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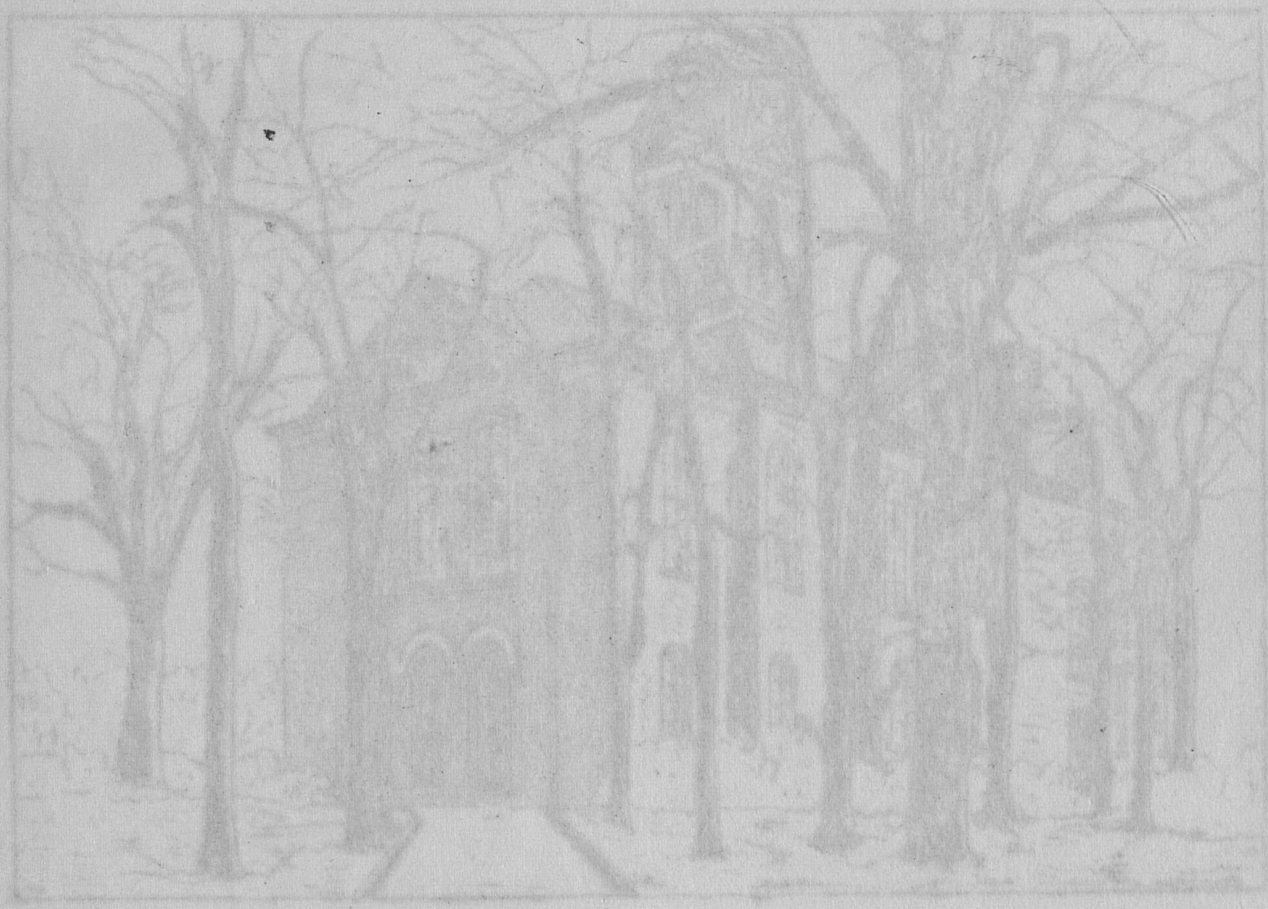



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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of South Carolina is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on Historical Records Survey projects of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Pickens County, is number 39 of the South Carolina series.

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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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

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

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

The Survey program was organized by Luther H. Evans, who served as Director until March 1, 1940, when he was succeeded by Sargent B. Child. The Survey operates as a Nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Community Service Programs, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was begun on a Nation-wide scale as part of the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration, and became in October 1936 an independent part of Federal Project No. 1. When Federal projects were terminated on August 31, 1939, the Survey was continued by locally sponsored State-wide projects as part of a National research and records program. Under the National direction of Luther H. Evans, and since March 1, 1940, of his successor, Sargent B. Child, the Survey has inventoried State, county, city, church, and, to a limited extent, private records. At present, it is preparing for publication in a condensed form, descriptive lists of the public records of local units of government. In each State the counties are numbered in alphabetical order, and treated as separate units, each with an introductory section giving the historical background and a description of the present government and records system. All records are referred to the office of origin, which is carefully described as to history, functions, and required records. Each type of record is given a numbered entry showing the comprehensive dates for which it is extant, the quantity, an interpretation of contents, and details as to nature of recordings, indexing, and location. State, municipal, church, and other records will be described in separate publications.

The South Carolina Historical Records Survey Project was begun on March 1, 1936. The University of South Carolina, as official sponsor of the project, is contributing the offices of State headquarters. Acknowledgments are due professor R. L. Meriwether, head of the department of history and representative of the sponsor, for valuable executive assistance; and to Dr. Leah Townsend of Florence, for a set of the current Code of Laws of South Carolina 1932. State officials of the Work Projects Administration have at all times given every possible cooperation in the administration of the project.

The unit at Pickens was opened on May 18, 1936, with the assignment of Miss Rachel Baker, who carried on the work with assistance two hours a day by Frances Hudson of the National Youth Administration, and during September 8-12, by Miss Lena Lanning of Spartanburg. On September 18, the unit was closed when Miss Baker was transferred to State headquarters as research assistant under Miss Esther E. Strong, research editor. On November 27, 1936, Marvin M. Smith, of Walhalla, field supervisor, attacked the problem of records stored under the coal in the basement, which could not be reached by Miss Baker. By December 5 he had brought them to a semblance of order and completed the first listing. The draft inventory prepared in the State office was returned to the courthouse for a recheck by Mr. Smith and Miss Baker during the month of June 4-July 5, 1937. It was then retyped and sent to the Washington staff for criticism. In September 1939 the Pickens unit was reopened for spot checking by Mrs. Farrar Parsons, Mrs. Elizabeth Gantt of Pickens, and Fred Wood of Anderson, foreman. As many unlisted records were found, particularly in the stored unbound material, a new survey was undertaken and the unit enlarged by the addition from time to time of B. D. Smith, Gladys Edens, Lucille Bratcher, Carolyn Hunicutt, Martha Harden, and Robert Daniel. Miss Mary Smith Hope of Chester and Miss Margaret Wertz of Ninety Six served successively as foremen, under the supervision of Miss Esther E. Strong,

then field supervisor, who answered editorial questions and personally checked the forms with the records after the unit was closed. As indicated in the inventory, a few current records of the county treasurer, the tax collector and the sheriff were not reached. Legal research on the county was largely the work of the late Mr. Don Ebaugh, who also prepared most of the draft essays. Draft entries were condensed from the field forms by Roberta Chestnut, research editor. The final draft was typed by Dora Duren and Floride Theodore. The completed manuscript was reviewed by Miss Mabel S. Brodie, editor in charge of public records inventories, of the Central office. Entries, citations, and cross references were checked by Vivian Barnette and Josephine Copeland, research editors. Stencils for the text were cut by Miss Duren and Mrs. Clara B. Kirby. Illustrations were prepared in 1939 by W. M. Boylston. Floor plans were drawn to scale by Vivian Barnette from field drawings by Miss Strong, and the stencils for these and the chart of county government were cut by Dorothy Tucker. The index was prepared by Janice Tribble. Proof was read by Miss Barnette and Mrs. Willah W. Brown; mimeographing and binding were done by Mrs. Flonie H. Lewis, Mrs. Allie D. Grant, Mrs. Maisie Hair, and Miss Theodore. Especial acknowledgments are due Miss Rachel Baker, now with the South Carolina Unemployment Commission at Liberty, for her gracious assistance in obtaining additional information from the courthouse during the final stages of publication.

The forty-six separate units of the Inventory of the County Archives of South Carolina are being issued in mimeographed form for free distribution to State and local public officials and to a selected group of public and institutional libraries. A list of those already published appears at the end of this volume. Requests for information should be addressed to the state supervisor, or to Professor R. L. Meriwether as representative of the sponsor.

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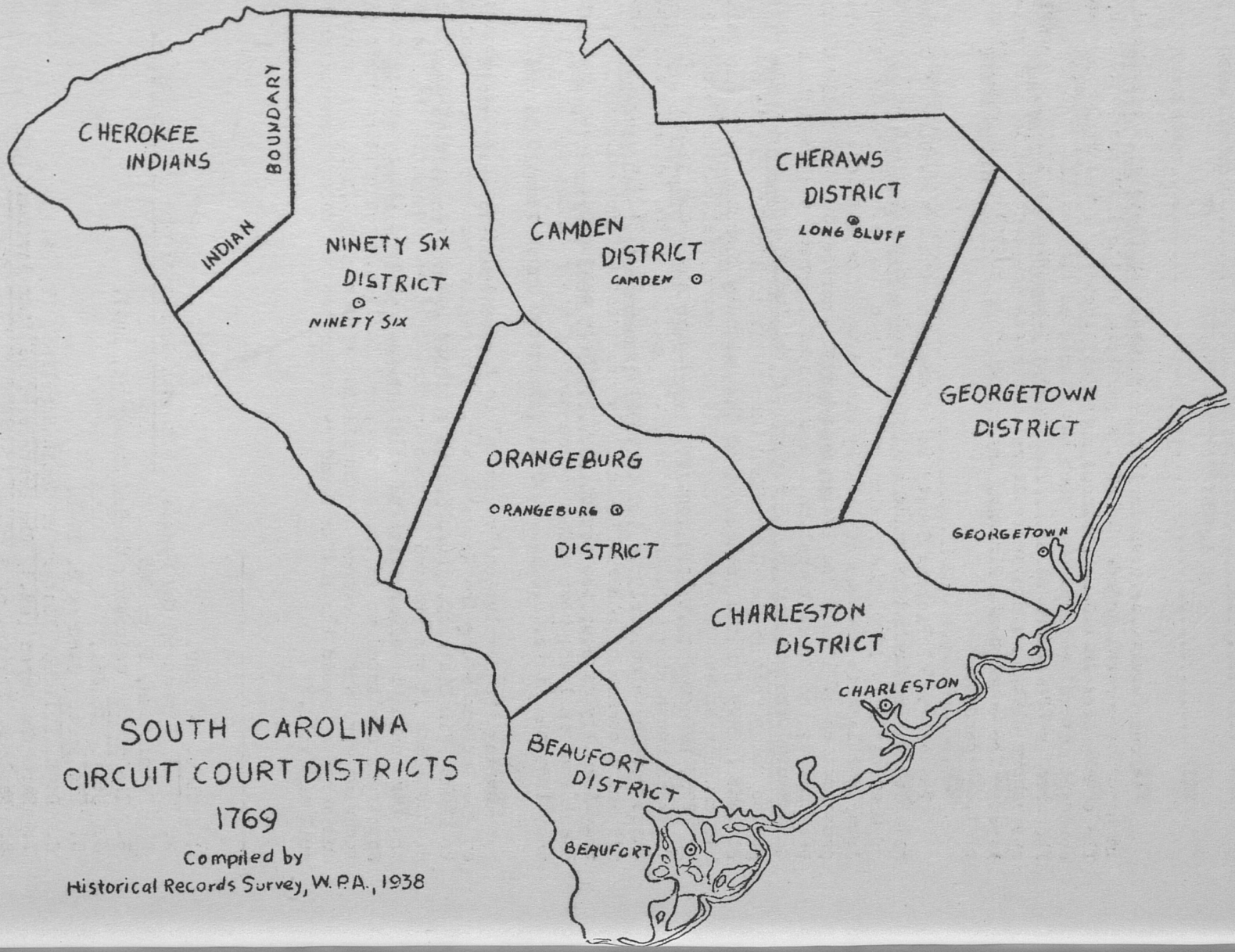

SOUTH CAROLINA
CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS
1769

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(First entry, p. 46)

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Pickens County, created in 1826 from Pendleton District,[1] was named in honor of General Andrew Pickens, a partisan of the American Revolution. The county lies in the mountainous northwest section of the State and has abundant natural waterpower, which has attracted the textile industry. The area is 529 square miles.[2] The present population is 37,111,[3] chiefly nativeborn whites, whose agricultural interests are centered in the valleys. The countyseat, Pickens, incorporated in 1847,[4] has a population of 1,637 persons.[5]

The origin of Pickens County is interwoven with the history of Indian relations. Penetrated by traders almost immediately after the settlement of Charleston in 1670, the region long remained the seat of the Cherokee lower settlements and was officially barred to white settlers by the royal proclamation of 1763. The Indian Boundary as marked in 1766 followed approximately the present eastern boundaries of Anderson and Greenville Counties.[6] The gateway to the region was the Indian town of Keowee, opposite which Fort Prince George had been built in 1753 in what is now Pickens County for the protection of the friendly Cherokee and their valuable trade with the province. When William Bartram visited the Cherokees in 1776, he noted that "old fort Prince George now bears no mark of a fortress but serves as a trading house."[7] Allies of the British, the Cherokees were crushed early in the Revolution, and in 1777 were expelled from all but a corner of modern Pickens. By the treaty of Hopewell in 1785, they formally gave up the region that had been conquered; by the treaty of Washington in 1816, they ceded the remnant of their lands; and in 1817 they left the State.[8]

During the Revolution "vagrants" took over the fertile fields abandoned by the Indians along the Keowee River. The region was therefore attached to Ninety Six District, whose justices of the peace were given full jurisdiction; and it was enacted that no grants might be made until the end of the war and until after faithful soldiers had received their bounty lands. Squatters continued to go in, however, and in 1784, when commissioners of location were put in charge of the allotment of vacant lands, all grants and surveys beyond the Indian Boundary, prior to that date, were declared null and void.[9]

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1. Stat. VI, 289.
2. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, Population, I, p. 985.
3. The State, Columbia, S. C., January 8, 1941.
4. Stat. XI, 451.
5. The State, January 8, 1941.
6. D. D. Wallace, History of South Carolina, II, 34.
7. Mark Van Doren (ed.), The Travels of William Bartram, p. 271.
8. Wallace, History of S. C., II, 339.
9. Stat. IV, 411, 593.

In 1785 the people and the newly ceded lands above the old Indian Boundary south of the Saluda were attached to Abbeville County of Ninety Six District.[10] As the Abbeville courthouse was too far away for litigants on the Keowee, upon their petition, the Legislature in 1789 set them off from Abbeville County as Pendleton County of Ninety Six District, with provision for a local county court.[11] Two years later, Ninety Six District was divided and Pendleton became a county of the new Washington District. The commissioners named to superintend the erection of public buildings were Gen. Andrew Pickens, Col. Robert Anderson, Capt. Robert Maxwell, Mr. John Bowen, Mr. James Harrison, Maj. John Ford, and John Hallum.[12] The district courthouse and jail were located 2 miles below the present town of Easley on lands conveyed to the commissioners by Gen. Charles Coatsworth Pinckney, and the village which resulted was called Pickensville.[13] At the close of the same year £1500 was appropriated for the building of courthouses and jails in Washington District.[14] Washington District ceased to exist under the circuit court act of 1798 (effective Jan. 1, 1800 for the functioning of courts), which created Pendleton District from Pendleton County.[15] County courts were abolished and their records were delivered to the district courts, there to be continued. The new district courthouse and jail were built at Pendleton Village.[16]

In 1826 Pendleton District was divided into two counties, Anderson and Pickens. The new courthouse for Pendleton District, which was under contract to be built, was ordered abandoned, the contractor to be compensated for loss, and the unused portion of the courthouse appropriation to be equally divided between Anderson and Pickens. Pendleton Village fell within the bounds of Anderson District, which was designated to receive the records of Pendleton District. Commissioners were named to purchase from 100 to 400 acres in a central location, upon which to lay out a village as the seat of government. Money arising from the sale of lots was to be applied to the expense of running the boundary lines, purchasing the tract, and building the courthouse.[17] On December 19, 1827, the statutory provisions were completed when an act directed that after the second Monday in October 1828, Pickens "County" should become Pickens District.[18]

The new district included the present county of Oconee, and was bounded by North Carolina on the north, by the Chatooga and Tugaloo Rivers on the west, by Anderson County on the southeast, and by the Saluda and South Saluda Rivers on the east. The public buildings were built of wood on a site west of the Keowee near Robertson's Ford, at what is now called Old Pickens. The first officers of Pickens District were: William L. Keith, clerk of

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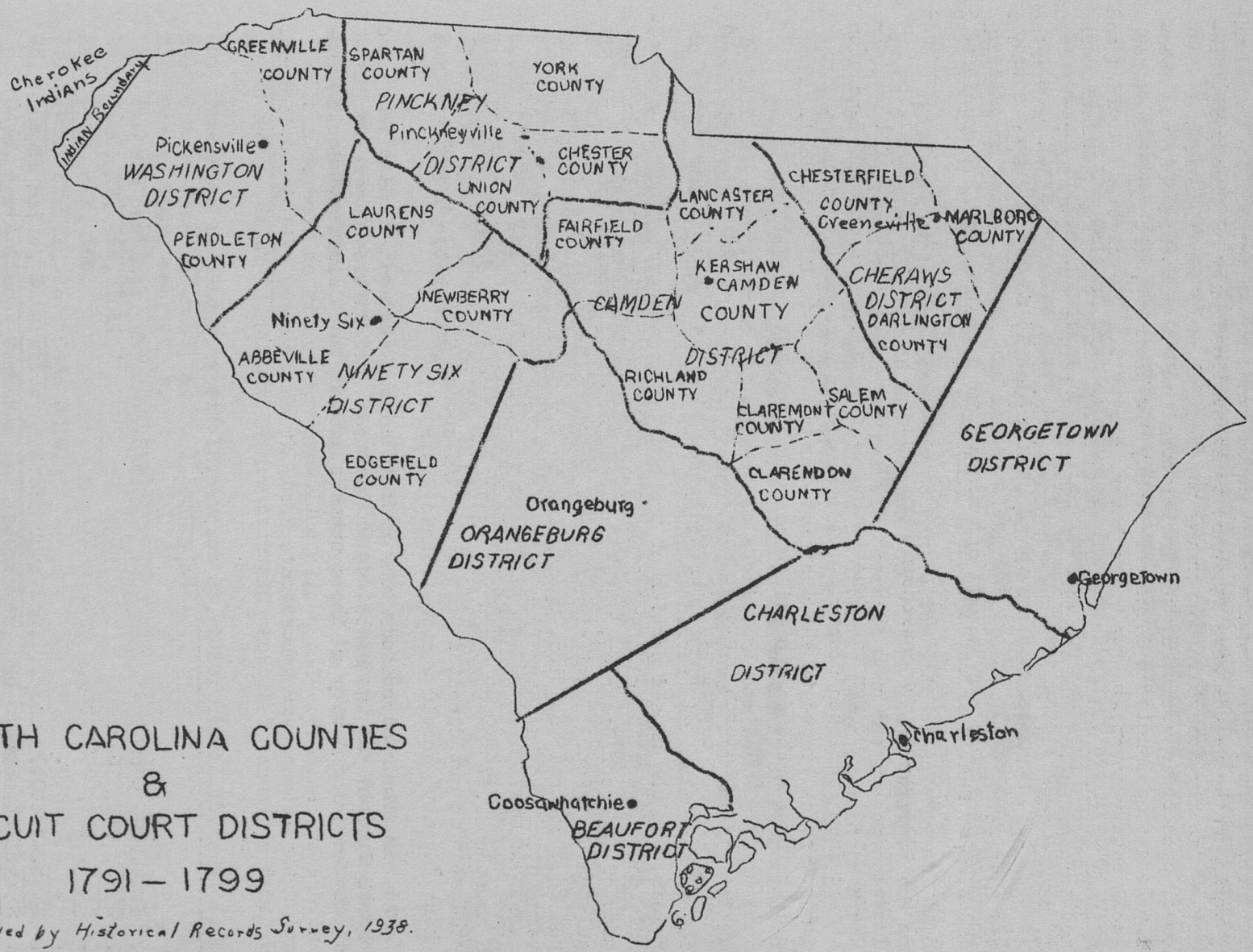
10. Stat. IV, 665.
11. Stat. VII, 252.
12. Stat. VII, 262, 264.
13. Stat. V, 210.
14. Stat. V, 191.
15. Stat. VII, 284.
16. Stat. VII, 298.
17. Stat. VI, 289-290; Pendleton Messenger, May 9, 23, 1827.
18. Stat. VI, 341.



SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTIES & CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS 1791 – 1799

Compiled by Historical Records Survey, 1938.

court; Samuel Reid, sheriff; James H. Dendy, ordinary; Thomas Garvin, commissioner of location; Ezekiel Harris, tax collector (for both Pickens and Anderson); Robert H. Thompson, commissioner in equity; W. J. Gantt, coroner.[19] The first court of Pickens District opened October 27, 1828, Judge John S. Richardson presiding.[20] For 40 years the district courts were held at Old Pickens and the boundaries remained unchanged.

After the fall of the Confederacy, Pickens District was divided into Oconee and Pickens Counties "by a line leaving the southern boundary of the State of North Carolina where the White Water River enters this State, and thence down the centre of said river, by whatever names known, to Ravenel's Bridge, on Seneca River, and thence along the centre of the road leading to Pendleton Village, until it intersects the line of the county of Anderson."[21]

Once more it became necessary to remove the seat of government, which by this division lay beyond the western edge of the shorn county. The commission appointed to locate the new site decided upon the present central location, on lands then owned by Elihu H. Griffin, who is said to have given 40 acres for the present town of Pickens.[22]

There have been only two alterations in the boundary of Pickens County. In 1875 the constitution was amended to substitute the Toxaway River for the White Water.[23] The entire Pickens-Oconee Boundary was exactly defined in 1917[24] and 6 years later it was slightly altered.[25]

The northern part of Pickens County lies in the Sumter National Forest, a region of such surpassing natural beauty it has been called the Switzerland of South Carolina. The Table Rock, an almost perpendicular wall of granite, rises 1,110 feet from its base to form the second base of Sassafras Mountain, the highest point in the State, with an elevation of 3,548 feet.[26] The natural building materials available include granite, clay for brick, and stone lime for mortar. Kaolin of good quality is found along the Keowee River. On the hills is an abundant growth of pine, chestnut, and the various oaks.[27]

The soil of Pickens is chiefly clay, and rich bottom lands are found along the numerous streams. The crops include cotton, the various grains, apples, peaches, and other fruits. Water power is abundant for cotton gins,

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19. Pendleton Messenger, April 16, August 27, 1828. April 18, June 6, 1827.
20. Common Pleas Journal, A, p. 1, entry 152.
21. Const. 1868, art. II, 3.
22. Pickens Sentinel, May 19, 1938.
23. Stat. XV, 494, 1014.
24. Stat. XXX, 164.
25. Stat. XXXIII, 237; Code 3014.
26. Robert Mills, Statistics of South Carolina..., pp. 684, 687-88; S. C. Dept. Agriculture, Commerce and Industries, and Clemson College, South Carolina A Handbook, p. 336.
27. Mills, Statistics, pp. 28, 682.

and corn and wheat mills. In recent years hydro-electric power has become available, and has attracted the textile industry. Cotton mills are located at Liberty, Central and Easley, the last being the largest town, with a population in 1940 of 5,183 persons.[28]

The grounds of Clemson Agricultural College extend into Pickens County and the College is served by the railroad station at Calhoun, a village of 761 persons, in the southwest corner of the county.[29] Six Mile is named for the creek, which in colonial days was a landmark of the distance to Fort Prince George.[30]

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Legal Status of the County

When Pickens District was created in 1827, it was not an election district or a unit for the administration of local government in the modern sense; it was merely a judicial district for the administration of justice through the circuit courts of common pleas and general sessions.[1] Representation for the people of Pickens was continued as a part of the election district of Pendleton, which was not abolished until a constitutional amendment ratified in 1854 made Pickens an election district.[2] The constitution of 1868 made each circuit court district a county,[3] which was the unit not only for elections and for the administration of justice, but also for the other functions of local government. Since 1868, the county has been a corporation, with power to "sue and be sued, purchase and hold for the use of the county personal estate and lands lying within its own limits, and to make necessary contracts and do necessary acts in relation to the property and concerns of the county."[4] The present constitution of 1895 declares each county an election district and a body politic and corporate.[5]

Pickens County as a corporation performs various functions through the board of county commissioners as its agent, under the legislative delegation as its board of directors.

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28. Ibid.; South Carolina, p. 336; 16th Census, in The State, January 8, 1941.
29. 16th Census, in The State, January 8, 1941.
30. South Carolina, Historical Commission of, Bulletin No. 4, George Hunter's Map of the Cherokee Country and the Path thereto in 1730 With Comment by A. S. Salley, Jr.
1. Stat. VI, 341.
2. Stat. XII, 342.
3. Art. II, 3.
4. Stat. XIV, 132.
5. Art. VII, 9.

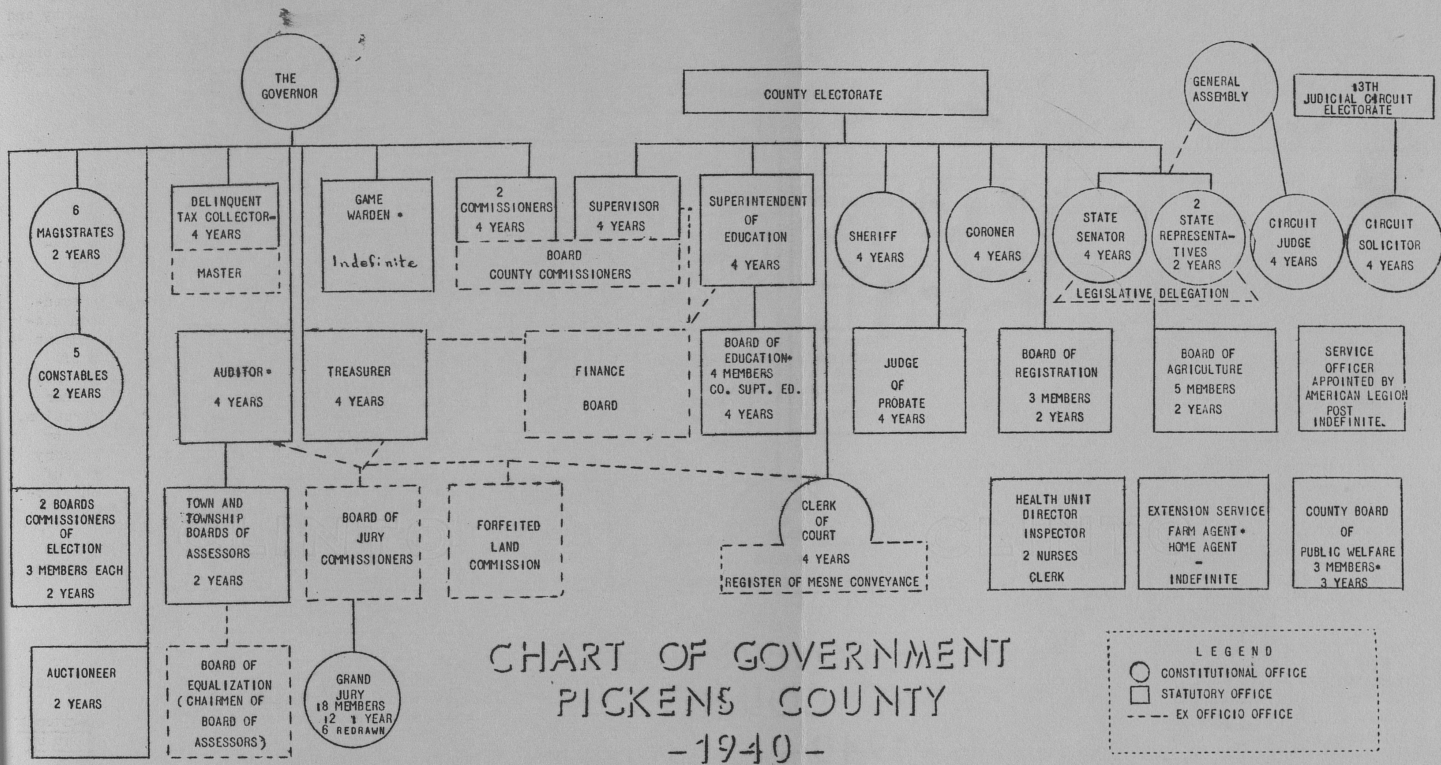

CHART OF GOVERNMENT PICKENS COUNTY -1940-

• (FOR DETAILS REGARDING MANNER OF SELECTION, SEE APPROPRIATE OFFICE ESSAY.)

As an agent of the State, which has delegated to the county the general administration of local government, Pickens County registers titles to private property; it administers justice through a system of courts; it performs the duties of law enforcement in the preservation of peace and the apprehension, custody, prosecution, and punishment of offenders; it administers public finance in collecting revenue, controlling expenditures, auditing accounts, and borrowing money; it holds elections, primary and general as well as special; it provides for public education in the administration of school funds and the operation of schools; it protects public health in carrying out measures, preventive and curative, for the control of disease; it dispenses public assistance to dependent and incapacitated social categories; it extends vocational and agricultural education to rural areas; and it conserves natural resources.

A plan for township government enacted in 1868,[6] was repealed in 1870.[7] Townships, however, have been laid out by the board of county commissioners, and were units of taxation until 1921, when the school district became the tax district (see entry 269). The constitution of 1895 declared each township a body politic and corporate, and gave the Legislature power to alter boundaries, create new townships, and provide for township government.[8] Pickens County has 8 townships. When townships issue bonds in their corporate capacity, the county is the agent of the township for the assessment and collection of taxes necessary to service them.[9]

The area of counties was limited to not less than 625 square miles by the constitution of 1868,[10] which gave the General Assembly power to organize new counties within this limit by the alteration of existing boundaries. The present constitution of 1895 permits the Legislature to create new counties and alter boundaries, provided that all questions relating to their formation, names, county seats and boundaries are first submitted to the voters in the area affected. When one-third of these electors petition the Governor, naming the boundaries, and complying with other requirements for a new county, he submits the question of the creation of the county, its name, and county seat, to a referendum. If two-thirds of the registered voters in the area are in favor, the Legislature establishes the new county at the next session. The new county may contain not less than 400 square miles, 1/124 of the State's population, and $1,500,000 in taxable property. The parent county may not be reduced to less than 500 square miles, 15,000 inhabitants and $2,000,000 in taxable property. It may not be cut within 8 miles of its courthouse, and its boundaries must not pass through an incorporated town. In shape, neither the new county nor the parent may be more than four times as long as its least central width. The General Assembly may provide for the consolidation of two or more counties. It can

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6. Stat. XIV, 143.
7. Ibid., p. 313.
8. Art. VII, 11.
9. Const. 1895, art. X, 13.
10. Art. II, 3.

group the counties into judicial circuits and Congressional districts. It can establish or alter voting precincts.[11]

Structural Development of County Government

When Pickens District was organized in 1828, local road building was carried on by commissioners of roads; care of the poor by commissioners of the poor; and maintenance of courthouse and jail by commissioners of public buildings. Justice was administered by the circuit courts of general sessions and common pleas, the circuit court of chancery, the court of ordinary, the court of magistrates and freeholders, and the magistrates. The grand jury and the circuit solicitor functioned in the court of general sessions. Local officials were the clerk of court, who was also the register of mesne conveyance and commissioner of location, the commissioner in equity, the ordinary, the sheriff, the coroner, and constables. Taxes were collected by tax collectors, who remitted their collections to the State Treasurer.[12] Public education was provided through commissioners of free schools, who financed local schools from State appropriations.[13] The militia system was enforced through the cooperation of the sheriff and the tax collector.[14]

In 1865 the district court for the trial of persons of color replaced the court of magistrates and freeholders in each district.[15] In 1867, by act of Congress, the existing civil government was declared provisional, to operate at the discretion of the commanding general of the second military district, who might try offenders of any kind by military commissions.[16]

Under Congressional Reconstruction of 1868, a registered electorate made up of those who had not aided the Confederacy adopted a constitution modeled upon that of Ohio. A board of registration was created.[17] The board of county commissioners, the county auditor, the boards of assessors and of equalization, and the county treasurer, were created to administer local taxation and finance; the county school commissioner and the board of examiners took over supervision of public education.[18] Justices of the peace were replaced by trial justices;[19] the probate court replaced the court of ordinary;[20] the court of equity was abolished and its jurisdiction transferred to the courts of probate and of common pleas.[21] In 1868 commissioners of elec-

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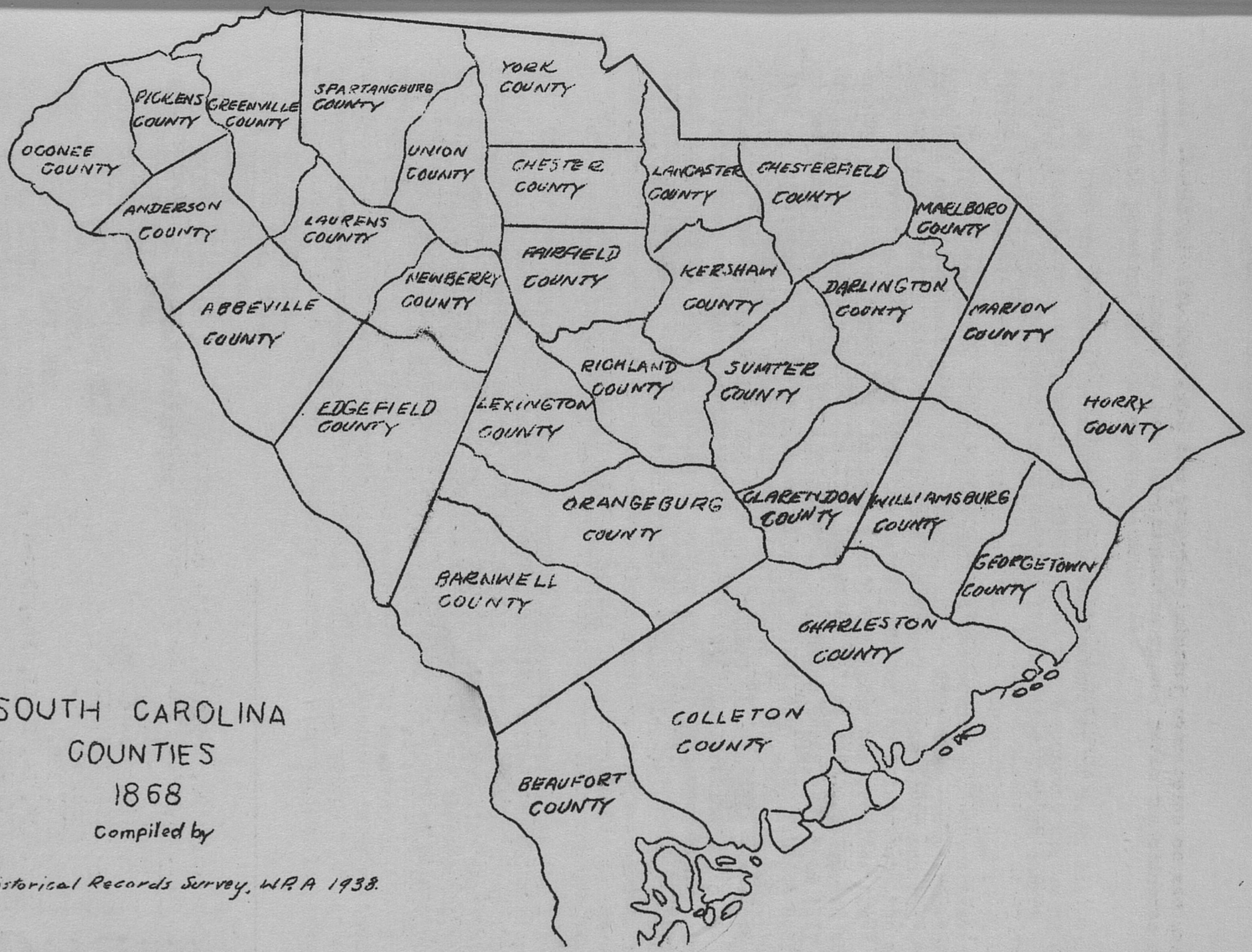
11. Const. 1895, art. VII, 1-14; Code 3028.
12. Stat. VI, 343. See the respective office essays in this inventory.
13. Stat. V, 659-41.
14. Stat. VIII, 553-54.
15. Stat. XIII, 254, 455.
16. U. S. Stat. XV, 14.
17. Stat. XIV, 136.
18. Stat. XIV, 24, 28-67, 126, 343-45.
19. Stat. XIV, 436.
20. Stat. XIV, 76.
21. Const. 1868, art. IV, 16, 17.



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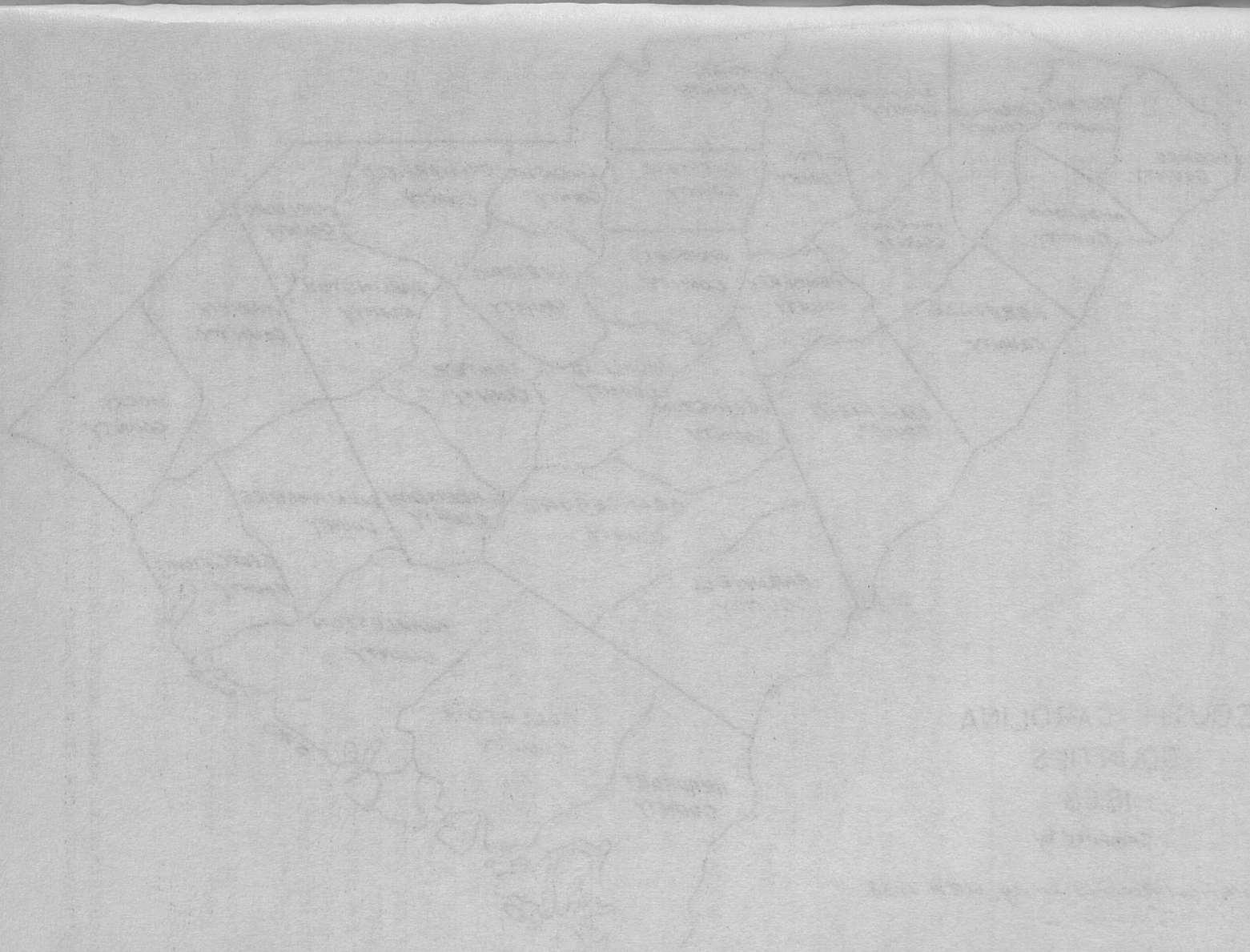

tions,[22] and in 1871 the first board of jury commissioners were created.[23] In 1888 the county board of pension commissioners was formed in connection with State pensions for Confederate veterans.[24]

In 1890 the farmers' movement, under the leadership of B. R. Tillman, began a social revolution, which in 1893 set up the dispensary system as a State monopoly for the control of alcoholic liquor sales through county boards of control.[25]

In 1895 a new State constitution omitted the county school commissioner from the constitutional group of officers, and in 1896 the county superintendent and board of education replaced the school commissioner and the board of examiners.[26] After 1890 the development of the delegation into a county institution began.[26½] In 1894 a cotton weigher was provided for[27] and in 1907 a game warden.[28] In 1911 the rural police were created and continued until 1937.[29] In 1916 agricultural extension began.[29½] From 1917 to 1921 a commission to build permanent highways existed.[30] The finance board and the forfeited land commission were instituted in 1926.[30½] In 1931 the service officer for World War veterans was created.[31] The same year a tax collector took over the sheriff's duties relative to collection of delinquent taxes and in 1935 the duties of master were devolved upon him.[32] In 1932 the health unit was opened, and in 1937 the county department of public welfare.[32½]

General Administration

The central factor in county government in South Carolina is the legislative delegation to the General Assembly, usually called the delegation. Consisting of the county Senator and two Representatives,[33] this group functions not merely as the legislative body for the county, but also unofficially as the local executive which administers county business through the various legally constituted county officers, especially the board of county commissioners.

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22. Stat. XIV, 138.
23. Stat. XIV, 690.
24. Stat. XX, 26.
25. Stat. XXI, 64.
26. Stat. XXII, 150.
26½. Infra, p. 42, 2nd paragraph.
27. Stat. XXI, 978.
28. Stat. XXV, 659.
29. Stat. XXVII, 193; XL, 35.
29½. Stat. XXIX, 1022.
30. 1917, Stat. XXX, 297.
30½. Stat. XXXIV, 917, 920.
31. Stat. XXXVII, 953-54.
32. Stat. XXXVII, 83; XXXVIII, 17.
32½. Stat. XXXVII, 1992; XL, 499.
33. Const. 1895, art. III, 2-6; Stat. XXXVII, 1111.

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Governmental Organization and Records System - Registration of Titles to Property; Judiciary

The board of county commissioners, created in 1868 with full executive powers for local taxation, disbursements, public works, and welfare,[34] lost constitutional stability in 1890.[35] Since the institutionalization of the delegation, the board has lost control over taxation.[36] Local taxation has been largely for the financing of road work, a jurisdiction taken over by the board of county commissioners in 1868 from the ante-bellum commissioners of roads.[37] In an effort to equalize the work throughout the county, township boards of road commissioners were appointed in 1894.[38] In 1912 a special road commission was set up to administer funds from bond issues for permanent roads.[39] Since 1924 the county roads are being absorbed into the State Highway System,[40] but the county supervisor still gives much attention to road maintenance with chain gangs. The board's responsibility for destitute children since 1924 has been assumed by the State Children's Bureau.[41] Since 1937 the department of public welfare[42] has been relieving the board of other welfare duties. The auditing of claims and the purchasing of supplies are now the chief functions of the board.

Registration of Titles to Property

Registration of deeds in Pickens County has always been a function of the clerk of court,[43] who records all titles to property, including assignments, satisfactions, and related instruments. Plats and surveys for grants to vacant lands were recorded until 1882 by the commissioner of location,[44] an office which was combined after 1839[45] with that of clerk of court.

Judiciary

Civil common law jurisdiction, from the beginning, has been exercised, within limits by magistrates;[46] and unlimited civil jurisdiction by the court of common pleas.[47]

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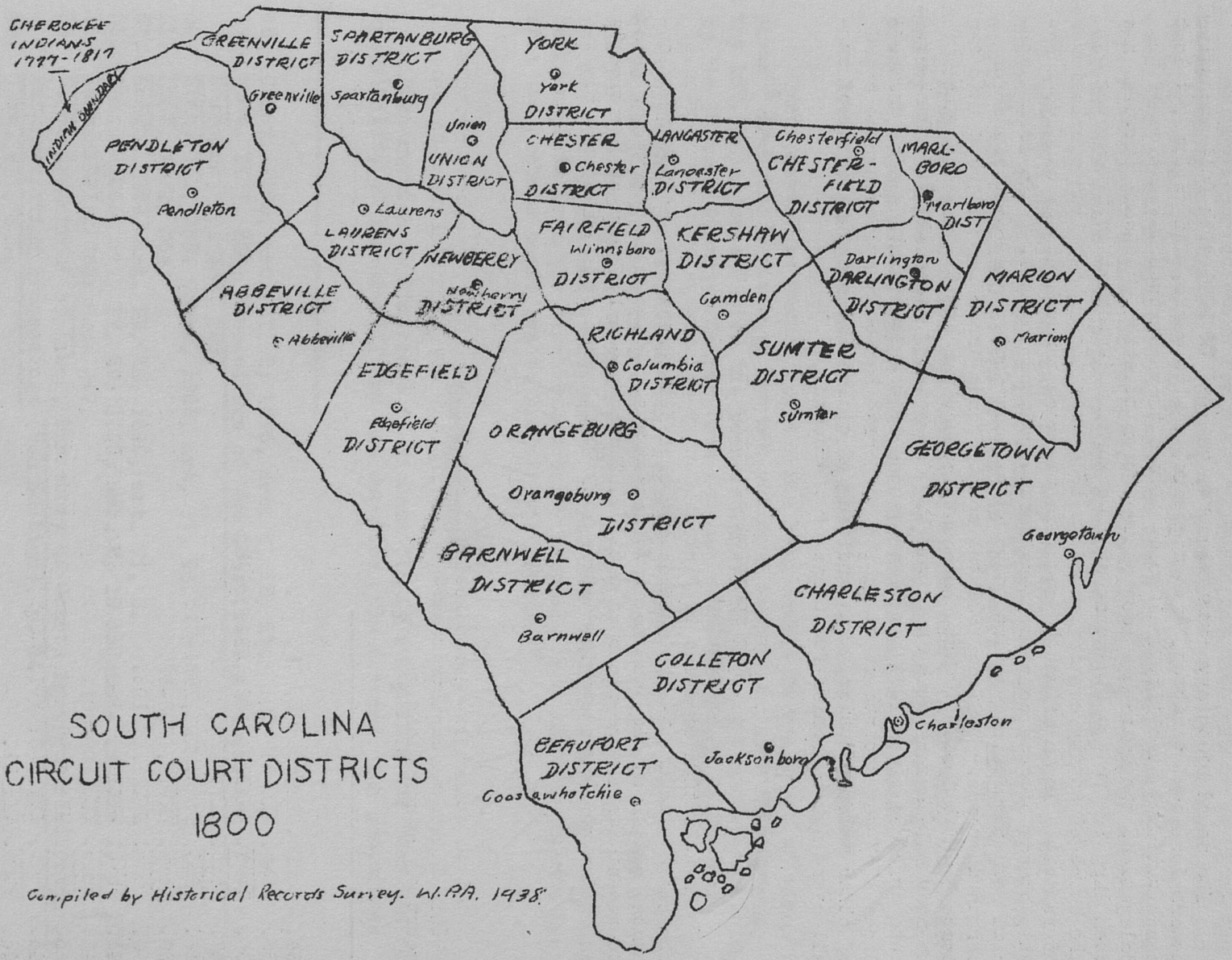
34. Const. 1868, art. IV, 19.
35. Stat. XX, 649-50.
36. Stat. XXXIII, 442; XLI, 2695.
37. Stat. XIV, 126.
38. 1893, Stat. XXI, 481-91.
39. Stat. XXVII, 993-96.
40. Stat. XXXIII, 1193.
41. Stat. XXXIII, 1190; XXXV, 359; XXXVI, 1374.
42. Stat. XL, 496-501.
43. Stat. VII, 296.
44. Stat. IV, 590; XVI, 558.
45. Stat. XI, 81.
46. Const. 1790, art. VI, 2; 1895, art. V, 18, 21.
47. Const. 1895, art. V, 15, 21.



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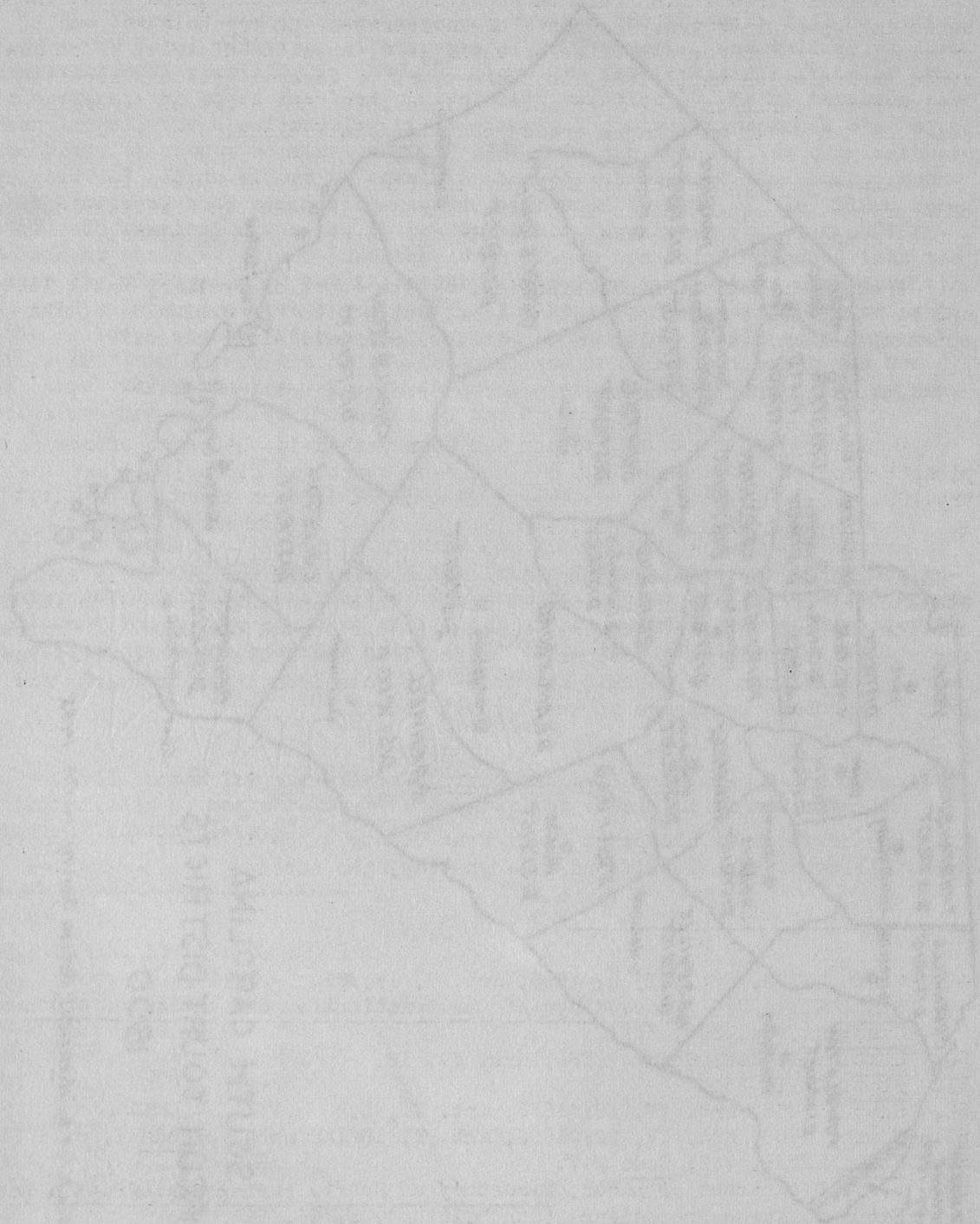

Criminal jurisdiction for minor offenses has been exercised since the beginning by magistrates.[48] Courts of magistrates and freeholders handled criminal cases for persons of color until 1865, when the district court assumed jurisdiction until 1868, when the court of general sessions received jurisdiction for crimes of Negroes.[49] Since 1828 the court of general sessions has dealt with major crimes committed in Pickens.

Chancery jurisdiction unti 1868 was vested in the circuit court of chancery;[50] for equity cases involving Negroes, 1865-68, in the district court;[51] and from 1868 to the present in the court of common pleas.[52]

Probate jurisdiction was exercised by the court of ordinary until 1868, and by the probate court since that time, but not to the exclusion of the court of common pleas, which has jurisdiction in all civil cases.[53]

Juvenile jurisdiction was given the probate court in 1914.[54]

Jurisdiction in naturalization has been vested in the court of common pleas[55] from the beginning, but has not been exercised since 1871, see entry 169. This jurisdiction has been relinquished in many counties and left to the Federal District Courts, but no such order was found in Pickens.

Appellate jurisdiction when Pickens was organized was vested in the State court of Appeals in Law and Equity,[56] which in 1837 was replaced by one for law and one for chancery, which together formed the Court of Errors for all constitutional questions.[57] Since 1868 the State Supreme Court has heard appeals from the circuit courts.[58] Appeals from inferior courts and from the probate court are to the circuit courts.[59]

Law Enforcement

Preservation of the peace in Pickens County since 1828 has been the responsibility of the sheriff and his deputies, the coroner, the constables

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48. Const. 1790, art. VI, 2; 1895, art. V, 18, 21.
49. Stat. XIII, 254; Proceedings of the Constitution Convention of South Carolina, pp. 358, 359.
50. Stat. VII, 208; Const. 1868, art. IV, 16.
51. Stat. XIII, 254.
52. Const. 1868, art. IV, 16; 1895, art. VI, 3.
53. Const. 1868, art. IV, 20; 1895, art. V, 19 and note in Code I, p. 1071.
54. Stat. XXVII, 762; Code 247.
55. U. S. Department of Labor, Directory of Courts Having Jurisdiction in Naturalization Proceedings (5th Edition), p. 84.
56. Stat. VII, 325.
57. Stat. VII, 340.
58. Const. 1868, art. IV, 1, 4,
59. Const. 1895, art. V, 4, 15; Code 1024.

and the bailiffs. In 1911 the rural police were added.[60] Inquests are held by the coroner or by a magistrate.[61] Indictments are prepared by the solicitor and acted upon by the grand jury.[62] Criminals are apprehended by any of the peace officers, who in performing this duty are empowered to call to their aid any citizen.[63] Custody of prisoners is vested in the sheriff, who appoints a jailer; and also in the coroner, who by law should have a special room in the jail for prisoners in his custody.[64] Prosecutions are conducted by the circuit solicitor.[65] Executions of sentences have always been the responsibility of the sheriff and of the constables.[66]

Finance

Local administration of finances for county and schools began in 1868, when the board of county commissioners, the county auditor, the county treasurer, and the county school commissioner, were created. Budgetary control of public funds is exercised by the delegation through the county finance board[67] and the annual supply act,[68] which fixes the limit of expenditures for each office.

Revenue is derived from taxation, fines and licenses. All classes of real and personal property are taxable, including intangibles and income. Property vested in Federal, State, county or city governments, in schools, charitable institutions and cemeteries, is tax exempt.[69]

Tax levies are set by the delegation in the supply act and assessed by the auditor upon the tax duplicates from returns of taxpayers and from estimates of boards of assessors, after being equalized and reviewed by the county board of equalization.[70] Collections of taxes charged upon the duplicates are made by the treasurer,[71] and by the delinquent tax collector under execution from the treasurer.[72] At tax sales, when a bid is not sufficient to cover the delinquent tax, the property is bought by the auditor for the forfeited land commission as assets of the county and State.[73] Property may be redeemed by the delinquent owner if he pays taxes and costs within a year,[74]

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60. Stat. XXVII, 193.
61. Code 3561, 3562.
62. Code 995.
63. Code 1952.
64. Code 1938, 1946.
65. Code 3126.
66. Stat. XI, 28, 56; Code 3533, 3740.
67. Code 4727.
68. Infra, pp. 40,41.
69. Code 2578.
70. Code 2747.
71. Code 2795.
72. Stat. XXXVII, 83.
73. Stat. XXXVIII, 212-13; Code 2167.
74. Code 2855.

but the tax collector's title is incontestable after 2 years.[75] The redemption money is paid to the county treasurer, who remits the State's share to the State Treasurer.[76]

Schools are financed by a constitutional poll tax,[77] by a statutory 3-mill tax,[78] by special district levies, and by State aid from revenue derived from liquor licenses, corporation, income and other taxes.[79]

Under a special law for Pickens County, revenue which accrues from fees and licenses is paid directly to the county treasurer.[80] Fines and forfeitures are collected for the courts by magistrates[81] and by the county treasurer.[82]

Expenditures are regulated by law. Requests for payments are presented to the board of county commissioners upon a printed form called a claim, accompanied by an itemized statement and affidavit of the claimant; claims are audited by the board, which issues warrants upon the treasurer to pay the amounts approved.[83] The treasurer holds the canceled warrants as his vouchers until the annual settlement of financial offices, when he delivers them to the auditor.[84]

The financial accounts of the county commissioners and the superintendent of education are required to be examined annually by the grand jury.[85] Since 1906 the delegation has authorized annual audits by certified public accountants.[86]

Bond issues are the source of funds for specified long term purposes for school districts, townships, and the county. The interest and principal for these are taken care of by sinking funds derived from special levies, which are collected by the treasurer and disbursed on warrants by the appropriate official.[87] In 1926 a county finance board was created to borrow money for county expenses on notes or through bond issues.[88]

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75. Code 2859.
76. 1938, Stat. XL, 1717.
77. Const. 1895, art. XI, 6.
78. Stat. XLI, 383, 654.
79. 1935, Stat. XXXIX, 471.
80. Stat. XL, 1826.
81. Code 3723.
82. Stat. XL, 1826.
83. Code 3871.
84. Code 2840.
85. Code 3856, 5321.
86. Stat. XXV, 369.
87. Code 7319-26, 7343-44.
88. Stat. XXXIV, 917-18; Code 4727.

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Governmental Organization and Records System - Elections

Elections

The constitution of 1790 under which Pickens County was created, limited the franchise to free white men who acknowledged a God and believed in future rewards and punishments; who had attained the age of 21 years; who had been a resident in the State 2 years; and had possessed a freehold of 50 acres or a town lot at least 6 months before the election, or had paid a tax the preceding year on the equivalent.[89] In 1809, an amendment specified exclusion of paupers, and non-commissioned officers and privates of the United States Army; and waived the property requirement if the man had been a resident of the district 6 months before the election.[90] The constitutions of 1861[91] and 1865[92] made no essential change. The constitution of 1868 removed the bar against race and military service, reduced the residence period, did not require the voter to be a freeholder or a taxpayer, and excluded paupers, convicts and lunatics.[93] The present constitution of 1895[94] extended the residence period to 2 years in the State, 1 year in the county, and 4 months in the precinct; and required payment of poll tax 6 months before the election, with the proviso that ministers of the gospel and teachers, if otherwise qualified, may vote after 6 months' residence in the State. The voter must also be able to "both read and write any Section of this Constitution submitted to him by the registration officer" or "show that he owns, and has paid all taxes collectible during the previous year on property in this State assessed at three hundred dollars ($300) or more." This was waived for those who registered prior to January 1, 1898. Disqualifications for specified crimes may be removed by pardon from the Governor; and no person loses residence because of employment in the service of the United States, nor while engaged in navigation, nor while a student at an institution of learning. No amendment has yet been added for woman suffrage, which is provided for by an act of 1921.[95]

Registration has been a prerequisite for voting since 1868, and the lists of voters are revised every 10 years. The books are closed at least 30 days before an election.[96]

Candidates must be qualified electors, and no person may "hold two offices of honor or profit at the same time," provided that this shall not apply to notaries public or militia officers.[97] All elections are by ballot, and may never be held or tabulated in secret.[98] Ballots are prepared in three forms, one for United States candidates, one for State and county of-

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89. Art. I, 4.
90. Stat. VI, 640.
91. Art. I, 13.
92. Art. IV.
93. Art. VIII, 2.
94. Art. II, 3-15.
95. Stat. XXXII, 268.
96. Const. 1868, art. VIII, 3; 1895, art. II, 4 b, 11.
97. Const. 1895, art. II, 2.
98. Const. 1895, art. II, 1.

ficers, one for constitutional amendments. These are on plain white paper, uniform in size, without mark of any kind except names of candidates, offices to be filled, and special questions to be decided.[99]

Under the one-party system prevailing in South Carolina, Democratic primary elections are held on the last Tuesday in August each election year to select the candidates for the general elections. A second primary may be held, if necessary, 2 weeks later. Party members are enrolled in clubs of not less than 25 each, and membership is regulated by law.[1] General elections are held every second year on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November.[2] Special elections may be called on any question by the General Assembly.

At primary elections, voting booths are provided at the polling places, one for each 100 enrollees, or fraction thereof.[3]

For the general elections, at each polling place a space is railed off for the State and county ballot box, with two opposite openings for the entrance and exit of the voter; another space is railed off for the Federal ballot box. Each box is "labeled in plain and distinct roman letters." Each box is kept locked during voting hours, and has an opening in the top just large enough to receive the folded ballot. Each voter before casting his ballot must swear that he has not voted before on that day. Only one at a time is allowed to enter the voting space, and no one except the managers may speak to him while in the space casting his vote.[4]

The Governor appoints the commissioners of election in each county, and they in turn appoint the managers.[5] Order is preserved at the polls by deputy State Constables and other peace officers.[6] Since 1924 absent voters in primary elections have been allowed to send their votes by mail, provided that they apply to the committee on enrollment or to the club secretary not less than 5 nor more than 60 days before the primary. The regulations for absent voting[7] are so exacting that few voters care to undertake them.

After each election, the boards of commissioners of elections become boards of canvassers to prepare a statement of each protest as well as the total vote for each candidate.[8]

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99. Code 2304.
1. Code 2352-70.
2. Code 2298.
3. Code 2373.
4. Code 2306.
5. Code 2299.
6. Code 2302.
7. 1924, Stat. XXXIII, 922; Code 2406-16.
8. Code 2310-15.

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Education

The constitution of 1895 requires separate schools "for children of the white and colored races."[9] County schools are under the general supervision of the county superintendent of education, who is elected for a term of 4 years.[10] The county board of education consists of the county superintendent ex officio and four members appointed by him.[11] Matters relating to operation of schools in each school district are entrusted to boards of trustees elected by the qualified electors of the respective school districts.[12] The board of any district, alone or in cooperation with boards of adjoining districts, may establish a high school.[13] The development of good roads has been closely linked with the development of rural education; and State aid[14] is available not only for transportation of pupils by school busses, but also for the establishment of rural high schools, consolidated schools and vocational schools.[15] Each school district is a tax district[16] and has corporate power to issue bonds.[17] Compulsory attendance, provided for by the constitution of 1868,[18] has been a requirement since 1915;[19] and under the current school law is mandatory for children between the ages of 7 and 16 years.[20] Transfer of pupils from one district to another may be arranged by consent of the district boards concerned or, if consent is capriciously withheld, by order of the county board of education.[21]

Public Health

Public health work in Pickens County is carried on by a standard health unit under the Bureau of Rural Sanitation of the State Board of Health.[22] A separate county physician is employed by the county commissioners to attend the prisoners in the jail, the chain gang and the inmates of the almshouse.[23] Certificates of births and deaths are made out by local registrars appointed by the State Registrar of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health.[24]

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9. Art. XI, 7.
10. Stat. XXII, 156; Code 5308.
11. Stat. XXXIX, 57-58.
12. Stat. XL, 38.
13. Code 5598.
14. Code 5478-93.
15. Code 5474, 5606, 5615, 5617.
16. Code 5355, 5392.
17. Code 5359.
18. Art. X, 4.
19. Acts, p. 118.
20. Acts 1957, pp. 556-61.
21. Code 5372.
22. S. C. Board of Health, 60th Annual Report, p. 152.
23. Stat. XXI, 487; XLI, 2692; Code 3849.
24. Stat. XXIX, 29.

Governmental Organization and Records System - Welfare; Extension and Conservation; Records System (First entry, p. 46)

Welfare

When Pickens County was organized in 1828, commissioners of the poor already had jurisdiction of the poor, and were authorized to erect an almshouse in each district.[25] In 1868 the board of county commissioners assumed jurisdiction over paupers.[26] In 1937 the county board of public welfare set up the present county department of public welfare, which administers State and Federal funds for the categories of old age, the blind, the mothers of dependent children, and other handicapped and unfortunate persons.[27]

During the Civil War soldiers' boards of relief assisted the families of Confederate soldiers; in 1887 State pensions for Confederate veterans were begun which now are disbursed by the State Comptroller General.[28] Since 1931 the county has paid a service officer to assist ex-service men in getting Federal benefits.[29]

Extension and Conservation

Agricultural education outside of colleges has been available since 1914 through the farm and home demonstration agents.[30] In Pickens County soil conservation work has been carried on since 1936 by a county agricultural board.[31]

Records System

Few laws for the keeping of records had been passed when Pickens County was created in 1826. In 1837 the first real step was taken towards the standardization and preservation of records when the Attorney General and the solicitors were required to examine certain courthouse offices annually and report conditions to the courts. The same act authorized the commissioners of public buildings to construct and keep in repair suitable fixtures or cases for the reception and preservation of records, books, and papers of district officers.[32] In 1838 the matter was referred to the judiciary committee, which recommended authorizing the Attorney General and the circuit solicitors to search the statutes, the rules, practices and judicial decisions of the courts, and to get together by the next session of the Legis-

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25. Stat. VI, 241.
26. Stat. XIV, 126.
27. Stat. XL, 499, 501.
28. Stat. XIII, 13, 120; XL, 639.
29. Stat. XXXVII, 953.
30. Stat. XXVIII, 808; Code 5773.
31. Stat. XXXIX, 1218.
32. Stat. VI, 577-78.

lature, all required duties, with recommendations for the kinds of record books, the best way to preserve them, the arrangement of papers, and how they were to be turned over to new officers, so as to constitute a permanent records system.[33] As a result of this resolution, the Acts of 1839 contained the first collection of rules and regulations for procedures and records of the district offices. Since that time, whenever a new office is created or a new duty is added to one already created, the law usually prescribes the record to be kept as a result. This, as well as the fact that most of the financial record books are printed and supplied from one central source,[34] has accomplished much towards the uniformity of records throughout the State. The legal requirements in regard to the more important records have been observed in Pickens County, which has preserved a remarkably varied and complete set of records.

The paper, ink, and typewriter ribbons are of a quality that insures permanence. Binding and rebinding are done regularly and in most cases are adequate to the needs of the offices. All indexing is required by law to be alphabetical, and usually with direct and cross indexes in separate volumes. The Cott system, sub-indexed by family name, is used for mesne conveyance registrations, and for the general files of the judge of probate.

Under general law, returns for taxation may be destroyed after 5 years;[35] and since 1937, when any county is confronted with the problem of caring for obsolete records, they may be removed to the University of South Carolina.[36] There is no duplication of records except where those of one office are required to check on another; for instance, the treasurer's records must balance with the auditor's, and both of these must tally with financial statements of the county commissioners, the superintendent of education, the sheriff, and the magistrates.

Heavy penalties have been enacted for violations of the laws in regard to keeping records and performing official duties.[37] The State Attorney General and the circuit solicitor are still required to examine into the condition of the offices of the clerk of court, the register of mesne conveyance, and the sheriff, to ascertain if the duties required have been performed; and to thereon report to the court of general sessions at its fall term, and to the General Assembly.[38] Every county official receives a copy of the Acts each year, and a copy of the Code every 10 years.[39]

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33. Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, Passed in December 1838, p. 124.
34. Code 3876, 5276.
35. 1898, Stat. XXII, 745; Code 2733.
36. Stat. XL, 402-3.
37. Code 1508-92.
38. Code 3131.
39. Code 2109; Const. 1895, art. VI, 5; 1932, Stat. XXXVII, 1186.

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3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

Specifications for the first courthouse of Pickens District were for a wooden building, surrounded by a pavement 10 feet wide, enclosed by a post and plank fence 100' x 120'.[1] In 1849 provision was made for fireproof offices under the courthouse, and in 1852 an appropriation of $2,000 for a portico.[2] The second courthouse, built in 1869, was of brick. On the first floor were four large rooms and a wide hall. The front of the building was beautified by a portico; and iron steps ascended from the ground to the courtroom on the second floor.[3] This structure was razed in 1890 so that the site on the square formed by Main, Courthouse, Cedar, and Pendleton Streets might become available for the present courthouse. Erected in 1891 under a bond issue not to exceed $10,000,[4] the present oblong red brick building, approximately 139' x 38' x 40', is two stories in height, with a basement and, at the main entrance facing Main Street, a square tower intended for a clock. On either side of the entrance hall are stairs leading to the courtroom on the second floor. The only firesafe portions are the vaults of the clerk of court,[5] the auditor, and the judge of probate. There are 19 well heated and ventilated offices, 1 heated vault, 3 unheated vaults, 2 storage closets, 5 rest rooms, 2 basement records storage rooms designated as the basement records room and the latticed room, 3 vacant rooms, a janitor's storage space, a boiler room, a coal room, and a waterworks room. All walls are plastered and floors wooden except where specified. No specific provision for users of records has been made except in the office of the clerk of court and the judge of probate.

The supervisor's office, 14'9" x 14'9" x 15', is on the side entrance hall. This room has two windows, a door, and one electric light. It is very crowded. The 26 linear feet of shelving contain 11 feet of bound volumes; and the 189 linear feet of filing space care for 80 feet of unbound records. In all, approximately 60% of the records are here, 29% are in the basement records room, 10% in the clerk of court's basement vault, and 1% in the latticed room. The judge of probate and magistrate each have one record in this office.

The clerk of court's office, 39'4½" x 14' x 15', is next to the supervisor's office at the end of the long corridor. It is entered from the hall by double doors, has two other doors, four windows, and two electric lights. Approximately 5% of his records are here, consisting of 24¼ feet of bound volumes, 8 feet of Statutes and Codes, and 20 feet of unbound material in one 4-drawer metal file, 6 pasteboard file boxes, a cabinet of 36 pigeonholes and 1 shelf with locked doors, and 20 file boxes of supplies. This room is not crowded; but there is need for shelving. Behind the office is the main rec-

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1. The Pendleton Messenger, June 6, 1827.
2. Reports and Resolutions, 1849, p. 357; Stat. XI, 555; XII, 131.
3. Probably from the Keowee Courier, April 9, 1869; the available copy is mutilated; Mrs. T. J. Mauldin to A. K. Gregorie, April 28, 1941.
4. Stat. XX, 963, 1079; XXI, 40, 460, 766.
5. Added in 1914, see Stat. XXVIII, 808-9.

