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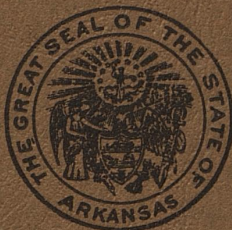
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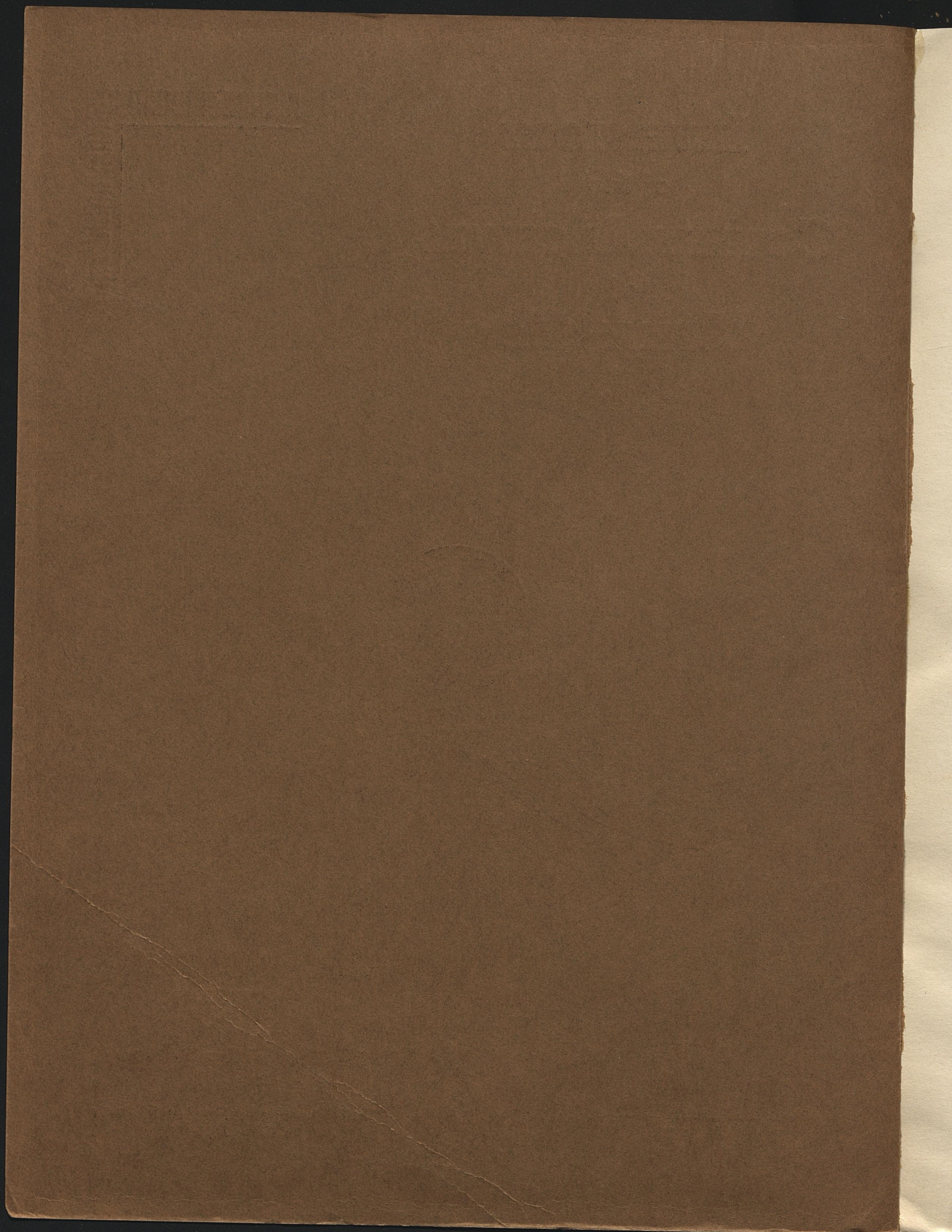
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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Arkansas is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Cross County, is number 19 of the Arkansas series.

The Historical Records Survey Program was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment for needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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 designated that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

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

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

The Survey Program was organized by Luther H. Evans, who served as National Director until his appointment as Director of the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress. He was succeeded on March 1, 1940, by Sargent B. Child, who had served in the capacity of 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 Professional and Service Projects, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

F. C. Harrington
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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was organized in Arkansas in March 1936, as a branch of the Federal Writers' Project. In November of the same year it became an independent part of Federal Project No. 1 and, as such, functioned until September 1, 1939, at which time Federal Project No. 1 was abolished by an act of Congress. The Arkansas unit re-opened on September 5, 1939, as a State-wide, locally-sponsored project, with Howard H. Jacoway as State Supervisor.

The project is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Arkansas and co-sponsored by 66 county judges of the State. It operates under the general directions applicable to the Research and Records Section of Professional and Service Projects of the Work Projects Administration, and under the technical and editorial supervision of the Survey's National office in Washington, D. C.

The Survey in Arkansas, throughout its existence, has been engaged chiefly in the publication of county inventories, but it is also making a survey of church and state archives, and of early American imprints.

The Inventory of the County Archives of Arkansas, when completed, will consist of 76 volumes, one volume for each of the 75 counties and a volume on the general laws regulating county government in Arkansas. The books are numbered according to the position of the particular county in an alphabetical list of the counties, thus the volume herewith presented, Cross County, is No. 19. It is believed that the volume on county government will serve as a handbook on the organization, structure, and evolution of county government in Arkansas and will make it unnecessary to repeat certain items of general information in the various inventories. The office essays in this inventory are, therefore, limited to the creation of the office and its present status, the manner in which it is filled, and the term of office. Pending issuance of the volume on county government, it is suggested that the reader consult the Inventory of the County Archives of Arkansas, No. 23, Faulkner County (Conway), for more detailed essays than those found in the present inventory. A list of the publications of the Arkansas Survey will be found on the last page of this volume.

This inventory is divided into two parts. In the first section of the book is an historical sketch of Cross County, brief discussions of the governmental organization, the housing, care, and accessibility of the records, and an explanation of abbreviations used in the inventory. The second part of the book gives a listing of the records of the county, which are segregated under subject headings, according to the office of origin or of final deposit. Records are described in entries whose style is formalized to give the following information: Title of record, dates for which available, quantity, labeling of volumes or containers, variant titles, description of record contents, manner of arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, size of volumes or containers, and location. Each group of records is preceded by a brief discussion of the structural set-up of the office to which the records pertain. In the chronological index, record entry numbers are arranged chronologically

Preface

The inventory of the records of Cross County began October 19, 1937, and the original field worker was Mrs. Lavinia Lancaster. Work was discontinued for a time during the early part of 1938, but on August 1, 1938, Miss Dorothy DeMent was assigned to re-inventory the records. Under the supervision of Joel H. Spragins, District Supervisor of the Historical Records Survey, the re-inventory was completed February 1, 1940.

The work in the State Office, which included the editing of forms, writing of entries, historical and legal research, the writing and editing of essays, and the publishing of the volume, was done under the direct supervision of Raymond Foster, Project Supervisor. For the accuracy and quality of the work, credit is due Albert A. Condray, forms editor; Mary Winburne, entries and indexes editor, and Virginia Farley, essay editor, who wrote the office essays, the housing and care essay, the explanatory notes, and the bibliography. The historical sketch was written by the editorial staff writers and the governmental organization essay by Maida Arnold. The publication of the volume was under the direction of Evelyn Jones.

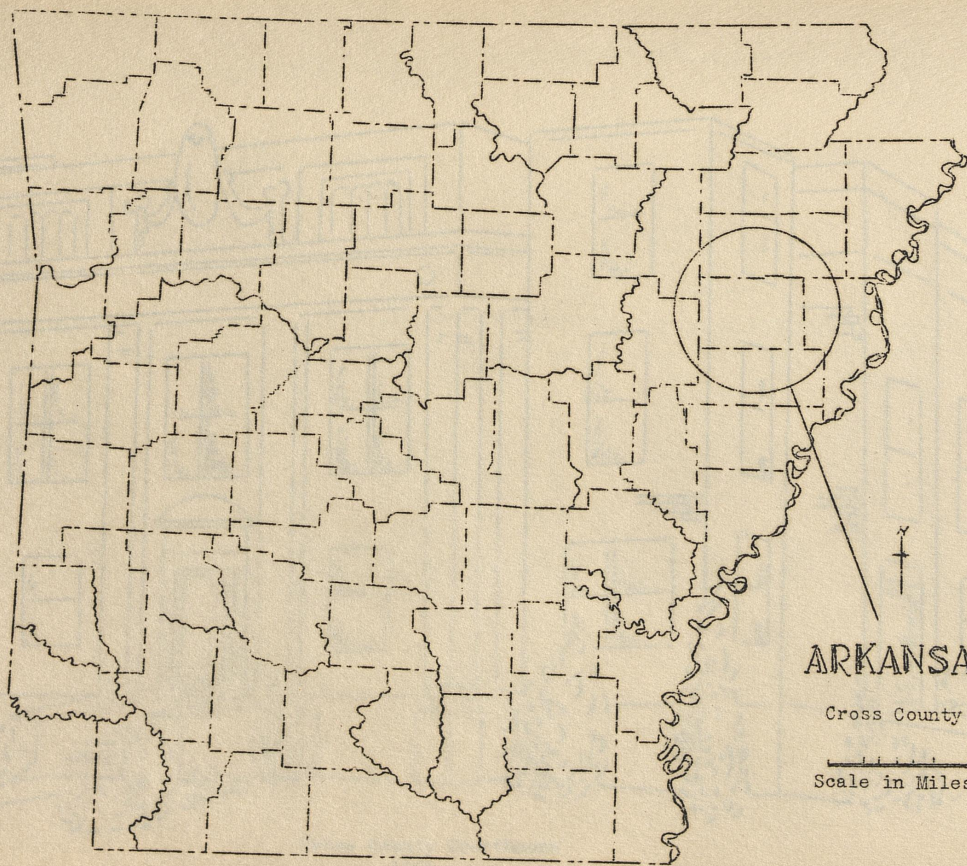
Helpful editorial criticism of this inventory in manuscript form was offered by Mabel S. Brodie, editor in charge of public records inventories, of the National office staff. The general progress of the work was facilitated by the friendly cooperation of State officials of the Work Projects Administration and of John C. L. Andreassen, Regional Supervisor of the Historical Records Survey.

The Survey is indebted to numerous agencies and individuals whose cooperation and technical advice made possible the completion of this volume. Among these are the Survey's official sponsor, Dean H. M. Hosford of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Arkansas; the Advisory Committee, composed of Dallas T. Herndon, Little Rock, Secretary of the Arkansas History Commission, Dr. David Y. Thomas, Fayetteville, Senior Professor of History of the University of Arkansas, Mason E. Mitchell, Conway, Dean H. M. Hosford, and J. M. Malone, County Judge of Lonoke County; the Little Rock Public Library; the Library of the Secretary of State; the Arkansas Supreme Court Library; the Arkansas Library Commission; the Arkansas Writers' Project, WPA, and Judge Joe Woods and other county officials of Cross County.

Former publications of the Survey have been distributed to state and local libraries, to a limited number of agencies outside the State, and to each county judge in Arkansas. Requests for information concerning any of the inventories should be addressed to the State Supervisor or to Dean H. M. Hosford, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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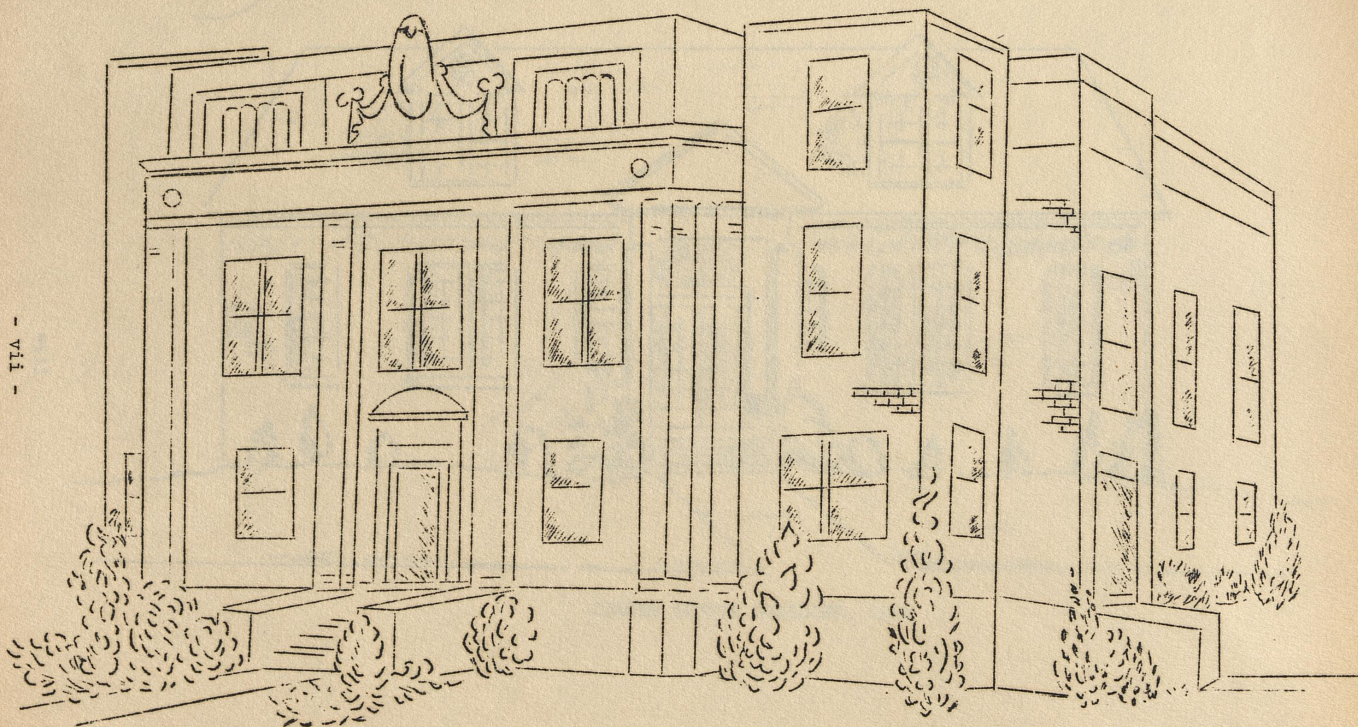
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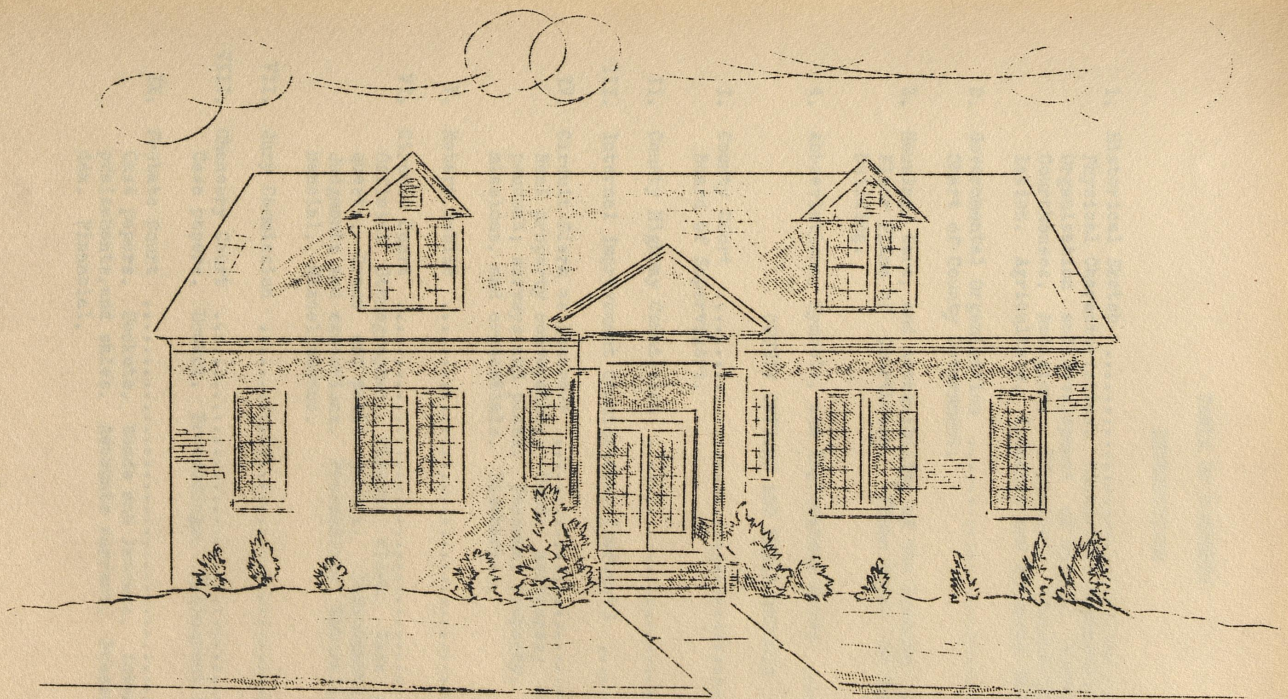
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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Cross County occupies an area of 619 square miles (1) in the rich delta land of eastern Arkansas (2), roughly, 25 miles from the winding Mississippi River. It is bounded on the north by Poinsett, on the east by Crittenden, on the south by St. Francis, and on the west by Woodruff and Jackson Counties. (3)

Physical Characteristics

The county lies in the Mississippi Alluvial Plain, an area of recent origin built up by the Mississippi River and its tributaries. Crowley's Ridge, which rises from 120 to 150 feet above the surrounding lowlands, cuts through the county from north to south and is an exception to the alluvial plain both in formation and soil. The Mississippi lowland on the east is about 225 feet above sea level and is characterized by numerous ponds and abandoned stream channels separated by swamplands and low ridges. The lowlands to the west of the ridge form a nearly level plain 230 to 245 feet above sea level. (4) The various soil types include the silty loessal loam on Crowley's Ridge, the typical Arkansas prairie soil west of the ridge classed as Crowley's silt loam, and the alluvial soil in the rich basin of the St. Francis (5). The St. Francis, one of the five major streams of Arkansas, flows across the eastern part of the county. Its chief tributaries are the Tyronza and L'Anguille. Flood control, reclamation of swamplands, and mosquito control are major problems. Three drainage districts lie entirely within the county and three others extend into it from adjoining counties. (6) The climate is moderate with an average growing season of 213 days. The annual average precipitation is 51.94 inches and the mean annual temperature 61.4 degrees Fahrenheit. (7) The trees most frequently occurring on Crowley's Ridge are the yellow poplar, beech, walnut, and oak (8). The trees of

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| <p>(1) U. S. Bureau of the Census, <u>Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, I, 103.</u> (Hereinafter cited as <u>Fifteenth Census, Population.</u>)</p> <p>(2) Arkansas, Bureau of Mines, Manufactures and Agriculture, <u>Nineteenth Biennial Report... For the Years 1929 and 1930,</u> p. 180. (Hereinafter cited as <u>Bureau of Mines, Biennial Report.</u>)</p> <p>(3) Department of the Interior, U. S. Geological Survey, <u>State of Arkansas (Map).</u></p> <p>(4) Arkansas Geological Survey, <u>Bulletin 2, Oil and Gas Geology of the Gulf Coastal Plain</u></p> | <p>in Arkansas, pp. 1-3.</p> <p>(5) University of Arkansas College of Agriculture, Bulletin No. 187, <u>The Soils of Arkansas,</u> pp. 38, 64, 69.</p> <p>(6) Arkansas State Planning Board, <u>Arkansas Water Resources,</u> pp. 12, 15, 32, 90, A-2, A-3. (Hereinafter cited as <u>Planning Board, Water Resources.</u>)</p> <p>(7) United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, <u>Climatic Summary of the United States,</u> secs. 1, 22-25, 59.</p> <p>(8) University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture, Extension Service, <u>Common Forest Trees of Arkansas,</u> pp. 5-9, 21, 35, 53.</p> |
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the lowlands include the sweet gum, ash, elm, cottonwood, cypress, pecan, and sycamore (9).

Historical Background

The position of Cross County in the paths of Indians, explorers, and conquerors has given the county a rich and varied history which is marked by events that occurred many years before its creation. It is possible that DeSoto passed through Cross County. (10) It is more probable that Fort St. Francis, a temporary outpost erected on the St. Francis River in 1739 by Bienville, was in Cross County (11). French place names suggest an early French occupation (12). Settlement during Spanish possession after the Seven Years War was discouraged. The first white settler of American parentage in Cross County was Samuel Filligan who built his cabin on a grant on Cooper's Creek in 1798. (13) The Spanish grant on the St. Francis settled by Enos Chartruce is thought to have been the site of Wittsburg (14).

In 1824 Charles Shaver settled on Sugar Creek and gave his name to the settlement that grew up near the later Bay Village. Settlers who arrived before 1840 were the McCallisters, Searcys, Tyers, Greenwoods, Hydricks, Neeleys, Halks, and Stacys. Later settlers were the Hares, McClarans, Hinton, Crumps, Perrys, Hamiltons, Warrens, Lewellens, Levesques, Jones, Maggetts, Vanns, Barnes, Blocks, Deadericks, McFarrans, Applewhites, and the Reverend W. C. Malone. David C. Cross, who came from Tennessee before 1844, owned 85,000 acres of land at the outbreak of the Civil War. His home was $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of Vanndale. (15)

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- (9) Bureau of Mines, Biennial Report, p. 171.
 - (10) John Hugh Reynolds, Makers of Arkansas History, pp. 14, 17.
 - (11) Harry Lee Williams, History of Craighead County, p. 5.
 - (12) L'Anguille, sometimes written Eel (Josiah H. Shinn, Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas, p. 146), or Langeel (L. Ark., 1827, p. 8) refers to the sinuous course of the river or to the number of snakes or eels in the river (Arkansas Gazette, August 22, 1937). The St. Francis River, once known as the Riviere St. Francis, was named in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, doubtless through the influence of the Franciscan monks who were usually found in the train of the explorers (Arkansas Ga-

- zette, August 22, 1937).
- (13) Williams, op. cit., p. 52. The late Col. T. O. Fitzpatrick asserted that Samuel Filligan did not settle in this locality until twenty years later and cited the records of the General Land Office to show that one John Taylor settled on Spanish Grant No. 498 in 1797. Fitzpatrick said that Samuel Tyer, a grandson of Filligan, told him that Filligan came down from Cape Girardeau in 1816. (Col. T.O. Fitzpatrick, Memoirs. Ms. in the files of the Historical Records Survey.)
- (14) Shinn, op. cit., p. 42.
- (15) Weston A. Goodspeed, Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas, p. 321.

Wittsburg, which became a focal trading point for emigrants, planters, and river boatmen at an early date, was situated on the west bank of the St. Francis on Crowley's Ridge about six miles east of Wynne (16). One of the earliest available references to Wittsburg is an act of the General Assembly of December 11, 1848, which incorporated the town and authorized Ebenzer Slocum, Isaac Wofford, and Richard McKree to hold the first election for an alderman and four councillors (17).

Although he had been active in his opposition to secession, Colonel David C. Cross helped raise a company of volunteers for the Confederacy. This company became Company A, Fifth Arkansas Infantry, C. S. A.; Cross was elected colonel of the regiment. Because Cross County had not yet been formed, the five hundred men recruited by the Confederacy in this section are usually credited to Poinsett County. (18)

Creation

Colonel Fitzpatrick said that as early as 1860 there was clamor for the creation of a new county because of the inaccessibility of the county seats of St. Francis and Poinsett; however, nothing was done until the campaign for members of the Confederate General Assembly of 1862. At that time a delegation headed by Colonel Cross went to Little Rock to urge the creation of the new county. It was understood that if the delegation succeeded, the county would bear the name of the leader, David C. Cross. (19) On November 15, 1862, the General Assembly, meeting in regular session at Little Rock, created the county (20).

The organic act directed that it be formed from portions of Poinsett, St. Francis, and Crittenden Counties. Although Wittsburg, at that time the principal town within these limits, was designated as the temporary seat of justice (20), there are no available records indicating Wittsburg was used as the county seat in 1862.

After the war there was considerable doubt as to the status of this county because it had been created by a Confederate General Assembly. Subsequently its legal status was clarified in a decision rendered by the Arkansas State Supreme Court in a case in which the validity of the acts of the State government during the Confederacy were questioned. The court held that no State convention, referring specifically to the Constitutional Convention of 1864, has the power to render invalid the executive, legislative, and judicial acts of the existing government and its political subdivisions. (21)

(16) G. W. and C. B. Colton & Co.,
New Sectional Map of the
State of Arkansas.

(17) A. Ark., 1848, p. 149.

(18) Goodspeed, op. cit., p. 331.

(19) Fitzpatrick, op. cit. Some
historians are of the opinion
that the county was named for

Judge Edward Cross of Hempstead County (Fay Hempstead, A Pictorial History of Arkansas, p. 1116; D.Y. Thomas, Arkansas and Its People, II, 694).

(20) A. Ark., 1862, p. 2.

(21) Hawkins v. Filkins (1866), 24, Ark., 286.

Organization and Development of the County

The organic act directed that as soon as practicable the Governor should issue a proclamation for the election of the county officers and that three commissioners should be elected at the same time to locate a permanent seat of justice. Four days later an act was passed instructing the sheriff of Poinsett to advertise this election in Cross County. (22) The county records do not disclose whether this election was held. The normal function of county government was prevented by the frequent passage of both Federal and Confederate forces up and down Crowley's Ridge. (23) A further disturbance was the erection of a temporary Federal fortification, known as Fort Russell, on the bluffs overlooking the town of Wittsburg. At the conclusion of the war all the companies of soldiers from this section of the State surrendered at Wittsburg. (24)

County Seats and Courthouses

Apparently there were no county court records kept during the war, for the first available records are dated July 3, 1865. On that date the county court, meeting with Judge W. A. Lea, ordered the reappointment of the old county commissioners, John McElroy, William H. Barnes, and John Applewhite. It also directed that the court be held at Pineville until a permanent courthouse could be provided. (25) In the following October these commissioners, with the exception of the then deceased John McElroy, made their report. They stated that they had been selected originally in December 1862, but that there was no legal county court in existence at the time. They had selected a site for the county seat from lands donated by David C. Cross. The site was laid off as a town and given the name of Cleburne, in honor of General Patrick Cleburne of Civil War fame. The center block was donated as a public square and the buildings already located on it were considered suitable for a temporary courthouse and clerk's office. One-half of the remaining blocks and lots were to be used by the court to assist in raising funds for permanent public buildings. The county court accepted the report of the commissioners and directed that the courts be held at the temporary courthouse in Cleburne until otherwise ordered. (26) For the next 3 years Cleburne was the county seat (27). No county buildings were erected; the county clerk had his office in Colonel Cross's home and the county courts met in a tenant house on the Cross farm (28). Among the prominent residents were: J.C. Frierson, W. L. Clardy, Dr. W.R. Kibler, Dr. L. Findley, Earl C. Bronaugh, and Dr. A. T. Shaw (29). The first officers of the county commissioned on January 8, 1863, were Samuel L. Austell, county judge; B. D. McClaran, clerk; James N. Dobson, sheriff; Robert Meek, treasurer; K. B. Pledger, coroner, and M. Halk, surveyor

(22) A. Ark., 1862, pp. 2, 5.
(23) Goodspeed, op. cit., p. 332.
(24) Williams, op. cit., p. 325.
(25) County Court Record, 1st vol., p. 107, see entry 8.

