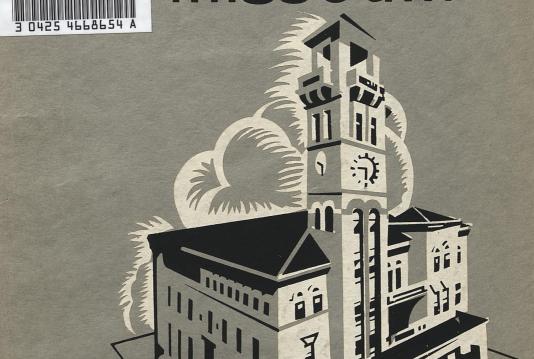
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The Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Cass County, is number 19 of the Missouri 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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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 citigens 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 record - they attempt further to sketch 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.

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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, under the administration of Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner.

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The Historical Records Survey Program was initiated as a Nation-wide undertaking in January 1936, as a part of the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration, which was operating in the State at that time. The Survey in Missouri became a separate unit of Federal Project No. 1 on October 15, 1936, and continued to operate as a part of the Nation-wide project. By act of Congress Federal Project No. 1 was abolished August 31, 1939, and the Missouri Project was converted into a State-wide locally sponsored project under the administrative authority of Colonel B. M. Casteel, State Administrator, and the Director of the Professional and Service Division, Work Projects Administration.

The purpose of the Survey in Missouri is twofold: First, to list public records in county offices in a reference volume for the use of county officials and the general public; second, to locate, classify, and catalog all extant county records so as to make them more easily accessible to county officials, historians, and research workers. In the official documents of Cass County is continued the story of civilization as it pushed westward from the Mississippi River. A compilation of this valuable information is found within the pages of this Inventory of the Archives of Cass County. Preparation of complete inventories of all other counties in the State, the larger cities, and other local government units is anticipated.

The arrangement of agencies in Part B of the inventory classifies them according to governmental function: Administration, registration of property titles, administration of justice, law enforcement, finance, elections, education, health, and miscellaneous. A short history of the agency is found in a section preceding the inventory of the records of each agency. Records are classified, in general, according to the agencies which make them, unless other disposition of the records is directed by law. Records have been classified under each agency, so far as possible, according to the subjects with which they deal.

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

The Survey is now engaged in preparing a comprehensive statement of the general law regulating county government, to be entitled County Government in Missouri. It is expected that this book will serve as a handbook on the organization, structure, and evolution of county government and records in Missouri, and will make it unnecessary to repeat in each inventory information applicable to all counties in the State.

The inventory of the records of Cass County was prepared under the direction of Mr. A. Loyd Collins, District Supervisor. The field personnel consisted of Frank Reading and Mary Crutcher. The survey was started on October 10, 1938 and completed August 15, 1939. The

additional work of abstracting the County Court Record, the preparation of floor plans of the courthouse, and the writing of minor historical essays has been done since that time by Frank M. Reading, Robert Pedigo and Laura B. Jones. A complete recheck of the inventory was begun on November 24, 1940 and completed on December 8, 1940 by Ruth West, District Supervisor. This recheck resulted in the final verification of the record entries that are found in this volume.

The inventory was prepared for publication by the editorial staff of the Survey in St. Louis under the direction of William H. Michell, Assistant Supervisor. The historical sketch was written by O. H. Gerard; the legal essays were written by George Schlueter and Elmer Dolphus. The record entries were prepared by Fred Eggersman, A. S. Wayland, and E. R. Williams; and the index was furnished by Marie Carroll. Credit is also given to the other workers of the staff who assisted in the fields of legal and historical research and to those who helped in the preparation of the book for mimeographing. The Missouri staff has profited in all phases of its work by the constructive advice and criticism of the Washington staff. This inventory in final manuscript form was edited in the National office by Louise Boynton, Assistant Editor, and further reviewed by Mabel S. Brodie, editor in charge of public records inventories.

The Cass County Court has co-sponsored this book and aided in procuring certain materials necessary in mimeographing the volume. The active cooperation of all the officials in Cass County has been an invaluable aid in the preparation of this inventory and I wish to express appreciation for the assistance rendered by each of them. For a list of county officials, see the following page. I also wish to express appreciation for the cooperation rendered by Hon. Allen Glenn; Oscar Dunn, ex sheriff; A. Ives Reid, ex treasurer; Robert G. Fulton, ex clerk of the county court, deceased; and Mr. Frank Tuttle, editor, Cass County Democrat, and the officials of the Missouri Historical Society, the Missouri Work Projects Administration, the St. Louis Law Library Association, and the St. Louis Public Library.

The various units of the Inventory of the County Archives of Misscuri are being issued in mimeographed form for free distribution to state and local officials and public libraries in Misscuri, and to a limited number of libraries and governmental units in other states. For publication of the Misscuri Historical Records Survey, see the last page of this inventory. Inquiries concerning particular units of the inventory may be addressed to Colonel B. M. Casteel, State Administrator, Work Projects Administration, 417 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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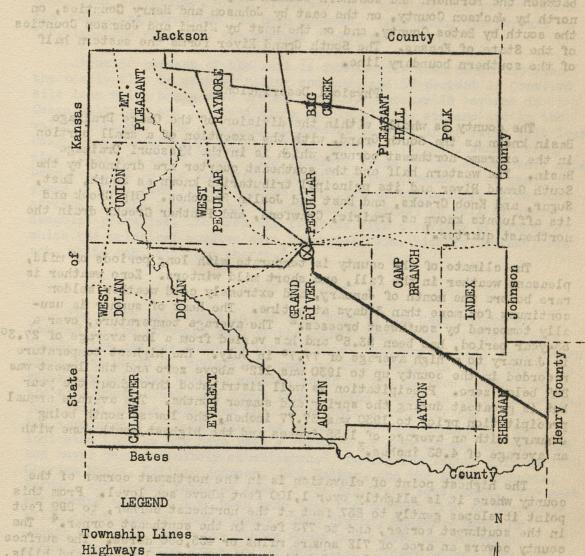
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### 1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Cass County is situated on the western border of Missouri, midway between the northern and southern boundaries, and is bordered on the north by Jackson County, on the east by Johnson and Henry Counties, on the south by Bates County, and on the west by Miami and Johnson Counties of the State of Kansas. The South Grand River forms the eastern half of the southern boundary line.

### Physical Description

The county is wholly within the division of the Osage Drainage Basin known as the South Grand, with the exception of a small portion in the extreme northwest corner, which is in the Missouri Drainage Basin. The western half and the southeast quarter are drained by the South Grand River and its principal tributaries known as South, East, Sugar, and Knob Creeks, and East and Joslin Branches. Big Creek and its affluents known as Prairie, Crawford, and Panther Creeks drain the northeast quarter.

The climate of the county is temperate with long periods of mild, pleasant weather in the fall, and short mild winters. Zero weather is rare before the month of January, and extremely cold weather seldom continues for more than 3 days at a time. The heat of summer is usually tempered by southwest breezes. The average temperature, over a 53-year period, has been 53.5° and has varied from a low average of 27.3° in January to a high average of 77.7° in July. The highest temperature recorded in the county up to 1930 was 112° above zero and the lowest was 28° below zero. Precipitation is well distributed throughout the year but is greatest during the spring and summer months. The average armual precipitation prior to 1930 was 37.77 inches, the lowest month being January with an average of 1.55 inches and the highest month June with an average of 4.63 inches.

The highest point of elevation is in the northwest corner of the county where it is slightly over 1,100 feet above sea level. From this point it slopes gently to 857 feet at the northeast corner, to 999 feet in the southwest corner, and to 773 feet in the southeast corner. The county covers an area of 712 square miles or 455,660 acres. The surface configuration is dominantly undulating with occasional ridges and hills, usually not more than 50 to 75 feet in elevation, and with broad flat bottoms along the larger streams. The features of the region clearly indicate the geological structure and relative resistance to erosion of the interbedded shales, limestones, and sandstones composing the basal rocks of the region. Except for an occasional limestone knoll or low ridge, the extensive shale horizons are characterized by level or

<sup>1.</sup> Missouri Bureau of Geology and Mines, Drainage Map of Missouri.

<sup>2.</sup> U. S. Department of Agriculture, Field Operations of the Bureau of Soils, 1912, Fourteenth Report, p. 1667, hereinafter cited as U. S. Department of Agriculture, Field Operations.

<sup>3.</sup> U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climatic Summary of the United States, sec. 54, pp. 10 and 19.

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undulating topography, which gives way to a more rolling relief where the underlying limestone has been exposed. Only along the streams in the limestone region is the surface broken and rough. I

About 60 percent of the soil is Summit silt loam which occupies the nearly flat to gently rolling country, and 17 percent is Crawford silt loam which has a more uneven surface. Another 13 percent is Osage silt loam and is found along nearly all the streams and in the valley bottoms. The remaining 10 percent is made up of Bates silt loam, Osage clay, Crawford stony clay loam, Oswego silt loam, Summit stony clay loam, and Eates loam. 2 The forested areas of the county have always been confined to the immediate vicinity of the streams or to small areas of hill land in the southwestern part of the county. Along the streams, in the bottoms, and in more rugged areas, as well as where dampness prevailed, the area was forested with a variety of trees, of which the principal species were black oak, elm, hickory, walnut, red oak, white oak, ash, and cherry.3

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The first settlement in the area that is now Cass County was located in the northern part of the county very close to the Jackson County line and was known as the Big Creek settlement. All authorities agree that David G. Butterfield came to that region in 1827, but is is generally believed that he settled north of the Jackson County line and that David Creek, who moved from Jackson County in 1828 and settled just south of the line, was the first white settler of the county.4 The appointment of Butterfield as assessor of Cass County in 1836 indicates that he may have been a resident of Cass County but the fact has never been definitely established. 5 During the latter half of 1828 Charles Myers, William Johnson, Joel Walker, and the Lynch, Hanshaw, Farmer, and Hooper families came to the Big Creek settlement. The next settlement seems to have been made near the present site of Harrisonville about 1830 by James Lackey, John Blythe, Humphrey Hunt, Dr. Joseph Hedspeth, and a few others whose names were not recorded. About this same time James Walker McClellan, Sidney Adams, John Jackson, and Hugh Horton formed the Horton settlement.6

A settlement was founded in the extreme northeast corner of the county in what is now Polk Township about the winter of 1830 or the spring of 1831 by William Warden and his sons William Jr. and Hezekiah;

<sup>1.</sup> U. S. Department of Agriculture, Field Operations, pp. 1663 f. 2. Ibid., pp. 1676, 1677, 1681, and 1684.

<sup>3.</sup> U.S. Department of Agriculture, Field Operations, p. 1665.

<sup>4.</sup> History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, p. 117.
5. County Court Record, vol. A, p. 7, see entry 2.

<sup>6.</sup> History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, pp. 117 f. . USI of weblat

William Butler and his sons William Jr., Jesse, and John, and the Riddle family. The Big Creek settlement was augmented during 1833 and 1834 by the arrival of Jeremiah Z. Sloan, Andy Wilson, Joshua Adams, and William Savage. Martin Rice and Henry Burris, who later were very active in county affairs, settled in this vicinity in 1836 and 1837. Mastin Burris settled close to the present site of Harrisonville in 1834 and was followed a year later by Fleming Harris. John Parsons located in the extreme southwest corner of the county in the present Coldwater Township in 1831 and was joined 4 years later by Thomas Foster.

Among the other pioneers who settled in Cass County in the 1830's and early 1840's were such well known persons as: David and Isham Majors, James H. Williams, Leonard Bradbury, Joshua Flinn, William C. Burford, Alfred Fybee, Jesse Ragan, Wilson Davenport, Hugh G. Glenn, William Adams, Robert A. Brown, Thomas Holloway, Lawson Ground, John Coughenour, E. L. Tuggle, J. F. Prooks, A. Logley, Peter Franse, Isaac Woolard, W. Payne and J. S. Wheelem.6

Most of these pioneers came from Virginia, Kentucky, or Tennessee. They were inured to hardships and were resourceful in utilizing all available materials. Their first buildings were a cross between hoop cabins and Indian bark huts. These were replaced by log cabins when enough men could be gotten together for a "cabin raising." The usual log cabin of the early pioneer was built of round logs notched together at the corners, ribbed with poles, and covered with clapboards. A punche on floor was then laid down and a stick chimney erected. The house was then "chinked and daubed with mud." A clapboard door was hung on home-made wooden hinges and fastened with an old-fashioned wooden latch. Windows were generally mere openings in the walls. Greased paper, sometimes used to cover the openings, admitted a little light, but a window with a sash and glass was a rarity and was evidence of wealth and aristocracy. T

The securing of sufficient food to endure the rigors of frontier life afforded the early settler additional opportunities to demonstrate his resourcefulness. Before mills were established he crushed his corn in a "hominy block," which was made of a section of tree and resembled a druggist's mortar. Flour made of wheat was "tramped out" on the ground by horses, cleaned with a sheet, and powdered by hand. Deer, wild turkey, and prairie chickens were plentiful, as also were fish in the many streams. Fresh meat was obtained through the cooperation of

<sup>1.</sup> History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, p. 256.

<sup>2.</sup> Ibid., p. 226.

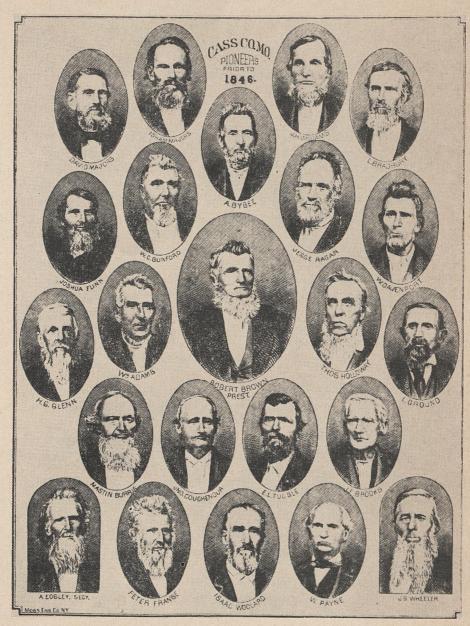
<sup>3.</sup> Tbid., pp. 129 and 225.

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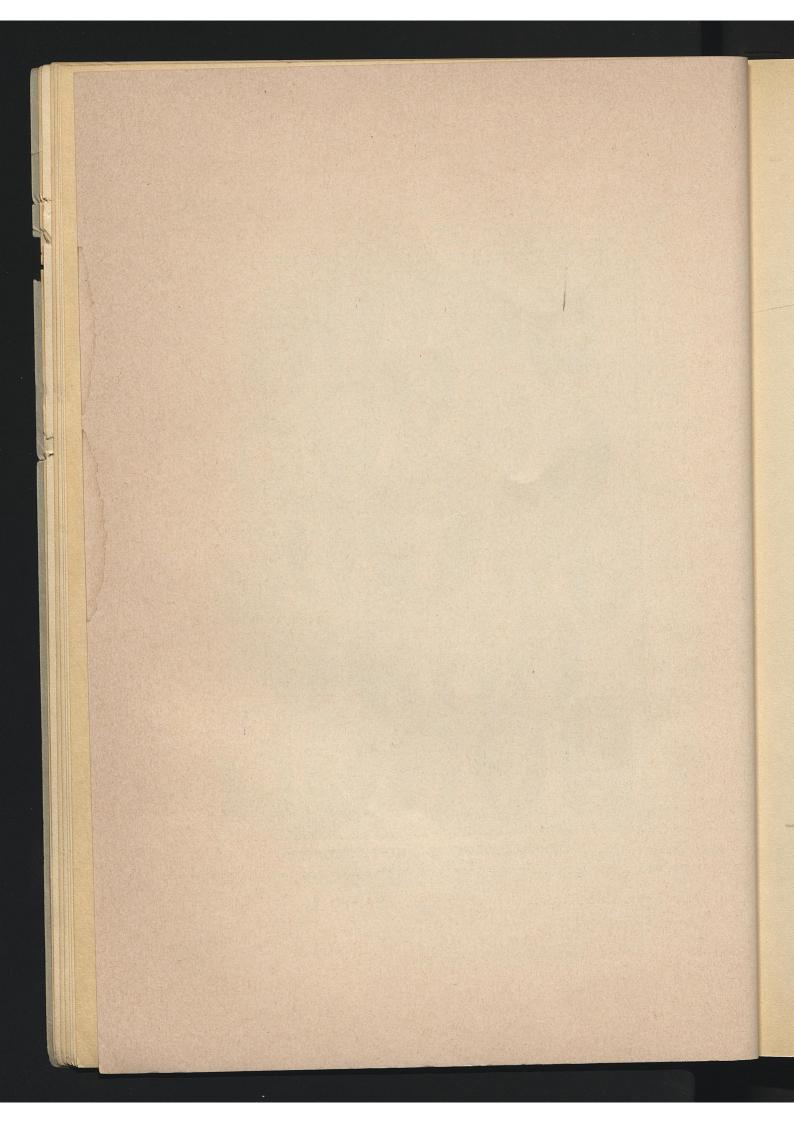
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neighbors. Whenever a beef, pig, or deer was killed, every family in the neighborhood received some of the meat. The bounty paid by the State for welf scalps encouraged the trapping of wolves and provided some of the money needed for those necessities that could not be produced locally. I decide and the same and belter over them not

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Cass County, originally named Van Buren County, was tentatively established on January 16, 1833 and was attached to Jackson County for civil and military purposes. 2 The actual organization occurred on March 3, 1835 when the Missouri Legislature passed an act defining the boundaries as follows: "Beginning at a point on the middle of the range twenty-nine, where the same intersects the township line between townships forty-six and forty-seven, thence west with said township line, to the state boundary; thence south with said state boundary to a point where the township line, between townships thirty-nine and forty, intersects the same; thence with said township line east, to the range line between ranges twenty-eight and twenty-nine; thence north along said range line, to a point three miles east of the southwest corner of Johnson county; thence west to the southwest corner of Johnson county; thence north along the middle of range twenty-nine, or Johnson county line, to the point of beginning."3

Bates County, which had been tentatively established by the same act that established Van Buren County and had also been attached to Jackson County, was now attached to Van Buren County for civil and military purposes, but was detached on January 29, 1841 when the legislature gave Bates County the full status of a county.5

On February 2, 1841, a strip of land 6 miles wide was detached from the southern part of Van Buren and added to Bates County. The southern boundary of Van Buren County was then defined as follows: "Beginning on the range line between ranges twenty-eight and twentynine, west, where the line between townships forty and forty-one, north, crosses the same; thence, west, along said township line, to where the same intersects the west boundary of the State. "6 On January 15, 1847, all that portion of Van Buren County lying north of Big Creek and east of the sectional line that divides section 4 and 5 in range 30 and intersects Big Creek in section 28 of the same range,

<sup>1.</sup> History of Cass and 22.

