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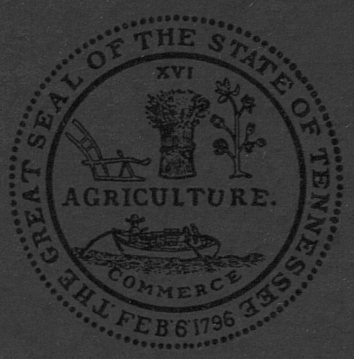

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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Tennessee is one of a number of bibliographies of 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 Bedford County, is number 2 of the Tennessee series.

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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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

The inventories produced by the Historical Records Survey Program attempt to do more than give merely a list of records--they attempt further to sketch in the historical background of the county or other unit of government, and to describe precisely and in detail the organization and functions of the government agencies whose records they list. The county, town, and other local inventories for the entire 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 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 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 original field inventory of the archives of Bedford County was completed by workers of the Federal Historical Records Survey in Tennessee in October 1937. To bring the listings up to date, as a preliminary step to publication, and to insure the accuracy of descriptions already made, the county was reopened in the early summer of 1939. The recheck was completed in August. The Bedford County Inventory was made, and the book prepared during the administration of T. Marshall Jones as State Supervisor of the Survey Project before he resigned in February 1940, to become State Supervisor of the Research and Records Section of the Division of Professional and Service Projects.

The Federal Historical Records Survey was inaugurated in Tennessee early in 1936; it expired, pursuant to act of Congress, August 31, 1939. By the provisions of the Emergency Relief Act of 1939, it became necessary for the project to become locally sponsored. This was done, and the present project, the Tennessee Historical Records Survey, sponsored by the Tennessee State Library and cosponsored by the counties and municipalities of the State, succeeded the Federal Survey on September 1, 1939.

While the new order has in no way brought about a lowering of the standards of the Federal Survey, it has been partially, although not wholly, responsible for certain rearrangements of editorial concepts. For example, the Tennessee Survey has instituted a series of special publications to make available certain material accumulated in the State office editorial procedures which may be of general interest. Too, the county archives inventories are assuming a somewhat different form.

The Tennessee Survey is now engaged in preparing a comprehensive statement of the general law regulating county government in Tennessee. It is expected that this book will serve as a handbook on the organization, structure, and evolution of county government in Tennessee, and will make it unnecessary to repeat certain items of general information in the various inventories. The essays in this Inventory are, therefore, limited to special legislation concerning Bedford County or an exposition of the manner in which the general law has been in effect altered, and only such consideration of the general law as is necessary to state the facts of existence of the offices, the dates of their creation, their present status, the manner in which filled, and the terms. The complexities of the school and land laws, however, have made it necessary for the sake of continuity that the discussion of education be more detailed.

Bedford County's records, which have suffered severely in the past, are now satisfactorily housed. Since the county has a new fireproof courthouse there is substantial reason to believe that the wholesale destruction which took place in 1830, 1863, and 1934 will not recur.

Preface

The arrangement of offices and entries in this Inventory is a result of a process of trial and error and the pattern followed is one settled upon in earlier publications; however, the complex nature of some offices, particularly those with divergent functions, precludes an absolutely logical arrangement. In general, the arrangement of offices consists of grouping those of a similar nature. For example, the quarterly county court, the governing body, is followed by the county judge, the chief executive officer; the courts are placed together, followed by the jury commission and the law enforcement offices. Within the offices, related and similar records are grouped under appropriate subject headings.

The Inventory of the County Archives of Tennessee will, when completed, consist of a set of ninety-five volumes with a separate number for each county in the State. The number assigned to this Inventory, 2, merely indicates the alphabetical position of Bedford among the counties of the State.

The assistance of all the Bedford County officials, without whose cooperation and patience this Inventory would never have been completed, is gratefully acknowledged. Particularly helpful were Commissioner C. W. Phillips, of the State Department of Highways and Public Works, under whose administration as county judge the inventory was undertaken; the incumbent, Judge Clarence Cortner; and Mr. Eugene Hix, the county court clerk. In their executive capacities, Judge Phillips and Judge Cortner gave the Survey all the cooperation which could be desired. Mr. Hix, whose office, as far as records are concerned, is perhaps the most important in the county, was of great assistance during the recheck. That all record-keeping officers of Bedford County evidence a more than ordinary interest in safeguarding the county's archives is a source of general gratification.

The field inventory in Bedford County was carried forward by Beulah O'Steen and Albyn S. Clark, under the supervision of Mary Alice Burke. The preparation of the record entries and the publication of this Inventory were done under the supervision of Vylva Holland; the legal sections under the supervision of William Miller, assisted by Earl Pond; and the housing and care essay, the floor plans, and chart, Roscoe Alexander; and the alphabetical index, Robert Cassell, assisted by Paul Hinant. The final draft was set up by Margaret Abernathy. The stencils were cut by Patsy R. Floyd.

The Tennessee staff has profited in all phases of its work by the constructive advice and criticism of the Washington staff. The Inventory in manuscript form was edited by Mabel S. Brodie, Assistant Archivist in charge of public records inventories, of the staff of the Library of Congress project in the District of Columbia. The Bedford County Inventory was prepared during the time Dan Lacy, Assistant Director of the

Survey Program, served as Regional Supervisor. The Librarian of Congress recommended that the Inventory be approved for publication.

The publications of the Historical Records Survey projects in all states are limited in number and in consequence are placed in centrally located designated depositories. Inquiries requesting the locations of the nearest depositories should be addressed to the State Supervisors or to the Division of Professional and Service Projects, Work Projects Administration, Washington, D. C., for the attention of the Director of the Historical Records Survey Program.

Madison Bratton, State Supervisor
The Tennessee Historical Records Survey Project

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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Two courthouse fires and a tornado have contributed to the destruction of practically all the early record of the history of Bedford County and its government.(1)

Bedford County is in the southern part of Middle Tennessee, one county removed from the Alabama state line. Nearly all of the present county lies in the Central Basin, although there are extensions or spurs of the Eastern Highland Rim, rising about four hundred feet above the basin level, in the southern and eastern parts of the county.(2)

Bedford County was created on December 3, 1807, by a legislative act which cut a large area off Rutherford County.(3) Rutherford County had been created from fractions of Davidson and Williamson Counties in 1803,(4) Williamson County from Davidson County in 1799,(5) and Davidson County out of the wilderness of the Cumberland country in 1783.(6) The Act of 1807 directed that the boundaries of the new county should "begin at the south west corner of Rutherford, and south east corner of Williamson county on the Duck river ridge, and run thence with said Williamson county line, to the line of the county of Maury, thence along the same southwardly to the south boundary of the state; thence eastwardly to the east boundary of Rutherford county; thence along the same to the ridge that divides the waters of Duck river from those of [the] Cumberland; thence along the same westwardly, to the south east corner of Williamson county, leaving Rutherford county its constitutional limits; and all that tract of territory included in the above described lines, shall be included within the said county of Bedford." (7)

The county was named "in memory of Thomas Bedford deceased." (8)

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1. Bedford County Times, Shelbyville, October 11, 1935; Shelbyville Gazette, December 20, 1934; Nashville Tennessean, December 20-23, 1934; Pr.A. 1831, ch. 73, sec. 3; Pr.A. 1935, ch. 312; Goodspeed's History of Tennessee, with Sketches of Maury, Williamson, Rutherford, Wilson, Bedford and Marshall Counties, Nashville and Chicago, 1886, 866.
2. J.B. Killebrew, Introduction to the Resources of Tennessee, Nashville, 1874, 626, hereafter cited as Killebrew, Resources; Kendall E. Born, Summary of the Mineral Resources of Tennessee, Nashville, 1938, 7, 8, hereafter cited as Born, Mineral Resources, Soils and Men, Yearbook of Agriculture 1938, 75th Cong., 2nd ses., House Doc. 398, 1062 1068, hereafter cited as 75th Cong., 2nd ses., House Doc. 398.
3. Acts 1807, ch. 37.
4. Acts 1803, ch. 70.
5. Acts 1799, ch. 3.
6. L.N.C. 1783, ch. 52 (State Records of North Carolina, XXIV, Goldsboro, 1905, 540).
7. Acts 1807, ch. 37, sec. 1.
8. Ibid.

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This Bedford almost certainly was Captain Thomas Bedford, a Revolutionary soldier and early and wealthy settler in Rutherford County.(9) Probably named, in turn, for the county was the county's most renowned son, Major-General Nathan Bedford Forrest, C.S.A.(10)

Bedford County itself has been partitioned in the formation of other counties. An act of 1809, redefining the boundaries of the county, fixed the southern boundary of the county "at the extreme height of the ridge dividing the waters of Duck river from the waters of Elk river",(11) thus detaching the entire southern half of the county. An act passed the same day, November 14th, created Lincoln County out of the area detached from Bedford County.(12) The county was partitioned twice in 1836, first when Coffee County, east of Bedford County, was created from fractions of Bedford, Franklin, and Warren Counties,(13) and again when Marshall County, west of Bedford county, was created from fractions of Bedford, Giles, Lincoln, and Maury Counties.(14) The Constitution of 1834 exempted Bedford County from a provision that no old county should be reduced to less than 625 square miles, by providing that the county could be reduced to 475 square miles and that two counties to adjoin Bedford, one on the east and one on the west, might be created.(15) Thus the Coffee and Marshall Counties enabling acts were passed under this provision. The last important change in the boundaries of Bedford County occurred in 1871 when Moore County was created from fractions of Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, and Lincoln Counties.(16) The boundaries of the county have been altered in minor detail from time to time by special acts.(17)

Bedford County is now delimited on the north by Rutherford County,(18)

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9. Wills, vol. 2, pp. 2, 138, in Records, entry 175 in Inventory of the County Archives of Tennessee, No. 75, Rutherford County (mimeographed), Nashville, 1938.

10. The county's best known resident today is Mr. Prentice Cooper, the present Governor of the State.

11. Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 51, sec. 1.

12. Ibid., ch. 48.

13. L.A. 1835-36, ch. 36.

14. Ibid., ch. 35.

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

16. Acts 1871, ch. 96.

17. All acts fixing the boundaries of Bedford County are listed in the several citations to the following paragraph.

18. Acts 1807, ch. 37; Acts 1843-44, ch. 74; Acts 1849-50, ch. 144, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1859-60, ch. 135, sec. 5; P.A. 1867-68, ch. 13, sec. 7; Acts 1871, ch. 34, sec. 1; Acts 1893, ch. 28, sec. 1; Acts 1899, ch. 413; Pr.A. 1915, ch. 675, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1917, ch. 754; Pr.A. 1923, chs. 344, 543; Pr.A. 1925, ch. 575, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1927, ch. 219, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1935, ch. 127, sec. 1.

on the east by Coffee County,(19) on the south by Lincoln,(20) and Moore Counties,(21) and on the west by Marshall County.(22)

The present area of Bedford County is 514 square miles,(23) whereas the original area, in 1808, was 1,320.4 square miles.(24) In 1810 the area of the county was computed as being 775.5 square miles,(25) 938.8 in 1820,(26) 597.6 in 1850,(27) 520 in 1880,(28) 489 in 1900,(29) and 514 in 1910.(30)

Lying for the most part in the Central Basin, Bedford County is, in the basin area, a gentle, rolling surface, giving way in the south and east to the hills and sharp contours of the Highland Rim. The basin is part of the Maury-Hagerstown soil areas, described as one of the "best agricultural soils of the uplands east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio Rivers."(31) "General features . . . are broad, undulating to gently rolling plains, with numerous sinks or slight depressions, and broken and hilly strips near the streams."(32) Shelbyville, the county seat, has an elevation of 771 feet.(33)

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19. L.A. 1835-36, ch. 36, sec. 1, ch. 41, sec. 6; Acts 1887, ch. 108; Acts 1895, ch. 8, sec. 1; Acts 1897, ch. 256, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1917, ch. 202; Pr.A. 1921, ch. 168, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1923, ch. 339; Pr.A. 1927, ch. 740, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1931, ch. 141, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 556, sec. 1.

20. Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 51; Pr.A. 1822, ch. 109; Pr.A. 1831, ch. 153, sec. 2.

21. Acts 1871, ch. 96, secs. 1, 4, 5, 12, 13; Acts 1887, ch. 108; Acts 1889, ch. 413; Acts 1901, ch. 388; Acts 1907, ch. 326; Acts 1909, ch. 481, sec. 1.

22. L.A. 1835-36, ch. 35, sec. 1; Acts 1837-38, ch. 272, sec. 1; Acts 1855-56, ch. 173, sec. 2; P.A. 1866-67, 2nd ad. ses., ch. 9, sec. 4; P.A. 1867-68, ch. 13, sec. 7; Acts 1889, ch. 112, sec. 1; Acts 1895, ch. 216, sec. 1; Acts 1907, ch. 490. For Williamson County, see Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 37. See also Const. 1834, art. 10, sec. 4.

23. Fifteenth Census of the United States, I, Population, Washington, 1931, 1033, hereafter cited as Fifteenth Census, Population.

24. Preliminary Population Report, General Population Statistics and Trends (mimeographed), Tennessee State Planning Commission, Nashville, 1935, Section I-A, Table 5, hereafter cited as Preliminary Population Report. The 1,320.4 is arrived at by adding the 1810 area of Lincoln County to that of Bedford County.

25. Preliminary Population Report, Section I-A, Table 5.

26. Ibid., Table 4.

27. Ibid., Table 3.

28. Ibid., Table 2.

29. Ibid.

30. Ibid., Table 1.

31. 75 Cong., 2nd ses., House Doc. 398, 1068.

32. Ibid.

33. Henry Gannett, compiler, Directory of Altitudes in the United States, Washington, 1906, 939, hereafter cited as Gannett, Altitudes.

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In addition, Bedford County, in common with the rest of the Central Basin, is dotted with numerous "small, rounded, residual knobs, rising 200 to 300 feet above the general level--remnants which clearly indicate that the Rim formerly extended entirely across the present area of the Basin."(34) The soil of the basin is, in the main, of heavy texture, consisting of silt and clay.(34) There are five general erosion areas in the county, one of moderate sheet erosion in the extreme southeast, two areas, one in the extreme northeast and one extending across the county from the northeast to the south, of moderate sheet erosion and occasional gullies; and two areas, one in the west and one in the northeast, of severe sheet erosion and occasional gullies.(36) One area, extending from the northern boundary to the center of the county, is virtually free of erosion.(37)

Bedford County lies entirely, but just barely so, in the Tennessee Valley; the northern border of the county is, roughly, the dividing line between the Cumberland watershed and that of Duck River,(38) a major tributary of the Tennessee. The Duck meanders sixty-five miles through the county in a general east to west direction.(39)

The enabling act of December 3, 1807,(40) directed that "for the due administration of justice, the first court [the court of pleas and quarter sessions], and all subsequent courts shall be held in said county of Bedford, until the end of the next General Assembly, at the improvement lately made and occupied by Mrs. Payne, near the head of Mulberry Creek, and all courts held in and for said county of Bedford, shall be held by commission to the said justices, in the same manner, and under the same rules and restrictions, and shall have and exercise the same powers and jurisdiction, as are or shall be prescribed for the courts of the several counties in this state "(41) Mulberry Creek rises in present Moore County, a short distance north of Lynchburg. Thus the act of 1809 which detached the Elk watershed from Bedford County,(42) probably placed Bedford County's first courthouse in old Lincoln County. Although the early records of the court of pleas and quarter sessions have been lost, probably in the courthouse fire of 1863, it is virtually certain that the county was organized early in

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34. Born, Mineral Resources, 7.
35. House Doc. 398, 1068.
36. Report of the Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Tennessee Valley Authority, 76th Cong., 1st. ses., Sen. Doc. 56, Chart 19, hereafter cited as 76 Cong., 1st ses., Sen. Doc. 56.
37. Ibid.
38. Acts 1807, ch. 37, sec. 1; 76 Cong., 1st ses., Sen. Doc. 56, chart 19.
39. Killebrew, Resources, 624.
40. Acts 1807, ch. 37.
41. Acts 1807, ch. 37, sec. 2.
42. Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 51, sec. 1.

March 1808, since the oldest surviving record, a deed record, which would have opened immediately after the county was organized and which appears to be complete, dates from March 15, 1808.(43)

The first settlements in present Bedford County were supposed to have been made in about 1805 or 1806.(44) This may be true even though the region was sufficiently populated in 1807 to be erected into a county(45) and in 1810 Bedford and Lincoln Counties, which together from 1808 until 1810 constituted the original area of Bedford County, had a combined population of 14,346.(46) It is probable that the settlement of Bedford County occurred in a north to south and not in an east to west migration. That is, the movement into the region of Bedford County was south from the Cumberland country, rather than southwest from upper East Tennessee. It was not until the decade 1800-1810 that the two fingers of settlement--one centering in the Cumberland country and developing in all directions, the other moving west from the northeastern part of the State--met.(47)

The first enumeration after the organization of Bedford County, that of 1810, found 8,242 persons in the county.(48) To this figure might be added the 6,104 inhabitants of Lincoln County,(49) who were, well into the year 1810, residents of Bedford County.(50) During the next decade the population increased to 16,012, and during the decade of the eighteen-twenties to 30,396,(51) making Bedford, in 1830, the state's largest county, followed by the other basin counties of Davidson, Maury, Williamson, Rutherford, and Wilson, in that order.(52) By 1840, the population had fallen back to 20,546 and Bedford had slipped to eleventh place among the then seventy-one counties of the State.(53)

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43. Deed Book, vol. A, p. 1, in Deed Record, entry 107 in this Inventory.
44. Goodspeed's History, 862.
45. Acts 1807, ch. 37.
46. Twelfth Census of the United States, I, 1900, Population, pt. i, Washington, 1901, 39, 40, hereafter cited as Twelfth Census, Population.
47. Preliminary Population Report, Section I-A, charts 3, 4. Between 1795 and 1800 population possibly reached the southern border of the State.(Ibid., chart. 3) During the decade 1790-1800 the population of the State increased from 35,791 to 105,602 (Statistical View of the United States ... Being a Compendium of the Seventh Census ..., Washington, 1854, 40, hereafter cited as Compendium of the Seventh Census), and from 1800 to 1810 from 105,602 to 261, 727.(Ibid.)
48. Twelfth Census I, Population, pt. i, 39.
49. Ibid., 40.
50. Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 51, See also Minutes, 1810, county court clerk's office, Lincoln County Courthouse, Fayetteville.
51. Twelfth Census, I, Population, pt. i, 39.
52. Ibid., 39, 40.
53. Ibid., 39. This loss was of course due to the 1836 partitions (L.A. 1835-36, chs. 35, 36).

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Since 1840 the total population figures of Bedford County, have like those of many of the basin counties, remained remarkably stable, and, also like the neighboring counties, followed a rather well-defined pattern. From 1840 to 1880 each enumeration revealed a small increase over the preceding census, and, beginning in 1890, each count on through 1930 revealed a slight decrease for each decade.

The population rose from 20,546 in 1840,(54) to 21,511 in 1850,(55) to 21,584 in 1860,(56) to 24,333 in 1870,(57) and to 26,025 in 1880.(58) Thereafter the population decreased to 24,739 in 1890,(59) to 23,845 in 1900,(60) to 22,667 in 1910,(61) to 21,737 in 1920,(62) and, finally, to 21,077 in 1930.(63) Among the ninety-five counties of the state, Bedford, in 1930, ranked forty-second in population.(64) Bedford County, in 1930, accounted for sixteen of Tennessee's 13,066 foreign born white residents.(65) This sixteen may be compared with fifty-two in 1850,(66) 116 in 1870,(67) ninety-six in 1880,(68) forty-seven in 1890,(69) forty-one in 1900,(70) thirty-eight in 1910,(71) and twenty-one in 1920.(72) This population, in 1936, had per capita spendable income of $212, compared with $296 for the entire State.(73)

A comparison of white and colored population trends reveals that while the white population has been remarkably stable, especially since 1900, the Negro population, while remaining rather stable throughout the last half of the nineteenth century began, sometime after 1900, dropping away sharply, until the 1930 figure was slightly less than half that of 1880.(74) In contrast to this sharp decrease of the Negro population

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54. Twelfth Census, I, Population, pt. i, 39.
55. Ibid.
56. Ibid.
57. Ibid.
58. Ibid.
59. Ibid.
60. Ibid.
61. Thirteenth Census of the United States, Population, III, Washington, 1913, 744, hereafter cited as Thirteenth Census, Population.
62. Fifteenth Census, Population, III, 891.
63. Ibid.
64. Ibid.
65. Ibid., 906.
66. Compendium of Seventh Census, 303.
67. Ninth Census, I, Population, 371.
68. Twelfth Census, I, Population, pt. i, 520.
69. Ibid.
70. Ibid.
71. Thirteenth Census, Population, III, 744.
72. Fifteenth Census, Population, III, pt. ii, 891.
73. 76th. Cong., 1st ses., Sen. Doc. 56, chart 20.
74. Twelfth Census, I, Population, pt. i, 556; Fifteenth Census, Population, III, 891.

from 7,489 in 1880 to 3,711 in 1930,(75) the white population during this same period decreased only from 18,536 in 1880 to 17,366 in 1930,(76) This local trend in which the Negro seems to have given up the unequal fight, is, however, less remarkable in view of the state-wide trend, i.e., the Negro population was not much larger in 1930 than in 1880, and actually less than in 1900, whereas the white population nearly doubled between 1880 and 1930.(77)

The Negro population increased rapidly in the first quarter century of the county's history, fell back in the eighteen-thirties, and then climbed irregularly, sometimes falling back slightly, and in 1880, the decline definitely set in, in spite of a slight rise during the eighteen-nineties.(78)

The census of 1810 counted 1,185 Negroes in Bedford County, 1,180 of them slaves, five of them free persons of color.(79) The number of Negroes rose to 3,678 by 1820, to 5,733 by 1830, dropped back to 4,354 by 1840, rose to 5,574 by 1850, and by 1860, on the eve of the Civil War, to 6,796.(80) The free colored mark advanced from five to eighty-eight between 1810 and 1820,(81) and, in the enumerations of 1830 to 1860, inclusive, was found to be eighty-five, fifty-nine, seventy-two, and fifty-two, respectively.(82) The census of 1870, for obvious reasons making no designations between slaves and free persons of color,

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75. Twelfth Census, I, Population, pt. i, 556; Fifteenth Census, Population, III, 891.
76. Ibid.
77. Ibid.
78. Ninth Census of the United States, I, Statistics of Population Washington, 1872, 62, 63, hereafter cited as Ninth Census, Population; Twelfth Census, I, Population, pt. i, 556. It may also be noted that the slave population decreased far less than the white in the decade of the eighteen-thirties,(Ninth Census, I, Population, 62) possibly indicating that the area remaining in Bedford County after the 1836 partitions was more valuable for agricultural purposes than the area detached, and, consequently, more suited to slavery. In 1840, Coffee County, on the Highland Rim, had but 1,105 slaves(Ibid., 63) out of a total population of 8,184,(Twelfth Census, I, Population, pt. i, 39) and Marshall County 3,075(Ninth Census, I, Population, 63) out of a total population of 14,555.(Ibid., 61) The larger relative number in Marshall County is unquestionably due to the fact that Marshall County is a lowland basin county, i.e., an agricultural county of some significance, while Coffee County is less important in the agricultural economic pattern of the State. Moreover, Marshall County, in its creation, drew on Maury County the third largest slave county in the State, exceeded only by Davidson and Williamson Counties.(Ibid.)
79. Ninth Census, Population, 62.
80. Ibid.
81. Ibid.
82. Ibid.

counted 6,484 Negroes in the county.(83) In 1880, the peak decennial, there were 7,489 Negroes, 6,196 in 1890, 6,268 in 1900,(84) 5,486 in 1910,(85) 4,358 in 1920, and 3,711 in 1930.(86)

The first settlements in Bedford County were probably made on the Duck River and its tributaries in the vicinity of present Shelbyville. Names associated with the settlement of the county are Cannon, Wilbourn, Burrow, Blackwell, Martin, and McMahon.(87) Land grants bore such names as Martin, Balch, Talbott, Carthey, Smith, Brandon, Sloan, Grant, Justice, Patterson, and of course, as everywhere in Tennessee, Jackson, Donelson, Coffee, Overton.(88) By its name, the town of Wartrace, in the eastern part of the county, suggests Indian occupancy.

The Methodists were probably the first religious body to be established in the county. Salem Church, the first meeting-house of the denomination, was built in 1807 at Salem Camp Ground, near the present town of Bell Buckle.(89) The Baptists followed in 1809, at Fairfield, and the Presbyterians in 1815, at Shelbyville.(90)

Organized educational efforts in the county probably date from 1809, when Dickson Academy was chartered by the legislature.(91) Other Bedford County academies and private institutions of learning included Mount Reserve Academy,(92) Martin Academy, established at Fairfield in 1829,(93) Rural Academy, established about 1830,(94) Salem Academy, established near Bell Buckle in 1825;(95) Centre Normal Institution, established near Rowesville, about 1840, for training in courses "in

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83. Ninth Census, I, Population, 62.
84. Twelfth Census, I, Population, pt. i, 556.
85. Thirteenth Census, Population, III, 744.
86. Fifteenth Census, Population, III, 891. Of course, the decline of the Negro in the economic structure in Bedford County was, and perhaps is, only a minor, although related, part of the general migration of the Negro from the soil, i.e., from rural areas, common to the entire South. Perhaps, in Bedford County, he was replaced by the walking horse. In 1930 the Negro made up 13.5 percent of the rural farm population of Bedford County; he owned farm land and buildings worth $107,445 compared with the $5,794,460 owned by white full owners. As a tenant, he operated $319,220 worth of farm lands and buildings compared with $3,982,409 operated by white tenants; he share-cropped on $169,320 worth of property out of a total of $1,166,025.(Fifteenth Census, Agriculture, II, pt. ii, 894)
87. Goodspeed's History, 862.
88. Ibid., 863.
89. Ibid., 883.
90. Ibid.
91. Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 77, sec. 1.
92. Goodspeed's History, 881, 883.
93. Ibid.
94. Ibid.
95. Ibid., 882; Acts 1855-56, ch. 186, sec. 12.

methods of instruction and school management";(96) Bigspring Male Academy,(97) Shelbyville Female Academy,(98) Shelbyville Male High School,(99) Unionville Female Academy,(100) Unionville Male Academy, (101) Flat Creek Female Academy,(102) Duck River Male Academy,(103) Flat Creek Male Academy,(104) Richmond Male Academy,(105) Unionville Male Academy,(106) Bedford University,(107) Cedar Grove Academy,(108) Pleasant Hill Academy,(109) and Webb School.

The well-known Webb School, at Bell Buckle, is Bedford County's chief claim to distinction, as far as the world at large is concerned. Established in 1870 by the late, great William Robert Webb, at Culleoka, in Maury County,(110) the school was moved to the village of Bell Buckle, in Bedford County, in 1886.(111)

As in many Tennessee counties, the Civil War cut sharply across the history of Bedford County. In the first secession referendum, February 8, 1861, Bedford County registered its opposition by a vote of two to one,(112) but five months later, in the second referendum, the vote was two to one for separation.(113) The presence of a substantial Union bloc, however, is reputed to have won for Shelbyville the name "Little Boston." (114) Although there were no engagements in Bedford County comparable with Shiloh or Missionary Ridge, there were sharp minor actions, and in 1863 Bedford and adjoining counties were the scene of one of the most decisive and spectacular maneuvers of the war, the flanking of the Confederate Army out of Middle Tennessee.

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96. Phillip M. Hamer, ed., Tennessee - A History, 1673-1932, I, New York, 1932, 375.
97. Acts 1845-46, ch. 138, sec. 4.
98. Acts 1851-52, ch. 66, secs. 4-9.
99. Acts 1853-54, ch. 211, secs. 1-6.
100. Ibid., ch. 213, secs. 11-13.
101. Ibid., secs. 8-10.
102. Acts 1855-56, ch. 242, secs. 1-6.
103. Pr.A. 1857-58, ch. 35, secs. 5, 6.
104. Ibid., ch. 95, secs. 4-6.
105. Ibid., ch. 113, secs. 9, 10.
106. Pr.A. 1865-66, 2nd ses., ch. 60, secs. 1-6.
107. Pr.A. 1866-67, 2nd ad. ses., ch. 73, secs. 6-15.
108. Ibid., sec. 16.
109. Pr.A. 1868-69, 2nd ses., ch. 1, sec. 1.
110. Handbook of American Private Schools; Sargent's Handbook Series, Boston, 1931; Nashville Banner, September 5, 1937.
111. Ibid.
112. J. S. Hurlburt, History of the Rebellion in Bradley County, East Tennessee, Indianapolis, 1866, 33.
113. Ibid., 49.
114. Bedford County Times, October 11, 1935. The prevailing (and predominant) political complexion of the county today is Democratic.

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After the three days battle at Stone River in January, the Confederate forces under General Braxton Bragg fell back to a line in the Duck River valley which was held through June of 1863.(115) Bragg himself maintained headquarters at Tullahoma, nineteen miles southeast of Shelbyville. The main Confederate line extended from Shelbyville, held by the Confederate left wing under Lieutenant-General Leonidas Polk, east to Wartrace and to the ridges north of Wartrace, with the cavalry of Bedford Forrest, Van Dorn, Joe Wheeler, and John H. Morgan, ranging from Columbia to McMinnville.(116) The Federal line, commanded by Mayor-General W. S. Rosecrans, extended from Franklin through Murfreesboro to the headwaters of Stone River in a west to east line paralleling the Confederate line.(117) In a series of brilliant flanking movements beginning June 24th, Rosecrans forced Bragg to abandon Shelbyville, then Tullahoma, and, consequently, all Middle Tennessee.(118)

The act of 1809 which detached the entire southern half of Bedford County, leaving the temporary county seat in the area to be formed into Lincoln County,(119) also appointed commissioners to fix the county seat and to superintend the erection of public buildings and laying out of the town. The commissioners--John Atkinson, William Woods, Bartlett Martin, Howell Dowdy, and Daniel McKissick--were "to fix a place on Duck river, within two miles of the centre of . . . county on a line east and west at the farthest, and as much nearer the actual centre east and west, as a suitable situation can be procured."(120) The act directed the commissioners to "purchase one hundred acres of land at the place which they may fix . . . and . . . receive a title to the same . . ., and . . . lay off the said hundred acres of land into a town, to be known by the name of SHELBYVILLE, reserving near the centre thereof a public square of two acres, on which the court-house and stocks shall be built, likewise reserving any other lot . . ., for the purpose of having a Jail built thereon, for the use of the . . . county of Bedford."(121) The first courthouse reputedly was a small wooden structure, erected on the northwest corner of the square at Shelbyville in 1810 or 1811 after the one hundred acres for the county seat had been donated to the commissioners by a citizen

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115. Robert S. Henry, Story of the Confederacy, New York, 1931, 287.
116. Ibid.
117. Ibid.
118. Ibid.
119. Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 51.
120. Ibid., sec. 2.
121. Ibid. Shelbyville was probably named either for Colonel Evan Shelby, Indian fighter, regimental commander at Kings Mountain, and one-time brigadier-general of Washington District (Carl S. Driver, John Sevier: Pioneer of the Old Southwest, Chapel Hill, 1932, 21, 50, 53, 54, 56, 57, 92) or Isaac Shelby, one-time Governor of Kentucky.(Pr.A. 1819, ch. 146 sec. 11) A supplementary act, passed November 23, 1809, named two additional commissioners--one Benjamin Bradford and one John Lane.(Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 77, sec. 5)

(122) This building was followed in a few years by a brick structure which stood in the center of the square.(123) The second courthouse was destroyed by a tornado in 1830 or 1831.(124) While the third courthouse was being built, the courts were held in a tavern just off the square.(125) To aid in financing the building of the third courthouse, the entire state tax for the year 1832 collected in the county was ordered remitted to the county.(126)

The third courthouse, a brick structure and also built in the center of the square, stood until 1863, when Confederate soldiers quartered in the building accidentally set fire to it, destroyed it and a large number of the records.(127) An entry in the minutes of the quarterly court, April 6, 1863, reads: "Instead of meeting at the Court House at the April term in 1863, as actions show, the court met in the storeroom of Robt. Mathews. This was rendered by him for the purpose. The courthouse having been destroyed by fire. Chairman, Wm. Galbrath, called attention of the justices to the fact that the courthouse of Bedford County, while occupied by the Military Authorities, had recently been destroyed by fire and that many valuable records had been destroyed and that it was now incumberent (sic) upon the court to take some step necessary for the safety of the records, by providing a temporary meeting place until a new courthouse could be erected."(128) Courts, when held thereafter before 1873, were held in various buildings principally the Shelbyville Inn, on the south side of the square.(129)

Building of Bedford County's fourth courthouse was begun in 1869 and was completed in 1873. At that time one of the largest and most imposing public buildings in the State, this courthouse was put up at a cost of between $80,000 and $120,000.(30)

The fourth courthouse, along with many of the records in it, was destroyed during a riot by fire and dynamite, December 19, 1934.(131) The present courthouse, costing $170,000,(132) closely resembles its predecessor and is fireproof.(133)

Shelbyville, the county seat of Bedford County, was ordered

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122. Goodspeed's History, 866.
123. Ibid.
124. Ibid.; Bedford County Times, April 5, 1928.
125. Bedford County Times, April 5, 1928.
126. Pr.A. 1831, ch. 73, sec. 3.
127. Goodspeed's History, 866.
128. Minutes, vol. A, p. 2, in Quarterly Minutes, entry 12 in this Inventory.
129. Goodspeed's History, 866; Bedford County Times, April 5, 1928.
130. Ibid.; Nashville Tennessean, December 21, 1934.
131. Nashville Tennessean, December 20-23, 1934; Shelbyville Gazette, December 20, 1934; P.A. 1939, ch. 115, sec. 10, subsecs. 4, 5.
132. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 312; Nashville Banner, September 5, 1937.
133. Bedford County Times, June 23, 1937.

established as the seat of government by legislative action in 1809.(134) The land upon which the commissioners established the county seat is reputed to have been donated by one Clement Cannon, in May 1810.(135) Shelbyville's first merchant is supposed to have been one James Deery who opened a store at the site of Shelbyville in 1809, the first miller to have been one Cannon, apparently the same who gave the land upon which the town was established.(136) A newspaper, the Herald, is supposed to have made its appearance sometime after 1820. The Herald was followed by the Western Freeman, People's Advocate, Western Advocate, Western Star, and Free Press.(137) Shelbyville seems to have been first incorporated in 1819,(138) and is now apparently regulated by a charter act of 1915, as amended.(139)

The census of 1850 reported the population of Shelbyville as 1,615,(140) the census of 1870, as 1,719 of which 1,137 were white and 582 colored.(141) In 1880 the population was reported as 1,869,(142) revealing that Shelbyville shared hardly at all in the increase of population in the county as a whole.(143) The population of Shelbyville dropped to 1,823 during the eighteen-eighties,(144) but rose to 2,236 during the last decade of the century.(145) In 1930 the population was 5,010.(146) Of this total 2,361 were male, 2,649 female, 3,814 native white, 3,784 of native parentage, thirty of foreign or mixed parentage, nine foreign-born white, and 1,187 Negro.(147) Of the 4,071 persons over twenty-one years of age, 216 or 5.3 percent, were illiterate.(148) Shelbyville claims a population of about 9,000 as of January 1, 1939.(149)

The industrialization of Shelbyville, such as it has been, has taken place in comparatively recent years. The most important industry in Shelbyville is pencil manufacturing. For years, Bedford County exported the native red cedar but, beginning on 1925, the pencil industry was launched locally, and there are now three large pencil factories in

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134. Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 51.
135. Goodspeed's History, 865.
136. Ibid., 873-876.
137. Ibid.
138. Pr.A. 1819, ch. 16, secs. 1, 2.
139. Pr.A. 1915, ch. 47; Pr.A. 1917, ch. 155.
140. Compendium of the Seventh Census, 338.
141. Ninth Census, I, Population, 261.
142. Compendium of the Tenth Census, pt. i, Washington, 1883, 285.
143. See Twelfth Census, I, Population, pt. i, 39.
144. Ibid., 365.
145. Ibid.
146. Fifteenth Census, Population, III, 905.
147. Ibid.
148. Ibid.
149. Bedford County Times, June 23, 1939.

