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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Tennessee is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Tipton County, is number 84 of the Tennessee series.

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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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

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

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

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

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PREFACE

The Federal Historical Records Survey was inaugurated in Tennessee early in 1936; it expired, pursuant to an act of Congress, on August 31, 1939. By the provisions of the Emergency Relief Act of 1939, it became necessary for the project to become locally sponsored. The present project, the Tennessee Historical Records Survey, succeeded the Federal Survey on September 1, 1939. It is sponsored by the Tennessee State Planning Commission and cosponsored by the counties and municipalities of the State, and several libraries. The Tennessee Survey is engaged not only in surveying county archives, but also municipal archives, church archives, manuscript depositories and collections, and imprints, and preparing transcriptions of selected early county court minutes. A list of the Tennessee Survey's publications follows the indexes to this Inventory.

While the new order has in no way brought about a change in the standards of the Federal Survey, it has been partially responsible for certain revisions of editorial concepts. The Tennessee Survey, for example, has instituted a series of special publications to make available certain materials accumulated in the State Office editorial procedures which may be of general interest.

The Tennessee Survey is now engaged in preparing a comprehensive statement of the general law regulating county government in the State. It is expected that this book to be entitled "County Government in Tennessee," will serve as a handbook on the organization, structure, and evolution of county government in Tennessee, and will make it unnecessary to repeat certain items of general information in the various inventories. The essays in this Inventory are, therefore, limited to special legislation concerning Tipton County or an exposition of the manner in which the general law has been, in effect, altered, and only such considerations of the general law as are necessary to state the facts of existence of the offices, the dates of their creation, their present status, the manner in which filled, and the terms. The complexities of the school laws, however, have made it necessary for the sake of continuity that the discussion of education be more detailed. This treatment has also been followed, but not as fully, with regard to highway legislation.

The arrangement of offices and entries in this Inventory is a result of a process of trial and error and the pattern followed is one settled upon in earlier publications; however, the complex nature of some offices, particularly those with divergent functions, precludes an absolutely logical arrangement. In general, the arrangement of offices consists of grouping those of a similar nature. For example, the quarterly county court, the governing body, is followed by the county judge, the chief executive officer; the courts are placed together, followed by the jury commission and the law enforcement offices. Within the offices, related and similar records are grouped under appropriate subject headings. The records entries indicate the title, dates, number, contents, arrangement, indexing, method of recordation, size, location, and condition of the record if it is not in good condition.

Preface

The original field inventory of the archives of Tipton County was completed by workers of the Federal Historical Records Survey in Tennessee in October 1937. The inventory was rechecked in the spring of 1939. The archives listed in this book are those available on April 1, 1939.

The field inventory in Tipton County was made by Annie Sanford and rechecked by Clarence H. Williams under the immediate supervision of James E. Davis and the general supervision of Mary Alice Burke. The record entries were prepared under the supervision of Vylva Holland; the historical sketch, Edmund C. Gass; the legal sections, Henry Hight and William Miller; the alphabetical index, Ruth Winton, assisted by Ruth Foster; and the housing and care essay, floor plans, and chart, Charles G. Kimbrough and William H. Etter; the typing and stencil cutting were done by Helen P. Allen, Patsy R. Floyd, and Lois B. Winters.

The Tennessee Survey gratefully acknowledges the help and cooperation of all the officials of Tipton County under whose administrations the inventory and recheck were conducted, and without whose assistance this inventory would never have been made. Particularly helpful were former County Judge C. B. McClelland, the present Judge, J. B. Overall; County Court Clerk C. Y. Walker, and Deputy County Court Clerk Louise O'Neal.

The Tennessee Survey staff has profited in all phases of its work by the constructive advice and criticism of the Washington staff. The Tipton County inventory was made and preparation of this book instituted during the administration of T. Marshall Jones as State Supervisor of the Survey before he became State Supervisor of the Research and Records Programs and while Dan Lacy, Assistant to the Director of the Historical Records Survey Program, served as Regional Supervisor.

The Inventory of the County Archives of Tennessee will, when completed, consist of a set of 95 volumes with a separate number for each county in the State. The number assigned this Inventory, 84, merely indicates the alphabetical position of Tipton among the counties of the State. The publications of the Historical Records Survey Projects in all states are limited in number and consequently are placed in designated centrally located depositories. Inquiries requesting the location of the nearest depository should be addressed to the State Supervisors or to the Division of Community Service Programs, Work Projects Administration, Washington, D. C., for the attention of the Director of the Historical Records Survey Program.

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The Tennessee Historical Records Survey

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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Tipton County lies in southwestern Tennessee, next to the southernmost of that tier of counties sometimes referred to as the "river counties," all bounded by the Mississippi River. The western portion of the county comprises rich bottom lands, while the West Tennessee plateau touches the fringe of its eastern extremity.¹ The central portion of the county is rolling country dotted with bluffs. The elevation of the county varies from two hundred to three hundred and fifty feet above sea level.² The mean annual temperature is approximately 60 degrees Fahrenheit,³ and its mean annual rainfall is close to 50 inches.⁴ Its 442 square miles give it rank as fifty-second among the state's 95 counties in area.⁵

Tipton County is bounded on the south by Shelby⁶ and Fayette⁷ Counties, and on the east by Haywood County, which is only a few weeks younger than Tipton.⁸ As originally created, Tipton County embraced an appreciable area north of the Hatchie River—approximately the southern half of present Lauderdale County and touched Dyer County.⁹ But when the General Assembly in 1835 created Lauderdale County¹⁰ pursuant to a special constitutional provision,¹¹ the Hatchie River was designated as the northern boundary of Tipton County. Tipton County's western boundary, coterminous with a portion of the State's, is the Mississippi River.¹²

1. C. E. Allred et al., Tennessee, Economic and Social, pt. ii, The Counties, in University of Tennessee Record, Extension Series, II, 15.

2. Ibid., 14.

3. Ibid., 16.

4. Ibid., 19.

5. Ibid., 20.

6. P.A. 1821, ch. 32, sec. 7; Pr.A. 1823, ch. 126, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1823, ch. 306, sec. 1; P.A. 1867-68, ch. 60, sec. 1; Acts 1883, ch. 81, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1925, ch. 434, sec. 1.

7. Pr.A. 1824, ch. 36, sec. 1; Acts 1883, ch. 81, sec. 1.

8. P.A. 1821, ch. 32, sec. 6; Pr.A. 1823, ch. 126, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1823, ch. 145, sec. 1.

9. Pr.A. 1823, ch. 126, sec. 1.

10. L.A. 1835-36, ch. 28, sec. 1. See also Acts 1873, ch. 52.

11. Const. 1834, art. 10, sec. 4.

12. P.A. 1821, ch. 32, sec. 7; Pr.A. 1823, ch. 132, sec. 1. Owing to the fact that the river's course has from time to time changed, sometimes gradually as a result of "natural causes," and at other times suddenly as a result of an avulsion, the precise location of the county's western boundary, and consequently of portions of the Tennessee-Arkansas interstate boundary, has on occasion been in doubt. The Supreme Court of the United States adjudicated the question in Arkansas v. Tennessee, 246 U. S. 158; 247 U. S. 461; 269 U. S. 152; 271 U. S. 629. Insofar as Tipton County was concerned, the case involved areas between the Towhead of Island No. 35 and Island No. 36.

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Because of its location, Tipton County's history is a part of the larger history of the Mississippi Valley and of West Tennessee. Lying in the heart of the Mississippi Valley, the region of which Tipton County is a part, was a scene of conflict in the epic struggle between the French and the English during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. In 1735 Major Pierre d'Artaguet, preparatory to launching an attack against the Chickasaw Indians, established a base near the mouth of the Hatchie River.¹³ This base, known as Fort Prudhomme, seems to have been located near the site of the present town of Fulton,¹⁴ within the original limits of Tipton County. It is probable that the vessels of the French force were moored in the Hatchie River¹⁵ which for some years was known as Riviere d'Artaguet.¹⁶

Even with the triumph of Great Britain in the Seven Years' War, white settlement of the region of Tipton County did not follow immediately.¹⁷ Permanent white settlers did not come to the area in appreciable numbers for nearly a full generation after the conclusion of the American Revolution. Several factors probably operated to retard the influx of white residents. The ever formidable Chickasaw Indians continued to claim the area and to occupy its key defense positions until near the end of the second decade of the nineteenth century. The parent State of North Carolina was slow to cede her western lands to the Federal Government, and for a number of years after the cession was effected, there was a complicated dispute over land claims in the area.¹⁸ Events of international scope also played their part: Spanish policy respecting the Old Southwest, the brief threat of Napoleon's domination of the mouth of the Mississippi and of the trans-Mississippi west, and the War of 1812 all retarded settlement of the region.

By the beginning of the third decade of the nineteenth century, however, conditions were eminently favorable to the rapid settlement of West Tennessee, especially the riparian regions on the east bank of the Mississippi. Indian title to the area was extinguished by a treaty negotiated with the Chickasaws in 1818 by Isaac Shelby and Andrew Jackson.¹⁹ European threats against the lower Mississippi Valley were eliminated by the War of 1812; the United States had established its hegemony in that area and west of the Mississippi River by the Louisiana Purchase. The

13. Samuel Cole Williams, The Beginnings of West Tennessee: In the Land of the Chickasaws, 1541-1841, 21, 22, hereinafter cited as Williams, Beginnings; Philip M. Hamer, Tennessee: A History, 1673-1932, 28.

14. Williams, Beginnings, 22.

15. Ibid., 22 fn.

16. Ibid., 23 fn.

17. Ibid., 32.

18. Thomas Perkins Abernethy, From Frontier to Plantation in Tennessee, 44-63 ff.

19. Henry D. Whitney, ed., The Land Laws of Tennessee, 43-45.

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difficulties respecting land claims in West Tennessee which had led to a tripartite dispute between North Carolina, Tennessee, and the Federal Government were well on the way toward settlement.²⁰ Finally, the Panic of 1819, felt most acutely in the older centers of population, coupled with the general westward surge of population, caused thousands of persons to migrate from North Carolina and East Tennessee to the river communities.²¹

In this setting, Tipton County came into existence. In 1821 the General Assembly of Tennessee enacted a measure providing that a new county might be created north of Shelby County.²² The boundaries of the future county were described, and it was declared that until the new county should be created, the area was to be a part of Shelby County, and that its inhabitants should "enjoy all the privileges, and be subject to all the duties as citizens of Shelby County," except that no tax was to be imposed in the proposed county for the purpose of financing the erection of public buildings in Shelby County.²³ On October 29, 1823, the new county was created, named in honor of "Captain Jacob Tipton, who fell at St. Clair's defeat"²⁴ It was stipulated that for the time being the county and circuit courts were to be held in the house of Nathan Hartsfield,²⁵ and provision was made for the allocation between Tipton and Shelby counties of taxes for the year 1823.²⁶ It was also enacted that those persons who, at the time of the creation of Tipton County, lived in the new county and held commissions as justices of the peace in Shelby County, should be justices of Tipton County.²⁷

The organization of the county took place at a meeting on December 1, 1823, in the home of Nathan Hartsfield where the justices of the peace, Hartsfield, John T. Brown, John C. McKean, George Robinson and Jacob Tipton assembled.²⁸ McKean was chosen as chairman of the court, Andrew Greer was selected as county court clerk, and the court proceeded to choose other county officers.²⁹ John Brown was appointed sheriff, William Henson ranger, George Robinson was named coroner, Nathan Hartsfield was designated as register, and John Robinson was selected trustee.³⁰

20. Abernethy, op. cit., 184, 185, 252-254.

21. Williams, Beginnings, 116-118, 122, 123.

22. P.A. 1821, ch. 32, sec. 7.

23. Ibid.

24. Pr.A. 1823, ch. 126, sec. 1.

25. Ibid., sec. 2.

26. Ibid., sec. 4.

27. Ibid., sec. 5.

28. Minute Book, vol. A, 1-3, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory. The Jacob Tipton who attended this meeting was the son of the man for whom the county was named. (Williams, Beginnings, 154).

29. Minute Book, vol. A, 1-3, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory.

30. Ibid.

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In November 1823, the General Assembly appointed commissioners to select sites for permanent seats of justice in several of the new West Tennessee counties, including Tipton.³¹ The commissioners were instructed to select a site near the center of each county, with discretionary power regarding the selection of some other site, and they were authorized to acquire title to land in the selected locality upon which the county buildings were to be erected.³² In December 1824, the commissioners reported to the Tipton County court of pleas and quarter sessions that they had selected a site for the county seat on the lands of John C. McLemore and Tyree Rhodes, the community to be known as Covington.³³ The court advanced funds for the building of a temporary courthouse,³⁴ and in July 1825, that body moved from the house of Nathan Hartsfield into its new quarters.³⁵ In 1831, the General Assembly authorized the Tipton County court to appropriate county funds for the building of a permanent courthouse at Covington³⁶ and empowered the commissioners of that town, who were by law authorized to erect public buildings for the county, to draw upon the trustee for such funds as were necessary for that purpose.³⁷

Covington is located a few miles south of the Hatchie River on a hill from which flowed, in the town's early years, a cold spring.³⁸ Among its early residents were Jacob Tipton, Robert Sanford, Major Armsted Morehead, and Marcus Calmes.³⁹ The town was laid off in 1825,⁴⁰ and the sale of lots by the town commissioners reputedly brought \$8,500.⁴¹ Early Covington seems to have been a center of cultural influences remarkable in a frontier community. A "Female Seminary," headed by the Rev. James Holmes, a graduate of Dickinson College, was located there.⁴² One authority claims that no town in the region had better schools at the time than Covington.⁴³ There is evidence, too, that religion appealed strongly to early residents of the town, and that the social life of the people found expression in an eminently respectable manner under the tutelage of the town's dancing master.⁴⁴

31. Pr.A. 1823, ch. 206.

32. Ibid., sec. 1.

33. Minute Book, vol. A, 27, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory.

34. Ibid., 33.

35. Ibid., 41.

36. Pr.A. 1831, ch. 44, sec. 1.

37. Ibid., sec. 2.

38. Joseph S. Williams, Old Times in West Tennessee, 145, hereinafter cited as Williams, Old Times.

39. Ibid., 146, 147.

40. Ibid., 145.

41. Williams, Beginnings, 155.

42. Williams, Old Times, 177, 181.

43. Ibid., 149.

44. Ibid., 148, 149.

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Tipton County grew rapidly. According to the census of 1830 its population was 5,317,⁴⁵ which by 1840 had arisen to 6,800.⁴⁶ In the latter year, white persons numbered 3,637,⁴⁷ slaves, 31,132,⁴⁸ while there were 31 free negroes in the county.⁴⁹ The county had one academy and seven common schools, with a total enrollment of 195 "scholars," and only 8 white persons over 20 years of age were recorded as illiterate.⁵⁰ Even then Tipton County produced 1,015,892 pounds of cotton.⁵¹ There were post offices at Durhamville and Richland Grove,⁵² and the stage route from Jackson to Memphis passed through both Covington and Randolph.⁵³

It was the town of Randolph, however, rather than the county seat that for a decade was Tipton County's most thriving community. Randolph was a commercial rival of Memphis, and the struggle between the two towns for supremacy was dramatic. Randolph is located on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi, a short distance south of the mouth of the Hatchie River. That stream served a rich and populous area and was navigable as far upstream as Bolivar, in Hardeman County.⁵⁴ Founded in 1823,⁵⁵ the town was named in honor of John Randolph of Roanoke.⁵⁶ Until about 1830 it was scarcely more than a small river hamlet. Then, suddenly, Randolph became a boom town. For a few years it shipped more cotton than Memphis and served as the steamboat depot of West Tennessee.⁵⁷ At one time it contained 22 business houses.⁵⁸ It was the entrepot and forwarding center for a rich and vital trade area comprising flourishing inland communities.⁵⁹ F. S. Latham established the Randolph Recorder in 1834 because he thought Randolph better situated than any other town in the area for a paper.⁶⁰ Editor Latham promised his readers a weekly report on "the arrival of all steam boats at the port of Randolph, the price current of cotton in our own and

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45. Eastin Morris, Tennessee Gazeteer, or Topographical Dictionary, lxx.
 46. Department of State, Compendium . . . of the Sixth Census, 70.
 47. Ibid., 68, 69.
 48. Ibid., 70.
 49. Ibid., 69.
 50. Ibid., 71.
 51. Ibid., 252.
 52. Morris, op. cit., 162.
 53. Ibid., Appendix.
 54. Williams, Old Times, 194.
 55. Gerald M. Capers, Jr., The Biography of a River Town, Memphis: Its Heroic Age, 57.
 56. Williams, Beginnings, 155.
 57. Capers, op. cit., 57.
 58. Ibid.
 59. Williams, Old Times, 194.
 60. Randolph Recorder, June 21, 1834. For this and subsequent citations to the Recorder, unless otherwise noted, grateful acknowledgment is made to Mr. Joseph Sharp, of Knoxville, for the use of his notes taken from the files of the newspaper in the Cossit Library, Memphis.

Foreign markets," as well as "Miscellaneous, Literary and Political news, together with a little of everything Calculated to interest & amuse"61 The advertisements in the paper attest to the growth and prosperity of Randolph. Commercial and business houses acquainted the public with their services.62 Such was the prosperity of Randolph that Memphis' boast of volume of cotton handled was answered by the disdainful comment that "half of it comes from Randolph."63 Latham was ardently attached to the town's future, proclaiming editorially that "Randolph, at a time not far remote, will be a place of much wealth & great resort."64

Randolph, meantime, had been given a charter of incorporation by the General Assembly.65 An unusual clause in the town's charter provided that the town's ordinances should not apply to non-resident Tennesseans who might violate them unless violation by such persons was intentional.66

For a brief but glorious period Randolph prospered, and seemed about to wrest commercial supremacy from Memphis, which was contemptuously referred to as the "village at the mouth of the Wolf [River]."67 Commercial and residential building in Randolph flourished.68 The streets were filled to overflowing with vehicular traffic, and it was predicted that twenty thousand bales of cotton would be shipped from the town in a single season.69 As if to clinch the victory, Randolph was to be connected with the Tennessee River by canal and highway. A canal linking the Hatchie and Tennessee rivers was projected with the support of Governor Newton Cannon,70 and plans were made to build a turnpike from Middle Tennessee to Randolph.71 But the boom was punctured, and Randolph's decline was as rapid as had been its rise. Several factors account for the town's change of fortune. The Chickasaws were removed in 1834;72 Memphis became the railroad center;73 and the Panic of 1837 was a crippling blow to Randolph.74 Its merchants,

61. Randolph Recorder, June 21, 1834.

62. Ibid., October 2, 1835; April 8, 1836.

63. Ibid., March 21, 1834.

64. Ibid., September 16, 1836.

65. Pr.A. 1831, ch. 48.

66. Ibid., ch. 48, sec. 3. It may be that this concession was designed to afford exceptional treatment by Randolph's constabulary of the great number of outsiders who carried the produce of the region to the thriving river port.

67. Williams, Old Times, 194.

68. Randolph Recorder, April 8, 1836.

69. Ibid., September 23, 1836.

70. Williams, Old Times, 194; Stanley John Folmsbee, Sectionalism and Internal Improvements in Tennessee, 1796-1845, 121.

71. Folmsbee, op. cit., 137 fn., 248, 249.

72. Capers, op. cit., 58.

73. Ibid., 88-105.

74. Ibid., 58.

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led by none other than Randolph's erstwhile champion, Frank Latham, migrated to Memphis.⁷⁵

The town, however, was not dead. After an interlude of decadence, Randolph sought to compensate for its departed glory by becoming the seat of justice for Tipton County. In 1851 the General Assembly directed that a referendum be held among the county's voters to determine whether the county seat should be removed from Covington to Randolph.⁷⁶ In the ensuing election, a majority of those participating chose to retain Covington as the seat of government.⁷⁷ Again, in 1854, a similar referendum was authorized,⁷⁸ and presumably Covington was again the winner. Covington's position was still threatened, for in 1857 another referendum was authorized⁷⁹ to determine whether the county seat should be removed from Covington to a point nearer the center of the county.⁸⁰ These referenda were merely advisory in character, inasmuch as the General Assembly was without constitutional power to remove an established county seat except by a vote of two-thirds of each house.⁸¹ The act of 1857 provided that a survey commission should ascertain the center of the county before the question of removal was voted upon.⁸² While the exact outcome of the last two referenda is not known, the seat of government has not been removed from Covington.

The secessionist movement had a vital effect on Tipton County, for its economic and social structure was closely linked with cotton cultivation and slavery. In 1860, of the county's total population of 10,705, there were 5,408 white persons, 5,288 slaves, and 9 free persons of color.⁸³ With slaves constituting nearly half of its population, Tipton County's proportion of slaves to white persons was considerably higher than that of less than 1 to 4, the state-wide ratio.⁸⁴ The county's 5,288 slaves were owned by 469 persons,⁸⁵ but few slave-holders owned more than

75. Capers, *op. cit.*, 58.

76. Acts 1851-52, ch. 1, sec. 1.

77. Acts 1853-54, ch. 163.

78. Acts 1853-54, ch. 163, secs. 1, 2.

79. Pr.A. 1857-58, ch. 2.

80. Covington was near the center of the county as originally created in 1823, but with the detachment of the area north of the Hatchie River when Lauderdale County was created in 1835, it ceased to be centrally located.

81. Const. 1834, art 10, sec. 4.

82. Pr.A. 1857-58, ch. 162.

83. Superintendent of the Census, Population of the United States in 1860, 459, 461, 463.

84. James Welch Patton, Unionism and Reconstruction in Tennessee, 1860-1869, 4.

85. Superintendent of the Census, Agriculture of the United States in 1860, 239.

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30 slaves.⁸⁶ In the same year, the county produced 11,717 bales of ginned cotton,⁸⁷ from farms of moderate size, there being in 1860 only 2 farms of 1,000 acres or more in the county.⁸⁸

Geographically the county was almost as strongly drawn toward the Middle West as it was toward the South, and thoughtful men must have found it difficult to choose between unionism and secession. In the presidential election of 1840, Tipton County had cast an appreciable vote for the Whig candidates, Harrison and Tyler,⁸⁹ and in the election of 1860 it had the distinction of being the only county in the State to be carried by Stephen Douglas.⁹⁰ The election of Lincoln, however, and the firing on Fort Sumter, ended all hopes of preserving the Union, and in the secession referendum of June 8, 1861, Tipton County cast its lot with the State and the South.⁹¹ So strong was the separatist sentiment by the summer of 1861, that fewer than one hundred voters in the county opposed secession.⁹²

During the Civil War no major engagements were fought in Tipton County, although it lay in the path of Union forces which sought to split the Confederacy by controlling the Mississippi River. A Confederate fort was built at Randolph,⁹³ but its garrison was evacuated in the face of the Union advance on Memphis.⁹⁴

Tipton County seems to have recovered rapidly from the effects of the Civil War, for in 1870 its population had reached 14,884,⁹⁵ and it produced 10,052 bales of cotton.⁹⁶ By the end of the century the population had almost doubled to 29,273.⁹⁷ The peak of population was reached in 1920 with 30,258 persons counted.⁹⁸

As of 1939, Tipton County's 11,275 Negroes constituted 41 percent of its total population of 27,498.⁹⁹ There were 16,184 native-born white

86. Superintendent of the Census, Agriculture of the United States in 1860, 239.

87. Ibid., 137.

88. Ibid., 215.

89. Abernethy, op. cit., map, 304.

90. Marguerite Bartlett Hamer, "The Presidential Campaign of 1860 in Tennessee," East Tennessee Historical Society's Publications, No. 3 (1931), 21.

91. Abernethy, op. cit., map, 343.

92. Hamer, op. cit., II, 550.

93. Capers, op. cit., 143, 144.

94. Ibid., 147-149.

95. Superintendent of the Census, Ninth Census, I, Population, 61.

96. Ibid., III, Wealth and Industry, 248.

97. U. S. Office of the Census, Twelfth Census of the United States: 1900, I, Population, pt. i, 40.

98. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States: 1930, Population, III, pt. ii, 896.

99. Ibid.

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persons,¹ with only 36 foreign born whites and 3 persons of other races.² Only 8.7 percent of the county's inhabitants above the age of 10 years was illiterate.³ By 1940, the population had risen to 28,036, a 2 percent gain over that of 1930.⁴ Covington, with 3,513 residents is the largest town in the county and the only one with a population exceeding 2,500.⁵ Other communities, no one of which can boast of 500 inhabitants, are Atoka, Brighton, Garland, Mason, and Munford.⁶

Tipton County's economy is based upon agriculture. In 1935, of its approximately 282,880 land acres, 85.8 percent, or 242,621 acres, was in farms.⁷ There were 4,861 farms averaging 40.6 acres in size with a total valuation of \$8,069,749,⁸ operated by 1,033 owners and by 3,564 tenants.⁹ Cotton and corn are the chief crops of Tipton County farms. Of a total of 118,227 acres of crop land harvested in 1934 in the county, 46,288 acres in cotton yielded 25,963 bales,¹⁰ and 43,057 acres in corn produced 681,705 bushels.¹¹

Manufacturing constitutes only a modest share of Tipton County's economy. In 1937, there were 4 manufacturing establishments in the county,¹² employing an average of 169 wage earners whose wages totaled \$76,598.¹³ The value of manufactured products in 1937 was \$426,897.¹⁴

Like other West Tennessee counties, Tipton County is heavily Democratic in political affiliations.¹⁵

It would seem that the number of schools in the county is adequate. The latest available information discloses that during the scholastic year 1938-39, there were 70 elementary schools in the county,¹⁶ of which only

1. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States: 1930, Population, III, pt. ii, 896.

2. Ibid.

3. Ibid.

4. U. S. Bureau of the Census, "Population of the State of Tennessee --- Final Figures: 1940."

5. Ibid.

6. Ibid., 2.

7. U. S. Bureau of the Census, United States Census of Agriculture: 1935, I, 601.

8. Ibid.

9. Ibid.

10. Ibid., 617.

11. Ibid.

12. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Biennial Census of Manufactures: 1937, pt. i, 1530.

13. Ibid.

14. Ibid.

15. Tennessee Blue Book, 1937-38, 178.

16. Tennessee Department of Education, Annual Report, 1939, 107.

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2 were city schools, and of the total, 36 were for white children and 34 for colored children.¹⁷ At the same time there were 5 four-year schools in the county -- 3 for white students and 2 for colored students -- all of which were county schools.¹⁸ Each of the high schools maintains a library,¹⁹ although the county is without the facilities of a public library.²⁰

Tipton County is served by the main line of the Illinois Central Railroad running between Chicago and the lower Mississippi Valley,²¹ and by U. S. Highway 51, which roughly parallels the railroad.²²

17. Tennessee Department of Education, Annual Report, 1939, 107.

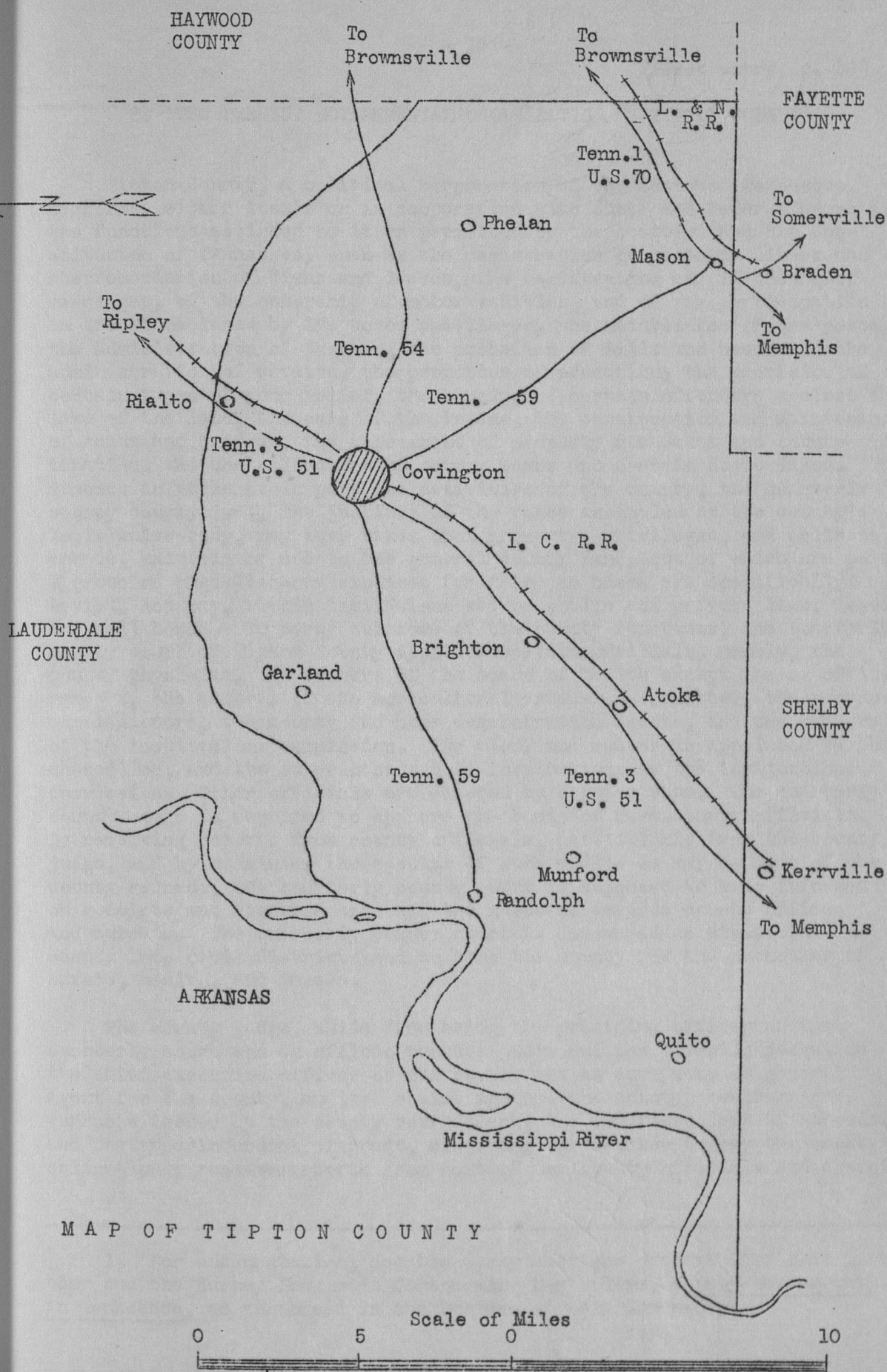
18. Ibid., 169.

19. Tennessee Historical Records Survey, Directory of Libraries of Tennessee, 16.

20. Ibid., 5; Tennessee Library Association, Tennessee Libraries, 7.

21. Rand McNally Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide, 1940, 368.

22. Ibid., 544, 545.



2. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF TIPTON COUNTY¹

Tipton County, a political corporation of the State of Tennessee, performs, either itself or in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, the functions assigned to it or permitted by the statutes and the Constitution of Tennessee, such as the registration of property titles and the recordation of liens and leases, the registration and licensing of marriages, of the ownership of motor vehicles, and of the participation in trades declared by law to be privileges, the maintenance of the peace, the administration of justice, the probation of wills and deeds and the administration of estates, the promotion of education, the provision of certain types of poor relief, the housing of certain offenders against the laws of the land, the care of the insane, the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges, the assessment of property for State and county taxation, and the collection of county taxes and certain State Taxes. To finance in whole or in part the activities of the county, the quarterly county court, i.e., the justices of the peace assembled as the county's legislative body, may levy taxes upon property, privileges, and polls to create, maintain or add to the general county fund, out of which are paid a group of miscellaneous expenses for which no taxes are specifically levied, and may, within limitations set by public and private laws, issue and sell bonds. To carry out some of the county functions, the quarterly county court of Tipton County appoints certain officials, namely, the county physician, the members of the board of health except the ex officio members, the members of the agricultural extension committee, the revenue commissioners, the county and home demonstration agents, and the members of the institutions commission. The clerk and master is appointed by the chancellor, and the superintendent of institutions by the institutions commission. Other officials are elected by popular vote. The quarterly county court is required to approve the bonds of most county officials. By receiving reports from county officials, particularly from the county judge, and by examining the results of such audits as may be made of the county records, the quarterly county court is supposed to keep informed on receipts and disbursements and the needs of various county offices and bureaus. The quarterly county court is empowered to divide the county into civil districts and to zone the county for the promotion of safety, health, and morals.

The county judge, aside from being the presiding officer of the quarterly court and ex officio probate judge and the juvenile judge, is the chief executive officer of the county and as such acts as general agent for the county, audits claims against the county, countersigns warrants issued by the county court clerk, the superintendent of schools, and the superintendent of roads, directing the trustee to pay the county's obligations; receives reports from most of the county officials and agencies

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

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and keeps a sort of central set of accounts, and has custody of county property not explicitly placed by law in the hands of some other officer or agency. The county judge is an ex officio member of the board of health and the institutions commission.

The county court clerk, in addition to serving as clerk of the quarterly, probate and juvenile courts, collects State and county privilege taxes, issues licenses, and registers marriages, motor vehicles, and practitioners of trades and professions declared by law to be privileges.

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

The circuit, chancery, probate, and juvenile courts and the justices of the peace are charged with the administration of justice. The circuit court, of which the circuit judge and the circuit court clerk are the chief officers, has common law and statutory jurisdiction over civil and criminal cases and also jurisdiction over certain probate matters and the power to decide equity cases wherein the parties do not object to its jurisdiction. Jurors for the circuit court are selected by the quarterly county court. The chancery court, of which the chancellor and the clerk and master are the chief officers, is a court of equity and also holds a wide range of jurisdiction concurrently with the circuit and probate courts. The probate court has jurisdiction centering, by and large, in the probation of wills, the appointment and supervision of personal representatives, and the administration of estates. Some of the probate court's jurisdiction is held concurrently with the circuit and chancery courts. Unlike the probate courts of most counties, the probate court of Tipton County has concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit and chancery courts over divorce cases, concurrent power with the chancery court to allow guardians "to trench and encroach upon the corpus of the estate of their wards," and concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court to decide misdemeanor and felony cases wherein the defendants plead guilty. When the probate court tries criminal cases, the circuit court clerk acts as clerk of this court. Probably because the probate judge is the county judge, the probate court has jurisdiction over the establishment and operation of special drainage, levee, and road improvement districts. The juvenile court, held by the county judge, has jurisdiction over juvenile delinquencies. The justices of the peace are committing magistrates and have power to decide misdemeanor cases wherein the defendants plead guilty and civil cases involving debts and demands of small amounts.

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

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

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The tax assessor evaluates property and lists privileges and polls for State and county taxation, except public utilities property, which is assessed by the State Railroad and Public Utilities Commission. The tax assessor's assessments are subject to review and revision by the county board of equalization and the State Board of Equalization.

State and county taxes on property and polls are collected by the trustee. As indicated above, privilege taxes and license fees are collected by the county court clerk. The clerk's receipts are transmitted to the trustee and the State Comptroller. The trustee is the treasurer of the county as well as its chief tax collector.

The three-member revenue commission is charged with examining quarterly the records of the county collection and disbursement officials to see if there is some measure of agreement among the records of various officials and reporting the results of their investigations to the quarterly county court.

The board of education and the superintendent of schools are charged with the operation of the county elementary and high schools. The county school system is, of course, subject to considerable control by the State Department of Education.

The county physician renders medical service to the inmates of the county jail and the poor home.