2. M.L. 1824-36, II, 331, sec. 2. History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, pp. 100-103.

Ibid., pp. 477 f., secs. 1 and 2. 4. M.L. 1824-36, pp. 477 f., secs. 1 and 2. 381 4 . 73-0381 .....

<sup>5.</sup> M.L. 1840-41, p. 36, sec. 34.
6. Ibid., p. 46.

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together with part of Jackson, Lafayette, and Johnson Counties, was tentatively organized into a new county. This new county was to be named Donaldson County but was not to function independently until the organization was approved by the voters of the four counties involved, at an election to be held in August 1848. The proposition must have failed for, on March 8, 1849, the legislature repealed the act and this proposed boundary change of Van Buren County did not materialize.2

Van Buren County was named on January 16, 1833, in honor of Martin Van Euren who was then Vice-President-elect of the United States and later President. Van Euren became unpopular with Missouri democrats in 1848 and they showed their displeasure on February 19, 1849 by changing the name of the county to Cass in honor of General Lewis Cass of Michigan who had been the Democratic nominee for President in 1848.4

When the legislature organized Vernon County on February 17, 1851, the southern boundary of Cass County was again moved northward and defined as "the main channel of Grand river to the line dividing township forty-two and forty-three; thence, west with the line separating said township forty-two and three to said western boundary line."5 This change was to become effective if the voters of Bates and Cass Counties approved it at an election to be held in August 1851.6 A majority of the voters favored the change but the Missouri Supreme Court, in 1853, declared it unconstitutional because it reduced the population of Bates County below the required minimum for representation.7

That part of Cass County which had been tentatively included in Vernon County was attached to and made a part of Bates County on February 22, 1855,8 and the boundaries of Cass County were fixed as follows: "Beginning in the middle of the main channel of Grand river, where the range line, between ranges twenty-eight and twenty-nine intersects the same; thence north to the north-east corner of section thirty-six of township forty-four, range twenty-nine, west; thence west with the subdivisional lines, to the south-west corner of section twenty-seven of township forty-four, range twenty-nine, west; thence north with the subdivisional lines, to the north-west corner of section three of township forty-six, range twenty-nine, west; thence west with the township line, between townships forty-six and forty-seven, to the

<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1847, p. 17, secs. 1-3.

<sup>2.</sup> M.L. 1848-49 p. 32.

M.L. 1824-36, II, 331, sec. 2.
H. L. Conard, Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri, I, 523; M.L. 1848-49, p. 30. Mis, pp. 677 f., sees, I cad R.

<sup>5.</sup> M.L. 1850-51, p. 188, sec. 1.

<sup>7.</sup> State ex rel. Douglass v. Scott, 17 Mo. 521-529. 8. M.L. 1854-55, p. 12.

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western boundary line of the State; thence south with said boundary line of the State, to where the line, between townships forty-two and forty-three, intersects the same; thence east with said township line, to the middle of the main channel of Grand river; thence down said river in the middle of the main channel thereof, to the place of beginning."1 There have been no further changes.2

was proceeded the following year by June 0. Johnson.

### Townships

At the first session of the county court, the county was divided into three townships, named Big Creek, Grand River, and Elk Fork. Bates County, which was attached to Van Buren County, was designated as Harmony Township. Mount Pleasant Township was formed on December 14, 1835 from parts of Grand River and Elk Fork Townships. 4 The western part of Harmony Township (Bates County) was designated as a separate township on June 6, 1836 and named Little Osage Township. 5 Further divisions within the county were made from time to time6 until the present 18 townships were established and named as follows: Mount Pleasant, Union, West Dolan, Dolan, Coldwater, Raymore, Peculiar, West Peculiar, Everett, Big Creek, Grand River, Austin, Pleasant Hill, Polk, Camp Branch, Index, Dayton, and Sherman. Cass County has been under township organization since June 16, 1873, except for the period between August 1877 and February 1881.

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pointed Elias Wilmsth to The first justices of the county court, appointed by the Governor, were James W. McClellan and William Savage. 9 There was no third member of the county court at any meeting prior to August 1836. 10 In that year James W. McClellan, henry Burris, and Jameson D. Dickey were elected justices of the county court and Dickey was chosen to preside. 11 Four years later the elected justices were Samuel Wilson,

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R.S. 1855, p. 473, sec. 51.

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County Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 2. 3.

<sup>4.</sup> Ibid., p. 4.

<sup>5.</sup> 

Ibid., p. 14. Ibid., pp. 99, 119, 133, 158, and 196. 6.

U.S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, I, 606.

Cass County Democrat, September 26, 1940; for explanation of township organization see p. 29.

County Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 2. 9.

<sup>10.</sup> Ibid., p. 15.

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Henry Burris, and Anderson Davis. 1 John Jackson was appointed first sheriff but, being a minister, he declined to serve2 and his duties were assumed by William Butler, the coroner.3 John McCarty was elected sheriff in August 18364 and served until the May 1837 term of the county court when William Butler, the coroner, again assumed the sheriff's duties. 5 George W. Hudspeth was elected sheriff in August 18376 and was succeeded the following year by James C. Jackson.

William Lyon was appointed clerk protem of the county and circuit courts at the first meeting of each court, and served as such until Thomas B. Arnett was chosen at a special election held on May 21, 1836.9 Arnett resigned on December 2, 1839 and James C. Jackson, the sheriff, was appointed clerk protem. 10 Two months later Achilles Easley was clerk protem. 11 A special election was held on April 1, 1840 to choose a new clerk, 12 and James C. Jackson was elected. 13 Jackson resigned as shoriff and Eerry J. Tyler and William Puster served successively as temporary sheriffs 4 until John M. Clark was elected to the office in August 1840. 15 Andrew J. Peck, the first collector, served from March 7, 1836 until August 1837 when he resigned, and George W. Hudspeth, the sheriff, became ex officio collector.

James on D. Dickey served as first treasurer from December 14, 1835 17 until August 1836 when he resigned and was succeeded by John Cook. Joseph C. Davis was appointed treasurer on August 7, 1839 18 and resigned February 5, 1840, at which time the county court appointed Elias Wilmath to the office. 19 The county court appointed David G. Butterfield assessor in 183620 and the people elected him to

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County Court Record, vol. A, p. 147, see entry 2.
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Conard, op. cit., I, 523.

Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 120. 3.

County Court Record, vol. A, p. 22, see entry 2.

<sup>5.</sup> Ibid., p. 32.

<sup>6.</sup> Ibid., p. 36.

<sup>7.</sup> Ibid., p. 70.

County Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 2; Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 120.

County Court Record, vol. A, pp. 11 and 15, see entry 2. 9.

<sup>10.</sup> Ibid., p. 110.

<sup>11.</sup> Ibid., p. 111.

<sup>12.</sup> Ibid., p. 120.

Ibid., pp. 126 and 137.

Ibid., pp. 137 f.

Ibid., p. 147. 13.

<sup>14.</sup> 

<sup>15.</sup> Ibid., p. 147.

<sup>16.</sup> Ibid., pp. 7 and 36.

<sup>17.</sup> County Court Record, vol. A, p. 5, see entry 2.

<sup>18.</sup> Ibid., p. 16. 19. Ibid., p. 118.

Ibid., p. 7. 20.



The old Ragan-Cropper residence on South Independence Street, Harrisonville, was erected in 1860 and razed in 1939. Mrs. Sophia L. Ragan was a sister to Henry (Harry) W. Younger, Harrisonville's second mayor. The Younger "boys," Cole and Jim, often were guests of their aunt.



The First Baptist Church of Harrisonville was organized in 1835 as the Hopewell Baptist Church, two miles southwest of Harrisonville. In 1844 the congregation erected a building on the present site on West Wall Street.



This building, standing on East Chestnut Street, Harrisonville, originally was the U. S. Post Office on the north side of the square. It probably was erected before the Civil War, and was moved to its present location in 1883.



Cass County's Court House at Harrisonville is the third one since 1835. This structure was erected in 1897 at a cost of \$45,000 and was paid for in two years by direct taxation. It is valued at in excess of \$100,000 and is insured for \$75,000. Its contents are insured for \$15,000.

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office in August of the same year, but he failed to file a satisfactory bond and the county court appointed James Williams to the office on February 6, 1837. Martin Rice was elected to the office of surveyor in 1836.2 When Van Buren County was organized it was made a part of the fifth judicial circuit and Judge John F. Ryland presided at the first session of the circuit court held on December 7, 1835.4

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Courthouses bisi flew moot done of tooff mordoning to shall boogs much The act organizing Van Buren (now Cass) County designated the home of James W. McClellan as the meeting place for the first sessions of the courts, and authorized them to select another temporary seat of justice. 5 The first meeting of the county court was held at McClellan's home on September 14, 18356 and the first session of the circuit court was held there on December 7, 1835.7 David Ward of Lafayette County and Samuel Hink and William Brown of Jackson County were named in the organizing act as commissioners to select a permanent seat of justice, which was to be within 5 miles of the center of the county. 8 The activities of these commissioners are not recorded nor were their actions conclusive, for on December 29, 1836 the legislature appointed another commission to select the permanent seat of justice. Welcome Scott of Johnson County and Enoch Rice and Francis Prine of Jackson County composed this commission. They were instructed to make their selection "with regard to the present and future population of said county, taking into consideration the probable change of lines of said county," and should not "in any way be controlled by the present geographical center of said county."9 The county court continued their sessions at the home of McClellan until August 8, 1836 when they adjourned "until the first Monday in September then to bee Held at the scool hous where Wryley Gragg now keeps scool."10 McClellan was allowed \$9 for house rent for county court sessions and \$6 for "hous Rent and fewel for the circuit court." This schoolhouse was used for meetings until April 8, 1837 when sessions were held at the home of John Cook, 12

1., pp. 33-35.

County Court Record, vol. A, p. 23, see entry 2.
Conard, op. cit., I, 523.

<sup>2.</sup> Conard, op. cit., I, 523.

<sup>3.</sup> M.L. 1824-36, II, 477 f.

<sup>4.</sup> Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 120.
M.L. 1824-36, II, 477 f., sec. 3.

<sup>5.</sup> 

County Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 2. 6.

<sup>7.</sup> Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see ontry 120.

<sup>8.</sup> M.L. 1824-36, II, 477 f., sec. 4.

<sup>9.</sup> M.L. 1836-37, p. 55, secs. 1-3.

County Court Record, vol. A, pp. 17 and 19, see entry 2. 10.

<sup>11.</sup> Ibid., pp. 23 and 25.

<sup>12.</sup> Ibid., p. 28.

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The county seat was located in section 4 of township 44, range 311 and named Harrisonville in honor of Albert G. Harrison a United States Congressman from Missouri. 2 Fleming Harris was appointed town commissioner of the county seat on April 8, 1837 and on the same day the court set May 1, 1837 as the day to receive bids for a courthouse. be built as follows: "1.. Room 18. foot square the other room 14.. foot by 18 - with one poticion ran up to be made of good timber well hued down to 6.. in Thick and to face 1.. foot across the center of each logg wall to be compleatly Raised 1.. Story & half high Corners to be Sawd down agood plank or puncheon Floor in each room well laid so that it will not rock nor shake nor rattle A. good chimney in each end compleatly Run out with sticks and good lime morter Well put in and the fier places well and compleate fixed with stoon or Brick so as to secure the safety of fier - The roof put on with good 3.. foot boards well sawed lapt and nailed on ends well weather Boarded up the wall well filled in the cracks With good lime morter well put in 1.. out side door in each room also l.. entry door all compleatly faced and cased with good materials shutters to be hung with good Hinges latches & with good locks and kees To each door also I window in each room containing of 12-lights each well faced casd and fild with the largest caind of glass each to have a good out side shutter with good Boalts and Bars to each window Each room to have a plank or claboard loft closely laid and all the work done on said building is to be done in a good and Workeman like manner and out of good materials Said Building to be Compleated on or before The first Monday in October next."3

The May 1, 1837 meeting of the county court was held at the home of James Plakeley, and the order for building the courthouse was rescinded and a new order made. John Cook was appointed to superintend the construction.4 The next term of the county court was held on June 12, 1837 at the home of James Lackey near Harrisonville and it was ordered that the circuit court should thereafter be held in the county seat.<sup>5</sup> The first meeting of the county court in Harrisonville was held on August 7, 1837.<sup>6</sup> The home of Lorenzo E. Dickey was used for meetings until February 5, 1838 when court was held "at the courthouse in United States of the Courthouse in "7" Harrisonville."7

The county had no jail and kept the few prisoners they had in the Jackson County jail. However, on February 6, 1838 it was deemed

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<sup>1.</sup> Deed Record, vol. 145, p. 572, see entry 85.

<sup>2.</sup> History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, p. 171.
3. County Court Record, vol. A, pp. 29-31, see entry 2.

<sup>4.</sup> Ibid., p. 32.

<sup>5.</sup> Ibid., pp. 33-35.

<sup>6.</sup> Ibid., p. 36.
7. Ibid., pp. 41 and 47.

Ibid., p. 40.

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advisable to build one and Samuel Wilson was appointed to superintend the construction. The specifications for the walls and floors provided that "the lower room be raised up with a double wall and 8-Inches Between Each wall Each wall raised up with good sound oak or walnut Timber hude one foot square and-rased between the Lower and upper floor 8-foot high the same To be floord with good square Timber one foot square and Double Laid across each And said floor to extend out to the outward wall each way and the inward size is to bee Twelve foot in the cleer and the 8-inches of a space Left between The two walls are to be well filld up with good square 4 inch timber put in in a double manner - the second floor are to be laid With good timber one foot square Well Laid down and put to a close Joint,"1 The building was completed during 1838 and was used until 1841 when a new jail, to be built of stone and brick, was ordered by the county court. Elias Wilmath, appointed superintendent of county buildings on the same day, was to supervise the construction. A clerk's office was built in 1839 under the supervision of Samuel Wilson. This was the first public building in the county built of brick.

On February 14, 1843, the county court appointed Charles Sims as Superintendent "to prepare and submit a plan, with an estimate of the probable cost, for a permanent Courthouse in the Town of Harrisonville."4 Superintendent Sims submitted his plan to the court on March 13, 1843 and it was approved. An indefinite appropriation, not to exceed \$3,000, was made and it was stipulated that the courthcuse was to be finished on or before September 1, 1844.5 The building was to be financed with money borrowed from the road and canal fund 6 The Missouri Legislature previously had authorized the county court to use these funds for that purpose providing bonds payable to the State of Missouri and bearing 10 percent interest were issued by the county.7 A group composed of Henry F. Eaker, John Fife, and George A. Rice received the contract8 and erected a substantial two-story brick building. 9 or a boquievel orest animized Jackon aid more . Admord

program which has produced 46 miles of concrete reads, 14 miles of Early in 1860 the courthouse was deemed unsafe and inadequate so the county court appropriated \$15,000 to build a new one. The money was to be raised by a special tax levy on all taxable property and collected in three equal annual installments of \$5,000 each. Robert A. Brown was appointed commissioner to contract for and superintend the

Information supplied by

<sup>1.</sup> County Court Record, vol. A, pp. 51 and 54, see entry 2. 2. Ibid., pp. 201, 203, 224, and 225.

<sup>3.</sup> Ibid., pp. 78-80. d .oH gawdath otata .Sd bns &I exemists otata

Ibid., p. 347.

<sup>5.</sup> Ibid., p. 336.

<sup>7.</sup> M.L. 1842-43, p. 305.

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<sup>9.</sup> History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, p. 291.