(26) Ibid., pp. 112, 117.
(27) Ibid., p. 217.
(28) Wynne Daily Star Progress, July 14, 1936.
(29) Fitzpatrick, op. cit.

(30). County records do not show the date of their election. When the county court met in 1865 the officers, according to the record of the court, were as follows: W. A. Lea, judge; B. D. McClaran, clerk; James N. Dobson, sheriff, and N. Boon, Jacob Bowers, Jas. H. McFerrin, Henry Caskins, and H. C. Cogbill, magistrates. (31) State records of January 8, 1863, show that the county was divided into six townships, namely, Mitchell, Shaver, Searcy, Smith, Bedford, and Brushy Lake, with two justices elected from each township (32).

In response to a petition by taxable inhabitants in the summer of 1868 an election was held for commissioners to locate a new county seat (33). The following commissioners were elected: J. M. Levesque, Louis Chappelle, and John Landrum (34). A few weeks later these commissioners reported that they had selected Wittsburg as the county seat and that Caroline M. Austelle had donated certain lots as a site for the courthouse. The court accepted the report and also the offer by the citizens of Wittsburg of the use of a church and a schoolhouse, then in the course of construction, for the county court until a courthouse could be built. (35)

For the next 18 years the town of Wittsburg served as the county seat (36) although repeated efforts were made at different times by some citizens of the county to have the county seat removed to Cleburne, Vann-dale, or Wynne (37). In 1878 a delegation of 31 citizens of Wittsburg presented to the county court a petition, together with a plat of the town, asking that the court set a time for considering the incorporation of Wittsburg (38). A few months later the court authorized the levying of a tax to defray the expenses of incorporation (39).

The construction of railroads in the county during the eighties brought loss of industry and prestige to Wittsburg in consequence of which an election was held on the first Monday in September, 1884 to determine whether the county seat should be moved to Vanndale or to Wynne. In this election 634 votes were cast for Vanndale and 565 for Wynne; the court thereupon appointed commissioners to arrange for the removal of the county seat to Vanndale. (40) The matter was contested bitterly, but on April 19, 1886 the circuit court declared that Vanndale was legally the county seat under the election of September, 1884 (41). The

(30) Arkansas, Secretary of State's Office, Civil Record, 1836-64, p. 624.

(31) County Court Record, 1st vol., p. 107, see entry 8.

(32) Arkansas, Secretary of State's Office, Civil Record, 1836-64, p. 624.

(33) County Court Record, 1st vol., p. 194, see entry 8.

(34) Ibid., p. 199.

(35) Ibid., p. 217.

(36) Ibid., p. 274.

(37) County Court Record, vol. B, pp. 260, 343, 388, 420-422, 461-469, 512, see entry 8.

(38) County Court Record, 2nd vol., p. 514, see entry 8.

(39) Ibid., p. 538.

(40) County Court Record, vol. B, p. 388, see entry 8.

(41) Ibid., p. 512.

commissioners reported at once that they had selected a site for the courthouse at Vanndale and that temporary quarters would be in a building owned by Joseph Samuels. The court accepted the report and ordered the removal of the county records to this building. (42)

After the removal of the county seat the business firms also moved to Vanndale and left Wittsburg a ghost town. Vanndale, named for J. M. Vann, a postmaster at Cleburne, had the advantage of being in the approximate center of the county on the recently constructed extension of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain, and Southern Railroad. It was within a few miles of the former county seats, Pineville and Cleburne, and also the early Mount Zion Church. (43)

In 1887 the county court appropriated \$13,000 for the construction of a brick courthouse at Vanndale (44). The next year the town of Wynne was authorized to incorporate and later was permitted to extend its boundary line to annex certain adjacent territory (45).

On September 5, 1903, following a petition presented by Isaac Block, A. H. Hammett, and John Graham, an election was held on the matter of removing the county seat to Wynne (46). With 1,241 votes cast in favor of removal and 55 votes cast against removal, the court ordered that the county seat be removed to Wynne. The court accepted the offer of Mrs. Anna Block to deed to the county for \$1,000 three acres of land situated between Union and Levesque Streets as a site for a courthouse. The petitioners deposited with the county treasurer \$5,000 to be used for the construction of a new courthouse. The temporary courthouse was located in a two-story brick building known as the Opera House. (47) The new county seat had an attractive and healthful location on the west slope of Crowley's Ridge about six miles south of Vanndale (48). The town, which came into existence in 1863 as a junction of two lines of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, was named in honor of Jesse M. Wynne, the founder of the Bank of Eastern Arkansas at Forrest City (43).

Plans for the construction of a new courthouse were considered in 1903, but it was not until 1905 that Frank W. Gibb of Little Rock was employed as the architect (49). On June 27, 1905, a bid of \$58,600 in warrants and \$3,000 in cash by E. L. Koonce was accepted by the court (50). The next year the courthouse, a two-story brick building, was completed and ready for occupancy (51).

(42) County Court Record, vol. B, p. 514, see entry 8.

(43) Wynne Daily Star Progress, July 14, 1936.

(44) County Court Record, vol. C, pp. 66, 71, see entry 8.

(45) Ibid., pp. 122, 136, 534.

(46) County Court Record, vol. E, p. 359, see entry 8.

(47) Ibid., p. 375.

(48) Arkansas Geological Survey, Topographic Map of the State of Arkansas (Map).

(49) County Court Record, vol. E, p. 599, see entry 8.

(50) Ibid., p. 608.

(51) County Court Record, vol. F, p. 114, see entry 8.

Religion

The country around the St. Francis and the L'Anguille that later became Cross County was settled to a great extent by people with strong religious principles who brought a Bible with them as an essential part of pioneer equipment. At first many of the homes were opened for services by itinerant preachers and later a number of the prominent early settlers became charter members of organized churches. (52)

The Methodist and Baptist Churches were established at an early date. In 1848 a Methodist Episcopal Church known as Mount Zion Church was organized on Crowley's Ridge about two miles from Vanndale. The charter members included the Reverend Thomas P. Hare, the Reverend John Hare, Jacob S. Hare, David Hare, Rensalier Vann, David Cross, Charles Maggett, I. N. Deaderick, James Lewellen, John Sullivan, William Barnes, and Dr. D. B. McClaran. The church building was erected 2 years later by the slaves of John D. Maggett from yellow poplar lumber sawed by James Lewellen. (52) When the census was taken in 1870 there were 15 churches in the county, 10 of which were Methodist and 5 of which were Baptist. At that time there were 7 church buildings in the county. (53) The Mount Zion Church came into prominence in 1870 when it was selected as the center for the organization of the White River Conference of Eastern Arkansas (54). In 1885 the church was moved to Vanndale although the old Mount Zion Cemetery was carefully preserved. The Mount Hope Presbyterian Church which was established by Cephas Washburn in 1859 in Wittsburg developed into the Wynne Presbyterian Church organized in 1885 by the Reverend S. I. Reid. All the leading denominations are now represented in Cross County. (52)

Education

Although the 1870 census gave the number of children attending school as 124, of a white population of 2,626, only 217 persons were listed as illiterates (55). The public school system developed slowly during the Reconstruction period because of mismanagement and popular prejudice against free schools as pauper institutions. Private schools and tutors brought instruction to those who could afford it. (56)

By 1900 an accurate record system had been established and the statistical reports of that year indicate that all of the 31 school districts reported. The aggregate of the scholastic population in that year was 3,960 and the number of pupils enrolled was 2,446. There were 59 schools taught by 61 white or Negro teachers and the average length of

(52) Wynne Daily Star Progress, July 14, 1936.

(53) U. S. Bureau of the Census, Ninth Census of the United States, Population, I, 529. (Hereinafter cited as Ninth Census, Population.)

(54) James A. Anderson, History of Arkansas Methodism, p. 104.

(55) Ninth Census, Population, I, 402.

(56) Arkansas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Biennial Report...1889-1890, p. 19.

the school term was 65 days. The total value of school property was \$15,340. (57) In 1938 there were 154 teachers employed in 68 schools to teach 6,525 pupils for terms averaging 162 days per year (58). With the improvements in the highways there has been a steady trend toward consolidation; Cross County schools are now served by 16 school buses (59) and the number of school districts has been reduced to 25, the lowest number in the last 50 years (60).

Transportation

Early county history was shaped to a great extent by the navigable St. Francis River which received traffic from the Mississippi and made possible the development of the once prosperous Wittsburg. From the north the riverport was reached by a wagon road which had been built on an Indian trail which followed the crest of Crowley's Ridge. (61) River packets brought mail and merchandise from Memphis. Among the river boats were the Ora Lee and the St. Francis (62), the Madison, Advance, Mollie Hamilton, and River Packet (61), and the Winnie (63).

The building and maintenance of highways was rendered impossible when the county was created by the absence of able-bodied men, and later by the diversion of the entire improvement fund of the county to the relief of the destitute families of volunteers to the Confederate army (64). The maladministration of the Reconstruction period and the growth of the railroads turned attention from the roads until the increasing number of automobiles made improvements imperative. By 1936 the county had 672 miles of county roads and 116 miles of state highways. (65) The county is traversed from east to west by United States Highway No. 64 and from north to south by State Highway No. 1; these highways intersect at Wynne. State Highway No. 42 runs through Hickory Ridge and Cherry Valley and thence south along the St. Francis to Parkin. State Highway No. 75 connects Parkin with U. S. Highway No. 70 (66), which follows roughly the course of the old military road of 1824 (67).

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| (57) Arkansas, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, <u>Sixteenth Biennial Report... 1899-1900</u> , pp. 143, 155, 164, 185. | July 14, 1936. |
| (58) Arkansas, State Board of Education and State Commissioner of Education, <u>Biennial Report... 1936-1937, 1937-1938</u> , pp. 112, 120. | (62) <u>Arkansas Gazette</u> , December 23, 1856. |
| (59) Arkansas State Highway Commission, <u>Motor Vehicle Registrations</u> , p. 20. | (63) <u>Ibid.</u> , January 28, 1940. |
| (60) <u>Arkansas Gazette</u> , September 15, 1940. | (64) <u>A. Ark.</u> , 1862, p. 80. |
| (61) <u>Wynne Daily Star Progress</u> , | (65) Arkansas, State Highway Commission, <u>Twelfth Biennial Report... 1935-1936</u> , p. 47. (Hereinafter cited as Highway Commission, <u>Biennial Report</u> .) |
| | (66) Arkansas State Highway Commission, <u>Highway Service Map</u> , 1939. |
| | (67) <u>Arkansas Gazette</u> , June 15, 1936. |

Railroad building began soon after the Civil War. On July 15, 1871 the county court authorized the subscription of \$100,000 to the capital stock of the Iron Mountain and Helena Railroad (68) and by 1882 this railroad had constructed 28 miles of roads north and south through the center of the county. Trade and industry soon followed the railroad and Wittsburg, depending solely upon river traffic, began to decline. In 1886 construction was begun on the Memphis branch of the road and two years later it was opened for travel. The two branches run at right angles and intersect at Wynne. (69) Today these two branches are a part of the Missouri Pacific system.

In the extreme western part of the county the St. Louis and Southwestern Railroad, popularly called the Cotton Belt, brings railroad service to several towns, including Hickory Ridge, Tilton, and Fair Oaks. In the eastern part of the county another branch of this road runs south and connects with the Missouri Pacific at McDonald. (70) In 1935 the total railroad mileage in the county was 81.1 miles (71).

Population

The first census taken after the creation of Cross County reported a population of 3,915, of which 1,289 were classed as free colored (72). The population continued to increase in the following decades and by 1930 there were 25,723 persons in the county (73). The preliminary estimate for the 1940 census was 26,921 (74). As in the case of other counties in the lower Mississippi basin, there are many Negroes in the county; the 1930 census reported a Negro population of 42.7 percent of the whole (75).

Agriculture

Owing to the depth and fertility of the soil in the greater part of the county, the abundant rainfall, and the long growing season, the economic interests have always been predominantly agricultural. In 1870 there were only 3,915 persons in the county, but there were 418 farms comprising 15,458 acres of improved land valued at \$306,067. The chief products at this time were winter wheat, oats, rice, potatoes, and tobacco. The livestock was valued at \$137,148. (76) By 1890 the number of farms had more than doubled and the average size of each farm was 98

(68) County Court Record, 2nd vol., pp. 25-27, see entry 8.

(69) Thomas, op. cit., II, 427; Wynne Daily Star Progress, July 14, 1936.

(70) Rand McNally Map, 1939.

(71) Highway Commission, Biennial Report, p. 47.

(72) Ninth Census, Population, I, 13.

(73) Fifteenth Census, Population, I, 103.

(74) Arkansas Gazette, June 30, 1940.

(75) Fifteenth Census, Population, I, 185.

(76) U. S. Bureau of the Census, Ninth Census of the United States, Wealth and Industry, III, 100, 345.

acres. The cotton production was 4,656 bales and the corn production 147,674 bushels. By this time the county had almost 2,000 peach trees bearing fruit and more than that number of apple trees. (77)

Following the establishment of a State agricultural school in the district in which Cross County is located (78) and the employment of an agricultural agent in 1912 (79), the county has made notable progress in agriculture. In 1929 it ranked fifth among the counties of the State in the production of rice, ninth in the production of peaches, eighteenth in the production of apples, and nineteenth in the production of cotton. (80) In 1934 the prairie soil in the western half of the county, which is unusually well adapted to rice culture, produced 250,835 bushels of rice on 4,601 acres. In the same year 40,942 acres planted in cotton yielded 21,165 bales. (81)

In 1934 the value of farm products sold, traded, and used was \$3,644,829. The proportion on tenancy was then estimated at 83.6 percent. (82) "The prevailing system of tenant farming", according to the State Planning Board, "has been a serious handicap to the welfare of a substantial percentage of the people." (83) In 1935 farm lands and buildings were valued at \$6,493,899 (84).

Industry and Assessed Valuation

Forestry is second to agriculture in industrial importance in Cross County and the manufacturing plants listed in the census reports have been for the most part connected with this industry. The county, in 1870, possessed nine manufacturing establishments employing 40 people and producing articles valued at \$32,944. It is of interest that about two thousand dollars' worth of goods were produced in the homes. The assessed value of real and personal property in the county was then \$976,562. (85)

Wynne has grown into an important local shipping center as a result of its location on two lines of the Missouri Pacific. While lumbering is still of economic importance, the recent growth in population is attributed largely to the agricultural activities of the county. (79)

(77) Department of the Interior, Report of the Statistics of Agriculture of the United States, Eleventh Census: 1890, pp. 122, 357, 393, 501.

(78) A. Ark., 1911, p. 1005.

(79) Wynne Daily Star Progress, July 14, 1936.

(80) Arkansas State Planning Board, Progress Report, 1936, pp. 198-200. (Hereinafter cited as Planning Board, Progress Report.)

(81) United States Census of Agriculture: 1935, Arkansas Statistics by Counties, p. 23. (Hereinafter cited as Statistics by Counties.)

(82) Planning Board, Progress Report, p. 205.

(83) Planning Board, Water Resources, p. 85.

(84) Statistics by Counties, p. 17.

(85) U. S. Bureau of the Census, Ninth Census of the United States, Manufactures, I, 495.

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

In the organization of county government in Arkansas, the separation of legislative, executive, and judicial powers, and the designation of an executive responsible to a representative body are principles which have not been applied with any approach to consistency. The county court levies taxes and determines matters of local administrative policy, but has limited powers of legislation. Other officials, mostly elective, have executive, administrative, and judicial functions, but are largely independent of any unified control. Judicial and administrative functions are often combined in the same officer. (1)

The county judge is the presiding officer of the county court (2), the county highway commission (3), the juvenile court (4), and the court of common pleas (5).

The combination of judicial and administrative functions is vested in the county court by the Constitution of 1874 which gives it jurisdiction in matters relating to county taxes, roads, bridges, ferries, paupers, the apprenticeship of minors, and other affairs affecting the internal improvement and local concern of the county (2). The county court supervises the county's eleemosynary and penal institutions (6), contracts for the services of the inmates of the prisons (7), and prescribes rules and regulations governing the conduct and welfare of the inmates of both (6) institutions. The court also settles election contests of all county officials, except of the county judge, which is under jurisdiction of the circuit court (8).

The clerk of the circuit court is ex officio recorder of the county. He keeps a register of titles to property and all instruments filed for recordation (9). He is ex officio clerk of the chancery court (10). Until 1920 he served as ex officio county clerk and probate clerk. In accordance with provisions of the Constitution of 1874 the offices were separated in 1920. The county clerk serves ex officio as clerk of the probate court (11), clerk of juvenile court (4), and clerk of the board of equalization (12). The county clerk keeps a record of delinquent ad valorem taxes (13), and the chancery clerk a record of delinquent improvement district taxes (14).

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- (1) John A. Fairlie and Charles M. Kneier, County Government and Administration, p. 107.
(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 28.
(3) A. Ark., 1939, p. 1018.
(4) Ibid., 1911, p. 167.
(5) Ibid., 1917, II, 1622.
(6) Ibid., 1851, p. 99; ibid., 1868, p. 84.

- (7) Ibid., 1909, p. 155.
(8) Ibid., 1875, p. 32.
(9) Rev. Stat., p. 654.
(10) A. Ark., 1897, p. 90.
(11) Fifteenth Census, Population, I, 103; Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19.
(12) A. Ark., 1929, II, 866.
(13) Ibid., 1887, p. 143.
(14) Ibid., 1921, Gen., 574.

The judicial power of Cross County is vested in the circuit, probate, county, and the justice of the peace courts (15), chancery (16), common pleas (17), juvenile courts (18). The Arkansas Supreme Court has appellate jurisdiction over all the lower courts (19). The circuit court has jurisdiction in all civil and criminal cases where exclusive jurisdiction is not vested in some other court. It has appellate jurisdiction and supervisory control over the county court, court of common pleas, and justices of the peace. (20) A separate chancery court, established in Cross County in 1897 (16), has jurisdiction in all matters of equity (21). The chancery judge is presiding officer of the probate court and appeals from its rulings are taken directly to the state supreme court (22). In the discharge of administrative functions by the county court, the proceedings are quasi-judicial in nature (23). A court of common pleas was established in 1917. It has jurisdiction of all actions where the sum and the amount in controversy does not exceed \$1,000, except in cases involving real property or where exclusive jurisdiction is given to either the county or probate court. (17) Justice of the peace courts have original jurisdiction in matters where the amount in controversy does not exceed \$100, and concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court where the amount in controversy does not exceed the sum of \$300, exclusive of interest, providing title to real property is not involved. The justice may try misdemeanor cases or sit as an examining court and remand offenders to a court of competent jurisdiction for further trial. (24) In 1911 juvenile courts were established for the benefit and protection of dependent and delinquent children (18).

Trial by jury is the constitutional right of all persons charged with a criminal offense. It may be demanded or waived in all cases as prescribed by law. (25) The jury commission appoints the grand and petit jury venires for each term of the circuit court (26). The grand jury investigates criminal cases brought before it, and probes into the official conduct and records of public officials and institutions. It may return indictments and recommend reforms, providing such are in compliance with existing laws. (27) After an indictment has been returned by the grand jury (28), or information filed by the prosecuting attorney (29), the accused is brought to trial before a petit or trial jury (28).

In prosecuting violators of the law, the prosecuting attorney appears before the accused and the trial jury for the state, and to ad-

(15) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 1.
 (16) A. Ark., 1897, p. 90.
 (17) Ibid., 1917, II, 1622.
 (18) Ibid., 1911, p. 167.
 (19) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 4.
 (20) Ibid., secs. 11, 14.
 (21) A. Ark., 1903, p. 316.
 (22) Ibid., 1939, p. 7.
 (23) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 34.

(24) Ibid., sec. 40.
 (25) Ibid., art. II, sec. 7.
 (26) Crim. Code, secs. 99-106, 401-406.
 (27) A. Ark., 1869, p. 284; ibid., 1927, p. 1185.
 (28) Rev. Stat., p. 306.
 (29) Const. 1874, amend. XXI, adopted 1937.

monish and advise the jury upon legal matters pertaining to the case. He defends all suits against the county, which by law are required to be filed in the name of the state, and gives advice to the grand jury and all peace officers of the county. (30) The sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer. He apprehends malefactors, executes warrants, writs, and other processes directed to him by legal authority, and attends all courts of record in person or by deputy. (31) He has custody of persons under arrest and may either commit them to jail or release them under bond (32). After a defendant has been found guilty of a crime he is placed in the custody of the sheriff who is responsible for the execution of the sentence (33). Although justices of the peace and constables are township officers their jurisdiction is co-extensive with the county boundaries. A constable may make arrests anywhere within the county. He serves the justice of the peace courts of his township in the same capacity that the sheriff serves the other courts of the county. (34) Either the sheriff or a constable may serve the juvenile court (35). The coroner's primary duty is to conduct investigations to establish the cause of violent deaths; he may also serve as a peace officer (36).

The largest source of county income is from the general property tax. Some revenue is also received from special taxes and assessments, poll taxes, and licenses. Other sources of county revenue are from grants or subventions, fees and other department earnings, interest, fines, and forfeitures. (37)

The county has no inherent power to tax, but exercises only such power as the legislature has given it (37). The quorum court sets the amount of the county tax levy and makes appropriations for the expenses of the county for each fiscal year (38). The assessor assesses the properties (39). Any taxpayer who feels himself aggrieved by the amount of his assessment may appeal to the county board of equalization for an adjustment (40). With the property assessment completed, the assessor turns the books over to the county clerk who computes the amount of the taxes accrued against each item of real and personal property listed. The clerk is the clearing agent for the records as they pass from office to office. (41) Specified periods in which taxpayers are required to pay their taxes have been designated by the General Assembly (42). The sheriff as ex officio collector collects the taxes. The treasurer is the custodian of the funds of the county, townships, and school districts. (39) All claims against the county are examined by the county court in quasi-judicial proceedings before they are approved for payment. The

(30) Rev. Stat., pp. 131-133, 295.

(31) *Ibid.*, p. 728.

(32) Const. 1874, art. II, sec. 8;
A. Ark., 1875, p. 10; Crim.
Code, sec. 79.

(33) Rev. Stat., p. 311.

(34) *Ibid.*, pp. 184, 504.

(35) A. Ark., 1911, p. 167.

(36) Rev. Stat., p. 195.

(37) Fairlie and Kneier, *op. cit.*,
p. 373.

(38) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 30.

(39) *Ibid.*, sec. 46.

(40) A. Ark., 1929, II, 864.

(41) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19.

(42) A. Ark., 1935, pp. 777-782.

treasurer keeps a warrant register upon which he enters a record of every warrant paid. The county court, through its recording officer, the county clerk, keeps a record of each appropriation, the warrants drawn against, and the balance remaining in, each fund. (43) After all records of finances have been made by the various officers, they are returned to the clerk to be preserved as permanent records (44).

Every citizen of the United States of the age of 21 years, who has resided in the State 12 months, in the county 6 months, and in the precinct, town, or ward 1 month next preceding any election, and has a poll tax receipt, is privileged to vote. Idiots, insane persons, aliens, or persons having committed felonies are not entitled to this privilege. (45) The county central committee of each political party holding a primary election appoints three judges and two clerks for each voting precinct for the conduct of a primary election (46). Primary elections of all political parties are held on the second Tuesday in August preceding the general election. The run-off primary for candidates not receiving a majority vote in the regular primary is held two weeks later. (47) All general and special elections for the election of State or county officers, or balloting upon State or local legislation, is conducted by the county board of election commissioners which establishes precincts, selects election judges, furnishes necessary supplies, and canvasses and certifies the election returns (48). General elections are held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each even-numbered calendar year (49). All candidates for office must be electors (50).

The county functions in the formation of school districts and the changing of boundaries of existing districts (51). It levies and collects the taxes for the schools (52); conducts school elections (53), and is custodian of the school funds, which it disburses by warrants drawn by the school district authorities (54). It enforces the rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Department of Education, and furnishes the State Department with necessary statistical data concerning the county school system (55). The county judge, the examiner of schools, and the treasurer compose the county text book board, which supervises the distribution of free text books to the schools (56). The county cooperates with the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture of the University of Arkansas and the United States Department of Agriculture

(43) Rev. Stat., p. 230; A. Ark., 1879, p. 115.

(44) A. Ark., 1883, p. 260.

(45) Const. 1874, art. III, secs. 1, 5; ibid., amend. No. 8, app. 1920.

(46) A. Ark., 1909, p. 505.

(47) Ibid., 1919, I, 12; ibid., 1939, p. 979.

(48) Ibid., 1891, p. 32; ibid.,

1935, p. 427.

(49) Ibid., 1927, p. 1187.

(50) Const. 1874, art. XIX, secs. 2-3.

(51) A. Ark., 1931, p. 504.

(52) Ibid., p. 555.

(53) Ibid., 1935, p. 68.

(54) Ibid., 1931, p. 558.

(55) Ibid., p. 494.

(56) Ibid., 1937, p. 1100.

in providing education in agriculture and home economics (57). The Federal Government aids the State and the county in establishing schools for adult education and rural libraries (58).

The county cooperates with the United States Public Health Service and the State in a public health program. The State of Arkansas is divided into district health units, one or more counties forming a district. Cross, Woodruff, Jackson, and White Counties form district No. 11. The basic minimum personnel for a district consists of the director, who is a physician, a sanitarian, and a minimum of one public health nurse and one clerical assistant in each county. The personnel is under the supervision of the Arkansas State Board of Health. (59)

The county departments of public welfare administers the various phases of direct relief and relief work assignments under the direction of the State Department of Public Welfare (60).