Shelbyville.(150) The largest single industrial plant, owned by the U. S. Rubber Company, manufactures cotton fabrics.(151) Other industrial products include harness, collars, handles, staves, flour, mattresses, clothing, textiles, furniture, shingles, lumber, and rayon.(152) Shelbyville has two banks, the First National and the People's National; and two newspapers, the Bedford County Times and the Shelbyville Gazette.(153)

There are three other municipalities in Bedford County, the towns of Wartrace,(154) Bell Buckle,(155) and Normandy.(156) Wartrace, in the eastern part of the county at the junction of the main stem of the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railway and the Shelbyville spur, has an altitude of 830 feet,(157) and a 1930 population of 606.(158) Wartrace is best known for its association with the famed Tennessee Walking Horse.(159) Bell Buckle's claim to fame rests on Webb School. Other communities in the county are Richmond, Unionville, Fairfield, Cortner, Fall Creek, Haley, Deason, Hawthrone, Longview, Poplins, Bedford, and Crossroads.

In spite of some industrialization, Bedford County has been and remains predominantly agrarian and is preeminently a livestock county. A great part of the county is adapted to natural blue grass and the remainder is suitable for pasture. The land is well watered and pasturage is available a greater portion of the year.

In 1840 of the "persons employed", 4,279 were in agriculture, 307 in manufacturing, and 36 in engineering and the learned professions.(160) In 1930 there were 7,912 persons gainfully employed in the county,(161) and of these over 4,000 were so employed in agriculture,(162) "Wage workers" made up a bare fourth of the total gainfully employed.(163)

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150. Nashville Banner, September 5, 1937.
151. Bedford County Times, April 6, 1939.
152. Ibid.
153. Nashville Banner, September 5, 1937.
154. Acts 1903, ch. 214, as amended. See Pr.A. 1933, ch. 365; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 85, secs. 13-15.
155. See Pr.A. 1925, ch. 323; Pr.A. 1857-58, ch. 85, secs. 20-22.
156. Pr.A. 1921, ch. 675; Pr.A. 1939, ch. 347.
157. Gannett, Altitudes, 941.
158. Fifteenth Census, I, Population, 1036.
159. Nashville Banner, September 5, 1937; Bedford County Times, June 23, 1939, September 12, 1939.
160. Compendium of the Enumeration of the Inhabitants and Statistics of the United States as Obtained at the Department of State, From the Returns of the Sixth Census ..., Washington, 1841, 67.
161. Fifteenth Census, Population, III, 908.
162. Ibid.
163. Ibid.

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The census of 1840 reported 10,247 horses and mules in Bedford County, 18,920 cattle, 20,953 sheep, 84,685 swine, and 21,213 pounds of wool; there were 94,631 bushels of wheat, 153,513 bushels of oats, 5,754 bushels of rye, 1,248,965 bushels of "Indian corn", 9,837 bushels of potatoes, 171,339 pounds of tobacco, 174,733 pounds of cotton, and 37,840 gallons of "distilled and fermented liquors" produced.(164)

By 1850 the agricultural picture had shifted somewhat. Except in the case of sheep, there had been a general decrease in the amount of livestock, while the amount of produce, except wheat, had increased.(165) The census of 1850 reported 8,161 horses and mules, 13,224 cattle, 21,651 sheep, 62,607 swine, 18,054 bushels of wheat, 279,184 bushels of rye and oats, 1,521,867 bushels of Indian corn, 62,342 bushels of potatoes, 148,865 pounds of butter and cheese, 57,240 pounds of tobacco, and 36,872 pounds of wool.(166) In 1880 Bedford was reported as producing 1,682,358 bushels of Indian corn, 87,408 bushels of oats, 87,373 bushels of potatoes, 940 bales of cotton, 257,425 bushels of wheat,(167) and as having 7,275 horses, 4,151 mules, 14,008 cattle, 16,020 sheep, and 46,252 swine.(168) There were 55,501 pounds of wool, 5,151 gallons of milk, and 364,588 pounds of butter.(169)

In 1850 there were 986 farms in Bedford County.(170) There were 101,650 acres improved, 123,312 unimproved.(171) The census of 1880 listed 2,965 farms, valued at $6,075,109.(172) There were 203,511 acres improved.(173) Livestock was valued at $1,082,469.(174)

In 1900 there were 2,887 farms in the county, 3,355 in 1910, 3,340 in 1920,(175) 3,079 in 1925, 2,081 in 1930,(176) and 3,116 in 1935.(177)

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164. Fifteenth Census, Population, III, 250-258.
165. Compendium of the Seventh Census, 302, 307.
166. Ibid., 304-306.
167. Compendium of the Tenth Census, 810, 811.
168. Ibid., 902, 903.
169. Ibid., 903.
170. Compendium of the Seventh Census, 304.
171. Ibid.
172. Compendium of the Tenth Census, 726.
173. Ibid.
174. Ibid.
175. Fourteenth Census of the United States, Agriculture, III, Washington, 1921, 446.
176. Fifteenth Census, Agriculture, II, pt. ii, 870.
177. United States Census of Agriculture, 1935, Tennessee Statistics of Counties, Farms, Farm Acreage, and Value and Selected Livestock and Crops, Washington, 1935, 13, hereafter cited as Census of Agriculture, 1935, Tennessee.

valued at $2,369,660 in 1850.(178) In 1880 the value of farms, "including land, fences, and buildings" was set at $6,075,189, farm implements and machinery at $201,194, and livestock at $1,082,469.(179) The value of farm land and buildings was $21,702,353 in 1920, $13,442,251 in 1925, $11,817,384 in 1930,(180) and $7,888,052 in 1935.(181)

The average farm size increased from 84.9 acres in 1920, to 87.1 in 1925, to 101.2 in 1930.(182) Farm acreage was 283,605 in 1920, 268,234 in 1925, and 283,434 in 1930.(183) Of Bedford County's 2,801 farm operators in 1930, 2,507 were white, 294 colored.(184) There were 1,205 full owners, 316 part owners, ten managers, 1,270 tenants.(185) Full owners occupied 133,109 acres, part owners 38,611 acres, managers 2,505 acres, tenants 109,209 acres.(186) From 1920 to 1930, the number of full owners and tenants decreased, while part owners increased.(187) During the same decade the number of acres held by part owners, managers, and tenants increased, whereas the number operated by full owners decreased sharply.(188) It might be observed, however, that in 1925 the number of acres operated by managers and tenants was far less than in 1920 or 1930, whereas there was little difference in the 1920 and 1925 figures for owners and part owners.(189) Tenants operated 95,542 acres in 1920, 80,759 acres in 1925, 109,209 in 1930.(190)

The census of 1930 reported 25,998 cattle in the county, 40,900 sheep,(191) 4,539 horses, and 4,239 mules.(192) Corn, hay, and tobacco remain the chief crops. In 1929 the county produced about a million bushels of corn, 28,386 tons of hay, 38,105 pounds of tobacco, about 40,000 bushels of potatoes, and 1,767 bales of cotton.(193).

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179. Compendium of the Tenth Census, 726.
180. Fifteenth Census, Agriculture, II, pt. ii, 894.
181. Census of Agriculture, 1935, Tennessee, 13.
182. Fifteenth Census, Agriculture, II, pt. ii, 870.
183. Ibid.
184. Ibid.
185. Ibid.
186. Ibid.
187. Ibid.
188. Ibid.
189. Ibid.
190. Ibid.
191. Fifteenth Census, Agriculture, II, pt. ii, 945.
192. Ibid., 904.
193. Ibid., 912.
194. Shelbyville Gazette, August 31, 1939.

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183. Ibid.
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186. Ibid.
187. Ibid.
188. Ibid.
189. Ibid.
190. Ibid.
191. Fifteenth Census, Agriculture, II, pt. ii, 945.
192. Ibid., 904.
193. Ibid., 912.
194. Shelbyville Gazette, August 31, 1939.

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Wartrace, claim to be the true home of the Tennessee walking horse, developed from the old line southern plantation walking horse used by plantation owners and doctors. Reputedly it was at Wartrace that the strong Allen breed was developed.(195)

The county is served by the Nashville, Chattanooga, and St. Louis Railway; U. S. Highway 241, and State Highways 10, 16, 64, and 82.

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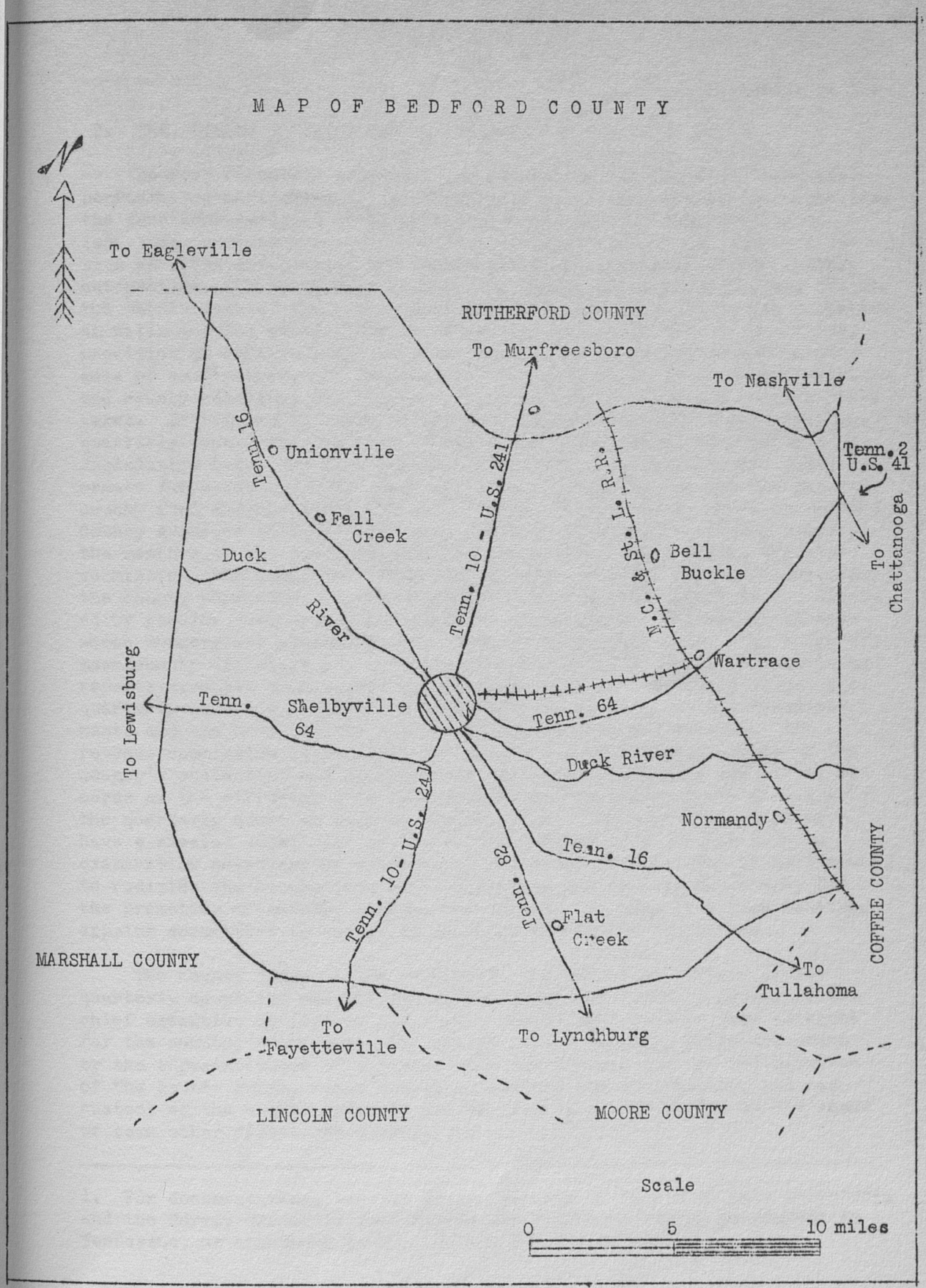
195. Bedford County Times, June 23, 1939; Nashville Banner, September 5, 1937.


MAP OF BEDFORD COUNTY
To Eagleville
RUTHERFORD COUNTY
To Murfreesboro
To Nashville
Tenn. 16
Unionville
Tenn. 10 - U.S. 241
Fall Creek
Duck River
N.C. & St. L. R.R.
Tenn. 2 U.S. 41
To Chattanooga
Bell Buckle
Wartrace
To Lewisburg
Tenn. 64
Shelbyville
Tenn. 64
Duck River
Normandy
Tenn. 16
Tenn. 10 - U.S. 241
Tenn. 82
Flat Creek
COFFEE COUNTY
MARSHALL COUNTY
To Tullahoma
To Fayetteville
To Lynchburg
LINCOLN COUNTY
MOORE COUNTY
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2. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF BEDFORD COUNTY[1]

Bedford County, a political corporation of the State of Tennessee, performs, either itself or in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, the functions assigned to it by the statutes and the Constitution of Tennessee, such as the registration of property titles and the recordation of liens and leases, the registration and licensing of marriages, automobiles, and privileged trades; the registration of births and deaths, the maintenance of the peace, the administration of justice, the probation of wills and the administration of estates, the promotion of education, provision of certain types of poor relief, the construction and maintenance of county roads and bridges, and the assessment of property for State and county taxation, and the collection of county taxes and certain State taxes. To finance in whole or in part the activities of the county, the quarterly court, the justices of the peace assembled as the county's legislative body, may levy taxes upon property, privileges, and polls to create funds for specific purposes or to yield an income for the general county fund and may issue and sell bonds. The quarterly court of Bedford County appoints officials to carry out some of these functions, namely, the members of the board of education, board of equalization, the poor commission, the agricultural extension committee, the revenue commission, the county physician, and the coroner. Other county officials are elected by popular vote or are appointed as subordinate officials by bureaus whose members are elected by the court or by popular vote. The bonds of most county officials are approved by the quarterly court. By receiving reports directly from county officials or through the county judge, the quarterly court is supposed to keep informed on receipts and disbursements and the needs of the various county offices and bureaus. The revenue commission is required to examine quarterly the accounts of the county's collection and disbursement officers in order to see if the records of the different officials balance and to report their findings to the quarterly court at each of its sessions. The quarterly court may have a special audit made of the county records if it thinks such an examination necessary or desirable. The court is empowered to divide and to redivide the county into civil districts and to zone the county for the promotion of safety, health, and morals. It may, from time to time, appoint committees to assist it in carrying out its functions.

The county judge, aside from being the presiding officer of the quarterly court and ex-officio probate judge and juvenile judge, is the chief executive officer of the county and as such acts as general agent for the county, draws warrants, except school warrants which are drawn by the superintendent of schools, upon the trustee for the distribution of the county funds, keeps a sort of central set of accounts, and has custody of the county property not explicitly placed by law in the hands of some other officer or agency.

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

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

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

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

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

The circuit, chancery, probate, and juvenile courts and the justices of the peace are charged with the administration of justice. The circuit court, of which the circuit judge is judge and the circuit court clerk is clerk, is chiefly a court of law, having common law and statutory jurisdiction over civil and criminal matters and certain matters of probate. Jurors for circuit court are selected by the jury commission. The chancery court, of which the chancellor is judge and the clerk and master is, as his name indicated, both clerk and master, is, for the most part, a court of equity and also holds a wide range of jurisdiction concurrently with the circuit and probate courts. The probate court has jurisdiction centering, by and large, in the probation of wills and over the appointment and supervision of personal representatives and the administration of estates. Some of the probate court's power over personal representatives and the partition and distribution of estates is shared concurrently with the circuit and chancery courts. Probably because the county judge is probate judge, the probate court has jurisdiction over the establishment and operation of drainage, levee, and road improvement districts. The juvenile court, held by the county judge, has jurisdiction over juvenile delinquency. The justices of the peace are committing magistrates and have power to decide misdemeanor cases wherein the defendant pleads guilty and in civil cases involving debts and demands of small amounts.

The tax assessor evaluates property and lists privileges and polls for State and county taxation, except that property of public utilities is assessed by the State Railroad and Public Utilities Commission. His assessments are subject to review by the county board of equalization and by the State Board of Equalization. State and county taxes on property and polls are collected by the trustee. As mentioned beforehand, privilege taxes are collected by the county court clerk. The trustee is the county treasurer as well as chief tax collector.

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

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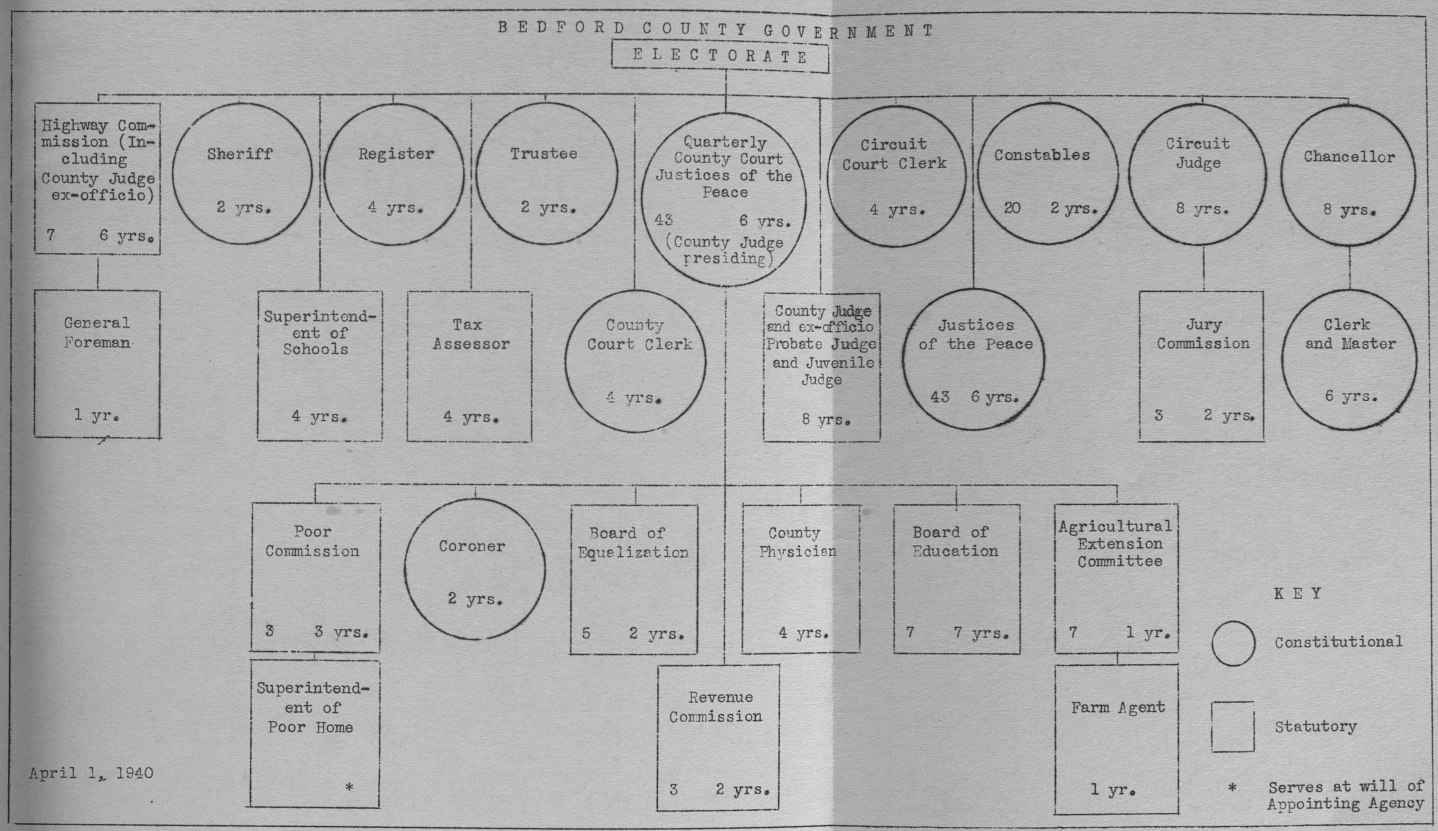
Although Bedford County has no organized health department, the county physician performs some of the duties of the health department as organized in most counties, in addition to his duties as physician for the inmates of the county jail and poor home.

The highway department, consisting of the highway commission and the general foreman, is charged with the maintenance of the road system and the operation of the workhouse.

The poor commission and the poor home superintendent operate the poor home, a place to stay for those who cannot live elsewhere or otherwise.

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

BEDFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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COUNTIES OF TENNESSEE WITH YEARS OF CREATION (1)

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

(1) Most counties organized within a few months after creation.
(2) Not organized until 1882.
(3) First organized in 1846, but the enabling act was invalidated the same year.
(4) Abolished and recreated in 1869.
(5) Probably not organized until 1881 or 1882.
(6) An enabling act of 1842 was invalidated in 1845 and the county dissolved.
(7) Apparently the act of 1850 failed to go into effect until amended in 1851.
(8) Recreated in 1819, although a defective act of 1817 was placed in operation.

COUNTIES OF TENNESSEE

Chronologically by years of creation

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

*See footnotes on preceding page for explanations.

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3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The present Bedford County courthouse, built in 1935, is in the center of the public square of Shelbyville. Of steel, glazed brick, and limestone construction, it is one hundred percent fireproof.

The offices on the first floor, include those of the county court clerk, the county judge, the register, the sheriff, the superintendent of schools, the tax assessor, and the trustee. The offices of the circuit court clerk and the clerk and master are on the second floor. The office of the county agent and a justice of the peace courtroom are in the basement.

The office of the county court clerk, room 100, measures 25x18x15. It is in good condition and is free from dust and dampness. Here are fifteen feet of bound volumes and ten feet of unbound material which together constitute fifteen percent of the records in the clerk's custody, i.e., his own and those of the quarterly and probate courts and the board of equalization. Eighty percent of the records in his custody is in the adjoining vault, 17½x8x15. The vault has 396 feet of steel shelving to care for 324 feet of bound volumes and seventy-two feet of unbound material. The remaining five percent, five feet of bound volumes and five feet of unbound material, is in the clerk's private office. There is ample room for expansion and accommodations for users are adequate.

The county judge's office, room 101, measures 6x7x15. There is an adjoining private office and vault. The private office, 18x12x15, houses sixteen feet of bound volumes and sixty-four feet of unbound material, which is ninety percent of the judge's records. The remaining ten percent is in the vault which measures 6x7x15. Six feet of bound volumes are kept on a metal table in the center of the vault. There is ample space in the office but the vault is somewhat crowded. The records of the highway department and the juvenile court are also housed here. Accommodations for users are adequate and no additional space or equipment is needed.

The register's office is room 104. This office, a fireproof vault, measuring 16½x24x15, houses all the records of the register. There are 384 feet of bound volumes and fifty-six feet of unbound material on steel shelving along the south wall of this office. There is ample room for expansion, and accommodations, including a table, counter, and chairs, are adequate.

The circuit court clerk's office, room 200, is 26x20x12. It contains sixteen feet of unbound material or thirty percent of the circuit court's records. The remaining seventy percent is in the adjoining vault, 12x8x12, which houses twenty-two feet of bound volumes and eighteen feet of unbound material. There is room for expansion and accommodations for users are sufficient. The circuit court clerk is also custodian of the records of the jury commission.

The office of the clerk and master, room 203, measures 18x12x12. In this office are ten feet of unbound material, or thirty-five percent of

the records of the chancery court. The adjoining vault, 12x7x12, houses sixteen feet of bound volumes and twelve feet of unbound material or sixty-five percent of the records of the court. There is ample space in the clerk's office but the vault is crowded and there is little room for expansion. Accommodations for users are adequate.

The justices of the peace hold court in room 52 in the basement. This room, 30x14x10, is in good condition but there is some dampness. Such records as are housed here are kept on a wooden desk against the north wall. There are two feet of bound volumes and four feet of unbound material. Accommodations, which include a table, desk, and chairs, are adequate. There is ample room for expansion and no additional space or equipment is needed.

The sheriff shares room 103 with a justice of the peace and the coroner. The room measures 21x16x15 and is in good condition. The sheriff's records, consisting of four feet of bound volumes, the two feet of bound volumes and four feet of unbound material belonging to the justice of the peace, and one foot of unbound material belonging to the coroner are on shelving along the south wall. Accommodations for users are adequate and no additional space or equipment is needed. The sheriff also maintains an office and living quarters at the jail, but no records are kept there.

The tax assessor's office, room 105, is 24x13x15. The office houses eighteen feet of unbound material, or fifty-five percent of his records, in steel file cabinets, along the east wall. The remaining forty-five percent, consisting of two feet of bound volumes and ten feet of unbound material, is in the adjoining vault which measures 6x6x15. There is ample room for expansion and accommodations for users are sufficient.

The office of the trustee, room 107, measures 24x25x15. It is in good condition and has ample room for expansion. All of the trustee's records are kept in the adjoining vault, measuring 14x6x15. The records consist of eighty-four feet of bound volumes and four feet of unbound material on eighty-eight feet of steel shelving along the east and west walls. The accommodations for users are adequate.

The quarters of the superintendent of schools are made up of room 106, 14x21x15, an adjoining private office, 12x10x15, and a file room, 10x6x15. In the private office there are six feet of bound volumes and nine feet of unbound material or twenty percent of the records of the department of education. The remaining eighty percent is in the file room. There are thirty feet of bound volumes and thirty feet of unbound material on steel shelving along the north and south walls. Accommodations for users are sufficient and there is ample room for expansion.

The administration building of the county poor home, at Wartrace, was built in 1886, after its predecessor had been destroyed by fire. It is a rectangular frame cottage, 42x30x10, and contains 12,600 cubic feet of space. The superintendent's office, 16x15x10, which is the front room of the administration building, houses all of the records, or two feet of bound

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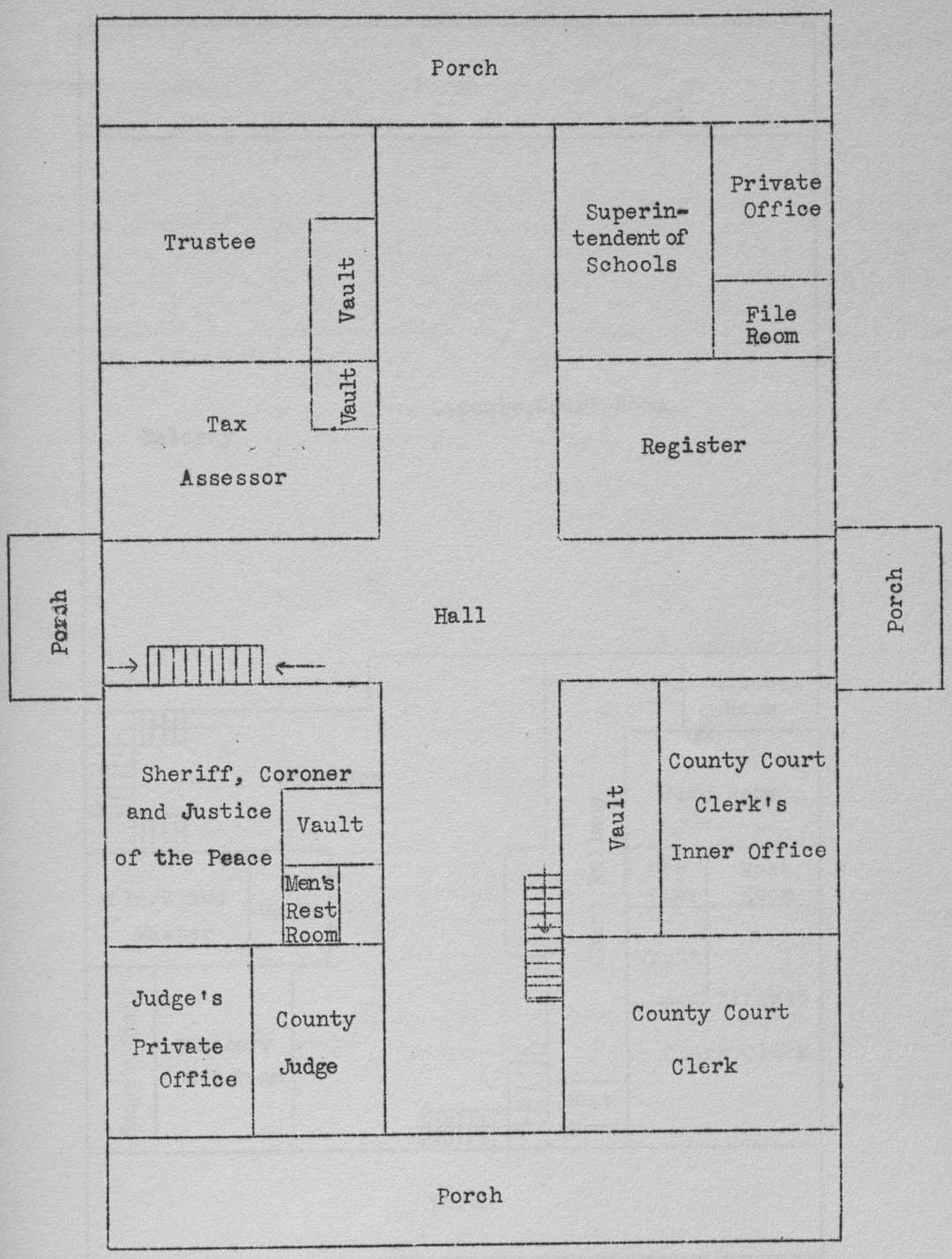
volumes on a wooden table along the west wall. There is ample room for expansion and accommodations for users are adequate. Kerosene lamps afford lighting facilities. The building is not fireproof.

The county agent's office, room 53, in the basement of the courthouse, measures 30x22x10. It is in good condition, but there is some dampness. All of the agent's records, consisting of one foot of bound volumes and twenty-nine feet of unbound material, are filed on metal shelving and in bins along the east wall. The office is crowded, accommodations for users are meager, and there is little room for expansion. Approximately twice the present amount of space is needed.

The county physician, constables, and the revenue commission neither maintain offices nor keep records.