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construction of the building. In order to expedite the completion of the work, the court instructed Brown to contract for the making of the bricks, pending the adoption of the plans for the building. 1 When the order for the new courthouse was made public serious objections arose and as a result a remonstrance was filed with the county court on July 10, 1860. The petitioners protested against the order being carried out without a vote of the people and, in addition to other considerations, insisted that "the financial condition of the country and especially of our county is in such a depressed condition, that we are not prepared to embark into such an expenditure under the present crisis. The failure of crops, no demand for any species of stock, and our present burdensome tax is as much as we are able to meet. And if said tax is levied it will oppress the people, depreciate the price of land and other property, retard immigration and improvements, drive good citizens from our county, and in a manner bankrupt the people." Despite this protest, a contract was placed for the brick but the Civil War broke out before construction started and the erection of the new courthouse was postponed. The old courthouse was used as a stable by the soldiers during the war and later was declared by the county court to be unfit for occupancy. The bricks for the new court-house were sold at auction and the money raised was used to repair the old courthouse.2 This substantial old building was then used for another 32 years until the third and present courthouse was built in 1897.3 March 15, 1645 and it was approved. An income

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### Roads

The development of Cass County's excellent road system started at the first meeting of the County Court when commissioners were appointed to "view" a way for a road on that part of the Harmony Mission road running through the county from Jackson county line to Crooked Branch.4 From this modest beginning there developed a road building program which has produced 46 miles of concrete roads, 14 miles of black-top roads, 178 miles of gravel road, 25 miles of oiled roads, and many miles of improved dirt roads.5

United States Highway No. 71, the No. 71 bypass around Kansas City, and State Highway No. 7 enter the county from the north and converge upon Harrisonville in the center of the county. Highway No. 71 continues south into Bates County. State Highway No. 35 intersects No. 71 a few miles south of Harrisonville and runs southeasterly through the corner of the county to Clinton in Henry County where it connects with State Highways 13 and 52. State Highway Nc. 58 traverses the county

<sup>1.</sup> County Court Record, vol. D, p. 194, see entry 2.

<sup>2.</sup> Ibid., pp. 291-293.

<sup>3.</sup> A description of the present courthouse will be found on page 43.

<sup>4.</sup> County Court Record, vol. A, p. 2, see entry 2.

<sup>5.</sup> Information supplied by the county highway engineer.

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east and west near the northern boundary, and State Highway No. 2 crosses in the same direction about the middle of the county.1 .II If to boverior orny has abrod

### Railroads

The need for better transportation facilities was recognized by practically all public-spirited citizens during the early years of the various counties. The improvement of roads and the development of river traffic satisfied their desires until the 1850's when the coming of the steam railroad to Missouri offered new possibilities for faster and more economical transportation. The early railroads were built by groups of farsighted, courageous promoters who made honest efforts to complete their proposed lines, but there were other groups who preyed upon the good citizens of the counties and used their desires for a better means of transportation as a fulcrum to pry loose large sums of money for which they gave little or nothing in return.

One of the most flagrant of these cases was perpetrated in Cass County and started when the county court ordered an election to be held on May 16, 1857 to approve a \$150,000 subscription to the capital stock of the Pacific Railroad. The voters gave their approval and the county court appointed an agent to represent them in making the subscription. No further action was taken until August 17, 1860 when a different contract was entered into and the subscription changed to \$100,000, which was to be paid for with a bond issue of 200 bonds of \$500 each. The bonds were prepared and delivered to Hugh G. Glenn as special commissioner representing the county.2

Some work was done and \$1,500 of the bonds had been turned over to the railroad company when the Civil War started and work on the railroad ceased. The remaining \$98,500 of bonds were either taken from Mr. Glenn by Federal troops or turned over to Federal authorities by him for safekeeping. Available information is indefinite about this incident, but it is definitely known that these bonds eventually turned up in Washington, D.C., and in time were handed over to the Pacific Railroad Company. At the close of the war they remained unpaid. The county had received no stock certificate nor had the work progressed as agreed in the plan of subscription, but by September 1865 the line was completed through Cass and Jackson Counties to Kansas City.4

Chicago, Rock Island & Poille Bailtond also crosses the In 1869 a new railroad company, the St. Louis & Santa Fe, was organized for the purpose of building a railroad from Holden, Johnson County, Missouri to Paola, Kansas, and an attempt was made to divert

<sup>1.</sup> Missouri State Highway Commission, Missouri, 1940 Highway Map. 2. Allen Glenn, History of Cass County, Missouri, pp. 204-206.

<sup>4.</sup> Corporate History of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company and the St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern Railway Company, pp. 3 f., hereinafter cited as Corporate History of Missouri Pacific Railway.

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the Pacific Railroad bonds to this new company. The Pacific Railroad Company surrendered the bonds and were relieved of all liability to issue stock. The bonds were then given to the St. Louis & Santa Fe Railroad and later were assigned to the Land Grant Railway and Construction Company of New York,1

An attempt was made to fund the \$98,500 of Pacific Railroad bonds which had increased through compound interest to \$229,000. The citizens of the county sought by injunction to prevent the funding of these bonds, but the county attorney and the attorney for the construction company conspired against them and through legal maneuvering and collusion succeeded in having these old bonds funded and new bonds issued for the full \$229,000. This act was perpetrated on February 22, 1872 by two of the three county court judges, the county attorney, and the attorneys for the construction company. When this action became known public indignation mounted and as a result, on April 24, 1872, two of the conspirators and a companion not involved in the bond deal were stopped by a mob while on an eastbound train and all three were killed.2

Indictments of persons supposed to be in the mob followed, their trials were held and they were promptly acquitted. Bondholders later brought suit in the circuit court against the county and the county court was ordered to levy taxes to pay the bonds. A new set of judges, who considered it unjust to pay the bonds, had come into office. They refused to levy the taxes and were promptly jailed for contempt of court. Succeeding judges suffered the same fate and an election to a judgeship of the county court was tantamount to a sentence in jail for contempt of court, 3 The county's indebtedness for railroad bonds has since been completely liquidated.4

Cass County now has excellent railroad facilities. The Kansas City Southern Railroad runs the entire length of the county close to the western boundary; the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad traverses the center of the county from cast to west; the St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad runs from the northwest corner through Harrisonville to the middle of the eastern boundary and beyond. The main line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad (originally the Pacific Railroad) crosses the northeast quarter and a branch runs from Pleasant Hill in Cass County through Harrisonville to and beyond the middle of the southern boundary. The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad also crosses the northeast corner of the county.5

<sup>1.</sup> Glenn, op. cit., p. 206.

<sup>2.</sup> Ibid., pp. 206-208.

Missouri State Highway Commission, Missou 4. Forrest Smith, comp., Report of the State Auditor of Missouri, 1937-38, p. 591.

<sup>5.</sup> Rand McNally, Standard Map of Missouri.

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The construction of that part of the main line of the Missouri Pacific which crosses Cass County was started about 1860 and was completed in 1865. The branch of the Missouri Pacific Railroad extending south from Pleasant Hill was originally the Lexington & Southern Railroad. This line was incorporated Dec. 12, 1879, was built with money furnished by the Missouri Pacific, and was completed in Cass County in July 1880. It was operated by the Misscuri Pacific until August 12, 1880 when it became part of that system. 2 The Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad in Cass County was originally the St. Louis & Santa Fe Railroad. It was incorporated April 20, 1869 and construction was completed in 1871. The Misscuri-Kansas-Texas Company acquired it on May 29, 1872.3 The Kansas City Southern was built in 1891 by Arthur E. Stilwell as an extension of the Kansas City Suburban Belt Railroad.4

The St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad was built in the late 1890's.5 The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad was built through Cass County in 1904. It originally was the Kansas City, Rock Island Railway Company and was acquired by the Rock Island System in 1905.6 A line called the Kansas City, Clinton & Springfield Railroad was built through the county in the 1880's. It was acquired by the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis Railway on November 1, 1924. A month later the entire property was leased to the St. Louis-San Francisco Rail-road and subsequently was merged with it. sicep. se compared with an

### Agriculture

Early agricultural activities in Cass County consisted mainly of the growing of corn and wheat and the raising of cattle. Oats, rye, and flax were grown on a small scale and some attention was given to the production of tobacco and cotton. These industries had a steady growth until the time of the Civil War, when agricultural progress was interrupted by the almost total depopulation of the county. Resettlement after the war was so rapid that by 1870 about one-fourth of the land was improved and could be bought for \$8 to \$25 an acre.9

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<sup>1.</sup> Corporate History of Missouri Pacific Railway, pp. 3 f.

<sup>2.</sup> Ibid., p. 8.

<sup>3.</sup> Information obtained from H. F. Tate Jr. of the M-K-T RR., December 3, 1940, by 0. H. Gerard.

<sup>4.</sup> Baton Rouge, (La.), State Times-Merning Advocate, August 9, 1940. 5. Information obtained from Miss Martha Moore of the Frisco Lines, December 3, 1940, by 0. H. Gerard.

<sup>6.</sup> Frank J. Nevins, "Seventy Years of Service," Rock Island Magazine, (October 1922), p. 38.

<sup>7.</sup> Moody's Manual of Investments, Steam Railroads, 1926, p. 1461.
8. Moody's Manual of Investments, Steam Railroads, 1940, p. 1711.
9. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Field Operations, pp. 1668 f.

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Land prices advanced rabidly, but in 1874 and 1875 they suffered a decline of 30 to 50 percent on account of excessive taxation for railroad building, the cessation of immigration, and crop failures due to the ravages of grasshoppers. During succeeding years much damage was done by chinch bugs, but each time the agricultural practices were so modified that the damage caused by the pests was soon overcome. Corn has been a consistent leader among the crops with wheat and cats alternately occupying second and third places.

The county comprised an extensive range, so it was quite natural that stock raising should early become an important industry. The cattle were raised and fattened on the range and corn raised in the county was also used for feed. With the advent of the railroads the industry grew rapidly. The production of cotton and tobacco was abandened, and only grain crops were grown. All of the common tame grasses do exceedingly well in Cass County, the heavy silt loams being especially adapted to timothy and bluegrass. The pastures consist almost exclusively of bluegrass.2

As a source of revenue the livestock industry holds first place. Domestic animals in Cass County in 1940 were reported as comprising 44,800 cattle, 8,580 horses, 1,590 mules, 49,200 hogs, and 16,090 sheep,3 as compared with 35,913 cattle, 18,771 horses, 4,476 mules, 82,809 hogs, and 19,890 sheep in 1910.4

Cass County today is equaled by few other counties in the State in its large percentage of first-class farming land, in the hearness of large markets, and in the large number of railroads offering excellent shipping facilities. These advantages, together with the excellence of the soil and the ease with which it is handled, combine to make the county a leader in agriculture. Farms in the county in 1939 numbered 2,964 and aggregated 425,760 acres, which amounts to 93.4 percent of the total county acreage.5

In 1939, 215,560 acres were planted in crops of all kinds; 181,000 acres were in pasture; 11,100 acres were idle; 6,100 acres were unimproved; and 12,000 acres were in farmsteads and other lands. The principal crops raised that year and the acreage planted in each were as follows: Corn, 77,200; oats, 40,200; wheat, 38,800; barley, 3,150; soybeans, 4,700; sorghums, 13,730; lespedeza, 13,590; hay (all kinds), 21,760; and small fruits and orchards, 600.6

<sup>1.</sup> U. S. Department of Agriculture, Field Operations, pp. 1669 f.

Ibid., pp. 1669-1672.

<sup>3.</sup> Misscuri State Department of Agriculture, Misscuri Farm Census by

Counties, 1939, XXXVII, bull. No. 12, p. 17.
4. U. S. Department of Agriculture, Field Operations, p. 1673.
5. Missouri State Department of Agriculture, op. cit., pp. 12 f.

Ibid.

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# Industry and Commerce of a 82 4000 200 . serote

outland SI :000, 8848 , unclient The early industries of Cass County consisted almost entirely of those activities which were necessary to supply local needs. The manufacturing establishments in 1840 consisted of 1 tobacco factory, 1 hat and cap factory, 4 leather tammeries, 1 carriage and wagon factory, 1 flouring mill, 6 grist mills, and 2 saw mills. These plants represented a total capital investment of \$8,310 and their products for the year were valued at \$6,795. Eleven drygoods, grocery, and other stores, and I lumber yard comprised the retail distribution system. These stores represented a total capital investment of \$41,800.1

The number of manufacturing plants had increased to 67 in 1870, and represented a capital investment of \$179,205. They employed 249 workers, who received \$54,168 in wages, and produced goods valued at \$410,077.2 By 1929 the number of manufacturing plants had been reduced to 19 with a yearly average of 241 wage earners. The total annual wages amounted to \$259,900; the total east of materials, containers, fuel, and purchased energy was \$630,242. The value of finished products was \$1,373,450, which showed a value added by manufacture amounting to \$743,208.3

In 1935 there was a further reduction to 9 manufacturing plants, employing 101 workers at a total annual wage of \$89,928. Their products were valued at \$315,623; the cost of materials, fuel, and power was \$140,512, and the value added by manufacture was \$175,111.4 establishments were classified as follows: 1 producing bread and bakery products, 1 producing flour and other grainmill products, 2 producing manufactured ice, 2 engaged in printing and publishing, 1 foundry, 1 producing machinery, and 1 producing scales and balinces 50s and the counts was 57g cents. I the sades and the county courts were empowered to levy a tex on proverty and licenses

Thirty-three wholesale houses in the county did a \$1,020,000 business. There were 286 retail stores with total sales amounting to \$3,334,000. The classification of these stores and the dollar volume of business done was as follows: 45 food stores, \$621,000; 35 eating and drinking establishments, \$143,000; 18 general stores (also selling food), \$479,000; 12 general merchandise stores, \$219,000; 8 apparel

<sup>1.</sup> U. S. Bureau of the Census, Compendium of the Sixth Census, 1840, pp. 313-317.

<sup>2.</sup> U. S. Bureau of the Census, Compendium of the Ninth Census, 1870, p. 830.

<sup>3.</sup> U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, Marafacturers, 1929, III, 286.

<sup>4.</sup> U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Industrial Market Data Handbook, p. 61. al soes tord ed septel Ibid., pp. 454-458.0 000 201 ag .A .for , heoost tupo your

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stores, \$66,000; 26 automobile dealers and garages, \$494,000; 63 filling stations, \$468,000; 12 furniture and household stores, \$98,000; 31 lumber, building, and hardware stores, \$335,000; 16 drug stores, \$169,000; 20 other stores, \$242,000.1

The first known institution to attempt a banking business in the county was the Simpson, Glenn & Company. Little is known of the firm except that it was started in 1856 at Harrisonville by Winchester Payne, Hugh G. Glenn, Jeremiah Farmer, and a Mr. Simpson. 2 A bank was opened by Leonard Dunbaugh & Co., at Pleasant Hill in September 1866 and did a regular banking business until October 1870, when it closed its doors. The Cass County Savings Bank was organized at Pleasant Hill in 1868 and 2 years later it became the First National Bank with T. M. Stanley as president and George H. Harper as cashier. This bank was liquidated in 1878. In December 1868, W. H. Allen established the Allen Panking Company in Harrisonville. It is still in business and is the oldest bank in the county.4 Other banks were established from time to time and, notwithstanding some failures, there were 20 banks in the county in 1917.5 There are at present 11 banks with total resources of \$2,973,000 and deposits of \$2,556,000.6

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The financing of early county activities was no easy task. Property values were low and there were few commercial enterprises. The principal revenues were derived from taxes on real estate, household furniture over the value of \$500, other personal property, license taxes, and a poll tax on every free male person over 21 and under 55 years of age. Slaves over 3 years of age were taxed as personal property. The State tax levied in 1835 on real and personal property was 122 cents per \$100 and the poll tax was 372 cents. In the same year the county courts were empowered to levy a tax on property and licenses equal to the State tax. The county court of Van Buren County ordered a levy on June 22, 1836 of the full amount allowed by the law. A year later they ordered a levy of double the State tax10 which then was the maximum allowed by law. However, the rate of taxation had been reduced to 8 1/3 cents per \$100 and the poll tax to 25 cents.11

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U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Consumer Market Data Handbook, p. 219. U. S. Burson of Dp. 813-817.

<sup>2.</sup> Glenn, op. cit., p. 201.

History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, p. 233. 3.

<sup>4.</sup> Ibid., p. 192.

<sup>5.</sup> Glenn, op. cit., p. 202.

Rand McNally Bankers Directory, 1940, pp. 876-904. 6.

<sup>7.</sup> R. S. 1835, pp. 529 f.

Ibid., p. 540, sec. 1.

<sup>9.</sup> County Court Record, vol. A, p. 15, see entry 2.

<sup>10.</sup> Ibid., p. 39.

M.L. 1836-37, p. 136, secs. 2 and 4.