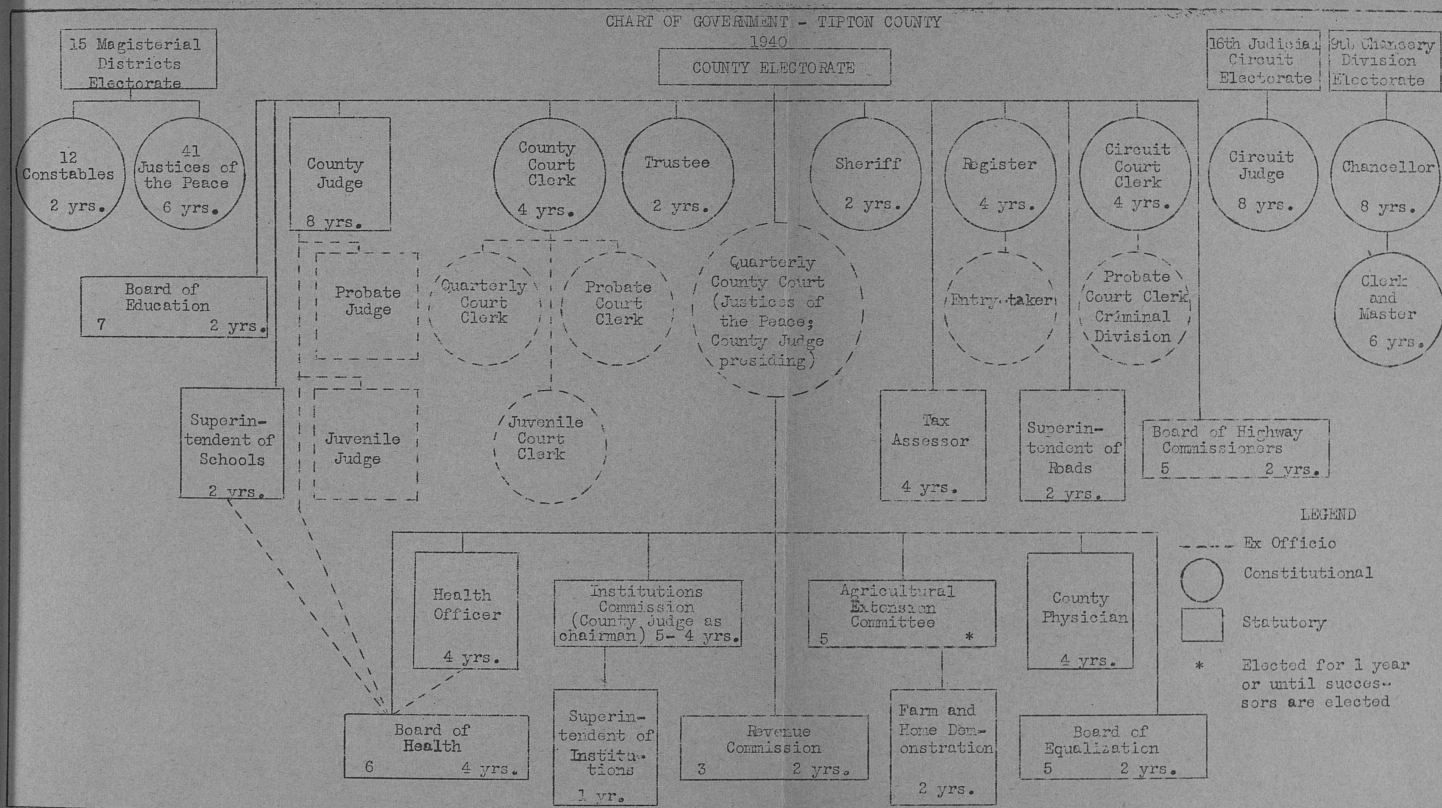
The health department is concerned chiefly with the prevention and control of epidemic diseases.

The highway commission and the superintendent of roads have supervision over the construction, maintenance, improvement, and repair of the county's road system.

The institutions commission and the superintendent of institutions operate a farm on which are located the workhouse, the poor home, and the home for the insane.

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

COUNTY ELECTORATE



COUNTIES OF TENNESSEE WITH YEARS OF CREATION (1)

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

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

(2) Not organized until 1882.

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

(4) Abolished and recreated in 1869.

(5) Probably not organized until 1881 or 1882.

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

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

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

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Chronologically by years of creation

Washington (Jonesboro)	1777	Carroll (Huntingdon)	1821
Sullivan (Blountville)	1779	Henderson (Lexington)	1821
Davidson (Nashville)	1783	Henry (Paris)	1821
Greene (Greeneville)	1783	Madison (Jackson)	1821
Hawkins (Rogersville)	1786	Dyer (Dyersburg)	1823
Sumner (Gallatin)	1786	Fentress (Jamestown)	1823
Jefferson (Dandridge)	1792	Gibson (Trenton)	1823
Knox (Knoxville)	1792	Hardeman (Bolivar)	1823
Sevier (Sevierville)	1794	Haywood (Brownsville)	1823
Blount (Maryville)	1795	McNairy (Selmer)	1823
Carter (Elizabethton)	1796	Obion (Union City)	1823
Grainger (Rutledge)	1796	Tipton (Covington)	1823
Montgomery (Clarksville)	1796	Weakley (Dresden)	1823
Robertson (Springfield)	1796	Fayette (Somerville)	1824
Cocke (Newport)	1797	Benton (Camden)	1835
Smith (Carthage)	1799	Lauderdale (Ripley)	1835
Williamson (Franklin)	1799	Bradley (Cleveland)	1836
Wilson (Lebanon)	1799	Cannon (Woodbury)	1836
Anderson (Clinton)	1801	Coffee (Manchester)	1836
Claiborne (Tazewell)	1801	Johnson (Mountain City)	1836
Jackson (Gainesboro)	1801	Marshall (Lewisburg)	1836
Roane (Kingston)	1801	Meigs (Decatur)	1836
Dickson (Charlotte)	1803	DeKalb (Smithville)	1837
Rutherford (Murfreesboro)	1803	Polk (Benton)	1839
Stewart (Dover)	1803	Van Buren (Spencer)	1840
Campbell (Jacksboro)	1806	Macon (Lafayette)	1842
Overton (Livingston)	1806	Putnam (Cookeville)	1842, 1854*
White (Sparta)	1806	Lewis (Hohenwald)	1843, 1869*
Bedford (Shelbyville)	1807	Grundy (Altamont)	1844
Bledsoe (Pikeville)	1807	Hancock (Sneedville)	1844
Franklin (Winchester)	1807	Decatur (Decaturville)	1845
Hickman (Centerville)	1807	Scott (Huntsville)	1849
Maury (Columbia)	1807	Union (Maynardsville)	1850
Rhea (Dayton)	1807	Cheatham (Ashland City)	1856
Warren (McMinnville)	1807	Cumberland (Crossville)	1856
Giles (Pulaski)	1809	Sequatchie (Dunlap)	1857
Humphreys (Waverly)	1809	Clay (Celina)	1870
Lincoln (Fayetteville)	1809	Hamblen (Morristown)	1870
Lawrence (Lawrenceburg)	1817	Lake (Tiptonville)	1870
Marion (Jasper)	1817	Loudon (Loudon)	1870
Morgan (Wartburg)	1817	Trousdale (Hartsville)	1870
Wayne (Waynesboro)	1817, 1819*	Crockett (Alamo)	1871, 1845*
Hamilton (Chattanooga)	1819	Houston (Erin)	1871
Hardin (Savannah)	1819	Moore (Lynchburg)	1871
McMinn (Athens)	1819	Unicoi (Erwin)	1875
Monroe (Madisonville)	1819	Chester (Henderson)	1879, 1882*
Perry (Linden)	1819	Pickett (Byrdstown)	1879, 1882*
Shelby (Memphis)	1819		

*See footnotes on preceding page for explanations.

HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The Tipton County Courthouse, in the center of the public square of Covington, was erected in 1889. Of colonial architectural design, it is a rectangular, brick building with two main floors, basement and tower. The courthouse measures 86x60x34 allowing 175,440 cubic feet of space. It is partially fireproof.

The bureaus having offices on the first floor are: the county court clerk, the tax assessor, the board of equalization, the register, the trustee, the clerk and master, the county judge, and the sheriff. The circuit court clerk's office is on the second floor. On the basement floor are the offices of the county farm agent, the home demonstration agent, the health department, and the highway department. Also located in the basement are two records rooms, one for general use and one which houses records of the county court clerk. A room in the tower serves as a records room for the circuit court records.

The county court clerk, the tax assessor, and the members of the board of equalization jointly occupy an office in the northeast corner on the first floor. It measures 21x21x14. Along the west and south walls, and across the center of the office are 625 linear feet of wooden shelving and file cabinets which afford adequate housing facilities for 185 feet of bound volumes and 415 feet of unbound material. The agencies whose records are in the clerk's office, with their percentages, are the county court clerk, 50; the board of equalization, 100; the tax assessor, 8; and the county judge, 37. An anteroom, 14x19x14, adjoins the north side of the office. Constructed along the west wall are 125 linear feet of wooden shelving and file boxes, in which is stored 15 feet of bound volumes and 110 feet of unbound material. Twenty percent of the clerk's records, 60 percent of the records of the juvenile court, and 10 percent of those belonging to the poor commission are in the anteroom. Both rooms have ample space for additional shelving and equipment. Accommodations for users are good, and include a desk, a table and six chairs. The remainder of the county court clerk's records are in the county judge's office, the clerk's basement records room, and the tower records room. On the basement floor, under the stairway, is the clerk's records room, measuring 4x8x6. It has 64 linear feet of wooden shelving, on the east and west walls, which is filled with bound volumes. There is no room for expansion and no space for additional equipment. Twenty percent of the clerk's records and 92 percent of the tax assessor's records are kept here. The county court clerk is ex officio clerk of the quarterly, probate, and juvenile courts.

The register's office, 19x21x14, is on the east side of the first floor. It contains 98 percent of his records and 80 percent of those belonging to the surveyor. There are 247 linear feet of bound volumes and 37 feet of unbound material cared for by 339 linear feet of wooden shelving along the north and west walls. Although the office is crowded, an additional 55 feet of shelving can be obtained when needed for expansion. Nevertheless, the register needs a vault or storage room for his inactive records, 2 percent of which are stored in the tower records room.

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The office of the trustee, measuring 16x19x14, is in the southeast corner on the first floor. Sixty linear feet of wooden shelving and two wooden desks against the west wall are the facilities for housing 40 feet of bound volumes and 12 feet of unbound material. Ten percent of the trustee's records is in the office, 60 percent in the tower records room, and 30 percent in the basement records room. Ample accommodations are furnished users of the records.

An office in the northwest corner on the first floor is occupied by the clerk and master. It measures 14x19x14. Steel shelving and metal file boxes along the east side of the room furnish 148 linear feet of filing space in which is kept 90 feet of bound volumes and 58 feet of unbound material. Forty-five percent of the chancery court's records is kept here, and 55 percent is in the adjoining court room which measures 22x23x14. Along the east and west walls of the courtroom are steel and wooden cabinets which house 175 linear feet of unbound material. Four feet of bound volumes are on top of the cabinets. The office has ample room for expansion and accommodations for users are good.

The office of the county judge, measuring 17x22x14, is on the west side of the first floor. Eighty feet of bound volumes are in steel and wooden shelving along the east wall and 61 feet of unbound material in steel file drawers along the north and south walls. In the judge's office are the records of the following bureaus: county judge, 60 percent; poor commission, 90 percent; juvenile court, 40 percent; justices of the peace, 8 percent; and county court clerk, 1 percent. A desk and two chairs are the accommodations for users. Additional space and equipment is needed.

The sheriff's office, 16x19x14, is in the southwest corner on the first floor. The sheriff's records, consisting of 4 feet of bound volumes and 10 feet of unbound material, are housed in a wooden desk and pigeon holes along the east wall. Fifty-five percent of his records and 14 percent of the records of the justices of the peace are kept here. The remainder of the sheriff's records are in the basement records room. Accommodations for users are a desk and five chairs. There is sufficient space and equipment.

The circuit court clerk occupies an office on the second floor. It is in the southwest corner and measures 16x19x14. Sixty percent of the circuit court records, 20 percent of the surveyor's, and 1 percent of the county judge's are stored in the clerk's office. These records, totaling 144 feet of bound volumes and 156 feet of unbound material, are in 300 feet of wooden shelving and file boxes along the north and south walls. The remaining 40 percent of the circuit court records is in the tower records room. Sufficient accommodations are furnished for users, but the room is crowded and more space is needed.

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The county agent's quarters, along the south side of the basement floor, consist of 2 offices, and a storage room, 22x8x10. In the larger office, which measures 24x12x10, are 42 steel file drawers along the east and south walls, in which are stored 56 linear feet of unbound material. The adjoining office, 15x16x10, has 80 feet of wooden shelving and file drawers. These facilities, located against the north wall, are sufficient for storing 42 feet of bound volumes and 38 feet of unbound material. The storage room, on the east side of the main office, houses 50 feet of bound volumes and 10 feet of unbound material on 60 feet of wooden shelving along the east wall. Twenty-five percent of the county agent's records are in the main office, 30 percent in the smaller office, 25 percent in the storage room, and 20 percent in the home demonstration agent's office. These offices have ample room for expansion and space for additional shelving and equipment. The county agent also has another room, 14x16x10, which is used as a consultation room. No records are kept here. Accommodations in each office are adequate.

The home demonstration agent's office, 20x18x10, is on the southwest corner of the basement floor. All of this bureau's records and 20 percent of those of the county agent are kept here. Forty linear feet of wooden shelving and 26 steel file drawers along the north wall are utilized for housing 40 feet of bound volumes and 35 feet of unbound material. The office is crowded but accommodations for users are good.

The county health unit is in the northeast corner on the basement floor. In the reception room, 14x11x10, 18 feet of bound volumes are kept in a wooden bookcase against the west wall. There are ample accommodations for users of the records. Fifteen percent of the department's records is in this room, and 70 percent is in the secretary's office which measures 11x10x10. Steel file cabinets along the east and north walls furnish adequate filing space for the 100 feet of unbound material that is stored here. Accommodations for users are a desk, a table, and two chairs. The remaining 15 percent of the department's records is in the adjoining storage room which measures 6x11x10. A wooden cabinet against the west wall houses 14 feet of unbound material. Two feet of unbound material is stored on top of a table. The health unit is crowded and needs additional room to allow for expansion.

The office of the highway department, measuring 22x14x10, is on the east side of the basement floor. Thirty-two feet of bound volumes and 5 feet of unbound material are housed in 24 linear feet of wooden shelving and 13 linear feet of steel filing cabinets. The shelving is along the north wall. All of the department's records are stored here, and there is ample room for expansion if needed. Two desks and six chairs furnish accommodations for users.

The basement storage room, 16x10x10, is at the north end of the basement hallway. Ten feet of bound volumes are stacked in piles along the walls, as no facilities are provided for the care of records. The

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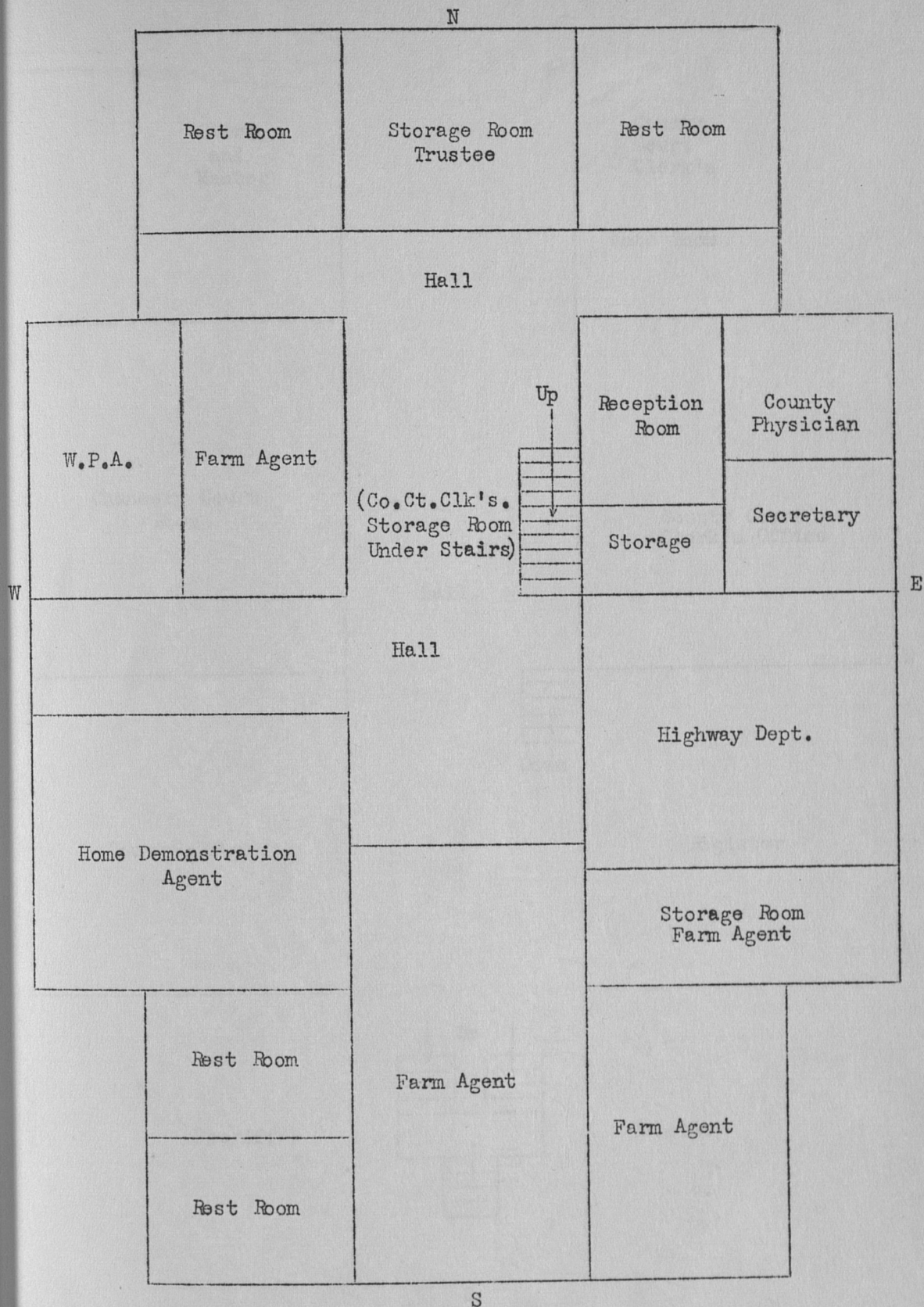
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offices having records in the storage room, with the respective percentages, are: the trustee, 30; the sheriff, 45; the county judge, 2; and the justices of the peace, 2. There are no accommodations for users, and shelving, as well as additional space, is badly needed.

The circuit court clerk's storage room in the tower measures 18x16x12. It is used for housing 30 percent of the records of the circuit court, 60 percent of those of the trustee, 9 percent of the county court clerk's records, and 2 percent of the register's records. Constructed along the south wall are 120 linear feet of wooden shelving, caring for 40 feet of bound volumes and 80 feet of unbound material. Twenty feet of bound volumes are in stacks on the floor. Space along the east and west walls afford ample room for expansion and the additional shelving which is needed. No accommodations are furnished the users of these records.

The department of education has quarters in the M. A. Smith Building. This two-story, brick structure, 80x80x42, is on the southeast corner of the public square. It was erected in 1880. The superintendent's office, 24x16x12, is in the northeast corner, on the second floor. Forty percent of the department's records, consisting of 10 feet of bound volumes and 40 feet of unbound material is housed in steel filing cabinets along the east and south walls and wooden desks against the north and west walls. An adjoining storage room measures 12x20x12. In it is kept 59 percent of the superintendent's records. Seventy-five linear feet of wooden shelving, built along the north and south walls, houses 50 feet of bound volumes. Twenty-five feet of shelving is used for supplies and miscellaneous material. The remaining 1 percent of this bureau's records is in the department's library. Measuring 20x18x12, it is at the south end of the second floor hallway. Along the north and east walls are 205 linear feet of wooden shelving, 190 feet of which is used for library books and 2 feet of unbound records, leaving 13 feet of unused shelves. The offices are not crowded and have room for expansion and new shelving. Accommodations for users of the records are good.

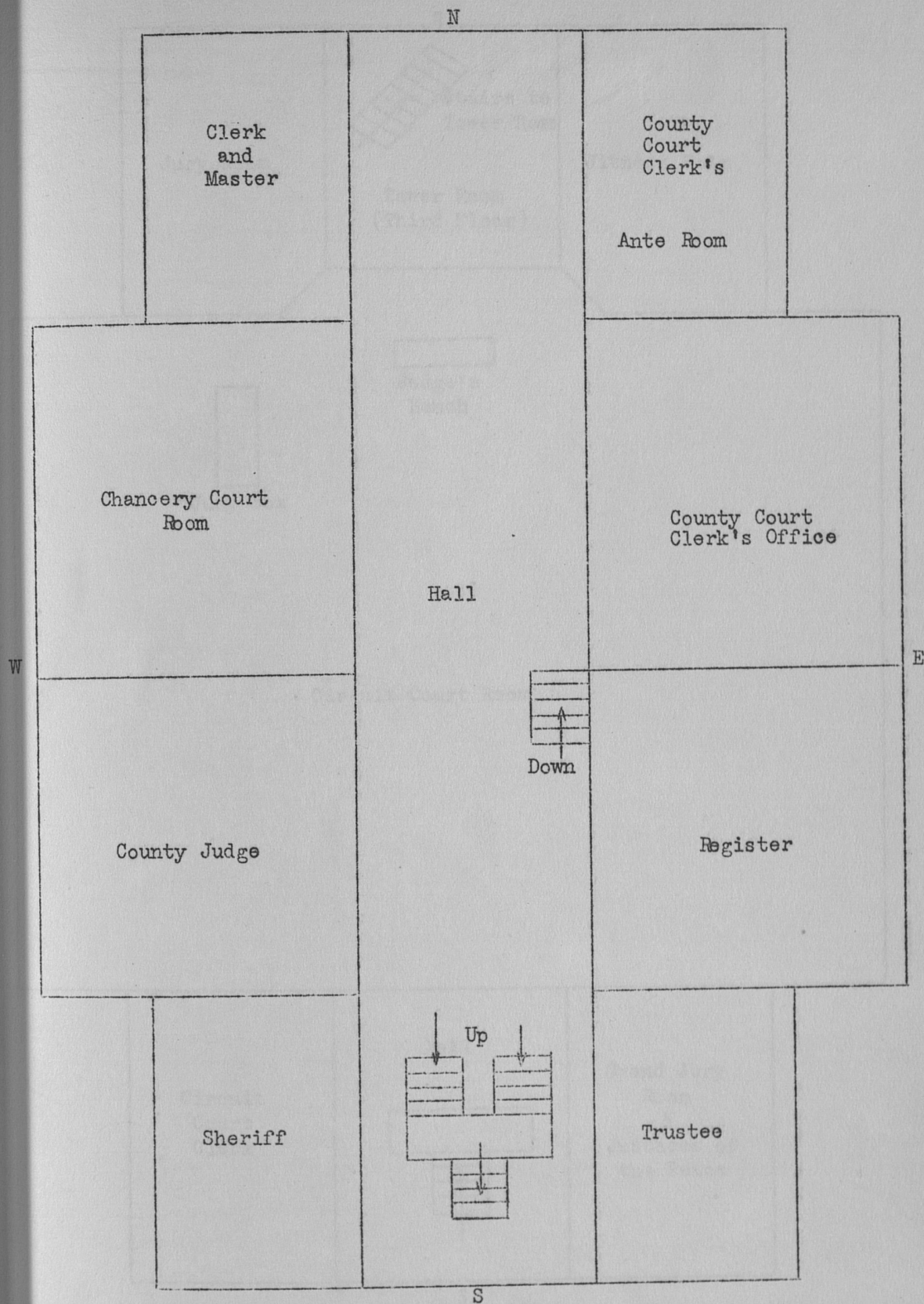
The justices of the peace occupy a part of the sheriff's office. Fourteen percent of their records are in the sheriff's office, 8 percent in the county judge's office, 2 percent in the basement records room, and 76 percent in their respective homes and private offices.



Basement Floor Plan

Scale: 1 inch equals 10 feet

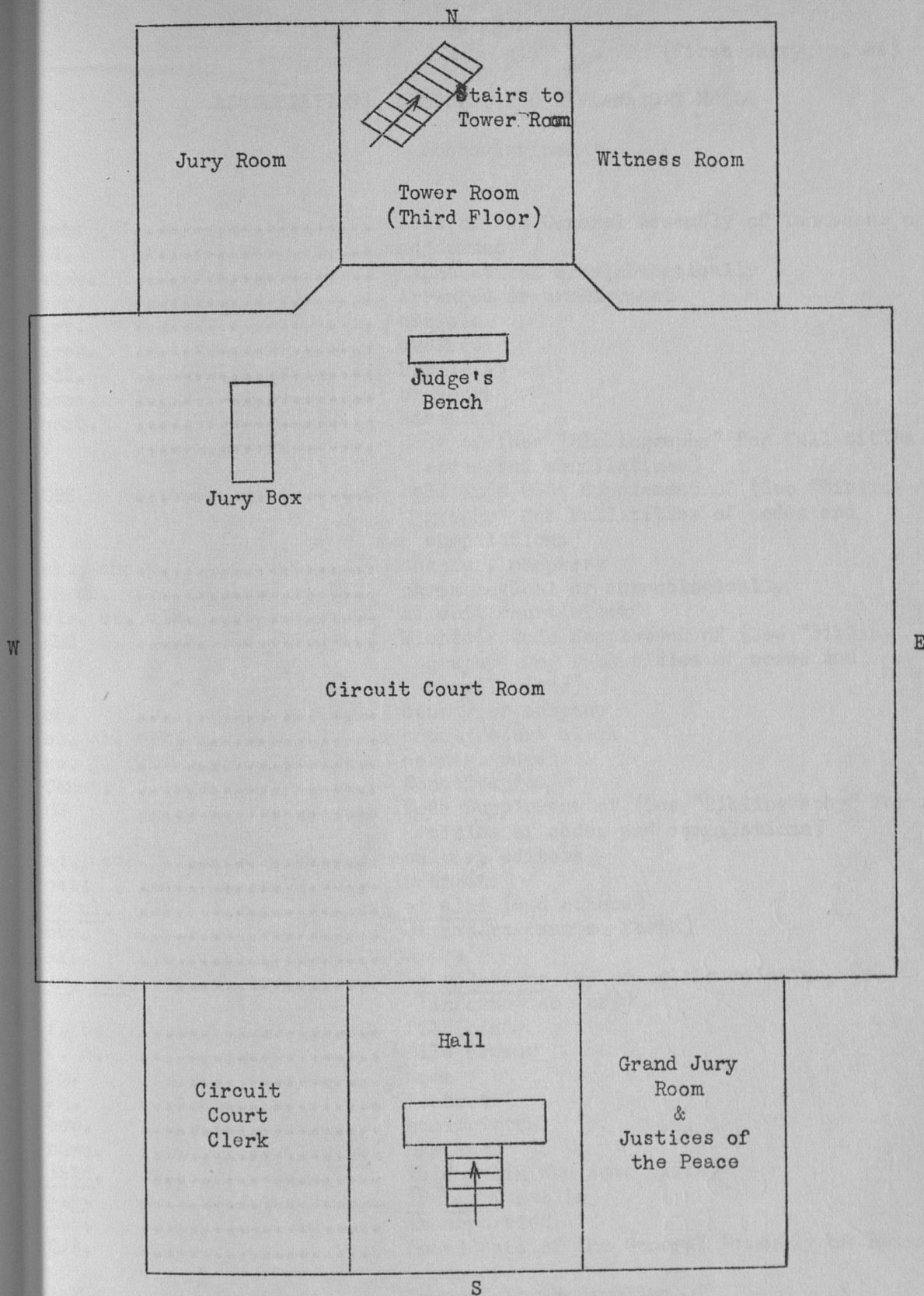
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First Floor Plan

Scale: 1 inch equals 10 feet

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Second Floor Plan

Scale: 1 inch equals 10 feet

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ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Abbreviations

Acts		Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
ad.	.....	adjourned
alph.	.....	alphabetical or alphabetically
arr.	.....	arranged or arrangement
art.	.....	article
aver.	.....	average
bdl.	.....	bundle(s)
bros.	.....	brothers
bsmt.	.....	basement
C	.....	Code of (See "Bibliography" for full titles of codes and compilations)
CBS	.....	Baldwin's Code Supplement of (See "Biblio- graphy" for full titles of codes and compilations)
ch., chs.	.....	chapter, chapters
chron.	.....	chronological or chronologically
cir. ct. clk.	.....	circuit court clerk
CMS	.....	Michie's Code Supplement of (See "Biblio- graphy" for full titles of codes and compilations)
co.	.....	county or company
co. ct. clk.	.....	county court clerk
co. j.	.....	county judge
Const.	.....	Constitution
CS	.....	Code Supplement of (See "Bibliography" for full titles of codes and compilations)
ed., eds.	.....	editor, editors
est.	.....	estimate
et al.	.....	<u>et alii</u> (and others)
etc.	.....	<u>et cetera</u> (and so forth)
ex.	.....	extra
ex. rel.	.....	<u>ex relations</u> (by or on the relation, or information (of))
f. b.	.....	file box
f. d.	.....	file drawer
fm.	.....	form
fn.	.....	footnote
hdw.	.....	handwritten
hdwe.	.....	hardware
ibid.	.....	<u>ibidem</u> (in the same place)
i.e.	.....	<u>id est</u> (that is)
inc.	.....	incorporated
L.A.	.....	Local Acts of the General Assembly of Tennes- see of
L.N.C.		Laws of North Carolina of
mimeo.		mimeographed
no.		number, numbered, or numbering

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nos.		numbers
num.		numerical or numerically
O.		Ohio
op. cit.		<u>opere citato</u> (in the work cited)
p., pp.	.....	page, pages
P.A.	.....	Public Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
P.C.A.	.....	Production Credit Association
pr.	.....	printed
Pr.A.	.....	Private Acts
pt.	.....	part
R. F. D.	.....	Rural Free Delivery
rm.	.....	room
sec., secs.	.....	section, sections
Sept.	.....	September
ses.	.....	session
st.	.....	street
strg.	.....	storage
subsec., subsecs.	.....	subsection, subsections
supt.	.....	superintendent
Survey	.....	Tennessee Historical Records Survey
T. B.	.....	tuberculosis
Tenn.	.....	Tennessee
U. S.	.....	United States
v	.....	versus (against)
Va.	.....	Virginia
vol., vols.	.....	volume, volumes
WPA	.....	Work Projects Administration

Symbols

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

Explanatory Notes

In this book the arrangement of entries, each entry representing a record or records series, is by offices and other units of the county organization and by subjects within each of these divisions. The agencies themselves are arranged in related groups, judicial agencies, for example, being grouped together. A similar arrangement is followed for the administrative offices and the so-called public service group, including highway, education, and health. Within each agency related entries are grouped under subject headings, and frequently thereunder by subheadings.

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The actual record title as it appears on the outside of the volume or container is given in the entry in upper case letters, but if this exact title is vague, misleading, or otherwise inadequate, an assigned explanatory title is inserted in lower case letters enclosed in parentheses. If a record has no title and it has thus been necessary to assign one, the assigned title is in upper case letters and is enclosed in parentheses. The current or most recent title of a record is used as the entry title and title variations are indicated.

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

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

The labeling of a record is described or shown by figures or letters in parentheses immediately following the number of volumes, file boxes, or other type of container. If no labeling is indicated it may be assumed that there is none.

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

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

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

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

Unless otherwise indicated, the record is in good condition.

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Title-line cross references are used to show the continuity of a record which has been kept as a separate series for a period of time and with other records for other periods; for example, in entry 80: "1824-1914 in Deed Record, entry 70." They are also used in artificial entries set up to describe, in one entry, the component parts of a series when the record is never kept separately but is found in two or more records of other content, such as entry 87; or to show records under their proper office which have been kept in files or records listed elsewhere in the inventory, as, for example, the title-line cross reference in entry 34: "In Misc(ellaneous) Papers (Reports, Resolutions, Deeds, Etc.), entry 1." In both cases, the description of the master entry gives a descriptive title and the entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made, as, for example, in entry 1: "Also contains: Sheriff's vouchers, 1906--, entry 34." Dates shown in the master entry are only for the part or parts of the record contained therein, and are shown only when they vary from dates of the master entry.

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

An effort has been made to keep terminology uniform. However, the term "justice of the peace" and "magistrate" are practically synonymous and in practice and throughout this book these terms are used interchangeably. The words "judge" or "clerk" refer to the judge or clerk under which the record is listed, or the judge or clerk named in the title of the section; exceptions to this are clearly indicated. If not otherwise indicated, the word "district" means civil district. As the function of the office of county judge is virtually identical with that of county chairman, there is no specific indication in the entries of the years each series was maintained by each officer.

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

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

The user's attention is directed particularly to the fourth paragraph of the Preface in which a forthcoming key volume on the evolution and structural development of county government of Tennessee is indicated, and in which the office and governmental organization essays, appearing in this Inventory, are dealt with. Only so much information is included in

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the essays as to show to what extent local legislation has altered the pattern of the general law, i.e., the structure of county government in Tennessee as contemplated by the Constitution, the Public Acts, and the Official Codes of 1858 and 1932, and, also, only so much information on the general law as is necessary to identify and state the facts of existence of the several offices, agencies, and departments of the county organization.

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

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

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

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

The quarterly county court, prior to 1836 known as the court of pleas and quarter sessions, dates from the organization of Tipton County on December 1, 1823.¹

The quarterly court is composed of two justices of the peace from each civil district, except the district containing the county seat from which there are three, and of one justice from each incorporated town that chooses to elect one, all elected by popular vote for terms of 6 years.² In Tipton County there are now 41 justices of the peace, members of the quarterly court.³ Although the court functions almost entirely by statutory powers delegated by the legislature, it is, nevertheless, a constitutional agency.⁴

The presiding officer of the quarterly county court is the county judge,⁵ who is elected by popular vote for a term of 8 years.⁶ The clerk of the court is the county court clerk,⁷ elected by popular vote for a term of 4 years.⁸

1. Pr.A. 1823, ch. 126; Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 1-3, in Minutes; entry 4 in this Inventory; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 5, sec. 7 (C 1932, 10318), secs. 8, 10; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10193, 10194).

2. Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3 (C 1932, 673, 674); Acts 1839-40, ch. 68, sec. 3 (C 1932, 674, 675); Acts 1855-56, ch. 138, sec. 13 (C 1932, 674, 675); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.

3. Minutes, vol. 74, p. 155, entry 4 in this Inventory.

4. The interpretation of the courts has been that mention in the Constitution of the quarterly county court's power to elect the coroner and ranger, (Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1) to fill vacancies in the offices of sheriff, trustee, and ranger, (Ibid., sec. 2) and to elect some statutory officers, (Const. 1870, art. 11, sec. 17) perforce makes it a constitutional agency, and that while the quarterly court cannot be abolished, its statutory powers may be removed and vested in another body, such as a commission, leaving the court to exercise only its constitutional powers. (Pope v. Phifer, 3 Heiskell, 682, 684-695; McLean v. State, 8 Heiskell, 235; Railroad v. Wilson Co., 5 Pickle, 600; Judges' Salary Cases, 2 Cates, 370, 388; Redistricting Cases, 3 Cates, 234, 288-292; Johnson v. Brice, 4 Cates, 59; State v. Akin, 4 Cates, 605; State v. True, 8 Cates, 311; Prescott v. Duncan, 18 Cates, 126-131, 136-141).

5. P.A. 1857-58, ch. 38, sec. 4 (C 1932, 764); Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 763); Acts 1905, ch. 289.

6. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; Acts 1905, ch. 289, sec. 4; State ex rel. v. Glenn, 7 Heiskell, 472, 486-493; State ex rel. v. McKee, 8 Lea, 28; State ex rel. v. Leonard, 2 Pickle, 485-490, 493; Redistricting Cases, 3 Cates, 251; Ledgerwood v. Pitts, 14 Cates, 607.

7. Acts 1794, ch. 1, sec. 50; Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 7 (C 1932, 10084, subsec. 1); Acts 1905, ch. 289, sec. 13.

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

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Instruments

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Original Instruments
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1. MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS (Reports, Resolutions, Deeds, Etc.),
1824--. 169 f. b., 40 file jackets.