The county cooperates with State and Federal authorities in the treatment and quarantine of contagious or infectious diseases of animals, eradication of cattle tick, and burning of carcasses (61). Marks and brands of stock may be recorded with the county clerk (62). Upon request inspection of weights, measures, and scales is made by a constable or a marshal (63). All real estate necessary to the discharge of any legally prescribed functions of the county is purchased and sold by commissioners appointed by the county court (64). Contracts for erecting and repairing public buildings and bridges or for materials therefor, are let to the lowest responsible bidder (65). Construction and maintenance of the highway system of Cross County is under the general supervision of the county highway commission (66) and the State Highway Commission (67). Local districts for drainage (68) and flood protection (69) are maintained for the benefit of citizens of the county. Public and private boundary lines may be surveyed and established by the county surveyor. (70) The surveyor is also timber inspector and may survey tracts of timber land, and register timber marks (71).

(57) A. Ark., 1937, pp. 204, 961.

(58) Ibid., 1939, p. 847.

(59) Arkansas State Board of Health, Report, 1937, p. 7; A. Ark., 1929, II, 1926.

(60) A. Ark., 1935, p. 56; ibid., 1939, pp. 256, 672.

(61) Ibid., 1925, p. 662.

(62) Rev. Stat., p. 704.

(63) A. Ark., 1913, p. 1057.

(64) Rev. Stat., p. 287.

(65) Const. 1874, art. XIX, sec. 16.

(66) A. Ark., 1939, p. 1018.

(67) Ibid., 1933, p. 4; ibid., 1935, p. 869.

(68) Ibid., 1911, p. 193; ibid., 1921, p. 391.

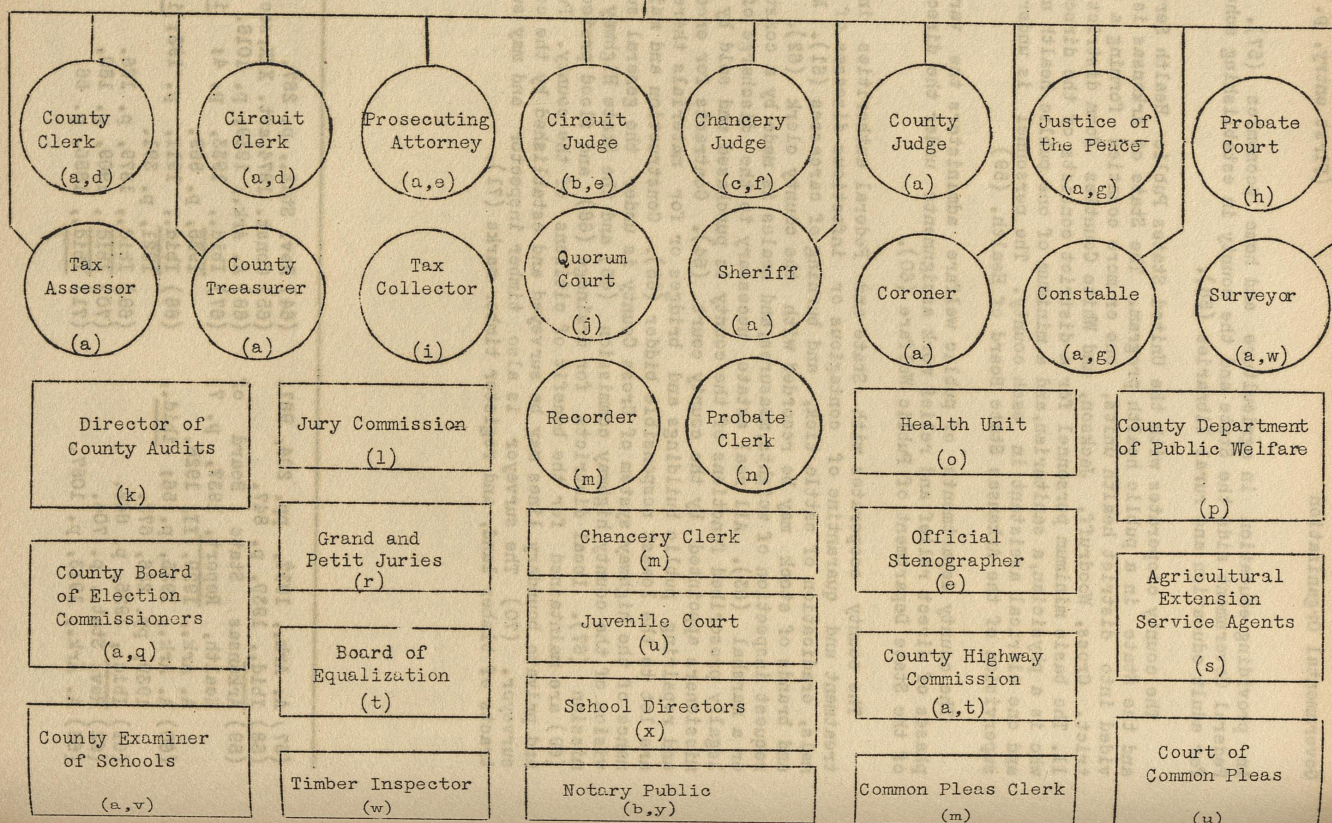
(69) Ibid., 1879, p. 166.

(70) Ibid., 1909, p. 180.

(71) Ibid., 1885, p. 56.

CROSS COUNTY GOVERNMENT, 1940

THE ELECTORATE



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LEGEND

Offices shown in circles created by Constitution.

Offices shown in rectangles created by statute.

- (a) Two-year term of office.
- (b) Four-year term of office.
- (c) Six-year term of office.
- (d) Ex officio county clerk 1862-1920; county clerk became elective office 1920.
- (e) Elected by and for all counties in second judicial circuit, consisting of Craighead, Greene, Clay, Cross, Crittenden, Poinsett and Mississippi Counties.
- (f) Elected by and for all counties in fifth chancery circuit, consisting of Cross, Lee, Phillips, St. Francis, Monroe and Woodruff Counties.
- (g) Elected by and for political townships.
- (h) Chancery judge presiding.
- (i) Sheriff is ex officio tax collector.
- (j) Members are county judge, presiding officer, and justices of the peace.
- (k) State Comptroller is ex officio director of county audits.
- (l) Appointed by circuit judge.
- (m) Circuit clerk is ex officio recorder, chancery clerk and clerk of court of common pleas.
- (n) County clerk is ex officio probate clerk.
- (o) Appointed by Arkansas State Board of Health.
- (p) Appointed by Arkansas State Board of Public Welfare.
- (q) Appointed by Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners.
- (r) Jury venires selected by jury commission.
- (s) Appointed by University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture.
- (t) Appointed by quorum court.
- (u) County judge presiding.
- (v) Appointed by county judge.
- (w) Surveyor is ex officio timber inspector.
- (x) Elected by voters of school districts.
- (y) Appointed by Governor.

3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The present courthouse of Cross County, originally a two-story building, was erected in 1905 at an approximate cost of \$58,600. In 1931 a basement and third floor were added at a cost of \$34,000. A modern heating plant was installed in the basement and the third floor became the county jail. Further expansion was needed by 1938 and a separate structure, the Cooper Office Building, was erected on the courtyard, directly south of the courthouse. Both buildings are of buff colored brick, with concrete foundations and stone cornices, doorways, copings and sills. The buildings are located on a square of ground in the southeastern section of Wynne, facing Union Street.

All interiors of the courthouse have 12' plastered walls, metal ceilings and wood floors, doors and window frames. There is little danger of fire destroying the records, as they are kept, for the most part, in fireproof vaults.

The Cooper Building furnishes quarters for the county department of public welfare, the agricultural extension service agents and the Cross County branch of Farm Security Administration. The entire second floor is occupied by a WPA sewing room project.

Both buildings are heated by steam and lighted by electricity. The surrounding grounds have been landscaped and near the northwest corner of the plot is an engraved plate, commemorating David C. Cross, for whom the county was named. Semi-circular driveways lead from the corners of the plot to the entrances.

County Court. The county judge shares an office with the county clerk, on the south side of the first floor of the courthouse. All records are kept by the clerk.

Circuit Clerk and Ex Officio Recorder. Adjoining the only vault on the first floor of the courthouse is an office 22' x 18' x 12' which is used by the circuit clerk. Most of the records of the office are housed in the vault. Two cases of $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10 file drawers, containing approximately 5 percent of the office's records, are kept in the office. All bound volumes are in the vault.

Clerks' Vault. A fireproof vault between the offices of the county clerk and the circuit clerk is used for the current and past records of several officials. The vault measures 26' x 15' x 12'; has plastered walls and ceiling and concrete floor. It is accessible from either of the clerks' offices by steel doors. Ventilation is through two windows that have iron bars on the outside. The vault contains approximately 960' roller-bearing shelving. Bound volumes occupy about 920' of this shelving and the remaining space is for future use. Eight steel filing cabinets, measuring approximately 150 cubic feet, house unbound records. A number of file boxes are stacked on the shelves.

A desk and a long steel center table, with a sufficient number of chairs, are in the vault for the accommodation of users of the records.

The records are in good shape, with the exception of a few of the older books that need rebinding.

Circuit Court, Probate Court, Chancery Court, Court of Common Pleas, Quorum Court. The courtroom, located on the second floor, occupies the central section of the building from north to south, and is accessible from stairways in the east and west ends of the building. The south end of the courtroom contains the judge's platform and sections for witnesses and juries. It is separated from the spectators' section by a railing. Records of all court proceedings are housed in the clerk's vault, or the basement vault, as shown by the entries.

On the west side of the courtroom, is an 18' x 11' private office which is used by the various judges. On the east side of the courtroom are two small offices used as jury and witness rooms.

Sheriff and Ex Officio Tax Collector. A suite of two rooms on the first floor is occupied by the sheriff and collector. The outer office is 14' x 19' and the private room is 13' x 14'. A few of the current records are kept in the office for easy reference during the day, but they are placed in the clerks' vault at night. In addition to these two rooms, there is a bedroom on the second floor of the building, easily accessible to the jail on the third floor, which is set aside for the use of the sheriff, his deputies, or a jailor.

County Clerk. The county clerk and county judge occupy the same office on the first floor of the courthouse, adjoining the clerks' vault. The office is 27' x 22' x 12'. Two file cases of $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10 file drawers house approximately 2 percent of the clerk's records. The balance are kept in the vault.

Tax Assessor. The tax assessor occupies a room on the first floor, 19' x 14' x 12', which houses only the current records of the office. A few file boxes and some of the current bound records are kept there in the daytime, but are placed in the vault at night.

County Treasurer. The treasurer's office which is 18' x 16' x 12', is located in the southwest corner of the first floor and joins the office of county judge and county clerk. The records of the office are stored in the clerk's vault at the close of the work day; no file boxes or volumes are left in the office.

County Examiner of Schools. In the southeast corner of the first floor of the building is the office of the county examiner of schools. It contains about 30' of shelving for text books and approximately the same amount of space for the records of the office. The room is 13' x 13' x 12'.

County Health Unit. At the head of the west stairway, on the second floor of the building is the office of the county health nurse. The room measures 13' x 13' x 12'. All of the records of the unit are stored in the office.

Housing, Care, and Accessibility
of the Records

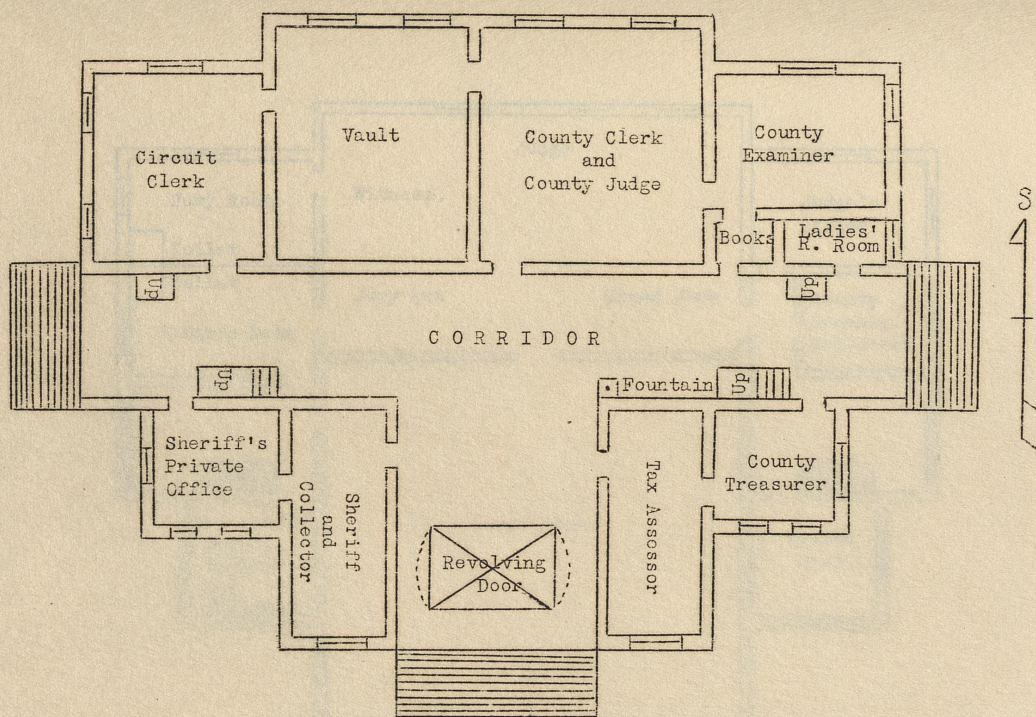
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County Welfare Department. This agency occupies a suite on the first floor of the Cooper Office Building. The public office is 12'6" x 14' x 10' and the private room is 12'6" x 6' x 10'. The official records are kept in the office in steel file cabinets.

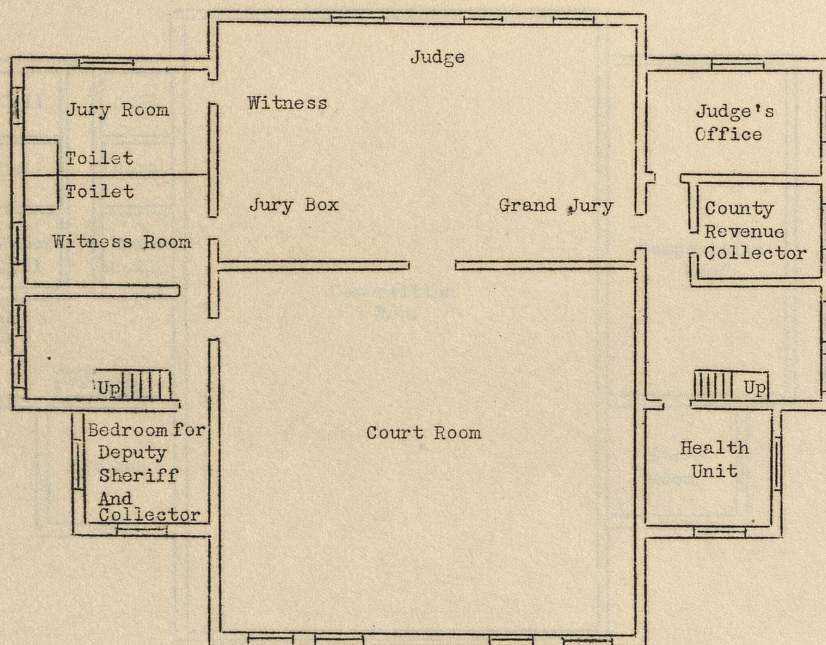
Agricultural Extension Service Agents. Three rooms on the south side of the Cooper Building are used to quarter the county agent, the home demonstration agent, their clerical assistants and the records of the offices. The private offices of the two agents which are 12'6" x 15' x 10' are located on either side of the central room of the suite, which is used by the clerical personnel. Within the offices are all the records which are stored in file cabinets 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" x 20".

The Cross County Jail is located on the third floor of the courthouse and contains six escape-proof cells and a kitchen.

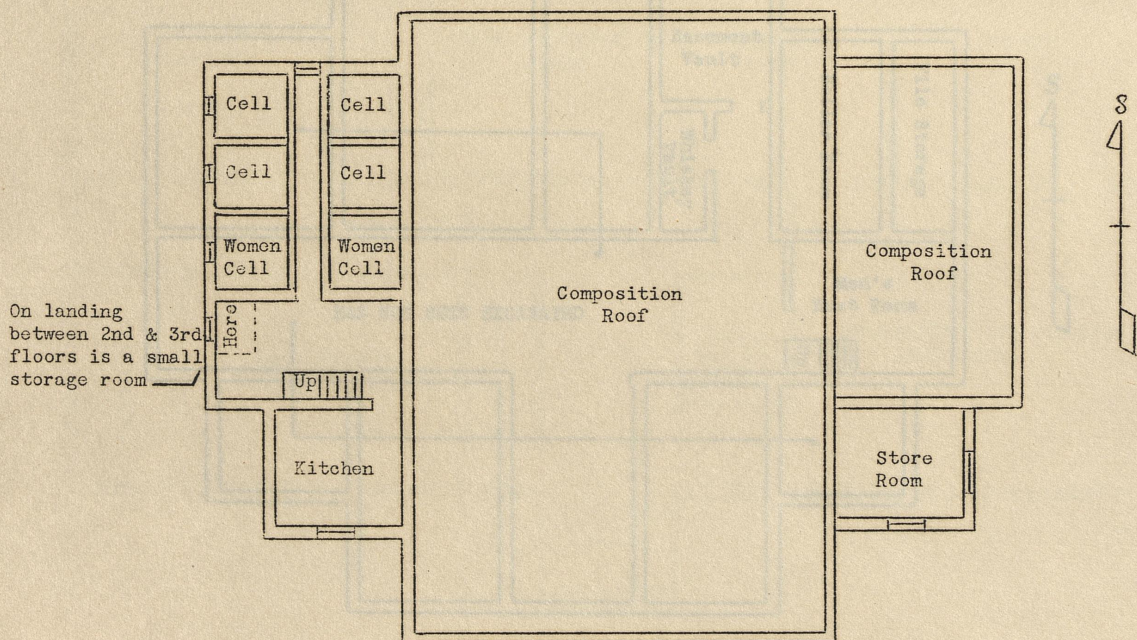
Basement Vault. Located on the south side of the basement of the courthouse is a vault 12' x 12' x 7', with plastered walls and concrete floor, in which about 5 percent of the older records are stored. The south, west, and north walls are lined with approximately 60' of home made shelving which contains 40' of bound records and 20' of file boxes. There are no accommodations for users of the records. The atmospheric conditions of this room are bad.



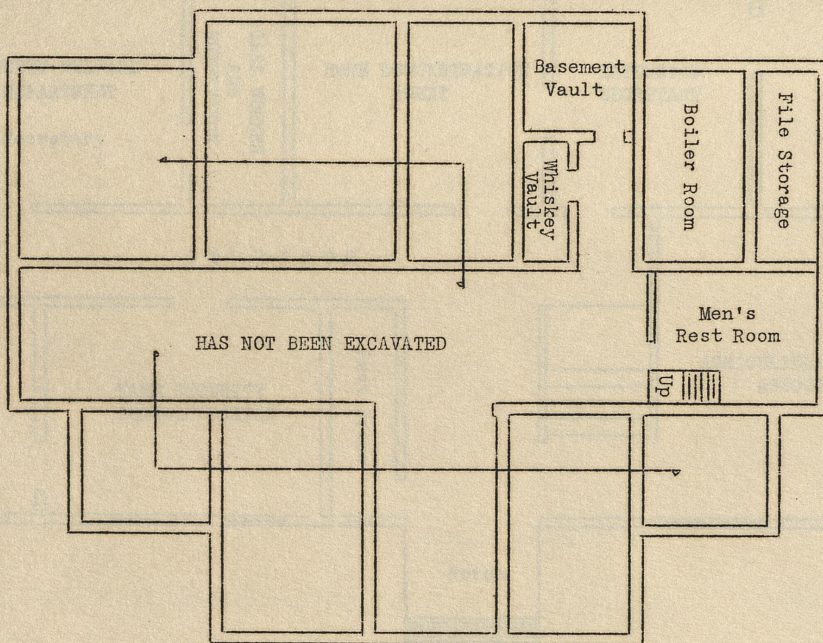
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PLAN
CROSS COUNTY COURT HOUSE - Wynne
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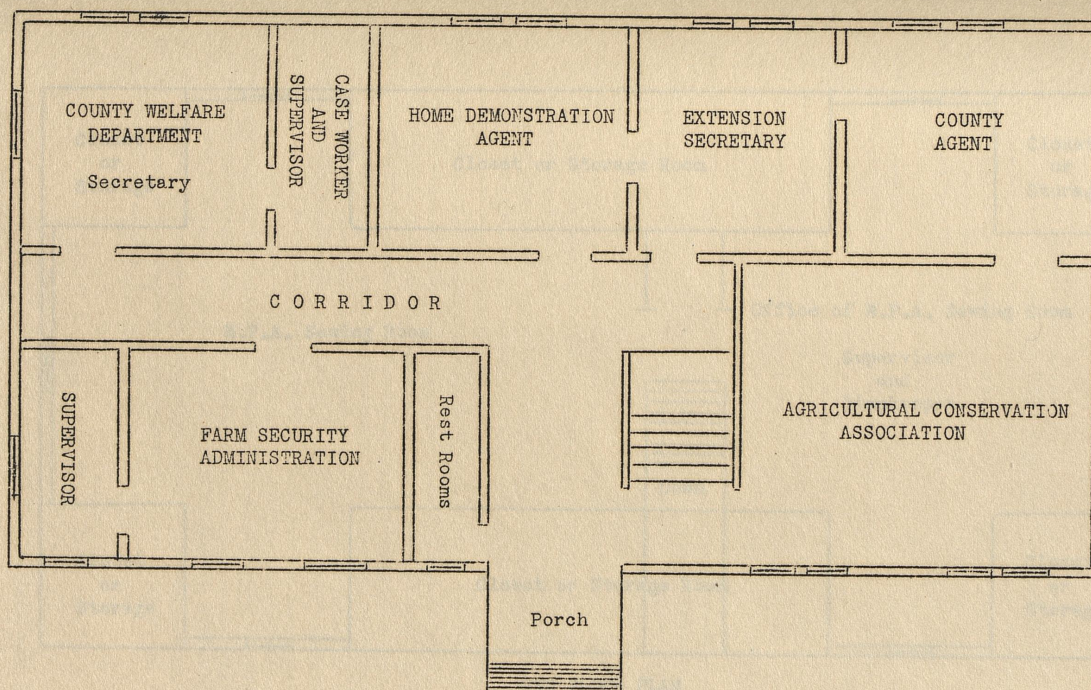
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CROSS COUNTY COURTHOUSE - WYNNE
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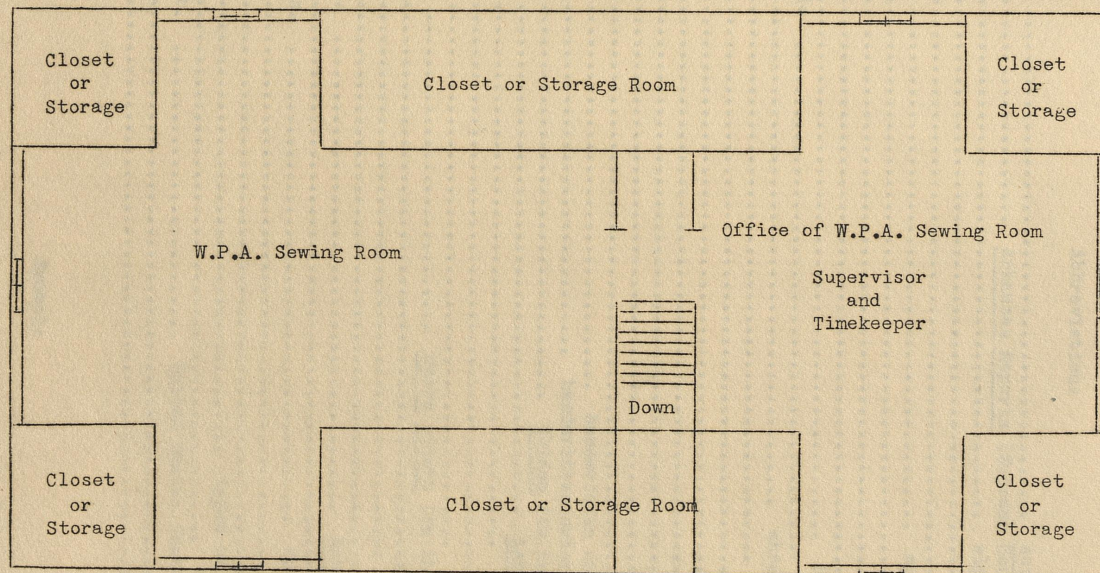
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BASEMENT & FOUNDATION PLAN
CROSS COUNTY COURTHOUSE - Wynne
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COOPER OFFICE BUILDING
 Cross County - Wynne
 Scale 1/16" = 1'



2ND FLOOR PLAN
 COOPER OFFICE BUILDING - WYNNE
 Scale 1/16" = 1'

ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Abbreviations

A. Ark.	Acts of Arkansas
Ark.	Arkansas Reports (Supreme Court Decisions)
alph.	alphabetical(ly)
amend.	amendment
app.	approved
approx.	approximate(ly)
arr.	arranged
art.	article
aver.	average
ba. v.	basement vault
Crim. Code	Criminal Code
chron.	chronological(ly)
Const.	Constitution
ed.	editor
est.	estimated
f.	form
ft.	foot, feet
Gen.	General
h.	handwritten
hpf.	handwritten on printed form
hph.	handwritten under printed head
ibid.	ibidem (in the same place)
L. Ark.	Laws of Arkansas
ms(s).	manuscript(s)
no(s).	number(s)
numer.	numerical(ly)
op. cit.	opere citato (in the work cited)
p(p).	page(s)
pf.	printed form
r.	range
Rev. Stat.	Revised Statutes
sec(s).	section(s)
Spec. sess.	Special session
t.	typed
twp.	township
tpf.	typed on printed form
U. S.	United States
U. S. Stat.	United States Statutes at Large
v.	versus
vol(s).	volume(s)

Symbols

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

Explanatory Notes

Title of Records

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

Dates

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

Quantity

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

Labeling

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

Discontinuance

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

Description of Records

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

Indexing

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

Condition of Records

Records are in good condition unless otherwise indicated.

Dimensions

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

Location of Records

When all or the majority of the records of an office have a common location, the location is indicated in the last sentence of the office essay instead of in each individual entry.

Cross References

Title-line cross references are used to show the continuity of a record series which has been kept separately for a period of time and with other records for different periods of time. An example is that in entry 97: "1865-1916 in County Court Record, entry 8". They are also used in artificial entries which are set up to show records separately under the office of origin as in entry 39, to distinguish from each other two or more types of records that are kept together as in entry 67, or those set up for a record which is not kept separately but is found in two or more records, such as entry 16. In both instances, the description of the master entry shows the title and the entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made as, for example, these words in entry 1: "Also contains: Incidental filings of miscellaneous instruments, 1897, entry 10". Dates shown in the description of the master entry or entry of miscellaneous content are only for the part or parts of the record contained therein, and are shown only when they vary from those of the master entry.

