receipts and expenditures since last report, amounts owed by board, and funds due and unpaid. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. 12 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$.

208. (SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REGISTER), 1936--. 200 registers.

Pupil's attendance record, showing name of school, grade, name, sex, and birthdate of pupil, number of days absent from school, and whether pupil transported by school bus. Stacked chron. by school year. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. Aver. 20 pp. 8 x 11 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

Miscellaneous

209. (MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS), 1908, 1910-38. Est. 35,000 papers in 7 cardboard boxes (1-7).

Miscellaneous school records, including:

- i. Auditors' reports, 1921-24, showing a detailed breakdown of the assets and liabilities of the county school system, together with an inventory and valuation of all school property and equipment.
- ii. Census of school children, 1908, 1918, 1928, 1933, 1938, showing information as in entry 204.
- iii. Financial records (record of receipts and expenditures), 1917-26, showing date, source, and amount of receipts, and date, check number, name of payee, amount, and purpose of expenditure.
- iv. Insurance policies, fire, on school buildings and equipment, 1920-33, showing name of insurance company, description

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- and location of property insured, amount of insurance, length of time in force, conditions of policy, serial number, and date issued.
- v. Invoices, purchase orders, and vouchers, 1922-37, showing date, name of seller, description of property purchased, and cost, together with voucher covering same.
 - vi. Textbooks, 1936, record of, furnished to schools for free distribution to pupils, showing name of school, titles and number of books furnished, titles and number returned to superintendent, and dates.

Also contains: Superintendent's annual report to grand jury 1910-26, entry 207. Arr. approx. chron. by date of instrument or paper. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Aver. 10 x 20 x 20. Closet under north stairway, first fl.

BOARD OF HEALTH

A board of health was established in Lee County in 1914,¹ under authority of an act of that year.² Prior to that time, county health matters had been under the general supervision of the inferior court from the county's organization in 1827 to 1868;³ the ordinary from 1868 to 1876,⁴ and the board of commissioners of roads and revenues from 1876 to 1914.⁵ The board of health is composed of the chairman of the commissioners of roads and revenues, the county superintendent of schools, and a reputable physician elected by the grand jury. The first two officers are board members by virtue of their offices.⁶ The latter serves a 4-year term.⁷ An act of 1941 authorizes the chairman of the board of commissioners to appoint some other board member to serve on the health board in his stead.⁸ The board of health has supervision over all matters relating to health and sanitation in the county, with authority to declare and enforce quarantine.⁹

All records listed hereunder are located in the office of the board of health on the second floor of the county courthouse.

Vital Statistics
(See entries 113-116)

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- ¹ Minutes (Superior Court), vol. I, p. 219, see entry 55.
 - ² Ga. Code of 1933, #88-201; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 125.
 - ³ Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58; Act 1803, Cobb, p. 372; 1836 Cobb, p. 376.
 - ⁴ Ga. Const. 1868, art. 5, sec. 5, par. 2; art. 5, sec. 14; art. 11, sec. 7.
 - ⁵ Ga. Acts 1876, pp. 281, 282.
 - ⁶ Ga. Code of 1933, #88-201; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 125.
 - ⁷ Ga. Code of 1933, #88-201; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 125.
 - ⁸ Ga. Acts 1941, p. 317.
 - ⁹ Ga. Code of 1933, #88-201; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 125.

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Medical Examinations

210. HOOKWORM RECORDS, 1937--. Est. 450 cards in 1 f.d.
Record of hookworm cases treated in county, showing name, age, sex, color, and address of patient, date of examination and findings, dates treatment administered and results, and names of physician and nurse. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 6 x 4 x 12.

211. V(enerael) D(isease) RECORDS (Active Cases), 1939--. Est. 300 cards in 1 f.d.
Clinic record of persons under treatment for venereal diseases, showing case number, name, address, age, color, sex, marital status, and occupation of patient, date and type of laboratory examination, summary of treatment and progress, and names of physician and nurse. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 4 x 12.

212. V(enerael) D(isease) RECORDS - CLOSED, 1937--. Est. 500 cards in 1 f.d.
Clinic record of persons who have been treated and cured of venereal diseases, or have removed from the jurisdiction of the board, showing information as in entry 211. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 4 x 12.