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First Floor Plan

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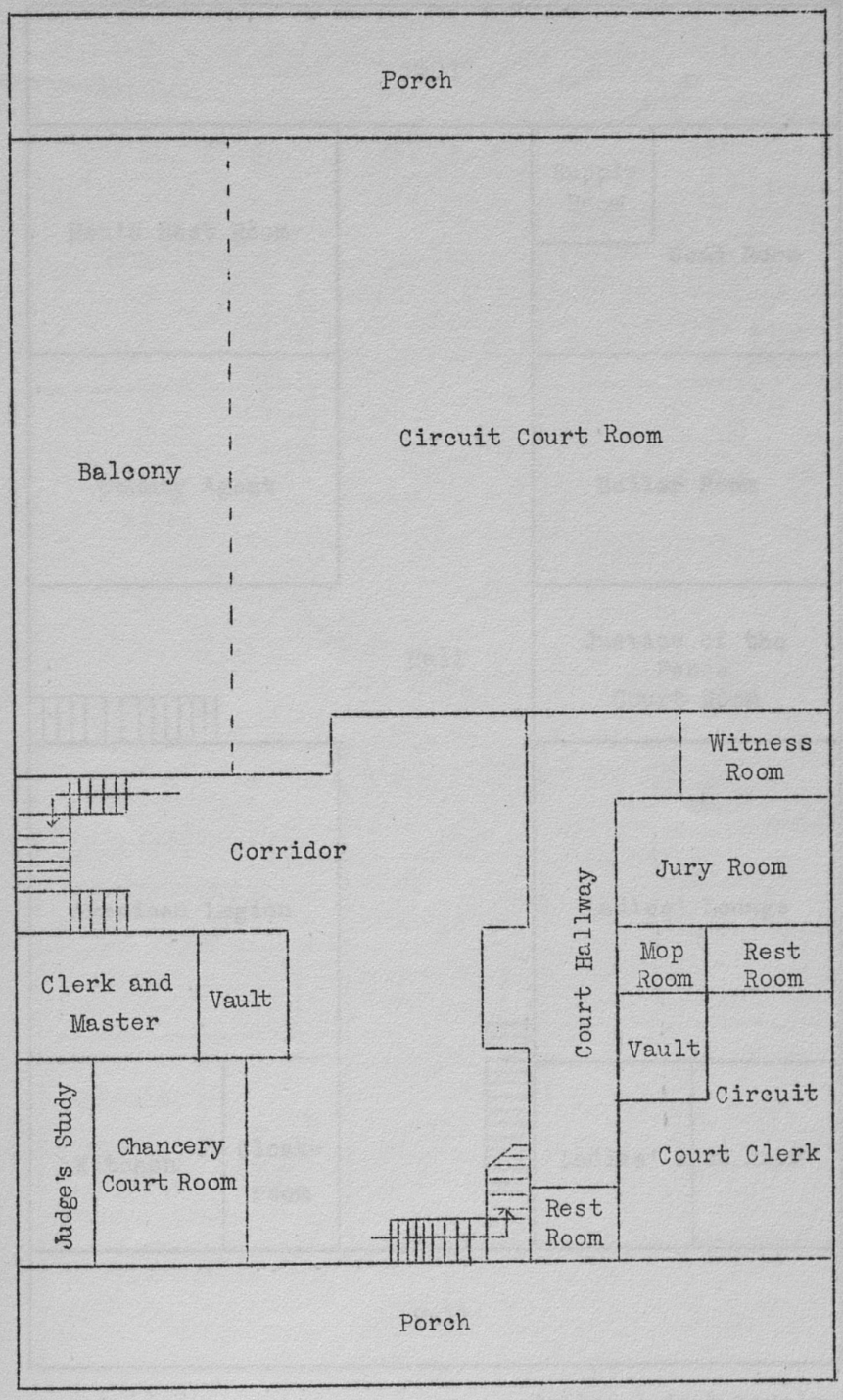

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Second Floor Plan

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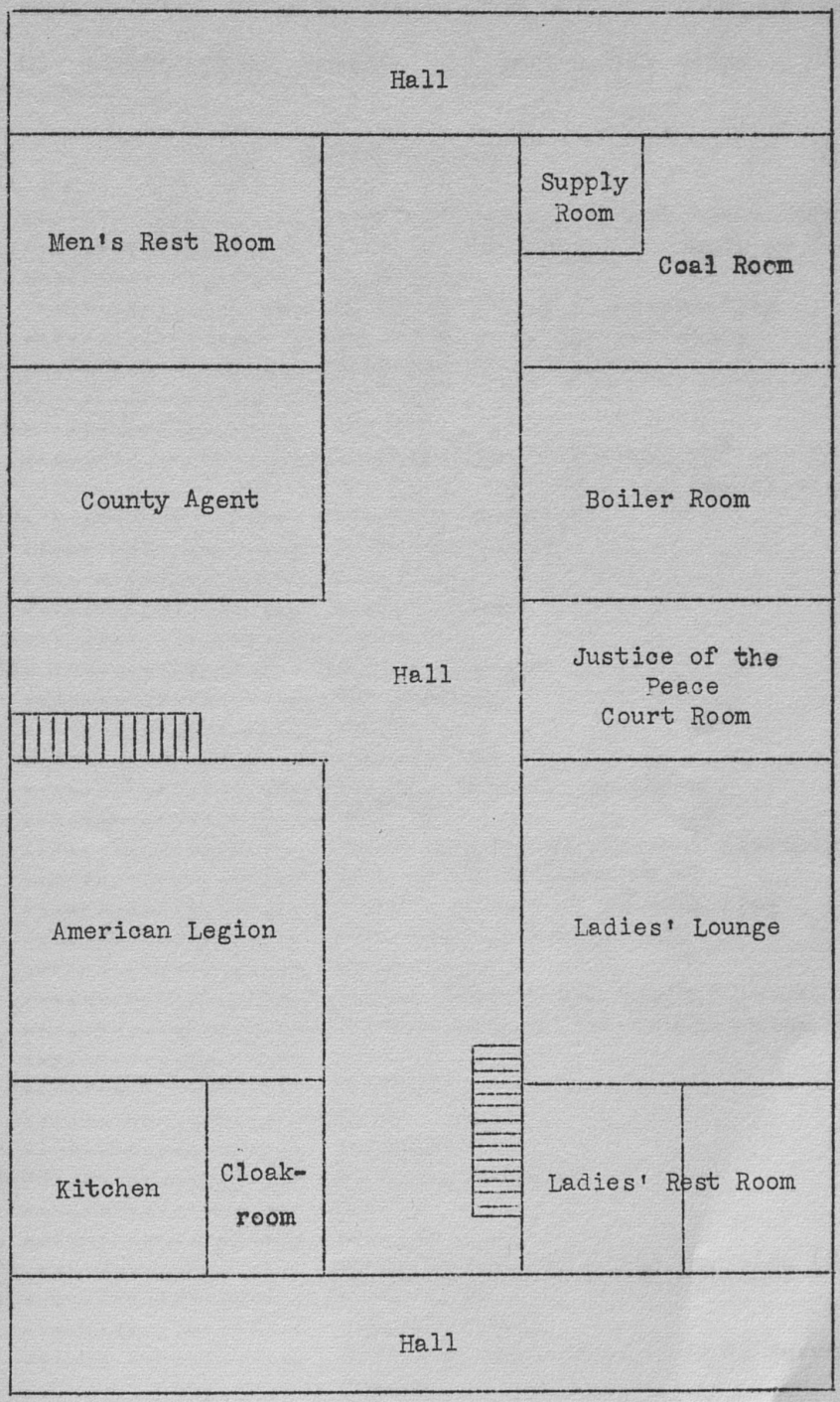

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Basement Floor Plan

B E D F O R D C O U N T Y C O U R T H O U S E

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4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Abbreviations

A.A.A.	Agricultural Adjustment Administration
Acts	Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
ad.	adjourned
alph.	alphabetical or alphabetically
approx.	approximate or approximately
arr.	arranged or arrangement
art.	article
aver.	average
C	Code of (See "Bibliography" for full titles of codes and compilations)
ch., chs.	chapter, chapters
chron.	chronologically
Cong.	Congress
Const.	Constitution
Doc.	Document
ed., eds.	editor, editors
e.g.	for example
ex.	extra
hdw.	handwritten
ibid.	ibidem, the same as above
i.e.	that is
L.A.	Local Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
L.N.C.	Laws of North Carolina of
no.	number, numbered, or numbering
num.	numerical or numerically
p., pp.	page, pages
P.A.	Public Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
Pr.A.	Private Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
pt.	part
ptd.	printed
rm.	room
R.R.	railroad
sec., secs.	section, sections
Sen.	Senate
ses.	session
S.R.N.C.	State Records of North Carolina (See "Bibliography")
subsec.	subsection
supt.	superintendent
Survey	Tennessee Historical Records Survey Project
v.	versus
vol., vols.	volume, volumes

Symbols

x	by, in dimensions
--	placed after a year date means from that year to present time

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Explanatory Notes

Throughout this book the arrangement of entries, each entry representing a record, is by bureaus and by subjects within each of these divisions. The bureaus themselves are arranged in related groups. For example, the bureaus of a judicial nature are grouped together. The same is true for the so-called public service group, including highways, education, and health. Within each bureau related entries are grouped together under subject headings and frequently thereunder by sub-headings.

The titles in the individual entry may be interpreted in the following manner; the actual title of the record as it appears on the outside of the volume or container is in upper case letters but if this exact title is vague, misleading, or otherwise inadequate, an assigned explanatory title is inserted in lower case letters enclosed in parentheses. If a record has no title and it has thus been necessary to assign one, the assigned title is in upper case letters and is enclosed in parentheses.

The years for which a record is available is shown immediately following the title. The use of a dash between two dates indicates the inclusive years for which a record is available. A single date followed by two hyphens indicates that the record is current and dates from the year given. Dates are broken to indicate years for which a record was not made or could not be located. 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 or subsequent records, no definite information could be obtained.

The labeling of a record is described or shown by figures or letters in parentheses immediately following the number of volumes, file boxes, or other type of container.

Since the vast majority of the records in this county is housed in the courthouse, only the name of the office or room in which a record may be found is given. If all the records of an office, which are listed under that office, are in one place, the location reference has been omitted; if, however, records are divided between the main office and the vault, the word "office" or "vault" is used to indicate the location of the given record. In all other instances the exact location of each record is given. The location of each office and department is set out in the section entitled "Housing, Care, and Accessibility of the Records."

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

Unless otherwise specified, the record is in good condition.

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An effort has been made to keep terminology uniform. However, the terms "justice of the peace" and "magistrate" are practically synonymous and in practice and throughout this book these terms are used interchangeably. The words "judge" or "clerk" in a record entry refer to the judge or clerk of the court under which the record is listed, or the judge or clerk named in the title of the chapter; exceptions to this are clearly indicated. If not otherwise indicated, the word "district" means civil district.

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

The user's attention is particularly directed to the fourth paragraph of the Preface in which a forthcoming key volume on the evolution and structural development of county government in Tennessee is announced, and in which the office and governmental organization essays, as appearing in this Inventory, are dealt with. Only so much information is included in the essays as to show to what extent local legislation has altered the pattern of the general law, i.e., the structure of county government in Tennessee as contemplated by the Public Acts and the Code of 1932, and also, only so much information on the general law as is necessary to identify and state the facts of existence of the several offices, agencies, and departments of the county organization.

The device "(C 1932)" immediately following a citation to a legislative act means, that the substance of the legislative act is still in force and is reenacted in the official Code of 1932. The numbers appearing immediately after "C 1932" or "C 1858", and separated from them merely by a comma, are the section numbers of the codes. A citation to the Code of 1932, placed in parentheses immediately following a citation to the Code of 1858, indicates that the provision first appeared in the earlier code and is reenacted in the official Code of 1932.

Individual citations within a footnote are unrelated if separated by a semi-colon.

Of course, as indicated in the footnote themselves, the North Carolina statutes cited have not been examined in the original, and dependence has been placed in the published State Records of North Carolina in which these laws appear.

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

Not all of the codes and compilations listed in the Bibliography are cited in this Inventory, but all of them are used by the legal research unit of the Survey and are listed here for the convenience and information of the users of this Inventory.

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

The quarterly county court, now the legislative branch of the county court, the latter known until about 1836 as the court of pleas and quarter sessions, is the county's governing body and dates from the creation of the county, for the effect of the organization of the court of pleas and quarter sessions was to accomplish the organization of the county.(1) The court is composed of two justices of the peace from each civil district, except the district containing the county seat from which there are three, and of one justice from each incorporated town that chooses to elect one, all elected by popular vote for terms of six years.(2) In Bedford County, there are forty-three justices or members of the quarterly county court.(3) The presiding officer of the court is the county judge,(4) who is elected by popular vote for a term of eight years.(5) The clerk of the court is the county court clerk,(6) who is elected by popular vote for a term of four years.(7)

Original Papers
(See also entries 13, 15-21, 25, 26)

Reports - (See also entry 24)

1. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, 1913--. 2 file boxes.

Quarterly reports from county officials, including the trustee, judge, county court clerk, superintendent of schools, and farm agent, on the financial status and activities of the various offices. Also motions and resolutions acted upon by the court, and papers on all matters presented

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1. Acts 1794, ch. 1, secs. 1, 45; Acts 1807, ch. 37, sec. 2; Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 49, sec. 4; Acts 1811, ch. 72, sec. 1; Acts 1813, ch. 77, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 5, secs. 7 (C 1932, 10318), 8, 10; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10193, 10194).
2. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3 (C 1932, 673, 674); Acts 1839-40, ch. 68, sec. 3 (C 1932, 674, 675); Acts 1855-56, ch. 138, sec. 13 (C 1932, 674, 675); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.
3. Roll of Quarterly Court, 1935, p. 11, entry 9 of this Inventory.
4. Ibid.; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 38, sec. 4 (C 1932, 764); Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 763); Pr.A. 1927, ch. 432, sec. 4.
5. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; C 1917, 385, fn.6, citing State ex rel. v. Glenn, 7 Heiskell, 472, 486, 487, 489, 491, 493; State ex rel. v. McKee, 8 Lea, 28; State ex rel. v. Leonard, 2 Pickle, 485, 487, 489, 490, 493; State ex. rel. v. Maloney, 8 Pickle, 68; Redistricting Cases, 3 Cates, 251; Ledgewood v. Pitts, 14 Cates, 607.
6. Acts 1794, ch. 1, sec. 50; Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 7 (C 1932, 10082, subsec. 1).
7. Const. 1834, art. 6, 13; C 1858, 374 (C 1932; 650); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 6 (C 1932, 1915); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13.

to the court for action and which are later recorded in a permanent record of the court's proceedings. Arr. chron. No. index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

For other reports of county officials, see entries 27-32, 101.

2. REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE COUNTY, 1907--. 1 file box.

Original reports submitted to the quarterly court by the highway commission, revenue commission, county agent, and various committees appointed by the court from time to time, to make recommendations and reports to the court concerning such matters as the tax levy, the budget, and the administration of the county jail, giving a full account of all activities and any money received or disbursed. Arr. Chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

3. REPORT OF POOR HOUSE COMMISSIONERS (County Asylum or County Farm), 1904--, 1 file box.

Quarterly reports of poor house commissioners to the county court, showing amounts expended during the quarter for food, clothing, building material and supplies, drugs, physician's salary for the quarter, and total expenses; amount received from sale of farm products, number of inmates, male and female, white and colored; number admitted, number discharged, and number of deaths during quarter; date report submitted, and signatures of the commissioners. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100

For other records of the commission, see entries 323, 324.

4. REPORTS OF WORKHOUSE COMMISSIONERS (Highway Commission), 1905--. 1 file box.

Quarterly reports of the superintendent of the workhouse to the county court, showing amounts expended for food, clothing, superintendent's salary, and miscellaneous provisions and supplies; number of prisoners and days boarded, total expenses, amount of road built, cost per yard; amount of dry goods purchased and from whom, date report submitted, and signatures of commissioners. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

For workhouse prisoner record, see entry 320.

5. (QUARTERLY REPORTS OF REVENUE COMMISSION), 1905-15. In Monthly Reports County Court Clerk, entry 96.

Reports of the revenue commission to the quarterly county court, stating that the commission has examined all financial records of county officials and found same correct and in good condition, showing date of report, and signatures of commissioners.

6. GRAND JURY REPORTS, 1915--. 1 file box (dated).

Reports of the grand jury to the quarterly court on results of investigations conducted, examinations of guardians', administrators' and executors' bonds; and reports on condition of county projects, such as courthouse, jail, and poor home, and recommendations regarding same, showing date of report, and signatures of members of the grand jury. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

For record of other grand jury action, see entry 144.

Quarterly County Court - Court Proceedings (7-11)

7. FINES COLLECTED UNDER SMALL OFFENSE LAW, 1878-89. 1 vol.
Quarterly reports of fines collected by justices of the peace under the small offense law, showing style of case, name of magistrate, date of report, amount of state tax, fines, and total; and signature of the clerk as court's acknowledgment and approval of report. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 476 pp. 14x9x2½. Vault, rm. 100.

Settlements - (See also entries 274, 298-301)

8. COUNTY TRUSTEE'S SCHOOL SETTLEMENTS, 1890-93. 1 file box.
Trustee's annual settlements of school funds, showing amount of funds arising from state apportionment, county revenue, and other sources; an itemized account of expenditures, date and amount of settlement, and signatures of trustee and county court clerk. Also includes annual budget prepared by the superintendent of schools, and presented to the court for adoption. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

Court Proceedings
(See also entries 13, 14)

9. ROLL OF QUARTERLY COURT, 1930--. 2 vols. (1 vol. dated; 1 vol. not labeled).
A record of members of the court present during court session and their votes on matters of business coming before the court, such as resolutions, petitions and appropriations, showing name of magistrate, district number, nature of matter to be acted upon, and manner of vote, whether aye or nay. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form, 1931-34; typed on ptd. form, 1935--. Aver. 240 pp. 16x11x2½. Vault, rm. 100.

10. ALLOWANCE DOCKET, 1890-93. 1 vol. (dated).
Record of allowances or appropriations made by the court for such as repairs to county buildings, construction of bridges, pauper allowance, and county physician's services, showing date, name of person making claim, purpose of allowance, and amount. Also contains: (Record of Juvenile Commitments), 1916-17, entry 233. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 480 pp. 16x11x2. Vault, rm. 100.
For other record of appropriations, see entry 44.

11. RECORD, ROUGH MINUTES, 1903--. 3 vols. Title varies: Rough Minutes, 1903-34.
Record of proceedings of the quarterly court, as made during court session, to be recorded later in the regular minute books. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., 1903-24; hdw. and typed, 1925-34; shorthand, 1935--. Records 1903-34 in poor condition. Aver. 350 pp. 16x11x2½. Vault, rm. 100.

Quarterly County Court - Road Records (12-16)

12. QUARTERLY MINUTES, 1848-55, 1857-60, 1863--. 25 vols. (three vols. not labeled; A-T, 1, 2). Title varies: Record, 1848-55; Minutes, 1863-81; Minute Book, 1882-1927.

Recorded minutes of the proceedings of the quarterly sessions of the county court, including many various and sundry records recorded in these volumes as provided for by law. Some of the more important actions recorded herein are: Fixing of the tax levy, adoption of the budget, receiving financial reports from county officials and institutions, appropriation of funds for the maintenance and operation of county offices and institutions, and several score items of a similar nature. Also contains: Quorum Minutes, 1848-55, 1857-60, 1863-1927, entry 196. Arr. chron. 1848-60, no index; 1863--, indexed alph. by name of individual or subject. Hdw., 1848-1902; typed, 1903--. Aver. 650 pp. 18x13x3. 23 vols., 1848-1927, vault, rm. 100; 2 vols., 1928--, rm. 101.

Road Records

13. HIGHWAY, 1870--. 2 file boxes. Title varies: Road Papers, 1870-1934.

Court decrees directing changes in roads, contracts for right-of-way, and quarterly reports of district turnpike inspectors, road, and highway commissioners on conditions of county roads, an account of activities during the quarter, and recommendations for work to be performed, signed by the inspector or commissioner. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 13½x10½x5. 1 file box, 1870-1934, vault, rm. 100; 1 file box, 1935--, rm. 101.

14. ROAD MINUTES, 1873-86, 1889-91. 3 vols. Title varies: Road Book, 1883-86.

A record of court orders appointing road overseers, showing date of appointment, name of overseer, name or location of road to which appointed, class of road, district number wherein road is located, and name of hands assigned to work. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of overseer. Hdw., 1873-82; hdw. on ptd. form, 1883-91. Aver. 500 pp. 17x11x2½. Vault, rm. 100.

15. ROAD COMMISSIONERS BOND, 1881-89, 1916-29. 2 vols. 1933-- in Bridge and Roads, Contracts and Bonds with Bedford County, entry 16.

Bonds of road commissioners binding them to discharge fully and faithfully all duties, and to report, account for, and pay over all money received as such officials, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date of bond, and signatures of principal, sureties, and judge. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 225 pp. 14x8½x1. Vault, rm. 100.

16. BRIDGE AND ROADS, CONTRACTS AND BONDS WITH BEDFORD COUNTY, 1875--. 1 file box.

Contracts for the construction of roads, bridges and sewers, showing amount to be expended, nature and location of work to be performed, and

signature of judge. Also contains: Road Commissioners Bond, 1933--, entry 15. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

17. ROAD CONTRACTS AND BONDS, 1900-1901. 1 vol.
Contracts for construction and maintenance of county roads, showing date of contract, name of contractor, terms and provisions of the agreement, and signatures of contractor and county chairman. Also original bonds of contractors, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date signed and witnessed, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of contractor. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 250 pp. 14x8½x1½. Vault, rm. 100.

Official Bonds
(See also entries 15-17)

18. BONDS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, 1900--. 1 file box.
Bonds made by county officials guaranteeing faithful performance of duties, including chairman or judge of the county court, county court clerk, circuit court clerk, county surveyor, coroner, register, sheriff, superintendent of schools, tax assessor and trustee, showing date of bond, name of principal, amount of bond, names of sureties, date approved, and signature of county judge. Also includes oath of office, showing name of official, date, and signatures of official and individual before whom taken. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

19. CONSTABLES BONDS, 1888--. 1 vol. (1)
Original bonds of constables given to insure faithful performance of duties, showing date of bond, name of constable, district number, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, signatures of constable and bondsmen, and acknowledgment and approval of the judge and clerk of the court. Also contains oath of office, approved by county court clerk and county judge. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of constable. Hdw. on ptd. form. 475 pp. 14x9½x2. Rm. 100.

20. ASSESSORS BOND AND OATH, 1900-1915. 1 vol.
Original bonds and oaths of district tax assessors executed to insure faithful performance of duties, showing names of assessor and bondsmen, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, district number, signatures of assessor and bondsmen, and approval of the clerk. Oath, to discharge faithfully, honestly, and impartially all duties, is sworn to and subscribed before the clerk, and shows date and signatures of assessor and clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of assessor. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 14x9x1. Vault, rm. 100.

21. MAGISTRATE'S BOND, 1906--. 2 vols. (dated).
Original bonds given by magistrates to insure the faithful performance of duties, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date executed, and signatures of principal

and sureties. Also shows the oath sworn to and signed by the magistrate, and acknowledged by the clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of principal. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 11x9x2. Rm. 100.

22. NOTARY PUBLIC BOND AND OATH, 1910--. 1 vol. (1)
Recorded copies of bonds given by notaries public to insure faithful discharge of official duties, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date of bond, and signatures of principal, sureties, and county judge. The oath taken shows, in addition to the text, signature of notary, date acknowledged, signature of the clerk, and date of commission. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of principal. Hdw. on ptd. form. 450 pp. 11x9x2½. Rm. 100.

Financial Records
(See also entries 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 16, 17, 25, 26)

23. TAX DUPLICATE, 1887. 1 vol. (dated).
Duplicate copy of trustee's tax book prepared by the clerk of the court, showing name of taxpayer, location and description of taxable real property, number of acres farm land, number of town lots, assessed valuation of real property, value of personal property over $1000, amounts of property, poll, and other assessments; state and county taxes, and total assessment. Arr. num. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 650 pp. 18x12x3. Vault, rm. 100.
For original tax record, see entry 258.

24. TRUSTEES RELEASES, 1930--. 2 file boxes.
Trustee's report to the court listing all taxes which remain uncollected due to insolvency, delinquency, or error made in assessment or in making out tax books, which report when properly certified entitles the trustee to credit for the amount of such taxes on his annual settlement with the comptroller, showing name of delinquent, amount of taxes due, whether for realty, personalty, polls, or public utilities; signature of trustee, and approval of the court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. 1 file box, 1930-34, vault; 1 file box, 1935--, office, rm. 100.

Miscellaneous

25. DEEDS, 1870--. 1 file box.
Deeds to land bought by the county for schools, turnpikes and other purposes, showing names of owner and purchaser, location and description of land, date of transaction, amount of consideration involved, and signatures of parties to the transaction. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.
For other deeds to county property, see entry 302.

26. RELEASES (Tax Exemptions), 1903-35. 1 file box.
Lists of names of persons who, on account of physical disability, have been exempted by the court from the payment of road and poll taxes,

showing name of taxpayer, name of physician making physical examination, date of examination, and date of court term when exemption was granted. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

II. COUNTY JUDGE
(As Administrative and Financial Agent of the County)

The office of county judge combines the functions of the probate and juvenile judges, the presiding officer of the quarterly court, and the general administrative, financial, and executive officer of the county.(8) The present office of county judge in Bedford County was created by a special act of 1927;(9) the county probably had a county judge for twenty-one months under a general law of 1856,(10) repealed in 1857.(11) At all times in which there has not been a county judge, that is, from 1810 to 1856 and from 1858 to 1927, there was a chairman of the county court, an office differing from that of county judge only in the matters of term of office and method of election.(12) Although the office of county judge is created by special legislation, the office is recognized by the code and public acts in whose eyes the offices of judge and chairman are practically synonymous. Although the act creating the present office in Bedford County deals at length with the duties and structure of the office, these sections are largely a repetition of general provisions, and the office is, further, affected by general provision not repeated in the act. The Bedford County act, in addition to general provisions, requires that the county judge be "learned in the law," and, before entering office, have been a resident of the State for five years and of Bedford County for two years.(13) He is required to give a $2500 bond,(14) and receives a salary of $1800 per year.(15) He is

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8. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253 (C 1932, 769, 10221, 10222); Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 10193, 10204); P.A. 1911, ch. 58, sec. 2 (C 1932, 10275); Pr.A. 1927, ch. 432.
9. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 432.
10. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253.
11. P.A. 1857-58, ch. 5.
12. L.N.C. 1743, ch. 2, sec. 2 (S.R.N.C., XXIII, 210); L.N.C. 1760, Nov. ses., ch. 2, sec. 20 (S.R.N.C., XXIII, 529, 530); L.N.C. 1780, Sept. ses., ch. 2, sec. 7 (S.R.N.C., XXIV, 348); Acts 1796, 1st ses., ch. 15, sec. 5; Acts 1796, 2nd ses., ch. 3, sec. 2; Acts 1797, ch. 39, sec. 2; Acts 1811, ch. 67, sec. 2; Acts 1811, ch. 86, sec. 2; Acts 1817, ch. 105, secs. 4, 12; P.A. 1831, ch. 89, sec. 2; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10202); P.A. 1835-36, ch. 18, sec. 1; Acts 1847-48, ch. 106, secs. 1 (C 1932, 10211), 2 (C 1932, 10210); Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 10193), secs. 1 (C 1932, 10204), 3 (C 1932, 10204); P.A. 1911, ch. 58, sec. 2 (C 1932, 10275).
13. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 432, sec. 2.
14. Ibid., sec. 16.
15. Ibid., sec. 15.

elected by popular vote for a term of eight years.(16) The special act of 1927 repeats general provisions to the effect that the judge shall act as presiding officer of the quarterly court,(17) probate judge, juvenile judge,(18) and general administrative and financial agent of the county.(19) The county judge of Bedford County, unlike the county judges of most other counties, has the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace in criminal cases,(20) and, as an inferior judge has certain extraordinary powers generally held only by circuit judges and chancellors.(21)

Reports
(See also entries 51, 58)

27. CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S REPORTS, 1934--. 1 file box.
Financial reports of the circuit court clerk, as submitted quarterly to the judge, covering all revenue received and disbursed during the quarter, showing date, source, and amount of collection; date, purpose, and amount of disbursement; balance, clerk's commission deducted, amount reverting to county, and signature of the circuit court clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 4½x4½x10. Rm. 101.

For record of State and county revenue collected by clerk, see entry 153.

28. TRUSTEE'S REPORTS, 1934--. 2 file boxes.
Trustee's monthly report to the judge, showing amount of cash on hand on the first of the month, collections during the month, indicating date, source, and amount of each; disbursements made, and balance on hand at the end of the month. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5x12x26. Rm. 101.

For Trustee's Cash Journal, 1930--, see entry 267.

29. TRUSTEE'S RECEIPTS, 1935--. 2 file boxes.
Duplicates of receipts issued by the trustee for revenue received from the State and from county officials, showing receipt number, date issued, to whom issued, for what purpose, amount received, and signature of trustee. These receipts are submitted to the judge by the trustee as vouchers for state and county revenue collected by him. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4½x4½x10. Rm. 101.

For triplicate receipts, see entry 268.

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16. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; C 1917, 385, fn 6, citing State ex rel. v. Glenn, 7 Heiskell, 472, 486, 487, 489, 491, 493; State ex rel. v. McKee, 8 Lea, 28; State ex rel. v. Leonard, 2 Pickle, 485, 487, 490, 493; State ex rel. v. Maloney, 8 Pickle, 68; Redistricting Cases, 3 Cates, 251; Ledgewood v. Pitts, 14 Cates, 607.
17. Ibid., sec. 4.
18. Ibid., secs. 4-6, 13.
19. Ibid., sec. 8.
20. Ibid., sec. 14.
21. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 393. See Probate Court, chapter X below.

County Judge - County Bonds (30-35)

30. OLD $1000 ROAD FUND ORDERS, 1928-32. 2 file boxes.
Orders from the highway commissioners to the judge on the $1000 road building and pike maintenance fund, showing amount to be paid, name of payee, purpose of payment, and fund chargeable. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 4½x4½x10. Rm. 101.
For requisition orders, see entry 309.

31. REPORTS OF CLERK AND MASTER, 1936--. 1 file box.
Quarterly reports of the clerk and master to the judge on collections made, such as delinquent county real estate taxes, and tax on litigation; and all disbursements, showing date of report, style of case, date filed, amount of fees, total collections, amount of compensation due clerk, balance reverting to the county, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4½x4½x10. Rm. 101.
For other reports by the clerk, see entry 182.

32. SHERIFF'S BOARD BILLS, 1935--. 3 file boxes.
Original reports of the sheriff to the judge on amounts due for board of prisoners, showing name of prisoner, offense charged, length of sentence, number of days served, amount allowed per day, total allowed, and final disposition of the case. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4½x4½x10. Rm. 101.

County Bonds

33. BOND AND COUPON REGISTER COURTHOUSE BONDS - SERIES OF 1935, 1935--. 1 vol.
Original bonds, and coupons clipped from bonds, issued by the county for the purpose of financing reconstruction of the courthouse, in the sum of $170,000, issued May 1, 1935 and due May 1, 1956. Bonds show number and amount of bond, total amount of issue, rate of interest and date due, dates of issue and maturity, and facsimile signatures of the judge and county court clerk. Coupons show coupon number, bond number, amount of interest, date due, and facsimile signatures of the judge and county court clerk. Arr. num. by bond no. and thereunder by coupon no. No index. Ptd. 200 pp. 20½x11¼x2½. Vault, rm. 101.

34. SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES OF 1938, TOTAL ISSUE $228,000.00, 1938--. 1 vol.
Original coupons clipped from bonds issued to finance the construction of school buildings in the amount of $228,000, issued October 1, 1938, and due October 1, 1963, showing number of coupon, number of bond, amount of interest, date due, and facsimile signatures of the judge and county court clerk. Arr. num. by coupon no. No index. Ptd. 200 pp. 18½x11¼x2½. Rm. 101.

35. BOND AND COUPON REGISTER HIGHWAY REFUNDING BONDS, 1930--. 2 vols.
Coupons clipped from bonds issued by the county for highway refunding purposes, including a series of 1930, in the amount of $30,000, issued

July 1, 1930 and due July 1, 1948; and a series of 1935, in the sum of $51,000, issued July 1, 1935 and due July 1, 1949, showing date of bond issue, date of maturity, number and amount of coupon, date paid and canceled, and facsimile signatures of the judge and county court clerk. Arr. num. by coupon no. No index. Ptd. 150 pp. 20¼x14¼x1. Vault, rm. 101.

For other record of coupons paid, see entry 270.

36. BOND AND COUPON REGISTER HIGHWAY BONDS SERIES OF 1920. REFUNDING BONDS, 1920--. 1 vol.

Original bonds and coupons clipped from bonds issued by the county for the purpose of financing highway construction, in the amount of $200,000, issued July 1, 1920 and due July 1, 1940. Bonds show date of issue, bond number, amount of bond, facsimile signatures of judge and county court clerk, and date signed. Coupons show dates of issuance and maturity of bond, number and amount of coupon, date paid and canceled, and facsimile signatures of the judge and county court clerk. Arr. num. by bond no. and thereunder by coupon no. No index. Ptd. 200 pp. 18x13½x3. Vault, rm. 101.

Accounts

(See also entries 27-32)

Warrants

37. WARRANTS - SERIES A, 1913-19, 1934--. 12 vols. (no.by contained warrant nos.).

Duplicates of warrants issued by the judge, showing warrant number, date issued, amount and purpose of payment, account chargeable, and signature of the judge. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 16½x10½x1½. 5 vols., 1913-19, vault, rm. 100; 7 vols., 1934--, vault, rm. 101.

For record of warrants paid, see entry 273.

38. 2¢ ROAD FUND WARRANTS (Duplicates), 1935--. 1 vol. (no. by contained warrant nos.).

Duplicate of warrants issued for payment of highway expenses and chargeable to two-cent road fund, showing date of issue, number of warrant, to whom issued, amount and purpose of payment, and signature of the chairman of the commission. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16x11x1½. Rm. 101.

For record of warrants paid, see entry 276.