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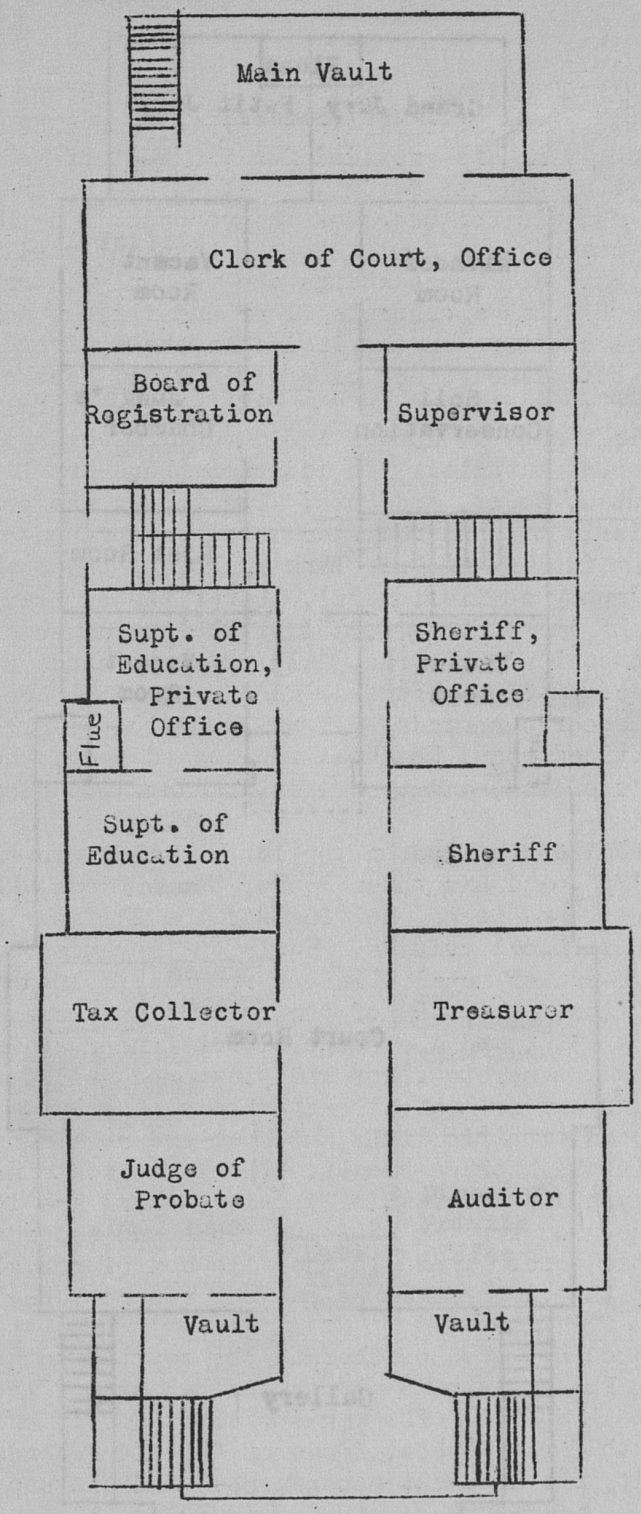
Housing, Care, and Accessibility of the Records

ords vault, 31'1" x 13'8" x 10'9", well heated, lighted and ventilated. It has three windows, two doors, two electric lights, and a concrete floor. Only 577 linear feet of shelving are provided for 590 feet of volumes and 174 feet of files for 97½ feet of unbound material. About 50% of the clerk's records are here. There is a table for users of the records. On the east side of the main records vault, stairs lead down into the basement vault, where the non-current records are stored. These stairs are the only entrance. The basement vault, 30'4" x 13' x 8½', has a concrete floor and three windows, which are protected by solid steel shutters on the inside and heavy iron wire net on the outside. There are 246½ linear feet of shelving, 34½ feet of which are in cabinets, for 50 feet of vertical and 73¼ feet of horizontal volumes; and 210 pigeonholes; 155 file boxes, 17 wooden and cardboard boxes and 1 trunk, contain 242 feet of unbound material. In addition there are 1 foot of newspapers and 12 feet of Statutes, Codes, and Acts. Two tables are provided for users of the records. This is the general storage place for non-current records of all offices, and contains 44% of the clerk's, 35% of the board of registration's, 10% of the county commissioners', 15% of the highway commission's, 2% of the sheriff's, 5% of the auditor's, 15% of the treasurer's, and 15% of the superintendent of education's records. All of the records of the defunct district court and the court of magistrates and freeholders are stored here, also two-thirds of the coroner's records. About 1% of the clerk's records are scattered in the latticed room, the basement record room, the judge of probate's office, the sheriff's office, and the superintendent of education's office.

The judge of probate's office on the left of the main entrance, measures 15'11" x 15'3" x 13'7½", and has three doors, two windows, and one electric light. In the office there is no shelving for the 2 linear feet of horizontal and 1 linear foot of vertical volumes. Equipment includes a safe with four vertical shelves, a 4-drawer metal file for records, a 10-drawer and a 6-drawer metal files for supplies. About 5% of the records are here. Adjoining are the vault, 9'3" x 8'11" x 9'9", and a storage closet (under stairway), 8'2" x 4'1" x 10'. The vault has a concrete floor and plastered walls, one door, an electric light, no windows and no heat; the storage closet has a wooden floor, brick walls, a door, an electric light, no heat and no windows. Only about 1% of the records are in the storage closet. The vault contains 107 linear feet of roller metal shelves and 106 feet of volumes; there are 168 file drawers, only 141 of which are used for the 63 feet of unbound records. Approximately 94% of the records are here. There is one file box of records in the supervisor's office. And the clerk of court has one record here.

The magistrates do not have offices in the courthouse but in their respective districts. The magistrate at Pickens has his office at Slim's Barber Shop on North First Street. The magistrate at Easley has an office in the City Hall on North First Street. Some of the old records are scattered in the basement vault, the basement records room and the supervisor's office.

The sheriff's offices are on the first floor of the courthouse. The main office, 16'2" x 14'3" x 13'7", has two windows, one electric light, and two doors. There is no unbound material; 125 linear feet of metal shelving is provided for 128 feet of volumes, about 85% of his records. Next to the main office is the sheriff's private office, 15'4¼" x 14' x 13'6", having two doors, one window, and one electric light. No bound volumes or shelving are



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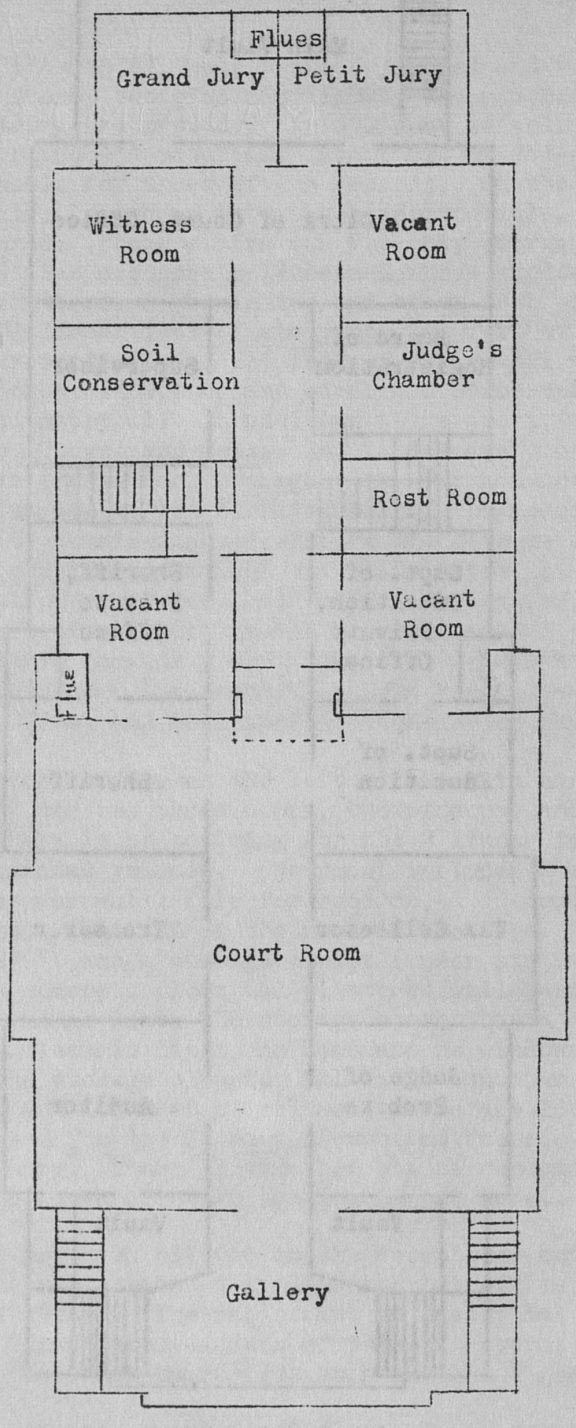
FIRST FLOOR PLAN COURTHOUSE



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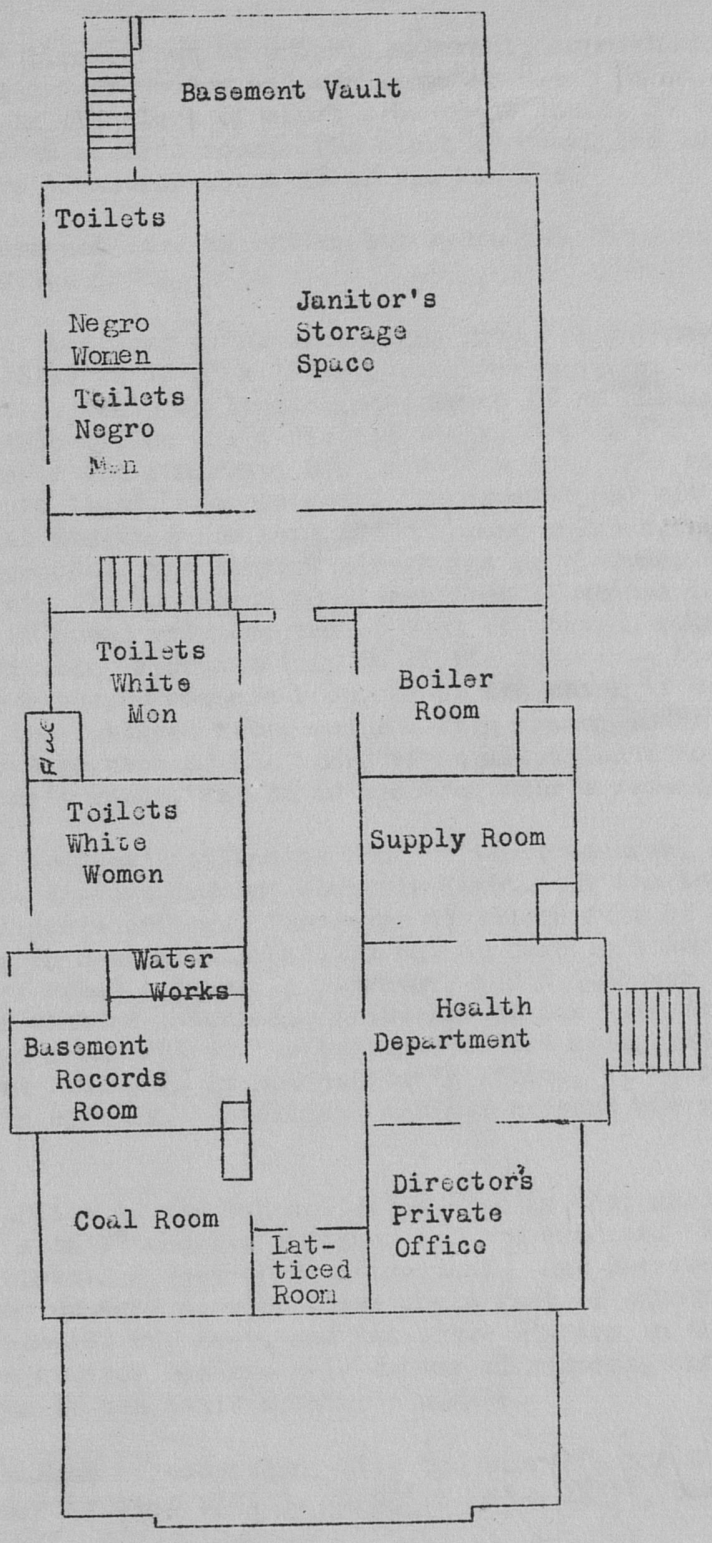

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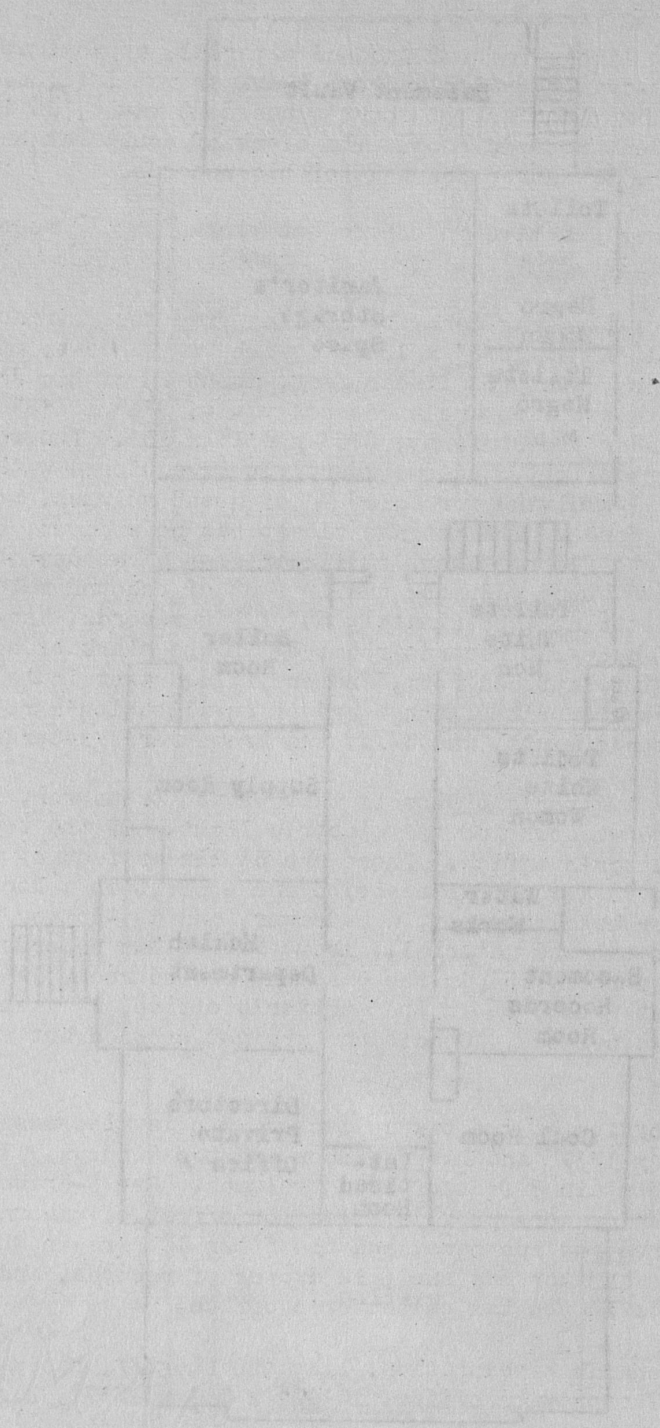

here, but about 15½ linear feet of unbound material, approximately 10% of the records are in one 4-drawer wooden and two 4-drawer metal files. About 2% of his records are in the clerk of court's basement vault, 2% in the jail, and 1% in the basement records room. The clerk of court has one record in this office, and the treasurer about 1% of his records.

The coroner does not have an office but keeps all his records in the clerk of court's office.[6]

On the right of the long corridor leading from the entrance hall is the auditor's office, 15'11" x 15'3" x 13'7½", with two windows, one electric light, and four doors. Only 3½ linear feet, about 2% of his records, are here. Opening on this office are a records vault, 9'4" x 8'8" x 9'9"; and a storage closet under the stairway, 8'2" x 4'1" x 10'. The vault has no windows, one electric light, and one door. It is equipped with about 83 linear feet of metal shelving for some 97' of bound volumes, constituting about 15% of his records. The storage closet has no windows, one electric light, and a concrete floor. About 30 linear feet of wooden shelving is provided for 26 feet of bound volumes; and 10 feet of unbound material in cardboard boxes, constituting approximately 5% of his records. About 70% of his records are in the basement records room, 5% in the clerk of court's basement vault, 3% in the latticed room, and one file drawer in the tax collector's office. Forty percent of the board of equalization's records are stored in the auditor's vault, and 3% of the treasurer's records in the office.

Adjoining the auditor's office is that of the treasurer, 17'10" x 14'10" x 13'7", having two windows and one electric light. Of the two doors, one opens into the auditor's office. There are 51 linear feet of shelving for 2½ feet of volumes in a vertical position and 8¼ feet in a horizontal position. One 4-drawer metal cabinet, a 3-drawer, and a 4-drawer wooden file contain 10 feet of unbound material. About 10% of his records are here, 45% in the latticed room, 25% in the basement record room, 15% in the clerk of court's basement vault, 3% in the auditor's office, 1% each in the sheriff and tax collector's offices. Conditions are not crowded but more shelving would be useful.

Next is the office of the tax collector, who is also master. The room is 17'10" x 15'1" x 13'7" and has one door and two windows. Eight linear feet of shelving contain 8 feet of bound volumes. One 8-drawer, one 6-drawer metal, and 2 wooden drawers provide files for 8 feet of unbound material. About 90% of the records are here, and the other 10% are in the basement records room. The auditor has one file drawer of records, and the treasurer about 1% of records in the tax collector's office.

The superintendent of education, like the sheriff, has a main and a private office. The private office, 15'4½" x 14' x 13'7", has two doors,

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6. Mr. Dennis H. Rampey, coroner, to A. K. Gregorie, Dec. 27, 1940.

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one window and one electric light. There are 107 linear feet of wooden shelving for 2½ feet of records, 469 feet of textbooks, and 12 feet of Statutes and Codes. There are 31 letter file boxes, and 15 file boxes containing 15' of unbound records. The main office, 15' x 13'10" x 13'6", adjoins the private office, and is used also by the attendance officer. There are two windows, two doors, and one electric light. Only 32 linear feet of shelving are available for 21 feet of volumes and 58 feet of textbooks. One 6-drawer wooden file, one 20-drawer wooden file, one 4-drawer metal file and one-4 drawer double metal file contain 10 feet of unbound records and supplies. About 70% of his records are in these two offices, 10% in the clerk of court's basement vault, 8% in the basement records room, and 7% in the latticed room. About 30% of the board of registration's records, one record of the clerk of court, and 15% of the highway commission's records are stored here. The room is crowded and there is little room for expansion or for consultation of the records.

Across the corridor from the supervisor is the office of the board of registration, which is used by the WPA hot lunch and garden projects. It has one door, two windows and an electric light. About 38 linear feet of wooden shelving hold 24 feet of bound material. Approximately 23% of the records of the board of registration are here, 35% in the clerk of court's basement vault, 30% in the superintendent of education's office, 10% in the basement records room, and 2% in the latticed room.

On the second floor are the courtroom, the visitor's gallery, three vacant rooms, a toilet, the petit and grand jury rooms, the judge's chamber, a witness room, and the office of the soil conservation service. The courtroom, 64'10" x 40'8" x 16'11" to 18'5", exclusive of the gallery, has seventeen windows, five doors, nine electric lights, hardwood floors and beaverboard walls. All are in excellent condition. On both sides of the rear entrance to the courtroom are vacant rooms, each 14'10" x 14'9" x 14', with an electric light, one window and two doors. Next to the one on the east is a toilet, 15'5" x 8'10" x 17'4". The judge's chamber, 15'1" x 12'3" x 17'4", has two windows, and one door. Next is another vacant room, 15'3" x 12'3" x 17'4", with one door, two windows, and one electric light. This room was used as the office of the Historical Records Survey. At the end of the hall, the petit jury room, 15'4½" x 14'10" x 10'11", has two windows, one door, and one electric light. The grand jury room, 15'8" x 14'10" x 10'11" joins the petit jury room. There are no records or files. The two windows, one door and one electric light give good lighting.

In the basement are the health department, a supply room, two records storage rooms (basement records room and latticed room), the boiler room, four toilets, the waterworks room, a coal room, and a space that is used for storage by the janitor.

Next to the waterworks room is a space 17'10" x 12' x 9'5" which has been fitted with shelves, and is herein designated as the basement records room. The walls are brick but the floor is dirt and therefore dust is very bad. No doors have been hung in the 3 open doorways. There is one electric light, but no heat or equipment for users is provided. In here are assembled

the old financial record books covering about 80 feet of shelving, and including approximately 29% of the county commissioners', 70% of the highway commission's, 100% of the jail committee's, 1% of the sheriff's, 70% of the auditor's, 25% of the treasurer's, 10% of the tax collector's, 60% of the board of equalization's, and 8% non-current volumes of the superintendent of education. There are also 4½ feet of Acts, Reports and Resolutions, and newspapers stored here, and 10% of the board of registration's records.

The end of the hall in the basement has been floored and latticed as a storage place, 8'5" x 7' x 8', for unbound records, and is herein designated as the latticed room. The brick walls give protection but the wooden floor has rotted from the seepage of water. There are no lights or heat. As the hall is not floored the dust is bad. About 70 linear feet of shelving will be constructed to care for old settlement papers; jurors', witnesses' and bailiffs' pay vouchers, canceled bonds and coupons, and other financial records, which are now in 36 file boxes, 37 letter files, 19 wooden boxes, 7 clipboards, and a tin can.

The unfloored coal space, 15'11" x 15'2" x 9'4", has a door and one electric light. The janitor's storage space, 29'8" x 26'1" x 7', has brick walls, a dirt floor, one electric light, but no heat or windows.

The welfare department is housed in a frame cottage on Ann Street, owned by the county and remodeled for present use. The reception room, intake office, director's office, filing room, clerk's office, special child worker's office, stenographers' office, and three visitors' offices are well furnished with metal files, desks, chairs, and Venetian blinds.

The county also owns a brick warehouse on Ann Street, which is operated by the Work Projects Administration. The county stockade, in which the chain gang is housed, completes the list of county buildings.

4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

AAA.....Agricultural Adjustment Administration
acct., accts.....account, accounts
Acts.....Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of South Carolina (see explanatory notes)
alph.....alphabetical or alphabetically
approx.....approximate or approximately
apt., apts.....apartment, apartments
arr.....arranged or arrangement
art.....article
bsmt.....basement
ca sa.....capias ad satisfaciendum
chron.....chronological or chronologically
Code.....Code of Laws of South Carolina 1932
coms.....commissioners

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const.....constitution of South Carolina (see explanatory notes)
cont'd.....continued
CWA.....Civil Works Administration
disarr.....disarranged
dist.....district
ed.....editor
etc., &C.....et cetera, and so forth
FERA.....Federal Emergency Relief Administration
f. b.....file box
f. d.....file drawer
fi fa.....fieri facias
hdw.....handwritten
ibid.....ibidem, the same reference
infra.....below, on a following page in this book
MS.....manuscript
n. d.....no date given
n. p.....no place of publication given
no., nos.....number, numbers
numer.....numerical or numerically
NYA.....National Youth Administration
p., pp.....page, pages
pkg., pkgs.....package, packages
S. C.....South Carolina
sci fa.....scire facias
SE Reptr.....Southeastern Reporter
sec.....section
sic.....just as given
Stat.....Statutes at Large of South Carolina (see explanatory notes)
supra.....above, on a previous page in this book
sum pro.....summary process
supt.....superintendent
twp., twps.....township, townships
U. S.....United States
U. S. Stat. L.....United States Statutes at Large
v., vs.....versus
vol., vols.....volume, volumes
WPA.....Work Projects Administration
&.....and
x.....by
--.....current
'.....feet
".....inches
%.....percent

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Unless otherwise specified it may be assumed that:
All records are in good condition;
All locations are in the courthouse;
All dimensions are in inches, in the sequence of height, width, thickness, except dimensions for file boxes and other containers which are given in height, width, and depth backward from the front;
All page numbers and book dimensions are average unless limits of variation are given;
All indexing is alphabetical;
All dates are inclusive, but frequently overlap.

Dates assigned for origin of offices are sometimes arbitrary; the evolution in full will be traced in the forthcoming Inventory of the County Archives of South Carolina, No. 10, Charleston County.

Exact titles of records are written in solid caps without parentheses. In the absence of titles, descriptive titles have been assigned, which are written in solid caps and enclosed in parentheses. In all cases the title most commonly used in the office is the one assigned. If a record title is not descriptive of the contents of the record, an assigned explanatory title written with initial caps and enclosed in parentheses, has been added. Current titles are used in preference to previous titles unless a previous title is the more descriptive; variations in titles are indicated. Figures or letters in parentheses, following the number of volumes or file boxes, indicate the labeling of a record.

Cross References: Title-line cross references are used to show the continuity of a record series which has been kept separately for a period of time and with other records for different periods of time. An example is that in entry 16: "1875 in Accounts Audited, entry 13; 1920 in Record of Claims Paid, entry 8." They are also used in all artificial entries, those set up to cover records which must be shown separately under their proper office even though they are kept in files or records appearing elsewhere in the inventory, as, for example the title-line cross reference in entry 27½, and 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 385½. In both instances, the description of the master entry shows the title and entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made. Dates showing 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 (entry 113), and See also references with subject headings or subheadings (p.126) are used to show prior, subsequent, or closely related records which are not parts of the same series.

Citations from the Code give numbers of sections unless volume and page are indicated; citations from the Statutes are for first editions except vol. XII, a reprint of 1874, and vol. XIII, a reprint of 1875.

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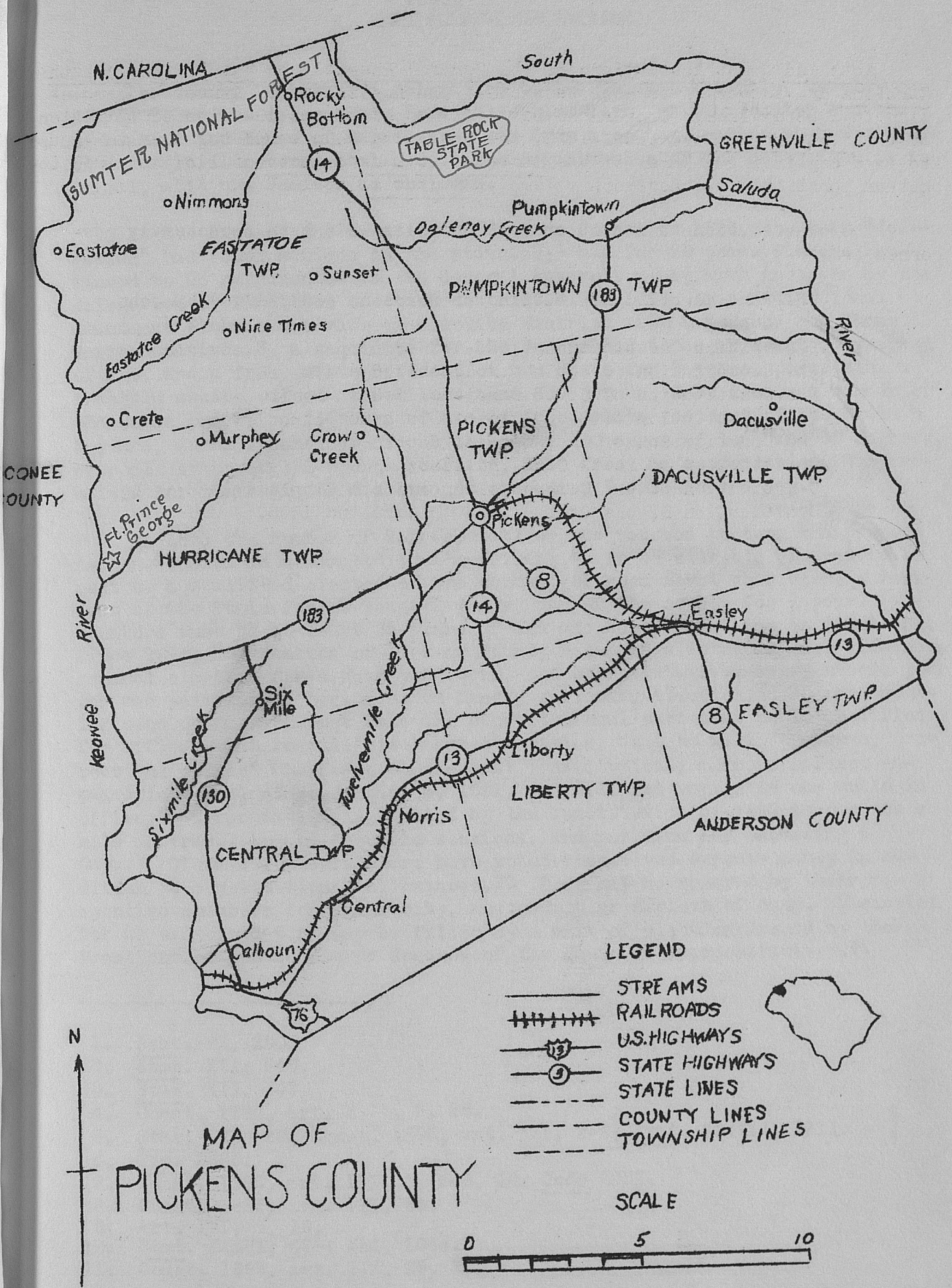
Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina are issued after each session of the Legislature. Since the completion in 1838 by Thomas Cooper and David J. McCord of the 10-volume compilation of the Statutes at Large 1682-1838, the acts have been bound together in groups to form continuing volumes of the Statutes at Large. Acts of 1937 and 1938 together constitute the fortieth volume of Statutes.

The constitutions under which South Carolina has been successivly governed are:

The Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina (1670-1719) by John Locke;
The British Constitution (1670-1776);
The Constitution of South Carolina 1776;
The Constitution of South Carolina 1778;
The Constitution of the State of South Carolina 1790;
The Constitution of the State of South Carolina 1861;
Constitution of South Carolina 1865;
Constitution of the Commonwealth of South Carolina 1868;
Constitution of the State of South Carolina 1895.



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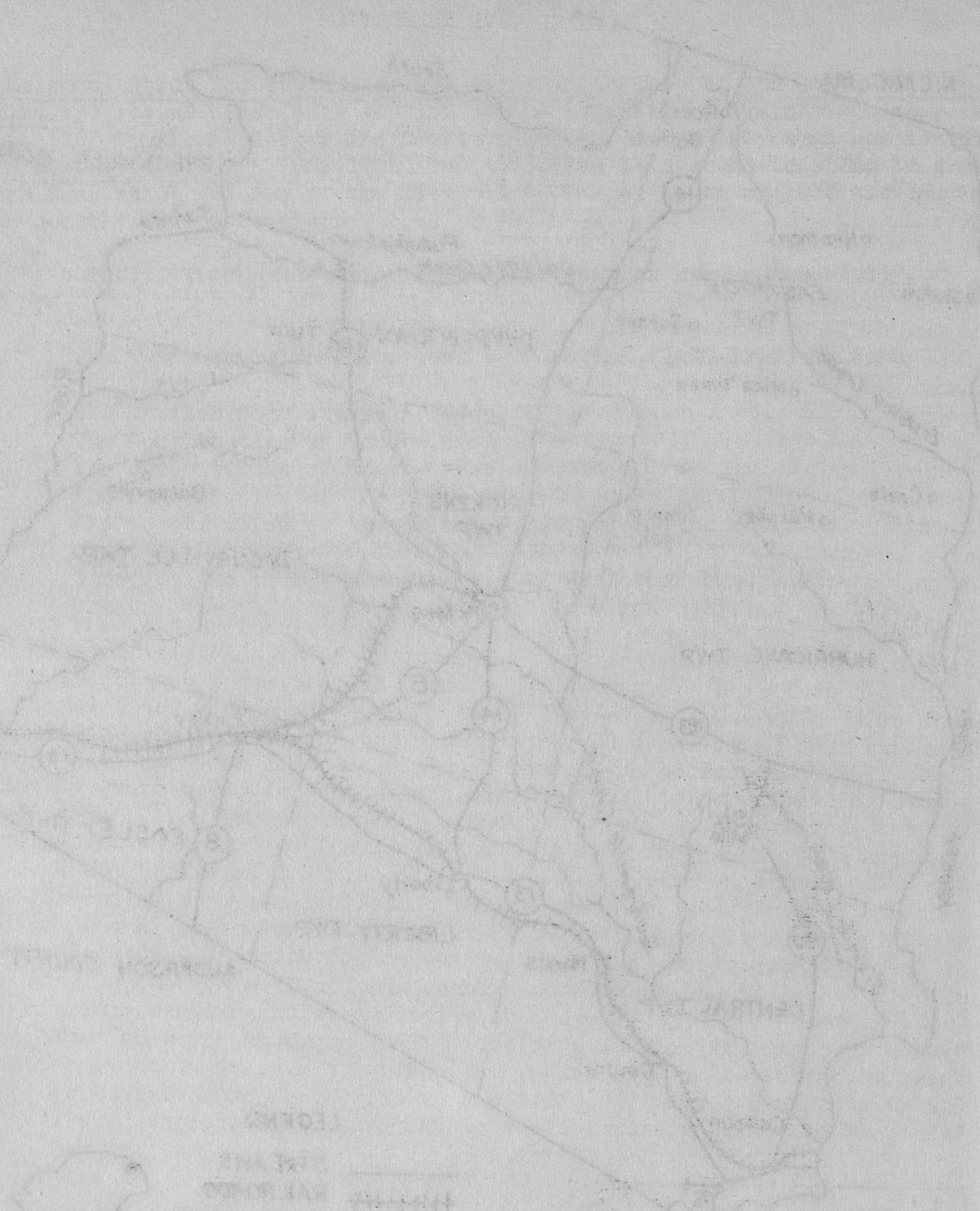

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I. LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

The county legislative delegation to the General Assembly, usually referred to as the delegation, is a collective term for the Senator and the members of the House of Representatives from a county, rather than the title of an official governmental body. The organization of the delegation is informal, with the Senator as chairman.

At the time of the creation of Pickens County in 1826, the term "delegation" had found a place in the statutes;[1] but for 29 years Pickens continued to be represented in the General Assembly along with Anderson by the delegation of Pendleton election district.[2] In 1854, by constitutional amendment Pickens was made an election district with a Senator and three Representatives.[3] A candidate for the Senate had to be at least 35 years of age, and a free, white resident of the State for 5 years, possessing a freehold estate valued at not less than 300 pounds, debt free. A member of the House had to be 21 years of age, a free, white resident of the State 3 years, and a freeholder of not less than 500 acres of land and 10 negroes, or real estate of 150 pounds sterling, debt free. As compensation, they received for their expenses a sum not exceeding 7 shillings a day.[4]

In 1876 the number of Representatives was reduced to two, the present number.[5] Each is nominated in the primary.[6] To be eligible the candidate must be a qualified elector of the county, of good moral character, a resident of the State for at least 2 years, and of the county for 1 year. Senators must be at least 25 years of age and Representatives at least 21. Since 1896, the Senator of Pickens County has been elected at each alternate general election for a four year term, and Representatives every second year for two year terms, beginning on Monday following election.[7] Before entering upon duty, each must take the constitutional oath that he is qualified for office, that he will discharge the duties, that he will "preserve, protect and defend" the State and Federal constitutions; that he has not engaged in a duel since January 1, 1881, and will not engage in one while in office.[8] Compensation is limited by the constitution of 1895 to 5 cents a mile in travel to and from the sessions, and per diem not exceeding 40 days.[9] Since 1929 legislators have voted themselves expense money in addition to constitutional allowances.[10] They may be removed by their respective chambers for incapacity, misconduct or neglect of duty. Vacancies for an unexpired term may be filled by a writ of election issued by the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives.[11]

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1. Stat. VI, 290.
2. Stat. XII, 646.
3. Stat. XII, 342.
4. Const. 1790, art. I, 4, 8, 18.
5. Stat. XVI, 88; Const. 1895, art. III, 2-6; Stat. XXXVII, 1111.
6. Code 2365.
7. Const. 1895, art. III, 2, 6-8, 10; Code 2052.
8. Const. 1895, art. III, 26.
9. Art. III, 9, 19.
10. Stat. XXXVI, 698; XLI, 2044.
11. Const. 1895, art. III, 25, 27.

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Through the lawmaking power to alter the county's administrative office, and through the power to grant or to withhold supplies for each office, the delegation has come into close contact with local administration and has tended to supplant the board of commissioners as the county executive. In 1938 the State Supreme Court set a barrier to further executive development. On the constitutional ground that "the legislative, executive and judicial powers of the Government shall be forever separate",[12] the court has ruled that the executive functions of the delegation shall be limited to a general supervision of administration and to such other matters as are essential to the performance of legislative duties.[13]

Legislative courtesy has always permitted each delegation to nominate the local legislative appointees, and in all counties this right is now an important political asset. In 1826 the Pendleton delegation filled vacancies in various commissions.[14] In Pickens County the delegation recommends for appointment by the Governor, a competent person to examine all the financial affairs of the county;[15] a constable at Easley;[16] rural policemen;[17] tax collector;[18] the game warden after nomination in the primary;[19] and the county auctioneer.[20] The delegation also recommends for appointment the county board of education to the superintendent of education;[21] the farm and home agents to the Clemson College Extension Division;[22] and the county board of public welfare to the State Board of Public Welfare.[23] In 1933 the delegation appointed the rural police commission;[24] and in 1935 the agricultural board, whose books are examined upon order of the delegation.[25] It has power to discontinue additional deputy sheriffs appointed by the sheriff.[26]

The real power of the delegation lies in the fact that all laws for each county, especially the annual appropriation act, must be passed by the State Legislature. After 1868, taxes for local purposes were assessed upon estimates prepared by each board of county commissioners and sent to the State Comptroller General for submission to the General Assembly,[27] which in turn incorporated the levy for each county in a single annual supply act for the whole State. In practice, this was carried out by placing the budget for

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12. Const. 1895, art. I, 14.
13. Bramlette v. Stringer, 195, S. E. Reptr. 257.
14. Stat. VI, 290; VIII, 559.
15. 1906, Stat. XXV, 369.
16. 1925, Stat. XXXIV, 557.
17. 1912, Stat. XXVII, 893; 1927, XXXV, 1009.
18. 1931, Stat. XXXVII, 85.
19. 1934, Stat. XXXVIII, 1210.
20. 1937, Stat. XL, 122.
21. 1935, Stat. XXXIX, 57.
22. Acts 1929, p. 1053; Code 5773.
23. 1937, Stat. XL, 499.
24. Stat. XXXVIII, 90.
25. Stat. XXXIX, 1218.
26. 1937, Stat. XL, 67.
27. Stat. XIV, 126.

each county in the hands of the county delegations. In 1916 the delegation were enjoined to present to the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee their respective estimates in time for the State-wide county supply act to be presented not later than February 6.[28] Custom made it a breach of legislative courtesy for delegations from other counties to oppose the will of a particular delegation in regard to its own budget. In 1920 the State-wide county supply act was broken down into forty-six separate county supply acts.[29]

Before drafting a supply bill, the delegation usually receives estimates from each county office, sometimes direct, sometimes through the board of county commissioners. When a matter requires special consideration the delegation may hold a public hearing. By a contingent fund, the delegation can finance public activities between sessions without a special act. In 1934 a special law provided that any surplus funds then in the hands of the Pickens County treasurer, be placed in the miscellaneous contingent fund and paid out on recommendation of the delegation on warrants of the county commissioners.[30] Pickens County in 1940 had a contingent fund of $5,000.[31]

No item in the Pickens supply act may be transferred without the written consent of the Senator and one Representative.[32] The tax levy is set by the county auditor when approved by the delegation.[33] Upon the approval of the delegation, the auditor and the treasurer of Pickens County may lower or raise the tax levy to meet the appropriations in the supply act.[34] In 1932 the finance board was authorized upon written approval of the delegation to borrow $80,000 for the school deficit;[35] in 1935 the delegation had to approve FERA loans, and the board of county commissioners was authorized to borrow $121,000 for construction and repair of roads and bridges.[36] Before money is deposited in any institution, the institution must furnish security which is approved by the Senator, the board of county commissioners and the county attorney.[37] In 1934 a 3-mill tax levy was authorized[38] for surface treating certain roads to be designated by the delegation and the supervisor. New machinery for building roads and bridges is purchased on approval of the Senator and one member of the House of Representatives.[39]

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28. Stat. XXIX, 1252.
29. Stat., XXXI, 1192-1343.
30. Stat. XXXVIII, 2155.
31. Stat. XLI, 2694.
32. Stat. XXXIII, 442; XL, 1271; XLI, 2695.
33. Stat. XL, 1267-68.
34. 1923, Stat. XXXIII, 442; 1940, XLI, 2695.
35. Stat. XXXVII, 1995.
36. Stat. XXXIX, 1073, 2570.
37. 1932, Stat. XXXVII, 1280.
38. Stat, XXXVIII, 2155.
39. 1937, Stat. XL, 1268.

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The delegation is not a records office. A semi-annual report from the tax collector[40] and copies of all monthly reports made by peace officers to the supervisor are required to be filed with each member.[41] For records, see entry 23 ix.

II. SUPERVISOR AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

When Pickens District was formed in 1827, local administration was carried on by commissioners of roads, commissioners of the poor, and commissioners of public buildings.[1] In 1868 these three boards were replaced by an administrative board of three county commissioners elected for a term of two years.[2] When the constitutional status of this board was repealed in 1890 by amendment,[3] stability was lost, and the way was cleared for control by the delegation. The general county government act of 1894 provided for each township a board of three road commissioners appointed by the Governor for a 2 year term, co-terminal with his. The chairmen of these township boards, with an elected supervisor as the full time executive and ex officio chairman, constituted the board of county commissioners.[4] In 1899 county and township commissioners were abolished; and a board of county commissioners was created composed of an elected supervisor and two other members appointed by the Governor.[5]

In 1910 the term of the supervisor[6] and in 1915 of the commissioners, were changed from 2 to 4 years.[7] Before entering upon duty, each member of the board takes the constitutional oath[8] and files a surety bond, the supervisor's being $10,000,[9] and the commissioners', $2,000.[10] The annual salary of the supervisor has varied from $200 to the present $2,100, the commissioners' from $200 to the present $1,000.[11] The commissioners may be removed by the Governor for cause; and vacancies for the unexpired term are filled by him.[12] From 1875 to 1916 the commissioners were ex officio commissioners of health and drainage;[13] and from 1894 to 1899 served as the board of equali-

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40. Stat. XXXVII, 84.
41. Stat. XXXII, 795.
1. Stat. VI, 343.
2. Const. 1868, art. IV, 19; Stat. XIV, 126.
3. Stat. XX, 649-50.
4. Stat. XXI, 481-91; Code 3848, 3854-55.
5. Stat. XXIII, 2, 5, 280.
6. Stat. XXVI, 699; Code 3818.
7. Stat. XXIX, 515; Code 3821.
8. Const. 1895, art. III, 26.
9. Stat. XXXVII, 151; Code 3820.
10. Stat. XXVII, 157; Code 3822.
11. Stat. XXIII, 6; XLI, 2692.
12. Code 3094.
13. Stat. XV, 849; XXIX, 840.

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zation.[14] The supervisor in 1922 was made an ex officio member of the poor-house and jail commission;[15] and in 1926 of the finance board.[16]

The board of 1868 was intended to be a vigorous executive for the administration of county government. Set up under the judicial department, the board was authorized to punish for contempt; its legal orders, warrants, or processes were enforcible by peace officers; and its judgments like those of other inferior courts could be appealed to the State courts.[17] The board was required to hold regular monthly and annual meetings, with special meetings when necessary; and numerous laws clothed it with ample jurisdiction to perform specific duties.[18] In 1875 the duties as commissioners of health and drainage were to control all matters of drainage, waterways, and mill dams, when these affected the health of the community. Upon petition, the board had power to make contracts for drainage, to fix the assessments on properties, and to hear cases in which it had force of law. When a person disagreed with the board's decision, he might appeal to the circuit judge, whose decision was final. The board had power to remove or regulate mill dams, and to require owners to build flood gates.[19]

In 1872 the board was authorized to issue retail liquor licenses;[20] but in 1880 it was not allowed to issue them in Central or Liberty Station except to druggists on written certificate by a physician.[21] In 1880 the board was required to build a fence between Greenville and Pickens counties to protect the crops from live stock.[22] In 1891 the commissioners divided the county into highway districts; appointed an overseer for each; and assigned laborers. An overseer served for 2 years, and was required to keep time and return it to the commissioners each day.[23] In 1899 the board was empowered to appoint a supervisor for each township, and road overseers if necessary.[24]

The present board is authorized to audit accounts; to divide the county into highway districts and appoint highway commissioners; to require any county officer to report on any matter concerning duties of his office; to let contracts; to assess taxes in order to raise money for roads, bridges, support of the poor, public buildings, and for other county purposes.[25]

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14. Stat. XXI, 482; XXIII, 3-4.
15. Stat. XXXII, 1545.
16. Stat. XXXIV, 917; Code 4727.
17. Const. 1868, art. IV, 19; Code 1870 in Stat. XIV, 504.
18. Stat. XIV, 126, 273, 397, 421, 662, 690, 706.
19. Stat. XV, 623-24, 849.
20. Stat. XV, 139.
21. Stat. XVII, 366.
22. Stat. XVII, 41.
23. Stat. XX, 1443.
24. Stat. XXIII, 5.
25. Code 3825, 3836, 3848, 3852, 3854.

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Since 1868, general law has required the board to make an annual examination into the adequacy of county officers' bonds, and to report thereon to the State Comptroller General.[26] In 1893 the general law empowered the board to bind out destitute children as apprentices; to regulate the county poorhouse and appoint the superintendent; and on the first day of the first term of the circuit court to make an itemized statement of authorized claims, the condition of roads, bridges, poorhouse, and other county matters.[27] From 1896[28] until 1902[29] the commissioners prepared the jury lists. The board has power to condemn rights-of-way for roads when necessary.[30] Since 1882 it has been responsible for signs to mark railroad crossings.[31] In 1899 the board was authorized to grant charters to local ferries when needed.[32] The board should furnish offices, furniture and supplies to the various county officers.[33] In 1914 the board was required to give full time to county affairs if necessary; but in 1922 the commissioners were not to work more than 150 days a year.[34]

Under the general law the supervisor serves as chairman of the board, with general supervision over roads and bridges, paupers and poorhouse, and in all matters relating to taxes and disbursements of public funds for county purposes.[35] At least once a year he is required to examine railroad crossings in the county, and to notify the railroad companies of any which are unsafe.[36] He has power to administer oaths in matters pertaining to his office.[37] All papers signed by him should be authenticated by a seal, a description of which is required to be filed in the offices of the clerk of court, the sheriff, the treasurer, and the Secretary of State.[38] Before January 5, the supervisor is required to make a detailed statement of all the doings of the board to the Comptroller General for his annual report to the General Assembly.[39] In 1916 he was required to publish in a county newspaper a quarterly report of all money received, the source, to whom paid, and the purpose.[40]

From the beginning the board has employed a clerk, who, until 1896, was required to take the constitutional oath.[41] The board fixed his salary until

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26. Stat. XIV, 128; Code 3053.
27. Stat. XXI, 485-87; Code 3824, 3849.
28. Stat. XXII, 16-18.
29. Stat. XXIII, 1066.
30. Code 5813.
31. Stat. XVII, 826; Code 8585.
32. Stat. XXIII, 85; Code 6045.
33. Code 3877.
34. Stat. XXVIII, 542; XXXII, 912.
35. Code 3819.
36. Code 8378.
37. Code 3819.
38. 1868, Stat. XIV, 129; XXII, 242; Code 3857.
39. 1874, Stat. XV, 779; XXII, 206; Code 2134.
40. Stat. XXIX, 1022.
41. Stat. XIV, 129; XV, 991.

the delegation took over this duty in 1915; his annual compensation has varied from $100 to the present $1,200.[42] In 1928 the clerk's salary was not to be paid unless he kept the office and records in the courthouse.[43] The clerk is required to issue sworn monthly statements of revenue handled, and to publish monthly statements in two county newspapers on the financial status of the county.[44]

The board also employs the county attorney. This position originated in 1868, when the corporate status of the county necessitated legal counsel to handle county suits and to pass upon the validity of contracts. At first these services were paid for as the occasion arose, but experience soon showed the advantages of having legal counsel always at the disposal of the officials. Since 1915, with the exception of 1922, regular appropriations for attorney's fees have been made,[45] the annual amount having been increased from $100 in 1916 to $200 in 1940.[46]

Since 1870, the board of commissioners has been responsible for hospitalization of paupers, appointing one or more physicians to attend the inmates of the poorhouse, and, since 1894, the convicts of the chain gang.[47] The physician's annual compensation has increased from $600 to $750.[48]

The required records of the office are chiefly financial. Minutes of proceedings should show resolutions and decisions concerning money, the vote of each member, and the list of claims approved.[49] The supervisor should keep a record of his duties performed in connection with railroad crossings, as well as copies of the notices sent; and he should file a copy of his annual report thereon to the clerk of court.[50] His annual report to the Comptroller General has been required since 1874.[51] The report of the treasurer to the commissioners on the first and fifteenth of each month should show the amount and character of funds received for the county.[52] Reports of magistrates, rural policemen and other peace officers, have been required since 1922.[53]

Under general laws, claims are presented by claimants upon a special printed form, itemized, and accompanied by affidavits;[54] approved claims

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42. Stat. XXIX, 322; XLI, 2692.
43. Stat. XXXV, 1630.
44. Stat. XXXVI, 621; XXXVII, 1995.
45. Stat. XXIX, 322; XLI, 2692.
46. Stat. XXIX, 1021; XLI, 2692.
47. Stat. XIV, 421; XXI, 487.
48. Stat. XXXIII, 440; XXXIX, 1068; XLI, 2692.
49. Stat. XIV, 129; XV, 990; Code 3867.
50. Stat. XVII, 826; Code 8383, 8585.
51. Stat. XV, 779; XXII, 206, 246; Code 2134.
52. 1874, Stat. XV, 766; Code 2801.
53. Stat. XXXII, 795; Code 3733.
54. 1874, Stat. XV, 944-45; Code 3871.

are entered upon the minutes and also upon a file book.[55] Stubs of warrants issued by the office in payment of claims are usually preserved. Lists of claims audited and approved were published quarterly until 1932, and since then monthly.[56] Lists of jurors and constables, showing names, services rendered, and amounts due each, are required to be filed in the office by the clerk of court with the claim for the pay bills.[57] Record of officers' fees and salary accounts have been required since 1897.[58] In 1905, 1907, 1908, the commissioners, before their salaries were paid, were required to file itemized statements of days worked.[59]

Records of the annual settlement were required in 1893.[60] The annual estimates[61] to the Comptroller General for the General Assembly, are now handled by the delegation in the county supply act. An itemized record is kept of the expenditures of each supply act appropriation, see entry 8.

A record of liquor licenses was kept when the board granted licenses.[62] In 1893 a record of contracts was required.[63]

The form of bookkeeping may be prescribed by the Comptroller General.[64] All records are open to public inspection.[65]

Records are in the supervisor's office, the basement records room, the basement vault, and in the latticed room.

Minutes

1. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD (Minutes), Oct. 10, 1868-Dec. 8, 1891, 1935--. 3 vols. 1879, 1881, 1885-86, 1931-35, unbound, in (Petitions and Miscellaneous), entry 23.

Very full record of proceedings at regular and special meetings of the board of county commissioners, showing time and place of meeting, members present; resolutions and orders on petitions, contracts, issuance of licenses, appointment of committees and employees, settlements of claims presented for payment, and other business transacted; also contains accounts for poor funds for Pickens and Oconee Counties, 1869-71, showing date, source, and to whom paid. Arr. chron., minutes by date of meeting; accts., by date paid. No

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55. 1875, Stat. XV, 993; Code 3872.
56. Stat. XXIII, 983; XXXVII, 1993.
57. 1859, Stat. XI, 74; Code 3594.
58. Stat. XXII, 458; Code 3078.
59. Stat. XXIV, 928; XXV, 603, 1100.
60. Stat. XXI, 489; Code 3863.
61. 1868, Stat. XIV, 132; Code 3864.
62. Stat. XV, 139.
63. Stat. XXI, 490; Code 3867.
64. 1886, Stat. XIX, 656; Code 3876.
65. Stat. XXI, 490; Code 3867.

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index. Hdw., 1868-91; typed, 1955--. 402 to 56 pp. 15½ x 10½ x 1 to 11 x 9½ x ½. 2 vols., 1868-91, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1935--, office.

2. (TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES), scattered dates 1896-1909. 1 vol.
Record of proceedings of Pickens Township commissioners, May 1896-July 1897, showing date of meeting and names of commissioners and overseers.
Also contains:

i. Record of receipts and disbursements of commutation road tax, 1896-99, showing source or purpose, name of payee, and amount;
ii. Original receipts to supervisor for road tools, 1901, showing number and kinds of tools, date, and signatures of overseers;
iii. Supervisor's account Pickens County new jail, 1902, showing date, source or purpose, amount, and total of receipts and disbursements;
iv. Record of distribution of carload of corn, 1909, showing date, to whom, and number of sacks.

Arr. chron., minutes by date of meeting; i and iii, by date of entry; ii, by date of receipt; iv, by date of distribution. No index. Hdw. 168 pp. (39 used) 13 x 8 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

Reports

3. (MAGISTRATES' MONTHLY REPORTS), Oct. 1922-Apr. 1925, Jan. 1936--. 1,250 reports in 1 pasteboard box, 1 f. b. 1913-14 in (Petitions and Miscellaneous), entry 23.

Transcripts of magistrates' monthly reports to county treasurer on fines and costs collected, showing date, name of defendant, offense, verdict, costs, fines, total collected and disposition of case. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Box, 16 x 11 x 27; f. b., 4½ x 4½ x 10.

For stubs of treasurer's receipts to magistrate, see entry 309.

4. (REPORTS OF RURAL POLICEMEN AND COUNTY CONSTABLES), 1936. 20 reports in 1 pkg.

Duplicate copies of monthly reports of rural policemen and constables to county treasurer on fines collected, showing names of persons arrested, magistrates before whom tried, offense, witnesses, disposition of case, signature of officer. No obvious arr. No index. Typed. 8½ x 4 x ½.

Disbursements and Settlements

5. COUNTY COM(missioner)S ACCOUNTS AUDITED - ORDERS GIVEN OUT TO COUNTY TREASURER (Claims), 1868-74, 1876-88, 1893--. 97,656 claims and 305 certificates in 193 pigeonholes, 6 bundles, 3 wooden boxes, 129 pasteboard f. b. (labeled by contained serial nos.). Title varies: Poor House Accounts Audited & Paid Pickens & Oconee Counties - Reports of Treasurer; Supervisor's Bond Fund Vouchers - Payments to Berry as Agent Receipted for by the Claim Themselves; Old Accounts; Past Indebtedness Fund of 1877 - Vouchers.

Original verified audited claims against the county for services and sup-

plies, showing to whom indebted, date, items, amount, and affidavit of claimant; endorsed with serial number, amount, item of supply act to which charged, signatures of supervisor and two commissioners, and, 1868-69, receipt from claimant to board for payment. Also contains original duplicate certificates of audited accounts, 1898-1903, 1908-9, showing office, county, amount, purpose, date filed, date signed, and signature of clerk of county commissioners; also canceled county warrants, 1902. Arr. claims, numer. by serial no., 1868-70, 1877-78, 1882--; but disarr., 1872-74, 1876-82, 1885-86, 1893-1911; certificates, no obvious arr. No index, but Record of Claims Paid, entry 8, shows serial no. of claim. Hdw. on ruled form, 1868-74, on printed form, 1877--. Pigeonholes, 6 x 6 x 11½; bundles, 8½ x 3½ x 2 to 5; wooden boxes, 7 x 12½ x 15½ to 10 x 15½ x 21; f. b., 4 x 4 x 10. 55 pigeonholes and 6 bundles, 1868-74, 1876-82, 1893-1911, bsmt. vault; 3 wooden boxes and 1 f. b., 1877-78, 1881-88, 1910, 1917-25, bsmt. records room; 138 pigeonholes and 128 f. b., 1882-85, 1910-16, 1924--, office.

For other canceled warrants, see entry 284.

6. (PAY BILLS JURORS AND WITNESSES), 1877-82, 1884, 1887-90, 1892-94, 1901-12, 1914, 1918-23. 5,251 bills in 1 cardboard box, 9 bundles, 2 pigeonholes.

Original pay bills for State witnesses and jurors of circuit courts, submitted with claim for payment, showing State, county, date, court; names of jurors, witnesses, and parties to action; number of days served, number of miles traveled, amount paid, signatures of presiding judge and clerk of court; also jury lists, 1880, 1887; constable roll, 1887; road petitions. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Box, 10 x 11 x 11; bundles, 9 x 5½ x ½ to 1; pigeonholes, 6 x 6 x 11½ and 19 x 4½ x 11½. Box, 1877, 1879-82, 1884, 1887, 1892-94, 1914, 1918-23, latticed room; 1 bundle and 2 pigeonholes, 1878, 1888-90, 1901-12, bsmt. vault; 8 bundles, 1895, office.

For lists of pay bills filed, 1871-75, see entry 8 v.

7. (CERTIFIED PAY ROLLS), 1869-77, 1879, 1881. 33 papers in 1 pigeonhole.

Certified pay rolls of constables, 1875-77, of trial justices, 1876-78, and of coroners, 1877; showing title of case, warrant or process issued, offense if any committed, action taken, disposition, fees, remarks; endorsed with affidavits of constables, trial justices and clerk of court; approval by board of county commissioners with signatures; receipts by constables. Also contains original reports by clerk of court to county commissioners on jurors and constables, 1869-72, March terms 1873, 1876, showing term of court, name of juror, witness, etc., days served, miles traveled, rate per day or per mile, total amount due; date examined, audited, and ordered paid by board, signature of clerk of court, date filed and signature of clerk of county commissioners. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form and on ruled form. 6 x 6 x 11½. Bsmt. vault.

For other reports from clerk of court, see entry 23 viii.

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8. RECORD OF CLAIMS PAID, 1868--. 29 vols. (25 unlabeled; 4 dated). Title varies: Classification of Claims; Accounts Filed; File Book of Claims; Claims Audited Co. Com'rs.; Claims Filed and Audited Book.

File book of audited claims, showing with variations serial number, date, name of payee, amount, and item of supply act to which charged. Also contains:

i. Annual summary by supervisor of county expenditures, 1914-21, showing with variations the purpose, amount, total; indebtedness, outstanding notes and unpaid claims, cash on hand, balance carried forward, signature of supervisor; also list of Confederate pensions, 1916;

ii. Record, 1877, of receipts and disbursements of funds received from W. R. Berry, special agent, showing date and amount of receipts; date, payee, purpose, and amount of disbursements;

iii. Record of collections from magistrates, 1918-21, showing date, amount, and total;

iv. Record of school claims filed, 1875, showing date, name of claimant, character of claim, amount of claim, amount paid, school district name and number;

v. List of jurors' and witnesses' pay certificates filed, 1871-75, showing date, name of claimant, name of case, number of days, number of miles, amount of claim, amount allowed, by whom issued, offense, number of registration, to whom given out;

vi. "Accounts filed of parties making payments on judgments on railroad 'Superceders Bonds,' which is to be refunded out of the eight-mill tax as soon as collected," showing date, names of parties, amount, number, amount paid, date of payment, amount of judgment and amount paid;

and Estimates for Expenses, 1920, entry 16. Arr. chron. by date of claim and numer. by claim no., 1868-92, 1922--; alph. by name of payee and thereunder chron. by date of claim, 1892-1921. Indexed by topics, 1868-81; no index, 1881-92, 1932-34; indexed by name of claimant, 1924-31; for separate index, 1869-75, 1935--, see entries 9, 181. Hdw. on ruled and printed ruled form. 50 to 150 double pp. 16 x 10½ x ½ to 18 x 24 x 1½. 2 vols., 1868-92, bsmt. vault; 20 vols., 1892-1925, bsmt. recordsroom; 7 vols., 1924--, office.

For jurors' and witnesses' pay bills, see entry 6; for similar records, see entry 13; for treasurer's parallel record, see entry 328.

9. INDEX BOOK, 1864-65, 1869-75, 1935--. 7 vols. (1 unlabeled; 6 dated). Title varies: General Index.

Index to Record of Claims Paid, 1869-75, 1935--, entry 8, showing with variations name of payee, and claim number. Also contains: (Minutes of Soldiers' Board of Relief), 1864-65, entry 385½. Arr. alph. by name of payee. Hdw., 1864-65; on ruled form, 1869-75, 1935--. 75 to 172 double pp. 10 x 7½ x ½ to 16½ x 7 x 1. 1 vol., 1864-65, 1869-75, bsmt. vault; 6 vols., 1935--, office.

10. (LEDGER), Jan. 1952--. 3 vols. (2 unlabeled; 1 dated).

Record of disbursement of county funds, showing date of warrant, payee, nature of claim, serial number, amount, purpose (item of supply act to which

chargeable), column and monthly totals; also marginal notes concerning appropriations. Arr. chron. by date of warrant. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 500 double pp. 12 x 14 x 2.

11. (COUNTY SETTLEMENT BOOK), Oct. 1896-June 15, 1911. 1 vol.
Record of county funds derived from taxation, including itemized disbursements (date and serial number of warrant, name of payee, authorized item to which debited, amount; column, page, monthly, and annual totals) and annual settlements, 1896-1904, showing balance carried forward from previous year, credits (source, amount of collections and total), debits (purpose, amount and total), and affidavit of correctness, 1896-1904, (fiscal year, date of settlement, signatures of county treasurer, auditor, and supervisor and foreman of grand jury, and 1899-1904, of representative of State Comptroller General's office); also recapitulations, 1905, 1907, 1909, of page totals for items. Disbursements, arr. numer. by warrant no.; settlements, chron. by date of settlement. No index. Hdw. on ruled and on printed forms. 297 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. Bsmt. records room.
For treasurer's parallel record, see entry 330.

12. CASH (Inside title: Record of County Taxes and Settlement of Same), 1911-19. 1 vol.
Record of disbursements of county funds, showing check (warrant) number, fund to which chargeable and monthly totals. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 598 pp. (296 used) 14 x 17½ x 2½. Bsmt. vault.
For treasurer's parallel record, see entry 321.

13. ACCOUNTS AUDITED, 1869-81. 1 vol.
Record of itemized claims examined, audited, and ordered paid by board of county commissioners, showing name of payee, amount audited, amount paid on claim by order, and total amount paid; and also 1869-76, date and place of meeting and members present. Also contains:

i. Copy of annual report, 1875-77, by commissioners to Comptroller General, showing the date, source, amount and total debits; number of claim, name of payee, purpose, amount and total; also affidavits by commissioners giving date and signatures;
ii. Copy of monthly report, 1874-79, of county treasurer, showing date of report, amount collected previous year, itemized collections and disbursements, total amount collected, total amount disbursed, total amount on hand and number of report;
iii. Report, 1875, on school funds collected, showing date, name and number of school district, amount, total funds on hand; and itemized balances by school districts;
iv. Poorhouse returns, showing itemized statements on number of inmates, number of children cared for, value of property and income from crops; total costs and average weekly costs;

and Estimates for Expenses, 1875-77, entry 16. Arr., claim record, chron. by date of meeting, 1869-75, by date of disbursement under acct., 1876-81; reports, chron. by date. Indexed by topic. Hdw. and hdw. on ruled form. 400 double pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Bsmt. vault.
For similar records, see entry 8; for other copies of annual reports, see entry 23 v; for other monthly reports from treasurer, see entry 23 vi; for treasurer's copies, see entry 337.

14. (WARRANT STUBS), 1893-96, 1899-1902, 1904-13, 1915, 1917-30, 1954--. 45 vols., 2 pigeonholes, 7 bundles of loose-leaf vol. pp. Stub record of county warrants, showing serial number, date, name of payee, amount, and fiscal year's funds against which audited and allowed. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Vols., 82 to 246 pp. 8 x 5 x ½ to 17 x 13 x 1½; pigeonholes 6 x 6 x 11½; bundles, 9½ x 4 x 10. 33 vols., 1893-96, 1899-1902, 1904-13, 1915, 1917-20, 1922-23, bsmt. records room; 12 vols., 2 pigeonholes, 1908-12, 1917-30, 1954-34, bsmt. vault; 7 bundles, 1935--, office.

15. (WARRANTS FOR TAXES), 1869, 1876-77. 13 papers in 1 pigeonhole. Original motions, orders, warrants to levy county taxes, and notices to auditor by county commissioners, showing date, signature of commissioners, seal of office; reverse shows acceptance of service, signatures of county auditor and treasurer; also bond of county commissioner for collection of judgment against county and letter to commissioners of Edgefield and Pickens, 1869, endorsed with name of county, kind of paper, and page of record in Miscellaneous Record (Minutes), entry 1. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 6 x 6 x 11½. Bsmt. vault.

Revenue

16. ESTIMATES FOR EXPENSES, 1908-9, 1912-14. 6 papers in 1 bundle. 1875-77 in Accounts Audited, entry 13; 1920 in Record of Claims Paid, entry 8.

Office copies of estimates of county expenses for fiscal years as basis of tax levy, showing tentative amount for appropriations, itemized as salaries, poorhouse and poor; roads and bridges; public buildings; books, stationery and printing; contingent expenses, public offices; post mortems, examining and conveying lunatics; jury commissioners and insurance, courthouse, jail; retiring railroad bonds, interest on railroad bonds; physicians' and attorneys' fees; past indebtedness; road and chain gang; total; also estimated revenues to be credited from other than taxes, including county dispensary, fines and costs from magistrates, fines and licenses from clerk of court, commutation road tax, county supervisor; other resources, net amount to be raised by taxation, and signature of county supervisor, attest by clerk of board. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 9 x 4½ x ½. Bsmt. vault.

17. LICENSES GRANTED (COUNTY COMS. LICENSES GRANTED - APPLICATIONS AND BONDS OF RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS), 1868-73. 36 papers in 1 bundle.

Original applications, 1868-71, for licenses to retail liquor, showing to whom addressed (board of county commissioners), purpose, place to retail, duration of license, date and signature of petitioner or applicant; and recommendations by citizens that license be granted with date and signatures of two citizens. Also contains original bonds by retail liquor dealers to the State, to keep orderly house or tavern, showing date, amount, and condition of bond; terms in case of failure to abide by condition, and signatures of principals, sureties and witnesses; endorsed with serial number, county, bondsman, date examined and date approved,

and signature of clerk of county commissioners; date filed and signature of clerk of county commissioners. Arr. numer. by serial no. of document. No index. Hdw. ¼ x 4 x 9. Bsmt. vault.

For bonds, 1853-58, 1872-73, see entry 64.

18. PAYABLE (Notes and Bills), 1951--. 1 vol.

Records of short-term notes and bills payable, showing date, rate of interest, purpose of loan, in whose favor, where payable, amount of interest, when due, amount of note, date due, and date paid. Arr. chron. by date of note. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 75 double pp. (10 used) 7 x 8½ x 1½.

19. RECEIVABLE (Receipts), 1932--. 2 vols. 1933, 1935-36, also in (Petitions and Miscellaneous), entry 23.

Original receipts to county supervisor from county treasurer for money from various sources, showing serial number, date, name of supervisor, amount, source, and signature of county treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 7 x 8½ x ½.

Roads

20. (ROAD MAINTENANCE), 1932-34. 5,117 papers in 2 cardboard boxes.

Road maintenance daily report of truck driver to commissioners, showing date, township (no entry), number hours on trip, truck number, itemized expenditures for supplies, total expenditures on trip, and signature of driver; also itemized warehouse ticket of foods sent to jail, chain gang camp and courthouse, showing date delivered, to whom delivered, itemized merchandise, and signature of warehouse representative. Arr. chron. by date of report or delivery. No index. Hdw. and typed on printed form. 12 x 18 x 9 and 12 x 19 x 6. Bsmt. vault.

21. (CONVICT RECORD), 1908, 1915-20. 1 vol.

Record of commitments to chain gang, 1915-20, showing date committed, name of convict, date of sentence, race, age, sex, length of sentence, and remarks; also contains original commitments, 1908, 1918-20; and accounts with various merchants for supplies, showing date, merchandise, and price. Record, arr. chron. by date committed; commitments, no arr.; accounts, chron. by date of purchase under acct. No index. Hdw. on ruled and printed ruled forms. 325 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Bsmt. records room.

22. ROAD AND BRIDGE MAPS, 1917-29. 434 maps in 16 rolled bundles.

Maps of highways and plans for bridges in Pickens County. State Highway Department. Blue-print. Scale: 1" = 2' to 1" = 2,000' 18 x 1 to 22 x 5 diameter. Bsmt. records room.

23. (PETITIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS), scattered dates 1868--. 26,000 papers in 1 wooden box, 2 cardboard boxes, 2 cardboard f. b., 2 metal f. d., 1 bundle, 3 pigeonholes, 1 manila envelope. Overlapping dates.

Original petitions, 1868, 1875-81, 1883, 1885-86, 1892-1908, 1910-12, 1951--, for roads and bridges, for adoption of children, and for persons to be sent to poorhouse, showing to whom addressed, statement of purpose, signatures of

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petitioners, and date of petition; endorsed with kind of petition, and date (sometimes date to be heard or date approved). Also contains:

i. Reports of special committees to lay out roads, assess damages, etc., 1893-94, 1896, 1898, 1900-1901, 1905, 1907, showing name of road or description of property, date, and signatures of committee members;

ii. Contractors' bonds for roads and bridges, 1902-3, showing date, amount, conditions of bond, and signatures of contractors; also bond of cotton weigher for Central, 1905;

iii. Receipts from State Treasurer for money for insurance on county buildings, 1909-10, showing number of receipt, date, amount, to whom given, purpose, and signature of State Treasurer;

iv. Miscellaneous penitentiary papers, including invoices from S. C. Penitentiary for services, 1902-3, showing date, itemized debits, and total; also notices from Penitentiary to Pickens County of chain gang guard's salary checks, 1902-3, showing date, name of guard, check number, purpose, amount, signature of clerk, and name of Superintendent of Penitentiary; also receipts, 1902-10, from Penitentiary to Pickens County for convict hire, prisoners, chain gang guard, showing number of receipt, date, to whom given, amount, purpose, and signature of Superintendent of Penitentiary;

v. Office copies of annual report of county commissioners, 1868-71, 1878, showing information as in entry 13 i;

vi. Original monthly reports, 1868-72, 1881, 1904, from treasurer, showing total last report, amount collected during month of taxes of receipts; amount paid State Treasurer, amount paid sinking fund, amount paid from each kind of tax collected, and total disbursements; treasurer's certificate of truth of statement, date, before whom signed and signature of treasurer;

vii. Original receipts, 1878, for records, by incoming commissioners, showing date received, and signature;

viii. Report of clerk of court, 1882, of payments made jurors, showing information as in entry 7;

ix. Miscellaneous papers, including county attorney's opinions, 1932--; authorizations of delegation, 1931--; certified copies of supply bill, 1931--; contracts and agreements, 1879-81, 1930--; report by auditor on assessments, 1870, 1898; resolutions by board on tax levy, 1875; copies of abstracts of duplicates, 1883, 1892, 1897; oaths of office, 1879, 1883; receipts, 1881-82; rights-of-way and objections to roads, 1885; condemnation proceedings, 1931--; presentments of grand jury, n. d.; annual report of magistrate, 1896;

x. Correspondence of county commissioners, 1869-72, 1893, 1895, 1898, 1900, 1902, 1905, 1907;

and Minutes, 1879, 1881, 1885-86, 1931-35, entry 1; (Magistrates' Monthly Reports), 1913-14, entry 3; Receivable (Receipts), 1933, 1935-36, entry 19. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. on typed and printed forms. Wooden box, 8½ x 10 x 16; cardboard boxes, 7 x 14 x 19; cardboard f. b., 16 x 11 x 27; metal f. d., 16 x 11 x 27; bundle, 3/4 x 3 x 8; pigeonholes, 6 x 6 x 11½; manila envelope, 3/4 x 4 x 9. 1 wooden box, bsmt. records room; 1 manila envelope, 1 bundle, 2 cardboard boxes, 3 pigeonholes,

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bsmt. vault; 2 cardboard f. b., 2 metal f. d., office.

For other copies of monthly reports from treasurer, see entry 13 ii; for treasurer's copies, see entry 337.

III. COMMISSION FOR PERMANENT HIGHWAYS (defunct)

In 1917 a highway commission was created for Pickens County, consisting of three members appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the county delegation. The commissioners filed a joint bond of $25,000 approved by the clerk of court.[1] In 1918 the successor of any commissioner was required to file a bond of $10,000.[2] Premiums on these bonds were paid from the tax levy. Terms of the commissioners were until their duties were completed. Each commissioner was paid $3 a day for his service, not exceeding $300 a year. Vacancies were filled by the Governor upon recommendation of the county delegation. The commission organized by electing one of its members as chairman, who could also act as treasurer. The treasurer's additional bond was $10,000, to be approved by the clerk of court. The commissioners also elected and set the salary of a clerk, who was not required to be a member of the commission. The clerk gave bond for $5,000, which was to be approved by the commission. The commission was also empowered to employ and set the salaries of an engineer and such assistants as necessary.[3]

It was the duty of the commission after advertising for 30 days, to offer for sale the $250,000 in bonds which had been issued by the county for permanent road improvement. The bonds were to be sold in blocks of not less than $5,000, or at the discretion of the commission, the whole issue to the highest bidder. Proceeds of the sale were deposited in the chartered banks of the county, subject to warrants of the commission. No warrant could be drawn without an itemized, verified statement signed by members of the commission and countersigned by the clerk.[4] The commission was empowered to levy an annual tax sufficient to pay interest and to create a sinking fund to retire the bonds at maturity. The tax was placed on the tax duplicate by the auditor and collected by the treasurer as other taxes.[5] Before any of the money could be expended, the commission was required to have the engineer to survey, and locate the roads for permanent improvement; and any road laid out by the commission was deemed a public road. It was also the commission's duty to make such selection of roads as in their judgment would be to the interest of the people of the county. In relocating any road, the commission was empowered to purchase or condemn necessary lands. The county supervisor was to cooperate by supplying machinery and convict labor.[6]

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1. Stat. XXX, 297.
2. Stat. XXX, 1128.
3. Stat. XXX, 297-99.
4. Stat. XXX, 298-300.
5. Stat. XXX, 298-99.
6. Stat. XXX, 300-301.