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emes end animod .dv.oled bexad erew void doldwood entry, p. 55) License taxes were levied "according to the probable amount of business to be done." A semiannual grocer's license could cost from \$5 to \$100, which accounts for the action of the county court in 1835 in charging James Lawrence \$5 for a grocery license for 6 months, 2 and 3 months later charging Thomas B. Arnett \$8 and James McCarter \$10 for similar licenses. Merchant's licenses were similarly based and varied from \$10 to \$25 semiannually. An ad valorem tax was also assessed against grocers and merchants at the same rate as levied on other property and based on "the value of all merchandise received for sale at his place of business during the previous six month."5

The county also received a portion of the funds derived from the sale of public lands. 6 However, these funds were definitely allocated to schools or specifically stated internal improvements, such as the making of roads and the reclaiming of swamp and overflow lands. 7 financial affairs of the county apparently were well managed for in 1870 after 35 years of expansion, and in spite of the ravages of the Civil War, the county's public debt was \$20,600. At the same time real and personal property with a true valuation of \$12,000,000 was assessed at \$7,068,756, and the total of all taxes levied was \$199,316. This tax was divided as follows: State taxes, \$35,360; county taxes, \$110,456; town and city taxes, \$53,500.8 The good management has continued to the present time for, although the railroad bond issues caused some financial difficulties, there was no county bonded indebtedness on December 31, 1938.

The total assessed valuation of the county for 1938 after adjustment by the State and county boards of equalization was \$26,141,827. Land and town lots were assessed at \$16,379,094, against which \$24,589.08 State taxes and \$216,119.96 county taxes were levied. Personal property was assessed at \$2,235,947, and the state and county taxes were \$3,371,56 and \$33,130.09, respectively. The merchants and manufacturers' assessment was \$283,441, and \$425.79 for State taxes and \$5,591.33 for county taxes were levied against them. Railroads and other public utilities companies were assessed \$7,243,345, and taxes levied were \$10,865.24 for the State and \$79,443.72 for the county. Fourteen corporations reported net incomes for 1937

<sup>1.</sup> R. S. 1835, p. 292, sec. 5.

<sup>2.</sup> County Court Record, vol. A, p. 4, see entry 2.

<sup>3.</sup> Ibid., p. 7.

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<sup>6.</sup> 

County Court Record, vol. A, p. 39, see entry 2. Const. 1820, art. VI; R.S. 1835, pp. 553 f.; M.L. 1850-51, pp. 238 f.

<sup>8.</sup> U. S. Eureau of the Census, Compendium of the Ninth Census, 1870, p. 665.

Forrest Smith, op. cit., p. 591.

<sup>10.</sup> Ibid., pp. 529-574.

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8. 8. 1835, p. 292, sec. 5.

totaling \$20,537.14 on which they were taxed \$410.75. During the same period, 137 individuals reported met incomes totaling \$165,668.68 and were taxed \$2,793.92.1

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The 1938 county tax levies on each \$100 of valuation were 40 cents for the county revenue fund and 24.4 cents for special roads and bridges. School taxes levied throughout the county averaged 342 cents, and the average tax for township purposes was 10 cents. 2 The county paid \$51,144.31 into the State sales tax fund for the year 1938 and received \$148,890.93 from the fund. This money was used by the county for the following purposes: Schools, \$53,230.08; old age assistance, \$66,473.25; care of insane and charity patients, \$7,524.61; poor relief, \$14,946.33; and care of dependent children, \$6,716.66.3

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The first census taken after the organization of Van Buren (now Cass) County was in 1840. At that time the total population of the county was 4,693, of which 31 were free colored persons and 214 were slaves. 4 Twenty years later there were 9,794 inhabitants, including 3 free colored persons and 1,010 slaves.5

The county was almost completely depopulated during the Civil War by the enforcement of "Order No. 11," issued by General Thomas Ewing of the Eleventh Kansas Infantry in retaliation for a raid on Lawrence, Kansas by Quantrell, the notorious guerilla leader. According to this order all persons living in Cass, Jackson, and Bates Counties, and a part of Vernon County, except those living within 1 mile of the limits of the principal towns, were ordered to leave their places of residence within 15 days. Only about six hundred inhabitants were allowed to remain in Cass County and they were crowded into military stations at Harrisonville and Pleasant Hill. Resettlement after the war was so rapid that in 1870 there were 19,296 inhabitants.

The population increased steadily to 23,636 in 1900 and then gradually declined to 20,962 in 1930.8 A further decline to 19,534 in

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<sup>1.</sup> Forrest Smith, op. cit., p. 582.

<sup>2.</sup> Ibid., p. 526.

Ibid., p. 110.

<sup>4.</sup> U.S. Bureau of the Census, Sixth Census of the United States, 1840, pp. 416 f.

<sup>5.</sup> U.S. Bureau of the Census, Eighth Census of the United States, 1860, p. 286.

Eugene M. Violette, History of Missouri, pp. 383 f.

<sup>7.</sup> U. S. Bureau of the Census, Ninth Census of the United States,

<sup>1870,</sup> Statistics of Population, I, 43.

U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, I, 601. Total Smith, op. oits. p. 581.

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equidenced tolerand doubt to bour foodon (First entry, p. 55) 1940 is shown by the latest census figures. 1 The 1930 population was 96.8 percent native white and consisted of 5,942 families, of which 3,142 lived on farms. 2 Fifty-eight percent of the families own their homes, 68 percent have automobiles, 69 percent have radios, 49 percent have residential telephones, and 31 percent have electricity in their homes. Individual income tax returns filed in 1934 showed 2 incomes over \$10,000, 4 incomes of \$5,000 to \$10,000, 13 incomes of \$3,000 to \$5,000, and 67 incomes of \$1,000 to \$3,000.3

There were 35 cities, towns, and villages in the county in 1930. Pleasant Hill was the largest with a population of 2,330, while Harrisonville, the county seat, was a close second with 2,306 residents. Other towns with more than 100 inhabitants and the 1930 population of each were as follows: Belton, 992; Garden City, 632; Drexel, 553; Creighton, 289; Freeman, 279; East Lynne, 257; Archie, 253; Peculiar, 227; Raymore, 222; Cleveland, 159; Strasburg, 144; West Line, 106.4

ti n of the schools began to 186 action and a consols were to 1852, 187 tondiors were The earliest educational activity in this area was started in the Big Creek settlement in 1830.5 The migration to this settlement had been so rapid that when the need for a school became apparent, there were enough pupils to warrant the building of a schoolhouse. The usual log schoolhouse was built and William Crawford was engaged as teacher. 6 In 1833, a school was established about 3 miles west of the present town of Pleasant Hill, with James Williams as teacher and another was opened in the extreme northeast section by a Mormon preacher named Peterson. Another school, apparently situated near the center of the county, was conducted by Wryley Gragg. This schoolhouse was used as a temporary courthouse in 1836,8

The financing of the early public schools was provided largely through the sale of land in section 16 of each congressional township.9 Of the 36 sections in each congressional township, section 16 was always reserved for school purposes and when sold the proceeds were

<sup>1.</sup> U. S. Bureau of the Census, Population of the State of Missouri -Final Figures, 1940, leaflet No. 36, series P-2.

U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, VI, 739.

<sup>3.</sup> U.S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Consumer Market Data Handbook, 1939, p. 219.

<sup>4.</sup> Rand McNally Standard Map of Missouri, 1938 ed.

<sup>5.</sup> History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, p. 226.
6. Ibid. p. 118. 6. Ibid., p. 118.

<sup>7.</sup> Conard, op. cit., I, 522.

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<sup>9.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 562, sec. 1.

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definitely allocated to the school fund of that particular township. 1 Each township, as surveyed under the authority of the United States, was a school district. If the annual income from the school fund of a district was not sufficient to defray the expenses of maintaining a school for 6 months in a year, the trustees of that district were to apportion the deficit among the parents and guardians of the pupils attending school. The subjects to be taught were "reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, English grammar, and such other branches of education (theology excepted) as the funds may justify."4

The enactment, by the Missouri Legislature in 1839 of a uniform law for the organization, support, and government of all common schools of the State<sup>5</sup> stimulated the establishment of schools in Van Buren County so that in 1840 there were 13 primary schools with a combined enrolment of 298 pupils.6 Ten years later there were 20 common schools, 2 academies, and 3 teacher's academies with a total enrolment of 748 pupils. There was continual growth until the Civil War caused the closing of practically all schools in the county. The work of restoration of the schools began in 1866 under the able direction of William J. Terrell<sup>8</sup> and proceeded so well that in 1882, 197 teachers were employed to teach 4,630 pupils.9 In 1898 there were 212 teachers and 7,827 pupils.10 aids of moidargim off 6,0881 at themolytes does gid

been so rapid that when the need for a school been The gradual decline in population since 1900 has necessitated changes, which have been made on a substantial and efficient basis. The statistics for the school year ending June 30, 1939 show that there were 101 whole school districts and 3 fractional districts with schoolhouses in the county, and 4 fractional districts with schoolhouses in other counties. There were 210 teachers employed to each 2,849 grade school pupils and 1,230 high school pupils. The total receipts for school purposes amounted to \$450,520.72, and total disbursements

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<sup>2.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 565, sec. 20. been appearing foodba not bevious again

<sup>3.</sup> Tbid., p. 568, sec. 36.

<sup>4.</sup> Ibid., sec. 35.

M.L. 1838-39, pp. 113-148. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Sixth Census of the United States, 6. 1840, p. 417.

U. S. Bureau of the Census, Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, pp. 671 f. or amount of senot bee regions to thomas as all conard, op. cit., I, 522.

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<sup>9.</sup> History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, p. 299.

<sup>11.</sup> Lloyd W. King, comp., Ninetieth Report of the Public Schools of the State of Missouri, p. 69.

Thid., p. 169.

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were \$343,431.83.1 Free textbook funds apportioned to the county amounted to \$5,824.11 or \$1.272 for each child enumerated.2 The county court continued to exercise supervision over relief

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trat published in 1854. In 1856, Millington sold out to R. O. Boggess, The work of caring for delinquent and dependent persons was well established as a county responsibility during Territorial days. 6 After Missouri became a State a law was passed which provided that each county "shall relieve, support and maintain its own poor."7 The aged, the handicapped, and the sick were cared for in their homes or "farmed out." Orphans were put out as apprentices until of age, and other dependents were farmed out under contract. The Van Buren County Court lost no time in providing for the needy and at its first session, on September 14, 1835, an order was issued for William Butler to keep Prudy Owen for 3 months for which the court agreed to give him \$30.8 . Blokey in the full of the same west.

This action was followed on Docember 14, 1835 with an order to Butler "to keep Prudy Owen, a pauper of this county ten days from this date at the rate of whatever she may go at for the next six months after the expiration of the said ten days, and that the said William Butler attend to the leting the said Frudy Owen out to the lowest

<sup>1.</sup> Lloyd W. King, comp., Ninetieth Report of the Public Schools of the State of Missouri, pp. 51 and 53.

Ibid., p. 50.

<sup>3.</sup> U.S. Bureau of the Census, Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, pp. 684-687.

<sup>4.</sup> U.S. Bureau of the Census, Ninth Census of the United States, 1870, I, 545.

<sup>5.</sup> U.S. Bureau of the Census, Religious Bodies, 1926, I, 635-637.

<sup>6.</sup> M.T.L. 1804-24, p. 340.

<sup>7.</sup> R.S. 1825, p. 618.

<sup>8.</sup> County Court Record, vol. A, p. 3, see entry 2.

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bidder at the expiration of the said ten days." The number of relief entries that appear in the county records indicate that all needy persons were cared for.2 amounted to \$5,824.11 or \$1.276 for each obild

The county court continued to exercise supervision over relief matters until the Social Security Commission was created on June 23, 1937 for the purpose of administering plans and laws involving old age pensions, aid to dependent children, aid or relief in cases of public calamity, child welfare services, and any other plan wherein duties are imposed by any State law. 3 Under this plan the county received allotments from State and Federal funds in 1938, amounting to \$14,891.58 for direct relief, 4 \$10,075 for aid to dependent children, 5 and \$132,646.50 for old age assistance. 6 Twenty-three blind persons received pensions for the years 1937 and 1938, amounting to \$12,952.54.7 as follows: Methodist Es

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The Cass County Gazette, the first newspaper published in the county, was a small five-column paper, edited by Nathan Millington, and first published in 1854. In 1856, Millington sold out to R. O. Boggess, who enlarged the paper to seven columns, changed the name to the Western Democrat and, in October 1857, sold it to Thomas Fogle. Publication was discontinued when the Civil War began. The Western Beacon was founded at Pleasant Hill in 1858 by Doctor Logan McReynolds. It was published for about 18 months and then discontinued. The Harrisonville Democrat was founded by D. K. Abeel about October 1865, and sold in December 1867 to S. T. Harris, who published it until April 1872, when he in turn sold it to Porter J. Coston. The plant was destroyed by fire on October 14, 1872 and publication was never resumed. The Pleasant Hill Union was established in the spring of 1866 by two men named Stearns and Allen and sold to a Mr. Blakey in the fall of the same year. In 1870, two men named Preston and Bennett bought a half interest from Blakey, and the name was changed to the Pleasant Hill Review.9

The county experienced considerable activity in the newspaper publishing field during the decade between 1870 and 1880. Noah M. Givan started the Democratic Herald in 1869, James E. Payne established the Courier in 1870, and E. Cameron and Son established the Dispatch in September 1872. H. B. Williams started the East Lynne Bulletin in 1873,

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<sup>1.</sup> County Court Record, vol. A, p. 5, see entry 2.

<sup>2.</sup> Ibid., pp. 350, 367, and 382.

<sup>3.</sup> M.L. 1937, pp. 467 f. and distributed and distributed and the support of the s

<sup>4.</sup> Forrest Smith, op. cit., p. 278.

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<sup>6.</sup> Ibid., p. 283.

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<sup>8.</sup> History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, pp. 193 f.

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J. F. Kirkpatrick and W. R. Chaplin established the Times in 1874, and the Cass County News was founded in September 1878 with O. F. Thum as editor. The Courier and Times consolidated in 1879 under the name of the Times-Courier. On March 13, 1880, John H. Tritt began the publication of the Belton Mirror and published it weekly until July 1, 1882 when C. M. Williams became the editor and proprietor. 2 There have been numerous changes in names and ownerships of most of these papers and some have ceased to exist. At present there are seven weekly newspapers published in the county. The Cass County Democrat and the Missourian are published at Harrisonville, the Star Herald at Belton, the Banner at Creighton, the Star at Drexel, the Views at Garden City, and the Times at Pleasant Hill. under township organization, and since 1873 Cass County has functioned

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION 3 10 MIO 2111 TODAY The State of Missouri is composed of 114 counties and the City of St. Louis. 4 This division is for the purpose of providing local self-government. 5 Cass County (formerly Van Buren) was organized in 1835,6 when the Constitution of 1820 was the organic law. To provide for local self-government, the Constitution and the Legislature delegated certain functions to certain courts and officers in each county.

General Administration withofan a vd whare was not beliver dist le This essay endeavors to give the reader a brief outline of the present functions of the courts and officers in Cass County and their interrelationship. General administrative functions conferred upon individual counties are the management of the real and personal property belonging to the county; 7 matters relating to the construction, repair and maintenance of public buildings, 8 roads and bridges; 9 levying, assessing and collecting county taxes and appropriating county revenue; 10 care of the poor, lunatics, persons of unsound mind,

1939, sees. 18928-14024.

<sup>1.</sup> History of Cass and Bates Counties, Missouri, pp. 141, 194, and R.S. 1825, pp. 272 f., soo. 14, pp. 546-348,

Ibid., p. 214.

<sup>3.</sup> Dwight H. Brown, Official Manual, State of Missouri, 1939-1940, p. 865.

<sup>4.</sup> 

R.S. 1939, sec. 13548. 2. H 31-3 . 2002 . T9-80 .qq 5. State ex rel. Chouteau v. Leffingwoll, et al., 54 Mo. 472.

M.L. 1824-36, II, pp. 477 f., sec. 1. 18401 but 8840

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<sup>10.</sup> R.S. 1825, pp. 272 f., sec. 14; R.S. 1939, secs. 10911, 11040 and 11044. Record, see entry 2. W.L. 1879, pp. 819 f., art. 2, sees. 1-8, art. 3, see. 1; R.S.

minors and orphans; supervision and control over elections; appropriation of funds for agricultural activities; cooperation with the State Board of Health in connection with county health problems. Education is an important administrative function of local government, and is the immediate concern of the school district. However, the school district is a sub-division of the county and the two are so closely related that education may be considered an administrative function of the county. The distribution and accounting of district school funds is one of the chief functions performed within the bounds of each county.

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## Township Organization

Twenty-four counties including Cass County have elected to operate under township organization, and since 1873 Cass County has functioned under this form of government<sup>6</sup> which differs in some respects from regular county organization.

Several units of local government exist in the counties, the most important of which is the township. It is necessary to distinguish between incorporated and unincorporated townships. The county court lays out unincorporated townships for the purpose of facilitating county elections and county government, and the boundaries of these townships may be changed by the court. Provisions were made in 1872 for the organization of incorporated townships, and the Constitution of 1875 provided for any county, by a majority vote, to adopt the township form of government. From 1873 to 1877 and from 1881 to date Cass County has functioned under this form of government.

The law that formed the basis of the present system of government, generally known as township organization, was passed in 1879. Each municipal township is incorporated and may own, buy, and sell property. The boundaries of such townships cannot be changed without the consent of two-thirds of the voters. 11 In counties under township organization,

<sup>1.</sup> R.S. 1825, pp. 272 f., sec. 14; R.S. 1939, secs. 9335, 9590-9593, and 9707.