Immunization

213. TYPHOID IMMUNIZATIONS, 1937-39. Est. 1,200 cards in 3 f.d. 1940-- in Immunizations, entry 216.
Charts of immunization treatments administered to persons for prevention of typhoid, showing name, age, color, sex, and address of patient, dates of treatments, and names of physician and nurse. F.d.'s divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first letter of patient's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 4 x 12.

214. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATIONS, 1936-39. Est. 450 cards in 1 f.d. 1940-- in Immunizations, entry 216.
Charts of immunization treatments administered to persons for prevention of diphtheria, showing information as in entry 213. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first letter of patient's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 4 x 12.

215. SMALLPOX IMMUNIZATIONS, 1936-39. Est. 450 cards in 1 f.d. 1940-- in Immunizations, entry 216.
Charts of immunization treatments administered to persons for prevention of smallpox, showing information as in entry 213. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first letter of patient's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 4 x 12.

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216. IMMUNIZATIONS, 1940--. Est. 1,200 cards in 3 f.d.
Charts of immunization treatments administered to persons to prevent contagious diseases other than typhoid, diphtheria, and smallpox, showing name, age, color, sex, and address of patient, dates of treatments, and names of physician and nurse. Also contains: Typhoid immunizations, entry 213; diphtheria immunizations, entry 214; smallpox immunizations, entry 215. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first letter of patient's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 4 x 12.

217. INFANT AND PRE-SCHOOL RECORDS (Active), 1937--. Est. 450 cards in 1 f.d.
Charts of physical examinations of infants and preschool-age children who are under observation or receiving immunization treatments to prevent or control communicable diseases, showing name, age, sex, and color of infant, name and address of parents, disease for which treated, dates immunizations administered, name of physician, and remarks. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first letter of infant's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 4 x 12.

218. INFANT AND PRE-SCHOOL RECORDS - CLOSED CASES, 1937 --. Est. 450 cards in 1 f.d.
Charts of physical examinations and immunization treatments administered to infants and preschool-age children to prevent or control communicable diseases, showing information as in entry 217. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first letter of infant's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 4 x 12.

Reports

219. NURSES DAY (sic) REPORT, 1937--. Est. 500 reports in 1 f.d.
Report of daily activities of county nurse, showing names and addresses of persons called on and those treated in clinic, dates, and a detailed description of accomplishments. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. and typed. 6 x 4 x 12.

220. LABORATORY REPORTS - KAHN AND OTHER TESTS, 1939--. Est. 400 papers in 1 f.d.
Reports on specimens submitted by local board to the State Board of Health for examination, showing date specimen taken, names of person and physician, and results of test. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first letter of patient's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 4 x 12.

221. LABORATORY FINDINGS - RCA 1040, 1940--. Est. 450 papers in 1 f.d.
Reports on specimens for most kinds of diseases, including venereal, submitted by the local board to the State Board of Health for examination,

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showing date specimen taken, name of person and physician, nature of disease, kind of test made, and results of test. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first letter of patient's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 4 x 12.

Miscellaneous

222. M(other) AND I(nfant) CARDS - PATIENTS WHO HAVE DELIVERED, 1937--. Est. 450 cards in 1 f.d.

Record of physical examinations and prenatal tests and treatments administered to pregnant mothers, showing name, age, color, and address of expectant mothers, date of examination, physical condition of infant at birth, and name of attending physician or midwife. F.d. divided into sections by militia districts, each section arr. alph. by first letter of mother's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 4 x 12.

223. REGISTRATION OF MIDWIVES, 1937--. 17 papers in 1 f.d.

Register of midwives practicing in the county, showing name, age, color, and address of midwife, results of their periodical examinations, and dates. Arr. alph. by first letter of midwife's surname and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 14 x 12 x 26.

COUNTY PHYSICIAN

Physicians were employed in Lee County by the county authorities from time to time as early as 1863. A smallpox epidemic was raging at the time.¹ The first record found, however, of the appointment of a doctor officially designated as "county physician" was an order of the county commissioners in 1879,² that body acting under authority of the act of 1876 creating the board.³ The last reference found in the commissioners' minutes regarding the appointment of a county physician was in 1919,⁴ but the office may have been filled for some time after this. The county physician held office at the pleasure of the board of commissioners of roads and revenues and his services were engaged on a part-time basis. His principal duties were to give medical attention to county prisoners, indigents, and inmates of county charitable institutions. In September 1940 the commissioners employed a "County Clinic Doctor" to have charge of county health matters, and this official has continued to serve the county to the present. The duties of this official, however, are more similar to those of health officers of the larger counties than those of a county physician.