The clerk kept the books and accounts of the commission and countersigned all bonds and claims.[7] The engineer surveyed land, located and relocated roads, made maps, and planned specifications. No road was to be paid for until approved by the engineer and accepted by the commission.[8]

The only required records were itemized verified statements to accompany warrants against funds; annual reports to the grand jury of all business transacted during the previous year; and an itemized statement of all "money received and disbursed, and for what purpose," to be resubmitted to the circuit judge. The books, papers and accounts of the commission were required to be examined by the grand jury once a year.[9] Locations are shown below.

24. MINUTES OF PICKENS COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION, 1917. 36 papers in 1 f. d.

Original minutes of Pickens County highway commission, showing date and place of meeting, names of members present and of presiding chairman, motions made, business transacted, and signature of chairman. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Typed. 5 x 5 x 11. Bsmt. vault.

25. (CLAIMS), 1917-20. 1,300 papers and 4 bank books in 1 cardboard box.

Original verified claims against county highway commission, showing itemized accounts; endorsed with serial number, amount, date filed, name of claimant; when assignment made, to whom assigned, and signature of claimant; date payment received (no entry), and signatures of three highway commissioners; also attached invoices. Also contains:

i. Bank books, 1917-20, showing name of depositor, date and amount of deposit, periodic totals and balances; also canceled checks, 1918-20; and deposit slips, 1917, 1920;

ii. Miscellaneous correspondence of the highway commission, 1917-20.

No obvious arr. No index. Typed, and hdw. on printed and printed ruled forms. 10 x 12 x 18. Bsmt. record room.

26. CLAIM REGISTER, 1917-20. 2 vols.

Record of claims paid for highway commission, showing serial number of claim, date filed, by whom presented, amount claimed, amount allowed, on what road expended, materials (no entry); labor, teams, etc. (no entry), chain gang supplies; tools, machinery, etc.; books, printing, etc. (no entry); salaries of commissioners and clerks (no entry), of guards, foreman and engineer (no entry); other expenses and incidentals (no entry), total paid by check on what bank, when paid, and number of check. Arr. alph. by name of payee, and chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 200 and 203 double pp. 17 x 15 x 1 and 17 x 16 x 2. 1 vol., 1917-19, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1920, bsmt. records room.

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7. Stat. XXX, 297-98.
8. Stat. XXX, 298-300.
9. Stat. XXX, 300.

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Commissioners of Roads and General Board

27. (HIGHWAY COMMISSION CHECK STUBS), 1920-21. 1 vol.
Stub record of warrants issued by county highway commission, showing serial number, date, in whose favor, amount, and claim number. Arr. numer. by no. of stub, and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 333 pp. 12 x 9½ x 2. Superintendent of education, office.

IV. COMMISSIONERS OF ROADS AND GENERAL BOARD (defunct)

When Pickens was first organized as a judicial district in 1827, all able-bodied men were liable to both road duty and militia duty. The militia districts were also road districts, and in 1830 the upper part of Pickens, which is now Oconee, was organized as the district of the second regiment. The lower part, which is now the present Pickens County, was the district of the fifth regiment, for which commissioners of roads were named by the General Assembly as William G. Field, Joseph Evetts, Joptha Norton, Jr., Frederick N. Garvin, Stephen C. Reid, Weyman Holland, and John Hunter. These seven commissioners, with the seven commissioners of roads of the second regiment, formed the general board of Pickens District. Vacancies were to be filled by the delegation from Pendleton election district.[1] In 1841 the general board was abolished, but in 1843 it was revived and given two additional members.[2] In 1868 the general board and the regimental commissioners of roads were superseded by the constitutional board of county commissioners.[3]

The commissioners of roads organized by electing a chairman, who presided over all regular meetings and countersigned all warrants or executions issued by the board. The term of office was three years, until 1859, when it was fixed at 4 years.[4] In 1827 the commissioners were authorized to fill their own vacancies and were allowed to appoint their own tax collector.[5] The board could also elect a clerk and treasurer, who was required to enter into bond, with securites approved by the board and deposited with the Treasurer of the Division. The clerk's duties were to keep the records of the board; to issue such licenses as directed by the board, to tavernkeepers and retailers of spiritous liquors; to sign and issue all warrants and executions of the board; and to receive the money collected from fines, licenses, assessments, and sales of estrays.[6] From time to time the commissioners of roads were authorized to locate, close, open, or repair certain roads, or to appoint special commissioners to do so.[7] In 1851 the chairman of each board was required to file the names of the commissioners of roads with the clerk

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1. Stat. VIII, 557-59.
2. Stat. XI, 157, 271.
3. Stat. XIV, 126.
4. Stat. IX, 559, 565; XII, 643.
5. Stat. IX, 576.
6. Stat. IX, 565.
7. Stat. IX, 590; XII, 163, 617; XIII, 114.

of court, together with specifications of roads assigned to each member to superintendend and keep in repair.[8] In 1859 the board of commissioners of roads and bridges of Pickens District was directed to subscribe to the capital stock of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, for payment of which the chairman was to issue coupon bonds, and the board to levy a special tax for the principal and interest.[9]

The general board was authorized to meet on the first Monday in January annually, to assess road taxes and authorize expenditures. The tax collector of Pendleton election district collected these taxes. All money for taxation by the general board of Pickens was received and disbursed by the board's own treasurer. The general board of Pickens received a detailed report from the treasurer of the general board of Pendleton election district.[10] In 1849 each board of commissioners of roads was authorized to appoint its own treasurer.[11]

Required records of the boards of commissioners of roads were a "regular journal of transactions" of the board, and a "regular account" of moneys received and paid out to the order of the board, which account should "always be open to the inspection of any citizen of the district or parish."[12] For records of the commissioners of roads, see entries 118 iii, 254. For journal of the commissioners of roads of the second regiment, see Inventory of County Archives of South Carolina, No. 37, Oconee County, entry 3.

27½. (REPORTS TO COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS), 1846, 1849. 1846 in Supervisor's Reports, entry 118 ix; 1849 in Execution Book, entry 253 vi.

Reports from treasurer of general board to court of general sessions, including original report of disbursements, 1846, showing date, purpose, amount, signature of foreman of grand jury; and duplicate report of receipts and disbursements, 1849, showing date, source, or purpose, amount, total collections, total disbursements, amount of commissions, balance carried forward, signature of treasurer.

V. COMMISSION OF COUNTY POORHOUSE AND JAIL AND JAIL BUILDING COMMITTEE (defunct)

In 1922 the supervisor, the sheriff, and the county physician were made ex officio members of the commission for the county poorhouse and jail. No additional oaths or bonds were required, and no additional compensation was paid for their services.[1]

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8. Stat. XII, 76.
9. Stat. XII, 653.
10. Stat. XI, 271.
11. Stat. XI, 615.
12. Stat. IX, 565.
1. Stat. XXXII, 1545-46.

It was the duty of the commission to build near the jail a poorhouse, with separate quarters for the different sexes and races. The commission also had charge of the county farm, and was required to use it for betterment of inmates of poorhouse. All costs and fees received from the Federal Government, and from other counties or States for the dieting of prisoners, were collected by the commission and paid into the county treasury. The commission was required to employ a competent man as jailor, who was to live at the jail and also look after the poorhouse. For his services he received $75 a month and subsistence for himself and family.[2] In 1926 the jailor was required to act as constable at Pickens, without additional salary; and in 1928 as rural policeman, with additional salary to be received only when the duties were performed.[3]

In 1928 the board of county commissioners was directed to borrow $18,000 to repair, remodel, or rebuild, and equip a new jail. The work was to be under a jail building committee created by a special act which named them individually. Vacancies in the committee were to be filled by the Governor upon recommendation of the delegation.[4] The ex officio poorhouse and jail commission evidently became defunct, because in 1929 the jailor was subject to the sheriff's call.[5]

No records were required of the commission. The committee upon complation of its duties was directed to file with the clerk of court a report of its acts, and an itemized statement of expenditures, furnishing a copy to the grand jury.

28. MAPS - JAIL CELLS, 1928. 8 plans in 1 rolled bundle.
Plans of jail cells, for jail committee. F. H. and J. H. Cunningham, draftsmen. Blue-print. No scale given. 18 x 2 diameter. Bsmt. records room.

VI. COMMISSIONERS OF THE POOR (defunct)

In 1827, when Pickens County was created, the commissioners of the poor for Pendleton District continued to serve out their terms.[1] In 1839 the board of Pendleton was abolished, and five commissioners of the poor were elected for Pickens.[2] Term of office was 2 years and no one was required to serve more than 2 years in six. There was no compensation. Service was a public duty, and failure to serve was punishable by a fine.[3] In 1868 the board was superseded by the constitutional board of county commissioners.[4]

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2. Stat. XXXII, 1545-46.
3. Stat. XXXIV, 1317; XXXV, 1630.
4. Stat. XXXV, 1982.
5. Stat. XXXVI, 619.
1. Stat. VI, 343.
2. Stat. XI, 90-91.
3. Stat. V, 176.
4. Stat. XIV, 126.

The commissioners of the poor were empowered to have the oversight, ordering and relieving of the poor, and to demand and receive gifts and legacies, fines and forfeitures, and other monies for the poor. In case of anyone's refusal to pay over such funds, the commissioners could prosecute for recovery. Within 2 months after the first of January, the commissioners were authorized to assess taxes sufficient to relieve and educate the poor. They could bind out poor children as apprentices, males up to 21 years of age, females up to 18 or until marriage.[5] In 1831 they were required to send pauper idiots, lunatics, and epileptics to the State Lunatic Asylum, there to be maintained at the expense of the city, town, parish, or district of domicile.[6] In 1844 the Pickens commissioners appointed a treasurer to receive, keep and disburse the monies under the board's control. The board also made a report to the clerk of court on all monies received and disbursed.[7] In 1839 the Pickens board was awarded half the poor funds of the defunct Pendleton board, which had been authorized to sell the Pendleton poorhouse.[8] In 1853 the commissioners were authorized to sell the poorhouse and lands at private or public sale, and to use the proceeds to purchase a new location and erect a poorhouse.[9] In 1866 the commissioners of roads were required to pay the commissioners of the poor $4,000 received from licenses on distilleries.[10]

Required records of the office were accounts of all monies received and disbursed; and an annual report thereon to the court of common pleas, showing names in full of all persons who received support. The report was to be read on the first day of court by the clerk of court, and filed in his office,[11] see entry 118 xi.

VII. COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS (defunct)

In 1827 by joint resolution, a board of seven commissioners of public buildings was appointed for each circuit court district to serve for 4 years. There was no compensation, and refusal to serve was punishable by a fine not exceeding $50.[1] In 1868 the board was superseded by the constitutional board of county commissioners.[2]

The commissioners of public buildings were directed to organize as a board, appointing a chairman and other necessary officers. The chief duty of the board was to superintend and keep in repair the courthouse and jail,

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5. 1791, Stat. V, 175-76.
6. Stat. VI, 437.
7. Stat. XI, 294-95.
8. Stat. XI, 90.
9. Stat. XII, 263.
10. Stat. XIII, 366[19].
11. Stat. V, 557; 1844, XI, 295.
1. Stat. VI, 321.
2. Stat. XIV, 126.

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willful damages to which were punishable by specified penalties. The commissioners were given powers to assess and levy necessary taxes; and in aid of assessments, the fines and forfeitures were to be turned over to them. Any money appropriated for public buildings was subject to the order of the commissioners of public buildings.[3] After advertising for sealed proposals at least 6 weeks in a newspaper, they were required to accept the lowest bid.[4] One of the first acts of the Pickens commissioners was to advertise that they would receive proposals for the erection of a wooden courthouse, to be surrounded by a pavement 10 feet wide, enclosed by a post and plank fence 100' x 120'.[5]

In 1837 the commissioners were required to keep in repair the interiors of the public offices, and to install "suitable fixtures or cases, for the reception and preservation of the records, books and other papers." In particular, they were admonished to cause to be made out and completed such records and books in the offices of the clerk of court, sheriff, ordinary, and commissioner in equity, as might be ordered by the "court of common pleas and general sessions," whose duty it was to make orders necessary "for the completion of the records and books."[6] In 1839 the commissioners were required to furnish record books for several of the offices in accordance with the standardized records system; and in 1840 to purchase standard weights and measures to be kept by the clerk of court.[7] In 1849, upon petition of the commissioners, the State appropriated $2,000 for the erection of fireproof offices under the Pickens courthouse.[8] In 1842 it became their duty to furnish bedding and blankets to prisoners in jail; the board was also required to assist the clerk of court and the sheriff in making their annual reports on the condition of the court and jail.[9] The board had to make an annual report to the State Comptroller General until 1844, when the report was made to the presiding judge of the court of common pleas and filed with the clerk of court.[10] For reports of the treasurer of the board, see entry 118 x.

VIII. CLERK OF COURT AS REGISTER OF MESNE CONVEYANCE

When Pickens County was organized in 1828, the office of register of mesne conveyance had already been abolished in all but three districts, and the duties devolved on the clerk of court.[1] No additional bond or oath is

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3. 1823, Stat. VI, 233, 321.
4. 1824, Stat. VI, 254.
5. Pendleton Messenger, June 6, 1827.
6. Stat. VI, 578.
7. Reports and Resolutions of the General Assembly, 1840, p. 118; Stat. XI, 122.
8. Stat. XI, 555; Reports and Resolutions, 1849, p. 357.
9. Stat. VI, 128; XI, 226.
10. Stat. VI, 321; XI, 295.
1. Stat. VII, 296.

required.[2] The fees collected by the clerk for recording are turned over to the treasurer.[3]

It is the duty of the clerk as register to record deeds and mortgages for real estate, contracts, chattel mortgages, statutory liens, renunciations of dower, marriage settlements, and all other sealed instruments relating to ownership of real or personal property.[4] Before a deed for transfer of ownership may be recorded, the clerk should see that it has been probated[5] and has the auditor's endorsement of having been entered upon his records.[6] When land owners refuse to execute deeds for school sites after condemnation proceedings, awards of the jury are recorded, which "operate in the same way as a deed."[7] It is the clerk's duty to enter satisfactions of judgments and mortgages,[8] as well as renewals and satisfactions of executions.[9]

Required records were all recorded together as one series, until 1872, when titles of real estate were separated from mortgages, with separate direct and cross indexes.[10] In 1916 the registry of sound land titles under the Torrens system was provided for, but has never been put into effect.[11] Since 1930, affidavits as to the price of real estate are filed when the sum is not named in the deed, in order that revenue stamps may be affixed.[12] Plats were separated from deeds in 1917, see entry 34. In 1882 real estate mortgages were separated from chattel mortgages with separate direct and cross indexes; and the record of chattel mortgages for $100 or less was directed to be kept merely as an abstract on an index.[13] Crop liens are recorded only in abstract.[14] Since 1933 the clerk has been required to record and index crop mortgages to the United States Secretary of Agriculture, and to furnish a certificate upon request.[15] Under a law of 1926, sheriffs and tax collectors when levying upon real estate for unpaid taxes are required to notify mortgage owners who are registered with the clerk of court for this service.[16] Federal tax liens have been recorded since 1928.[17] Mechanics' claims for unpaid wages or materials are filed as statutory liens against the property upon which used.[18] Attachments of real estate,[19] and homesteads

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2. Code 2575, 3629, 3630.
3. Stat. XXXII, 912; XL, 1826.
4. Stat. XI, 80; XXII, 746-47; XXXV, 1185; Code 3635, 8875.
5. 1880, Stat. XVII, 319; Code 3632.
6. 1882, Stat. XVII, 1016; Code 3634; 1937, Stat. XL, 105.
7. 1894, Stat. XXI, 920.
8. 1839, Stat. XI, 76; Code 3599.
9. 1839, Stat. XI, 76; Code 3602.
10. 1872, Stat. XV, 6.
11. Stat. XXIX, 947.
12. Stat. XXXVI, 1354; Code 2526.
13. 1882, Stat. XVII, 1053; Code 3635.
14. 1878, Stat, XVI, 713-14; Code 3636, 8774.
15. Stat. XXXVIII, 237.
16. Stat. XXXIV, 912-16; Code 2573.
17. Stat. XXXV, 1207; Code 2576.
18. 1869, Stat. XIV, 220; Code 8735.
19. 1870, Stat. XIV, 476; Code 532.

exempted from attachment for debt are also registry records.[20] Contracts of cooperative marketing associations have been registered since 1924.[21] An index to labor contracts has been a requirement since 1908.[22] A record of charters is also required,[23] and when a charter is canceled for cause, the Secretary of State certifies the fact to the clerk of court, who records the concelation upon the face of the record.[24] A record of certificates of contingent liability and descriptions of insured property of mutual fire insurance associations,[25] and a record of bonds of county officers,[26] are also required. Since 1911, a file book of instruments for recording has been a requirement.[27]

All registry records are in the office and vaults of the clerk of court, except a few of entry 44.

Real Property

Deeds and Plats

29. TITLES TO REAL ESTATE, Oct. 25, 1828--. 101 vols. (A1-I1, K1, L1, A-I, K-Z, AA-II, KK-ZZ, AAA-III, KKK-PPP, RRR-ZZZ, 4A-4I, 4K-4P, 4R). Overlapping dates. Title varies: Mesne Conveyance; Mesne Conveyance Contracts, Bonds, Etc.

Transcripts of deeds, chiefly for conveyance of real estate, with renunciation of dower when required, timber deeds, contracts, leases, agreements, deeds of trust, deeds of gift, rights-of-way, powers of attorney, marriage settlements, showing names of parties, sums involved, description of property, terms, date of instrument, transcribed signatures of witnesses and parties; proof of instrument, date, by whom proven; date recorded, signature of clerk as register; also bonds for titles, order in equity, returns of commissioner in equity and decretal titles, 1831-39. Also contains plats, 1828--, entry 34; mortgages of real estate, 1828-72, entry 37; chattel mortgages, 1828-72, entry 41; chattel mortgages $100 and less, 1828-72, entry 47; charters, 1896-1927, entry 51. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed by name of grantor, 1828-47; for separate direct and cross indexes, 1828--, see entries 30-33; for index to plats, see entry 35. Hdw., typed, hdw. and typed on printed form. 300 to 800 pp. 15½ x 10 x 2½ to 18 x 12 x 3.

For other equity records, see entries 176-199.

30. GRANTOR'S INDEX TO DEEDS, 1828--. 11 vols. (labeled by contained letters of alphabet). Title varies: Grantor.

Direct index to conveyance of real property only, in Titles to Real Estate,

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20. 1880, Stat. XVII, 514; Code 9086.
21. Stat. XXXIII, 1072; Code 8890.
22. Stat. XXV, 1082; Code 1310.
23. 1869, Stat. XIV, 297; Code 7718.
24. 1934, Stat. XXXVIII, 1322.
25. 1910, Stat. XXVI, 548; Code 8085.
26. 1866, Stat. XIII, 434; Code 3051.
27. Stat. XXVII, 152, 565; Code 8889.

entry 29, showing names of grantors and grantees, book and page of record, date of instrument, date recorded, number acres, and location. Arr. alph. by name of grantor; Cott system, sub-indexed by family name. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 300 to 400 loose-leaf pp. 9½ x 14 x 3 to 4.

31. GRANTEE INDEX TO DEEDS, 1828--. 13 vols. (labeled by contained letters of alphabet). Title varies: Grantee.
Cross index to conveyances of real property only, in Titles to Real Estate, entry 29, showing names of grantees and grantors, book and page of record, date of instrument, date recorded, number acres, and location. Arr. alph. by name of grantee; Cott system, sub-indexed by family name. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 275 to 375 pp. 9½ x 14 x 2 to 3.

32. REGISTERS DIRECT INDEX, 1828-1909. 2 vols.
Discarded direct index to conveyance of real property only, in Titles to Real Estate, entry 29, showing year, names of parties, book and page of record. Arr. alph. by name of grantor. Hdw. on ruled form. 575 and 600 pp. 13½ x 8 x 2 and 17½ x 8½ x 2½. Bsmt. vault.

33. REGISTERS CROSS INDEX, 1828-1909. 2 vols. Title varies: Cross - Deeds.
Discarded cross index to conveyances of real property only, in Titles to Real Estate, entry 29, showing year, names of parties, book and page of record. Arr. alph. by name of grantee. Hdw. on ruled form. 571 and 600 pp. 13½ x 8 x 2 and 17½ x 8½ x 2½. Bsmt. vault.

34. PLAT BOOK, 1917--. 4 vols. (two dated, 3, 4). Overlapping dates. 1828-- also in Titles to Real Estate, entry 29.
Recorded plats of real estate holdings, showing area, boundaries, scale, name and address of property owner, certificate of surveyor, date surveyed, date recorded and signature of clerk of court as register of mesne conveyance. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed by name of owner, 2 vols., 1917--; for separate index, see entry 35. Hand-drawn, blue-print. 188 to 203 pp. 18½ x 12½ x 2 to 24 x 19½ x 3.
For plats of grants, see entry 57.

35. INDEX TO PLAT BOOK, 1828--. 1 vol.
Index to plats found in Titles to Real Estate, entry 29 and in Plat Book, entry 34, showing name of property owner, book and page of record. Arr. alph. by name of property owner. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 424 pp. 14 x 10 x 2.

36. AFFIDAVITS, 1934--. 30 papers in 1 pigeonhole.
Affidavits of purchaser or purchaser's attorney as to price paid for real estate, filed when amount is not given in deed, showing names of former owner and purchaser, price, signatures of person making affidavit and of notary public, date notarized and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. and typed. 4 x 4½ x 10.

Mortgages

37. MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE, 1872--. 78 vols. (A-I, K-Z, AA-II, KK-ZZ, AAA-EEE, GGG-III, KKK-PPP, RRR-ZZZ, 4A-4E). Overlapping dates. Title varies: Liens and Mortgages; Mortgage Book. 1828-72 in Titles to Real Estate, entry 29.

Transcripts of mortgages of real estate, and of real and personal property when combined in a mortgage, with renunciations of dower when pertinent and satisfactions when canceled, showing names of parties, sums involved, description of property, terms of lien or mortgage, date of instrument, and transcribed signatures of witnesses and parties; also proof of instrument, with date, by whom proven, and transcribed signature of notary public; date recorded and signature of clerk of court as register. Also contains chattel mortgages, 1872-82, entry 41; and chattel mortgages $100 and less, 1872-82, entry 47. Arr. chron. by date recorded. For indexes, see entries 38-40. Hdw., typed, and hdw. and typed on printed form. 398 to 800 pp. 12 x 11 x 2 to 19 x 13 x 3.

38. MORTGAGOR INDEX, 1872--. 7 vols. (labeled by contained letters of alphabet).

Direct index to Mortgages of Real Estate, entry 37, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, book and page of record, and date of instrument. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor; Cott system, sub-indexed by family name. Hdw. and typed on printed ruled form. 198 to 376 pp. $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $14\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 to $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $15\frac{1}{2}$ x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

39. MORTGAGEE INDEX, 1872--. 7 vols. (labeled by contained letters of alphabet). Title varies: Mortgagees.

Cross index to Mortgages of Real Estate, entry 37, showing names of mortgagee and mortgagor, book and page of record, and date of instrument. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagee; Cott system, sub-indexed by family name. Hdw. and typed on printed ruled form. 200 to 360 pp. $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $14\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 to $9\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

40. INDEX TO LIENS AND MORTGAGES (Drawee to Drawer), 1872-1909. 1 vol.

Discarded cross index to Mortgages of Real Estate, entry 37, showing year, names of parties, book and page of record. Arr. alph. by name of drawee. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 225 pp. $17\frac{1}{2}$ x 7 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Bsmt. vault.

Personal Property

41. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1882--. 83 vols. (A-I, K-Y, AA-II, KK-ZZ, AAA-III, KKK-ZZZ, 4A-4H, 4L). Overlapping dates. Title varies: Chattel Mortgages over $100; Record of Chattel Mortgages. 1828-72 in Titles to Real Estate, entry 29; 1872-82 in Mortgages of Real Estate, entry 37.

Transcripts of notes and mortgages of personal property, sales bills, crop liens, agreements, and satisfactions, showing date, names of parties, sums involved, conditions of mortgage, and transcribed signatures of witnesses and mortgagors; also proof of instrument with date and by whom proved and signature of notary public, date recorded and signature of clerk of court as register. Also contains crop mortgages over $100, 1910-18, entry 44. Arr. chron. by date recorded. For indexes, see entries 42, 43. Hdw., typed, and

hdw. and typed on printed form, some pasted. 284 to 830 pp. (loose-leaf, 1936--) 18 x 12½ x 3 to 18½ x 12½ x 4½. 30 vols., 1882-1926, 1933, bsmt. vault; 53 vols., 1922--, main vault.

42. DIRECT INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES OVER $100, 1882--. 6 vols. (dated). Title varies: Direct Mortgage Index.

Direct index to Chattel Mortgages, entry 41, showing year, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, book and page of record. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 412 to 650 pp. 17½ x 7 x 2 to 18 x 13 x 2½. 3 vols., 1882-1926, bsmt. vault; 3 vols., 1927--, main vault.

43. CROSS INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES OVER $100, 1882--. 6 vols. (dated). Title varies: Mortgages - Cross.

Cross index to Chattel Mortgages, entry 41, including crop mortgages, 1882-1919, showing year of record, names of mortgagee and mortgagor, book and page of record. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagee. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 412 to 650 pp. 17½ x 7 x 2 to 18 x 13 x 3. 3 vols., 1882-1926, bsmt. vault; 3 vols., 1927--, main vault.

44. INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES OVER $100 CROPS ONLY (Record), 1919--. 4 vols. (dated). 1878-1909 in Index to Liens (Crop Lien Record), entry 45; 1910-18 in Chattel Mortgages, entry 41.

Abstract of mortgages over $100 of crops only, showing date recorded, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date of mortgage, date of maturity, amount of mortgage, character of debt, date settled and description of chattel pledged. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor, and thereunder chron. by date recorded. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 375 to 403 double pp. 16 x 11 x 3 to 18 x 11 x 3. 2 vols., 1919-30, bsmt. vault; 2 vols., 1931--, main vault.

45. INDEX TO LIENS (Crop Lien Record), 1878-1909. 18 vols. (11 dated, 7 unlabeled). 1910-- in Index to Chattel Mortgages $100 or Less, entry 47.

Abstracts of crop liens, showing date filed, maker of lien, in whose favor, date of lien, for what given, brief description of lands cultivated and amount. Also contains crop mortgages over $100, entry 44. Arr. alph. by name of maker of lien. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 242 double pp. 14 x 10 x 1. 8 vols., 1878-84, 1886-93, 1895-98, bsmt. records room; 10 vols., 1884-86, 1893-95, 1899-1909, bsmt. vault.

46. GOVERNMENT CROPS ONLY (Mortgages), 1934--. 7 vols. (dated).

Third copy of crop mortgages made to Federal Farm Credit Administration, emergency crop and seed loan section, Columbia, S. C., showing name and address of mortgagor, amount of mortgage, description of property mortgaged; signatures of mortgagor and witnesses, addresses of witnesses; proof of signature, by whom proved, before whom proved, date of approval; signatures of holders of liens and witnesses; date filed and name of register; also waiver and agreement by other lienholders, or persons entitled to share in proceeds of crop, with date, and signatures of persons making waiver and witness (one witness). Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed by name of mortgagee, detached, 1934-38. Hdw. and typed on printed form. 620 to 900 pp. (pasted in vols., 1934-37; loose-leaf, 1938--) 9 x 14 x 2½ to 18 x 12 x 4½. 4 vols., 1934-37, bsmt. vault; 3 vols., 1938--, main vault.

47. INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES $100 AND LESS (Record), 1882--. 46 vols. (34 dated, 12 unlabeled). 1828-72 in Titles to Real Estate, entry 29; 1872-82 in Mortgages of Real Estate, entry 37.
Abstracts of chattel mortgages $100 and less, showing date recorded, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date of maturity, and description of chattels pledged. Also contains abstract of crop liens, 1910--, entry 45. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 200 to 400 double pp. 16½ x 12 x 1½ to 3. 34 vols., 1882-1928, bsmt. vault; 12 vols., 1929--, main vault.

Legal Notices

48. INDEX TO LEVIES ON REAL ESTATE (Record), 1926--. 1 vol.
List of mortgage owners to be notified in case of sale of mortgaged property for taxes, and record of delinquent tax notices, showing name of mortgagee, address of owner of mortgage, names of grantor and mortgagor, kind of instrument, book and page of record, date filed with sheriff, date of sheriff's receipt, and certificate of sheriff's notice to mortgagee by clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed by name of mortgagor. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 177 double pp. (72 used) 16 x 11 x 2.

Statutory Liens

49. FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX (Record), 1924--. 1 vol. No recording 1925-28, 1930-37.
Abstract of Federal tax lien notices, showing name of taxpayer, address, Collector's serial number, date filed, amount of tax with interest, penalties, costs, total, date and hour discharged. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 312 pp. (20 used) 18½ x 13 x 2.

50. MECHANIC LIENS, 1883--. 2 vols.
Transcripts of certificates and affidavits of claims against property for labor or building materials, showing date, itemized accounts or lists of materials or labor furnished, nature of contract, name of property owner, transcribed signature of claimant; also proof of claim, showing date, signature of notary public; satisfaction, showing date, and signature of claimant and witness. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed by name of claimant. Hdw. 359 and 376 pp. 16 x 10 x 1½ and 16½ x 10½ x 2.

Business Registrations
(See also entry 67)

51. CHARTER BOOK, 1928--. 1 vol. 1896-1927 in Titles to Real Estate, entry 29.
Transcripts of charters issued by Secretary of State to persons in Pickens County, showing names of persons filing declaration, date filed, name of proposed corporation, principal place of business, general nature of business, amount of capital stock, number of shares, names and addresses of directors and officers elected and date of election, par value of stock, newspaper in

which notice published; transcribed signature of Secretary of State and date recorded and examined. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed by name of corporation. Hdw., typed on printed form. 404 pp. (45 used) 16½ x 11½ x 2.

52. INDEX LABOR CONTRACTS (Record), 1908--. 1 vol. Last entry 1921.
Abstracts of labor contracts, showing date of index, date of contract, names of laborer and employer, date of termination of contract, location and name of place where service performed. Arr. alph. by name of laborer. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 450 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Bsmt. vault.

53. THE CONTRACT BOOK OF S(outh) C(arolina) COTTON GROWERS ASS(ociatio)N, 1922--. 1 vol. Last entry 1930.
Abstracts of contracts of members with South Carolina Cotton Growers' Association, showing name and address of member, contract number, date of contract, and date recorded; also copies of certified list of members, 1924, 1927; correspondence, 1924-30; and sample of farmer's agreement with Association. Arr. alph. by name of member. No index. Hdw. on printed and printed ruled forms, typed. 200 loose leaf pp. 11½ x 8½ x ½. Bsmt. vault.

Surety Bonds

54. BONDS, PICKENS COUNTY OFFICERS, 1867--. 3 vols. (one unlabeled; 2, 3). Title varies: Bonds, District Officers.
Transcripts of county officers' surety bonds and of receivers' bonds, showing name of office and officer, bond number, names of sureties, amount of bond, condition, transcribed signatures of witnesses, principal and sureties; date recorded, and transcribed signature of clerk of court as register; also certificate of commissioners appointed to approve bonds, with date and transcribed signatures; proof of bond, showing date, by whom proven, transcribed signature of notary. Also contains copies of oaths of peace officers and other county officers, 1867-1915, 1929--, including name and address, office, transcribed signature of clerk of court. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed by name of officer. Hdw., typed on printed form. 320 to 403 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 to 16 x 12 x 2½. 2 vols., 1867-1915, 1929--, main vault; 1 vol., 1915-29, bsmt. vault.
For original bonds, see entries 56, 61; for original oaths, see entry 62.

File Book and Unclaimed Instruments

55. FILE BOOK, 1912, 1917--. 9 vols. (one unlabeled; 2-9). Title varies: Record of Papers Filed and Delivered.
Record of papers filed for recording, showing county, year, name of party of first part, name of party of second part, kind of instrument, file number, date filed, time filed, fee, date of delivery, name of party to whom delivered; monthly totals of fees and costs, and original receipt from county treasurer or notation of payment. Also contains list of criminal papers returned from magistrate's court, 1917-25, 1935, showing date filed, names of parties, cause of action, name of magistrate from whom received, date sent to solicitor. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled

form. 336 to 480 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 to 17½ x 14½ x 3. 7 vols., 1912, 1917-19, 1925, main vault; 2 vols., 1919-25, bsmt. vault.

56. (MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUMENTS), 1785-1902. 2 bundles, 1 pigeonhole. Miscellaneous original papers, chiefly those left for recording and never called for by owners, including deeds, 1799, 1807-8, 1816, 1821, 1824-33, 1841-42, 1845-46, 1855-56, 1858, 1861-63, 1874-75, 1878, 1880, 1883, 1885, 1887, 1894, 1902; plats, 1822, 1825, 1829-33, 1835-36, 1840, 1842, 1845-47, 1850-1860, 1865, 1869, 1871-74, 1878, 1885-86, 1894; real estate mortgages, 1829, 1855, 1859, 1875, 1878, 1883, 1894, 1902; article of relinquishment, 1832; leases, 1833-34, 1840, 1853, 1855; grant of vacant land, 1845; surety bond of public officer, 1852; oath of appraiser of estray, 1859; note, 1860; agreements and agricultural liens, 1880. Also contains returns to warrants of State Surveyor General and commissioner of location, 1785, 1798, 1825, 1830-31, 1840, 1845, including plats, entry 57½. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form, hand-drawn. Bundles, 3 x 7½ x ¼ and 6 x 4½ x 9; pigeonhole, 6½ x 6½ x 19. Bsmt. vault.

IX. COMMISSIONER OF LOCATION (defunct)

The first election of officers in Pickens District included the commissioner of location.[1] An act of 1839 provided that the clerk of court should become ex officio commissioner wherever the office might become vacant.[2] In 1878 all vacant lands were turned over to the Secretary of State to sell, subject to direction of the State Sinking Fund Commission,[3] and after 1882 no further entries were made in the counties.

The term of the commissioner was 4 years.[4] Before entering upon duty he was required to take an oath of office before a magistrate, and to post a surety bond of $1,000.[5]

The duties of the commissioner were to "take and receive the original entry of all vacant lands" within the district boundaries; and to grant and sell the vacant lands in tracts not exceeding 640 acres each. He was required to have his office near the center of the district, and to keep it open every day except Sunday. On demand for a tract, the commissioner issued a warrant of survey to a deputy surveyor in the district (6 appointed for each district by Surveyor General), authorizing him within 2 months to lay off and locate the lands to be granted, and to return a plat to the commissioner of location. When the warrant was executed it was recorded with the plat; the

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1. Stat. VI, 12, 343.
2. Stat. XI, 81.
3. Stat. XVI, 558.
4. Stat. V, 674; VI, 13.
5. Stat. IV, 591; V, 618; VI, 13.

original plat was sent to the Surveyor General. Warrants not returned within 3 months became void; surveys not paid for within 6 months could be certified to anyone paying the fees.[6]

Required records of the office included a book for transcripts of warrants, and another for transcripts of returns and plats; "with an alphabetical index to each." A "suitable case for papers" was also required.[7] Records of this office are now in the custody of the clerk of court. For commissioner's oath, 1856, see entry 63.

57. COMMISSIONER OF LOCATION (Plat Books), 1816-17, Nov. 7, 1828-Sept. 2, 1868, Dec. 28, 1882. 3 vols. (A-C). Title varies: Locations. Transcripts of returns by district deputy surveyors to commissioner of location, with plats showing area, boundaries, scale, for whom laid out, and affidavit of survey, citing authority for survey, name of commissioner of location, date of warrant, for whom to be laid out, date of survey, and transcribed signature of deputy surveyor; date recorded and signature of commissioner of location. Also contains record of executions from a justice of peace, probably of Pendleton District, Apr. 16, 1816-Dec. 29, 1817, showing summons: date, number, parties, amount of note, date from which interest due; judgment: whether "settled," "for plaintiff", "to the justice," "by default", signature of justice; executions: amount of judgment and costs; original receipts to defendants for judgment and costs, and original receipts by justice of peace when money was paid over. Returns, arr. chron. by date recorded; record justice of peace, arr. numer. by no. of summons. No index, 1816-1817, 1828-35, 1882; indexed by name of person for whom surveyed, 1836-68. Hdw. and hand-drawn. 450 to 603 pp. 16 x 10 x 2 to 18 x 11 x 3. Main vault.

For plats of deeds, see entry 54.

57½. (RETURNS TO WARRANTS OF SURVEY), 1785-1868. 1785, 1798, 1825, 1830-1831, 1840-41 in (Miscellaneous Instruments), entry 56; 1841-68 in (Warrants and Returns), entry 58.
Original returns to warrants of survey, with certified plats; endorsed with name of person for whom land is surveyed, number of acres, date recorded, book and page, signature of commissioner of location.

58. (WARRANTS AND RETURNS), 1841-68. 347 papers in 1 bundle.
Original warrants by clerk of court as ex officio commissioner of location, showing name of clerk, name of district, to whom addressed, for whom surveyed, number of acres, date limit for plat to be returned, date signed, signature of clerk as commissioner. Also contains returns to warrants, entry 57½.
No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 4 x 4 x 9. Bsmt. vault.

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6. Stat. IV, 590-93; XI, 81.
7. Stat. XI, 82.

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X. CLERK OF COURT

The first clerk of court for Pickens was elected in 1828 when the district was organized.[1] Since then there have been no evolutionary changes of importance in the office.

To be eligible the candidate for office must be a qualified elector, and not hold another office of honor or profit.[2] He is nominated in the primary,[3] and elected at each alternate general election for a term of 4 years.[4] Before receiving his commission he must post a surety bond of $10,000.[5] Before entering upon duty he is required to take the constitutional oath of office;[6] and the additional oaths that he will enforce the laws against gaming,[7] and that he has made no promise to share the profits of the office with anyone.[8] Until 1922, fees were a large part of his compensation, but he is now paid an annual salary of $2,400.[9] He may be removed from office for misconduct or persistent neglect of duty, upon indictment and true bill, after warrant or presentment of the grand jury; and he may be tried for misdemeanor in office.[10] When the office becomes vacant, the judge of probate performs the duties until the vacancy is filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Governor.[11] The clerk takes temporary charge of the judge of probate's office[12] and of the sheriff's office and jail[13] when vacancies occur in those offices.

The powers and duties of the clerk of court are connected with several ex officio offices. As clerk of the circuit court of common pleas he is also clerk of the court of general sessions.[14] Ever since the organization of Pickens he has performed the duties of register of mesne conveyance;[15] and until 1882, he was commissioner of location.[16] In 1893 he became a member of the board of jury commissioners, and custodian of the jury box.[17] Since 1926 he has been a member of the forfeited land commission,[18] and since 1929

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1. Stat. VI, 343-44.
2. Const. 1895, art. II, 2.
3. 1915, Stat. XXIX, 170; Code 2365.
4. Code 3577.
5. Code 3579.
6. Const. 1895, art. III, 26.
7. Code 3043.
8. Code 3044.
9. Stat. XXXII, 912; XL, 1826.
10. Const. 1895, art. III, 27; V, 27; Code 1515.
11. Code 2351, 3643.
12. Code 3642.
13. Code 3601.
14. Const. 1895, art. V, 27; 1868, IV, 27.
15. Stat. VII, 296,
16. Stat. XI, 81; XVI, 558; See also entry 57,
17. Stat. XXI, 524; Code 607, 609.
18. Stat. XXXIV, 920; Code 2167.

he may become a member of the board of honor when the number of Confederate veterans in the county is reduced to two.[19] He is custodian of the courthouse;[20] and should be also of a set of standard weights and measures.[21] He is required to be present when the courts convene and to keep a record of all judgments, sentences and orders. He administers the oath of office to magistrates and constables;[22] he collects and delivers to the county treasurer fines, forfeitures and money for licenses.[23] He makes an annual report of these to the county commissioners[24] and written monthly reports to the auditor and the treasurer, giving accurate statements of his collections.[25] Once every 2 years by October 15, the clerk of court is required to make certified reports to the commissioners of elections, on persons disqualified to vote by conviction for crimes.[26] Since the passage of the Selective Service Act of 1940, the clerk of court was named to supervise military registrations,[27] and assists the local draft boards in establishing the non-criminal records of draftees.

The required records kept by the clerk merely by virtue of his office and not related to court records, include registers of county officers,[28] of magistrates',[29] of constables,[30] and notaries public,[31] of commissioners of roads.[32] Sworn annual accounts of the commissioners of roads and commissioners of the poor were also filed.[33] Surety bonds and qualifying oaths of constables, deputy sheriffs and other local appointees are filed.[34] Oaths of managers of elections have been required since 1905.[35] Duplicate receipts for records of retiring judge of probate;[36] and receipts from magistrates for copies of the acts[37] are also required. Until abolished in 1937, copies of annual reports of the State Board of Public Welfare to the Governor were required.[38]

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19. Stat. XXXVI, 177; Code 4981.
20. 1839, Stat. XI, 70; Code 3584.
21. 1839, Stat. XI, 122; Code 3608.
22. 1839, Stat. XI, 78; Code 3603, 3755.
23. 1875, Stat. XV, 845; Code 3611.
24. Code 3609.
25. 1878, Stat. XVI, 755; Code 3612.
26. Code 2281, 2282.
27. 1941, Legislative Manual 84th General Assembly of South Carolina, p. 344.
28. 1905, Stat. XXIV, 964; Code 3622.
29. 1819, Stat. VI, 116.
30. 1839, Stat. XI, 78; Code 3586.
31. 1911, Stat. XXVII, 139; Code 3461.
32. 1851, Stat. XII, 76.
33. 1812, Stat. V, 686.
34. Stat. XI, 55; Code 3735.
35. Stat. XXIV, 831; Code 2352.
36. Code 3656.
37. 1882, Stat. XVII, 872; Code 3732.
38. 1915, Stat. XXIX, 135-36; XLI, 109-10; Code 2005.

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The clerk also keeps professional registrations of physicians and surgeons,[39] opticians' certificates,[40] licenses for veterinarians,[41] dentists,[42] chiropodists,[43] and certified public accountants.[44] Business registrations include a record of limited partnerships,[45] of industrial establishments other than corporations,[46] and of joint stock companies.[47] The clerk keeps account of, and usually stubs of the licenses he issues to circuses and showmen,[48] to hawkers and peddlers,[49] to pawnbrokers,[50] to dealers in lightning rods,[51] and to tourist camp and roadhouse keepers.[52] Confederate soldiers and sailors are exempt from hawkers' and peddlers' licenses upon satisfactory proof of service filed with the clerk.[53]

The clerk kept a motor vehicle register for licenses sold by the county from 1906 until 1917.[54] He is now required to report to the State Highway Department, within ten days after conviction, all cases tried for violation of the Motor Vehicle Act of 1930.[55]

Since 1918 papers connected with proceedings for public bond issues have been filed and registered.[56]

Military records include, a record of enlisted men discharged from the service of the United States;[57] Official Roster of South Carolina Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the World War;[58] and a roll of Confederate veterans.[59]

Under a general law of 1888 for the regulation of party primary elections, oaths of managers[60] are filed with poll lists, and related papers. After regular elections, returns,[61] candidates' pledges, and expense accounts

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39. 1905, Stat. XXIV, 939; Code 5153.
40. 1917, Stat. XXX, 4; Code 5240.
41. 1920, Stat. XXXI, 908; Code 5257.
42. 1922, Stat. XXXII, 849; Code 5201.
43. 1935, Stat. XXXIX, 184.
44. 1915, Stat. XXIX, 159-60; Code 7093.
45. 1837, Stat. VI, 579; Code 7804, 7820.
46. 1837, Stat. VI, 581; Code 7825.
47. 1879, Stat. XVII, 70-71; Code 7791-94.
48. 1813, Stat. V, 711; 1875, XV, 845; Code 6322.
49. 1876, Stat. XVI, 64; Code 7120.
50. 1900, Stat. XXIII, 427; Code 7129.
51. 1920, Stat. XXXI, 1022; Code 7126.
52. 1937, Stat. XL, 172-73.
53. 1902, Stat. XXIII, 1036; Code 7124.
54. Stat. XXV, 79; XXX, 323.
55. Stat. XXXVI, 1065; Code 5998.
56. Stat. XXX, 779; Code 8891.
57. 1923, Stat. XXXIII, 98; Code 8893.
58. 1929, Stat. XXXVI, 687-88.
59. 1902, Stat. XXIII, 1033; Code 3623.
60. Stat. XX, 10-12; XXIV, 831, 949; Code 2299, 2352.
61. 1882, Stat. XVII, 1119; Code 2312.

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are also filed.[62] By law the clerk of court is responsible for copies of Democratic club rolls;[63] and for the registration books, which may not leave his custody except as necessary for the performance of duty by the board of registration.[64]

Vital statistics are kept by the State Registrar of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, but since 1914[65] by order of the State Board of Health, the clerk has been custodian of duplicate birth and death certificates filed here by the local registrars.[66] In 1939 and 1940, provision was made for registration of statistical data regarding date of birth of county residents born in South Carolina, who have no official record of birth.[67]

Registration of aliens was made a requirement in 1940.[68] In 1822, when free persons of color were not admitted to citizenship, the clerk of court was required to file their petitions for the appointment of guardians.[69]

Alcoholic liquor records include canceled liquor permits and records of deliveries of alcoholic liquor,[70] which were required until the 18th amendment to the Federal Constitution went into effect on January 1, 1919. Upon national repeal in 1933, these record were revived until a State Law of 1935 repealed prohibition in South Carolina.[71] A record of liquor prescriptions for medicinal purposes, and statements of facts to secure wines for sacramental services, were required from 1909 until 1935.[72] In 1927 all peace officers were authorized to report liquors seized by them to the clerk of court.[73]

When Pickens was created the State Comptroller General was required to file with the clerk of court a list from the tax collector's returns of persons making returns, and paying taxes. After 1844 annual reports on accounts from commissioners of the poor and commissioners of roads were also filed by their secretary or treasurer.[74]

The records of the clerk of court are mesne conveyance, entries 29-56; commissioner of location, entries 57-58; general sessions, entries 98-124; common pleas, entries 125-175; and equity, entries 176-199.

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62. 1905, Stat. XXIV, 949; Code 1417.
63. 1915, Stat. XXIX, 167; Code 2359.
64. 1896, Stat. XXII, 44; Code 2285.
65. Stat. XXIX, 29.
66. 1938, Stat. XL, 3001.
67. Stat. XLI, 157, 1638.
68. Stat. XLI, 1939.
69. 1822, Stat. VII, 462.
70. 1917, Stat. XXX, 69-70.
71. Stat. XXXIX, 325-41.
72. Stat. XXVI, 63; XXXIX, 325-41.
73. Stat. XXXV, 356-57.
74. 1844, Stat. XI, 295.

County Officers

59. ROLL OF OFFICERS, 1917--. 2 vols. Overlapping dates. Title varies: Ledger.

Lists of county officers, including magistrates, constables, legislative delegations, rural policemen and game wardens, showing name, office, date of commission, date of expiration of term, date recorded, and whether appointed or elected; also contains copies of official ballots, 1918, 1922, 1924, 1928, 1930. Arr. chron. by date of election or appointment, 1917-30; alph. by name of officer, 1920--. Indexed by name of officer, 1 vol., 1917-30; no index, 1 vol., 1920--. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 174 and 96 double pp. 12½ x 7½ x ½ and 16½ x 11½ x 1. 1 vol., 1917-30, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1920--, main vault.

60. MAGISTRATES AND CONSTABLES ROLL, 1828--. 2 vols. Title varies: Constables' Roll.

List of constables, 1828--; of magistrates, 1840-1915; of notaries public, 1840--; of treasurers, 1878-84; auditor, 1877; coroner, 1879; sheriff, 1888; showing name; date of appointment, 1828-39, of qualification, 1840--; office, expiration of term, genuine signature, how appointed, sureties on bond. Arr. chron. by date of appointment or of qualification. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 48 pp. and 179 double pp. 6 x 3½ x ½ and 13 x 8 x 1½. 1 vol., 1828-39, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1840--, office.

61. BONDS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS, 1828-75, 1915, 1921-36. 460 bonds in 3 bundles, 1 f. b., and 1 f. d.

Original surety bonds of magistrates' constables, 1828-75, 1921-36; game warden, deputy sheriffs, rural policemen, 1915, 1921-36, showing names of officer and sureties, office, date, amount of bond, conditions, and signatures of principal, sureties and witnesses, date filed, and name of clerk of court; endorsed with name of officer, office and date filed and name of clerk of court; also attached to constables' bonds, 1828-75, certificate of appointment by magistrates, giving date and signature of magistrate. Also contains oaths for notaries public and county officers, 1921-36, entry 62. Arr. numer. by no. of bond, 1828-75; no obvious arr., 1915; chron. by date filed, 1921-36. No index. Typed, and hdw. on printed form. Bundles, 4 x 4 x 9; f. b., 4½ x 4½ x 10; f. d., 10½ x 5 x 13½. 1828-75, 1915, bsmt. vault; 1921-36, main vault.

For transcripts, 1867--, see entry 54.

62. (OATHS FOR NOTARIES PUBLIC AND OTHERS), 1894-99. 8 papers in 1 bundle. 1921-36 in Bonds of Public Officers, entry 61.

Original oaths of office for notaries public and county officers that they are qualified for office, will perform the duties, uphold the State and Federal constitutions, have not participated in a duel since Jan. 1, 1881, and will not during the term of office, showing name of county and character of paper. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 7 x 4½ x 2. Bsmt. vault.

For copies, see entry 54; for other originals, see entries 63, 78 ii.

63. OFFICERS COMMISSIONS, 1831-85. 137 papers in 2 f. b. Title varies: Commissions.

Original commissions by Governor to notaries public, 1831, 1851, 1861, 1877-81;

clerk of court, 1852-64, 1872, 1877, 1880; captain Pickens troop of S. C. Volunteer Troops Cavalry attached to First Regiment of S. C. Militia, 1838; sheriff, 1846, 1852, 1860-72, 1877, 1880; ordinary, 1856, 1859, and judge of probate, 1872-80; coroner, 1868, 1872, 1877, 1880; school commissioner, 1870-74, 1878, 1881-82; third lieutenant Hampton Home Guards, 1877; treasurer, 1877-79, 1883; auditor, 1877-81, 1883; trial justices, 1877-83; special commission to investigate bona fide indebtedness of county, 1878; jury commission, 1879, 1881, 1883; all county officers, 1884-85; showing name of Governor, names of officer and office, date, signatures of Governor and Secretary of State; on reverse is constitutional oath of office; also contains oath of commissioner of location, 1856, showing date and signature of commissioner; and of deputy clerk of court, 1857, 1868; also sheriff's appointment of deputies, 1856, 1861, 1865-66, 1873; appointments of magistrates, 1872. No obvious arr., 1831-83; arr. chron. by date of commission, 1884-85. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on printed form. 5 x 5 x 11. Bsmt. vault.

For other oaths of office, see entry 62.

64. DISTRICT OFFICERS' RECEIPTS AND TAVERN BOND, 1829-73. 65 papers in 1 bundle.

Original inventories of office records by outgoing to incoming officers, with attached receipts, by sheriff, 1845, 1851-52, 1860, 1862, 1868, 1872-73, 1885, 1892; by clerk of court, 1852, 1856, 1868, 1877; by county commissioners' clerk with inventory, 1869; by coroner, 1873, 1875; by ordinary, 1844, 1852, 1859, 1868; showing date, title and quantity of bound and unbound records, names and signatures of officers, date received, date filed and signature of clerk of court. Also contains original bonds of guardians to clerk of court of common pleas, 1829-30, 1835, 1855; of hawkers and peddlers, 1830-35; of treasurer of commissioners of roads and bridges as paymaster of 5th Regiment S. C. Militia, 1837-38, 1844, 1853, 1857, 1860-61; of tavernkeepers, 1853-58, 1872-73; of commissioners of free schools for distribution of funds to teachers, 1860, 1862; and money bonds, 1838, 1840, 1857, 1860, 1862; showing information as in entry 17. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on printed form. 5 x 4 x 9. Bsmt. vault.

For subsequent bonds for tavernkeepers, see entry 17.

65. RECEIPTS FOR BOOKS ISSUED TO TRIAL JUSTICES, 1882--. 1 vol. Last entry 1919.

Original receipts by trial justices, 1882-95, by magistrates, 1896-1919, for Acts and Codes received from clerk of court, showing county, date of receipt, names of clerk of court and magistrate, number and kind of books, and signatures of trial justice or magistrate. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 168 pp. (39 used) 14 x 8½ x ½. Bsmt. vault.

Professional and Business Registrations

66. REGISTERED PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, 1882--. 1 vol. Pasted backbone title: Registered Doctors and Embalmers.

Register of physicians and surgeons, 1882--; of embalmers, 1919--; of veterinarians, 1920--; of dentists, 1923--; of chiropractors, 1932--; of optometrists, 1940--; showing date of filing, name of registrant, residence, place

of birth, whether practicing by diploma or license, date issued, by whom granted, before whom verified by oath or affirmation. Arr. alph. by name of registrant. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 76 double pp. 17 x 10½ x 1

67. RECORD OF INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS OTHER THAN CORPORATIONS, 1918--. 1 vol. Last entry Feb. 20, 1933.
Register of mercantile establishments chiefly, showing date, name of establishment, location, names of owner or partners, address, retired, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of establishment. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 204 double pp. (29 used) 18½ x 12 x 2.
For other business registrations, see entries 51-53.

Motor Registrations

68. AUTOMOBILES, 1907-17. 1 vol.
Register of automobile licenses, showing registration number, name and address of owner, name of manufacturing company, kind of vehicle, model, date registered, and signature of clerk of court. Arr. numer. by registration no. No index. Hdw on ruled form. 174 pp. 12½ x 7 x 1.

Bond Issues

69. BONDS - SCHOOL AND TOWN, 1917--. 83 pkgs. in 3 f. d.
Papers connected with proceedings for public bond issues, including petitons for elections; certificate by auditor that petitioners represent two-thirds of electors concerned and that issue is within constitutional limitations; certificate by board of registration; newspaper notices of election; election returns; authorizing resolutions or ordinances of body issuing bond; samples of bonds and coupons; clerk's certificate of recording; endorsed with bond roll (file) number, name of issuing unit, date filed, signature of clerk of court. Arr. numer. by bond roll (file) no. For index, see entry 70. Typed, hdw. and engraved, printed. 10½ x 5 x 13½.

70. RECORD OF PUBLIC BOND ISSUES, Mar. 1917--. 1 vol.
Register of municipal and school district bond issues, showing bond roll (file) number, by whom issued, date plat filed, date petition filed, number freeholders signing petition, number resident electors signing petition, proof of number of freeholders and electors, order for election, notice of election advertised, how advertised, form of ballot, result declared, resolution fixing form of bond, amount of issue, length of issue and interest. Arr. numer. by bond roll (file) no. and chron. by date of election thereunder. Indexed by name of city, town, or school dist.; also serves as index to Bonds - School and Town, entry 69, by showing bond roll (file) no. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 180 double pp. (4 used) 18½ x 12 x 2.

Military and Pension Records
(See also entries 228-232)

71. RECORD OF DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, 1918-19, 1921--. 2 vols.
Transcripts of certificate of discharged veterans from army and navy of United

States, showing name of veteran, serial number, rank, company, regiment, brigade, arm of service; reason for discharge; birthplace, when enlisted, occupation, description; date of discharge, and transcribed signatures of commanding officer; also attached certificate of enlistment record, giving name, grade, date and place of enlistment, enlistment periods; prior service; whether non-commissioned officer; marksmanship: gunner qualification or rating; horsemanship; battles, engagements, skirmishes; knowledge of vocation; wounds received in service; physical condition when discharged, typhoid and paratyphoid prophylaxis completed; marital status; character, and remarks; also certificate in lieu of lost or destroyed certificate of discharge and transcribed signatures of soldier and commanding officer. Also contains list of officers discharged, 1918-19, showing headquarters, date of discharge, special order number, name and rank of officer, and signature of commanding officer. Arr. chron. by date recorded, under certificates of discharge, and certificates in lieu of lost certificates; separate vols. for white and colored. Indexed by name of veteran. Hdw. on printed form, and hdw. 624 pp. 18½ x 12 x 3.

72. ENROLLMENT BOOK CONFEDERATE VETERANS, 1902. 1 vol.
County enrollment book of Confederate veterans in Hurricane, Pumpkintown, and Dacusville townships, compiled under Act of 1902, showing State, name and page of township book in which entered, name of veteran, company, regiment, brigade; arm of service: whether cavalry, infantry, artillery, regular, volunteer, militia, etc.; rank, age; if dead, whether from wounds, disease or killed in action; cause and date of close of service, remarks. Arr. alph. by name of veteran under twp. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 360 double pp. (23 used) 18 x 14½ x 3.

73. PENSIONS (Applications), 1896-97, 1900. 22 papers in 1 pasteboard f. b.
Applications to township examining boards in Easley, Pickens, and Dacusville, 1900, including verified petition, and certificates by township and county pension boards and examining physician (no entry), certified pension roll from township examining board to State Board of Pensions, showing name of township, class and name of pensioner, post office, how disabled, or reason for granting pension, remarks and signatures of township board of examiners. Also contains:

i. List, n. d., of pension applications, showing name of pension board, name of township, number of application, name and post office address of pensioner, company, regiment, date filed, date approved, date of death, class of pension, total number soldiers and class, total number widows, total pensioners for Liberty Township;
ii. List of new pensioners, men, 1897; and pension roll for veterans and widows by class, 1896-97.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed and ruled forms. 5 x 5 x 11. Bsmt. latticed room.

74. PENSION VOUCHERS, 1890-91, 1894-1919. 12 pasteboard f. b. (dated).
Title varies: Pensions; Receipts.
Miscellaneous pension papers, including:

i. Canceled checks, 1895-96, 1918, showing date, number, payee, class, purpose, amount, and signature of clerk of court;

ii. Receipts, 1890-91, 1894-1919, showing date, amount of pension, name of clerk of court and signature of pensioner; also related correspondence. Also contains pension check stubs, 1893-94, entry 75. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. on printed form. 4½ x 4½ x 10. Bsmt. vault.

75. (PENSION CHECK STUBS), 1919. 1 vol. 1893-94 in Pension Vouchers, entry 74.
Stub record of pension checks, showing serial number of check, amount, pensioner, and purpose. Also contains checks uncalled for. Arr. numer. by check no. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 100 stubs 3 x 12½ x ⅛. Bsmt. vault.

76. LEDGER (Paid Pensions), 1918-19. 1 vol.
Record of Confederate pensions paid, showing class of pensioner, check serial number, name and address of pensioner, amount of pension, date paid, how or to whom delivered. Arr. alph. by name of pensioner under class and numer. by check no. Indexed by name of pensioner. Hdw. on ruled form. 136 pp. (13 used) 14 x 9 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

77. (CONFEDERATE PAPERS), 1863, 1888, 1902-3. 1 pigeonhole.
Various papers, including:

i. Duplicate monthly certified abstract of provisions issued to troops with 2nd Regiment S. C. Rifles, on march in Virginia, 1863, showing inclusive dates, name of officer, office of issue, date, number of return, number men, number women (no entry), number days for which drawn, date commencing, date ending, quantity of foodstuffs and supplies, name of company or regiment, remarks; quantity in bulk of foodstuffs and supplies, and signature of officer issuing;

ii. Duplicate monthly certified abstract of sales to officers, 1863, showing quantity and price of foodstuffs and supplies, and total, and signature of officer issuing;

iii. Monthly certified summary of subsistence stores, 1863, showing inclusive dates, number and quantity of article, cost, condition when transferred, remarks and signature of officer of commissary;

iv. Original receipts to commissary at Petersburg for foodstuffs, showing date, amount, purpose, and signature of commanding officer;

v. Duplicate certified quarterly account, 1863, showing inclusive dates; for debit the date, amount disbursed per abstract of purchases, amount disbursed per contingencies, amount turned over to officers, total; for credit the balance from last statement, cash received from treasurer, cash from sales to officers, cash from other sales, total, and signature of officer;

vi. List, 1888, of persons to receive checks from State pension funds, showing names of soldiers and widows, total amount funds sent, and signature of Comptroller General; also other letters from Comptroller General;

vii. Minutes of meeting of Confederate veterans of Pickens County, 1903, showing date and place of meeting, roll of veterans, officers elected; also copy of constitution and by-laws of United Confederate Veterans, 1902, and circular letters from Adjutant General;

viii. Original receipts by pensioners to clerk of court for Confederate pensions, 1888, showing date, amount, name of clerk and signature of pensioner.

Arr. chron. by month, i-vi; no obvious arr., vii, viii. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form, printed. 6½ x 6½ x 19. Bsmt. vault.

Elections

78. CANDIDATES PLEDGES AND COMMISSIONERS RETURNS, 1868--. 11 pasteboard f. b., 1 pigeonhole (9 f. b. dated, 2 f. b., 1 pigeonhole unlabeled). Last paper filed 1932. Title varies: Election Pledges; General Elections; Reports on Elections; Election Returns Also Pledges; Of Elections; Primary Elections; Election Papers.

Various records relating to elections, including:

i. Copy of statement and returns of votes for county, State and Federal officers by precinct managers of elections, 1868; by boards of canvassers and commissioners of election, 1869-84, 1888, 1890-96, 1912-14, 1918, 1920-30, showing Congressional district, county or precinct, names of successful candidates, number of votes for each, total number votes cast, date signed, and signatures of board members and date filed; also absentee votes, 1918, from soldiers in camp; return of votes for constitutional amendments, 1920-24;

ii. Oaths of commissioners and managers of election, notaries public, clerks, and county boards of canvassers, 1868-84, 1886, 1890, 1896-97, 1920, 1924, showing date sworn, signature of swearer, and date filed;

iii. Original pledges by candidates not to use intoxicating liquors for campaign purposes and to file with clerk of court under oath before and after primary itemized statements of expenditures for campaign purposes, 1920-22, 1930, 1932, showing name of candidate, signature and date filed;

iv. Verified statements of expenditures for campaign purposes, 1932, one filed before and one after primary election, showing year of primary, name of candidate, itemized expenditures, date sworn and signatures of candidate and notary;

v. List of registration books, 1924, entry 81, delivered to Federal commissioners of election, showing name of precinct, and name and address of commissioner; also list of managers of Federal elections.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form, hdw. F. b., 4½ x 4½ x 10 to 5 x 5 x 11; pigeonhole, 6½ x 6½ x 19. Bsmt. vault.

For other oaths, see entry 62; for list of pledges, see entry 79.

79. JOURNAL, 1918-19. 1 vol.

List of pledges filed, showing date, name of candidate, office. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. (2 used) 12 x 7 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

For original pledges, 1920-22, 1930, 1932, see entry 78.

80. DEMOCRATIC CLUB ROLL, 1914--. 288 vols. Subtitled by name of precinct.
Register of members of Democratic Party clubs, showing date of enrollment, signature or mark of member, signature of witness to mark, age, occupation, and address of member. Arr. alph. by name of member. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 24 to 52 pp. 16½ x 11 x 1/8 to 17 x 14 x ½. 1 vol., 1914, bsmt. record room; 253 vols., 1916-36, bsmt. vault; 34 vols., 1938--, main vault.

81. REGISTRATION BOOKS (Precinct), 1908--. 413 vols. Subtitled by name of precinct.
Precinct registers of qualified voters, showing date of registration, precinct, county, number of registration certificate; name, age, and residence of voter; remarks. Arr. alph. by name of voter and thereunder chron. by date of registration. For partial index, see entry 82. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 16 to 60 pp. 17 x 13 x 1/8 to 14½ x 9½ x ½. 55 vols., 1908-18, bsmt. records room; 110 vols., 1914, 1920-28, 1938, supt. of education, office; 172 vols., 1918-24, 1928-34, bsmt. vault; 76 vols., 1940--, board of registration, office.
For partial list, 1924, see entry 78.

82. GENERAL INDEX TO REGISTRATIONS (County), 1882, 1884-94, 1898, 1918, 1938. 5 vols. (4 unlabeled, 1 dated). Title varies: Pickens Registration; Registration Book.
List of qualified voters in Pickens County, compiled from precinct registers, entry 81; showing with variations, number of certificate, name, age, precinct, and occupation of voter, date and remarks. Arr. numer. by certificate no. under twp., 1882, 1884-94; under precinct, 1898; arr. alph. by name of voter, 1918, 1938. No index. Hdw. on ruled form, 1882; printed ruled form, 1884-94, 1898, 1918, 1938. 110 to 374 pp. 12½ x 13 x 1 to 17½ x 15 x 2. 2 vols., 1882, 1938, main vault; 2 vols., 1884-94, 1918, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1898, bsmt. records room.

Vital Statistics

83. BIRTHS, 1915--. 26 vols. (1-26).
Duplicate birth certificates, showing birthplace and full name of child, file number for State Registrar, registration district number, local registrar's number; whether boy or girl, premature or full term, and whether parents married; birthdate; full name, residence, color, age, birthplace, and occupation of parents; number of children born to mother, and certificate of attending physician or midwife. Arr. alph. by name of child. For index, see entry 84. Hdw. and typed on standard U. S. printed forms. 696 to 1,058 loose-leaf pp. 7½ x 8½ x 2½ to 4.

84. INDEX TO BIRTHS, 1915--. 2 vols.
Index to Births, entry 83, showing year, name of child, sex, race, volume and page of record; 1938-- also birthdate, name of father, maiden name of mother. Arr. alph. by surname of child under year. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 600 loose-leaf pp. 18 x 11 x 3 and 17½ x 14½ x 3.

85. INDEX TO BIRTHS PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1915, 1939--. 1 vol.
Index record of births from 1874 to 1914 recorded since 1939 upon affidavit,

showing birthdate, name, color, sex, nationality, birthplace of person; father's name, mother's maiden name, age if living, age if dead; file number (no entry), and memoranda; nature and manner of proof submitted. Arr. alph. by name of registrant. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 452 loose-leaf pp. (25 used) 10 x 16 x 3.

86. DEATHS, 1915--. 12 vols. (1-12).
Duplicate death certificates, showing place of death and full name of deceased, registration district number, file number for State Registrar, local registrar's number; sex, color, marital status, name of husband or wife, birthdate, occupation and birthplace of deceased; name and birthplace of parents; name and address of informant; place and date of burial; name and address of undertaker; date filed and signature of local registrar; and medical certificate of death. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. For index, see entry 87; Hdw. and typed on standard U. S. printed forms. 600 loose-leaf pp. 7½ x 9½ x 3. 4 vols., 1915-20, 1923-24, bsmt. vault; 8 vols., 1921-22, 1925--, main vault.

87. INDEX TO DEATHS, 1915--. 1 vols.
Index to Deaths, entry 86, showing year, name of deceased, sex, race, volume and place of record. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 500 pp. 18½ x 12 x 3.

Foreign Born and Non-Citizens

88. REGISTRATION OF ALIENS, June 2, 1940--. 1 vol.
Register of aliens and foreign born persons in Pickens County, showing date registered; name in full, residence, birthdate, age, birthplace, height, weight, color of hair and eyes; whether alien or foreign born; nature of business or vocation, address of business of employer, name and address of president or managing officer of business, and signature of registrant. Arr. alph. by name of registrant. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 98 double pp. (3 used) 15½ x 11½ x 1.

89. GUARDIANS FREE PERSONS COLOUR, 1844, 1847-63. 60 papers in 1 bundle, 1 pasteboard f. b.
Original petitions to clerk of court from free persons of color above the age of fifteen years, for appointments of guardians, showing with variations, name of State, county, name of petitioner, age, name of desired guardian, signature or mark of petitioner, date signed; also statement of freeholder that he accepts the trust as guardian and certifies that petitioner is person of good character and moral habits, date signed by freeholder; order appointment guardian, signature and seal of clerk of court, date of appointment; endorsed with name of petitioner, character of paper, date filed; also bond of a white man to care for minor children of a free person of color. No obvious arr. For index, see entry 167. Hdw. Bundle, 3 x 4 x 9; f. b., 3 x 4 x 9. Bsmt. vault.

Alcoholic Liquor Records
(See also entries 233-235, 381-384)

90. (DISPENSER'S REPORTS), 1896-1902. 250 papers in 1 pigeonhole.
Original monthly report of county dispensary board, showing names of county,

dispensary, and dispenser; month of report; itemized merchandise statement: for debits, date, stock on hand at first of month, balance due end of last month, other debits, amount of each; for credits, date, source, amount; total debits and credits; cash summary giving for debits and credits the date, source and amount; total of each; sales, gross and net profits with total sales at consumer's price, at invoice price, gross profit, net profit, expenses; amount paid commissioner for State's share of sales, amount paid commissioner for license, total paid commissioner; total loss for month; signatures of dispenser and one member of board of control; on reverse is itemized expense account, showing payee, days and miles, amount, total amount, signatures of dispenser and one member of board of control; endorsed with name of dispensary, county, month, and name of dispenser; also monthly statements, showing month, gross profits, itemized expenditures, total credit, total debit and balance. Also contains:

i. Original monthly settlements of dispenser with treasurer, 1902-3, 1905, copy of which was sent to State Comptroller General, showing month ending, gross profits, amount; also itemized credits giving name of payee, and amount; total gross profits and balance carried forward;

ii. Quarterly and final settlements by State Board of Control with county dispensary, 1895-1903, 1905, showing quarter ending, amount brought forward and gross profits and totals of debits; name of payee, amount and total credits; balance carried forward;

iii. Original receipts by dispenser to county auditor for request books, 1896-1903, showing name of auditor, number of request books, inclusive numbers of requests, date, and signature of dispenser;

iv. Original statement of return of request books filled by dispenser and clerks, 1895-1903, showing month ending and signature of dispenser; also oath that statement contains all requests received and filled, showing name of dispenser, month ending, date sworn, signature of dispenser and "E. P. Pickens County".

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed and ruled forms. 6 x 6 x 11½. Bsmt. vault.

Financial Records

91. (TAX COLLECTOR'S RETURNS), 1851, 1853-54, 1857-59, 1863, 1865-68. 1 pigeonhole.

Duplicate returns of general tax collections by tax collector, showing fiscal year, tax district, name of taxpayer, amount of tax, date filed, and signature of clerk of court. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 6½ x 6½ x 19. Bsmt. vault.

92. (CLERK'S BILLS AND RECEIPTS), 1878-82. 39 papers in 1 bundle.

Old bills and receipts for payment, showing date, description, amount of purchase, date of payment by clerk. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. ½ x 4 x 9. Bsmt. vault.

93. (CHECKS PAID BY CLERK), 1917-22. 1 pasteboard f. b.

Canceled checks, 1917, 1921-22, showing date, serial number, name of parties, name of payee, amount, and signature of clerk of court; also original stubs, 1917-21. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 4½ x 4½ x 10. Bsmt. vault.

94. CASH BOOK, 1858-59. 1 vol.
Memorandum cash book of clerk of court, showing date of payment, name of payer, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 55 pp. 6 x 4 x 1/8. In trunk, bsmt. vault.

95. S(ingle) E(ntry) LEDGER, 1917-32. 5 vols. Overlapping dates.
Record of fees for recording, showing date, name of person having instrument recorded, entry number, paid, not paid, amount. Arr. chron. by date of recording. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 156 pp. 12 x 7½ x ½. Bsmt. vault.

96. (MEMORANDA FEE BOOK), 1869-71. 1 vol.
Memorandum of amounts due for recording, 1871, showing name, purpose, amount; also record of cash received for recording, 1869, and expended, itemizing purpose, amount, total and balance, signature of clerk; Also contains Federal collector's record of receipt of revenue stamps, 1871, showing date and amount; record of sales for month, itemizing number, amount, and total; also original receipt by collector of 3rd District, S. C., to local collector, 1871, showing date, amount credited, name of local collector and signature of collector. Arr. by topics. No index. Hdw. 190 pp. (6 used) 7½ x 6 x 1. In trunk, bsmt. vault.

Official Letters

97. (LETTERS), 1923. 1 box. 1930-32 in (Miscellaneous), entry 267.
Original letters received by clerk; also invoice of documentary stamps, showing name of clerk, address, number of stamp denomination; requests for filing mortgages; receipts for registered articles, giving number, from whom, to whom, and date. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed. 20 x 16 x 32½. Bsmt. vault.