<sup>2.</sup> R.S. 1825, pp. 272 f., sec. 14, pp. 346-348, secs. 3-12; R.S. 1939, secs. 11548-11701.

<sup>3.</sup> R.S. 1855, pp. 183 f., sec. 7; R.S. 1939, secs. 14167, 14280 and 14315.

<sup>4.</sup> M.L. 1883, pp. 95-97, secs. 3-12; R.S. 1939, sec. 9747.

<sup>5.</sup> R.S. 1825, pp. 716 f., sec. 19; R.S. 1939, secs. 10378, 10381, 10390, 10426 and 10431.

<sup>6.</sup> M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, sec. 1; County Court Record, see entry 2.

<sup>7.</sup> R.S. 1825, p. 769; R.S. 1939, sec. 13700.

<sup>8.</sup> M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, pp. 180 ff.

<sup>9.</sup> Const. 1875, art. IX, sec. 8.

<sup>10.</sup> M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 184, sec. 1; County Court Record, see entry 2.

<sup>11.</sup> M.L. 1879, pp. 219 f., art. 2, secs. 1-3, art. 3, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, secs. 13928-14024.

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each township is governed by a board of directors. 1 The county treasurer is ex officio county collector, 2 each township trustee is ex officio township treasurer, the township clerks are ex officio township assessors, and each township has a collector.3 In other respects the assessment and collection of the revenue follow the general laws. no state tax and the taxes necessary to pay the funded or bonded

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Taxation and Revenue of thering tol sexet without to efets out to establish s necessary by cities, incorporated to For the support of State and county government, taxes are levied upon all real and personal property within the county. The first step in this function is the assessment of property. The county clerk furnishes the township assessors with the books and blanks necessary for assessing all property in each township.4 The township assessors require each taxpayer to make a list of all taxable property owned by him or under his care, charge, or management, on these blanks which are signed and sworn to.5 The assessors' books are made up from these blanks and from lists of taxable lands furnished by the clerk of the county court and the Secretary of State.6 The assessment lists are filed in alphabetical order with the county clerk. 7

give their receipts therefor to the clerk of the coun The county clerk makes up an abstract of the assessment book, showing the different kinds of real and personal property and the valuations thereof and forwards it to the State Auditor, to be laid before the State Board of Equalization. 8 The State Board of Equalization adds to or deducts from the valuation of the property in the county such percent as will increase or reduce the same to its true value, 9 and this percent is certified to the county clerk by the State Auditor. 10 A tax of 5 cents per \$100 valuation is levied on all property for state revenue.11 with the county treasurer, 11

Every taxpayer has a right to appeal to the county board of equalization from the assessment made against him, 12 and this board

- 1. M.L. 1879, pp. 225 f., art. 9, sec. 1; R.S. 1889, sec. 8473; R.S. 1939, sec. 13976.
  - M.L. 1881, p. 224, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 13989.
  - M.L. 1881, pp. 214 f., sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 13945. 3. 4.
  - M.L. 1879, p. 233, sec. 6; R.S. 1939, sec. 14007. R.S. 1855, p. 1329, sec. 18; N.L. 1879, p. 233, sec. 4; R.S. 1939, 5. sec. 14005.
  - R.S. 1855, p. 1333, sec. 43; M.L. 1879, p. 233, sec. 5; R.S. 1939, 6. secs. 10969 and 14006.
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  - M.L. 1879, p. 233, sec. 6; R.S. 1939, sec. 14007.
    M.L. 1865-66, p. 136, sec. 46, R.S. 1939, sec. 14007. 8. M.L. 1865-66, p. 136, sec. 46; R.S. 1939, sec. 10990.
- 9. M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, pp. 86 f., sec. 11; R.S. 1939, sec. 11036. 11 .902 .001 .9 .00

p. 227, 200, 1; R.G. 1930, 380, 11089.

- 10. M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 87, sec. 13; R.S. 1939,
- sec. 11038. 11. M.L. 1939, pp. 854 f., sec. 9866; R.S. 1939, sec. 11039. 12. M.L. 1865-66, p. 137, sec. 48; R.S. 1939, sec. 10992.

has the power to equalize the valuation of all taxable property in the countyl and correct and adjust the assessment accordingly. The board also has the power to assess and equalize the value of any property that has been omitted from the assessors books. The county clerk as secretary keeps an accurate record of the proceedings of the board. The state tax and the taxes necessary to pay the funded or bonded debts of the state or county, taxes for current county expenditures, taxes certified as necessary by cities, incorporated towns or villages, and schools are assessed, levied, and collected by the county. If any other taxes are necessary the county court, through the prosecuting attorney, presents a petition to the circuit court, which court may make an order for the collection thereof.

When the assessors' books are corrected and adjusted the county court ascertains the sum necessary to be raised for county purposes and fixes the tax rate.6 Within 90 days, the clerk of the county court extends the taxes in the township assessors! books and authenticates the same with the seal of the county court. The books are then delivered through the county court to the township collectors, 7 who give their receipts therefor to the clerk of the county court, and the township collectors are charged with the whole amount of the tax book.8 Upon request the county treasurer (ex officio collector) furnishes nonresident taxpayers a statement of the amount of their taxes.9 The township collectors are required to call at least once at the place of residence of the person taxed and demand payment of the taxes. 10 They make a statement under oath before the county clerk or a justice of the peace as to the amount of taxes they are unable to collect and are given credit for the amount stated therein, upon filing such statement with the county treasurer.11

At the March term of the county court the ex officio county collector returns the delinquent lists and back-tax book, settles his accounts for all moneys received on account of taxes and other sources of revenue, and is given credit for the amount of the delinquent lists. 12 The settlement is entered in the record of the court, showing the amount

<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1865-66, pp. 127 f., sec. 14; R.S. 1939, sec. 11002.

<sup>2.</sup> M.L. 1903, pp. 253 f., sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 11006.

<sup>3.</sup> M.L. 1865-68, p. 128, sec. 16; R.S. 1939, sec. 11004.

<sup>4.</sup> R.S. 1899, sec. 9273; R.S. 1939, sec. 11040.

<sup>6.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 540, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 11044.

<sup>7.</sup> M.L. 1879, p. 233, sec. 1; R.S. 1879, sec. 7530; R.S. 1939, secs. 11048 and 14009.

<sup>8.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 536, sec. 8; R.S. 1929, sec. 11052.

<sup>9.</sup> M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 106, sec. 117 (116); R.S. 1939, sec. 11083; M.L. 1881, p. 224, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 13989.

<sup>10.</sup> M.L. 1879, p. 233, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 14009.

<sup>11.</sup> M.L. 1879, p. 234, sec. 8; R.S. 1939, sec. 14016.

<sup>12.</sup> M.L. 1881, p. 224, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 13989; M.L. 1885, p. 227, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 11089.

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due the State and county, respectively, and certified to the State Auditor by the county clerk.1

The county court properts a budget of estimated receipts and Revenues are also derived from license taxes imposed upon merchants, 2 manufacturers, 3 and others for the privilege of conducting certain businesses or occupations. The licenses are prepared by the county clerk and delivered to the treasurer (ex officio collector), to whom the tax is paid.4 Other sources of revenue include fines, forfeitures, and penalties.5 These payments are remitted to the county treasurer by the clerk of the particular court.6

budget. Certified copies The township collectors file monthly statements of taxes collected with the clerk of the county court who charges the amounts so reported to the county treasurer. These taxes are remitted to the county treasurer as ex officio county collector. The township collector also remits to the township trustee as ex officio township treasurer all township taxes and funds of every kind belonging to the township. 7 The ex officio county collector remits to the State Treasurer all state and license taxes received by him, 8 and retains as county treasurer all county revenue. The county treasurer deposits all funds in depositories selected by the county court, 9 and settles his accounts with the county court semi-annually and at the expiration of his warm term.10

Real estate upon which taxes remain unpaid becomes delinquent and is subject to a lien for the amount thereof, together with interest and costs. Il Since 1933 all lands and lots on which taxes are more delinquent are sold by the ex officio collector to discharge the lien of said unpaid taxes. 12 The county clerk acts as clerk of the sale. 13 Personal taxes constitute a debt for which a personal judgment may be recovered in the proper court. 14 old spade bas dibus of dastauoppe as

<sup>1.</sup> R.S. 1845, p. 944, secs. 44 and 46; R.S. 1929, secs. 11093 and 11095. officials who are require

<sup>2.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 403, secs. 2-5; R.S. 1939, sec. 11304.

<sup>3.</sup> M.L. 1877, p. 294, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 11339. 4. R.S. 1835, p. 538, secs. 23-25; R.S. 1939, secs. 11312-11314 and

M.L. 1879, pp. 205 f., sec. 1; Const. 1875, art. XI, sec. 8; R.S. 1939, sec. 10376. - 9 8 bas 17

M.L. 1874, p. 167, sec. 86; R.S. 1939, sec. 10379.

M.L. 1879, p. 234, sec. 6; R.S. 1939, sec. 14014.

<sup>8.</sup> M.L. 1877, p. 382, sec. 16; R.S. 1939, sec. 11100.

R.S. 1889, secs. 3212 and 3216; R.S. 1939, secs. 13846 and 13861.

<sup>10.</sup> R.S. 1879, sec. 5378; R.S. 1939, sec. 13814.

<sup>11.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 541, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, secs. 11108 and 11109.

<sup>12.</sup> M.L. 1933, pp. 430 f., secs. 9952a-9952c; R.S. 1939, secs. 11125-11127. 11125-11127. 13. M.L. 1933, p. 436, sec. 9955; R.S. 1939, sec. 1139.

<sup>14.</sup> N.L. 1887, pp. 242 f., sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 11112.

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The county court prepares a budget of estimated receipts and expenditures for each calendar year. I Every officer claiming any payment for salary or supplies furnishes the clerk of the county court with an itemized statement of the estimated amount required by him during the current year and the county clerk also recommends the rate of taxation per \$100 assessed valuation. When this consolidated budget estimate is presented to the county court it may alter or change any estimate as public interest may require, or to balance the budget. Certified copies of the revised estimate are filed with the county treasurer and the State Auditor.

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Claims against the county must be presented to the county court which audits, adjusts, and settles each account. If the claim is proper and legal the court orders the clerk to draw a warrant on the county treasurer for the amount due. The warrants are presented to the county treasurer for payment, and the original canceled warrants are returned to the county court by the treasurer when making his annual settlement.

### Audits

It is the duty of the clerk of the county court to keep regular accounts between the treasurer and the county and between the county and all persons chargeable with moneys payable into the county treasury or entitled to receive moneys therefrom. The county court audits all accounts to which the county is a party and has authority to call upon an accountant to audit and check the accounts of the various officers.

The State Auditor is required to visit, examine, inspect, and audit, at least once in every 2 years, the accounts of all county officials who are required by law to pay money into the State Treasury. He is also required to formulate a simple and complete system of accounting and reporting for each county office.10

<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1933, pp. 340 f., sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 10910.

<sup>2. &</sup>lt;u>Ibid.</u>, pp. 342 ff., secs. 3, 7, and 8, p. 343, sec. 4; R.S. 1939, secs. 10912 and 10913.

<sup>3.</sup> M.L. 1933, p. 345, sec. 8; R.S. 1939, sec. 10917.

<sup>4.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 152, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, secs. 13824 and 13825.

<sup>5.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 152, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 13831.

<sup>6.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 150, sec. 3; R.S. 1939, secs. 13801 and 13802.

<sup>7.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 150, sec. 7; R.S. 1939, sec. 13807.

<sup>8.</sup> R.S. 1835, pp. 151 f., sec. 8; R.S. 1939, sec. 13823.

<sup>9.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 152, sec. 1; M.L. 1909, p. 383, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 13824.

<sup>10.</sup> R.S. 1939, secs. 13094, 13095 and 13097.

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# Elections

Primary elections are held on the first Tuesday of August every 2 years for the nomination of all candidates to be voted for at the next general election. 1 General elections are held every 2 years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. 2 All citizens of the United States over the age of 21 years who have resided in this State 1 year and in the county, city, or town 60 days immediately preceding an election are entitled to vote.3

Ballots are prepared by the county clerk from a list of nominees certified to him by the Secretary of State and from certificates of nomination and declarations of candidacy for county offices filed with the county clerk.4 He also prepares the ballots containing proposals of constitutional amendments and other propositions and questions certified to him by the Secretary of State. 5 Polling places are supplied with printed ballots, ballot boxes, poll books, and printed instructions to voters by the county clerk, 6 through the agency of the sheriff, his deputies, or the constable. 7 After the close of each election the clerk of the county court with the assistance of two justices of the peace or two judges of the county court casts up the votes and gives a certificate of election to each condidate having the highest number of votes, 8 and in the case of a primary election furnishes a copy of the returns to the Secretary of State and to the chairman of the county and State Central Committee of each party. 9 The persons receiving the highest number of votes are entitled to have their names placed upon the ballots in the following election. 10 The county clerk retains all ballots for the period of 1 year, after which they are publicly destroyed by burning without inspection. 11 Education of blood at more described to be a sold of the form of the state of the s

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While education is primarily a State function, each county is divided into districts classified as common, consolidated, town, and city school districts.12 Each district is governed by a board of

M.L. 1907, p. 263, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 11547.

<sup>2.</sup> Const. 1875, art. VIII, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, secs. 11458 and 11459.

R.S. 1939, sec. 11469.

<sup>4.</sup> M.L. 1889, p. 106, sec. 4, pp. 107 f., secs. 11-16; R.S. 1939, secs. 11527, 11541 and 11594.

<sup>5.</sup> Const. 1875, art. XV, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 11596.

M.L. 1889, p. 108, secs. 19 and 20, p. 110, sec. 30; R.S. 1939, secs. 11488, 11489, 11594 and 11601. 6.

<sup>7.</sup> M.L. 1862-63, p. 17, sec. 2; R.S. 1889, sec. 4776; R.S. 1939, sec. 11598.

<sup>8.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 239, sec. 17; R.S. 1939, sec. 11615.

M.L. 1909, p. 486, sec. 22; R.S. 1939, sec. 11568.

<sup>10.</sup> M.L. 1909, p. 486, sec. 23; R.S. 1939, sec. 11569.

<sup>11.</sup> M.L. 1862-63, p. 17, sec. 4; R.S. 1939, sec. 11608. 12. M.L. 1909, p. 772, sec. 2; R.S. 1959, sec. 10323.

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directors and has a clerk who is required to make regular reports to the county clerk and superintendent of public schools.3 School district funds are placed by the county or township treasurers in depositories selected by the county court or the township trustee.4 The county court is responsible for the safekeeping of school moneys.5 The county superintendent exercises general authority over the public schools of his county, except in a city, town, or village district employing a superintendent.6

## Administration of Justice was a washeroas and of at 1 of beiling

Justice is administered through our system of courts in accordance with statutory law and the common law of England. 7 The judicial power is vested in the Supreme Court, Courts of Appeals, circuit courts, criminal courts, probate courts and municipal courts.8 The Legislature has also vested certain judicial functions in justices of the peace.9

Civil actions are those pertaining to the rights and relations between citizens and the State and between citizens, as regulated by law. The trial of these cases is the chief function of circuit and justice of the peace courts. 10 This jurisdiction was also lodged in the court of common pleas when that court existed in Cass County. The amount involved determined the court or courts in which the action might be brought, and in some instances the jurisdiction is concurrent among them.11 The circuit court also has jurisdiction in chancery or equity cases.12 ballots for the certed of I year, after which they

Criminal actions are those in which the defendant is liable to punishment by fine or imprisonment and involves the prosecution of misdemeanors and felonies. Criminal jurisdiction is held by the circuit court and in misdemeanor cases also by justices of the peace within their respective townships.13

R.S. 1855, p. 1443, sec. 5; R.S. 1939, sec. 10420.

M.L. 1865-66, p. 173, sec. 5; R.S. 1939, sec. 10422.

M.L. 1909, pp. 793 f., sec. 51; R.S. 1939, sec. 10426; M.L. 1874, Adjourned Session, p. 150, sec. 30; R.S. 1939, sec. 10432; M.L. 1911. pp. 398 f., sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 10390.

<sup>4. 88</sup> R.S. 1889, sec. 3216; R.S. 1939, sec. 13851.

M.L. 1874, Adjourned Session, p. 160, sec. 59; M.L. 1879, p. 5. 205 f., sec. 1; R.S. 1939, secs. 10376 and 10378.

M.L. 1909, p. 824, sec. 9806; R.S. 1939, sec. 10612.

<sup>7.</sup> 

R.S. 1939, secs. 645, 657 and 678. Const. 1875, art. VI, secs. 1 and 37; R.S. 1939, sec. 1990.

R.S. 1835, p. 348, secs. 2 and 3; R.S. 1939, sec. 2522. 9.

<sup>10.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 155, sec. 8, p. 348, sec. 2; Const. 1875, art. VI, sec. 22; R.S. 1939, secs. 2100 and 2552.

<sup>11.</sup> M.L. 1867, p. 86, sec. 7.
12. R.S. 1835, p. 155, sec. 8; R.S. 1939, sec. 2100.