¹ Minutes (Inferior Court - County Purposes), vol. A-1, pp. 133, 141, see entry 76.

² Commissioners Minutes, vol. A, p. 52, see entry 1.

³ Ga. Acts 1876, p. 282.

⁴ Commissioners Minutes, vol. F, p. 44.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The department of public welfare was established in Lee County on April 6, 1937,¹ under authority of an act of that year providing for the establishment of such departments in each county.² It assumed jurisdiction over welfare activities previously vested in: the inferior court from 1827 to 1868,³ the ordinary from 1868 to 1876,⁴ and the board of commissioners of roads and revenues from 1876 to 1937.⁵ This department consists of a welfare board composed of five members, who are appointed by the county commissioners subject to the approval of the State Department of Public Welfare,⁶ a county director of public welfare, and other necessary employees.⁷ The county director is appointed by the county welfare board and his qualifications must meet those prescribed by the State Department. He selects such personnel as may be necessary to administer the welfare activities of the county. The board members serve 3-year terms and the county director serves at the discretion of the county welfare board.⁸ The principal duty of the county department of public welfare is to administer all forms of public assistance in the county, and to perform such welfare activities as may be delegated to it by the State Department of Public Welfare, or by the board of commissioners of roads and revenues.⁹

All records listed below are located in the department of public welfare office on the second floor of the Lipsey Building in Leesburg.

Minutes

224. (MINUTES WELFARE BOARD MEETINGS), 1937--. 1 vol. Minutes of proceedings and business transacted by board, showing date of meeting, nature of cases considered and business transacted, and decisions of board thereon. Arr. chron. by monthly meetings of board. No index. Typed. 100 pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

Cases

225. GENERAL (Applications), 1937--. Est. 4,000 papers in 4 f.d. (labeled by contained letters of alph.). Applications for general assistance (DPW form 106), old age assistance (DPW form 106-A), assistance to needy blind (DPW form 106-B), assistance

¹ Commissioners Minutes, vol. F, p. 562, see entry 1.

² Ga. Acts 1937, pp. 363, 364.

³ Act 1792, Cobb, pp. 346, 347; Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58; Ga. Const. 1868, art. 5, sec. 14.

⁴ Ga. Const. 1868, art. 5, sec. 5; Ga. Acts 1876, pp. 281, 282.

⁵ Ga. Acts 1876, pp. 281, 282; 1937, pp. 363, 364.

⁶ Ga. Acts 1937, pp. 363, 364; Commissioners Minutes, vol. F, p. 562.

⁷ Ga. Acts 1937, p. 363.

⁸ Ga. Acts 1937, pp. 364, 365.

⁹ Ga. Acts 1937, p. 365.

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to dependent children (DPW form 106-C), and related records, showing date, name of applicant, application number, date and place of birth, present address, and signature of applicant. Arr. alph. by first letter of applicant's surname and chron. thereunder. For index, see entry 227. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 13 x 25.

226. ACTIVE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, 1937--. Est. 2,000 papers in 2 f.d. (labeled by contained letters of alph.). Papers and documents of active cases and cases being investigated of persons receiving or applying for general public assistance, old age assistance, assistance to needy blind, and dependent children, showing dates, name and address of head of family, names and birthdates of members of family, their case histories, name of case worker, and disposition of case. Arr. alph. by first letter of client's surname and chron. thereunder. For index, see entry 227. Hdw. and typed. 11 x 12 x 25.

227. (MASTER INDEX), 1937--. Est. 1,500 cards in 3 f.d. Index to General (Applications), entry 225; and Active Special Assistance, entry 226; showing name, address, case number, color, and sex of applicant, names and birthdates of other members of family, date of application, and name of case worker; with cross reference to cases on other members of family (if any). Arr. alph. by applicant's surname. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 5 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12.

228. SPECIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION REGISTER, 1937--. 1 vol. Register of applications for all types of public assistance (DPW form 132), showing case number, date of application, name and color of applicant, type of assistance applied for, dates investigated and completed, and disposition. Arr. chron. by date application received. No index. Typed under ptd. hds. 50 pp. 10 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

229. (CLOSED CASES), 1937-39. Est. 3,500 papers in 3 cardboard boxes. Papers and documents of cases which have been closed, showing information as in entries 225, 226. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of applicant and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw.; typed; hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 12 x 12 x 30.