XI. CIRCUIT COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

The State Circuit Courts are the criminal court of general sessions and the civil court of common pleas. Under the constitution of 1790[1] and the circuit court act of 1798,[2] these were statutory courts when they began to hold sessions in Pickens in 1828. The constitutions of 1861[3] and 1865[4] made no change. The constitution of 1868[5] made the circuit courts constitutional tribunals. The constitution of 1895 continued them on identical lines.[6]

Pickens County is a unit of the thirteenth[7] of the 14 judicial circuits of the State, each having a resident judge and a solicitor. The judge is a

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1. Art. III, 1.
2. Stat. VII, 283-89; 1799, pp. 290-300.
3. Art. III.
4. Art. III.
5. Art. IV, 1.
6. Art. V, 1.
7. Code 50.

constitutional State officer. To be eligible the candidate must be a citizen of the United States and of this State, at least 26 years of age, a licensed attorney for at least 5 years and a resident of this State for the 5 years next preceding his election. He is elected by the General Assembly for a term of 4 years.[8] He qualifies by taking the oath required by the State constitution.[9] He receives an annual salary of $6,750;[10] he is not allowed any fees or perquisites of office; nor may he hold any other office of trust or profit under this State, the United States, or any other power.[11] The General Assembly may remove a judge for neglect or other cause.[12] In case of vacancy, the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court may assign any disengaged circuit judge to hold the courts of the circuit where the vacancy exists; but if such a judge is not available, the Governor commissions a special judge upon recommendation of the Chief Justice.[13] A circuit judge may hold court in any county, following an itinerary fixed by the Chief Justice.[14] The judge determines the issue, and is responsible for the law in each case, explaining its application in his charge to the petit jury when it considers the facts brought out in the trial.[15]

The court of general sessions has jurisdiction in all criminal cases except those in which exclusive jurisdiction may have been delegated to inferior courts, in which cases it has appellate jurisdiction. It also has "concurrent jurisdiction with, as well as appellate jurisdiction from, the inferior Courts in all cases of riot, assault and battery, and larceny." It must sit in each county at least twice a year, at such times and places as directed by the General Assembly. After the grand jury has returned a true bill, the accused is tried before a petit jury of 12 men.[16] The case is prosecuted in the name of the State by the circuit solicitor, who brings out if possible, the facts in the case.[17]

The required records of the court were standardized in 1839. The original papers of record in each case are assembled in a package, numbered and filed as a "roll." The rolls are required to be entered on a sessions index, by name of defendant, "alphabetically arranged, together with the offense charged, disposition of the case, and term when ended, and number on file."[18] Record of persons tried for crime was instituted in 1900 as the basis of the clerk's annual report in duplicate to the circuit solicitor and the State Attorney General on criminal statistics.[19] The sessions index is so similar,

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8. Const. 1895, art. V, 10, 13.
9. Code 72.
10. 1935, Stat. XXXIX, 88.
11. Const. 1895, art. V, 9.
12. Code 42.
13. Code 44.
14. Const. 1895, art. V, 14; Code 22.
15. Const. 1895, art. V, 26; Code 38.
16. Const. 1895, art. V, 22, 23.
17. Const. 1895, art. V, 18, 22, 29.
18. Stat. XI, 69-82; Code 3585-86.
19. Stat. XXIII, 442; Code 3586; see Sessions Docket, entry 111.

that both purposes might be served by one record. Inquisitions,[20] magistrates' returns,[21] sheriffs' returns,[22] recognizances,[23] and appeals[24] are among other papers filed. The record of pardons has been required since 1896,[25] but original pardons have been filed from the beginning.

On the sessions docket should be listed separately the cases of the previous term, under the title "Traverses," and cases of the present term, under the title "Calendar." On the contingent docket should be entered "in the sessions, all the rules, bills found in which defendants have not been arrested, and cases struck off, but in which nol. pros. has not been entered, to be called on motion of the solicitor."[26] Since 1911 the defendant's race has been required to be shown.[27]

The sessions journal should contain "a full account of the proceedings of court, ... including motions refused. A short statement of each case called, and manner of disposition, ... record of the names of jurors composing each jury; and all changes therein, and designating the jury who may try each cause under the title thereof, together with an exact copy of their verdict; ... copies of all orders passed or motions granted," "the findings of the grand juries on bills given out, with their other presentments, and sentences of the court on parties convicted; orders of estreat; fines imposed and other matters specially ordered for entry by the court."[28] Since 1850 each volume has been required to have an index.[29]

The record of fines and forfeitures was kept before it was standardized.[30] Record of forfeited weapons was required in 1913.[31]

Reports to the court include annual statements from the county supervisor, itemizing amounts ordered paid, condition of county highways, poor farm, and other business of the office;[32] reports of the solicitor on records and conditions of public offices;[33] reports of the clerk of court on derelict estates;[34] reports of the judge of probate as public guardian;[35] reports of the sheriff on prisoners in the jail awaiting trial,[36] or of the

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20. 1839, Stat. XI, 53; Code 3564.
21. 1836, Stat. VI, 552; Code 944.
22. 1839, Stat. XI, 71; Code 3585.
23. 1839, Stat. XI, 51, 53; Code 1075, 1090.
24. 1880, Stat. XVII, 493; Code 1026.
25. Stat. XXII, 122; Code 3586.
26. 1839, Stat. XI, 72; Code 3586.
27. Stat. XXVII, 86.
28. 1839, Stat. XI, 71; Code 3586.
29. Stat. XII, 63; Code 3586.
30. 1839, Stat. XI, 72; Code 3586.
31. Stat. XXVIII, 198; Code 1257.
32. 1896, Stat. XXII, 246; Code 3824.
33. 1857, Stat. VI, 577; Code 3131.
34. 1873, Stat. XV, 413; Code 8980.
35. 1880, Stat. XVII, 464; Code 8623.
36. 1839, Stat. XI, 35; Code 1948.

coroner when acting as sheriff;[37] reports of the superintendent of education on claims paid from school funds;[38] and reports of the grand jury[39] on conditions in the county or its offices and institutions.

Sessions Cases

98. SESSIONS, 1828--. 5,657 rolls in 115 bundles and 141 pasteboard f. b. (labeled by term of court). Title varies: General Sessions; Sessions Court.

Original papers of cases brought to trial, including arrest warrants, recognizances, presentments, indictments, venire facias, testimony, verdicts, sentences, and general orders; all papers for each case filed together as roll and endorsed, 1828-69, with term of court, roll number, names of parties, cause of action, date bill found, signature of foreman of grand jury, names of attorneys, copy of sentence, date signed, and signature of presiding judge; 1869--, with variations, State, county, court, names of parties and solicitor, "true bill," and signature of foreman of grand jury, names of witnesses, verdict, and signature of foreman, journal reference, and stamped with date filed and name of clerk of court. Arr. approx. numer. by roll no. under term of court. For index, 1829-74, see entry 99; Sessions Journal, entry 114, serves as index 1875--. Hdw., typed, and hdw. and typed on printed form. Bundles, 1 x 4 x 9 to 5 x 4 x 9; f. b., 4 x 4 x 10 to 5 x 5 x 11. 115 bundles, 103 f. b., 1828-1929, bsmt. vault; 38 f. b., 1926--, main vault.

99. SESSIONS INDEX, 1828-74. 1 vol.

Index to Sessions, entry 98, showing name of defendant, offense charged, disposition of case, term when ended, and number on file. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ruled form. 321 pp. 13½ x 9 x 1½. Bsmt. vault.

100. INQUESTS, 1829-30, 1832, 1836, 1838, 1840, 1842, 1844, 1846, 1848, 1851-56, 1858-59, 1861-62, 1864-66, 1869-74, 1876-88, 1890, 1895-1929, 1934-39. 442 inquests in 7 f. b., 4 bundles (4 f. b., 4 bundles dated, 3 f. b. unlabeled). Title varies: Coroners Inquests; Inquisitions.

Original inquisitions of coroner and of magistrate acting as coroner, showing date of death, names of coroner and deceased, verdict of jury, signatures of coroner and jurymen and date signed; also attached summons for jurors and witnesses, doctor's certificates, appointments of special constables, evidence, etc.; endorsed with county, name of deceased, date of inquest, book and page of coroner's record, date filed and signature of clerk of court. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. F. b., 4½ x 4 x 10; bundles, 3½ x 4 x 9. Bsmt. vault.

For transcripts, see entry 268.

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37. 1839, Stat. XI, 55; Code 3569.
38. Stat. XVII, 892; XX, 319; XXII, 158; Code 5321.
39. Stat. XXI, 401; XXVI, 121; Code 626, 2843.

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Sessions Cases

101. SESSIONS CASES SETTLED & NOL PROS, 1828-62, 1866-73, 1875, 1877, 1881-93, 1897-98, 1907, 1915. 1,800 papers in 16 bundles, 1 shelf, and 1 pigeonhole. Title varies: Sessions Nol Pros & Settled; Cases Finally Disposed of - Nol Pros; Sessions Nol Pros; Settled and Nol Pros; State Papers Old.

Miscellaneous papers in criminal cases nol prossed and settled, and other papers for various reasons not filed with sessions rolls, including indictments, warrants, recognizances, notices, testimony, affidavits and bonds; endorsed with State, county, kind of paper or cause of action, names of parties, date filed, and signature of clerk of court; also miscellaneous papers in civil cases. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. Bundles, ½ x 3½ x 8; shelf, 6 x 21½ x 10; pigeonhole, 6 x 6 x 11½. Bsmt. vault.

102. OLD PAPERS OF NO FURTHER USE AND THAT HAVE GONE UP WITH THE CONFEDERACY, 1861-65. 33 cases in 1 bundle.

Original papers filed in criminal cases begun under the Confederacy and evidently abandoned, including arrest warrants, indictments, recognizances, bonds; papers of each case assembled in a package and endorsed with names of parties, cause of action, names of witnesses, names of attorneys; date entered in sheriff's office, date of execution, and signature of magistrate, clerk of court, or sheriff, and itemized costs. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 2 x 3½ x 9. Bsmt. vault.

103. HABEAS CORPUS WRITS (Case Papers), April 13, 1829-Nov. 14, 1873, 1885. 109 cases in 2 bundles, 1 pasteboard f. b.

Original writs, returns, orders or decrees, petitions and affidavits for "suits of habeas corpus;" writs show by whom issued, to whom addressed, name of person detained, date and place to bring prisoner, names of witnesses, signature of petitioner and clerk of court; endorsed with names of parties, character of paper, date filed and signature of clerk of court; date entered sheriff's office, signature of sheriff, itemized costs and receipts for costs. Records, 1885, are attributed to court of common pleas. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. Bundle, 4 x 3½ x 7½; f. b., 5 x 5 x 11. Bsmt. vault.

104. LEDGER (Bonds and Sealed Sentences), 1933-34. 1 vol.

List of cases under bond and having sealed sentences, showing date, case number and defendant's name. Arr. numer. by case no. under term of court. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 600 pp. (67 used) 12½ x 8 x 1½.

105. RULES AGAINST PUBLIC OFFICERS, Sept. 28, 1841-55. 23 papers in 1 bundle (labeled 1844-1854).

Original papers in proceedings on rules to show cause against county officers, especially commissioners of public buildings, roads and bridges, etc., showing name of officer and office, term of court officer must appear, cause of rule, date, and signature of clerk of court; also miscellaneous attached papers, including answers to rule, reports of grand jury, treasurer, and of various commissions; orders of rule, etc.; endorsed with name of officer, character of paper, name of attorney, proof of service with date and signature of clerk of court. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 8 x 3½ x ½. Bsmt. vault.

106. ORDERS, 1847-61, 1866-67, 1869-73, 1888-90, 1894, 1896-1913, 1916-18, 1921-22. Approx. 1,100 papers in 3 pasteboard f. b., 4 bundles. Title varies: Orders in Sessions - Affidavits &c; Orders Old Not in Cases; Orders of Court.

Original general and special orders in court of general sessions, showing term of court, names of parties, signature of presiding judge and date signed. Also contains:

i. Petitions to practice law, 1869, 1872, showing names of petitioner, and presiding judge, date, and signature of petitioner; also order by presiding judge granting permission; also other petitions, 1898;

ii. Letter from board of county commissioners to clerk of court, 1869, committing seal of office to clerk of court;

iii. Resolutions of respect, 1872, 1899; sheriff's report on sale, 1901; transcripts of judgments of supreme court, 1897, 1905; reports of referee, 1896, 1902, 1907;

and affidavits, 1857, 1861, 1869, 1900. Arr. chron. by term of court, 1853-61, 1866-67, 1869-73; no obvious arr., 1847-52, 1888-90, 1894, 1896-1913, 1916-18, 1921-22. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. F. b., 4½ x 4½ x 10 to 5 x 5 x 11; bundles, 1½ x 3½ x 8 to 3½ x 4 x 8. Bsmt. vault.

For other orders, see entries 108, 114, 119.

107. TRIAL JUSTICE CASES (Magistrates' Returns), 1833, 1839, 1848, 1851, 1853-63, 1866-85, 1890, 1893-95, 1898, 1900, 1910, 1931-38. Approx. 1,400 papers in 4 bundles, 1 shelf, 2 cardboard boxes, 1 pigeonhole (3 bundles labeled by years; 1 bundle, 2 cardboard boxes, 1 shelf, and 1 pigeonhole unlabeled).

Miscellaneous original papers returned for preliminary hearings, or for cases appealed from magistrates' courts, including arrest warrants, appearance recognizances, testimony, magistrates' reports, and bonds; cases tried in magistrates' courts endorsed with State, county, names of parties, character of paper, signature of trial justice or magistrate, name of officer making arrest, date of trial, verdict, sentence, and signatures of foreman of grand jury and magistrate; cases for preliminary hearings endorsed with name of parties, character of paper, signature of magistrate and date filed. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. Bundles, 2 x 3½ x 8; shelf, 6 x 21½ x 10; boxes, 9 x 12 x 18 and 5 x 12 x 16; pigeonhole, 6 x 6 x 11. Bsmt. vault.

For docket of cases appealed, see entries 111, 113.

108. PEACE WARRANTS (Sheriff's Returns), 1828-74. 1,171 papers in 16 bundles (4 dated, 12 unlabeled). Title varies: Old Peace Warrants & Recognizances; Peace Warrants and Ca Sa - Sessions.

Original recognizances to insure peace between individuals, showing date, name of magistrate, name of person bound, condition of bond, and signatures of bondsmen and clerk of court; endorsed with State, county, name of defendant, character of paper, signatures of magistrates and defendant, date signed; search warrants, bench warrants; also fi. fa. executions, 1829, 1842, 1847-52; ca. sa. executions, 1830, 1838-41, 1844, 1847-51; sci. fa., 1838, 1840, 1852; rule to show cause, 1840, sessions orders, 1840-41, 1849-50; solicitor's motions, 1843-51. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on

printed form. ½ x 4 x 10 to 4 x 3½ x 9. Bsmt. vault.

For other orders, see entry 106; for other rules to show cause, see entry 119; for sheriff's similar records, see entry 258.

109. BASTARD RECOGNIZANCES, 1829-69. 76 papers in 1 pkg.
Original papers in bastardy, including warrants, appearance and maintenance recognizances. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 3 x 4 x 8½. Bsmt. vault.

110. PARDONS AND PAROLES, 1858-59, 1866-68, 1876-77, 1931--. 1 vol., 1 bundle.
Duplicate and certified copies of pardons, paroles, commutations, and suspended sentences, showing county, term at which convicted, name of presiding judge, date of conviction, name of prisoner, crime, sentence; purpose of pardon, parole, or commuted sentence; date of pardon, etc., signatures or transcribed signatures of Governor and Secretary of State; date recorded and signature of clerk of court. No obvious arr., 1858-59, 1866-68, 1876-77; arr. chron. by date recorded, 1931--. No index, 1858-59, 1866-68, 1876-77; indexed by name of prisoner, 1931--. Hdw. on printed form; duplicates, typed, pasted. Vol., 203 pp. (34 used) 16½ x 11 x 1½; bundle, 1 x 3½ x 8½. Bsmt. vault.

Dockets and Journal

111. SESSIONS DOCKET, spring term, 1855-64; fall term, 1866-spring term, 1868; fall term 1879--. 7 vols. and 3 loose papers (one labeled, 1853-68; 1-6). 1869-79 in Sessions Docket, entry 247.
List of causes docketed for trial, including appeals from magistrates courts, showing with variations, term of court, number of case, number of term, names of prosecutor (solicitor), and prosecuted, offense, names of attorneys, disposition of previous court, and remarks. Also contains three copies of clerk's annual report, 1923, to State Attorney General on persons tried for crime, showing term of court, name of person tried, crime, race, sex, age, verdict, and transcribed signature of clerk of court. Arr. chron. by term of court and thereunder numer. by no. of case. No index. Hdw. on ruled and printed ruled forms; reports, typed on printed ruled form. 188 to 204 double pp. 13 x 8 x 1 to 16 x 11½ x 3. 3 vols., 1853-1917, bsmt. vault; 4 vols., 1918--, main vault.

For other cases appealed from magistrates, see entries 107, 113; for reports of clerk, 1931, see entry 267.

112. CONTINGENT DOCKET, 1842-1901, 1917--. 2 vols. (one unlabeled, 2). No recording fall term, 1842-48; fall term, 1864-65; 1868-March 1869. Last entry September 1938. 1874-Sept. 1880 in (Contingent Docket District Court), entry 248.
List of criminal cases not ended, which may be called on motion of the solicitor, showing term of court, number of case, number of term, name of prosecuted, offense, name of solicitor, order last court, name of defendant's attorney, disposition last court. Arr. chron. by term of court and thereunder numer. by no. of case. No index. Hdw. on ruled and printed ruled form. 105 and 200 double pp. 13 x 8 x 3/4 and 16 x 11 x 1. 1 vol., 1842-1901, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1917--, office.

113. APPEAL DOCKET, 1936--. 1 vol. Last entry June 1938.
List of cases appealed from magistrates' courts to sessions court and from sessions court to Supreme Court, showing number of cause, number of term, names of prosecutor and prosecuted, court appealed from, names of plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys, order last court, and event of suit. Arr. chron. by term of court and thereunder numer. by no. of case. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 201 double pp. (18 used) 15 x 9 x 2.
For other cases appealed from magistrates, see entry 107, 111, 249.

114. SESSIONS JOURNAL, Oct. 1828--. 8 vols. (1, 2, one unlabeled, five dated).
Record of proceedings of court, showing term, date and place of meeting, name of presiding judge, jury lists, jurors excused; presentments of grand jury of true bills; short statement of each case tried, including names of parties, cause of action, names of attorneys, witnesses, jurors, and disposition; transcripts of orders, verdicts, sentences, presentments and report of grand jury, commissions and oaths of clerk of court, shoriff, 1828-56; judges' commissions, 1895-1925; also petitions for Revolutionary War pensions, 1829; for naturalization, 1854-57; also carbon copies of commitments, 1930-34. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index, 1828-57; indexed by name of defendant, 1857--; serves also as Sessions Index, 1875--, entry 99, by showing term. Hdw., typed; commitments, hdw., typed on printed form, pasted. 438 to 761 pp. 12½ x 8 x 2 to 18 x 12 x 3½. 7 vols., 1828-85, 1903--, main vault; 1 vol., 1868-1902, bsmt. vault.
For original petitions for naturalization, see entry 169; for original commitments, 1918-21, 1933--, see entry 260.

Fines and Forfeitures

115. FINES AND FORFEITURES, 1828-38, 1840-67, 1872--. 3 vols.
Record of fines, forfeitures, and license fees collected, showing names of parties, offense, when fined, amount, to whom paid, when collected, by whom collected, total amount, when and to whom paid. Arr. chron. by date fined. No index. Hdw. on ruled and printed ruled forms. 22 to 149 double pp. 16 x 6½ x ¼ to 16 x 11 x 2. 1 vol., 1828-38, bsmt. records room; 1 vol., 1840-1918, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1918--, office.

116. REPORT OF CLERK ON FINES COLLECTED, 1888. 1 paper. 1887 in Supervisor's Reports, entry 118.
Original report by clerk of court to presiding judge on fines collected and forfeitures, showing list of fines collected with names of parties, offense, amount, total amount of fines, and signature of clerk; also receipt by treasurer to clerk for amount of fines collected. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 8 x 3 x 1/16. Bsmt. vault.

117. FORFEITED WEAPONS, 1921--. 1 vol. Last entry 1936.
Record of weapons forfeited to the State, showing by whom forfeited, date received, article, make, brand, caliber, number, other description, and remarks; also record of sales of weapons, showing to whom sold, date, amount received, net proceeds, to whom paid, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date received. Indexed by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 134 double pp. (1 used) 18 x 11½ x 1.

Reports

118. SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS, 1846-87. 234 reports in 1 f. b., 3 bundles. Title varies: Solicitor's Reports on District Offices; Treasurer's Reports - Roads & Publick Buildings.

Original reports to presiding judge, including those:

i. From circuit solicitor on county offices, 1838-66, 1873, including commissioner in equity Pickens District, ordinary, commissioners of public buildings, clerk of court, and sheriff, showing detailed conditions of office and records, and recommendations; endorsed with character of paper and term of court;

ii. From clerk of court, 1869-73, 1877-85, on estate funds in his hands as administrator of derelict estates, showing term of court, name of presiding judge and of clerk of court; itemized receipts and disbursements and balance for each estate, date and signature; also report on jurors' and constables' certificates issued, 1873;

iii. From judge of probate, 1869-73, 1888, on estate funds in his hands as public guardian, showing names of estate, presiding judge and clerk of court, itemized receipts, disbursements, and balance; date and signature;

iv. From sheriff, 1874, 1877-85, 1887, on jail and prisoners awaiting trial, showing date, name of presiding judge, names of prisoners, and signature of sheriff;

v. From commissioners of free schools, 1854, 1856, 1858-62, 1864-65, annual report showing year ending, total receipts, itemized disbursements with names of teachers and amount each received; recapitulation of totals, date and signature of secretary and treasurer of board; endorsed with term of court, names of secretary and treasurer and board, date filed, and signature of clerk;

vi. From school commissioners, 1884-85, annual report on claims filed, audited, allowed, and ordered paid, showing number of school district, name of township, name of payee, amount, and signature of school commissioner;

vii. From soldiers' board of relief, 1862-63, showing total cash received for year, date and amount; date, payee, and amount of disbursements; total receipts, total disbursements, and balance;

viii. From commissioners of roads, bridges and ferries by treasurer, 1843-48, 1852-59, 1861-67, showing date of report; date, source and amount of receipts; date, purpose, and amount of disbursements; balance carried forward and signature of treasurer;

ix. From treasurer of general board, Jan.-Sept. 1846, entry 27½;

x. From commissioners of public buildings by treasurer, 1846-50, 1853-56, 1858-60, 1866-67, showing information as in viii above;

xi. From commissioners of poor by treasurer, 1845-50, 1852-53, 1865-67, showing information as in viii above;

endorsed with term of court, name of secretary and treasurer and of board, of office, date filed; signed C. C. C. P. (clerk of court of common pleas).[40]

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40. In practice no rigid distinction is made in South Carolina between the two circuit courts, and reports to them are not usually filed separately.

Also contains report clerk on fines collected, 1887, entry 116. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on printed form. F. b., 4½ x 4½ x 10; bundle, 3 x 3½ x 9 to 4 x 3½ x 8½. Bsmt. vault.

For other jail reports, see entry 119 ii.

119. PRESENTMENTS OF GRAND JURY - WRITS OF VENIRE &C, 1828-1914, broken dates. 340 papers in 3 bundles, 1 pigeonhole, and 1 manila envelope.

Original presentments of grand jury and reports on offices, 1828-32, 1855, 1837-40, 1843-45, 1847-52, 1854-55, 1859-64, 1866-74, 1876-95, 1899-1912, showing term of court, name of office on which report is made, name of presiding judge, signature of foreman; endorsed with term of court, date filed, and signature of clerk of court. Also contains:

i. General and special orders, 1861, 1864, 1866-67, 1871-85, 1887, 1890-95, 1899-1901, 1903, 1905-6, 1908-9, 1911, 1913-14, showing date, name of solicitor; date and signature of presiding judge; endorsed with term of court, kind of order, and page of journal;

ii. Copy for judge of sheriff's jail report, 1879, 1885, showing date, name of presiding judge, list of prisoners, offense, date committed, by whom committed, and signature of sheriff;

iii. Clerk's appointment of deputy and oath of deputy, 1878, 1905, showing date, and signature of clerk of court and deputy;

iv. Affidavits and release of jurors, 1878-81, 1883, endorsed with court, term, date and name of presiding judge;

v. Discharge by presiding judge of defendant, 1878, showing date and signature of presiding judge;

vi. Resolutions of respect by bar, n. d., and 1874; rule to show cause, 1876; road petition, 1877;

and writs of venire facias, 1888-89, entry 121. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on printed form. Bundles, 3½ x 3½ x 9; pigeonhole, 6 x 6 x 11; envelope, 1 x 4 x 9½. Bsmt. vault.

For other rule to show cause, see entry 109; for other jail reports, see entry 118 iv.

Jurors and Witnesses

120. JURY BOOK, 1880-1928. 2 vols.

List of grand and petit jurors, bailiffs, and special constables, showing term of court, number, name of juror, miles, days, amount; also receipts for papers taken out, showing name of clerk, names of parties, or judgment roll number, and signature of person taking paper. Arr. numer. by no. of juror under grand and petit under term of court. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 145 and 200 pp. 15 x 6 x ½ and 16 x 6 x 1.

121. WRITS OF VENIRE FACIAS, 1828-88, 1890-95, 1898-1900, 1902-12. 353 writs in 6 bundles, 1 manila envelope, 1 pigeonhole (bundles dated; envelope and pigeonhold unlabeled). 1888-89 in Presentments of Grand Jury - Writs of Venire &C, entry 119. Title varies: Venires; Venire Facias.

Original warrants addressed to sheriff to serve notice to jury commissioners to draw and annex a panel of jurors to writ, showing names of jury commis-

sioners, number of jurors to be drawn, date court to be held, date of issue, and signature of clerk of court; certificates of service by sheriff, with date and signature; annexed panel of jurors or list of grand and petit jurors, showing name of court, name of juror, by whom served, how served, when served; certificate by jury commission, showing names of jury commissioners, date jury drawn, where drawn, date of certificate, and signatures of jury commissioners; and sheriff's return, showing class, number and name of juror, how served, by whom served, date signed and signature of sheriff. No obvious arr., 1828-80, 1885-88, 1890-95, 1898-1900, 1902-12; arr. chron. by term of court, 1881-84. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed and ruled forms. Bundles, 1½ x 4 x 9 to 4½ x 4 x 9; envelope, 4½ x 4 x 11; pigeonhole, 6 x 6 x 11½. Bsmt. vault.

122. JURORS PAY BILLS, 1918--. 7 vols. (5 unlabeled, 2 labeled by contained pay bill nos.).

Stub record of pay certificates for grand and petit jurors, bailiffs, court criers, showing number of pay bill, name and kind of juror or other attendant, number days served, rate per day, and total; number miles traveled, rate per mile, total, and grand total. Arr. by no. of pay bill. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 14½ x 13½ x 2. 4 vols., 1918-33, bsmt. vault; 2 vols., 1933-38, main vault; 1 vol., 1939--, office.

123. WITNESSES PAY BILLS, 1918-34, 1939--. 4 vols.

Stub record of pay certificates of State witnesses, showing number of pay bill, date paid, names of parties; time served, rate per day, and total; number miles traveled, rate per mile, and total; total for service and mileage. Arr. by no. of pay bill. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 1,000 stubs per vol. 17 x 14 x 1½. 2 vols., 1918-30, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1930-34, main vault; 1 vol., 1939--, office.

124. (COURT STENOGRAPHER'S NOTES), 1863-64, 1877, 1902-18. 10 bundles in 1 pigeonhole; 2 rolls; 72 bundles and 40 books in 1 wooden box.

Transcripts, 1863-64, and original shorthand notes, 1902-18, of court stenographer, on cross examination of witnesses at trials, endorsed with date, term of court, names of defendant and plaintiff, cause of action, names of presiding judge, attorneys, and court stenographer. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. Pigeonhole, 6½ x 6½ x 19; rolls, 9 x 2 diameter; box, 24 x 16 x 7. Pigeonhole, rolls, 1863-64, 1877, bsmt. vault; box, 1902-18, bsmt. records room.

XII. CIRCUIT SOLICITOR

When created in 1827, Pickens District was served by the solicitor of the western circuit.[1] The county is now in the thirteenth circuit.[2]

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1. Stat. VI, 341.
2. Code 50.

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Circuit Solicitor

The solicitor is a constitutional "officer of the executive department"[3] of the State Government. To be eligible, the candidate must be a registered attorney of the State and a qualified elector of his circuit. He is elected by the voters of his circuit for a term of 4 years.[4] Until 1936 he was required to give a surety bond of $5,000.[5] He takes the oath prescribed for other State officials.[6] The annual salary is $2,400[7] with per diem for actual services during sessions of the General Assembly.[8] Should the solicitor cease to reside in his circuit, the office becomes vacant. All vacancies, by death, resignation or otherwise, are filled for the unexpired term by the Governor upon recommendation of the Senate.[9]

The primary duty of the solicitor is to prosecute offenses against the peace and dignity of the State.[10] He is required to attend the sessions of the circuit courts; to defend the rights of the State in all cases wherein its rights may be involved;[11] to assist the Attorney General in all suits or prosecutions in behalf of the State; to give counsel and advice to the Governor and other State officers in matters of public concern and to attend the sessions of the Legislature to draft and engross the bills and acts.[12] Prior to each term of the court of general sessions, the solicitor prepares bills of indictment for the grand jury, and he prosecutes cases when true bills are rendered. Whenever duty does not require him to prosecute, the solicitor enjoys full liberty to defend any prisoner.[13] In the event of his failure to attend court, the court may appoint pro tem a member of the bar in his place.[14] The Attorney General at his discretion may be present at any trial and take over the management of the prosecution.[15] Since 1837 each solicitor has been required to examine into and report upon the condition of county offices in his circuit.[16]

Although this is not a records office, special laws of 1911 and 1912 placed the rural police of Pickens County under the direction of the solicitor during the term of court and required them to report on the first day of each term of court of general sessions the violations of law and conditions of lawlessness in the county.[17]

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3. Const. 1895, art. V, 29; Code I, 1083, citing State v. Singleton, 84 S. E. Reptr. 989.
4. Const. 1895, art. V, 29.
5. Stat. V, 674; XXXIX, 1456.
6. Code 3042.
7. Code 3127.
8. Code 2060, 3128; Stat. XLI, 2043.
9. 1876, Stat. XVI, 152; Code 3125.
10. Code 3126.
11. Stat. V, 571; Code 3132.
12. Stat. V, 571; VII, 274-75; Code 2060.
13. 1791, Stat. VII, 275; Code 3126.
14. Const. 1895, art. V, 29.
15. 1868, Stat. XIV, 87; Code 3116.
16. Stat. VI, 577; Code 3131.
17. Stat. XXVII, 194, 894.

For reports of the solicitor of the western circuit on the offices and records of Pickens District, see entry 118 i. For his report to the legislature see Reports and Resolutions of the General Assembly of South Carolina, 1840, pp. 118-20; 1845, p. 207.

XIII. GRAND JURY

Although grand jurors are not county officers,[1] the grand jury is a constitutional body that is drawn in each county every year as an essential part of the State court of general sessions.

When Pickens was created in 1827, the tax collector of Pendleton District was directed to prepare the jury list for Pickens and give it to the sheriff of Pendleton District. From this list the circuit judge presiding at the March term of court, was to have 24 names drawn to serve as grand jurors at the first term of court to be held in Pickens.[2]

Under laws then in effect, the jury list included only those residents of the district who had paid a tax the preceding year toward the support of the Government. The grand jury list comprised the "most respectable and independent" of these, 20 of whom were drawn from the jury box by a child under the age of 10; not less than 13 of the 20 were sworn to serve at each term of court.[3] The jury act of 1871 directed a board of jury commissioners to list only "persons of good moral character, of sound judgment, and free from all legal exceptions."[4] By the constitution of 1895, the jury list may include only qualified electors between the ages of 21 and 65,[5] who also must be of good moral character, sound judgment, free from all legal exceptions, and in the ratio of 1 to 3 of the total number in the county. When women became electors, the list was restricted to males.[6] All names on the list are written on uniform slips of paper, which are folded and placed in the jury box.[7] Drawings are public, in the office of the clerk of court, after 10 days' notice of the place, date and hour.[8] Grand jurors are drawn, summoned, and returned in the same manner as trial jurors; and, if they are drawn at the same time, the first 12 are returned as grand jurors. To these are added six drawn from the grand jury of the preceding year, provided that no one may serve for more than two consecutives years.[9] At each term of court the eligibility of jurors should be ascertained by the presiding judge by having them

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1. Code 973, note.
2. Stat. VI, 342.
3. Stat. VII, 234-35, 252.
4. Stat. XIV, 690.
5. Art. V, 22.
6. Stat. XXIII, 1066; Code 608.
7. Code 609.
8. Code 611.
9. Code 973, 976.

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present their registration certificates or other satisfactory evidence to the clerk of court.[10] Members of the grand jury take the constitutional oath.[11] Compensation in Pickens County is $2.50 a day, and mileage for one way travel at the rate of 10¢ a mile.[12]

No person may be tried for crime beyond the jurisdiction of a magistrate except upon presentment or indictment of the grand jury of the county where the crime was committed. The principal duty of the grand jury is to pass upon indictments prepared by the circuit solicitor. These it endorses as "true bill" or "no bill", according to the evidence available. By ancient practice the grand jury examines and reports upon county institutions, making recommendations for improvement. It is also required to examine reports of county officers to the court of general sessions, and the foreman has to witness the annual settlement of financial officers.[13]

The grand jury is not required to keep records apart from the court of general sessions. Presentments of the grand jury are made in an advisory capacity, and may or may not result in improved conditions; see entries 114, 119. Indictments of the grand jury are made in a mandatory capacity and bring the accused to trial; they are filed in sessions papers, entry 98; see also entry 102. Rural police reports in 1911 and 1912 were filed with the clerk of court for the grand jury.[14] For grand jury report on public officers, see entry 105.

XIV. BOARD OF JURY COMMISSIONERS

Under laws in effect when Pickens was created the tax collector prepared the jury list; and, in the absence of the presiding judge, the sheriff and the clerk of court drew the jurors. The officials of Pendleton District performed these duties for Pickens at the time of its organization in 1828.[1] In 1871 the first board of jury commissioners was created, to consist of the county auditor, the chairman of the board of county commissioners, and a commissioner appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for a term of 2 years.[2] In 1893 the board was revised to consist of the auditor, the treasurer, and the clerk of court.[3] From 1896 until 1902, the board of county commissioners performed the duties of jury commissioners.[4] Under the jury law of 1902, now in effect, the board of jury commissioners consists ex

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10. Stat. XLI, 332.
11. Const. 1895, art. III, 26; Code 3042.
12. Stat. XL, 1563.
13. Const. 1895, art. I, 17; Stat. XX, 349; Code 995, 2839.
14. Stat. XXVII, 194, 894.
1. Stat. V, 380; VI, 342.
2. Stat. XIV, 690.
3. Stat. XXI, 524.
4. Stat. XXII, 16; XXIII, 1066.

officio, of the auditor, the treasurer, and the clerk of court.[5] The members are not under bond as jury commissioners, but in case of fraud in the drawing of jurors, they are liable to a fine not exceeding $500, or to imprisonment not exceeding 2 years.[6] The board serves without compensation.[7] Vacancies at the time of duty are filled ex officio by the superintendent of education or the sheriff in the order named, or by an appointee of the presiding judge, according to the number of vacancies.[8]

The jury box is supplied by the board of county commissioners and is in the custody of the clerk of court. The box when closed is without apertures, and is secured with 3 different locks. Each member of the board has one key, each for a different lock, so that all 3 members must be present to open the box. Inside of the jury box is kept a tales box, containing the names of not less than 100 or more than 400 men living within 5 miles of the courthouse, who are qualified to serve as jurors. From the tales box deficiencies may be supplied when necessary during sessions of court.[9]

It is the duty of the board: (1) to prepare annually in December the jury list; (2) to place the names on ballots in the jury box; (3) to give 10 days' notice of the place, date and hour of the drawing of the names from the jury box; (4) to see that all drawings are held in public; (5) to destroy any ballots which may be drawn containing names of electors who have died, moved away, or are not within the legal age limits, or who are not deemed mentally and morally fit.[10] In 1916 it was required "That at the Fall Term of Court for said county of Pickens the Jury Commissioners, upon recommendation of the members of the local bar, may draw 2 panels of petit jurors, the second panel to be summoned to appear for service on Monday following the week assigned for the trial of criminal cases for the trial of civil jury cases.[11]

This is not a records office.

XV. CIRCUIT COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

The court of common pleas in its history and development closely parallels the court of general sessions with which it is associated. It began to hold sessions in Pickens District in 1828 as a unit of the western circuit;[1]

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5. Code 607.
6. Code 1573.
7. Code 624.
8. Code 622.
9. Stat. XXIII, 1066-67; Code 609.
10. Stat. XXIII, 1066-71; Code 608-10.
11. Stat. XXIX, 691.
1. Stat. VI, 343.

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later it was part of the eighth,[2] then of the tenth circuit,[3] and at present is a unit of the thirteenth.[4]

Exclusively for civil cases, the court of common pleas, subject to appeal to the State Supreme Court, has original jurisdiction to issue writs of injunction, mandamus, habeas corpus, and such others as may be necessary to make its powers effective.[5] Since 1868 the court has had chancery jurisdiction in equity cases.[6] When holding sessions in Pickens County, the court has coordinate jurisdiction with "any other like court of any other county except as to territorial jurisdiction." Through constitutional jurisdiction in all civil cases, the court of common pleas has concurrent jurisdiction with the probate court; and with a county court if one should ever be established in Pickens.[7] Through constitutional powers to hear appeals from all inferior courts for which direct appeal to the Supreme Court is not provided, the court of common pleas has appellate jurisdiction from the probate court[8] and from the magistrates' courts. It is authorized to hear and determine any issue on the validity of a marriage contract[9] and to declare void a marriage prohibited by statute. From 1868 until 1878, the court had original and exclusive jurisdiction in divorce,[10] which is now barred by the constitution of 1895.[11] The court also has jurisdiction in cases of adoption and change of name, of homestead, and of partition.[12] Until 1869 the court in Pickens had jurisdiction to determine in a summary way on petition without jury, cases involving sums of less than $100.[13] From the beginning in Pickens, it has also had jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings.[14]

The required records of the court were standardized in 1839.[15] The original papers of record for each case in which judgment is signed are assembled in a package, numbered and filed as a roll. An abstract is entered upon the Abstract of Judgments, and indexed separately by name of plaintiff and by name of defendant. A transcript is made upon the Pleadings and Judgments, which also has the 2 indexes. Cases of confessed judgments are entered upon confessions of judgment.[16] Cases which are enrolled without trial are filed in a separate series. Cases within the summary jurisdiction are filed as Sum Pro rolls and entered upon the Abstracts of Decrees.[17]

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2. Stat. XIV, 8, 9.
3. Stat. XXV, 1003.
4. Stat. XXVIII, 579, 636; Code 50, 63.
5. Const. 1895, art. V, 15.
6. Const. 1868, art. IV, 16.
7. Code 8827; notes Code I, 1068-69.
8. Stat. XIV, 78; Code 228, 794.
9. Stat. XVII, 681.
10. Const. 1868, art. IV, 15; Stat. XV, 30; XVI, 719.
11. Art. XVII, 3.
12. Stat. XVI, 752; XVII, 516; XXI, 78; Code 8676, 8827, 9093.
13. Stat. I, 431; VII, 282.
14. U. S. Department of Labor, Directory of Courts, p. 84.
15. Stat. XI, 71-82.
16. Ibid.; Code 3585, 3586.
17. Stat. XI, 70-73.

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Other papers were required in 1839 to be filed under the heads of Bonds in Attachment, Bonds in Trover, Certificates from Appeal Court, of Magistrates' Appeals, Commissions, Reports, De Lunatico Inquirendo, Insolvent Debtors, Naturalization, Returns of Garnishee, Estrays, Dower, Partition, Escheats, Affidavits, Attachments for Contempt, and Rules.[18] The Book of Orders Appointing Receivers of Judgment Debtors dates from the civil code of 1870.[19] Index to Undertakings[20] and Record of Attachments are current requirements.[21]

Appraisals of stray cattle which are taken up and sold for damages, and Book of Estrays are still required[22] but cases now seldom occur.

The dockets include Calendar 1 for cases on issues of fact to be tried by a jury; Calendar 2 for cases on issues of law to be tried by the judge; and Calendar 3 for cases not defended, wherein judgment is by default. On the Bar Calendar all three calendars are entered for the use of the bar.[23] The Summary Process Docket and Writ of Inquiry Docket were required in 1839.[24] Calendar 6 was transferred in 1884 to Calendar 3.[25] Cases involving title to real estate are required to be entered immediately upon a special record[26] which serves notice to the public that no subsequent title can be recognized until this claim is settled. The Appearance Book was required in 1839.[27] The File Docket is now the Rules Book.[28]

The Common Pleas Journal was not required to be indexed until 1850.[29] Upon the Miscellaneous Index was required to be entered the names of aliens who had begun naturalization proceedings; of persons who had petitioned the court under the Insolvent Debtor's Act; of free persons of color who applied for guardians; and of persons for whom proceedings de lunatico inquirendo may have been instituted.[30]

Records of estates include those of derelict estates administered by the clerk of court[31] and reports of the judge of probate as public guardian.[32]

In 1844 each board of commissioners in all districts was required to file a written report to the presiding judge on the first day of each fall term, on "all transactions connected with its administration."[33]

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18. Stat. XI, 71.
19. Stat. XIV, 494.
20. Circuit Court Rule 2, Code I, 1241.
21. Code 548.
22. Stat. XI, 77; Code 3586.
23. Stat. XI, 72; XIV, 482; XVIII, 41; Code 3586.
24. Stat. XI, 72.
25. Stat. XVIII, 587.
26. Stat. XIV, 455; Code 432.
27. Stat. XI, 73.
28. Stat. XI, 71; Code 3586.
29. Stat. XI, 71; XII, 63; Code 3586.
30. Stat. XI, 73.
31. 1873, Stat. XV, 413; Code 8980; see entry 118 ii.
32. 1880, Stat. XVII, 464; Code 8627, 8630; see entry 118 iii.
33. Stat. XI, 295; see entry 118.

Case Papers and Indexes

125. JUDGMENT ROLL, 1828-61, 1866--. 8,018 cases in 64 "cardboard binders," 169 f. d. (57 binders, 165 f. d. labeled by contained roll nos.; 7 binders, 4 f. d. unlabeled). Title varies: Judgments. Original papers of civil causes, 1828-68, in which judgment obtained by verdict, by confession, and by default; cases in partition, dower, and escheat; all causes, 1869--, in which judgment, decree, or order has been signed, confessed, or entered by default, and transcripts of judgments from circuit courts in other counties, from magistrates' courts, and from U. S. District Courts; including declarations, answers, exhibits, testimony, affidavits, writs, returns of commissioners in partition and dower, orders, rules, taxed costs, verdicts, judgments, confessions before clerk, as in entry 130; endorsed, 1828-68, with county, roll number, names of parties, cause of action, book and page of record, name of plaintiff's attorney, date declaration filed, date ordered for judgment, date judgment signed, amount of judgment, itemized costs, date from which interest due, date filed and signature of clerk of court; 1869--, roll number, names of parties, cause of action, signature of clerk of court, book and page of Journal; and book and page of Pleadings and Judgments. Arr. numer. by roll no. For index, 1828-80, see entries 127, 128; for index, 1880--, see entry 126. Hdw., typed, and hdw. and typed on printed form. Binders, 1½ x 4½ x 14 to 4 x 4½ x 14; f. d., 10½ x 5 x 13½. Binders, 1828-61, 1866-68, bsmt. vault; f. d., 1869--, main vault.

126. ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENTS, 1828--. 5 vols. (one dated, 1-4 and dated). Abstracts of judgments, 1828-68, obtained by verdict, confession, and by default; of all causes, 1869--, in which judgement, decree, or order has been signed, confessed, or entered by default, and transcripts of judgments from circuit courts in other counties, from magistrates' courts, and from U. S. District Courts; showing with variations, roll number, names of parties bound to discharge payment, names of parties having right to enforce payment, date of judgment, amount adjudged; attorney's, clerk's, sheriff's, witnesses', and total costs; aggregate amount of judgment and costs; kind and date of execution, date satisfied, date transcript filed, assignment made, etc. Arr. numer. by serial no. For separate index, 1828-80, see entries 127, 128; indexed, 1880--, in vol., (front) by name of plaintiff, (back) by name of defendant; also serves as index to Judgment Roll, entry 125, by showing roll no. Hdw. on ruled form, 1828-80; printed ruled form, 1880--. 99 to 298 double pp. 18 x 12 x 2 to 19½ x 14 x 3. 1 vol., 1828-80, bsmt. vault; 4 vols., 1880--, main vault.

127. DIRECT INDEX TO JUDGMENTS, Oct. 1828-80. 1 vol.
Direct index to Judgment Roll, entry 125 and to Abstract of Judgments, entry 126, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, and roll number. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on ruled form. 478 pp. 19 x 8 x 2. Bsmt. vault.

128. CROSS INDEX TO JUDGMENTS, 1828-80. 1 vol. 1880-- in Abstract of Judgments, entry 126.
Cross index to Judgment Roll, entry 125, and to Abstract of Judgments, entry 126, showing names of defendant and plaintiff, and roll number. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ruled form. 478 pp. 18 x 8 x 2. Bsmt. vault.

129. PLEADINGS AND JUDGMENTS, 1828-51, 1856--. 29 vols. (1, 2, 4-30). Title varies: Record Book.

Transcripts of judgments and other papers of civil causes in which judgment obtained by verdict, by confession, and by default, including, 1828-68, declarations, replications, demurrers, warrants, notes, bonds, receipts, taxed costs, orders, and confessions before clerk, as in entry 130; 1869--, complaints, answers, petitions, certificates of service, acceptance of service, testimony, exhibits, notices, orders by clerk of court, bonds, undertakings, agreements, assignments; also reports, 1880--, by special referee and master; proceedings in partition, homestead, and appointment of guardian ad litem; at end of each case is date judgment signed. Also contains reports on sales by clerk, 1878-88, 1919-21, entry 151. Arr. chron. by date judgment signed. No index, 1828-68, 1879-89; by name of plaintiff, 1869-79, 1889--. Hdw. and typed. 445 to 800 pp. (loose-leaf, 1934--) 15 x 9½ x 3 to 18 x 12 x 3½. 11 vols., 1828-51, 1856-68, 1879-1912, 1914-27, bsmt. vault; 18 vols., 1869-79, 1911--, main vault.

130. CONFESSIONS BEFORE CLERK, 1856-67, 1877-79. 1 vol. (B).

Originals, 1856-67, transcripts, 1877-79, of judgments confessed by debtors before clerk, showing names of parties, date, amount of interest on debt, amount of judgment, date sworn before clerk; also copies of notes given by defendants to plaintiffs with date, amount, rate of interest, date due, and transcribed signature of defendant. Arr. chron. by date of confession or date sworn. No index. Hdw. 224 pp. (62 used) 13 x 8 x 1. Bsmt. vault.

For other originals, see entry 125; for other transcripts, see entry 129.

131. CASES SETTLED BEFORE JUDG(men)T (Roll), 1827-55, 1858, 1879-88. 303 cases in 14 bundles. Title varies: Cases Stopped Before Judgment.

Original papers in causes settled between parties before trial, including declarations or complaints, copies of notes and other miscellaneous exhibits, writs, affidavits, bonds, etc.; endorsed with county, roll number, names of parties, cause of action, name of plaintiff's attorney, date declaration filed, itemized costs; original receipts for costs; original receipts by plaintiffs for debt. Arr. numer. by roll no. No index. Hdw. 1½ x 4½ x 14 to 4 x 4½ x 14. Bsmt. vault.

132. DISCONTINUED - COMMON PLEAS CASES ENDED, 1820-1931, broken dates. 3,015 papers and 40 cases in 11 pasteboard f. b., 1 shelf, 1 trunk, 4 pigeonholes, 3 bundles (6 f. b. dated; other containers unlabeled). Title varies: Old Executions; Exemplification; Petition to Have Name Changed; Old Summons, Complaints, &C; Town Election Cases and Other Cases Not Recorded; Cases Settled and Not Recorded.

Miscellaneous papers in civil causes settled out of court or for various reasons not filed with judgment roll, including declarations, summonses, complaints, answers, exhibits, notices, affidavits, reports; also old executions, 1820-22, 1830-33, 1836, 1898-99; certified copies of exemplification (acknowledgment by clerk of plaintiff's statements of defendant's indebtedness), 1839; cases not served, not found, sum pro, 1856, 1859, 1861, 1863, 1866-68; certificate of intention to become a citizen, 1860; petitions to have name

changed, 1860, 1866; release of dower, 1866, original cases appealed and abandoned, 1887, 1899, 1901-3, 1914-18, 1921-23; old summons and complaints, 1869, 1871-77; transcripts of judgments from Supreme Court and magistrates' courts, 1897-99; petitions, 1898-99; reports of referees, 1896, 1902, 1907; resolution of respect, 1899; cases compromised, 1902-5, 1910-15; town election cases and other cases not recorded, 1908-13, 1917; civil cases settled and not recorded, 1910-14; notes, 1931. Also contains summary processes settled before judgment, 1855-67, entry 137; subpoena writs, 1856-61, 1866-68, 1870-71, 1892-94, 1922, entry 141; foreign attachment and trover bonds, 1856, 1866-68, entry 142; magistrates' appeals, 1867, entry 146. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. and typed on printed form. F. b., 4⅓ x 4½ x 10 to 5 x 5 x 11; shelf, 6 x 21½ x 10; trunk, 9½ x 11 x 17; pigeonhole, 6 x 6 x 11½; bundles, ¼ x 4 x 8 to 3 x 3½ x 8½. Bsmt. vault.

133. SUM(mary) PRO(cess) (Roll), 1829-68. 4,165 papers in 86 bundles. Original papers of decrees in minor cases involving sums of $100 and less, tried by the judge in a summary way without a jury, and in which decree has been entered by confession and default, including summary process and fieri facias execution, copies of notes, subpoena writs, and affidavits; all papers pertaining to each cause are assembled in a package and endorsed with name of district, roll number, names of parties, cause of action, date filed, date service proven and signature of clerk, date decree signed, date entered sheriff's office and signature of sheriff, amount of decree and itemized costs, date from which interest due, and signature of clerk of court, itemized and total costs; date and kind of executions issued. Arr. numer. by roll no. For index, see entries 135, 136. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. 2½ x 3½ x 8½ to 3 x 4 x 9. Bsmt. vault.

For other summary process cases, see entries 132, 137, 138.

134. ABSTRACTS OF DECREES, 1828-68. 1 vol.
Abstracts of various causes involving sums of $100 and less, disposed of in various ways, usually by presiding judge without jury, showing roll number, names of parties, cause of action, names of attorneys, date of decree, amount of decree, time of interest, how decree obtained; attorneys', sheriff's, witnesses' and total costs; kind of execution and date issued, sheriff's return, date of renewal, and satisfaction. Arr. numer. by roll no. For indexes, see entries 135, 136. Hdw. on ruled form. 160 double pp. 19½ x 14 x 2. Bsmt. vault.

135. DIRECT INDEX TO DECREES, 1828-68. 1 vol.
Index to Abstracts of Decrees, entry 134, and to Sum(mary) Pro(cess) (Rolls), entry 133, showing names of parties, and roll number. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on ruled form. 479 pp. (239 used) 19½ x 8 x 2. Bsmt. vault.

136. CROSS INDEX TO DECREES, 1828-68. 1 vol.
Index to Abstracts of Decrees, entry 134, and to Sum(mary) Pro(cess) (Rolls), entry 133, showing names of parties, and roll number. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ruled form. 478 pp. (239 used) 19½ x 8 x 2. Bsmt. vault.

137. SUM(mary) PRO(cess) SETTLED BEFORE JUDGMENT, 1828-69. Approx. 3,000 papers in 1,000 cases in 2 bundles. Title varies: Sum Pro Abated; Sum Pro Settled.
Original papers of proceedings within the summary jurisdiction in causes in-

volving sums of $100 and less, settled or abated out of court, including summary process executions, affidavits, copies of notes, etc., showing county, names of parties, cause of action, amount involved, name of plaintiff's attorney, date entered in sheriff's office and signature of sheriff; date service proved and signature of clerk of court; date of receipt of debt and signature of plaintiff; date receipt of costs and signature of sheriff; also contains miscellaneous writs in debt in trespass, etc., and summary process decrees out of place. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. 3/4 x 3½ x 8½ to 6 x 4½ x 9. Bsmt. vault.

For other summary process cases, see entries 132, 133, 138.

Writs

138. SUMMARY PROCESS (Returnable), 1846-80. 1 vol. No recording 1862, 1864-66, 1870-77.

List of summary processes returnable by sheriff to following term of court, 1840-68, showing term of court to which returnable, number of process, names of parties, amount of action, name of plaintiff's attorney, disposition of process. Also contains docket of causes at issue, district court, 1867, and one list, n. d.; list of causes at issue, circuit court, 1869; copy of agreement by attorneys, 1867, with names of attorneys, date, and transcribed signatures; original receipts to clerk of court for papers taken out of office, 1878-80. Processes and docket, arr. numer. by no. of cause under term of court; receipts, chron. by date. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on ruled form. 182 double pp. 11 x 8 x 1. Bsmt. vault.

For other district court dockets, see entries 247-249.

139. WRITS OF PARTITION TO DIVIDE REAL ESTATE &C, 1829-30, 1871, 1874. 1 bundle.

Original papers in partition of real estate, 1829-30, 1874, including petitions, writs, summonses, proceedings in appointment of guardian ad litem, verified returns of commissioners appointed to divide property, and orders, showing names of parties, title of cause, dates of proceedings, signatures of petitioner's attorney, commissioners and clerk of court; acceptance of service, and signature of persons on whom papers served; also original constable's bond, 1871. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. Bsmt. vault.

140. WRIT BOOK, 1873-90. 1 vol. No recording 1875-76, 1878-79, 1883-85, 1887-89.

Clerk's record of civil papers served by sheriff, showing names of parties, kind of process, kind of action, when entered, by whom served, when served, miles traveled in service, and sheriff's costs. Arr. chron. by date entered. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 192 double pp. (9 used) 19 x 12 x 2½. Bsmt. vault.

141. SUB(poena) WRITS, 1829-30, 1833-58, 1874-75. 900 papers in 6 bundles in 1 pigeonhole. Title varies: Old Papers Taken Out of Declarations. 1856-61, 1866-68, 1870-71, 1892-94, 1922 in entry 132.

Original subpoena writs for witnesses, showing names of persons summoned, name and term of court, place of meeting, on whose behalf to testify, date,

and signature of attorney. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. $6\frac{1}{2}$ x $6\frac{1}{2}$ x 19. Bsmt. vault.

Attachments

142. FOREIGN ATTACHMENT & TROVER BONDS, 1823, 1827-46, 1848-53, 1855-61, 1864, 1866-67. 623 papers in 8 bundles (2 dated, 6 unlabeled). Title varies: Domestic Attachments Settled &C; Attachments Settled; Trover Bonds. 1856, 1866-68 also in Discontinued - Common Pleas Cases Ended, entry 132.

Original bonds given by plaintiff about to sue for attachment of goods, to insure defendant against illegal procedures, showing names of plaintiffs and defendants, date, amount, and condition of bond, and signatures of bondsman and witnesses; also original attachment bonds, fieri facias on appeals from magistrates' courts, and trover bonds, showing names of parties, amount of bond, date sealed and signed by plaintiff, condition of obligation; endorsed with name of district, names of parties, date filed, and signatures of clerk and plaintiff's attorney. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. $\frac{1}{4}$ x 3 x 8 to 4 x 4 x 9. Bsmt. vault.

143. RETURNS OF GARNISHEE IN ATTACHMENT, 1844, 1847, 1852-53, 1856, 1858-61. 36 papers in 2 bundles. Title varies: Return of Garnishee.

Original returns of persons on whom notices of garnishment were served, showing names of parties, date sworn, and signatures of persons garnisheed, and clerk of court; endorsed with county, names of parties, title of paper, name of garnishee, date filed, and signature of clerk. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 8. Bsmt. vault.

144. LIEN FORECLOSURES, 1872-84. 75 cases in 1 pasteboard f. b.

Original warrants to seize crop under lien, showing original affidavit by plaintiff before clerk of court to obtain warrant, with date, name of plaintiff, cause of action, signature of plaintiff, date, and signature of clerk of court; and order to seize crop, with name of defendant, amount due, date and signature of clerk of court; also attached are original liens, receipts, bonds, etc.; endorsed with county, names of parties, character of paper, date entered sheriff's office, and signature of sheriff. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 5 x 5 x $11\frac{1}{2}$. Bsmt. vault.

145. OLD PAPERS, COMMISSIONS &C, 1835-37, 1842-43, 1845-47. 74 papers in 1 bundle, 1 f. b.

Miscellaneous original papers, including foreign attachments; orders; trespass to try title; affidavits; summonses; and commissions to take testimony, which include the writ, commissioners' oaths, clerk's oath, instructions to commission to take deposition, interrogatories and answers, testimony, verified return of commissioners and orders. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. Bundle, 4 x 4 x 9; f. b., 5 x 5 x 11. Bsmt. vault.

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Magistrates; Sales

Magistrates
(See also entries 238-241)

146. MAGISTRATES' APPEALS, 1827, 1834, 1838, 1840-43, 1845-47, 1852-61, 1866, 1883-84, 1920-23. 126 causes in 3 bundles, 2 pasteboard f. b. Title varies: Appeal Cases Decided. 1867 in Discontinued - Common Pleas Cases Ended, entry 132.

Original papers in civil causes appealed from magistrates' courts, including summonses, complaints, appeal bonds, accounts and other exhibits, magistrates' reports on cause; endorsed with names of parties, name of magistrate, amount of judgment, date and signature of magistrate. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. Bundle, 1 x 3½ x 9 to 3 x 3½ x 9; f. b., 4½ x 4½ x 10. Bsmt. vault.

147. (MISCELLANEOUS MAGISTRATE COURT PAPERS), 1850, 1852, 1854-61, 1866-87, 1894, 1897, 1899, 1900. 690 papers on 1 shelf.

Original papers in civil causes from magistrates' courts, including summonses, notices, testimony, warrants, attachment bonds, etc.; also magistrates' returns to court of common pleas; endorsed with State, county, court, names of parties, cause of action, kind of paper, judgment, itemized costs, signatures of magistrates, and affidavits of service, with date and signature of sheriff. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., typed, hdw. and typed on printed form. 6 x 21½ x 10. Bsmt. vault.

148. ESTRAYS, 1828-63, 1867, 1872-75, 1877-79, 1894. 169 papers in 3 bundles (2 unlabeled, 1 dated). Title varies: Notices of Estrays Filed.

Original reports by magistrates on stray stock taken up and disposed of by them, showing description of animal, date and by whom taken up; also original or duplicate proceedings by appraisers, with date and signatures of appraisers; disposition of animal; endorsed with kind of estray, date taken up, signature of magistrate, date filed and signature of clerk of court. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. 3 x 3 x 8 to 1/8 x 4 x 9½. Bsmt. vault.

149. BOOK OF ESTRAY, 1840-79, 1914, 1930-34. 2 vols. Title varies: Estrays.

Record of estrays, showing with variations, date of entry, kind, description by appraiser, name of appraiser, valuation, by whom taken up, when sold, and disposition of proceeds. Also contains records of collections of back taxes, 1930-34. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ruled, and printed ruled forms. 100 and 154 double pp. 16 x 10 x 3/4 and 15 x 10 x 1. 1 vol., 1840-79, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1914, 1930-34, bsmt. records room.

For other record of back taxes, see entry 324.

Sales

150. SALES BOOK, 1878-1932. 7 vols. (1, 1-6). Overlapping dates. Title varies: Fines and Forfeitures; Clerk's Sales; Sales; Sales Master's Office.

Record of clerk's sales under court order and accounts of receipts and disbursements of funds derived from sales, showing with variations for receipts

the title of cause, name of attorney, terms and date of decree, names of plaintiff and defendant, interest of parties, amount of sale (cash, credit, total, name of purchaser), costs, fees, etc. (of plaintiff's attorney, of defendant's attorney, referee, clerk, clerk's commission, sheriff, advertising, auctioneer, State and county taxes, stenographer, and total, net cash proceeds, total cash on bid); clerk's accounts, showing date, to amount cash from sales, date, by amount paid and receipted for (original receipts) with amount, date, name of clerk of court and signature of receiver; also attached, 1920-32, tax receipts, bills for fees, deposit slips, machine tabulations, canceled checks, etc. Arr. chron. by date of sale. Indexed by name of defendant, 1878-83; by name of plaintiff, 1881-1932. Hdw. on ruled form, 1878-1920; printed ruled form, 1920-23; printed form, 1924-32. 349 to 400 pp. 16 x 10½ x 2 to 18½ x 12 x 2½. 5 vols., 1878-1920, bsmt. vault; 2 vols., 1921-32, main vault.

For commissioner in equity's sale book, see entry 195; for master's sale book, see entry 200; for clerk's memorandum of sales, see entry 248; for sheriff's sale book, see entries 56, 257.

151. REPORT ON SALE BY CLERK, 1932--. 1 vol. 1878-88, 1919-21 in Pleadings and Judgments, entry 129; 1889-1917, 1922-30 in Common Pleas Journal, entry 166.

Transcripts of reports by sheriff, master, and clerk of court on sales of real estate under court order, showing roll number, names of parties, authority for sale, date of sale, to whom sold, amount of judgment and credit by sale, balance or deficit; book and page of reference where distribution of funds is recorded, and transcribed signature of sheriff, master, or clerk of court; date recorded and signature of clerk of court; also transcripts of orders confirming sale, with signature of presiding judge and date. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 592 pp. (275 used) 15½ x 10 x 2½.

Calendars

152. COMMON PLEAS CALENDAR NO. 1, 1843--. 5 vols. (A-C, 2 unlabeled). Title varies: Issue Docket.

List of civil causes to be tried by jury, showing term of court, number of cause, number of term, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, date of note of issue, names of plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys, disposition last court and remarks. Arr. chron. by term, and thereunder numer. by no. of case. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 94 to 250 double pp. 13 x 8 x ½ to 16 x 11 x 2. 3 vols., 1843-1913, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1914-32, office; 1 vol., 1933--, main vault.

153. COMMON PLEAS CALENDAR NO. 2, 1858--. 5 vols. (A-D and dated, 1 unlabeled).

List of issues of fact, 1872-82, of issues of law, 1882--, to be tried by court, showing name of presiding judge, term of court, number of case, number of term, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, date of note of issue, names of plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys, and disposition last court. Also contains writ of enquiry docket, 1858-70, entry 160. Arr.

chron. by term and thereunder numer. by no. of case. No index. Hdw. on ruled form, 1858-80; printed ruled form, 1881--. 160 to 239 double pp. 14½ x 8½ x 1½ to 16½ x 11 x 2. 4 vols., 1858-1930, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1930--, main vault.

154. COMMON PLEAS CALENDAR NO. 3, 1881--. 2 vols. (A and dated, 1 unlabeled). Vol. A also has additional title, Issues of Law to Be Tried by Court. 1873-74, March 1879 in (Contingent Docket), entry 248.

List of cases in which judgment goes by default, showing term of court, number of case, number of term, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, date of note of issue, names of plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys, disposition last court. Arr. chron. by term and thereunder numer. by no. of case. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 238 double pp. 16 x 10½ x 2. 1 vol., 1881-1920, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1921--, main vault.

155. BAR CALENDAR, 1843--. 6 vols. (A-F). No recording 1872. Last entry 1895. Title varies: Bar Docket; Contingent Docket, Bar Docket.

List for use of the bar of civil cases on all calendars, 1843-95, including criminal dockets, 1843-69, showing term of court, number of case, number of term, names of parties, cause of action, names of plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys, or prosecutor and prosecuted, 1843-69; order last court, and event of suit. Arr. chron. by term and thereunder numer. by no. of case for each calendar. No index. Hdw. on ruled form, 1843-76; printed ruled form, 1876-95. 100 to 318 double pp. 12½ x 9 x 1 to 16 x 11 x 2½. Bsmt. vault.

156. CALENDAR NO. 4, 1873-80. 1 vol.

List of supplementary and special proceedings, rules to show cause and other motions set down for argument, showing term of court, number of case, number of term, names of parties, cause of action, names of plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys, order last court, and event of suit. Arr. chron. by term and thereunder numer. by no. of case. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 100 double pp. (40 used) 14 x 8½ x 1. Bsmt. vault.

157. COMMON PLEAS CALENDAR NO. 5, 1881-82. 1 vol. 1872-80 in Calendar, entry 249.

List of cases in foreclosure, and relief, usually appeals from trial justices' courts, showing term of court, number of case, number of term, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, date of note of issue (no entry), names of plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys, disposition last court, and event of suit. Arr. chron. by term and thereunder numer. by no. of case. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 239 double pp. (14 used) 16 x 10½ x 1½. Bsmt. vault.

158. COMMON PLEAS CALENDAR NO. 6, 1872-84. 2 vols.

Docket of cases in which judgment goes by default, cases in money demand, and relief, showing with variations term of court, number of case, number of term, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, date of note of issue (no entry), names of plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys, disposition last court, and remarks. Arr. chron. by term and thereunder numer. by no. of case. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 161 and 240 double pp. 14 x 9½ x 1 and 16 x 11 x 2. Bsmt. vault.

159. SUM(mary) PROCESS DOCKET, 1848-69. 3 vols.
List of cases $100 and less to be disposed of in various ways, usually by presiding judge, showing term of court, number of case, number of term, names of parties, cause of action, names of plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys, order last court, and event of suit. Arr. chron. by term and thereunder by no. of case. No index. Hdw. on ruled form, 1848-60; printed ruled form, 1861-69. 100 to 180 double pp. 13½ x 8½ x 1 to 14 x 9 x 1½. Bsmt. vault.
For rolls, see entry 133.

160. WRIT OF ENQ(uiry) DOC(ket), 1843-57. 1 vol. 1858-70 in Common Pleas Calendar No. 2, entry 153.
List of writs of inquiry in civil cases, showing term of court, number of term (number times on docket), number of case, names of parties, cause of action, names of plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys, order last court, and event of suit. Arr. chron. by term and thereunder by no. of case. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 100 double pp. 13 x 8 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

161. BILL DOCKET (and Jail Book), 1869-84. 1 vol. No recording 1874-82.
List of bills in equity for hearing in court of common pleas, 1869-73, showing term of court, number of cause, term (number times on docket), names of complainants and defendants, cause of action, names of plaintiffs' and defendants' solicitors, order last court, and remarks. Also contains record of United States prisoners, 1883-84, showing number of prisoner, term of sentence and amount of fine, names of prisoners, cause of commitment, by whom committed, when committed, from when dieted, when discharged, how discharged, number of days, rate per day, turnkey bill, amount, remarks, etc., as receipts to sheriff by deputy for funds received; and original periodical accounts of sheriff with United States Marshal for dieting prisoners, showing amount, period of dieting, date of account, name of United States Marshal, and signature of sheriff; and receipt by sheriff, with date, amount, name of Marshal and signature of sheriff. Dockets, arr. chron. by term and thereunder by no. of case; sheriff's record, arr. numer. by no. of prisoner under quarter and chron. by date committed. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 127 double pp. (47 used) 18 x 11½ x 1. Sheriff, office.
For other records of Federal prisoners, see entries 252, 261.

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162. (NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION), 1872, 1877, 1880, 1883-1918. 345 notices in 1 pigeonhole.
Original notices that action involving titles to real estate has been commenced and is pending, showing county, names of parties, cause of action, date of mortgage, when and where recorded, description of property, signatures of plaintiff's attorney, and clerk of court, date signed or filed. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 6 x 6 x 11. Bsmt. vault.

163. NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION, 1916--. 4 vols. (1-4). 1876-94 in Minute Book (Commissioner), entry 187.
Transcripts of notices, showing information as in entry 162, and if satisfied, satisfaction in full, date satisfied, date recorded, signature of clerk

of court. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed (front) by name of plaintiff; (back) by name of defendant. Hdw. and typed. 320 to 506 pp. 18½ x 12 x 2 to 2½.

Appearance and File Books

164. APPEARANCE BOOK, 1846-69. 1 vol.
Original statements signed by attorneys that they will appear to represent parties in cases instituted by writ, showing names of parties, cause of action, signature of plaintiff's attorney, term of court, and signature of defendant's attorney. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. 198 pp. (30 used) 13 x 8½ x ½. Bsmt. vault.

165. FILE DOCKET, 1840-69, 1874--. 4 vols. (1, three unlabeled).
Title varies: Book of Rules.
Record of civil papers filed, showing, 1840-69, names of parties, names of plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys, date of filing declaration, date of rule to plead, date of plea or demurrer, date of rule to reply, replication, further pleas by leave, order for judgment; 1874--, file number, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, stamped date of filing, kinds of papers filed, name of defendant's attorney, answer to demurrer, date of filing, orders, and date of order. Arr. chron. by date of filing declaration, 1840-69; numer. by file no., 1874--. No index, 1840-69, 1874-94, 1932--; indexed by name of plaintiff, 1894-1932. Hdw. on ruled form, 1840-69; on printed ruled form, 1874--. 125 to 198 double pp. 15 x 10 x 1 to 17 x 14 x 1½. 1 vol., 1840-69, bsmt. vault; 2 vols., 1874-32, main vault; 1 vol., 1932--, office.

Journal

166. COMMON PLEAS JOURNAL, 1828--. 19 vols. (A-C, E, FG, H, four dated, 7-15). Overlapping dates.
Record of proceedings of court, showing, 1828-84, date and place of meeting, name of presiding judge, list of jurors; short statement of each case, with names of parties, cause of action, and disposition of case giving amount of decree or judgment; transcripts of orders of presiding judge, 1828--, and of decrees, 1872--, showing date, names of parties, transcribed signature of judge, date recorded, and transcribed signature of clerk of court; and miscellaneous transcripts, 1872--, including affidavits, notices, petitions, rules, and proceedings in receivership. Also contains report on sale by clerk, 1889-17, 1922-30, entry 151. Arr. chron. by date of meeting, 1828-84; by date signed or recorded, 1885--. No index, 1828-43; by name of plaintiff, 1843--. Hdw., 1828-1907; typed and hdw., 1907-30; typed, 1930--. 400 to 787 pp. (loose-leaf, 1930--) 12 x 8 x 2 to 18½ x 12 x 3. 7 vols., 1828-1907, bsmt. vault; 12 vols., 1907--, main vault.

Petitions

167. MISCELLANEOUS INDEX, 1837-60. 1 vol.
Index to original papers filed in proceedings entered Lunatico de Inquirendo, entry 177; to Guardian Free Persons Colour, entry 89; to Schedules, entry

168; to Petitions for Naturalization &C, entry 169, showing name of petitioner, date filed, numbers of box and paper. Arr. alph. by name of petitioner. Hdw. on ruled form. 346 pp. (36 used) 13½ x 8 x 1. Bsmt. vault.

168. SCHEDULES, 1829-34, 1837-47, 1849, 1851-53. 250 schedules in 5 bundles (4 labeled by file and schedule nos., 1 unlabeled).
Original petitions for benefit of prison bounds act, showing to whom addressed (commissioner of special bail), where prisoner confined, date, and signature of prisoner; and verified schedule of property, showing itemized list with value of each article and total value; date of oath, and signature of petitioner; reverse shows assignment of property giving name of plaintiff to whom assigned, date, and signature of prisoner. Papers for each case assembled in a package and endorsed with file number, schedule number, name of prisoner, date filed, and signature of clerk of court. Arr. numer. by schedule no. under file no. No index, 1829-34, for index, 1837-60, see entry 167. Hdw. 8 x 3 x 3 to 4. Bsmt. vault.