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

Citations

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

A citation to a decision of the Arkansas Supreme Court gives the style of the case, the volume and page numbers, and year of decision.

A citation to any other published volume is shown in full the first time used, and in short title form subsequently throughout the inventory.

I. COUNTY COURT

A county court was established in Cross County in accordance with provisions of the Constitution of 1861 (1). The court has functioned at all times since its inception, except for a brief period of time during 1873 and 1874 when the General Assembly abolished it and supplanted with a board of supervisors (2). The board of supervisors was short-lived, however, as the present constitution, adopted October 13, 1874, re-created the county court and the office of county judge (3). Other members of the court are the county clerk and the sheriff (4). These officers are elected at the regular biennial election for 2-year terms (5).

The court is a quasi-judicial agency in charge of the county business affairs. It holds exclusive, original jurisdiction in all matters relative to county roads, ferries, bridges, taxes, paupers, bastardy proceedings, vagrants, the apprenticeship of minors and the disbursement of county funds. (6)

The county judge is presiding magistrate of the court of common pleas (7), the juvenile court (8), the quorum court (9), and chairman of the county highway commission (10).

Records of the proceedings of the county court are kept by the county clerk and housed in his vault in the courthouse, unless otherwise designated in the entries.

Board of Supervisors

The General Assembly of 1873 authorized the Governor to appoint a 3-man board of supervisors to take over the administrative duties of the simultaneously abolished county court. Tenure of office was 2 years. (11) This agency passed out of existence when the Constitution of 1874 restored the county court to its previous position (12).

For records of proceedings of board of supervisors, see entries 1 and 8.

1. COUNTY COURT PAPERS, 1864--. Est. 45,000 documents in 35 steel file drawers, 10 wood and 202 cardboard file boxes, 207 wood pigeonholes. Title varies: County Court, 1891-99, 1900-1927,

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| (1) Const. 1861, art. VI, secs.1, 11. | (6) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 28. |
| (2) A. Ark., 1873, p. 53. | (7) A. Ark., 1917, II, 1622. |
| (3) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. 1, 29. | (8) A. Ark., 1911, p. 167. |
| (4) Rev. Stat., pp. 177, 728. | (9) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 30. |
| (5) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. 19, 29, 46. | (10) A. Ark., 1939, p. 1018. |
| | (11) A. Ark., 1873, p. 53. |
| | (12) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 1. |

1929, 1935-36, 1938-39; Cross County Court, 1894, 1915-16; Road Accounts, 1902-10, 1912-15, 1921-27, 1935-38; Road Reports, 1903, 1915, 1922, 1925; Bonds, Claims for Allowances, 1904; Claims-Tax Books, 1904, 1916; Road Districts, 1905-6; County Court Disposed Of, 1905, 1908, 1910-13, 1924-25; Road District Reports, 1908; Road Claims, 1908; County Accounts, 1911, 1926, 1935; Road Accounts Allowed, 1912; Road Accounts Disposed Of, 1912-13; County Court Proceedings, 1918, 1923, 1924; County Court Road Accounts, 1919-20, 1926, 1935-39; County & Road Accounts, 1927-35; County Court Accounts, 1936-38; County Road Accounts, 1936, 1938, and County Court Roads, 1938. 1863, and incidental filings, 1865, 1868-76, 1888-92, 1896-98, in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46. Incidental filings: 1890-99 in Trust Deeds Filed, entry 32; 1867-89 in Criminal Cases (Papers), entry 47; 1887-90 in Grand Jury (Reports), entry 51; 1888-99 in Chancery Court (Papers), entry 73; 1900-1903 in Chancery Court Decrees, entry 74; 1866-99 and 1906-7 in Probate Court Papers, entry 82; 1884-86 and 1899 in Official Transcript, entry 166, and 1889 in Treasurer's Receipts, State & County Settlements, entry 181.

Original papers of county court, 1864-1873, 1874-- and board of supervisors, May 1, 1873-October 13, 1874, consisting of claims for allowance; petitions for transfer of school children, for creation of school districts, for opening or improvement of county roads, for elections to remove county seat, for the creation and dissolution of municipal corporations, and for creation of improvement districts; reports of county officers, and other miscellaneous papers. Claims show name of claimant, statement of services rendered or supplies furnished, amount claimed, date filed, notation of approval or disapproval. Petitions show name of petitioner, purpose of petition, and date filed. Reports of county officers show name of office, itemized statement of receipts and disbursements, report date, and signature of reporting officer. Miscellaneous papers show names of parties affected, purpose for which instrument was drawn, and date filed. Also contains: Incidental filings of miscellaneous instruments, 1897, entry 10; notary public bonds, 1897-1902, entry 40; official bonds, 1884, 1888-90, 1904, 1911-21, 1936, entry 41; incidental filings of circuit court judgments, 1870-95, entry 61; transcript of justice of the peace judgments, 1871, entry 62; incidental filings of redemption certificates, 1894, entry 141, and reports of commissioner of accounts, 1888, 1892-93, 1895, 1897-98, 1907, entry 182. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., tpf., t., h. Steel file drawers, 10 x 5 x 13; wood file boxes, 10 x 5 x 24; cardboard file boxes and wood pigeonholes, 4 x 4 x 10. 1864-1934 in ba. v.

2. SPECIAL BUILDING FUND ACCOUNTS PAID, 1930-32. Est. 25 documents in 2 steel file drawers.

Miscellaneous papers pertaining to issuance of bonds for the purpose of remodeling the courthouse, consisting of report of election commissioners as to votes cast on the question of bond issue, authorization for county judge and county clerk to issue bonds, plans and specifications for improvements, and claims for allowance to be paid from the building fund. Report of election commissioners shows date of election, number of votes cast for and against the bond issue, certificate and signatures of election commissioners. Authorization to issue bonds shows date, amount of

bond issue, denomination of bonds, rate of interest, and date due. Plans and specifications for improvements show the architect's scale drawing for the remodeling of the courthouse. The claims for allowance show name of claimant, date of claim, statement of services rendered or materials furnished, amount claimed, date filed, and notation of approval or disapproval. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t., hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

3. COMMITMENT OF COUNTY CONVICTS, 1931--90 instruments in 1 steel file drawer.

Original reports of time served by county convicts, made by contractors for labor of convicts, giving date of report, name and number of convict, number of days of sentence, number of days credited, number of days left to serve, and signature of contractor. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. T. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

4. BOND FOR HIRE OF CONVICTS, 1925. 25 instruments in 1 steel file drawer.

Original bond made by contractors for labor of county convicts, giving name of person making bond, amount and date of bond, amount to be paid per day for labor of each convict, signature of person making bond, and approval of county judge. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. T. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. Ba. v.

5. COUNTY COURT STOCK LAW, 1930. 35 instruments in 1 steel file drawer.

Original papers of special election on Initiative Act No. 1, Cross County, which prohibits the running at large of livestock, consisting of ballots, oaths of election judges and clerks, and tabulated election returns. Ballots show title of initiative measure, space for voting for and against the measure. Oaths of election judges and clerks show date of oath and signatures. Election returns show number of votes cast for and against initiative measure, certificate and signatures of the county board of election commissioners. No obvious arr. No index. Printed, hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

6. COUNTY COURT DOCKET, 1890--. 6 vols. (2; 5 vols. unlabeled).

Minutes of proceedings in the county court, giving name of claimant or petitioner, number and amount of claim, nature of claim or proceedings, date filed, date of court order, and warrant number. Also contains: County court road docket, 1890-1912, entry 7. Arr. chron. by date of court term and number, thereunder by claim number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 433 pp. 17 x 11 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. 1890-1915 in ba. v.

7. COUNTY COURT ROAD DOCKET, 1912--. 3 vols. (2; first and third vols. not labeled). 1890-1912 in County Court Docket, entry 6.

Minutes of proceedings in county court in connection with road matters, giving name of petitioner or claimant, number and amount of claim, court order, date, amount, and number of warrant, date paid, and from what fund drawn. Arr. chron. by date of proceedings and number, thereunder by claim number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 650 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

County Highway Commission;
Internal Improvement Commissioner

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8. COUNTY COURT RECORD, 1865--. 15 vols. (2 vols. unlabeled; B-N). Record of proceedings of county court, 1865-1873, 1874--., and board of supervisors, May 1, 1873-October 13, 1874, showing actions of the court or board in such matters as appointment of county officers, the formation and dissolution of municipal corporations, the construction of county buildings and the purchase and sale of county property, construction of roads and bridges, issuance of bonds, petitions for opening or constructing roads and building bridges, for the transfer of school children, for the calling of elections, formation of improvement districts, and allowance of claims. Entries show date of proceedings, names of officers of the court or board in attendance, names of parties affected by court proceedings, nature of proceedings or claim, court order concerning each action, and signature of presiding judge. Also contains: Decisions on insanity hearings, 1865-1916, entry 97; juvenile court proceedings, 1911-22, entry 105; quorum court proceedings, 1874--., entry 111, and record of appropriations, 1865-78, 1901--., entry 112. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index, 1865-80; indexed alph. by first letter of surname of claimant or petitioner, 1881--. Hph., tph. Aver. 598 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

II. COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

The General Assembly of 1929 authorized the establishment of a county highway commission, providing the measure was ratified by the electorate of the county (1). Subsequent legislation, enacted in 1939, made its existence mandatory. The enabling act specifies that the county judge serve as chairman and that two other members be appointed by the quorum court, for 2-year terms. The chief function of the commission is general supervision of county-maintained roads. (2)

No records of the commission were found in Cross County.

III. INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONER (Defunct)

Upon the creation of Cross County (1862), the office of internal improvement commissioner was established in accordance with existing laws (3). It was abolished in 1868 and in its place the State office of Commissioner of Public Works and Internal Improvement was created (4). The county office was again established in 1873 (5), but the Constitution of 1874 made no provision for its continuance, and it passed out of existence.

No records of the office were found.

(1) A. Ark., 1929, II, 712. 1862, p. 2.
(2) A. Ark., 1939, p. 1018. (4) Const. 1868, art. VI, sec. 23.
(3) A. Ark., 1850, p. 51; ibid., (5) A. Ark., 1873, p. 51.

IV. CIRCUIT CLERK AS RECORDER

In accordance with laws in effect at the time of the creation of Cross County (1862), the office of recorder was filled in an ex officio capacity by the circuit clerk (1). The present constitution continues this arrangement. The clerk is elected at the regular general election for a 2-year term (2). The chief function of the circuit clerk as recorder is to file, record and preserve records affecting title to real and personal property.

Records of the office are kept by the clerk in his vault, unless otherwise designated in the entries.

Real Property Conveyances

Daily Register

9. REGISTER OF INSTRUMENTS FILED, 1893-1914, 1918--. 4 vols. (1 vol. dated; 1-3). Title varies: Entry Book, 1893-1914. Register of instruments filed for record in the recorder's office, giving names of grantor and grantee, nature and date of instrument, consideration, date filed, and book and page of record entry. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 545 pp. 17 x 12 x 3. 1893-1914 in ba. v.

Deeds

10. DEEDS (Miscellaneous Instruments), 1862-1916, 1931--. Est. 550 documents in 11 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1897, in County Court Papers, entry 1; 1922, 1923, and incidental filings, 1897, 1916, in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46; 1920, in Chancery Court (Papers), entry 73; incidental filings, 1866-89, in Probate Court Papers, entry 82. Original instruments filed for record with the recorder, such as deeds, mortgages and other conveyances affecting title to real property, and minister's credentials. Each conveyance shows kind of instrument, names of grantor and grantee, description of property, consideration, signature of grantor, date executed, acknowledgment, and date recorded. Minister's credentials show same information as entry 44. Also contains; Incidental filings of trust deeds, 1901, entry 32; sheriff's certificate of purchase, 1883-84, and incidental filings, 1885-1900, entry 138; confederate pension papers, 1902, entry 157. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t., hpf., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1860-1916 in ba. v.

11. STATE REDEEMED LANDS, 1928--. Est. 33 documents in 3 steel file drawers. Title varies: State Tax Deeds, 1928-37; Certificate from State Land Office, 1937-38. Original instruments issued by the Arkansas State Land Office to persons

(1) Rev. Stat., p. 654.

(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19.

redeeming land that has been forfeited to the state for the cause of non-payment of taxes, showing date of deed, name of grantor, legal description of land, the years for which taxes were delinquent, consideration, terms, signature and seal of Arkansas State Land Commissioner, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

12. DEED RECORD, 1863--. 97 vols. (A, F-Z, 1-40, 42-53, 55-58, 60-70, 72-79).

Record of quit claim deeds, warranty deeds, irregular deeds and other conveyances affecting title of real property. Deeds show date executed, nature of instrument, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description of property, copy of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and certificate of recordation. Also contains: Clerk's tax deeds, 1883-94, 1936--, and incidental recordings, 1895-1935, entry 13; powers of attorney, 1866--, entry 15; contracts, 1884, entry 17; oil and gas leases, 1918, 1926--, and incidental recordings, 1919-25, entry 18, mortgages, 1863-71, and incidental recordings, 1872-1937, entry 19; lis pendens, 1903-10, and incidental recordings, 1911-28, entry 25; chattel mortgages, 1865-87, entry 36; bills of sale, 1871-72, entry 38; incidental recordings of official bonds, 1871, entry 42; ministers' credentials, 1870-80, and incidental recordings, 1881-1900, entry 43; incidental recordings of wills, 1902, entry 88; incidental recordings of inventories, appraisements, and sales bills, 1900, 1912, entry 93; redemption certificates, 1865-1924, entry 142; corporation record, 1872, 1903-11, entry 152, and incidental recordings of physicians' licenses, 1882, entry 155. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Vol. A indexed alph. by first letter of surname of grantor; for separate indexes to all vols., see entries 14 and 15. H., t., hpf., tpf. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

13. CLERK'S TAX DEED RECORD, 1895-1935. 2 vols. (Y, 54). 1883-94, 1936--, and incidental recordings, 1895-1935, in Deed Record, entry 12.

Record of instruments executed by the county clerk to convey title to property sold for taxes, giving names of persons owning land prior to forfeiture, name of grantee, legal description of property, year forfeited, date of tax sale, total value, total taxes, penalty and costs, copy of signature of clerk, and certificate of recording. Arr. chron. by date filed. For indexes, see entries 14 and 15. Hpf. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

14. INDEX TO DEEDS (Direct), 1863--. 5 vols.

Index to Deed Record, entry 12, and Clerk's Tax Deed Record, 1895-1935, entry 13, giving names of grantor and grantee, date executed, date filed, and book and page of record entry. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor. Hph. Aver. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

15. INDEX TO DEEDS (Indirect), 1863--. 5 vols.

Index to Deed Record, entry 12, and Clerk's Tax Deed Record, 1895-1935, entry 13, showing information as in entry 14. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantee. Hph. Aver. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

16. (RECORD OF POWER OF ATTORNEY), 1866--. In Deed Record, entry 12. Incidental recordings, 1876--., in Mortgage Record, entry 19. Record of powers of attorney, showing name and address of person conferring power, purpose for which power was conferred, date of execution of instrument, signatures of parties, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.

17. (RECORD OF CONTRACTS), 1884--. In Deed Record, entry 12. Incidental recordings, 1889-1936, in Mortgage Record, entry 19. A record of agreements between two or more parties, showing names of contracting parties, date of contract, terms, copy of signatures of contracting parties, acknowledgment, and recording certificate.

Leases

18. OIL AND GAS LEASE RECORD, 1919-25. 1 vol. (4). 1918, 1926--., and incidental recordings, 1919-25, in Deed Record, entry 12. Record of leases of oil and gas rights to real property in which lessee is granted the right of ingress and egress for the purpose of exploring for oil, gas, and other minerals, and the lessor reserves an undivided royalty interest. Record shows names of lessor and lessee, legal description of property leased, consideration, terms, copy of signature of lessor, acknowledgment, and certificate of recording. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of lessor. T. 362 pp. 18 x 3 x 3.

Mortgages

19. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1872--. 26 vols. (A-M, P-Y, U1, Y1, 59). 1863-71, and incidental recordings, 1872-1937, in Deed Record, entry 12. Record of mortgages executed for the purpose of conveying a lien upon real property to secure the payment of debt, giving date of instrument, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, legal description of property, terms, copy of signature of mortgagor, acknowledgment, and certificate of recording. Also contains: Incidental recordings of powers of attorney, 1876--., entry 16; incidental recordings of contracts, 1889-1936, entry 17; incidental recordings of chattel mortgages, 1879-90, entry 36; bills of sale, 1887--., entry 38; ministers' credentials, 1881-1936, entry 43; order for naturalization of alien, 1888, entry 68; incidental recordings of wills, 1937, entry 88; incidental recordings of inventories, appraisements, and sales bills, 1923, entry 93; 1902 and incidental recordings, 1903-- of corporation papers, entry 152; bank stock transfers, 1911-13, entry 153; certificates and professional licenses, 1902, and incidental recordings, 1903-18, entry 154; incidental recordings of physicians' licenses, 1902-18, entry 155, and dentists' licenses, 1902-18, 1923, entry 156. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of mortgagor. Hpf., tpf., t. Aver. 598 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

20. MORTGAGE RECORD (Arkansas Power and Light Company), 1927. 1 vol. Record of supplemental mortgages executed by the Arkansas Power and Light Company to the Guaranty Trust Company, New York City, as trustee,

covering physical assets of the company. Record gives dates executed, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, terms of mortgage, signatures of officials of bond companies, acknowledgment, and certificate of recording. No index. Printed, h. 85 pp. 10 x 8 x 1.

Liens and Lis Pendens

21. MECHANICS (and Materialmen's) LIENS TO BE ENTERED, 1891-1900, 1910-38. Est. 260 documents in 7 steel file drawers. Title varies: Mechanics Liens Filed, 1910-22; Liens Filed, 1918-23; Mechanics Liens, 1929-32.

Original liens filed by mechanics and materialmen against the property of another for security of debt, giving nature of lien, name and address of person imposing lien, amount of lien, name of person against whom lien is filed, legal description of property, signature of lien holder, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1891-1900 in ba. v.

22. RECORD OF MECHANICS' (and Materialmen's) LIENS, 1891--. 3 vols. (A-C).

Record of mechanics' and materialmen's liens, showing same information as in entry 21. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of lien holder. H., t. Aver. 209 pp. 12 x 9 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

23. OLD AGE PENSION (Lien) RECORD, 1936-37. 1 vol. (1).

Record of orders of approval and old age pension certificates recorded for the purpose of establishing liens against the estates of persons granted old age pensions, and record of release of lien, showing assigned number of pension grant, amount of pension, name of pensioner, date payment commenced, names of Governor and members of Arkansas State Board of Public Welfare, date recorded, and marginal notation by recorder of release of lien. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of pensioner. Tpf. 164 pp. 18 x 13 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

24. LIS PENDENS RECORDED, 1929--. Est. 45 documents in 2 steel file drawers. 1923-28 in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46; 1921-22 in Chancery Court (Papers), entry 73; 1913-15 in Chancery Court Decrees, entry 74.

Original notices of suits pending in court which are declarations that liens might be established against certain designated property, giving names of plaintiff and defendant and person in possession of property, legal description of property and date filed, and certificate of recording. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

25. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1911--. 1 vol. (1). 1903-10, and incidental recordings, 1911-28, in Deed Record, entry 12.

Recorded notices of suits pending, showing information as in entry 24. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed by first letter of surname of plaintiff. Hpf. 320 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Surveys and Plats

26. CITY MAPS, 1917-21. Est. 21 documents in 2 steel file drawers. Original plats of towns and additions in Cross County, including plat of

Hickory Ridge, 1917; Parkin Northern Ohio Cooperage Co., South Addition, 1919; Smith and Deaderick, first addition to Parkin, 1919; Bowens first addition to Tilton, 1919; Block 7, Schulty addition to Parkin, 1919. Each plat shows name of surveyor or engineer, date of surveys, date filed, book and page of record entry. Also contains: Corporation papers, 1918, and incidental filings, 1919-21, entry 151; estray papers, 1917, entry 158. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hand drawn. $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 10$.

27. PLAT BOOK (Township), 1875--. 1 vol.

Ownership plats of geographic townships in Cross County, showing boundary lines of townships, sections, and individual tracts separately owned, names of owners, section, township, and range numbers. Arr. numer. by twp. and r. nos. No index. Hand drawn. 244 pp. $32 \times 22 \times 2$.

28. PLAT BOOK (Towns), 1875--. 1 vol.

Plats of original town sites and additions and subdivisions to towns and cities of Cross County, giving section, township, and range numbers; location of town site or subdivision; lot and block numbers; dimensions of lots, blocks, streets, and alleys; names of streets, towns and subdivisions; date of survey, and name of surveyor. Arr. numer. according to twp. and r. no. of the legal description. No index. Hand drawn and blue prints. 60 pp. $32 \times 22 \times 1$.

29. ORIGINAL FIELD NOTES AND PLATS, 1939. 1 vol.

Transcribed copies of original field notes of surveyors pertaining to boundary lines of the county and its political subdivisions, and copies of original plats of town sites and town site additions located in Cross County. Field notes show date of survey, location of markers, and names of surveyors. Plats show location of town site or subdivision, dimensions of lots, blocks and streets, date created, and names of surveyors. Arr. chron. by date of surveys. No index. T., hand drawn. 1,000 pp. $14 \times 6\frac{1}{2} \times 6$.

30. FIELD NOTES PROPERTY OF CROSS COUNTY, 1815-62. 1 vol.

Transcribed record of original surveys of boundary lines of Cross County, as political subdivisions, geographic townships and parts of townships, made by Arkansas State Land Commissioner, from original field notes in commissioner's office, showing direction and distance of lines run, location and description of markers, physical description of lands surveyed, its vegetation and notation of its fitness for cultivation; date of survey and name of surveyor are sometimes given. Arr. chron. by date surveyed. No index. H. 320 pp. $16 \times 10 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$.

Personal Property

31. CHATTEL MORTGAGES FILED, 1890, 1896, 1907, 1912-13, 1922, 1924--. Est. 3,600 documents in 49 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1925, in Chancery Court (Papers), entry 73.

Original chattel mortgages executed for the purpose of conveying the lien upon personal property to secure debt and filed with the recorder, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date executed, consideration, description of property, terms of mortgage, signature of mortgagor, ac-

knowledge, and certificate of filing. Also contains: Probate court papers, 1924-27, entry 82; sheriff's certificate of purchase, 1892, entry 138. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1890-1922 in ba. v.

32. TRUST DEEDS FILED, 1884-1928, 1939--. Est. 5,900 documents in 78 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1901, in Deeds (Miscellaneous Instruments), entry 10; incidental filings, 1904-12, in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46; incidental filings, 1892-95, in Sheriff's (Collector) Certificate of Purchase, entry 138.

Original deeds of trust executed to establish a lien upon personal property for the security of debt, showing information as in entry 31. Also contains: Incidental filings of county court papers, 1890-99, entry 1; delinquent lists, 1892, entry 135, and reports of sale of 16th section lands, 1888-90, entry 165. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

33. GOVERNMENT (Chattel) MORTGAGES, 1936-37. Est. 350 documents in 7 steel file drawers.

Original crop mortgages executed in favor of the Farm Credit Administration to secure emergency crop loans, showing name and address of mortgagor, name of mortgagee, legal description of land on which crop is raised, description of crop, consideration, rate of interest, terms, signature of mortgagor, acknowledgment, and certificate of filing and recording. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

34. REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION RELEASE (of Chattel Mortgages), 1933-34. 100 documents in 1 steel file drawer.

Original releases of Federal mortgage liens issued by the Federal Farm Credit Administration to borrowers, giving name of mortgagor, application number, receipt for payment, authorization to recorder to deliver original mortgage to the mortgagor, date of release of lien, signature of official, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date of release. No index. Tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

35. LANDLORD WAIVERS FILED, 1935. 90 documents in 1 steel file drawer.

Original waivers of liens held by landowners against the crops of tenants to establish the priority of mortgaged lands held by the Federal Farm Credit Administration, showing date of waiver, name of tenant, legal description of land on which property is located, signature of landowner, acknowledgment, and certificate of filing and recording. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

36. DEED OF TRUST (Chattel Mortgage) RECORD, 1888--. 33 vols. (A-U, W, N, O, Q, S-Z). 1865-87 in Deed Record, entry 12; incidental recordings, 1879-90, in Mortgage Record, entry 19.

Record of chattel mortgages showing information as in entry 31. Also contains: Incidental recordings, bills of sale, 1891-94, 1897, entry 38; corporation record, 1891-94, entry 152. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of mortgagor. Hpf. Aver. 625 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

37. (Listing of Chattel) MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST FILED, 1877--. 6 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; 5, Z, Z1-Z3).

Chronological listing of chattel mortgages and deeds of trust filed with the recorder, showing the serial number of instrument, date filed, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date of instrument, amount of mortgage, date due, description of property, and remarks. Arr. in alph. tabbed sections according to first letter of surname of mortgagor and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 306 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

38. (RECORD OF BILLS OF SALE), 1871-72, 1887--. 1871-72 in Deed Record, entry 12; 1887-- in Mortgage Record, entry 19; incidental recordings, 1891-94, 1897 in Deed of Trust (Chattel Mortgage) Record, entry 36.

A record of bills of sale executed to convey title to personal property, giving names of grantor and grantee, terms, itemized listing of property sold, copy of signature of grantor, acknowledgment, and certificate of recording.

Bonds, Commissions, and Credentials

39. (BONDS OF ABSTRACTORS), 1927-28. In Wills, entry 87.

Original bonds executed by abstractors guaranteeing the return of records used by them in the preparation of abstracts, giving names of principals and sureties, amount of bond, provisions, signatures of principals and sureties, acknowledgment, and filing certificate.

40. NOTARY PUBLIC BONDS, 1909--. Est. 160 documents in 4 steel file drawers. 1897-1902 in County Court Papers, entry 1; 1903-8 in Probate Court Papers, entry 82.

Original bonds executed by notaries public to guarantee the faithful performance of their official duties, giving names of notary and sureties, amount of bond, signatures of notary and sureties, acknowledgment, certificate of approval, and filing certificate. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T., tpf. Aver. 40 instruments. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

41. OFFICIAL BONDS, 1932. 8 documents in 1 steel locker. 1884, 1888-90, 1904, 1911-21, 1936 in County Court Papers, entry 1; 1892-94 in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46; 1906-7 in Probate Court Papers, entry 82.