39. BRIDGE FUND WARRANTS (Duplicates), 1935--. 1 vol. (no.by contained warrant nos.).

Duplicates of warrants issued in payment of expense of construction and maintenance of bridges, showing warrant number, date issued, to whom payable, purpose of payment, account chargeable, and signature of the chairman of the commission. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form.

Aver. 200 pp. 16¼x11x1¼. Rm. 101.
For canceled original warrants, see entry 318; for record of warrants, see entry 275.

40. REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1920--. 5 vols. (1-5).
Register of warrants issued in payment of claims against the county, showing date and number of warrant, name of person to whom issued, purpose of payment, account chargeable, and date canceled. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 16½x11x1½. Rm. 101.
For record of county warrants paid, see entry 273.

41. REGISTER OF WARRANTS 2¢ ROAD FUND, 1935--. 1 vol. (no. by contained warrant nos.).
Record of warrants issued for highway purposes and chargeable to two-cent road fund, showing date of issue, warrant number, to whom payable, amount and purpose of payment, and date canceled. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 18x12½x1½. Rm. 101.
For record of warrants paid, see entry 276.

42. REGISTER OF WARRANTS - BRIDGE FUND, 1935--. 1 vol. (no. by contained warrant nos.).
Record of warrants issued for construction and repair of bridges and culverts and chargeable to bridge fund, showing date issued, warrant number, to whom payable, amount and purpose of payment, and date canceled. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 18x12½x1½. Rm. 101.
For record of warrants paid, see entry 275.

43. COUNTY WARRANTS, 1928--. 5 file boxes (no. by contained warrant nos.).
Canceled warrants, showing date and number of warrant, to whom issued, account chargeable, signature of county judge, and trustee's stamp of cancellation. These warrants are submitted to the judge by the trustee with his report as a voucher for money paid out by him. Arr. num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5x12x26. Rm. 101.

Disbursements - (See also entries 37-43, 51, 56-58)

44. APPROPRIATION DOCKET (County Fund), 1929--. 1 vol. (2).
Record of appropriations made by the court and paid from the general county fund, showing date and amount of claim filed, name of person making claim, purpose of claim, amount allowed, number and date of warrant issued as payment, and signature of person receiving same. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 16x11½x2. Rm. 101.
For other records of appropriations, see entry 10.

45. LEDGER, 1935--. 2 vols. Title varies: Transfer Ledger, 1935-38.
A record of money spent for highway purposes and chargeable to the general gas fund, showing project symbol and number, highway district number, date of payment, to whom issued, voucher number, amounts for labor, gas, oil,

material, equipment rental, and total amounts debited, credited, and balance. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 18x12x2½. Rm. 101.

46. ELECTION CERTIFICATES, 1935--. 1 file box.
Statements of officers of elections, certifying that the subject officer has served in such capacity and is due compensation for such service, showing date of election, district where held, signature of officer, number of warrant issued in payment for services, and date paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4½x4½x10. Rm. 101.

47. CHARITY PATIENT RECORD (Bedford County Hsopital), 1935--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of charity patients receiving treatment at the county hospital, showing name of patient, date entered, date discharged, names of magistrates committing, attending physician, amounts charged for ward service, pharmacy account, dressings, operating room; total charge, date paid, and number of warrant issued in payment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 16½x12x2. Rm. 101.
For other record of patients, see entry 57.

48. SOCIAL SECURITY EXPENDITURES, 1937--. 1 vol.
A record of payments to persons eligible for social security benefits, showing date of payment, name of payee, social security number, amounts paid for old age, aid for blind, or for dependent children; and total amount of payment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 11½x16x2. Rm. 101.

49. RECORD (Jury Book), 1895-1913. 1 vol.
Record of jurors and officers certified as attending circuit court, certification being necessary to authorize payment for service; and record of warrants issued, showing number of warrant issued, name of juror or officer, number of days served, and on what jury. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 14x9x1. Vault, rm. 100.
For copies of certified lists, see entry 147.

50. LEDGER, 1900-1920. 2 vols.
Accounts with various county officials, boards, and commissions; showing debits, credits, net cash due, and number and amount of warrant issued in payment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of creditor. Hdw. Aver. 400 pp. 14x9x2. Vault, rm. 100.

Unclaimed Fund Record

51. UNCLAIMED COSTS, 1901-19, 1932--. 2 vols.
Record of unclaimed funds due witnesses, officers, and others, collected by clerks of courts and remaining unclaimed for more than two years. These funds revert to the county treasury and are subsequently paid by warrants issued by the judge, showing style of case, name of party to whom money is due, amount due, date paid, amount paid, number of warrant

issued, and signature of person receiving same. 1901-19, arr. alph. under tabs by name of party to whom money is due; 1932--, arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 400 pp. 17x12½x2½. 1 vol., 1901-19, vault, rm. 100; 1 vol., 1932--, rm. 101.

Invoices - (See also entry 58)

52. PAID ACCOUNTS, 1935--. 1 file drawer (15).
Invoices for materials purchased by the county for the jail or workhouse, county farm, and general county purposes, payment of which has been authorized by the court, showing name of merchant or firm, date of purchase, list of items, quantity, price, and total amount. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. 11x15x20. Rm. 101.

53. BILLS PAYABLE PENDING, 1935--. 2 folders.
Invoices covering materials and services, purchased by the county for general purposes, which have been presented for payment but for various reasons have not been approved by the court, showing name of firm or individual, date of invoice, items covered, quantity, unit price, and total amount. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 15x9x1. Rm. 101.

54. HIGHWAY BILLS PAYABLE, 1935--. 2 folders.
Bills incurred by operations of the highway commission, covering equipment, supplies, repairs and services, and which have been approved by the judge for payment, showing date of invoice, name of firm or individual, items purchased, unit price, and total amount. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. on ptd. form. 15x8x1. Rm. 101.

Applications for Aid

55. PAUPER COFFIN ORDERS, 1935--. 1 file box.
Orders from justices of the peace to the judge, requesting that the county furnish coffins for deceased paupers, showing date of order, name of deceased, amount requested, and signature of justice of the peace. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 4½x4½x10. Rm. 101.

56. MOTHERS' FUND APPLICATIONS, 1934-37. 1 file box.
Applications filed with the judge for support of widows and dependent children, showing date filed, name and date of birth of each child, date of husband's death, length of residence in county, amount of resources, date of approval, and signature of the judge. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4½x4½x10. Rm. 101.

57. (APPLICATION AND ADMITTANCE CARDS - COUNTY HOSPITAL), 1935--.
4 file boxes (lettered).
A card record of all patients who make application and are admitted to the county hospital as charity patients, showing date of application, date admitted, name, sex, and color of patient; names of attending physician

and magistrate requesting patient's admittance, and number of district in which patient resides. Also contains bills presented by the hospital, showing date, name of patient, itemized account of charges, and total amount due. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 7x9x18. Rm. 101.

For other record of patients, see entry 47.

Miscellaneous

58. CORRESPONDENCE, 1920--. 3 file boxes.
Miscellaneous correspondence and working papers of the judge, such as invoices, paid bills, and reports from officials of state institutions, such as the vocational school for girls, boys industrial school, and crippled children's service; showing, in addition to the text, date, name of person to whom addressed, and signature of correspondent. Arr. alph. by names and subjects and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw., typed, and ptd. 14x14x26. Rm. 101.

III. COUNTY COURT CLERK
(As a State Registration and Revenue Agent)

The county court clerk is clerk of the quarterly, probate, and juvenile courts and is a licensing and revenue agent of the State.(22) The office is as old as the county;(23) usually the first action taken by the court of pleas and quarter sessions after completing its own organization was the election of a clerk. Although the county court clerk was formerly elected by the court of pleas and quarter sessions and served during good behavior,(24) he has, since 1836, been elected by popular vote for a term of four years.(25)

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

23. Acts 1794, ch. 1, sec. 50; Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 13; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13.

24. L.N.C. 1762, ch. 2, sec. 11 (S.R.N.C., XXIII, 566); L.N.C. Ordinance of Convention (S.R.N.C., XXIII, 996); L.N.C. 1777, Apr. ses., ch. 27, sec. 5 (S.R.N.C., XXIV, 41); Acts 1794, ch. 1, sec. 50; Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 10.

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

Motor Vehicle Registrations

Record of Owners - (See also entries 62-69)

59. CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATIONS - MOTOR VEHICLES, 1927--. 2 file boxes.
Copies of certificates of automobile registrations, showing license number, amount of fee, class, make, model, type, and motor number of vehicle; whether old or new, evidence of title, name, address, and signature of owner; date certificate issued, and signature of clerk. Arr. num. by license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

60. CERTIFICATION OF AUTOMOBILE TRANSFERS AND REGISTRATIONS, 1934--. 1 file box.
Copies of certificates of motor vehicle transfers, showing class, license number, type of vehicle, make, motor number, model, and type of body, evidence of ownership, signature and address of new owner, name and address of former owner, date certificate issued, amount of fee, and signature of clerk. Arr. num. by license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

61. AUTOMOBILE REGISTER, 1910-18. 2 vols. Title varies: Automobile Record, 1910-16.
Clerk's record of automobile licenses issued, showing name and address of purchaser, number of license, make of vehicle, horsepower and seating capacity, dates certificate issued and recorded, and amount of fee. Arr. num. by license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 210 pp. 16x11x1. Vault, rm. 100.

Reports - (See also entry 96)

62. AUTOMOBILE LICENSE REPORTS, 1933--. 4 vols.
Duplicates of reports to motor vehicle division of the State Department of Finance and Taxation on automobile licenses issued, showing date of issuance, license number, make, model, and type of car; owner's name and address, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 100 pp. 17x14x½. Vault, rm. 100.

63. TRUCK LICENSE REPORT, 1934--. 2 vols.
Duplicates of reports made to the motor vehicle division of the State Department of Finance and Taxation, on all truck licenses issued, showing date of issue, license number, make, model, motor serial number, date of transfer, if any; name and address of owner, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 60 pp. 16½x14x½. Vault, rm. 100.

64. TRAILER LICENSE REPORTS, 1934. 1 vol. Discontinued.
Duplicates of reports made to the motor vehicle division of the State

Department of Finance and Taxation on all trailer licenses issued, showing date of issue, license number, tonnage and make of vehicle, name and address of owner, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 30 pp. 16½x14x½. Vault, rm. 100.

65. MOTORCYCLE AND DEMONSTRATION LICENSE REPORT, 1934--. 3 vols. Copies of reports to the motor vehicle division of the State Department of Finance and Taxation on all motorcycle licenses, and automobile and truck licenses issued for demonstration purposes, showing date of issue, license number, make, model, and type of vehicle; name and address of owner, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 100 pp. 16½x14x½. Vault, rm. 100.

66. MONTHLY TAXI REPORT, 1934--. 3 vols. Title varies: Taxi License Report, 1934; Taxi Reports, 1935.
Duplicates of reports made to the motor vehicle division of the State Department of Finance and Taxation on all taxi licenses issued, showing date of issue, license number, make, model, and type of vehicle; name and address of owner, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 60 pp. 16½x14x1. Vault, rm. 100.

67. FREE REPORTS, 1934-35. 3 vols. Title varies: Free License Reports, 1934.
Duplicates of reports submitted to motor vehicle division of the State Department of Finance and Taxation on all free licenses issued for motor vehicles owned and operated by the county or city, showing date of issue, license number, make, model, and type of vehicle; serial motor number, owner's name and address, date of transfer, if any; and amount of fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 100 pp. 16½x14x½. Vault, rm. 100.

68. TRANSFER LICENSE REPORTS, 1934--. 4 vols.
Duplicates of reports on motor vehicle license transfers, as made to the motor vehicle division of the State Department of Finance and Taxation, showing date license issued, license number, make, model, and type of vehicle; owner's name and address, date of transfer, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 75 pp. 16½x14x½. Vault, rm. 100.

Correspondence and Applications

69. LETTERS AND PAPERS RE. MOTOR VEHICLES, 1905--. 1 file box. Letters from the motor vehicle division of the State Department of Finance and Taxation stating that monthly reports have been audited and prompt settlement is expected. Also contains applications for automobile certificates, showing date of application, name and address of owner, name of county, make of car, horsepower, serial motor number, and number of license issued. Arr. chron. No index. Typed, hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

For copies of certificates issued, see entry 59.

Licenses Granted
(See also entries 78-84, 99, 100)

Ad Valorem

70. MERCHANTS BOND BOOK, 1904-23, 1929-32. 4 vols. (4-6; one vol. not labeled). Title varies: Merchants Bond and Oath, 1904-23. Bonds made by merchants binding them to appear on date of license expiration and state the average amount of capital invested within the past twelve months, showing names of principal and sureties, date and amount of bond, condition of the obligation, and signatures of principal, sureties, and clerk. Oaths of merchants show highest and lowest amount of stock on hand during reported period, aggregate amount of stock, average amount of stock, and amount of capital employed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of merchant. Hdw. on ptd. forms. Aver. 600 pp. 14x10x2½. Vault, rm. 100.

71. MERCHANTS AD VALOREM SCHEDULE, 1921-28. 1 file box. Schedules filed by merchants for purposes of taxation, showing inventory of all goods on hand at the beginning and the end of the year, all goods purchased and sold during year, highest and lowest amount of stock on hand during year, average amount of stock, average amount of fixtures, insurance carried, oath of taxpayer that information given is correct, date of filing, and signatures of taxpayer and clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13¼x10¼x5. Vault, rm. 100.

72. MERCHANTS AD VALOREM LICENSE, 1913-16, 1924--. 10 vols. Duplicates of licenses issued to merchants operating with an average capital stock exceeding $800, showing name and address of licensee, average amount of stock, date license issued, duration of license, amount of state and county tax and fees, and signatures of taxpayer and clerk. This license cannot be issued for less than one year. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 250 pp. 14x9x1⅛. Vault, rm. 100.

For duplicates of licenses under $800, see entry 75.

73. EXPIRATION DOCKET, 1920-31, 1933--. 5 vols. (dated). Title varies: Expiration Record, 1920-21. A register of licenses issued by the clerk, showing name of firm or individual to whom issued, date of issue, type of business engaged in, amount of stock on hand, and date of expiration. Arr. chron. by date of issue. Indexed alph. by name of firm or individual. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 175 pp. 17x14x1. Vault, rm. 100.

Merchants and Privilege - (See also entries 70-73)

74. AFFIDAVITS FOR SOLDIERS FREE LICENSES, 1932--. 2 vols. Affidavits of ex-service men applying for free merchant's or privilege license, showing name of applicant, war in which service was rendered,

statement that applicant owns less than $1,000 of taxable property above encumbrances, proposed life of business and capital to be employed, duration of residence in the State, amount of present income, source from which derived, date of application, signature of affiant, number of license issued, date of acknowledgment, and clerk's signature and official seal. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 300 pp. 10x8x2. Rm. 100.

75. MERCHANTS LICENSE UNDER $800.00, 1914-17, 1923--. 10 vols.
Duplicates of licenses issued to merchants whose average stock does not exceed $800, showing name of merchant, address of business, date of issuance, duration of license, amount of capital invested and average amount of stock, amount of state and county taxes and fees, and signature of clerk. This license may be issued for three, six, nine, or twelve months. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 250 pp. 14x8½x1½. Vault, rm. 100.

For duplicates of licenses over $800, see entry 72.

76. PRIVILEGE LICENSE, 1921--. 39 vols.
Duplicates of privilege licenses issued, showing license number, name and address of licensee, privilege authorized to exercise, duration of license, date issued, distribution of tax, total tax and fee, and signature of clerk. This license may be issued for three, six, nine or twelve-month periods. Arr. num. by license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 14x10x1. Vault, rm. 100.

77. DISTRESS WARRANTS, 1875-76, 1915--. 1 file box.
Warrants issued against persons exercising taxable privileges without a license to do so, showing name and address of person against whom warrant is issued, type of privilege exercised, amounts of tax, fees, and costs due; date warrant issued, signature of clerk, date of service and return of process, and signature of process server. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

License Registrations

Professional - (See also entries 83, 84)

78. PHYSICIANS REGISTER, 1903--. 1 vol. Last entry 1935.
Exact copies of certificates issued to physicians by the State Board of Medical Examiners, showing number of certificate, verification of diploma, name, age, and address of physician; name and location of school issuing diploma, date of diploma, names of members of the board of examiners, date of certificate, and clerk's certification of recordation. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of physician. Hdw. on ptd. form. 330 pp. 16x11½x1½. Vault, rm. 100

79. VETERINARY REGISTRATION BOOK, 1911-17, 1928--. 2 vols. Title varies: Veterinary Surgeon's Register, 1911-17.
Copies of certificates of permanent licenses issued to veterinarians by

the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, showing certificate number, date issued, name, age, and color of veterinarian; name of college attended, date of diploma, names of president and secretary of the board, date registered, and clerk's signature. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 75 pp. 9x11x½. Vault, rm. 100.

80. OPTOMETRY REGISTER, 1913--. 2 vols. Last entry 1930.
Copies of certificates of permanent licenses issued by the State Board of Optometry to persons practicing optometry, showing date of registration, number of certificate, name and address of optometrist, date certificate issued, names of president and secretary of the board of medical examiners, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of optometrist. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 16x10½x1½. Vault, rm. 100.

81. RECORD OF DENTIST LICENSE, 1913--. 1 vol.
Copies of certificates issued to dentists by the State Board of Dental Examiners, showing name of dentist, address, license number, names of members of examining board, date license issued, date of expiration, date of registration, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of dentist. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 14x9x1. Rm. 100

82. RECORD (Nurses' Register), 1937--. 1 vol. (1).
Recorded copies of certificates issued by the State Board of Examiners of Nurses to graduate nurses, showing date of graduation, name of county registered in, name and address of nurse, name of hospital or school graduated from, certificate number, date of issue, registration fee, and names of president and secretary of examining board. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 200 pp. 14x9x1. Vault, rm. 100.

Business and Commercial

83. RE. LICENSES, POLICIES, POWER OF ATTORNEY, ET CETERA, VARIOUS INSURANCE COMPANIES, 1921--. 1 file box.
Certified copies of certificates issued to insurance security companies by the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, authorizing the company to engage in business, showing date of issue, name of company, and date of expiration. Also power of attorney authorizing clerk to enter appearance in behalf of said company in any of the courts of the county, showing date granted, and signatures of president and secretary of company granting. The State seal is affixed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw, and typed on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

84. GENERAL CONTRACTORS' LICENSE REGISTER, 1931--. 1 vol. (1).
Exact copies of license certificates issued to general contractors by the State Board for Licensing Contractors, showing certificate number, name of contractor, date license issued, type of construction in which engaged, names of chairman and secretary of the board, date of registration, signature of clerk, and amount of clerk's fee. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of contractor. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 14x9x1. Vault, rm. 100.

Vital Statistics

Marriages

85. MARRIAGE LICENSES, 1848--. 29 file boxes (dated).
Original marriage licenses issued by the clerk and returned by persons performing ceremonies, showing names of contracting parties, date of issue, signature of clerk, date ceremony performed, names of officiant and witnesses, and date license returned. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., 1848-65; hdw. on ptd. form, 1866--. 13½x10½x5. 27 file boxes, 1848-1936, vault; 2 file boxes, 1937--, office, rm. 100.

86. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1861--. 28 vols. (A-Z, AA; one vol. not labeled). Title varies: Marriage Docket, 1867-76; Marriage Bonds, 1919-29.
Record of marriage licenses, bonds, applications, and affidavits. 1865-76, record contains only the names of contracting parties, and a record of license return, showing name of officiant and date ceremony performed. 1861-64, 1877--, record contains copy of license issued, showing names and addresses of contracting parties, age of each, date license issued, and signature of clerk; record of return, showing name of officiant, and date ceremony performed; and bond, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date executed, and signatures of principal and sureties. 1929--, record also contains application for license, showing name, address, and age of each contracting party; names and address of female applicant's parents, guardian, or next of kin; oath of male applicant as to truthful statements in application, and signatures of applicants. Affidavits as to female applicant's age, signed by parent, guardian, or next kin, and returned to the clerk, are pasted in the volumes. Arr. chron. 1861-64, indexed alph. by name of groom; 1865--, indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on ptd. form, 1861-64, 1877--; hdw., 1865-76. Records 1865-68 in poor condition. Aver. 600 pp. 16½x12x2½. Vault, rm. 100.

Births and Deaths

87. MONTHLY REPORT OF BIRTHS, 1921--. 2 vols.
Original reports of births as submitted monthly by district registrars, showing name of registrar, district number, names of parents, name, sex, and color of child; place and date of birth, and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 14x9½x3½. Vault, rm. 100.

88. MONTHLY REPORT OF DEATHS, 1925--. 2 vols.
Original reports of deaths as submitted monthly by district registrars, showing name of registrar, district number, name, age, sex, and color of deceased; place and date of birth, date of death, and cause of death. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 14x9½x3½. Vault, rm. 100.

89. VITAL STATISTICS RECORD, 1908-12. 1 vol. (1).
A record of births and deaths. Birth record shows district number, name,

sex, and color of child; date and place of birth, names of parents, birthplace of each, occupation of father, and name of physician or midwife in attendance at child's birth. Death record shows district number, name, age, sex, and color of deceased; place of birth, date and place of death, and name of physician last in attendance. Arr. num. by district no. and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 16x11x1½. Vault, rm. 100.

90. BIRTH RECORD, 1925--. 1 vol. (1).
A record of births, showing name, sex, and color of child; names of parents, place of birth, district number, and date of birth. Arr. alph. under tabs by family name and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 18x16x3. Rm. 100.

91. DEATH RECORD, 1925--. 1 vol. (1).
A record of deaths, showing name, age, sex, and color of deceased; place of birth, district number, place of death, district number, date, and cause of death. Arr. alph. under tabs by name of deceased and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 18x16x3. Rm. 100.

Bonds
(See also entries 70, 86)

92. BEVERAGE BONDS, 1933--. 1 vol. (1).
Bonds made by dealers applying for license to sell beer or other beverages, binding them to keep an orderly and peaceful house and in all things to comply with provisions of the law, showing names of principal and sureties, date of bond, location of business, condition of the obligation, signatures of principal and sureties, approval of the court, state registration number, and county permit number. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of principal. Hdw. on ptd. form. 325 pp. 14x9½x2½. Vault, rm. 100.

Financial Records
(See also entries 62-68, 72, 75, 76)

93. RECORD OF CASH AND FEES, 1938--. 1 vol. (1).
Daily record of revenue and fees collected, showing date of collection, source of revenue, amounts of clerk's fee, state tax, and county tax; total amount of collection, amount deposited, and name of bank in which deposited. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 16½x15½x2. Rm. 100.

94. FEE BOOK, 1898-99. 1 vol.
A record of fees collected by the clerk for the issuance of licenses, making professional registrations, and performing certain other duties of a miscellaneous nature, showing date of collection, from whom received, on what account, and amount. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 18x12½x1½. Vault, rm. 100.

County Court Clerk - Financial Records (95-100)

95. CANCELLED CHECKS OF COUNTY COURT CLERK, 1919--. 2 file boxes. Original checks issued by the clerk to various State and county officials, including the State Treasurer, Comptroller, and county trustee, and to individuals for amounts due from settlements made by the court, showing check number, date issued, to whom payable, amount and purpose of payment, signature of clerk, and date paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

96. MONTHLY REPORTS COUNTY COURT CLERK, 1902--. 5 file boxes. Copies of monthly and quarterly reports of revenue collected by the clerk from issuance of licenses, showing period covered by report, name of licensee, date license issued, duration of license, character of privilege, amount of collection, signature of clerk, and acknowledgment before notary public. Monthly reports are made to the judge on revenue paid to the trustee; quarterly reports are made to the State Comptroller on revenue deposited in local bank to credit of State Treasurer. Also included are receipts from the trustee and Comptroller. Also contains: (Quarterly Reports of Revenue Commission), 1905-15, entry 5. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

97. RECEIPTS (County Revenue), 1891--. 5 vols. Original receipts made to the clerk for revenue collected by him and turned over to the trustee showing receipt number, date issued, amount received, name of clerk, from whom received, distribution of revenue to various county funds, period covered, and signature of trustee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 150 pp. 14x9x1½. Rm. 100.

98. RECEIPTS (State Revenue), 1925-29. 1 file box. Receipts from the bank for money deposited by the clerk to the credit of the State Treasurer, showing name of bank, date of deposit, name of clerk, amount of deposit, and signature of cashier. Also receipts from the State Comptroller for report of revenue collected by the clerk, showing date receipt issued, name of clerk to whom issued, amount of revenue reported, month for which revenue was collected, and signature of comptroller. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

99. HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED AND FINES COLLECTED, 1917--. 8 vols. (dated). Duplicate monthly reports of hunting and fishing licenses issued, showing name and address of licensee, date license issued, type of license, license number, amount of fine, total fees collected, amount of fees belonging to State, amount remitted with report, date of report, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. or typed on ptd. form. Aver. 100 pp. 11x10x½. Vault, rm. 100.

100. GAME AND FISH LICENSE (Correspondence and Reports), 1931--. 1 file box. Miscellaneous correspondence from the game and fish division of the State Department of Conservation, regarding issuance and sale of hunting and fishing licenses, and acknowledgments of monthly reports to the

Commissioner of Conservation, listing licenses issued, showing amount of fee collected, compensation deducted, and amount remitted to the Commissioner. Also includes affidavits of hunters and fishermen as to loss of license, showing date of affidavit, number of license lost, physical description of licensee, signature of affiant, and notarization of clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

Miscellaneous

101. MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, approx. 1868-1916. 2 file boxes.
Miscellaneous original papers salvaged from the courthouse fire, including petitions, court orders, settlement papers, and reports of county officials. These papers were damaged to the extent that parts of them are illegible and it is impossible to determine where they should be filed and due to their condition the clerk was not willing for the Survey to attempt to assort and arrange these papers. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed. Condition very poor. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

102. PAPERS LISTED IN OLD INDEX BOOK, approx. 1868-1908. 1 file box.
Scattered records from the fire bearing triple letter index marks including petitions, court orders, and probate records. These papers are scorched and smoked to the extent that it is impossible to determine accurately dates or exact contents. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed. Condition very poor. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

103. PEDIGREE RECORD, 1892-1906. 1 vol. (1). Discontinued.
A record of animal pedigrees filed for registration, showing names of animal and owner, a description of the animal, giving age, general appearance, and peculiar characteristics; and pedigree, filed under owner's oath and certified by the clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on ptd. form 430 pp. 16x12x2⅓. Rm. 100.

104. (REPORT) R. R. & PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZERS, 1917--. 1 file box (dated).
Certification of assessments on property of railroads and public utilities as fixed by the Railroad and Public Utilities Commission and approved by the State Board of Equalization, showing name of railroad, division, number of miles, value per mile, value distributable, localized, and total value. Also includes certificates of action of State Board of Equalization on assessments of county property and adjustments made by the county board. Arr. chron. No index. Typed on ptd. forms. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

For other record of assessments and adjustments, see entry 254; for copy of report to State Board, see entry 257.

IV. REGISTER

The office of register, concerned with registration and recordation of written instruments, is necessarily as old as the county, that is, it

dates from 1808.(26) The only special act of importance affecting this office in Bedford County was an act of March 1, 1854, which, anticipating general legislation by many years, assigned the records and duties of the entry-taker to the register, or, in other words, made the register ex-officio entry-taker.(27) The register was, as ex-officio entry-taker, required to keep a separate set of records.(28)

Prior to 1836, the register was appointed by the court of pleas and quarter sessions, and served during good behavior;(29) since this time he has been elected by popular vote for a term of four years.(30)

Original Instruments
(See also entry 119)

105. (ORIGINAL PAPERS-UNRECORDED), 1939--. 1 file box. Various original instruments which have been received by the register for registration and have been entered on his note book but have not been recorded, showing names of parties involved, nature and purpose of the instrument, date executed, signatures of parties involved, acknowledgment of notary public, and date instrument received for registration. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. or typed on ptd. form. $12\frac{1}{2}$x$12\frac{1}{2}$x$7\frac{1}{2}$.

106. (ORIGINAL PAPERS-RECORDED), 1934--. 26 file boxes.(A-Z) Original instruments deposited with the register for registration and remaining uncalled for by the owner, showing nature of the instrument, names of parties involved, date instrument executed, provisions and agreements, acknowledgment before notary public, signatures of parties involved, date deposited for registration, and book and page number of recordation. Arr. alph. by name of owner and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. or typed on ptd. form. 13x5x$4\frac{1}{2}$.

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26. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 807); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.
27. Acts 1853-54, ch. 73.
28. Ibid., sec. 2.
29. L.N.C. 1777, Apr. ses., ch. 8, sec. 2 (S.R.N.C., XXIV, 15, 16); L.N.C. 1777, Nov. ses., ch. 8, sec. 13 (S.R.N.C., XXIV, 99); Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1.
30. Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 807); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 6 (C 1932, 1915); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.

Real and Personal Property
(See also entries 105, 106, 121)

Warranty Deeds

107. DEED RECORD, 1808-52, 1861--. 108 vols. (A-H, J-U, W-Y, AA-HH, JJ-TT, DDD-ZZZ, 1-43). Title varies: Deed Book, 1808-22, 1878-90; Record, 1837-38; Register, 1839-48; Record Book, 1873-74.
Recorded copies of absolute conveyances of real property, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of instrument, location and description of property, amount of consideration, terms of payment, acknowledgment before notary public, and the register's certificate of recordation. Also contains: Trust Deeds and (Chattel) Mortgage Record, 1808-52, 1861-67, entry 110; (Leases), 1824-52, 1861-67, entry 113; Charter Book, 1876-92, entry 118. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse; also separate index, entry 108. Hdw., 1808-1902; typed, 1903--. Aver. 432 pp. 17x12x3.

108. GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS, 1808--. 7 vols. (1-7).
Direct and reverse index to Deed Record, entry 107, showing names of grantor and grantee, nature of instrument, dates executed and recorded, and book and page number of recordation. Arr. alph. direct and reverse. Hdw., 1808-96; typed, 1897--. Aver. 600 pp. 18x13x3.

109. LAND GRANTS, 1808-9. 1 vol.
Recorded copies of land grants made by the State government during the period 1794-1808, showing date of grant, name of grantee, number of acres, location and description of land, names of Governor and Secretary of State, and date of registration. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of grantee. Hdw. 300 pp. 13x9x2. Rm. 104.

Trust Deeds and Chattel Mortgages

110. TRUST DEEDS AND (Chattel) MORTGAGE RECORD, 1868--. 57 vols. (1-57). Title varies: Trust Deeds, 1868-75; Trust Deed Book, 1876-78, 1902-3; Trust Deeds and Mortgages, 1879-1901, 1904-16, 1922-33. 1808-52, 1861-67, in Deed Record, entry 107.
Recorded copies of conditional conveyance of real and personal property, showing names of grantor and grantee, dates instrument executed and recorded, location and description of property, amount of consideration, terms of payment, provisions in case of non-payment, acknowledgment before notary public, and register's certification of recordation. Also contains: (Leases), 1868-1901, 1928--, entry 113; (Oil and Gas Leases), 1925--, entry 114; (Options), 1925--, entry 115; Charter Books, 1893-1901, entry 118. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse; also separate index, entry 111. Hdw. 1868-1902; typed, 1903--. Aver. 600 pp. 18x12½x3.

111. GENERAL INDEX TO (Chattel) MORTGAGES (and Trust Deeds), 1868--. 4 vols. (1-4).
Direct and reverse index to Trust Deeds and (Chattel) Mortgage Record, entry 110, showing names of parties involved, nature of instrument, dates

of instrument and recording, and book and page numbers of recordation. Arr. alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on ptd. form, 1868-1910; typed on ptd. form, 1911--. Aver. 500 pp. 18x13x3.

112. CHATTEL MORTGAGE, CROP LOAN, 1932--. 2 vols. Title varies: Chattel Mortgages and Federal Crop Loans, 1932-33.
Recorded copies of mortgages given to secure loans on personal property and crop loans made by the Federal government, showing location and description of chattels, course of action to be followed if any part of the agreement is broken, acknowledgment before notary public, and the register's certificate of recordation. Also includes acknowledgments from mortgages of partial and full payments affecting the release of the above described instruments. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor. Typed. Aver. 450 pp. 18x13x2½.
For other record of releases, see entry 117.

Leases and Options

113. (LEASES), 1824-52, 1861--. 1824-52, 1861-67 in Deed Record, entry 107; 1868-1901, 1928-- in Trust Deeds and (Chattel) Mortgage Record, entry 110; 1902-27 in Charter Book, entry 118.
Copies of leases or rental contracts filed for recording, showing names of lessor and lessee, description of property, terms of the contract, date of execution, signatures of parties involved, and register's certificate of recordation.

114. (OIL AND GAS LEASES), 1902--. 1902-24 in Charter Book, entry 118; 1925-- in Trust Deeds and (Chattel) Mortgage Record, entry 110.
Recorded copies of leases on mineral resources, showing date instrument executed, names of lessor, lessee, and witnesses, location and description of property, agreement, duration of lease, number of acres of land involved, acknowledgment before notary public, and register's certificate of recordation.

115. (OPTIONS), 1902--. 1902-24 in Charter Book, entry 118; 1925-- in Trust Deeds and (Chattel) Mortgage Record, entry 110.
Recorded copies of options on real estate, showing amount of consideration, parties to the contract, period of time for which option is extended, terms of agreement, description of real estate, date instrument executed, signatures of parties involved, and register's certificate of recordation.