Miscellaneous papers filed with the clerk, including:

- i. Court orders appointing road overseers, 1891--, showing date of appointment, and name of appointee.
- ii. Original deeds, 1924--, to property obtained for right-of-way purposes, showing names of grantor and grantee, location and description of property, amount of consideration involved, date of instrument, and signatures of grantor and grantee.
- iii. Quarterly reports of the coroner on inquests conducted, 1869, showing date of inquest, name of deceased, findings as to cause of death, and signature of the coroner.
- iv. Quarterly reports of the county court clerk, 1891--, listing amounts of State and county revenue collected by him, showing dates of period covered, and signature of the clerk.
- v. Quarterly reports of the judge, 1930--, on the financial status of the county, showing date of report, total amounts of receipts and disbursements during the reported period, balance on hand in each county fund, and recommendations of the judge.
- vi. Resolutions presented to the court, showing, in addition to the text, date, and name of person by whom presented.

Board bills, 1903--, entry 16; sheriff's vouchers, 1906--, entry 34; adoption papers, 1906--, entry 188; proof of publication, 1916--, entry 189; appointments of administrators and guardians, 1824--, entry 197. Arr. chron. by date of instrument. No index. Hdw., typed, & hdw. or typed on pr. fm. F. b., 6x8x12; file jacket, 4x4x10. Office.

2. CONDEMNATION SUIT PAPERS, 1926-36. 1 f. b.

Original papers indigent to proceedings in condemnation of land for right-of-way, including notice to owner, giving description and location of the land and notifying owner that jury of view will hear his case on a specified date, and set reasonable valuation; findings of jury of view, objections listed by the property owner, and final disposition of case. Arr. chron. as filed. No index. Hdw., typed, & hdw. or typed on pr. fm. 5x10x12. Office.

3. (RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENTS), 1926--. Est. 125 papers in 1 f. d. Agreements entered into between the county, for benefit of the State, and property owners in the county, whereby the property owner agrees to convey to the State a warranty deed to a certain parcel of land for right-of-way, showing location and description of property, date agreement executed, and signatures of property owner and witness. Arr. chron. by date of agreement. No index. Hdw. & typed on pr. fm. 6x12x24. Co. j's. office.

For other right-of-way agreements, see entry 334.

Quarterly County Court - Court
Proceedings; Official Bonds

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Court Proceedings

4. MINUTES, 1823--. 72 vols. (A-I, K-Z; 27-73). Title varies:
Minute Book, 1823-73, 19 vols.

Recorded minutes of proceedings of the quarterly sessions of county court, including many various and sundry items provided for by law, such as, fixing of the tax levy, adoption of a budget, receiving of reports from county officials and institutions, appropriation of funds for the maintenance of county offices and institutions, and several score items of a similar nature. Also contains: Minutes of the probate court, entry 193. Arr. chron. as recorded. For index 1823-77, see entry 5; 1878--, indexed alph. by name of individual or subject. Hdw., 1823-1927; typed, 1928--. Aver. 700 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

5. (INDEX TO MINUTES), 1823-77. 7 vols. (A-G).

General index to minutes, entry 4, showing name of individual or subject, nature of recording, and book and number of page where recorded. Also contains: Index to minutes of the probate court, entry 194. Arr. alph. by name of individual or subject. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 12x18x $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

6. RECORD (MINUTES - IRON BRIDGE COMMISSIONERS), 1914-17. 1 vol.
Discontinued.

Minutes of meetings of the commissioners appointed by the court to supervise the construction and financing of an iron bridge across Big Hatchie River, showing date of meeting, names of chairman and secretary of commission, signature of secretary, nature of business transacted, and date next meeting will convene; also shows name of contractor employed, amount of salary, kind of bridge to be constructed, and cost of bridge; judge's approval of minutes, and order for issuance of warrants. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 296 pp. 9x14x1. Co. j's. office.

Official Bonds

7. BONDS AND OATHS OF COUNTY OFFICERS, 1883--. 6 bdl., 2 f. b.
Original bonds executed by public officials, including tax assessor, trustee, sheriff, county court clerk, judge, register, coroner, deputy trustee, deputy county court clerk, members of the board of education, and road commissioners, to guarantee faithful performance of duties, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date bond executed, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. by date executed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Bdl., 4x4x10; f. b., 6x6x12. 2 f. b., 1883-91, 1935--, office; 6 bdl., 1892-1934, bsmt. strg. rm.

8. MAGISTRATE'S BOND, 1835--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Original bonds executed by magistrates, guaranteeing faithful performance

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of duties, showing names of magistrate and bondsmen, date and amount of bond, condition of the obligation, and signatures of bondsmen and magistrate; also oath of office signed by the magistrate and acknowledged by the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by name of magistrate. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 640 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

9. CONSTABLES BONDS, 1888--. 1 vol. (1).

Original bonds executed by constables, guaranteeing faithful performance of duties, showing name of constable, condition of the obligation, amount and date of bond, names of bondsmen, and signatures of constable and bondsmen; also oath of office signed by the constable, and acknowledged by the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 640 pp. 12x18x4. Office.

10. (DEPUTY SHERIFF'S BONDS AND OATHS), 1916--. 4 bdl., 1 f. b.

Original bonds executed by deputies sheriff, guaranteeing faithful discharge of duties, showing date bond executed, district number in which deputy resides, names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, and signatures of principal and sureties; also oath of office, showing date subscribed to, date filed in clerk's office, and acknowledgment of administering official. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Bdl., 2x4x10; f. b., 6x6x12. 4 bdl., 1916-36, bsmt. strg. rm.; 1 f. b., 1937--., office.

11. NOTARY BONDS, 1901--. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Original bonds of notaries public, guaranteeing to the State proper performance of duties, showing name and address of notary, date and amount of bond, condition of the obligation, and signatures of notary and bondsmen. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by name of notary. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 350 pp. 8x12x3. Office.

Financial Records
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12. TAX DUPLICATE, 1900--. 38 vols.

Duplicate tax books, showing date of assessment, district number, name of property owner, location and description of property, number and valuation of town lots, number of acres and valuation of farm land, valuation of personal property over \$1,000, total valuation of all property, number of polls, amounts of State and county tax, interest, and penalty; total amount of taxes, and receipt number. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of property owner. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 12x18x3. 36 vols., 1900-1936, bsmt. strg. rm.; 2 vols., 1937--., office.

For original tax books, see entry 272.

13. (TRUSTEE'S REPORT OF DELINQUENT TAXES), 1883--. 9 f. b., 15 vols.

Trustee's annual reports to the court, listing all delinquent property

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and poll taxes, which report when properly certified and approved by the court entitles the trustee to credit for amount of such taxes in making annual settlement with the Comptroller, showing date of report, district number, name of property owner, description of property, number and value of town lots, number of acres and assessed valuation of farm land, number of polls, amounts of State and county tax, interest, and penalty; and total amount. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. F. b., 6x6x12; vols. aver. 200 pp. 10x16x2. Office.

II. COUNTY JUDGE

(As Administrative and Financial Agent of the County)

The office of county judge combines the functions of the probate and juvenile judge, presiding officer of the quarterly court, and the general administrative, financial, and executive officer of the county.⁹

The present office of county judge was created in Tipton County by a special act of 1905, effective on January 1, 1906.¹⁰ The county had a county judge for 21 months under a general law of 1856,¹¹ which was repealed in 1858.¹² At all times when there has not been a county judge, i.e., from 1823 to 1856 and from 1858 to 1906, there has been a chairman of the county court, an officer differing only in minor respects from the county judge.¹³ The county judge is elected by popular vote for a term of 8 years,¹⁴ and unlike the chairman, has been declared by the supreme court to be an inferior judge within the meaning of the Constitution.¹⁵ The office of chairman did not, prior to 1875, carry with it any judicial authority, but three justices selected by the quarterly court functioned as the judicial branch of the county court when there was no county judge.¹⁶ Although the office of county judge is created

9. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10221), sec. 5 (C 1932, 10222), sec. 8 (C 1932, 769); Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 10193), secs. 1, 3 (C 1932, 10204); Acts 1905, ch. 289, secs. 5-9.

10. Acts 1905, ch. 289.

11. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253; Minute Book, vol. E, pp. 317, 552, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory.

12. P.A. 1857-58, ch. 5.

13. The chairman of the county court, where the office exists, is elected annually by and from the county court. (P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10202); Acts 1887, ch. 236, sec. 2 (C 1932, 10202)).

14. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4.

15. State ex rel. v. Glenn, 7 Heiskell, 472, 486-493; State ex rel. v. McKee, 8 Lea, 28; State ex rel. v. Leonard, 2 Pickle, 485, 487, 489, 490, 492; Redistricting Cases, 3 Cates, 251; Ledgerwood v. Pitts, 14 Cates, 607.

16. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6; Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 763, 10193, 10194).

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by special legislation, it is recognized by the code and the public acts in whose eyes the functions of the offices of judge and chairman are practically synonymous, and, basically, the same functions are identified with either office.¹⁷ While not a justice of the peace as is the chairman, the judge may, nevertheless participate in any of the functions of the quarterly county court.¹⁸ Unlike inferior judges serving exclusively under the general law, the county judge of Tipton County must be "learned in the law."¹⁹ Under the act of 1905 the salary of the county judge was \$800 a year;²⁰ a special act of 1911 allowed him \$1,200 for his salary and office expenses;²¹ and an act of 1933 allows him a salary of \$1,200 a year.²² Under the general law the judge's salary as administrative, financial, and executive officer of the county is fixed by the quarterly county court,²³ with an additional \$5 per day during the sitting of the probate and quarterly courts.²⁴ The county judge of Tipton County, unlike most other county judges, holds as probate judge certain jurisdiction belonging, under the general law, only to the chancery and circuit courts.²⁵

Reports

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14. REVENUE REPORTS, 1924--. 1 vol., & est. 600 papers in 12 f. d. Original reports of revenue collected by various county officials including circuit court clerk, county court clerk, clerk and master, sheriff, justices of the peace, poor home commissioner, superintendent of roads, and superintendent of schools, showing date of report, date and source of collection, amount, total, and signatures of reporting officials. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Vol. 300 pp. 14x18x4; f. d., 12x14x16. Office.

For reports of fees collected, see entry 27.

15. (JAIL ACCOUNTS), 1926--. 4 f. d.
A report of accounts for clothing, groceries, and drugs purchased for use

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

18. State v. Howard, 12 Thompson, 73.

19. Acts 1905, ch. 289, sec. 2.

20. Ibid., sec. 10.

21. Pr.A. 1911, ch. 607, sec. 13.

22. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 101, sec. 1.

23. Acts 1879, ch. 76, sec. 1 (C 1932, 768).

24. P.A. 1925, ch. 11, sec. 2 (C 1932, 10679).

25. Acts 1905, ch. 289, secs. 9, 15; Acts 1907, ch. 423; Pr.A. 1911, ch. 607; Pr.A. 1917, ch. 563; Pr.A. 1919, ch. 218; Pr.A. 1939, 576. See chapter XII, "Probate Court".

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at the jail, showing date of purchase, name of merchant or firm from whom purchased, amount of account, date paid, and signature of sheriff. Arr. chron. by date of purchase. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x11x12. Office. For vouchers substantiating purchases, see entry 34.

16. (BOARD BILLS), 1903--. In Misc(ellaneous) Papers (Reports, Resolutions, Deeds, Etc.), entry 1.

Monthly reports of the sheriff on amounts due for board of prisoners, showing name of prisoner, number of days for which board is claimed, rate per day, total amount, date of report, and signature of the sheriff.

17. POOR HOME ACCOUNTS, 1926--. 8 f. d.

Quarterly reports of expenditures of funds for inmates of the poor home, submitted by the superintendent to the judge, showing date of report, names of inmates, amount of board paid to the superintendent, and itemized account of expenditures for groceries, clothing, and drugs; and name of merchant from whom purchased. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x11x12. Office.

18. (ANNUAL REPORT OF SUPT. OF POOR HOME), 1879--. Est. 72 Papers in 6 f. d.

Original annual reports on the poor home, submitted by the superintendent of institutions, showing names of all inmates, date admitted, date discharged or date of death, and sex and color of each; amount paid for rent of the farm, amount due for board of inmates, amount received from sale of produce on the farm, and a list of miscellaneous expenses incurred. Prior to 1939 reports were submitted by the superintendent of the poor home. Arr. chron. as filed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 8x10x16. Office.

Bond Issues

19. SCHOOL BOND REGISTER, 1914--. 2 vols. Title varies: Bond & Coupon Register, 1916-36, 1 vol.

Register of canceled bonds, and coupons clipped from bonds, issued to finance construction and repair of rural schools, showing number and amount of bond, date of issue, date due, rate of interest, and how payable. Bonds and coupons are pasted in the volume. Arr. num. by bond no. and num. thereunder by coupon no. No index. Pr. 1 vol., 25 pp. 12x18x2; 1 vol. 150 pp. 14x18x4. Office.

20. HIGH SCHOOL BONDS, 1930--. 1 vol. (No. by contained bond nos. 1-100).

Register of bonds issued to finance the construction of high school buildings, showing number of bond, face value, date of issue, date due, rate of interest, how payable, name of bank, and date of maturity. Bonds and coupons are pasted in the volume and coupons bear signatures of the county court clerk and judge. Arr. num. by bond no. and num. thereunder by coupon no. No index. Pr. 120 pp. 14x18x4. Office.

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21. BRIDGE BOND REGISTER, 1914--. 2 vols.

Register of bonds issued for construction of bridges across the Hatchie River, showing number and face value of bond, purpose of issue, name of bonding company to whom sold, date of issue, date due, rate of interest, how payable, and name of bank where payable. Bonds and coupons are pasted in the book and coupons show signatures of county court clerk and judge. Arr. num. by bond no. and num. thereunder by coupon no. No index. Pr. Aver. 100 pp. 14x18x3. Office.

22. JEFF DAVIS HIGHWAY BOND REGISTER, 1920--. 4 vols.

A record of bonds issued to build the county's part of the Jeff Davis Highway, showing date of bond, face value, date due, rate of interest, amount and purpose of bond, and name of bank and State to which bond is payable. Canceled interest coupons are pasted in the volume, showing number of coupon, date due, amount, and signatures of county court clerk and judge. Arr. chron. by date of bond and num. thereunder by coupon no. No index. Pr. Aver. 500 pp. 14x19x4. Office.

23. COUNTY ROAD BONDS, 1929--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Register of bonds issued for the construction of gravel roads, showing number and amount of bond, date bond due, purpose and date of issue, rate of interest, and how and to whom interest is to be paid. Canceled bonds and coupons are pasted in the volumes. Arr. num. by bond no. and num. thereunder by coupon no. No index. Pr. Aver. 600 pp. 12x18x4. Office.

24. FUNDING BOND REGISTER, 1914--. 2 vols.

Register of bonds issued for the purpose of funding county indebtedness, showing number of bond, date of issue, amount of bond, date due, rate of interest, purpose of issue, and name and address of purchaser. Canceled bonds and coupons are pasted in the volumes. Arr. num. by bond no. and num. thereunder by coupon no. No index. Pr. Aver. 150 pp. 14x18x4. Office.

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Receipts - (See also entries 14, 35)

25. REVENUE DOCKET, 1836-89, 1893-99, 1903--. 23 vols. (1-3, 5-8, 10-24, 1).

Record of county revenue collected by the trustee, as shown by receivable warrants, and distributed to the different county funds, showing date of entry, number of warrant, source and amount of collection, and amount apportioned to each of the several funds. Arr. chron. as entered. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 480 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

26. (INTEREST STATEMENTS), 1926--. 1 f. d.

Original bank statement of interest paid on county funds, showing amount of each account, amount of interest payable, date of payment, account to which credited, and rate of interest paid by bank. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 26x11x6. Office.

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27. RECORD OF FEES, 1898-1900. 1 vol.

A record of fees collected by county officials and reported monthly, along with expenditures for purchases necessary for transaction of business in the various offices, showing date reported, amount of collections, amounts expended for stationery, books, official's salary, deputy's salary, and total expense; amount paid official, balance due official, and amount due the county. Arr. under alph. tabs by name of reporting official and chron. thereunder by date reported. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 12x16x2. Office.

For reports of revenue collected, see entry 14.

28. COMMON SCHOOL RECORD, 1871-1911. 1 vol. (A).

A record of common school funds received from the State and from the county tax levy, and apportioned to the several districts according to the scholastic population of each district, listing under each district names of white and colored children of school age and a tabulation showing ratio of district's population to that of the county, amount of funds due the district, date, and signature of the judge. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 448 pp. 12x16x2. Office.

For subsequent records of scholastic population, see entry 294.

Disbursements - (See also entries 32, 36-46)

29. APPROPRIATION BOOK, 1875---. 3 vols.

Record of appropriations authorized by the quarterly county court for the operation and maintenance of county offices and institutions, and for payment of claims against the county, showing term of court, date petition or claim filed, name of petitioner or claimant, purpose and amount of appropriation, date paid, and number of warrant issued. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 12x18x3. 2 vols., 1875-1924, bsmt. strg. rm.; 1 vol., 1925--, co. ct. clk's. office.

30. ALLOWANCE DOCKET, 1926. 1 vol. (1).

Record of allowances made by the court and warrants issued in payment thereof, showing amount of allowance, to whom allowed, purpose of allowance, term of court, number, date, and amount of warrant; fund from which warrant is to be paid, and date delivered. Arr. alph. by name of person to whom allowance is made. No index. Hdw. 159 pp. 9x14x1. Cir. ct. clk's. office.

31. JUDGE'S QUARTERLY REPORT, 1910-17. 1 vol. (dated).

A summary of disbursements from the several county funds during each quarter, showing total amount of warrants issued, total amount of warrants canceled, and total amount of warrants outstanding. Arr. chron. by quarter. No index. Hdw. 470 pp. 12x16x2. Office.

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Unclaimed Funds

32. RECORD OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS, 1840--. 4 vols.

Record of warrants issued on funds reported by clerks as unclaimed witnesses' and officers' fees, court costs and other items, showing name of claimant, case number, number of warrant issued, amount, date issued, and reference to volume where case is recorded. Arr. chron. by date warrant issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 400 pp. 12x18x3. Co. ct. clk's office.

Vouchers

33. VOUCHERS, 1906--. Est. 12,500 vouchers in 25 f. d.

Original vouchers, with invoices attached, submitted by various officials as authority to the judge to issue warrants for payment of accounts and charges against budget items and bond funds, showing date and amount of voucher, to whom payable, purpose of payment, and signature of official. Arr. chron. by date of voucher. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10x12x16. Office.

34. (SHERIFF'S VOUCHERS), 1906--. In Misc(ellaneous) Papers (Reports, Resolutions, Deeds, Etc.), entry 1.

Vouchers substantiating purchases made by the sheriff for which payment is to be made from county funds, showing voucher number, to whom payable, purpose of payment, date, and signature of sheriff.

For reports of purchases, see entry 15.

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Receivable

35. RECEIVABLE WARRANTS (Stubs), 1895--. 5 vols.

Stubs of receivable warrants, issued by the judge to trustee authorizing him to receive revenue due the county from the various officials collecting county revenue, showing number of warrant, date issued, name of official, period for which payment is due, amount due, and signature of the judge. Arr. num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 12x16x1. Office.

Payable

36. (WARRANT STUBS), 1926--. 27 vols. (no. by contained warrant nos.).

Stubs of warrants issued by the county court clerk, to be signed by the judge, in payment of salaries of county officials, fees of election officers, building material and repair bills, and all general county

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expenses, showing number of warrant, date issued, name of payee, amount, purpose of payment, and signature of recipient. Arr. num. by warrant no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 185 pp. 16x18x2. Co. ct. clk's. office.

37. REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1885--. 8 vols. (1-8).

Register of warrants issued by the county court clerk and signed by the judge, showing number of warrant, to whom issued, purpose of payment, amount, date issued, date canceled, by whom canceled, and name of person receiving warrant. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 400 pp. 12x16x3. Co. ct. clk's. office.

38. (GENERAL COUNTY WARRANTS), 1926--. 7 f. d.

Canceled original warrants issued for payment of claims against general county funds, showing date and number of warrant, amount and purpose of payment, name of payee, account chargeable, and signature of county judge. Arr. chron. by date of warrant. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 27x11x6. Office.

39. COUNTY HIGHWAY WARRANTS, 1926--. 9 f. d.

Canceled original warrants issued on county highway funds, showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, amount and purpose of payment, signature of issuing official, and date of cancellation. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 27x11x6. Office.

40. (CANCELED SCHOOL WARRANTS), 1926--. Est. 11,300 warrants in 9 f. b.

Canceled original warrants paid from rural school repair fund, high school building fund, and elementary and high school funds for general school expenses, showing number of warrant; date issued, name of payee, purpose of payment, amount, name of school, signatures of the chairman and secretary of the board of education, and stamp of cancellation. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. & typed on pr. fm. 5x11x12. Office.

41. JUDGE'S GENERAL COUNTY WARRANT REGISTER, 1928-35. 1 vol. (1).

Register of canceled warrants issued for expenses of workhouse, jail, courthouse, county court, circuit court, and salaries of county officials and election officers; showing date warrant issued, warrant number, name of payee, purpose, and amount of warrant. Arr. alph. by name of account and chron. thereunder by date warrant issued. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x12x2. Office.

For subsequent records, see entry 46.

42. JUDGE'S WARRANT REGISTER, 1928-35. 1 vol.

Register of warrants paid from funds designated as high school, bridge, highway, vocational school, special road, and rural school; showing date warrant issued, name of payee, number of warrant, amount of payment, and name of account. Arr. alph. by name of account and chron. thereunder. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x12x3. Office.

For subsequent records, see entry 46.

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43. GENERAL WARRANT REGISTER (Bond Funds), 1928-35. 1 vol.

Register of canceled warrants for highway construction paid out of funds derived from sales of bonds. Warrants are listed to indicate balance against bond funds, showing name of bonding company, amount of bonds purchased, date warrant issued, name of payee, number of warrant, amount, and purpose of payment. Arr. under alph. tabs by name of bonding company. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x12x3. Office.

For subsequent records, see entry 46.

44. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WARRANTS, 1926-35. 1 vol.

Register of canceled warrants issued for payment of school expenses, including repairs, equipment, supplies, and salaries of teachers, commissioners, superintendent, and janitor; showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, amount, and purpose of payment. Arr. num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x12x2. Office.

For subsequent records, see entry 46.

45. GENERAL COUNTY WARRANT REGISTER (Roads), 1926-35. 1 vol. (1).

Register of canceled warrants issued for payment of road expense, including salaries of road superintendent, jail guard, truck drivers, and other employees; and materials purchased, showing date issued, name of payee, number of warrant, amount, and purpose of payment. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x12x3. Office.

For subsequent records, see entry 46.

46. JUDGE'S WARRANT REGISTER, 1936--. 1 vol.

Register of canceled warrants drawn on the various county funds, including general school, county high school, county road bond, vocational school, general highway, health unit, institutional, general bridge, and State aid, showing date issued, name of payee, warrant number, and amount. Arr. under alph. tabs by name of account. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 500 pp. 12x16x4. Office.

For prior records, see entries 41-45.

III. COUNTY COURT CLERK

(As a State Registration and Revenue Agent)

The county court clerk is clerk of the quarterly, probate, and juvenile courts and is a licensing and revenue agent of the State.²⁶ The office of county court clerk is as old as the county.²⁷ The

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

27. Pr.A. 1823, ch. 126, sec. 6; Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 1-3, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory; Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 13; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13.

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county court clerk was formerly appointed by the court of pleas and quarter sessions and served during good behavior;²⁸ since 1836 he has been elected by popular vote for a term of 4 years.²⁹ Under the general law, the county court clerk could receive as compensation all his fees up to a total of \$5,000 a year, but, according to a special act of 1933, the clerk of Tipton County may receive only a maximum of \$3,600 a year.³⁰

Automobile Records

47. REGISTER OF MOTOR VEHICLES, 1909--. 2 vols.

Duplicates of monthly reports to the motor vehicle division of the State Department of Finance and Taxation, listing all automobile licenses issued, showing date license issued, license plate number, demonstration number, name and address of owner, make and model of automobile, serial motor number, rated horsepower, tonnage of trucks, registration fee, date of transfer, if any; and amount of transfer fee. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

48. (AUTO DEALERS REPORT), 1909--. 1 f. d.

Original monthly reports made by automobile dealers and submitted to the clerk, showing number of automobiles and trucks sold, name and address of purchaser, make and motor number of vehicle, whether new or second hand, names of firm and salesman, date of sale, and number of license tag. Arr. chron. by months. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6x10x12. Office.

Applications for Licenses

49. (EX-SERVICE MEN'S AFFIDAVITS FOR FREE LICENSES), 1931--. 2 f. b.

Affidavits filed by ex-service men upon application for free merchants' or privilege licenses, showing name of ex-service man, type of service, war in which service was rendered, nature of physical disability, if any; statement that applicant owns less than \$1,000 of taxable property, proposed life of business, amount of capital to be employed, amount and source of present income, date of affidavit, signature of affiant, and clerk's acknowledgment. Arr. chron. by date of affidavit. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 8x12x2. Office.

28. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 10.

29. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 13; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 2; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; C 1858, 324 (C 1932, 650); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 6 (C 1932, 1915).

30. P.A. 1921, ch. 101, sec. 3 (C 1932, 10727); Pr.A. 1933, ch. 536.

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50. HAWK AND PEDDLE LICENSE (Applications), 1890--. Est. 300 papers in 1 f. b.

Applications made to and approved by the quarterly county court, authorizing the issuance of free hawk and peddle licenses, due to physical disabilities and financial status of applicants, showing date of court term, name of applicant, names of physician and justice of the peace as witnesses to physical and financial conditions, physical disabilities, signatures of applicant and witness, date of acknowledgment, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6x6x12. Office.

51. (REAL ESTATE AGENTS' AND SALESMEN'S APPLICATIONS AND BONDS), 1920--. 1 f. b.

Original applications of real estate agents and salesmen for license to engage in business, showing name and address of applicant, date application filed, location of business, signature of applicant, and acknowledgment by the clerk; also bond of applicant, showing names of principal and sureties, date bond executed, amount of bond, conditions of obligation, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. by date application filed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6x6x12. Office.

Bonds

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52. MERCHANT'S BOND, 1896--. 2 vols.

Bonds executed by merchants upon issuance of licenses, binding them to appear on date of license expiration and state the average amount of capital invested during the past twelve months, showing names of principal and sureties, date and amount of bond, condition of the obligation, and signatures of principal and sureties; also oaths of merchants as to highest amount of stock on hand during reported period, aggregate amount of stock, average amount of stock, and amount of capital employed, showing date, signature of merchant, and acknowledgment of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by name of merchant or firm. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 300 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

53. TIPPLER'S BOND, 1886-1909. 4 vols. Discontinued.

Original bonds of liquor dealers binding them to operate orderly houses and not adulterate spirituous liquors, showing names of dealer and bondsmen, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date bond executed, date of expiration, and signatures of dealer and bondsmen. Arr. chron. by date executed. Indexed alph. by name of dealer. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 620 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

54. BEVERAGE BOND, 1933--. 1 vol.

Bonds executed by dealers applying for license to sell beer or other beverages, binding them to keep an orderly and peaceful house and in all things to comply with provisions of the law, showing names of principal and sureties, date and amount of bond, location of business, condition

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of the obligation, signatures of principal and sureties, approval of the court, and signatures of the judge and clerk. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by name of dealer. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

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55. MERCHANT'S ADVALOREM LICENSE, 1895--. 120 vols.

Duplicates of licenses issued to merchants having a yearly average stock of \$800.00 or more, showing name and address of licensee, license number, date issued, amounts of State and county tax, clerk's fee, officer's fee, penalty, and total; date of license expiration, and signature of the clerk. Arr. num. by license no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 10x16x2. 100 vols., 1895-1924, bsmt. strg. rm.; 20 vols., 1925--, office.

56. PRIVILEGE LICENSE (Stubs), 1847--. 40 vols.

Stubs of licenses issued to individuals or firms exercising merchants or special privileges, showing number of license, name of licensee, address of business, privilege authorized, duration of license, date issued, date of expiration, distribution of tax, amount of clerk's fee, and clerk's signature. Arr. num. by license no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 10x16x2. 20 vols., 1847-1900, tower rm.; 20 vols., 1901--, office.

For record of countersigned licenses, see entry 140.

57. (DUPLICATES OF PARTNERSHIP LICENSES), 1879--. 10 vols.

Duplicates of licenses issued to persons engaged in partnership business, showing names of parties purchasing license, license number, date issued, duration of license, style of firm, license fee, date of license expiration, amount and distribution of tax, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 10x16x2. Office.

58. (REAL ESTATE AGENTS' LICENSES), 1877--. 10 vols.

Copies of licenses issued to real estate dealers authorizing them to buy and sell real estate, showing license number, name of dealer, date license issued, amount of fee, date of license expiration, amount of State and county tax, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 10x16x2. Office.

59. TIPPLER'S LICENSE (Stubs), 1886-1909. 4 vols. Discontinued.

Stubs of licenses issued to retail liquor dealers, showing number of license, name of dealer, location of business, total amount of tax and fees, and date of license expiration. Arr. num. by license no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 640 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

60. TIPPLER'S REVENUE BOOK, 1886-1909. 4 vols. Discontinued.

Record of licenses issued to tipplers, and tax collected thereon, showing

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name and address of dealer, dates of issuance of license and expiration, date and amount of bond, amounts of State and county tax, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date license issued. Indexed alph. by name of dealer. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 640 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

Professional Registrations

61. REGISTER OF PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE, 1907--. 1 vol.

Copies of certificates of license issued to physicians by the State Board of Medical Examiners, showing certificate number, name and age of physician, date certificate issued, name of college attended, date of graduation, names of members of the examining board, date of registration, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. by name of physician. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

62. OPTOMETRY RECORD, 1907--. 1 vol. (1).

Copies of certificates issued by the State Board of Optometry to persons practicing optometry, showing name and address of optometrist, number of certificate, name of school attended, names of president and secretary of the board, date of registration, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. by name of optometrist. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 15x10x1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

63. RECORD OF DENTIST LICENSE, 1907--. 1 vol. (1).

Copies of certificates issued to dentists by the State Board of Dental Examiners, showing name and address of dentist, date of graduation, name and address of school attended, dates of certificate and registration, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of registration. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 15x10x1. Office.

64. CHIROPRACTOR'S RECORD, 1923--. 1 vol. (1).

Copies of certificates of license issued to chiropractors by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, showing number of certificate, name of chiropractor, date certificate issued, names of members of the examining board, date of registration, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. by name of chiropractor. Hdw. on pr. fm. 212 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

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Marriages

65. MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1847--. 78 f. d.

Original marriage licenses issued by the clerk and returned by persons performing ceremonies, showing names of contracting parties, date license issued, signature of the clerk, date ceremony performed, names of person officiating and witnesses, date license returned, and book and page of

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recording in Marriage Record. Arr. chron. by date license returned. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6x10x12. Office.

66. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1840--. 33 vols. (A-C; 1-30).

A record of marriage licenses issued, returns as made by persons performing ceremonies, and bonds executed. 1840-87, record shows only names of contracting parties, dates license issued, date ceremony performed, and name of person officiating. 1888--, record contains copies of licenses issued, showing names of contracting parties, date license issued, and signature of the clerk; record of returns, showing date ceremony performed, and name of person officiating; and original bonds executed, showing names of groom and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, condition of the obligation, and signatures of groom and sureties. Arr. chron. by date license issued. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

67. FREEMANS' MARRIAGE RECORD, (Ex-slaves), 1865-71. 1 vol.

Record of marriages of ex-slaves, showing names of contracting parties, date license issued, date ceremony performed, and name of person officiating. Arr. chron. by date license issued. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

Births

68. REPORT OF BIRTHS, 1925--. 1 bdl., 1 vol.

Original monthly reports of births submitted by district registrars of vital statistics, showing name, sex, and color of child; names of father and mother, place of birth, district number, date of birth, date of report, and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Bdl., 9x12x8; vol., 175 pp. 10x14x2. 1 bdl., 1925-33, bsmt. strg. rm.; 1 vol., 1934--, office.

69. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1925--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of births as reported by physicians and registrars of vital statistics in the various districts of the county, showing name and address of parents, name, sex, and color of child; date of birth, district number, and name of physician or midwife. Arr. under alph. tabs by family name and chron. thereunder by date of birth. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

For other records of births, see entry 318.

Deaths

70. REPORT OF DEATHS, 1925--. 1 bdl., 1 vol.

Original monthly reports of deaths submitted by district registrars of vital statistics, showing name of deceased, age, sex, color, place of birth, district number, place, cause, and date of death; date of report, and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Bdl., 9x12x8; vol., 175 pp. 10x14x2. 1 bdl., 1925-33, bsmt. strg. rm.; 1 vol., 1934--, office.

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

Record of deaths, showing name of deceased, age, color, sex, date and place of birth, date and place of death, district number, and cause of death. Arr. under alph. tabs by name of deceased and chron. thereunder by date of death. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

For other records of deaths, see entry 319.

Probate Record

72. PROBATE RECORD, 1824--. 9 vols. (1-9).

Record of acknowledgment and certification of deeds and other instruments entitled to registration, and collection of State tax thereon, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of instrument, number of acres, location of property, nature of instrument, amount of State tax, and date probated. Arr. chron. by date probated. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 400 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

Record of Fees

73. RECORD OF FEES COLLECTED, 1853--. 10 vols.

Daily record of all fees collected by the clerk for issuing licenses, making settlements with personal representatives, and acknowledging instruments for probate, showing date of collection, from whom received, on what account, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 340 pp. 12x16x2. Office.

Miscellaneous

74. (RECORD OF CATTLE MARKS AND BRANDS), 1824-1907. 2 vols.

Record of cattle marks and brands used by owners to identify stock, showing name of owner of mark or brand, date registered, number of cattle registered and marked, description of mark and brand, and amount of clerk's fee. Arr. chron. by date registered. No index. Hdw. Aver. 640 pp. 12x18x13. Bsmt. strg. rm.

75. (ASSESSMENTS - UTILITIES, BUS AND TRUCK LINES), 1931--.

1 f. b.

Certification of assessments on property of railroads and public utilities as fixed by the Railroad and Public Utilities Commission and approved by the State Board of Equalization, showing name of corporation, number of miles operating in the county, value per mile, value distributable, localized, and total; date of certification, and signature of the Secretary of the Commission. Arr. chron. by date of certification. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 4x5x12. Office.

IV. REGISTER

The office of register, concerned with the registration and recordation of deeds, liens, leases, and other written instruments entitled to registration and recordation, dates from 1823 in Tipton County.³¹ Prior to 1836 the register was appointed by the court of pleas and quarter sessions and served during good behavior;³² since then he has been elected by popular vote for a term of 4 years.³³ Under the general law the register of Tipton County could retain as compensation up to \$5,000 of his fees, but by a special act of 1933, his salary is limited to \$2,400 a year.³⁴ Since 1927, the register has been ex officio entry-taker in those counties not having an entry-taker.³⁵

Original Instruments

76. (MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINAL INSTRUMENTS), 1930--. Est. 1,100 papers in 55 f. b. (lettered).

Original papers and instruments left with the register for recording and which remain uncalled for by the owner, showing nature of instrument, names of parties involved, date instrument executed, provisions and agreements, acknowledgment before a notary public, and signatures of parties involved. Arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 4x5x9. Office.

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Claims Entered

77. ENTRY BOOK, 1820--. 2 vols. (A, B). Last entry 1933. Record of claims entered by persons desiring to establish right of ownership to unoccupied land, 1876--, showing entry number, name of claimant, district, range, and section numbers; location and description of land, date of entry, and date received for recording. Also contains: record of the district surveyor, 1820-35, entry 98; record of the entry-taker, 1836-58, entry 101; and record of the entry-taker and surveyor, 1859-75, entry 103. Arr. chron. by date received for recording. Indexed alph. by name

31. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 1-3, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 807); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.

32. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1.

33. Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 807); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 6 (C 1932, 1915).