Original bonds filed by county officials to guarantee faithful performance of duty, giving names of officers and sureties, office held, amount of bond, duration and terms, signatures of officials and sureties, acknowledgment, and dates filed and approved. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf., tpf. 12 x 15 x 16.

42. RECORD OF OFFICIAL BONDS, 1863-1936. 3 vols. (1, A, B). Incidental recordings, 1871, in Deed Record, entry 12.

A record of official bonds of county and township officials, showing information as in entry 41. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of official. Hpf., tpf. Aver. 614 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

43. (RECORD OF MINISTERS' CREDENTIALS), 1870--. 1870-80 and incidental recordings, 1881-1900, in Deed Record, entry 12; 1881-1936 in Mortgage Record, entry 20; incidental recordings, 1883-84, in Will Record, entry 89; 1876-1908 in Marriage Record, entry 150; 1912 in Corporation Record, entry 152.

Record of ministers' credentials, issued by church with which he is affiliated and filed with the recorder as evidence of his legal authority to perform marriage ceremonies, showing the date of instrument, name of minister, name of denomination, signature of church official who issued credentials, and certificate of recording.

44. REGISTER OF COMMISSIONS, 1882--. 1 vol. (A).

Record of commissions of county officers, giving name and address of official, name of office to which elected, date granted, qualifications of official, date and amount of official bond, names and addresses of sureties, amount of fee due Arkansas Secretary of State for issuance of commissions, date fee is paid, and signature of Governor of the State of Arkansas. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of officer. H. 147 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

Discharges

45. SOLDIER'S AND SAILOR'S DISCHARGE RECORD, 1919--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of discharges from the army and navy of citizens who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War. The record shows name of discharged person, reason for discharge, place of birth, date of enlistment, civilian occupation, physical description, certificate of discharge, date of discharge, included is service record which shows name and rank, whether enlisted or drafted into service, length of service, skill in marksmanship and horsemanship, battles in which he served, wounds received, physical condition, marital status, character, name of commanding officer, and certificate of recording. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of soldier or sailor. Hpf. 592 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

V. NOTARY PUBLIC

At the time of the creation of Cross County the county court was authorized to appoint one or more notaries public, for a term of 2 years (1). Later legislation delegated to the Governor the appointment of a "convenient number" of notaries public and changed the term of office to 4 years (2).

There are 38 commissioned notaries public in Cross County (3).

VI. CIRCUIT COURT

The first circuit court in Cross County was set up in accordance with provisions of the Constitution of 1861 (4), and continued by subsequent constitutions (5). Cross, together with Greene, Craighead, Poinsett, Mississippi, Crittenden and Clay Counties form the second judicial circuit (6). The circuit judge is elected by the voters of the circuit for a 4-year term (7).

The court holds exclusive, original jurisdiction in all civil and criminal matters not assigned to another court (8); concurrent jurisdiction with justice of the peace court in matters of contract and personal damage up to the amount of \$300 (9), and appellate jurisdiction over the county court, court of common pleas and the justice of the peace courts (10). Appeals from the decisions of the circuit court are made to the Arkansas Supreme Court (11).

Official Stenographer

The General Assembly of 1897 authorized the circuit judge to appoint an official court stenographer whose term of office runs concurrently with that of the judge making the appointment (12).

Circuit Clerk

The Constitution of 1861 authorized the election of a circuit clerk (13). The present constitution made the same provision and set the term

(1) A. Ark., 1848, p. 32; ibid., 1867, p. 275.

(2) A. Ark., 1874-75, p. 61.

(3) Arkansas, Secretary of State's Office, Notary Public Record, vol. VI, pp. 102-104.

(4) Const. 1861, art. VI, sec. 1.

(5) Const. 1864, art. VII, sec. 1;

Const. 1868, art. VII, sec. 1;

Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 1.

(6) A. Ark., 1891, pp. 58, 110.

(7) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 17.

(8) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 11.

(9) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 40.

(10) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 14.

(11) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 4.

(12) A. Ark., 1897, p. 64.

(13) Const. 1861, art. VI, sec. 9.

of office at 2 years. The clerk serves ex officio as recorder (1), clerk of the chancery court (2), and clerk of the court of common pleas (3).

Records of the proceedings of the circuit court are kept by the clerk in his vault in the courthouse, unless otherwise designated in the entries.

Case Papers

46. CIRCUIT COURT CASES (Civil), 1863, 1865--. Est. 2,750 jackets of documents in 137 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1875-85, in Official Transcript, entry 166.

Original papers of civil cases tried in circuit court, such as petitions, subpoenas, answers, motions, pleadings, list of witnesses, court orders, notices of appeal, transcripts of testimony, exhibits, and mandates of the Arkansas Supreme Court. Each document shows nature of instrument, number and style of case, names of parties affected, names of attorneys, date filed, and if recorded, book and page number of entry record. Also contains: County court papers, 1863, and incidental filings, 1865, 1868-76, 1888-92, 1896-98, entry 1; miscellaneous instruments, 1922, 1923, and incidental filings, 1897, 1916, entry 10; lis pendens, 1923-28, entry 24; incidental filings of trust deeds, 1904-12, entry 32; official bonds, 1892-94, entry 41; criminal case papers, 1900-1902, and incidental filings, 1866-99, and 1904-5, entry 47; inquisition papers, 1887, 1923--, entry 48; incidental filings of sheriff's executions, 1937, entry 64; incidental filings of chancery court papers, 1865-97, entry 73; incidental filings of probate court papers, 1867-90, 1915-16, 1920, entry 82; delinquent lists, 1867, entry 135; sheriff's certificates of purchase, 1866-82, and incidental filings, 1883-1904, 1914, 1916, entry 138; incidental filings of redemption certificates, 1914, entry 141; incidental filings of miscellaneous papers of improvement districts, 1923, entry 146, and treasurer's receipts, 1880, and incidental filings, 1889, entry 181. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. H., t., hpf. tpf. 11 x 5 x 15.

47. CRIMINAL CASES (Papers), 1866-99, 1903--. Est. 1,300 jackets of documents in 56 steel file drawers. 1900-1902, and incidental filings, 1866-99 and 1904-5, in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46.

Original papers of criminal cases tried in the circuit court, consisting of indictments, subpoenas, motions, pleadings, bail bonds, appeal bonds, petit jury lists, list of witnesses, notice of appeal, transcripts of testimonies, exhibits, mandates of the Arkansas State Supreme Court. Each document shows the number and style of case, names of parties affected, names of attorneys, date filed, and if recorded, book and page number of

(1) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19.

(2) A. Ark., 1897, p. 90; ibid.,

1903, p. 314.

(3) A. Ark., 1917, II, 1622.

record entry. Also contains: Incidental filings of county court papers, 1867-89, entry 1. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. H., t., hpf., tpf. 11 x 5 x 15. 1866-92, 1897-99 in ba. v.

For other bail bonds, see entry 108.

Inquest

48. INQUISITION PAPERS, 1891-1903. 15 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. 1887 and 1923-- in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46; 1930-33 in Grand Jury (Reports), entry 51.

Reports of inquests conducted by the coroner, giving name of deceased person, date of death, date of inquest, list of witnesses, digest of testimony, signatures of witnesses, certificate of examining physician, names of members of coroner's jury, jury verdict, and signatures of jury foreman and coroner. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

Grand and Petit Jurors

49. (Grand and Petit) JURY LISTS, 1931--. 15 instruments in 1 steel file drawer.

Lists of persons selected by jury commission of the circuit court to serve on the grand and petit juries, giving names and addresses of persons selected, date of term of court in which they serve, and names of jury commissioners. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. T. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

50. (Record of) JURY LISTS, 1915--. 4 vols.

Record of jurors selected to serve in the circuit court, giving juror's name, date and term of court in which he is to serve, notation of whether he is accepted for service or excused, and number of days served. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. H. Aver. 280 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 1915-23 in ba. v.

51. GRAND JURY (Reports), 1872-1912, 1921, 1923-24, 1927, 1929--. Est. 105 documents in 15 steel file drawers.

Original reports of the grand jury to the circuit court, giving number of cases investigated, number of indictments returned, report of investigation of county offices and institutions, criticism of county offices and institutions, and recommendations for change in policies, and signature of jury foreman. Also contains: Incidental filings of county court papers, 1887-90, entry 1; inquisition papers, 1930-33, entry 48; incidental filings of probate court papers, 1872-1902, entry 82; school election papers and directors' oaths, 1875, entry 183. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

Indictments

52. RECORD OF INDICTMENTS, 1878--. 4 vols. (A, A-C).

Recorded copies of true bills of indictment voted by the grand jury and

filed with the circuit clerk for recording after apprehension of person charged in indictment with violation of law, giving number and style of case, crime charged, date and place of alleged crime, names of prosecuting attorney, grand jury foreman and clerk, date filed, amount of bond, name of trial judge, names of witnesses, and certificate of recording. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. Hpf., tpf. Aver. 462 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Dockets

53. CIRCUIT COURT LAW DOCKET, 1869-1924. 7 vols. (A-F, H). Title varies: Clerk's Docket, 1869-1901; Circuit Court Docket, 1902-1911.

Minutes of proceedings in civil cases tried in the circuit court, giving case number, names of litigants and attorneys, cause of action, and date of proceedings. Also contains: Criminal docket, 1869-1905, entry 53; chancery docket, 1869-97, entry 76. Arr. chron. by trial date. Indexed numer. by case number. Hpf. Aver. 600 pp. 14 x 12 x 3.

54. DISPOSED OF (Cases) JUDGES DOCKET COMMON LAW COURT, 1925--. 1 loose-leaf vol.

Minutes of proceedings in civil cases that have been tried and disposed of in the circuit court, showing case number, names of litigants and attorneys, cause of action, date instituted, date and nature of proceedings of court order, book and page number of judgment record, itemized statement of fees charged for services of clerk, sheriff, and for other purposes, and by whom paid. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of plaintiff. Hpf. 450 pp. 12 x 14 x 3.

55. JUDGES DOCKET COMMON LAW COURT (Pending Cases), 1932--. 1 vol. Minutes of proceedings in civil cases pending in the circuit court, giving the same information as entry 54. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by first letter in name of plaintiff. Hpf. 250 pp. 12 x 14 x 3.

56. JUDGES DOCKET, 1869-1902. 4 vols. (B, B-D). Record of minutes made by the presiding judge of the circuit court in civil cases, 1869-1902, criminal cases, 1869-96, and chancery cases, 1869-96, giving case number, style of case, names of attorneys, trial date, nature of proceedings, and court orders. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 320 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Ba. v.

57. BAR DOCKET, 1866-89. 3 vols. (first vol. dated; A, B). Title varies: Bar Docket of the Circuit Court, 1866-68. Record of listings of cases to be tried in the circuit court including civil cases, 1866-82, criminal cases, 1866-89, and chancery cases, 1866-82, showing case number, style of case, date set for hearing, and notation of court rulings. Arr. chron. by date of court terms. No index. Hpf. Aver. 320 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Ba. v.

58. CRIMINAL DOCKET, 1906-24. 2 vols. (F, G). Title varies: Circuit Court Criminal Docket, 1906-16. 1869-1905 in Circuit Court Law Docket, entry 53.

Minutes of proceedings in criminal cases tried in the circuit court, giving names of defendant and attorneys, offense charged, motions and pleadings heard, court orders, jury verdict, judgment, and sentence of court. Each entry shows date of proceedings. Arr. chron. by date of proceedings. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. Hpf. Aver. 200 pp. 15 x 13 x 2.

59. DISPOSED OF (Criminal Cases) JUDGE'S DOCKET, 1925--. 1 loose-leaf vol.

Minutes of proceedings in criminal cases which have been disposed of in the circuit court, giving case number, names of defendant and attorneys, offense charged, date of indictment, orders of court, date of orders, and names of witnesses. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. Hpf. 200 pp. 13 x 15 x 3.

60. JUDGES DOCKET, CRIMINAL (Pending Cases), 1936--. 1 loose-leaf vol.

Minutes of proceedings in criminal cases pending in the circuit court, giving same information as entry 56. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. Hpf. 200 pp. 13 x 15 x 2.

Judgments and Executions

61. CIRCUIT COURT JUDGMENTS, 1865--. Est. 1,450 instruments in 29 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1870-95, in County Court Papers, entry 1.

Original judgments issued by the circuit court, giving case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, and judgment date. Arr. chron. by judgment date. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1865-1928 in ba. v.

62. [TRANSCRIPTS OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE JUDGMENTS], 1919--. Est. 50 transcripts in 2 steel file drawers. 1871 in County Court Papers, entry 1.

Original transcripts of judgments made by justices of the peace and filed in the circuit court for execution, giving same information as entry 61. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

63. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1866--. 3 vols. (1 vol. unlabeled; A, B). Record of judgments of the circuit court, giving case number, names of litigants and attorneys, name of judgment debtor, amount of judgment and cost, judgment date, and date paid. Arr. chron. by judgment date. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of judgment debtor. H., t. Aver. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

64. SHERIFFS EXECUTIONS, 1924--. Est. 150 instruments in 2 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1937, in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46.

Original orders of execution in civil cases issued by the circuit court

to the sheriff to enforce the payment of judgments, giving number and style of case, date and amount of judgment, date of execution order, and sheriff's return. Arr. chron. by date of order. No index. Hpf., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

Proceedings

65. CIRCUIT COURT RECORD (Civil), 1866--. 5 vols. (A-C, E, G). Title varies: Record, 1866-93.

Record of proceedings in civil cases in circuit court, giving date of term of court, names of court officers, case number, names of litigants and attorneys, date of proceedings, nature of proceedings, and court orders. Also contains: Circuit court record (criminal), 1866-71, and incidental recordings, 1872-76, entry 66; record of declaration of intention, 1877, entry 67. Arr. chron. by trial dates. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff. H., t. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1866-76 in ba. v.

66. CIRCUIT COURT RECORD (Criminal), 1872--. 4 vols. (A, B, D, F). 1866-71, and incidental recordings, 1872-76, in Circuit Court Record (Civil), entry 65.

Record of proceedings in criminal cases tried in circuit court, giving date of court term, names of court officers, case number, trial date, offense charged, and court order. Arr. chron. by trial date. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. Hph., tph. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Naturalization

67. (RECORD OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION), 1877. In Circuit Court Record (Civil), entry 65.

Record of declaration of aliens of their intention to become citizens of the United States, giving name, age, occupation, physical description, place of birth, last foreign residence and allegiance, date of arrival in United States, name of vessel on which voyage was made, present place of residence in United States, and oath of intention to renounce allegiance to all governments other than that of the United States, and in good faith to become a citizen of, and permanently reside therein.

68. (ORDER FOR NATURALIZATION OF ALIEN), 1888. In Mortgage Record, entry 19.

Record of court order admitting alien to citizenship in the United States, showing the name of applicant for citizenship, dates of application and order, copy of signature of the circuit clerk, and seal of the circuit court.

Financial

69. CRIMINAL AND CIVIL FEE BOOK, 1879--. 3 vols. (A, one vol. dated, one vol. not labeled). Title varies: Circuit Court Fee Book Civil and Criminal, 1879-1916.

Record of all fees and costs assessed in civil and criminal cases in the

circuit court, giving number and style of case, date of court term, names of plaintiff and defendant, names of witnesses, days served, clerk's, sheriff's and other officers' fees, total fees, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of court term and numer. thereunder by case number. Civil division indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff, criminal division alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. Hpf. Aver. 548 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1879-1927 in ba. v.

70. CIRCUIT CLERKS' FEE RECORD, 1932--. 1 vol. (A).
Record of fees earned by the circuit clerk, showing number and style of case, amount of fee, services rendered, date charged, and total fees earned. Arr. chron. by entry date. No index. Hpf. 316 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

71. WITNESS CLAIM DOCKET, 1880--. 2 vols. (first vol. not labeled; B).
Record of claims filed by various persons for moneys due for service as witness, showing date of court term, style of case, name of witness, number of days served, amount claimed per diem and for mileage, and signature. Arr. chron. by date of claim. No index. Hph. Aver. 400 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. 1880-1917 in ba. v.

Miscellaneous

72. BONE DRY REPORT, 1917-19. 28 documents in 1 steel file drawer. Weekly reports of agents for transportation companies showing shipment of wines and other beverages received at shipping points within the county, giving itemized statement of beverages received, date received, names of consignor and consignee, and signature of agent. Arr. chron. by date filed. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

VII. JURY COMMISSION

The jury commission exists by authority of the Criminal Code, adopted by the General Assembly of 1869 (1). The commission is composed of three members, appointed by the circuit judge for the duration of the term of court for which they select the jurors (2).

Grand and petit juries are provided for in Cross County by authority of the Criminal Code of 1869 (3). Eighteen grand jurors and 24 petit jurors are selected by the jury commission from lists of voters of the

(1) Crim. Code, 1869, secs. 401, 405, 406.

(2) A. Ark., 1871, p. 264.

(3) Crim. Code, 1869, sec. 98.

county. The panel is submitted to the court, where the final selection of 16 grand and 12 petit jurors is made. (1)

Records of appointments of the members of the commission and the proceedings of both juries are shown in entries 49 and 50.

VIII. CHANCERY COURT

The General Assembly of 1897 provided for a chancery court in Cross County (2). Prior to this time chancery proceedings had been under the jurisdiction of the circuit court (3). Cross, along with Lee, Phillips, Woodruff, St. Francis and Monroe Counties form the fifth chancery circuit (4). The judge of the chancery court is elected by the voters of the circuit for a 6-year term of office. Other members of the court are the circuit clerk in an ex officio capacity as chancery clerk and the sheriff of the county. (5)

The court holds exclusive, original jurisdiction in all equity cases. Appeals from the decisions of the chancery court are taken to the Arkansas Supreme Court. (5)

A constitutional amendment, approved in 1938, made the chancery judge presiding magistrate of the probate courts within his chancery circuit (6).

Records of chancery proceedings are kept in the vault of the circuit clerk, unless otherwise shown in the entries.

Case Papers

73. CHANCERY COURT (Papers), 1865--. Est. 2,500 jackets in 126 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1865-97, in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46.

Original jacketed case papers of the chancery court, including petitions, subpoenas, motions, answers, witness lists, court orders, notices of appeal, transcripts of testimony, exhibits and mandates of the Arkansas State Supreme Court. Each document shows kind of instrument, case number, style of case, names of the persons affected, names of attorneys, and date filed. Also contains: Incidental filings of county court papers, 1888-99, entry 1; miscellaneous instruments, 1920, entry 10; lis pendens, 1921-22, entry 24; incidental filings of chattel mortgages, 1925,

(1) A. Ark., 1881, p. 92.

(2) A. Ark., 1897, p. 90.

(3) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 15.

(4) A. Ark., 1925, p. 333.

(5) A. Ark., 1897, p. 90; ibid., 1903, p. 314.

(6) Const. 1874, amend. XXIV, sec. 2.

Chancery Court

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entry 31; incidental filings of probate court papers, 1868-71, entry 82; delinquent lists, 1898, entry 135; incidental filings of redemption certificates, 1893-99, entry 141. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. H., t., hpf., tpf. 8 x 5 x 16.

74. CHANCERY COURT DECREES, 1865--. Est. 1,300 documents in 37 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1934-35, in Delinquent Lists, entry 135.

Original decrees issued by the chancery court, giving case number, names of litigants, date of decree, detailed statement of court's findings, signature of presiding judge, date filed, and book and page number of record entry. Also contains: Incidental filings of county court papers, 1900-1908, entry 1; lis pendens, 1913-15, entry 24. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1865-1928 in ba. v.

75. DIVORCE COUPONS, 1932--. 260 documents in 1 steel file drawer. Copy of record of divorce cases made by the chancery clerk and forwarded to the Arkansas State Department of Public Health, giving case number, names of litigants, date instituted, whether petitioner is the husband or wife, place and date of marriage, cause of action, address of defendant, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by report date. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

Docket

76. CHANCERY DOCKET, 1897-1925. 6 vols. (1, one vol. not labeled, 3-6). Title varies: Chancery Court Docket, 1905-17. 1869-97 in Circuit Court Law Docket, entry 53.

Minutes of proceedings in cases tried in chancery court, showing case number, names of litigants and their attorneys, date instituted, trial date, cause of action, nature of proceedings, and court orders. Arr. chron. by trial date. No index. Hpf. Aver. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

77. DISPOSED OF (Cases) JUDGE'S DOCKET CHANCERY COURT, 1925--. 1 loose-leaf vol.

Minutes of proceedings in cases tried in chancery court, giving case number, names of litigants and their attorneys, cause of action, date instituted, dates of various proceedings, nature of proceedings, court orders, and cross references to book and page number of record entry. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of plaintiff. Hpf. 550 pp. 10 x 14 x 4.

78. JUDGE'S DOCKET CHANCERY COURT (Pending Cases), 1935--. 1 loose leaf vol.

Minutes of proceedings in cases pending for trial in chancery court, giving same information as entry 77. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of plaintiff. Hpf. 325 pp. 10 x 14 x 3.

Proceedings

79. CHANCERY COURT RECORD, 1866--. 10 vols. (first vol. not labeled, B-J).
Record of proceedings of cases tried in chancery court, showing dates of

court terms, names of officers of the court, case number, names of litigants and attorneys, trial date, nature of proceedings, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. by trial dates. No index, 1866-81; 1881-- indexed alph. by first letter of name of plaintiff. H., t. Aver. 522 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Delinquent Taxes

80. (St. Francis) LEVEE (District) LAND RECORD, 1911-- . 1 vol. Records of lands returned delinquent by the commissioners of the St. Francis Levee Improvement District because of non-payment of improvement district taxes, giving name of landowner, legal description of land, valuation, amount of tax penalty, interest and costs, name of person redeeming land, date of sale, name of purchaser, and amount paid. Arr. chron. by date delinquent and numer. thereunder by township number of legal description of the property involved. No index. Hph. 161 pp. 16 x 14 x 2.

81. DELINQUENT RECORD (Road Improvement Districts Nos. 1 and 2), 1921-- . 2 vols. Record of delinquent improvement taxes in road improvement districts numbers 1 and 2, showing name of landowner, legal description of property, assessed valuation, amount of taxes, penalties and costs, and date of sale or redemption. Arr. chron. by date delinquent. No index. H. Aver. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

IX. PROBATE COURT

A probate court was established in Cross County, in accordance with provisions of the Constitution of 1861, which instrument, as well as the present constitution, made the county judge presiding magistrate (1). However, a constitutional amendment, ratified in 1938, named the chancery judge as the judge of probate. The county clerk serves as clerk of the probate court (2), and the sheriff serves its process (3).

Exclusive, original jurisdiction in matters concerning the estates of deceased persons, and the persons and estates of minors and incompetents is vested in the probate court (4).

The county clerk keeps a record of all proceedings of the probate court. The records are housed in the clerk's vault of the courthouse, unless otherwise designated in the entries.

(1) Const. 1861, art. VI, sec. 1;

Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 34.

(2) Const. 1874, amend. XXIV, sec.

2.

(3) Rev. Stat., p. 728.

(4) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 34.

Case Papers

82. PROBATE COURT PAPERS, 1866--. Est. 630 jackets in 35 steel file boxes. Incidental filings, 1924-27, in Chattel Mortgages Filed, entry 31; 1867-90, 1915-16, 1920 in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46; 1872-1902 in Grand Jury (Reports), entry 51; 1868-71 in Chancery Court (Papers), entry 73; 1897-1900 in Official Transcript, entry 166.

Original jacketed case papers of probate court, consisting of petitions for probate of wills, appointment of executors, administrators, or guardians, letters testamentary, letters of guardianship, letters of administration, bonds of executors, administrators and guardians, reports of executors, administrators and guardians, court orders, and decrees. Included also are applications for sanity hearings and petitions for adoption. Each instrument shows case number and title, nature of instrument, and date filed. Also contains: Incidental filings of county court papers, 1866-99, 1906-7, entry 1; incidental filings of miscellaneous instruments, 1866-89, entry 10; notary public bonds, 1903-8, entry 40; official bonds, 1906-7, entry 41; incidental filings of treasurer's receipts, 1889-90, entry 181. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of deceased or ward and number. thereunder by case number. No index. H., t., hpf., tpf. 8 x 5 x 16.

83. INSANE PAPERS, 1891-98, 1916--. Est. 450 instruments in 6 steel file boxes.

Original case papers of insanity proceedings in probate court, such as petitions for sanity hearings, reports of examining physician, and court orders. Each paper shows case number and title, names of interested parties, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. 8 x 5 x 16.

Dockets

84. PROBATE COURT (Docket), 1874-1930. 3 vols.

Minutes of proceedings in cases tried in probate court, giving case number and title, names of administrator and deceased, or guardian and ward, date and nature of proceedings, and order of court. Arr. chron. by trial date. No index. Hpf. Aver. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

85. DISPOSED OF (Cases) JUDGE'S DOCKET PROBATE COURT, 1930--. 1 loose-leaf vol.

Minutes of proceedings in cases tried in the probate court, giving case number and title, names of estate or ward, administrator, executor, or guardian, date instituted, date of proceedings, and book and page number of record entry. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Hpf. 300 pp. 10 x 14 x 3.

86. JUDGE'S DOCKET PROBATE COURT (Pending Cases), 1935--. 1 loose-leaf vol.

Minutes of proceedings in cases pending in the probate court, giving same information as entry 85. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Hpf. 200 pp. 10 x 14 x 2.

Wills

87. WILLS, 1899--. Est. 90 instruments in 3 steel file drawers. Original wills filed with the probate court making provisions for the disposition of the estates of deceased persons. Each instrument gives date executed, names of testator and beneficiaries, itemized bequests, signatures of testator and witnesses, acknowledgment, and certificate of filing. Also contains: Bonds of abstractors, 1927-28, entry 39; corporation papers, 1925, 1927-28, 1930, and incidental filings, 1926, 1929, 1931-32, entry 151. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

88. WILL RECORD, 1865--. 3 vols. (A-C). Incidental recordings, 1902, in Deed Record, entry 12; incidental recordings, 1937, in Mortgage Record, entry 19.

Record of wills filed in the probate court, giving same information as entry 87. Also contains: Incidental recordings of ministers' credentials, 1883-84, entry 43. Arr. chron. by date filed. 1888-- indexed alph. by first letter of surname of testator; for index 1865-87, see entry 98. H., t. Aver. 350 pp. 14 x 8 x 2.

Bonds and Letters

89. RECORD (of Administrators' and Guardians' Bonds), 1863-1904. 1 vol. (C).

Record of administrators' and guardians' bonds. Administrators' bonds show name of deceased person, date of death, name of administrator, date executed, signatures of administrator and sureties, order of approval by the probate judge, and date filed. Guardians' bonds show names, ages and addresses of wards, name of guardian, date executed, signatures of guardians and sureties, order of approval by the probate judge, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of guardian or administrator. H. 480 pp. 16 x 12 x 3.