169. PETITIONS FOR NATURALIZATION &C, 1851-60, 1868-69, 1871. 116 papers in 2 bundles.
Original naturalization papers, including petitions, showing name of presiding judge to whom addressed, name of petitioner, occupation, where born, year arrived in U. S., date declaration of intention filed, before whom declaration made, from whom allegiance renounced, and signature of petitioner; also affidavits of character, showing name of petitioner, number years petitioner known to citizen making affidavit, age of petitioner on arrival in the United States, signatures of citizen and person before whom sworn; and oath of allegiance, showing name of petitioner, date sworn, and signatures of petitioner and clerk; also notices of intention to become citizen; endorsed with county, name of petitioner, title of paper, date filed and signature of clerk of court. Arr. numer. by file and petition nos. For index, 1837-60, see entry 167; no index, 1868-69, 1871. Hdw. on printed form. 1 x 3½ x 8 and 3 x 3½ x 8. Bsmt. vault.
For record, 1854-57, see entry 114.

Derelict Estates
(See also entries 118ii, 177, 188)

170. (DERELICT ESTATES), 1872, 1879, 1882-85, 1887. Approx. 30 papers in 1 manila envelope.
Miscellaneous papers of clerk of court as administrator of estates, including letters of administration, warrant of appraisement, bonds, exhibits, accounts, and letters dismissory. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form, hdw. 11 x 4½ x ½. Bsmt. vault.

171. ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES, 1897-1916. 1 vol. Subtitled by name of clerk of court.
Record of derelict estates with clerk of court as administrator, showing the date, source, and amount of receipts; the date, purpose, and amount of disbursements; total; also original receipts for disbursements with name of clerk of court, date, amount, purpose, and signatures of payee. Arr. chron.

by date of entry or receipt. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 158 pp. (22 used) 18 x 11½ x 1. Bsmt. vault.

For commissioner in equity's record, see entry 188.

Costs

172. DAY BOOK, 1922-32. 2 vols. Title varies: Ledger.
Record of costs and of fees for recording in civil causes, showing name of company or roll number, date, number, amount, and total; and itemized expenditures with date, purpose, amount, monthly totals and balance carried forward. Arr. chron. by date of entry under fees and costs and expenditures. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 186 to 300 pp. 12 x 7 x ½ to 15 x 6 x 1. Bsmt. vault.

173. (CIVIL COSTS), 1842-51. 1 vol.
Record of costs in civil cases, showing date, names of parties, itemized costs, and total for each case. Arr. chron. by date of case. No index. Hdw. 182 pp. 15 x 6½ x ½. Bsmt. records room.

174. (CANCELED CHECKS), 1920-22. 146 papers in 1 bundle.
Original canceled checks by clerk of court for distribution of various funds entrusted to him, showing date, name of payee, amount, and signature of clerk. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 1 x 3 x 8. Bsmt. vault.

Letters

175. LETTERS, 1875-76, 1878-82, 1887, 1919-22. 2,050 papers in 1 bundle, 1 wooden box.
Miscellaneous letters to clerk of court. Arr. approx. chron. by date of letter. No index. Hdw., typed. Bundle, 1½ x 2½ x 8; box, 12 x 18 x 13½. Bsmt. vault.

XVI. COURT OF EQUITY (defunct)

The State constitution of 1790 vested all judicial power in such superior and inferior courts of law and equity as the Legislature might establish.[1] In 1791 the former laws regulating the court of chancery were continued in force, and the tribunal became a circuit court for "solemn hearings" at stated times by chancellors who rode the circuits.[2]

Upon the organization of Pickens District, the court of equity was authorized to sit annually at Pickens Courthouse on the Friday after the third Monday after the fourth Monday in May for two days if necessary.

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1. Art. III, 1.
2. Stat. VII, 258-60.

(Next entry 176, p. 114)

Pickens became part of the first equity circuit, and the commissioner for Pendleton District continued serving both Anderson and Pickens Districts from his office in the village of Pendleton until the next session of the Legislature, when a commissioner for each district was elected.[3]

The constitution of 1868 abolished the court of equity and gave chancery jurisdiction to the court of common pleas.[4] On January 1, 1869, suits then pending in the court of equity were transferred to the court of common pleas and to the probate court.[5]

Equity jurisdiction brought before the chancellor cases of accident, fraud, general guardianship of infants, specific performance, and trust. Statutory jurisdiction included mortgages. Delegated jurisdiction was concerned with idiots and lunatics.[6] The court was " considered as always open for administering justice"[7] but no suit in equity might "be sustained in any case where plain and adequate remedy" could be had in a law court.[8] Cases involving sums of less than £100 and cases which might "not be litigated" were instituted by petition. Cases of greater importance were begun by bill of complaint.[9] The court of equity for Pickens was invested with "the same powers and jurisdiction, held and exercised by the several courts of equity in this State."[10]

The chancellors were chosen by joint ballot of the Sentate and House of Representatives, and commissioned by the Governor "during good behavior, removable, nevertheless, on the address of both Houses of Assembly." Before entering upon duty, each took and subscribed "the oath of fidelity to the State," and an additional oath administered by "the Governor or Commander-in-chief," to well and truly serve the people of the State, doing equal right to "great and small, high and low, rich and poor, according to equity, and good conscience, and the laws and usages of South Carolina, without respect of persons." If a chancellor executed the office without being qualified as directed, he forfeited £10,000 sterling. When qualified, he was vested with "all the powers and authorities which have been at any time vested in or exercised by a court of Chancery in this State."[11] The salary in 1827 was $3,500.[12]

The register functioned as clerk at the solemn hearings of the court. He was appointed by the Governor and commissioned during good behavior.[13]

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3. 1827, Stat. VI, 342.
4. Art. IV, 16.
5. Stat. XIV, 10.
6. Notes by Thomas Cooper, in Stat, II, 752.
7. Stat. VII, 209.
8. Stat. VII, 260.
9. Stat. VII, 259.
10. Stat. VI, 342.
11. Stat. VII, 208.
12. Stat. VI, 348.
13. Stat. VII, 209.

A commissioner appointed and commissioned by the Governor, during good behavior, carried on the routine work of each district office. The commissioner had to give security approved by the Governor for £1,000.[14] The first commissioner of Pickens District was elected by joint ballot of both houses of the Legislature.[15] He filed bills, answers and other papers, and performed all duties usually performed by a register or a master prior to hearings. He was authorized to grant writs of partition, to appoint guardians ad litem, and to make orders of reference, subject always to review at the next session of the court.[16] His power to issue writs and attachments was similar to that of a judge at chambers.[17] Each commissioner was required to attend court, to take down orders and minutes, to report upon matters referred to him, and to make sales under decree of the court. When a district had sufficient business to warrant it, a master was appointed as well as a commissioner. Compensation was on a fee system regulated by law.[18] Apparently the duties and the fees for the register, the commissioner, and master were similar; and the offices were usually combined as the "master and commissioner," and as the "register and commissioner," a separate series of records being required for each combination.[19]

Methods of filing original papers and recording them were standardized in 1840, when bills, petitions, writs, and other classes of instruments were filed separately by years and indexed in a General Index. Money Decrees constituted a separate series recorded on an index.[20] In 1850, the law was amended to provide that all papers relating to each case should be packaged and filed as Bill or Petition, according to the way instituted.[21]

Required records of the court in 1821 included a receivers' Bond Book and an Account Book.[22] Volumes for masters and commissioners in 1840, included a Bond Book, Book of Guardians' and Trustees' Accounts; a Stock Book, an Account Book, a Sales Book, and a master's and commissioner's Minute Book. The registers and commissioners kept a General Index, Index to Money Decrees, Minute Book of the court, a Decree Book, a Report Book, a File Book, an Appearance Book, and such dockets as the court prescribed.[23]

In 1869 records of estates were required to be transferred to the probate court and case records to the court of common pleas.[24] In Pickens County the Petitions, entry 177, are the only records deposited with the judge of probate and are in his vault. All other records are in the clerk of court's basement vault, except the Stock Book, entry 192, in his office. For decretal titles and related equity records, see entry 29.

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14. Stat. VII, 258-59.
15. Stat. VI, 342.
16. Stat. VI, 412.
17. Stat. VII, 306.
18. Stat. VII, 259.
19. Stat. XI, 114-19.
20. Stat. XI, 115-17.
21. Stat. XII, 60-61.
22. Stat. VII, 323.
23. Stat. XI, 114-18.
24. Stat. XIV, 10.

Case Records

176. BILLS (Chancery Rolls), 1830-69. 213 rolls in 28 pkgs. in 28 pigeonholes (pkgs., 1-28).
Original papers of causes instituted by bill of complaint, and entered on the Docket Book (Bills), entry 182, for hearing by the chancellor, including answers, amendments to bills, interpleaders; subpoenas, notices, affidavits, proceedings in partition of real estate, opinions, reports of commissioner in equity, orders, decrees, and bills of costs. Papers relating to a cause are assembled in a roll and endorsed with names of State, district, court, and parties, cause of action, name of complainant's solicitor, date filed and signature of commissioner in equity. Arr. numer. by pkg. no. For indexes, see entries 178, 181. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. Pkgs., 5½ x 5 x 14½; pigeonhole, 6 x 6 x 19.

177. PETITIONS (Chancery Rolls), 1832-70. 1,801 papers in 5 f. d.
Original papers of causes involving sums of $100 and less, 1835-60, docketed on Petition Docket, entry 183 and instituted by ex parte petitions, showing name of court, date of term of court, names of parties, cause of action, solicitor for petitioner, date filed, and signature of commissioner in equity. Attached to each petition are reports of commissioner in equity, final order, and other papers in the cause; also papers of causes referred to the commissioner and for estates under his charge, including:

i. Petitions for guardianship, 1836-68, showing names of court, district, petitioner, ward, and solicitor for petitioner, date of petition, signatures of petitioner and witnesses, date filed, and signature of commissioner in equity, with attached orders of reference to commissioner; and guardianship bonds, 1836-38;

ii. Returns of guardians and trustees, 1836-70, showing names of wards and guardians, date of return; itemized receipts and disbursements, date sworn and signatures of guardians and commissioner in equity;

iii. Annual reports by commissioner in equity on appointments of guardians, 1832-38, 1852-60, 1866-68; on defaulting guardians, 1832-35; on derelict estates, 1860, 1864; on estates in his hands, 1833-36; 1841-61, 1866-68; on sales, 1840; 1842-49, 1856; on funds, 1838-39; on bonds in trust to him, 1840;

iv. Receipts, 1831-46, 1848-49, 1851-55, 1857-58, to commissioners in equity by heirs, attorneys, etc., for distributive shares, showing date, names of estates and commissioner in equity, purpose, amount, and signature of persons receiving money;

and miscellaneous loose papers, including rules to show cause, 1833, 1837-38, 1845, 1866-67; letters of guardianship, 1833, 1841, 1853, 1863; money bond, 1841; writ de lunatico inquirendo, 1845, bills, 1854, 1857, 1860; appointment of a solicitor, 1857; estate papers, 1857-58, 1860, 1864; answer, 1857; return of commission to examine witness, 1858; exhibits, n. d. Papers evidently disarranged in transfer, and now no obvious arr. For index, see entry 177. Hdw., hdw. on ruled and printed ruled forms. 10½ x 5 x 13½. Judge of probate, vault.

For other records of estates, see entries 187-195, 201.

178. GENERAL INDEX, 1830-69. 1 vol. (1).
Index to Bills, entry 176, and to Petitions, entry 177, showing names of

defendants and complainants, class or kind of papers, year and number. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 396 pp. (21 used) 18 x 11½ x 3.

179. FILE BOOK, Feb. 7, 1842-Aug. 28, 1868. 1 vol.
List of bills, petitions, answers, and other papers filed with commissioner in equity as case proceeded, showing title of cause (names of parties), description (cause of action), and date of filing. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed by names of plaintiffs or parties ex parte. Hdw. on ruled form. 141 pp. (71 used) 15½ x 10 x 1.

180. DECREE BOOK, July 1832-Nov. 30, 1868. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Transcripts of decrees and orders, showing term of court, names of parties, cause of action, signature of chancellor and date signed. Arr. chron. by date signed. Indexed by name of plaintiff. Hdw. 196 and 500 pp. 15½ x 10 x 1 and 2.

181. INDEX TO MONEY DECREES, 1847-77. 1 vol. Additional title: Past Indebtedness of Pickens County Record.
Index to money decrees (4 entries), 1847, 1853, 1857, 1860, filed in entry 176, showing names of defendants and complainants, class of paper, year, number. Also contains record of past indebtedness: claims due, 1871-76, paid, 1874-77, showing name of claimant, character of claim, number, date paid, date filed; also serves as an index to record of claims paid, entry 8, by showing claim number. Arr. alph. by name of defendants, 1847-60; by name of claimant, 1871-77. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 200 double pp. (26 used) 18 x 11½ x 2.
For similar records, see entry 223.

Dockets

182. DOCKET BOOK (Bills), June 1841-Jan. 1, 1869. 1 vol.
List, evidently for use of court, of bills of complaint for hearing in court, showing term, date, number of cause, number of term, names of parties, cause of suit, complainant's and respondent's solicitors, order last term, and order or decree present term. Arr. chron. by term of court and thereunder numer. by cause no. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 100 double pp. 15½ x 10 x 1.

183. PETITION DOCKET, July 1832-March 1871. 2 vols. (dated, 1).
1832-54 has additional title: Minutes of Court of Equity.
List of causes instituted by petition to be heard in court of equity, 1844-54, 1856-68; in court of common pleas, 1869-71; showing term of court, date, number of cause, number of term, names of parties, cause of action, names of solicitors for petitioner and respondent or defendant, order last term, order present term. Also contains minutes of the court, 1832-43, entry 186. Arr. chron. by term of court and thereunder numer. by cause no; minutes, arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw., hdw. on ruled form. 200 double pp. 13 x 8½ x 1.

184. BILL BAR DOCKET (Pasted Title), 1860-68. 1 vol. (dated).
List, for use of bar, of causes (bills) to be tried, showing term of court,

numbers of cause and term, names of parties, kind of action, names of attorneys and order last court. Arr. chron. by term of court and thereunder numer. by cause no. No index. Hdw. 252 pp. (65 used) 12 x 7½ x 1.

185. PETITION BAR DOCKET, 1860-68. 1 vol. (dated). No recording 1861-63, 1865.
Lists for use of bar, of petitions for hearing, court of equity, showing term, date, number of cause, names of parties, names of attorneys and disposition of cause. Arr. chron. by term of court and thereunder numer. by petition no. No index. Hdw. 74 double pp. (10 used) 12 x 7 x ½.

Minutes

186. MINUTE BOOK (Register's), July 6, 1832-Mar. 29, 1870. 2 vols. (dated, 2). 1832-43 also in Petition Docket, entry 182.
Record of proceedings at solemn hearings by the chancellor, 1832-66; by presiding judge court of common pleas, 1869-70, showing date, time and place of meeting, name of chancellor or judge, names of parties, record of business transacted; also transcripts of orders of the chancellor and presiding judge, showing names of parties, cause of action, transcribed signature of chancellor or presiding judge, date signed; transcripts of commissions of commissioners in equity, 1832, 1867. Minutes, arr. chron. by date of meeting; orders by date signed. Indexed by name of plaintiff. Hdw. 252 and 332 pp. 15 x 9½ x 1 and 14 x 8½ x 2.
For other orders of chancellor, see entry 196.

187. MINUTE BOOK (Commissioner's), Oct. 17, 1854-94. 1 vol. (1).
Transcripts of orders by commissioner in equity, 1854-68, showing names of parties, cause of action, transcribed signature of commissioner in equity and date signed. Also contains notice of pendency of action, 1876-94, entry 162. Arr. chron. by date signed. Indexed by name of plaintiff, 1854-68; by name of defendant, 1876-94. Hdw. 576 pp. (269 used) 13½ x 10½ x 2½.

Estates
(See also entries 118 ii, 177, 188, 202-223)

188. DERELICT ESTATES (Pasted Title), 1858-68. 1 vol. (dated).
Transcripts of inventories and appraisements of personal property of derelict estates, for which commissioner in equity acted as administrator or appointed administrator with will annexed, showing names of deceased; list of articles and value of each, total value of estate; and oaths of appraisers, with date and transcribed signatures of appraisers; also transcripts of sale bills of personal property of derelict estates, showing itemized sales and total amount of sale, transcribed signature of "clerk," and date certified; and commissioners accounts with or returns on derelict estates, showing for receipts: date, source, amount; for disbursements: date, purpose, amount; balance on hand and where deposited, and transcribed signature of commissioner in equity Pickens District, administrator; and certificate of audit by ordinary, date, and signature of ordinary. Arr. alph. by name of estate, and chron. thereunder by date of entry. Hdw. on ruled form. 500 pp. (42 used) 15½ x 10 x 2.
For clerk of court's records, see entry 170.

189. (MISCELLANEOUS ESTATE PAPERS), 1853-54, 1856-64, 1867, 1870, 1873. 50 pkgs., 2 bundles in trunk.
Miscellaneous papers of estates in hands of commissioner in equity, including vouchers, receipts, exhibits, money bonds, assignments, taxed costs, reports of commissioner to court. Papers of an estate are assembled in a package and endorsed with name of estate, date filed, signature of commissioner in equity. Also contains Confederate money. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form, engraved. 9 x 12 x 19½.

190. ESTATE ELEANOR J. WALKER, 1873. 1 vol. in trunk.
W. W. Russel, committee, in account with estate of Eleanor J. Walker, showing date, source, amount, and total debits; date, name of payee, amount and total credits; balance, and signature of W. W. Russel. Arr. chron. by date of entry under debit and credit. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 100 pp. (2 used) 11 x 7 x ½.

191. BOND BOOK, 1835-66. 1 vol.
Transcripts of guardians', trustees', and committees' surety bonds to commissioner in equity for faithful performance of duties, and of injunction and money bonds, showing names of parties bound; date, amount, and conditions of bond; date signed, and transcribed signatures of principals, sureties, and witnesses. Arr. chron. by date signed. Indexed by name of person bonded. Hdw. 250 pp. (125 used) 15½ x 10 x 1½.

192. STOCK BOOK, 1840-53. 1 vol.
Inventory of investments (stocks, bonds, notes) of estate funds, in hands of commissioner in equity, showing name of estate, date, names of parties, when due, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed by name of estate. Hdw. on ruled form. 130 double pp. (8 used) 15 x 10 x 1½. Clerk of court, office.

193. GUARDIANS AND TRUSTEES' ACCOUNTS, 1841-68. 2 vols. (one unlabeled, 2).
Transcripts of guardians', trustees', and committees' annual accounts to commissioner in equity on trust funds, showing names of fiduciaries, wards, and commissioner in equity; year of return; itemized receipts and disbursements, totals, and balance carried forward; and oath of fiduciary, name, date proved, and transcribed signature of fiduciary, and signature of commissioner in equity. Arr. chron. by year of return or date proved. Indexed by name of fiduciary. Hdw. on ruled form. 259 and 605 pp. 15 x 10 x 1 and 14 x 9 x 1½.

194. ACCOUNT BOOK, Nov. 5, 1838-94. 2 vols. Title varies: Book of Accts. Coms. Office.
Accounts of commissioner in equity, 1838-68, clerk of court, 1869-94, with estates of lunatics, minors, or their guardians, showing name of estate, name of account, receipts: date, source, amount, total receipts; disbursements: date, purpose, amount, total disbursements; also original receipts by heirs, attorneys, or fiduciary for distributive share in estate, and by officer for costs, fees, etc., showing date, amount, name of estate, purpose, signature of person giving receipt. Arr. by accts. and thereunder chron. by date of entry. No index, 1838-41; indexed by name of estate, 1841-94. Hdw., hdw. on ruled form. 75 and 128 double pp. 12½ x 7½ x 1 and 15 x 10 x 1½.

195. SALE BOOK, Dec. 25, 1842-Oct. 5, 1868. 2 vols. (one unlabeled, 1). Transcripts of reports to court on sales of real estate by commissioner in equity for partition, foreclosure, and relief, showing names of parties, cause of action, date of sale, description of property; amount of sale, costs, and balance; terms of sale, and transcribed signature of commissioner in equity, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed by name of plaintiff or party ex parte. Hdw. 250 and 336 pp. 15 x 10 x 1½ and 16 x 10½ x 2.

For common pleas sale book, see entry 150; for master's sale book, see entry 200.

196. REPORT BOOK, July 6, 1832-Oct. 13, 1868. 3 vols. (one dated, one unlabeled, 2). No recording June 23, 1837-June 19, 1839. Title varies: In Equity - Book of Decrees & Reports.
Transcripts of annual reports by commissioner in equity to the court on estates in his hands by virtue of office; on appointment, release, or change of guardians; on returns of guardians; on references; and on sales; also record of time and place of meeting of court, and transcripts of orders and decrees by chancellor, 1832-37, 1839-41. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index, 1832-41; indexed by name of plaintiff, estate, minor, lunatic or parties ex parte, 1841-68. Hdw., hdw. on ruled form. 156 to 662 pp. 13 x 8 x ½ to 15 x 10 x 2½.

For other orders of chancellor, see entry 186.

Costs and Receipts

197. (COMMISSIONER'S COSTS AND RECEIPTS), Dec. 3, 1823-Aug. 8, 1838. 1 vol.
Record of costs for reference, issuing papers, recording etc., by commissioner, showing date, purpose, and amount; also record of receipts or original receipts for costs, attorneys' fees, and amount received from sale of land, showing date, by whom given (attorney's heirs, etc.), to whom (commissioner in equity), purpose and amount, signature of person giving receipt. Arr. by acct. and thereunder by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 29 pp. 12½ x 9 x ¼.

198. COST BOOK, 1858-71. 1 vol. No recording 1861-68.
Memorandum by commissioner in equity of costs, showing year, name of person, and amount. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. (50 used) 6 x 3½ x ½.

199. DRAFT (Check Stubs), 1870. 1 vol.
Stub record of checks for estate funds, showing name of bank, number of check, amount, name of payee, and name of estate. Arr. numer. by check no. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 90 pp. (6 used) 4½ x 12 x 5/8.

XVII. MASTER

The office of master was originally attached to the court of equity.[1] When the court of equity was abolished in 1868, the trial of civil cases by

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1. Stat. VII, 164-65.

referee was provided for in all counties and attached to the court of common pleas.[2] The clerk of court had ex officio powers as referee[3] until 1933, when a special law for Pickens County devolved the powers and duties performed ordinarily by a master upon the tax collector. Before assuming the duties of office he must post an additional bond of $5,000.[4] The salary for the combined offices is $1,800 a year.[5]

The jurisdiction, powers and duties of the master are broad, but all of his orders are subject to revision by the presiding judge at the succeeding term of court or by the resident judge at chambers. The master relieves the court docket by hearing and reporting on matters referred to him, usually foreclosures and other routine matters.[6] Under court order, he has hearings of cases praying equitable relief, and he may grant orders for partition of estates and admeasurement of dower, but these are valid only when not contested.[7] He has power to compel the attendance of witnesses, to punish for contempt, to administer oaths, and to take affidavits.[8] He attends the sittings of court in all cases in which he has acted officially; he makes such sales as the court may order in granting equitable relief; and he executes such titles as may be necessary.[9] In Pickens County the master is not allowed to practice law or to be a partner of any one engaged in the practice of law in any civil case before the probate court, the court of common pleas, or the Supreme Court.[10]

The tax collector as master makes an annual report to the court of common pleas of all estates in his charge, showing full accounts of money received and paid, with vouchers for such transactions.[11] He is also required to keep a reference book for recording all proceedings in the hearings he holds, and a ledger for the accounts of funds in his hands.[12] The records listed below are in the tax collector's office.

200. MASTER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S SALE BOOK, 1933--. 2 vols. (dated). Title varies; Tax Collector's Sale Book.
Record of foreclosures, partitions, and master's sales, showing names of parties, roll number, description of property, date sold, to whom sold, amount of sale, name of sureties (no entry), and disbursement of proceeds; also original receipts including tax receipts, and receipts for costs, sales proceeds, distributive shares, etc., showing date, purpose, amount, and signature of person giving receipt. Also contains delinquent land sales, entry

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2. Stat. XIV, 135.
3. 1884, Stat. XVIII, 835; Code 5590.
4. Stat. XXXVIII, 17.
5. 1941, Stat. XLI, 2693.
6. Code 654; Circuit Court Role 16, Code I, 1246.
7. 1840, Stat. XI, 114; Code 3696, 3698.
8. 1840, Stat. XI, 110, 115; 1909, XXVI, 90; Code 3697.
9. 1840, Stat. XI, 109; Code 3692.
10. 1840, Stat. XI, 121; Code 3690.
11. 1840, Stat. XI, 113, 118; Code 3701; see entries 129, 151.
12. 1893, Revised Stat. I, 852; Code 3702.

343. Arr. chron. by date of sale or receipt. Indexed (front) by name of plaintiff; (back) by name of defendant; no index for receipts. Hdw. on printed ruled form; pasted. 251 double pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For common pleas sale book, see entry 150; for commissioner in equity's sale book, see entry 195; for duplicate receipts, see entry 201.

201. DUPLICATE RECEIPT BOOK, 1935--. 1 vol.
Carbon copy of receipts by master to person purchasing land at sales, showing number, date, amount, purpose, and signature of master. Arr. numer. by no. of receipt. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 1,000 receipts. 11 x 8 x 1

For original receipts, see entry 200.

XVIII. JUDGE OF PROBATE

When Pickens was first organized, this office was held by an ordinary who was elected by the people of the district.[1] In 1833 the term of office was made 4 years and the bond was fixed at $8,000.[2] The constitutions of 1861 and 1865 did not effect any change. The constitution of 1868 replaced the court of ordinary with a probate court,[3] which combined the functions of the defunct court of ordinary in matters testamentary and of dower with those of the defunct court of equity in regard to guardians and trustees, and which, by legislative enactment, became a civil court of record.[4] The constitution of 1895 made the probate court dependent upon the General Assembly in all counties except Charleston, where alone it remains a constitutional court.[5]

The probate court has original jurisdiction in matters testamentary and of administration, in business pertaining to minors and allotment of dower, in cases of idiocy and lunacy, and of persons not able to take care of their own affairs.[6] In 1824 the ordinary was authorized to order sale for division of real estate not to exceed $1,000;[7] but in 1882 partition of real estate "in all cases" was placed under the court of common pleas.[8] The judge of probate now has concurrent jurisdiction to order sale of real property as an asset for debt.[9] Appeals are to the court of common pleas.[10]

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1. Stat. VI, 343.
2. Stat. VI, 484.
3. Art. IV, 20.
4. 1868, Stat. XIV, 76.
5. Art. V, 19.
6. Const. 1868, art. IV, 20; Code 208.
7. Stat. VI, 248-51.
8. Stat. XVII, 982; Code 8828.
9. Stat. XV, 868; Code 9000.
10. 1870, Stat. XIV, 434; Code 228.

Proceedings in the probate court are instituted by petition or by complaint;[11] and the rules of practice are made by the State Supreme Court in all cases not provided by law.[12]

The judge of probate is nominated in the primary[13] and elected by the voters of the county in each alternate general election for a term of 4 years.[14] In 1938 the fee system was abolished in Pickens County and the judge of probate was put on a salary basis,[15] which is now $1,650 a year.[16] Legal training is not necessary for the candidate, but he is required to be a qualified elector of the county and may not hold another office of honor or profit.[17] He is commissioned by the Governor.[18] Before performing the duties of his office he posts a surety bond of $5,000[19] and takes the oath prescribed by the constitution of 1895,[20] and the additional oaths to enforce the laws against gaming, dueling, and sharing the profits of the office.[21] When a vacancy occurs, the clerk of court takes charge[22] until the Governor appoints a judge.[23] Vice versa, the judge of probate takes charge of the clerk of court's office during a vacancy there.[24] The judge of probate is ex officio clerk of the board of honor, and may become a member when the number of veterans is reduced to one.[25]

The duties of the judge of probate are chiefly concerned with the transmission of property and with domestic relations. When a document is offered the court as the last will and testament of a deceased person, it is the duty of the judge to prove its genuineness before admitting it to probate in common form or in due form.[26] After a written petition is filed for appointment as a fiduciary, the judge issues a citation to kindred and creditors of the deceased to show cause, if any, why letters should not be granted to the petitioner. The citation is exhibited on the courthouse door, and published once a week for two successive weeks in a county newspaper.[27] If no objection is filed, the petitioner must post a bond of two or more sureties,[28] and take an oath in open court.[29] He receives authority to act from letters

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11. 1870, Stat. XIV, 435; Code 237.
12. 1870, Stat. XIV, 435; Code 238.
13. 1915, Stat. XXIX, 170; Code 2365.
14. 1833, Stat. VI, 484; Code 3640.
15. Stat. XL, 1826.
16. Stat. XLI, 2693.
17. Const. 1895, art. II, 2.
18. Code 3042; see entry 61.
19. Code 3645.
20. Art. III, 26.
21. Code 3645.
22. 1839, Stat. XI, 79; Code 3642.
23. Const. 1895, art. V, 11; Code 3641.
24. 1850, Stat. XII, 63; Code 3578, 3643.
25. Stat. XXXI, 277, 1100; Code 4978-87.
26. Stat. XI, 40; Code 8932.
27. 1839, Stat. XI, 40; Code 8972.
28. Code 8975.
29. Code 8974.

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of administration if the deceased died intestate; from letters testamentary if the fiduciary is named in the will; from letters of guardianship if the heir is a minor; from letters of committeeship if the heir is non compos mentis; or of trusteeship if a trust is created by the will.[30] The judge may grant temporary letters while any other prerequisite legal steps are being taken.[31]

When a will has been probated, or application has been made for letters of administration, the fiduciary is required to make an inventory of the deceased's estate, which is appraised upon oath by three property owners, who make a return to the judge of probate.[32] The fiduciary then publishes a notice to creditors to render their accounts against the estate.[33] If the assets are not sufficient to cover the debts, the judge of probate may sell enough of the estate to satisfy such debts.[34] He is required to file all papers, and to enter the amount of the sale in his cash book.[35] Fiduciaries must make an annual return of the receipts and expenditures of an estate.[36] When their duties have been completed, the judge of probate, upon application, issues letters dismissory.[37]

When no guardian can be found the judge of probate must act as such and make a report to the court of common pleas.[38] When an estate is derelict because no administrator or executor makes application for letters, the judge of probate must appoint the clerk of court to act as fiduciary.[39] The judge may settle personal estates of $500 or less "without the requirement of an administration," and without reporting to the State Tax Commission.[40] Since 1923, he has been required to file with the county auditor descriptions of real estate changing hands by inheritance.[41] Under certain conditions he may commit insane persons to the State Hospital;[42] orphans to the Carolina Orphan Home;[43] and incorrigible children to reformatories.[44]

The required records of this office were standardized in 1839. Original papers of record relating to an estate are filed together in a package and indexed alphabetically by name of estate in a book, showing the location of the package.[45] He is also required to keep an index to lands devised by

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30. 1839, Stat. XI, 39-43; Code 3648, 8968.
31. 1930, Stat. XXXVI, 1224; Code 8973.
32. 1839, Stat. XI, 42; Code 3648, 8987.
33. 1789, Stat. V, 111; Code 8993.
34. 1842, Stat. XI, 232; Code 9000.
35. 1839, Stat. XI, 48; Code 3648, 9007.
36. 1839, Stat. XI, 47; Code 3648, 9012.
37. 1869, Stat. XIV, 263; Code 3648.
38. 1880, Stat. XVII, 463; Code 8623, 8627; see entry 118 iii.
39. 1873, Stat. XV, 413; Code 8980; see entry 118 ii.
40. 1925, Stat. XXXIV, 93; Code 9028.
41. Stat. XXXIII, 117; Code 227.
42. 1870, Stat. XIV, 436; Code 6226-27.
43. 1913, Stat. XXVIII, 764; XXXVII, 1160; Code 4976.
44. 1912, Stat. XXVIII, 764; Code 247.
45. Stat. XI, 47-48; Code 3650.

will, showing a short description of the property.[46] Transcripts of estate papers are required to be made in separate volumes for each series, of wills, inventories (with appraisements and sales), bonds, letters, and returns of administrators and guardians, each book with an "index to the sir-names of the parties."[47] Since 1922, the judge of probate has been required to send to the State Tax Commission a copy of the fiduciary's statement of the names of the heirs and the value of each estate;[48] and he files a duplicate of the statement and the certificate of payment from the State Treasurer[49] with the estate papers after recording on a register.[50] A statement of the surviving partners as to assets and liabilities of a firm has been required since 1924.[51] His cash books must show accounts with individual estates, and always be open to inspection as a public record.[52]

In addition to records of estates, the judge of probate is required to keep a file book for papers filed in any suit in his court; a calendar or docket of cases; a journal for every judgment, sentence, decree, determination, denial, or order made by him in his official capacity; and an index to his decrees for the payment of money, which he must enroll in the court of common pleas to give them the force of judgments against estates concerned.[53] The probate judge is required to keep a real estate book.[54]

A record of commitments in lunacy is kept for convenience, without statutory requirements.

Since 1911, the judge of probate has issued marriage licenses and has been required "to record and index same in books kept for the purpose."[55] An act of 1933 permitted the recording of marriages which occurred prior to June 30, 1911. The judge of probate is required to keep a separate record and file such record after proof of marriage.[56] In 1919, as clerk of the county pension board,[57] disbursing State pensions to veterans, widows, and faithful servants of the Confederacy, he kept pension records which he continued when this board was replaced by the board of honor in 1920.[58] Under the "quart a month" law of 1917,[59] the judge of probate kept affidavits and records of permits he issued to import intoxicants from "wet" states, until the 18th amendment to the Federal Constitution went into effect January 1,

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46. Stat. XVIII, 131; Code 3648.
47. Stat. XI, 47-48; Code 3650, 8987.
48. Stat. XXXII, 807; Code 2489.
49. Stat. XXXII, 811; Code 2488, 2495.
50. Code 2501.
51. Stat. XXXIII, 955; Code 8988.
52. 1839, Stat. XI, 48; Code 3648.
53. 1839, Stat. XI, 48; XVI, 711; Probate Court Rule I, Code I, 1237; Code 241, 3648.
54. 1839, Stat. XI, 48; Code 3648.
55. Stat. XXVII, 131-33; Code 8557-61.
56. Stat. XXXVIII, 261.
57. 1919, Stat. XXXI, 277.
58. Stat. XXXI, 1100; Code 4978-87.
59. Stat. XXX, 70-71.

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1919. Upon National repeal in 1933, the record was revived until a State law of 1935 repealed State prohibition.[60]

The probate judge of Pickens County is also required to keep in duplicate, accounts of all fees collected by him and paid over to the county treasurer, to file one copy in his office, and to deliver to the county treasurer one sworn copy.[61]

Records are in the judge of probate's vault unless otherwise indicated.

Transmission of Property

Papers of Record and Indexes

202. (GENERAL FILE), 1828--. Approx. 3,921 estate pkgs., 373 lunacy pkgs., 70 commitments of minors, in 287 apts., in 114 f. d. (apts., 1-287). Subtitled: Lunacy; Miscellaneous.

Original papers of record, approximately classified in three groups:

i. Estates of deceased persons, including petitions, wills, oaths for proof of will, orders of court, citations, letters, surety bonds for qualification of fiduciary, inventories, appraisements, sale bills, returns; certificates of payment of inheritance tax, 1922--, and letters from Tax Commission if non-taxable, 1935--, entry 205. Also contains miscellaneous papers of proceedings in lunacy, 1892-1922; partition and dower; and for sales in aid of assets; including petitions, complaints, summons, writs, powers of attorney, money bonds;

ii. Commitments in lunacy, 1923--, each including petition for commitment, probate order to physicians, sworn medical certificate of insanity with history of patient and of family, and reports on physical and mental examinations, order of commitment, approval of Superintendent S. C. State Hospital; and endorsed with serial no., name of patient, race, sex, residence, date of commitment, date of admission. Also contains receipts for patients and death notices from hospital superintendent to judge of probate, and copies of paroles for released patients;

iii. Commitments, 1919, 1923, 1926--, of delinquent minors to State Industrial Schools at Florence and Columbia, and of feeble-minded to State Training School at Clinton, including petition, showing name and address of school, of minor, grounds for petition, date and signature, and probate order of commitment. Commitments of feeble-minded also show medical certificates of feeble-mindedness. Also contains receipts for minors from institutions.

All papers of an estate or case in i and ii are assembled in a pkg., endorsed

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60. Stat. XXXIX, 325.
61. Stat. XL, 1827.

with serial no. and arr. numer.; iii, no obvious arr. For index, see entries 203, 204, 206, 224. Hdw., hdw. on printed form, typed, hdw. on ruled form. F. d., 10½ x 5 x 13½.

For other papers of estates, see entry 176.

203. GENERAL INDEX, 1828--. 1 vol.
Index to general file, entry 202, showing names of estates or lunatic, 1892-1920, of minor, 1923--, name and title of fiduciary, number of apartment and number of package. Arr. alph. by name of estate, lunatic, or minor. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 688 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

204. GENERAL INDEX, 1828-92. 1 vol.
Discarded index to general file, entry 202, showing name of estate, executor, administrator or guardian, label, number, denomination. Also contains original muster roll, May 1, 1862, of Confederate soldiers under Capt. Z. C. Pulliams at Camp Sydney Johnston, showing name of captain, name of soldier and whether absent or present, company, rank; when, where, by whom, and period of enlistment; by whom and for what paid; names, and remarks; also pay rolls, March 1-May 1, 1862, showing period for which paid, pay per month, amount of pay, commutation for six months' clothing, county for reenlistment, total amount due, amount of stoppages, balance paid, received payment of, witnesses; also recapitulations, showing days present, and days absent, and certificate by lieutenant. Arr. alph. by name of estate and of soldier. Hdw. on ruled form, hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

205. (CERTIFICATES FROM S. C. TAX COMMISSION), 1923, 1925-28. 166 certificates in 1 cardboard box. 1935-- in General File, entry 202 i.
Original letters from Inheritance Tax Examiner of South Carolina Tax Commission certifying from information on file that estates of deceased are non-taxable, showing date, name of deceased, county, and name of Tax Commissioner and signature of Examiner. Arr. chron. by date of letter. No index. Typed. 2½ x 9 x 11.

206. RECORD OF TAXABLE INHERITANCE, Oct. 23, 1922--. 1 vol. Last entry Jan. 1925.
Register of estates liable for inheritance tax, showing name of estate; name, title, and address of fiduciary; file number, date of qualification, date statement filed with State Tax Commission, date copy of will filed, inventory and appraisement filed with State Tax Commission, re-appraisement ordered by court, re-appraisement filed with Commission, extension of time by court for payment of tax, date of payment to State Treasurer, and remarks; serves as index to entry 202 i by showing file no. Arr. alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 96 double pp. 14½ x 17 x 1.

207. INDEX TO LANDS DEVISED (Record), 1873--. 1 vol. Last entry March 12, 1913.
Index record of lands bequeathed by will, showing names of devisors and devisees, descriptions of lands devised, date of will and where recorded. Arr. alph. by name of devisors and thereunder chron. by date of will. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 540 pp. (25 used) 18 x 11 x 2.

Transcripts

208. WILLS, Dec. 15, 1828--. 6 vols. (one unlabeled, 2-6). Overlapping dates.
Transcripts of probated wills, showing names of testator and of heirs, items bequeathed, executors' names, signatures of witnesses and testator; also proof of will, showing by whom and date proved; and order admitting will to probate with date and signature or transcribed signature of judge of probate. Arr. chron. by date proved. Indexed by name of testator. Hdw., and hdw. on printed form. 336 to 700 pp. (loose-leaf, 1939--) 16 x 10 x 2½ to 3.

209. ADMINISTRATORS - GUARDIANS BONDS, 1842-1935. 5 vols. (1-5). Title varies: Bonds.
Transcripts of surety bonds given by executors, administrators, guardians, committees, and trustees to insure performance of fiduciary duties, showing names of fiduciary and sureties, amount of bond, date issued, condition of bond, name of estate, transcribed signatures of fiduciaries, sureties, and judge of probate, date of recording. Arr. chron. by date issued, 1842-1921; under kind of bond, 1921-35. Indexed by name of fiduciary. Hdw., 1842-1921; hdw. on printed form, 1921-35. 406 to 691 pp. 16 x 10 x 2 to 19 x 12 x 2½.

210. ADMINISTRATION BONDS AND LETTERS, 1930--. 2 vols.
Transcripts of:
i. Administration bonds, and administration bonds with will annexed, showing information as in entry 209; also when required affidavit as to property of sureties, giving names of sureties, value of estate, date sworn, transcribed signatures of sureties and judge of probate;
ii. Letters of administration, showing information as in entry 213; also oath of administrator, giving date sworn, and transcribed signature of administrator.
Arr. chron. by date signed and sealed under type of record. Indexed by name of estate. Hdw. on printed form. 607 pp. 16 x 10½ x 3.

211. LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP BONDS, 1935--. 1 vol.
Transcripts of:
i. Guardian bonds made to insure proper administration of minor's estate, showing information as in entry 209;
ii. Letters of guardianship, showing information as in entry 213; also oath of guardian, showing date, signature of judge of probate and transcribed signature of guardian.

212. LETTERS OF COMMITTEEMEN AND COMMITTEEMEN BONDS, 1925--. 1 vol.
Transcripts of:
i. Committee bonds, made to insure proper administration of estate of lunatics and persons non compos mentis, showing information as in entry 209; also when required, affidavit as to property of sureties, giving names of sureties, value of estate, date sworn, transcribed signatures of sureties and judge of probate;
ii. Letters of committeeship, showing information as in entry 213.
Arr. chron. by date signed under type of record. Indexed by name of estate or ward. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. (153 used) 15 x 10 x 2.

213. LETTERS, 1842-1921. 5 vols. (one unlabeled, 3, 3-5). Title varies: Letters Testamentary.
Transcripts of letters issued to executors, administrators, guardians, committees, and trustees, authorizing fiduciary to act, showing name and address of estate, name and obligation of fiduciary, signature of probate judge, date of recording. Also contains letters dismissory, 1869-1921, entry 216. Arr. chron. by date of recording. Indexed by name of deceased or ward. Hdw. 412 to 610 pp. 16 x 9½ x 2 to 18½ x 12 x 3.

214. LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, 1921--. 2 vols.
Transcripts of letters giving executors and administrators (with will annexed) control of estates, showing information as in entry 213. Arr. chron. by date of recording. Indexed by name of estate. Hdw. on printed form. 352 pp. 15½ x 10 x 2.

215. LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, GUARDIANSHIP, 1921--. 1 vol. Last entry 1935.
Transcripts of letters of administration and of guardianship, showing information as in entry 213; also oath of administrator with date and transcribed signature, and date of recording. Arr. chron. by date of recording. Indexed by name of estate. Hdw. on printed form. 550 pp. (300 used) 15½ x 10 x 2½.

216. LETTERS DISMISSORY, 1921--. 2 vols. 1869-1921 in Letters, entry 213.
Transcripts of letters to fiduciaries releasing them from their obligations for estates, showing date petition filed, name of estate or ward, and of fiduciary, date and name of paper in which citation was published, date discharged, transcribed signature of judge of probate, and date of recording. Arr. chron. by date of discharge or date of recording. Indexed by name of estate or ward. Hdw. on printed form. 444 pp. 15½ x 10 x 2.

217. INVENTORY, APPRAISEMENT, AND SALES, 1841--. 10 vols. (one unlabeled, 2-10).
Transcripts of inventories and appraisements of estates, showing name of estate, items and value of personal property and realty, date certified by appraisers or fiduciary; also sales bills, 1841-1930, showing with variations, name and purchase price of each article, total amount and transcribed signatures of fiduciary and ordinary or judge of probate. Arr. chron. by date certified by appraisers or fiduciary. Indexed by name of estate. Hdw. on ruled form, 1841-1930; typed, 1931--. 400 to 800 loose-leaf pp. 15 x 10 x 2 to 17½ x 12 x 3.

218. ANNUAL RETURNS, 1842--. 12 vols. (2, one unlabeled, 3-12). Title varies: Returns; Return Book.
Transcripts of annual and final returns of fiduciaries, showing date of return, name of estate; the date, source, amount and total of receipts; the date, purpose , amount, and total disbursements; balance carried forward; also certificates of fiduciary giving date and transcribed signatures of fiduciary and ordinary or judge of probate. Also contains Journal, 1923--, entry 221. Arr. chron. by date certified. Indexed by name of estate or fiduciary. Hdw. on ruled form, 1842-1938; typed, 1938--. 320 to 741 pp. (loose-leaf, 1938--) 18 x 12 x 2 to 14 x 10½ x 3.

219. CASH BOOK (Ledger), 1830--. 4 vols. (one unlabeled, 2-4).
Record of receipts and disbursements of all funds entrusted to judge of probate, showing name of estate, of probate judge; date, source, amount, and total receipts; date, purpose, amount, and total disbursements; also original receipts, 1880--, showing date, amount, purpose, name of judge of probate, and signature of person to whom paid; and attached bank deposit slips, 1924--, showing name of bank, date, itemized deposits, and initials of receiver. Arr. by accts. and thereunder chron. by date of entry. Indexed by name of acct. or estate. Hdw. on ruled form. 398 pp. 15½ x 10 x 2.

Court Procedure

220. PETITION DOCKET, 1877--. 1 vol. No recording 1879-81, 1887, 1890, 1896--.
Docket of petitions, chiefly for dower, to be heard in the probate court, showing number of cause, term (year), names of complainants and defendants, and solicitors, and remarks. Arr. chron. by year and thereunder numer. by cause no. Indexed by name of complainant. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 127 double pp. (29 used) 18½ x 12 x 1½.

221. JOURNAL, 1842-1921. 2 vols. 1923-- in Annual Returns, entry 218.
Daily record of proceedings of ordinary, 1842-68; of probate judge, 1869-1921, showing date, kinds of instruments issued, name of fiduciary, and name of estate (deceased, minor, lunatic or person non compos mentis), and usually signature of incumbent. Arr. chron. by date of proceedings. Indexed by name of estate. Hdw. 417 and 552 pp. 16 x 10 x 2 and 18 x 2 x 2.

222. REAL ESTATE, 1829--. 3 vols. Last entry 1929.
Transcripts of proceedings in sale or division of real estate, including petitions, writs, summonses, returns of commissioners appointed to divide property, orders, and money bonds; each showing names of parties, name of estate, date and signatures of petitioners, administrators, commissioners, ordinary or judge of probate, bondsman, as the paper may require. Arr. chron. by date of paper. Indexed by name of estate. Hdw. 452 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

223. INDEX TO MONEY DECREES (Record), 1881--. 1 vol. Last entry June 12, 1887.
Index record to money decrees of judge of probate enrolled with clerk of court to give them force as judgments against estates concerned, showing number of file box, number of package, number on docket; names of parties, estates and attorneys; cause of action, amount to be paid, costs, date of each enrollment, date of execution, and date of satisfaction. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff and thereunder chron. by date of enrollment. Hdw. on printed form. 176 double pp. (4 used) 16 x 11 x 1½.
For similar equity record, see entry 181.

Commitments

224. LUNACY RECORD, 1921--. 1 vol.
Record of commitments to State Hospital, showing date, name of patient, names of examining physicians, name of deputy physician, and remarks giving

date admitted, date released or paroled, apartment and package numbers; serves also as index to entry 202 ii, by showing filing numbers. Arr. by apt. no. and thereunder numer. by pkg. no., and chron. by date admitted. Indexed by name of patient. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 200 pp. (22 used) 18 x 11½ x 1.

Marriages

225. MARRIAGE LICENSES, 1911--. 10, 650 licenses in 19 f. d. (labeled by contained license nos.). Subtitled by race.

Original marriage licenses returned, showing names, race, addresses and ages of parties, date issued and signature of probate judge; on reverse is certificate of marriage, showing name of person performing marriage, place and date of marriage, and notarization; endorsed with license number, names of parties, date of return, page and volume of record. Also contains, detached:

i. Original affidavits of groom that bride and groom are legally capacitated to marry; showing full name, age, race and notarization;

ii. Original consent of parent or guardian when contracting party is not of age, showing date, name of guardian or parent, and party under age, date of consent, and signature of parent or guardian.

Arr. numer. by license no. and chron. by date issued; under race, 1923--. For index, 1911-21, see entry 226; no index, 1922--, but transcript, entry 227, serves by showing license no. Hdw. on printed forms. 10½ x 5 z 13½.

226. MARRIAGE REGISTER, 1911-21. 1 vol. (dated).

Register of marriages, showing file number; name, residence, age, race of man and woman; name of person performing ceremony, date of marriage, date of return, and remarks. Serves as index to marriage licenses, entry 225, by showing license no. Arr. alph. by name of groom. Hdw. 240 double pp. 16½ x 11 x 2.

227. MARRIAGE LICENSES, 1921--. 8 vols. (1-8). Subtitled by race, 1923--.

Transcripts of marriage licenses, showing information as in entry 225. Arr. numer. by license no. and chron. by date issued; separate vols. for white and colored, 1923--. Indexed (front) by name of man; (back) by name of woman, which also serve as indexes to marriage licenses, entry 225, by showing license no. Hdw. on printed form. 600 to 700 pp. 16 x 11 x 3 to 16½ x 11 x 3½.

Pensions
(see also entries 72-77, 114)

228. PENSIONS (Applications), 1919. 450 applications in 1 cardboard box.

Original applications to county pension board by Confederate veterans and widows for State pensions, showing class, number, county, company, regiment, battalion enlisted in, name of captain, date enlisted, date discharged; company, regiment, and battalion serving in at end of enlistment; family income and valuation of property; birthdate, residence of veteran, wounds received, and signature of veteran; oath of applicant; and notarization by probate judge; official information from other sources as to service rendered by applicant, certification by county pension board; endorsed with class,

number, name of applicant, post office, county, date approved by pension board. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 3 x 10 x 12.

229. PENSIONS (Rolls), 1935--. 6 rolls in 1 f. d.
Original official pension rolls, showing year, class, and name of pensioner. Arr. by class and thereundor alph. by name of pensioner. No index. Typed. 2½ x 10 x 14.

230. ORDERS FOR PENSION MONEY, 1919-29. 500 papers in 5 f. b.
Original orders by pensioners to judge of probate for delivery of check to person designated in order, showing date and signature of pensioner; also related correspondence. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 4 x 4 x 10.

231. (CHECK STUBS - PENSION), 1920. 2 vols.
Stub record of checks for Confederate pensions, showing check number, amount, name of payee, class of pensioner, year of pension. Arr. numer. by check no. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 200 stubs per vol. 6½ x 12½ x ½.

232. PENSION CHECKS, 1927-34. 1 cardboard box.
Canceled checks for Confederate pensions, showing check number, date, amount, name of payee, purpose, and signature of judge of probate; also bank statements, showing name of bank, and itemized deposits and withdrawals, and balances. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 5 x 10 x 10½.

Liquor Records
(See also entries 90, 381-384)

233. LIQUOR PERMITS ISSUED, 1917-19. 1 vol.
Record of liquor permits issued under quart-a-month law, showing date issued, certificate number, name of applicant or consignee, office, carrier, amount and kind of liquor, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of applicant or consignee and thereunder chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 252 pp. (45 used) 18½ x 12 x 2.

234. PETITION FOR WHISKEY (Affidavits), Jan.-Dec. 1918. 500 papers in 1 f. b.
Original affidavits of eligibility for liquor permits, showing serial number, name of petitioner, oath that petitioner is of age, is not a student, purpose for liquor to be used, date sworn, signatures of petitioner and of witnesses. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 8½ x 3½ x 2. Supervisor, office.

235. CARBONS COPIES OF LIQUOR PERMITS ISSUED, 1917-19, 1932-33. 3 vols. Not found on recheck.
Carbon copies of liquor permits, showing date issued, certificate number, name of applicate or consigneee, carrier, amount and kind of liquor. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 6 x 1½.

Legal Notices

236. PICKENS SENTINEL, 1935--. 5 vols. (labeled by dates).
Bound copies of the weekly Pickens Sentinel newspaper, voluntarily preserved by judge of probate as record of publication of notices required by law. Arr. chron. by date of paper. No index. Printed. 52 issues per vol., 21½ x 15 x 1.

237. EASLEY PROGRESS, 1935--. 5 vols. (labeled by dates).
Bound copies of the weekly Easley Progress newspaper voluntarily preserved by judge of probate as record of publication of notices required by law. Arr. chron. by date of paper. No index. Printed. 52 issues per vol. 21½ x 15 x 1.

XIX. MAGISTRATES

When Pickens was organized in 1828, the incumbent justices of the peace and of the quorum residing in that part of Pendleton District were continued in office until the expiration of their terms.[1] In 1830 twelve justices of the quorum, and 15 justices of the peace were allotted to Pickens District.[2] In 1841 all magistrates were removed, and justices of the quorum were abolished, their jurisdiction being devolved upon new magistrates elected by the Senate and House jointly, and commissioned by the Governor.[3] The constitution of 1868 provided that trial justices be elected by the qualified voters of each county, and commissioned by the Governor for a term of 2 years.[4] An act of 1870 abolished the office of magistrate and provided that the Governor appoint a suitable number of trial justices in each county for a term of 2 years.[5] An act of 1887 provided that trial justices should be appointed in the manner prescribed by law for auditors and treasurers, and for a like tenure.[6] The constitution of 1895 directed the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint and commission a sufficient number of magistrates for each county for a term of 2 years.[7] It is customary for magistrates to be nominated in the primary.[8]

Before entering upon duty, each magistrate takes in writing before the clerk of court, the constitutional oath, and the additional oaths to enforce the law against gaming, dueling, and sharing the profits of office.[9] A bond is not required. The Governor may suspend any magistrate for incapacity,

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1. Stat. VI, 343.
2. Stat. VIII, 559.
3. Stat. XI, 24.
4. Art. IV, 21.
5. Stat. XIV, 377.
6. Stat. XIX, 818.
7. Art. V, 20.
8. Code 2365.
9. Code 3708; see entry 54.

(Next entry 238, p. 133) Magistrates

misconduct, or neglect of duty, and must report such suspension to the Senate at its next session.[10] Compensation varies with the magisterial district, and in 1940 the annual salaries were $1,200 for Easley, $850 for Pickens, $450 each for Liberty and Central, $100 each for Six Mile and Pumpkin Town.[11] Before the salary can be paid, each magistrate in Pickens County is required to file monthly with the county supervisor a report, showing for work done the previous month, the date and name of each case, offense charged, disposition of case, penalties, fines, and costs collected.[12] Each magistrate except the one at Pickens appoints a constable to execute his judicial orders. The deputy sheriffs perform the constable's work for the magistrate at Pickens.[13]

The jurisdiction of magistrates is confined to the county for which they are appointed.[14] They have civil jurisdiction limited to cases in which the value of the property concerned does not exceed $100, and which are not concerned with questions of title to property or with chancery matters.[15] They have exclusive jurisdiction in all criminal cases in which punishment does not exceed imprisonment for 30 days or a fine of $100 "except in cases of riot, assault and battery, and larceny, and the carrying of concealed weapons coupled with an offense in which such weapon is used. In criminal matters beyond their jurisdiction to try, they shall sit as examining courts, and commit, discharge and (except in capital cases) recognize persons charged with such offenses. Magistrates shall have concurrent jurisdiction only with the court of General Sessions in cases of riot, assault and battery and larceny."[16] When the coroner is sick, absent, or at a distance of more than 15 miles, a magistrate may hold an inquest.[17] When stray live stock are taken up, the magistrate may sell them at public auction for damages, the surplus being turned over to the clerk of court for return to the owner.[18] In 1906 magistrates were empowered to commit incorrigible white boys to the State reformatory at Florence.[19] Upon order of the probate court or of the circuit courts, a magistrate may call 2 licensed physicians to his assistance and conduct a lunacy examination.[20]

Magistrates may bind to keep the peace not exceeding 12 months.[21] They can compel the attendance of witnesses and punish for contempt. They may administer oaths, take depositions, renunciations of dower, and testimony de

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10. Code 3707.
11. Stat. XLI, 2693.
12. Code 3733; see entry 3.
13. Stat. XL, 43, 1272; XLI, 2695.
14. Const. 1895, art. V. 23.
15. Const. 1895, art. V, 21; Stat. XIV, 436-37.
16. Code 3709.
17. Stat. XI, 23; Code 3562.
18. Stat. XVII, 593; Code 6273.
19. Stat. XXV, 136.
20. Stat. XVIII, 130.
21. Const. 1895, art. V, 21.

bene esse.[22] Proceedings in criminal cases are instituted by information under oath,[23] and trial of civil or criminal cases may be by a jury of six.[24] Appeals are to the circuit courts.[25] A transcript of a magistrate's judgment may be filed and docketed in the circuit court of the county or of another county.[26]

Required records of the office are 2 dockets, 1 for civil cases and the other for criminal cases, showing the disposition of each case, warrants issued, and fees and fines collected. These are subject to inspection by the circuit solicitor.[27] The county commissioners are required to audit the accounts of each magistrate, who must exhibit, with a bill of cost, all original papers in each case in which costs have accrued. After examination, the records are returned to the magistrates.[28] For other records, see entries 147-149.

238. MAGISTRATE'S CRIMINAL DOCKET, 1873-75, 1883, 1888-89, 1895-1928, 1933--. 20 vols. Overlapping dates. 1881-88 (Pickens) in Civil Docket, entry 239.
Record of criminal cases tried in magistrates' courts of Pickens and Easley, showing date, title of case, offense, names of witnesses and jurors and officer making arrest, magistrates' costs, fines, disposition of case; also treasurer's receipts for fines and costs, with date, amount, purpose, name of magistrate, and signature of treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form; receipts pasted. 75 to 145 double pp. 15½ x 10½ x ½ to 16 x 10 x 1½. 8 vols., 1873-75, 1883, 1895-1928, 1933-37, clerk of court, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1888-94, bsmt. records room; 1 vol., 1935-38, supervisor, office; 9 vols., 1933--, office, N. First St., Easley; 1 vol., 1938--, office, Main St., Pickens.

239. CIVIL DOCKET, 1875-88, 1918--. 5 vols. Overlapping dates.
Record of civil cases tried in magistrates' courts of Easley and Liberty, showing date, names of parties, cause of action, names of attorneys and witnesses, day of trial, names of jurors, amount of judgment, costs, and disposition. Also contains criminal docket (Pickens), 1881-88, entry 238. Arr. chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form, 1875-79, 1918--; on ruled form, 1876-88. 71 to 150 double pp. 7½ x 6 x ½ to 16 x 9½ x 1½. 2 vols., 1875-88, clerk of court, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1918--, clerk of court, office; 1 vol., 1923--, office, Liberty; 1 vol., 1933--, office, N. First St., Easley.

240. COSTS CIVIL, 1842-51. 1 vol.
Record of judgments and costs in civil cases, magistrate Pickens District,

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22. Stat. XI, 20; Code 3712-16.
23. Stat. XIV, 403; Code 930.
24. Stat. XIV, 99; Code 3710-11.
25. Code 794, 1024; see entry 107.
26. Code 273.
27. 1839, Stat. XI, 14; Code 3717.
28. 1875, Stat. XV, 863; Code 3719.

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showing date, names of parties, amount of judgment and itemized costs in each case, total judgments and costs; itemized collections and total. Arr. chron. by date of case. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 93 pp. 15 x 6½ x 1. Bsmt. records room.

241. (MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS), 1870-72, 1875-76, 1885-85, 1890, 1892, 1894-1900, 1933--. 2 bundles; 5,267 papers in 4 wooden boxes, and on 1 shelf. Miscellaneous papers in civil and criminal cases tried in magistrates' courts of Pickens, Easley, and Liberty, including arrest warrants, and similar papers, endorsed with State, county, names of parties, character of paper, offense, date, amount of judgment, taxed costs, disposition of case, signature of magistrate. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Bundlex, 3½ x 8 x 1; boxes, 3 x 4 x 9; shelf, 2 x 48 x 24. 2 bundles, 1870-1900, clerk of court, bsmt. vault; 4,050 papers, 1933--, N. First St., Easley; 17 papers, 1939, office, Liberty; 200 papers, 1939--, office, Main St., Pickens.

XX. COURT OF MAGISTRATES AND FREEHOLDERS (defunct)

When Pickens was organized in 1828, cases involving persons of color, including Indians, mulattoes, and mestizos, both slave and free, were not triable in the superior courts, but were dealt with exclusively by courts of magistrates and freeholders. Varying numbers of magistrates and freeholders were prescribed for various cases. In 1839, eight freeholders were required to be summoned, from whom 5 were chosen by the person to be tried or his owner, to sit with the magistrate who issued the summons, in judgment upon the case.[1] The court ended in 1865 with South Carolina's ratification of the fourteenth amendment to the Federal constitution.

The jurisdiction of the court extended to all crimes, from insurrection, murder, and arson, to the stealing of fowls. The court also had jurisdiction in cases of vagrancy.[2] Upon complaint against a person of color, a justice of the peace was required to issue a warrant for apprehending the accused; and to summon for examination the witnesses. If he deemed the evidence sufficient, the magistrate had to certify this to the nearest justice of the peace, who then associated himself with the first. Together the two issued their summons to the necessary number of freeholders, appointing a day for them to sit with the magistrates as a court upon the case. The court might inflict corporal or capital punishment, as prescribed by law for the respective offenses, but in cases carrying the death penalty, sufficient time was allowed for an appeal to a circuit judge or to a judge of the court of appeals.[3]

The court was not a court of record but its cases were entered upon the magistrates' dockets. Proceedings of the court were required to be written out, certified, and filed with the clerk of the circuit courts.[4] In Pickens these are kept in the basement vault.

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1. Stat. VII, 352; XI, 22.
2. Stat. IV, 51; VII, 345, 356.
3. Stat. VI, 489-90; VII, 345, 355.
4. Stat. VII, 359, 391; XI, 22.

242. NEGRO CONVICTIONS, 1828-65. 195 papers in 3 bundles (dated). Title varies: Negro Trial Convictions &C.
Original papers in cases of slave convictions in court of magistrates and freeholders court including arrest warrants, summonses for witnesses and juries, testimony, and verdict; endorsed with names of parties, character of paper, name of magistrate, list of jurors, verdict, sentence, signatures of magistrates, jurors, and clerk of court, and date filed. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 3 to $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 3.

243. TRIAL OF VAGRANTS, 1829, 1931-32, 1834-35, 1837, 1839-40, 1842, 1845, 1849, 1852, 1856. 109 papers in 1 bundle.
Original papers in cases of vagrancy tried by court of magistrates and freeholders, including warrants for vagrants, freeholders and witnesses; bonds to appear, complete proceedings and description of case giving date and place of meeting; names of freeholders, vagrants, and witnesses; verdict with date and signatures of freeholders constituting jury. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 3 x 4 x 9.

XXI. DISTRICT COURT (defunct)

The State constitution of 1865, in an effort to deal with the problems of emancipation, directed the General Assembly to establish for each judicial district an inferior court called the "district court," for civil causes wherein one or both parties were persons of color.[1] The court was established that year[2] but was abolished by the Constitutional Convention of 1868.[3]

The judge was elected by the General Assembly for a term of 4 years, and was required to be a resident of the district.[4] His annual salary was $500 from the State, and in Pickens, an additional $500 from the district court fund. Vacancies were filled by the Governor until the Legislature appointed a successor. The judge appointed the magistrates of the district, subject to approval of the legislative delegation. He had the power of a magistrate for his district and exercised supervision over the clerk and sheriff of his court, the coroner, all magistrates, constables, boards of commissioners, and other public functionaries of his district. He issued orders, rules and attachments, writs of mandamus, prohibition, certiorari, quo warranto or fiere facias; he could admit to bail all bailable cases triable in his court; he had the power exercised normally by 2 magistrates in respect to habeas corpus, in regard to tenants holding over, and under the prison bounds act.[5] In Pickens, Judge Wickliffe was commissioned in October; court met on December 3, and jurors were drawn for the first quarter, which opened late in January.[6]

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1. Art. III, 1.
2. Stat. XIII, 254.
3. Keowee Courier, Feb. 1, 1868; Proceedings of Const. Convention, 1868, pp. 358-59.
4. Const. 1865, art. III, 1.
5. Stat. XIII, 254-266.
6. Keowee Courier, Oct. 13, Dec. 3, 1866; Jan. 19, 1867.

(Next entry 244, p. 137)

The sheriff and clerk of court of the circuit courts were ex officio officials of the district court. Before entering office they took the constitutional oath and an oath to perform legally the duties required, without prejudice to race or color. These oaths were endorsed on their commissions or certificates of appointment from the Governor, and entered on the journal of the court.[7]

The court had exclusive jurisdiction, subject to appeal, of all civil cases and matters of equity wherein one or both parties were persons of color; of all criminal cases wherein the accused was a person of color; in cases of misdemeanor affecting the property of a person of color; and in cases of bastardy and vagrancy not triable by a magistrate. It had the same power and jurisdiction as the "superior court of law" in reference to constables, jurors, punishment for contempt; in cases of tenants holding over, of forcible entry and detainer; of cases under the insolvent debtors act where the arrest and detention were under the process of the court; in all cases under the prison bounds act; and in all matters of the district police. It also had appellate jurisdiction in cases from the ordinary and the magistrates.[8]

The district court was a court of record to be always open, and when possible, to sit in the courtroom of the district courthouse. Monthly sittings were held on the first Monday in each month for small matters of civil and criminal nature between persons of color, white persons and negroes, master and apprentice, employer and laborer; for trial of petty misdemeanors subject to fine not exceeding $20, and questions concerning vagrants and paupers not requiring a jury; and any business to which a judge at chambers was competent.

Cases of "aggravated misdemeanors and clergyable felonies, of which persons of color may be accused, and of misdemeanors requiring punishment exceeding a fine of $20, and affecting the person or property of a person of color, of which white persons may be accused" were tried by jury. Quarterly sittings were held for cases of summary process pending in the court, civil suits, equity cases, and cases of crime or felony punishable by death, wherein one or both of the parties were persons of color.[9]

Prosecutions were conducted as in the circuit courts[10] but a separate jury box was provided. Indictments were made by a grand jury of 8, the concurrence of 6 being necessary for finding a true bill. The common jury consisted of 4 jurors, with 2 supernumeraries to fill vacancies. Unanimity of the jury was essential for a verdict.[11] An amendment of 1866 abolished the grand jury, provided that the solicitor should prepare indictments, and changed to 8 the number of trial jurors at each quarterly sitting.[12]

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7. Stat. XIII, 255.
8. Stat. XIII, 256-266.
9. Stat. XIII, 257-59.
10. Supra, p. 94.
11. Stat. XIII, 258-59.
12. Stat. XIII, 455-56.

Records of the court were case rolls, dockets, court journals and reports. The dockets were to be kept in 4 books, one for suits of white parties; one for cases of vagrancy and bastardy; a third for civil suits of colored parties; and a fourth for criminal matters affecting persons of color. A full and exact Journal was required "of every order, decision, verdict, sentence and act of the court." The journal to be kept by the judge in the clerk's absence had to be filed at least once quarterly in the clerk's office. On the first day of each quarterly sitting, returns were required to be made by the sheriff, each magistrate, the clerk, the chairman of the board of relief for indigent persons of color, the superintendent of convicts, and every person who received wages or money derived from the district court fund. Reports of the various boards of commissioners were required to be made to the district court rather than to the superior courts. These reports were examined by the judge and submitted to the grand jury. An annual report certified by the judge, containing a condensed statement for the year of the whole sum which went to the district court fund, was transmitted by the clerk to the treasurer.13

Records of the court in Pickens are in the custody of the clerk of court.

Case Papers

244. SESSIONS DISTRICT COURT (Rolls), 1st quarter 1867-2nd quarter 1868. 69 rolls in 7 bundles (labeled by term of court).
Original papers in criminal cases in district court, including indictments, warrants, recognizances, verdicts, and sentences; all papers relating to a case are assembled as a roll, and endorsed with county, term of court, date, names of parties, cause of action, verdict, sentence, and signatures of jury foreman and presiding judge, names of attorneys, and itemized costs. Arr. numer. by roll no. under term of court. For index, see entry 245. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. 1 to 2 x 4 x 9. Bsmt. vault.

245. SESSIONS INDEX, 1867-68. 1 vol.
Index to Sessions District Court (Rolls), entry 244, showing names of parties, officers, disposition of case, term when ended, and file number. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 318 pp. (17 used) 14 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{4}$. Bsmt. vault.

246. (CRIMINAL CASES NOL PROSSED), 1867-68. 5 cases in 1 bundle.
Original papers in criminal cases not prosecuted, including indictments, warrants, recognizances, and subpoenas; papers of each case assembled and endorsed with names of county, court, parties, term of court, title of case, names of attorneys, itemized costs, and signature of presiding judge. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 1 x 4 x $8\frac{1}{2}$. Bsmt. vault.

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13. Stat. XIII, 257-266.

Dockets
(See also entry 138 i)

247. SESSIONS DOCKET, 1867-80. 1 vol.
List of criminal cases tried in district court, 1867-68, showing term of court, number of cause, number of term, name of prosecuted, offense, name of prosecutor, name of defendant's attorney, order last court, and event of suit. Also contains sessions docket, 1869-79, entry 111. Arr. chron. by term and thereunder numer. by cause no. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 320 double pp. (57 used) 14 x 8 x 1½. Bsmt. vault.

248. (CONTINGENT DOCKET), 1868, 1873-80, 1889-1931. 2 vols.
Contingent docket district court, 1868, showing number of cause, number of term, names of parties, offense, names of prosecutor and defendant's attorney, order last court, and event of suit. Also contains clerk's memorandum of sales, 1889-1931, showing with variations, date of sale, amount, number acres sold, terms, names of parties, roll number and date of deed; general sessions contingent docket, 1874-Sept. 1880, entry 112; and common pleas calendar no. 3, 1873-74, March 1879, entry 154. Arr. chron. by term and thereunder numer. by cause no.; sales, chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 88 and 595 pp. 11½ x 5 x ½ and 14 x 9½ x 1½. Bsmt. vault.
For clerk's official record of sales, see entry 150.

249. CALENDAR, 1867-1932. 1 vol. Backbone title: Bench Warrants - Cases on Appeal and Out on Bond. Pasted subtitles: Calendar No. 5; Cases in Which Orders Are To Be Taken In Administration of the Judgment and All Cases on Final Appeal to the Supreme Court.
Summary process docket, district court, 1st quarter, 1867-2nd quarter, 1868, showing date of term of court, number of cause, term of court, names of parties, cause of action, names of plaintiff's and defendant's attorneys, order of last court and event of suit. Also contains:

i. Calendar No. 5, 1872-80, entry 157, for appeals from trial justices' courts;

ii. List of cases appealed and out on bond, 1923-32, showing number of cause, sentence, amount of fine, number and date on docket, bond, or bench warrant, date committed to chain gang;

and list of persons under sentence, 1932. Arr. chron. by term and thereunder numer. by cause no. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 158 double pp. (57 used) 14 x 8½ x 1. Office.

Journals

250. SESSIONS JOURNAL, 1866-68. 1 vol.
Record of proceedings of district court in criminal cases, showing date and place of meeting, name of presiding judge, jury lists; short statement of each case tried, with names of parties, cause of action and disposition; and transcripts of orders. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 480 pp. (52 used) 18 x 12 x 2½. Bsmt. vault.

251. COMMON PLEAS JOURNAL, Dec. 20, 1866-68. 1 vol.
Record of proceedings of the district court in civil causes, showing date and place of meeting, name of presiding judge, jury lists; short statement

of each case tried, with names of parties, cause of action and disposition; and transcripts of orders. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 472 pp. (13 used) 18 x 12 x 3. Bsmt. vault.

XXII. SHERIFF

When Pickens was first organized, the sheriff was among the officers elected in 1828 by the people of the district.[1]

Under the State constitutions of 1790,[2] of 1868,[3] and of 1895, the sheriff has been a constitutional officer, and under the last he is elected for a 4-year term.[4] Before assuming office he must take the constitutional oath of office, and the additional oaths to enforce the laws against gaming, dueling and sharing the profits of the office.[5] In Pickens County his bond is $10,000.[6] He receives a salary of $1,800 a year plus $600 travel expense.[7] In case of vacancy, the coroner acts[8] until the Governor appoints a sheriff for the unexpired term.[9] Until the coroner takes charge, the clerk of court acts during the vacancy.[10] The coroner acts as sheriff whenever the sheriff is directly interested in a case.[11]

The sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer of the county. When preserving the peace, he may call any person to his assistance.[12] At every meeting of the court of general sessions on the first day, the sheriff returns the names of prisoners, time and cause of confinement, and whether civil or criminal.[13] He must attend each session of the circuit courts,[14] and he or his deputy on delivery must serve, execute, and return every process, rule, order or notice addressed to him by any court.[15] From 1865 to 1868 the sheriff was required to make returns to the district court.[16] The sheriff is an ex officio member of the commission of the county poorhouse and jail, which is empowered to select a competent man as jailor.[17] The jailor is required

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1. Stat. VI, 343.
2. Art. VI, 2.
3. Art. IV, 30.
4. Art. V, 30.
5. Const. 1895, art. III, 26; Code 3043, 3481.
6. Code 3478, 3479.
7. 1940, Stat. XLI, 2692.
8. Code 3475.
9. Code 3474, 3567.
10. Code 3476, 3601.
11. Code 3477, 3566.
12. Code 1952.
13. 1839, Stat. XI, 35; Code 1948.
14. Code 91, 3519.
15. 1784, Stat. VII, 209, sec. 11; Code 3520.
16. Stat. XIII, 262.
17. 1922, Stat. XXXII, 1545.