<sup>13.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 155, sec. 8; R.S. 1879, sec. 1760; R.S. 1939, sec. 3891.

Probate jurisdiction covers the administration of the estates of deceased persons, minor children, and insane and incompetent persons.1 This jurisdiction was exercised by the county court until 1867, when it was transferred to the Cass County court of common pleas. Since 1879, probate business has been handled by the probate court in accordance with the uniform probate court law of 1877.3

quired to hold Juvenile jurisdiction, which relates to homeless and delinquent children under the age of 17 years, 4 and the naturalization of aliens comes within circuit court jurisdiction.5 afterwards and under edroums

Any person who believes he has been prejudiced by the judgment of a court may appeal to a court having appellate jurisdiction, on filing an affidavit and bond with the clerk of the court.6 Appeals from the county, probate, and justice of the peace courts are taken to the circuit court 7 as are decisions from awards of the Workmen's Compensation Commission. 8 Appeals from the circuit court are taken to either the Kansas City Court of Appeals or the State Supreme Court, depending on the amount or question involved.10 org ers assessed faring?

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Preservation of the peace and enforcement of the law are functions performed primarily by the sheriff and the constable.12 The sheriff may act in person or through his deputies. 13 He does not necessarily have to make arrests to preserve the peace. 14 If a crime

12. R.S. 1836, p. 535, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 9195.

<sup>1.</sup> R.S. 1835, pp. 41 f., secs. 1, 5 and 8, pp. 293 f., secs. 2, 3 and 5, and p. 323, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, secs. 1, 7, 11, 376, 378, 385, 451 and 2437.

R.S. 1835, p. 156, sec. 15; M.L. 1867, p. 86, sec. 4.

<sup>3.</sup> 4.

M.L. 1877, p. 229, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 2437.
M.L. 1917, p. 196, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 9699.

<sup>5.</sup> Const. U.S., art. 1, sec. 8; 1 U.S. Stat. 414; 8 U.S.C.A. 402.

R.S. 1835, p. 63, secs. 1-3, p. 369, sec. 1, p. 470, secs. 7 and 8; R.S. 1939, secs. 283-287, 1184-1188, 2490, and 2726-2729.

R.S. 1835, p. 63, sec. 1, p. 155, sec. 8, p. 374, sec. 15; Const. 1875, art. VI, secs. 22 and 23; R.S. 1939, sec. 2100.

<sup>8.</sup> M.L. 1927, pp. 512 f., sec. 44; R.S. 1939, sec. 3732.

Const. 1875, Amendment of 1884, sec. 2; M.L. 1889, p. 65, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 2061.

Const. 1875, art. VI, sec. 12; Const. 1875, art. VI, Amendment of 1884, sec. 3; R.S. 1939, sec. 2078.

<sup>11.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 111, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, secs. 2440 and 13283.
12. R.S. 1835, pp. 372 f., sec. 3; R.S. 1939, secs. 3882, 3981, 13136, 13138 and 13378. 13. R.S. 1835, p. 580, sec. 8; R.S. 1939, sec. 13136.

14. State v. Lamb, 278 S.V. 1011.

is committed in his presence he has the right to make an arrest without a warrant. The coroner assumes these functions when the office of sheriff is vacant.2

In connection with the enforcement of the law the coroner is required to hold an inquest to determine the cause of death when the dead body of any person is found in the county, and it appears that the death might have been caused by violence or casualty, or that the person died without medical attention or without certification by a physician afterwards and under circumstances indicating that death was caused by unlawful or suspicious means. 3 A jury is summoned by the constable and from the testimony of witnesses summoned by the coroner ascertains the cause of death.4 If it appears that the death was caused through felony, the coroner informs a justice of the peace or judge of a court of record, who issues his process for the apprehension of the felon. 5 A justice of the peace or judge of a court of record holds the inquest when the coroner is unable to do so.6

Criminal offenses are prosecuted by indictment or information. Indictments are returned by the grand jury. 7 Informations are filed by the prosecuting attorney, either as informant, or upon the affidavit of any person who has knowledge of the commission of a crime, with the clerk of the court having jurisdiction together with the names of all witnesses endorsed thereon. 8 A warrant is issued to the sheriff by a court of record or to the constable by a justice of the peace for the arrest of the offender.9

If the offense charged is bailable the magistrate accepts bond for the defendant's appearance at the next term of court. 10 At the preliminary hearing he is required to give a new bond for his appearance at the formal trial. 11 Persons charged with criminal offenses are placed in the custody of the sheriff or a constable until bail is furnished. 12 On arraignment day they are brought into court by the

State v. Peters, 242 S.W. 894.

R.S. 1835, p. 124, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 13144.

Boislinieri v. County Commissioners of St. Louis County, 32 Mo. 3. 375; M.L. 1909, p. 542, sec. 8; R.S. 1939, sec. 9767.

R.S. 1835, pp. 320 f., secs. 1, 6 and 10; R.S. 1939, secs. 13231, 4. 13236, 13238 and 13241.

R.S. 1835, p. 321, sec. 11; R.S. 1939, sec. 13242. 5.

R.S. 1835, p. 321, sec. 12; R.S. 1939, sec. 13243. 6.

<sup>7.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 481, sec. 21; R.S. 1939, secs. 3928 and 3929.

<sup>8.</sup> R.S. 1879, secs. 1762-1769; R.S. 1939, sec. 3894-3901; State v. Kelm, 79 Mo. 515.

American Jurisprudence, TV, 7 f; R.S. 1835, pp. 472 f., secs. 2 and 3, p. 484, sec. 18; R.S. 1939, secs. 3804, 3857, 3956, 3957 and 13378.

<sup>10.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 475, sec. 8; R.S. 1939, sec. 3858.

R.S. 1835, pp. 476 f., secs. 15, 21, 22 and 26; R.S. 1939, secs. 3871, 3872 and 3876.

<sup>12.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 335, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 9195.

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sheriff or his deputy, 1 the charge is read to the accused by the clerk of the court, and he is asked to plead. The prosecuting attorney must be present to properly inform the court of the facts in the case if a plea of guilty is entered. If the plea is "not guilty," the accused is advised when the case will be tried.

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The county highway engineer is required of the township. The purpose of recording deeds of conveyance and other instruments of writing affecting real and personal property is that the title thereto may be preserved and protected, that all interested parties may have knowledge of all charges and encumbrances against such property, and to give them perpetuity and publicity. 5 This function is performed by the recorder of deeds. 6 He receives a fee for each recording 7 and is required to make a report thereof each year to the county court and pay into the county treasury the excess over his yearly salary.

Public Works with with all elegan out to differ out gathrangelos The establishment of all county public roads and bridges is under the supervision of the county court. It appoints a county highway commission 10 which has the power to locate, construct, and maintain, subject to the approval of the State Highway Commission, a system of county highways 11 over which it has absolute jurisdiction and control. 12 The county commission is required to make a complete detailed report to the county court annually. 13

standpoint of health protection at Each township in Cass County is divided into road districts by the township board of directors. A road overseer is appointed in each district 14 and is required to account to the township board at each regular meeting for all tools and other property belonging to the town-ship and the district. 15 The township boards publish each year in a

R.S. 1835, p. 485, secs. 1, 3 and 4; R.S. 1939, secs. 4002 and 4003. R.S. 1835, p. 485, sec. 4; R.S. 1939, sec. 4004.

<sup>3.</sup> R.S. 1879, p. 81, sec. 513; R.S. 1939, sec. 12942.

<sup>4.</sup> 5.

State v. Allen, 267 Mo. 55; State v. Borchert, 312 Mo. 456.
Ruling Case Law, vol. 23, pp. 170 f., secs. 24 and 25; Corpus Juris, vol. 53, p. 611, sec. 11. 6.

R.S. 1835, p. 525, sec. 5; R.S. 1939, sec. 13161. 7.

R.S. 1835, p. 270, sec. 14; R.S. 1939, sec. 13426.

<sup>8.</sup> 

R.S. 1855, p. 1517, sec. 29; R.S. 1939, sec. 13187. M.L. 1917, pp. 445 f., sec. 3, p. 458, sec. 38; R.S. 1939, secs. 9. 8473 and 8534.

<sup>10.</sup> M.L. 1927, p. 421, sec. 1; R.S. 1959, sec. 8502 and 8503.

11. M.L. 1927, p. 421, sec. 3; R.S. 1939, sec. 8504.

12. M.L. 1927, p. 421, sec. 7; R.S. 1939, sec. 8508.

13. M.L. 1927, p. 421, sec. 10; R.S. 1939, sec. 8511.

14. M.L. 1917, p. 555, sec. 3; R.S. 1939, sec. 8814.

15. M.L. 1917, p. 556, sec. 6; R.S. 1939, sec. 8814. 15. M.L. 1917, p. 556, sec. 6; R.S. 1939, sec. 8817, 1301 J.M. TI

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newspaper having general circulation in the township an itemized statement of all receipts and expenditures and an inventory of tools and other property belonging to the township, a copy of which is filed with the county clerk for presentation to the county court. 1 The county highway engineer may be empowered by the county court, on application of the township board, to survey, locate, and plat the public highways The county highway engineer is required to submit of the township. an annual report to the county court on the general condition of the roads and bridges of the county, together with his recommendations.3

A read tax not exceeding 20 cents on each \$100 valuation of all real and personal property is levied yearly by the county court and collections from this tax are placed in the county treasury to the credit of the "county road and bridge fund."4

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## Public Health

Safeguarding the health of the people is primarily the function of the State Board of Health which makes a study of the causes and prevention of diseases and has power to make necessary rules and regulations to accomplish its purposes. 5 These rules are enforced in the While the State county by the Deputy State Commissioner of Health. Board has general supervision over public health, it functions in cooperation with the counties through the various offices, boards, and agencies created for that purpose. Most important of these from the standpoint of health protection are the dental board, the board of barber examiners, food and drug commissioners, the dairy commissioner, and the department of labor and industrial inspection. Physicians and surgeons, dentists, dentists, dentists, and labor and increase. osteopaths 16 are required to register with the county clerk. Chiropractors register with the circuit clerk. 17 Births and deaths must

- M.L. 1917, p. 561, sec. 21; R.S. 1939, sec. 8830.
- M.L. 1917, p. 562, sec. 24; R.S. 1939, sec. 8833.
- 3. M.L. 1909, pp. 758 f., sec. 11; R.S. 1939, sec. 8667.
- 4. M.L. 1917, p. 457, sec. 36; R.S. 1939, sec. 8526.
- 5. M.L. 1883, pp. 95 f., sec. 4; R.S. 1939, sec. 9735.
- 6. M.L. 1919, pp. 373 f., sec. 6655a; R.S. 1939, sec. 9747.
- 7. M.L. 1917, p. 253, sec. 5484; R.S. 1939, sec. 10062.
- 8. R.S. 1899, sec. 5035; R.S. 1939, sec. 10128.
- 9. M.L. 1909, p. 514, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 9855.
- M.L. 1909, p. 113, secs. 1 and 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 14100. 10.
- M.L. 1891, pp. 161 f., sec. 16; M.L. 1927, p. 292, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, secs. 10140 and 10197.
- 12. M.L. 1901, p. 208, sec. 4; R.S. 1939, sec. 9987.
- M.L. 1917, p. 257, sec. 5490; R.S. 1939, sec. 10068. 13.
- M.L. 1919, p. 205, sec. 12; R.S. 1939, sec. 9806. M.L. 1909, p. 671, sec. 4; R.S. 1939, sec. 10037.
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- 16. M.L. 1903, p. 249, sec. 5; R.S. 1939, sec. 10047.
- 17. M.L. 1927, p. 136, sec. 7; R.S. 1939, sec. 10057.

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be reported to the State Board of Health through local registrars appointed in each county.1 The prosecuting attorney is required to aid in the enforcement of the law relating to the registration of vital statistics.2 State University. The Commissioner of Agriculture isstate State Feir and all legalized departments of the Sta

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Public Welfare restantion to the mooney be est not erutes grotelyeer Support and maintenance of the poor, outside of direct relief and any other matters of public welfare not specifically charged to the State and county social security commissions, are functions of the county court. 3 This includes the care of the aged, infirm, lame, blind, or sick persons who are unable to support themselves when there are no other persons required by law who are able to maintain them.4 Applications for benefits under the Social Security Act are made to the county social security commission, who in turn makes an investigation of the circumstances of the applicant. The facts thus obtained are submitted to the State Administrator, who decides whether or not the applicant is eligible and the amount of benefits to which he is entitled.5

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\$100 a year to organizations which have for their The control and management of county property; the power to purchase, lease, or receive by donation the property needed for the use of the county; authority to sell or convey real estate owned by the county; and the maintenance of the courthouse are responsibilities of the county court.6 It may purchase or lease land on which to erect a poorhouse. 7 Every county is authorized to acquire land and to erect a hospital in which to care for and treat its poor, 8 or may maintain a public hospital for all its inhabitants or any person falling sick or being maimed within the limits of the county. 9 It may also issue bonds for the erection of a tuberculosis hospital.10 In counties having less than 80,000 inhabitants, and if the counties vote favorably on such proposal, the county court may contract jointly with one or more adjoining counties for the construction of district poorhouses, poor farms, and infirmaries when such building can be built or maintained more economically and efficiently by joint operation. 11

M.L. 1909, pp. 539 f., secs. 1 and 4; R.S. 1939, secs. 9760 and 9763.

<sup>2.</sup> M.L. 1909, p. 549, sec. 23; R.S. 1939, sec. 9783. 3.

R.S. 1835, p. 448, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 9590. 4. R.S. 1835, p. 448, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 9591.

<sup>5.</sup> M.L. 1937, pp. 474, f., secs. 14 and 15; R.S. 1939, secs. 9409 and 9410.

<sup>6.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 157, sec. 15; R.S. 1939, secs. 2480 and 13702. 7.

R.S. 1845, p. 799, secs. 7 and 8; R.S. 1939, secs. 9596 and 9597.

M.L. 1907, p. 194, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, secs. 15157 and 15158. 9.

M.L. 1917, p. 145, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 15192.

M.L. 1915, pp. 201 ff., secs. 1 and 2; R.S. 1939, secs. 15172 and 15173.

<sup>11.</sup> M.L. 1923, pp. 317 f., sec. 1; R.S. 1939, secs. 13749 and 13751.

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Agricultural activities are supervised by the State Department of Agriculture 1 in cooperation with the College of Agriculture of the State University. The Commissioner of Agriculture has supervision over the State Fair and all legalized departments of the State which are of a regulatory nature for the advancement of horticulture and agricul-

The county court is authorized to appropriate funds for the support of a county farm bureau composed of bona fide farmers or tenants willing to promote the development of profitable and permanent systems of agriculture3 and to cooperate with the University of Missouri College of Agriculture in carrying out the provisions of the Smith-Lever Act of Congress.4 Each month the secretary of the organization submits a requisition for funds and a certified statement of expenditures to the county court. 5 At the end of the year a detailed report of receipts and expenditures, with a summary of work undertaken and results accomplished is submitted to the court.6

The county court may also appropriate an amount not exceeding \$100 a year to organizations which have for their purpose the development of agricultural resources by means of farmers' institutes or short study courses in agriculture. 7 It may appropriate \$300 a year to any regularly organized agricultural society which has as its purpose the holding of county fairs or the advancement of agriculture or allied industries. 8 Each township assessor is required to furnish yearly to the State Department of Agriculture information concerning actual crop acreage and other essential agricultural and country life statistics for dissemination among the public.9

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W.L. 1937, no. 4 May of . Tanner, 18 and 15; it.S. 1939, maces, 8409

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M.L. 1923, rp. 317 f., sec. 1: 2.2. 1939, secs. 18749 and 18761.

R.S. 1835, p. 151, see 151 R.S. 1939, seen 1480 and 1570.

M.L. 1907, p. 194, Mos. 1; 2.5. 1909, Moss. 16187 and 16188. M.L. 1917, p. 145, Mos. 1; R.S. 1888, and. 16182.

<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1953, p. 167, sec. 12348; R.S. 1939, sec. 14025.

<sup>2.</sup> M.L. 1933, p. 168, sec. 12353; R.S. 1939, sec. 14027.

<sup>3.</sup> M.L. 1919, p. 112, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 14280.

<sup>4. 7</sup> U.S.C.A., p. 166, sec. 341; M.L. 1923, p. 136, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 14281. M.I. 1919, p. 113, sec. 5; R.S. 1939, sec. 14284.

M.L. 1919, p. 113, sec. 7; R.S. 1939, sec. 14286.

<sup>7.</sup> M.L. 1917, p. 132, sec. 1; M.L. 1939, p. 225, sec. 14315.

<sup>8.</sup> M.L. 1919, p. 115, sec. 691; R.S. 1939, sec. 14167.

<sup>9.</sup> M.L. 1939, pp. 206 f., sec. 12357; R.S. 1939, sec. 14030.

## 3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The official records listed in this inventory are kept in offices and vaults in the Cass County courthouse at Harrisonville and in two other locations outside the courthouse as shown in the chart on page 48. The contract for the construction of the courthouse was made on December 24, 1895 and approved by the county court January 16, 1896. The building is a three-story, yellow brick structure 93 feet long and 78 feet wide. It is not of fireproof construction but the vaults are fireproof.