230. CASE REGISTRATION LEDGER, 1937--. 1 vol. Register of all cases (DPW form 102), showing case number, name of head of family, wife's maiden name, date registered, and race. Arr. chron. by date registered, with cases numbered consecutively. No index. Typed under ptd. hds. 30 pp. 10 x 16 x 1.

231. SERVICE REQUESTS, 1937--. Est. 1,500 papers in 1 f.d. Duplicates of service requests for all types of assistance (DPW form 101), showing case number, date, applicant's name and address, race, sex, and case status; with explanatory notes and name of case worker. Arr. chron. by date requested, with requests numbered consecutively. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 6 x 9 x 12.

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Road Commissioners

232. (CERTIFICATIONS), 1937--. 2 vols.

Certifications of persons for relief, active and closed, showing application and certificate numbers, name, address, sex, and color of applicant, name and address of legal guardian (if any), date granted, date effective, amount of award, and whether approved, modified, or canceled, and certification of award by director. Arr. chron. by date certified, with certifications numbered consecutively. No index. Typed on ptd. form. Aver. 400 pp. 6 x 8 x 3.

233. DAILY RECORD SHEET, 1937--. Est. 1,500 sheets in 1 wooden box.

Daily activity report of case workers (DPW form 120), showing name of case or cases handled by worker, type of contact made, purpose of contact, type of relief sought or received by client, and mileage traveled by case worker. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 6 x 10 x 15.

Financial

234. CASH BOOK, 1937--. 1 vol.

Monthly statements of receipts by DPW from State, county, and municipalities in the county (DPW form 321), showing date, source, and amount of receipt; disbursements show date and amount, on what bank drawn, for what purpose expended, and final balance. Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hds. 80 pp. 15 x 18 x 1.

235. CERTIFICATE CONTROL, 1937--. 1 vol.

Certificate control of assistance granted (DPW form 322), showing date, certificate number, whether new, closed, suspended, or reopened case, number of recipients, amount of increases and decreases, and net control. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 40 pp. 10 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

236. PAYMENT SCHEDULE, 1937--. 1 vol.

Monthly payment schedule of old age assistance (DPW form 308), aid to the needy blind (DPW form 309), and dependent children (DPW form 310), showing application and certificate numbers, name of payee, amount payable, date, and check number. Arr. chron. by months. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 3.

237. (OFFICE OPERATING EXPENSES), 1937--. 100 papers in 1 f.d.

Record of workers' and officials' salaries, amounts expended for travel, office supplies, and postage, amounts reimbursed by State, amounts due the department by county, amount of surplus commodities distributed in county, and signature of director. Arr. chron. by months. No index. Typed. 10 x 12 x 24.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS

The General Assembly, by an act approved December 19, 1818, provided for the establishment and defined the duties of road commissioners

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in each county of the State,¹ and Lee County upon its creation in 1826² was entitled to such officers, but due to a fire in 1858 destroying the records of the county, there is no information available to show the first appointment. Subsequent county minutes show numerous appointments of such officials until 1903,³ when the county commissioners established a chain gang in the county and appointed a warden and whipping boss.⁴ Although road commissioners could be appointed after 1903, no record can be found in the county minutes of such appointments, and it is assumed that this office became defunct at that time. The board of commissioners of roads and revenues (or the preceding authorities in charge of county affairs) appointed three road commissioners to serve in each road district for terms of 2 years each.⁵ Their principal duties were to inspect and report to the county commissioners on the condition of the public roads, bridges, and ferries in their respective districts; and to exercise general supervision over the roads, apportion the roads and road hands, and appoint one or more persons as overseers.⁶

SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS

Authority for the employment of a superintendent of roads in any county in the State upon the recommendation of the grand jury was provided by the legislative acts of 1882 and 1891,⁷ and such an official was first appointed in Lee County in 1931.⁸ He succeeded to the duties which had been performed by the county warden and whipping boss from 1903 to 1931.⁹ The superintendent of roads is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the board of commissioners of roads and revenues.¹⁰ The commissioners have authority to prescribe the duties of the superintendent of roads, and naturally they vary somewhat from county to county.¹¹ In Lee, however, he has charge of the construction and maintenance of all roads and bridges in the county under the general supervision of the board of commissioners of roads and revenues (secondary roads - the main highways are under the supervision of the State Highway Department), and is responsible to the board for all road machinery and equipment.¹²