(Next entry 252, p. 141)

to reside at the jail, and in addition to his salary, he receives sustenance for himself and family.[18] The jailor is subject to the sheriff's call.[19]

The sheriff makes all judicial sales unless otherwise specified by law.[20] From 1931 until 1933 appropriations were made to cover the sheriff's expenses of conducting master's sales and other expenses of his office.[21] Under special law, every 30 days he is required to have a settlement with the treasurer for county funds collected, and to prepare in duplicate a sworn, itemized written statement of collections, one copy to be filed with the treasurer and the other to be retained by the sheriff.[22] Under general law since 1878 such a statement should be filed with the auditor as well as the treasurer.[23]

In 1911 the sheriff, with approval of the board of county commissioners, appointed the rural police.[24] He now appoints 5 mill deputies in addition to 5 deputy sheriffs.[25] In 1930 the sheriff appointed a clerk, but 3 years later the position was abolished.[26]

The required records of this office have developed out of immemorial usage. Standardized in 1839, they are the Writ Book, in which all writs of mesne process are entered; the Execution Book, in which writs of final process are recorded; and the Sales Book, in which are entered all sales under order, decree, or execution.[27] All mesne and final processes are required to be filed in suitable boxes with separate "apartments," arranged alphabetically by the defendants' names; and miscellaneous papers such as attachment and bail bonds, should be arranged under suitable labels.[28] The Tax Execution Book was added in 1900[29] but has been handed over to the tax collector.[30]

When the coroner acts as sheriff, he is required to keep a special book for recording his activities, and to leave it as a record in the sheriff's office.[31]

Records are in the sheriff's office, unless otherwise indicated.

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18. Stat. XXXII, 1545.
19. Stat. XXXVI, 619.
20. Code 3542.
21. Stat. XXXVII, 954; XXXVIII, 9, 17, 83.
22. 1938, Stat. XL, 1827.
23. Stat. XVI, 753; Code 3544.
24. Stat. XXVII, 194.
25. Stat. XXXVII, 951; XLI, 2693.
26. Stat. XXXVI, 1988; XXXVIII, 16.
27. Stat. XI, 26, 27; Code 3511.
28. 1839, Stat. XI, 27; Code 3511.
29. Stat. XXIII, 305-7.
30. Infra, entry 340.
31. Code 3567.

Recorded Processes

252. WRIT BOOK, 1832--. 18 vols. (thirteen unlabeled, 2, three dated). Title varies: Records.

Record of mesne processes, including venires, served by sheriff in civil and criminal causes, showing with variations, names of parties and attorneys, kind of action, when lodged, by whom served, when served, miles, and sheriff's costs. Also contains:

i. Copy of sale bill, 1866, showing to whom sold, name of article, and name of purchaser;
ii. Record of Federal prisoners, 1877-83, entry 161;
iii. Copy of report, 1881, by sheriff to United States Attorney General on Federal prisoners, showing date, name of prisoner, sentence, where sent from, date of execution of sentence, condition of health, working (no entry), when discharged, and by what authority, remarks;
iv. Record of county prisoners, 1883-84, entry 264.

Arr. chron. by date lodged. No index, 1832-40; indexed by name of plaintiff, 1841--; also by name of defendant, 1852-60, 1867-69. Hdw. on ruled form, 1832-56; on printed ruled form, 1856--. 174 to 400 double pp. 13 x 8 x 2 to 19 x 12 x 3.

253. EXECUTION BOOK, Oct. 8, 1828--. 9 vols. Overlapping dates. Title varies: Records (Execution Book); Ledger; Execution Docket. 1832-36 also in Letter Book (Memorandum Execution Book), entry 254.

Record of final processes in civil and criminal causes, 1828-68, civil only, 1868--, showing with variations, date lodged, roll number, kind of process, when lodged, date of original entry, names of parties, debt, interest, and costs, names of attorneys, amount received; date of levy, etc.; also original receipts to sheriff by officers, attorneys, or plaintiffs for costs, fees or judgment with name of sheriff, date, amount, title of cause, roll number, purpose, and signature of party. Arr. chron. by date lodged. Indexed by name of plaintiff, 1828--; also by name of defendant, 1844--. Hdw. on ruled form, 1828-65; printed ruled form, 1865--; receipts, pasted or hdw. in vol. 193 to 443 double pp. $12\frac{1}{2}$ x 7 x 2 to 19 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

254. LETTER BOOK (Memorandum Execution Book), 1832-36, 1849-50. 1 vol., 16 loose papers.

Apparently a memorandum or a discardod record of final processes, 1832-36, 1849-50; 1832-36 copied in Execution Book, entry 253. Also contains:

i. Original orders, 1849-50, on treasurer of commissioners of roads by the board for various materials and services, showing date, amount, purpose, to whom payable, and signature of commissioner;
ii. Original receipts, 1850, to general board of roads and bridges, for money due for materials and services, showing date, amount, purpose, and signature of person who rendered account and received payment;
iii. Original receipts, 1850, to outgoing treasurer of general board by incoming treasurer, for funds of the board, showing date, amount, and signature;
iv. Original requests, 1849-50, from various persons to whom the general board owed money, for payment, showing date, amount, purpose, signature of person rendering account;

v. Original agreement, 1850, by general board, showing date, text of agreement, signature of secretary of board;
vi. Duplicate report of treasurer of general board, 1849, to presiding judge, entry 27½;
vii. Copy of tax collector's schedule, 1850, of places at which he will collect taxes, showing date of visit, name of place, kind of taxes to be collected, date books will close and double taxes be levied, percent levies to be levied, name of taxpayer;
viii. Record of funds received, 1849-50, from tax collector, and from sale of estrays, showing date, from whom, animal, and amount.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ruled form; loose papers hdw. and printed. 500 pp. 15 x 10½ x 2.

For other records of estrays, see entries 148, 149.

255. CORONER'S EXECUTION BOOK,[32] 1869, 1871, 1878-81. 1 vol. Record of executions served by coroner acting as sheriff, showing kind of process, when lodged, original entry, names of parties, debt, interest and costs, names of attorneys, amount received, date of levy; also receipts for costs, etc. Arr. chron. by date lodged. Indexed by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 105 double pp. (12 used) 18 x 12 x 2½. Bsmt. vault.

Sales

256. SALES BOOK, 1828-32, 1840--. 10 vols. Title varies: Ledger. Record of sales by sheriff of real and personal property under execution from courts, 1828-1933; from State Treasurer, 1828-68; from county treasurer, 1869-1933; of personal property forfeited to county, 1933--, showing with variations names of parties, description of property, authority for sale, when sold, to whom sold, date deed made, amount of sale, names of sureties, bond due, how applied; original receipts to sheriff by attorneys, officers, plaintiffs, etc., for costs, judgments, etc., with name of sheriff, amount, title of cause, kind of service or purpose, roll number, date and signature of officer, attorney, or plaintiff. Also contains:
i. Accounts, 1866, of L. Thomas, sheriff, with State for conveyance of prisoners, showing names of places from which and to which conveyed, amount; and newspaper advertisements of sales, 1874, 1876, with notations of date of sale, to whom sold, and amount;
ii. Tax Executions, 1927--, entry 262;
and bank deposit slips, 1932--, for sales proceeds. Arr. chron. by date of sale. Indexed by name of plaintiff, 1828-32, 1844--; also by name of defendant, 1842-52, 1856--; no index, 1840-41. Hdw. on ruled form, 1828-56; printed ruled form, 1856--. 182 to 376 double pp. 13 x 7½ x 1½ to 19 x 12 x 3.

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32. "At a later date, after this form had gone in, I found a list of records by the outgoing coroner to be receipted by the incoming coroner, which included this record in his list," Esther E. Strong, Field Supervisor, October 14, 1940.

257. SALE BOOK (Coroner), 1880, 1883. 1 vol.
Record of sales by coroner as sheriff, showing names of parties, roll number, description of property levied on and date of levy, copy of advertisement, date of sale, property sold, to whom sold, amount of sale, and application of sale. Arr. chron. by date of sale. Indexed by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 96 double pp. (3 used) 19 x 12 x 1½. Bsmt. vault.

Papers of Record

258. (BONDS AND OTHER PAPERS), 1832-68, broken dates. 340 papers in 1 bundle.
Original surety bonds, including: those for delivery of property, 1832-33, 1836-40, 1853-54, 1857-61, 1863, 1865; money bonds, 1835-40; appearance bonds, 1839-40, 1855-56; for prison bounds, 1840-43; bail bonds, 1840-44, 1849, 1857, 1860-61, 1863, 1867; replevin bonds, 1844; for indemnity, 1841, 1861; ca. sa. bonds, 1860-61; and trover, n. d.; showing with variations, date, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of bond, condition of bond, date at which to appear, name of court, signatures of principal, sureties and witnesses; endorsed with names of bondsmen, parties to suit, kind of bond. Also contains:

i. List of militiamen fined, 1859-60, by courts martial of 2nd Regiment S. C. Volunteers, showing name of sheriff, date, name of offender, cause of fine, amount; also order to sheriff from commanding officer to levy on goods of offender to collect fine, showing date and signature; endorsed with book and page where recorded, signature of sheriff and "military fines 2nd Regiment;"

ii. Confederate States of America to sheriff for jail fees, 1864, showing date, name of prisoner, number of days and rate, amount, signature of captain and enrolling officer;

and miscellaneous papers, including commitments, 1832, 1852, 1858, 1861, 1867-68; venire, 1861; arrest warrants, 1857, 1858, 1863; notices, 1858, 1861; transfer of judgment, 1851; writ of habeas corpus, 1857; fi. fa. writs for fines, 1856. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form, hdw. 12 x 4 x 10. Bsmt. vault.

For other trover bonds, see entry 142; for other commitments, see entry 260.

259. PENDING COURT CASES MAG(istrate), 1938--. 10 papers in 1 f. d.
Original complaints and affidavits to obtain warrants of arrest from magistrates, showing name of person to be arrested, offense, date sworn and signature of complainant. Also contains original arrest warrants by magistrates, commanding sheriff to apprehend persons charged with offenses, showing name of sheriff, date, and signature of magistrate. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 3 x 4 x 9.

260. (COMMITMENTS), 1918-21, 1933--. 1,000 papers in 4 wooden and 1 cardboard f. b.
Original commitments to county jail and chain gang by magistrates, mayors and intendants, presiding judge of circuit courts, showing name of officer committing, to whom committed; date sentenced; nature of crime, sentence, date of commitment, signature of officer committing; endorsed with State,

county, name of prisoner, sentence, date, and signature of officer committing. Also contains orders to foreman of gang from sheriff, magistrate, and mayors to release persons whose fines have been paid, showing date of order, to whom addressed, name of convict, cause of order, signature of person issuing order. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed on printed form, and typed. Wooden f. b., 2 x 6 x 9; cardboard f. b., 3 x 5½ x 9. 1 cardboard f. b., 1 wooden f. b., 1918-21, bsmt. records room; 3 wooden f. b., 1933--, jail.

For other commitments, see entries 114, 258.

261. (UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT PAPERS), 1883, 1910. 2 papers in 1 bundle.

Commitment, 1883, of Federal prisoner by sheriff to county jail, showing name of criminal, violation, date, signature of United States Commissioner; and order of release, 1910, showing name of prisoner, date of release, offense, and signature of U. S. Commissioner. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 8½ x 3½ x ½. Bsmt. records room.

For record of commitments, see entry 161.

Tax Executions

262. (TAX EXECUTIONS), 1902-23. 4 vols. 1927-- in Sales Book, entry 256.

Original and carbon copies of executions issued by treasurer to sheriff for collection of delinquent taxes, showing serial number, name of taxpayer, State, county, sheriff, amount of tax, date of execution, signature of treasurer, amount and assessed valuation of property, itemized taxes and penalties. Arr. numer. by no. of execution. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 123 to 250 pp. 16 x 12½ x 1 to 2.

For other tax executions, see entries 311, 312, 339.

263. SHERIFF'S TAX EXECUTION (Record of), 1901-13, 1917-21. 2 vols. 1924-- in Sheriff's Tax Execution (Record), entry 340.

Record of tax executions collected by sheriff, showing with variations, serial number of execution, name of taxpayer, date of payment to county treasurer, number of acres, number of lots, number of buildings, value of realty, value of personalty, total value, total taxes, taxes and penalties, executions collected and paid to treasurer, executions nulla bona, remarks; totals for page, column, and township. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer under twp. and numer. by execution no. under year. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 199 and 299 double pp. 18 x 11 x 1½ and 18½ x 11 x 2½.

For treasurer's parallel record, see entry 313.

Prisoners

264. JAIL BOOK, July 1886--. 4 vols. (1 dated 1905-23; 3 unlabeled). 1883-84 in Writ Book, entry 252; 1934-35 also in Record, entry 265.

Record of county prisoners, committed to county jail, showing year, date, number (no entry), name of prisoner, alias, cause for commitment, by whom committed, when committed, when discharged, number days, white, black, age, male, female, amount, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of prisoner and there-

under chron. by date of commitment, 1886-1923; chron. by date of commitment, 1924--. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 175 to 251 double pp. 14 x 8½ x 1 to 17 x 11 x 2½. 2 vols., 1886-1923, office; 2 vols., 1924--, jail.

For original commitments, see entry 260; for memorandum record, see entry 265.

265. RECORD (Memoranda of Arrests), 1934-35. 1 vol.
Memoranda of prisoners arrested, copied into Jail Book, entry 264; kept in a county commissioners' record of claims charged against 2-mill levy from Sept. 30 to following Sept. 29 (year not given), showing serial number, date, name of payee, amount; whether for labor, materials, supplies, miscellaneous; date paid. Memoranda, arr. numer. by entry no. or chron. by date of arrest; claims, numer. by serial no. No index. Hdw., hdw. on ruled form. 600 pp. (69 used) 14 x 8½ x 2.

Miscellaneous

266. CASH BOOK, 1833-64. 1 vol. Backbone title: Jail Book.
An unidentified record, included with sheriff's records only because of backbone title, containing miscellaneous accounts: For board and lodging, horse feed, tavern expenses, Aug. 21, 1833-Sept. 2, 1835, showing name of account, items, and total for each person; record of cash paid, 1835-36, showing name of article, date and amount of debits; date to whom lent or paid, and amount of credits; itemized accounts, 1848-52, for merchandise, showing name of account, amount, date, article and price. Also contains: minutes of soldiers' board of relief, 1864, entry 385½. Arr. chron. by date of entry some under acct. No index. Hdw., hdw. on ruled form. 73 pp. 13 x 8 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

267. (MISCELLANEOUS), 1854-70, 1881, 1886, 1893-1900, 1916, 1930-32.
636 papers in 1 bundle, 1 wooden box.
Miscellaneous papers, including:

i. Accounts, 1854-68, rendered by sheriff to various persons for sales of land, service of executions and writs, etc., showing page of sales book, execution and writ books, names of parties, amount and total;
ii. Official letters to sheriff; and correspondence of clerk of court, 1930-32, entry 97;
iii. Copies of two reports, 1931, by clerk of court to Attorney General, on crime, showing information as in entry 111.

No obvious arr. No index. Bundle, 1 x 3 x 5½; box, 12 x 18 x 13½. Bsmt. vault.

XXIII. RURAL POLICE AND COUNTY CONSTABLES (defunct)

In Pickens County the rural police system originated in 1911, when the sheriff, with the approval of the board of county commissioners, was authorized to appoint 2 policemen.[1] In 1912 this law was repealed, and the Gov-

1. Stat. XXVII, 193-94.

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ernor was directed to appoint 2 policemen on recommendation of the sheriff and the Senator, for a term of 2 years.[2] In 1927 a law authorized the Governor, upon recommendation of the delegation, to appoint 3 rural policemen for a term of 2 years; but in 1928 salaries were provided for only two.[3] An act of 1929 discontinued the rural policemen at the expiration of their terms and replaced them with 3 deputy sheriffs.[4] In 1933 a rural police commission was directed to appoint for a term of 3 years, and to remove for cause, as many rural policemen as the supply act might provide for from year to year.[5] The next year a chief and 3 policemen were authorized, and in 1935 there were 4 rural policemen.[6] In 1936 the police commission act was repealed, and the police were succeeded by 2 county constables appointed by a constable commission.[7] This act in turn was repealed in 1937,[8] and the maintenance of peace in the county is now the responsibility of deputy sheriffs.

Each policeman had to be a qualified elector of the county, not addicted to the use of intoxicants, "of good moral character and known courage."[9] Before assuming duties, he had to enter into bond, which varied from $1,000 to $2,000; and to sign the constitutional oath of office as well as a special oath, which were to be filed with the clerk of court.[10] The salaries varied from $20 to $100 a month, with travel expenses of $20 to $50 a month.[11]

In 1911 the rural police worked under the sheriff and had all the authority of deputy sheriffs. They were authorized when in pursuit of a criminal, to break doors if necessary, to cross county lines, and to arrest without warrant. They were required to patrol the county, especially the rural areas; to attend the court of general sessions on the first day and report on lawlessness to the grand jury and the solicitor. During court they were subject to the orders of the solicitor. Once a week they had to report their acts to the sheriff.[12] In 1912 they had to patrol the entire county at least twice a week, remaining on duty 10 hours daily and at night if necessary; and they were empowered to summon the posse comitatus. They had to provide themselves with horses, billets, and such firearms as the commission might prescribe. They were not required to wear uniforms, but had to wear a badge prescribed by the county commissioners.[13] They and all other peace officers were required to file monthly reports with the supervisor.[14] In 1927 they were directed to destroy illegal liquor stills; to file a re-

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2. Stat. XXVII, 893.
3. Stat. XXXV, 637, 1632.
4. Stat. XXXVI, 618.
5. Stat. XXXVIII, 90.
6. Stat. XXXIX, 1069.
7. Stat. XXXIX, 2568.
8. Stat. XL, 35.
9. Stat. XXVII, 193.
10. Stat. XXVII, 895; XXXVIII, 91; see entry 54.
11. Stat. XXVII, 193; XXXIX, 1069.
12. Stat. XXVII, 194.
13. Stat. XXVII, 893-94.
14. Stat. XXXI, 1115; XXXII, 795.

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port thereon with the clerk; and to deliver to the county supervisor any supplies therefrom which might be useful to the jail or poorhouse.[15] In 1933 they had the powers of constables and all the duties and powers of peace officers; they were required to cooperate with the sheriff.[16]

The duties of the county constables were the same as those of the rural police, but they also had to serve warrants for the magistrates at Liberty, and Easley, and to cooperate with the magistrates' constables at Pickens, Pumpkin Town and Six Mile. They had to turn in to the treasurer all fees and monies collected, except for civil work in the magistrate's court, and make a written report to the commission each month.[17]

This was not a records office. For required reports, see entry 4. For surety bonds, see entry 61.

XXIV. RURAL POLICE AND COUNTY CONSTABLE COMMISSIONS (defunct)

In 1933 a rural police commission for Pickens County was created consisting of W. W. Robinson of Easley, W. W. Cobb of Cateechy, and Fulton S. Childers of Six Mile, named in the constituent act to serve without compensation for a term of 3 years. Their successors were to be appointed by the legislative delegation.[1] At the end of their terms, the act was repealed and a county constable commission was created, consisting of Dr. C. M. Tripp, G. Max Perry, Waco Holliday, named in the constituent act to serve without compensation for a term of 2 years from April 1, 1936.[2] At the end of their terms the act was repealed, and the commission abolished.[3]

The rural police commission was "empowered and charged with the duty to appoint and remove for cause, as many Rural Policemen... as may be provided for by the Pickens County Supply Act from year to year; to make and enforce all necessary rules and regulations for the guidance and government of said rural policemen in the performance of their duties and not inconsistent with law; and to direct generally the work and activities of said Rural Policemen."[4] The county constable commission had identical powers and duties in regard to 2 county constables and 2 magistrates' constables.[5]

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15. Stat. XXXV, 357.
16. Stat. XXXVIII, 90.
17. Stat. XXXIX, 1377-78.
1. Stat. XXXVIII, 90.
2. Stat. XXXIX, 1377.
3. Stat. XL, 35.
4. Stat. XXXVIII, 90.
5. Stat. XXXIX, 1377, 1494.

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The required records of each commission were written reports filed monthly by the rural policemen and the county constables respectively, covering their "work, acts and doings for the previous month."[6] For the supervisor's copies of these reports, see entry 4.

XXV. CONSTABLES

When Pickens was first organized, a person wishing to act as constable had to apply to the justice under whom he would act, and offer one or more sureties for his good behavior in office. If the applicant and the sureties were approved by the justice, he certified the fact to the clerk of court, who required them to enter into a bond of $500. The clerk then administered the constitutional oath of office, and the additional oath to enforce the law of 1816 against gaming. Constables appointed without their own consent were not required to give bond. Bonded constables were not bound to serve more than two years, and were required to give three months' notice before resigning.[1] In 1839 each magistrate was authorized to appoint a constable for a term of four years, and required to file a certificate of appointment with the clerk of court.[2] The constitution of 1868 provided that a competent number of constables should be chosen in each county by the qualified electors, as directed by the General Assembly, for a term of two years.[3] The constitution of 1895 permitted each magistrate to appoint one or more constables.[4]

In Pickens County the number of constables has varied widely, from 32 in 1840 to none in 1934, when the rural policemen acted as constables.[5] There are now 5 constables, one each at Easley, Liberty, Central, Six Mile, and Pumpkin Town; in the town of Pickens the deputy sheriffs serve as constables.[6] In 1926 the jailer was directed to serve as constable.[7] All of the constables are appointed by the magistrates in the usual manner,[8] but in 1925 the constable at Easley was directed to be commissioned by the Governor upon recommendation of the Senator, sheriff, and magistrate at Easley.[9] In 1956 the constables at Pumpkin Town and Six Mile were appointed by the county constables commission.[10] The compensation is $15 a month

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6. Stat. XXXVIII, 91; XXXIX, 1378.
1. Stat. VI, 27, 179-80.
2. Stat. XI, 23.
3. Art. IV, 21.
4. Art. V, 20.
5. Stat. XI, 107; XXXVIII, 2155.
6. Stat. XLI, 2695.
7. Stat. XXXIV, 1317.
8. Stat. XL, 43.
9. Stat. XXXIV, 557.
10. Stat. XXXIX, 1494.

each, and fees and mileage additional amounting to about $240 a year each.[11] The bond is $500.[12] Upon conviction after indictment, constables may be removed by the judge before whom the case was tried and the office deemed vacant.[13]

Each constable may exercise his office throughout the county in which he has been appointed; and is required to execute promptly all processes directed to him lawfully by authorized officials, including not only the magistrate making his appointment, but also the board of county commissioners, the coroner, the probate court, the circuit courts and the State Supreme Court.[14] As many constables as may be required by the sheriff, must attend the sessions of the circuit courts and perform such duties as may be assigned them by the sheriff and the presiding judge.[15] A large part of a constables' work is concerned with proceedings in attachments.[16] As a peace officer, he may call to his assistance any person when making an arrest.[17] In 1927 all constables in Pickens County were required to destroy intoxicating liquor when seized, and to file with the clerk of court a report within five days.[18] They are also required to make regular monthly reports to the county supervisor on all work performed by them.[19]

This is not a records office. For reports, see entry 4.

XXVI. CORONER

The first coroner of Pickens District was elected in October 1828 by the electors of the district.[1] When the office was regulated in 1839, the law provided that a coroner should be appointed for each judicial district by joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives. The term was four years. The bond was fixed at $5,000. The oath of office prescribed by an amendment to the constitution of 1790 had to be entered on the back of his commission, and signed by him and by the magistrate before whom it was taken. He was then commissioned by the Governor.[2] The consti-

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11. Stat. XLI, 2693.
12. Stat. XXXVI, 945; Code 3781.
13. Code 1553.
14. Stat. XI, 55, 56; XIV, 435; Code 242, 1068, 1551, 3737, 3862.
15. Stat. XI, 56; Code 3743.
16. Code 257, 261-263.
17. Code 1382.
18. Stat. XXXV, 356; Code 1899.
19. Stat. XXXII, 795.
1. Stat. VI, 343.
2. Stat. XI, 49
3. Art. IV, 30.

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tution of 1868[3] and the constitution of 1895[4] provided for election of the coroner by the people of each county for a term of four years. After nomination in the primary,[5] he is now elected in each alternate general election reckoning from the year 1872.[6] The candidate must be a qualified elector of the county, not holding another office of profit or trust.[7] In Pickens County the bond is now $2,000.[8] The coroner takes the constitutional oath, the oath that he is not obligated to share and will not share the profits of office, and that he will enforce the law against gaming and dueling.[9] He is commissioned by the Governor,[10] who is also authorized to fill vacancies for an unexpired term.[11] The annual compensation is now $450; there is an additional $100 for post mortems, inquests and lunacy examinations, and $50 for coroner's jurors.[12]

The coroner's jurisdiction, powers and duties are closely related to the sheriff's and are chiefly concerned with taking "inquests of casual or violent deaths, committed or happening where any dead body is lying" within the county.[13] Should the office be vacant, or the coroner sick, or absent, or at a distance greater than fifteen miles from the scene, any magistrate of the county may hold the inquest.[14] When an inquest is to be held, the coroner makes out a warrant directed to the sheriff, or to any or all of the constables of the county, to summon a jury of fourteen men within a radius of ten miles, to appear at a specified time and place.[15] The coroner chooses six and appoints a foreman, to each of whom he administers the required oath.[16] The coroner then charges the jury to declare upon oath whether the deceased person came to his death by accident or by felony; and whether by his own act or another's, naming the principals, accessories, instrument used, and all other circumstances.[17] "The Jury being charged, they must stand together until proclamation be made for any that can give evidence, to draw near and they shall be heard".[18] The coroner is empowered

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4. Art. V, 30.
5. Code 2365.
6. Code 3555.
7. Const. 1895, art. II, 2.
8. Code 3556.
9. Code 3557.
10. Const. 1895, art. IV, 17.
11. Code 2351, 3555.
12. Stat. XLI, 2692, 2694.
13. Stat. XI, 50; Code 3561.
14. Stat. XI, 23; Code 3562
15. Stat. XI, 50; Code 1067.
16. Code 1070.
17. Stat. XI, 50; Code 1071.
18. Stat. XI, 51; Code 1073

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to bind over and commit; and the testimony of all witnesses must be taken down by him in writing.[19] The verdict of the jury is rendered in writing, and if the finding shall be "willful killing by the hands or means of another," the coroner must issue his warrant to apprehend the accused and commit him to custody of the sheriff at the jail.[20] In capital cases, should the accused person escape or for any reason not be arrested, it is the duty of the coroner to report to the Governor.[21] In certain cases the coroner may provide for the examination of bodies by chemists at Clemson College.[22] To save the expense of summoning jurors and physicians for cases where there is no suspicion of foul play, the coroner may make a preliminary examination, and decide for himself whether a formal inquest is necessary.[23] The sheriff is required to set apart a room at the jail for the confinement of persons in the custody of the coroner.[24]

The coroner is required to act as temporary sheriff when a vacancy occurs in that office and when the sheriff is personally connected with a case.[25] As the coroner is the only county official who can legally arrest the sheriff, he is not permitted to act under any order or appointment of the sheriff.[26]

The coroner may appoint one or more deputies, who must be approved by the resident circuit judge and duly certified by the coroner;[27] but he does not avail himself of this prerogative without authorization from the delegation, which sponsors the necessary compensation.

The basic required record of the office[28] is "Minutes of County Coroner," entry 268. Within ten days after the verdict, the original inquisition, with evidence, is returned to the clerk of the court of general sessions,[29] after having been endorsed by the coroner in the manner prescribed by law.[30] When the coroner acts as sheriff, he is required to keep a separate record of his executions or other papers, and to leave the book in the sheriff's office,[31] see entries 255, 257. As soon as he enters upon the sheriff's duties, he must, in the presence of the clerk of court or the jailor, make a list of the prisoners in the jail; the list must be signed by him and the jailor, entered in the coroner's book, and the original filed

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19. Stat. XI, 51; Code 1076, 1079.
20. Stat. XI, 52, 53; Code 1084, 1086-1088.
21. Code 1089.
22. Stat. XXV, 132; Code 1098-1100.
23. Stat. XXI, 825; Code 1097.
24. Stat. XI, 54; Code 1946.
25. Stat. II, 269-73; XI, 54 Code 3475, 3477.
26. Stat. XI, 49; Code 3559.
27. Code 3558.
28. 1839, Stat. XI, 53; Code 3563.
29. Stat. XI, 53; Code 3564.
30. Code 3565.
31. Code 3567.

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in the clerk's office.[32]

The coroner's office is legally required to be in the courthouse;[33] but Pickens County has not provided this, and the coroner's records are in the clerk of court's custody.

268. MINUTES OF COUNTY CORONER, 1867--. 6 vols. Title varies: Rules; Records.
Coroner's record of proceedings at inquests including transcripts of inquisition, showing date of death, name of deceased, place of inquest, names of jurors and witnesses, testimony and verdict of jury, physician's certificate of cause of death, transcribed signatures of coroner and jurors, date signed; also transcripts of coroner's command to sheriff to summon jurors, witnesses, and physician; of sheriff's return, with names of persons, and coroner's endorsement; and of recognizances. Arr. chron. by date of inquest. No index. Hdw. 209 to 640 pp. 12½ x 8 x 1 to 17 x 12 x 2. 2 vols., 1867-91, bsmt. vault; 2 vols., 1891-1928, main vault; 2 vols., 1928--, clerk of court, office.
For original inquests, see entry 100.

XXVII. AUDITOR

The office of county auditor was created in 1868 as a part of the statewide financial system set up when the county was empowered to assess and levy taxes as a corporation.[1] There has been little change in the office since it was instituted.

The candidate for office must be a qualified elector of the county, not holding another office of honor or profit.[2] He is nominated in the primary,[3] and appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of four years.[4] Before entering office he is required to take the constitutional oath that he is qualified for office; will perform the duties; will preserve, protect and defend the State and Federal Constitutions; that he has not engaged in a duel since 1881 and will not participate in one while in office. He also posts such surety bond as the Governor may require.[5] The auditor may be suspended or removed by the Governor, who also fills the vacancy.[6] In Pickens the present salary is $2,235 a year, one-third of which is paid by the county and two-thirds

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32. Code 3569.
33. Code 3560.
1. Stat. XIV, 27-67; XV, 731-780.
2. Const. 1868, art. XIV, 1; 1895, art. II, 2.
3. Code 2565.
4. Stat. XXIX, 515, Code 2698.
5. Const. 1895, art. III, 26; Code 2698.
6. Stat. XIV, 529; Code 2701, 3093.

by the State.[7] Since 1876 the auditor must file all required abstracts and reports with the Comptroller General before receiving his salary from the State.[8]

The structure and duties of the office have rendered appointive powers desirable for the auditor. In 1870 he was authorized, upon approval of the board of county commissioners, to appoint a deputy;[9] and in 1874 to employ assistants.[10] In 1878 he was required to appoint the members of the township boards of assessors.[11]

The powers and duties of the office are concerned with the assessment of taxes as well as with the balancing of financial records, and the auditor has ex officio connections with other offices. In 1868 he was made a member of the board of equalization, and since 1874 he has been clerk.[12] Since 1871 he has been a member of the board of jury commissioners.[13] In 1880 he was granted the powers, duties, privileges and profits pertaining to the office of escheator.[14] Since 1926 he has been a member of the forfeited land commission.[15] When there are no living Confederate veterans in the county he may become a member of the board of honor.[16]

When the local assessors were abolished in 1871, the duty of receiving the annual returns of taxpayers was devolved upon the auditor.[17] In 1892 he was given full power to assess and tax property independently of the county board of assessors; and in 1930 to appoint boards of school trustees as boards of equalization.[18]

It is the duty of the auditor to prepare from taxpayers' annual returns, after corrections by him and the boards of assessors, Tax Duplicates for himself and the treasurer.[19] He is required to receive instructions from the State Comptroller General; to answer in writing all inquiries from him; and to use the forms prescribed by him for financial records, which are examined at least once a year by the Comptroller General's office.[20] The auditor is also required to send the Comptroller General abstracts of all tax records.[21]

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7. Stat. XXXI, 1015; XXXVI, 197; XLI, 2692; Code 2700.
8. Stat. XVI, 194; XIX, 244; XXI, 674; Code 3156.
9. Stat. XIV, 552.
10. Stat. XV, 762.
11. Stat. XVI, 777.
12. Stat. XIV, 48; XV, 753; Code 2747.
13. Stat. XIV, 690; Code 607.
14. Stat. XVII, 481.
15. Stat. XXXIV, 920; Code 2167.
16. Stat. XXXVI, 177; Code 4981.
17. Stat. XIV, 625; Code 2702.
18. Stat. XXI, 81; XXXVI, 1901; Code 2705.
19. 1868, Stat. XIV, 50-51; Code 2715, 2717, 2727.
20. Stat. XV, 756; XVII, 1004, 1008, 1017; Code 2729, 2731-32.
21. Stat. XIV, 47, 55; Code 2712, 2728, 2836.

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When the fiscal year closes, it is the duty of the auditor to have an annual settlement with the county treasurer, at which time the foreman of the grand jury and a representative of the Comptroller General's office witness the balancing of the accounts of the county supervisor, the superintendent of education and the treasurer.[22]

The required records of the office are based upon the taxpayers' annual returns of taxable property, which are required to be preserved as public records for a period of five years.[23] From 1898 until 1918, returns were required on incomes and profits of $2,500 or more.[24] In 1913 returns on timber holdings became a requirement.[25] In 1915 the file of State Tax Commission assessments on corporations and merchants was begun.[26] From these various returns the auditor's Duplicate is compiled.[27] A list of tax exempt property has been required since 1882.[28] Real estate records necessary for compilation of the Duplicate include the Record of Conveyances[29] and reports from the judge of probate of lands changing ownership by inheritance.[30] In 1868 a record of lands sold for taxes was required.[31]

Petitions for abatement of taxes when approved by the auditor and treasurer, are submitted to the State Tax Commission, and when returned approved, are recorded on an Abatement Book and filed by the auditor.[32] Unpaid Tax Executions were made a permanent record in 1896.[33]

Settlement records include the paid county warrants, school claims, matured bonds and coupons, and checks, which the auditor receives as the treasurer's vouchers at the time of their annual settlement.[34] Copies of the settlement sheets[35] and abstracts which are sent the State Comptroller General are also filed by the auditor.[36]

Reports received by the auditor include reports of school district trustees as boards of equalization,[37] magistrates' reports on fines and costs;

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22. Stat. XIV, 55, 57; Code 2836-41.
23. Stat. XIV, 42; Code 2733.
24. Stat. XXII, 529; XXX, 775.
25. Stat. XXVIII, 197; Code 6572-75.
26. Stat. XXIX, 125; Code 2426(16).
27. 1868, Stat. XIV, 42; Code 2713, 2717.
28. Stat. XVII, 1010; Code 2711.
29. 1874, Stat. XV, 761; Code 2727.
30. 1923, Stat. XXXIII, 117; Code 227.
31. Stat. XIV, 60.
32. 1900, Stat. XXIII, 307; Code 2734.
33. Stat. XXII, 255; Code 2152.
34. 1889, Stat. XX, 349; Code 2836-41.
35. 1889, Stat. XX, 348; Code 2841.
36. Code 2712, 2728, 2836.
37. 1930, Stat. XXXVI, 1981.

clerk of court's and sheriff's reports on fines and forfeitures:[38] and reports on sales from dealers in explosives.[39] Reports are required from the auditor to the superintendent on poll tax;[40] and to school trustees on polls returned.[41] Under the dispensary system sworn quarterly reports were required from druggists on alcoholic liquor sales, and dispensers' monthly returns of requests filled by him. The auditor also filed dispensers' receipts for request books issued them.[42]

From 1906 until 1933, affidavits of parents of their inability to pay tuition in State colleges, were required to be filed with the auditor.[43]

Correspondence with the Comptroller General is usually preserved.

The auditor's non-current records are in the clerk of court's basement vault and in the basement records room. The current records are in the auditor's office.

Tax Records

Returns

269. (TAX RETURNS), 1868-70, 1872, 1880-88, 1891-97, 1904, 1910--. 513 vols., 1 cardboard box.

Original sworn statements of taxpayers on valuation of real and personal property, showing name and address of taxpayer, school district and township, whether living on farm and whose, name of school district in which last return made, liability of party to poll and road taxes; personal property value set by taxpayer, by county, town, and township boards of assessors and of equalization, itemized real estate owned at beginning of year; date sworn and signature of taxpayer. Also contains auto cards, 1939--, entry 272. No obvious arr., 1868-70, 1872, 1880-8; alph. by name of taxpayer under twp., 1891-97, 1904, 1910-20; under school dist., 1921--. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Vols., 69 to 1,292 returns, 14 x 8½ x ½ to 6½; box, 17 x 18 x 12. 242 vols. and 1 box, 1868-70, 1872, 1880-88, 1891-97, 1904, 1910-35, bsmt. records room; 11 vols., 1934, 1938, storage closet; 60 vols., 1935--, vault.

270. INCOME TAX RETURNS, 1909-14, 1916-18. 103 papers in 1 pasteboard f. b.

Original sworn returns under State law on income of $2,500 or more, showing fiscal year, name and address of taxpayer, names of township and county,

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38. 1878, Stat. XV, 758, 1539; Code 3612, 3729.
39. 1903, Stat. XXIV, 125; Code 1304.
40. 1890, Stat. XX, 718; Code 2708.
41. 1890, Stat. XX, 713; Code 1566.
42. 1896, Stat. XXII, 132, 133, 137; See entry 90 iii, iv.
43. Stat. XXV, 111; XXXVIII, 650.

amount received for rent, amount received as interest, amount received as dividends, as salary from any profession, trade or employment, from any other source, total gross income, expenses in carrying on business deducted, net income less exemption of $2,500; amount of taxable income (5 columns), income and tax, total income, total tax; date sworn and signatures of taxpayer and auditor, and date filed; seal of notary public; also list of income taxpayers, 1909. Also contains correspondence, 1910-11, entry 293; and treasurer's monthly reports, 1917-18, entry 337. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form and typed. 4½ x 4½ x 10. Bsmt. records room.

271. CORPORATION RETURNS FOR ASSESSMENTS, 1926-28, 1930-36. 175 papers in 2 f. b., 1 f. d. 1936-- in entry 288.
Returns from State Tax Commission to county auditor on assessments of banks, railroads, and other corporations, showing date, name of corporation, name of auditor, school district name and number, itemized assessments of real and personal property, name of chairman of State Tax Commission. Also contains correspondence, 1926-27, entry 298. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form and typed. F. b., 5 x 5 x 11; f. d., 11½ x 5 x 18. 2 f. b., 1926-28, bsmt. records room; 1 f. d., 1930-36, vault.

272. (AUTO CARDS), 1929-35, 1938. 13,000 cards in 1 wooden f. b., 1 cardboard f. b., 1 f. d., 1939--, in (Tax Returns), entry 269.
Motor car license cards sent by State Highway Commission to county auditor, in order that he may check on cars returned, showing year of license, make of car, model, name of owner, amount of license, number of motor, date of license, and county. No obvious arr. No index. Typed or stamped on printed cards. Wooden f. b., 9 x 8½ x 15; cardboard f. b., 4 x 10½ x 14. f. d., 5½ x 10½ x 28. 1 f. b., 1929-31, bsmt. records room; f. b., 1933-35, bsmt. vault; f. d., 1938, tax collector, office.

273. ASSESSOR'S RETURNS OF REAL PROPERTY, 1868, 1870. 8 vols. (4 dated, 4 unlabeled). Subtitled by name of tax district.
Original listing of taxable real estate in townships as returned by district assessors, showing county, number of tax district, name of property holder, number acres and value of arable lands, meadow, pasture, woods, uncultivated and marsh lands; number and value of buildings; total number acres and value; total value real estate outside incorporated towns, real estate in incorporated towns, name of town, street where property is located, number and value of lots and buildings; value of property exempt; total value; total value of all taxable real estate; and page totals. Also contains assessors' notarized account, showing names of county, assessor, number of tax district, fiscal year, dates of work in making return, rate per day, signatures of assessor and of notary, and date proved. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on printed and printed ruled forms. 10 to 20 double pp. 15½ x 10½ x 1/8 to ¼. Bsmt. records room.

274. (ASSESSMENT REAL PROPERTY), 1868, 1870. 2 vols.
Schedule of taxable real estate in entire county compiled from original township lists, entry 273, and showing similar information, with page totals. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer under tax dist. Indexed by name of tax dist., 1868; no index, 1870. 121 and 130 double pp. 1 vol. 1870, poor condition, 16½ x 13½ x 1 and 18 x 11 x 2. Bsmt. records room.

275. ASSESSOR'S RETURNS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, 1869-70. 17 vols. (13 dated, 4 unlabeled).
Original listing of taxable personal property returned by district assessors, showing number and name of tax district, name of assessor, date of return, statement of taxable items, including livestock, watches, plate, musical instruments, carriages, dogs, moneys and credits both business and personal, investments, and total, with oath and signature of taxpayer. Also contains assessor's notarized account, as in entry 273. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on printed and printed ruled forms. 20 double pp. 8 x 13½ x ¼. Bsmt. records room.

276. ASSESSMENT PERSONAL PROPERTY, 1868-69. 2 vols.
Schedule of taxable personal property, compiled from original lists, entry 275, showing similar information, with column, page and annual totals; recapitulation by townships. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer under tax district. Indexed by name of tax district. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 66 pp. 17½ x 14 x 1. Bsmt. records room.

Duplicates

277. AUDITOR'S DUPLICATE, 1868, 1870-87, 1889--. 81 vols. (dated).
Schedule of all taxable property, showing name of township, name of taxpayer; real estate in country, number of acres, value, number of buildings, value, total value of real estate in country; real estate in cities, towns, and villages, number of lots, value, number of buildings, value, total value of real estate in cities, towns, and villages; total value of real property, total value of taxable personal property, total taxable property; total property tax, total levy, mills; polls, capitation road tax, dog tax, total tax, value of farm animals, of carriages, carts, drays, trucks, automobiles, etc., of gold and silver watches, jewelry and silver plate, of household and office furniture, of pianos and other musical instruments; of farming implements, machinery, mills, gins, etc.; of merchandise, moneys and credits pertaining to mercantile business and manufactured articles on hand; of moneys and credits, of investments in stocks, of all other property such as steamboats, yachts, and all other water craft; bank returns; railroads, public utilities, and corporation property; 10 percent penalty for non-return of personal property; column and page totals, recapitulation by school district or township. Also contains abatement book, 1874-92, 1900, entry 283; record of fines, forfeitures, and licenses, 1884-96, entry 115; record of daily weather conditions, 1912-14. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer under twp., 1868-1919; under school dist., 1920--. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 173 to 500 double pp. 18 x 23 x 2 to 18½ x 24 x 4½. 60 vols., 1868-1919, bsmt. records room; 21 vols., 1920--, vault.
For treasurer's parallel record, see entry 302.

Real Estate

278. RECORD OF CONVEYANCES, 1871--. 6 vols.
Record of conveyances of real property for use of auditor in charging taxes to correct owner on duplicate, showing name of township, date of sale, date of entry, name of seller, name of purchaser, property outside of cities and towns: number of acres, buildings, price paid, assessed value (no entry),

percentage of valuation (no entry); property in cities and towns: lots, houses, price paid, assessed value (no entry), percentage of valuation (no entry), and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of entry, 1871; alph. by name of taxpayer and thereunder chron. by date of entry, 1872-85; chron. by date of entry under twp., 1885--. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 225 to 576 pp. 11⅓ x 18 x 1 to 16½ x 21 x 1½. 5 vols., 1871-1919, bsmt. records room; 1 vol., 1919--, office.

279. (REAL ESTATE INQUIRIES), 1919. 750 cards in 2 f. b.
Original post card inquiries sent by auditor to landowners and returned, showing number of acres in cultivation, in pasture, in timber, in waste, and value of each; also names of auditor, township, and signature of landowner. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed cards. 4½ x 4½ x 10 and 5 x 5 x 11. Bsmt. records room.

280. DELINQUENT LAND SALES, 1868-97. 3 vols. No recording 1874, 1876, 1879, 1881-82, 1890-95.
List of lands forfeited to the State for taxes and sold, showing with variations date of execution, date sold, to whom assessed, number lots, number acres, number buildings, location, State tax, 15% penalty, treasurer's cost, deputies' fees, and advertising costs, total for State; county tax, 15% penalty, treasurer's costs, total cost for county; total for State and county, by whom purchased or forfeited; also auditor's certificate of correctness of list, with date and signature; also list of lands returned to tax duplicate, 1887-88. Arr. chron. by date of sale under year. Indexed by name of purchaser, 1868-80; no index, 1883-97. 102 to 208 double pp. 17 x 10 x 1 to 17 x 14 x 1. Bsmt. records room.

Abatements

281. (ABATEMENT PAPERS), 1907-8, 1919, 1921-22, 1928-33. 1 pigeonhole, 1 vol. 1936--. in (Settlement Sheets - Abstracts - Miscellaneous), entry 288.
Original petitions by taxpayers to Comptroller General or to State Tax Commission for reduction in taxes on real and personal property, 1907-8, 1921-22, 1928-31, 1933, showing county, date, to whom addressed, description and location of property, amount of reduction, and signature of taxpayer; endorsed with affidavits by county treasurer and auditor; recommendations by township boards of assessors; and itemized original assessments, signed by auditor and treasurer; proposed assessments and taxes; deductions allowed, signatures of Tax Commissioners or Comptroller General; also abatements of dog tax, 1919, entry 282; poll tax, 1919, poll and road tax, 1931-33, showing fiscal year, name of taxpayer, cause of abatement, number of school district, page and line of duplicate and signature of auditor or stamped date and name of auditor. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Pigeonhole, 6 x 6 x 11½; vol., 61 pp. 3 x 7 x ½. 1 vol., 1919, bsmt. records room; 1 pigeonhole, 1907-08, 1921-33, bsmt. vault.

282. (DOG TAX ABATEMENTS), 1900-1921, broken dates. 972 papers in 1 cardboard f. b. 1909 also in (Settlement Sheets - Abstracts - Miscellaneous), entry 288, 1919 in (Abatement Papers), entry 281.
Original sworn statements of taxpayers asking corrections of charges erroneously assessed for dog taxes, 1905-06, showing State, county, name of tax-

payer, fiscal year, date, and signatures of auditor and taxpayer. Also contains:

i. Original magistrate's arrest warrants for delinquent poll taxes, 1900, showing name of defendant, date due, expiration date of payment; also affidavit of treasurer before magistrate;

ii. Insurance policies for schools, 1907, 1910-11, 1913-14, 1916-17, 1919-21, showing date of expiration, designation of property, amount, premium, name of school, number of policy, and name of company, entry 375.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 9 x 11 x 10. Bsmt. latticed room.

285. ABATEMENT BOOK, 1917--. 2 vols. 1874-92, 1900 in Auditor's Duplicate, entry 277.

Record of reductions in valuation and taxes after tax duplicates are made, showing for tax duplicate charges: name of taxpayer, fiscal year, page, line, number acres and value of land, number and value of lots and buildings, personal, total taxable property, State, school, county, and special taxes, total tax charged; for abatements allowed: abatement number, number acres and value of land, number and value of lots and buildings, personal and total taxable property, State, county, school, and special taxes, total tax, polls. Arr. chron. by year. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 100 double pp. 17 x 14 x 1. 1 vol., 1917-27, bsmt. records room; 1 vol., 1928--, vault.

Settlement Records

284. (COUNTY VOUCHERS), 1894-1934. 69,193 vouchers in 3 wooden boxes, 1 f. b., 1 tin can. 1936-- in (Settlement Sheets - Abstracts - Miscellaneous), entry 288.

Original canceled warrants, 1894-1934, on treasurer by county commissioners, serving as treasurer's vouchers and transferred by him to auditor at annual settlement, showing serial number of warrant, office of issue, county, amount, on whom made, date, number of claim, purpose, date audited and allowed, signature of supervisor and clerk of county commissioners, and date canceled, and names of auditor and county stamped. Also contains school vouchers, 1894-1928 entry 285 and canceled checks, 1918-19, entry 287. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Wooden boxes, 10 x 16 x 21½ to 6 x 17 x 25; f. b., 5 x 4½ x 11; tin can, 20 x 15 diameter. 2 wooden boxes, f. b., tin can, 1894-1927, bsmt. records room; 1 wooden box, 1928-34, bsmt. vault.

For other canceled warrants, see entry 5.

285. (SCHOOL VOUCHERS), 1894, 1897-1934. Approx. 32,000 vouchers in 8 wooden boxes. 1894-1928 also in (County Vouchers), entry 284, 1936-- in (Settlement Sheets - Abstracts - Miscellaneous), entry 288.

Original canceled school claims (warrants), serving as treasurer's vouchers and transferred by him to auditor at annual settlement, showing amount, school district number, county superintendent's number, name of payee, purpose, name of school, and signatures of superintendent and two trustees;

date approved and ordered paid; reverse giving county superintendent's number, amount, name of payee, and date approved, and name of superintendent stamped. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 9½ x 20½ x 15½ to 14 x 12 x 18. 2 boxes, 1894, 1897-1928, bsmt. latticed room; 1 box, 1928-34, bsmt. vault.

For duplicate school claims, see entry 351, for stubs, see entry 352.

286. (BONDS AND COUPONS), 1874, 1876, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1915, 1918-20, 1922, 1924, 1926, 1928-34. 9,109 papers in 1 cardboard box, 3 wooden boxes. 1936-- in (Settlement Sheets - Abstracts - Miscellaneous), entry 288.

Canceled road and school bonds, 1909, 1911, 1920-23, 1928-34, showing for road bonds: number, amount, date of maturity, rate of interest and date payable, act authorizing issue, and signatures of county supervisor, county treasurer, and clerk of board of county commissioners, date signed, and date canceled and names of auditor and county stamped; for school bonds; name and number of school district, kind, purpose, amount, number and date of bond, date interest due, when interest payable, where principal and interest payable; also coupons for bond issues, 1874, 1876, 1912, 1915, 1918-20, 1922, 1924, 1926, 1928-34, showing for road bond coupons: amount, date, where payable, date payable, signature of Pickens County highway commissioner; for county bonds: signature of chairman of board of county commissioners; for school bond coupons: name and number of school district and signatures of three trustees of district. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Cardboard box, 6 x 11½ x 12; wooden boxes, 5 x 10 x 15½ to 14 x 11 x 21. 2 wooden boxes, 1874, 1876, 1912-28, bsmt. latticed room; 1 wooden and 1 cardboard box, 1909, 1911, 1928-34, bsmt. vault.

287. (CANCELED CHECKS), 1908-09, 1915-16, 1919, 1921-22, 1925-34. 8,376 checks in 1 wooden box, 1 vol., 1 pasteboard f. b., 5 pigeonholes. 1918-19 in (County Vouchers), entry 284; 1936-- in (Settlement Sheets - Abstracts - Miscellaneous), entry 288.

Treasurer's canceled checks serving as vouchers at settlement with auditor, showing date, serial number, name of payee, amount, and signatures of treasurer and endorsers. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Box, 7 x 11½ x 17; vol., 200 pp. 16½ x 11 x 5; f. b., 4½ x 4½ x 10½; pigeonhole, 6 x 6 x 11. 1 wooden box, 1 f. b. 1908-9, 1915, 1921-22, 1925, bsmt. latticed room; 1 vol., 5 pigeonholes, 1914-16, 1919, 1921-34, bsmt. vault.

For stubs, see entry 336.

288. (SETTLEMENT SHEETS - ABSTRACTS - MISCELLANEOUS), 1881--. Approx. 26,770 papers in 5 f. d., 10 pasteboard f. b., 1 wooden box, 5 rolls, 1 pigeonhole; 1 cardboard box.

Auditor's copies of settlement sheets, 1885--, for State and county taxes, sent by him to State Comptroller General, showing debits and credits balanced at annual settlement for tax assessments, treasurer's cash account, delinquent tax account, statement of indebtedness, endorsed with fiscal year, county, date, names of auditor and treasurer, kind of taxes, and spaces for signature (no entry); also statements of payments by county treasurer of county and school funds; of deductions by Comptroller General; of cash receipts, borrowed money, licenses; road taxes; settlement sheets for school and poll taxes; treasurer's receipts for taxes and penalties, 1911; auditor's copies

of abstracts of duplicate, 1881--; of real property, 1882--; personal property, 1890--; executions in hands of sheriff, 1907--; execution book, 1901--; of nulla bona executions, 1902--; of 1%, of 5% and of 15% delinquent tax lists, 1895--; abstracts show information indicated by title, and headings similar to those of Auditor's duplicate, entry 277, with endorsed identification spaces and recapitulations. Also contains corporation returns for assessments, 1936--, entry 271; abatement papers, 1936--, entry 281; dog tax abatements, 1909, entry 282; county vouchers, 1936--, entry 284; school vouchers, 1936--, entry 285; bonds and coupons 1936--, entry 286; canceled checks, 1936--, entry 287; magistrates reports, 1930-38, entry 289. Arr. by kind of paper, and thereunder usually chron. by years, but no series quite complete; school vouchers, bonds and coupons arr. by school dist., checks and county vouchers arr. by serial no. No index. Hdw. on printed form, coupons engraved. F. d., 9 x 11 x 27 and 11½ x 8 x 18; f. b., 5 x 4½ x 11; wooden box, 8 x 14½ x 23; cardboard box, 10½ x 12 x 7½; pigeonhole, 6 x 6½ x 11; roll, 10½ x 2½ to 19½ x 6. 1 f. d., 10 f. b., wooden box, 5 rolls, 1881-1934, bsmt. records room; pigeonhole, 1907-10, 1913-14, bsmt. vault; cardboard box, 1922-38, storage closet; 4 f. d., 1936--, auditor, office.

Reports

289. MAGISTRATES REPORTS, 1909-29, 1938--. 850 reports in 1 cardboard box, 1 f. d. 1930-38 in (Settlement Sheets - Abstracts - Miscellaneous), entry 288.

Original monthly reports by magistrates on fines and costs collected and delivered to treasurer, showing name of county, date, title of case, offense, amount of fine, signature of magistrate, name of district; endorsed with names of magistrate and district, month ending, date filed (no entry). No obvious arr., 1909-29; arr. chron. by date of report, 1938--. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Cardboard box, 14½ x 11½ x 4½; f. d., 11½ x 5 x 18. Cardboard box, 1909-29, bsmt. records room; f. d., 1938--, vault.

For transcripts, see entry 3.

290. GENERAL LICENSE BOOK (Magistrates' Reports), July-Oct. 1919. 1 vol.

Record of magistrates'fines reported to auditor only, showing date of payment, names of officer and office, name of payer, amount of fine (county sheet), fines (school sheet), total; kept in a volume intended for "Return to auditor of licenses, poor farm receipts, road tax, magistrates and clerk of court fines, auto licenses, marriage licenses, etc." Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 300 double pp. (1 used) 17 x 14 x 3. Bsmt. records room.

291. REPORTS OF DYNAMITE SALES, 1923. 8 papers in 1 f. b.

List of purchases of dynamite sent by merchants to auditor, showing with variations, date, kind and quantity, name of purchaser, and signature of firm or letter head of firm. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form and typed. 4½ x 4½ x 10. Bsmt. records room.

School District Levies

292. SCHOOL MATTERS, 1906-23. 300 papers in 4 f. b. Title varies: School Matters and Special School Records.
Miscellaneous papers relating to school matters, including:
i. Original returns by school district trustees, of elections for special levy in district for school purposes, showing date, purpose of election, tallies of votes, date of return, and signatures of school district trustees as managers;
ii. Copies of statements by State Superintendent of Education on State funds made available for county school purposes, 1906-08, 1911-15, 1919-22, showing kind of aid, name and number of school district, name of teacher or purpose of funds, amount credited to each teacher, school or county, name of county treasurer, and copy of signature of State Superintendent of Education;
iii. Pencil copies of abstracts or recapitulations of special school taxes, 1907-15, 1919, showing by townships, assessment, taxes, and penalties;
iv. Notice from Comptroller General to county auditor of funds deposited with county treasurer for extension of county schools, 1909, showing date, amount, name of county treasurer, and signature of Comptroller General.
Also contains transfers from one district to another, 1909, 1915, 1920, 1922-23, entry 294. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ruled form, hdw., typed. 4½ x 4½ x 10. Bsmt. records room.

293. POLL LISTS, 1895-98, 1901, 1904-05, 1907, 1909-10, 1917-21, 1923, 1927, 1929-32. Approx. 400 papers in 4 f. b., 1 f. d.
Original revised lists of taxable polls and dogs, made by school district trustees for auditor's use in making up duplicate, showing with variations school district number, fiscal year, name of taxpayer, number of dogs, polls, total for each. Also contains proceedings of township board of assessors, 1898, entry 299; certified statement of treasurer's cash on hands, 1923, entry 316 ii. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. F. b., 4½ x 4½ x 10 to 5 x 5 x 11; f. d., 11 x 5 x 18. 4 f. b., 1895-1927, bsmt. latticed room; 1 f. d., 1929-32, vault.

294. TRANSFERS FROM ONE DISTRICT TO ANOTHER, 1924-26. 5 papers in 1 f. b. 1909, 1915, 1920, 1922-23 in School Matters, entry 292.
Original statements by school district trustees that property has been transferred from one district to another, showing name of taxpayer, name of school district from which and to which transferred, date, and signature of trustees; also acceptance of trustees of district to which property was transferred with date and signatures. No obvious arr. No index. Typed. 4½ x 4½ x 10. Bsmt. records room.

295. LEDGER (School District Levies), 1920-22. 1 vol. Not found on recheck.
Record of school district levies, showing number of district, name, number of mills for special school purposes, number mills for high school, number mills for school bonds, total levy, year bond issued, year run, year due, amount of bond and percent of interest. Arr. numer. by no. of school dist.

Town and Township Boards of Assessors (296-298)

No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 88 pp. (6 used) 10 x 7½ x ½. Bsmt. records room.

For other records, see entries 347, 355.

Dispensary Requests
(See also entry 90: iii, iv)

296. REQUESTS TO PURCHASE INTOXICATING LIQUORS, 1903. 2 vols.
Original requests to dispenser from consumer to purchase intoxicating liquors, returned to auditor by 10th of month, showing serial number; name, age, and residence of applicant (no entries last 3 items); itemized liquors, kind and quantity; attest by dispenser (no entry); endorsed with date of delivery, date of return, name of dispenser to whom issued, county. Arr. numer. by serial no. No index. Hdw. on State printed form #8. 75 pp., 1 request to page. 4 x 5 x ½. 1 vol., bsmt. vault; 1 vol., bsmt. records room.

Free Tuition

297. CERTIFICATE OF INABILITY TO PAY, 1916-17. 75 papers in 2 pasteboard f. b.
Original affidavits by parents or guardians of inability to pay tuition in State colleges, showing serial number, name of parent or guardian, name of applicant, name of college, date signed, and signatures of parent or guardian and notary public; endorsed with serial number, date, name of affiant. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 4½ x 4½ x 10. Bsmt. latticed room.

Correspondence

298. (CORRESPONDENCE), 1919-26. 650 letters in 1 pasteboard f. b., 4 clipboard files. 1910-11 in Income Tax Returns, entry 270. 1926-27 in Corporation Returns For Assessments, entry 271.
Original and carbon copies of official letters to auditor from Comptroller General, State Tax Commission, and Secretary of State. Also contains minutes of equalization board, 1921, entry 300. Arr. chron. by date of letter. No index. Hdw. and typed. F. b., 5 x 4½ x 11; clipboard files, 8½ x 11 x 1 to 9 x 14½ x 1½. Bsmt. latticed room.

XXVIII. TOWN AND TOWNSHIP BOARDS OF ASSESSORS

The constitution of 1868 provided that "the corporate authorities of Counties, Townships, School Districts, Cities, Towns and Villages may be vested with the power to assess and collect taxes for corporate purposes;" and directed the General Assembly to provide a uniform and equal rate of

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assessment and taxation.[1] Assessors were appointed by the Governor one for each tax district,[2] but in 1870 these were abolished, and their duties devolved upon the county auditor.[3] In 1878 three persons from each township were named by the auditor as a board of assessors.[4] They were required to be freeholders and residents of the township from which appointed, and to take an oath before entering upon duties. This law was reenacted in 1882.[5] In 1894 the township boards of assessors were abolished and the township boards of road commissioners took over their duties.[6] Again in 1896 the township boards of road commissioners were named as the township boards of assessors.[7] Three years later the township boards of assessors were appointed by the Governor on recommendation of the delegation,[8] for a term of two years. A special law provided that they be appointed in Pickens County by the auditor. Before entering upon duties of the office each member takes the oath of office provided for other county and State officers.[9] In 1878 no compensation was received, but members were exempt from road and jury duty.[10] The members now receive $2 a day not exceeding 3 days a year, except when real estate is to be assessed and then not exceeding 5 days, or 10 days for incorporated towns of 4,000 and less than 10,000 population (Easley).[11]

In 1926 the auditor was authorized to appoint three resident freeholders of each school district as an equalization board for the district, to pass upon the returns of taxable property and submit a report to him. The auditor resubmitted the report to the township board of equalization which in turn sent it to the county board of equalization.[12] In the incorporated cities and towns of Pickens County in 1937[13] were appointed at their discretion one to three citizens to act in an advisory capacity to the board of equalization and the school trustees in assessing and arriving at a fair and equitable basis of valuation of the property. Since 1915[14] there has been an appropriation for the board of equalization.

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1. Art. IX, 1, 8.
2. Reports and Resolutions, 1869, p. 241.
3. Stat. XIV, 625.
4. Stat. XVI, 777.
5. Stat. XVII, 1019.
6. Stat. XXI, 482
7. Stat. XXII, 60.
8. Stat. XXIII, 116-17.
9. Stat. XXIII, 6, 117, 284; Code 2757.
10. Stat. XVI, 778.
11. Code 2738; 16th U. S. census, in The State, Jan. 8, 1941.
12. Stat. XXXIV, 1669.
13. Stat. XL, 216.
14. Stat. XXIX, 322.

In 1868 the district assessors took returns of personal and real property on forms prescribed by a State Auditor. At the time the State Auditor delivered the forms, each assessor entered in a book, by township and city, alphabetically, the names of persons, companies, and corporations in the township with the residence or place of business.[15] It is the duty of the boards of assessors and the county auditor to seek for and discover all property in the county subject to taxation not previously returned, and to list and assess it. Before the annual meeting is held, the auditor lays before the boards of assessors this list and the returns of real and personal property, stating in his column what he thinks ought to be the valuation.[16] The boards of assessors meet on the first Tuesday in March and consider the returns and list, compare them with the tax duplicate for previous years, and then proceed to fairly and impartially assess the property and enter upon the returns the correct assessment. After tax returns are all in, the chairmen of the boards of assessors canvass their territory for property and polls not returned. Their compensation is the same per diem as that of the boards, and each must make a sworn report to the auditor. The boards have power to raise or lower the amount of assessments. They are required to return the records to the county auditor before the third Tuesday in March, when the board of equalization meets with him to review the assessments.[17] Any person dissatisfied with the assessment of the board of assessors may appeal to the board of equalization.[18] For corrections of the boards of assessors, see entry 269; for oaths and commissions, see entry 501.

299. (PROCEEDINGS OF TOWNSHIP BOARDS OF ASSESSORS), 1895-97, 1901 1907. 41 papers in 1 bundle. 1898 in Poll Lists, entry 295. 1908-11, 1915-16, 1924-25, 1926, 1929-- in Work of Equalization Boards (Minutes and Miscellaneous), entry 501.

Original record of proceedings of township boards of assessors, showing name and number of township, name of taxpayer, address, amount raised, amount lowered; oaths and signatures of assessors. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. Size not given. Bsmt. records room.

XXIX. COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

In 1868, the county auditor, the treasurer, and the board of county commissioners, ex officio formed the county board of equalization.[1] In 1874, the county commissioners no longer served and the board was composed of the auditor, the treasurer, and three "intelligent taxpaying citizens" appointed

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15. Stat. XIV, 41.
16. Code 2742, 2743, 2746.
17. Code 2743, 2744.
18. Stat. XVI, 778; Code 2747
1. Stat. XIV, 47, 48.

by the circuit judge for five years.[2] In 1878, the chairmen of the boards of assessors became the county board of equalization.[3] This law was re-enacted in 1882.[4] In 1894 the county board of equalization was abolished and the county board of commissioners became ex officio the county board of equalization until 1899, when the chairmen of the boards of assessors became the county board of equalization.[5] In 1930 the auditor was authorized to appoint the boards of school district trustees as boards of equalization for that year.[6] Since 1899 the term of office has been coterminal with the Governor's.[7] Before taking over the duties, each member takes an oath "to fairly and impartially equalize the value of real and personal property" of the county.[8] Since 1902 the board has received $2 a day and 5¢ a mile not exceeding 5 days a year, except when real estate is being reassessed and then not exceeding 10 days.[9]

The board of equalization meets annually on the 4th Tuesday in March in the office of the auditor, who is ex officio the clerk.[10] It is the duty of the board to fairly and impartially equalize the value of real estate in the county; to raise or lower the valuation of tracts returned above or below their true value; to hear all grievances of taxpayers; and to direct the treasurer to places in polling precincts for collecting taxes.[11] In cases of erroneous taxation the auditor submits statement of facts which he has received from the treasurer, to the board of equalization for an endorsement (B of E); after which it is sent to the Comptroller General with such data as the auditor may add.[12]

The only required record is an accurate record of the proceedings of the board which is kept in the office of the auditor.[13]

300. COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION RECORD, 1893-1902. 1 vol. No recording 1901. 1921 in (Correspondence), entry 298; 1924-26, 1928-- in Work of Equalization Boards (Minutes and Miscellaneous), entry 301.

Record of proceedings of county board of equalization, showing date of meeting, names of members present, and signatures of chairman and secretary; oaths of township boards of assessors and county board of equalization, with

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2. Stat XV, 752,753.
3. Stat. XVI, 778.
4. Stat. XVII, 1019.
5. Stat. XXI, 482; XXIII, 3, 284; Code 2747.
6. Stat. XXVI, 1981.
7. Stat. XXIII, 3; Code 2737.
8. Stat. XIV, 47; Code 2747.
9. Stat. XXIII, 1085; Code 2741.
10. Code 2747
11. 1874, Stat. XV, 753; Code 2747.
12. 1874, Stat. XV, 789;
13. Stat. XIV, 46; Code 2747

date, obligation, and signatures of members; list of assessments by townships, raised, lowered, sustained or added by county board, giving name of taxpayer, property, amount, total for township. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw., typed on printed form. 240 pp. (98 used) 20 x 11 x 1. Bsmt. records room.

301. WORK OF EQUALIZATION BOARDS (Minutes and Miscellaneous), 1908--. 248 papers in 5 pasteboard f. b., 1 f. d. Title varies: Districts, Townships, and County Boards Reports and Minutes of Proceedings of Their Meetings;Board of Assessors Commissions; Equalization Papers; Proceedings of Township and County Board.

General files of the boards of assessors and equalization, including:

i. Oaths of office by township assessors, 1911, showing office, county, date, name and address of member, name of township, and signatures of assessors, and notarization;

ii. Original commissions of township assessors, 1915, showing date, name and address of assessor, township to which appointed, term of office, and signature of Governor and Secretary of State;

iii. General related correspondence.

Also contains poll lists, 1930-32, entry 293; proceedings of township boards of assessors, 1908-11, 1915-16, 1924-25, 1926, 1929--, entry 299; minutes equalization board, 1924-26, 1928--, entry 300. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed on printed form. F. b., 5 x 5 x 11 to 5 x 3 x 12; f. d., 11½ x 5 x 18. 5 f. b., 1908-28, bsmt. records room; 1 f. d., 1929--, auditor, vault.

XXX. TREASURER

The office of the county treasurer was created in 1868 as part of the state-wide financial system, and there has been little change in the office since it was instituted.[1]

The requirements of the candidate for the office are that he shall be a qualified elector of the county, and not hold another office of profit or trust.[2] He is nominated in the primary and appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.[3] He is commissioned by the Governor for a four-year term.[4] Before assuming office he posts such surety bond as the Governor may deem advisable, provided that in Pickens County it may be not less than $40,000.[5] He also takes the oath prescribed in the constitu-

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1. Stat. XIV, 28-67.
2. Const. 1868, art. XIV, 1; 1895, art. II, 2.
3. Code 2565, 2789.
4. Stat. XXIX, 515; Code 3042.
5. Stat. XXXVII, 151; Code 2789.

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tion,[6] and the additional oaths not to share the profits of the office, and to enforce the laws against gaming and dueling.[7] For cause he may be suspended and removed from office by the Governor.[8] Vacancies are filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.[9] In Pickens County the annual salary is $2,255; the State paying two-thirds of this sum, and the county the other third.[10]

The powers and duties of the county treasurer are concerned with the collection of taxes, the custody and disbursement of county funds; and these bring him in close contact with other offices. With the auditor and the approval of the delegation, he may increase or decrease the tax levy.[11] Since 1893 the treasurer has been an ex officio member of the board of jury commissioners, and since 1926 a member of the finance board and of the forfeited land commission.[12]

The office of the county treasurer is open from September 15 to December 31 for the receipt of taxes without penalty.[13] From 1875 until 1894, and again since 1896, it has been the duty of the Pickens treasurer to travel to various towns to receive taxes.[14] He disburses upon warrants from the authorized officials, all money of the county from whatever source derived. On the first day of each month, the county treasurer sends the State Comptroller General a complete statement of the total collections to date,[15] copies of which are filed with the superintendent of education, the board of county commissioners, and the clerk of court. He reports to the county commissioners the amount and character of funds collected for the county; and he reports to the county superintendent of education, his collections and disbursements of poll tax and other school funds.[16] He is required to make an annual report to the court of general sessions at the second term, showing the number, character and amount of claims paid by him on orders of the county commissioners and superintendent of education, which is submitted by the judge to the grand jury and filed by the clerk of court for public inspection.[17] From 1873 until 1940 he was required to report annually to the State Superintendent of Education, showing, by school districts, the amount of poll tax and all other school taxes collected by him for the fiscal year.[18]

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6. 1895, art. III, 26.
7. Code 2789, 3044.
8. Code 2701, 2791.
9. Code 3093.
10. Stat. XXXVI, 197; Code 2700; Stat. XLI, 2692.
11. Stat. XL, 1271; XLI, 2695
12. Stat. XXI, 524; XXXIV, 917, 920.
13. Code 2795.
14. Stat. XV, 972; XXI, 720; XXII, 61; Code 2794.
15. 1882, Stat. XVII, 1027; Code 2802.
16. 1868, Stat. XIV, 58; 1882, XVII, 1027; Code 2801, 5395-96.
17. 1882, Stat. XVII, 892; Code 2829.
18. 1873, Stat. XV, 354; Code 5398; Stat. XLI, 1769.