90. (Record of) BONDS AND LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP, 1880--. 2 vols. (B, C).

Record of guardians' letters and bonds. Letters of guardianship give name of guardian, name of ward, qualifications and duties of guardian, signature of probate clerk, date executed, and date recorded. Bonds of guardians give same information as entry 89. Arr. chron. by date filed. 1888-- indexed alph. by first letter of surname of guardian; for index 1880-87, see entry 98. H. Aver. 455 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

91. (Record of) LETTERS AND BONDS OF ADMINISTRATION AND GUARDIANSHIP, 1863-98. 1 vol.

Record of applications for letters, and letters of administration and guardianship. Record of applications show name of petitioner, name of deceased or ward, date of application, and date filed. Letters of administration show name of administrator, name of estate, and date appointed. Guardian's record of bonds shows same information as entry 89. Record of letters of guardianship show same information as entry 90. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of administrator or guardian. Hpf. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

92. (Record of) BONDS AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, 1880--. 2 vols. (B, C).

Record of letters of administration and bonds of administrators of estates. Letters of administration give same information as entry 91. Record of bonds give same information as entries 89 and 91. Arr. chron. by date filed. 1888-- indexed alph. by first letter of surname of administrator; for index 1880-87, see entry 98. Hpf. Aver. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Inventories, Appraisements, and Sales

93. RECORD OF INVENTORIES, APPRAISEMENTS AND SALES BILLS, 1872--. 1 vol. Incidental recordings, 1900, 1912, in Deed Record, entry 12; incidental recordings, 1923, in Mortgage Record, entry 19.

Record of inventories, appraisements, and sales of assets of estates. Inventories give name of deceased, value of real and personal property, oath, signature, and acknowledgment of administrator or executor, date filed, signature of probate clerk, date approved, where recorded, and signature of probate judge. Appraisements give name of deceased, name, qualifications, oath, and signatures of appraisers, acknowledgment of signatures, description of real and personal property and their values, certificate of appraisers, date filed, date examined and approved, where recorded, and signature of probate judge. Sales bill records sales of property of estates, giving name of estate, itemized list of property sold and amount received, name of purchaser, and affidavit of administrator as to correctness of listed property. Arr. chron. by date recorded. 1888-- indexed alph. by first letter of surname of administrator; for index 1872-87, see entry 98. Hpf. 380 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

94. ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS, 1875-99. 1 vol. (A). 1865-74, 1900-- in Probate Court Record, entry 96.

Chronological listing of claims allowed against estates, giving name of estate, number, nature and amount of claim, date of claim, date due, interest rate, amount of credits, date approved and by whom, date filed, date allowed, class of claim, amount allowed, where recorded, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hpf. 217 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Ba. v.

Accounts Current

95. RECORD (of Accounts Current), 1866-1911. 1 vol. (D). 1912-- in Probate Court Record, entry 96.

Record of accounts current submitted by the administrators, guardians, or executors to probate court for approval, giving date of term of court, name of estate, name of guardian, administrator, or executor, names of minors, annual settlement, giving amount of indebtedness against estate, listing all cash, stocks or bonds, oath and signature of guardian, administrator or executor, signature and confirmation of probate judge, date recorded, and signature of probate clerk. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. H. 480 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Proceedings

96. PROBATE COURT RECORD, 1865--. 6 vols. (first vol. not labeled; A-E). Title varies: Probate Record, 1871-87.

Record of proceedings in probate court, giving number and title of case, names of estate, guardian, administrator or executor, and attorneys, trial date, findings of court, orders of custody of persons or property, prayer for new trial, motions, petitions, and pleadings. Also contains: Abstract of claims, 1865-74, 1900--, entry 94; accounts current, 1912--, entry 95. Arr. chron. by court term. 1913-- indexed alph. by first letter of surname of estate; for index 1865-87, see entry 98; 1888-1912, no index. H., t. Aver. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x $3\frac{1}{2}$. 1865-71 in ba. v.

97. RECORD OF INSANE, 1916--. 2 vols. (1, 2). 1865-1916 in County Court Record, entry 8.

Record of findings and decisions of probate court in sanity hearings, giving name of defendant, date charge filed, names of complaining witness and examining physicians, verdict, and signatures of judge and clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. Hpf. Aver. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Index

98. INDEX TO PROBATE RECORDS, 1865-87. 1 vol. (A).

Index to (Record of) Bonds and Letters of Guardianship, 1880-87, entry 90; (Record of) Bonds and Letters of Administration, 1880-87, entry 92; Record of Inventories, Appraisements and Sales Bills, 1872-87, entry 93, and Probate Court Record, 1865-87, entry 96, showing date of probate of wills, date of issue of letters of administration or guardianship, date bond approved, dates of inventories, appraisements and sales, dates of annual and final settlements, together with the book and page number of record entry of each. Arr. in alph. tabbed sections according to the first letter of surname of deceased or ward. Hpf. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Financial

99. PROBATE FEE RECORD, 1906--. 2 vols. (A, 2).

Record of fees earned by probate clerk, giving name of administrator or guardian, name of deceased or ward, name of person paying fee, date and amount of payment, service for which fee was charged, and amount paid to county treasurer. Vol. A arr. chron. by term of court; vol. 2 arr. chron. by date fee paid. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of deceased or ward. Hpf. Aver. 560 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

X. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

The General Assembly of 1917 authorized the establishment of a court of common pleas for Cross County, and vested it with original jurisdiction in all matters of contract, replevin and personal or property damage, to the amount of \$1,000. The court has no jurisdiction in action where the title of real estate is in controversy, nor in any action over which the county or probate court holds exclusive jurisdiction. The creating act specified that the county judge should serve as judge of the court of common pleas, the circuit clerk, as ex officio clerk of the court, and the sheriff as ministerial officer. (1)

Appeals from court of common pleas decisions are made to the circuit court of the county (2).

Records of the court are kept by the clerk and housed in his vault, unless otherwise shown in the entries.

100. COMMON PLEAS PAPERS, 1917--. Est. 160 jackets in 9 steel file drawers.

Original jacketed papers of cases tried in common pleas court, consisting of petitions, summonses, motions, pleadings, and court orders. Each instrument shows case number, names of plaintiff, defendant and attorneys, nature of instrument, and date filed. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. H., t., hpf. 11 x 5 x 14.

101. COMMON PLEAS DOCKET, 1917--. 1 vol.

Minutes of proceedings in cases tried in the court of common pleas, giving style and number of case, names of litigants and their attorneys, date and nature of proceedings, and order of court. Arr. chron. by trial dates. No index. Hpf. 320 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

102. COMMON PLEAS COURT RECORD, 1917--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of proceedings in the court of common pleas, giving names of plaintiff and defendant, names of attorneys, cause of action, date of trial, number of case, names of witnesses, summonses, pleadings, and judgment rendered. Arr. chron. by trial dates. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff. 586 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

103. COMMON PLEAS JUDGMENTS AND DECREES ENTERED, 1917--. Est. 325 documents in 4 steel file drawers.

Original decrees and judgments of the common pleas court that have been entered in the records, giving name of person obtaining judgment, name of judgment debtor, date and amount of judgment, and book and page number of record entry. Arr. chron. by judgment date. No index. H., t. 11 x 5 x 14.

(1) A. Ark., 1917, II, 1622.

(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 14.

XI. JUVENILE COURT

The General Assembly of 1911, established a juvenile court in each county (1). Prior to this time, the problem of dealing with dependent and delinquent children was delegated to the probate judge (2). The county judge and county clerk, respectively, are the presiding officer and clerk of the juvenile court (1).

Records of the juvenile court are kept by the county clerk, in his vault at the courthouse. See entry 105.

104. JUVENILE COURT PAPERS, 1923--. Est. 150 instruments in 3 steel file drawers.

Original papers of cases tried in the juvenile court, consisting of petitions, subpoenas, and court orders. Each paper shows kind of instrument, case number, style of case, names of parties affected, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

105. JUVENILE RECORD, 1923--. 1 vol. 1911-22 in County Court Record, entry 8.

Record of proceedings of cases in juvenile court, showing trial date, names of court officials, number and style of case, and names of parties affected. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of juvenile. H. 430 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

XII. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Justices of the peace and their courts were authorized by the Constitution of 1861 (3). The present constitution provides that one justice for every 200 voters in a township may be elected at the regular general election, for a term of 2 years (4). Justice of the peace courts have exclusive original jurisdiction in matters involving contracts and personal property up to \$100 and jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court in similar matters up to \$300. Justice courts have jurisdiction in misdemeanor cases, and may serve as examining courts in felony cases. (5) Appeals from the mandates of justice courts are made to the circuit court (6). The justice of the peace is a member of the quorum court (7).

There are 25 commissioned justices of the peace in Cross County (8).

(1) A. Ark., 1911, p. 167.

(2) Rev. Stat., p. 102.

(3) Const. 1861, art. VI, sec. 16.

(4) Const. 1874, art. VII, secs. 38-39.

(5) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 40.

(6) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 14.

(7) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 30.

(8) Arkansas, Secretary of State's Office, Civil Record, 1939-1940, pp. 153-155.

Prosecuting Attorney;
County Attorney

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106. (JUSTICE DOCKET), 1847-57. 2 vols.

Minutes of proceedings in justice of peace court in Searcy township prior to the creation of Cross County, showing style of case, date instituted, cause of action, itemized listing of fees charged, and judgment of courts. This record also contains list of marriages performed by justice of the peace. Arr. chron. by date instituted. No index. Hph. Aver. 200 pp. 12 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Ba. v.

107. J(ustice of) P(eace) DOCKET, 1875-92, 1894-1904, 1925-38. 9 vols. Title varies: Justice Docket, 1894-1904; Magistrates Docket, 1876-92.

Minutes of proceedings in justice of the peace court in civil and criminal cases, giving style of case, date instituted, cause of action, trial date, fees assessed, judgment of court, and name of presiding justice. Arr. chron. by date instituted. No index. Hpf. Aver. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Ba. v.

XIII. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The office of prosecuting attorney was provided for by the Constitution of 1861 (1). The prosecuting attorney of Cross County is elected by the voters of the second judicial circuit, at the general election, for a term of 2 years (2). The Arkansas Supreme Court has held that the prosecutor is a state officer, although he serves the counties of his circuit (3).

The prosecuting attorney keeps no records.

XIV. COUNTY ATTORNEY (Defunct)

A statutory provision of 1859 authorized the county judge to appoint a county attorney, for a term of 2 years (4). The duties of the county attorney are now performed by the prosecuting attorney, since the Constitution of 1874 made no provision for the county office.

No records of this office were found in Cross County.

(1) Const. 1861, art. VI, sec. 14. (3) Griffin v. Rhoten (1907), 85, Ark., 890.
(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 24; A. Ark., 1891, pp. 58, 110. (4) A. Ark., 1859, p. 101.

XV. SHERIFF

The office of sheriff was established in Cross County by authority of the laws in effect at the time the county was established (1). At present it exists by authority of the Constitution of 1874. The office is an elective one and the term is 2 years. In addition to serving as the chief enforcement officer of the county, the sheriff is ex officio tax collector. (2)

Papers

108. (SHERIFF'S PAPERS), 1924--. Est. 1,400 documents in 13 steel file drawers.

Copies of processes served by sheriff in civil and criminal cases including bench warrants, subpoenas, writs, summonses in juvenile court, chancery court summonses, executions, warrants for arrest, jury summonses, grand jury subpoenas, bail bonds, and fee bills. Also contains: Collector's settlements, 1939, entry 174. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

For other bail bonds, see entry 47.

109. JAIL REGISTER, 1931--. 1 vol.

Register of prisoners confined in county jail, giving number and name of prisoner, age, height, color of hair and eyes, complexion, special marks and peculiarities of prisoner, case history, when received, by what authority confined and discharged, time of sentence, date of discharge, and amount of board due. Arr. chron. by date committed to jail. No index. Hpf. 241 pp. 16 x 12 x 3.

110. SHERIFF'S FEE BOOK, 1877-1906, 1922--. 3 vols.

Record of fees received by sheriff in civil and criminal cases, giving style of case, date received, from whom received, kind of process, when received, by whom served, date returned, items of cost, and by whom paid. Arr. chron. by date received. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of litigant. Hpf. Aver. 160 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. 1877-1906 in ba. v.; 1922-- in sheriff's office.

(1) Const. 1861, art. VI, sec. 18. (2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.

XVI. CORONER

The first coroner in Cross County was elected by authority of the Constitution of 1861 (1). The present constitution provides for the election of a coroner, at the regular biennial election, to serve a 2-year term (2). The chief function of the office is the investigating of sudden or violent deaths, however, he is also classed as an enforcement officer and is authorized to serve as sheriff, in the event the sheriff is disqualified (3).

The coroner is required to deliver all records of his office to the circuit clerk, on or before the first day of each term of court (3). See entry 48.

XVII. CONSTABLE

The Constitution of 1861, under which Cross County was created, provided for the election of a constable in each township (4), and the present constitution continues the office. The constable is elected at the regular general election, for a term of 2 years. (5)

The constable keeps no records.

XVIII. QUORUM COURT

The quorum court was created by the Constitution of 1874 (6), for the purpose of levying the tax on property within the county, and making appropriations of county funds. The county judge and the justices of the peace of the county are members of the court, the judge as the presiding officer. (6) The county clerk as clerk of the court is required to attend all its sessions (7).

Records of the proceedings of the court are kept in the office of the county clerk.

111. (QUORUM COURT RECORD), 1874-- . In County Court Record, entry 8. Minutes of proceedings at meetings of quorum court, giving date of meeting, names of justices of peace present, reports of county judge, county

(1) Const. 1861, art. VI, sec. 18.

(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.

(3) Rev. Stat., p. 193.

(4) Const. 1861, art. VI, sec. 17.

(5) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 47.

(6) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 30.

(7) A. Ark., 1879, p. 111.

clerk, sheriff, and treasurer submitted to court for approval, levies for state and county tax, levies of school district taxes as certified by county examiners, levies for incorporated towns as certified by various town councils, and adjournment orders.

112. RECORD OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1879-1900. 1 vol. (A). 1865-78, 1901-- in County Court Record, entry 8.

Record of appropriations made by the quorum court for county offices for general expense of county government, giving names of funds for which appropriations were made, date of appropriation, and nature and amount of debits and credits. Arr. chron. by date appropriated. No index. Hph. 280 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

XIX. COUNTY CLERK

The office of county clerk, in Cross County was filled in an ex officio capacity by the circuit clerk, in accordance with provisions of the Constitution of 1861 (1). The present constitution authorizes the election of a separate county clerk when the population of the county, by the last Federal census, reaches 15,000 (2). Accordingly, in 1920 (3), the Governor appointed the first county clerk, by constitutional authority (4). Since 1920, the county clerk has been elected at the regular general election for a 2-year term of office (2).

In addition to serving as clerk of the county court, the county clerk is ex officio clerk of the probate (2), the juvenile (5), and the quorum courts (6), and clerk of the board of equalization (7).

Records required to be kept by the clerk, in his several capacities will be found following the essays of the boards and courts he serves. The entries directly following this text are the financial records and are housed in the clerk's vault, unless otherwise designated in the entries.

Financial

Accounts

113. GENERAL ACCOUNT RECORD, 1891-1901, 1917--. 4 vols. (first three vols. not labeled; 2). Title varies: Journal, 1891-96; Ledger, 1896-1901.

Record of accounts of county offices and special funds of the county and

(1) Const. 1861, art. VI, sec. 9.
(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 19.
(3) Fifteenth Census, Population,
I, 103.

(4) Const. 1874, art. VI, sec. 23.
(5) A. Ark., 1911, p. 167.
(6) A. Ark., 1879, p. 111.
(7) A. Ark., 1929, II, 864.

its political subdivisions, such as county general fund, county highway improvement fund, road district fund, school district general fund, school district bond retirement fund, revolving loan fund, state land redemption fund, game protective fund, county bond retirement fund, sheriffs' accounts, and constables' accounts. Record shows dates and items of debits and credits, and amounts of each. Arr. in alph. tabbed sections according to name of account and chron. thereunder by entry date. No index. Hpf. Aver. 508 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

114. LEDGER (Clerk's Account with Collecting Officers), 1876-81, 1890--. 6 vols. Title varies: Journal, 1890-98. Record of fines and costs charged to sheriff and constables as collecting officers of the courts, giving date recorded, name of officer, amount of fine, name of court assessing fine, date paid, to whom paid, and name of person making payment. Arr. chron. by entry date. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of officer. H. Aver. 362 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

115. CLERK'S ACCOUNT BOOK WITH OVERSEERS, 1901. 1 vol. (1). Record of road accounts, giving name of township, name of overseer, road district number, dates, amount with tax books, additional assessment by errors, real and personal property, land sold to State, and amounts paid treasurer per collection receipts. Accounts kept by districts. Arr. chron. by date of account. No index. H. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Ba. v.

Warrants

116. REGISTER (of) WARRANTS, 1879--. 7 vols. (A-F; one vol. dated). Title varies: Register of Warrants, 1905-30. Register of warrants issued by county clerk on various county funds, giving warrant number, payee's name, on what account, amount, dates issued and delivered, to whom delivered, date returned and canceled, and remarks. Also contains: Register of school warrants, 1879-98, 1903--, entry 117; register of road warrants issued, 1879-1927, entry 118. Arr. numer. by warrant number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 214 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

117. REGISTER OF SCHOOL WARRANTS, 1899-1902. 1 vol. (A). 1879-98, 1903-- in Register (of) Warrants, entry 116. A record of school warrants by county clerk, showing number of warrant, date and amount of warrant, in whose favor drawn, and date canceled by county court. Arr. chron. by date of warrant. No index. Hpf. 668 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Ba. v.

See also entry 178.

118. REGISTER OF ROAD WARRANTS ISSUED, 1928--. 2 vols. (first vol. not labeled; 1). Title varies: Ledger, 1928-31. 1879-1927 in Register (of) Warrants, entry 116. Record of road warrants issued, giving number and date of warrant, to whom issued, amount, road district number, and to whom delivered. Arr. numer. by warrant number. No index. H. Aver. 323 pp. 18 x 15 x 3.

119. ORDERS FOR SCRIP, 1895-1908. Est. 150 instruments in 3 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1902-3, in Abstract & Figures for Tax Books, entry 129.

Original orders by persons who have served on grand and petit juries directing the county clerk to deliver warrants issued for their services to bearer, giving date of order, name of bearer, amount to be paid, signature of juror, and date filed. Arr. chron. by order date. No index. H. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

120. COUNTY SCRIP RECORDED AND BURNED, 1921-30. 2 vols. Itemized listing of county warrants that have been redeemed, canceled and ordered to be burned, giving warrant number, date issued, amount of warrant, dates redeemed, canceled, and burned. Arr. numer. by warrant number. No index. T. Aver. 600 pp. 13 x 8 x 2.

Assessment and Taxation

121. DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS, 1931, 1936-37. 2 steel file drawers. Title varies: Delinquent Assessment List, 1931; [Assessment List Personal Property Del.], 1936.

Original delinquent assessments of personal property, showing date of assessment, name and address of property owner, township, school and road district in which property is located, itemized listing of property owned, and signatures of assessor and property owner. Arr. chron. by assessment date. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

122. TAX COMMISSION ASSESSMENTS, 1919-24. 6 documents in 1 steel file drawer.

Original certifications of assessments made by the Arkansas State Tax Commission of real and personal property owned in the county by public utilities companies, showing name of company, location of real and personal property according to political subdivision and tax units in the county, assessed valuation, year of assessment, date certified, and signature of tax commissioner. Arr. chron. by date assessed. No index. Hpf., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

123. PERSONAL (Property) ASSESSMENTS, 1870-72, 1928, 1937--. Est. 6,800 documents in 68 steel file drawers.

Original assessments of personal property made by the county assessor, giving property owner's name and address, township, municipality, and school and road district in which property is located, poll tax assessment, itemized list of personal property owned, assessed valuation of each item, total assessment, date assessed, and signatures of assessor and property owner. Also contains: Delinquent lists, 1870, 1872, entry 135. Arr. chron. by date assessed. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1928 in ba. v.

124. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT RECORDS, 1866, 1868-77, 1879-80, 1882-89, 1891-1916. 56 vols. (22 vols. not labeled; 34 vols. dated). Title varies: Personal Property, 1873, 1877, 1882; Personal Property Assessed, 1893; Assessed Personal Property Tax Book,

1894; Personal Property Assessment, 1897; Personal Assessment Tax, 1907; Personal Assessment, 1896, 1898-1900, 1903.
Record of personal property assessment, showing same information as entry 123. Arr. in tabbed sections numer. by school district number and alph. by names of municipalities and alph. thereunder by taxpayer's name. No index. Hpf. Aver. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Ba. v.

125. PERSONAL TAX BOOK, 1885-95, 1897-1901, 1906-7, 1909-16. 26 vols. (first vol. not labeled; 25 vols. dated). Title varies: Personal, 1884; Personal Tax, 1897.
Personal property tax rolls, showing tax receipt number, name of property owner, address, date tax paid, description and valuation of various items of personal property, total valuation, penalty for delinquent assessment, if any, valuation as equalized, numbers of school and road districts, state, county general, road and school taxes, and total tax. Arr. in tabbed sections according to school district number and names of municipalities and alph. thereunder by first letter of name of taxpayer. No index. Hpf. Aver. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Ba. v.

126. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT TAX BOOK, 1917--. 23 vols. (dated). Title varies: Personal Tax Assessment, 1917-18, 1925-27; Personal Assessment, 1919; Personal Assessment & Tax Book, 1921, 1924; Personal Assessment Record, 1931; Personal Tax Book, 1934, 1935.
Record of personal assessments and tax rolls, showing tax receipt number, name of property owner, address, date tax paid, description of personal property, valuation of various items of personal property, total valuation, penalty assessed for delinquency, if any, valuation as equalized, number of school and road districts, state, county general, road and school taxes, and total tax. Arr. in tabbed sections according to school district number and names of municipalities and alph. thereunder by first letter of name of taxpayer. No index. Hpf. Aver. 410 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

127. REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT RECORD, 1868-70, 1872, 1876, 1883-1901, 1905, 1911--. 36 vols. (10 vols. not labeled; 26 vols. dated). Title varies: Real Estate Book, 1870, 1891; Real Estate, 1883, 1885; Real Estate Assessed, 1893; R. E. Assm't, 1911, 1913; Real Estate Assessment Acreage, 1932, 1936; Real Assessment Acreage, 1934; Real Estate Assessment Town Lots, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937.
Record of real estate assessments made by assessor on all real property, both rural and town lots, giving name of owner, legal description of property, assessed valuation, numbers of road and school district in which property is located. Rural property arr. numer. according to twp. and r. numbers of legal description; city property, alph. by name of town or addition and numer. thereunder by block number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 300 pp. 16 x 16 x 2.

128. REAL ESTATE TAX BOOKS, 1866-1936, 1938--. 59 vols. (4 vols. not labeled; 55 vols. dated). Title varies: Real Estate, 1900; Real Estate Tax, 1901, 1906-16; Real Estate Assm't Tax, 1917; Real Estate Tax Assessment, 1918; Real Estate Taxes, 1919.
Tax rolls for real estate, giving name of owner, legal description of property, number of school districts and road districts, rate of school

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taxes, taxes extended, state, county, district, and city taxes, total tax, and amount of taxes delinquent, and date of payment of taxes. Arr. numer. according to twp. and alph. thereunder by name of owner. No index. Hpf. Aver. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 1866-1936 in ba. v.

129. ABSTRACT & FIGURES FOR TAX BOOKS, 1895-97, 1918, 1928-35, 1937--. Est. 90 documents in 6 steel file drawers. Title varies: Abstract & Figures Tax Books, 1934; Process for Sheriff's Attention, 1897; Abstracts & Receipts for Tax Books, 1928.

Copy of recapitulation of personal and real estate tax books and collector's receipt for tax books as delivered by county clerk. Record shows total valuation of personal and real property, tax rates, total tax to be collected, date received by collector, collector's signature, and date filed. Also contains: Incidental filings of orders for scrip, 1902-3, entry 119. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

130. IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS ASSESSMENT AND TAX RECORD, 1912, 1915, 1917, 1920--. 22 vols.

Record of assessments and taxes paid on benefits derived from improvement work, giving name of landowner, legal description of property, valuation, and annual payments due. Included in these records are the following:

- i. Bayou DeView Drainage District No. 1, Assessment List, 1912, 1915.
- ii. Bushy Lake Bayou Drainage District No. 1, Assessment List, 1917.
- iii. Drainage District No. 3, Assessment List, 1920.
- iv. Drainage District No. 6, 1924--.
- v. Parkin South Road Improvement District, 1920-26.
- vi. Tyronza & St. Francis Road Improvement District, 1923-30.

Arr. numer. according to twp. and r. numbers of legal description of property. No index. Hpf., tpf. Aver. 105 pp. 15 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

131. ASSESSMENT (Record for) LEVEE (Bond) TAX, 1873. 1 vol.

Record of lands within a designated area against which special tax was levied for the retirement of bonds issued to construct the Mississippi and St. Louis Railroad Levee, showing name of property owner, legal description of property, tax rate, assessed valuation, and amount collected. Arr. alph. according to first letter in name of twp. and numer. thereunder by twp. and r. numbers of the legal description of the property. No index. Hph. 150 pp. 20 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Ba. v.

Tax Receipts

132. REAL ESTATE TAX RECEIPTS (Duplicates), 1915-31, 1933-38. 42 vols. (33 vols. not labeled; 9 vols. dated). Title varies:

Record of Tax Receipts, 1916.

Carbon copies of tax receipts issued by the collector, showing year for which taxes are paid, receipt number, name of taxpayer, legal description of property, valuation of property, total tax paid, date of receipt, and signatures of collector and deputy. Arr. numer. by receipt number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 300 pp. 16 x 14 x 2. 1915-31 in ba. v.

133. PERSONAL TAX RECEIPTS (Duplicates), 1915, 1919--. 23 vols. (dated). Title varies: Record of Personal Tax Receipts, 1921; [Tax Receipts], 1929, 1932.

Carbon copies of receipts issued by the collector for the payment of personal tax, showing receipt number, year for which taxes are paid, valuation of property, name of taxpayer, date issued, and signatures of collector and deputy. Arr. numer. by receipt number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 300 pp. 16 x 14 x 2. 1915, 1919-35 in ba. v.

134. (Record of) TAX RECEIPTS, 1883, 1885-87, 1889-94, 1897-1914. 32 vols. (8 vols. not labeled; 24 vols. dated). Title varies: Sheriff's Tax Book, 1883; Record Tax Receipts, 1894, 1897-1903, 1905, 1907, 1909-14.