Pertinent facts concerning the building are contained in the upper one of two stone tablets set in a blind window on the south side of the courthouse west of the main entrance. This tablet reads as follows: "Court House finished 1897, W.C. Root, architect - Thomas Wilson, contractor - Downing Miller, agent - W.B. Harrison, superintendent." The lower tablet is a memorial and reads as follows: "United we stand divided we fall, The Cass County judges who suffered imprisonment by the U.S. Federal Courts rather than make a tax levy to pay fraudulent county and township railroad bonds - F. E. Johnston and W. P. Barnes, Sept. 1st., 1883 to Jan. 1st., 1884 - W. A. Wray, F. M. George, E. T. Lane, March 21st., 1892 to Jan. 1st., 1893. This inscription was made by order of the county court Sept. 9th., 1897 in compliance with a petition presented by J. N. Haddock."

The charts on pages 44 and 45 show the location, condition, arrangement, and accessibility of all records for each county office. The charts on pages 46-48 show all record depositories, a complete list of all offices or bodies using each one, the size of the depository, amount and type of shelf and filing space, and the conditions of light and ventilation.

The floor plans of the courthouse on pages 49-52 show the location of every county office or body except the court of common pleas, public administrator, coroner, board of equalization, deputy state commissioner of health, social security commission, highway commission, and highway engineer. The court of common pleas has been out of existence in Cass County since 1878. The public administrator and the coroner transact all county business from their residences or private business offices and therefore have no office space in the courthouse. The board of equalization holds its meetings in the county clerk's office. Office space is provided for the deputy state commissioner of health and the social security commission in separate buildings as shown in the chart on p. 48. The highway commission holds its meetings at various points in the county and therefore needs no office space. The office of highway engineer is held by the surveyor.

Records of the public administrator are considered as his personal property and therefore are not inventoried. The coroner, the highway commission, and the farm bureau keep no records. Activities of the highway commission are contained in an annual report to the county court. Records of most county offices are open to the public during office hours. Some records, such as the collector's income tax book and the confidential papers of the sheriff and prosecuting attorney, are by their very nature private and are never open to public inspection.

## LOCATION OF RECORDS BY OFFICES

Office			AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT		7
Commission	Ottro Depository of	Percent	Condition	Arrangement	Accessibility
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County Court	County Clerk's Office	1.	Good	Good	Good
Commission	County Clerk's Vault	42.5	Good	Good	Good
	County Clerk's Storage Vault	56.	Fair	Poor	Poor
Social Securi	Recorder's Storage Vault	•5	Poor	Poor	Peor
County Clerk	County Clerk's Office	7.	Good	Good	Good
Commissioner	County Clerk's Vault	81.2	Good	Good	Good
Deputy State	County Clerk's Storage Vault	9.1	Fair	Poor	Poor
Schools	Recorder's Storage Vault	2.700*	Poor	Poor	Pour
of Public	Treasurer's Storage Vault	-7	Fair	Fair	Fair
Recorder of	Recorder's Vault	91.00	Good	Good	
Deeds	Recorder's Storage Vault	9. 10.	Poor	Foor	Good
Circuit Court	Circuit Clerk's Vault	76.	Good	2 7000	Poor
Incliantor	Circuit Clerk's Storage Vault	24.	Fair	Good	Gccd
Circuit Clerk	Circuit Clerk's Vault	51. 8*8	Good	Fair	Fair
Treasurer and	Circuit Clerk's Storage Vault	49. 3*1	The second secon	Good	Good
Court of	Circuit Clerk's Vault		Fair	Fair	Fair
Common Pleas	Circuit Clerk's Storage Vault	14.01.	Good	Good	Good
Probate Court	Probate Judge's Vault	86.33	Fair	Fair	Fair
Butanoscant	Proheto Store of Vault	88.	Good	Good	Good
Public	Probate Storage Vault	12.	Fair	Fair	Fair
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Coroner					
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Sheriff	County Clerk's Storage Room	11.	Fair	Poor	
	Circuit Clerk's Vault	14. DET	Good	Cood	Poor
		77.	Good	Good	Good
	Treasurer's Storage Vault	8.	Fair	Fair	Good

## LOCATION OF RECORDS BY OFFICES continued.

Office	Depository	Percent	Condition	Arrangement	Accessibility
Presecuting Attorney	Prosecuting Attorney's Office	100.	Good	Good	Good
Board of Equalization	County Clerk's Office County Clerk's Vault	33. 67.	Good Good	Good Good	Good Good
Treasurer and Ex Officio Collector	County Clerk's Vault County Clerk's Storage Vault County Clerk's Storage Room	5.7 8.8 58.9	Good Fair Fair	Good Poor Poor	Good Poor Poor
COTTECTOL	Treasurer's Vault Treasurer's Storage Vault	16.5	Good Fair	Good Fair Good	Good Fair Good
Superintendent of Public Schools	Office of Superintendent of Public Schools	100.	Good	50725	good
Deputy State Commissioner Of Health	Office of Deputy State Commissioner of Health	100.	Go od.	Good	Good
Social Security Commission	Office of Social Security Commission	100.	Good	Good	Good
Surveyor	Office of Surveyor	100.	Good	Good	Good
Highway Commission	No Records			Go original and a second	
Highway Engineer	Office of Surveyor	100.	Good	Good	Good
Farm Bureau	No Records				

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County Clerk's Office	First Floor	County Court County Clerk Board of	30 x 25	10 lin. ft.	118 cu. ft. steel and wood file	Good	Good
Frebate Storage Vault	Bano- mant	Equalization	24 x 6	40 lin. ft. Wood	boxes	FOOT	\$00L
County Clerk's Vault	First Floor	County Court County Clerk Board of Equalization Treasurer	12 x 6	184 lin. ft. Steel Roller and Wood	45 cu. ft. Steel file boxes	Good	Fair
County Clerk's Sterage Vault	Base- ment	County Court County Clerk Treasurer	14 x 8	71 lin. ft. wood	61 cu. ft. Wood file boxes	Foor	Foor
County Clerk's Storage Room	Base- ment	Sheriff Treasurer	15 x 11	None	22 cu. ft. Wood file boxes	Good	Good
Recorder's Vault	First Floor	Recorder of Deeds	16 x 12	1,050 lin. ft. Steel roller	37 cu. ft. Steel and wood file boxes	Gcod	Good
Recorder's Storage Vault	Base- ment	County Court County Clerk Recorder of Deeds	14 x 9	16 lin. ft.	86 cu. ft. Wcod file boxes	Poor	Foor

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Circuit Clerk's Vault	Second Floor	Circuit Court Circuit Clerk Court of Common Pleas Sheriff	15 x 9	56 lin. ft. steel roller	170 cu. ft. steel file cabinets 10 cu. ft. steel safe	Good	Good
Circuit Clerk's Storage Vault	Base- ment	Circuit Court Circuit Clerk Court of Common Pleas	14 x 6	67 lin. ft. Wood	55 cu. ft. Wood file boxes	Poor	Poor
Probate Judge's Vault	First	Probate Court	18 x 9	125 lin. ft. Steel Roller	168 cu. ft. Steel file boxes	Good	Fair Good
Probate Storage Vault	Base- ment	Probate Court	14 x 6	40 lin. ft. Wood	None	Poor	Poor
Sheriff's Office	First Floor	Sporift	18 x 9	LO lin. ft.	10 cu. ft. Steel safe 21 cu. ft. steel file cabinets	Good	Good
Prosecuting Attorney's	Second Floor	Prosecuting Attorney	18 x 16	116 lin. ft. Steel and wood	15 cu. ft. Steel file cabinets	Good	Good
Treasurer's Vault	First Floor	Treasurer	10 x 6	60 lin. ft. Steel roller	None	Good	Good

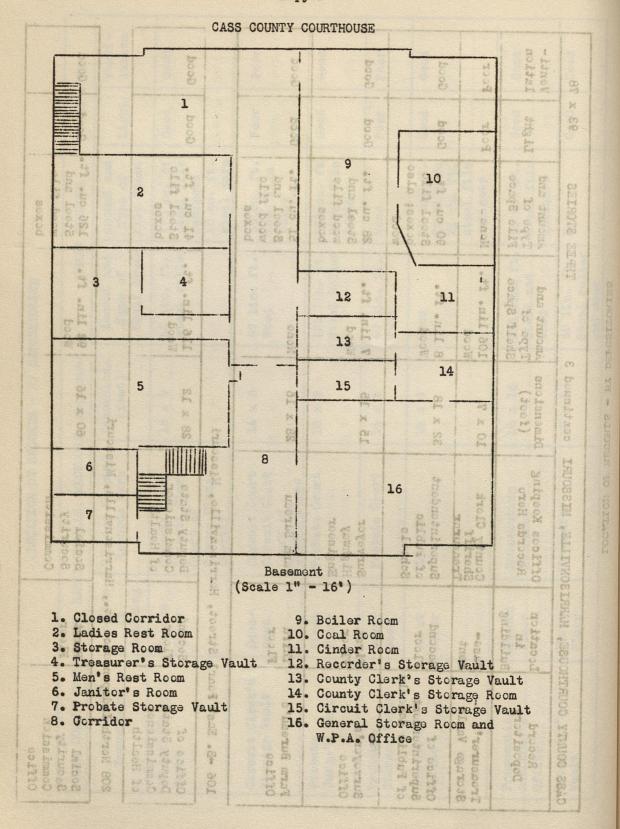
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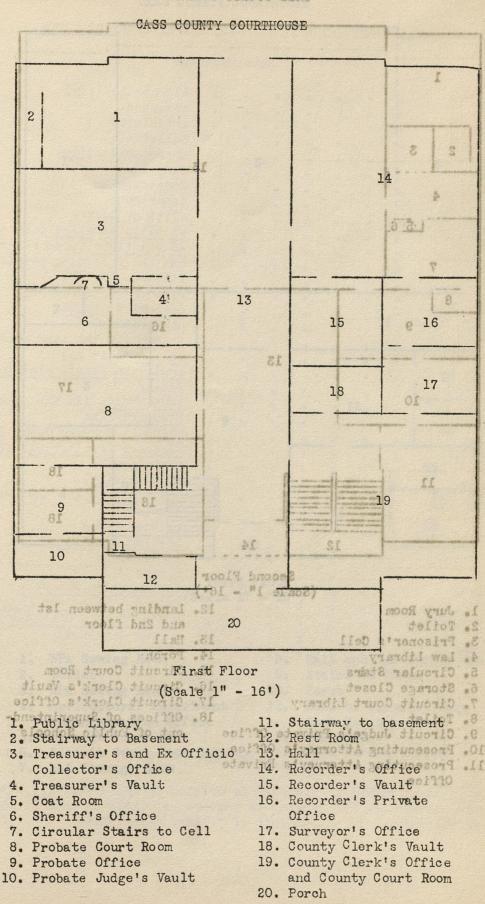
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Record Depository	Location in Building	Offices Keeping Records Here	Dimensions (feet)	Amount and Type of Shelf Space	Amount and Type of File Space	Light	Venti- lation
reasurer's Storage Vault	Base- ment	County Clerk Sheriff Treasurer	10 x 7	106 lin. ft. Wood	None	Poor	Poer
Office of Superintendent of Fublic Schools	Second Floor	Superintendent of Fublic Schools	32 x 18	8 lin. ft. Wood	90 cu. ft. Steel file bexes; also wood	Good	Good
Surveyor's Office	First Floor	Surveyor Highway Engineer	15 x 15	7 lin. ft. Wood	28 cu. ft. Steel and wood file boxes	Good	Good
Farm Bureau's	Third Floor	Farm Bureau	28 x 16	None	51 cu. ft. Steel and wood file boxes	Good	Good
106 -B. East Fear	1 Street, Ha	arrisonville, Misso	uri	Commence of the Commence of th	1	200 San San San San San	
Office of Deputy State Commissioner of Health	Second Floor	Deputy State Commissioner of Health	28 x 12	ll6 lin. ft. Wood	41 cu. ft. Steel file boxes	Good	Good
208 North Independ	dence St., F	Harrischville, Miss	ouri				
Social Security Commission	First Floor	Sccial Security Commission	60 x 16	92 lin. ft. Wood	126 cu. ft. Steel and Wood file	Good	Good

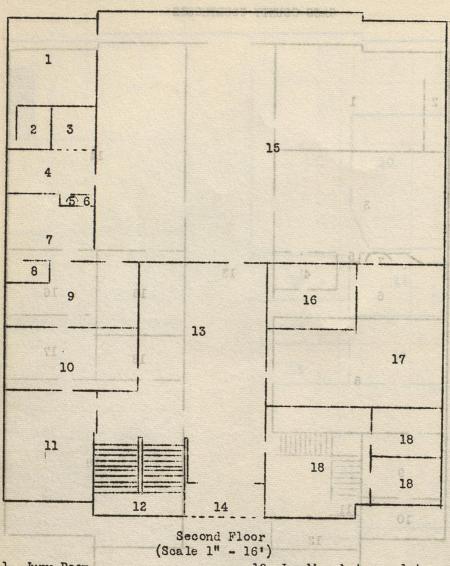
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## CASS COUNTY COURTHOUSE



### CASS COUNTY COURTHOUSE



1. Jury Room

2. Toilet

- 3. Prisoner's Cell
- 4. Law Library
- 5. Circular Stairs
- 6. Storage Closet

- 7. Circuit Court Library
  8. Toilet
  9. Circuit Judge's Private Office
- 10. Prosecuting Attorney's Office
  11. Prosecuting Attorney's Private
  Office

15. Legendar's Private

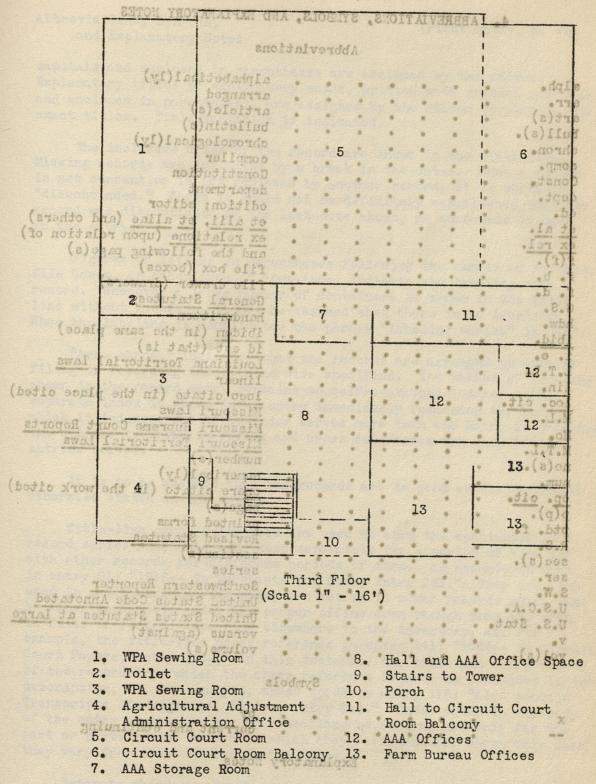
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- 12. Landing between 1st and 2nd floor
- 13. Hall
- 14. Porch
- 15. Circuit Court Room
- 16. Circuit Clerk's Vault

  - 17. Circuit Clerk's Office 18. Offices of Superintendent of Public Schools

7. Circular Stairs to Coll 8. Probate Court Room 9. Probate Office

10. Probate Judgets Vault



Exact titles of records are written in solid capitals without perentheses and the current or nest recent title is used as the title of the entry. In the obsence of titles, descriptive titles in solid

## 4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

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## I. COUNTY COURT

The act of March 3, 1835 organizing Cass (Van Buren) County authorized the Governor to appoint three residents as justices of the county court to serve until their successors were duly elected, commissioned, and qualified. When Cass County adopted township organization in 1873 the number of justices was increased to five. The township organization act was repealed by an act approved March 5, 18773 and on April 27 of that year an act was passed to provide for a uniform system of county courts. This act provided for the election of a presiding judge and two associate justices of the county court at the general election to be held the following year. The presiding judge was to be elected from the county at large for a 4-year term; an associate judge was to be elected from each of two districts into which the county was to be divided and was to serve 2 years. When township organization was again authorized by the legislature in 1879 and adopted the following year by Cass County, the number of judges remained at three, and there have been no further changes.

The county court is the official agency for the transaction of the business affairs of the county. From 1835 until 1867 the county court of Cass County was also vested with probate jurisdiction.

For a complete list of records required to be kept by the court, see the forthcoming volume entitled "County Government in Missouri."

Unless otherwise stated, records of the county court are in the county clerk's vault.

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- 1. MINUTE BOOK, 1835--. 46 vols.

  Memoranda of proceedings of the county court later transferred by the clerk into the County Court Record (entry 2), showing term of court, date and place of meeting, names of officials present, matters presented, action, and adjournment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 8 x 2. 21 vols., 1835-95, county clerk's storage vault; 25 vols., 1896--, county clerk's vault.
- 2. COUNTY COURT RECORD, 1835--. 29 vols. (A, A-Z, 1, 2).