Since 1868 it has been the duty of the treasurer to have an annual settlement with the auditor, at which time the balancing of the accounts of the supervisor, the superintendent of education, and the treasurer, is witnessed by the foreman of the grand jury and the Comptroller General.[19] Every two months the treasurer has a settlement with the tax collector.[20]

It is the duty of the treasurer to receive complaints from taxpayers in regard to errors in assessment and to submit the facts to the auditor; if the auditor and the treasurer approve, the taxpayer may petition the State Tax Commission for abatement.[21]

When not paid within the time limits fixed by law, taxes become a first lien on property, which the treasurer is empowered to enforce by issuing an execution against the property.[22]

Since 1938 the Pickens County treasurer has been required to receive all fees from county officers.[23]

The records of the office throughout the State have a degree of uniformity, because the State Comptroller General prescribes the system of bookkeeping to be used,[24] makes up the printed form of the more important books, and his office examines them at least once a year.[25] The treasurer's duplicate has been required since 1868.[26] The tax execution book, which dates from 1882,[27] was discontinued in 1933 because extra columns were added to the duplicate. Since tax liens expire in ten years,[28] the treasurer's carbon copies of tax receipts[29] need not be preserved for a longer period. On these receipts appear the serial numbers given to the taxpayers on the treasurer's duplicate. Upon the reverse of these receipts, the same numbers appear again on the tax execution form, which is printed there for use in case the taxes are not paid. The county treasurer collects State taxes, which he remits to the State Treasurer, and he preserves the State Treasurer's receipts.[30]

Each year the county treasurer safeguards as his vouchers of disbursements, the current paid coupons, warrants, and school claims, until he can

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19. Stat. XIV, 55, 57; Code 2836-2841.
20. Stat. XXIII, 305; XXXVII, 85; Code 2856, 2881, 3547.
21. Stat. XV, 764, 789; Code 2427.
22. 1868, Stat. XIV, 64; XVII, 987; Code 2569, 2853.
23. Stat. XL, 1826.
24. 1893, Stat. XXI, 401; Code 2844.
25. 1882, Stat. XVII, 1008; Code 2732.
26. Stat. XIV, 50-51; Code 2717.
27. Stat. XVII, 1027.
28. 1899, Stat. XXIII, 80-81; Code 2863.
29. 1874, Stat. XV, 762; 1882, XVII, 1024; Code 2795.
30. 1868, Stat. XIV, 58; 1882, XVII, 1026; Code 2800.

deliver them to the county auditor at the annual settlement in May.[31]

The treasurer files office copies of his monthly reports to the State Comptroller General, see entry 337. Since 1878, on the first Wednesday of every month, the clerk of court, the sheriff, and the magistrates have been required to file reports with the treasurer, showing accurate statements of all moneys collected from licenses, fines, penalties, or forfeitures during the month.[32] All reports are required by law to be on uniform blanks and open to public inspection.[33] Non-current records are in the basement vault, records room and latticed room. Current records are in the treasurer's office, but the unbound portion were not reached by the Survey.

Revenue Records

302. TREASURER'S DUPLICATE, 1870-71, 1873-92, 1894-95, 1897--. 70 vols. (15 unlabeled, 55 dated).

Record of assessment and payment of taxes on taxable property, showing fiscal year, township, school district, name and residence of taxpayer, receipt number; number of acres, lots, buildings; value of real estate, value of personal property, total value of taxable property; total tax levies, poll tax, capitation road tax, number of dogs, total for collection; date of payment; January 1, 1% penalty; February 1, 1% penalty; March 1, 5% penalty; total tax and penalty; 1933--, executions turned over to sheriff, date paid, nulla bona; column, page, and township or school district totals; additionals and separations listed under each school district. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer under twp., 1870-95, 1897-1920; under school dist., 1921--, and numer. by receipt no. under year. 108 to 550 double pp. 17 x 11 x 1 to 18⅓ x 14 x 4½. 55 vols., 1870-71, 1873-92, 1894-95, 1897-1924, bsmt. records room; 1 vol. 1925, bsmt. vault; 12 vols., 1926-31, 1933-38, auditor, office; 1 vol., 1932, tax collector, office; 1 vol, 1939--, treasurer, office.

For auditor's parallel record, see entry 277.

303. (TAX RECEIPTS), 1901-02, 1907--. 286 vols. (125 unlabeled, 161 labeled by contained receipt nos.).

Duplicate tax receipts, 1901-02, carbon copies, 1907--, showing fiscal year, date, serial number, name of taxpayer; itemized assessments, taxes, and penalties, and signature of treasurer. Arr. numer. by serial no. and alph. by name of taxpayer under twp., 1901-02, 1907-20; under school dist., 1921--. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 176 to 400 pp. 11 x 8 x ½ to 15½ x 14 x 2. 25 vols., 1901-02, 1925-26, 1932-35, bsmt. vault; 248 vols., 1907-24, 1926-34, 1937-38, latticed room; 13 vols., 1939--, treasurer, office.

304. (COMMUTATION ROAD TAX STUBS), 1901-12. 107 vols.

Stub record of receipts for commutation road tax, showing office of origin,

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31. 1889, Stat. XX, 548-50; Code 2840.
32. 1878, Stat. XVI, 755; Code 3544, 3612, 3729.
33. Code 5277.

county, township, receipt number, date, name of payer, amount, initials, signature or name of treasurer. Arr. numer. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 100 to 320 pp. 3 x 11 x ½ to 15½ x 8 x 1. 87 vols., 1901-09, bsmt. records room; 20 vols., 1910-12, bsmt. vault.

505. (COMMUTATION ROAD TAX RECEIPTS), 1901-02. 125 receipts in 1 cardboard box.

Duplicate commutation road tax receipts, showing serial number, office issuing (treasurer), county, date, taxpayer's name, township, amount, signature of treasurer. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 2 x 4¼ x 7¼. Bsmt. vault.

506. (DOG LICENSE RECEIPTS), 1926-35. 2 vols.

Carbon copies of dog license receipts by treasurer, showing receipt number, date, name of taxpayer, amount, fiscal year, school district number, and name of treasurer. Arr. numer. by receipt no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 1,004 receipts per vol. 11½ x 7½ x 1.

507. (DOG LICENSE), n. d. 1 vol.

List of persons liable for payment of license for dogs, showing number of school district, name of owner. Arr. by name of owner under school district. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 10 x 8 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

508. RECEIPT BOOK, 1917-37. 5 vols.

Carbon copies of treasurer's receipts for funds other than taxes, as fines, licenses, State aid, etc., showing number of receipt, amount, by whom and to whom given, purpose, and signature of treasurer. Arr. numer. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 460 receipts 12 x 7½ x 1. Bsmt. vault.

309. MAGISTRATES' RECEIPT BOOK, 1902-08, 1911-14. 4 vols. Title varies: Marriage License Receipt.

Stub record of treasurer's receipts for funds from magistrates' fines and from judge of probate's fees for marriage licenses, showing serial number, date, name of person to whom issued, source, signature of treasurer. Arr. by serial no. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 49 to 100 stubs per vol. 3 x 11 x ¼ to ½. Bsmt. vault.

For magistrates' reports on collections, see entry 3.

310. (MONTHLY RETURNS), 1902-16, 1959--. Approx. 36 returns, 51,450 cash slips, 273 envelopes and bundles in 1 f. d., 1 wooden box and 1 roll.

Original monthly returns of collections of delinquent taxes, submitted by tax collector to treasurer, endorsed with date, amount of penalty and collections. Also contains adding machine tabulations of daily collections and original cash slips (torn from taxpayers' receipts for taxes collected by treasurer; and from tax executions by the tax collector when collected, entry 339), showing serial number, tax district, name of taxpayer; State, county and school tax, special tax, poll tax, dog tax, total tax, percent penalty, total and penalty, taxable property, date collected. Returns with slips in f. d., arr. chron. by months; no arr. for slips in roll and box. No index. Hdw. on printed form. F. d. 11½ x 13½ x 25; roll, 42 x 5⅞ diameter; box, 19 x 15½ x 12. Roll, n. d., bsmt. vault; box, 1902-16, latticed room; f. d. 1959-- office.

311. (TAX EXECUTIONS), 1902, 1905-10. Approx. 1,400 executions in 1 cardboard box, 1 bundle, 3 pkgs.
Original tax executions, some nulla bona, showing year and number of execution, names of treasurer and taxpayer, itemized assessments, itemized taxes and penalties, date issued, signature of treasurer. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Box, 2½ x 7 x 15; bundle, 5 x 4 x 12; pkgs. 9 x 4 x ½. Box, 1902, bsmt. records room; bundle, pkgs., 1905-10, bsmt. vault.

312. (DUPLICATE TAX EXECUTIONS), 1911-15, 1915-17, 1919, 1922-25. 9 vols.
Duplicate of tax executions, showing information as in entry 311. Arr. numer. by serial no. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 404 to 498 executions per vol. 16 x 10 x ½ to 16 x 22 x 1. Bsmt. records room.

313. TREASURER'S TAX EXECUTIONS, 1884-90, 1898-1900, 1903-10, 1917, 1919-30, 1932. 18 vols. 1933-- in Treasurer's Duplicate, entry 302. Overlapping dates.
Record of executions for delinquent taxes turned over to sheriff or tax collector for collection, showing fiscal year of execution, serial number, name of taxpayer, date of payment, number acres, number lots, number buildings, value of realty, value of personalty, total value, total tax, penalties, polls, penalties on polls, number dogs, capitation tax, penalty on capitation dog tax, capitation road tax, total taxes and penalties, executions collected and turned over to treasurer, executions nulla bona, treasurer's and sheriff's costs, and remarks. Also contains drainage tax executions, 1929. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer under twp., 1884-1920; under school dist., 1921-52; also numer. by no. of execution, 1884-1924. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 192 to 202 double pp. 19½ x 12 x ½ to 18 x 12 x 1½. 6 vols., 1884-1917, bsmt. records room; 2 vols., 1917-22, 1925, sheriff, office; 7 vols., n. d., 1900, 1926-30, bsmt. vault; 2 vols., 1920-24, tax collector, office; 1 vol., 1952, treasurer, office.
For other drainage records, see entry 323; for tax collector's record, see entry 340.

314. (POLL TAX WARRANTS), Oct. 11, 1911. 1 vol.
Stub record of arrest warrants issued by magistrates for delinquent poll tax, showing serial number, date, name and residence of taxpayer, amount. Arr. numer. by stub no. No index. Typed on printed form. 246 pp. (10 used) 13 x 13½ x 1. Bsmt. records room.

315. (TREASURER'S 15% DELINQUENT LIST), 1876, 1878-1908. 6 vols.
Record of 15% tax executions showing fiscal year, name of taxpayer, number of acres, buildings, and lots; value real estate, value personalty, total value all taxable property; State tax, 15% penalty on State tax; county tax, railroad tax, district school tax, 15% penalty on county tax; total tax with 15% penalty. Also contains 7% executions, 1878-95. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer under twp. and numer. by tax execution no. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 192 to 300 double pp. 17½ x 22½ x 1 to 18 x 11½ x 2½. Bsmt. records room.

316. CASH BOOK (General), 1911-15, 1925--. 4 vols., approx. 24 loose papers.

General cash book of daily collections and disbursements of funds from all sources, showing with variations for debits the date, name, receipt number, explanation, State, county school, and total; for credits the date, name, explanation, State, county school, and total. Also contains loose papers interleaved, including:

i. Office copies of treasurer's statements of receipts and disbursements for fiscal year ending 1938, showing for debits: cash on hand at beginning of year; the amount of original assessment, of additional assessment, of penalties, and total assessment; for deductions: penalties not collected, collections from taxes; executions to sheriff, collections by years for back taxes; miscellaneous collections for county purposes: borrowed money, sale of bonds, fines and licenses, gasoline tax, State aid for roads, accrued interest, liquor, beer and wine; for school purposes: borrowed money, bonds, fines and licenses, State aid, game protection fund, patrons, etc., dog licenses, accrued interest; total collections from all sources; credits: State taxes, county warrants, notes and bonds, school warrants, school bonds, coupons, and interest, abatements; total disbursements; grand total;

ii. Copies of treasurer's statement of cash on hand, June 1938, entry 293, showing date, amount in bank, amount in office; itemized cash on deposit, showing names of banks, amount in each, and total; re-statement: cash in office, total on hand last day, checks outstanding, total;

iii. Certificate of deposit, 1938, by receiver of bank showing date, name and location of bank, amount, name of county treasurer, and signature of receiver; machine tabulations attached;

iv. Office copy of settlement sheet, n. d., showing information as in entry 288.

Also contains treasurer's monthly report, 1912, 1937-38, entry 337. Arr. chron. by date of entry under receipts and disbursements. No index. Hdw. on ruled and printed ruled forms. 75 to 150 double pp. 14 x 9 x ½ to 17 x 11 x 2. 1 vol., 1911-12, bsmt. records room; 1 vol., 1912-15, bsmt. vault; 2 vols., 1925--, office.

317. COUNTY TREASURER'S TAX COLLECTIONS, 1912-38. 1 vol.

Record of daily cash collections, 1912-25, showing date, amount collected for State and county, railroad, special school, poll tax, commutation road tax, dog tax, total; monthly distribution of total collections under items of appropriations. Also contains:

i. Monthly distributions of all taxes, 1926-35, showing State, item of appropriation for county, poll, 3-mills for school, special school, and total for State, county, and school;

ii. Record of monthly collections of school taxes, 1932-38, showing month, school district number, amount from 5-mill tax, 1½-mill countywide tax, special school district, polls, total of each; monthly totals from all sources.

Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 200 pp. 10 x 14½ x 2.

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318. TREASURER'S CASH (Collections), 1887-1911. 4 vols.
Record of tax collections, showing with variations, date of collection, name of taxpayer, serial number of receipt, mills for all purposes, percent penalty (no entry), poll tax; monthly total. Also contains:

i. Record of collections of magistrates' fines and costs, 1892-97, 1899-1900, showing date, name of magistrate, amount;

ii. Record of collections of road tax, 1895; of collections and disbursements, 1896, showing name and number of township, date, total collections; date, name of taxpayer, and amount of disbursements; total collections and disbursements.

Arr. 1887-1900, numer., by serial no.; 1901-11, chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 75 to 300 double pp. 16 x 10⅓ x ⅓ to 17 x 14 x 1. Bsmt. records room.

319. TREASURER'S CASH (Other Than Taxes), 1900-1922. 1 vol.
Record of collections chiefly from sources other than taxes, including poorhouse and farm, 1900-1918; borrowed money, 1900-1922; commutation road tax, 1900-1901; fines, licenses, and forfeitures, 1900-1922; dispensary funds, 1901-05; State aid for compulsory attendance and night schools; executions from sheriff; marriage licenses; fines from game warden; special library fund; State aid for roads, 1922; showing with variations, date, source, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 300 pp. (101 used) 17 x 14 x 1½. Bsmt. records room.

320. TREASURER'S CASH (Tax Collections and Disbursements), 1879-87. 2 vols.
Record of daily collections and disbursements of State, county, and school taxes, showing for debit: date, name of taxpayer, number of receipt, State tax, percent penalty (no entry), county tax, railroad tax, percent penalty (no entry), district school tax, percent penalty on all county taxes, poll tax, 5% on ½ tax, total tax collected; for credit: payments to State treasurer with date, amount, number of voucher, payment from; disbursements on account of county with date, number of voucher, from county tax (amount), from tax (amount), from district school (amount), from poll tax, total tax disbursed, remarks (name of payee). Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 199 double pp. 17 x 14 x 2. Bsmt. records room.

321. CASH (Disbursements - County), 1911-24. 1 vol.
Record of disbursements of county funds, showing date of check, name of payee, number of check, sinking fund (no entry), ordinary county, constabulary (no entry), fines and forfeitures (no entry), past indebtedness (no entry), commutation road tax (no entry), total (no entry); column, page and monthly totals, and annual totals at settlement. Also contains: Record of 80% license fund, 1923-24, showing date, owner of auto, amount credited to ordinary county fund, total amount. Arr. numer. by check no. and chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 598 pp. 14½ x 17½ x 2½. Bsmt. records room.
For supervisor's parallel record, see entry 12.

322. TREASURER'S CASH (Disbursements - State, County, School), 1887-97. 1 vol.
Record of disbursements of State, county, school and poll taxes, showing

for payments to State treasurer: date, amount, number of check; payments on collections on account of county and school: date, number of school district, number of check, amount from county tax, from other tax, from district school tax, from poll tax, total tax disbursed; remarks, monthly totals. Also contains record of collections and disbursements of commutation road tax, 1897, showing date, amount, name of taxpayer, and total at settlement. Arr. chron. by date paid. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 300 pp. (100 used) 17 x 13 x 1. Bsmt. records room.

323. (DRAINAGE TAXES), 1917-24. 1 vol. 1925-- in Treasurer's Duplicate, entry 302.
Record of collections and disbursements of special tax levies in Eighteen Mile Drainage District, 1917-21, showing number of school district, name of taxpayer, boundaries and total value of property in district, class, number of acres, value per acre, total assessed value of property, amount of tax paid each year, amount disbursed, column and annual totals; also lists of taxpayers in the district, 1922-24, showing name of taxpayer, amount of sinking fund, interest, additional assessment, amount and annual total of each. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer, 1917-21; by name of taxpayer under year, 1922-24. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 76 double pp. 14 x 11 x 1. Bsmt. vault.
For executions, 1929, see entry 313.

Ledgers

324. LEDGER (General), 1932--. 1 vol.
Record of collections and disbursements of State funds from back taxes, of highway sinking fund, and railroad bond funds, 1932; of highway reimbursement funds, 1932-33; highway bond interest fund, 1932-35; control account for school district ledger, 1932-33; of school district sinking funds, 1932; of school bond interest fund, 1932-34; of reserve fund, 1932-34; of jail bond account, 1932-35; of funds from sources other than taxes, for ordinary county purposes, 1932-38; school district bond account, 1939--; showing statements of funds available and unavailable in various banks, date and purpose of debits and credits, totals and balances. Arr. by acct. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 271 pp. 10 x 8 x 1. Bsmt. vault.

325. GENERAL LEDGER, 1922-29. 1 vol.
Record of itemized daily collections, disbursements and balances in various banks of all taxes, showing date, name of account, name of bank, debit and credit balance; detail debit, detail credit, debit balance, credit balance; daily column totals. Arr. chron. by date of entry under acct. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 170 double pp. 18½ x 22 x 1½. Bsmt. vault.

326. TREASURER'S SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORD, 1893-97, 1905-11, 1926--. 7 vols. (5 unlabeled, 2 dated). Title varies: Cash School Fund; General Cash - Treasurer; District Ledger.
Ledger for accounts of school district funds, showing with great variation, school district name and number, scholastic year, for collections the date, source, amount, and total; for disbursements the date, claim (warrant) number, name of payee, purpose and amount; monthly totals and balance carried forward; also account of receipts and disbursements of county board fund.

Arr. by accts., and thereunder chron. by date of entry under debit or credit. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form, 1893-97, 1909-11, 1926--; hdw. printed form, 1905-08. 4 vols., 1893-97, 1905-11, 1926-29, bsmt. records room; 1 vol., 1930-32, bsmt. vault; 2 vols., 1932--, office.
For superintendent of education's record, see entry 355.

327. (SCHOOL BOND RECORD), 1934--. 1 vol.
Bond record for Easley District, showing date, name of purchaser, amount of bond, coupons, commission, discount, and total; balance outstanding; also machine tabulations attached. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 150 double pp. (1 used) 13 x 15 x 1.
For school bonds and coupons, see entry 288.

File Books

328. COUNTY CLAIMS LEDGER (File Book), 1936--. 1 vol.
File book of county warrants paid by treasurer, showing date, name of payee, serial number, and amount. Arr. numer. by serial no. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 472 double pp. (260 used) 12 x 7½ x 1½.
For supervisor's parallel record, see entry 8.

329. SCHOOL CLAIMS, 1929--. 1 vol.
File book of school claims paid by county treasurer, showing with variations, date of approval (no entry), number of claim, name of payee, amount, annual totals. Arr. numer. by no. of claim. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.
For similar records see entries 352, 353.

Settlement Records[34]

330. (COUNTY SETTLEMENT BOOK), July 20, 1891-July 20, 1892, Oct. 1896-May 29, 1911. 2 vols.
Itemized record of warrants paid, showing date, payee, serial number, item to which charged, amount, column and page references, monthly and annual totals; and annual settlements summarizing debits and credits of funds for ordinary county purposes with affidavits of correctness signed by treasurer, auditor and supervisor, witnessed by foreman of grand jury and Comptroller General. Also contains record of collections and disbursements of commutation road tax, 1897-1901, showing name and number of township, date, amount, source or payee, total, and cash balances. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. 26 and 297 pp. 9⅜ x 12 x ½ and 18 x 11 x 2. Bsmt. records room.
For supervisor's parallel record, see entry 11.

331. (SCHOOL SETTLEMENT BOOK), 1891-94, 1896-98. 3 vols.
School settlement record, showing with variations, fiscal year, Debit: amount

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34. It has not been feasible to survey the treasurer's settlement vouchers

of original and additional assessments for schools, 15% penalty on delinquent school tax; total polls by original assessment, number polls at $1.90 each, total polls by additional assessment, number polls at $1 each; 15% penalty on delinquent polls, cash balances of school taxes brought forward from previous year; itemized specials, with name and amount for each district; total amount charged; cash on hand at settlement, school taxes credited as delinquent at last settlement, total for back taxes, total for school; Credit: paid school orders from constitutional 2-mill tax, treasurer's commission out of school funds and polls; school taxes on nulla bona executions, delinquent, and still in hands of sheriff; cash on hand for all school purposes; paid orders from polls, poll taxes abated by auditor, polls non est, polls in hands of sheriff; total credits; back taxes: paid school orders from 2-mill tax, school tax on nulla bona executions, paid from polls, cash on hand, from polls, total from back taxes, total for school. Arr. chron. by date of entry, under year. No index. Hdw., and hdw. on printed form. 1 vol., 1896-98, poor condition. 26 to 145 double pp. 9½ x 12 x 1 to 18½ x 14 x 1. 2 vols., 1891-94, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1896-98, bsmt. records room.

For superintendent of education's record, see entry 354.

352. SCHOOL TAXES (Disbursements), 1903-25. 2 vols.
Record of itemized disbursements of school funds, kept in a book intended for "Record of School Taxes and Settlement for Same," showing date of claim (warrant), purpose, date of approval, superintendent's serial number, treasurer's serial number, name of payee, number of school district, amount, page and monthly totals; and reference to settlement sheets, 1917-25. Arr. numer. by treasurer's and superintendent's serial nos., both consecutive and in separate columns. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 26 and 295 double pp. 9½ x 12 x ¼ and 18 x 13½ x 2½. 1 vol., 1903-17, bsmt. records room; 1 vol., 1917-25, bsmt. vault.

For similar records, see entries 329, 353.

353. SETTLEMENT BOOK FOR STATE, 1891-92, 1894-1911. 2 vols.
Record of settlement for State taxes, showing for debit: number mills levy, original and amount of additional assessments, amount of 15% penalty, amount of delinquent taxes, amount of railroad assessments for support of Railroad Commission, amount of executions in sheriff's hands for previous and present years, amount of lands credited in last settlement but not advertised, amount taxes this year on lands not advertised, total amount charged, total for back taxes, total for State, balance to be accounted for; for credit: amount and itemized statement of cash paid State Treasurer, proportion of treasurer's commissions paid out of State funds, deductions and abatements of State tax allowed by Comptroller General, amount of: State tax on nulla bona executions, and lands delinquent still in hands of the sheriff, treasurer's cost on lands delinquent and forfeited, treasurer's executions on personal property in hands of sheriff, State taxes on lands forfeited to State, total credits; balance due State and paid, date of payment, certificate of examination and approval, 1898, 1900-1908, signatures of foreman of grand jury and representative of Comptroller General; date examined, checked and approved, 1910-11. Arr. chron. by date of entry under debits and credits for each year. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 26 and 149 double pp. 9½ x 12 x ¼ and 16 x 10 x 1. Bsmt. records room.

Bank Deposits

334. (COUNTY BANK BOOKS), 1903-09, 1911-17, 1931-33. 22 vols. Subtitled by name of bank.
Pass books of various banks entrusted with county funds by county treasurer, showing the dates and amounts of deposits and withdrawals; period balances. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 8 to 50 pp. 5½ x 3½ x 1/8 to 7 x 3 x ¼. 8 vols., 1903-09, 1911-16, 1931-33, bsmt. vault; 14 vols., 1911-17, latticed room.

335. (DEPOSIT SLIPS), 1925-32. 1,000 slips in 2 pigeon holes.
Carbon copies of deposit slips, showing name of bank, date of deposit, amounts of cash, currency, checks, total deposit, initials of cashier; also postal cards serving as certificates of deposit, showing name of bank, name of depositor, amount, signature of cashier. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 6 x 6 x 11½. Bsmt. vault.

336. (CHECK STUBS), 1906-07, 1910-17. 19 vols.
Stub record of treasurer's checks, showing serial number, amount, date, to whom made, purpose. Arr. numer. by check no. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 19 to 213 pp. 3 x 8½ x ¼ to 9 x 4½ x ½. Latticed room.

Reports[35]

(See also entry 310)

337. (TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT), 1886, 1896-1918, 1920, 1923-24, 1929-30, 1937--. Approx. 341 reports in 1 cardboard box, 2 pigeonholes, 1 pile. 1912, 1937-38, also in Cash Book (General), entry 316.
Office copies of treasurer's monthly notarized report to State Comptroller General, showing itemized collections from all sources, collections and disbursements on last report, on present report, and total; total cash on hand; and notarization; endorsed with name of treasurer, county, month ending, and date. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Box, 17 x 19 x 16; pigeonholes, 6 x 6 x11½ to 19 x 4½ x 11½; pile, 17½ x 29 x 12. Pigeonholes, 1886, 1896-1906, 1920, 1923-24, 1929-30, bsmt. vault; cardboard box, 1900-1918, latticed room; pile, 1937--, office.
For supervisor's copies of monthly reports, see entries 13 ii, 25 vi.

Dispenser's Bonds

338. (COUNTY DISPENSERS' BONDS), 1895-99. 3 papers in 1 bundle.
Original county dispenser's surety bond, showing principal, sureties, date, amount of bond, conditions under which bond given; signatures of principals,

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35. Miss Rachel Baker writes on January 2, 1941, that the treasurer also has 3 f. b. of magistrates' reports and some others under his counter.
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sureties, witnesses and notary public, approval by chairman and clerk of board of control; also certificate by auditor of amount of taxable property owned by bondsman, with date and signature. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times \frac{1}{4}$. Bsmt. record room.

For other dispensary records, see entries 90, 381-84.

XXXI. TAX COLLECTOR PICKENS DISTRICT (defunct)

The tax collector of Pendleton District kept separate accounts for Anderson and Pickens Districts from 1828 until a law of 1838 provided for election in October, 1839, of a tax collector in each district.[1] The term was four years, and the bond of the Pickens tax collector was $5,000 until in 1859 it was made double the aggregate of the general tax in his district.[2] Compensation was on a percentage basis, and in 1866 the Pickens collector was to receive 6% of all collections up to $30,000 at which point it was reduced to 2%.[3] When a vacancy occurred through death, resignation, refusal to qualify, or by lunacy of incumbent ascertained by inquisition, the clerk of court had to advertise an election at the courthouse door and at three or more public places in the district, specifying the election day. After the managers of election certified to the Governor the name of the person elected, the Governor transmitted a commission to the clerk of court, who had to give notice to the successful candidate, and deliver it to him after he qualified by filing with the State Treasurer within fifteen days the required bond. The vacancy in the interim was filled by appointment of the Governor.[4] The office was replaced in 1868 by the county treasurer.[5]

It was the duty of the tax collector to inquire into the taxable possessions of the people of the district and to require from each property owner a sworn return. He was charged to collect the assessed taxes, and to transmit his collections to the State Treasurer of the Upper Division. He was also required to advertise the day on which his books would close and to levy upon the property of defaulting taxpayers by warrant to the sheriff or the coroner. It was his duty to collect from persons authorized to conduct a lottery the sum of $2,000 for the privilege, and to prosecute those who failed to pay.[6] In 1856 he was required to gather vital statistics in his district for the State Registrar by having each taxpayer at the time of making the return for the general tax, compile a separate return of births, deaths and marriages in his household during the year, and as a check on these, he had to require statistical returns from magistrates, physicians, and ministers of the Gospel.[7]

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1. Stat. VI, 343, 598.
2. Stat. V, 674; VI, 597; XII, 672.
3. Stat. VI, 597; XIII, 369.
4. Stat. XI, 362-64.
5. Stat. XIV, 56.
6. Stat. VI, 1523; XI, 3.
7. Stat. XII, 425-26.

(Next entry 539, p. 181)

The required records of the office were transmitted to the State Treasurer, to the State Comptroller General and to the Registrar; and will be described in the inventories of those offices.[8]

For duplicate returns of collections filed with the clerk of court, see entry 91.

XXXII. DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

The office of delinquent tax collector was created in Pickens County in 1931 and is known by the short title of tax collector. The tax collector is appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of a majority of the legislative delegation, for a term of four years. He can be removed from office for cause in like manner. His bond is fixed at not less than $10,000 and his annual compensation is $1,800 payable monthly.[1] In 1933 the tax collector became ex officio master, and for this an additional bond of $5,000 is required.[2]

All powers and duties formerly vested in the sheriff for the collection of delinquent taxes, including seizure and sale of property, are conferred on the tax collector, who has full authority to carry into effect all laws pertaining to these duties. The tax collector receives from the treasurer all delinquent tax executions that are issued for unpaid taxes; he pursues them to final collection, and is discharged from liability only upon return of the original executions or the cash collected. He makes a full and complete settlement with the county treasurer on the first of each month, for all collections made during the preceding month, and receives an official receipt for all money paid over. On June 30, of each year he makes a complete accounting to the treasurer of all executions with which he has been charged during the year. He is also required to make a certified semi-annual report on collections to each member of the delegation.[3]

The required records of the office include the tax executions issued by the treasurer; the Tax Execution Book, a complete record of all tax executions, formerly kept by the sheriff; and a Delinquent Tax Cash Book, ruled and printed to show date of payment, name of taxpayer, execution number, school district number, year or years for which taxes are delinquent, amount of tax, treasurer's cost, collector's cost, total paid. All executions found after investigation to be uncollectible, must be stamped "Nulla Bona," and endorsed with a full explanation. These are returned to the county treasurer on the day of settlement, with an abstract in duplicate; and also

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8. Stat. V, 329, 447; XII, 425.
1. Stat. XXXVII, 83.
2. Stat. XXXVIII, 17.
3. Stat. XXXVII, 83; Code 2881.

an abstract in duplicate of tax executions remaining in his possession which are not yet investigated, all on forms prescribed by the Comptroller General. The semi-annual report to the members of the delegation must be sworn to, and show the amount collected, and what percentage it constitutes of the total for the year.[4]

The office of the tax collector is required to be in the courthouse, next to the treasurer if possible.[5] Records are in the tax collector's office.

339. (TAX EXECUTIONS), 1932--. 6 f. d., 21 vols.
Original warrants to tax collector to collect delinquent taxes, showing information as in entry 311. Also contains carbon copies of tax receipts, entry 305, in volumes with tax statements which will become tax receipts when paid, pending which the executions on reverse are in effect; also, attached to statements, blanks for treasurer's cash slips, entry 310, to be returned to treasurer with remittance when collected. Arr. by school dist., and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. F. d., 200 papers each $5\frac{1}{2}$ x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 28, vols. 225 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

340. SHERIFF'S TAX EXECUTIONS (Record), 1924--. 14 vols. (dated).
Record of executions issued by the treasurer to the tax collector, showing information as in entry 313. Also contains abstract of executions, 1925-33, 1935--; treasurer's receipts, 1925-33, 1935--, for tax collections turned in. Arr. numer. by serial no., 1924-26, alph. by name of taxpayer under school dist., 1927--. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form; receipts pasted in back of vols. 100 to 200 double pp. 18 x 12 x 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$. 4 vols., 1924-27, 1929, bsmt. records room; 10 vols., 1928, 1930--, office.
For treasurer's record, see entry 313.

341. DELINQUENT TAX CASH BOOK, 1931--. 2 vols.
Record of collections by delinquent tax collector, showing date, name of payer, execution number, school district number, year, amount taxes, collector's and treasurer's costs, mileage, commissions, total, remarks. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 300 double pp. $17\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 x 1.
For monthly returns, see entry 310.

342. (DELINQUENT CASH BOOK), 1928--. 6 vols.
Memorandum record of collections of delinquent taxes, showing information as in entry 341, and line through name of taxpayer indicating payment. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 100 to 300 pp. 17 x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$ to $12\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x 1. Bsmt. records room.

343. (TAX COLLECTOR'S SALE BOOK), 1931-33. 1 vol. 1933-- in Master and Tax Collector's Sale Book, entry 200.

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4. Stat. XXXVII, 84.
5. Ibid.

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Record of delinquent tax sales, showing title, date of sale, name of purchaser, amount, date of levy, mileage, cash received from sale. Also contains executions, receipts, transfers of bids, and clippings of sales notices. Arr. chron. by date of sale. For index, see entry 344. Hdw., hdw. on printed form, and printed clippings, pasted. 75 double pp. 14 x 11 x 1.

344. DELINQUENT TAX SALES (Index), 1927--. 1 vol.
Index to (Tax Collector's Sale Book), entry 343, showing date sold, name of owner, to whom sold, amount, taxes, costs, balance, whether or not deed made or redeemed. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 170 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.

XXXIII. FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION

In 1926 a forfeited land commission was provided for in each county, to take over duties previously performed by the State Sinking Fund Commission in regard to lands sold for delinquent taxes. It is composed ex officio of the auditor, the treasurer, and the clerk of court as register of mesne conveyance. If designated by the delegation, the chairman of the board of county commissioners also may be an ex officio member. The commission organizes by electing one member as chairman and another as secretary.[1]

The jurisdiction, powers and duties of the commission are concerned with lands in the county which are forfeited because of unpaid taxes. It is the duty of the auditor to attend tax sales and buy in for the commission all lands on which no bid is offered sufficient to pay the taxes due. As it is very necessary for revenue purposes that forfeited lands be returned to the tax books, the forfeited land commission is empowered to dispose of all forfeited lands at public or private sale, preferably for cash, and in no case allowing longer than ten years to complete payments. At the end of each fiscal year, net proceeds of the sales are apportioned by the treasurer between the county and State.[2]

No records are required by law. Deeds executed by the commission are recorded in Titles to Real Estate, entry 29.

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1. 1926, Stat. XXXIV, 920-22; Code 2167.
2. Code 2168, 2170; Stat. XL, 1717.

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XXXIV. SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

In 1830 a board of 7 free school commissioners for Pickens District was appointed by the General Assembly for a term of three years.[1] The constitution of 1868 provided for a county school commissioner elected biennially by the electors of the county.[2] He was ex officio a member of the State Board of Education; and a member of the county board of examiners, to which, until 1885, he appointed the other two members.[3] The general school law of 1896 replaced the county school commissioner and the county board of examiners with the county superintendent of education and the county board of education.[4] The superintendent must be a qualified elector and may not hold another office of profit or trust.[5] He is nominated in the primary and elected at each regular election for a term of four years.[6] Before receiving his commission from the Governor, he takes the constitutional oath of office and posts a surety bond of $10,000.[7] His annual salary is $1,800.[8] If he should be disqualified by conviction of misconduct, persistent neglect of duty, or incompetence, the office is declared vacant; and a vacancy from any cause is filled for the unexpired term by appointment of the State Board of Education.[9] The superintendent is ex officio chairman and clerk of the county board of education.[10] In 1926 he became a member of the county finance board;[11] and if a vacancy should occur at the time of preparing the jury list, he may become a member of the board of jury commissioners.[12]

The board of education consisted of the superintendent and two members appointed by the State Board of Education[13] until in 1935 a special law for Pickens County provided that the board be composed of the superintendent and four members appointed by him on recommendation of the delegation. The term is four years. Vacancies are filled in the same manner.[14] No one is elegible for membership who is not competent to teach in a first grade school.[15]

It is the duty of the superintendent of education to visit the schools

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1. Stat. VIII, 558.
2. Art. X, 2.
3. 1870, Stat. XIV, 345; XIX, 13.
4. Stat. XXII, 156-73.
5. Const. 1895, art. II, 2.
6. Code 2365, 5308.
7. Const. 1895, art. III, 26; Stat. XXXVII, 151; Code 3063.
8. Stat. XLI, 2692.
9. 1897, Stat. XXII, 423; Code 1515, 1896, Stat. XXII, 156; Code 5309.
10. 1896, Stat. XXII, 161; Code 5349.
11. Stat. XXXIV, 917; Code 4727.
12. Stat. XXIII, 1070; Code 622.
13. Stat. XXII, 159; Code 5335.
14. Stat. XXXIX, 57, 58.
15. Stat. XXII, 159.

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of his county at least once a year, to see that the proper courses and methods of instruction are being carried out, and to make the necessary recommendations to secure uniformity in the course of studies. He must acquaint himself with the character and the various problems of each school, and make such suggestions to the teachers, in private, as he deems necessary for improvement. It is also his duty to aid the teachers in all proper efforts to improve themselves in their profession.[16] He aids the trustees in his county in making proper corrections in poll tax lists by furnishing them copies of reports made to him by the county auditor and treasurer.[17] As the superintendent is primarily a financial officer, to apportion school funds, he prepares many financial reports and he is required to be present at the annual settlement of the county treasurer.[18]

The county board of education acts as an advisory body to the superintendent, and as a court in all controversial matters relative to school matters in the various districts. Appeals from its decisions are made to the State Board of Education.[19] It is the duty of the county board to see that specified subjects are taught in the schools.[20] The board may transfer pupils from one district to another,[21] select school sites,[22] and arrange the school term.[23] It may divide the county into school districts but cannot change the boundaries thereof or consolidate them without first submitting the question to a vote of the people of the district.[24] Members of the board are not required to perform military duty.[25]

A general law of 1937 provided State funds for a school attendance teacher in each county, to be elected by the county board of education. The term of office may or may not be co-terminal with the board's. To qualify, the candidate is required to hold a bacholor's degree from an accredited college or university, and a first-grade certificate issued by the State Department of Education; or to have had two years' experience in teaching and hold a first-grade certificate. A health certificate is also required each year. The annual salary may not exceed $1,500.[26]

It is the duty of the attendance teacher to enforce the law requiring school attendance of children between the ages of 7 and 16. Within 30 days after school opens, the trustees make a census of children of school age,

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16. 1896, Stat. XXII, 157; Code 5310.
17. Code 5326.
18. Code 5312.
19. Code 5548.
20. 1896, Stat. XXII, 160; Code 5338.
21. Code 5374.
22. Code 5389.
23. Code 5401.
24. 1925, Stat. XXXIII, 808; Code 5350.
25. Code 5405.
26. 1937, Stat. XL, 556-57, 560.

which is filed with the superintendent of education; the superintendent certifies the list to the attendance teacher. She immediately makes contact with the parents or guardians, enrolls the children in a convenient school, and makes every effort to see that they attend. She is further required to check on absentees. When children are unable to buy books, she makes a report to the superintendent and trustees, and they see to it that the necessary books and supplies are provided; in case the children do not have suitable clothing, she makes a report to the social and civil organizations and they see that proper clothing is provided. All parents or guardians who are financially able to send their children to school and neglect to enroll them, or fail to compel them to go, are punished by fine.[27]

The schools of each district are under the management of a board of three trustees. In Pickens County they are elected by their districts in February of every second year reckoning from 1939, for a term of six years, their terms expiring in rotation.[28] In case of a vacancy the superintendent must provide for a special election within 60 days to elect a person for the unexpired term.[29]

The boards of trustees meet two weeks previous to each school year, and at other times as they deem necessary.[30] Within 30 days after school opens, each board makes a census of children of school age, which is filed with the superintendent of education.[31] The boards are empowered to employ or discharge teachers; dismiss or suspend pupils; visit schools; collect matriculation fees; arrange for physical examinations of pupils; and, with the consent of the board of education, may sell school property.[32] In 1930 the Pickens auditor was authorized to appoint them as boards of equalization.[33]

The county superintendent of education and board of school trustees constitute a district board of inquiry to decide on cases of non-attendance of children of school age. In case a child of school age is employed and the board of inquiry finds that it is not necessary for the child to work, he is ordered to attend school. Appeals from the board of inquiry may be made to the court of common pleas.[34]

The required records of the office include the minutes of the proceedings of the county board of education.[35] A uniform system of reports and other school records on forms supplied by the State Superintendent, has been required since 1872.[36] On the fifteenth of each month the county superintendent re-

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27. 1937, Stat. XL, 557-60.
28. Ibid., p. 38.
29. 1939, Stat. XLI, 239.
30. 1896, Stat. XXII, 165-66; Code 5371.
31. 1937, Stat. XL, 556.
32. 1896, Stat. XXII, 165-66; Code 5371, 5384.
33. Stat. XXXVI, 1981.
34. 1937, Stat. XL, 559, 561.
35. 1896, Stat. XXII, 161; Code 5349.
36. Stat. XV, 186; Code 5276.

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ceives from the county treasurer an itemized statement of the amount of collections and disbursements by school districts on account of poll, dog, special, sinking fund, delinquent, balance remaining on hand, and 3-mill tax.[37] He also receives from the auditor a list of persons liable for poll tax;[38] and from the treasurer a list of those who have paid poll tax.[39]

The superintendent's annual report to the State Superintendent gives very full statistical data on all schools within the county supported wholly or partially by public funds.[40] At the end of each month he reports to the State Superintendent of Education the attendance and average enrollment in each school.[41] He files copies of his annual reports to the county treasurer showing all claims approved by him for each school district during the school year,[42] and of his annual reports to the grand jury, showing claims filed, audited and paid.[43] Public school superintendents, principals, and teachers must make annual reports to the county superintendent; and when requested by him, the superintendents of private schools in the county must report to him annually the number of pupils in regular attendance, the number of teachers employed, and the grade and amount of work done.[44] Duplicate school claims (warrants) and a register of claims are also standard requirements.[45] The Superintendent's Ledger is a comprehensive record of receipts and expenditures of each school district,[46] with separate sheets for schools of whites and schools of negroes. It also has a section for record of school district bonds,[47] and another for the county board fund account.[48]

The record of teachers and applicants for teachers' certificates should show name, address, age, sex, race, and date of certificate.[49]

Since 1915 the teachers, principals and superintendents of schools have been required to report all unexcused absences to the attendance teacher or to the superintendent of education.[50] The trustees' census of children of school age has been required since 1870, but has been filed with her since 1937.[51]

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37. 1878, Stat. XVI, 584; Code 1564.
38. 1896, Stat. XXII, 168; Code 5393.
39. 1896, Stat. XXII, 168; Code 5395.
40. 1896, Stat. XXII, 158; XXVIII, 191; Code 1558, 5313.
41. 1938, Stat. XL, 1960.
42. Code 5323.
43. 1896, Stat. XXII, 158; Code 5321; see entry 118 v, vi.
44. 1913, Stat. XXVIII, 191; Code 1560, 5376.
45. Stat. XXII, 158, 167; Code 5324.
46. Stat. XXII, 79-80; Code 1569, 2799.
47. Stat. XXXIII, 998; Code 5311; see also entries 69-70.
48. 1905, Stat. XXIV, 905; 1913, XXVIII, 192; Code 5380, 5388.
49. 1870, Stat. XIV, 345; XXII, 161; Code 5349.
50. Stat. XXIX, 122; Code 5672; Stat. XL, 558.
51. Stat. XIV, 346; XL, 556-61.

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Board of Education Records;
Reports and Applications

The rental text book record dates from 1937, when the plan was instituted under a State Commission appointed by the General Assembly.[52]

For fire insurance purposes, both State and county superintendents of education, on request, must furnish the State Sinking Fund Commission with complete lists of all school buildings, showing location, district number, and names and addresses of trustees.[53]

All records are in the office of the superintendent of education unless otherwise specified.

Board of Education Records
(See also entry 355)

345. RECORD (Minutes), 1902-37, 1939--. 3 vols. Title varies: Ledger.
Record of proceedings of county board of education, showing with variations date of meeting, names of members present, and business transacted, including examinations of teachers, certificates granted and refused, 1902-19; appointment of trustees, 1902-36; creation of school districts and adjustment of boundaries; provision for elections for special levy, newspaper clippings of notices of elections, and of receiving bids for contracts; transcripts of motions, orders, and resolutions; lists of members of boys' corn clubs, 1910, 1912, 1915-16; of girls' tomato clubs, 1913-15; of teachers, 1913-14. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. and printed. 108 to 500 pp. (loose-leaf, 1939--) 11 x 9 x 1 to 16 x 20 x 2.

346. APPEAL IN RE LOCATION SCHOOL HOUSE IN KINGS DISTRICT NO. 25, Aug. 1920. 16 papers in 1 roll.
Original papers of proceedings of board as a court in regard to location of buildings, including petitions and appeal from district and replies, showing signatures of petitioners, cause of action, date of proceedings, signatures of attorneys for plaintiffs and defendants. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., typed. 9 x 1½ diameter. Latticed room.

Reports and Applications

347. ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, 1906-08, 1917, 1923-25, 1931--. 5 rolls, 9 vols.
Office copies of reports to State Superintendent, showing for each school of each district, with variations, statistics on enrollment by grades (35 columns), total days and average attendance (21 columns), promotional and non-promotional record of elementary pupils (34 columns); the assessed valuation, mills voted, bonds and short term notes (21 columns); receipts (22

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52. Stat. XL, 1523-29.
53. 1918, Stat. XXX, 884; Code 2189.

columns) and expenditures (38 columns) of district funds only, and value of all school property according to purpose for which used (16 columns); for each bus of each school for whites, transportation costs (16 columns); summaries for county enrollment, total days and average attendance, promotional record; number of teaching positions, grade of certificates and professional training; new buildings erected during year and value of all school property; receipts and expenditures of county board fund, and administrative expenditures from ordinary county funds; average teaching loads; statistics on training teachers, source of salaries, experience; miscellaneous information on transfers, tax levies, borrowed money, school visits, supervisors, total number of elementary and high schools, white and negro; length of term and certification by county superintendent, showing personal and professional information, date, signatures of superintendent and notary. Arr. chron. by year, statistics on schools for whites on separate sheets from those for negroes. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Rolls, 17 x 2 diameter; vols., 36 pp. 10 x 14 x $\frac{1}{4}$. 1 roll, 1906-08, bsmt. vault; 4 rolls, 1917, 1923-25, bsmt. records room; 9 vols., 1931--, office.

348. ANNUAL REPORTS (Monthly Reports, Applications), 1919-20, 1926-35, 1937--. 1 clipboard file, 9 letter f. b., 1 metal f. d. Title varies: Applications and Annual Reports; Monthly Reports, Mimeoscope Pictures and Slip Sheets.

Original monthly and annual reports by principals and school superintendents to county superintendent, showing number of teachers, school district number, name of school, dates of beginning and ending of term; enrollment and average attendance by grades; grade enrollment for boys and girls, and total enrollment for session, total days in attendance for boys and girls, average daily attendance; record of promotions and non-promotions; value of property according to purpose for which used, type building; value of building, grounds, furniture and apparatus; record of transportation; number of teaching positions, grade of teachers' certificates; experience and academic and professional training of teachers; new school property this year, value of all school property; rent on libraries; number of teaching principals; number qualifying for State aid and number not qualifying; certificate by principal or school superintendent, and signature of clerk of board of trustees. Also contains applications for State aid blanks, entry 349. Arr. numer. by school dist. no. under year. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Clipboard file, 17 x 9 x 2; letter f. b., 12 x 13$\frac{1}{2}$ x 11$\frac{1}{2}$; wooden and metal f. d., 11$\frac{1}{2}$ x 13$\frac{1}{2}$ x 25. 1 clipboard file, 1919-20, bsmt. records room; 9 letter f. b., 1 metal f. d., 1 wooden f. d., 1926-35, 1937--, supt., office.

349. APPLICATIONS FOR STATE AID BLANKS, 1922-23, 1937-39. 2 clipboard files, 2 pasteboard f. b. Also in Annual Reports (Monthly Reports, Applications), entry 348; 1939-- in Correspondence (and Miscellaneous), entry 377.

Superintendent's copies of applications by school principals and trustees to State Board of Education for aid for teachers' salaries, showing amount based on enrollment and average attendance for State aid term, name of county, name and number of school district, names of white and negro schools, whether accredited high school in district and name of school; and data for each school in district on enrollment for scholastic year, per pupil apportionment, total

amount according to State salary schedules, five percent total, total; three-mill tax, State aid; elementary report (month, enrollment), teachers; high school report (month, enrollment); amount of 1st-8th payments; facts about schools and teachers; name of school with list of teachers, race, number of months school will operate, date of opening session, total enrollment and average attendance for State aid term, grades of subjects taught, years' teaching experience in public schools, grade of certificate, monthly salary contracted for session, total salary according to State salary schedule; notarized certificate by school superintendent, with date and signature of notary; and certificate by three trustees, with date, signatures and addresses. Arr. by school dists. under scholastic year. No index. Hdw. on printed form. Clipboard files 14½ x 18½ x 1 and 17 x 10 x 1; f. b., 4 x 4 x 10. 2 clipboard files, 1922-23, latticed room; 2 f. b., 1937-39, supt., office.

350. ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT, 1938. 1 vol.
Copy of certified public accountant's report on audit of all offices, including exhibits, narrative and detailed report on receipts, disbursements, and balances. Arr. by office and thereunder by topic. No index, but table of contents. Typed. 110 pp. (50 used) 11½ x 9 x ¼.

Receipts, Disbursements and Settlements
(See also entry 8 iv)

351. PAY WARRANTS, 1883-84, 1901--. Approx. 52,000 claims in 84 f. b., 1 pigeonhole, 1 cardboard box, 1 wooden box (labeling varies).
Duplicate school claims (warrants) for services and salaries duly verified, showing 1883-84, order to treasurer, name of payee, amount, name of school, school district, term, signatures of trustees and date signed; endorsed with serial number, township, State, county, dates of term commencing and ending, payee, amount, date approved and signature of county school commissioner; 1901--, date, number of month in session, date of month beginning and ending, name of school, school district, county, payee, amount; approved and ordered paid, signature of county superintendent, date approved; serial numbers of superintendent, treasurer, and trustees, signatures of trustees; and, 1938--, teacher's monthly attendance report, itemized expenditures, signature of payee, and date sworn before clerk of board of trustees. No obvious arr., 1883-84; arr. chron. by date of claim under school dist., 1901--. No index. Hdw. on printed form. F. b., 4½ x 4 x 10 to 5 x 5 x 11; pigeonhole, 7 x 5 x 12; cardboard box, 4 x 12 x 11; wooden box, 4½ x 12 x 18. 20 f. b., 1 pigeonhole, 1883-84, 1902-19, bsmt. vault; 3 f. b., 1901-02, 1915-19, latticed room; 61 f. b., 1 cardboard box, 1 wooden box, 1919--, supt., office.

352. (SCHOOL WARRANT STUBS), 1905-07. 4 vols.
Stub record of school claims (warrants), showing serial number, date, payee, purpose and amount. Arr. numer. by serial no. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 58 to 170 sheets 9 x 12½ x ¼ to 6 x 11½ x 1. Latticed room.

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353. DAILY EXPENDITURES, 1900--. 7 vols. (one unlabeled, 1-6). Title varies: School Commissioners General Cash. 1893-99 in General Cash Supt. of Education, entry 356.
File book of itemized disbursements of all school funds, showing with variations date of warrant, county superintendent's number, district, payee, amount, purpose (administrative, instruction, operation of school plant, auxiliary agencies, capital outlay, debt service); totals for column, page, and year. Arr. chron. by date of warrant. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 174 to 305 double pp. 17½ x 13½ x 1 to 21 x 16½ x 2. 4 vols., 1900-1927, bsmt. vault; 3 vols., 1928--, supt., office.
For treasurer's similar record, see entries 329, 332.

354. SETTLEMENT BOOK SUPT. OF EDUCATION, 1896-1907. 1 vol.
Record of collections, disbursements, and annual settlements of county superintendent with county treasurer for school funds; showing with variations, for collections, the source and amount; for disbursements, date of warrant, date of approval, serial numbers of superintendent and of treasurer, payee, purpose (itemized as "maps, desks, unknown"), total; and annual summarized statements of balanced receipts and disbursements, affidavit of correctness, date approved, signatures of county treasurer, auditor, superintendent of education, and foreman of grand jury. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 298 pp. 19 x 14 x 2. Bsmt. vault.
For treasurer's record, see entry 331.

355. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S LEDGER, 1908--. 25 vols. (1 unlabeled, 24 dated). Overlapping dates for scholastic years. Title varies: District Ledger.
Accounts of all school funds, standardized into three sections: (1) Expenditures (double sheet) for each school district by name and number, listing warrants on numbered lines, with date, county superintendent's number, payee, total, purpose (broken down under 35 headings), and grand total of all expenditures for elementary and high schools; (2) County Board Fund (double sheet), showing for receipts the date, amount, and total under sources from which credited, and for expenditures a list of warrants with date, superintendant's number, payee, and purpose under appropriate heading; (3) Receipts for each school district by name and number, itemized as "revenue" (from State appropriations, county board fund, special district levies, general school taxes and miscellaneous) and as "non-revenue" (from bonds, short-term notes, property sales, insurance adjustments, and other). Arr. in sections, by accts. for school districts and co. bd. fund, and thereunder chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on printed and printed ruled forms. 79 to 300 loose-leaf double pp. 20 x 16 x 1 to 3. 1 vol., 1908-11, bsmt. records room; 11 vols., 1911-15, 1916-20, 1921-24, bsmt. vault; 13 vols., 1915-16, 1920-21, 1924--, supt., office.
For treasurer's parallel record, see entry 326; for prior record, see entry 356.

356. GENERAL CASH SUPT OF EDUCATION, 1893-1908. 6 vols. Title varies: School Commissioners General Cash; Cash School Fund.
Record of receipts and disbursements of all school funds, showing with variations fiscal year, name and number of school district; receipts: amount unexpended last year, total amount 3-mill tax due school district, total amount poll, special, tuition fees, Peabody fund, dispensary funds, additional poll tax, and total due school district; names and post office address of school district trustees; disbursements: amount of warrant, date of approval, school district number, school trustees' number, school superintendent's number, grade of certificate (no entry), name of payee, name of person presenting, purpose and amount for which drawn (buildings, repairs, fuel, rent, library, site, school furniture, school apparatus, salary), number of pupils enrolled, average attendance, branches of study pursued, number months in session; column and annual totals of receipts and disbursements, and balance carried forward. Also contains daily expenditures, 1893-99, entry 353. Arr. chron. by date of entry under school dist. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 137 to 248 double pp. 17 x 14 x 1 to 2 . Bsmt. vault.
For subsequent record, see entry 355.

School District Bonds
(See also entries 69-70)

357. RECORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS, 1919--. 1 vol.
Record of school district bonds, showing date of issue, amount, name and number of school district, date of maturity, denomination, rate of interest, interest due period, sale price, and date of payment. Arr. chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 98 pp. (3 used) 14 x 8½ x 1.

358. LEDGER (School District Bond Issues), 1903-4, 1906, 1911, 1915, 1918-21. 1 vol.
Accounts compiled in 1921 for school district bond issues, 1903-4, 1906, 1911, 1915, 1918-21, showing name of school district, date of collection, source (balance from previous collections), amount, total; and for disbursements the amount paid for interest or coupons, balance after expenditures made, date of issue, term, amount of issue, amount of annual interest, number mills levied to service issue. Arr, chron. by school dist. accts. Indexed by name of school dist. Hdw. 576 pp. (51 used) 16 x 9½ x 2.

359. SCHOOL DISTRICTS PICKENS COUNTY, 1893-1923. 2 vols., 50 loose plats.
Originals and copies of plats on original survey for division into school districts, and other surveys required for assessment and evaluation of property for bond issues. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., blue-print; A. L. Brunson and J. O. Williams, draftsmen; C. L. Dean, surveyor. 120 pp. 18 x 11 x 1½.

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Teachers

360. RECORD OF TEACHERS CERTIFICATES, 1908--. 3 vols.
Record of teachers' certificates granted by county board of education, 1908-20, by State Board of Education, 1921--, showing number, grade and date of certificate; name of teacher, residence, age, sex, race, date of expiration and remarks. Arr. chron. by date issued, 1908-20; alph. by name of teacher, 1921--. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 198 to 229 pp. 16 x 10½ x 1 to 1½.

361. TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES, 1915-20. 5 vols.
Stub record of teachers' certificates of qualification to teach, issued by county board of education, showing serial number and date, name of teacher, grade of certificate, race, sex, home address and teaching address; if issued on diploma, degree received and name of institution; if issued on certificate from another county, name of county, serial number, grade, and date of certificate; if issued on examination, grade on each subject, general average; years' experience, years in present institution, school last attended if not a college graduate. Arr. numer. by serial no. No index. Typed on printed form. 61 to 150 pp. 8½ x 17 x ¼ to ½. Bsmt. records room.

362. SCHOOL REGISTER, 1919-20. 1 vol.
Original teacher's register of Peter's Creek School, district #35, showing dates of month beginning and ending, names of pupils, attendance record, total days present, average monthly attendance for boys and girls, new pupils enrolled for boys and girls; teacher's contract (no entry); stubs of claims (no entry). Arr. alph. by name of pupil under month. No index. Hdw. on printed and printed ruled form. 64 pp. 11 x 6 x ¼. Latticed room.

363. (TEACHERS' DAILY PROGRAMS), 1927-31. 246 papers in 1 cardboard box.
Daily teaching programs, showing scholastic year, time of recitation, grade, subject, and signature of teacher. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 12½ x 11 x 13. Latticed room.

Attendance Teacher

364. (REPORT TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION), 1939--. 1 folder.
Copies of monthly reports by attendance teacher to State Department of Education, showing county, name of teacher, date, enrollment for white, for negro, total; average attendance for white, for negro, percent; itemized daily activities of teacher with date, kind, number miles traveled, number visits made, number of conferences held, total miles traveled for month; endorsed with remarks. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on mimeographed form. 11½ x 9 x ¼. Desk drawer.

365. (TRANSFER REPORTS), Aug. 1939--. 64 reports in 1 bundle.
Original monthly reports on transfers, sent by principals to attendance teacher, showing date, number of month in session, name and address of principal, name of school and district number; enrollment and average at-

tendance; transfers moved out from district, name of child and name of school; transfers moved in, name of child and name of school; name of any child in district not enrolled. Arr. chron. by date of report. Hdw. on mimeographed form. Bundle, 11 x 8½ x ¼. Desk drawer.

366. (WEEKLY REPORTS), 1937--. 120 folders.
Original weekly reports by school superintendents and school principals to attendance teacher on attendance and absences, showing race, name of school, number of school district, name and address of superintendent or principal, number of teachers, date of week ending; enrollment to date, names of children enrolled during week, names of children entered but not enrolled, names of children moved from school district; children entered from another school district; number and cause of absences (sickness, lack of books or clothing, funerals, work, no excuse). Arr. numer. by no. of dist., and thereunder alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on mimeographed form. 3½ x 13 x 24. Desk drawer.

367. (PRINCIPAL'S REPORT TO ATTENDANCE TEACHER), 1939--. 1 cardboard box, 1 compartment of double f. d.
Original report by principals of schools to attendance teacher on cases of absence which need special investigation, showing name of school, number of school district, date, name and grade of pupil, name and address of teacher, name and address of parent, days absent, reason for absence, whether or not visit made; endorsed with remarks; also narrative report on investigations by attendance teacher. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on printed form, hdw. Box, 4 x 6½ x 12; f. d., 5½ x 12½ x 24.

368. CENSUS, 1937--. 3 metal f. d., 3 cardboard boxes. Subtitled: White; Negro.
Original card record for each school child between seven and sixteen years of age, showing date, county, school district name and number, name of school now attending; name, address, sex, birthdate and age last birthday of child; name and occupation of parent or guardian; place of birth of child and parents; type of disability, if any; reason for not being in school. Arr. by school dist., and thereunder alph. by name of child for each school, white and negro in separate files. Hdw. on printed form; white for white, yellow for negro. F. d., 3½ x 13 x 24; cardboard box, 4 x 6½ x 13.

369. DPW CASES REFERRED BY ATTENDANCE DEPARTMENT, 1939--. Approx. 125 cards in 2 bundles, 1 pasteboard f. b.
Record kept by attendance teacher of children receiving donations through mills, organizations, and individuals, showing name and address of parents, date, name of school; name, age, and grade of child; kind of donation; also of children referred to department of public welfare for clothing, showing name and age of child, grade, name of school, order given for clothing. Arr. chron. by date of donation. No index. Hdw., hdw. on mimeographed form. Bundle, 3½ x 5 x 1; f. b., 3½ x 3 x 5.

370. (CLOTHING REQUESTS FILED), 1939--. 84 requests in 1 folder.
Original requests by parents to attendance teacher for clothing, showing case name and address, date, school; name, age, grade of child, whether property owner or renter; if renter, amount of rent; occupation, amount of

debts, kind of clothing requested. Arr. chron. by date of request. No index. Hdw. on mimeographed form. 11½ x 9 x ¼. Desk drawer.

371. SCRAP BOOK, 1939--. 1 vol.
Attendance teacher's miscellaneous papers, including newspaper clippings, programs, samples of forms, telegrams and notes. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., typed, mimeographed, and printed; pasted. 50 loose-leaf pp. 15 x 12 x ½.

District Trustees

372. (APPOINTMENTS AND OATHS), 1937-38. 161 oaths in 1 bundle. 1938-39 in Correspondence (and Miscellaneous), entry 377.
Original notices of appointment from county superintendent to district trustees, showing county, date, name and address of trustee, name and number of school district, and signature of county superintendent; on reverse is oath of office, showing name and address of trustee, date sworn, and signature of trustee and notary public. Arr. alph. by name of school dist. under year. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 8 x 5 x 1.

373. TRUSTEES' COMMISSIONS, 1917-18, 1920, 1933-35, 1937--. 11 vols.
Stub record, showing name and number of school district, date, name and address of trustee, date of expiration; also original commissions of school district trustees by county board of education, 1920, showing name of trustee, name and number of school district, date of expiration, successor to whom, date issued, and signatures of members of county board of education. Arr. chron. by date of commission. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 75 to 95 sheets 7½ x 11 x ½. 4 vols., 1917-18, 1920, bsmt. records room; 7 vols., 1933-35, 1937--, office.

374. DISTRICT TRUSTEES, 1899-1904, 1918-20. 2 vols. and loose certificates.
List of school district trustees, showing name and address of trustee, name and number of district, and year appointed. Also contains original teachers' certificates, 1920, issued by State Board of Education, showing number, name, address, and race of teacher, authority for issuance, grade of certificate, county, signatures of Governor and members of State Board of Education, date signed. Arr. numer. by school dist. no. No index. Hdw. 46 and 198 pp. 11 x 6 x ¼ and 12 x 7 x 1.
For record of teachers' certificates, see entries 360, 361.

School Property

375. SCHOOL DEEDS (and Insurance Policy), 1894--. 90 instruments in 2 pasteboard f. b.
Original titles to school property, endorsed with names of parties, name and number of school district, date filed and signature of clerk of court, date recorded, and signature of auditor; date filed and name of clerk of court stamped. Also contains fire insurance policy for school building, 1926, showing information as in entry 282 ii. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed on printed form. 4 x 4 x 10.

Rental Textbooks

376. BOOK TRANSFER INVOICES, 1937--. Approx. 115 folders in 1 f. d. Office copies of transfer invoices for rental textbooks made in 3 copies, showing county, name and number of school district from which transferred, name of trustee or agent receiving books, depository of school district (name and number) to which transferred, and signature of transfering agency (no entry). Also contains:

i. Accompanying itemized list of books transferred, showing number of used books, number new books, title, price, rental price, price extension and rental extension, for new books and used books; and certificate of receipt with date and signature of receiving agent;

ii. Office copies of invoices for books from central textbook depository, showing county, name and address of receiving agent, shipping point, school district for which shipped, date, carrier, serial number of invoice, name and address of depository, and list of books (quantity, title, price), total cost; also office copies of requisitions for textbooks from South Carolina School Book Commission;

iii. Individual rental cards, showing name of pupil, grade, scholastic year, list of books rented, rental price of each, and red pencil check mark when returned.

Arr. chron. by date of invoice or requisition; rental cards numer. by school dist. No index. Hdw., hdw. and typed on printed form. 11½ x 13⅓ x 25.

Miscellaneous

377. CORRESPONDENCE (and Miscellaneous), 1901-23, 1927--. 16,000 papers in 55 letter f. b. and 67 folders in 1 wooden and 1 metal f. d. Title varies: Letters.

Official correspondence, including original letters of application, 1938--, from prospective teachers. Also contains:

i. Duplicate monthly reports, 1939--, by Jeanes teacher to State Department of Education on daily activities, showing date, county, name of school or community visited, and itemized activities; and monthly narrative reports on special activities, such as improvements in buildings and grounds, money raised, teachers' meetings visited, etc.;

ii. Agriculture teachers' contracts, 1938--;

iii. Original petitions, 1939--, to county board of education from school patrons for election of certain teachers, showing names of school, school district and teacher; signatures of petitioners, and members of county board, date signed; and approval of county board.

Applications for State aid blanks, 1939--, entry 349. Arr. by type of record and thereunder chron. by date of instrument; correspondence folders also alph. by name of correspondent. No index. Hdw., typed, hdw. and typed on printed form. Folders, 8½ x 11; letter f. b., 12 x 11 x 3; wooden f. d., size not given; metal f. d., 11½ x 13⅓ x 25. 36 letter f. b., 1901-23, latticed room; 19 letter f. b., 1927-37, and 2 f. d., 1938--, office.

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378. COUNTY - SCHOOL DISTRICT - ROAD MAP, 1932. 1 map. Not found on recheck.

Political map of Pickens County, showing county boundaries, school districts (numbers and names), white schools and negro schools, churches, forts, Indian towns, streams, bridges, roads, and leading points of interest. Compiled by George E. Welborn, county superintendent of education, who states that a copy has been placed in every school in the county. N. p. Printed. Scale not indicated. 33 x 31.

XXXV. FINANCE BOARD OF PICKENS COUNTY

In 1926 the finance board of Pickens County was created to be composed ex officio of the county supervisor, the superintendent of education, and the county treasurer.[1] There has been no mention of it in the statutes since 1937.

The board was empowered to borrow such sums of money as might be necessary for the operating of the government, schools, and other county obligations. After receiving estimates from every county office showing how much money it required, the duties of the board were to borrow a sufficient amount of money to meet the requirements and to place the money in a reliable bank paying the best rate of interest. The amount designated by each department was directed to be set aside as a special fund subject to that department's control.[2]

In 1932, to pay the school deficit then existing, the finance board, with the approval of the delegation, was directed to borrow, not in excess of $80,000 on notes to mature in 10 years, at not over 6% interest. To retire the notes, the treasurer was directed to levy and collect a tax not exceeding 2½ mills. Subject to written approval of the delegation, the custodian of the county sinking fund accruing from this tax, was authorized to purchase the notes.[3]

In 1937, the board of county commissioners was authorized to issue serial bonds not to exceed $80,000 to be used by the finance board of Pickens County as follows: not to exceed $40,000 to supplement the amount in the county sinking fund to pay road bonds issued in 1917; as much as necessary of the balance to pay the $40,000 "old school debt note." Any existing balance was to be placed in ordinary county funds.[4] The only required record was the estimates from county offices.[5] No records of the board were found.

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1. Stat. XXXIV, 917.
2. Stat. XXXIV, 917-18; Code 4727.
3. Stat. XXXVII, 1995-96.
4. Stat. XL, 1274.
5. Stat. XXXIV, 917.

Commission To Examine Into and Report Financial Affairs; Past Indebtedness Commission

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XXXVI. COMMISSION TO EXAMINE INTO AND REPORT FINANCIAL AFFAIRS (defunct)

In 1906, the Governor was authorized to appoint a commission of three "discreet and competent persons" to examine the financial affairs of Pickens County. Their compensation, and expenses if any, were to be fixed by the county commissioners and paid by warrant upon the county treasurer.[1]

The commission was empowered to employ a clerk, an expert, and a stenographer if necessary. It had "full power to send for persons and papers, administer oaths, preserve order while in session, and punish for refusal to appear," or to answer questions in ascertaining the legal indebtedness of the county. The commissioners were empowered to "extend their examination to the past operations of the county as far as they deemed necessary, and to take testimony in or beyond the limits of the State". They were required to report to the Governor "the result of their investigations as rapidly as possible," and to publish it in a Pickens County newspaper.[2]

No records of this commission were found.

XXXVII. PAST INDEBTEDNESS COMMISSION (defunct)

At the close of the Reconstruction era of loose spending, a general law of 1877 provided that whenever the validity of a county debt or a portion thereof might be doubted, the Governor upon petition of 50 taxpayers should appoint a commission of 3 discreet citizens "to investigate and ascertain the true and real bona fide indebtedness" of the county.[1] In Pickens County the commission was appointed in 1878.[2] Compensation was $2 a day for not more than 30 days.[3]

The commission was empowered to summon persons to appear before it and produce evidence of indebtedness. It was also authorized to swear witnesses. The county was restrained from levying or collecting any special tax for past indebtedness prior to November 1876, pending such investigation. The commission was required to make a report in writing to the board of county commissioners and to the General Assembly on the amount of bona fide indebtedness.[4] For past indebtedness accounts 1877, see entry 5. For records of claims, see entries 8 ii, iv, v; 181.

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1. Stat. XXV, 369.
2. Ibid.
1. Stat. XVI, 311-12.
2. See commissions of members, entry 63.
3. Stat. XVI, 312.
4. Ibid.

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XXXVIII. BOARD OF REGISTRATION

The first Statewide pre-election registration, to disfranchise all persons who had aided the Confederacy, was made under Reconstruction Acts passed by Congress in 1867, which directed the military authorities to divide the State into precincts and to appoint a board of registration for each.[1] The constitution of 1868[2] was the first to direct the General Assembly to provide regularly for the registration of voters. The resulting act of 1868[3] gave this duty to the managers of elections, until they were relieved in 1882 by the creation of supervisors of registration for each county.[4] The constitution of 1895[5] made registration a prerequisite for voting and required reenrollment of registered voters every 10 years.[6] The election laws of 1896 provided a board of registration in each county to consist of three discreet electors appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.[7] In 1911 a special law required the board to be elected in Pickens at the general election of 1912 and every 2 years thereafter. The board is subject to removal by the Governor for incapacity, misconduct or neglect of duty.[8] Before entering upon duty each member must take the constitutional oath of office[9] and the additional oath not to share the profits of office.[10] Annual compensation for each member is $200 in election years and $75 in other years. All vacancies are filled by the Governor.[11]

It is the duty of the board to judge the qualifications of the applicants for registration;[12] to register those who are qualified as electors;[13] and to revise the list.[14] Until thirty days before a general election, registration books are opened the first Monday of each month for three days.[15] Every year the board makes an enrollment of persons qualified but not registered, and every 10 years a general enrollment.[16] The board also may transfer electors from one county to another.[17] Persons denied registration may appeal

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1. Robert H. Woody and Francis B. Simpkins, South Carolina During Reconstruction, p. 71.
2. Art. VIII, 3.
3. Stat. XIV, 136.
4. Stat XVII, 1111.
5. Art. II, 4.
6. Ibid.
7. Stat. XXII, 35; Code 2269.
8. Stat. XXVII, 228; Code 2269.
9. Art. III, 26.
10. Code 3044.
11. Code 2269-70.
12. Code 2275.
13. Code 2272.
14. Code 2280.
15. Code 2272.
16. Code 2276.
17. Code 2279.

to the court of common pleas.[18]

The required records of the board are on forms provided by the Secretary of State.[19] For each precinct, the board makes two copies of an enrollment book, showing name, age, and place of residence of each voter. At the time of elections, these are turned over to the commissioners of election to be distributed among the managers of election, and returned to the board of registration after the election.[20] The board is required to have a separate list of persons registered prior to January 1, 1898, who are eligible for life regardless of present day educational requirements.[21] A record of all official acts and proceedings of the board is also required.[22] Biennially by October 15 the board receives from the clerk of court and from each magistrate, certified reports of persons disqualified by conviction of felony, larceny or crimes against election laws.[23] From these reports the board revises the list of electors.[24] All records and books are required to be deposited with the clerk of court for safekeeping[25] as public records, open to inspection at all times,[26] and removable solely by the board, for so long as may be necessary for performance of duties.[27]

In Pickens County the board of registration has an office at the courthouse, in which the stubs of current registration certificates were found. For registration books, see entries 81, 82.

379. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES (Stubs), 1896-98, 1900-1904, 1908-24, 1927--. 145 vols. Overlapping dates. Subtitled by name of precinct and township.

Stub record of registration certificates, showing serial number of certificate, date, county, township or parish (no entry), election precinct, name, age, occupation and residence of elector, and duration of residence (no entry). Arr. numer. by certificate no. under twp. or precinct. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 18 vols., 1896-1920, latticed room; 5 vols., 1900-1904, 1908-16, bsmt. records room; 8 vols., 1928-36, bsmt. vault; 57 vols., 1938-39, superintendent of education, office; 57 vols., 1940--, office.

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18. Code 2273.
19. Code 2271.
20. 1896, Stat. XXII, 45; Code 2286.
21. Const. 1895, art. II, 4(c); 1896, Stat. XXII, 39; Code 2274.
22. 1896, Stat. XXII, 34; Code 2269.
23. Code 2281, 2282.
24. Code 2283.
25. 1896, Stat. XXII, 44.
26. Const. 1895, art. II, 8.
27. Code 2285.