Numerical listing of tax receipts issued by the collector for payments of real and personal property tax, giving collector's name, date paid, receipt number, taxpayer's name, legal description of real property, value of real and personal property, total valuation, itemized breakdown of special and general taxes paid, total tax paid, and payment date. Arr. numer. by receipt number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Delinquent Taxes and Tax Sales

135. DELINQUENT LISTS, 1925-26. 2 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. 1892 in Trust Deeds Filed, entry 32; 1867 in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46; 1898 in Chancery Court (Papers), entry 73; 1870, 1872 in Personal (Property) Assessments, entry 123.

Original certificates to the county clerk by the tax collector of persons who have not paid real and personal taxes when due, showing name of taxpayer, description of property, valuation, total taxes, penalty and costs, date of certificate, signature of collector, and date filed. Also contains: Incidental filings of chancery court decrees, 1934-35, entry 74. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

136. PERSONAL (Tax) DELINQUENT RECORD, 1931--. 1 vol. (1).

Recorded listing of persons who have not paid personal property taxes, showing name and address of taxpayer, school district in which property is located, description and value of property, year of delinquency, total taxes, penalty, and costs. Arr. in tabbed sections according to number or name of school district and alph. thereunder by first letter of name of taxpayer. No index. Hpf. 640 pp. 18 x 16 x 3.

137. RECORD OF LIST AND NOTICE OF SALE OF DELINQUENT LANDS, 1884--. 3 vols. (first vol. not labeled; B, C).

Recorded list of lands subject to sale to enforce collection of delinquent ad valorem tax, showing name of landowner, legal description of

property, valuation, itemized listing of general and special taxes, total tax and penalties, years for which taxes were not paid, and date sold. Arr. chron. by date of delinquency and numer. thereunder by twp. and r. numbers of the legal description. No index. Hpf. Aver. 334 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

138. SHERIFF'S (Collector's) CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE, 1885--. Est. 80 certificates in 8 steel file drawers. Title varies: Collector's Certificate of Purchase, 1895-1905; Certificate of Purchase, 1925-28. 1883-84, and incidental filings, 1885-1900, in Deeds (Miscellaneous Instruments), entry 10; incidental filings, 1892, in Chattel Mortgages Filed, entry 31, and 1866-82, and incidental filings, 1883-1904, 1914, 1916, in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46.

Original certificates of purchase which have been issued by tax collector to purchasers of delinquent lands and subsequently filed with county clerk. Each instrument shows date of sale, legal description of property, penalty, years for which taxes are delinquent, and total taxes, name of purchaser, signature of collector, and filing certificate. Also contains: Incidental filings of trust deeds, 1892-95, entry 32, and incidental filings of treasurer's receipts, 1894-1900, entry 181. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1885-1920, 1925-28 in ba. v.

139. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LANDS SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS, 1885--. 2 vols. (A, B).

Record of lands sold to individuals for the collection of delinquent taxes, giving legal description of tract, years for which taxes are delinquent, amount of taxes, penalties and costs due, and name of purchaser. Arr. chron. by date sold and numer. thereunder by twp. and r. number of legal description of property. Hph. Aver. 218 pp. 16 x 14 x 2.

140. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LANDS SOLD TO STATE, 1869--. 4 vols. (1, A-C).

Record of lands sold to state for non-payment of taxes, giving amount of delinquent taxes, penalty and costs, years for which taxes are delinquent, legal description of tract, and date sold. Arr. chron. by date sold and numer. thereunder by twp. and r. number of legal description of property. No index. Hpf. Aver. 190 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

141. LAND REDEMPTION, 1873--. Est. 5,000 documents in 45 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1894, in County Court Papers, entry 1; incidental filings, 1914, in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46; incidental filings, 1893-99, in Chancery Court (Papers), entry 73.

Certificates issued by the county clerk to persons redeeming land sold for taxes and treasurer's receipt for delinquent taxes paid. Redemption certificate shows date of sale, name of purchaser, amount of taxes, penalties and costs due, name of person redeeming property, redemption fee, date issued, and signature of clerk. Treasurer's receipt shows date, amount paid, and signature of treasurer. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hpf., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1873-1928 in ba. v.

142. (Record of) REDEMPTION OF DELINQUENT LANDS, 1925--. 1 vol. 1865-1924 in Deed Record, entry 12.

Recorded listing of land redemption certificates issued by the county clerk, showing certificate number, legal description of property, name of party redeeming land, valuation, total taxes, penalties and costs paid, date sold for taxes, name of purchaser, and date redeemed. Arr. numer. by certificate number. No index. Tpf. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Public Works

143. COMMISSIONER'S ROAD RECORD, 1903-4. 1 vol. (1).

Record of reports of road commissioners on condition of roads and bridges, showing report date, road district number, condition of roads and bridges, number of bridges built, number of laborers, number of days in service, price allowed per day, and amount debited to county. Arr. chron. by report date. No index. H. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Ba. v.

144. CLERK'S ROAD RECORD, 1901--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of claims for allowances for work on roads and bridges, giving name of claimant, date and amount of claim, kind of work done, road district number, name of road overseer, reports of road commissioners, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of claimant. H., t. Aver. 610 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

145. DRAINAGE RECORD, 1911-26. 1 vol. (L'Anguille Drainage Dist.).

Record of L'Anguille Drainage District, giving petition to establish drainage district, notice of presentation of drainage petition to county court, proof of publication in county newspaper, oaths of viewers, report of viewers, reports of engineers, schedule of lots and lands, cost of construction, cost of location, recommendations, rule of assessment, remonstrances and exceptions to report of viewers, final report of viewers, confirmation of final report, benefits paid to owners of lands which were appropriated to establish districts, showing owner's name and description of property. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. 480 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

146. [MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS OF IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS], 1894--. Est. 740 documents in 37 steel file drawers. Incidental filings, 1923, in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46.

Miscellaneous papers of improvement districts consisting of tax lists, delinquent lands redeemed, certificates paid, lists of delinquent taxpayers, and redemption certificates. Each document shows nature of instrument, names of parties and description of lands affected, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t., hpf., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1894-1922 in ba. v.

Election

147. [ELECTION PAPERS], 1892--. Est. 500 documents in 14 steel file drawers.

Original miscellaneous papers consisting of candidates' pledges to com-

ply with the corrupt practice act, appointments of county election commissioners, sample ballots, lists of precinct election officials, lists of officers elected, minutes of proceedings of the county board of election commissioners. Each document shows nature of instrument, date executed, names of parties affected, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t., hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1892-1928 in ba. v.

Marriages

148. MARRIAGE LICENSES, 1896--. Est. 2,250 documents in 25 steel file drawers (14 boxes not labeled; 11 boxes labeled alph. according to first letter of surname of bridegroom on licenses contained therein).

Original marriage licenses with certificates of marriage attached that have been returned to the county clerk to be recorded. License shows names, addresses and ages of contracting parties, date of license, signature and seal of county clerk. Marriage certificate gives names of contracting parties, date of ceremony, signature of person performing ceremony, date signed, and, if a minister, book and page number of record in which his credentials are recorded. Arr. alph. according to first letter of surname of bridegroom and chron. thereunder by date recorded. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1896-1905 in ba. v.

149. RECORD OF MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, 1866-71. 1 vol.
Separate record of certificates of marriage filed by Negroes, showing names of contracting parties, marriage date, copy of signature of person performing ceremony, if performed by minister, book and page of record where his credentials are recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. H. 100 pp. 12 x 6 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

150. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1863--. 24 vols. (A, B, D-Y). Title varies: Record (of) Marriages, 1863-74.
Record of marriages consisting only of recorded marriage certificates from 1863-74. Subsequent record consists of record of marriage bond and affidavit for license application, marriage license, and certificate of marriage. Marriage bond gives names of principal and surety, date and amount of bond, names of contracting parties, and signatures of principal and bondsman. Affidavit for license application gives name of applicant, address and age, name of bride, her age, affidavit date, and acknowledgment by county clerk. Marriage license and certificate of marriage shows same information as entry 148. Record of marriage certificates, 1863-74, shows same information as entry 149. Also contains: Incidental recordings of minister's credentials, 1876-1908, entry 43. Arr. chron. by date filed, 1863-73; and chron. by date of application, 1874--. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of bridegroom. Hpf. Aver. 598 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Corporations

151. CORPORATION PAPERS, 1912, 1913, 1919-24, 1926, 1929, 1931, 1932.
Est. 60 documents in 3 steel file drawers. Title varies: Cor-

porations Dissolved, 1929; Transfer of Bank Stock, 1921-23, 1918, and incidental filings, 1919-21, in City Maps, entry 26; 1925, 1927-28, 1930, and incidental filings, 1926, 1929, 1931-32, in Wills, entry 87.

Miscellaneous corporation papers consisting of annual reports, articles of dissolution and certificates of transfer of bank stock. Annual reports show amount of capital stock paid in, cash value of credits, names of stockholders and number of shares owned by each. Articles of dissolution show time and place of meeting, resolutions to surrender charter and cease operation, signatures of president and secretary, date executed, acknowledgment, and date filed. Transfers of bank stock show name and address of bank, names of bank president, cashier and person making transfer, number of shares transferred, name of assignee, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. T. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

152. CORPORATION RECORD, 1912--. 1 vol. (1). 1872, 1903-11 in Deed Record, entry 12; 1902, and incidental recordings, 1903--, in Mortgage Record, entry 19; 1891-94 in Deed of Trust (Chattel Mortgage) Record, entry 36.

Record of incorporation papers, showing name of corporation, names of persons subscribing stock, amount subscribed, place of business, capital stock, and amendments to articles and by-laws. Also contains: Incidental recordings of ministers' credentials, 1912, entry 43; incidental recordings of bank stock transfers, 1917-19, 1921, entry 153. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by name of corporation. T. 628 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

153. RECORD OF BANK STOCK TRANSFERS, 1917-31. 1 vol. (A). 1911-13 in Mortgage Record, entry 19; incidental recordings, 1917-19, 1921, in Corporation Record, entry 152.

Record of transfer of bank stock, showing number of certificate, name and post office address of bank, names of president and cashier, name of person making the transfer, number of shares transferred, date of transfer, name of assignee, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of assignor. H. 320 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

Professional Licenses

154. OFFICIAL RECORD OF CERTIFICATES (and Professional Licenses), 1903--. 1 vol. (A). 1902, and incidental recordings, 1903-18, in Mortgage Record, entry 19.

Record of re-registration of licenses of physicians and surgeons as required by an act of the General Assembly of 1903, and subsequent registration of professional licenses, such as, chiropractors' licenses, 1923, and optometrists' licenses, 1921, 1923, 1929. Record of re-registration shows name of examining board, physician's name, statement of qualifications, date executed, names of officers and members of examining board, and date recorded. Record of professional licenses shows title of examining board, date of examination, name of person licensed, date issued, signature of official of examining board, and date filed. Also contains: Incidental recordings of physician's licenses, 1903--, entry 155. Arr.

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in alph. tabbed sections by first letter of surname of licensee and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. Hpf. 150 pp. 15 x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

155. REGISTER OF PHYSICIANS, 1881--. 1 vol. (A). Incidental recordings, 1882, in Deed Record, entry 12; incidental recordings, 1902-18, in Mortgage Record, entry 19; incidental recordings, 1903--, in Official Record of Certificates (and Professional Licenses), entry 154.

Record of licenses of physicians and surgeons, showing license date, name, address and sex of licensee, names of members of examining board, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. 79 pp. 13 x 8 x 1.

156. REGISTER OF DENTISTS, 1932--. 1 vol. 1902-18, 1923 in Mortgage Record, entry 19.

Register of dentists' diplomas or licenses to practice, showing name and address of dentist, date of license or diploma, copies of signatures of officials, examining board, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. 240 pp. 15 x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Pensions

157. (Confederate) PENSION PAPERS, 1910-13, 1917-39. Est. 250 documents in 5 steel file drawers. 1902 in Deeds (Miscellaneous Instruments), entry 10.

Original applications by Confederate veterans or their widows for pensions paid by the State of Arkansas, showing name of applicant, address, date of birth, age, proof of legal residence in the State, proof of need for pension, consisting of statement of financial condition and health, date executed, signature of applicant, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1910-13 in ba. v.

Livestock

158. ESTRAY PAPERS, 1890-1912, 1920-29. Est. 111 documents in 3 steel file drawers. Title varies: Estray, 1890-1906; (Estray) Bonds, 1905-12. 1917 in City Maps, entry 26.

Original estray papers consisting of appraisements and bonds. Appraisements show names of appraisers, date appointed, description of animal to be appraised, name of person in possession of livestock, certificate of appointment of appraiser by justice of the peace, signature of justice of the peace, and date filed. Bond shows name of person holding livestock, amount of bond, date executed, conditions and terms, approval by justice of the peace, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1890-1912 in ba. v.

159. TRANSFER OF LIVESTOCK, 1927--. 25 documents in 1 steel file drawer.

Original reports of sale of livestock, giving date of sale, name and residence of owner, name of purchaser, description of livestock, weight and marks or brands, signature of seller, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

160. ESTRAY RECORD, 1865--. 2 vols. (A, C). Title varies: Record-Estray, 1865-1909.

Record of stray livestock taken up by individuals and reported to the county clerk by justice of the peace, showing kind and description of animal, name of justice of the peace, names of appraisers, appraised value, total expense, name of person taking up stock, and notation if claimed by original owner. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hpf. Aver. 440 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

161. RECORD OF MARKS AND BRANDS, 1867--. 2 vols. (A, A).

Register of marks and brands of livestock filed with the county clerk to identify ownership, showing name of owner, residence, facsimile of ear-marks and brands, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index, 1867-86; 1877-- indexed alph. by first letter of surname of owner. Hpf. Aver. 400 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

162. PEDIGREED STOCK REGISTER, 1911-17. 1 vol. (1).

Register of pedigreed livestock as required by Act 105 of General Assembly of 1911, giving name of owner, address and township, name of animal, color, age, sex and pedigree, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of owner. Hpf. 320 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Fire Arms

163. PISTOL APPLICATION AND PERMITS, 1923-25. Est. 800 documents in 2 steel file drawers. Discontinued; law repealed in 1925.

Duplicates of permits issued by county clerk to individuals to carry pistol, giving name, age and residence of owner, school district number, make, calibre and number of weapon, amount of fee, signature of applicant, signature of reference, date permit granted, expiration date, signature of county clerk, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. T. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. Ba. v.

164. REGISTER OF PISTOLS, 1923-24. 1 vol. (1).

Register of pistols owned by individuals, giving same information as entry 163. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of owner. Hpf. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

School Lands

165. (REPORT OF 16TH SECTION LAND), 1888-90. In Trust Deeds Filed, entry 32.

Report of sale of 16th section school lands, showing date of sale, to whom sold, legal description of property, cost of sale, and consideration.

Miscellaneous

166. OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT, 1887--. Est. 2,050 documents in 41 steel file drawers.

Reports of justices of the peace listing fines imposed in criminal cases

and names of collecting officers, giving style of case, trial date, fees, disposition of case, fee assessed, report date, and signature of justice. Also contains: Incidental filings of county court papers, 1884-86, 1899, entry 1; circuit court case papers, 1875-85, entry 46; probate court papers, 1897-1900, entry 82; school election papers and directors oaths, 1889, entry 183. Arr. chron. by date filed. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

167. PRODUCER'S SALE REPORT, 1939. 100 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. 1930-38 in [Miscellaneous Papers], entry 175. Monthly reports of producers of products from natural resources made to county clerk for purpose of computing severance tax, showing name of producer, address, report date, kind of product, county, gross quantity, value per unit, total taxable value, amount of tax at 2.6 percent gross cash value, signature of producer, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10.

168. GASOLINE TAX SALE, 1922-24. 100 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. Original reports of gasoline sales made to county clerk by distributing companies, giving amount of gasoline sold during month, report date, signature of owner of station, amount of tax due, signature of distributor, and date filed. Arr. chron. by report date. No index. Hpf., tpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. Ba. v.

169. OIL AND GAS ACCOUNT LEDGER, 1921-23. 1 vol. Record of revenue derived by county from gasoline tax, showing same information as entry 168. Arr. chron. by report date. No index. Hpf. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Ba. v.

170. APPLICATION FOR AUTO LICENSE AND BONDS, 1923. 200 instruments in 1 steel file drawer. Original applications for special county auto license and bond. License shows name of owner, kind of car or truck, license number, ton capacity, number miles to operate, date beginning, number of trips per day, and signature of owner. Bond for special license gives name of owner, names of sureties, amount of bond, date executed, signatures of owner and sureties, date approved, and date filed. Arr. chron. by application date. No index. Hpf. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. Ba. v.

XX. TAX ASSESSOR

The General Assembly of 1868, enacted a law creating the office of tax assessor for the counties of Arkansas (1). Prior to this time the assessment function was performed by the sheriff (2). The office oper-

(1) A. Ark., 1868, p. 262.

(2) Rev. Stat., p. 674.

ates at present by authority of the Constitution of 1874, and the term is 2 years (1).

The assessor's records become a part of the county clerk's permanent tax records.

XXI. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

A county board of equalization was established by the General Assembly of 1883 (2), which functioned until 1917, when it was supplanted by township boards of assessment and valuation (3). The 1929 General Assembly abolished the township boards and re-established the county board of equalization, which consists of three members, appointed by the quorum court, to serve 1 year (4).

The clerk of the county court serves as secretary of the board and keeps its records (5).

Township Board of Assessment and Valuation (Defunct)

Township boards of assessment and valuation were created in 1917, to supplant the simultaneously abolished board of equalization. The boards consisted of the assessor and two persons in each township, appointed by the county judge, for a term of one year. Township boards were abolished in 1929, when the board of equalization was restored. (6)

171. EQUALIZATION BOARD RECORD, 1883-93, 1929--. 2 vols. Record 1893-1917 not found. Title varies: Record of Board of Equalization, 1883-93.

Record of proceedings of the county board of equalization, giving names of taxpayers, their addresses, description of property assessed, valuation set by assessor, valuation as equalized by board, date equalized, and names of board members. Arr. chron. by meeting date. No index. Hph. Aver. 410 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

172. TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, 1921-28. 10 instruments in 1 steel file drawer.

Original lists of persons named as members of township boards of assessment and valuation, giving names and addresses of appointees for the several townships in the county, date appointed, term of service, signature of county judge, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date appointed. No index. T. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. Clerk's vault.

(1) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.

(2) A. Ark., 1883, p. 245.

(3) A. Ark., 1917, II, 1238.

(4) A. Ark., 1929, II, 864.

(5) A. Ark., 1929, II, 865.

(6) A. Ark., 1917, II, 1239; *ibid.*, 1919, Gen., 132, 133; *ibid.*, 1929, II, 764.

XXII. TAX COLLECTOR

Upon the creation and organization of Cross County in 1862, the office of tax collector was established (1). At present the office is filled in an ex officio capacity by the sheriff, in accordance with provisions of the Constitution of 1874. The sheriff is elected for a 2-year term. (2)

173. INDEX TO REAL ESTATE, 1937. 1 vol.

Index to landowners in the county, showing owner's name, 1937 tax receipt number, and legal description of property. Arr. in alph. tabbed sections by first letter of name of property owner. Hph. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

174. (COLLECTORS SETTLEMENTS), 1939. In [Sheriff's Papers], entry 108.

Statements to county clerk of money collected by collector and turned over to the State, county and other political subdivisions, giving amount paid, name of agency receiving payment, signature of collector, and date of payments.

XXIII. COUNTY TREASURER

The office of county treasurer in Cross County was authorized by the Constitution of 1861 (3). The Constitution of 1874 provides for the election of a treasurer, for a 2-year term and authorizes him to serve as ex officio treasurer of the common school funds (2).

Records of the treasurer are kept in the clerk's vault, unless otherwise specified in the entries.

175. [MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS], 1896-97, 1930--. 600 instruments in 1 steel file cabinet. No other records found.

Original documents of the county treasurer pertaining to the receipt, distribution and disbursement of county funds and other funds of which he is custodian, and other papers pertaining to the office, such as copies of teachers' contracts, bonds of deputy treasurers, and copies of receipts for funds paid to county clerk. Also contains: Producer's sale report, 1930-38, entry 167. Arr. in segregated groups, according to nature of the instrument, each group being arranged numer. by date executed. No index. T., tpf., hpf. 24 x 24 x 18.

(1) A. Ark., 1862, p. 2.

(2) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46.

(3) Const. 1861, art. VI, sec. 18.

176. GENERAL ACCOUNT RECORD, 1871-78, 1881-1921, 1932--. 14 vols. (A; 5 vols. not labeled; D; 4 vols. dated; 1-3). Title varies: Treasurer's Accounts, 1871-78, 1908-10; Treasurer's Record, 1888-98, 1906-8; Ledger, 1891-95; Ledger-Treasurer's Acct., 1896-1904; Treasurer's Account Record, 1908-16; Treasurer's Account Books, 1916-21.

Record of treasurer's accounts with various officers, giving subdivision of funds, amounts received, amounts disbursed, person to whom disbursed, for what purpose disbursed, and balance in various funds. Also contains: Treasurer's road accounts, 1871-78, 1888-1900, 1909--, entry 177; treasurer's redemption record, 1881-1921, entry 180. Arr. in tabbed sections according to name of account and chron. thereunder by entry date. No index. Hpf. Aver. 490 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. 1871-78, 1888-1921 in ba. v.

177. TREASURER'S ROAD ACCOUNTS, 1901-8. 1 vol. (1). 1871-78, 1888-1900, 1909-- in General Account Record, entry 176.

Record of various road district accounts kept by the county treasurer, giving road district number, amount credited to each district, date received, amount paid for each district, for what purpose, and date of payment. Arr. numer. by road district number and chron. thereunder by date entered. No index. H. 622 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

178. REGISTER OF SCHOOL WARRANTS, 1933--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of school warrants, showing number of warrant, date presented, register number, date of warrant, by whom drawn, what fund, in whose favor, purpose, amount of warrant, to whom paid, and date of payment. Arr. chron. by date of warrant. No index. Hpf. 484 pp. 18 x 15 x 2. Ba. v.

See also entry 117.

179. BOND AND WARRANT REGISTER, 1937--. 1 vol.

Register of bond issues of various school districts, showing bond number, amount of bond, date due, number of warrant issued in payment, date of warrant, coupon number, and interest paid. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hph. 250 pp. 20 x 18 x 1.

180. [TREASURER'S REDEMPTION RECORD], 1931, 1933--. 2 vols. (1; one not labeled). Title varies: Treasurer's Redemption of Delinquent Lands Sold to State, 1931. 1881-1921 in General Account Record, entry 176.

Treasurer's record of redemption of lands sold for taxes, showing number of certificate, to whom sold, date redeemed, by whom redeemed, tax year delinquent, legal description of property, penalties, cost, and total tax. Arr. chron. by date redeemed. No index. Hph. Aver. 395 pp. 22 x 14 x 2.

181. TREASURERS' RECEIPTS, STATE AND COUNTY SETTLEMENTS, 1889-1901, 1904-8, 1922--. Est. 950 documents in 19 steel file drawers. Title varies: [Treasurer's Receipts], 1889-1900; Treasurers' Settlements, 1891-96; Settlements, 1925-28; State & County Settlements, 1932-39. 1880, and incidental filings, 1889, in Circuit Court Cases (Civil), entry 46; incidental filings, 1889-90,

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Commissioners

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in Probate Court Papers, entry 82; incidental filings, 1894-1900, in Sheriff's (Collector) Certificate of Purchase, entry 138.

Carbon copies of receipts for moneys paid for land redemption certificates, showing amount, date of receipt, and signature of treasurer. Original quarterly settlements of collectors show name of official, amounts and sources of collection, period covered, and disposition of moneys collected. Also contains: Incidental filings of county court papers, 1889, entry 1. Arr. chron. by date of receipt of settlement. No index. H., t. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1889-1901, 1904-8, 1922-24 in ba. v.

XXIV. DIRECTOR OF COUNTY AUDITS

By authority of the General Assembly of 1931, the State Comptroller became ex officio director of county audits (1). This act abolished the office of commissioner of accounts, established in 1885 (2). The comptroller is appointed by the Governor for a term of 6 years (3).

Commissioner of Accounts (Defunct)

The office of commissioner of accounts was created in 1885 and consisted of three members, an accountant, a justice of the peace, and one other member, appointed by the circuit judge, to serve for one year. In 1917 the term was lengthened to three years. (4) The commission was abolished in 1931, and supplanted by the office of director of county audits (1).

182. (REPORTS OF COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS), 1888, 1892-93, 1895, 1897-98, 1907. In County Court Papers, entry 1. Annual report of commissioner of accounts, showing office audited, itemized statement of debits and credits, and signature of commissioner.

XXV. COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The county board of election commissioners was authorized by the General Assembly of 1891 to supervise all general and special elections (5). The board is composed of three members appointed by the State board

(1) A. Ark., 1931, p. 120.

(2) A. Ark., 1885, p. 98; ibid., 1931, p. 125.

(3) A. Ark., 1917, II, 1331.

(4) A. Ark., 1885, p. 78; ibid., 1931, pp. 120-125; ibid., 1917, II, 1613.

(5) A. Ark., 1891, pp. 32, 33.

Board of Registration; County
Examiner of Schools

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not more than 90 nor less than 30 days before each general election (1).

The board keeps no records as such, but delivers its appointments to the county clerk.

XXVI. BOARD OF REGISTRATION (Defunct)

The board of registration was authorized by the General Assembly of 1868, to supervise elections and pass upon the eligibility of voters. The Governor, with the approval of the Senate, appointed three electors to serve for 2 years as a board of registration. (2) It was rendered inactive by an act of the General Assembly of 1874 (3), and passed out of existence when the Constitution of 1874 made no provisions for its continuance.

No records of this office were found in Cross County. For a sample entry of the board, see Inventory of the County Archives of Arkansas, No. 23, Faulkner County (Conway), entry 165, p. 160.

XXVII. COUNTY EXAMINER OF SCHOOLS

The office of county examiner was created by the General Assembly of 1875 (4), abolished in 1919 (5), and recreated in 1933 by an act of the General Assembly (6).

At present the county examiner, after being endorsed by a majority of the licensed teachers of the county, is appointed by the county judge, for a term of 2 years. The chief function of the county examiner of schools is the supervision of public schools in the county. (7) As executive secretary of the county text book board he is in charge of the requisition, distribution, and care of the free text books of the county (8).

The examiner's records are kept in his office, unless otherwise noted in the entries.

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- (1) A. Ark., 1891, p. 33; ibid.,
1931, p. 1119; ibid., 1935,
p. 426.
(2) A. Ark., 1868, pp. 51, 57.
(3) A. Ark., 1874, p. 5.