34. P.A. 1921, ch. 101, sec. 3 (C 1932, 10727); Pr.A. 1933, 536.

35. P.A. 1927, ch. 61 (C 1932, 803).

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of claimant. Hdw., 1820-1926; typed, 1927--. Aver. 580 pp. 18x12x3. Office.

Warranty Deeds

78. GENERAL INDEX BOOK FOR DEED RECORDS, 1824--. 10 vols. & 7 duplicate vols., 1824-1913.

General index to instruments recorded in Deed Record, entry 79; Register's Trust Deeds, entry 80; Release Record, entry 86; and Oil and Gas Lease Book, entry 88; showing names of grantor and grantee, date instrument recorded, and volume and page of recordation. Arr. alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 18x12x4. 7 vols., 1824-1913, tower rm.; 10 vols., 1824--, office.

79. DEED RECORD, 1824--. 146 vols. (A-I, K-Z; 26-109, 112, 115, 116, 118, 120-122, 124-128, 130, 132, 134-136, 138, 145, 148, 149, 152, 156, 158, 160, 163, 164, 168, 170, 172, 178, 181, 182, 185, 187, 188, 190). Title varies: Record, 1824-32, 1860-62, 1868, 8 vols.; Letter Book, 1837-39, 2 vols.; Register's Book, 1833-36, 1840-59, 1863-67, 1869-74, 13 vols.; Register's Deed Book, 1875-1904, 1906-10, 1912-19, 1921-24, 1932-33, 1936, 77 vols.; Register of Deeds, 1910-11, 1915-16, 2 vols.; Register's Deeds, 1916, 1 vol.

Recorded copies of instruments effecting the absolute conveyance of real property, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of instrument, location and description of property, amount of consideration, terms of payment, acknowledgment before notary public, and certificate of registration. Also contains: Trust deeds, 1824-1914, entry 80; chattel mortgages, 1824-68, entry 82; leases, 1824-1914, entry 87; assignments, 1824-1914, entry 89; options, 1824-1914, entry 90; liens, 1824-1914, entry 91; judgments, 1824-1914, entry 92; and powers of attorney, 1824-1914, entry 93. Arr. chron. by date of registration. For index, see entry 78. Hdw., 1824-1918; typed, 1919--. Aver. 550 pp. 12x16x4. Office.

Trust Deeds

80. REGISTER'S TRUST DEEDS, 1915--. 42 vols. (110, 111, 113, 114, 117, 119, 123, 129, 131, 133, 137, 139-144, 146, 147, 153-155, 157, 159, 161, 165-167, 169, 171, 173-177, 179, 180, 183, 184, 186, 189, 191). Title varies: Mortgage Record, 1917, 1922, 1927, 1930, 1932, 1935, 6 vols.; Trust Deeds, 1933, 1 vol.; Trust Deed Record, 1934, 1936, 1 vol. 1824-1914 in Deed Record, entry 79.

Recorded copies of instruments effecting the conditional conveyance of real property, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of instrument, location and description of property, amount of consideration, terms of payment, provisions in case of nonpayment, acknowledgment before notary public, and certificate of registration. Release of instrument upon partial or full payment of consideration, is noted in the margin.

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Also contains recorded copies of:

- i. Bills of sale, showing names of contracting parties, description of property sold, amount of consideration involved, date instrument executed, acknowledgment before notary public, and certificate of registration.
- ii. Federal tax liens, 1928-34, showing number of lien, name and address of taxpayer, taxable period, amounts of tax and penalty, date of lien, and date recorded.

Leases, 1915--, entry 87; assignments, 1915--, entry 89; options, 1915--, entry 90; liens, 1915-34, entry 91; judgments, 1915--, entry 92, and powers of attorney, 1915--, entry 93. Arr. chron. by date of registration. For index, see entry 78. Hdw., typed, & hdw. or typed on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 12x16x4. Office.

For other records of releases, see entry 86.

81. FEDERAL TAX LIEN BOOK, 1928--. 1 vol. (1). Last entry 1934. Index to federal liens on property owned by violators of the internal revenue tax law and recorded in trust deed books, entry 80, showing name and address of property owner, date of lien, date filed, amount of tax assessed and penalty, volume and page where instrument is recorded, and dates of notice and discharge. Arr. under alph. tabs by name of property owner. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 14x18x1. Office.

Chattel Mortgages

82. REGISTER'S CHATTEL TRUST, 1869--. 200 vols. (A-Z, 1-106, 108-114, 116-125, 127-139, 141-145, 147-150, 153-156, 161-163, 166, 172, 176-184, 186, 188-191, 193-198). Title varies: Register's Book, 1869, 1 vol.; Trust Deeds, Etc., 1870, 1 vol.; Registers Book, Trust Deeds, 1871-86, 24 vols.; Trust, Etc., 1874, 1 vol.; Registers Trust Deeds, 1883, 1886-1910, 67 vols.; Registers Trust Book, 1885, 1892, 2 vols.; Trust Deeds, 1886, 1 vol.; Trust Deed Book, 1902, 1 vol.; Chattel Trust Deed Register, 1917, 1 vol.; Register's Chattel, 1929, 1931, 2 vols. 1824-68 in Deed Record, entry 79.

Recorded copies of mortgages given to secure loans on personal property, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, location and description of chattels, course of action in case any part of agreement is broken, acknowledgment before notary public, and the register's certificate of recordation. Arr. chron. by date of registration. For index, 1868-1934, see entry 83; 1935--, indexed alph. by name of grantor. Hdw., 1869-1914; hdw. & typed, 1915--. Aver. 500 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

83. REGISTER'S INDEX TO CHATTEL TRUSTS, 1869-1934. 184 vols. (A-Z; 1-150; 153-157, 161-163).

Direct and reverse index to register's chattel trust, entry 82; showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, nature of instrument, letter or number of book and page where instrument is recorded, and date of recording. Arr. under alph. tabs direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 75 pp. 12x18x1. Office.

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84. FEDERAL CROP MORTGAGES, 1931--. 8 vols. (146, 151, 152, 159, 160, 164, 165, 169).

Recorded copies of mortgages on personal property and crops, executed to secure payment of Federal government loans, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, location and description of chattels, amount of loan, date payment due, record of security mortgaged, conditions of agreement, date executed, waiver signed by landlord (where borrower is a tenant), and certificate of registration. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor. Typed on pr. fm. Aver. 650 pp. 12x16x4. Office.

85. P. C. A. CHATTEL DEED OF TRUST, 1934--. 3 vols. (164, 175, 187). Title varies: P.C.A. Federal Chattel Deed of Trust, 1934-35, 1 vol.

Recorded copies of mortgages given to the Production Credit Association, for loans on growing crops, showing date executed, name of mortgagor, name of district office of Association, list of property and crops pledged as security, condition of loan, location and boundaries of farm, amount of loan, dates payments due, acknowledgment before notary public, and certificate of registration. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor. Typed on pr. fm. Aver. 400 pp. 12x16x4. Office.

Releases

86. RELEASE RECORD, 1932--. 1 vol. (1).

Recorded copies of affidavits effecting the release of notes or other original instruments which cannot be produced by the holder thereof, showing name of owner or holder of instrument, description of instrument, extent of release, reason why instrument cannot be produced, acknowledgment, and certificate of registration. Arr. chron. by date of registration. For index, see entry 78. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 504 pp. 18x12x3. Office.

For other records of releases, see entry 80.

Leases, Assignments, and Options

87. (LEASES), 1824--. 1824-1914 in Deed Record, entry 79; 1915-- in Register's Trust Deeds, entry 80.

Recorded copies of leases, showing names of lessor and lessee, description of property, terms of contract, date of execution, acknowledgment before notary public, and register's certificate of recordation.

88. OIL AND GAS LEASE BOOK, 1929--. 2 vols. (1, 2). Last entry June 22, 1937.

Recorded copies of leases on mineral resources, showing name of lessor and lessee, date of contract, amount of consideration, terms of agreement, location and description of property, acknowledgment before notary public, and certificate of registration. Arr. chron. by date of registration. For index, see entry 78. Typed on pr. fm. Aver. 329 pp. 18x12x3. Office.

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89. (ASSIGNMENTS), 1824--. 1824-1914 in Deed Book, entry 79; 1915-- in Register's Trust Deeds, entry 80.

Recorded copies of instruments effecting the assignment of real property, showing date instrument executed, names of assignor and assignee, amount of consideration involved, date of period covered by assignment, description of property, acknowledgment before notary public, and certificate of registration.

90. (OPTIONS), 1824--. 1824-1914 in Deed Record, entry 79; 1915-- in Register's Trust Deeds, entry 80.

Recorded copies of options on real estate, showing amount of consideration, names of parties to the contract, period of time for which option is extended, terms of agreement, description of real estate, date instrument executed, acknowledgment before notary public, and register's certificate of recordation.

Liens

91. LIEN BOOK, 1935--. 1 vol. (1). 1824-1914 in Deed Record, entry 79; 1915-34 in Register's Trust Deeds, entry 80.

Recorded copies of contracts between property owners and contractors or furnishers, whereby liens are created to insure payment for material and labor, showing contractor's sworn statement that contract has been fulfilled, amount of contract price, description of property affected, names of lienor and lienee, date of contract, provisions of agreement, and register's certificate of recordation. Also contains:

- i. Discharge of tax liens, certifying that taxes assessed against certain property have been satisfied in full and released.
- ii. Abstracts of liens filed in chancery court, showing style of case and description of property.
- iii. Judgments affecting property titles, obtained in courts of record, showing date of judgment and date registered.

For other records of judgments, see entry 92.

Arr. chron. by date of recordation. Indexed alph. direct and reverse.
Typed on pr. fm. 418 pp. 18x12x3. Office.

Judgments

92. (JUDGMENTS), 1924--. 1824-1914 in Deed Record, entry 79; 1915-- in Register's Trust Deeds, entry 80.

Abstracts of judgments from court cases involving real estate, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, number and style of case, date and amount of judgment, by whom judgment was rendered, and date of registration.

For other record of judgments, see entry 91iii.

Powers of Attorney

93. (POWERS OF ATTORNEY), 1824--. 1824-1914 in Deed Record, entry 79; 1915-- in Register's Trust Deeds, entry 80.

Recorded copies of instruments delegating authority from one person to

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another who is to perform certain duties, acts, or deeds in his stead, showing names of parties involved, purpose for which authority is relegated, date instrument executed, acknowledgment before notary public, and certificate of registration.

Military Discharges

94. SOLDIERS' AND SEAMEN'S DISCHARGE BOOK (World War), 1918--.
1 vol. (1).

Recorded copies of discharges from military service, showing name and physical description of ex-service man division of service to which assigned, complete record of service during enlistment, occupation at time of enlistment, physical condition at time of discharge, nature of injuries received, date of discharge, name of commanding officer, and certificate of registration. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. by name of ex-service man. Hdw., 1918-19; typed, 1920--.
580 pp. 18x12x3. Office.

Financial Records

95. ENTRY BOOK (Note Book), 1871--. 21 vols. (B-I, K-W).
Register's record of all instruments received in his office for recording, showing date and hour received, names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, and amount of fee collected. Arr. chron. by date received. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver, 250 pp. 18x12x3. Office.

96. RECORD OF FEES COLLECTED, 1921--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Record of all fees collected for making marginal releases, showing date of collection, from who received, account, amount of consideration upon which fee is based, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 240 pp. 15x18x1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

V. DISTRICT SURVEYOR

Upon the abolition of the Congressional Reservation in Middle Tennessee in 1819, and the organization of Western District, the western portion of the State was divided into seven surveyors' districts, known as the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, of which Tipton County was a part; twelfth, and thirteenth, and the General Assembly was instructed to appoint a surveyor for each district.³⁶ It was the duty of the district surveyor to receive claims to the unoccupied land and to make surveys of the land claimed.³⁷ He was required to keep a register

36. P.A. 1819, ch. 1, secs. 1, 2.

37. Ibid., secs. 14, 23-26.

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of the claims and a plat book with a sketch of the land claimed and description of each tract regarding the boundary, the quantity, the location, and the kind of warrant on which the claim was founded.³⁸ The office of district surveyor of the Western District was abolished in 1836,³⁹ and succeeded by the offices of entry-taker and surveyor.

97. OCCUPANT BOOK, 1820-32. 1 vol. (A).

Record of land grants and claims to unoccupied land, showing nature of grant or claim, number of entry, location and description of land, district, range, and section numbers; name of claimant, date of survey, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hdw. 397 pp. 10x16x3. Cir. ct. clk's. office.

98. (RECORD OF CLAIMS ENTERED), 1820-35. In Entry Book, entry 77.

Record of claims entered by persons desiring to establish right of ownership to unoccupied land, showing number of entry, name of claimant, district, range, and section numbers; location and description of land, date of entry, and date received for recording.

99. (RECORD OF SURVEYS), 1820-35. In Survey Book, entry 102.

Record of surveys made, showing location and description of land, number of acres, date of survey, name of landowner, certificate number, date certificate issued, and names of surveyor and chain carriers.

100. PLAT BOOK, 1824-31. 2 vols. (A, B).

Plats of surveys made, showing date of plat, number of military warrant, number of acres of land, district, section, and range numbers; boundaries of land, names of surveyor and chain carriers, date of survey, and date recorded; also number and date of entry, warrant number, name of owner, range and section numbers, and location of land. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. Aver. 600 pp. 12x18x3. Register's office.

VI. ENTRY-TAKER

The office of entry-taker, as a separate office, was created in 1836⁴⁰ and continued until 1858, when it was combined with the office of surveyor.⁴¹ The quarterly county court in each county in the Western District in 1835 was directed to appoint for terms of 4 years, an entry-taker, and a surveyor.⁴² The records of the surveyor of the eleventh district were placed in the custody of the entry-taker of Tipton County.⁴³

38. P.A. 1819, ch. 1, secs. 14, 26.

39. Fr.A. 1835-36, ch. 48.

40. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 48.

41. Fr.A. 1857-58, ch. 131, sec. 11.

42. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 48, secs. 1-4.

43. Ibid., sec. 14.

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The entry-taker was required to keep books in which he was to record claims and the surveyor's plats and certificates of survey.⁴⁴ In 1875 the consolidating act of 1858 was repealed and the office of entry-taker specifically abolished, but in 1879 the quarterly county court was authorized to revive the office or impose the duties upon the surveyor or register.⁴⁵ Since 1927 the register has been designated ex officio entry-taker in those counties not having an entry-taker.⁴⁶

101. (CLAIMS ENTERED), 1836-58. In Entry Book, entry 77.

Record of claims entered by persons desiring to establish right of ownership to unoccupied land, showing entry number, name of claimant, district, range, and section numbers; location and description of land, date of entry, and date received for recording.

VII. SURVEYOR

Under the act of 1836, creating the office of entry-taker, the quarterly county court of each county of the Western District, which included Tipton County, was authorized to appoint a surveyor for a term of 4 years.⁴⁷ The surveyor was required to survey all lands entered with the entry-taker and to transmit to the entry-taker his plats and certificates of survey.⁴⁸ This office was consolidated with that of entry-taker in 1858,⁴⁹ but was revived as a separate office in 1875, when the consolidating act of 1858 was repealed and the office of entry-taker abolished.⁵⁰ At present the office presumably does not exist in Tipton County.

102. SURVEY BOOK, 1820-88. 2 vols. (A, B).

Record of land surveys made by the county surveyor, 1836-58, 1875-88, showing location and description of land, number of acres, date of survey, name of landowner, certificate number, date certificate issued, and names of surveyor and chain carriers. Also contains: record of the district surveyor, 1820-35, entry 99; and record of the entry-taker and surveyor, 1859-75, entry 104. Arr. chron. by date of survey. Indexed alph. by name of landowner. Hdw. Aver. 580 pp. 18x12x3. Register's office.

44. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 48, sec. 10.

45. Acts 1875, ch. 55; Acts 1879, ch. 46. The editors are unable to determine whether this office was revived, but it may be presumed that it was not and that the duties were performed by the register.

46. P.A. 1927, ch. 61 (C 1932, 803).

47. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 48.

48. Ibid., secs. 15, 16.

49. Pr.A. 1857-58, ch. 131, sec. 11.

50. Acts 1875, ch. 55.

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VIII. ENTRY-TAKER AND SURVEYOR

The office of entry-taker and surveyor existed as a consolidated office from 1859 to 1875, with the surveyor performing all the duties incident to the office of entry-taker as well as those of his own office.⁵¹

103. (CLAIMS ENTERED), 1859-75. In Entry Book, entry 77. Record of claims entered by persons desiring to establish right of ownership to unoccupied land, showing entry number, name of claimant, district, range, and section numbers; location and description of land, date of entry, and date received for recording.

104. (RECORD OF SURVEYS), 1859-75. In Survey Book, entry 102. Record of surveys made by the county surveyor, showing location and description of land, number of acres, date of survey, name of landowner, certificate number, date certificate issued, and names of surveyor and chain carriers.

IX. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court and the offices of circuit judge and circuit court clerk are creations of the general law and all date from 1823 in Tipton County.⁵² Under the general law, the circuit court of today is a court of general jurisdiction at law in civil and criminal cases, having practically exclusive jurisdiction over all actions triable before a jury and, it also possesses certain probate jurisdiction and the power to hear any equity matter, under chancery court rules, wherein the parties do not object to its jurisdiction.⁵³ Prior to 1836 the circuit court's jurisdiction in equity was concurrent with the chancery court held by the judges of the Supreme Court of Errors and Appeals.⁵⁴ In a period between April 7, 1917, and January 22, 1919, a special criminal court, held by the county judge, had exclusive common law and statutory jurisdiction, original and appellate, over criminal cases arising in Tipton County.⁵⁵

51. Pr.A. 1857-58, ch. 131, sec. 11; Acts 1875, ch. 55.

52. Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 49; Const. 1834, art. 6, secs. 1, 3, 13; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 5, sec. 3; C 1858, 107-114 (C 1932, 159; Const. 1870, art. 6, secs. 1, 3, 13.

53. For the present jurisdiction of the circuit court under the general law, see C 1932, 10318-10330.

54. Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 49, sec. 4; Acts 1811, ch. 72, sec. 4; Acts 1813, ch. 77, sec. 3; P.A. 1822, ex. ses., ch. 13, sec. 1; P.A. 1822, ex. ses., ch. 14, sec. 10; P.A. 1827, ch. 79; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 4.

55. Pr.A. 1917, ch. 563; Pr.A. 1919, ch. 8. For the jurisdiction which, under special acts, the probate court has held or still holds

Prior to 1854 the circuit judge was appointed by the General Assembly;⁵⁶ since 1854 he has been elected by popular vote.⁵⁷ Before 1836 the judge served during good behavior,⁵⁸ but since 1836 he has held office for a term of 8 years.⁵⁹ Prior to 1836 the circuit court clerk was appointed by the circuit judge and served during good behavior;⁶⁰ since then he has been elected by popular vote for a term of 4 years.⁶¹ Under a general law of 1921, which, in the absence of special legislation, would be the controlling act, the clerk is allowed to retain annually as compensation a maximum of \$5,000 of his fees,⁶² but in Tipton County, his salary has, since 1923, been altered by a number of special acts. In 1923 the salary was set at \$1,500 a year;⁶³ in 1927 it was fixed at \$1,800 a year;⁶⁴ in 1933, at \$1,200;⁶⁵ in 1935, at \$1,500;⁶⁶ in 1939, at \$1,800.⁶⁷ The circuit court clerk was clerk of the short-lived criminal court of 1917-18⁶⁸ and now acts as clerk of the probate court, when that court is exercising its criminal jurisdiction.⁶⁹ At present Tipton County is in the sixteenth judicial circuit.⁷⁰

Original Instruments
(See also entry 108)

105. TRIAL PAPERS (Active Civil & Criminal Cases), 1931--. Est. 840 papers in 23 pigeon holes.

Original instruments incident to action in civil and criminal cases pending

concurrently with the circuit and chancery courts, see Chapter XII, "Probate Court."

56. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 2; Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 49, sec. 7, Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 3.

57. Acts 1851-52, resolution 3; Acts 1853-54, resolution 16, amending Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 3; C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 3 (C 1932, 1912).

58. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 2.

59. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 3; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 3 (C 1932, 1912), sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916).

60. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 10; Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 49, sec. 8.

61. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 13; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; C 1858, 324 (C 1932, 650); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 3 (C 1932, 1912), sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915).

62. P.A. 1921, ch. 101, sec. 3 (C 1932, 10727).

63. Pr.A. 1923, ch. 305.

64. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 558.

65. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 50.

66. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 344.

67. Pr.A. 1939, ch. 59.

68. Pr.A. 1917, ch. 563; Pr.A. 1919, ch. 8.

69. Pr.A. 1939, ch. 576, sec. 4.

70. C 1938, 159.

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trial by this court, including original bills, answers, subpoenas, warrants, and bonds, showing style of case, date, nature, and purpose of the instrument. Arr. chron. by date of instrument. No index. Hdw., typed, & hdw. or typed on pr. fm. 8x6x12. Office.

For copies of process filed, see entry 131; for other original bonds, see entries 106, 108.

106. (TRIAL PAPERS, DISPOSED CASES), 1855--. 1000 bdl., 1050 folders, 148 f. b.

Original instruments incident to civil and criminal cases disposed of by this court, including all papers from inception to final disposition, such as original bills, warrants, summons, bail bonds, subpoenas, cost bonds, and mittimus. All papers pertaining to a particular case are filed in one folder, and show style of case, offense charged or cause of action, and manner and date of disposition. Also contains: Cases disposed of by the criminal court, 1917-18, entry 146. Arr. chron. by date of disposition. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. F. b., 6x6x12; bdl., 6x4x3; folders, 4x10x2. 1050 folders, 1000 bdl., 1855-1920, tower rm.; 148 f. b., 1921--., office.

For copies of process filed, see entry 131; for other original bonds, see entries 105, 108.

107. SOLICITORS' RECEIPTS FOR PAPERS, 1914--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of papers borrowed from the clerk's office by attorneys, showing style of case in which papers were filed, date borrowed, name of attorney, date returned, and clerk's signature acknowledging receipt of same. Also contains: Solicitors' receipts for criminal court papers, 1917-18, entry 147. Arr. chron. by date borrowed. No index. Hdw. 450 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

Bonds

108. PROSECUTION BONDS, 1901--. 1 vol. (dated).

Bonds executed by plaintiffs to insure payment of costs and damages in case of failure to prosecute with success, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date bond executed, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 180 pp. 8x12x2. Office.

For other original bonds, see entries 105, 106; for copies of bonds, see entry 131.

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(See also entries 132, 141, 142, 144)

109. APPEARANCE DOCKET, 1903--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of first appearance of all cases to be tried in this court, showing date of court term, names of attorneys, number of case, names of

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plaintiff and defendant, nature of action or offense charged, and rules of the court. Also contains: Record of first appearance of cases in criminal court, 1917-18, entry 148. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 120 pp. 13x18x2. Office.

110. REFERENCE DOCKET - COURT, 1909--. 1 vol.

A record prepared for the judge's reference, listing all cases filed in this court, showing date filed, number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff and defendant; nature of action or offense charged, and rules of the past and present court terms. Also contains: Record of cases filed in criminal court, 1917-18, entry 149. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 199 pp. 8x10x2. Office.

111. REFERENCE DOCKET - BAR, 1903--. 1 vol.

A record prepared for use of the bar, listing all cases filed in this court, showing date filed, names of attorneys, case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action or offense charged, and rules of past and present court terms. Also contains: Record of cases filed in criminal court, 1917-18, entry 150. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 199 pp. 8x10x2. Office.

112. REFERENCE DOCKET - CLERK, 1909--. 1 vol.

A record prepared for the clerk's reference, listing all cases filed in this court, showing date filed, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; number of case, nature of action or offense charged, and rules of past and present court terms. Also contains: Record of cases filed in criminal court, 1917-18, entry 151. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 199 pp. 8x10x2. Office.

113. STATE TRIAL DOCKET - BAR (New and Continued Cases), 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of criminal cases set for hearing in this court, prepared for the use of attorneys, showing date of court term, date set for trial, case number, style of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, date of indictment, dates of court orders, orders of court, and volume and page of recording in minute book. Arr. chron. by term of court and num. thereunder by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

114. TRIAL DOCKET - BAR, (Civil and Criminal), 1842-44. 1 vol. (3).

Record of civil and criminal cases set for trial in this court, prepared for the use of attorneys, showing date of court term, date set for trial, case number, names of attorneys, plaintiff and defendant; and nature of action. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 150 pp. 9x12x1. Office.

115. STATE TRIAL DOCKET - BAR (Disposed Cases), 1926--. Est. 106 pp. in 1 bdl.

A record prepared for use of the bar, listing all criminal cases which

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have been tried and disposed of, showing date of trial, number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff and defendant; offense charged, and rules of the court. Arr. chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10x18x5. Office.

116. TRIAL DOCKET - JUDGE (Civil and Criminal), 1838-39. 1 vol. (2). Record of civil and criminal cases set for trial in this court, prepared for use of the judge, showing date of court term, date set for trial, case number, names of attorneys for plaintiff and defendant, style of case, offense charged, pleas, and rules of past and present terms of court. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 150 pp. 9x12x1. Office.

117. STATE TRIAL DOCKET - JUDGE (New and Continued), 1935--. 1 vol. Record of criminal cases set for hearing in this court, prepared for use of the judge, showing style of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, date of indictment, case number, date or orders, orders of court, volume and page of recording in minute book. Arr. num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

118. STATE TRIAL DOCKET - JUDGE (Disposed Cases), 1926--. Est. 106 pp. in 1 bdl. A record prepared for use of the judge, listing all criminal cases which have been tried and disposed of by the court, showing date of court term, date of trial, case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; offense charged, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10x18x5. Office.

119. TRIAL DOCKET - CLERK (Civil), 1835-38. 1 vol. Record of civil cases set for trial in this court, prepared for the use of the clerk, showing date of court term, date set for trial, number of case, names of attorneys, style of case, nature of action, pleas, and rules of past and present terms of court. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 150 pp. 9x12x1. Office.

120. STATE TRIAL DOCKET - CLERK (New and Continued), 1935--. 1 vol. Clerk's record of criminal cases set for trial in this court, showing style of case, names of attorneys, offense charged, date of indictment, case number, date of orders, orders of court, and volume and page of recording in minute book. Arr. num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

121. STATE TRIAL DOCKET - CLERK (Disposed Cases), 1926--. 106 pp. in 1 bdl. Record of criminal and workhouse cases, which have been disposed of and removed from the docket of active cases, showing term of court, date of trial, number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10x18x5. Office.

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122. JURY TRIAL DOCKET - COURT, 1891-1925. 1 vol.

Record of civil and criminal cases set for trial by jury before this court, prepared for use of the judge, showing number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; nature of action or offense charged, date set for trial, and rules of the past and present court terms. Also contains: Record of cases set for trial in criminal court, 1917-18, entry 152. Arr. chron. by date set for trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 199 pp. 8x10x2. Office.

123. JURY TRIAL DOCKET - BAR, 1891-1925. 1 vol.

Record of civil and criminal cases set for trial by jury before this court, prepared for use of attorneys, showing number of case, names of attorney, plaintiff, and defendant; nature of action or offense charged, date set for trial, and rules of past and present court terms. Also contains: Record of cases set for trial in criminal court, 1917-18, entry 153. Arr. chron. by date set for trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 199 pp. 8x10x2. Office.

124. JURY TRIAL DOCKET - CLERK, 1891-1925. 1 vol.

Clerk's record of civil and criminal cases set for trial by jury before this court, showing number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged or nature of action, rules of past and present court terms, and date of trial. Also contains: Record of cases set for trial in criminal court, 1917-18, entry 154. Arr. chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 199 pp. 8x10x2. Office.

125. NON-JURY TRIAL DOCKET - COURT, 1919--. 1 vol.

Record of civil cases set for non-jury trial before this court, prepared for the use of the judge, showing number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; nature of action, rules of past and present court terms, and date of trial. Arr. chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 185 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

126. NON-JURY TRIAL DOCKET - BAR, 1919--. 1 vol.

Record of civil cases set for non-jury trial before this court, prepared for the use of attorneys, showing number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; nature of action, rules of past and present court terms, and date of trial. Arr. chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 185 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

127. NON-JURY TRIAL DOCKET - CLERK, 1919--. 1 vol.

Clerk's record of civil cases set for non-jury trial before this court, showing number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; nature of action, rules of past and present court terms, and date of trial. Arr. chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 185 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

128. STATE DOCKET - COURT (Workhouse Cases), 1918-25. 1 vol.

A record prepared for use of the judge, listing cases tried by this court in which defendants were committed to the workhouse, showing date of court

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term, number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, whether by indictment or presentment, amount of bond, names of bondsmen, and rules of the court. Also contains: Record of workhouse cases in criminal court, 1918, entry 155. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 199 pp. 8x12x2. Office.

129. STATE DOCKET - BAR (Workhouse Cases), 1918-25. 1 vol.
A record prepared for use of the bar, listing cases tried by this court in which defendants were committed to the workhouse, showing date of court term, case number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, whether by presentment or indictment, amount of bond, names of bondsmen, and rules of the court. Also contains: Record of workhouse cases tried in criminal court, 1918, entry 156. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 199 pp. 8x12x2. Office.

130. STATE DOCKET - CLERK (Workhouse Cases), 1918-25. 1 vol.
Clerk's record of cases tried before this court in which defendants were committed to the workhouse, showing date of court term, number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, whether by presentment or indictment, amount of bond, names of bondsmen, and rules of the court. Also contains: Clerk's record of workhouse cases tried in criminal court, 1918, entry 157. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 199 pp. 8x12x2. Office.

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131. ENROLLING BOOK, 1865-76. 3 vols. Title varies: Record, 1870-73, 1 vol.
Recorded copies of original process filed, including fi fas, writs of attachment or injunction, summons, and cost and prosecution bonds; showing names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action or offense charged, text of instrument, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. 1870-73, no index; 1865-69, 1874-76, indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. Aver. 574 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

For original instruments filed, see entries 105, 106, 108.

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132. GRAND JURY DOCKET, 1903--. 6 vols. (1-6).
Record of proceedings in cases heard by the grand jury, showing date of court term, number of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action or offense charged, names of witnesses appearing, and action of the jury as to whether indictment or no true bill returned. Also contains: Record of criminal court cases heard by the grand jury, 1917-18, entry 158. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 180 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

For other records of witnesses appearing, see entry 141.

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133. MINUTE BOOK, 1821-62, 1866--. 45 vols. (A-T, A-H, 1-3, 3-16).
Title varies; Records, 1821-71, 7 vols.

Record of proceedings in the disposition of all cases tried by this court, showing term of court, date of entry, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action or offense charged, detailed account of the court's proceedings, orders of the court, final disposition of the case, and signature of the judge; also a list of jurors serving in each case. Arr. chron. by term of court. 1821-23, no index; for index 1824-71, see entry 134; 1872--, indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. Aver. 580 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

For other records of jurors serving, see entry 135.

134. GENERAL INDEX BOOKS, 1824-71. 3 vols. (1-3).

Direct and reverse index to minute books, entry 133; showing names of plaintiff and defendant, book in which case is recorded, and page number of recordation. Arr. alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 632 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

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135. CLERK'S JURY BOOK, 1930--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of jurors serving in cases tried before this court, showing date of court term, style of case, nature of action or offense charged, and names of jurors and court officer. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 240 pp. 7x17x1. Office.

For other record of jurors serving, see entry 133.

Tax Records

136. TAX MINUTES, 1894-96. 1 vol. (1).

A record of proceedings in delinquent tax suits, showing names of presiding judge, plaintiff, and defendant; number of acres, location of property, amount of delinquent tax, and date set for sale of property. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 587 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

For other records of delinquent tax suits, see entry 181.

137. RECORD OF TAX SALES (State Treasurer), 1898-99. 1 vol. (A).

Record of tax sales to the State, showing name of party to whom tax is assessed, date of assessment, description and location of property, number of acres, amount of State and county tax, trustee's fees, and total amount due. Also a record of redemptions, showing date of sale, name of purchaser, and amount for which redeemed. Arr. chron. by date of assessment or date of sale. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 145 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

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138. RECORD OF TAX SALES (Individuals), 1899-1918. 1 vol.

Record of tax sales to individuals, showing name of party to whom tax is assessed, date of assessment, description and location of property, number of acres, amount of State and county tax, trustee's fee, and total amount due on date of sale. Also record of redemptions, showing date, name of person making redemption, and amount for which redeemed. Arr. chron. by date of assessment or date of sale. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 145 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

Workhouse Records
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139. WORKHOUSE PRISONER'S RECORD, 1927--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of prisoners committed to the workhouse, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, offense charged, date of trial, date of sentence, term of imprisonment, date admitted to workhouse, date and amount of bond, names of sureties, whether released or escaped; if recaptured, expense of recapture; amount worked out, date and amount of payment, dates reported, and amount paid to State and county. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 240 pp. 12x16x2. Office.

For other records of workhouse prisoners, see entry 357.

Countersigned Licenses

140. LICENSE REPORT, 1926-33. 2 vols. (3, 4).

Record of privilege licenses issued by the county court clerk and countersigned by the circuit court clerk, showing date issued and date of expiration, to whom issued, kind of business, address, amounts of State privilege and ad valorem, State university tax, rural school tax, State highway tax, county privilege and ad valorem school tax, and total tax. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. Aver. 200 pp. 18x12x2. Office.

For stubs of licenses issued, see entry 56.

Financial Records
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Witness Fees

141. WITNESS DOCKET, 1860-75, 1915--. 3 vols. (A, D, 192).

Record of witnesses appearing before this court and before the grand jury, showing style of case, names of witnesses for plaintiff and defendant, term of court, number of days attended, number of miles traveled, amount due for ferriage, and total amount due witness. Also contains: Record of

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witnesses appearing in criminal court, 1917-18, entry 160. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. Aver. 654 pp. 18x12x3. Office.
For other records of witnesses, see entry 132.

Final Executions

142. EXECUTION DOCKET (Civil and Criminal), 1837-46, 1856-60, 1866-71, 1876, 1894--. 27 vols. (A-J, W, Z, 27-35, 37-41). Title varies: Record, 1842-44, 1855-59; 2 vols.

Financial record of all cases tried in this court, showing date of court term, number of case, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; date and amount of judgment rendered, itemized bill of costs, clerk's receipts for payment of costs, and receipts for distribution of same. Arr. chron. by term of court. For index 1827-68, see entry 143; 1869-74, no index; 1875--, indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. Aver. 580 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

143. GENERAL INDEX TO EXECUTION DOCKET, 1827-68. 2 vols. (dated). Direct and reverse index to execution dockets, entry 142; showing names of plaintiff and defendant, volume and page number where case is recorded, and date of court term. Arr. alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 632 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

Receipts and Disbursements

144. (REVENUE DOCKET), 1924--. 1 vol.

Clerk's record of State and county revenue collected on litigation. Record of State revenue shows names of plaintiff and defendant, docket number, amounts of fine, expense fee, tax, attorney general's fee, and total. Canceled check showing payment to State Treasurer is pasted on page when transaction is recorded. Record of county revenue shows style and number of case, amounts of fine, expense fee, tax, and total. Judge's receivable warrant with trustee's acknowledgment of receipt of revenue is pasted on page of corresponding entry, showing date, amount, and trustee's signature. Also contains: Record of revenue collected in criminal court, 1917-18, entry 162. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 12x14x2. Office.

145. RECORD OF FEES COLLECTED, 1899--. 2 vols. Title varies: Fee Book, 1899-1918, 1 vol.

Record of fees collected by the clerk, showing date of collection, from whom received, on what account, amount, and total of all collections. Pasted in the volumes are receipts from the trustee for county revenue received from the clerk, written on receivable warrants issued by the county judge, authorizing the trustee to accept the amount collected, showing date of receipt, name of clerk from whom received, amount, and signature of trustee. Also contains: Record of fees collected in criminal court, 1917-18, entry 163. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 225 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

X. CRIMINAL COURT

During part or all of the period between April 7, 1917, and January 22, 1919, Tipton County had a special criminal court, held by the county judge.⁷¹ The clerk of this court was the circuit court clerk.⁷² An attorney selected by the quarterly county court was to represent the State in this court until September 1, 1918.⁷³ His successor was to be elected by popular vote for a term of 8 years.⁷⁴ He was to receive \$10 for each conviction, the fee to be taxed as part of the costs.⁷⁵ The court had exclusive common law and statutory jurisdiction, original and appellate, over misdemeanors and concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit and chancery courts in abatement of nuisances and in ouster suits.⁷⁶ Appeals were to be taken to the Supreme Court.⁷⁷ The records of the criminal court were to be kept separately from those of other courts.⁷⁸

Original Instruments

146. (TRIAL PAPERS, DISPOSED CASES), 1917-18. In (Trial Papers, Disposed Cases), entry 106.