Liens

116. LIEN BOOK, 1932--. 1 vol. (1).
Recorded copies of written contracts between property owners and contractors for improvement of real property. The contract is filed for registration after it has been acknowledged or a sworn statement has been made by the contractor that the terms have been fulfilled. The

registration must set forth the contract price and describe the property to be improved. The effect of registration is to create and publicize the existence of a contractor's lien on the property improved. Record shows names of lienor and lienee, date of contract, provisions of the agreement, and the register's certificate of recordation. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of lienor. Typed. 550 pp. 18½x12½x2½.

Releases

117. AFFIDAVIT RELEASES, 1933--. 1 vol. (1). Last entry 1935. Recorded copies of affidavits affecting the release of notes or other instruments which cannot be produced by the holder, showing name of owner or holder of note, description of the instrument, extent of release, reason why instrument cannot be produced, and the register's acknowledgment of the owner's sworn statement. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Typed. 550 pp. 18½x12½x2½.

For other record of releases, see entry 112.

Charters of Incorporation

118. CHARTER BOOK, 1902--. 2 vols. (dated). Title varies: Charters, Options, and Leases, 1902-24. 1876-92 in Deed Record, entry 107; 1893-1901 in Trust Deeds and (Chattel) Mortgage Record, entry 110.

Recorded copies of charters granted by the State to corporations formed for the purpose of transacting business, showing name of corporation, address of principal office, nature of business, stock classification, amount of capital employed, names of persons composing the corporation, date charter applied for, and signatures of incorporators. Also contains: (Leases), 1902-27, entry 113; (Oil and Gas Leases), 1902-24, entry 114; (Options), 1902-24, entry 115. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of corporation; also separate index, entry 119. Hdw. and typed. Aver. 600 pp. 18x13x3.

119. INDEX TO CHARTERS, 1876--. 1 vol. (1).

An index to all charters of incorporation recorded in Deed Record, entry 107; Trust Deeds and (Chattel) Mortgage Record, entry 110; and Charter Book, entry 118; showing date of recording, nature of instrument, name of corporation, and book and number of page where recorded. Arr. alph. under tabs by name of corporation. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16x12x2.

Financial Records
(See also entry 121)

120. NOTE BOOK, 1852--. 9 vols. (1-8; one vol. dated).

The register's record of original instruments received for recording in his office, showing date and hour of reception, names of grantor and grantee, nature of instrument, number of acres involved, and amount of fee

collected. 1852-97, arr. chron.; 1898--, arr. alph. under tabs by name of grantor. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 375 pp. 14x11x2.

For separate fee book, 1898-1902, see entry 121.

121. FEE BOOK, 1898-1902. 1 vol.
A record of fees collected for the registration of various legal instruments including warranty deeds, trust deeds, mortgages, charters, leases, liens, and releases, showing date of registration, names of parties involved, nature of instrument, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 220 pp. 16½x11½x1½.

For prior and subsequent record of fees collected, see entry 120.

Miscellaneous

122. GENERAL INDEX OF BURNT DISTRICT, 1852-61. 1 vol.
An alphabetical list of persons owning property affected by instruments, such as deeds, mortgages, and bills of sale, and which instruments were recorded in volumes destroyed by fire in 1863. This index was prepared from the register's note book and shows date and time instrument was recorded, names of grantor and grantee, nature of instrument recorded, and number of acres, or amount of other property involved. Arr. alph. under tabs by name of grantor. Typed. 200 pp. 18x12x2.

123. SOLDIERS AND SEAMEN RECORD OF DISCHARGES, 1919--. 1 vol. (1).
Recorded copies of discharges from military service, showing name of ex-service man, date of enlistment, date of discharge, date recorded, reason for discharge, place of birth, age and occupation at time of enlistment, physical description, commanding officer's oath, and a detailed enlistment record. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of ex-service man. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 550 pp. 16½x12x2½.

V. ENTRY-TAKER

The office of entry-taker, concerned with receiving entries to what was left of the public lands after 1823, apparently existed from 1824 to 1854 in Bedford County under the general law.(31) As indicated above, the register of Bedford County became ex-officio entry-taker in 1854.(32) There is no evidence that the office of entry-taker was ever revived, although it probably could have been restored under the general law without repealing the act of 1854.(33)

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31. P.A. 1823, ch. 49, sec. 1; Pr.A. 1826, ex. ses., ch. 34; Acts 1853-54, ch. 73.
32. Acts 1853-54, ch. 73.
33. See Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 68; Acts 1875, ch. 55; Acts 1879, ch. 46, sec. 1; P.A. 1927, ch. 61 (C 1932, 803).

VI. SURVEYOR

The office of surveyor was created by an act of 1823.(34) By an act of 1844, the surveyor of Bedford County was given custody of the records and papers of the surveyor of the second district, whose office apparently was to cease to exist.(35) Bedford County does not now have a regular county surveyor.

VII. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court and the offices of circuit judge and circuit court clerk are creations of the general law and all date from 1810.(36) The circuit court is a court of general jurisdiction at law in civil and criminal cases, having exclusive jurisdiction over all actions triable before a jury and, also, certain probate jurisdiction.(37) The circuit judge was, prior to 1853, elected by the legislature;(38) since then he has been elected by popular vote.(39) Before 1836 the judge served during good behavior, but since 1836 he has held office for a term of eight years.(40) Prior to 1836 the circuit court clerk was appointed by the circuit judge and served during good behavior;(41) since then he has been elected by popular vote for a term of four years.(42)

Original Instruments
(See also entries 145, 155)

124. (TRIAL PAPERS), 1890--. 95 file boxes.
Original instruments incident to civil and criminal actions in this court, including summons, bail bonds, cost bonds, subpoenas, mittimus papers, petitions, pleas, and answers; showing case number, style of case, and

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34. P.A. 1823, ch. 49, sec. 8
35. Acts 1843-44, ch. 163, sec. 5.
36. Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 49; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 5, sec. 3; C 1858, 107-114 (C 1932, 159); P.A. 1931, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 38.
37. For present jurisdiction of circuit court, see C 1932, 10318-10330.
38. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 2; Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 49; Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 3.
39. Acts 1851-52, resolution 3; Acts 1853-54, resolution 16, amending Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 3; C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 3 (C 1932, 1912); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4.
40. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 3; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 3 (C 1932, 1912), 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4.
41. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 10; Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 49, sec. 8.
42. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 13; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; C 1858, 324 (C 1932, 650), C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916).

date, nature, and purpose of instrument. All papers relating to a particular case are filed together in one envelope. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. 13½x11½x5. Vault, rm. 200.

125. PROCEDENDO, 1900--. 1 file box.
Original trial papers pertaining to cases appealed to higher courts, and returned with affirmation or reversal of judgment, showing name of court where case was tried, date of trial, case number, style of case, offense charged, date filed, and clerk's acknowledgment. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 13½x11½x5. Vault, rm. 200.

126. NOLLE, NOT GUILTY, 1910--. 8 file boxes.
Original nolle prosequi filed in cases dismissed, discontinued, or abandoned after prosecution has been withdrawn or defendant has been adjudged not guilty, showing date filed, case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, and offense charged. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x11½x5. Vault, rm. 200.

127. CASES TRANSFERRED, 1925--. 2 file boxes.
Original papers pertaining to cases transferred to chancery and Federal courts. All papers pertaining to a particular case are filed in one envelope which shows date of court term, case number, style of case, and date when case was transferred. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Hdw. 13x11x5. Vault, rm. 200.

128. CIVIL BILLS OF EXCEPTION, 1932--. 1 file box.
Condensed records of civil cases tried in circuit court and appealed to the supreme or appellate court, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date of trial, main facts as testified to by witnesses during trial, objections made by attorneys to statements made by witnesses, rulings of trial judge on all controversial questions, all motions made by attorneys during trial, and all other essential facts pertaining thereto. This bill must be approved by attorneys representing both parties, and must be signed and approved by the trial judge. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Typed. 20½x13x11½. Rm. 200.

129. STATE BILLS OF EXCEPTION, 1932--. 1 file box.
Condensed records of all criminal cases tried in this court and appealed to higher courts, showing name of State as plaintiff, name of defendant, date of trial, main facts as testified to by witnesses, objections made by attorneys to such statements, rulings of trial judge on all controversial questions, all motions made by attorneys during trial, and all other important facts pertaining thereto. This bill must be approved by the attorney-general and the attorney representing the defendant, and must be signed and approved by the trial judge. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Typed. 20½x13½x11½. Rm. 200.

Dockets
(See also entry 144)

Civil - (See also entries 139, 148)

130. RULE AND APPEARANCE DOCKET, 1887-1923, 1935--. 3 vols. (1, 2, 5).
Record of first appearance of civil cases in court and process issued, showing case number assigned, names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and sureties; date of issuance or filing of process, notes of officers' returns, rules and proceedings of the court. Also contains: Rule Docket, State Cases, 1887-1907, entry 135. Arr. chron. and num. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 300 pp. 18½x13½x2. 2 vols., 1887-1923, vault; 1 vol., 1935--, office, rm. 200.

131. RECORD OF CIVIL CASES (Trial Docket), 1869-73. 1 vol.
A record of civil cases set for trial, showing number of case, date set, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; nature of action, and rules of the court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 620 pp. 18x13x3. Vault, rm. 200.

132. CIVIL TRIAL DOCKET (Clerk), 1933--. 1 vol.
Clerk's record of civil cases set for trial before this court, showing date of court term, case number, style of case, date case filed, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; indicates whether case is to be tried with or without jury, and whether case is referred from previous court term. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16½x12x2. Vault, rm. 200.
For clerk's record of criminal cases, see entry 136.

133. CIVIL TRIAL DOCKET (Judge), 1920--. 2 vols.
Record of civil cases set for trial before this court, prepared for use of the judge, showing date of court term, case number, style of case, date case filed, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; indicates whether case is to be tried with or without jury, and whether case is referred from previous court term. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 16½x12x2. Vault, rm. 200
For judge's record of criminal cases, see entry 137.

134. CIVIL TRIAL DOCKET (Bar), 1933--. 1 vol.
Record of civil cases set for trial, prepared for use of attorneys, showing date of court term, case number, style of case, date case filed, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; indicates whether case is to be tried with or without jury, and whether case is referred from previous court term. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16½x12x2. Vault, rm. 200.

Criminal - (See also entries 139, 149).

135. RULE DOCKET, STATE CASES, 1923--. 3 vols. (1-3). 1887-1907 in Rule and Appearance Docket, entry 130.
Record of action incident to proceedings in criminal cases, showing date

case was filed, case number, name of defendant, offense charged, name of justice of the peace before whom defendant was brought, names of arresting officer and state witnesses, and record of process issued. Arr. num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 18½x13⅓x3. Vault, rm. 200.

136. STATE DOCKET CLERK, 1933--. 1 vol.
Clerk's record of criminal cases set for trial before this court, showing date set for trial, whether charge is a misdemeanor or felony, case number, names of attorneys, name of defendant, offense charged, and orders of past and present court sessions. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. No. index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16½x12x2. Vault, rm. 200.
For clerk's record of civil cases, see entry 132.

137. STATE TRIAL DOCKET JUDGE, 1909--. 4 vols. Title varies: State Docket Judge, 1909-32.
A record prepared for use of the judge, listing all criminal cases set for trial, showing name of defendant, offense charged, case number, and names of attorneys. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case number. 1909-16, indexed alph. by name of defendant; 1917--, no index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 300 pp. 16½x11½x2. Vault, rm. 200.
For judge's record of civil cases, see entry 133.

138. STATE DOCKET ATTORNEY GENERAL, 1933--. 1 vol.
A record of criminal cases prepared for the use of the attorney-general, prior to the commencing of each court term; listing all cases scheduled to be tried during the particular term, showing term and date of court, number of case, style of case, name of defendant's attorney, offense charged, names of witnesses, and remarks regarding the case, usually filled in while the court is in session. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 15x11½x1½. Vault, rm. 200.

Civil and Criminal - (See also entries 130-138)

139. RETIRED DOCKET, 1930--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of civil and criminal cases retired by the court, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, case number, names of attorneys, offense charged or nature of action, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18x12x1. Vault, rm. 200.

Court Proceedings

140. CIVIL AND CRIMINAL MINUTES, 1853-86, 1919--. 27 vols. (ten vols. dated; 2-8, 15-24). Title varies: Records, 1853-68; Minute Book, 1869-86; Civil Minutes, 1919-31.
A record of court proceedings in both civil and criminal cases. This is a combination of records kept separately for other periods: Civil Minutes, entry 141; and State Minutes, entry 142. Arr. chron. For index 1853-86, see entry 143; 1869-86, also indexed alph., direct and reverse, within the

volume; 1919--, indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw., 1853-1931; typed, 1932--. Aver. 600 pp. 18x13x3. Vault, rm. 200.

141. CIVIL MINUTES, 1887-1918. 6 vols. (9-14). Title varies: Minute Book, 1887-90; Minutes, 1903-13. 1853-86, 1919--in Civil and Criminal Minutes, entry 140.

Record of proceedings in the disposition of civil cases, coming before the court, showing term of court, date of entry, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action, account of proceedings, orders of the court, and final disposition of the case. Also contains: State Minutes, 1887, 1915-18, entry 142. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff; also separate index, 1887-92, entry 143. Hdw. 620 pp. 18x13x13. Vault, rm. 200.

142. STATE MINUTES, 1846-51, 1888-1914. 8 vols. (one vol. dated; 1-7). 1853-86, 1919-- in Civil and Criminal Minutes, entry 140; 1887, 1915-18 in Civil Minutes, entry 141.

Record of court proceedings in the disposition of criminal cases, showing term of court, date of entry, name of defendant, offense charged, name of attorney-general, detailed account of proceedings, orders of the court, and disposition of the case. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant; also separate index, 1888-92, entry 143. Hdw. Aver. 600 pp. 18x13x3. Vault, rm. 200.

143. INDEX BOOKS, 1853-62, 1864-67, 1870-79, 1881-92. 17 vols. (dated).

An alphabetical index to civil and criminal cases as recorded in Civil and Criminal Minutes, entry 140, Civil Minutes, entry 141, and State Minutes, entry 142, showing date of court term, number of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, and book and page number of recordation in minute book. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff in civil cases and by name of defendant in criminal cases. Hdw. Aver. 60 pp. 17x11x½. Vault, rm. 200.

144. GRAND JURY DOCKET, 1929--. 2 vols.

Record of proceedings in cases heard by the grand jury, showing date of court term, number of case, names of prosecutor and witnesses appearing, date of hearing, date subpoena issued, and action of the jury as to whether indictment or no true bill returned. Arr. chron. and num. thereunder by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 275 pp. 15x11½x2. Vault, rm. 200.

For other jury records, see entry 6.

Jury Service

145. JURY AFFIDAVIT AND JURY LISTS, 1929--. 2 file boxes.

Lists of jurors summoned to serve in circuit court, showing date summoned, name of juror, and date to appear in court; affidavits of persons summoned, who for legitimate reasons are unable to serve as jurors. Also contains: subpoenas issued for persons to appear as witnesses before the grand jury, showing date of court term, date subpoena issued, name of person summoned, and note of officer's return. Arr. chron. No index.

Hdw. and typed. 13x11x5. Vault, rm. 200.

146. CLERK'S JURY BOOK, 1934--. 2 vols. (4; one vol, not labeled). A record of jurors serving in cases tried before this court and before the grand jury, showing date of court term, style of case, offense charged or nature of action, names of jurors serving, names of attending court officers, disposition of the case, and date of trial. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 50 pp. 18x5x$\frac{1}{2}$. Vault, rm. 200.

147. JURORS AND OFFICERS ATTENDANCE RECORD (Certified Lists), 1934--. 2 vols. (1 vol. dated; 1 vol. not labeled).
Copies of certified lists of jurors and officers attending court, showing date of court term, names of jurors and officers, number of days served, and amount due each. Arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of juror. No index. Hdw. Aver. 100 pp. 18x12x1. Vault, rm. 200.
For county judge's certified list, see entry 49.

Financial Records

Final Executions

148. EXECUTION DOCKET (Civil), 1855--. 14 vols. (7-10; ten vols. dated).
A complete financial record of all civil cases, showing case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment rendered and court costs, dates process issued, date of officer's return, date and amount of collections, distribution of collections, signature of recipient, and date received. Also contains: State Execution Docket, 1855-78, entry 149. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 250 pp. 18x13x3. Vault, rm. 200.

149. STATE EXECUTION DOCKET, 1879--. 10 vols. (8, 9; eight vols. dated). 1855-78 in Execution Docket (Civil), entry 148.
A complete financial record of all criminal cases, showing case number, name of defendant, dates process issued, note of officer's return, amount of judgment rendered, amount of court costs, date of payment, clerk's signature acknowledging receipt of payment, distribution of collection, and signature of recipient. Arr. chron. 1879-81, no index; 1882--, indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 260 pp. 18x13x2$\frac{1}{2}$. Vault, rm. 200.

Receipts and Disbursements - (See also entries 148, 149)

150. FEE BOOK, 1927-38. 1 vol.
Record of fees collected, showing date collected, from whom received, on what account or style of case, and amount of collection. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 28x14x1. Vault, rm. 200.

151. CASH BOOK, 1939--. 1 vol. (1).
A record of all money collected and paid out by the clerk, showing date of

collection, amount of collection, number and style of case, from whom received, clerk's fee, total amount collected, date disbursed, number of check issued, and amount of payment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18x13x3. Vault, rm. 200.

152. (CHECK STUBS), 1932--. 2 vols.
Stubs of checks issued in payment of settlements in civil cases, showing check number, date issued, name of payee, and amount and purpose of payment. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 100 pp. 14x8x1. Vault, rm. 200.

153. REVENUE RECORD, 1902--. 3 vols. (1; two vols, not labeled).
Record of State and county revenue collected by the clerk and remitted to the State Comptroller and county trustee, showing date of collection, from whom received, number of case, on what account collected, attorney-general's fee, State expense fee, county expense fee, amount of fine, State and county tax, total amount due the county, amount of clerk's commission, amounts paid to State Comptroller and county trustee, and dates of payments. Also contains: original receipts from the trustee and the bank in which State revenue is deposited, showing date, amount, from whom received, and signature of payee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 160 pp. 18x12½x1. Vault, rm. 200.
For clerk's report to county judge, see entry 27.

Miscellaneous

154. SHERIFF'S LIQUOR REPORT, 1929--. 1 file box.
Report on liquor seized by the sheriff, showing quantity, names of persons from whom liquor was taken and officer, date taken, and disposition of same. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 200.

155. PARDONS, 1916--. 1 file box.
Record of pardons granted to prisoners, showing name of prisoner, offense charged, length of sentence, amount of fine, reasons for granting pardon, length of sentence served, names of persons requesting pardon, date granted, names of Governor and Secretary of the State, date filed with clerk, and clerk's signature. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 200.

156. CORRESPONDENCE, 1935--. 1 file box.
General correspondence relative to the business of this court, showing date, name and address of person to whom correspondence is directed, subject matter, and signature of correspondent. Arr. alph. by name of correspondent and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed. 20½x13½x11½. Rm. 200.

(Next entry 157, p. 71)

VIII. JURY COMMISSION

The Bedford County jury commission, created by special act, dates from June 1907.(43) This commission consists of three members appointed for terms of two years by the circuit judge.(44) The circuit court clerk is clerk of the commission.(45). Before they enter upon the discharge of their duties, the commissioners and the clerk must subscribe to an oath to select competent jurors and to keep the selections secret.(46) These oaths are required to be copied into the minutes of the circuit court and the originals preserved as part of the records of the commission.(47)

It is the duty of the jury commission to draw up from the tax books and "other sources" and to report to the circuit court a list of between 250 and 4,000 names, to constitute the jury list for the next two years.(48) The circuit court clerk is required to have a book, purchased by him, in which to record the jury lists.(49) The names on the list are written upon slips of paper and placed in the jury box which must be kept under lock and key and be inspected only by the circuit court clerk, the circuit judge, and the jury commissioners,(50) but presumably, are supposed to be preserved indefinitely.

Between fifteen and ten days before each regular or special term of the circuit court, the commission meets to draw up and then report to the circuit court the panel of grand and petit jurors for the ensuing term.(51) With the report of the jury panel, the commission is required to report the persons whose names were drawn from the jury box but who, because of mental or physical disability, death, or removal out of the county, are unable to serve.(52) The circuit court clerk is required to keep a list of persons, who, although selected and qualified, fail to serve as jurors, and the slips of paper with their names are to be returned to the jury box.(53) When a person serves as juror, this fact is indicated in the jury list book.(54).

If for some reason, it is not possible to obtain sufficient jurors from the reported panels, the judge may have the jury box brought into

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43. Acts 1907, ch. 255.
44. Ibid., sec. 1.
45. Ibid., sec. 3.
46. Ibid., secs. 2, 3.
47. Ibid.
48. Ibid., sec. 4.
49. Ibid.
50. Ibid.
51. Ibid., sec. 5.
52. Ibid., sec. 6.
53. Ibid.
54. Ibid.

court for the purpose of selecting jurors.(55) If the jury box is exhausted before enough satisfactory jurors have been found, the sheriff is required to summon any person or persons the judge may select.(56) The clerk is required to keep a list of the names of jurors selected in these ways and to note in the jury list book the names of the persons so selected.(57) For jury records other than those listed in this chapter, see entries 49, 145-147.

157. OATHS, 1927--. 1 file box.
Oaths of circuit court clerk, as clerk of the jury commission, and other members of the commission for the faithful and honest performance of all duties as such, showing name of official taking oath, date, text of the oath, and signatures of the official and circuit court judge. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13⅔x11⅔x5. Vault, rm. 200.

158. JURY REGISTER, 1907--. 1 vol. (1).
Lists of names of persons chosen by the board of commissioners, from the tax book and other similar sources, which lists constitute the jury list for two years, showing number and name of juror selected, initials of commissioner proposing the selection, district from which chosen, and names of persons stricken from the list because of age, death, or removal from the county; date the list was prepared, and signatures of the commissioners. Arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of juror. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 24x14x2. Vault, rm. 200.

159. JURY LIST, 1924--. 1 vol. (2).
Lists of names drawn from the jury box in the presence of the board of jury commissioners. Those selected constitute the regular panel of grand and petit jurors for a particular term of court, showing number and name of juror selected, district number in which juror resides, and jury on which he is to serve; date list drawn, and signatures of commissioners. Arr. chron. and alph. thereunder by name of juror. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 24x14x2. Vault, rm. 200.

IX. CHANCERY COURT

The chancery court is chiefly a court of equity with "exclusive original jurisdiction of all cases of an equitable nature, where the debt or demand exceeds fifty dollars, unless otherwise provided."(58) From 1823 through 1827 a "Court of Equity," as the first chancery court was called, was held at Columbia, in Maury County, for a number of counties, of which Bedford was one, by a judge of the supreme court of errors and appeals.(59) Under the chancery court act of 1827, Bedford County

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55. Acts 1907, ch. 255, sec. 7.
56. Ibid.
57. Ibid.
58. C 1932, 10350
59. P.A. 1822, ex. ses., ch. 13; P.A. 1824, ex. ses., ch. 14, sec. 8.

remained in the Columbia district until 1836.(60) An act of December 22, 1835, made Bedford County the sixth district of the middle division and directed the court for the county to meet at Shelbyville.(61) Immediately afterward, in 1836, the act creating Marshall County attached the new county to the Shelbyville district.(62)

Prior to 1853, the chancellor, the judge of the chancery court, was elected by the legislature;(63) since 1853 he has been elected by popular vote.(64) Before 1836 the chancellor held office during good behavior;(65) since 1836 his term of office has been eight years.(66) The clerk and master has always been appointed by the chancellor.(67) Before 1836 the clerk and master served during good behavior;(68) since 1836 he has held office for a term of six years.(69)

Original Instruments
(See also entries 178, 181-184)

160. TRIAL PAPERS, 1913--. 47 file boxes (labeled by contained letters of the alphabet).
Original papers pertaining to cases in this court, including original bills, petitions, bonds, affidavits, subpoenas, orders, exhibits and motions; showing, in addition to the text, names of parties involved, case number, and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 17½x10½x6. Vault, rm. 203.

161. CURRENT FILES, 1935--. 1 file drawer.
Original papers pertaining to undisposed of cases, including bills and

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60. P.A. 1827, ch. 79, sec. 2.
61. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 4, sec. 4.
62. L.A. 1835-36, ch. 35, sec. 19. Equity cases arising in Marshall County apparently continued to be tried before the court at Shelbyville until 1840, when Marshall County was made a separate chancery district. (Acts 1839-40, ch. 66, sec. 1). For present jurisdiction of the chancery court, see C 1932, 10349-10388.
63. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 3; P.A. 1827, ch. 79, sec. 2; Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 3.
64. Acts 1851-52, resolution 3; Acts 1853-54, resolution 16, amending Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 3; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 3 (C 1932, 1912).
65. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 2.
66. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 4; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 3 (C 1932, 1912), 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916).
67. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 10; Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 13; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 4, sec. 6 and ch. 20, sec. 7; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13.
68. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 10.
69. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 13; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 4, sec. 6; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13.

cross-bills, subpoenas, petitions, depositions and sheriff's reports on process served; showing, in addition to the text, style of case, date of action, parties litigant, and case number. Arr. alph. by name of complainant and num. thereunder by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 20x19x11½. Rm. 203.

162. DUPLICATES (of Original Bills), 1935--. 1 file drawer.
Copies of original bills filed that are relative to suits still on the trial docket, including divorce cases, suits for damage, petitions for sale, and writs of injunction; showing, in addition to the text, style of case, date of action, parties litigant, and case number. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 20x19x11½. Rm. 203.

163. BAR RECEIPT BOOK, 1936--. 1 vol.
Receipts for papers taken from the office by attorneys and solicitors, showing name of borrower, description of papers borrowed, date taken, and date returned. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 18x9x1. Rm. 203.

164. BONDS, 1934--. 1 file box.
Injunction, attachment, and cost bonds given by complainants in suits to be settled in this court, insuring payment of all costs adjudged and all damages which the respondent in the case may sustain as a result of wrongful suing, showing names of complainant and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, style and number of case, date of bond, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x4½x4½. Vault, rm. 203.

Dockets
(See also entry 176)

165. RULE DOCKET, 1876-1927, 1935--. 9 vols. (D-L).
A record of all process in chancery action, including the filing of original bill, showing case number, names of complainant, respondent, and attorneys; kind of process issued, date of issuance, and note of officer's return. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 500 pp. 18x13x2½. Vault, rm. 203.

166. CLERK'S DOCKET, 1928--. 1 vol.
Clerk and master's record of cases to be settled in chancery, showing case number, names of complainant, respondent, and attorneys; kind of action, date case filed, date of orders, rulings of past and present court sessions, and reference to volume and page number of recordation in minute book. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 150 pp. 16x12x1½. Rm. 203.

167. CHANCELLOR'S DOCKET, 1928--. 1 vol.
A record of cases to be settled in chancery, for use of the chancellor, showing case number, names of complainant, respondent, and attorneys; date case filed, date of orders, rulings of past and present court sessions, and reference to volume and page number of recordation in minute book. Arr.

Chancery Court - Court Proceedings; Insolvent Estates; Delinquent Tax Records (168-172)

chron. and num. by case no. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 150 pp. 16x12x1½. Rm. 203.

168. BAR DOCKET, 1928--. 1 vol.
A record of cases to be settled in chancery, for use of attorneys, showing case number, names of complainant, respondent, and attorneys; kind of action, date case filed, date of orders, rulings of past and present court sessions, and reference to volume and page number of recordation in minute book. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 150 pp. 16x12x1½. Rm. 203.

169. WITNESS DOCKET, 1935--. 1 vol. (2).
Record of witnesses appearing before the court, showing style of case, name of witness, whether appearing for complainant or respondent, date called, whether examined, number of days appearing, number of miles traveled, and name of county or district where witness resides. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on ptd. form. 230 pp. 16x10x2. Vault, rm. 203.

Court Proceedings

170. MINUTES, 1837--. 27 vols. (1-4, A-W). Title varies: Record Book, 1837-45; Record, 1869-70; Minute Book, 1873-1909.
An exact record of all proceedings in this court, showing names of complainant, respondent, and attorneys; case number, cause of action, bills filed, depositions taken, judgments rendered, and final decree. A record of each step in the trial process in open court is minutely made, and the reocrd is signed by the chancellor. Arr. chron. 1837-70, no index; 1871-1931, indexed alph. by name of complainant; 1932--, indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw., 1837-1922; typed, 1923--. Aver. 640 pp. 18½x13x3. Vault, rm. 203.

Insolvent Estates

171. ACCOUNTS OF INSOLVENT ESTATES, 1861-1903. 1 vol. (1).
A record of claims filed against insolvent estates settled in this court, showing claim number, date claim filed, name of estate, character of claim, name of creditor, amount of claim, date due, dates and amounts of credits to be deducted, balance due, amount of interest, and total. Arr. chron. and num. by claim no. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 16x12x2. Rm. 203.
For other records of insolvencies, see entries 206, 207.

Delinquent Tax Records

172. EXHIBITS TO DELINQUENT TAX BILLS, 1931--. 7 vols.
Certified lists of delinquent property taxes filed as exhibits to bills in

tax suits, showing name of property owner, location, description and valuation of property, amounts of interest, penalty, and attorneys' fees, total amount due, date certified, and signature of the trustee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Aver. 75 pp. 17½x13x½. Rm. 203.
For exhibits filed in other cases, see entry 183.

173. CORPORATION DELINQUENT TAX RECORD, 1935--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of delinquent corporation tax suits, showing style of case, amount of assessment, description and boundaries of property, amount of taxes and accrued costs, date paid, amount of payment, and number of receipt issued. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of taxpayer. Hdw. 250 pp. 8½x13x3. Vault, rm. 203.

174. DELINQUENT TAX RECORD, 1912--. 6 vols. (1-6).
Record of delinquent tax suits, showing style of case, amount of assessment, location and description of property, amount of taxes, interest, penalties, and fees. In the event taxes are paid, record shows amount and date of payment; if land is sold by decree of court, name of purchaser, purchase price, and date of sale is shown. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 18x13x2. Vault, rm. 203.

175. DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPT BOOKS, 1927--. 8 vols. (no. by contained receipt nos.), 3 file boxes.
Duplicates of receipts issued for payment of delinquent taxes, showing receipt number, tax bill number and date, style of case, number of acres, valuation of property, amount of tax, interest, and accrued costs, clerk's commission, total amount collected, from whom collected, and signature of the clerk. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Vols. aver. 150 pp. 10x6x½; file boxes, 13x4½x4½. Vault, rm. 203.
For other receipts for delinquent tax, see entry 266.

Financial Records
(See also entries 171, 173, 174, 184)

176. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1865--. 12 vols. (A-L).
A complete financial record of all cases in this court, showing number of case, date filed, names of complainant, respondent, and attorneys; amount of judgment rendered, bill of costs, dates and amounts paid, and signatures of persons receiving payment. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. 1865-69, no index; 1870--, indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 300 pp. 18x13½x3. Vault, rm. 203.

177. CASH, 1900--. 8 vols. (1-8).
Record of cash received and disbursed by the clerk, showing date and amount received, style of case, from whom received, amounts of principal, interest, and total; date and amount of disbursement, to whom paid, number of check issued, and reference to volume and page number of recordation in execution docket. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 16x12½x2. Vault, rm. 203.

Chancery Court - Miscellaneous (178-184)

178. LAND NOTES, 1935--. 1 file box.
Notes made to the clerk by purchasers of property sold by decree of the court, showing number of note, specified date for payment, date of court term in which decree was rendered, style of case, date of note, and signatures of maker of the note and sureties. Arr. num. by note no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10x4x3. Vault, rm. 203.

179. FEE LIST OF CLERK AND MASTER, 1914--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
A record of all costs and fees collected, from which the clerk makes his quarterly report to the county court, showing date of collection, case number, names of complainant and respondent, amount of collection, total amount collected for the quarter, amount credited, amount due the clerk for the quarter, date paid and amount, and page number in execution docket where case is recorded. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Aver. 100 pp. 16x10½x1. Vault, rm. 203.

180. (CHECK STUBS), 1935--. 2 vols.
Stubs of checks issued by the clerk, showing check number, date issued, to whom payable, number and style of case, purpose of payment, and amount. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 150 pp. 16x10x1. Rm. 203.

181. CHECKS (Canceled), 1930--. 3 file boxes.
Checks issued by the clerk which have been paid and returned by the bank, showing check number, date issued, name of person to whom payable, amount and purpose of payment, and signature of the clerk. Also shows bank's mark of cancellation. Arr. num. by check no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 14x10x5. Vault, rm. 203.

182. C. & M. (Clerk and Master) REPORTS, 1927--. 1 file box.
Copies of quarterly reports of State and county revenue collected by the clerk and remitted to the State Treasurer and county trustee, showing date, source, and amount of collection; amount of disbursements, amount deducted as clerk's commission, balance due State and county, date of report, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 17½x10x6. Vault, rm. 203.
For the clerk's quarterly report, see entry 31.

Miscellaneous

183. EXHIBITS, 1928--. 4 file boxes (labeled by contained letters of the alphabet).
Checks, receipts, and miscellaneous papers filed as exhibits to evidence presented, showing, in addition to the text, number and style of case in which filed, and date filed. Arr. alph. by name of respondent. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x4½x4½. Vault, rm. 203.

184. REPORT OF CLERK AND MASTER, 1936. 25 page report in 1 file folder.
Carbon copy of a report made to the judge by the present clerk upon

entering office, showing all money, notes, books, files, and exhibits due the office, also amounts of unclaimed costs, unclaimed distributive shares, witness fees, and State and county tax due by former clerk. Arr. by subjects. No index. Typed. 16x10x$\frac{1}{2}$. Rm. 203.