- (4) A. Ark., 1875, p. 67.
(5) A. Ark., 1919, Gen., p. 178.
(6) A. Ark., 1933, p. 61.
(7) A. Ark., 1935, p. 496.
(8) A. Ark., 1937, p. 1100.

County Superintendent of Schools (Defunct)

The General Assembly, in 1853, created the office of superintendent of schools (1), and abolished it in 1868 (2). The office was restored and made elective by the General Assembly of 1873 (3) and again abolished in 1875 (4).

A 1919 law authorized the county board of education to select a county superintendent of schools for a term of 2 years (5). This office was replaced in 1933 by the office of county examiner (6).

County Board of Education (Defunct)

The supervision of the affairs of the county schools was transferred from the county court to a county board of education by an act of the General Assembly of 1919, and was returned to the county court when the board was abolished in 1933 (7). The board consisted of five members elected for a term of 5 years (8).

The chief function of the board was the selection of a county superintendent of schools (9).

183. SCHOOL ELECTION PAPERS AND DIRECTORS OATHS, 1896-1903, 1905, 1909-15, 1931--. Est. 756 documents in 9 steel file drawers. 1875 in Grand Jury (Reports), entry 51; 1889 in Official Transcript, entry 166.

Original school election papers and oaths of school directors, giving names of county and school directors, oath of allegiance to Constitution of the United States and the State of Arkansas, enumeration of school districts, apportionment, name of town, school district number, signature of director, post office address, date sworn into office by county clerk. Arr. chron. by date executed. No index. T. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. 1896-1903, 1905, 1909-15 in ba. v.

184. ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY EXAMINER, 1909-10, 1912-24, 1926--. 29 vols. (dated). Title varies slightly.

Copies of annual reports of county examiner to Arkansas State Department of Education, showing school enumeration, race, enrollment by grades, average number, total days attendance and average daily attendance, number of pupils promoted, age-grade table, classification by grade and age, teaching positions, valuation of school property, assessment and mills voted, receipts for support of school, itemized expenditures and balance left in county treasury, indebtedness, report of blind, deaf and other

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| (1) A. Ark., 1853, p. 148. | (7) A. Ark., 1919, Gen., p. 178; |
| (2) A. Ark., 1868, p. 181. | ibid., 1933, p. 60. |
| (3) A. Ark., 1873, p. 397. | (8) A. Ark., 1919, Gen., p. 178; |
| (4) A. Ark., 1875, p. 54. | ibid., 1931, p. 494. |
| (5) A. Ark., 1919, Gen., p. 181. | (9) A. Ark., 1919, Gen., p. |
| (6) A. Ark., 1933, p. 778. | 178. |

handicapped children, summary, list of directors, number of teachers, and nature of teachers' certificates. Arr. numer. by school district number. No index. Hpf. Aver. 66 pp. 11 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

185. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION (Record), 1920-32. 2 vols. Title varies: County Educational Board Record, 1920-24. Record of proceedings of county board of education, showing dates of meetings, members attending, and business transacted. Arr. chron. by meeting date. No index. T. Aver. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

XXVIII. SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The election of school directors was authorized by the General Assembly of 1843 (1). Their present status, as fixed by the General Assembly in 1935, is that rural schools have three directors, one elected each year for a term of 3 years; schools in first class districts in incorporated cities and towns have six directors, two of whom are elected at each annual election for a term of 3 years. All other districts have five directors, one elected each year for a term of 5 years. (2)

Record election of school directors and their oaths of office are kept by the county examiner of schools. See entry 183.

XXIX. HEALTH UNIT

The General Assembly of 1913 authorized the State Board of Health to set up rules and regulations for the county health program (3). Cross County, together with White, Jackson, and Woodruff Counties comprise District No. 11 of the State set-up. There is a medical director who has charge of the entire district, and in each county a health nurse, a sanitarian, and the necessary clerical assistants carry out the work. The personnel is selected by the State Board of Health, with the approval of the county judges within the district. (4)

Records of the agency are maintained and housed in the office of the county health nurse.

186. CHRONOLOGICAL FILE, 1937--. 500 documents in 1 steel file drawer. Individual report of each case of communicable and reportable disease, made by the attending physician to county health officer, showing name

(1) A. Ark., 1843, p. 131.

(2) A. Ark., 1935, pp. 68, 69.

(3) A. Ark., 1913, p. 354.

(4) Arkansas State Board of Health, Report, 1937, p. 7.

and address of person afflicted, nature of disease, date reported, age, sex, color, occupation or school, number assigned, source of milk, and date of notice. This file also includes record of tuberculosis tests and treatments, names of physician and sanitarium, date admitted, date discharged, diagnosis and summary of clinical findings, significant facts, members of household, extra household contacts, summary of physicians' orders, services rendered, and comments on progress. Arr. alph. by first letter of family name. For index, see entry 192. H., t. 4 x 4 x 8.

187. IMMUNIZATION FILE, 1937--. 500 documents in 1 steel file drawer. Record of tests and immunization treatments given to individuals, showing name, age, address, sex, color, education, and names of client's parents, type of immunization or test, date treatment given, remarks, and results. Arr. alph. by first letter in surname of client. For index, see entry 192. H., t. 4 x 4 x 8.

188. TUBERCULOSIS RECORD, 1937--. 100 documents in 1 steel file drawer. File box contains record of results of tuberculosis skin tests, showing name, address, age, sex, school, and color of patient, doctor's name, and whether or not X-ray is necessary. Arr. alph. by first letter in surname of person examined. For index, see entry 192. 4 x 4 x 8.

189. SCHOOL RECORD, 1937--. 600 documents in 1 steel file drawer. Individual health record of each school child, showing name, age, address, color and sex of child, names and birthplaces of parents, general medical record of child, showing results of tests and immunizations given, summary of infant and pre-school record, notes on clinical conferences, and field visits, and notices to parents suggesting the correction of certain defects in child. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of school and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of child. For index, see entry 192. H., t. 4 x 4 x 8.

190. FAMILY FOLDERS, 1937--. 200 folders in 1 steel file drawer. Record of daily report forms kept by health officer and general medical record of families under his supervision. Medical record is a case history of family, with name, address, age and sex of each member of family, living conditions, history of tests, and treatment of entire family. Arr. in manila folders alph. by name of community and alph. thereunder by first letter of family name. For index, see entry 192. H., t. 4 x 4 x 8.

191. GENERAL MEDICAL RECORD, 1937--. 250 documents in 1 steel file drawer. Weekly and monthly reports of the county health officer to the State Department of Health of work done in the county and district. Reports cover vital statistics, record of communicable diseases, quarantines, requests for and reports of maternity nursing service, field visits of health officers, tuberculin tests given, treatment and hospitalization of crippled children, Red Cross activities, operation of midwives, and aid in promoting hygiene for school children and adults. Arr. alph. by type of report and chron. thereunder by report date. For index, see entry 192. H., t. 4 x 4 x 8.

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192. INDIVIDUAL (Card) INDEX, 1937--. 2,000 cards in 1 steel file drawer.

Alphabetical index to Chronological File, entry 186; Immunization File, entry 187; Tuberculosis Record, entry 188; School Record, entry 189; Family Folders, entry 190, and General Medical Record, entry 191, by first letter of surname of person about whom record is made, showing name and address of individual, date of birth, sex, color, names of parents, type of record, and where filed. Arr. in alph. tabbed sections by first letter of surname of person affected. H., t. 4 x 4 x 8.

XXX. COUNTY BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS (Defunct)

A county board of medical examiners was created in Cross County in 1881, composed of three physicians appointed by the county judge for a term of 4 years. The board was required to hold quarterly meetings from 1881 until 1895, after which meetings were held semi-annually. (1) The board was abolished by the act of the General Assembly of 1893 which created the present State Boards of Medical Examiners (2).

No records of this agency were found in Cross County.

XXXI. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The county board of public welfare was established by an act of the General Assembly of 1935 (3). The State board and the commissioner of public welfare select, from a list of 15 names submitted to them by 5 constitutional officers of the county, 5 persons to serve on the county board for terms of 5 years. The county director and other members of the department are appointed by the county board. (4)

Records of the department are kept in the county welfare office.

193. [CORRESPONDENCE FILE], 1938--. 1,000 documents in 1 steel file drawer.

Letters of instruction and general correspondence pertaining to the county welfare office, showing date and names of addressee and writer. Arr. alph. by name of addressee. H., t. 20 x 12 x 30.

(1) A. Ark., 1881, pp. 41, 43;
 ibid., 1895, p. 99.
(2) A. Ark., 1893, p. 333.

(3) A. Ark., 1935, p. 56.
(4) A. Ark., 1937, pp. 152, 153;
 ibid., 1939, pp. 672, 673.

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194. ACTIVE AND PENDING CASES, 1935--. Est. 4,200 documents in 5 steel file drawers (A-G, F-M, M-S, S-Z; one unlabeled). Original applications of relief clients, showing name of county, application date, name of case worker, name and address of applicant, kind and amount of property owned by applicant, names, ages and present employment of each member of household, facts relative to insurance, pensions or other benefits, data on military service, and description of debts and mortgages. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. Hpf., tpf. 14 x 12 x 24.
195. (CLOSED CASES), 1935. 3 steel file drawers. Record of closed cases of relief applicants, Civilian Conservation Corps applications accepted, and hospitalization forms #1 and #2, showing same information as entry 194. Also shows reason for closing case. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. No index. Hpf., tpf. 14 x 12 x 20.
196. W (ork) P (rojects) A (dministration) AND N (ational) Y (outh) A (dministration) APPLICATIONS, 1935--. 500 documents in 1 steel file drawer (1). Applications for Work Projects Administration and National Youth Administration employment pending approval, showing name and address of applicant, date of application, estimated needs, and summary of qualification. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. No index. Hpf. 14 x 12 x 20.
197. OLD AGE PENSION, 1935--. 200 documents in 1 steel file drawer (M-XYZ). Record of applications for old age pensions, showing name and address of applicant, date of application, and date of approval or rejection. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. Hpf. 14 x 12 x 20.
198. [CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF APPLICATIONS], 1936--. 1 vol. Chronological record of old age assistance, aid for dependent children, National Youth Administration, Work Projects Administration, Civilian Conservation Corps, and general relief, showing date of application, case number, name and address of head of family, address and number of children under 16 years, assignment of work, date, and date forwarded to state office. Disposition of case gives approval or disapproval date, amount granted, status (whether new or reopened case), and reason for disapproval. Arr. chron. by application date. Hph. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 20.
199. [CHECK OR VOUCHER REGISTER AND CASH JOURNAL], 1936--. 1 vol. Register of checks issued by county welfare department to relief clients between ages of 16 and 65, showing name and address of payee, date, number of check, code, name and address of bank, amount of check, checks credit, deposits debit, memorandum, and amount carried forward. Arr. chron. by date check issued. Tpf. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

Surveyor; Timber Inspector

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XXXII. CONFEDERATE PENSION BOARD (Inactive)

The Confederate pension board was established by an act of the General Assembly of 1891. The county judge, the county clerk and the sheriff constituted the board (1), until 1901, when the General Assembly empowered the judge to appoint a board of three members for a 2-year term (2). While still in existence, the board was rendered inactive when supervision of the Confederate pension fund was transferred to the State Welfare Department in 1939 (3).

Records of the board are kept by the county clerk. See entry 157.

XXXIII. SURVEYOR

The office of county surveyor in Cross County was established by authority of the Constitution of 1861 (4). The present constitution provides for the election of a surveyor, for a 2-year term (5). The surveyor has been ex officio timber inspector since 1901 (6).

The surveyor is required to execute all orders of the several courts which pertain to the survey of lands within the county or to proposed roads (7).

No records of this office were found in Cross County.

XXXIV. TIMBER INSPECTOR

An act of the General Assembly of 1901, made the county surveyor ex officio timber inspector (6). The term of office is concurrent with that of the surveyor. The chief function of the timber inspector is the measuring of logs, lumber or timber. (8)

No records were found in Cross County.

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| (1) A. Ark., 1891, p. 162. | (5) Const. 1874, art. VII, sec. 46. |
| (2) A. Ark., 1901, p. 86. | (6) A. Ark., 1901, p. 203. |
| (3) A. Ark., 1939, p. 512. | (7) Rev. Stat., p. 219. |
| (4) Const. 1861, art. VI, sec. 18. | (8) A. Ark., 1901, p. 204. |

XXXV. AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE AGENTS

County Farm Agent

The General Assembly of 1915 passed a law enabling Arkansas to share in the benefits of the Congressional Smith-Lever Act of the previous year, and authorizing the appointment of extension service agents in the counties (1). The Federal Agricultural Extension Service, with the approval of the University of Arkansas, College of Agriculture, appoints the county farm agent. His term of office is indefinite, but must be renewed with the appointing agencies, annually. (2)

Home Demonstration Agent

The same 1915 statute that authorized the appointment of the county farm agent provided for the appointment of a woman in each county as home demonstration agent, by the same appointing agencies. Her term of office is indefinite, but must be renewed each year. (2)

200. [EXTENSION SERVICE PAPERS], 1937--. Est. 2,500 documents in 12 steel file drawers.

Original instruments pertaining to 4-H Club work, containing 4-H enrollment cards, project record book, permanent record sheet, information on home demonstration clubs, correspondence, plan of work, achievement day budgets, camps, experiment station visiting days, contest material, county club council, local leaders manual, program materials, publicity records, and recreation. Arr. alph. by first letter of name of district, agent and clubs. No index. H., t. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 x 20.

(1) A. Ark., 1915, p. 1078.

(2) Ibid.; 38, U.S. Stat., p. 372.

LIST OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

COUNTY JUDGES

Samuel L. Austell, 1863-1864	W. F. Robinson, 1896-1900
W. A. Lea, 1864-1868	W. R. Foote, 1900-1904
N. L. Rhodes, 1868-1873	S. A. Gooch, 1904-1908
J. C. McElroy, 1874-1878	A. Houser, 1908-1911
W. A. Lea, 1878-1880	Wm. M. Block, 1911-1913
John W. Killough, 1880-1880	A. Jordan, 1913-1921
S. S. Hare, 1880-1884	Henry T. Mitchell, 1921-1925
W. F. Robinson, 1884-1886	H. G. Mitchell, 1925-1926
S. S. Hare, 1886-1888	J. E. Holden, 1926-1927
W. F. Robinson, 1888-1890	C. M. Stacy, 1927-1933
W. R. Foote, 1890-1896	E. L. Cooper, 1933-1939

Joe Wood, 1939--

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

L. N. Rhodes, 1873-1874	R. Vann, 1873-1874
J. C. McElroy, 1873-1874	Thomas B. Smith, 1873-1874
Rensaleer Vann, 1873-1874	

CIRCUIT JUDGES

(1st Judicial Circuit, 1862-1894;
2nd Judicial Circuit, 1894--;
2 Divisions of Circuit Court, 1911--)

Earl C. Bronaugh, 1862-1866	Allan Hughes, 1902-1906
James M. Hanks, 1866-1868	Frank Smith, 1906-1912
John E. Bennett, 1868-1871	W. J. Driver, 1911-1919
Charles C. Waters, 1871-1871	J. F. Gautney, 1912-1918
M. L. Stephenson, 1871-1873	R. E. L. Johnson, 1918-1923
Wm. H. H. Clayton, 1873-1874	R. H. Dudley, 1919-1921
J. C. Davis, 1874-1874	S. V. Neeley, 1921-1921
J. W. Cypert, 1874-1882	J. M. Futrell, 1921-1921
M. T. Sanders, 1882-1890	W. W. Bandy, 1921-1931
Grant Green, 1890-1894	G. E. Keck, 1923-1939
F. G. Taylor, 1894-1902	Neil Killough, 1931-1939

List of County Officials

CIRCUIT CLERKS (EX OFFICIO COUNTY AND PROBATE CLERK,
1863-1920; EX OFFICIO RECORDER, 1863--;
EX OFFICIO CHANCERY CLERK, 1897--)

B. D. McClarran, 1863-1866	J. M. Levesque, 1892-1896
James Levesque, 1866-1868	W. H. Barnes, 1896-1900
W. K. Steakes, 1868-1870	J. M. Levesque, 1900-1904
B. Roleson, 1870-1872	A. H. Hammett, 1904-1908
Thomas O. Fitzpatrick, 1872-1874	J. C. Harrell, 1908-1914
J. N. Dobson, 1874-1875	F. E. Rolfe, 1914-1916
Louin Chappelle, 1876-1878	W. W. Stacy, 1916-1919
R. E. Dotson, 1878-1880	W. W. Story, 1919-1921
Sarley W. Thornton, 1880-1880	R. A. Martin, 1921-1923
Wm. J. Shelton, 1880-1880	Reg. A. Martin, 1923-1925
Wm. M. Block, 1880-1880	E. L. Cooper, 1925-1929
J. M. Levesque, 1880-1890	R. A. Martin, 1929-1933
C. M. Mebane, 1890-1892	J. W. McElroy, 1933--

CHANCELLORS (FIFTH CHANCERY CIRCUIT, 1897--)

Edward D. Robertson, 1897-1919	A. L. Hutchins, 1919-1939
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PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS

(1st Judicial District, 1862-1894;
2nd Judicial District, 1894--)

Z. F. H. Farr, 1862-1865	W. W. Bandy, 1892-1896
B. C. Brown, 1865-1866	O. W. Killough, 1896-1900
P. O. Thweat, 1866-1868	S. R. Simpson, 1900-1904
Charles C. Waters, 1868-1870	Clyde Going, 1904-1908
Charles B. Fitzpatrick, 1871-1873	T. H. Caraway, 1908-1912
Eugene Stephenson, 1873-1873	M. P. Huddleston, 1912-1916
C. A. Otey, 1873-1876	T. W. Davis, 1916-1921
D. D. Leach, 1876-1878	Cecil Shane, 1921-1925
P. D. McCullough, 1878-1882	Z. B. Harrison, 1925-1929
Greenfield Quarles, 1882-1886	S. L. Gladish, 1929-1933
S. Burndridge, 1886-1890	Denver Dudley, 1933-1937
J. P. Roberts, 1890-1892	Bruce Ivy, 1937--

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SHERIFFS (EX OFFICIO TAX COLLECTORS)

James N. Dobson, 1863-1866	Jno. W. Killough, Jr., 1894-1896
Louin Chappelle, 1866-1868	W. W. Stacy, 1896-1900
W. H. Cole, 1868-1872	A. H. Hammett, 1900-1904
R. E. Rivers, 1872-1874	J. C. Harrell, 1904-1908
J. M. Levesque, 1874-1880	F. D. Rolfe, 1908-1912
J. H. Legg, 1880-1882	W. W. Stacy, 1912-1916
L. T. Head, 1882-1886	R. A. Martin, 1916-1921
J. W. Killough, 1886-1888	E. L. Cooper, 1921-1925
J. B. Hamilton, 1888-1890	H. E. Proctor, 1925-1929
Jno. W. Killough, 1890-1894	E. L. Cooper, 1929-1933
	C. M. Stacy, 1933--

CORONERS

K. B. Pledger, 1863-1864	J. E. A. Sharpe, 1890-1896
Joseph Fountain, 1864-1866	W. F. Hall, 1896-1900
James T. Rolfe, 1866-1868	J. E. A. Sharpe, 1900-1901
James Harvey, 1868-1869	W. H. Newsom, 1901-1902
James H. Legg, 1869-1872	J. E. A. Sharpe, 1902-1904
John Applewhite, 1872-1874	R. Castleman, 1904-1908
L. N. Black, 1874-1876	A. M. Taylor, 1908-1912
P. A. Warren, 1876-1882	S. S. Kirby, 1912-1915
Anderson Phillips, 1882-1884	R. M. Buford, 1915-1921
J. H. Brinkley, 1884-1885	F. H. Block, 1921-1925
James Rolfe, 1885-1886	L. H. Wolf, 1925-1927
D. M. Thompson, 1887-1890	F. H. Block, 1927-1931
	W. Claude Kernodle, 1931--

COUNTY CLERKS (EX OFFICIO PROBATE CLERK, 1920--)

Mack Stacy, 1920-1921	R. A. Martin, 1925-1929
Herbert Proctor, 1921-1925	H. E. Proctor, 1929--

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TAX ASSESSORS

J. C. Gailey, 1868-1870	D. H. Legg, 1892-1896
B. Roleson, 1870-1871	M. Pitts, 1896-1900
T. O. Fitzpatrick, 1871-1873	N. B. Raulston, 1900-1904
J. C. Gailey, 1873-1874	M. Pitts, 1904-1908
Archer S. Casbeer, 1874-1874	Henry B. Hare, 1908-1912
R. M. Spain, 1874-1876	J. N. Abel, 1912-1916
James H. Legg, 1876-1878	John Boone, 1916-1921
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H. C. Winters, 1886-1888	M. Dye, 1925-1929
T. W. May, 1888-1890	W. R. Cook, 1929-1933
Ed Chappell, 1890-1892	De Loss McKnight, 1933--

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Robert Meek, 1863-1866	Jno. Q. Adams, 1893-1893
G. W. Legg, 1866-1868	R. M. Spain, 1893-1894
Andrew J. Harrell, 1868-1874	J. M. Simmons, 1894-1896 (2)
G. W. Griffin, 1874-1878	Robt. Lawrence, 1896-1896 (3)
J. M. Simmons, 1878-1884	H. C. Vann, 1896-1898
J. A. Sadler, 1884-1886	J. M. Levesque, 1898-1900
J. M. Simmons, 1886-1888	R. E. Halk, 1900-1904
Eli Bailes, 1889-1890	C. L. Sharpe, 1904-1908
J. M. Simmons, 1890-1892	A. H. Hammett, 1908-1912
A. C. Shaver, 1892-1893 (1)	B. F. Hamilton, 1912-1935
R. J. Jackson, 1935--	

(1) Died
(2) Died

(3) Appointed

COUNTY EXAMINERS

_____, 1904	R. L. Black, 1910
O. N. Killough, 1905	R. S. Block, 1911-1912
_____, 1906	H. A. Woodward, 1913-1916
O. N. Killough, 1907-1908	S. R. Curtis, 1917-1918
_____, 1909	H. L. Lessenberry, 1919--

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SURVEYORS (EX OFFICIO TIMBER INSPECTOR, 1901--)

M. Halk, 1863-1864	M. L. Myers, 1890-1892
Guilford Jones, 1864-1866	J. W. McElroy, 1892-1902
H. R. Cummins, 1866-1869	W. H. Newsom, 1902-1904
Thomas O. Fitzpatrick, 1869-1872	C. B. Bailey, 1904-1908
R. H. Cummins, 1872-1874	Jno. W. McElroy, 1909-1910
Wm. M. Block, 1874-1875	W. H. Newsom, 1910-1912
A. J. White, 1875-1876	E. N. Flanner, 1912-1914
Harrell Newsom, 1876-1878	J. W. McElroy, 1914-1933
W. H. Newsom, 1878-1882	, 1933-1937
J. W. McElroy, 1882-1890	Richard D. Lines, 1938--

COUNTY AGENTS

Samuel G. Hannah, 1912	A. P. Reynolds, 1920-1924
, 1913	C. F. Warren, 1924-1926
, 1914	, 1926
L. L. Walker, 1915-1916	Llewellyn Sibert, 1927-1928
J. L. Cherry, 1916-1918	E. K. Schultz, 1928-1939
A. E. Cook, 1918-1919	Paul N. Eddlemon, 1935-1937
George R. Ely, 1919-1920	John Stephens, 1938--

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS

Mary G. Barton, 1916	, 1926
Cora Allen, 1916-1918	Mrs. Tannie W. Beard, 1927-1928
Frances Helen Dyer, 1918	Dorothy Kimbley, 1928
Mary Elizabeth Pearce, 1918-1921	Blanche Crain, 1928-1936
Mrs. Bird Tatum, 1921-1926	Mildred Clement, 1935--

NEGRO COUNTY AGENTS

Henry W. Espy, 1937-1938	D. D. Traylor, 1939-1940
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NEGRO HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS

Roberta Woods, 1918
Lugenia Bell, 1918-1920

Lucille H. Kennedy, 1937-1939
Alcestia L. Lang, 1940--

SENATORS

(13th Senatorial District, 1862-1868;
1st Senatorial District, 1868-1874;
7th Senatorial District, 1874-1939;
31st Senatorial District, 1939--)

A. B. Fryrear, 1864-1866
Chas. L. Sullivan, 1866-1868
David M. Goodman, 1868-1871
J. G. Frierson, 1871-1875
J. M. Pollard, 1874-1877
C. L. Sullivan, 1877-1879
R. J. Williams, 1879-1883
R. F. Crittenden, 1883-1887
Riddick Pope, 1887-1891
F. P. Hill, 1891-1895

Van B. Izard, 1895-1899
Wm. E. Ferguson, 1899-1903
Oliver N. Killough, 1903-1907
Marshall H. Patterson, 1907-1911
Elmo M. Carl-Lee, 1911-1915
Samuel N. Vann, 1915-1919
Ed Roddy, 1919-1923
Walter W. Raney, 1923-1931
J. L. Shaver, 1931-1939
Lucian E. Coleman, 1939--

REPRESENTATIVES

R. A. Moore, 1864-1866
C. S. Still, 1864-1866
E. Maloney, 1864-1866
David Fitzpatrick, 1866-1868
J. A. Meek, 1866-1868
Wm. W. Stansberry, 1868-1871
N. L. Pears, 1868-1871
A. M. Johnson, 1868-1868
Jeffrey A. Houghton, 1868-1871
Wm. H. Cate, 1871-1875
Chas. Minor, 1871-1873
Logan D. Rozell, 1871-1873
Joseph A. Meek, 1871-1873
Roderick Joiner, 1873-1875
H. M. McVeigh, 1873-1874
F. W. Lynn, 1873-1874
J. F. Davis, 1874-1875
Francis Doswell, 1874-1875
G. M. Sharp, 1874-1877
Britton Roleson, 1877-1879

T. E. Hare, 1879-1883
W. C. Malone, 1883-1885
N. W. Norton, 1885-1887
J. D. Block, 1887-1889
J. F. Patterson, 1889-1891
Starkey S. Hare, 1891-1893
W. T. Bledsoe, 1893-1895
James D. McKie, 1895-1897
James E. Smith, 1897-1901
Ollie N. Killough, 1901-1903
J. T. Patterson, 1903-1907
Oliver Killough, 1907-1909
Isaac H. Faulkner, 1909-1913
Joseph W. Williams, 1913-1917
M. J. Harrison, 1917-1919
R. C. Dalton, 1919-1921
J. C. Brookfield, 1921-1925
J. L. Shaver, 1925-1931
Samuel A. Gooch, 1931-1939
Bert Rongey, 1939--

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