Original papers incident to action in cases which have been disposed of by this court, including original bill, warrants, summons, subpoenas, mittimuses, and bonds. All papers pertaining to a particular case are filed in one folder, **showing** style of case, offense charged, and manner and date of disposition.

147. (SOLICITORS' RECEIPTS FOR CRIMINAL PAPERS), 1917-18. In Solicitors' Receipts for Papers, entry 107.

Record of papers borrowed from the clerk's office by attorneys, showing style of case in which papers were filed, date borrowed, name of attorney, date papers returned, and signature of clerk acknowledging receipt of same.

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148. (CRIMINAL APPEARANCE DOCKET), 1917-18. In Appearance Docket, entry 109.

Record of first appearance of all cases to be tried in this court, showing

71. Pr.A. 1917, ch. 563; Pr.A. 1919, ch. 8.
72. Pr.A. 1917, ch. 563, secs. 5, 10, 11, 15.
73. Ibid., sec. 21.
74. Ibid., sec. 22.
75. Ibid., sec. 23.
76. Ibid., secs. 2, 3, 18.
77. Ibid., sec. 20.
78. Ibid., sec. 10.

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date of court term, names of attorneys, number of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, offense charged, and rules of the court.

149. (CRIMINAL REFERENCE DOCKET - COURT), 1917-18. In Reference Docket - Court, entry 110.

A record prepared for the judge's reference, listing all cases filed in this court, showing date filed, number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, and rules of past and present court terms.

150. (CRIMINAL REFERENCE DOCKET - BAR), 1917-18. In Reference Docket - Bar, entry 111.

A record prepared for use of the bar, listing all cases filed in this court, showing date filed, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; case number, offense charged, and rules of past and present court terms.

151. (CRIMINAL REFERENCE DOCKET - CLERK), 1917-18. In Reference Docket - Clerk, entry 112.

A record prepared for the clerk's reference, listing all cases filed in this court before they are placed in proper dockets, showing date filed, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; number of case, offense charged, and rules of past and present court terms.

152. (CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL DOCKET - COURT), 1917-18. In Jury Trial Docket - Court, entry 122.

Record of cases set for trial by jury before this court, prepared for use of the judge, showing number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, date set for trial, and rules of past and present court terms.

153. (CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL DOCKET - BAR), 1917-18. In Jury Trial Docket - Bar, entry 123.

A record of all cases set for trial before this court, prepared for use of the bar, showing number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, date set for trial, and rules of past and present court terms.

154. (JURY TRIAL DOCKET - CRIMINAL CLERK), 1917-18. In Jury Trial Docket - Clerk, entry 124.

Clerk's record of cases set for trial by jury before this court, showing number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, rules of past and present court terms, and date of trial.

155. (COURT DOCKET - WORKHOUSE CASES), 1918. In State Docket - Court (Workhouse Cases), entry 128.

A record prepared for use of the judge, listing cases tried by this court in which defendants were committed to the workhouse, showing case number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, whether by indictment or presentment, amount of bond, names of bondsmen, and rules of the court.

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156. (BAR DOCKET - WORKHOUSE CASES), 1918. In State Docket - Bar (Workhouse Cases), entry 129.

A record prepared for use of the bar, listing cases tried before this court, in which defendants were committed to the workhouse, showing date of court term, case number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, whether by indictment or presentment, amount of bond, names of bondsmen, and rules of the court.

157. (CLERK'S DOCKET, WORKHOUSE CASES), 1918. In State Docket - Clerk (Workhouse Cases), entry 130.

Clerk's record of cases tried before this court, in which defendants were committed to the workhouse, showing date of court term, number of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, whether by indictment or presentment, amount of bond, names of bondsmen, and rules of the court.

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158. (GRAND JURY DOCKET), 1917-18. In Grand Jury Docket, entry 132.

A record of proceedings in cases heard by the grand jury, showing date of court term, number of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, offense charged, names of witnesses appearing, and action of the jury as to returning true bill or no true bill.

For other records of witnesses, see entry 160.

159. MINUTES, 1917-18. 1 vol. (1).

Record of proceedings in the disposition of cases tried in this court, showing term of court, date of entry, name of defendant, offense charged, detailed account of the court's proceedings, orders of the court, verdict of the court, date of hearing, and names of sheriff and presiding judge. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 385 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

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Witness Fees

160. (CRIMINAL WITNESS DOCKET), 1917-18. In Witness Docket, entry 141.

Record of witnesses appearing in this court and before grand jury, showing style of case, names of State witnesses, names of witnesses for defendant, date of court term, number of days attended, number of miles traveled, amount due for ferriage, and total amount due for services.

For other records of witnesses, see entry 158.

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161. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1917-18. 1 vol. (1).

Financial record of all cases tried in this court, showing term of court,

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number of case, names of defendant and attorneys, offense charged, date of trial, date and amount of judgment, itemized bill of costs, date paid, and receipts for distribution of collections. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 293 pp. 18x12x3. Office.

Receipts and Disbursements

162. (REVENUE DOCKET), 1917-18. In (Revenue Docket), entry 144. Record of State and county revenue collected by the clerk, showing style of case, docket number, amount of fine, expense fee, tax, attorney's fee, and total. Canceled checks, showing payment of State revenue to the State Treasurer, and trustee's receipts for county revenue paid to him, are pasted in the volume.

163. (RECORD OF FEES COLLECTED), 1917-18. In Record of Fees Collected, entry 145. Record of fees collected by the clerk, showing date of collection, from whom received, on what account, amount, and total of all collections: Receipts from the trustee for county revenue received from the clerk, written on receivable warrants issued by the county judge authorizing the trustee to accept the amount collected, are pasted in the volumes, showing date of receipt, name of clerk from whom received, amount, and signature of trustee.

XI. CHANCERY COURT

No chancery court was held in Tipton County until 1854. Prior to 1836, equity suits arising in Tipton County and not brought in the circuit court of the county were tried in a chancery court held at Jackson, in Madison County.⁷⁹ Between 1836 and 1845 a chancery court was held at Brownsville, in Haywood County, for Tipton, Haywood, and Lauderdale Counties.⁸⁰ Between 1846 and 1849 a chancery court was held at Memphis, in Shelby County, for Tipton and Shelby Counties.⁸¹ From February 1850 until February 1852 plaintiffs in chancery cases arising in Tipton County had the alternative of filing their bills in the common law and chancery court of Memphis and the chancery court of Haywood County at Brownsville.⁸² From February 1852 until February 1854 a chancery court was held at Somerville, in Fayette County, for Tipton and Fayette Counties.⁸³

79. P.A. 1824, ex. ses., ch. 14, sec. 8; P.A. 1827, ch. 79.

80. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 4; Tennessee Historical Records Survey, Inventory of The County Archives of Tennessee: No. 38, Haywood County, Brownsville, 73.

81. Acts 1845-46, ch. 21, sec. 3.

82. Acts 1849-50, ch. 31, sec. 4.

83. Acts 1851-52, ch. 352, sec. 4.

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In 1854 a chancery court was established in Tipton County.⁸⁴ At present, Tipton County forms a part of the ninth chancery division.⁸⁵

The chancery court is chiefly a court of equity and, also has considerable concurrent jurisdiction with the probate court and the circuit court over the appointment and supervision of personal representatives and the partition and distribution of estates and concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court in all civil cases at law except certain cases of unliquidated damages.⁸⁶

Prior to 1854, the chancellor, the judge of the chancery court, was appointed by the General Assembly;⁸⁷ since then he has been elected by popular vote for a term of 8 years.⁸⁸ Until 1836 the clerk and master was appointed by the chancellor, for a term of good behavior,⁸⁹ and since then for a term of 6 years.⁹⁰

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164. (TRIAL PAPERS - ACTIVE CASES), 1916--. Est. 100 papers in 2 f. d. (lettered).
Original trial papers pertaining to cases pending action in this court,

84. Acts 1853-54, ch. 105, sec. 5.

85. C 1938, 159.

86. L.N.C. 1762, ch. 5, sec. 5 (C 1932, 8476); P.A. 1831, ch. 107 (C 1932, 9573); P.A. 1835-36, ch. 19, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10325); P.A. 1835-36, ch. 20, sec. 1 (C 1932, 9169, 10350, 10379, 10380); Acts 1837-38, ch. 156 (C 1932, 10326); Acts 1841-42, ch. 177, sec. 1 (C 1932, 8155, 10382); Acts 1845-46, ch. 194 (C 1932, 10325); Acts 1851-52, ch. 57, sec. 1 (C 1932, 9647, 9648, 9650); Acts 1851-52, ch. 92, sec. 1 (C 1932, 9169, 10220); Acts 1851-52, ch. 163 (C 1932, 9613), sec. 1 (C 1932, 10375); Acts 1851-52, ch. 173, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10381), sec. 7 (C 1932, 9385); Acts 1853-54, ch. 74 (C 1932, 9575, 9587); Acts 1855-56, ch. 113, sec. 11 (C 1932, 7783, 9573); C 1858, 4299 (C 1932, 10376); Acts 1873, ch. 64 (C 1932, 8263, 10225, 10226); Acts 1877, ch. 97 (C 1932, 10377); Acts 1889, ch. 137 (C 1932, 8166); Acts 1891, ch. 98, sec. 2 (C 1932, 8005); P.A. 1915, ch. 47 (C 1932, 10377); P.A. 1919, ch. 42, sec. 3 (C 1932, 9976); C 1932, 1591.

87. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 3; P.A. 1827, ch. 79, sec. 2; Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 3.

88. Acts 1851-52, resolution 3; Acts 1853-54, resolution 16, amending Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 3; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 3 (C 1932, 1912), sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916).

89. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 10.

90. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 13, P.A. 1835-36, ch. 4, sec. 6; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 20, sec. 7; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13.

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including bills, motions, demurrers, pleas and answers, subpoenas, injunction, attachment, and cost bonds; depositions, decrees, and executions, showing, in addition to text of the instrument, number and style of case, and date filed. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. No index. Hdw. & typed. 8x10x1. Office.

For other original bonds, see entries 174, 175; for copies of all process, see entry 176.

165. (TRIAL PAPERS - DISPOSED CASES), 1854--. Est. 28,000 papers in 258 pigeon holes.

Original papers incident to action in cases which have been disposed of by the court, including bills, motions, demurrers, pleas and answers, depositions, and injunction, attachment and cost bonds; showing in addition to text of the instrument, names of parties involved, case number, and date filed. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. For index, see entry 166. Hdw., 1854-1917; hdw. & typed, 1918--. 136 pigeon holes, 6x6x12; 122 pigeon holes, 12x6x12. Office.

For other original bonds, see entries 174, 175; for copies of all process, see entry 176.

166. (INDEX TO DISPOSED CASES), 1854--. 20 papers in 3 pigeon holes. Index to cases which have been disposed of by the court, entry 165; showing names of complainant, respondent, and solicitors; and location of pigeon hole in which case is filed. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. Typed. 1 pigeon hole, 6x6x12; 2 pigeon holes, 12x6x12. Office.

167. SOLICITOR'S RECEIPT FOR PAPERS, 1879--. 1 vol. (1). Record of papers borrowed from this office by solicitors, showing name of solicitor, date paper borrowed, description of document, and date returned. Arr. chron. by date borrowed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 12x16x2. Office.

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168. RULE DOCKET, 1854--. 9 vols. (A-I). A record of all process in chancery action, showing names of solicitors, case number, names of complainant and respondent, cause of action, date of filing original bill, date and nature of process issued or filed, note of officer's return, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. by date original bill filed. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

169. DEPOSITION DOCKET, 1869-85. 1 vol. (A). Record of depositions filed in chancery cases, showing names of solicitors, case number, names of complainant and respondent, date filed, by whom filed, names of witnesses, notes of exceptions, and rules of the court. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 480 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

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170. HEARING DOCKET - CHANCELLOR (New and Continued Cases),
1916--. 1 vol. (dated).

Record of cases set for hearing in this court, and prepared for the use of the chancellor, showing date set, case number, names of complainant, respondent, and solicitors; nature of action, date of filing original bill, orders of the court, dates of orders, and volume and page of recording. Arr. chron. by date set for hearing. Index alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. 100 pp. 9x12x1. Office.

171. HEARING DOCKET - BAR (New and Continued Cases), 1916--.
1 vol. (dated).

Record of cases set for hearing in this court, and prepared for use of the bar, showing date set for trial, case number, names of complainant, respondent, and solicitors; kind of action, date of filing original bill, orders of the court, and dates of orders. Arr. chron. by date set for trial. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. 100 pp. 9x12x1. Office.

172. HEARING DOCKET - CLERK & MASTER (New and Continued Cases),
1916--. 1 vol.

Clerk's record of cases pending action in this court, showing date set for trial, case number, names of complainant, respondent, and solicitors; cause of action, date case filed, orders of the court, and dates of orders. Arr. chron. by date set for trial. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. 100 pp. 9x12x1. Office.

173. HEARING DOCKET - DISPOSED CASES. 1912--. 1 vol.

Record of cases heard and disposed of by this court, showing date of trial, case number, names of complainant, respondent, and solicitors; cause of action, date case filed, orders of court, dates of orders, volume and page of recording in minute book. This record is compiled of pages removed from the chancellor's hearing docket as cases are disposed of. Arr. chron. by date of disposal. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. & typed. 800 pp. 8x10x14. Office.

Bonds

174. COST BONDS, 1876-1920. 2 vols. (A-B).

Bonds executed by complainants to insure payment of court costs and damages in case of failure to prosecute with effect, showing names of principal and sureties, date and amount of bond, condition of the obligation, style of case, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 580 pp. 9x11x2. Office.

For prior and subsequent records, see entries 164, 165; for copies of bonds, see entry 176.

175. ATTACHMENT AND INJUNCTION BONDS, 1876-1921. 2 vols. (A-B).
Original bonds executed by complainants in injunction and attachment suits,

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to insure payment of costs and damages in case of wrongful suing, showing names of principal and sureties, date of bond, condition of the obligation, amount of bond, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 596 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

For prior and subsequent record, see entries 164, 165; for copies of bonds, see entry 176.

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176. ENROLLING BOOK, 1865-77. 8 vols. (A, B, F, G-I; 2 vols. Not labeled).

Copies of original instruments filed in chancery cases, including original bill, subpoenas, orders for publication, writs of attachment and injunction, orders pro confesso, bonds, rules, and answers, showing, in addition to the text, names of complainant and respondent, cause of action, and dates instrument executed and filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. Aver. 500 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

For original processes filed, see entries 164, 165, 174, 175.

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177. MINUTE BOOK, 1854--. 18 vols. (A-R).

Record of the exact proceedings of this court in the disposition of all cases, showing date of court term, names of complainant, respondent, and solicitors; case number, cause of action, bills filed, depositions taken, judgments rendered, and final decree. A record of each step in the trial process is minutely made, and the record is signed by the chancellor. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw., 1824-1937; typed, 1938--. Aver. 640 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

178. RULES AND ORDERS BOOK, 1859--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of rules and orders of the court incident to petitions for the appointment of guardians ad litem, receivers, orders pro confesso, and demands for trial by jury, showing names of complainant and respondent, date and nature of the petition, names of solicitors, signature of clerk and master, and dates of rules and orders of the court. Arr. chron. by date of petition. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. Aver. 300 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

179. JUDGMENT INDEX, 1898-1915. 1 vol. (1).

A record of judgments rendered in this court, showing names of complainant and respondent, cause of action, date of judgment, and amount. Arr. under alph. tabs by name of respondent. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

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180. BACK TAX BOOK, 1918--. 4 vols. (1, 2, 4, 5). Last entry 1936. Record of delinquent taxes, showing name of property owner, description of property, district number, number and value of town lots, number of acres and value of farm land, total assessment, amounts of State tax, county tax, interest and damage, interests and penalty, clerk's fee, lawyer's fee, and officer's fee; total tax, interest, penalty, and fees; and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 300 pp. 15x19x2. Office.

181. TAX MINUTES, 1889-95. 1 vol. (1). Discontinued. Record of judgments rendered in delinquent tax suits, creating liens on property and ordering sale of same, showing date of court term, style of case, rule number, name of chancellor, date judgment rendered, description of property, years for which taxes are due, amounts of taxes, interest, penalties, and costs due; amount of credits for payments made, if any; orders of the court, and signature of the chancellor. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. by name of respondent. Hdw. on pr. fm. 574 pp. 18x14x3. Office.

For other records of delinquent tax suits, see entry 136.

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182. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1855--. 7 vols. (A-G). Financial record of all cases in this court, showing names of complainant, respondent, and solicitors; date process issued, date of officer's return, amounts of court costs and judgment, and receipts for payment and distribution of collections. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

183. RECORD OF CLERK'S FEES, 1911--. 1 vol. Record of all fees collected by the clerk and master and reported to the county judge, showing date of collection, from whom received, account of collection, amounts of State tax, county tax, commission, and costs; and total collection. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

184. CASH BOOK, 1906--. 2 vols. Record of cash received and disbursed by the clerk, showing date of collection, name of payor, on what account, style of case, and amount; date of payment, name of payee, purpose of payment, style of case, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of collection or payment. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 400 pp. 11x15x2. Office.

185. RECEIPTS - CLERK & MASTER, 1893--. 5 vols. Clerk's receipts for disbursements incident to litigation in this court,

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showing date of payment, style of case, amount of payment, name of payee, purpose of payment, and signature of person receiving payment. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 9x14xl. Office.

XII. PROBATE COURT

Under the general law, the probate court is the judicial branch of the county court, meeting to expedite the probate of wills, the appointment and supervision of personal representatives, the partition and distribution of estates and the performance of related functions, and the establishment and supervision of special road improvement, levee, and drainage districts.⁹¹ Now held by the county judge,⁹² the court has existed in one form or another—the court of pleas and quarter sessions in its judicial role, the quorum court, the county chairman's court, and the present court—since the organization of the county.⁹³ The clerk of the court is the county court clerk.⁹⁴ A series of special acts have modified the general pattern of the probate court in Tipton County by enlarging its jurisdiction. The special act of 1905 that created the office of county judge authorized him to issue "writs of attachment or injunction, certiorari and supersedeas and all other extraordinary writs that the Chancellors and Circuit Judges of this State have the power to grant, and also to hear and determine cases on writs of habeas corpus, and ... to appoint receivers."⁹⁵ In 1907 the probate court was given concurrent jurisdiction with the chancery court to permit guardians "to trench and encroach upon the corpus of the estates of their wards."⁹⁶ In 1911 the probate court was vested with concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit and chancery courts over divorces, and concurrent jurisdiction, both original and appellate, with the circuit and criminal courts over misdemeanors.⁹⁷ In 1919 the jurisdiction over misdemeanors was abolished.⁹⁸ In 1939 the probate court was given concurrent power with the circuit court of Tipton County to decide misdemeanor and felony cases

91. C 1932, 2823, 2824, 4216, 4217, 10193, 10225-10237.

92. Acts 1905, ch. 289, secs. 6-8; Acts 1907, ch. 423; Pr.A. 1911, ch. 607; Pr.A. 1919, ch. 218; Pr.A. 1939, ch. 576.

93. Acts 1794, ch. 1, secs. 1, 45; P.A. 1827, ch. 44, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 5, sec. 7 (C 1932, 10318), secs. 8, 10; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10193, 10194), sec. 2 (C 1932, 10225, subsecs. 1, 2); Acts 1837-38, ch. 135, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10193, 10194); Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10221); P.A. 1857-58, ch. 5; Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 763, 10193, 10194).

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

95. Acts 1905, ch. 289, sec. 9.

96. Acts 1907, ch. 423.

97. Pr.A. 1911, ch. 607, secs. 3, 4.

98. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 218.

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wherein the defendants plead guilty,⁹⁹ and for which the punishment does not exceed one year in the State penitentiary. Between 1911 and 1919 and since 1939 the probate court had and now has authority to empanel juries when necessary.¹ When the probate court exercises its criminal jurisdiction, the circuit court clerk acts as clerk and keeps a separate set of records for this court.²

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186. (TRIAL PAPERS), 1840--. 49 f. b.

Original papers incident to proceedings in cases of probate, habeas corpus, bastardy, change of name, and suits filed in insolvency cases, including warrants, subpoenas, original bills, answers, and orders of the court, each instrument showing in addition to the text, date, and number and style of case. Arr. chron. as filed. No index. Hdw. & hdw. on pr. fm., 1840-1915; hdw., typed & hdw. or typed on pr. fm., 1916--. 6x8x12. Office.

187. DIVORCE PAPERS, 1911--. 15 f. d., 60 f. b.

Original papers incident to divorce proceedings, including original bills, cost bonds, warrants, subpoenas and decrees, showing, in addition to the text, case number, style of case, cause of action, and date instrument filed. Arr. chron. as filed. No index. Hdw., typed, hdw. & typed on pr. fm. 6x10x12. Office.

188. (ADOPTIONS), 1906--. In Misc(ellaneous) Papers (Reports, Resolutions, Deeds, Etc.), entry 1.

Petitions filed in adoption cases, showing name of petitioner, name and age of child, qualifications of petitioner to care for child, name which child will use after adoption, date of petition, and signature of petitioner.

189. (PROOF OF PUBLICATION), 1916--. In Misc(ellaneous) Papers (Reports, Resolutions, Deeds, Etc.), entry 1.

Notarized statements furnished by newspapers as proof that certain notices have been published as required by law, showing date, and signatures of publisher and notary public. A copy of the publication is attached to each statement.

190. (CLERK'S RECEIPTS FOR OFFICIAL PAPERS), 1885--. 2 vols.

(1; one vol. not labeled).

Record of official papers borrowed from this office by attorneys, showing name of attorney, date papers borrowed, and date returned. Arr. chron.

99. Pr.A. 1939, ch. 576, secs. 2, 3.

1. Pr.A. 1911, ch. 607, sec. 8; Pr.A. 1919, ch. 218; Pr.A. 1939, ch. 576, sec. 3.

2. Ibid., sec. 4.

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by date borrowed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 480 pp. 12x16x3.
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191. RULE DOCKET, 1873--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of process filed or issued incident to divorce, partition of estate, release of guardian and appointment of successor, sale of land, contest of will, and homestead and dower; showing case number, names of attorneys and parties to suit, date and nature of process, record of execution, note of officer's return, date of decree, and book and page number of recording in minute book. Arr. chron. by date filed or issued. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 12x16x2. Office.

192. TRIAL DOCKET, 1922--. 2 vols. (6, 7).

A record of all cases tried by the judge, including habeas corpus proceedings, divorce cases, partition sales, petitions to encroach, petitions to resign as guardian or be relieved as surety on bond, and insolvencies; showing names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; cause of action, and rules of the past and present court terms. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 12x16x2. Office.

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193. (PROBATE MINUTES), 1823--. In Minutes, entry 4.

Recorded minutes of the proceedings of the county court sitting as a probate court, including the probate of wills, appointment of administrators and guardians, settlement of estates, adoption and insanity hearings, and the dispatch of all matters coming within the jurisdiction of this court.

194. (INDEX TO PROBATE MINUTES), 1823-77. In (Index to Minutes), entry 5.

General index to Probate Minutes, entry 193, showing name of individual or subject, nature of recording, and volume and page number where recorded.

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Wills

195. WILLS, 1824--. 9 f. b.

Original wills filed for probate, showing name of testator, date instrument

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executed, provisions of the partition, distribution or administration of the estate; signatures of testator and witnesses, date filed for probate, and book and page of recordation in will book. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw., 1824-1915; hdw. & typed, 1916--. 5x10x12. Office.

196. WILL BOOK, 1824--. 5 vols. (A-E).

Copies of original wills filed, showing name of testator, date instrument executed, provisions for the partition, distribution or administration of the estate; names of testator and witnesses, certificate of probate, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of probate. Indexed alph. by name of testator. Hdw., 1824-1929; typed, 1930--. Aver. 400 pp. 12x18x4. Office.

Appointments of Personal Representatives

197. (APPOINTMENTS OF ADMINISTRATORS AND GUARDIANS), 1824--. In Misc(ellaneous)Papers (Reports, Resolutions, Deeds, Etc.), entry 1.

Petitions presented to the court for appointments of administrators and guardians, showing date of petition, names of person designated as appointee, name of estate or ward, and date of court's approval.

Bonds and Letters

198. (ADMINISTRATOR'S, EXECUTOR'S AND GUARDIAN'S BONDS), 1826-55.
1 f. b.

Original bonds executed by administrators, executors, and guardians to guarantee faithful performance of duties, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, name of estate or ward, condition of the obligation, signatures of principal and sureties, and acknowledgment of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. & hdw. on pr. fm. 10x12x18. Tower rm.

For subsequent records, see entries 199-201.

199. EXECUTOR'S BONDS AND LETTERS, 1876--. 2 vols. (2,3).

Original bonds of executors guaranteeing faithful performance of duties, showing name and address of executor, date and amount of bond, name of estate, condition of the obligation, and signatures of executor and bondsmen. Also contains letters testamentary, authorizing executor to assume control of estate, showing date issued, name of executor, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 625 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

For prior records, see entry 198.

200. ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND AND LETTERS, 1856--. 6 vols. (1-6).

Original bonds of administrators, guaranteeing the faithful performance of all duties imposed, and the faithful and diligent accounting for all money belonging to estates to be administered, showing name and address of administrator, date and amount of bond, condition of the obligation, name of

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estate, and signatures of administrator and bondsmen; also contains letters of administration, showing name of administrator appointed, duties as set out and authorized by the court, date issued, and signature of the clerk or deputy. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver 440 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

For prior records, see entry 198.

201. GUARDIAN'S BOND AND LETTERS, 1856--. 5 vols. (A-E).

Original bonds of guardians guaranteeing faithful performance of duties, showing names and addresses of guardian and ward, date bond executed, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, and signatures of guardian and bondsmen; also letters of guardianship showing names of guardian and ward, duties set out and authorized by the court, date issued, and signature of the clerk or deputy. Arr. alph. by name of guardian. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

For prior records, see entry 198.

Settlements

202. (ADMINISTRATOR'S, EXECUTOR'S AND GUARDIAN'S SETTLEMENTS), 1824--.

1 strg. box, 1 trunk, 19 f. b.

Original papers incident to settlements of estates by administrators, executors, and guardians; including an inventory showing value of all property belonging to the estate, date inventory made, and signature of representative; all claims filed against the estate, showing itemized statement of account, dates of purchases, date filed and notarization of creditor; receipts and vouchers for all disbursements by representative, showing date paid, name of payee, amount, and purpose of payment; and final settlement of estate, showing statement of assets disposed of, amounts received and disbursed, and balance due heirs. 1824-96, no obvious arr.; 1897--, arr. chron. as filed. No index. Hdw., 1824-40; hdw. & hdw. on pr. fm., 1841--. Strg. box, 18x36x42; trunk, 24x24x36; f. b., 5x10x12. 1 strg. box, 1 trunk, 1824-96, tower rm.; 19 f. b., 1897--, office.

203. ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS SETTLEMENTS, 1824--. 7 vols. (A-G).

Recorded copies of settlements filed by administrators and executors, showing name of individual making settlement, name of estate, date of settlement, an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, acknowledgment and approval of the court, and signature of the clerk. Final settlements bear certification of the clerk that he has vouchers for all credits claimed and all records pertaining thereto, same being reported to the court for confirmation. Arr. chron. as filed. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw., 1824-1929; typed, 1930--. Aver. 600 pp. 12x18x4. Office.

204. GUARDIAN SETTLEMENT, 1824--. 11 vols. (A-K).

Copies of guardian's annual and final reports on the stewardship of estates controlled by them, showing names of guardian and ward, date of guardian's appointment, place where bond is recorded, and itemized account of all receipts and disbursements during the reported period, balance due ward, oath

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of the guardian, acknowledgment and approval of the court, date of recording, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of recording. Indexed alph. by name of ward. Hdw., 1824-1917; typed, 1918--. Aver. 590 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

Receipts and Vouchers

205. GUARDIAN'S (Executor's) AND ADMINISTRATOR'S RECEIPT, 1840--.
3 vols. (A-C).

Original receipts from wards and heirs to guardians, administrators and executors, acknowledging payments made in settlement of estates, showing amount, name of payee, whether partial or final settlement, date of payment, signature of receiptor, and receiptor's affidavit that receipt was executed and signed by him. Arr. chron. by date of payment. Indexed alph. by name of receiptor. Hdw. Aver. 350 pp. 10x14x3. Office.

206. ADMINISTRATOR'S AND EXECUTOR'S VOUCHERS, 1924--. 5 f. d.
Canceled checks, receipts, and paid notes, representing disbursements made by administrators and executors in the settlement of estates, showing date of disbursement, name of payee, amount and purpose of payment, and signature of administrator or executor. Arr. chron. by date of disbursement. No index. Hdw., typed, & hdw. or typed on pr. fm. 6x12x12. Office.

Widows' Provisions

207. WIDOW'S YEARS PROVISIONS, 1867--. 4 f. b.
Original papers incident to provisions for year's support of widows and their families, including court orders appointing commissioners to set apart necessary provisions, showing date of order, names of commissioners, widow and deceased; oath of commissioners to faithfully perform duties as such, report of commissioners, showing amount of money and other provisions set aside for year's support, signatures of commissioners, and acknowledgment and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of order. No index. Hdw., 1867-1915; hdw. on pr. fm., 1916--. 5x10x12. Office.

208. WIDOW'S YEAR PROVISION BOOK, 1823--. 6 vols. (1-6).
A record of year's provisions for widows as set aside by commissioners duly appointed by the court, showing names of commissioners, amount of money and other provisions, names of widow and estate, date recorded, and names of commissioners. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm., 1823-1917; typed on pr. fm., 1918--. Aver. 640 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

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209. INHERITANCE TAX (Direct and Collateral), 1915-31. 2 vols.
Record of inheritance tax assessments, direct and collateral, showing names of appraiser and estate, appraiser's oath, date of appraisal, and a list of all real and personal property belonging to the estate, showing name of each legatee, appraised value of inheritance, and amount of State tax due.

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Arr. chron. by date of appraisal. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. & hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

Land Sales

210. LAND SALE & PARTITION SUITS, 1846--. 3 f. d., 162 f. b. Original papers incident to suits for partition and sale of property including original petition, orders of the court, summons, answers, decree, clerk's report of sale, depositions, claims filed, and order of distribution, showing, in addition to the text, date filed, and style of case. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Hdw. & hdw. on pr. fm., 1846-1914; hdw., typed, & hdw. or typed on pr. fm., 1915--. F. D., 6x10x12; f. b., 5x5x12. Office.

211. CLERK'S CASH BOOK - LAND SALES, 1905--. 2 vols. Record of land sales ordered by the court to satisfy claims of creditors or for division among heirs, showing name of clerk conducting sale, date of sale, name of estate, style of case, amount of cash received, number and amount of notes taken, date each note due, dates of payments made, cash for distribution, names of claimants, date and amount of pro rata payment, and signature of recipient. Arr. chron. by date of sale. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 300 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

Insolvent Estates

212. MINUTES OF INSOLVENT ESTATES, 1824--. 2 vols. Record of proceedings in the settlement of insolvent estates, including administrator's suggestion of insolvency, clerk's order for publication of notice to creditors, requiring them to file claims before specified date; and order to administrator requiring him to file a schedule of all property belonging to the estate, showing date, names of parties involved, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of suggestion. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

213. ACCOUNTS OF INSOLVENT ESTATES, 1906--. 2 vols. (1, 2). Title varies: Claims Filed Against Estates, 1921-22, 1 vol. Record of claims filed against insolvent estates, showing name of estate, date claim filed, name of claimant, nature and amount of claim, fees charged, clerk's approval for payment, and date paid. Includes record of claims filed against solvent estates, 1921-22. Arr. alph. by name of estate. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 300 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

Insanity Proceedings

214. MINUTES AND INSANITY RECORD, 1887--. 2 vols. (1, 2). Record of proceedings in insanity cases, showing name of patient, date and record of initial action, results of examinations, and signatures of physicians; orders of the court, and signature of county judge; name of

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institution to which committed, and date of commitment. Arr. chron. by date of initial action. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 440 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

Drainage

215. DRAINAGE BOOK, 1920--. 2 vols.

Record of all drainage projects in the county, showing location and description of property, name of property owner, itemized account of expenditures, showing purpose and amount of each; names of workers employed, and signature of judge authorizing payment for work performed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Aver. 500 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

Financial Records

216. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1870--. 9 vols. (A-I).

Financial record of all cases settled in this court, showing names of attorneys, case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, date case filed, amount of judgment and items of cost, date fi fa issued, note of officer's returns, record of receipt, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 12x16x3. Office.

217. CLERK'S RECEIPTS, 1894--. 12 vols.

Original receipts given to the clerk for money collected by him from sale of land and settlement of estates, and paid to heirs or representatives of estates; showing style of case or name of estate, date of receipt, amount and purpose of payment, and signature of recipient. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 300 pp. 12x14x3. Office.

XIII. JUVENILE COURT

The juvenile court with jurisdiction over juvenile delinquencies is regulated by general law and dates from 1911.³ The court is held by the county judge.⁴ The clerk of the court is the county court clerk.⁵

218. JUVENILE REPORT (Trial Papers), 1914--. Est. 200 papers in 2 f. d.

Original papers including warrants, subpoenas, original bills, answers, and bonds, incident to action in juvenile cases, showing name, age, and

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

4. Ibid.

5. Ibid.

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address of defendant; names of parents or guardian, offense charged, name of judge, and disposition of case. Arr. alph. by name of juvenile. No index. Hdw., typed, & hdw. or typed on pr. fm. 10x14x5. Co. ct. clerk's. office.

219. TRIAL DOCKET, 1916--. 1 vol.

A record of juvenile cases set for hearing, showing date of summons, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; nature of complaint, name of custodian of minor, date and time set for hearing, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. by date set for hearing. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Condition poor. 100 pp. 12x14x2. Co. j's. office.

220. MINUTES OF JUVENILE COURT, 1927, 1930-31, 1935--. 1 vol. (2).
Last entry 1935.

A record of juvenile cases in which defendants have been committed to State institutions, showing date of summons, name of defendant, date of birth, names of parents or guardian, and occupation; reason for commitment, date of commitment, and signature of judge. Arr. chron. by date of summons. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 12x16x2. Co. j's. office.

221. JUVENILE RECORD, 1914--. 2 vols. (1, 2).

A record of all cases tried in this court, showing names of juvenile defendant and trial judge, date of trial, offense charged, age of juvenile, disposition of case, name of person to whom paroled or institution to which committed, date of commitment, and length of sentence. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 448 pp. 12x18x2. Co. ct. clk's. office.

XIV. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

In Tipton County the office of justice of the peace dates from 1823.⁶ Individually, the justices of the peace are minor judges and committing magistrates. Severally, they make up the quarterly county court, the county's governing body, but there is no relation in this duality of function.⁷ The justices of the peace share with the coroner the power to conduct inquests over the bodies of persons meeting death "by unlawful violence at the hands of some other person."⁸

There are two justices of the peace elected from each civil district except the district containing the county seat, from which three may be

6. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 12; Pr.A. 1823, ch. 126; Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 1-3, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory; Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 15; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.

7. C 1932, 10126-10266.

8. Acts 1895, ch. 31, sec. 1 (C 1932, 11876).

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elected, all elected by popular vote for terms of 6 years.⁹ Also one additional justice may be elected in each incorporated town.¹⁰ In Tipton County there are now 41 justices of the peace.¹¹ Prior to 1836 not more than two justices were appointed to serve during good behavior by the General Assembly for each military district except the county seat district from which three could be appointed.¹²

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(See also entries 251-265)

222. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. C. McLister, A. M. Moore, G. C. Gladney, J. M. Smithson), 1856--. 1 vol.