X. PROBATE COURT

The probate court is the judicial branch of the county court, meeting to expedite the settlement of probate and other special judicial matters.(70) Now held by the county judge,(71) the court has existed in one form or another - the judicial section of the court of pleas and quarter sessions, the quorum court, the county chairman's court, and the monthly county court - since the organization of the county.(72) The clerk of the probate court is the county court clerk.(73) The only variation from the general pattern in Bedford County is that the county judge, whose judicial power is almost entirely in connection with his position as probate judge, has, under an act of 1937, power "to grant fiats for writs of injunction, attachment, replevin, certiorari and supersedeas, habeas corpus," and all other writs and process issued by chancellors and circuit judges, and further, to hear and determine in the same manner as chancellors and circuit judges all cases arising from the issuance of writs of habeas corpus.(74) Under this same act, the probate court has concurrent jurisdiction with the chancery and circuit courts to try and determine "all suits that may be brought in . . . Court . . . to encroach or entrench upon the corpus of estates of minors, or other persons under disability, where the amount involved is $1000 or less."(75)

Original Instruments

(See also entries 197, 199-202, 204, 208-211, 217, 219, 220, 223, 228)

185. (TRIAL PAPERS), 1848--. 49 file boxes (A-P, R-T, V, W, Y, Mc, 1A, 2B, 29B, 5C, 30C, 4D, 5E, 6F, 7G, 8H, 35H, 10J, 11K, 12L, 13M, 14N, 15Q, 16P, 43P, 18R, 19S, 45S, 20T, 47T, 23W, 48W). Original papers pertaining to cases coming before this court, including petitions, bills, subpoenas, pleas, orders, judgments and returns; showing, in addition to the text, date of the instrument, names of parties involved,

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70. C 1932, 10193, 10225-10237.
71. C 1932, 10193.
72. Acts 1807, ch. 37, sec. 2; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 5, secs. 7 (C 1932, 10318), 8, 10; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, secs. 1 (C 1932, 10193, 10194), 2 (C 1932, 10225, subsecs. 1, 2); Acts 1837-38, ch. 135, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10193, 10194); Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, secs. 4 (C 1932, 10221), 6; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 5; Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 763, 10193, 10194).
73. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 7 (C 1932, 10082, subsec. 1).
74. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 393, secs. 1, 2.
75. Ibid., sec. 4.

style of case, and clerk's notation as to action of the court. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff and num. thereunder by case no. For index see entry 186. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. 39 file boxes, 1848-1936, vault; 10 file boxes, 1935--, rm. 100.

For other original trial papers, see entries 101, 102.

186. INDEX TO FILES AND PAPERS, 1848--. 1 vol.
Index to original (Trial Papers), entry 185, showing instrument filed, names of plaintiff and defendant, and number or letter of file box where paper is filed. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. and typed. 600 pp. 12½x9½x3. Vault, rm. 100.

187. LAND SALE CASES, 1934--. 3 file boxes.
Original papers pertaining to sales of land ordered by the court, including original petition, report of clerk under order of reference, advertisement of sale, subpoenas, depositions, appointments and answers of guardians ad litem, decree for sale, and clerk's report of sale. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 13½x10½x5. Rm. 100.

For record of land transfers, see entry 195.

188. (PETITIONS AND REPORTS FILED BUT NOT COMPLETED), 1936--.
1 file drawer.
Original papers incident to court action in land sales, such as petitions, subpoenas, exhibits, order of reference, appointment and answer of guardian ad litem, decree for sale, clerk's report of sale, and final decree. These papers are retained in court pending payment of purchase money, and orders of the court imperative for the carrying out of the terms of the decree. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 7½x13x6. Rm. 100.

For record of land sales, see entry 195.

189. EXECUTION PAPERS, 1856-86. 1 file box.
Writs of execution against persons involved in cases settled by this court, showing names of persons against whom and in whose favor decree was rendered, amount of judgment, itemized bill of costs, state tax, total fees due, name of officer, date of issue, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

190. RE: YEARS SUPPORT, 1883--. 2 file boxes. Title varies: One Year's Provisions for Widows' Support, 1883-1931.
A record of provisions made, as recommended by commissioners appointed by the court, for the support of widows and their families, showing date of widow's petition to the court, name of petitioner, name of deceased and date of death, oath of petitioner as to financial condition, number of dependent heirs, amount of money and other provisions set aside by commissioners, and signatures of commissioners and clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. or typed on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. 1 file box, 1883-1931, vault; 1 file box, 1932--, office, rm. 100.

191. BASTARDY PROCEEDINGS, 1867--. 1 file box. Last paper filed 1916.
Original bills and petitions filed, warrants and subpoenas served,

testimony of witnesses, and final decrees rendered by the court in bastardy cases, showing, in addition to the text, date filed, names of persons involved, and signatures of petitioner, officer making returns, witnesses, and judge. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. or typed on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

192. ADOPTION PAPERS, 1900--. 1 file box. Last paper filed in 1931. Petitions to the court for the adoption of children, all intermediate proceedings, and final decree of the court; showing, in addition to the text, name and residence of petitioner, date of petition, name of parents or home of child, age, date of birth, sex, statement of financial status and character of petitioner, attorney's fee, and signatures of attorney, clerk, and judge. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., typed, hdw. or typed on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

193. PAPERS PERTAINING TO GUARDIANSHIP, 1887--. 1 file box. Petitions to the court concerning appointments of guardians, notices to guardians to appear before the court to make settlements or renew bond, and letters of guardianship, showing, in addition to the text, date of instrument, and names of estate, guardian, and ward. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

For acknowledgments of notices, see entry 211.

Dockets
(See also entry 227)

194. RULE DOCKET, 1871--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Record of process involved in the settlement of litigation coming before this court, showing names of attorneys, style of case, names of parties involved, date case filed, date and nature of process issued, name of officer, and signature of clerk. Non-resident notices are pasted in the volume. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 600 pp. 18x13x3. Vault, rm. 100.

195. NOTE BOOK, 1852-58. 1 vol. Discontinued.
Clerk's record of property transferred by decree of the court, showing names of bargainor and bargainee, location and description of property, whether transferred by bill of sale, deed of gift, or power of attorney; and amount of consideration involved. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of bargainor. Hdw. 400 pp. 18x12x2. Vault, rm. 100.

For other records of land sales, see entries 187, 188.

Court Proceedings
(See also entry 206)

196. QUORUM MINUTES, 1928--. 2 vols. (U, V). 1848-55, 1857-60, 1863-1927 in Quarterly Minutes, entry 12.
Recorded minutes of the proceedings of this court, including the appointment

of administrators, executors, and guardians; settlement of estates, probation of wills, adoption and insanity hearings, and the dispatch of all matters of probate coming within the jurisdiction of this court. Also contains: Administrators (and Executors) Settlements, 1934-36, entry 212. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of individual or subject. Typed. Aver. 650 pp. 18x13x3. Rm. 100.

Inheritances
(See also entries 222, 223)

Wills - (See also entries 202, 203)

197. WILLS, 1852--. 13 file boxes (dated).
Original wills filed with the clerk to be probated and recorded, showing name of devisor, date of the will, provisions for the partition, distribution, or administration of the estate; names of witnesses, signature of devisor, and clerk's notation of court's action. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. $13\frac{1}{2}$x$10\frac{1}{2}$x5. 12 file boxes, 1852-1937, vault; 1 file box, 1938--, office, rm. 100.

198. RECORD OF WILLS, 1859--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Exact recorded copies of wills and testaments of deceased persons, showing date of instrument, provisions for partition, distribution, or administration of estate; name of testator, signatures of witnesses, and acknowledgment and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of testator. Hdw. Aver. 775 pp. $18\frac{1}{2}$x13x$3\frac{1}{2}$. Rm. 100.

Bonds and Letters - (See also entry 193)

199. GUARDIAN BONDS AND LETTERS, 1869-1910, 1930--. 5 vols. (A-E).
Title varies: Guardians Bonds, 1869-75.
Original guardians' bonds given to insure faithful performance of duties and letters of guardianship. Bonds show names of principal and surety, amount of bond, date executed, condition of the obligation, names of minor heir and deceased, and signatures of principal, sureties, and judge; letters show names of guardian and estate, authorization of the court to act, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 575 pp. 14x9x3. Vault, rm. 100.

200. ADMINISTRATORS AND EXECUTORS BONDS AND LETTERS, 1861--. 7 vols. (A, 2-7).
Original bonds of administrators and executors, guaranteeing faithful performance of all duties, and letters testamentary or of administration issued by the court, authorizing executor or administrator as such to assume control of estate. Bonds show names of principal and sureties, amount, condition of the obligation, and signatures of principal and sureties. Letters show names of administrator or executor and deceased, statement of authorization, date of issue, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of administrator or executor and

deceased. Hdw. on ptd. forms. Aver. 625 pp. 16x11x3. Vault, rm. 100.
For additional letters of administration, see entry 201.

201. LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION ET CETERA, 1871-1930. 1 file box. Letters of the court authorizing administrators to assume complete control of all property belonging to the estate to be administered, showing date of issue, name of administrator, name of estate, authorization and direction of the court, and signature of the clerk. Also notices to administrators to appear before the court to make settlement, signed by the clerk; and releases granted by the court to personal representatives who have made final settlement with the court, signed and approved by the judge. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.
For subsequent records, see entry 200.

Inventories - (See also entries 197, 198)

202. SALES LISTS AND INVENTORIES, 1889--. 5 file boxes. Inventories, prepared by personal representatives, of estates of deceased persons, listing all goods and chattels belonging to the estate, the estimated value of each, and all notes, accounts and insurance outstanding against estate, showing date of inventory, names of estate and its representative, total amount of inventory, and representative's sworn statement as to correctness of same. Also contains: lists of personal property belonging to estates of deceased persons and sold by representatives, showing articles sold, date of sale, name of purchaser, sale price of each article, and total amount of sale. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 13½x10½x5. 4 file boxes, 1889-1934, vault; 1 file box, 1935--, office, rm. 100.
For other lists of property belonging to estates, see entry 204.

203. INVENTORIES, 1863--. 9 vols. (B-I; one vol. not labeled). Recorded copies of inventories of estates of deceased persons filed with the court by administrators and executors, listing all real and personal property belonging to the estate, as well as notes and accounts receivable, showing the estimated value of each item listed, oath of administrator or executor, and acknowledgment of the clerk. Also included are accounts of sales made by administrators and executors, showing date of sale, name of purchaser, description of property sold, sale price, total receipts from sale, and signatures of administrator or executor, and clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw., 1863-1908; typed, 1909--. Aver. 650 pp. 18½x12½x3. Vault, rm. 100.

Claims Filed

204. CLAIMS FILED AGAINST ESTATES, 1893-1932. 1 file box.
1933-34 in Executors Settlements, entry 209, and in Administrators Settlements, entry 210; 1935-- in Administrators, Executors Settlements, entry 208.
Original statement of claims filed against solvent estates, including

notes, and accounts of various kinds, showing date of filing, nature and amount of claim, fees charged, and notation of clerk's approval for payment. Also included are lists of personal property belonging to estates against which claims are filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

For sales lists and inventories, see entry 202.

205. CLAIMS FILED AGAINST ESTATES, 1921-23. 1 vol. (1).
A record of claims filed against solvent estates, showing name of estate, date claim filed, names of claimant and clerk or deputy before whom oath is made, character and amount of claim, interest and costs, approval of the clerk, and date paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 16½x12x2½. Vault, rm. 100.

For record of claims filed against insolvent estates, see entries 171, 207.

Insolvent Estates

206. MINUTES OF INSOLVENT ESTATES, 1869--. 2 vols. (A, B). Title varies: Insolvent Estates, 1869-91.
Record of proceedings in the settlement of insolvent estates of deceased persons, showing names of estate and administrator, date of suggestion of insolvency, order of the court to file claims, and order to administrator to file a complete inventory of all property belonging to the estate. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of administrator. Hdw., 1869-91; hdw. on ptd. form, 1892--. Aver. 425 pp. 16½x11½x2. Vault, rm. 100.

207. ACCOUNTS OF INSOLVENT ESTATES, 1873--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Itemized accounts of all tranactions incident to the settlement of insolvent estates, showing name of estate, date and number of claim filed, name of claimant, amount of claim, amounts of credits to be deducted from claim, balance due, amount prorated, and signature of recipient. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. Aver. 400 pp. 16x11x2. Vault, rm. 100.

For other records of claims filed, see entry 171.

Settlements by Personal Representatives - (See also entries 206, 218, 229)

208. ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS SETTLEMENTS, 1935--. 3 file boxes (dated).
Original settlements made with the court by administrators and executors listing all receipts and disbursements incident to the settlement, and original claims filed by creditors. This is a combination of records kept separately for other periods: Claims Filed Against Estates, entry 204; Executors Settlements, entry 209; and Administrators Settlements, entry 210. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x10½x5. Office, rm. 100.

209. EXECUTORS SETTLEMENTS, 1893-1934, 2 file boxes. 1935-- in Administrators, Executors Settlements, entry 208.
Executors partial and final settlements as made with the court, showing names of estate and beneficiaries, date of settlement, itemized account of all debits and credits, total debits and credits, balances, date settlement filed, signature of the clerk acknowledging same, and approval of the judge. Also contains: Claims Filed Against Estates, 1933-34, entry 204. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

210. ADMINISTRATORS' SETTLEMENTS, 1894-1934. 6 file boxes (dated). 1935-- in Administrators, Executors Settlements, entry 208.
Original settlements of administrators with the court, showing names of estate and administrator, an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements during period reported, totals, balance due estate, date of settlement, and acknowledgment and approval of the court. In some instances canceled checks are filed, representing disbursements as reported in settlements, and final settlements show wards' receipts acknowledging full and complete settlement of the estate. Also contains: Claims Filed Against Estates, 1933-34, entry 204. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., 1894-1908; hdw. and typed, 1909--. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

211. GUARDIAN SETTLEMENTS, 1893--. 7 file boxes (dated).
Original annual and final settlements of guardians with the court, showing date of settlement, itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, amount paid guardian, balance due ward, court's approval of settlement, and ward's release of guardian and sureties from obligations to which they were bound. Also includes letters from guardians notifying clerk when they will come in to make settlement. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x10½x5. 6 file boxes, 1893-1934, vault; 1 file box, 1935--, office, rm. 100.
For other papers pertaining to guardianship, see entry 193.

212. ADMINISTRATORS (and Executors) SETTLEMENTS, 1865-1929, 1937--. 6 vols. (A-E, 1). Title varies: Administrators, Executors Settlements, 1878-1929. 1934-36 in Quorum Minutes, entry 196.
Recorded copies of partial and final settlements of administrators and executors as made with the court, showing name of estate, name of administrator or executor, date settlement filed, an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, and distribution of balance to legatees. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of administrator or executor. Hdw. Aver. 750 pp. 18x13x3. 5 vols., 1865-1929, vault; 1 vol., 1937--, office, rm. 100.

213. ADMINISTRATORS' AND EXECUTORS' MINUTE BOOK, 1887-99. 1 vol. (1). Discontinued.
A minute record of estates settled by administrators and executors from time of appointment to final settlement, showing date of bond, names of administrator or executor and estate, dates and amounts of settlements, date and amount of final settlement, and book and page numbers of the regular minutes where settlements are recorded. Arr. chron. Indexed

alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 17x15½x2. Vault, rm. 100.

214. GUARDIAN SETTLEMENTS, 1860-1913, 1937--. 7 vols. (A-F, 1). Recorded copies of guardian's settlements with the court of estates controlled by them, showing names of guardian and ward, date of settlement, itemized account of all receipts and disbursements during period reported, balance due ward, copy of guardian's signature, record of court's acknowledgment, and clerk's signatute. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw., 1860-1913; hdw. and typed, 1937--. Aver. 750 pp. 18x13x3. 6 vols., 1860-1913, vault; 1 vol., 1937--, office, rm. 100.

215. GUARDIAN MINUTE BOOK, 1877-99. 1 vol. (1). An index to settlements made with the court by guardians, showing date of bond, dates of renewal, book and page numbers of recordation in regular minutes, names of guardian and ward, dates of preliminary and final settlements, book and page numbers of recordation of each. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 460 pp. 16x12x2. Vault, rm. 100.

216. GUARDIANS AND ADMINISTRATORS EXPIRATION RECORD, 1914-15. 1 vol. Record of guardians' and administrators' final settlements, showing name of guardian or administrator, date of appointment, and date of final settlement. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of guardian or administrator. Hdw. 200 pp. 14x9x1. Vault, rm. 100.

Trusts and Assignments

217. TRUSTEES' (and Assignees') BONDS, 1865-1900. 1 file box.
1904-- in Trustees Settlements, entry 218.
Bonds of trustees or assignees appointed for the benefit of creditors, showing name of appointee, by whom appointed, date and amount of bond, condition of the obligation, acknowledgment and approval of the court, and signatures of principal, sureties, and clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

218. TRUSTEES SETTLEMENTS, 1891--. 1 vol.
Recorded copies of settlements of estates made by trustees or assignees appointed by the court, showing name of appointee, date of appointment, amount of merchandise and livestock belonging to estate, itemized list of all collections and disbursements, total amount of settlement less compensation due, and signature of the clerk approving settlement. Also contains: Trustees' (and Assignees') Bonds, 1904--, entry 217. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of trustee or assignee. Hdw., 1891-1935; typed, 1936--. 300 pp. 18x12x2. Vault, rm. 100.

219. TRUSTEES' (and Assignees') SETTLEMENTS, 1892--. 2 file boxes. Statements of trustees and assignees that all matters with creditors have been settled and that said trustee or assignee desires to be released as such. Also contains order of the court releasing trustees and assignees,

showing date, text of order, and signature of the judge. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x10½x5. 1 file box, 1892-1934, vault; 1 file box, 1935--, office, rm. 100.

Insanity Proceedings

220. CENTRAL STATE COMMITMENTS, 1869--. 3 file boxes. Title varies: Insanity Proceedings, 1869-1933.

Original papers pertaining to insanity proceedings including petitions to the court setting forth name of the patient, duration of illness, name of physician, patient's financial status, a plea that a guardian be appointed and that the court take steps to insure proper treatment of the patient; writs commanding that an inquisition be made and reported to the court, showing date issued, names of patient and family members, amount of possessions, and note of officer's return; and commitment papers, showing date of commitment, names of petitioner, patient, physician, and trial judge; physical description of patient, dates of examinations, name of institution to which committed, and signatures of the clerk and superintendent of institution to which committed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on ptd form. 13½x10½x5. 2 file boxes, 1869-1933, vault; 1 file box, 1934--, office, rm. 100.

221. RECORD OF INSANE PATIENTS, MIDDLE TENNESSEE INSANE HOSPITAL, 1903-19. 1 vol. Discontinued.

A list of patients committed from this county to the State Hospital for the Insane, showing name, address, age, sex, and color of patient; date of commitment, name and address of nearest relative, whether charity or pay patient, and date of discharge, or date and cause of death. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form, 1903-16; typed on ptd. form, 1917-19. 115 pp. 16x11x1. Vault, rm. 100.

Inheritance Tax

222. INHERITANCE TAX RECORDS (DIRECT AND COLLATERAL), 1903-31. 4 vols. Discontinued as a county record; subsequent records kept by the State Commissioner of Finance and Taxation.

Record of direct and collateral inheritance taxes collected, showing names of estate, legatees, and appraiser appointed by the clerk to appraise the estate; appraised value of estate, amount of tax due, appraiser's fee, and date paid. Also includes oaths of appraisers, showing name of estate, date oath sworn and subscribed to, and signatures of appraiser and clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. forms. Aver. 130 pp. 16x10½x1½. Vault, rm. 100.

223. RECEIPTS FOR INHERITANCE TAX COLLECTIONS DIRECT-COLLATERAL, 1901-19. 1 file box.

Original receipts issued to administrators or executors of estates for inheritance taxes paid to the clerk. These receipts are forwarded to the Comptroller for his signature and returned to the administrator or

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executor and filed with the clerk as a voucher in the settlement of an estate. Receipts show names of administrator or executor, estate, and beneficiary; character of property bequeathed, amount of tax, signatures of clerk and Comptroller. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

Probate of Deeds and Mortgages

224. PROBATE OF DEEDS, 1876--. 10 vols. (2-6, 6-10). Title varies: Probate Book, 1876-81.
Record of deeds probated, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of deed, date filed, amount of consideration, number of acres, district number, kind of deed, before whom acknowledged, and amount of State tax. Arr. chron. 1876-81, indexed alph. direct and reverse; 1882--, no index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 325 pp. 16x12x2½. Vault, rm. 100.

225. PROBATE OF TAX DEEDS RECORD, 1899-1912. 1 vol.
Record of tax deeds filed for probate, showing name of purchaser, date of deed, number of acres, description of property, district number where located, items of cost, amount of tax, and total amount involved. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 260 pp. 18x12x1½. Vault, rm. 100.

226. PROBATE OF MORTGAGES, 1923--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of mortgages filed for probate, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount of consideration, number of acres, where located, when and how probated and amount of State tax. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 17x12x2½. Rm. 100.

Financial Records
(See also entries 222, 224-226)

227. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1882-95, 1902--. 3 vols. (2 vols. dated; 1 vol. not labeled).
A financial record of settlements made by the court, showing case number, style of case, items of cost, clerk's receipt for payment of costs, disbursements, and signatures of recipients. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate or personal representative. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 350 pp. 18½x13x3. 1 vol., 1882-95, vault; 2 vols., 1902--, office, rm. 100.

228. NOTES, 1890--. 3 vols. (dated).
Original notes payable to the clerk for land sold by decree of the court, showing amount of note, dates made and due, amount due, purpose of payment, names of estate and administrator, notations of payments on note and date of each. Notes are pasted in the volumes. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Aver. 150 pp. 16x11x1. 2 vols., 1890-1920, vault; 1 vol., 1921--, office, rm. 100.

229. CASH BOOK, 1891-1916, 1930--. 3 vols.
Clerk's record of money paid out in settlement of estates, showing date of payment, style of case, amount involved, names of deceased and heirs, amount paid out, and signature of recipient. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. Aver. 500 pp. 18x13x2½. Vault, rm. 100.

230. RECEIPTS (CLERK'S SPECIAL COMMISSION), 1909--. 3 vols.
Original receipts given to the clerk for money collected by him as special commissioner in land sales decreed by the court and paid to the estate, showing date of receipt, name of clerk and special commissioner from whom money is received, amount received, account on which payment is made, style of case, signature of heir or representative of the estate, and, in some instances, notarial acknowledgment. Receipts are pasted in the volumes. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Aver. 300 pp. 13½x8½x1⅓. Vault, rm. 100.

XI. JUVENILE COURT

The juvenile court with jurisdiction over juvenile delinquencies, is regulated by the general law and dates from 1911.(76) From 1911 to 1927 the court was held by the chairman of the county court;(77) since 1927 the court has been held by the county judge.(78) The county court clerk is clerk of the juvenile court.(79)

231. JUVENILE CASES (Trial Papers), 1934--. 1 file box.
Original papers pertaining to cases tried in this court, including warrants, petitions, subpoenas, and cost bills, each instrument showing, in addition to its text, names of juvenile and plaintiff, nature of complaint, case number, and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4½x4⅓x10. Rm. 101.

232. JUVENILE DOCKET, 1917--. 2 vols. (1; one vol. not labeled).
Title varies: Juvenile Court Docket, 1917-35.
A record of proceedings in juvenile cases, showing date, name, age, sex, and color of defendant; offense charged, disposition of case, dates probation begins and ends, name of informant or witness, name of serving officer, and note of officer's returns. Arr. chron. 1917-35, no index; 1936--, indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 136 pp. 16x12x1. Rm. 101.

233. (RECORD OF JUVENILE COMMITMENTS), 1916-17. In Allowance Docket, entry 10.
List of juveniles committed by the court, with the consent of parents or guardian, to a suitable institution, showing names of parents or

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76. P.A. 1911, ch. 58 (C 1932, 10275, 10278).
77. Ibid.; Pr.A. 1927, ch. 432, sec. 13.
78. Ibid.
79. P.A. 1911, ch. 58, sec. 3 (C 1932, 10278).

guardian, name, age, and sex of child; date committed, name of person in charge of institution, and signature of judge.

XII. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The office of justice of the peace is necessarily as old as the county, for the county could not have been organized until the justices were commissioned and met to organize the court of pleas and quarter sessions. Individually, the justices of the peace are minor judges and committing magistrates. Severally, they make up the quarterly court, the county's governing body, but there is no relation in this duality of function.(80) The justices of the peace share concurrently with the coroner the power to conduct inquests over the bodies of persons meeting death "by unlawful violence at the hands of some other person." (81) The county judge of Bedford County has the power of a justice of the peace in criminal causes.(82)

There are two justices of the peace elected by popular vote in each civil district except the district containing the county seat, in which three may be elected;(83) one additional justice may be elected from each incorporated town.(84) A justice of the peace holds office for a term of six years.(85) Prior to 1836, not more than two justices were appointed by the General Assembly for each military district except the county seat district, from which three could be appointed.(86) During that time justices served during good behavior.(87)

Trial Papers

Civil

234. (CIVIL TRIAL PAPERS, Henry Jones), 1935--. 2 file drawers. Original trial papers incident to action in civil cases, including warrants, attachments, garnishments, summons, detainer warrants, writs of replevin and of restitution, showing, in addition to the nature and purpose of the instrument, date of issue, case number, names of parties

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80. See C 1932, 10126-10268.
81. Ibid., 11876.
82. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 432, sec. 14.
83. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 15; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3 (C 1932, 673); Acts 1839-40, ch. 68, sec. 3 (C 1932, 674); Acts 1855-56, ch. 138, sec. 13 (C 1932, 674); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.
84. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3 (C 1932, 674); Acts 1839-40, ch. 68, sec. 3 (C 1932, 675); Acts 1855-56, ch. 138, sec. 13 (C 1932, 675); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.
85. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 15; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.
86. Const. 1796, art. 5, sec. 12.
87. Ibid.

involved, signature of the justice of the peace, and note of officer's return. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 12x10x4. Rm. 103.

235. CIVIL WARRANTS ENTERED (Trial Papers, A. R. Nance, M. C. Renegar), 1934--. 4 file boxes.
For description of contents, see entry 234. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10x4½x5. Vault, rm. 105.

Criminal

236. (STATE CASES, W. E. Gant), 1935--. 1 file box.
Original trial papers incident to action in criminal cases, including warrants for arrest, subpoenas, summons, appearance bonds, detainer warrants, and search warrants, showing, in addition to the nature and purpose of the instrument, date of issue, case number, name of defendant, signature of the justice of the peace, note of officer's return, bill of cost, and judgment of the court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10x4½x5. Vault, rm. 105.

237. (TRIAL PAPERS, STATE CASES, Henry Jones), 1935--. 3 file drawers.
For description of contents, see entry 236. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 12x10x4. Rm. 103.

238. STATE WARRANTS (A. R. Nance, M. C. Renegar), 1935--. 4 file boxes.
For description of contents, see entry 236. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10x4½x5. Vault, rm. 105.

Trial Dockets
(See also entry 7)

Civil and Criminal - (See also entries 240-250)

239. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal Cases, W. E. Gant), 1935--. 1 vol.
Record of civil and criminal cases tried before justice of the peace, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, style of case, amount of judgment, name of stayor, if any; name of officer returning warrant, names of witnesses claiming fees, amount of fee claimed, witnesses' receipts, and bill of costs. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 16x11½x2. Vault, rm. 105.

Civil - (See also entry 239)

240. DOCKET (Civil Cases, Wm. Galbreath, C. W. Warren), 1860-68, 1890-95, 1899-1905. 3 vols.
Record of civil cases tried before justice of the peace, showing case

number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, style of case, amount of judgment, name of stayor, if any; name of serving officer, names of witnesses claiming fees, amount of fee claimed, witnesses' receipts, and bill of costs. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 450 pp. 18x12½x3. Vault, rm. 100.

241. MAGISTRATES DOCKET (Civil Docket, W. C. Hightø), 1920-22. 1 vol. (dated).
For description of contents, see entry 240. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 16x11x1½. Rm. 103.

242. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil Cases, Henry Jones), 1935--. 3 vols. (dated).
For description of contents, see entry 240. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 16x11½x2. Rm. 103.

243. MAGISTRATE DOCKET (Civil Cases, A. R. Nance, M. C. Renegar), 1935--. 2 vols. (1 vol. dated; 1 vol. not labeled).
For description of contents, see entry 240. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 300 pp. 17x12x2. Rm. 54.

244. (CIVIL DOCKET, C. F. Reagor), 1934, 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 240. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on ptd. form. Condition poor. 400 pp. 16x11½x2. Vault, rm. 105.

245. MAGISTRATES DOCKET (Civil, W. G. Rucker), 1929-34. 3 vols.
For description of contents, see entry 240. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on ptd. form. Condition poor. Aver. 400 pp. 16x11½x2. 2 vols., 1921-28, rm. 103; 1 vol., 1929-34, rm. 105.

Criminal - (See also entry 239)

246. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET - STATE CASES (Henry Jones), 1935--. 4 vols. (dated).
A record of criminal cases tried before justice of the peace, showing number of case, date of trial, name of defendant, offense charged, amount of judgment, name of officer making return, names of witnesses claiming fees, amount claimed, witnesses' receipts, and bill of costs. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 16x11½x2. Rm. 103.

247. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET - STATE CASES (A. R. Nance, M. C. Renegar), 1935--. 1 vol. (dated).
For description of contents, see entry 246. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16x11½x2. Rm. 54.

248. MAGISTRATES DOCKET STATE CASES (C. F. Reagor, W. G. Rucker), 1929-34. 3 vols. Title varies: J. P. Docket, 1929-32.
For description of contents, see entry 246. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 300 pp. 16½x12x2. Rm. 103.

249. MAGISTRATES DOCKET (State Cases, M. C. Renegar), 1938--. 2 vols. (dated).
For description of contents, see entry 246. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 325 pp. 18x12x2. Rm. 54.

250. MAGISTRATE'S STATE DOCKET (C. A. Warren, Thomas G. Stewart), 1900-1911. 2 vols. (2, 2).
For description of contents, see entry 246. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 250 pp. 18x12½x1½. Vault, rm. 100.

XIII. SHERIFF

The sheriff is the county's chief peace officer(88) and executive officer of its courts(89) and, until about the time of the Civil War, usually acted as collector of property and poll taxes(90) and until 1897 as the chief election officer.(91) The office in Bedford County

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88. C 1932, 699, 11007, 11013, 11418, 11420, 11421, 11526-11528, 11536-11540, 11611, 11927, 11928.

89. C 1932, 696, subsec. 1, 702, 1788, 4236, 6744, 6745, 6747, 8659, 8660, 8663, 8664, 8751, subsecs. 1, 2, 8902, 9513, subsec. 1, 9518, 10104, 10105, 10106, subsecs. 2, 5-7, 13, 10127, 10160, 10163, 11923; CMS 1937, 1003, subsec. 4.

90. L.N.C. 1722, ch. 2, secs. 7 (S.R.N.C., XXV, 174); 10 (S.R.N.C., XXV, 175); L.N.C. 1777, Nov. ses., ch. 3, sec. 6 (S.R.N.C., XXIV, 77), ch. 7, sec. 17 (S.R.N.C., XXIV, 93), ch. 8, sec. 17 (S.R.N.C., XXIV, 99, 100); Acts 1794, ch. 4, sec. 1; Acts 1797, ch. 2, sec. 13; Acts 1803, ch. 3, secs. 2, 12, ch. 23; Acts 1805, ch. 59, sec. 3; Acts 1806, ex. ses., ch. 37, sec. 2; Acts 1813, ch. 99, sec. 15; Acts 1815, ch. 201, sec. 4; Acts 1817, ch. 131, sec. 3; P.A. 1823, ch. 49, sec. 13; P.A. 1827, ch. 49, sec. 21; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 15, sec. 1; Acts 1841-42, ch. 100; Acts 1843-44, ch. 103, sec. 1.

91. L.N.C. 1743, ch. 1, secs. 1 (S.R.N.C., XXIII, 207), 2 (S.R.N.C., XXIII, 207, 208); Acts 1796, 1st ses., ch. 9, secs. 2, 4, ch. 10, sec. 3, ch. 12, secs. 1, 3; Acts 1807, ch. 74, sec. 1, ch. 101, sec. 2; P.A. 1819, ch. 68, secs. 52, 57; P.A. 1827, chs. 17, 23; P.A. 1835-36, chs. 1, 2; Acts 1851-52, chs. 121, 364; Acts 1853-54, ch. 32; Acts 1881, ch. 98; Acts 1897, ch. 11, secs. 1-3; Acts 1897, ch. 13, sec. 2, ch. 16, sec. 1.

dates from 1808.(92) Prior to 1836 the sheriff was elected by the court of pleas and quarter sessions;(93) since 1836 he has been elected by popular vote.(94) The sheriff has always served for a term of two years.(95)

251. REGISTER OF PRISONERS, 1936--. 7 vols.
A record of all prisoners committed to the custody of the sheriff, showing entry number, name and physical description of prisoner, offense charged, by whom charge was brought, record of process, date of commitment, a list of personal effects deposited with the jailor, date discharged, amount of fine paid, date of payment, amount of fine worked out, and dates work was performed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Aver. 200 pp. 16x12x1.
For reports made by the sheriff, see entries 32, 154; for other records of prisoners, see entries 319, 320.