- ¹ Ga. Code of 1933, #95-301; Act 1818, Cobb, pp. 946, 947.
- ² Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.
- ³ Minutes (Inferior Court - County Purposes), vol. A-1, p. 8, see entry 76; Commissioners Minutes, vol. B, p. 480, see entry 1.
- ⁴ Commissioners Minutes, vol. B, p. 503.
- ⁵ Ga. Code of 1933, #95-301, #95-302; Act 1818, Cobb, p. 947.
- ⁶ Ga. Code of 1933, #95-307; Act 1818, Cobb, pp. 947, 948.
- ⁷ Ga. Code of 1933, #95-801; Ga. Acts 1882-83, pp. 140-145; 1890-91, vol. I, pp. 135, 136.
- ⁸ Commissioners Minutes, vol. F, p. 502.
- ⁹ Ibid., vol. B, p. 503.
- ¹⁰ Ibid., vol. F, p. 502.
- ¹¹ Ga. Acts 1890-91, vol. I, pp. 135, 136.
- ¹² Commissioners Minutes, vol. F, p. 502.

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County Surveyor; County
Agricultural Agent

COUNTY SURVEYOR

The first county surveyor of Lee County was commissioned by the Governor August 26, 1828,¹ under authority of an act of 1826 creating the county and providing for the election of this officer.² An act of the General Assembly of 1783 stipulated that there must be one surveyor in each county.³ The office has continued to function to the present. The surveyor is elected by the qualified voters of the county for a term of 4 years.⁴ His duties include the surveying of county and district lines, the execution of surveys required by court order, and the platting of all surveys made by him.⁵

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT

The office of county agricultural agent was established in the County of Lee June 1, 1915,⁶ under authority of a legislative resolution of 1914.⁷ The first county agricultural agent served a trial term of 3 months, after which the office ceased to function. It resumed activities, however, October 1, 1917, and continued to function through July 31, 1919.⁸ There then was a lapse until April 1, 1924, when another agent was appointed, who served from that date to December 31, 1924.⁹ Again the office ceased to function until January 1, 1930, when another appointment was made.¹⁰ A county agent has served Lee County continuously since the latter date.

Although the law provided for selection of the county agricultural agent by the county commissioners and the board of education, actually he is chosen by the Agricultural Extension Service of the Regents of the University System of Georgia, with the approval of the board of commissioners of roads and revenues and the county board of education.¹¹ The

1 County Officers, Commissions, vol. C (1826-33), p. 350, in Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, Ga.

2 Ga. Acts 1826, pp. 57, 58.

3 Ga. Code of 1933, #23-1105; Acts 1783, 1784, Cobb, pp. 665, 670.

4 Ga. Code of 1933, #2-8301, #23-1101, #24-2701; Ga. Acts 1914, p. 43.

5 Ga. Code of 1933, #23-1108.

6 Commissioners Minutes, vol. D, p. 43, see entry 1.

7 Ga. Acts 1914, p. 1243; Barnes Federal Code, #8413.

8 Commissioners Minutes, vol. E, p. 60.

9 Commissioners Minutes, vol. F, p. 245.

10 Commissioners Minutes, vol. F, p. 445.

11 Ga. Acts 1923, p. 88; Letter from L. I. Skinner, Asst. Director, Cooperative Extension Work in Agricultural and Home Economics, State of Georgia, September 21, 1939, to Georgia Historical Records Survey.

County Agricultural Agent

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county agent's term of office is not fixed for any definite period, and he serves at the pleasure of the Director of Extension Work and the county commissioners. He is subject to transfer from one county to another at the discretion of the Director of Extension Work.¹ The principal duty of the county agricultural agent is to instruct the farmers of his county in improved and advanced methods of farming as recommended by the Agricultural Extension Service, and to administer Federal conservation programs in his county.

The offices of the county agricultural agent are located on the second floor of the Williams Building in Leesburg. This official's records were not made available to the Historical Records Survey for inventory.

¹ Information obtained from S. D. Truitt, Agricultural Agent, Fulton County, Georgia, September 25, 1940, by Ward A. Chapman.

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Information obtained from S. D. Craig, Agricultural Agent, Wilson County, Georgia, November 22, 1940, by Ward A. Chapman.

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