Record of all civil and criminal cases tried, showing number of case, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, names of stayor and returning officer, date execution issued, amount of costs, note of officer's return, and disposition of the case. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 pp. 12x18x4. Co. j's. office.

For other records of J. C. McLister and J. M. Smithson, see entry 255.

223. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. L. Richardson, A. P. Smith), 1911--. 7 vols.

For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 400 pp. 12x18x4. Sheriff's office.

For other records of A. P. Smith, see entry 231.

224. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. T. Byars), 1915--. 1 vol.

Record of civil and criminal cases tried, showing date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, names of stayor and returning office, date fi fa issued, amount of costs, and note of officer's return. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x4. Residence, Stanton.

225. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, H. P. Cash), 1918--. 1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 224. Arr. chron. by date of trial.

9. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 15; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3 (C 1932, 673, 674); Acts 1839-40, ch. 68, sec. 3 (C 1932, 674); Acts 1855-56, ch. 138, sec. 13 (C 1932, 674); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.
10. Acts 1839-40, ch. 68, sec. 3 (C 1932, 674); Acts 1855-56, ch. 138, sec. 13 (C 1932, 674); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.
11. Minutes, vol. 74, p. 155, entry 4 in this Inventory.
12. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 12.

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Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x4.
Residence, Reverie.

226. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, John E. Cash), 1918--.
1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 12x18x4.
Residence, Reverie.

227. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, R. H. Ervin), 1918--.
1 vol.

Record of civil and criminal cases tried, showing date of trial, names of
plaintiff and defendant, offense charged, name of arresting officer,
amounts of officer's fee, court costs, and judgement; and note of officer's
return. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defend-
ant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x4. Residence, R. F. D., Covington.
For other civil records of R. H. Ervin, see entry 252.

228. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, A. A. Kelly, H. C.
Wilson), 1918--. 1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2.
Residence, H. C. Wilson, Burlison.

229. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, Jeff Fredickson),
1923--. 1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 224. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2.
Residence, R. F. D., Covington.

230. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, W. D. Max), 1923--.
1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 227. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x4.
Residence, R. F. D., Covington.

231. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, A. P. Smith, W. D.
Smith), 1923--. 1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2.
Office, Ray Building, North Main St., & Public Square, Covington.
For other records of A. P. Smith, see entry 223.

232. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, H. W. Stockley), 1923--.
1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 10x16x4.
Residence, Corona.

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233. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. M. Crigger),
1924--. 1 vol.

Record of civil and criminal cases tried, showing date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, offense charged, name of arresting officer, amounts of judgment, court costs, and officers fee; and disposition of the case. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2. Residence, Munford.

234. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, George R. Ellis),
1924--. 1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 233. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2. Residence, Munford.

235. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, C. L. McCain), 1924--,
1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 233. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x4. Residence, R. F. D. #2, Atoka.

236. MAGISTRATE DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, R. L. Strong), 1924--.
1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 233. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x4. Residence, R. F. D. #2, Atoka.

237. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, Guy Ward), 1924--.
1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 10x16x2. Residence, R. F. D., Burlison.

238. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. M. Marshall),
1928--. 1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 224. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x4. Residence, Mason.

239. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. W. Barton), 1930--.
1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 10x16x2. Residence, R. F. D., Burlison.

240. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, O. M. Boswell),
1930--. 1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 224. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2. Residence, R. F. D., Burlison.

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241. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, B. W. Dawson),
1930--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 224. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp.
10x16x2. Residence, R. F. D. #5, Covington.
242. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, A. O. Dickey),
1930--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2.
Residence, R. F. D., Covington.
243. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. J. Flemming),
1930--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 233. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x4.
Residence, Atoka.
244. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, G. P. French),
1930--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 10x16x2.
Residence, R. F. D. #3, Atoka.
245. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, R. G. Milton), 1930--.
1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 10x16x2.
Residence, R. F. D., Tipton.
246. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. S. Ruffin),
1930--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 224. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2.
Residence, East Liberty St., Covington.
247. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, Stanley Shoaf),
1930--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2.
Residence, R. F. D., Covington.
248. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, W. B. Gregg), 1936--.
1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 233. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x4.
Residence, Atoka.

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249. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, W. S. Uhlhorn),
1936--. 1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 227. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x4.
Residence, Corona.

250. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. W. Corbitt),
1937--. 1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 233. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2.
Residence, Munford.

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251. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, W. C. Exem, Isaac Morrison),
1900-1926. 2 vols.

Record of civil cases tried, showing date of trial, names of plaintiff
and defendant, amount of judgment, names of stayor and returning officer,
date fi fa issued, amount of costs, and note of officer's return. Arr.
chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on
pr. fm. Aver. 350 pp. 10x16x4. 1 vol., 1900-1906, strg. rm.; 1 vol.,
1907-26, co. j's. office.

252. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, Ed. Peeler, R. H. Ervin), 1908-16.
1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 251. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 375 pp. 10x16x4.
Co. j's. office.

For criminal records and other civil records of R. H. Ervin, see
entry 227.

253. MAGISTRATE DOCKET (Civil, S. V. Erwin, J. B. Overall), 1915-22.
1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 251. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 10x14x4.
Co. j's. office.

254. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, R. L. Smith, L. K. Baird), 1918--.
1 vol.

Record of civil cases tried, showing number of case, date of trial, names
of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, names of stayor and re-
turning officer, date fi fa issued, amount of costs, note of officer's
return, and disposition of the case. Arr. chron. by date of trial. In-
dexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 10x16x2.
Baird Bros. Hdwe. Co., Brighton.

255. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, J. M. Smithson, T. D. McLister),
1918--. 1 vol.

For description of contents, see entry 254. Arr. chron. by date of trial.

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Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 10x16x2.
Residence, T. D. McLister, Brighton.

For criminal records and other civil records, see entry 222.

256. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, S. O. Deverell), 1924--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 254. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 12x18x4.
Residence, Covington.

257. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, Ben Faulk), 1924--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 254. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x4.
Residence, Mason.

258. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, J. S. Mays), 1925--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 254. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 12x18x3.
Residence, Covington.

259. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, V. W. Bringle), 1930--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 254. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 12x18x3.
Residence, Covington.

260. MATISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, B. F. Marshall), 1934--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 254. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 10x16x4.
Residence, Mason.

261. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, F. B. Williamson), 1934--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 254. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x4.
Residence, Mason.

262. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, E. R. Clifton), 1935--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 254. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 10x16x4.
Residence, Mason.

263. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, C. L. Gray), 1936--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 254. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 12x18x3.
Residence, R. F. D., Covington.

264. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, R. T. Poindexter), 1936--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 254. Arr. chron. by date of trial.
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2.
Residence, R. T. Poindexter, R. F. D., Brighton.

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265. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Criminal, R. M. Wooten), 1936--. 1 vol. Record of criminal cases tried in this court, showing date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, offense charged, name of arresting officer, amounts of judgment, court costs, and officer's fee; and disposition of the case. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 10x16x2. Residence, Munford.

XV. SHERIFF

The sheriff is the county's chief peace officer¹³ and executive officer of its courts.¹⁴ During the first 6 decades of the last century, he usually acted as collector of property and poll taxes.¹⁵ Until 1897 he acted as the chief election officer.¹⁶ The office of sheriff in Tipton County dates from 1823.¹⁷ Prior to 1836 the sheriff was appointed by the court of pleas and quarter sessions;¹⁸ since then he has been elected by popular vote.¹⁹ The sheriff has always served for a term of 2 years.²⁰ A special act of 1939, occasioned by the fact that the establishment of the penal farm deprived the sheriff of a large part of his compensation derived from

13. C 1932, 699, 11007, 11013, 11418, 11420, 11528, 11536-11540, 11611, 11927.

14. C 1932, 696, subsec. 1; C 1932, 702, 4235, 6745, 8664, 8902, 9513, subsec. 1; C 1932, 9518, 10106, 10160; P. A. 1933, ch. 128, sec. 4 (C 1938, 1003, subsec. 4); P.A. 1937, ch. 249, sec. 1 (C 1938, 1003, subsec. 4).

15. P.A. 1823, ch. 49, sec. 13; Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 4, 54, vol. B, p. 394, vol. C, p. 49, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory; P.A. 1827, ch. 49, sec. 21; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 15, sec. 1; Acts 1841-42, ch. 100; Acts 1843-44, ch. 103, sec. 1; P.A. 1859-60, ch. 9.

16. P.A. 1819, ch. 68, secs. 52, 57; P.A. 1827, chs. 17, 23; P.A. 1835-36, chs. 1, 2; Acts 1851-52, chs. 121, 364; Acts 1853-54, ch. 32; Acts 1888, ch. 98; Acts 1897, ch. 11, secs. 1-3; Acts 1897, ch. 13, sec. 2; Acts 1897, ch. 16, sec. 1. The holding of elections has since been vested in State Election Commissions.

17. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 11; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 4, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916).

18. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1.

19. Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916); Acts 1895, ch. 120, sec. 37.

20. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.

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the boarding of prisoners, provides for the sheriff an annual salary of \$3,600.²¹ Under the general law the sheriff would be paid on a fee basis with a ceiling of \$5,000.²²

266. REGISTER OF PRISONERS, 1910--. 8 vols. Title varies; Register of County Prisoners, 1924-28, 1 vol.

Record of prisoners committed to the county jail, showing name of prisoner, date of commitment, offense charged, by whom brought in, list of personal effects taken by jailor, date discharged, and remarks. Also contains: Register of Workhouse Prisoners, 1910-25, 1930--, entry 267. Arr. chron. by date of commitment. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 350 pp. 12x18x3. 7 vols., 1910-30, bsmt. strg. rm.; 1 vol., 1931--, office.

267. REGISTER OF WORKHOUSE PRISONERS, 1926-29. 1 vol. 1910-25, 1930--, in Register of Prisoners, entry 266.

Record of prisoners committed to the workhouse, showing name of prisoner, by whom sentenced, offense charged, date committed, length of sentence, amounts of State tax and expense, county tax, attorney general's fee, and total. Arr. chron. by date committed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 11x16x2. Office.

268. (JAIL ACCOUNTS), 1910--. Est. 500 papers in 10 f. b., 4 f. d. Copies of sheriff's monthly reports to the judge, showing date of report, month for which submitted, account of goods purchased, name of creditor, purpose for which purchased, and amount. Also record of prisoner's board bills, showing name of prisoner, number of days boarded, rate per day, and amount of board due. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. F. B., 5x5x10; f. d., 6x12x24. Office.

XVI. CORONER

Tipton County does not now have a coroner, an officer who shares with the justices of the peace the power to conduct inquests over the bodies of persons meeting death by unlawful violence at the hands of other persons.²³ When there was a coroner, he was appointed for a term of 2 years by the court of pleas and quarter sessions and its successor, the quarterly county court.²⁴ There are no records of this office to be found.

21. Pr.A. 1939, ch. 416.

22. Pr.A. 1921, ch. 101, sec. 3 (C 1932, 10727).

23. Acts 1895, ch. 31, sec. 1 (C 1932, 11876).

24. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 54, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1845-46, ch. 88 (C 1932, 712); C 1858, 817 (C 1932, 1904); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.

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XVII. CONSTABLE

The constables are minor peace officers,²⁵ executive officers for justice of the peace courts,²⁶ and servers of certain process for the other courts.²⁷ The office of constable dates from or soon after the organization of the county.²⁸ Formerly "a sufficient number" of constables were appointed by the court of pleas and quarter sessions for a term of 2 years,²⁹ but since 1836 one constable can be elected for a term of 2 years, by popular vote, in each civil district except the county seat district, in which two can be elected.³⁰ Tipton County now has 15 constables.³¹ The constables are required to keep no records and they have kept none.

XVIII. TAX ASSESSOR

From the organization of Tipton County to date there has been either one tax assessor for the entire county or an assessor for each civil district--military district before 1836--appointed sometimes by the quarterly county court and at other times elected by popular vote, who served for a period of 1 year until the late 1880's, when the term of office was fixed at 4 years.³² Since 1909, when the first assessor elected under the general assessment law of 1907 was to take office, there has been a county tax assessor elected by popular vote for a term of 4 years.³³ The tax assessor has always been charged with evaluating property and listing polls for State and county taxation, except that since 1875 public utilities

25. C 1932, 728, 11239-11241, 11424, 11526, 11536-11540; P.A. 1933, ch. 113, sec. 4 (C 1938, 6594, subsec. 4).

26. C 1932, 10160.

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

28. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 15; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, secs. 1, 3; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916).

29. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1.

30. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 15; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3; Acts 1851-52, ch. 139, sec. 1 (C 1932, 722); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916).

31. Constables' Bonds, vol. 1, pp. 389-404, entry 9 in this Inventory.

32. Acts 1801, ch. 13; Acts 1803, ch. 3; Acts 1804, ex. ses., ch. 12; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 14, sec. 1; Acts 1855-56, ch. 74; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 12; Acts 1870-71, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 59; Acts 1873, ch. 118; Acts 1875, ch. 81; Acts 1877, ch. 73; Acts 1881, ch. 171; Acts 1883, ch. 105; Acts 1885, ch. 1; Acts 1895, ch. 120; Acts 1897, ch. 1; Acts 1899, ch. 435; Acts 1903, ch. 258.

33. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 9, subsec. 1 (C 1932, 1336), subsec. 3 (C 1932, 1336).

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have been assessed by State officials; since 1873 it has been his duty to enumerate persons engaged in trades, professions, and businesses taxable as privileges.³⁴ Since 1913 the compensation of the tax assessor has been the subject of several special acts, the first of which gave the tax assessor, whose compensation under the general law is fixed by the quarterly county court, an annual salary of \$1,000.³⁵ Between 1921 and 1933 the tax assessor should have received \$1,500 a year,³⁶ between 1934 and 1937 \$1,000 a year,³⁷ and since 1938, \$1,500.³⁸

269. TAX SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL AND REAL ESTATE, 1824-55, 1858-1906.

Est. 5100 papers in 50 bdl., 1 f. d.

Schedules listing all real and personal property subject to taxation, filed for purpose of fixing assessments, showing name of property owner, district number, location, description, and valuation of property; and date and amount of assessment. Arr. chron. by date of assessment. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Bdl., 8x6x6; f. d., 12x16x6. 50 bdl., 1824-55, 1858-93, bsmt. strg. rm.; 1 f. d., 1894-1906, office.

270. ASSESSOR'S BOOK, 1907--. 370 vols.

Record of assessments on all taxable property, real and personal, showing name of property owner, district number, ward, location, description and assessed valuation of property; acreage of farm lands, number and size of town lots, date of assessment, and total valuation of all property. Arr. num. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of property owner. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 8x14x2. 340 vols., 1907-35, bsmt. strg. rm.; 30 vols., 1936--., co. ct. clerk's. office.

XIX. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The board of equalization's duties are to "examine, compare, and equalize the county assessments."³⁹ The machinery for reviewing and

34. Acts 1801, ch. 13; Acts 1803, ch. 3; Acts 1804, ex. ses., ch. 12; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 14, sec. 1; Acts 1855-56, ch. 74; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 12; Acts 1870-71, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 59; Acts 1873, ch. 118; Acts 1875, chs. 78, 81; Acts 1897, ch. 1; Acts 1899, ch. 435; Acts 1903, ch. 258; Acts 1905, ch. 513; Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 3 (C 1932, 1348), sec. 12 (C 1932, 1357), sec. 18 (C 1932, 1374), sec. 45 (C 1932, 1125); P.A. 1919, ch. 3, sec. 1 (C 1932, 1508); P.A. 1919, ch. 49, sec. 1 (C 1932, 1508); P.A. 1919, ch. 160, sec. 1 (C 1932, 1508); P.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 18, sec. 3 (C 1932, 1508).

35. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 9, subsec. 5 (C 1932, 1338); Pr.A. 1913 1st ex. ses., chs. 28, 74.

36. Pr.A. 1921, ch. 969.

37. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 51.

38. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 245.

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

equalizing the original assessment of taxes has been the subject of much general legislation. The present board of equalization consists of five members appointed by the quarterly court for terms of 2 years.⁴⁰ Tipton County should have had a board of equalization of various compositions since 1856.⁴¹

271. (MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION), 1930--. 1 vol.

Record of the proceedings of the board in regular session, showing date of meeting, names of members present, petitions for adjustments in tax assessments on real and personal property, showing name of petitioner, amount of original assessment, date of adjustment, if made; and recommendations of the board. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 8x12x2. Co. ct. clk's. office.

XX. REVENUE COLLECTOR

Between 1860 and 1876 Tipton County had a revenue collector elected by popular vote for a term of 2 years and charged with the collection of State and county property and poll taxes.⁴² In 1876 the trustee assumed the duty of collecting these taxes and the custody of the records.⁴³

XXI. TRUSTEE

The office of trustee is constitutional and is as old as the county.⁴⁴ Prior to 1876 the duties of the trustee consisted of serving as treasurer of the county, but since that time he has been both treasurer and collector of property and poll taxes.⁴⁵ The trustee is now elected by popular

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

41. Acts 1855-56, ch. 74, sec. 26; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 12, sec. 5; Acts 1873, ch. 118, sec. 35; Acts 1877, ch. 73, sec. 4; Acts 1881, ch. 171, secs. 35-38; Acts 1883, ch. 105, sec. 35; Acts 1885, ch. 1, sec. 35; Acts 1887, ch. 2, sec. 41; Acts 1889, ch. 96, sec. 42; Acts 1895, ch. 120, sec. 49; Acts 1897, ch. 1, sec. 41; Acts 1899, ch. 435, sec. 34; Acts 1901, ch. 174, sec. 33; Acts 1903, ch. 258, sec. 33; Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 32 (C 1932, 1419); Acts 1909, ch. 495, sec. 1 (C 1932, 1420).

42. P.A. 1859-60, ch. 9.

43. Acts 1875, ch. 91, sec. 1.

44. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Minute Book, vol. A. pp. 1-3, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.

45. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 772); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915); Acts 1875, ch. 91, sec. 1 (C 1932, 775, subsec. 1).

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vote for a term of 2 years;⁴⁶ before 1836 he was appointed by the court of pleas and quarter sessions.⁴⁷ Under the general law the trustee is paid on a fee basis with a ceiling of \$5,000 a year, but by a special act of 1933 he is limited to a maximum of \$3,600.⁴⁸

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Realty, Personalty, and Polls

272. TAX BOOKS, 1907--. 31 vols. (dated).
Record of all taxable property in the county, showing district number, name of property owner, location and description of property, number acres of farm land, number of town lots, assessed valuation, value of personal property, total amount of taxes, including poll tax; and date paid. Arr. under num. tabs by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of property owner. No index. 1907-26, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1927--, typed on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 8x18x4. 20 vols., 1907-26, tower rm.; 11 vols., 1927-28, office.

For duplicate tax books, see entry 12.

273. PICK-UP TAX BOOK, 1909--. 4 vols.
A record of pick-up taxes collected by the trustee on property not included in original county assessments, showing name of taxpayer, description and location of property, number and value of town lots, number of acres and value of farm land, value of personal property over \$1000, number of polls, total tax, and date paid. Arr. chron. by date paid. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 120 pp. 8x12x1. 2 vols., 1909-14, tower rm.; 2 vols., 1915--, office.

274. TAX RECEIPTS (Property), 1911--. 234 vols. (dated).
Duplicates of receipts issued for payment of property tax, showing receipt number, date issued, name of taxpayer, amount paid, number of acres, number of lots, valuation of each, total valuation, signature of the trustee, and distribution of tax. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 250 pp. 8x16x1. 144 vols., 1911-28, tower rm.; 80 vols., 1929-37, bsmt. strg. rm.; 10 vols., 1938--, office.

275. POLL TAX RECEIPTS, 1907--. 103 vols.
Duplicates of receipts issued for payment of poll tax, showing receipt number, date issued, to whom issued, amount, district number, and signature

46. Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 772); C 1858, 322 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916).

47. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1.

48. P.A. 1921, ch. 101, sec. 3 (C 1932, 10727); Pr.A. 1933, ch. 536.

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of trustee. Arr. num. by receipt no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 8x14x1. 71 vols., 1907-25, tower rm.; 30 vols., 1926-37, bsmt. strg. rm.; 2 vols., 1938--, office.

276. WOMEN'S POLL TAX COLLECTIONS, 1921-35. 1 vol. 1936--; in Men's Poll Tax Collections, entry 277.

Record of poll taxes paid by women, showing date paid, name of taxpayer, receipt number, district number, and amount of tax. Arr. chron. by date paid. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 320 pp. 14x9x1. Office.

277. MEN'S POLL TAX COLLECTIONS, 1917--. 8 vols.

Records of poll taxes paid by men, showing date paid, receipt number, name of person paying tax, district number, and total tax collections. Also contains: Record of poll taxes paid by women, 1936--, entry 276. Arr. chron. by date paid. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 320 pp. 14x9x1. 7 vols., 1917-26, tower rm.; 1 vol., 1927--, office.

Delinquency

278. DELINQUENT TAX BOOK, 1907--. 182 vols.

Record of delinquent property and poll taxes, showing name of taxpayer, description of property, number and value of town lots, number of acres and value of farm land, value of personal property, total valuation of real and personal property, total interest and penalty, amount of fee, and date of payment. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. by taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 8x12x1. 107 vols., 1907-26, bsmt. strg. rm.; 65 vols., 1909-34, tower rm.; 10 vols., 1935--, office.

279. DELINQUENT POLL TAX BOOK, 1907--. 66 vols.

Record of delinquent poll taxes, showing name of taxpayer, amounts of tax due, interest, trustee's fee, constable's fee, and total; and date of payment. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 4x7x $\frac{1}{2}$. Tower rm.

Drainage

280. DRAINAGE TAX RECEIPTS, 1920--. 16 vols. (dated).

Duplicates of receipts for payments of drainage tax, showing name of drainage district, receipt number, date issued, name of taxpayer, number of acres, amount paid, tract number, year for which assessed, and signature of the trustee. Arr. under tabs by name of drainage district. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 9x14x2. 5 vols., 1920-24, tower rm.; 1 vol., 1925, bsmt. strg. rm.; 10 vols., 1926--, office.

Road Tax

281. ROAD TAX RECEIPTS, 1919--. 117 vols. (dated and no. by contained receipt nos.).

Duplicates of receipts issued for payment of road tax, showing receipt number, date issued, amount received, district number, name of taxpayer,

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whether white or colored, year for which payment is made, and signature of the trustee. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 250 pp. 8x12x1. 85 vols., 1919-31, tower rm.; 26 vols., 1932-37, bsmt. strg. rm.; 6 vols., 1938--, office.

282. COMMUTATION HIGHWAY TAX, 1919--. 10 vols. (dated).

Record of road tax collected by the trustee, showing name and address of taxpayer, amount paid, number of receipt issued, and district number. Arr. under num. tabs by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 12x18x4. 6 vols., 1919-22, tower rm.; 2 vols., 1923-30, bsmt. strg. rm.; 2 vols., 1931--, office.

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283. CASH BOOK, 1908--. 9 vols. (2 vols. dated; 7 vols. not labeled).

Daily record of trustee's receipts and disbursements, showing date, ledger folio, amount, and source of collection; date, ledger folio, check number, amount, and purpose of disbursement. Arr. chron. by date of receipt or disbursement. No index. Hdw., 1908-30; hdw. on pr. fm., 1931--. Aver. 600 pp. 18x18x12. 4 vols., 1908-23, tower rm.; 3 vols., 1924-33, bsmt. strg. rm.; 2 vols., 1934--, office.

284. TRUSTEE'S COLLECTION DOCKET, 1908--. 9 vols. (dated). Title varies: Trustee's Collection Book, 1908-28, 7 vols.

Trustee's record of property tax collections, showing date of collection number of receipt issued, name of taxpayer, amounts of State tax, county tax, poll tax, and public utilities tax; assessed valuation of property, and total amount of taxes. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. 1908-28, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1929--, typed on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 18x16x2. 5 vols., 1908-17, tower rm.; 2 vols., 1918-28, bsmt. strg. rm.; 1929--, office.

285. LEDGER, 1907--. 7 vols. (1; six vols. not labeled).

Ledger accounts of receipts and disbursements of various county funds, debits showing date of disbursement, to whom paid, name of bank drawn on, and amount; and credits showing date of receipt, from whom received, receivable warrant number, by whom paid, and amount. Also contains: School Accounts, 1926--, entry 287. Arr. chron. by date of debit or credit. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 620 pp. 18x24x4. 6 vols., 1907-30, bsmt. strg. rm.; 1 vol., 1931--, office.

286. TRUSTEE'S SETTLEMENT, 1879-90. 1 vol. (A)

Record of the receipt and disbursement of school funds, as allocated to the various school districts, showing school district number, date of transaction, to whom paid or from whom received, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of transaction. Indexed num. by district no. Hdw. 300 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

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287. SCHOOL ACCOUNTS, 1908-25. 4 vols. (4-7). 1926 - in Ledger.
entry 285.

Accounts of school funds expended from amounts allocated to the various school districts, showing number of district, number of warrant issued, purpose of payment, and amount; amounts received from the State, county, and school district; and total received. Arr. num. by district no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 12x18x13. Tower rm.

Warrants

288. REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1909--. 6 vols. (dated).

Register of all warrants issued by the judge and paid by the trustee, showing purpose for which issued, date issued, name of payee, warrant number, and amount of warrant. Arr. chron. as registered. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 580 pp. 13x18x3. 2 vols., 1909-15, tower rm.; 2 vols., 1916-29, bsmt. strg. rm.; 2 vols., 1930--, office.

289. ROAD BONDS WARRANT LEDGER, 1928--. 1 vol. (1).

Register of warrants issued for road purposes, paid by the trustee, and charged to the fund created by \$1,000,000 gravel road bond issue, showing date and number of warrant issued, name of payee, and amount of payment. Arr. chron. as registered. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

Releases

290. RELEASES, 1917--. 1 vol.

Record of persons released from payment of taxes which are duplicate or erroneous assessments on personal and real property, showing name of property owner, description of property, location, correct assessment valuation, and reason for release. Also contains affidavits by property owners or tax assessor that assessment is a duplication or an error. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 9x17x2. Office.

Reports

291. (TRUSTEE'S QUARTERLY STATEMENT TO COUNTY COURT), 1938--.

Est. 100 papers in 1 f. b.

Copies of trustee's financial statements to the quarterly court as shown by the accounts in his office, showing date of statement, dates of period covered, number and name of account, amount of warrants in bank, amount of cash in bank, difference between amount of warrants and amount of cash. Arr. chron. by date of statement. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10x12x16. Office.

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XXII. REVENUE COMMISSION

The present revenue commission consists of three persons selected by the quarterly county court for terms of 2 years.⁴⁹ The county court clerk or his deputies and members of the quarterly court are ineligible to serve on the commission.⁵⁰ It is the duty of the commissioners to examine quarterly the records of the county collection and disbursement officials to see whether there is agreement in the accounts of various officials and to report the results of their investigations to the quarterly county court.⁵¹ Except perhaps for a gap between 1858 and 1875 the revenue commission should date, in much its present form, from or soon after the organization of the county.⁵² The commissioners receive such compensation as is allowed them by the quarterly county court, not exceeding \$5 a day for the chairman and \$4 a day for the other members, for the time they are actually engaged in the discharge of their duties.⁵³

XXIII. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Prior to 1907 the school system of Tipton County was operated under the general law.

The office of county superintendent of schools was created in 1867,⁵⁴ and, except perhaps for a lapse from July 1870 to June 1873, when the office was optional, it should have continued from that year.⁵⁵ Under a special act of 1933 the county superintendent is elected by popular vote

49. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 76 (C 1932, 1650); Minutes, vol. 73, p. 498, entry 4 in this Inventory.

50. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 76 (C 1932, 1650).

51. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 76 (C 1932, 1650, 1651).

52. Acts 1797, ch. 14, sec. 2; Acts 1799, ch. 7, sec. 2; P.A. 1819, ch. 38, sec. 1; P.A. 1826, ex. ses., ch. 16, secs. 2, 3; P.A. 1827, ch. 49, secs. 9, 20; Acts 1839-40, ch. 160, sec. 7; Acts 1845-46, ch. 115; Acts 1875, ch. 91, secs. 15, 16; Acts 1885, ch. 1, secs. 74, 75; Acts 1889, ch. 96, sec. 74; Acts 1897, ch. 1, secs. 74, 75; Acts 1899, ch. 435, sec. 71; Acts 1901, ch. 174, sec. 80; Acts 1903, ch. 258, sec. 79; Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 76 (C 1932, 1650). C 1858 did not provide for a revenue commission.

53. P.A. 1921, ch. 135, sec. 2 (C 1932, 1653).

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

55. Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 64, secs. 72, 73; Acts 1870-71, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 110; Acts 1873, ch. 26; Acts 1875, ch. 138; Acts 1881, ch. 91; Acts 1889, ch. 107; Acts 1895, ch. 54; Acts 1899, ch. 231; Acts 1907, ch. 236, sec. 9; Acts 1909, ch. 508, sec. 1; P.A. 1921, ch. 119, sec. 1; P.A. 1925, ch. 115, sec. 5 (C 1932, 2320), sec. 6 (C 1932, 2321-2325).

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for a term of 2 years.⁵⁶ According to the general law, he is appointed by the quarterly court.⁵⁷

During the time between 1899 and 1921 in which Tipton County operated high schools, there should have been a high school board consisting of the county superintendant of schools and six persons selected by the quarterly county court and charged with the management of these schools.⁵⁸

The general education bill of 1907 did not go into effect in Tipton County, but instead a special act abolished the office of district director, which had been created in 1873,⁵⁹ and set up a board of education for the elementary schools thereby serving much the same purpose as the general law.⁶⁰ The Tipton County board of education consisted of one member from each civil district elected biennially by popular vote; together with the county judge, and the county superintendent of schools, who served as chairman of the board.⁶¹ Under the general law, the board should have consisted of one member elected biennially in each of five school districts, with the superintendent of schools acting as secretary but not as a member of the board.⁶² Any resident of a district with an elementary school education was qualified to represent his district on the Tipton County school board.⁶³ A secretary was elected by and from the board.⁶⁴ The secretary was to receive a per diem of \$2 and each of the other members \$1.50 a day for attending the meetings of the board and \$1 a day during the time spent in taking the scholastic census.⁶⁵ The board was to meet regularly every 3 months and at other times on the call of the chairman to conduct business relating to the elementary schools, such as the location, construction, and repair of schoolhouses, the employment and dismissal of teachers, the establishment of rates of pay for teachers and other employees, the suspension of pupils, the receipt of reports from the teachers, the purchase and sale of school property, and the authorization of the disbursement of the school money.⁶⁶ Each member of the board was to visit the schools of his district as often as the board of education might require,⁶⁷ take the annual scholastic census,⁶⁸ and make annually, by August 1, a

56. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 49.

57. P.A. 1925, ch. 115, sec. 9 (C 1932, 2346, subsec. 1).

58. Acts 1899, ch. 279, sec. 3; P.A. 1921, ch. 120, sec. 1.

59. Acts 1873, ch. 25.

60. Acts 1907, chs. 236, 391.

61. Acts 1907, ch. 391, secs. 1, 2.

62. Acts 1907, ch. 236, secs. 1-4.

63. Acts 1907, ch. 391, sec. 3.

64. Ibid., sec. 6.

65. Ibid., sec. 12.

66. Ibid., secs. 9, 17.

67. Ibid., sec. 9, subsec. 6.

68. Ibid., sec. 12.

report to the county superintendent on the schools in his district.⁶⁹ It was the duty of the superintendent as chairman of the board to preside over the meetings of the board, to draw warrants to pay expenses authorized by the board, and to make quarterly written reports on expenditures to the quarterly county court.⁷⁰ The secretary was to keep a minute book and to furnish the trustee after each meeting a list of expenditures which the superintendent was authorized to make.⁷¹

A special act of 1911 abolished the board of education of the 1907 act, divided the county into seven districts and provided for the popular election of seven persons, one in each district, who together with the county judge and the county superintendent of schools constituted a board of education.⁷² The term of office remained at 2 years.⁷³ The members of the board were no longer to take the annual scholastic census or to dismiss pupils.⁷⁴ Instead, in each civil district a school director was to be elected biennially by popular vote and charged with these and certain other tasks.⁷⁵ Dismissals by the district directors were subject to appeal to the county board of education, which by a unanimous vote could reverse a director's action.⁷⁶ Under the direction of the county board the director was to supervise the repair of all schools in his district.⁷⁷ The directors were to provide the schools with necessary fuel and to issue an order upon the county superintendent directing him to make payment.⁷⁸

A general law of 1921 created a board of education, to consist of seven members appointed by the quarterly court for terms of 7 years, and vested in it the control and management of both the high and elementary schools of the county.⁷⁹ Since 1925 the school system of the county has operated, with minor exceptions, under the general education act of 1925.⁸⁰ The seven members of the board of education were, until 1933, appointed by the quarterly county court for terms of 7 years and since then have been elected by popular vote for terms of 2 years.⁸¹ The bulk of the power of the board is delegated to the superintendent of schools.⁸² By a special

69. Acts 1907, ch. 391, sec. 10.

70. Ibid., sec. 7.

71. Ibid., sec. 8.

72. Pr.A. 1911, ch. 555, secs. 1-3.

73. Ibid., sec. 4.

74. Ibid., sec. 10.

75. Ibid., secs. 13, 14.

76. Ibid., sec. 14, subsec. 5.

77. Ibid., subsec. 6.

78. Ibid., subsec. 7.

79. P.A. 1921, ch. 120, secs. 1, 2.

80. P.A. 1925, ch. 115. See C 1932, 2306-2364, 2366-2417, 2472-2474, 2476-2499, 2506, 2507, 2509-2521.

81. P.A. 1925, ch. 115 (C 1932, 2324); Pr.A. 1933, ch. 47.

82. P.A. 1925, ch. 115, sec. 6 (C 1932, 2324).

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act of 1939 the chairman of the board of education receives \$15 a month and each of the other members receives \$10 a month.⁸³ Under the general law the compensation of board members is fixed by the quarterly court.⁸⁴

Another special act of 1935 authorized the board of education to provide pensions for teachers who reach 60 years of age and have taught in the county 35 years, the amount not to exceed three-fourths of the salary being drawn by the teacher at this time.⁸⁵ The general law permits a maximum pension of \$600 a year.⁸⁶

A number of special acts have been passed authorizing the board of education or the quarterly county court to issue and sell bonds.⁸⁷

A special act of 1915 authorized the board of education to issue, for the purpose of erecting school buildings, \$15,000 of warrants to bear interest at 6 percent.⁸⁸ The warrants were to be signed by the chairman and the secretary of the board of education and the county judge.⁸⁹ A special act of 1923 authorized the issuance of \$25,000 of such warrants.⁹⁰

In 1929 the board of education was empowered to issue \$100,000 of bonds for the purpose of erecting and equipping high school buildings.⁹¹ The bonds were to mature within 30 years and were to bear interest at 6 percent.⁹² The bonds and the interest coupons were to bear the

83. Pr.A. 1939, ch. 537.

84. P.A. 1925, ch. 115, sec. 6 (C 1932, 2319).

85. Ibid., ch. 248.

86. P.A. 1917, ch. 76, sec. 3 (C 1932, 2527).

87. Under the general law the county board of education has no authority to issue bonds. By a general law of 1911, still in force, the quarterly county court can issue bonds for educational purposes until the amount of such bonds outstanding at any time is 3 percent of the value of the taxable property in the county. (P.A. 1911, ch. 60, sec. 1 (C 1932, 2557), sec. 11 (C 1932, 2567)). Formerly school bonds could run for 30 years but since 1911 they must mature within 25 years. (Ibid., sec. 2 (C 1932, 2558)). Prior to 1920 the interest rate could not exceed 5 percent a year; since then it can be as high as 6 percent. (Ibid.; P.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 7 (C 1932, 2558)). The bonds must be signed by the county judge or the chairman of the county court and the county court clerk. (P.A. 1911, ch. 60, sec. 3 (C 1932, 2559)). A tax must be levied by the quarterly court to provide revenue for the payment of the principal and interest. (Ibid., sec. 8 (C 1932, 2564)).