XIV. CORONER

The coroner shares concurrently with the justices of the peace the power to conduct inquests over the bodies of persons meeting death by "unlawful violence at the hands of some other person."(96) He acts as sheriff when the latter office is vacant or when the incumbent is incompetent.(97) The office of coroner should have been filled at or shortly after the organization of the county.(98) The office is still filled in Bedford County,(99) although it has become defunct in several counties. The coroner has, from the beginning of the county, been elected for a term of two years by the court of pleas and quarter sessions and its successor in its legislative capacity, the quarterly court.(100)

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92. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch 23, secs. 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916); Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 9 (C 1932, 1915).
93. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1.
94. Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916); Acts 1895, ch. 120, sec. 37.
95. Ibid.; Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1.
96. C 1932, 11876.
97. Ibid., 708.
98. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1845-46, ch. 88 (C 1932, 712); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.
99. Quarterly Minutes, vol. 3, p. 23, entry 12 in this Inventory.
100. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1845-46, ch. 88 (C 1932, 712); C 1858, 817 (C 1932, 1904); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.

252. CORONER'S INQUESTS, 1937--. 1 file drawer.
Record of inquests into unexplained deaths, showing name of deceased, description of circumstances surrounding death, verdict of jury as to cause of death, and disposition of body. Also includes an account of expense incurred, such as the handling and transportation of the body, witness fees, physician's fee, coroner's fee, and mileage. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. 3x9x12. Rm. 103.

XV. CONSTABLE

The constables are minor peace officers,(101) executive officers for justice of the peace courts,(102) and servers of certain process for the other courts.(103) The office of constable should date from the organization of the county.(104) Formerly "a sufficient number" of constables were appointed by the court of pleas and quarter sessions for a term of two years;(105) since 1836 one constable can be elected for a term of two years, by popular vote in each civil district except the county seat district in which two can be elected.(106) With nineteen civil districts, Bedford County may elect up to twenty constables.(107) For constables' bonds and oaths of office, see entry 19.

XVI. TAX ASSESSOR

Except for a special act of 1931 which requires the tax assessor of Bedford County to keep an office in the courthouse and, by himself or his deputy, keep the office open during "reasonable business hours", and also, to appear personally, by himself or deputy, in each voting precinct so that he may be seen by the taxpayers,(108) the assessment

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101. C 1932, 728, 11239-11241, 11424, 11526, 11536-11540; CMS 1937, 6594, subsec. 4.
102. C 1932, 10160.
103. Ibid., 708, 731, 732, 7655, 9309, 9423, 9681-89.
104. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 15; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, secs. 1, 3; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.
105. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1.
106. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 15; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3; Acts 1851-52, ch. 139, sec. 1 (C 1932, 722); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916).
107. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.
108. Pr.A. 1931, ch. 435.

of taxes and the regulation of assessment officials has always been under the general law.(109)

The tax assessor is elected by popular vote for a term of four years.(110)

253. TAX SCHEDULES, 1915-19, 1935--. 26 file boxes (1-25; one file box dated).
Schedules filed by taxpayers listing all property owned, both real and personal, its location and description, owner's estimate of value, date schedule returned, and signature of the property owner. These schedules are sworn and subscribed to before the assessor. 1915-19, arr. chron.; 1935--, arr. num. by civil districts and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10½x5x13½. 1915-19, 1 file box, vault, rm. 100; 1935--, 25 file boxes, rm. 105.

254. ASSESSMENTS REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL PROPERTY AND POLLS, 1935--. 115 vols. (dated and no. by districts).
Record of all assessments on real and personal property, showing name of property owner, district number, location and description of property, number acres farm land, number of town lots, assessed valuation of real property, assessed valuation of personal property over $1000, number of polls, date of assessment, and valuations as fixed by the board of equalization. Arr. num. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of property owner. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 12x8½x1. 69 vols., 1935-37, office; 46 vols., 1938--, vault, rm. 105.
For other records of assessments, see entries 104, 258.

255. POLL TAX BOOK, 1935. 1 vol.
A register of persons who own no real property but who must pay poll taxes for the year, in order that they be qualified to vote in any and all elections held within the county during the year, showing name of taxpayer, whether male or female, amount of tax, amount of interest and penalty, if any; number of tax receipt, and date tax paid. Arr. num. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 16x12x1. Vault, rm. 105.
For other records of poll tax, see entries, 256, 259, 264.

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109. See Acts 1801, ch. 13, sec. 2; Acts 1803, ch. 3, sec. 7; Acts 1804, ex. ses., ch. 12, secs. 1, 2; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 14, sec. 1; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 12, sec. 2; Acts 1870-71, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 59; Acts 1873, ch. 118, sec. 27; Acts 1875, ch. 81, sec. 15; Acts 1877, ch. 73; Acts 1881, ch. 171, sec. 27; Acts 1883, ch. 105, secs. 28, 29; Acts 1885, ch. 1, secs. 27-29; Acts 1895, ch. 120, sec. 37; Acts 1895, ex. ses., ch. 5, sec. 1; Acts 1897, ch. 1, sec. 28; Acts 1899, ch. 435, sec. 9, subsec. 1; Acts 1903, ch. 258, sec. 9, subsecs. 1, 3; Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 9, subsec. 3 (C 1932, 1336).
110. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 9, subsecs. 1 (C 1932, 1336), 3 (C 1932, 1336).

XVII. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The board of equalization's duties are to "examine, compare, and equalize the county assessments."(111) The machinery for reviewing and equalizing tax assessments has, like the original assessment of taxes, been the subject of much legislation, but Bedford County seems to have had no special acts in this field. Bedford County comes within the section of the assessment law which provides for appointment of one of the five members of the board of equalization by the governing body of the municipality of Shelbyville.(112) The other four members are appointed by the quarterly county court.(113) Members of the board of equalization hold office for two years.(114)

256. MINUTES OF COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, 1900-1928, 1935--. 3 vols. Title varies: Minutes, Board of Equalizers, 1900-1928.

Record of the proceedings of the board meeting to consider and make adjustments in tax assessments, showing date of meeting, names of members, name of property owner, number of acres and town lots, assessed valuation of real and personal property, and adjustment recommended by board. Also contains record of oaths of board members, exemptions of persons over fifty years of age from payment of poll tax, and all matters of business coming before the board. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Aver. 184 pp. 14x9x1. 2 vols., 1900-1928, vault, rm. 100; 1 vol., 1935--, vault, rm. 105.

257. RE. (Report) COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, 1905--. 1 file box.

Copies of summary reports submitted to the State Board of Equalization, showing civil district number, number of acres assessed, amount of assessment, number of town lots assessed, amount of assessment, personal property assessed, total of all property assessed by the county board, number of polls assessed, and oath of board as to honesty and impartiality of assessments, with date, and signatures of board members. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. $13\frac{1}{3}$x$10\frac{1}{2}$x5. Vault, rm. 100.

For certifications of assessments by the State Board, see entry 104.

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111. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 32 (C 1932, 1426).

112. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 32 (C 1932, 1419). See also Acts 1847-48, ch. 161, sec. 33; Acts 1855-56, ch. 74, sec. 26; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 12, sec. 5; Acts 1873, ch. 118, sec. 35; Acts 1877, ch. 73, sec. 4; Acts 1881, ch. 171, secs. 35-38; Acts 1883, ch. 105, sec. 35; Acts 1885, ch. 1, sec. 35; Acts 1887, ch. 2, sec. 41; Acts 1889, ch. 96, sec. 42; Acts 1895, ch. 120, sec. 49; Acts 1897, ch. 1, sec. 41; Acts 1899, ch. 435, sec. 34; Acts 1901, ch. 174, sec. 33; Acts 1903, ch. 258, sec. 33.

113. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 32 (C 1932, 1419).

114. Acts 1909, ch. 495, sec. 1 (C 1932, 1420).

XVIII. TRUSTEE

The office of trustee (treasurer, and since 1875 collector of property and poll taxes) is constitutional and is as old as the county. (115) The trustee, who prior to 1836, was elected by the court of pleas and quarter sessions for a two year term, is now elected by popular vote for a term of two years.(116) For the trustee's financial report to the quarterly county court, see entry 1.

Tax Records

Realty, Personalty, and Polls - (See also entries 265, 266)

258. TAX BOOK, 1931--. 8 vols. (dated).
Record of all taxable property in the county, showing district number, name of property owner, location and description of property, number of town lots, assessed value, number acres farm land, assessed value, value of personal property over $1000, total assessed value of all real and personal property, amounts of State, county, and poll taxes; number of tax receipt issued, and date paid. Arr. num. under tabs by districts and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 18x13x2. Vault, rm. 107.
For duplicate tax record, see entry 23; for other record of assessments, see entry 254.

259. POLL TAX BOOK, 1934--. 3 vols. (dated).
A record of poll tax paid by persons who own no real property and against whom tax has not been otherwise assessed, showing district number, name of taxpayer, sex, amount of tax, number of tax receipt, and date paid. Arr. num. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 300 pp. 16x12x1½. Vault, rm. 100.
For other record of poll tax, see entry 255.

260. TAX RECEIPTS (Duplicates), 1934--. 22 vols. (dated and no. by contained receipt nos.).
Duplicate receipts issued for payment of taxes on real and personal property, showing number of receipt, date issued, location of property by district number, assessed valuation, amounts of State and county tax, interest and penalty, if any; name of property owner, date of assessment, and signature of the trustee. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on

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115. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 772); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1875, ch. 91, sec. 1 (C 1932, 775, subsec. 1, 1546); C 1932, 775, subsecs. 1-13.

116. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 772); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 6 (C 1932, 1915), 7 (C 1932, 1916); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.

ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 14x8½x1. Vault, rm. 107.

261. SUPPLEMENTAL TAX RECEIPTS (Duplicates), 1935--. 4 vols. (dated and no. by contained receipt nos.).
Duplicate receipts issued for supplemental or pick-up State and county taxes, showing receipt number, date issued, name of taxpayer, amount of payment received, and signature of trustee. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 100 pp. 14x8½x½. Vault, rm. 107.

262. POLL TAX RECEIPTS, 1934--. 24 vols. (dated and no. by contained receipt nos.).
Duplicate receipts issued for payment of poll tax, showing receipt number, date issued, name of taxpayer, district number, year for which tax is paid, amount of payment received, and signature of trustee. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 12½x8½x1. Vault, rm. 100.

263. TRUSTEE'S TAX RECEIPT REGISTER, 1930-33, 1935--. 2 vols. (1, 2). Title varies: Trustee's Receipt Register, 1930-33.
A register of tax receipts issued, showing name of taxpayer, date of payment, receipt number, district number, amount of payment, and distribution of funds received. Arr. chron. and num. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 400 pp. 16x17x2. Vault, rm. 107.

264. (POLL TAX PAYMENTS), 1935--. 2 file boxes (no. by districts).
A card reference file, listing by districts all voters who have paid poll tax, showing name of taxpayer, date tax paid, number of receipt issued, and district number. Arr. num. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 17x5½x4½. Rm. 107.
For record of assessments, see entry 255.

Public Utilities

265. PUBLIC UTILITIES TAX RECEIPTS, 1934--. 2 vols. (dated and no. by contained receipt nos.).
Duplicates of receipts issued for payment of public utilities tax, showing receipt number, date issued, name of taxpayer, district number where property is located, valuation of property, amount of county tax collected, and amount of interest and penalty, if any. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 14x8½x½. Vault, rm. 100.
For record of utilities assessments, see entry 104.

Delinquency

266. DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPTS (Duplicates), 1934--. 3 vols. (dated and no. by contained receipt nos.).
Duplicate receipts issued upon payment of delinquent taxes, showing number of receipt, date issued, name of taxpayer, district number, number acres farm land, number of town lots, assessed valuation, total of all taxes

due, amount of fees, interest, and penalties; total amount paid, and signature of trustee. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 14x8½x1. Vault, rm. 107.

Accounts

Receipts and Disbursements - (See also entries 273-278)

267. TRUSTEE'S CASH JOURNAL, 1930--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
A complete record of the trustee's receipts and disbursements, showing date of each transaction, source and amount of revenue, bank credits and debits, purpose and amount of each disbursement, and account charged. Distribution of funds received is given in itemized detail. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 1 vol., 1930-34, badly burned. Aver. 400 pp. 17x34x2. Rm. 107.
For trustee's monthly report, see entry 28.

268. RECEIPTS FOR REVENUE (Triplicates), 1934--. 3 vols. (no. by contained receipt nos.).
Triplicate receipts issued by the trustee for revenue collected from county officials, including the county judge, county court clerk, circuit court clerk, and clerk and master, and interest on daily bank balance, showing receipt number, date issued, to whom issued, amount and source of collection, distribution of collection, and signature of trustee. Duplicates of these receipts are given to the county judge. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 300 pp. 13½x11x1½. Vault, rm. 107.
For duplicates of receipts, see entry 29.

269. (CHECK STUBS), 1934--. 8 vols.
Stubs of checks issued by the trustee in payment of claims against the county, showing check number, date issued, name of person to whom payable, amount of payment, and fund chargeable. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 13x9½x1. Vault, rm. 107.

270. HIGHWAY BONDS AND COUPONS, 1930--. 3 bundles.
Envelopes which have contained interest coupons paid by Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York, showing description of coupons enclosed, number of coupons, denomination of each, and total amount. On the reverse side of the envelope is the stamp of the examining auditor. No obvious arr. No index. Ptd. 11x4½x5. Rm. 107.
For original bonds and coupons, see entries 35, 36.

271. MUNICIPAL SCHOOL RECEIPTS, 1935--. 1 vol.
Duplicate receipts issued for elementary school fund due city schools from the county, paid by the trustee and receipted by treasurer of the municipality, showing date issued, name of trustee making payment, amount paid, name of city receiving payment, and signature of city treasurer. Originals of these receipts are turned over to the county judge as vouchers in making settlements. Arr. num. and chron. No

index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 16x12x2½. Rm. 107.

272. SCHOOL ORDERS, 1881-91. 1 file box.
Original orders drawn on the trustee by district school directors for payment of teachers' salaries, insurance on school buildings, supplies and equipment, and to be paid from funds distributed to the several districts, showing order number, name of person in whose favor drawn, name of school, district number, purpose of payment, date of order, amount, and signatures of directors. Arr. num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x10½x5. Vault, rm. 100.

Warrants Paid

273. REGISTER OF COUNTY WARRANTS, 1935--. 2 vols. (1 vol. dated; 1 vol. no. by contained warrant nos.).
Record of all warrants issued by the county judge against general county funds and paid by the trustee, showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, amount of payment, date paid, and name of bank cashing warrant. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 300 pp. 16x12x1½. Vault, rm. 107.
For record of issue, see entries 37, 40.

274. REGISTER OF SCHOOL WARRANTS PAID, 1934--. 1 vol.
A register of elementary and high school warrants issued by the superintendent and paid by the trustee, showing warrant number, date issued, name of person to whom payable, amount of payment, date paid, and name of bank cashing warrant. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 15½x11x2. Vault, rm. 107.
For record of issue, see entries 298-300; for settlement of funds, see entry 8.

275. REGISTER OF WARRANTS BRIDGE FUND, 1935--. 1 vol. (no. by contained warrant nos.).
Register of warrants issued by the county judge and paid by the trustee from the bridge fund, showing number of warrant, date issued, name of payee, amount of payment, date paid, and name of bank cashing warrant. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18x15x2. Vault, rm. 107.
For record of issue, see entries 39, 42.

276. REGISTER OF WARRANTS 2 CENT ROAD FUND, 1935--. 1 vol. (no. by contained warrant nos.).
Register of warrants issued by the county judge and paid by the trustee from the two-cent road fund, showing number of warrant, date issued, name of payee, amount of payment, date paid, and name of bank cashing warrant. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18x15x2. Vault, rm. 107.
For record of issue, see entries 38, 41.

277. REGISTER OF WARRANTS GAS FUND, 1935--. 1 vol. (no. by contained warrant nos.).
Register of warrants issued by the county judge who is chairman of the highway commission, and paid by the trustee out of the county gas fund, showing number of warrant, date issued, name of payee, amount of payment, date paid, and name of bank cashing warrant. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18x15x2. Vault, rm. 107.
For record of issue, see entries 314, 315.

278. RECEIPTS FOR CANCELED WARRANTS, 1936. 4 envelopes.
Receipts issued to the trustee by the county judge for canceled warrants turned over to him, showing receipt number, date issued, amount of warrants for which receipt is issued, name of trustee to whom issued, and signature of the judge. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5x11x½. Rm. 107.

XIX. REVENUE COMMISSION

The revenue commission probably dates, in much its present form, from shortly after the organization of the county, except perhaps for a gap from 1858 to 1885.(117)

The commission is now required to meet quarterly in order to examine critically the settlements of the county judge with all collecting officers of the county and to inspect the books of these officers, if necessary; to examine the checks and warrants on which disbursements from the county treasury have been made and compare these with the books of the county judge and to determine the amount of warrants paid and the amount outstanding; to compare balances reported by the county judge with balances shown by the trustee; and to make a written report to the quarterly court on the results of the investigations calling attention to any neglect or violation of duty by any officer.(118)

If the quarterly court desires it to do so, the commission conducts the sale of bonds issued and lends out the sinking fund.(119)

The revenue commission, as presently constituted, is a creation of the assessment law now in force; it consists of three "competent

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117. Acts 1797, ch. 14, sec. 2; Acts 1799, ch. 7, sec. 2; P.A. 1819, ch. 38, sec. 1; P.A. 1826, ex. ses., ch. 16, secs. 2, 3; P.A. 1827, ch. 49, secs. 9, 20; Acts 1839-40, ch. 160, sec. 7; Acts 1845-46, ch. 115; Acts 1885, ch. 1, secs. 74, 75; Acts 1889, ch. 96, sec. 74; Acts 1891, ex. ses., ch. 26, sec. 20; Acts 1895, ch. 120, sec. 78; Acts 1897, ch. 1, sec. 74; Acts 1899, ch. 435, sec. 71; Acts 1901, ch. 174, sec. 80; Acts 1903, ch. 258, sec. 79; Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 76. (C 1932, 1650-1652); C 1932, 1904.
118. Ibid.
119. P.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 26, secs. 4 (C 1932, 2971), 6 (C 1932,

citizens" of the county designated by the quarterly court, one of whom must be a "competent accountant."(120) Justices of the peace, the county court clerk, and the deputy county court clerk are ineligible for membership on the commission.(121) The term of office is two years.(122)

In Bedford County the revenue commission has kept no records but has only made reports to the quarterly court. For these reports, see entry 5 of this Inventory.

XX. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools)

The school lands which were the subject of some of the earliest special legislation on education in Bedford County had their origin in a land law of 1806, which ordered the district surveyors to mark off a square mile in each township for school purposes.(123) Dickson Academy, chartered in 1809,(124) had the rental of the school lands of Bedford County between 1811 and 1817.(125)

Under a general law of 1817 the court of pleas and quarter sessions should have elected commissioners to rent the school lands.(126) The money collected by the commissioners was to be paid over to the county trustee and disbursed by him upon the order of the commissioners.(127) A special act of 1821 directed the court of pleas and quarter sessions of certain counties, including Bedford, to elect three school land commissioners for each tract of school land.(128) These commissioners were to collect the rents on the school lands and to spend the funds received to maintain a school in their district without the employment of the county trustee.(129) Each board of commissioners annually was to report its collections and disbursements to the county court clerk.(130) A special act of 1823 ordered the trustees of Dickson Academy to pay to the school land commissioners all money in their hands which they had collected from the school land.(131) The passage of this act was indicative

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2977); P.A. 1919, ch. 175, secs. 4 (C 1932, 2971), 5 (C 1932, 2977).
120. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 76 (C 1932, 1650).
121. Ibid.
122. Ibid.
123. Acts 1806, ex. ses., ch. 1, sec. 6.
124. Acts 1809, Sept. ses., ch. 77, sec. 1.
125. Acts 1811, ch. 123; Acts 1813, ch. 105; Acts 1817, ch. 124.
126. Acts 1817, ch. 124.
127. Ibid., secs. 6, 7.
128. P.A. 1821, ch. 67, sec. 14.
129. Ibid., secs. 4, 6, 8-10.
130. Ibid., sec. 7.
131. Pr.A. 1824, ex. ses., ch. 57.

of a hesitancy to comply with the general school laws.

An act of 1831 directed the surveyor of the second district north and east of the congressional reservation line to make maps of the school lands in Bedford, Lincoln, and Franklin Counties(132) and to file a copy of the survey with the county court clerk of each county.(133) The clerk was then to put it into the book in which he kept a record of the appointments and the annual reports of the school land commissioners.(134) Another act of 1831 made it the duty of the court of pleas and quarter sessions of each county in Middle Tennessee to appoint five commissioners to manage each tract of school land.(135)

A special act of 1836 made the members of the boards of school land commissioners in Bedford County elective by the voters of the township containing the school lands.(136) Just when the school lands of Bedford County were sold is not known. A general law of 1843 authorized the sale of school lands wherever they existed in the State.(137)

The common school fund was begun by the 1823 land law which ordered all entry-takers to turn their receipts over to the Bank of Tennessee, the receipts to constitute a permanent fund the interest on which was to be used for the support of the schools.(138) Likewise the sheriffs and collectors were required to turn over to the Bank taxes subsequently collected on the lands entered under this act.(139) Both the interest and taxes collected were to be divided equally among the counties.(140) In 1825, under the land law of 1823, the court of pleas and quarter sessions should have appointed five persons to constitute a board of county commissioners(141) whose duty was to receive the county's share of the common school money and to spend it for the education of the poor by establishing "poor schools" or by paying the tuition of poor children and by purchasing books for the use of such children.(142)

Pursuant to an act of 1830, the court of pleas and quarter sessions should have appointed, for each military district, one commissioner whose duty was to divide his district into school districts and to take a census of the heads of families in each school district, this census to be turned over to the most convenient justice of the peace.(143) This

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132. P.A. 1831, ch. 17, sec. 1.
133. Ibid., sec. 3.
134. Ibid.
135. P.A. 1831, ch. 15.
136. L.A. 1835-36, ch. 67.
137. Acts 1843-44, ch. 104.
138. P.A. 1823, ch. 49, sec. 12.
139. Ibid., sec. 13.
140. Ibid., secs. 12, 13.
141. Ibid., sec. 12.
142. Ibid., secs. 16, 17.
143. P.A. 1829-30, ch. 107, sec. 1.

justice of the peace in whose hands the census was placed was then to hold an election annually in the school district for five school trustees.(144) Each year the chairmen of the boards of school district trustees were to meet to elect seven common school commissioners for the county.(145) The commissioners were to have charge of the administration of the school fund,(146) while the trustees retained control of the individual schools.(147) An act substantially indentical with the act of 1830 was passed in 1831.(148) Another act of 1831 authorized the Governor to invest the share of the common school fund due to Bedford, Rutherford, and Davidson Counties in the Nashville, Murfreesboro, and Shelbyville Turnpike, to be built by a board of internal improvements made up of representatives from these affected counties.(149) A special act of 1832 ordered the school commissioners laying out the military districts of Bedford County to exclude all townships which had school lands from districts to be assisted by the common school fund.(150) In 1838 the county's administrative agency for the common school fund was reorganized. An act of that year defined the school district as a civil district and provided for five school commissioners to be elected by popular vote in each district to handle the finances of the district through the county trustee and to formulate policies.(151)

The office of county superintendent of schools was created in 1867,(152) and should date from that year.(153) The superintendent of schools of Bedford County was formerly, under general laws, elected by the quarterly county court,(154) but is now, under a special act of 1923, elected by popular vote for a term of four years.(155)

A general education bill of 1907 abolished the office of district director, created in 1873;(156) divided the county into five school districts, and provided for the popular election of board members, one

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144. P.A. 1829-30, ch. 107, sec. 2.
145. Ibid., sec. 3.
146. Ibid., secs. 4-20.
147. Ibid., secs. 13, 14.
148. P.A. 1831, ch. 16.
149. Ibid., ch. 46.
150. Pr.A. 1832, ex. ses., ch. 111.
151. Acts 1837-38, ch. 148.
152. P.A. 1866-67, 2nd ad. ses., ch. 27, secs. 22-45.
153. Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 64, secs. 72, 73; Acts 1870-71, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 110; Acts 1873, ch. 25; Acts 1875, ch. 138; Acts 1881, ch. 91; Acts 1889, ch. 107; Acts 1895, ch. 54; Acts 1899, ch. 231; Acts 1907, ch. 236, sec. 9; Acts 1909, ch. 508, sec. 1; P.A. 1921, ch. 119, sec. 1; P.A. 1925, ch. 115, secs. 5 (C 1932, 2320a), 6 (C 1932, 2321-2325).
154. Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 8; Acts 1895, ch. 54; Acts 1909, ch. 508.
155. Pr.A. 1923, ch. 19.
156. Acts 1873, ch. 25.

from each district, to make up the county board of education which had general and detailed supervision over the county school system.(157) The voters in each civil district were to elect three persons to be the district advisory board to cooperate with the county board of education in certain administrative functions.(158)

An act of 1909 repealed the 1907 act for Bedford and nine other counties insofar as it provided for boards of education, and created boards of a somewhat different nature.(159) In each of these counties, the clerks of the district advisory boards were to compose the board of education until September 1910 at which time a board elected in the August election of that year was to take over.(160) The board of education was to be elected by popular vote, the voters of each civil district electing one member.(161) At least a grade school education was a requisite to represent a district.(162) Each member was to receive $1.50 a day while attending the meetings of the board, a dollar a day for each day spent visiting the schools of his district, and two cents for each pupil's name appearing on the annual scholastic census.(163) The term of office was two years.(164) Vacancies occurring on the board were to be filled by the superintendent of education.(165) In addition to the regularly elected members of the board, the chairman of the county court and the superintendent of schools were to be on the board, the latter serving as ex-officio chairman.(166) The board of education was to elect one of its number secretary.(167) The functions of the board of education, which met four times a year for the transaction of its business, were to employ and dismiss teachers and to fix their compensation, to locate, build, repair, and furnish schoolhouses; to run the schools of the county as nearly as possible the same length of time, to receive monthly reports from teachers and to issue a certificate to the chairman of the board authorizing warrants for salaries due, to suspend pupils, and to care for, manage, control, and sell school property.(168) The chairman was to issue all warrants upon the trustee for all expenditures authorized by the board of education, to report quarterly to the quarterly county court on the expenditures

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157. Acts 1907, ch. 236.
158. Ibid., secs. 13, 14. For general laws on education between 1867 and 1907, see P.A. 1866-67, 2nd ad. ses., ch. 27; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 64; Acts 1873, ch. 25; Acts 1875, ch. 138; Acts 1881, ch. 91; Acts 1889, ch. 107; Acts 1895, ch. 54; Acts 1899, ch. 231.
159. Acts 1909, ch. 302.
160. Ibid., sec. 2.
161. Ibid.
162. Ibid., sec. 3.
163. Ibid., sec. 12.
164. Ibid., sec. 2.
165. Ibid., sec. 5.
166. Ibid., sec. 1.
167. Ibid., sec. 6.
168. Ibid., sec. 9.

of the public school funds, and to preside over the meetings of the board.(169) The secretary was to keep the minutes of the board and to furnish the trustee lists of expenditures for which the chairman of the board had been authorized to draw warrants.(170) Each district member was to inspect the schools of his district, to make a scholastic census of his district in July of each year, and by August 1st of each year to make a detailed report to the superintendent on the schools in his district.(171)

In 1915 the parts of the act of 1907 not already repealed by the act of 1909 were repealed for Bedford, Marshall, and Henderson Counties.(172) After July 1, 1915, the district members of the county boards were to replace the district advisory boards created in 1907.(173) It was further provided that the county trustee was to apportion the school funds among the districts on the basis of scholastic population.(174) The act of 1915 was repealed in 1917,(175) but was immediately reenacted for Bedford County.(176) The act of 1915 was repealed for Bedford County in 1919, thereby, apparently, restoring the district advisory boards.(177) The educational system of Bedford County now operates under the general bill of 1925, which provides for a board of seven members elected by the quarterly court for terms of seven years.(178) A private act of 1939 validated the issuance of $45,000 of school bonds.(179)

Minutes

279. MINUTE BOOK, 1929--. 1 vol. (1).
A detailed record of the proceedings of the board in session, showing date of meeting, members present and board's action on all matters discussed during the meeting, such as the management and maintenance of schools, estimated budgets, election and assignment of teachers, and adoption of school books. Minutes are signed by the chairman and secretary of the board. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., 1929-31; typed, 1932--. 650 pp. 18½x13x2½.

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169. Acts 1909, ch. 302, sec. 7.
170. Ibid., sec. 8.
171. Ibid., sec. 11.
172. Pr.A. 1915, ch. 341.
173. Ibid., ch. 418, sec. 2.
174. Ibid., sec. 1.
175. Pr.A. 1917, ch. 134.
176. Ibid., ch. 336.
177. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 412.
178. P.A. 1925, ch. 115, sec. 6 (C 1932, 2317).
179. Pr.A. 1939, ch. 277.

Record of Teachers
(See also entries 279, 287, 291, 293, 295)

280. CERTIFICATION, 1920--. 2 file boxes.
Certificates and permits issued by the State Commissioner of Education to teachers employed in county schools, showing number of certificate or permit, name of teacher to whom issued, duration of certificate, whether for elementary or high school position, date issued, official seal of State Department of Education, and signatures of commissioner and supervisor of certification. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10x4⅓x4½.

281. TEACHER'S QUESTIONNAIRE, 1923-32. 2 file boxes (19, 20).
Questionnaires filled in by teachers employed in county schools, showing teacher's name, sex, and color; number of certificate, duration of certificate, names of colleges attended, number of credits earned, extent of experience, grades taught, salary received, requisition for repairs, and signature of teacher. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10x4⅓x4½.

282. TEACHERS' CONTRACT BOOK, 1932--. 12 vols.
Contracts between the county board of education and teachers employed, showing name of teacher, amount of salary, date contract effective, date of expiration, name of school assigned to teach, general provisions of the contract, and signatures of the teacher, chairman of the board, and superintendent of schools. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver 75 pp. 8x6x½.

283. TEACHERS' PERSONNEL RECORD CARDS, 1934--. 1 loose-leaf vol., 3 bundles. Title varies: Teachers' Record Cards, 1934-36.
Teachers' certification cards, showing teacher's name, age, sex, and color; date and place of birth, marital status, number of dependents, extent of training and experience, names of colleges attended, dates and duration of attendance, total credits earned, and type of certificate held. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Vol. 150 pp. 14½x9½x1⅓; bundles, 8x5x1.

284. VOCATIONAL CONTRACTS AND CORRESPONDENCE, 1925--. 2 file boxes.
Teachers' contracts for Federal and State aid in vocational agriculture and home economics training, showing date of contract, terms of agreement, name of teacher, amount of salary, length of school term, kind of work assigned, name of school where employed, teacher's statement of acceptance, and signatures of chairman of the board of education and superintendent of schools. Also contains correspondence relative to applications for such aid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 10x4½x4½.

Record of Pupils
(See also entries 290-295)

285. TRANSFER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, 1922--. 1 file box.
A list of pupils transferred from schools in other counties to schools in this county, showing pupil's name, age, sex, and color; names of parents, name of county from which transferred, distance pupil lives from school, name of school to which transferred, and signature of teacher. Arr. alph. by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10x4½x4½.

286. TEACHER - SCHOOLS (Pupils' Permanent Record Cards), 1935--. 3 file boxes (1-3).
Pupils' permanent record cards, showing pupil's name, address, and social history; physical condition and health record, dates pupil entered and left school, various schools attended, and scholastic averages in all subjects by grades. Arr. alph. by name of school and alph. thereunder by name of pupil. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8x6x11½.

287. TENNESSEE SCHOOL REGISTER, 1929-30, 1932--. 216 vols.
Registers kept by teachers and submitted to the superintendent at the end of each school term as a record of the year's work, including a record of daily attendance and general data concerning pupils, showing name, address, age, name and occupation of parents, school last attended, and scholastic record for the year. Also includes monthly summaries of enrollment and attendance, record of teacher's certification and training, teacher's annual property report, record of promotions and retardations, and number of eighth grade certificates issued. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 60 pp. 11x8½x½.

288. REQUISITIONS (Diplomas and Certificates), 1923-29. 1 vol. (36). 1933-- in Miscellaneous File, Correspondence, entry 306.
Duplicates of requisitions submitted to the State Department of Education for certificates and diplomas to be issued to pupils graduating from elementary and high schools, showing name of school, name of principal, names of pupils entitled to receive certificates or diplomas, a list of units made by each pupil in various subjects, signature of the superintendent, and date requisition approved. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 14½x8½x1½.

289. WORKING CERTIFICATES, 1907-28. 3 file boxes.
Work certificates issued by the superintendent to children between 14 and 18 years of age, permitting them to engage in gainful employment after school hours, showing name of child, names and address of parents or guardian, age of child at last birthday, proof of physical condition and ability of child to work, as furnished by a physician's certificate, name of employer, and date certificate granted. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10x4½x4½.

Reports
(See also entries 287, 306)

290. MONTHLY REPORTS, 1935--. 1 file box.
Monthly reports submitted by teachers or principals of the various schools, showing name of school, date of report, name of teacher or principal, monthly enrollment by grades, showing number of boys enrolled, number of girls enrolled, and total enrollment; average daily attendance, increase or decrease of average daily attendance, number dropped from roll, and number of cases of tardiness. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11½x5½x26.

291. ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT (Principals), 1929--. 46 vols.
Annual statistical reports submitted by elementary and high school principals to the superintendent, showing names and addresses of teachers, type of certificate held, training and experience, and monthly rate of pay; summary of enrollment, average daily attendance, record of promotions and retardations, length of school term, and a financial statement, showing value of school properties and equipment, and number and type of buildings. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 38 pp. 14x8½x½.

292. HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS, 1923-32, 1935--. 1 file box, 1 bundle.
Annual attendance reports submitted by high school principals, showing name of school, name of principal, total number of pupils enrolled, average daily attendance, length of school term, signature of principal, date of notarization, and signature of notary. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. File box, 4½x4½x10; bundle, 8x5x½.

293. ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT (Superintendent), 1929--. 20 vols.
Copies of superintendent's annual statistical reports as compiled from monthly and annual reports submitted by teachers and principals, and submitted to the State Department of Education, showing names and addresses of principals and teachers, type of certificate held, extent of training and experience, and monthly salary; length of school term, summary of enrollment, average attendance, record of promotion and retardations, and a property report, showing number and type of building, and valuation of buildings, grounds and equipment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 38 pp. 14x8½x½.

294. (ENUMERATION OF SCHOLASTIC POPULATION), 1932--. 39 bundles (no. by districts).
Reports of scholastic population by districts, showing district number, name, age, sex, color and address of pupil; physical condition of child, whether or not pupil can read and write, name of school attended, distance pupil lives from school, and names of parents or guardian. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10x7x4½.

295. ADULT EDUCATION (Works Progress Administration), 1936-37. 1 bundle.
Semi-monthly reports of teachers employed on the adult educational program, showing Works Progress Administration district and work project numbers, teacher's name, address, identification number, case number, sex, occupational classification, grade, and rating; course taught, number pupils attending, time of class, total number of hours taught each day, signature of teacher, and signature of superintendent acknowledging the report. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8½x14x1.

Financial Records
(See also entries 282, 284, 291, 293, 302, 304, 305)

Receipts and Disbursements - (See also entries 298-301)

296. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM, July 1937--. 1 vol.
Control accounts of the superintendent, including receipts, disbursements, payrolls, register of warrants, and a breakdown of all receipts and expenditures, showing date of transaction, name of account or fund affected, and amount involved. Arr. alph. under tabs by name of account. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18x25x3.
For prior record of warrants issued, see entry 300.

297. RECEIPTS, 1924--. 1 file box.
Original receipts for revenue collected by the superintendent and turned over to the trustee, showing date issued, from whom received, amount of collection, and signature of trustee. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4⅓x4½x10.

Warrants - (See also entry 274)

298. HIGH SCHOOL WARRANTS (Stubs), 1929--. 18 vols.
Stubs of warrants issued in payment of high school expenses, including teachers' salaries, fuel, lights, water, and labor and material used for repairs, showing number of warrant, date issued, name of payee, purpose of payment, and amount. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 14x17x1.

299. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WARRANTS (Stubs), 1929--. 15 vols.
Stubs of warrants issued in payment of elementary school expenses, including teachers' salaries, fuel, lights, water, and labor and material used for repairs, showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, purpose of payment, and amount. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 200 pp. 14x17x1.

300. SCHOOL WARRANTS (Register), 1920-June, 1937. 6 vols.
A register of warrants issued for payment of expenses involved in maintaining and operating county schools, showing warrant number, date issued, to whom issued, amount and purpose of payment, date warrant paid, and name of

bank honoring same. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd form. Aver. 400 pp. 17x15½x2.

For subsequent records, see entry 296.

301. CANCELED WARRANTS, 1930--. 3 file boxes.
Warrants issued by the superintendent in payment of department expenses, such as repairs, supplies, insurance premiums, and teachers' salaries, showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, purpose of payment, and amount. These warrants are paid and canceled by the trustee or bank and turned over to the superintendent. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11½x5½x26.

Property Records
(See also entries 291, 293)

302. DEEDS, 1859--. 1 file box. Last deed filed 1929.
Original deeds to property purchased or donated for school purposes, showing names of grantor and grantee (the board of education), date of deed, location and description of property, number of acres, amount of consideration involved, terms of payment, signature of grantor, acknowledgment before notary public, and register's certification of recording. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw., 1859-1902; typed, 1903--. 4½x4½x10.

For other deeds to school property, see entry 25.

303. (BUILDING PLANS), 1929-36. 16 blueprints in 1 bundle.
Blueprints of floor plans with general specifications for construction of school buildings, showing name of school for which drawn, and size and type of building to be constructed. Drawn by: J. E. Crain, Nashville, Tennessee. Damaged by fire and water. Scales vary; size of bundle, 4x4x16.

304. CONTRACTS, 1924--. 1 file box.
Contracts for the construction of school buildings, showing building specifications and requirements, including type and size of building to be erected; number of rooms and size of each, and date building is to be completed; date of contract, name of contractor, estimated cost of construction, amount contractor is to receive, and signatures of contractor and superintendent. Also contains:

i. Bids submitted by various contractors, showing the amount for which building will be erected in accordance with plans and specifications, name of contractor submitting bid, and date submitted.

ii. Bonds of contractors, showing names of contractor and bondsmen, date and amount of bond, condition of the obligation, and signatures of principal and sureties.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 4½x4½x10.

305. FIRE INSURANCE POLICIES, 1933--. 3 file boxes (1-3).
Policies insuring county school buildings against damage by fire, wind, explosion, and smoke (from heating plant), showing names of insurance

company and agency, location and description of insured property, date of underwriting, date of expiration of policy, amounts of policy and premiums, and clauses and provisions of the policy. Arr. chron. by date of expiration. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4½x4½x10.

Miscellaneous

306. MISCELLANEOUS FILE, CORRESPONDENCE, 1928--. 2 file boxes. Miscellaneous file containing:

i. Copies of quarterly and annual reports of the superintendent to the quarterly county court, showing date of report, receipts and disbursements during reported period, balance on hand of all funds appropriated for school purposes, itemized list of all warrants issued, and account of all funds collected by the superintendent and deposited with the trustee. For original quarterly reports, see entry 1.

ii. Correspondence with the State Department of Education, teachers, principals, and various firms and individuals regarding the activities of this office, showing, in addition to the text, date, and names of correspondents.

Also contains: Requisitions, 1933--, entry 288. Arr. alph. by names and subjects and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. or typed on ptd. form. 11½x5½x26.

307. LIBRARIES (Applications for State Aid and Orders), 1923--. 1 file box.

Duplicates of applications to the State Commissioner for State aid in establishing school libraries, showing date of application, name of school, name and address of teacher, amount of county funds deposited with county trustee, amount of State funds applied for, signatures of superintendent and trustee. Also contains duplicate orders for books to be furnished school libraries, showing date, name and address of company ordered from, names of school and teacher submitting order, and a list of books requested, showing title, author, publisher, and list price. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4½x4½x10.

XXI. COUNTY PHYSICIAN

Bedford County has no organized health department, a bureau authorized in 1921.(180) There is now a county physician who attends

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180. P.A. 1921, ch. 89, sec. 1 (C 1932, 5783). The county is currently planning to establish a health department on a temporary and experimental basis (Nashville Banner, January 2, 1940). A motion to appropriate $3,500 for the organization of a health department, made in 1925 at the October session of the quarterly county court, was defeated by a vote of thirty-five to five (Minute Book, vol. T, p. 395, entry 12 of this Inventory).

the inmates of the county jail and poor home and who performs some of the functions of health officers in counties under the general law. Although there had been some prior legislation on the matter, the office of county or jail physician was not permanently established until 1885, (181) and presumably the office in Bedford County dates from that year. During the period 1919-1932 there seems to have been two county physicians in Bedford County or at least two persons so designated by the quarterly court.(182) At its December term in 1931 the quarterly court elected only one county physician.(183) The county physician serves for a term of four years.(184)

XXII. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
(Highway Commission and Superintendent of Roads)

The first special act relating to highways in Bedford County was an act of 1823.(185) By this act, the court of pleas and quarter sessions was authorized to levy a tax sufficient to yield a total of $400 over the next three years, the money to be used to build a bridge across the Duck River at Shelbyville.(186) The act further directed the court to appoint, after December 31, 1824, three commissioners to contract for and to superintend the building of this bridge.(187) The commissioners were to elect one of their body treasurer, and he was to receive the proceeds of the special tax from the collector.(188) Further, the treasurer was to keep a book in which to record the subscriptions made by persons to raise a fund in addition to the proceeds of the special tax.(189) The commissioners were to report annually to the court of pleas and quarter sessions on the progress made toward the completion of the bridge.(190) If the court of pleas and quarter sessions failed to provide for the building of the bridge, two citizens of Williamson County were authorized to build a private toll bridge across the Duck at Shelbyville.(191) A private toll bridge across the Duck River "at or near the fishing ford," was authorized in 1833.(192)

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181. Acts 1885, ch. 95, sec. 4.
182. Minute Book, vol. S, p. 287; Minute Book, vol. T. p. 109; Quarterly Minutes, vol. 1, p. 6, all in Quarterly Minutes, entry 12 in this Inventory.
183. Quarterly Minutes, vol. 1, p. 240, entry 12 in this Inventory.
184. Acts 1885, ch. 95, sec. 4 (C 1932, 5778); Acts 1891, ch. 181 (C 1932, 5778); Acts 1895, ch. 206 (C 1932, 5778); P.A. 1935, ex. ses., ch. 37, sec. 1 (CMS 1937, 5778).
185. Pr.A. 1823, ch. 230.
186. Ibid., secs. 1, 8.
187. Ibid., sec. 2.
188. Ibid., secs. 4, 5.
189. Ibid., sec. 6.
190. Ibid., sec. 7. Evidently, it was believed that some time would be needed.
191. Pr.A. 1823, ch. 230.
192. Pr.A. 1833, ch. 253.

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An act of 1831 named three men from Davidson County, three from Rutherford County, and three from Bedford County to constitute a board of internal improvements to build and manage a turnpike connecting Nashville, Murfreesboro, and Shelbyville.(193) The Governor was authorized to invest part of the common school funds due these counties in this turnpike.(194)

For nearly a century after the special acts of the eighteen-thirties, the Bedford County road system depended almost exclusively on the general law.(195)

An act of 1925 provided that, since the Bedford County quarterly court had issued $200,000 of bonds to raise funds for the county's contribution toward financing the construction of three State and Federal aid highways in the county and since the State had subsequently agreed to build two of the highways without the assistance of the county,(196) the quarterly court could, through a committee, use part of the remainder to acquire all the private turnpikes and toll roads in the county and spend the rest upon the main county roads.(197)

An act of April 3, 1929, effective immediately, created a highway commission to consist of six members.(198) The county judge was made chairman and, in case of a tie, a voting member.(199) This act was repealed in December but the repealing act substantially reenacted the law passed in April.(200) The six members named in the act were to be succeeded on September 1, 1930, by six persons elected for full terms of six years in the general election in August of that year, each of six highway districts electing one member.(201) Before he entered office, each member was to make a bond of $1000.(202) The commission was to name a secretary from its membership.(203) Each commissioner was to receive $2.50 per diem for attending meetings of the commission; the chairman was to receive $50 a month.(204) The county judge was to appoint an overseer for each road to be worked by residents subject to road duty.

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193. P.A. 1831, ch. 46.
194. Ibid., sec. 9.
195. For discussion of the general law for part of this time, see Summary of General Highway Legislation in Tennessee During the Period 1881-1909. Tennessee Historical Records Survey Project Special Publications Series, No. 3, Nashville, 1940.
196. Pr.A. 1925, ch. 678.
197. Ibid., sec. 1.
198. Pr.A. 1929, ch. 403, sec. 1.
199. Ibid.
200. Pr.A. 1929, ex. ses., ch. 13, secs. 1, 17.
201. Ibid., sec. 1.
202. Ibid.
203. Ibid.
204. Ibid.

Highway Department

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(205) All physically able male inhabitants between the ages of twenty-one and fifty residing in the county but living outside incorporated towns were subject to five ten-hour days of road work under the road overseers or to the payment of $1.50 for each day of failure to work. (206) Each overseer was to report delinquencies to the county judge and either the overseer or the judge was to prosecute.(207) Prisoners in the county workhouse could be requisitioned for road work.(208) The highway commission had custody of all county road machinery, tools, and equipment.(209) The chairman of the commission was the county's agent for handling highway and road matters arising between the county and the State Commissioner or the Department of Highways and Public Works and between the county and the Federal Government.(210) Petitions to open, close, or change roads were to be filed with the commission.(211) The chairman was to award damages, with appeals lying to the circuit court.(212) To provide funds for maintaining the county road system the quarterly court was to levy an annual tax of three cents on each $100 of taxable property in the county.(213) The highway funds of the county were to be spent by the highway commission, except that expenditure of or above $500 to build or repair bridges or culverts required the approval of the quarterly court.(214) The commission was to keep a minute book,(215) and the county judge was to keep a record of all receipts, appropriations, and disbursements of road funds and to report once a year to the court.(216)

An act of April 1933 created a highway commission to be composed of one member from each of the county's nineteen civil districts and named one of the members chairman of the commission.(217) The commissioners were to serve until their successors were elected in the general election of 1934, each civil district to elect one member.(218) Before they entered office, the chairman was to make a bond of $5,000 and each of the other members a bond of $500.(219) The commission to be elected in 1934 was to organize by electing a chairman and a secretary from its membership. (220) The chairman was to receive a salary of $1,200 a year, and each of

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205. Pr.A. 1929, ex. ses., ch. 13, sec. 4.
206. Ibid., sec. 6.
207. Ibid.
208. Ibid., sec. 11.
209. Ibid., sec. 10.
210. Ibid., sec. 15.
211. Ibid., sec. 5.
212. Ibid.
213. Ibid., sec. 9.
214. Ibid., secs. 2, 14.
215. Ibid., sec. 5.
216. Ibid., sec. 8.
217. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 548, sec. 1. This act failed to mention the 1929 commission but certainly this act was meant to repeal the 1929 act unless, for some reason, the latter act had become inoperative.
218. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 548, sec. 1.
219. Ibid., secs. 1, 16.
220. Ibid., sec. 1.

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the other commissioners a per diem of $2.00.(221) The term of office was two years.(222) With the approval of the commission, the chairman was to appoint a road overseer for each road to be worked under the compulsory labor system.(223) Each overseer was to receive a per diem of $2.50, and service was compulsory.(224) All physically able male inhabitants of the county except residents of incorporated towns were to work on the roads for five eight-hour days or pay $1.25 commutation tax for each day of failure to work.(225) The road overseers were to report delinquents to the chairman of the commission, and either the road overseers or the chairman was to prosecute.(226) Prisoners of the workhouse were to be worked upon the roads under arrangements between the highway commission and the workhouse commission.(227) The highway commission was given charge and control of the county's road machinery, tools, and equipment.(228) Petitions to open, close, or change roads were to be filed with the secretary of the commission.(229) Damages were to be awarded by the commission, subject to appeal to the circuit court.(230) The chairman of the commission was to be the county's agent in dealing with the State Commissioner or the Department of Highways and Public Works, particularly in the matter of the expenditure of the county's share of the funds arising from the gasoline tax and of other grants-in-aid.(231) The quarterly court was to levy a special road tax of two cents on each $100 of taxable property in the county.(232) The commission was empowered to spend highway and road funds with the exception that expenditures of more than $500 on any bridge or culvert required the approval of the quarterly court.(233) The commission was to keep a minute book(234) and a record of receipts and expenditures of the highway funds.(235) The chairman was to make an annual report to the quarterly court.(236)

The act of 1933 was repealed by an act of February 7, 1935.(237) The act now in force, passed on the same day, designated six men who, together with the county judge, were to be members of a highway commission

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221. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 548, sec. 1.
222. Ibid.
223. Ibid., sec. 4.
224. Ibid.
225. Ibid., sec. 6.
226. Ibid.
227. Ibid., sec. 11.
228. Ibid., sec. 10.
229. Ibid., sec. 5.
230. Ibid.
231. Ibid., sec. 7.
232. Ibid., sec. 9.
233. Ibid., secs. 2, 14.
234. Ibid., sec. 5.
235. Ibid., sec. 8.
236. Ibid.
237. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 103.

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to succeed the commission functioning under the act of 1933.(238) On September 1, 1936, six commissioners elected by popular vote in the August election of that year, each highway district electing one, were to take over.(239) The county judge, ex-officio chairman of the commission, may vote only in case of ties.(240) One of the members of the commission serves as secretary.(241) Before he enters office, each of the six commissioners must give a bond of $1,000.(242) The county judge, as chairman of the commission, receives $75.00 a month and each of the six commissioners receives a per diem of $2.50.(243) The term of office of a highway commissioner is six years.(244) The highway commission appoints, for a one year term, a general foreman, who must be a "person of known ability and experience in road construction and maintenance, and capable of mechanical work."(245) The general foreman has "control, under the direction and subject to the approval" of the commission, "of all roads, bridges, mechanical work, and other work committed to" the commission.(246) The act originally required the commission to appoint an overseer for each civil district annually,(247) but this provision was repealed and the office of overseer abolished in 1937.(248) Between 1935 and 1937 each district road overseer was required to supply the commission with a list of the road hands of his district and to make an annual report to the commission, showing the names of all persons who worked on the roads, the names of persons showing commutation receipts from the trustee, the roads worked, and the amount and kinds of machinery, tools, and equipment in his hands.(249)

The act of 1935 made it the duty of every male inhabitant between the ages of twenty-one and fifty to spend five eight-hour days working on the county roads under the district overseers or to pay $1.00 for each day of failure to work,(250) but the section of the act of 1935 which required compulsory labor was repealed in 1937.(251) The general foreman is authorized to hire other foremen and such labor as he sees fit.(252) The workhouse commission was abolished by the 1935 act and the highway commission now exercises the powers and performs the duties of the old

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238. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 104.
239. Ibid.
240. Ibid.
241. Ibid.
242. Ibid., secs. 1, 16.
243. Ibid.
244. Ibid.
245. Ibid., sec. 10.
246. Ibid.
247. Ibid., sec. 12.
248. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 87.
249. Ibid., sec. 12; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 87.
250. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 104, sec. 13.
251. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 87.
252. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 104, sec. 10.

workhouse commission.(253) Since 1937, the highway commission has had charge of all road machinery, tools, and equipment;(254) from 1935 to 1937, machinery, tools and equipment were allocated among the district road overseers.(255) The highway commission has the power to condemn materials needed for highway purposes.(256) Petitions for opening, closing, or changing roads are filed with the county judge, and damages are awarded by him, subject to appeal to the circuit court.(257) The chairman of the commission acts as the county's agent in dealings between the county and the State Department of Highways and Public Works, the Commissioner of the Department, and the Federal Government.(258)

The quarterly court is required to levy a special highway tax of two cents on each $100 of taxable property in the county for road purposes.(259) The commission spends the county road funds, but, as in the past, an expenditure of more than $1,000 on any bridge or culvert requires the approval of the quarterly court;(260) whenever the general foreman desires to spend any of the highway funds, however, he must submit a statement of the contemplated expenditure to the county judge for approval.(261)

The chairman of the commission is required to keep records of the receipts, appropriations, and disbursements(262) and must make quarterly and annual reports to the quarterly court.(263) The secretary of the commission is required to keep a minute book, which among other things, is to include copies of all reports made to the commission and all reports made by the chairman to the quarterly court.(264) By implication, the highway commission must now keep the records formerly kept by the workhouse commission.

Minutes

308. QUARTERLY MINUTES, 1928--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Minutes of the proceedings in quarterly sessions of the commission, showing date of meeting, nature of business transacted, and signatures of the chairman and secretary of the commission. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by subjects. Typed. Aver. 400 pp. 14½x9x2. Rm. 101.

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253. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 104, sec. 9.
254. Ibid., sec. 8.
255. Ibid., sec. 12; Pr.A. 1937, ch. 87.
256. Pr.A. 1935, ch. 105, sec. 6.
257. Ibid.
258. Ibid., sec. 5.
259. Ibid., sec. 14.
260. Ibid., secs. 2, 11.
261. Ibid., sec. 10.
262. Ibid., sec. 7.
263. Ibid., secs. 7, 10.
264. Ibid., sec. 10.

Highway Department - Requisitions; Payroll Records (309-313)

Requisitions

309. REQUISITION ORDERS, 1930--. 2 loose-leaf vols.
Orders for materials and supplies purchased for use on highways, presented by the highway foreman to the merchant from whom purchased and then to the county judge for payment, showing date and number of order, quantity and description of material purchased, unit price, total cost, name of merchant, signatures of foreman and judge, date paid, and number of warrant issued in payment. Arr. chron. and num. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 1000 pp. 10x6x6. Vault, rm. 101.
For other highway orders, see entry 30.

Payroll Records
(See also entries 314-318)

310. (FOREMAN'S WEEKLY TIME REPORT), 1935--. 4 vols.
Weekly time reports of district foremen, showing project and highway district numbers, date of report, name and occupation of each employee, number of hours worked, rate of pay per hour, total amount due, number of warrant issued, signature of the foreman, and approval of highway commissioner or general foreman. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 60 pp. 10x6x1⅛. Vault, rm. 101.

311. (OPERATORS' WEEKLY REPORTS), 1937--. 1 vol.
Record of activities as reported by operators of highway machinery employed by the commission, showing date of report, date work was performed, time left and returned to yard, project number, mileage, number of hours worked, amount due, number of warrant issued, an itemized account of cost of operation including gas, oil, rentals, and other materials, total cost, kind of equipment, repairs, transmission oil, grease and tires; signature of operator, date approved, and signature of general foreman. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 9x6x5. Rm. 101.

312. OLD OVERSEERS REPORT, 1930-31, 1934-35. 3 file boxes.
Reports from district overseers of all work performed, showing district number, date of report, name of road worked, number of miles, condition of road, names of hands worked, number of days assessed to work, type of work done, signature of overseer, approval of the chairman of the commission, and number and date of warrant issued in payment. Arr. num. by district number and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4⅛x4⅛x10. Rm. 101.

313. (COMMISSIONERS QUARTERLY EXPENSE REPORT), 1935--. 1 loose-leaf vol.
Highway commissioners' quarterly expense reports presented to the chairman of the commission at quarterly meetings for approval and payment, showing date of report, nature of work performed, number of days worked each month, total days worked during the quarter, an itemized account of expense per month, total expenses for the quarter, and signature of the commissioner. Also shows date of commission meeting, and signature of chairman approving

report; also date, number, and amount of warrant issued for payment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10x6x2. Rm. 101.

Warrants

314. REGISTER OF WARRANTS (Gas Fund), 1935--. 1 vol. (no. by contained warrant nos.).
Record of warrants issued by the chairman of the commission in payment of highway expenses and chargeable to the gas fund, showing date issued, warrant number, to whom payable, amount, purpose of payment, and date canceled. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18x12½x2. Rm. 101.
For register of warrants paid, see entry 277.

315. HIGHWAY WARRANTS (Canceled), 1929--. 4 file drawers (no. by contained warrant nos.).
Canceled warrants issued by the chairman of the commission and chargeable to the gas fund, showing warrant number, date issued, to whom payable, purpose of payment, fund chargeable, signature of county judge, date paid, and date canceled. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5x12x26. Rm. 101.
For register of warrants paid, see entry 277.

316. ROAD WARRANTS (Canceled), 1934. 1 file box (no. by contained warrant nos.)
Canceled warrants issued for payment of highway expenses and chargeable to the three cent road fund, showing warrant number, date issued, to whom payable, amount and purpose of payment, account chargeable, signature of chairman of the commission, and date canceled. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5x12x26. Rm. 101.

317. 2¢ ROAD WARRANTS (Canceled), 1935--. 1 file box (no. by contained warrant nos.).
Canceled warrants issued for payment of highway expenses and chargeable to two-cent road fund, showing date issued, warrant number, to whom payable, amount and purpose of payment, signature of chairman of the commission, and date canceled. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5x12x26. Rm. 101.

318. BRIDGE WARRANTS (Canceled), 1935--. 1 file box (no. by contained warrant nos.).
Canceled warrants issued in payment of expense of construction and maintenance of bridges, showing warrant number, date issued, to whom payable, purpose of payment, account chargeable, signature of chairman of commission, and stamp of cancellation. Arr. num. and chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5x12x26. Rm. 101.
For duplicate warrants, see entry 39.

Record of Prisoners
(See also entry 251)

319. WORKHOUSE MITTIMUS, 1934--. 5 file boxes.
Original papers from circuit and justice of the peace courts committing prisoners to the workhouse, showing date of commitment, name of prisoner, offense charged, length of sentence, amounts of fine and court costs, and signature of trial judge, or justice of the peace. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4½x4½x10. Rm. 101.

320. WORKHOUSE PRISONER RECORD, 1929--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Record of days worked by prisoners and credited against sentence or fine, showing name of prisoner, bill of costs, court in which case was tried, date of sentence, date admitted to workhouse, offense charged, number of days worked, and amount of fine worked out. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of prisoner. Hdw. on ptd. form. Aver. 452 pp. 16½x12x2½. Rm. 101.

For reports to quarterly county court, see entry 4.

Miscellaneous

321. RECORD OF DISTRICT FREE ROAD HANDS, 1935--. 1 vol.
List of road hands as filed with the secretary of the commission by district overseers, showing number and name of road, district number, name of overseer, and a list of all hands subject to road duty. Arr. num. by district no. and num. thereunder by road no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 13x9½x2. Rm. 101.

322. CORRESPONDENCE, 1934--. 3 file drawers.
Miscellaneous correspondence pertaining to the activities of this office, showing date, name of addressee, subject content, and signature of correspondent. Also includes bids on supplies, equipment, and services; petitions for opening, closing, or changing roads; and contracts for materials or services. Arr. alph. by name of addressee or correspondent, or by subject. No index. Hdw. and typed. 14x14x26. Rm. 101.

XXIII. POOR COMMISSION

A special act of 1824 authorized the Bedford County court of pleas and quarter sessions to levy a tax for two years "for the purpose of raising funds to procure a site, and erecting a house thereon, for the accommodation of the poor" and vested the court "with full power and authority to appoint commissioners, hire an overseer, and do and perform every act or acts, thing or things . . . for the purpose of carrying this act into effect."(265) Thus this act anticipated general

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265. Pr.A. 1824, ex. ses., ch. 105.

legislation which, in 1827, authorized the court to appoint a poor committee,(266) and in 1889, the quarterly court to appoint the present poor commission.(267) Under the general law, the office of superintendent of the poor home dates from 1827.(268) The first poor asylum is reputed to have been built in 1832.(269)

The poor commissioners serve for a term of three years.(270) The superintendent of the poor home serves at the will of the poor commission.(271) For commissioners' financial reports to the quarterly county court, see entry 3.

323. MINUTES, 1900--. 1 vol.
A record of the activities of the poor home superintendent, showing the number of inmates admitted and discharged, number of deaths, and an itemized account of all expenditures, such as for food, clothing, fuel, and drugs. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 14x9x2. Office, supt's. home.

324. REGISTER, 1898--. 1 vol.
A register of inmates of the poor home, showing name of inmate, date of admission, date of discharge or, in case of death, date of removal. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 10x14x1. Office, supt's. home.

XXIV. RANGER

The office of ranger, although constitutional, is now vacant in Bedford County, the office apparently being abandoned when there was no longer the need for such an officer to receive and take up stray stock. The office was probably filled shortly after the county was organized in 1808.(272)

XXV. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
(Farm and Home Demonstration Agents and Agricultural Extension Committee)

Although an act of 1913 authorized the quarterly court to appropriate money for "Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work",(273)

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266. Pr.A. 1827, ch. 112.
267. Acts 1889, ch. 150 (C 1932, 4798).
268. Pr.A. 1827, ch. 112, sec. 6 (C 1932, 4810).
269. Goodspeed's History, 866.
270. Acts 1879, ch. 102 (C 1932, 4798); Acts 1889, ch. 150 (C 1932, 4798).
271. Pr.A. 1827, ch. 112, sec. 8 (C 1932, 4811).
272. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; C 1858, 817 (C 1932, 1904); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.
273. P.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 27 (C 1932, 10242, subsec. 18; C 1932, 10251).

Bedford County took no steps in this direction until 1920, when an appropriation of $1,800 was made to employ a county agent.(274) There was a home demonstration agent in 1921.(275)

Under a general law of 1929 Bedford County now has an agricultural extension committee of seven members elected annually by the quarterly court to cooperate with it in the selection of a county agent and a home demonstration agent.(276)

There is now a county farm agent who is elected annually,(277) but no home demonstration agent, the quarterly court having rejected a motion made at the April 1939 session to appropriate $840 for employing one for one year.(278)

Federal Program
(See also entries 333, 335)

325. CONSERVATION PROGRAM (A.A.A.), 1934--. 6 file boxes. Applications and contracts made under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, showing name of farmer, date of application or contract, total acreage of crop lands, and all other information relative to participation in this program. Arr. num. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of farmer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 13½x11½x20. Rm. 53.

326. CONTRACTS - A.A.A. PROGRAM, 1934-35. 4 file boxes. Miscellaneous papers pertaining to the execution of contracts made in compliance with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration which papers were so badly demaged by fire that they were of little use to the agent and were removed from the office files. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Condition very poor. 16x16x30. Bsmt., co. agent's residence, Belmont Avenue.

327. RETURNED COMPLIANCE FORMS (Conservation Contracts), 1937--. 1 file box. Returned compliance forms and work sheets, showing names of land owner and tenant, location of farm, total acreage in cultivation, number of acres of non-crop land and pasture, soil building practice, and signature of farmer. Also includes applications for payment, showing date and number of application, name and address of farmer, crop for which payment is allowed, rate of payment, number of acres allowed, amount of allotment, and signature of farmer. Arr. num. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of farmer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½x11½x20. Rm. 53.

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274. Minute Book, vol. S, p. 430, in Quarterly Minutes, entry 12 in this Inventory.
275. Ibid., p. 547.
276. P.A. 1929, ch. 81, sec. 5 (C 1932, 2545); Quarterly Minutes, vol. 2, p. 189, entry 12 in this Inventory.
277. Quarterly Minutes, vol. 2, p. 189, entry 12 in this Inventory.
278. Ibid., p. 123.

Agriculture Department - 4-H Club Work; Miscellaneous (328-333)

328. LISTING SHEETS (Soil Conservation Program), 1936--. 1 vol.
Statistical summary sheets listing all farms included in agricultural conservation program, showing serial number, name of operator, total acres farm land, number acres of crop land and number acres non-crop land, soil conserving acreage, soil building goal, and general soil depletion crops. Arr. num. by serial no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 122 pp. 27x17½x1. Rm. 53.

329. INDEX BOOK, 1936--. 1 vol.
A list of producers participating in the agricultural conservation program, showing name and address of producer, district number, application number, and dates of application and payment. Arr. alph. by name of producer. Typed. 100 pp. 14½x9x½. Rm. 53.

330. FILE CARDS, 1936-38. 2 file boxes.
A card index file listing the names of all farmers participating in the agricultural program, showing application number, names of land owner and tenant, address, work sheet number, number of producers on farm, number of acres in farm, soil building allowance, cotton base, general base, yield, amount of check, and total payment. Arr. num. by contract no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8½x6½x13. Rm. 53.

331. RECEIPTS, 1934--. 2 file boxes.
Vouchers for payments to producers cooperating with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, showing application number, name and address of payee, class of payment, net amount due, and number of check issued. Arr. num. by application no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 16½x11½x25. 1 file box, 1934-35, bsmt., co. agent's residence, Belmont Ave.; 1 file box, 1936--, rm. 53.

4-H Club Work

332. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP 4-H CLUB, 1936--. 2 file boxes.
Pupils' applications for 4-H club membership, showing name and age of pupil, school attended, home address or name of community, items in which pupil is interested, names of teacher and club leader. Arr. alph. by name of activity center. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 7x3½x12½. Rm. 53.

Miscellaneous

333. LETTERS, 1935--. 36 letter files (dated).
General correspondence concerning all activities of this department, such as announcements of meetings, and changes in programs and instructions, showing, in addition to subject matter, date, and name of person to whom communication is addressed, and signature of the writer. Arr. alph. by subjects. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12x12x3½. Rm. 53.

Agriculture Department - Miscellaneous (334-335)

334. (MISCELLANEOUS FILE), 1935--. 1 file drawer.
Manuals, circulars, instructions, photographs, charts and reports of county agent and extension workers, including:

i. Copy of annual narrative report of county agent listing types of work engaged in under agricultural conservation program, including lime and alfalfa projects, soil erosion control, 4-H club work, and dairy herd improvement; publications in county newspapers, farm visits made, phosphate tests, weed control, and garden meetings.

ii. Copy of report of extension worker on work engaged in, showing date of report, number of clubs organized, number enrolled in each, ages, number in and out of school, number of bulletins distributed, number of homes visited, number of meetings held, number of boys and girls attending, and total membership in county.

iii. Copy of annual statistical report to the extension service on methods and analyses of work done, showing date of report, communities included, conferences held with farmers, field meetings, number of surveys made, tours made, kind of crops studied, and type of cultivation used.

Arr. alph. by subjects. No index. Hdw. and typed. 13½x11½x20. Rm. 53.
For agent's report to the quarterly court, see entry 1.

335. (AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS), 1938--. 240 photographs.
Aerial photographs of the county, used by the agent in determining the number of acres in farms listed under the farm program, showing acreage allotted to cultivation, acres of woodland, highways, railroads, rivers, creeks, and schools. Photographs by: Aerial Survey Division of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. Black and white. Scale: 10 acres - 1 sq. in. Size: 22x22. Rm. 53.

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