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XXXIX. COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION

At least thirty days before a general election the Governor appoints two sets of commissioners of elections, having three members each. They hold office until their successors are appointed and qualify; and they may be removed from office for misconduct or incompetence. They are required to take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office and the oath against dueling, which are filed in the office of the clerk of court. The commissioners of election organize by appointing one of their number chairman and one secretary. Members receive $1 a day for services while actually employed not exceeding three days, and 5¢ a mile for necessary travel.[1] The Comptroller General draws his warrant on the State Treasurer in favor of commissioners of election, managers of election, clerk of commissioners or managers, messengers, and printer of notices of election, for the amount of compensation to which they are entitled. The board of county commissioners audits and pays all accounts for necessary expense incurred by the commissioners and managers of election.[2]

One set of commissioners conducts the election of State, circuit and county officers, and the other of Presidential Electors, Senators and Members of Congress. Each commission appoints three managers for each polling place in the county, and provides ballot boxes.[3] The managers are subject to the same rules and regulations as to organization. oaths, removal and compensation as the commissioners.[4] The managers may appoint a clerk to assist them in their duties, who is required to take before the chairman of the board the constitutional oath and the oath with regard to dueling.[5] After an election, each set of commissioners, as a county board of canvassers, prepares a statement of each protest as well as the total vote for each candidate, which must be filed in the office of the clerk of court. Signed copies are also sent to the Governor, to the State Board of Canvassers and to the Secretary of State.[6]

For returns of the board of canvassers, see entry 78 i.

XL. DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE

Under the one-party system now prevailing in South Carolina, the Democratic primary which selects the party candidates has come to be of greater importance than the general election, which merely confirms their election.

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1. Stat. XVI, 632-33; Code 2299, 2316.
2. Code 2316.
3. Code 2299, 2306.
4. Code 2299, 2316.
5. Code 2300.
6. 1882, Stat. XVII, 1119-20; Code 2310-15.

In each county the Democratic Party is organized under a county executive committee, known as the county committee, composed of members elected, one from each club. The tenure of office of committee members is until the first Monday in May each election year. The committee is presided over by a chairman elected by the county convention; who does not have to be a member of the committee. Vacancies in the committee are filled by the club from which they occur and when a vacancy occurs in the office of chairman, the committee may elect a person to serve until the organization of the next county convention.[1]

All county officers, appointive or elective, except masters, magistrate, and supervisors of registration, are entered in the primary, and the county committee at its discretion may order a primary for master and magistrates.[2] With the exception of the chairman, the county committee appoints its own officers. It meets on the first Monday in August each election year to fix the entrance fees of candidates, select polling places, and appoint managers. It furnishes the ballot boxes, prints the ballots, meets at the county courthouse to tabulate returns, and performs, under the party constitution and rules, all other necessary duties prescribed by law.[3]

There are no legal requirements for records and the committee is not provided with an office. Its minutes are deposited with the clerk of court.

380. PICKENS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EX(ecutive) COM(mittee) BOOK, 1910-13. 1 vol.

Minutes of Democratic county committee, showing time, date, and place of meeting; names of members present, business transacted, compensation for managers, assessment of candidates, dates of campaign meetings, appointment of managers for precincts, provision for securing pledge blanks, results of primary election, list of officers elected, and signature of chairman; also record of money received from assessments of candidates and itemized disbursements. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. and typed. 150 pp. 12 x 7 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

XLI. COUNTY BOARD OF CONTROL (defunct)

Under special laws of 1879-80 for Pickens County, sales of alcoholic liquors were prohibited within the towns of Pickens and Easley or within two miles of their corporate limits except by druggists upon prescription.[1] After 1893, when the State Dispensary began to operate as a monopoly for the

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1. 1915, Stat. XXIX, 170; Code 2363.
2. Code 2365.
3. 1915, Stat. XXIX, 167-70; Code 2352, 2362-63, 2365, 2366.
1. Stat. XVI, 143, 239.

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sale of intoxicants, these special laws were repealed.[2] The county board of control was created to consist of the county supervisor ex officio and two members appointed by the State Board of Control.[3] In 1896 the State Board was authorized to appoint all three members, and after 1900 they were appointed on recommendation of the legislative delegation.[4] The members were to be selected from men not addicted to the use of alcoholic liquors.[5] The term was two years, subject to removal for cause by the State Board.[6] Compensation of the members was $2 a day and 5¢ a mile for not more than 30 days a year.[7] The board organized by electing one member as chairman and one as clerk.[8] Under a local option law of 1904,[9] Pickens apparently discarded the dispensary in 1905, see entries 381, 383.

It was the duty of the board to meet once a month or oftener upon call of the chairman. The board was empowered to employ assistants; to provide places for the dispensaries where liquors might be legally sold; to make rules for their operation, subject to approval of the State Board; and to appoint the dispensers.[10]

The profits of the dispensary in Pickens County were allocated to school funds, except in 1902, when half was given to the road fund and half to the town in which located.[11] When the profits were determined, it was the duty of the county board of control and the auditor to certify the amount to the county supervisor; and the board issued warrants upon the county treasurer in settlement, at first quarterly, and later monthly.[12]

The required records of the board were petitions, bonds, permits, applications and returns of the county dispenser, and quarterly reports on purchases and stock on hand.[13] The dispenser was required to keep a strict account of sales, which was to be open to inspection at all times.[14] He also filed receipts of the county treasurer until the county auditor could examine them at the quarterly settlement and report thereon to the State Board.[15]

The office of the county supervisor was used by the county board of control.[16] When the dispensary became defunct its records were placed in the

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2. Stat. XXI, 64-70, 725, 1066.
3. Stat. XXI, 725.
4. Stat. XXII, 127; XXIII, 440.
5. Stat. XXI, 725; XXII, 127.
6. Ibid.
7. Stat. XXI, 728; XXII, 131.
8. Stat. XXII, 130.
9. Stat. XXIV, 485-87.
10. Stat. XXI, 64, 66, 68, 726.
11. Stat. XXI, 1066; XXIII, 1206; XXIV, 148.
12. Stat XXII, 130; XXIII, 1104.
13. Stat. XXI, 66-68, 730, 734; XXII, 130.
14. Stat. XXI, 733.
15. Stat. XXI, 729; XXII, 131.
16. Stat. XXI, 728; XXII, 130.

basement of the courthouse. For other dispensary records, see entries 90, 319, 358, 356.

381. (DISPENSARY SALES), 1895-1905. 2 vols.
Daily record of sales in county dispensary, showing date, kind of liquor sold; quantity: gallons, half-gallons, quarters, pints, half-pints; total sales at consumer's price, total sales at invoice price, total gross profit; number of requests refused (no entry); number of requests granted (no entry). Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on printed and printed ruled forms. 345 pp. 17 x 10½ x ½. 1 vol., 1895-1900, bsmt. vault; 1 vol., 1900-1905, bsmt. records room.

382. (DISPENSER ACCOUNTS), 1895-97. 1 vol.
Monthly accounts of county dispenser with State Commissioner, showing name of county dispenser, date of merchandise account, with purchases and invoices; debit amount, date, payments, how made, credit cash amount, sales, expenses, gross and net profits; date, daily sales, consumer's price, invoice price, gross profits, total expenses for month, net profits per month, daily disposition made of cash, date, where deposited, amount, date, for whom withdrawn, amount, stock on hand last of month, balance due, for accounts; also condensed statement for above account. Arr. chron. by dates of sale and monthly statement. No index. Hdw. on printed and printed ruled forms. 29 double pp. 17½ x 14 x ¼. Bsmt. records room.

383. (DISPENSARY RECEIPTS), 1902-05. 134 receipts in 1 bundle.
Original receipts by county treasurer to dispensers for cash returns, showing number of receipt, date, name and number of dispenser, inclusive dates and amount of returns, signature of treasurer. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed form. ½ x 3 x 5. Bsmt. vault.

384. PERMIT TO DISPENSER TO PURCHASE, 1895-1901. 1 vol.
Stub record of county dispenser's purchase orders sent to State Dispenser, showing date, number of permit, name of dispenser, county, number of packages, size, kind of liquor, price per package. Arr. chron. by date of order. No index. Hdw. on printed and printed ruled forms. 100 pp. 8½ x 11 x ½. Bsmt. records room.

XLII. COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

When the Federal Emergency Relief Administration was superseded in 1935 by the Works Progress Administration, its unexpended funds were entrusted to the Governors of the States for relief of unemployables. In South Carolina a temporary department of public welfare was set up to administer this relief in every county which matched the allocations of the FERA funds with local appropriations. Pickens County participated until funds were exhausted early in 1937 and the temporary department expired.[1]

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1. Stat. XXXIX, 2568; information from Mrs. E. R. Barnwell, chief, Division of Field Service, State Department of Public Welfare.

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County Board of Public Welfare

In 1937 the permanent State Department of Public Welfare was created to operate under the South Carolina Board of Public Welfare on a plan approved by the Federal Social Security Board. The State Board, elected by the General Assembly for a term of four years, consists of a chairman from the State at large, and six members, one from each Congressional district. The board selects a State Director who is the chief executive and administrative officer of the Department. He holds office until his successor is appointed and qualified, and may be required by the board to post bond. The State Department supervises and administers public welfare activities, cooperates with Federal agencies to administer Federal funds granted the State, studies social problems from the standpoint of cause and cure, makes surveys, gathers statistics, and formulates policies and methods of administration.[2]

In every county a department of public welfare works under a county board of public welfare consisting of three members appointed by the State Board on recommendation of the county delegation, for three-year terms which expire in rotation. Vacancies for unexpired terms are filled by the State Board. The county department is under a county director appointed by the county board subject to confirmation by the State Department.[3]

The duties of the county board, as the representative of the State Board, are to administer county welfare activities, to perform such duties as the State Department may delegate, and to see "that all laws are enforced for the protection and welfare of minors, the removal of moral menaces to the young, and to safeguard and promote the health, education and general welfare of minors." The county board prepares and submits estimated budgets to the State Department for carrying out its duties, and maintains such "standards of work, procedure and records" as may be required by the State Department.[4]

The county department receives applications for assistance and makes investigations. It has the power to issue subpoenas for witnesses and to compel their attendance and the production of papers, records and other data necessary in determining whether such assistance should be granted. The county director and other designated employees may administer oaths and examine witnesses under oath. Upon completion of an investigation, the county department decides if the applicant is eligible for assistance, the amount of assistance, and the date the assistance shall begin. The county department certifies the amount in writing to the State Department and to the applicant. The assistance is paid the applicant monthly by the State Department, to whom applicants who are refused assistance may appeal.[5]

The required records of the county board are minutes of its activities, and accurate accounts of all funds received and expended. Once a

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2. Stat. XL, 496-517.
3. Ibid.
4. Ibid.
5. Ibid.

year the county board makes a report of its activities, receipts and disbursements, to each member of the delegation, to the foreman of the grand jury, and to the clerk of court, who is required to file the report of his office as a public record. This report is usually mimeographed. The board also makes such other reports and data as may be required by the State Department and the Federal Government.

The required records of the county departments are prescribed by the State Department, and are subject to its inspection, supervision, and audit. Under the plans approved by the Federal Social Security Board, the State Department supplies county departments with printed forms for applications, reports, affidavits, and other case records, which must be kept in writing. At present, 30 statistical forms, 55 financial forms, and 20 commodity forms, are in use.[6]

In Pickens, all county welfare records are in the Department of Public Welfare Building on Ann Street in the town of Pickens. As they concern the private affairs of living persons and are necessarily confidential in nature, they are not open to the public. For descriptions of typical standardized records, see Inventory of the County Archives of South Carolina No. 35, McCormick County, entries 216-235.

XLIII. BOARD OF HONOR

The first State pension act, passed in 1887, provided pensions for disabled and indigent Confederate veterans and their widows. Applications for pensions were made through the clerk of court to the Comptroller General, who, with the Secretary of State and Attorney General, formed a State Board of Pensions.[1] The following year a county examining board was created, consisting of two citizens and a physician appointed by the State Board of Pensions. Acting under and in connection with this board was a county board of pension commissioners composed of five veterans.[2]

The constitution of 1895 provided that the General Assembly should make liberal provisions for annual pensions to indigent or disabled Confederate veterans and their widows.[3] The pension law of 1896 created a county examining board of pensions composed of two veterans, the county auditor, the treasurer, and a practicing physician selected by them, to examine and pass upon applicants. In 1897, township examining boards composed of three veterans each, and a county examining board of four veterans, were created to

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6. 1937, Stat. XL, 499-501, 503, 504, 507-10, 514.
1. Stat. XIX, 827-28.
2. 1888, Stat. XX, 26-28.
3. Art. XIII, 5.

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settle all matters of dispute or contest.[4] In 1900, applications for pensions were made in writing through the township representative to a county board of pensions composed of four veterans and a practicing physician.[5] In 1902, the board appointed a commissioner who helped prepare pension papers for its approval.[6] In 1919, the county pension board was composed of three veterans named by the State Commissioner of Pensions; and pensions were disbursed through the probate judge as clerk.[7] Under a general law of 1920, county pension boards became boards of honor consisting of three veterans elected by the Confederate Veterans' Camps.[8] Under a law of 1921, these three were elected at a called meeting for a two-year term,[9] and the same plan was continued in 1929.[10] In case of disability of a member to serve, he may select a veteran's son instead. Vacancies are filled in the same manner as members are elected. When the number of veterans in the county is reduced to two, the clerk of court becomes an ex officio member; when reduced to one, the probate judge; when there are no veterans remaining, the auditor becomes a member. In all cases the probate judge is ex officio clerk. Board members are paid $2 a day not exceeding 5 days a year.[11]

The chief duty of these various county boards of pensions was to compile and approve a list of veterans eligible for pensions.[12] The present board of honor is required to report to the Comptroller General each year a bona fide list of pensioners.[13]

Records were required under the various laws. In 1887 the clerk of court had to keep a record of pensions endorsed by him.[14] In 1900 the clerk of court was to record in a book called "Approved Pension Rolls," all lists of pensioners which had been approved by the State Board and certified to him. Approved applications and related papers were to be filed before February 1, each year in the Comptroller General's office for examination by the State Pension Board. In the clerk of court's office a list of all applicants, showing whether or not approved, was to be on file.[15] In 1919 applications were required to be made in duplicate, under oath, attested by two witnesses, and filed with the county board of pension commissioners, which, with the board's findings and memoranda of witnesses, were forwarded to the State Pension Commissioner; the duplicates were to remain in the

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4. Stat. XXII, 186-87, 495.
5. Stat. XXIII, 410-11.
6. Stat. XXIII, 1028.
7. Stat. XXXI, 275, 277.
8. Stat. XXXI, 1100.
9. Stat. XXXII, 205.
10. Stat. XXXIV, 176-77.
11. Ibid.; Code 4978-81.
12. 1900, Stat. XXIII, 409-14; XXXI, 275-78.
13. 1929, Stat. XXXVI, 177; Code 4981.
14. Stat. XIX, 828.
15. Stat. XXIII, 409-14.

judge of probate's office. The judge of probate was to receive receipts from all pensioners to be on file in the office.[16] The judge of probate is required to keep a "complete list of all enrolled, the amount paid or payable to each, and receipts from the pensioner for all payments."[17] In 1957 the State Comptroller General assumed the duty of paying pensions.[18]

In Pickens County a special tax of one mill was levied in 1915 for pensions to bona fide Confederate veterans and their widows who had not previously received pensions because of various disqualifications.[19] From 1916 through 1919, an annual county appropriation of $4,000 was made for this purpose.[20] For records of pensions, see entries 72-77; 228-232.

385. MINUTE BOOK FOR COUNTY PENSION BOARD, 1900-04, 1907-10, 1914-15, 1917--. 2 vols. Title varies: Pensions.
Record of proceedings of township pension board, 1900; of county pension board, 1901-04, 1907-10, 1914-15, 1917-19; of board of honor, 1922, 1925; showing date and purpose of meeting, officers elected, lists of applications, 1910, 1918-19, and signature of chairman or clerk. Also contains:

i. Record of pensions paid, 1919-38, showing check number, names of pensioners, amount paid each;

ii. Itemized account for funeral expenses and expenditures other than pensions, 1938--, showing name of veteran, to whom paid and amount.

Arr. chron. by date of meeting; i alph. by name of veteran and numer. by check no. under year; ii, chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw., hdw. on ruled form. 140 and 250 pp. 12 x $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{4}$ and 14 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Judge of probate, office.

XLIV. SOLDIERS' BOARD OF RELIEF (defunct)

In 1861 at the close of the first year of the Civil War, a soldiers' board of relief was created for each tax district in South Carolina. The board was composed of not less than 5 or more than 10 district freeholders appointed by the General Assembly for a term of one year. The boards were self-perpetuating, filling their vacancies and continuing until 4 months after the end of the war.[1] A year later the law was repealed and a similar self-perpetuating board was created for each election district, to be composed of from 3 to 12 freeholders not liable to conscription, appointed by the General Assembly upon nomination of the legislative delegation.[2]

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16. Stat XXXI, 275-78.
17. 1929, Stat. XXXVI, 177; Code 4981
18. Stat. XL, 639.
19. Stat. XXIX, 323.
20. Stat. XXIX, 1022; XXX, 480, 981; XXXI, 429.
1. Stat. XIII, 13.
2. Stat. XIII, 120.

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All soldiers' boards of relief were authorized to appoint a secretary-treasurer. The tax district boards were empowered to levy a tax for the aid of the wives and children of men in military service. The election district boards disbursed funds for these purposes from shares of a State appropriation which it received quarterly upon their rendering quarterly reports to the State Treasurer of the Upper Division.[3]

The required records of the tax district boards were a record of proceedings and returns to the court of common pleas; records of the election district boards were similar, but their returns were to the General Assembly.[4]

For records see entry, 118 vii.

385½. (MINUTES OF SOLDIERS' BOARD OF RELIEF), 1864-65. 1864 in Cash Book, entry 266; 1864-65 in Index Book, entry 9.

Record of proceedings of soldiers' board of relief, showing date and place of meeting, names of members present, reports of expenditures by each commissioner, provision for poor families, appointment of committees; also newspaper clippings of resolutions to provide for poor of district; rules and regulations submitted for consideration, and other business transacted, with signatures of chairman and secretary-treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index.

XLV. SERVICE OFFICER

A special act of 1931 provided a service officer for Pickens County to take office on written approval by the legislative delegation endorsed upon the recommendation of Pickens Post No. 11 of the American Legion, for a term of one year. Removal was to be made in the same manner. His salary was fixed at $50 a month.[1] In 1933, the act providing for a service officer was repealed,[2] but an appropriation of $600 for his salary has been made annually except in 1937.[3] The supply acts of 1938-40 provided that the service officer be appointed by the American Legion.[4]

The duties of the service officer are to investigate the claims of war veterans for benefits to which they were entitled for military service; and to assist veterans in prosecution and enforcement of their claims against State and Federal governments.[5]

No records are required by law.

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3. Stat. XIII, 14, 121.
4. Ibid.
1. Stat. XXXVII, 953-54.
2. Stat. XXXVIII, 9.
3. Stat. XXXVIII, 1041; XLI, 2694.
4. Stat. XLI, 1392, 2694.
5. Stat. XXXVII, 954.

XLVI. BOARD OF HEALTH

In 1892 the State Board of Health was created and its executive committee was given the power to divide the State into health districts; in districts where no local boards existed, the committee was empowered to appoint such boards.[1] The constitution of 1895 provides that the General Assembly may create local boards of health whenever necessary, giving them power to make rules and regulations to protect public health.[2] From 1875 until after 1896, the Pickens board of county commissioners was authorized to act as commissioners of health and drainage.[3] In June 1931 a board of health for Pickens County, consisting of 5 members, was appointed by the State Board on recommendation, one each, of the county superintendent of education, the local post of the American Legion, the county medical society, the State Board of Health, and the county delegation.[4] This appears to have been a committee rather than a board.

The duties of the board were not specified. Under general law, local boards enforce regulations to prevent the "spread of infectious or contagious diseases by the regulation of intercourse with infectious places, by the arrest, separation and treatment of infected persons," and persons who have been exposed to infection, and by abating all nuisances prejudicial to public health; they enforce vaccination, mark infected houses or places, and "prescribe rules for the construction and maintenance of house drains, waste pipes, soil pipes and cesspools." In an epidemic they have power to establish hospitals and quarantine stations.[5]

The required records of such boards are minutes of proceedings,[6] and annual or other reports required by the Executive Committee of the State Board of Health, including vital statistics.[7] Records of the Pickens board are in the county health office.

386. MINUTES OF COUNTY BOARD, 1931-35. 1 vol.
Original minutes of meetings of county board of health, showing date of meetings, members present, and business transacted. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Typed. 150 pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

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1. Stat. XXI, 20.
2. Art. VIII, 10.
3. Stat. XV, 849; XXII, 257.
4. Letter, June 17, 1931, from secretary, Pickens County Board of Health, to Dr. Ben F. Wyman, Director Rural Sanitation, State Board of Health.
5. Stat. XXV, 125-26; Code, 5051.
6. 1906, Stat. XV, 125; Code 5050.
7. Stat. XVIII, 294; XXI, 20; Code, 5048.

387. (MINUTES PICKENS COUNTY HEALTH INSTITUTE), 1934-35. 1 vol. Minutes of annual meetings of Pickens County Health Institute, organized in 1934 by local health committee, showing date of meeting, business transacted, and programs. Also contains copies of bill for creating institute. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 1934, typed 1935. 150 loose-leaf pp. 11 x 9 x ½.

XLVII. HEALTH UNIT

Since 1910 health work has been carried on in the counties by the State Board of Health through its Bureau of Rural Sanitation, which was set up with the aid of the Rockefeller Foundation primarily for the eradication of hookworm.[1] In 1940 the State appropriated $97,127.44 to aid county health work.[2]

The first Pickens county appropriation for a standard health unit was in 1932, for $1,500,[3] and the annual appropriation is now $3,000.[4] The personnel consists of a director, 2 nurses, an inspector and a clerk.[5] The director must be a graduate physician registered in South Carolina, and able to meet the requirements of the United States Public Health Service. The nurses also must be graduates, registered in South Carolina, and able to meet Federal requirements.[6] The director is appointed by the State Board, and he appoints the personnel of the local unit.[7]

The duties of the county health unit are concerned with the control of communicable diseases, venerial disease, and tuberculosis; with rat control; infant, pre-school and school hygiene; maternity service; general sanitation; orthopedic service, including case finding, certification of indigency and transportation; and public health nursing. Newspaper articles and the distribution of pamphlets promote its educational program.[8] In 1935-36 the Pickens county unit performed these duties in Oconee County also, because of a temporary local situation.[9]

Records are required by administrative order of the State Board of Health, and consist chiefly of reports made to the State Board on standard forms. Copies and other records filed in the county health office are not open to indiscriminate public inspection.

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1. 48th Annual Report, State Board of Health, 1927, p. 136.
2. Stat. XLI, 1986.
3. Stat. XXXVII, 1992.
4. Stat. XLI, 2693.
5. 60th Annual Report, State Board of Health, 1938-39, p. 152.
6. Stat. XXXIX, 1825-1826
7. Information from Miss Flo Gary, Dr. Wyman's secretary.
8. 60th Annual Report, State Board of Health, 1938-39, pp. 126-154.
9. 57th Annual Report, State Board of Health, 1935-36, p. 7; information from Miss Gary.

Reports

388. ANNUAL REPORTS, 1931-34, 1936, 1938--. 7 reports in 1 f. d.
Carbon copies of annual reports to State Board of Health by county director, showing name of director, county, month, year, population of health district, school enrollment for white and Negro, number of services performed, number previously reported, total to date (classified under 4 heads), and signature of director. Also contains annual narrative reports to delegation, with a general outline of work done by unit, signed by director. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. and typed on printed form; narrative typed. 8 pp. 10 x 5 x 16½.

389. QUARTERLY REPORTS, 1931--. 34 reports in 1 f. d.
Carbon copies of quarterly reports of county health unit to State Board of Health, showing for each month in quarter the number of contacts made and services rendered in control of communicable diseases, venereal disease, tuberculosis; maternity service; infant and preschool, school, and adult hygiene; morbidity service, crippled children service, general sanitation, protection of food and milk; laboratory specimens examined; also tabulation of reportable diseases. Also contains: original quarterly reports of expenditures, showing name of county, quarter, amount of total funds, State funds, local and Federal funds on hand at beginning of period, received during period, available funds, and itemized disbursements such as travel, salaries and other expenditures, total amount on hand at end of period. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 12 pp. 10 x 5 x 16½.

390. WEEKLY REPORTS, 1931--. 470 reports in 1 f. d.
Carbon copies of narrative report of county health director to director of State Board of Health, showing date of report, résumé of work done in county unit, number of clinics held, number of patients treated, number and description of all other services of unit. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. 10 x 5 x 16½.

391. DR. FURMAN'S DAILY REPORT, Jan.-July 1935. 1 vol.
Original individual daily report made by county health director, showing date and daily schedule of accomplishments; endorsed with name of director and title of report. Arr. chron. by date of record. No index. Hdw. 300 loose-leaf pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

392. INSPECTOR'S DAILY REPORT, Jan.-July 1935. 1 vol.
Original individual daily reports to health unit by Pickens County sanitary inspector, showing date of report, itemized statements of contacts made, places inspected, lectures given, and other work done during day. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. 150 loose-leaf sheets (73 used) 11 x 9 x 1.

393. NURSES WEEKLY REPORTS, Oct. 1936--. 550 reports in 1 f. d.
Carbon copies of nurses' individual weekly narrative reports to State Board of Health on work done, showing date of report, daily schedule and signature of nurse. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. 10 x 5 x 16½.

394. NURSES DAILY REPORT, Jan. 1-July 1, 1935, 1940--. 3 vols. (1 dated, 2 unlabeled).
Original daily work report of nurse, filed for convenience of nurse one year

and destroyed, showing name of worker, district, date, number, code number, name and address of patient and remarks. On reverse is additional information, number of hours in office, field, clinic; and mileage. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on mimeographed form. 146 to 250 loose-leaf pp. 9 x 7 x ½ to 11 x 9 x 1.

395. MISCELLANEOUS (Reports), 1931-34. 102 reports in 1 f. d.
Carbon copies of various reports, including:

i. Monthly report of director to State Board of Health, showing name of county, month, year, number of monthly services performed in communicable disease control, sanitation, hygiene, and miscellaneous, signature of director;

ii. Nurses' monthly narrative reports, Oct. 1931-April 1933, to State Board of Health, showing a general résumé of work done by unit, month of report, and signature of nurse. Also contains daily work record, 1931-34, showing date, classification and number of visits; kind and number of child health conferences, tuberculosis services, specimens collected, work with schools and other groups, other educational tasks, literature distributed, corrections and treatments, new cases reached, other services;

iii. Quarterly reports, Sept. 1931-Dec. 1933, by county health director to Federal Government, showing number of services rendered during each month, number previously reported, and total to date (18 heads), total each month, previously reported and total to date of all services; results of work (water connections, sewer connections, dwellings screened, etc.,) and vital statistics, reportable diseases, signature of director.

Arr. chron. by date of report under above classifications. No index. Hdw. hdw. and typed on printed form. 10 x 5 x 16½.

Master Files

396. FAMILY FOLDERS, 1936--. 61 folders in 2 f. d.
Case records of families, one or more of whose members have been under supervision of health unit, showing family serial number, name and race; date of first contact; successive addresses and sanitary notes, township and road directions; economic status: whether comfortable, moderate, poor, or very poor; home: number of rooms, telephone, screened; whether water supply safe, questionable, or unsafe; whether excreta disposal sanitary or unsanitary; source of first information; household roster of members, and others living in household giving name, sex, date of birth, whether living at home, date of death, immunizations for small pox, diphtheria, typhoid; tuberculin tests, occupation or school; if dead, cause of death; special conditions or social problems. Also contains:

i. Infant and preschool clinic records, showing family name, child's name, family number, date, address, date of birth, age, sex, race, birth weight, name and address of family physician, by whom delivered, where delivered, condition of birth, type of labor, births registered, mother's other pregnancies (history), feeding of baby, development of baby, habits, disease history, detailed report of physical examination, signature of examiner;

ii. Orthopedic records, showing name of patient, address, county, date of birth, sex, race, parent or guardian, address, diagnosis orthopedist, diagnosis of medical doctor, name and address of family physician;

and prenatal records, entry 410. Arr. numer. by serial no. of family; all records pertaining to members of a family in one master folder. For index, see entry 397. Hdw. on standard printed form. 6½ x 10 x 14.

397. INDEX FILE, 1936--. 84 cards in 1 f. b.
Index to cases in family folders, entry 396, showing name of patient, nature of case, serial number of family. Arr. alph. by name of patient. Hdw. 4 x 5½ x 4.

Communicable Disease Control
(See also entry 395 i)

398. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE RECORDS, 1938--. 2 vols.
Original office records of communicable diseases, showing name of county, disease; name, address, race, sex, age, and physician of patient; date reported, and date investigated. Arr. chron. by date reported. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 150 loose-leaf pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

399. IMMUNIZATION RECORDS, Aug. 1940--. 1 f. b.
Original record of immunizations given by county health unit, showing name of county; name, age, race, and sex of patient, name and address of parent, kind of immunization (whether toxoid, typhoid bacterin, smallpox, whooping cough) and dates of first, second, and third doses. Also contains record of tuberculin tests. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on printed cards. 4½ x 5½ x 3.

400. SMALLPOX INOCULATION, 1931--. 10 vols. (dated).
List of persons vaccinated for smallpox by county health unit, showing name of clinic or school, name and age of person taking treatment. Arr. alph. by name of patient under clinic or school. No index. Hdw. 150 loose-leaf pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

401. TYPHOID INOCULATIONS, 1931--. 10 vols. (dated). Title varies: Typhoid.
List of persons given typhoid inoculations by county health unit, showing date of treatment, whether in clinic or office, name of clinic, name of person inoculated, number of shots taken, whether paid for or not. Arr. alph. by name of patient under clinic or office. No index. Hdw. 150 loose-leaf pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

402. SCHICK TESTS, 1939. 1 vol. 1938 in Toxoid Inoculation, entry 403.
List of children given Schick tests, by county health unit, showing place test given, name of child, date of test, and age of child. Arr. chron. by date of test under name of place where given (Clemson College). No index. Hdw. 300 loose-leaf pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

403. TOXOID INOCULATION, 1931--. 10 vols. (dated). Title varies: Diphtheria Inoculations Schick Tests.
List of children given diphtheria inoculation by county health unit, showing place taken, name of child, date of inoculation, age of child. Also contains Schick tests, 1938, entry 402. Arr. chron. by date of inoculation under place. No index. Hdw. 150 loose-leaf pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

404. RABIES INOCULATION, 1933--. 3 vols. Last entry 1939. Title varies: Persons Given Antirabic Treatments; Antirabic, Whooping Cough.
Original list of persons given Pasteur treatments by the health unit, showing name of person, date started, date completed. Also contains whooping cough inoculations, 1937. Arr. chron. by date of first treatment. No index. Hdw. 300 loose-leaf pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

Venereal Disease Control

405. WASSERMANN REPORTS, Aug. 1940. 25 reports in 1 f. d.
Carbon copies of reports of Wassermann tests made by the hygenic laboratory of State Board of Health, showing date of report, test for syphilis, whether blood negative or positive, name of patient, serial number of test, name of county health doctor, date taken, received, findings: Kline exclusion, Kline diagnostic, or complement-fixation; reverse shows instructions for interpretation of findings. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Typed on printed cards. 5 x 9 x 16.

406. REQUESTS FOR SUPPLIES, 1940--. 267 documents in 1 f. d.
Original requests from various county physicians for free antisyphilitic drugs, duplicates of which are sent to State Board of Health, showing form number, date, case number, race, sex, and age of patient; drugs desired, signature, and address of physician, and date distributed; also record of veneral cases, showing case number or name of patient, address of patient, date reported, race, sex, age, and occupation of patient, classification of disease, duration of infection, positive tests, signature of physician. Requests, no obvious arr.; record, arr. chron. by date reported. No index. Requests, hdw. on printed form; record, typed on printed cards. 5 x 9 x 16.

Tuberculosis Control

407. TUBERCULIN TESTS, 1933--. 9 vols. (dated).
List of school children given tuberculin tests by county health unit, showing name of school, name of child, whether positive or negative. Arr. alph. by name of child under school. No index. Hdw. 300 loose-leaf pp. 11 x 9 x 1.
For other records, see entry 399.

408. TUBERCULOSIS X-RAY REPORTS, 1938--. 130 reports in 2 f. b.
Title varies: Chatham's T. B. & Pellagra Morbidity.
Carbon copies of reports by State Tuberculosis Clinic to physicians in Pickens County who referred patients to Clinic for examination, showing original examination, place, date, file number (reference number when writing), patient's

name, if a child, name of parent or guardian, patient's address, parent's address, family physician, address; age, race, sex, occupation, weight, height, usual weight, of patient; sleeping conditions, temperature, pulse, tuberculin reaction, previous diagnosis, contact history (names of diseases and dates), present history, present symptons; remarks; physical findings; anterior and posterior chest diagrams, X-ray right and left, diagnosis, recommendations to family physician, clinician (no entry). Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed on printed form. 12 x 11 x 5.

Maternity Service

409. M(aternal) C(hild) H(ealth) CLINIC SUMMARY SHEETS, 1936--. 100 reports in 1 f. b.

Third copy of report in triplicate of county health unit to Division of Maternal and Child Health, State Board of Health, on prenatal and well baby clinic summary sheets, showing location, date and hour of clinic; number of white and colored, new and old patients; laboratory tests; abnormalities found in physical examinations, miles traveled by physician; names and addresses of physician and nurses assisting in clinic. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 12 x 12 x 3.

410. PRENATAL RECORDS, 1936--. 140 reports in 2 f. b. Subtitled by name of nurse. Also in Family Folders, entry 396.

Original prenatal clinic case records, showing date of clinic; name, race, address, age, date of last menstrual period, estimated date of confinement, duration of pregnancy, history of previous pregnancies, by whom to be delivered, name of family doctor, abnormal physical findings, detailed report of physical examination, result of subsequent home visits and examinations. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 12 x 11 x 5.

411. POSTNATAL RECORDS, 1936--. 300 reports in 2 f. b. Subtitled by name of nurse.

Original postnatal clinic case records transferred from prenatal records, entry 410, as soon as delivered. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 12 x 11 x 4.

412. WELL BABY CLINIC, 1954--. 725 records in 3 f. b.

Original record of infant and preschool children examinations in well baby clinic, showing character of record, name of division, date and location of clinic; name, address, date of birth and race of child; names of parent or guardian and family physician; dates of toxoid inoculations, of Schick tests, whether positive or negative, of smallpox vaccination, of typhoid vaccine; diagnosis, dates of past illnesses, history of diets and habits, detailed report of physical examination; also supplementary sheet on habits of infant. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 12 x 11 x 3½.

School Hygiene

413. SCHOOL SURVEY CARDS, 1937--. 100 cards in 1 f. b.

Original record of inspections of county schools by sanitary inspector,

showing name of school, race, county, district; dates of successive inspections, principal, successive enrollments of males and females, conditions of toilets, water supply, drinking facilities, lavatory facilities, heating, ventilation, lighting, play grounds, buildings, walls and ceilings, floors, furniture and blackboards; remarks, and signature of inspector. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on printed cards. 12 x 11 x 3.

414. SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS, 1938--. 4 vols. (dated).
Original record of county health unit examinations of school children, showing name of school, date of examination; name, age, grade, height and weight of child; normal weight, condition of eyes, throat, teeth, nose, ears, glands, heart, lungs, skin, scalp, nutrition, mentality, deformity, and remarks. Arr. by school district and thereunder chron. by date of examination under school. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 250 to 300 loose-leaf pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

415. CHILDREN 10% UNDER WEIGHT, 1935. 1 vol.
List of school children underweight when examined by county health unit, showing name of school, date of examination, name of child, weight at time of examination, weight at end of school year (no entries). Arr. by race, and thereunder chron. by date of examination. No index. Typed. 300 loose-leaf pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

416. SCHOOL EXCLUSIONS, 1935. 1 vol.
List of school children excluded from school by county health unit because of scabies and pediculosis, showing name of school, date of exclusion, names of child, parent, and physician; disease, time excluded. Arr. chron. by date excluded. No index. Typed. 300 loose-leaf pp. (8 used) 11 x 9 x 1.

Crippled Children Service

417. CRIPPLED CHILDREN, 1936--. Approx. 1,000 documents in 2 f. b.
Various records and related correspondence, including:

i. Original survey cards, showing name of child, address, sex, age, race, date of birth; physical disability, educational status; name of parent or guardian; economic status of family. On reverse is medical history;

ii. Duplicate applications for treatment of crippled children made by parent or guardian to Division of Crippled Children of State Board of Health, showing date, name of child, statement of parent or guardian that he will not hold department responsible for results of treatment, and signatures of parent and witnesses;

iii. Duplicate certification by county health director of indigency of child's family, showing address of director, county; name, address, date of birth, race of child; name, income, and occupation of father and mother; and signature of director;

iv. Carbon copies of weekly orthopedic reports by county health unit to State Board of Health, showing date, number of pages in report, name and address of child and parent, race, sex, and age of child; whether new or old case, by whom diagnosed, contact; dates of 1st clinic, 2nd clinic, 3rd clinic; nature

of follow up work, deformities, and miscellaneous;

v. Carbon copies of monthly reports of county health unit to Division of Crippled Children of State Board of Health, showing city, county, month, date, name of crippled child visited, address, date, remarks, and signature of county health director.

Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. and typed on printed form and typed. 12 x 3 x 11.

Correspondence

418. LETTERS RECEIVED, 1933--. 3,700 letters in 2 f. d., 5 f. b.
Title varies: Letters Written.
Original letters received relative to business, and carbons of letters sent out by unit. Arr. as "Received" or "Written" and thereunder chron. by date of letter, 1933-38; alph. by name of correspondent, 1938--. No index. Hdw. and typed. F. d., 12 x 13 x 17; f. b., 12 x 11 x 3.

XLVIII. HOSPITAL AT SIX MILE

A private hospital at Six Mile, founded in 1925, was incorporated in 1930 with Dr. D. E. Peek as president. In 1931 it was rechartered under the name Doctor Peek's Hospital and Training School for Nurses, with a board of trustees and Mrs. Gertrude H. Mathews, president.[1]

To provide for the hospitilization of worthy needy persons in Pickens County, the auditor was authorized from 1931 until 1933 to levy a tax of a half mill for their maintenance by the trustees of Six Mile Hospital.[2] Beginning in 1933, the county has appropriated $2,400 a year for charity patients at the hospital.[3] At present the hospital has a total of 30 beds.[4]

The records of the hospital are not public records and were not included in the survey of county records. For typical records, see entries of the Columbia Hospital in Inventory of County Archives of South Carolina, No. 40, Richland County.

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1. The Pickens Sentinel, February 6, 1940; Eleemosynary Corporations, File nos. 1994, 2005, in Secretary of State's office, Columbia, S. C.
2. Stat. XXXVII, 954; XXXVIII, 10.
3. Stat. XXXVIII, 1042, 2154; XXXIX, 1069, 2568; XL, 1270, 2698; XLI, 1391, 2694.
4. Information from State Board of Health.

XLIX. COUNTY BOARD OF PHYSICIANS (Defunct)

In 1881, an act to regulate the licensing of physicians and surgeons required a person who wished to practice to exhibit his medical diploma, with satisfactory proof of good moral character, to the faculty of an incorporated medical college or to the State Medical Board composed of physicians and surgeons, constituting local boards of health in counties. The degree of Doctor of Medicine bestowed by any medical college of this State was sufficient license to practice.[1] In 1887, a license or certificate was required from a State Board of Medical Examiners.[2]

In 1890 a county board of 3 reputable physicians was appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the county medical societies, and where no society existed, upon recommendation of the delegation. All physicians desiring to practice were required to submit their diplomas to the board for inspection and approval.[3] In 1894, this board was abolished and its duties conferred upon a newly created State Board of Examiners.[4]

Since 1881, the clerk of court has been required to keep a register of physicians qualified to practice in the county,[5] see entry 66.

L. FARM AND HOME EXTENSION SERVICE

The idea of extension education in agriculture and home economics for girls in South Carolina originated with Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, who two years before the work was undertaken, outlined his plan with Dr. D. B. Johnson, president of Winthrop College. The plan for girls' clubs in South Carolina was put into practice by Miss Marie Cromer, a rural school teacher in Aiken County, who with the cooperation and help of Mr. Cecil H. Seigler, county superintendent of education, organized the first girls' tomato club. On August 16, 1910, Miss Cromer was appointed collaborator in the farm demonstration work for the purpose of further developing and expanding the work she had originated. In 1911 a cooperative arrangement was made between Dr. D. B. Johnson and Mr. O. B. Martin, representing Dr. Knapp's office, whereby Miss Cromer should make her headquarters at Winthrop College and continue her work under the direction of that institution. She was placed in charge of girls' canning and poultry club work in South Carolina, and carried on Winthrop work for the betterment of homes.[1]

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1. 1881, Stat. XVII, 571-72.
2. Stat. XIX, 820.
3. 1890, Stat. XX, 699-700.
4. Stat. XXI, 498-99.
5. Stat. XVII, 571; Code 5153.
1. Information from Miss Lonny I. Landrum, State Home Demonstration Agent.

Farm and Extension Service

In January 1912, Clemson Agricultural College entered into cooperative relations with Federal demonstration forces in South Carolina, and the office of State Farm Demonstration Agent was merged with that of Superintendent of the Clemson Extension Division. This combination gave farm demonstration work trained guidance, and the county agents became the representatives of the experts in the Extension Division and the experiment stations. The next year five schools in each county were selected, and in connection with each a five-acre farm was operated for demonstration work, under the joint supervision of the teacher and the county agent.[2] In 1914 under the Smith-Lever Act, the Federal Government began to appropriate money for agricultural education outside of colleges, on condition that it be supplemented by local and State funds.[3]

Pickens County in 1914 made an appropriation of $150 for the promotion of club work in rural communities, to be disbursed through the county superintendent of education.[4] In 1916 an appropriation of $600 was made for home demonstration work.[5] As long as the provision of supplementary funds was left to the counties, the number of agents varied from year to year. Since 1929 the State has appropriated a sufficient amount to ensure each county having at least one home and one farm agent.[6] Pickens County in 1940 appropriated $3,800 for a Farm and Home Demonstration Building, $150 for 4-H Club boys and girls, but made no contribution to the agents' salaries.[7]

Federal funds are obtained through Clemson College as the State land-grant agricultural and mechanical college;[8] and all extension work in the State is under the supervision of the Director of the Extension Service as the representative of the United States Department of Agriculture. The Director of Clemson Extension Service appoints directly the farm agents. The home demonstration agents are appointed by and work under the immediate supervision of the State Home Demonstration Agent at Winthrop College. Extension work for negroes is under the State Agricultural and Mechanical College at Orangeburg. Appointments for each county are subject to approval of the legislative delegation. No definite term of office is provided by law for the agents, but they are usually employed for one year at a time. Reappointment is customary, therefore, they hold office indefinitely.[9]

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2. "Report of Clemson Agricultural College" in Reports and Resolutions, 1914, I, 554-557.
3. U. S. Stat. L. vol. 38, part I, 372-74.
4. Stat. XXVIII, 808.
5. Stat. XXIX, 1022.
6. Acts 1929, pp. 1053-54; Code 5772.
7. Stat. XLI, 2694.
8. Acts 1929, pp. 694-95; Code 5744.
9. "Annual Report of Trustees of Clemson Agricultural College", 1936, in Report of State Officers, Boards and Committees, 1937, II, 8, 9, 19, 20; James E. Hunter, Jr., ed., Legislative Manual 1939, p. 245; Acts 1929, p. 1054; Code 5773.

The duties of the county farm and home demonstration agents consist largely of organizational and informative work. Farm agents spray orchards, make milk production tests, and assist in distribution of hog cholera serum. They teach the importance of farm sanitation, cattle tick eradication, and fly extermination. They go from farm to farm teaching the best methods of cultivation and fertilization by rotation and the use of livestock and legumes.[10] Since 1935, agricultural adjustments and soil conservation have been conducted by the farm agent, who has handled production contracts and benefit checks. Under special provisions the farm agent in Pickens County has been required to investigate the validity of claims for tax exemptions when crops are destroyed by hail storms.[11] The home demonstration agents organize clubs for canning and sewing and for raising poultry and tomatoes. They give demonstrations in labor saving methods and devices and aid in every way for the betterment of homes.

Extension service records are largely correspondence, reports to headquarters, and records relating to club work. For records, see Inventory of Federal Archives in the States, No. 39, South Carolina. For lists of corn and tomato club members, see entry 345.

LI. AGRICULTURAL BOARD

Under a special law of 1935, an agricultural board was created for Pickens County consisting of five members appointed by the delegation. The term is two years, expiring two in one year and three in the next. Compensation was fixed at $3 a day not exceeding 12 days a year. The board elected a treasurer, who was required to give bond in an amount determined by the board, and to keep the books and accounts, which are audited periodically by a certified public accountant upon order of the county delegation.[1]

It is the duty of the board to promote not only the control of soil erosion, but also "such other farm practices as will tend toward the improvement of farm lands and the increase of taxable values." Upon request of the county agricultural board, the board of county commissioners is authorized to borrow sufficient funds from the county sinking fund commission to purchase suitable terracing machinery and other equipment not exceeding two units. All equipment must be approved by the county agricultural board upon the advice of the Clemson College Agricultural Extension Engineer.[2] In 1936 the county appropriation for equipment was $2,300.[3]

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10. "Report of Clemson Agricultural College" in Reports and Resolutions, 1914, I, 554-557.
11. Stat. XL, 1272; XLI, 1935.
1. Stat. XXXIX, 1218.
2. Ibid.
3. Stat. XXXIX, 2568.

The board is required to direct the work of the terracing programs and to make contracts with farmers for terracing and for cooperative use of the equipment. Charges are on a basis that will reimburse the county and provide for replacement. Landowners who desire the service, make a written application to the county agricultural board for an estimate of the cost. The estimate is made by the engineer in charge of terracing, and submitted to the board. If approved, the landowner deposits 25% of the amount and files his application with the board of county commissioners. If approved, the balance may be paid in three equal annual installments. The deferred payments bear interest not exceeding 6% and are secured by a levy on the whole tract.[4] In 1937 the estimated revenue from these contracts was $600; in 1939 it was $300; and in 1940 it was not mentioned.[5]

No records are required by statute.

LII. GAME WARDEN

In 1905 South Carolina provided a Statewide system of game protection through a game warden in each county, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.[1] A law of 1907 required the appointment to be made on recommendation of the Audubon Society of South Carolina, and an amendment of 1920 changed this to recommendation of the respective county delegations.[2] By a special law of 1934, the warden in Pickens County is nominated in the primary, and the delegation is required to recommend the person nominated.[3] The term is indefinite, and the warden may be dismissed at the discretion of the Chief Game Warden.[4] Before entering upon duty the game warden must take and subscribe before a duly authorized official an oath to perform the duties of the office; and execute a bond of $1,000 with a surety company approved by the Chief Game Warden. The Secretary of State transmits the commission to the Chief Game Warden, who may not deliver it until the oath and bond are filed with him.[5] Annual compensation and travel allowance for the warden may not exceed $1,200 and $600 respectively.[6]

The authority and powers of a game warden are those "held and exercised by the constable" and when acting in his official capacity he is required to

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4. Stat. XXXIX, 1218-19.
5. Stat. XL, 1271; XLI, 1392.
1. Stat. XXIV, 963.
2. Stat. XXV, 662; XXXI, 810; Code 3286.
3. Stat. XXXVIII, 1210.
4. Code 3285.
5. Code 3291.
6. Code 3285.

wear a metallic shield inscribed with the words "Game Warden."[7] It is his duty to enforce the laws for the protection of game birds and non migratory fish; and when he has reasonable grounds for suspicion of violation of such laws, he may procure a search warrant from a magistrate "to open, enter and examine" premises where game may be held; and if found, to seize it and prosecute the violators. All money from fines and forfeitures is deposited with the State Treasurer in the Game Protection Fund.[8] Since 1937 Pickens County has formed part of the first of the 6 game zones of the State.[9] In the first district it is the duty of the game wardens to enforce the law which required rabies inoculation for all dogs over six months old; to designate the person to make the inoculations; to furnish a tag for each dog inoculated; and to keep a record of funds received from inoculation fees and disbursed in carrying out the provisions of the law.[10]

The only required record of the warden is the record of funds.[11] For roll of game wardens, see entry 59.

LIII. AUCTIONEER

In 1937 the office of county auctioneer was created for Pickens County. The auctioneer is appointed by the Governor on recommendation of the legislative delegation, for a term of two years. Compensation is $1 a sale, to be charged with other legal costs.[1]

It is the duty of the incumbent "to act as auctioneer in all judicial sales, tax sales or sales under levy and execution." Should the auctioneer be disqualified or incapacitated to conduct any sale, he is empowered to designate a substitute.[2]

There are no required records.

LIV. MILITIA AND NATIONAL GUARD

At the time of the creation of Pickens, the State militia had become a part of the National defense system, and all free males between the ages of

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7. Code 3291.
8. Code 3290.
9. Stat. XL, 286.
10. 1929, Stat. XLI, 486.
11. Ibid.
1. Stat. XL, 122.
2. Ibid.

18 and 45 were liable to duty.[1] In 1830 the Second and Fifth Regiments were included in Pickens, and regimental districts were also road districts.[2] Each company was required to assemble for drill, not more than a day at a time, six times a year; and each regiment once a year.[3] Men who failed to attend might submit a sworn excuse in writing to the courts martial which were held four times a year. Fines imposed on defaulters were collected by the sheriff under executions issued by the courts martial.[4]

In accordance with the constitution of 1868[5] the militia was reorganized in 1869. Men claiming exemption from duty were required to file with the clerk of court written statements verified by affidavits. Men liable to duty were enrolled in two classes and a copy of each roll was required to be filed with the clerk of court. The board of county commissioners was required to publish a notice of the completion of the rolls each year. The commanding officers had to report to the board the names of all who failed to attend musters and drills. The board transmitted these names to the county auditor, who, if the defaulters were not exempted, assessed them an extra dollar a day on the general tax. The board at its annual meeting was required to annex to the assessment rolls a list of delinquent militia enrollees, showing the fines from each; and to issue warrants to the county treasurer for collection. If fines were not paid and could not be collected from property, the delinquent militiaman was required to perform road work at a rate not exceeding a dollar a day.[6] In 1882, when this law and its amendments were repealed, the militia lost its close association with county government, and was authorized to consist of volunteer companies of whites and a National Guard of Negroes.[7] The constitution of 1895 retained "volunteer and militia forces."[8] The World War caused the military code to be reorganized in 1917 and again in 1922, when the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, was accepted in South Carolina as the basis of its militia law.[9]

In Pickens County two companies were organized in 1921 as units of the 118th Infantry Regiment, with headquarters at Easley.[10] In 1936 the county appropriated $1,500 toward construction of an armory through a WPA project sponsored by the State.[11] The county also makes an annual appropriation for the company.[12]

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1. Stat. VIII, 485, 492.
2. Stat. VIII, 557-58.
3. Stat. VIII, 571.
4. Stat. VIII, 573.
5. Art. XIII.
6. Stat. XIV, 215-19.
7. Stat. XVII, 685.
8. Art. XIII.
9. Stat. XXX, 7; XXXII, 858; Code 2885-2966.
10. Nora M. Davis, "Diagram History of the 118th Infantry Regiment SCNG."
11. Stat. XXXIX, 2568; The State, November 1, 1940.
12. Stat. XXXIII, 441, 1836; XL, 1270, 2698; XLI, 1391, 2694.

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The survey of Pickens County records did not include the armory at Easley. For militia commissioms, see entry 65; for fines, see entry 258. For typical records see Inventory of the County Archives of South Carolina, No. 40, Richland County, entries 565-572.

APPENDIX

The following entries for volumes which apparently are not public records, are included because they were found in the courthouse.

1. DAY BOOK, 1840-43. 1 vol.
Private records of Alexander Barton, Bartons 12 Mile, showing name of account, amount and kind of purchase, price, total each purchase. Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 106 pp. 15 x 6½ x 1½. Bsmt. records room.

2. LEDGER (B. M. Barton), 1844-50. 1 vol. No recording: 1845-46.
Private itemized charges, showing page number (of cash book), amount charged, and total, and date paid and how paid. Arr. numer. by cash book page no. under account. Indexed by name of acct. Hdw. on ruled form, 34 pp. 12½ x 7½ x 1. Bsmt. vault.

3. (CASH BOOK), 1848-50. 1 vol.
Record of daily cash sales by Alexander Barton, showing date, kind of sale, quality, price, and total amount. Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 340 pp. 15 x 16 x 1. Bsmt. records room.

4. (LEDGER), 1848-50. 1 vol.
Alexander Barton's, Charleston, S. C., private record of purchases, showing date of account, name of company, date of order, merchandise, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of acct. under company. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 148 pp. 12 x 8 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

5. (LEDGER), 1853-54. 1 vol.
Private record of accounts for merchandise, showing name of account, page of record from which sums taken, itemized debits from each page, total for page and total due; credits by cash, date, amount; and balance due. Arr. chron. by date of entry under acct. Indexed by name of acct. Hdw. on ruled form. 66 pp. 16 x 6½ x ½.

6. (LEDGER), 1855-58. 1 vol.
Private record, evidently daily cash, showing name of account, page and book numbers of record, amount, and total due, amount paid and balance. Arr. numer. by page no. under acct. Indexed by name of acct. Hdw. on ruled form. 53 double pp. 12½ x 8 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

7. LEDGER, 1856-58. 1 vol.
Private record of merchandise, sales and collections, showing name of account, date, article, amount; amount paid, balance or "settled". Arr. chron.

by date of purchase under name of purchaser. Indexed by name of acct. Hdw. on ruled form. 200 pp. 13½ x 8 x 1. Bsmt. vault.

8. (LEDGER), 1859-60. 1 vol.
Private record of sales and services by blacksmith, showing name of account, date, service or article sold, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Recording not given. 116 pp. 12 x 7 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

9. LEDGER, 1893-96. 1 vol.
Private record evidently of purchases by merchant, showing name of company from which purchased, date, purchase, amount, and date, how paid, amount and total, and balance. Arr. chron. by date of entry under acct. Indexed by name of company. Hdw. on ruled form. 136 pp. 12½ x 7½ x ½. Bsmt. vault.

10. S. E. LEDGER, 1907-10. 1 vol.
Private daily record of cash paid out and collected, showing date, name of payee or source, amount; also record of sales and collections, showing name of account and date of purchase, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry under acct. Indexed by name of acct. Hdw. on ruled form. 160 pp. 12 x 7 x 1½. Bsmt. vault.

11. S. E. LEDGER, 1909-17. 1 vol.
Private records, evidently of W. C. Newton with J. B. Jamison, including:
i. Record of money paid out, 1916, showing date, purpose, and amount; also tax receipts, 1916; and canceled checks 1917.
ii. Minor cash collections, 1916, showing date, source, amount; also list of checks drawn by J. B. Jamison on Keowee Bank, 1909-17, showing date and amount;
iii. Record of sales of merchandise and collections, 1916, showing name of account;
Arr. chron. by date of entry; checks, no obvious arr. Indexed by name of acct. Hdw. on ruled form. 200 pp. (10 used) 12 x 7 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

12. S. E. LEDGER, 1910-13. 1 vol.
Private record of cash expended on "W. C. Newton & Co. - Stock", showing date, purpose, amount, page totals; and record of sales and collections under accounts, showing date, article and amount of sales; date and amount of collections. Arr. chron. by date of purchase. Indexed by name of acct. Hdw. on ruled form. 178 pp. 12 x 7 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

13. S. E. LEDGER, 1911-16. 1 vol.
Private records of sales and collections, showing name of account, date, article or amount; how paid, amount, and total. Arr. chron. by date of entry under acct. Indexed by name of acct. Hdw. on ruled form. 100 pp. 12 x 7 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

14. SINGLE ENTRY LEDGER, 1915-16. 1 vol.
Private record of sales and collections, showing name of account, date, article, amount; date and amount of collections, and totals. Arr. chron. by date of entry under acct. Indexed by name of purchaser. Hdw. on ruled form. 198 pp. 12 x 7 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

15. GENERAL LEDGER (EASLEY LOAN AND TRUST CO.), 1914-29. 1 vol.
Private ledger accounts of Easley Loan and Trust Co., showing name of account, number of sheet; date, itemized debits, credits, and balances. Arr. chron. by date of entry under acct. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 343 loose-leaf pp. 11½ x 14 x 2. Bsmt. vault.

16. LEDGER, 1906-8. 1 vol.
Private daily record on sales and collections, showing name of account, date, article, and amount; date, how paid and amount. Arr. chron. by date of entry under acct. Indexed by name of acct. Hdw. on ruled form. 376 pp. 16 x 10 x 2½. Bsmt. vault.

17. (SALE BILL), 1907. 1 vol.
List of goods sold by T. D. Harris to B. P. Martin, showing number of articles, price, and total sale. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 8 pp. 12 x 7½ x ½. Supt. of education, office.

18. DAY BOOK, 1871-75. 1 vol. No recording 1874.
Private daily record of sales, showing date, name of purchaser, itemized purchases, total amount purchased. Arr. chron. by date of purchase. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 512 pp. 12 x 8 x 1½. Bsmt. vault.

19. (DAY BOOK), 1891. 1 vol.
Private daily record of sales and collections, showing date, article and amount of sales; date and amount of collections; weekly totals and balance carried forward. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 288 pp. (29 used) 14 x 8½ x 1. Bsmt. vault.

20. DAY BOOK (Memoranda), 1894-95. 1 vol.
Private daily record of sales, showing date, name of purchaser, article purchased and amount. Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. 82 pp. 14½ x 5½ x ½. Bsmt. vault.

21. DAY BOOK, 1907. 1 vol.
List of goods sold to T. D. Harris and B. P. Martin by a private concern, showing number of article, name of article, amount. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 166 pp. (36 used) 12 x 7 x ½. Bsmt. vault.

22. (ACCOUNTS - REVENUE STAMPS), 1868-72. 1 vol.
Records 1868-69, of receipt of revenue stamps by local Collector from District Collector, showing date, stamps received and value; record of stamps sold with itemized sales; also letter from office of 3rd District Collector, 1872; original receipts from District Collector for funds received from local Collector, 1870-71, giving date, how and when received, amount, and signature of District Collector. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on ruled form. Size not given. Bsmt. vault.

25. MINUTES FARMERS' UNION, 1907-9. 1 vol.
Roll of members of Wolf Creek Local Union of The Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, showing, 1907-9, name and number of local union, date and place of meeting, names of county organizer and officers elected, committees appointed, and other business transacted, and signature of secretary and treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. on

printed ruled form and hdw. 109 pp. (66 used) 10½ x 8 x ¼. Bsmt. vault.

24. SECRETARY'S TABULATION BOOK, 1891-95.
Quarterly report of Pickens County Farmer's Alliance, showing number, name of subordinate alliance, number of months at beginning of quarter, number initiated during quarter, number received by demit, number reinstated, number granted demits or withdrawls, number suspended for non-payment of dues; number expelled, number deceased, present membership, and number of male and female members over 21, under 21; dues received from subordinate alliance; fees and dues paid State alliance; remarks; and quarterly totals. Arr. alph. by name of subordinate alliance. No index. Hdw. on printed ruled form. 74 pp. (19 used) 16 x 10½ x ½. Bsmt. records room.

25. TELEGRAMS FROM MAJ. R. E. CARWILE, 1917-18. 502 papers in 1 f. b.
Copies and duplicates of telegrams from local office of registration, World War draft, to men to report for military duty, and replies; from local office to district office, and from district office to local office, and replies; showing date, to whom and by whom sent. Also contains copies of reports by local board of district on progress of classification, showing date, number men registered in each class, number qualified for general and limited military service, number in Class 1 physically examined, percentage appealing to district board, percentage of classification changed or appealing to board, percentage appealing to the President, number of occupational cards indexed. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. on printed form. 4½ x 4½ x 10. Latticed room.

26. CLAIMS FROM AUG. 16 CALL AND RED CROSS, 1919. 141 papers in 1 f. b.
Miscellaneous correspondence of American Red Cross, Home Service Section, including requests for information and aid to soldiers of the World War. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw., hdw. on printed form. 12 x 11½ x 3. Bsmt. records room.

27. MINUTE MEN, APPROX. 1859. 1 resolution.
Copy of resolution drawn up by citizens' of Pickens District, stating duty of the South to secede, desire for legislative convention to act accordingly, and intention to form themselves into a company of minute men to act at demand of State, showing names of signers; also names of Keowee volunteers and officers. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 12½ x 7½. Bsmt. vault.

PICKENS COUNTY OFFICIALS, 1829--.[1]

Supervisors

Matthew Hendricks, 1894-96
E. F. Looper, 1896-1900; 1906-10
Leonard D. Stephens, 1900-4
Gideon M. Lynch, 1904-6
J. B. Craig, 1910-19
J. S. McKinney, 1919-30
G. H. Hendricks 1930-34
T. Ross O'Dell, 1934--

County Commissioners

L. N. Robins, 1868-70
R. E. Holcombe, 1868-70
J. W. Singleton, 1868-70
John T. Gossett, 1870-72; 1874-76; 1878-80
Robert Craig, 1870-72; 1874-76
Jacob Lewis, 1870-72
Thos. R. Price, 1872-74
H. J. Anthony, chm., 1872-74
Wm. Smith, 1872-74
Gideon M. Lynch, 1874-76; 1886-88
John S. Lewis, 1876-78
B. J. Johnson, 1876-78
T. P. Looper, 1876-78
E. H. Lawrence, 1878-80
A. B. Talley, 1878-90
Laban Mauldin, 1880-82
Elias Day, 1880-86; 1888-90
B. S. Freeman, 1882-84
Jasper J. Herd, 1884-86
Joe C. Alexander, 1886-88
Thomas C. Martin, 1888-90
Matthew Hendricks, 1890-92
E. S. Griffin, 1890-92
Jabez N. Murphree, 1890-92

County Commissioners (cont'd)

J. W. Lawrence, 1892-
O. P. Field, 1892-
E. E. Perry, 1892-
H. L. Clayton, 1899-1900
Jno. M. Williams, 1899-1900
Robert Stewart, 1900-2
A. J. Welborn, 1900-4
A. B. Talley, Jr., 1905-7
Jno. P. Smith, 1904-7
Noah B. Moore, 1907-11
G. W. Bowen, 1907-11; 1915-19
James M. Lawrence, 1911-19
J. Luther Bagwell, 1911-15
John S. Leslie, 1919-23
J. A. Tinsley, 1919-27
Z. N. Mullinax, 1923-31
J. L. Murphru, 1927-30
W. T. Earle, 1930-31
B. F. Alexander, 1931-35
Ben A. Cassell, 1931-35
S. E. (Ted) Mauldin, 1935--
T. Nathan Smith, 1935-39
Claude Welborn, 1939--

Clerk of Court

W. L. Keith, 1829-56
Jas. E. Hagood, 1856-68
R. A. Bowen, 1868-72
S. D. Keith, 1872-76
J. J. Lewis, 1876-80
J. M. Stewart, 1888-1900
Aaron J. Boggs, 1900-1916
O. S. Stewart, 1916-32
B. T. McDaniel, 1932-34
E. P. McDaniel, 1934--

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1. Compiled by Willah W. Brown from Miller's Almanac; Reports and Resolutions; and MS records of county officers in office of Secretary of State. The list is not complete and the Survey assumes no responsibility for spelling of names.

Pickens County Officials

Commissioners of Location

Thos. Garvin, 1829

Commissioners in Equity

W. D. Sloan, 1829
W. L. Keith, 1839
Miles M. Norton, 1839-54
Robert A. Thompson, 1854-68
Jas. M. Ross, 1852-

Master

D. Clyde Garrett, 1933--

Judge of Probate

Irvin H. Philpot, 1868-76
W. G. Fields, 1876-78
O. L. Durant, 1878-82
J. H. Newton, 1882-86
J. B. Newberry, 1886-96; 1897-1900; 1902-21
N. A. Christopher, 1921-22
R. A. Hudson, 1922-34
E. A. Lewis, 1934--

Sheriff

S. Reid, 1829
F. N. Garvin, 1840-44
P. Alexander, 1844-48
J. A. Doyle, 1848-52
Alexander Bryce, 1852-56
L. C. Craig, 1856-60; 1864
Wm. N. Craig, 1860-64
Lemuel Thomas, 1864-68
Joab Mauldin, 1868-72; 1876-84
J. Riley Ferguson, 1872-76
H. A. Richey, 1884-92
J. H. G. McDaniel, 1892-4
J. C. Jennings, 1904-8
R. R. Roark, 1908-24
John B. Craig, 1924-34
Andy R. Ross, 1934-40
Waymond H. Mauldin, 1940--

Rural Policemen

T. T. McKinney, 1915-19
B. B. La Boon, 1915-21; 1925-27
R. T. Chapman, 1919-22
J. W. Julian, 1921-23; 1927
G. N. Garrett, 1922-26
D. Kay, 1925-27
O. H. Deaton, 1925-27
W. A. Lawless, 1925-27
S. N. Hunnicutt, 1925-27
Enos W. Ford, 1927

Coroner

Nathan Boone, 1839-42; 1844-48
William Miller, 1842-44
Wm. G. Gant, 1848-64; 1867-69
Isaac Wickliffe, 1865-67
Thos. S. Roe, 1869-72
Warran Boyd, 1872-76
B. B. Earle, 1876-78
Thos. Parkens, 1878-80
O. K. Kirksey, 1880-84
J. A. Leslie, 1884-88
P. H. Boggs, 1888-1892; 1908-10
W. S. Parsons, 1892-97
W. D. Jones, 1897-1900
Ben F. Parsons, 1900-1904
B. F. Dareus, 1901
D. A. Parrott, 1904-8
Millard F. Hester, 1910-11
Joe E. Medlin, 1911-19
Oscar Durham, 1919-21; 1925-28
W. T. Beasley, 1921-25; 1928-36
D. H. Ramsey, 1936--

Auditor

H. M. Fogler, 1868- removed Aug. 11, 1869. 1869-75
Alonzo M. Folger, 1875-77
J. Frank Folger, 1877-May 28, 1877
Jno. A. Davis, 1877-78
W. H. Hester, 1878- appointed, not confirmed by senate.
W. T. McFall, 1879-81
J. B. Clyde, 1881-93
W. H. Bryant, 1893-95

Auditor (cont'd)

N. A. Christopher, 1895-99; 1907-17
Samuel A. Hunt, 1899-Aug. 1901
E. Foster Keith, 1901-7
Henry A. Townes, 1917-28
A. J. Boggs, 1929-37
R. C. Griffin, 1937--

Treasurer

W. M. Lesley, 1868-69; removed Aug. 11, 1869, 1870-75
W. R. Berry, 1875-77
T. W. Russell, 1877-78
B. F. Morgan, 1879-81
J. H. Bowen, 1881-84
John Tyler Hill, 1884-91
John T. Youngblood, 1891-1901
Samuel D. Chapman, 1901-3
Henry W. Farr. 1903-7
B. D. Garvin, 1907-11
James T. Richey, 1911-12
J. H. Stewart, 1912-17
Olan T. Hinton, 1917-25
Jossie D. Gillespie, 1925

Delinquent Tax Collector

T. A. Tinsley, 1931-32
D. Clyde Garrett, 1932--

Tax Collector

J. A. Doyle, 1840-48
John Bowen, 1848-52
J. R. Hunnicutt, 1852-56
J. W. L. Cary, 1856-66
S. G. Herndon, 1866-68

Superintendent of Education

J. K. Riley, 1896-99
W. W. F. Bright, 1899-1903
Richard T. Hallum, 1903-17
T. V. Clayton, 1917-18; 1921-25

Superintendent of Education (cont'd)

Geo. E. Welborn, 1925-27
Edwin L. Bott, 1937--

Board of Education

J. R. Riley, 1896-99
J. E. Parsons, 1896-99
S. W. O'Dell, 1896-99; 1904-14
W. W. F. Bright, 1900
S. O. O'Dell, 1900
W. F. Blasingame, 1900
W. E. Dendy, 1902
I. M. Mauldin, 1906 thru 1914
W. M. Melton, 1915
G. W. Coggin, 1916-20
C. E. Robinson, 1917-22
R. T. Robertson, 1920-21
J. V. McElveen, 1921-23
Sam B. Craig, 1922-25
G. G. Christopher, 1923-25
M. K. Fort, 1925
Frank McFall, 1925; 1929-35
L. M. Bauknight, 1925; 1929-35
Geo. E. Welborn, 1935
N. B. Williams, 1935-37
T. L. Dilliard, 1935-37
Dr. B. O. Williams, 1935--
F. W. Whitmire, 1935--
Edwin L. Bolt, 1937--

Board of Control

J. W. Thomas, 1893-95
E. B. Richardson, 1893-
L. R. Surham, 1895-1906
W. T. Field, 1895-1906
James Cox, 1900-6
S. H. Brown, 1904
C. E. Hamilton, 1904

Auctioneer

D. E. Garrett, 1937--

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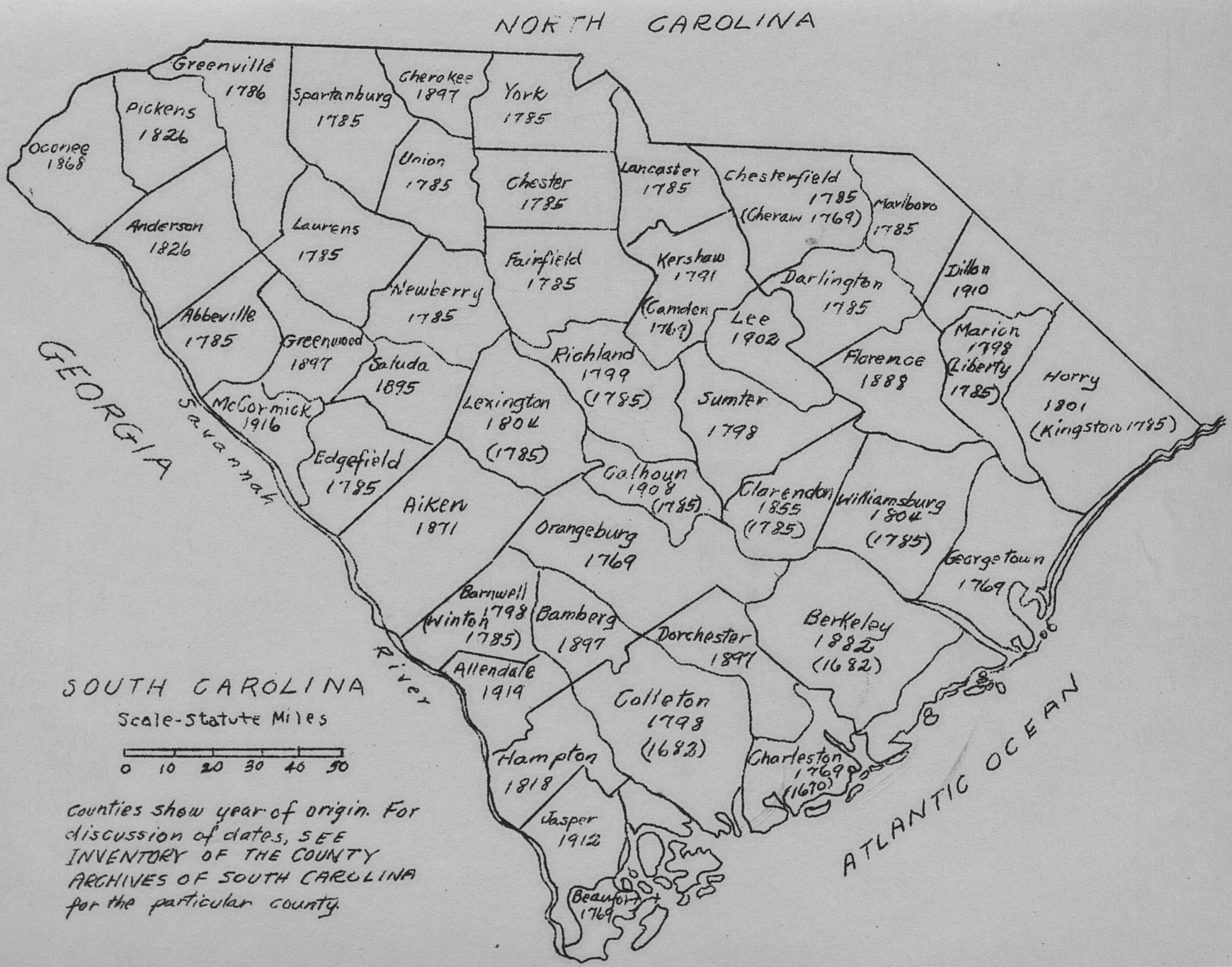
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