88. Pr.A. 1915, ch. 492, secs. 1-3.

89. Ibid., sec. 3.

90. Pr.A. 1923, ch. 322.

91. Pr.A. 1929, ch. 302, sec. 1.

92. Ibid., secs. 4, 8. The editors have been unable to determine whether such bond issue is invalid as violating C 1932, 2558.

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signatures of the chairman and secretary of the board of education and the county judge.⁹³

In 1931 the board was authorized to issue up to \$20,000 of school warrants, to bear interest at not more than 6 percent a year and to mature within 5 years.⁹⁴ In 1933 the board was permitted to issue interest-bearing warrants to pay teachers' salaries.⁹⁵

In 1937 the quarterly county court was empowered to issue \$25,000 of bonds to pay off outstanding school warrants.⁹⁶ The interest rate was not to exceed $4\frac{1}{2}$ percent a year.⁹⁷

Minutes

292. MINUTE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1910--. 9 vols.

Record of proceedings during business meetings of the board of education, showing date and time of meeting, names of members present, nature and disposition of business transacted such as election and assignment of teachers, election of janitor, and salaries allowed, and all matters pertaining to the management and operation of schools. Minutes of each meeting are signed by the superintendent and chairman of the board. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 12x18x2. Office.

Records of Pupils

293. TENNESSEE SCHOOL REGISTER, 1923--. 2575 vols.

Registers kept by teachers and submitted to the superintendent at the end of each school term as a record of the year's work, showing name and type of school, name of teacher, and date of school year, and including general data concerning pupils, showing name, address, and age of pupil; name and occupation of parent or guardian, and school last attended; a record of daily attendance, record of daily work, record of work for the year, monthly summaries of enrollment and attendance, record of teacher's certification and training, teacher's annual property report, record of promotions and retardations, and number of eighth grade certificates issued. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 8x14x $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

93. Pr.A. 1929, ch. 302, sec. 4.

94. Pr.A. 1931, ch. 588.

95. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 330.

96. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 248.

97. Ibid.

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294. (ENUMERATION OF SCHOLASTIC POPULATION), 1935--. Est. 200
papers in 2 f. d.

Biennial enumeration of the scholastic population for each school in the county, showing name of school, names of parents or guardian, name and address of pupil, school attended previous year, grade attained, distance pupil lives from school, sex and color of child, whether pupil can read and write, physical condition, age last birthday, total number of pupils listed, and total number who can read and write. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of school. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x16x24. Office.

For prior record of scholastic population, see entry 28.

Records of Teachers
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295. (TEACHER'S CONTRACT), 1937--. 10 vols.

Original contracts entered into by the county board of education and employed teachers, showing name of teacher, salary, date contract effective, date of expiration, school assignment, general provisions of the contract, and signatures of the teacher, superintendent of schools, and chairman of the board. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 8x8x1. Office.

296. (TEACHER'S CERTIFICATES), 1937--. Est. 400 papers in 1 f. d. Certificates issued by the State Commissioner of Education to teachers employed in schools in this county, showing number of certificate, name of teacher, duration of certificate, whether for elementary or high school position, date issued, official seal of the State Department of Education, and signatures of the Commissioner of Education and Supervisor of Certification. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x16x24. Office.

297. (PERMIT CARDS), 1933--. 1 f. d.

Permits issued to individuals not licensed to teach, when available number of licensed teachers is not sufficient to fill vacancies, showing name of teacher to whom permit is issued, name of school, date, certificate number and signatures of Commissioner of Education, and Supervisor of Certification. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x16x14. Office.

298. (PERSONNEL RECORD OF TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS), 1936--.

Est. 400 cards in 2 bdl.

Personnel records of elementary teachers and principals, showing year for which elected, date record made, teacher's name, address, race, sex, marital status, number of dependents, place and date of birth; name of school to which assigned, grades and subjects to teach, whether principal or teacher, number of teachers in the school, including principal; name in which certificate was issued, certificate or renewal number, effective

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and expiration dates, number of years of teaching experience, colleges attended and credits received, and signature of teacher or principal. Arr. alph. by name of teacher or principal. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x7x6. Office.

Records of Property

299. DEEDS SCHOOL PROPERTY, 1897--. 90 papers in 1 f. d. Original deeds to county school property, showing names of grantor and grantee, location and description of property, amount of consideration, date of instrument; signature of grantor, and acknowledgement of notary public. Arr. chron. by date of instrument. No index. Hdw., 1897-1917; typed, 1918--. 5x12x16. Office.

300. (INSURANCE POLICIES), 1933--. Est. 150 policies in 1 f. d. Original insurance policies covering school property, showing name of insurance company, date issued, date of expiration, description and location of insured property, kind of coverage, amount of policy, amount of premium, policy number, conditions of policy, and signature of official representative of insurance company. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 5x12x16. Office.

Financial Records

Receipts and Disbursements

301. TENNESSEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM, 1938--.
1 vol.

Control accounts of the superintendent of schools, including receipts, disbursements, payrolls, insurance, register of warrants, and a breakdown of all expenditures, showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, amount, purpose of payment, and account chargeable. Arr. under tabs by name of account and chron. thereunder by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 12x18x3. Office.

For prior records of warrants issued, see entry 303.

Warrants Issued

302. (WARRANT STUBS), 1926--. 75 vols. Stubs of warrants issued by the superintendent of schools for all school purposes, showing date issued, warrant number, name of payee, amount of payment, name of school, and purpose of payment. Arr. chron. by date issued and num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 8x14x2. Office.

303. REGISTER OF SCHOOL WARRANTS, 1921-37. 7 vols. Title varies: School Accounts, 1921-28, 2 vols. Register of warrants issued by the superintendent of schools, showing date

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issued, warrant number, to whom issued, on what account or purpose of payment, and amount. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 16x16x2. Annex.

For subsequent records, see entry 301.

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304. (RURAL ELEMENTARY STANDARDIZATION REPORT), 1937--. Est. 100 papers in 1 f. d.

Copies of reports submitted by principals seeking approval of rural elementary schools, showing name of school, date, name and address of principal, race, number of class rooms, number of teachers, length of term, number enrolled, average daily attendance, information on conditions concerning arrangements for health and comfort of teachers and pupils, and training of teaching personnel; list of teachers, grades taught, kind of certificate held, years of experience, and total college hours; list of equipment, maps, globes, and supplies available; information on library facilities available; improvements in buildings, grounds, and equipment; signature of principal, and certification of superintendent. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10x12x18. Office.

305. (TEACHERS' RECORDS), 1937--. 1 f. d.

Copies of reports submitted to the State Department, listing qualifications of teachers and principals elected for the year, showing name of teacher, race, sex, grade and school to which assigned, whether for full or part time, number of months to teach, total number of teachers and principals in the school, kind of certificate held, renewal number, date of expiration, extent of training, total number of credits and total number years of teaching experience, salary allowed by State, signatures of the superintendent and chairman of the board, and acknowledgement before a notary public. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x16x24. Office.

306. (ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT), 1933--. 1 f. d.

Statistical reports made annually by the superintendent to the Commissioner of Education, including all city and county elementary and high schools, showing name of school, number of teachers, kind of building, total and net enrollment, total number of days present, average daily attendance, record of elementary teachers, their training and qualifications; age grade tables, promotions in elementary grades, record of pupils transported by busses, year for which report is made, and superintendent's oath to accuracy of report. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x16x14. Office.

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307. (MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS), 1933--. 1 f. d.

Miscellaneous papers, including:

- i. Original monthly transportation reports, 1938--, submitted by principals to the superintendent, showing date of report, name of school, month reporting for, bus number, route number, name of driver, school month, number of days operated, number of pupils enrolled for transportation, average number transported daily, number transported more than two miles, and lists of schools served by each driver.
- ii. Copies of superintendent's quarterly report to the county court, 1938--, listing all receipts and disbursements of general school funds and high school funds, and showing amount received from State and federal funds for vocational teachers.
- iii. Principal's monthly attendance reports to the superintendent, 1938--, showing name of school, month ending, teachers' names, grades taught, enrollment for month, average daily attendance, total enrollment, pupils transported, and number of days taught.
- iv. Budgets compiled by the county superintendent, 1937--, estimating expenditures necessary for each school year under general divisions as follows: administration, instructional service, operation of school plants, transportation, insurance, rent, maintenance, capital outlay, and total.
- v. Annual financial reports of the trustee to the county superintendent, showing itemization of all receipts of school funds, State and county; and total expenditures.
- vi. Annual financial reports of superintendents of city schools to the county superintendent, showing itemization of all receipts and disbursements.
- vii. Paid invoices representing purchases of materials and supplies for general school purposes, showing date of bill, date of purchase, itemization, name of creditor, and signature of person receiving payment.

Arr. by subject. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

XXIV. COUNTY PHYSICIAN

Although several prior enactments looked to providing medical care for prisoners confined in the county jail, the office of county or jail physician was not definitely created until 1885.⁹⁸ The county physician is appointed by the quarterly county court for a term of 4 years.⁹⁹ It

98. P.A. 1859-60, ch. 95; Acts 1871, ch. 115; Acts 1873, ch. 29; Acts 1877, ch. 160; Acts 1883, ch. 223; Acts 1885, ch. 95.

99. Ibid., sec. 4 (C 1932, 5778); Acts 1891, ch. 181 (C 1932, 5778); Acts 1895, ch. 206 (C 1932, 5778).

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is the duty of the county physician to attend the inmates of the county workhouse and poor home, which have been combined in Tipton County since 1937.¹ No records of this office were found.

XXV. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Until 1929 Tipton County did not have an organized full-time health department,² a bureau first authorized in 1921.³ Under a general law of 1935 the board of health consists of the county judge, the health officer, the superintendent of schools, two physicians, and a dentist.⁴ The health officer, the two physicians, and the dentist are appointed by the quarterly county court for terms of 4 years.⁵

General Index

308. INDEX TO HEALTH CARDS, 1929--. 9 f. d.
Alphabetical card index to family folders, entry 310; general medical record, entry 309; health record of county schools, entry 315; and immunization cards, entry 320; showing name, address, date of birth, sex, and color of patient; names of parents, type of record, and where filed. Arr. alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x6x16. Office.

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309. GENERAL MEDICAL RECORD, 1929--. 1 f. d.
General medical records dealing mostly with treatments administered in the home, showing name, color, sex, age, and address of patient; name and address of employer, name of physician, nature of illness, name of person in charge of patient, whether home care is satisfactory, significant facts concerning illness, physician's orders, and worker's notes. Arr. alph. by name of patient. For index, see entry 308. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x7x16. Office.

310. FAMILY FOLDERS, 1933--. 4 f. d. (lettered).
Family folders prepared for all families receiving treatment or under observation of the unit, showing names of husband, wife, each child in the family, and any other members of the household; date of birth of

1. P.A. 1859-60, ch. 95; P.A. 1911, ch. 54, sec. 4 (C 1932, 4826); P.A. 1935, ch. 37 (C 1938, 5778); Pr.A. 1937, ch. 685, sec. 13.
2. Minutes, vol. 67, pp. 231, 239, 362, entry 4 in this Inventory.
3. P.A. 1921, ch. 89, sec. 1 (C 1932, 5783).
4. P.A. 1935, ex. ses., ch. 37 (C 1938, 5775).
5. Ibid. (C 1938, 5778, 5785).

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each member, age at death and cause of death, in case of diseased members; and significant economic and social data. Closed cases are summarized, showing names of individuals, date admitted, classification as to physical condition, date closed, and remarks. Also contains:

- i. T. B. field reports; showing name and address of patient, occupation, color, sex, date of birth, case number, name of physician, clinic or physician's reports, sputum analysis, household contacts, other laboratory examinations, tuberculin test record, physician's record, record of home visits, supplemental facts, and name of worker.
- ii. Maternity records showing name, address, color, age, and sex of patient; by whom referred to clinic, name of physician, significant clinical findings, date, physician's orders, urinalysis, other laboratory tests, record of delivery, record of home visits and services rendered, and comments on progress.
- iii. Communicable disease record, showing name and address of patient, nature of disease, name of investigator, date of investigation, color, age, and sex of patient; date of first symptom, date confined to bed, date physician called, date reported to department, length of residence in the county, economic status, household roster, date of similar attacks, dates of inoculations, laboratory findings, sanitary status of premises, probable sources of infection outside family, food consumed during incubation period, spread contacts, control problems, conclusions as to source of infection and record of home visits, and date of release.
- iv. Infant and pre-school record, showing name and address of child, date of birth, date registered, sex and color of child, names of father and mother, names of family physician and attendant, place of birth, significant facts from history, immunity status, diet and habits of infant, physical condition on examination, age, height, weight, average weight, average weight range at pre-school examination, special recommendations, notes on clinical conference and field visits, and name of worker.

Arr. alph. by family name. For index, see entry 308. Hdw. & typed on pr. fm. 5x7xl6. Office.

311. NURSE RECORD, ACTIVE CASES, 1929--. 2 f. d.

Record of nurses' visits to homes of patients treated by the health department, showing name and address of patient, age, sex, color, and occupation; name of disease, case number, name of family physician, type of disease, first symptoms, laboratory findings, record of home visits, date released, and method of release. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12xl4xl6. Office.

312. NURSE RECORD (Closed), 1929--. 2 f. d.

Record of patients who have received treatment and been dismissed by the health physician, showing name and address of patient, name of disease,

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case number, age, sex, color, and occupation of patient; names of family doctor and householder, date of first symptoms, date doctor called, type of disease, laboratory findings, record of home visits, date dismissed, and method of dismissal. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x14x16. Office.

313. CLOSED COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, MATERNITY, GEN. MEDICAL, 1929--.
1. f. d.

File of closed records including:

- i. Communicable disease record, showing name and address of patient, name of investigator, date of investigation, case number, date of first symptom, date confined to bed, date physician called, date reported to the department, length of residence in the county, economic status, household roster, sanitary status of premises, laboratory findings on case, food consumed during incubation period, probable sources of infection outside of family, spread contacts of family, control problems, conclusions as to source of infection; date and record of home visits, name of worker, and record of release of patient.
- ii. Maternity record, showing name, color, age and address of patient; by whom referred to clinic, name of physician in charge, significant clinical findings, physician's orders, record of urinalysis, other laboratory tests, record of delivery, record of home visits by worker both before and after delivery, services rendered, and progress made.
- iii. General medical record, showing name, address, color, sex and age of patient; name and address of employer, nature of illness, name of physician, person in charge of patient, whether home care is satisfactory, significant facts concerning present illness, physician's orders, record of home visits, and name of worker.

Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. & typed on pr. fm. 5x7x16. Office.

314. SANITARY SURVEY OF HOME, 1934--. 3 f. d.

Record of sanitary inspections of homes, showing name and address of property owner, location of property, name of occupant, notes on excreta disposal, water supply, and screening; date of inspection, and name of inspector. Arr. alph. by name of occupant. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x7x16. Office.

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315. HEALTH RECORD OF COUNTY SCHOOLS, 1935--. 1 f. d.

Record of health examinations of school pupils, showing name, sex, and color of pupil; names of parents, address, date and place of birth, name of family physician, school and grade, date of examination, results of

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examination, name of examiner, age, height, and weight of pupil; supplemental facts (history, habits, or other clinical record), immunity status, special recommendations, and notes on clinical, conference, and field visits. Arr. alph. by name of school. For index, see entry 308. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x7x16. Office.

316. SIGNAL CARDS, 1929-38. 2 f. d. Discontinued.
Record of the county physician's visits to public schools. Various colored cards are used to record different diseases and each card shows name of pupil, name of school attended, dates of physician's visits, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 7x9x16. Office.

317. SANITARY SURVEY OF SCHOOLS, 1935--. 54 cards in 1 f. d.
Record of sanitary inspections of schools, showing name and location of school, whether for white or colored, date of inspection, name of teacher, number of pupils enrolled, notes on condition of toilets, water supply, drinking facilities, lavatory facilities, heating, ventilation, furniture, and blackboards; name of inspector, and worker's notes on conference and field visits. Arr. num. by district and alph. thereunder by name of school. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x14x16. Office.

Vital Statistics

318. VITAL STATISTICS RECORD - BIRTH, 1934--. 2 f. d.
Record of births, showing name, sex, and color of child; whether legitimate, date and hour of birth, whether stillborn or normal birth, names and address of parents, place of birth, and name of attending physician. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x7x16. Office.
For other records of births, see entry 69.

319. VITAL STATISTICS RECORD - DEATH, 1934--. 2 f. d.
Record of deaths, showing name, age, sex, and color of deceased; date, cause, and place of death; place of birth, and names of physician and undertaker. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x7x16. Office.

For other records of deaths, see entry 71.

Immunizations

320. IMMUNIZATION CARDS, 1929--. Est. 3500 cards in 30 f. d. and 1 f. b.
Record of inoculations given as immunization against contagious diseases, showing name, address, age, sex, and color of patient; date of each inoculation, disease for which inoculated, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of patient. For index, see entry 308. Hdw. on pr. fm. F. d., 5x6x16; f. b., 5x30x30. Office.

Clinic Records

321. VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC, ACTIVE RECORD, 1929--. 1 f. d.
Record of venereal diseases, showing name of disease, name, address, age, sex, color, and occupation of patient; marital status, date and by whom referred, whether related to other clinic case, date admitted, date of onset, stage of disease, significant clinical findings, names of patient's personal contacts, dates contacts examined and results of examinations, and date and nature of final disposition of the case. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x7x16. Office.

322. VENEREAL DISEASE, CLINIC; CLOSED RECORD, 1929--. 4 f. d.
Closed records of venereal diseases, showing name of disease, name, age, sex, color, and occupation of patient; marital status, date and by whom referred, date admitted, date of onset, stage of disease, significant clinical findings, names of patient's personal contacts, dates of examinations, laboratory findings, dates of treatments, and date and nature of final disposition of the case. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x7x16. Office.

323. CLINIC ORGANIZATION & TUBERCULOSIS RECORDS, 1929--. 1 f. d.
Record of tubercular persons, suspects or active cases, referred to chest clinic by nurse assigned to territory, showing name of organization nurse, names of county and town, date of report, date of clinic, name of clinician; name, age, color, and sex of patient; name of physician or nurse by whom referred, relation of contacts, morbidity or mortality record, and examination results. Also contains:

Tuberculosis clinic records of patients examined, showing name, address, age, sex, color, marital status, and birthplace of patient; date of examination, name of county, patient's present and past occupation, by whom referred to clinic, name and address of physician, record of military service, if any; parental history of tuberculosis, duration of disease and date of death, history of contacts with tuberculosis, personal health history, present symptoms, and chest chart showing location of infection, results of examinations, narrative and summary of findings, tentative diagnosis, recommendations, X-ray report number, and final diagnosis.

Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. & typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

324. CRIPPLED CHILDREN CLINIC, 1934--. 1 f. d.
Physicians' reports of results and findings in a survey conducted for the purpose of contacting and enumerating number of crippled children in the county, showing place of examination, date, case number, name, age, color, sex, and address of patient; names of parents, present health, history of case, duration of disease or deformity, name of disease, diagnosis, prognosis, treatment recommended, and names of nurse and attending physician. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x14x16. Office

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325. WATER ANALYSIS, 1935--. 125 cards in 1 f. d.
Laboratory reports of bacteriological water examinations, showing laboratory number, town, name of property owner, source of water supply, date sampled, where and by whom sampled, and dates received and reported; also shows whether city water, spring, well, pump or cistern; results of examination, remarks, and signature of bacteriologist. Arr. alph. by name of property owner. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 7x9xl6. Office.

326. LABORATORY REPORT, 1926--. Est. 2000 cards in 2 f. d.
Reports on laboratory findings as result of specimen analysis conducted by State Laboratory, showing laboratory number, date of examination, name of patient, case number, specimen analyzed, purpose and result, name of patient's physician, and signature of bacteriologist. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 7x9xl6. Office.

Inspections

327. DAIRY PERMITS, 1930--. 50 cards in 1 f. d.
Record of permits issued to dairymen whose dairies have passed sanitary inspection, showing name of dairy, name and address of operator, location of farm, grade of milk, number of permit, date issued, and signatures of milk inspector and health officer. Arr. num. by permit no. and alph. by name of operator. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12xl4xl6. Office.

328. PIT-PRIVY RECORDS, 1935--. Est. 2200 cards in 1 f. d.
Survey and inspection reports on sanitary condition of outdoor privies, showing name and address of property owner, location of property, name of occupant, notes on excreta disposal, water, and screening; name of inspector, date of inspection, and condition of privy. Arr. alph. by name of occupant. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x7xl6. Office.

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329. VOUCHER BOOK, 1929--. 10 vols.
Vouchers covering expenditures of the department, showing names of health physician, nurses, and secretary; salary of each, general expense of nurses and physician, including expense for automobile; and local drug accounts. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 12xl6xl. Office.

Miscellaneous

330. COMMUNICATIONS, ROUTINE RECORDS, PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF FOOD HANDLERS, 1932--. 1 f. d.
General office correspondence and miscellaneous papers including.

- i. Physical records of persons engaged in business necessitating the handling of food, 1937--, showing name, physical condition, age, sex, color, height, weight, color of hair and eyes, marital status, place of birth, date of examination, name of employer, type of work performed, personal and family health history, immunity status, laboratory findings, and signature of examining physician.
 - ii. Budgets, 1936--, showing amounts allotted for payment of salaries, traveling expenses and other items, showing item, amount allotted, and amounts to be paid by the county, State, or other agency.
 - iii. Expense accounts, 1934--, for reimbursement of travel expense of workers and other items, showing period covered, total amount asked, signature of claimant, and notarization; names of firms from which merchandise has been purchased, classification of purchase by code number, amount of claim, and signature of health officer.
 - iv. Monthly tabulations, 1934--, showing breakdown of services rendered under each division of health department activities, including communicable disease control, venereal disease control, tuberculosis control, maternity service, infant and pre-school hygiene, school hygiene, adult hygiene, morbidity service, crippled children's service, general sanitation, protection of food and milk, laboratory, cases of reportable diseases, reports of births and deaths received, number of cases visited or treated, and kind of disease.
 - v. Copies of monthly payrolls, including salary and travel expenses, showing month covered, name of worker, position held, days worked, days absent, salary per month, payroll earnings, amount due for travel, total salary and travel.
 - vi. Copies of requisitions for supplies, submitted to the State department by director of local unit, showing date of requisition, description of item requested, form number, and amount.
- Arr. alph. by subject or name of individual. No index. Hdw., typed, & hdw. or typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

331. SCRAP BOOK, 1929--. 1 vol.
Newspaper clippings and articles of publicity covering activities and accomplishments of the department. Arr. chron. No index. Pr. 300 pp. 12x14x2. Office.

XXVI. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Prior to 1907 the road system of Tipton County was operated under the general law.⁶ A special act of 1907 directed the quarterly county court to appoint two freeholders as road commissioners for terms of 2 years.⁷ Before entering office, each commissioner was required to post with the county court clerk a bond of \$3,000 and to take an oath to perform his duties faithfully.⁸ A commissioner was to receive \$600 a year.⁹ The road commissioners had general supervision over the building and maintenance of all roads in the county and bridges and culverts of less than 10 feet, the construction and maintenance of larger bridges and culverts remaining directly under the quarterly court.¹⁰ Applications to open, close, or change roads were to be addressed to the commissioners, who could condemn private property and assess damages, subject to the approval of the quarterly court, with the right of appeal to the circuit court.¹¹ Under this act of 1907, all roads were to be worked under contracts let by the commissioners to the lowest bidders.¹² However, an amendatory act of 1909 instructed the commissioners to appoint overseers for roads on which no satisfactory bids were received.¹³ The commissioners were to inspect monthly the work done by the contractors and to issue warrants, to be countersigned by the county judge, for the various amounts due the contractors.¹⁴ Mentally and physically able male inhabitants of the county between the ages of 21 and 50, except residents of incorporated towns, were to work not less than 8 days upon the roads or pay to the commissioners 50 cents for each day not worked.¹⁵ The quarterly county court was directed to levy a tax for road purposes of at least 20 cents on each \$100 of taxable property.¹⁶

A special act of 1919, still in effect though reenacted in 1923 and amended slightly in subsequent years, divided the county into five road districts and provided for the biennial election by the qualified voters of five persons, one in each district, to make up the county board of

6. For discussion of the general law during part of this time, see Tennessee Historical Records Survey, A Summary of General Highway Legislation in Tennessee During the Period 1881-1909, Nashville, 1940.

7. Acts 1907, ch. 323, sec. 1.

8. Ibid., sec. 2.

9. Ibid., sec. 18.

10. Ibid., sec. 3.

11. Ibid., sec. 4; Acts 1909, ch. 49, sec. 4; Pr.A. 1917, ch. 408.

12. Ibid., sec. 5.

13. Acts 1909, ch. 49, sec. 11.

14. Acts 1907, ch. 323, sec. 14.

15. Ibid., sec. 7.

16. Ibid., sec. 8; Pr.A. 1915, ch. 174, attempting to make the first civil district of Tipton County a special road improvement district was invalid because the population classification did not apply.

highway commissioners.¹⁷ The Commissioner residing nearest the county seat is chairman.¹⁸ Since 1933 justices of the peace and other county officials have not been eligible to become highway commissioners.¹⁹ Before a commissioner enters office, he is required to take before the county court clerk an oath to perform his duties faithfully and impartially and to file with the clerk a bond of \$1,000.²⁰ Since 1929 each commissioner has received \$25 a month.²¹ He can be removed by the quarterly county court for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office and vacancies are filled by the quarterly court.²² The commission is required to meet monthly for the transaction of all its business.²³

Under the acts of 1919 and 1923 the superintendent of roads was appointed biennially by the quarterly county court, but he is now elected biennially by popular vote.²⁴ To be eligible for the office of superintendent of roads, a person must be a resident of the county and have "experience and skill in road building" and "sufficient clerical skill to keep an accurate and legible record of all proceedings before the board of highway commissioners."²⁵ Before he enters office he must subscribe to an oath before the county court clerk and execute a bond of \$2,000.²⁶ Between 1919 and 1933 the superintendent of roads received \$150 a month;²⁷ from 1933 to 1935, \$100 a month;²⁸ between 1935 and 1937, \$125;²⁹ and since 1937, \$200.³⁰ The superintendent can be removed by the board for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct and vacancies are filled by the board.³¹

17. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, secs. 1-5; Pr.A. 1919, ch. 582; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, secs. 1-5; Pr.A. 1927, chs. 559, 672; Pr.A. 1929, chs. 271, 544, 545; Pr.A. 1933, chs. 42, 48, 52, 146; Pr.A. 1935, chs. 108, 345; Pr.A. 1937, chs. 246, 438, 527; Pr.A. 1939, ch. 558.

18. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 7.

19. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 43.

20. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 6; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 6.

21. Pr.A. 1929, ch. 545.

22. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, secs. 5, 6; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 6; Pr.A. 1927, ch. 672, sec. 1.

23. Ibid., sec. 3.

24. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 8; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 8; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 438.

25. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 8; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 8; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 438.

26. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 9; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 8; Pr.A. 1935, ch. 345, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 438, sec. 1.

27. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 9; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 9.

28. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 52.

29. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 345.

30. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 438.

31. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 9; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 9.

The board of highway commissioners since its creation has had supervision over the public roads and since 1927 over all bridges, except steel bridges; before 1927 bridges of more than 10 feet in length were under the supervision of the quarterly court.³² Between 1919 and 1937 the board of highway commissioners had charge of the workhouse and performed the duties which prior to 1919, under the general law, belonged to the workhouse commission.³³ Specifically the commissioners now have the following powers and duties: to contract for the establishment and maintenance of any or all of the public roads of the county; to hire foremen and other laborers to work under the superintendent of roads if they elect not to have the roads worked under contract; to purchase necessary equipment for use on the roads; to open, close or otherwise alter roads and to condemn land in connection with any change; to spend the road funds of the county; to issue 6 percent warrants to mature within 5 years, except that not more than \$20,000, formerly \$25,000, of such warrants can be outstanding at any one time.³⁴

The superintendent of roads serves as secretary of the board of highway commissioners, technical supervisor over the work done by contractors or under the foremen, and has custody of the county's road machinery, animals, and materials.³⁵ Warrants upon the county's road funds are drawn by the superintendent of roads and countersigned by the chairman of the board of highway commissioners.³⁶

Until 1939 all male residents between the ages of 21 and 50, except those physically disabled or living in incorporated towns, were required to work between 6 and 8 days on the roads or to pay to the trustee a special commutation tax.³⁷ Road hands were allocated among the various

32. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 11; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, secs. 11, 31; Pr.A. 1927, ch. 672, sec. 4.

33. Acts 1891, ch. 123, sec. 3 (C 1932, 12012, 12013; Minutes, vol. X, p. 387, vol. 51, p. 225, entry 4 in this Inventory; Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 25; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 22; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 685; Minutes, vol. 73, p. 6, entry 4 in this Inventory; Pr.A. 1939, ch. 337. See also fn.

34. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 11; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, secs. 11, 38; Pr.A. 1927, ch. 672, sec. 5.

35. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, secs. 7, 10; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, secs. 7, 10; Pr.A. 1929, ch. 271, sec. 7; Pr.A. 1935, ch. 345, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 438.

36. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 19; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 18; Pr.A. 1927, ch. 672, sec. 2.

37. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, secs. 18, 20, 21; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, secs. 17, 19, 33; Pr.A. 1927, ch. 559; Pr.A. 1933, ch. 42; Pr.A. 1935, ch. 108; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 246; Pr.A. 1939, ch. 558.

road sections by the board.³⁸ Persons under workhouse sentences are worked upon the roads.³⁹

The superintendent of roads, as secretary of the board of highway commissioners, is required to keep a minute book, a warrant register, the warrant stubs, all vouchers, and an inventory of the county's road machinery, equipment, and materials.⁴⁰ Before 1939 the board was required to prepare and keep up to date a list of persons subject to road duty.⁴¹ Applications for road changes, together with a record of condemnation proceedings are transmitted to the county judge, who is authorized to draw warrants against the general county account for the payment of damages.⁴² The board is now required to make reports at each session of the quarterly county court showing the work accomplished and an itemized statement of costs, which report the county court clerk must read to the court.⁴³

Several special acts have been passed authorizing the quarterly court of Tipton County to issue bonds for highway purposes.⁴⁴

38. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 11, subsec. 3; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 11, subsec. 3.

39. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 25; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 22.

40. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 19; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 18; Pr.A. 1927, ch. 672, sec. 2.

41. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 20; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 19; Pr.A. 1929, ch. 271, sec. 2; Pr.A. 1939, ch. 558.

42. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 15; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 15; Pr.A. 1929, ch. 271, sec. 6.

43. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 527, secs. 1, 2.

44. Under the general law the quarterly county court cannot issue bonds for road purposes unless the issue has been approved by a majority of the voters in a general election. (Acts 1891, ch. 211, sec. 11; P.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 26, sec. 2 (C 1932, 2966)). Prior to 1913 the amount of road bonds outstanding could not exceed 5 percent of the value of the property subject to taxation. (Acts 1891, ch. 211, sec. 7). Since then a simple majority of the voters in a general election has been able to authorize the quarterly court to issue road bonds so long as the total outstanding debt does not exceed 10 percent of the taxable wealth in the county. (P.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 26, sec. 1 (C 1932, 2963)). If two-thirds of the persons voting approve, the outstanding debt may be increased until it equals 15 percent of the taxable wealth. (Ibid.). The interest rate cannot exceed 6 percent. (Acts 1891, ch. 211, sec. 7; P.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 26, sec. 1 (C 1932, 2963)). Formerly the bonds were to mature in from 20 to 30 years but may now run for 40 years. (Acts 1891, ch. 211, sec. 7; C 1932, 2962). The quarterly court may appoint three commissioners to supervise the construction or improvements to be made from the proceeds of an issue of road bonds. (P.A. 1919, 1st ex. ses., ch. 26, sec. 7 (C 1932, 2978, 2979)). The court is authorized

A special act of 1911 directed a general election to be held in order to determine whether the qualified voters favored the issuance of \$300,000 of road bonds, to bear interest at not more than 5 percent and to mature within 40 years.⁴⁵ If the bonds were issued by the quarterly court, they were to be signed by the county judge and countersigned by the county court clerk, and a register of the bonds was to be kept by the judge.⁴⁶ Also five men named in the act as a "Board of Good Roads Commissioners" were to supervise the expenditure of the proceeds until the quarterly court in January 1916 elected their successors for terms of 4 years.⁴⁷ Before entering upon the duties of his office, each commissioner was required to subscribe to an oath to perform his duties honestly and to make a bond of \$5,000.⁴⁸ A commissioner received such compensation as the quarterly court might allow but not less than \$300 a year; vacancies were to be filled by the quarterly court.⁴⁹ The commissioners were to organize by electing from their number a president and a chairman and by employing a bookkeeper, who was also to be secretary.⁵⁰ Persons under workhouse sentence could be worked upon the roads by this board.⁵¹ The board was to use the proceeds from the sale of the bonds to purchase rights-of-way and all material needed to improve the roads.⁵² The bookkeeper and secretary was to keep the minutes of the meetings of the board and an account of its receipts and disbursements, which records were to be subject to inspection by the county judge, the quarterly court, and any auditors appointed by the court.⁵³

A special act of 1913 authorized the quarterly county court of Tipton County to issue up to \$25,000 of bridge bonds to bear interest at a rate not in excess of 6 percent and to mature in 25 years.⁵⁴

to levy a tax to provide for the payment of the interest on the bonds and the creation of a sinking fund for the retirement of the principal. (Acts 1891, ch. 211, sec. 10; P.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 26, sec. 6 (C 1932, 2974); P.A. 1919, ch. 175, sec. 5 (C 1932, 2974)).

45. Pr.A. 1911, ch. 504, sec. 5.

46. Ibid., sec. 9.

47. Ibid., sec. 13. The editors have been unable to determine whether this board was established.

48. Ibid.

49. Ibid.

50. Ibid.

51. Ibid., sec. 16.

52. Ibid., sec. 15.

53. Ibid., sec. 14.

54. Pr.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 9. Under the general law the quarterly court has the power to borrow money for bridge construction by issuing bonds bearing interest of not more than 6 percent and to mature within 20 years. (Acts 1885, ch. 149, sec. 3 (C 1932, 3024)). The amount of such bonds cannot exceed 1 percent of the taxable wealth unless a majority of the voters in a general election direct the quarterly county court to issue a larger amount. (Acts 1903, ch. 586 (C 1932, 3025)).

The quarterly county court was authorized to levy a special tax to pay the interest on the bonds and retire the principal as it became due.⁵⁵ The county judge was authorized to keep a register of such bonds.⁵⁶ If the bonds were issued, the quarterly court was to appoint two citizens of the county, who together with the county judge were to constitute a board of county bridge commissioners.⁵⁷ The commissioners, except the county judge, were to receive such compensation as the quarterly court might allow.⁵⁸ They were authorized to purchase materials and have bridges built by the workhouse prisoners and road hands or to employ the services of private contractors.⁵⁹ The money was to be disbursed by the county trustee upon warrants drawn by the county judge and countersigned by the county court clerk.⁶⁰

A special act of 1927 authorized the quarterly court to borrow money for the construction of roads and bridges on short term warrants, not to bear more than 6 percent interest a year.⁶¹ The amount of warrants outstanding at any time was not to exceed \$50,000.⁶²

Another act of this same year authorized the quarterly county court to issue, subject to referendum, up to \$1,000,000 of road bonds, to bear not more than 6 percent interest and to mature within 30 years.⁶³

A special act of 1929 empowered the quarterly court to issue up to \$200,000 of bonds to pay off the outstanding road and bridge indebtedness.⁶⁴

55. Acts 1885, ch. 149, sec. 2 (C 1932, 3023).

56. Ibid., sec. 4 (C 1932, 3026).

57. Pr.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 9, sec. 10. The editors have been unable to determine whether such a board was established.

58. Ibid.

59. Ibid.

60. Ibid., sec. 11.

61. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 236.

62. Ibid.

63. Ibid., ch. 557.

64. Pr.A. 1929, ch. 478. Under the general law the quarterly county court can issue funding and refunding bonds provided that the county's debt is not increased and the interest rate of the replaced bonds is not changed. (Acts 1881, ch. 89, secs. 1, 2; Acts 1885, ch. 98, secs. 1, 2; Acts 1905, ch. 506, sec. 1 (C 1932, 746, 748); P.A. 1937, ch. 184, sec. 1 (C 1938, 4406, subsec. 81d), sec. 5 (C 1938, 4406, subsec. 81e); P.A. 1937, ch. 300, sec. 3 (C 1938, 4406, subsec. 81p), sec. 8 (C 1938, 4406, subsec. 81bb)) Refunding bonds were to mature within 20 years between 1881 and 1885, within 25 years between 1885 and 1905, and within 30 years since 1905. (Acts 1881, ch. 128, sec. 2; Acts 1885, ch. 98, sec. 2; Acts 1905, ch. 506, sec. 1 (C 1932, 749); P.A. 1937, ch. 300, sec. 8 (C 1938, 4406, subsec. 81bb)).

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Commission Proceedings

332. (MINUTES), 1919--. 4 vols.

Minutes of meetings of the highway commissioners, showing date of meeting, names of commissioners present, nature and disposition of business transacted, including approval for payment of bills for services rendered or materials purchased; and signatures of superintendent of roads and chairman of the commission. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. Aver. 400 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

333. ROAD COMMISSIONER'S BOOK, 1897-99. 1 vol.

Record of orders issued by road commissioners to overseers, showing number of order, date issued, name of overseer, number of district in which overseer is to work, location of road to be worked, classification of road, names of workers to report to overseer, date work is to begin, and signature of commissioner. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 138 pp. 9x14x1. Office.

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334. RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENTS, 1928--. 1 f. d.

Agreements executed by property owners conveying land to the county for right-of-way for public roads, showing name of property owner, district number, length and width of right-of-way, number of acres contained, date agreement executed, and signatures of owner and witnesses. Arr. num. by district no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

For other right-of-way agreements, see entry 3.

335. FIELD BOOK, 1931--. 88 vols.

Engineer's record of road construction, showing lines run, specifications for road work, ditches to be dug, number of stakes placed to show location and depth of ditch, square feet of excavating, and grade at all points. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. & drawn. Aver. 100 pp. 5x7x1. Office.

336. LEDGER (Record of Truck Haulage), 1937--. 2 vols.

Daily record of hauling done by each truck working under county highway supervision, showing truck number, name of driver, number of loads hauled, cubic yards, price per cubic yard per mile, number of miles per haul, and amount earned each day. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 8x14x1. Office.

337. WPA INVOICES AND BILLS, DUPLICATE LETTERS, CONTRACTS, REQUISITIONS, 1936--. 1 f. d. (dated 1937-38).

Records of highway work performed in conjunction with WPA, including:

- i. Bank balances, 1936--, which is the bank's monthly interest statement to trustee, showing present balance, average balance, interest on each county account, and month reported.

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- ii. Miscellaneous contracts, 1938--, including lease of equipment to contractors, showing terms of lease, rate of rental, date, and signatures of contracting parties; contracts to deliver specified materials to designated places, showing price, point of delivery, and general specifications to be met; contracts for rental of State equipment to the county showing type and description of equipment, rental rate, conditions of agreement, date executed, and signatures of contracting parties.
- iii. Contracts with WPA, 1935--, showing record of material furnished from Federal funds, description of material, number of pieces, size, total feet, and remarks.
- iv. Record of roads designated by the highway commission for hard surfacing, including WPA sponsor's certificate of acquisition of property for right-of-way, showing how obtained, description of work to be done, name of sponsor, and signature of sponsor's authorized representative; WPA bulletins on construction methods and bridge specifications, specifications and contracts on farm-to-market roads; contracts and agreements entered into between the State Department of Highways and Public Works and Tipton County, for construction of farm-to-market roads, showing time required for work, funds to be furnished by the county, agreement to pay in specified monthly payments, general conditions to be met, and signatures of State Commissioner of Highways and Public Works, chairman of county commission, and county judge.
- v. Daily reports of gas and oil used by county trucks, 1939--, showing date reported, truck number, number gallons gas and oil used, and signature of driver.
- vi. Orders and invoices for gasoline, grease, and oil, purchased by the department, 1936--, showing date, from whom purchased, number gallons of gas, pounds of grease, or barrels of oil; grade, when and how to be delivered, price per gallon, pound or barrel; and total amount of order.
- vii. Record of gravel used on various roads, 1936--, showing cubic yards used per mile, and cubic yards on each road. Also record of gravel sold, showing date, and to whom sold, number of cubic yards, and total amount; record of cost of furnishing gravel, such as shovels, trucks, labor for operating, gas, and oil; and total cost per cubic yard.
- viii. Special tax bill and notice of State Highway Department, 1937--, on inspection of gasoline, showing date of inspection, tax class, and amount of fee.
- ix. Letters received and copies of replies, 1938--.
- x. Duplicates of license registration of county cars, trucks, and tractors, showing date of registration, whether old or new vehicle, name and address of owner, signatures of purchaser of license and county court clerk, and number of license.

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- xi. Duplicates of payroll sheets, 1936--, submitted by the highway department to WPA, for farm-to-market roads, showing project number, name of road, period covered, total man hours, total amount due, and signature of road superintendent.
 - xii. Copies of reports to the quarterly county court, 1936--, showing dates covered by report, date submitted, summary of all work performed, including total miles graveled, bridges constructed and repaired, proposed projects, and amount of money spent.
 - xiii. Copies of requisitions of the department to WPA for workers, 1936, showing type of work to be done, and number of workers required.
 - xiv. Daily reports of crew foremen to highway commission, 1939--, showing number of hours worked, number of men in crew, amount of gas and oil used, name of road worked on, and signature of foreman.
 - xv. Lists of persons who have paid road tax in lieu of work and those exempted from payment of tax, 1936--.
 - xvi. Bills of lading and warehouse receipts for machinery and equipment shipped to highway department, 1937--, showing date shipped, name of shipper, how shipped, and number and initial of car in which shipped.
 - xvii. Copies of the department's reports of expenditures as WPA sponsor, 1937--, showing project location, work project number, official project number, type of work symbol, payroll number, beginning and ending date, number of employees, man hours, total earnings, and signature of superintendent of roads.
- Arr. alph. by subject and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. & typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

Gas and Oil Record

338. LEDGER (Record of Gas and Oil used in County Trucks), 1935--.
7 vols.

Record of gasoline and oil used daily in operation of county highway trucks, showing truck number, amount of gasoline and oil, and date. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Aver. 175 pp. 8x12x1. Office.

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Invoices and Vouchers

339. (PAID INVOICES), 1936--. 1 f. d.
Original invoices for machinery, equipment, and supplies purchased, showing name and address of creditor, date of order, date shipped, invoice

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number, name of salesman, terms of payment, description of material shipped, total amount of invoice, date of payment, and number of voucher issued. Arr. alph. by name of creditor. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x14x22. Office.

340. (VOUCHER GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND), 1934--. 1 vol.
Original certified vouchers for disbursements of general highway funds for payment of salaries and materials purchased, showing voucher number, date issued, kind of work, number of days worked, amount of material used, name of fund on which warrant is drawn, name of payee, certification and signature of the county judge, and signature of superintendent of roads. Arr. num. by voucher no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 383 pp. 12x18x5. Office.

341. (VOUCHERS-ROAD BOND FUND), 1928--. 2 vols.
Original certified vouchers for disbursement of road bond funds in payment of salaries and material purchased, showing voucher number, purpose of expenditure, number of days worked or amount of material used, name of fund on which warrant is drawn, name of payee, and certification of the county judge, and signature of the superintendent of roads. Arr. num. by voucher no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. Aver. 425 pp. 12x14x8 $\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

342. (VOUCHER - BRIDGE AND LEVEE FUND), 1928--. 2 vols.
Original certified vouchers for disbursements of bridge and levee fund, showing voucher and warrant numbers, date paid, name of payee, purpose, and amount of payment. In some cases original invoices are attached to vouchers. Arr. num. by voucher no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. Aver. 274 pp. 12x14x10. Office.

343. (VOUCHERS - STATE AID FUND), 1931--. Est. 2300 papers in 1 looseleaf vol., 1 bdl.
Original certified vouchers for disbursements from State aid fund, showing voucher number, numbers of warrants issued, date paid, name of each creditor, description of goods purchased or service rendered, project number, unit price, and total amount. In some cases original invoices are clipped to the vouchers. Arr. num. by voucher no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. Vol., 800 pp. 12x14x12; bdl., 10x11x12. Office.

Warrants Issued

344. (GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND WARRANTS), 1920--. 26 vols., 1 bdl.
Stubs, 1920-1934, and duplicates, 1935--, of warrants drawn on highway funds. Stubs show date issued, warrant number, amount, purpose of warrant, and signature of payee acknowledging receipt of warrant; and duplicates show date of issue, amount of payment, warrant number, voucher number, name of payee, purpose of payment, and signature of person issuing same. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 383 pp. 8x10x6. Office.

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345. (DUPLICATE WARRANTS - ROAD BOND FUND), 1931--. 10 bdl.
Duplicates of warrants issued for disbursement of road bond fund, showing date of issue, amount of payment, warrant number, voucher number, name of payee, purpose of payment, and signature of person issuing same. Arr. chron. by date of issue and num. by warrant no. No. index. Typed on pr. fm. 8x10x6. Office.
346. (WARRANTS - BRIDGE AND LEVEE FUND), 1927--. 3 vols.
Stubs of warrants drawn on bridge and levee funds by the superintendent of roads, showing date warrant issued, number and amount of warrant, purpose of payment, and signature of payee acknowledging receipt of warrant. Arr. chron. by date issued and num. by warrant no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 274 pp. 8x10x6. Office.
347. (DUPLICATE WARRANTS - STATE AID FUND), 1931--. Est. 3000 warrants in 5 bdl.
Duplicates of warrants issued on State aid fund in payment of salaries and materials purchased, showing date issued, number and amount of warrant, purpose of issue, name of payee, number of days worked, and signatures of foreman, county judge, and superintendent of roads. Arr. num. by warrant no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 8x10x6. Office.
348. WARRANT REGISTER GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND, 1929--. 1 vol.
Record of warrants issued for disbursement of general highway funds, showing date issued, name of payee, voucher number, warrant number, amount of warrant, and purpose of payment. Arr. chron. by date issued and num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 15x32x2. Office.
349. JOURNAL (Register of General Highway Fund Warrants), 1938--. 1 vol.
Register of warrants issued against general highway fund, showing date issued, voucher number, warrant number, and amount. Also shows amounts and dates of credits to this account. Arr. chron. by date issued and num. by warrant no. No. index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 10x14x2. Office.
350. WARRANT REGISTER ROAD BOND FUND, 1928--. 1 vol.
Record of warrants issued for disbursement of road bond fund, showing date issued, to whom payable, voucher number, warrant number, project number, amount of warrant, and purpose of payment. Arr. chron. by date issued and num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 15x22x2. Office.
351. JOURNAL (Register of Warrants Issued Against Road Bond Funds), 1938--. 1 vol.
Register of warrants issued against funds derived from sale of road bonds, showing date issued, warrant number, voucher number, and amount of warrant. Also shows record of credits to this fund, showing date received and amount. Arr. chron. by date issued and num. by warrant no. No. index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

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352. WARRANT REGISTER - BRIDGE AND LEVEE FUND, 1930--. 1 vol.
Register of warrants to show disbursement of bridge and levee funds, showing date warrant issued, voucher number, warrant number, amount of warrant, and purpose of payment. Arr. chron. by date issued and num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 pp. 15x22x2. Office.

353. WARRANT REGISTER (State Aid Fund), 1931--. 1 vol.
Register of warrants issued in payment of highway expenses drawn on funds derived from tax on gasoline, showing date issued, to whom issued, voucher and warrant numbers, amount, and purpose of payment. Arr. chron. by date issued and num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 pp. 15x22x2. Office.

354. JOURNAL (Register of State Aid Fund Warrants), 1931--. 3 vols.
Register of warrants issued against funds allotted by State from tax levied on sales of gasoline, showing date issued, warrant number, and amount. Also shows amount received and credited to county, and date credited. Arr. chron. by date issued and num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 10x14x2. Office.

Maps and Plats

355. (PLATS OF ROADS), 1928--. 25 plats.
Engineers' drawings of roads to be constructed, showing width and length of road, cross sections, culverts, drainage, fills, and grade elevations. Pr., black & white. 24x42. Office.

356. (MAP OF TIPTON COUNTY), 1935--. Est. 50 maps.
Outline maps of Tipton County showing the route, terminals, and class of road as designated by green lines for State roads with State or U. S. number; brown lines for county gravel roads, and dashes for dirt roads. Also shows towns, churches, rivers, canals, railroads and cemeteries. Drawn by: N. G. Hadley. Pr., black & white. 50 pp. 24x42. Office.

Workhouse Record

357. WORKHOUSE RECORDS, 1927-37. 1 vol.
Minutes of regular monthly meetings of highway commissioners performing duties of the workhouse commissioners, showing date of meeting, names of members present, nature of business transacted, including a record of prisoner's board bills and bills for supplies approved for payment, showing names of prisoners, and amount of board for each; name of merchant from whom supplies were purchased, and amount of payment due; and signature of the secretary of the commission. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 388 pp. 8x12x3. Office.

For other record of workhouse prisoners, see entry 139.

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XXVII. WORKHOUSE COMMISSION

Between 1891 and 1919 Tipton County had a workhouse commission, consisting of four persons appointed by the quarterly county court, for terms of 2 years and the county judge as ex officio chairman.⁶⁵ The commissioners were authorized to appoint a superintendent for a term of 2 years, who, along with the commissioners, was to have charge of the workhouse and the care of all prisoners.⁶⁶ Between 1919 and 1939 the board of highway commissioners performed the duties of the workhouse commission.⁶⁷ No records of this office were located.

XXVIII. POOR COMMISSION

The poor commission, as authorized by an act of 1826 and amended in 1827, was to be composed of three persons appointed by the quarterly county court for terms of 1 year.⁶⁸ A superintendent, selected by the commissioners, was to manage the poor home and be responsible for the housing of the inmates therein.⁶⁹

In Tipton County, however, a poor commission was not organized until 1867.⁷⁰ This commission consisted of 3 persons appointed by the quarterly county court, presumably for 1 year, and a superintendent selected by and from the commission.⁷¹ Prior to 1867 paupers were boarded by the quarterly court with various people in the county or were housed and fed in the county jail.⁷² This commission continued until 1939, when its duties were assumed by the institutions commission.⁷³

65. Acts 1891, ch. 123, sec. 2 (C 1932, 12005), sec. 3 (C 1932, 12012); Minutes, vol. X, p. 387, vol. 51, p. 225, entry 4 in this Inventory.

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

67. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 217, sec. 25; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 350, sec. 22; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 685; Minutes, vol. 73, p. 6, entry 4 in this Inventory. Although the act of 1937 provided for the establishment of a joint penal farm caring for workhouse prisoners and inmates of the poor home, under the direction of an institutions commission, it may be presumed that the highway commission continued to perform the duties of the workhouse commission and the poor commission continued to perform its duties until adequate facilities were provided in 1939.

68. Pr.A. 1826, ex. ses., ch. 56, sec. 2 (C 1932, 4794); Pr.A. 1827, ch. 112, sec. 6 (C 1932, 4809, 4810).

69. Ibid.

70. Minute Book, vol. H, pp. 90, 91, 184, 185, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory.

71. Ibid.

72. Minute Book, vol. C, pp. 22, 322; vol. E, p. 369; vol. F, p. 50, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory.

73. Minutes, vol. V, p. 202; vol. 2, p. 205; vol. 29, p. 290; vol. 47, p. 261; vol. 53, pp. 91, 92; vol. 58, p. 307; vol. 73, p. 309; vol. 74,

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358. (MINUTES OF POOR HOME COMMISSIONERS), 1868-Jan. 1939. 2 vols. Record of regular meetings and all business transacted by the poor commissioners, showing names of commissioners and superintendent of poor home, names of all inmates, amount of board allowed for care of inmates, amount of board for each inmate, itemized account of all expenditures, including groceries, clothing, and drug account; and total expenditures for the month. Arr. chron. by months. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 400 pp. 12x18x4. 1 vol., 1868-1913, co. ct. clk's. office; 1 vol., 1914-1939, co. j's. office.

359. POOR HOUSE BILLS, 1926-1939. 1 f. d.

Miscellaneous papers relative to operation of the poor farm, including:

- i. Bids submitted by individuals for rental and superintendence of the poor farm, showing date of bid, amount of rental offered, rate of board to be charged for inmates, and signature of bidder.
- ii. Contracts between the poor commission and superintendent of the farm, showing condition of agreement, date of contract, and signatures of the superintendent and commissioners.
- iii. Bonds executed by the superintendent of poor farm, guaranteeing faithful discharge of obligations, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date bond executed, and signatures of principal and sureties.
- iv. Copy of commissioners' annual reports to the quarterly county court, showing names of inmates admitted to the home during the year, number discharged, number deceased, statement of financial status of the institution, date of report, and signatures of superintendent and commissioners.
- v. Insurance policies covering dwellings, barns, and other buildings on the farm.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 5x10x12. Co. J's. office.

360. DAY BOOK (Poor Home Ledger), 1914-39. 3 vols.

Monthly record of expenses incurred for food, drugs, clothing, supplies, and equipment; and amount of board for inmates claimed by the superintendent, and presented to the commission for approval for payment, showing names of merchants from whom purchases were made, and amount due each; names of inmates, and amount of board claimed for each; and approval and signatures of the poor commissioners. Also includes a list, prepared annually, of inmates who have died at the poor home. Arr. chron. by months. No index. Hdw. Aver. 270 pp. 9x14x2. Co. j's. office.

p. 16, entry 4 in this Inventory; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 685; Pr.A. 1939, ch. 337, See also fn.

XXIX. INSTITUTIONS COMMISSION

An act of 1937 authorized the construction of a joint penal and county farm in Tipton County.⁷⁴ For the purpose of establishing this institution, the quarterly county court was authorized to issue up to \$50,000 of bonds to bear not more than 6 percent interest and to mature serially over a period of 25 years.⁷⁵ The institution is under the management of the Tipton County institutions commission, consisting of four members appointed by but not from the quarterly court for terms of 4 years and the county judge, who is chairman of the commission.⁷⁶ Before each member other than the county judge enters office, he must give a bond of \$1,000.⁷⁷ The commission meets monthly to transact its business, and the members receive such compensation as the quarterly court allows.⁷⁸ Members may be removed by the quarterly court for incompetency, neglect of duties or misconduct in office.⁷⁹ The quarterly court is directed to levy annually a tax which will provide an income adequate for the support of the institution.⁸⁰ Warrants upon the funds available to the commission are signed by two commissioners and countersigned by the county judge as chairman of the commission.⁸¹

A superintendent of institutions, who is also secretary of the commission, is appointed annually by the commission at a salary of \$125 a month.⁸² He must give a bond of \$4,000,⁸³ and be "a man of experience, industry and honor as well as of sufficient clerical skill to keep an accurate and legible record of all proceedings before the commission."⁸⁴ He can be removed by the commission for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office.⁸⁵ As superintendent, he has "supervision, management and control of the penal and county farms, its buildings and all persons committed to the several institutions located thereon and he shall perform whatever services connected therewith as the commission may from time to time fix and define, including the working of prisoners, and

74. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 685; Minutes, vol. 73, p. 6, entry 4 in this Inventory; Record, pp. 1, 11, 13-16, entry 361 in this Inventory; Pr.A. 1939, ch. 337.

75. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 685, sec. 1.

76. Ibid., sec. 5; Minutes, vol. 73, p. 6, entry 4 in this Inventory. The commission is sometimes referred to locally as the penal farm committee.

77. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 685, sec. 6.

78. Ibid., secs. 5, 6; Pr.A. 1939, ch. 337, sec. 1.

79. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 685, sec. 6.

80. Ibid., sec. 16.

81. Pr.A. 1939, ch. 337, sec. 7.

82. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 685, sec. 8; Pr.A. 1939, ch. 337, sec. 2.

83. Ibid., sec. 3.

84. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 685, sec. 8.

85. Ibid.

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inmates, the planting and harvesting of crops and the general care, improvement and maintenance of said property."⁸⁶ The commission employs such guards and overseers as are needed.⁸⁷

361. RECORD (Minutes), Dec. 31, 1938--. 1 vol.
Record of proceedings at monthly meetings of the institutions commission, showing date and place of meeting, names of members present, matters discussed such as approval of claims for payment, employment of guards, overseers, and other necessary personnel; resolutions or recommendations to be presented to the quarterly county court, signature of the secretary, date of approval, and signature of the chairman. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw., Dec. 1938-May 1939; typed, June 1939--. 275 pp. 14x10x2. Supt's. office.

XXX. RANGER

A ranger was appointed by the county court at its first meeting.⁸⁸ The office of ranger, although constitutional,⁸⁹ is now defunct in Tipton County, probably being abandoned when there was no longer the need for an officer to receive and to take up stray livestock. If there were a ranger, he would be appointed by the quarterly county court for a term of 2 years.⁹⁰ There are no records of this office to be found.

XXXI. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

A general law of 1913 authorized the quarterly county court to appropriate money for "Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work."⁹¹ The court first provided for a county farm agent and a home demonstration agent in 1917.⁹² Both offices are still in existence.⁹³ Under a general law of 1929 Tipton County now has an agricultural extension committee of five members selected by and from the quarterly court and serving for a period of 1 year or until their successors are elected and qualified.⁹⁴ This

86. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 685, sec. 9.

87. Ibid., sec. 14.

88. Minute Book, vol. A, p. 3, in Minutes, entry 4 in this Inventory.

89. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; C 1858, 817 (C 1932, 1904); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.

90. Ibid.

91. P.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 37 (C 1932, 10242, subsec. 18); C 1932, 10251.

92. Minutes, vol. 51, pp. 263, 264, 495, entry 4 in this Inventory.

93. Tennessee State Planning Commission, County and Municipal Officials of Tennessee, 1940, p. 23.

94. P.A. 1929, ch. 81, sec. 5 (C 1932, 2545); Minutes, vol. 69, p. 256, entry 4 in this Inventory.

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committee nominates the county farm agent and the home demonstration agent.⁹⁵ Under the general law the farm and home demonstration agents serve at the will of the committee,⁹⁶ but in Tipton County they are appointed for terms of 2 years.⁹⁷ The county farm agent seeks to educate the farmers to better agricultural techniques and performs certain services in connection with the crop control and soil conservation program of the Federal Government. The home demonstration agent instructs the women in home economics.

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Cotton Contracts and Agreements

362. (COTTON ACREAGE REDUCTION CONTRACTS), 1934-36. 8 f. d. (no. by contained district nos.).

Original contracts between the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and cotton producers whereby the producer, in return for specified cash benefits, agrees to reduce number of acres devoted to cotton production, showing names and addresses of producer and share-croppers, number of acres, location of farm, performance of producer, certification of community and county committee, certification and acceptance of Secretary of Agriculture. Also contains:

- i. Certificates of compliance, certifying that producer will comply with cotton acreage reduction contract, showing farm number, code and serial number, producer's name, rented acreage, number of acres planted in cotton, signatures of producer and landlord, certificate of supervisor and county committee, and approval of county agent.
- ii. Application for payment under cotton acreage reduction contracts, showing location of farm, names and addresses of all producers entitled to share in said depleting crops or proceeds, proportionate share of each, acreage devoted to each, approved soil-building practice, and extent to which producer carried out such practice; certification of applicant that data respecting base acreages, 1936 crop acreages, and yield or rate for any crop, are true and accurate; certification of inspection by supervisor or committeeman, and certification of county committee.

Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of producer. No. index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

95. P.A. 1929, ch. 81, sec. 5 (C 1932, 2545); Minutes, vol. 69, p. 256, entry 4 in this Inventory.

96. Ibid.

97. Minutes, vol. 74, p. 440, entry 4 in this Inventory.

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363. (NONPARTICIPATING COTTON ACREAGE ADJUSTMENT AGREEMENT), 1934-35.
1 f. d. Discontinued.

Agreements between cotton producers and the Department of Agriculture whereby landlord pledges to plant only a certain amount of cotton, not exceeding percent named by the State board, showing agreement serial number, names and addresses of owner and tenants, description of farm, number of bales of cotton produced, number of pounds, and signatures of owner, tenant, witness, county agent, and county committee. Arr. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of producer. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x16x24. Office.

364. (COTTON PRICE ADJUSTMENT AGREEMENT), 1935--. Est. 4000 papers
in 2 f. d.

Original certified agreements between cotton producers and the Department of Agriculture, whereby the department agrees to pay producer rent on land diverted according to agreement, showing serial number, State and county code, allotment to farm, number of pounds of lint cotton, signature and address of person making application, number of bales and weight, amount sold, certificate, name and address of purchaser, date of sale, and signatures of producer and witness. Arr. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of producer. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x16x24. Office.

365. (OFFER OF SALE OF TRUST CERTIFICATE), 1933--. 1 f. d.

Original certificate of release for cotton pooled under 1933 contract, showing farm number, county code stamp, name and address of pool member, date, serial number, number of bales pooled, date release executed, signatures of holder of trust certificate, witness, and manager of cotton pool. Arr. num. by district no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x16x24. Office.

366. COTTON SALES CERTIFICATE, 1935--. Est. 2000 papers in 1 f. d.

Certified record of cotton grown and sold by producers, showing name and address of purchaser, date of purchase, number of bales, weight, amount of seed cotton purchased, signature of purchaser, operator's interest in sale, and signature of producer. Arr. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of producer. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x16x24. Office.

367. (PARITY PAYMENTS), 1934-35. 4 f. d.

Receipts for parity payments made by landlords and producers to share-croppers and tenants, showing contract serial number, name of landlord or producer, total acreage permitted for cotton, total amount of parity payment, name of each tenant or share-cropper, number acres in cotton allotted each, share for which working, amount due each, and signature of share cropper or tenant receiving payment. Arr. num. by contract no. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Strg. rm.

368. (PRODUCER AND SUPERVISOR REPORT), 1936--. Est. 2000 papers in
2 f. d.

Producers' and supervisors' reports on cotton acreage; producers' reports show number of acres planted in cotton, kind of crop grown on land reduced

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from cotton land, condition of crop, prospect for harvest, total number of acres in farm, total number of acres in cultivation, and signature of producer; supervisors' reports show device used for measuring land, name of person assisting supervisor, number of hours required in measuring, and signatures of committee members and supervisor. Arr. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of producer. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x16x24. Office.

369. (APPLICATIONS FOR TAX-EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES BASED ON CHANGE OF STATUS), 1934-35. 32 vols.

Applications for tax-exemption certificates based on change of status of landlord or tenant, showing whether change of legal status is evidenced by a document such as a deed, lease, assignment, will or inheritance; names and addresses of tenant and landlord, name shown in application, affidavit and signature of applicant, certification of county committeeman, and approval of county agent. Arr. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of producer. No index. Typed on pr. fm. Aver. 250 pp. 10x16x2. Office.

Corn-Hog Contracts

370. (CORN-HOG CONTRACTS), 1934-36. 2 f. b.

Original contracts between the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and producers pledging to reduce acreage planted in corn and number of hogs raised for market, showing name and address of producer, adjustment data, signatures of land lord and producer, division of payments, and certification of county allotment committee. Other papers incident to the completion of contract requirements contained in this file are:

- i. Work sheets filled out by applicants for corn-hog contracts, showing acreage as divided during 1932 and 1933, legal description of land and certification as to ownership; hog production 1932-35, and adjusted figures; maps of farm land, showing buildings and size, shape, and location of each field, and crop grown on same; number of acres retired from corn production and total acreage included in map, names of persons operating during years covered, any crops raised that are not listed, and any special conditions existing.
- ii. Contract compliance certificates, showing name and address of producer, 1935 corn acreage, whether to be used as silage or not, supervisor's certification to accuracy of measurements, names of all persons party to contract, data necessary to prove compliance with contract, and affirmation of producer and landlord; statement of production and sale of hogs, and certification of supervisor to same; certification of county allotment committee, statement of final payments to producer and landlord, check number, date and amount of final payment to landlord and to producer, and certification of Comptroller.
- iii. Feeder pig reports, showing name and address of producer, certification of producer to accuracy of statements, number of

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pigs acquired or purchased or fed for others, number sold live or dressed, number died, number butchered for home consumption, number on hand at beginning of period covered; summary of these items and description of evidence as proof, date, signature of producer, supervisor's certification and report of county allotment committee.

iv. Waiver of corn adjustment payment by share-cropper, whereby share-cropper agrees to plant stipulated acreage in corn for his own use and allow payment to revert to producer, showing name of share-cropper, name of producer, and signature of all parties to waiver, and allotment committeemen.

v. Producer's statement of supporting evidence submitted, showing duplicate of sales evidence, name and address of applicant, type of evidence, sales claimed by producer, certified sales, doubtful hogs, cause, and number of hogs removed.

Arr. by districts and num. thereunder by contract serial no. No index.
Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

371. (MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS - CORN-HOG), 1934-36. 1 f. d.

Miscellaneous original papers relating to corn-hog contracts, including:

- i. Monthly certificate of expenses, made by committeemen to corn-hog association, 1934-36, showing date, name and address of claimant, nature of work performed, total number of days, rate per day, total amount claimed, and signature of claimant.
- ii. Summaries of corn-hog contracts, adjusted and approved by the allotment committee, showing date, type and total number of contracts submitted, average acreage in corn, 1932-33, number acres to be retired, adjusted estimated yield per acre, production on retired corn land, hogs produced for market, and signatures of members of county allotment committee.
- iii. Applications for substitutions for original contract signers in cases where original signer has ceased to operate the farm, showing name of original signer, contract number, condition under which signer is being substituted, signatures of witnesses and applicant, and certification of county allotment committee.
- iv. Community summary of corn-hog referendum ballots cast to determine whether or not the farmers wanted corn-hog contracts continued after 1935, showing name of community, number of ballots cast by contract signers and non contract signers, total ballots, and signatures of community committeemen.
- v. Bond of treasurer of corn-hog association, pledging himself to safely keep and correctly pay out all money entrusted to him, and to account for books, papers and property belonging to the association, showing date, conditions of obligation, signatures of principal and sureties, corporate seal, rate of premium, and approval of president of the association.
- vi. Applications for termination of corn-hog contracts, showing reason for termination, producer's and landlord's signatures,

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- date of application, and signatures of allotment committee-men.
- vii. Listing sheet of all corn-hog contracts, showing group, township, county, State, name and address of producer or landlord, number of acres in farm, total acreage in field corn, corn acreage to be retired in 1935, estimated corn yield per acre, and production of hogs for market.
 - viii. Request to establish permissible production of corn or hogs, showing number of acres of land, or number of hogs, name of farm, names and addresses of producer and landlord, whether for hogs or corn, and approval of State Board.
 - ix. Record of proceedings of corn-hog control association, showing date of meeting, name of community, title of person giving notice of meeting, name of person presiding, number of persons present, names and addresses of members of board of directors, name and address of vice-chairman elected, number of votes cast and received, certification of minutes, and signature of chairman of community committee or alternate.
- Arr. by subjects and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw., typed, & typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Strg. rm.

Soil Conservation Program

372. (RECORDS, SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAM), 1936--. 24 f. d. (no. by contract serial numbers).

Original forms and data necessary to establish and carry out the Agricultural Conservation Program, including:

- i. Applications for payment under the soil conservation and domestic allotment act, showing names and addresses of all producers entitled to share in soil depleting crops or the proceeds thereof; the proportionate share in each such crop to which each producer is entitled, acreage devoted to each approved soil-building practice, and the extent to which carried out; the proportion of such land, work stock and equipment used thereon in carrying out operations, furnished by each producer; certification to accuracy of information given, signatures of participants, representations, certificate of inspection by supervisor or committeeman, and certificate of accuracy of representations, and signature of county committeeman.
- ii. Farm summary sheets, showing crops grown, harvested, and base acreage; percent of cropland, usual acreage, allotments and other items, rate per acre, and maximum payment; factors affecting recommended acreage, soil conserving acreage, and soil building goal; and names of persons computing and checking data.
- iii. Cotton data sheets, showing year, number of acres of cotton planted, production, yield per acre, and acres diverted; tobacco base, normal wheat acreage, names and addresses of operator and owner, location of farm, and number of other

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- farms operated by owner or tenant.
- iv. Work sheets, showing division of land to various crops and allotted to other purposes, yield per acre, principal soil depleting crop other than cotton, tobacco, or peanuts; name and address of operator, name of owner, if other than operator, submitting information; date, and signature of operator or owner; name of farm, location, number of other farms owned or operated in county, record references, base acreage and yield of soil depleting crops, totals, names of person assisting in filling out work sheet, and county committeeman reviewing same.
 - v. Certification of producer's name and signature on application for payment, showing State, county, serial number, name of producer, names of two committeemen certifying that signature is that of proper party to receive payment under application, notation of any difference in typed name, and signature referring to same individual.
 - vi. Planimeter calculation sheets used by county supervisor to record measurements of producers farm land in cultivation, showing by whom computed, name of owner, photo number, number of fields, number of acres, average, difference, and reading.
 - vii. Report of performance, showing names and addresses, of operators, number of acres soil-depleting crops grown by each, equipment and work stock furnished by each, soil, building practices engaged in, acreage devoted to each, soil conserving crops planted, acreages devoted to vineyards, orchards, and soil conserving crops; estimated normal yield soil depleting crops, soil conserving acreage for minimum, soil conserving acreage for diversion, and acreage for soil building allowance; soil depleting bases, serial number of work sheets on other farms operated by owner or share tenant, date, and name of supervisor.

Arr. num. by contract serial no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24.
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4-H Clubs

373. (BOYS' 4-H CLUB WORK CROP RECORD), 1929--. Est. 800 papers in

1 f. d.

Crop records of 4-H Club members, showing kind of crop, variety, size of plot, yield, name, age, and address of club member; number of years in club work, names of club leader and county agent, amount of material on hand at beginning, amount of expense for hired labor, seed, plants, fertilizer, and rent; amount received from products sold, amount of products used at home, and amount on hand; total receipts, total expenses, and amount of labor income. Arr. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of club member. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x16x24. Office.

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374. (CLUB ACTIVITIES), 1929--. 1 f. d.
Secretary's record of activities of home demonstration clubs, showing club motto, names of club, officers and community leaders; club calendar, roll call, number of meetings attended, date and place of meeting, number of members and visitors present, and proceedings of the meeting. Also contains summary of reports of club members on projects completed. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x16x24. Office.

375. DRAKE (Reports), 1928--. 1 f. d.
Weekly, monthly, and annual reports of activities of the home demonstration agent; and leaflets, bulletins, and pamphlets pertaining to all phases of the work. The weekly field report covers day-by-day activities of the agent and shows date of report, name of community visited each day, type of work performed or subject discussed, farm visits made, home visits made, number in attendance at each project, days on which official work was performed during the week, amount of time lost, office work performed, and number of miles traveled. The monthly report, a certificate of service, shows date of report, name of community visited, if any, on each day of the month; if employed, whether in field or office; or if absent from work, whether on annual leave, sick leave, or without pay; totals for the month, and signature of agent. The annual report is a summary, with analysis and interpretations, showing what part the agent has taken in forwarding the extension program, by reporting in detail all activities and results or accomplishments, showing date of report, and signature of agent. Arr. by subjects. No index. Typed & typed on pr. fm. 12x12x24. Office.

376. CORRESPONDENCE, 1937--. 2 f. d.
General correspondence pertaining to the activities of the home demonstration agent, including original letters received and copies of replies, showing date, text, and names of correspondents. Arr. alph. by name of correspondent. No index. Hdw. & typed. 12x12x24. Office.

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