  Record of proceedings of county court prepared from Minute Book
  (entry 1), showing term of court, place of meeting, names of officials
  present, names of petitioners and other parties, business transacted,
  adjournment, and signature of presiding judge. Arr. chron. For index,
  see entry 3. Hdw. and typed. 200 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

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<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1824-36, vol. 2, pp. 477 f., sec. 5; County Court Record, vol. A, pp. 1 and 15, see entry 2.

<sup>2.</sup> M.L. 1873, p. 116, art. XV, sec. 2. dea de asomerston sel

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<sup>4. &</sup>lt;u>Ibid.</u>, p. 226, secs. 1 and 2.

<sup>5.</sup> M.L. 1879, p. 218,

<sup>6.</sup> R.S. 1939, sec. 2475. Altered and to without a sec its section

<sup>7.</sup> Const. 1875, art. VI, secs. 1 and 36; R.S. 1939, sec. 2480.

<sup>8.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 156, sec. 15; M.L. 1867, p. 86, sec. 4.

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3. INDEX TO COUNTY COURT RECORD, 1835--, 6 vols. (2, 3, 3, 4; two vols. unlabled).

Index to County Court Record, entry 2, showing term of court, name and nature of transaction, and volume and page reference to recording.

Arr. alph. by name and nature of transaction. Hdw. 640 pp. 17 x 13 x 3.

- 4. COURT BILLS, 1847-95, 1916--. 122 f. b. Original bills, statements and vouchers of all accounts against the county approved and allowed by the county court, showing date, name of claimant, amount, nature of claim, date allowed, and to what fund charged. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. 110 f. b., 1847-95, county clerk's storage vault; 12 f. b., 1896--, county clerk's vault.
- 5. RESIGNATIONS, APPLICATIONS, PETITIONS FOR APPOINTMENT BY COUNTY COURT, 1934--. 1 f. b.

  Miscellaneous papers pertaining to applications for appointments and resignations of county office helders, including:
  - a. Applications for various county positions, showing date, to whom addressed, kind of position for which application is made, qualifications and signature of applicant, and date filed.
- b. Petitions to the county court by citizens for the appointment of individuals to certain offices, showing date, to whom addressed, name of person and office for which petition is made, signatures of petitioners, date filed, and approval by county court.
- c. Resignations of various county officials, showing name of State and county, name and term of court, to whom addressed notice of resignation, date, signature of official resigning, and date filed.

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# Bonds, Commissions, and Contracts (See also entry 145)

- 6. OFFICIAL BONDS AND CONTRACTS, 1924--. 2 f. b. Bonds and contracts of various county and township officials, including:
- a. Contracts with the superintendent of county home, showing provisions of the contract, date, amount allowed per day for each immate, and menu.
- b. Contracts with various banks in the county acting as depositories for county funds, showing name and location of bank, date, and conditions of contract.

  Also contain:

Original bonds deposited with the county court by county and township officials to secure their faithful performance of duty, entry 7.

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7. RECORD OF BONDS AND COMMISSIONS, 1835--. 12 vols.
Record of commissions issued to and bonds given by township and county officials and notaries public, showing date of commission, title of office, term, name of issuing officer, date and copy of oath, date, amount and condition of bond, names of principal and sureties, and signatures of presiding judge and county clerk. Arr. chron. No index, 1835-87; 1888--, indexed alph. by name of official. Hdw. on ptd. f. 300 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

For original bonds, 1924--, see entry 6.

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- 8. RAILROAD BOND PAPERS, 1884. 1 f. b.
  Original papers pertaining to railroad funding bonds, showing lists of bonds, coupons, and judgments, copies of petitions filed with United States District Court in bond litigation, summons to the United States Marshal and Cass county, assignments and transfers by bondholders, receipts for fees paid United States District Court, bankers' and brokers' commission and expense in handling railroad bonds, list of bonds and coupons compromised, and other miscellaneous papers pertaining to railroad bond compromise and settlement. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. Recorder's storage vault.
- 9. RAILROAD BOND RECORD, 1869-86. 2 vols.
  Record of railroad bond issues, showing to whom issued, date of issuance, serial number, amount, interest, date of maturity, denomination, and date payable. Arr. chron. by date of issue. Indexed num. by bond no. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. County clerk's storage vault.
- 10. COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP BONDS, 1883-1938. 1 vol.
  Record of county and township bond issues, showing name of bank or
  trust company where payments are due, date and serial number of bonds,
  amount and interest, number and date coupons are due, dates of payment,
  and cancelation. Arr. alph. by class of bond. Indexed alph. by name
  of township. Hdw. on ptd. f. 240 pp. 17 x 15 x 2.

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### Loans

11. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGES, 1844-93, 1928--. 31 f. b. Original bonds, mortgages, notes, abstracts of title to land, and insurance policies held by county court as security for payment of money borrowed from the various school funds, showing date of loan, from which fund borrowed, date of maturity, rate of interest, names and signatures of principals and sureties. 2 f. b., 1844-93, arr. chron.; 28 f. b., 1928--, arr. alph. by name of borrower. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 3 f. b., 1844-93, 5 x 5 x 10, county clerk's storage vault; 28 f. b., 1928--, 10 x 5 x 14, county clerk's vault.

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12. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND LOANS, 1849--. 13 vols. Record of school fund loans authorized by county court, showing name of borrower, date and amount of loan, rate of interest, names of sureties, date and amount of interest paid, and date and amount of principal paid. Arr. alph. by name of borrower. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 225 pp. 10 x 12 x 2. 7 vols., 1849-1910, county clerk's storage vault; 6 vols., 1911--, county clerk's vault.

For loan applications, 1921--, see entry 30a.

13. PROPERTY FORECLOSED UNDER SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE, 1855--gobles 2 f. b.

Original papers pertaining to school fund loan foreclosures and sheriff's return of proceedings thereunder, all papers pertaining to each loan assembled in an individual envelope showing name of borrower. Arr. alph. by name of borrower. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. appointed, and findings of court, entry 19.

### b. Original contracts covering construction and repairs of Property Sales ignos equant of about disk rediegof , roabland

- 14. SHERIFF'S REPORT OF SALES, 1938--. 1 f. b. Reports on sale of land by sheriff under school fund mortgages, showing date of sale, names of persons in whom title was vested and purchaser, amount, sheriff's and publisher's fees, and amount of excess paid to owner. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.
- 15. COMMISSIONER'S DEED RECORD, 1854. 1 vol. Record of commissioner's deeds to swamp and overflowed lands, showing serial number of certificate of purchase, date of sale, name of purchaser, purchase price, term of sale, description and location of property, quantity of land sold, commissioner's name and acknowledgment. Arr. alph. by name of purchaser. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 100 pp. 14 x 17 x 1. County clerk's storage vault.

### Plats and Boundaries

16. CHANGES IN SCHOOL BOUNDARIES, 1888-1900, 1901, 1914--. 3 f. b.

Original papers filed with the county court relating to changes in boundaries of school districts, showing numbers of districts, names of petitioners, plats showing boundaries and changes, arbitrators' reports relative to controversies over proposed changes, date of filing with county court, and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 2 f. b., 1888-1900, 1901, 5 x 5 x 10, recorder's storage vault; f. b., 1914--, 10 x 5 x 14, county -clerk's vault. gis , hell? atab , taenghalwomies , adiscrebished , Lever

17. SCHOOL MAPS, 1889--. 2 vols. (2, 3). Record of school district plats and maps designating the boundaries of school districts and any changes therein, showing date, district township, range and section numbers. Colored. No scale. 180 pp. 17 x 15 x 1.

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18. ROAD AND BRIDGE PAPERS, 1841--. 16 f. b. Original papers relating to the construction, maintenance, and repair

of roads and bridges, including:

a. Petitions to county court to locate, change, or vacate public or private roads, or build bridges, showing term of court, date of petition, description and location of road, proof of notice of intention to file petition, names of all residents and persons owning land through which proposed road shall run, damages claimed by each, names of persons agreeing to donate land for right-of-way, names and addresses of peti-tioners and remonstrators against petitions, commissioners appointed, and findings of court, entry 19.

b. Original contracts covering construction and repairs of bridges, together with bonds to insure completion of work, showing date of contract, names of contracting parties, amount, terms, and conditions of contract, approval of same by county court, date set for completion of work, and signatures of contracting parties, date of bond, names of contractor and sureties, county as obligee, amount and conditions of bond, signature of contractor and sureties, approval and seal of county court, and attestation by county

c. Bills of cost of labor and supplies on county bridges, showing names of employees, number of hours worked, rate per hour, amount for labor, kind of supplies used, from whom purchased, total amount of expenses, and date paid.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. 15 f. b., 1841-1917, county clerk's storage vault; f. b., 1918--, county clerk's vault.

- 19. RECORD PUBLIC ROADS, 1867-1906. 2 vols. Discontinued. Record of petitions to county court to locate, change or vacate public or private roads, or build bridges, showing information as in entry 18a. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 480 pp. 17 x 13 x 3.
  - RIGHT-OF-WAY CONVEYANCES, 1868-69, 1908, 1924--. 2 vols. and I f. b.

Record of land conveyances, 1868-69, 1908, and original deeds 1924--, conveying rights-of-way to county for road purposes, showing name of grantor, and county as grantee, description and location of land conveyed, consideration, acknowledgment, date filed, signatures of grantor and county clerk, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. Vols., 250 pp. 14 x 10 x 2; f. b. 5 x 5 x 10.

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21. COUNTY BUDGET, 1934--. 1 f. b. Annual financial plan for the ensuing year drawn up by the budget officer and adopted by the county court, showing unobligated cash County Court - Fiscal Reports and Accounts

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and expenses incurred, and date filed with elerk, Arr. oh 22. STATE AUDIT OF CASS COUNTY, 1925-28, 1935--. 2 vols. Reports of the audits covering the various county offices as forwarded to the county court by the State Auditor, showing an itemized account of the audit for each individual office, the comments thereon, and signature of auditor. Arr. alph. by name of office. No index. Typed on ptd. f. 300 pp. 13 x 9 x 2. 19. APPLICATIONS FOR BEEN AND LIC 2 f. b. Title various Drames

- County and Township Settlements out seements with the rest and transfer and transfe 23. QUARTERLY STATEMENT OF FEES, 1931--. 1 f. b. Reports of fees by various county officials to county court, showing total amount of fees collected, nature of service, date of collection, by whom paid, and signature of official. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f.  $10 \times 5 \times 14$ . as emitantings installed of
- 24. COLLECTOR'S SETTLEMENTS, 1935--. 1 vol. Record of township collector's settlements with county court, showing distribution of taxes to various state and county funds, total tax, additional commissions, collector's fees, total receipts, name of county treasurer, and signature of collector. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of account. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 14 x 17 x 2.
- 25. TRUSTEE'S SETTLEMENT, 1898-99, 1932--. 3 f. b. Township trustee's semiannual settlements with county court, showing receipts and expenditures of funds, number of district, balance on hand, receipts, total amount, and recapitulation, acknowledgment, date of filing, signature of county clerk, date approved by the court, and signature of presiding judge. Arr. chron. by date of settlement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

For record, 1911--, see entry 26.

- 26. TRUSTEE'S SETTLEMENT RECORD, 1911--. 2 vols. (1, 2). Record of township trustee's semiannual settlements with the county court, showing information as in entry 25. Arr. chron. by date of settlement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 320 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.
- 27. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, 1935--. 6 f. b. Record of township trustee's and township clerk's annual settlements with county court of school district funds, showing district number, date of report, class of fund, total amount of school taxes collected and amount allotted to each school district, balance on hand in each fund, certification date, signatures of township trustee and clerk, and county clerk's acknowledgment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

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29. APPLICATIONS FOR BEER AND LIQUOR LICENSES, 1898-1902, 1934---2 f. b. Title varies: Dramshop Licenses, 1898-1902, 1 f. b.

Applications for county licenses, including:

a. Liquor and beer applications for county licenses to sell liquor or beer by the drink or in original packages, 1934--, showing date, kind of license, name and address of applicant, qualifications, location of place of business, state license reference, amount of fee, and approval or rejection of county court.

b. Original applications and petitions for dramshop licenses, 1898-1902, giving names of applicant and petitioners, location, statements and affidavits of dramshop keepers, giving date, amount, and kind of liquors, total valuation of liquors received at stand or shop for 6 months period, acknowledgment, date, and signatures of county clerk and affiant; also license bonds, giving names of principals and sureties, date of bond, location of dramshop, oath of keeper, and signature of county clerk.

c. Physicians' applications for permits to prescribe and compound prescriptions containing alcohol or other intoxicating liquors, 1934 -- giving name and address of physician, date of filing, signature of county clerk, date approved, and signature of presiding judge.

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30. APPLICATIONS, COUNTY LOANS AND POOL LICENSE, 1921--. 1 f. b. Applications to county court for school fund loans and pool and bill-

iard hall licenses, including:

a. Applications to county court for school fund loans, showing date of application, name of applicant, amount of loan applied for, description of real estate as security, improvements and value, oath and signature of applicant, acknowledgment, names of sureties, date filed, and signature of county clerk.

b. Applications to county court for pool and billiard hall licenses, showing date of petition, name of applicant, location of place of business, number of tables, signature of applicant, date filed, signature of county clerk, and date approved

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31. TAX ABATEMENT RECORD, 1930--. 1 vol. Record of appeals to county court for adjustments of assessments on property, showing name of person, date, term of court, description of property, amount of assessment, amount of reduction, distribution of tax, date adjustment was made, and signatures of presiding judge and county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 400 pp. 18 x 14 x 3.

For board of equalization records, see entry 217.

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charge, parole, or death, names and addresses of relatives 32. JUDGMENT BOOKS, 1872-76. 5 vols. Malelanda animaxe to emen Record of judgments rendered against property for non-payment of taxes, giving name of taxpayer, description, location, and valuation of property, volume and page reference to delinquent tax record, years for which taxes are due, allocation to various state and county funds, interest to date of judgment, costs, total amount to date of judgment, interest after judgment, total amount paid, and date of redemption. Arr. num. by lot, section, township, and range nos. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 23 x 17 x 3. County clerk's storage vault. description of property insured.

33. SPECIAL EXECUTION RECORD, 1868-76. 3 vols. Record of sale of real estate against which judgment was rendered for taxes, interest and penalties, and costs due thereon and unpaid, showing name to whom assessed, quantity, description and location of real estate, valuation, years for which taxes are due, state, county, municipal and special taxes, school levies, total amount of judgment to date, interest and costs after judgment, quantity sold and to whom, date of redemption, by whom redeemed and amount paid. Arr. num. by lot, section, township and range nos. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 18 x 15 x 2. County clerk's storage vault.

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34. APPLICATIONS FOR HELP, 1933-37. 1 f. b. Applications to the county court for assistance, showing county, name, address, age, birthplace, date of birth, date of application, how age can be verified, whether citizen of United States by birth or naturalization, number of years in State, employment data, means of support, whether previous application has been made for assistance, references, names of all living children and their occupations, addresses, and signature of applicant. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f.  $5 \times 5 \times 10$ .

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35. INSANE PAPERS AND HOSPITALIZATION, 1930--. 1 f. d. Court orders and other papers pertaining to the commitment of county patients to hospitals for insane, showing name, date of commitment, report of examining physician or investigating body, sheriff's statement of commitment, clerk's and deputy's signatures, court seal, and signature of superintendent of institution. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.

- 36. STATEMENT FROM ASYLUM NO. 3, (Nevada, Mo.) TO CASS COUNTY, 1901--. 1 f. b. Statements of the superintendent of hospital at Nevada, Missouri to the county court for maintenance of county patients, showing date of admittance, itemized account of expenses, and certificate and signature of superintendent. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.
- 37. WARD BOOK, 1897--. 4 vols. Record of county residents in state and county institutions, showing name and number of institution, name, age, sex, color, and home address. of inmate, date of court order, dates of commitment, admission, discharge, parole, or death, names and addresses of relatives and witnesses, name of examining physician, amount paid for board, clothing and sundries, and date paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of institution. Hdw. on ptd. f. 150 pp. 16 x 13 x 2.

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<sup>1.</sup> County Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 2.

<sup>2.</sup> Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 120; Record of Bonds and Commissions, vol. 2, p. 44, see entry 7.

<sup>3.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 156, sec. 15; M.L. 1867, p. 86, sec. 3.

<sup>4.</sup> Const. 1875, art. VI, sec. 42; Probate Court Record, vol. L, and p. 224, see entry 182. The go amonds and absolings to sandamile

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Unless otherwise stated, records of the county clerk are in his vault. For record, see entry 40.

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Report of estimates of funds needed for each school district for the 39. DECLARATIONS AND AFFIDAVITS OF ELECTION, 1932--. 3 f. b. Original papers filed by candidates for election, including:

a. Statements of persons declaring themselves as candidates for office at primary elections, giving name and address, title of office sought, political affiliation, election date, and signature of candidate.

b. Affidavits of candidates' expenses filed under corrupt practices act, showing date of election, title of office, name of candidate, political affiliation, amount expended, to whom paid, purpose, affidavit, date of filing, and certificate of county clerk.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. For affidavits filed with recorder of deeds, see entry 111.

40. TOWNSHIP ELECTION CERTIFICATES, 1892, 1894, 1939--. 3 f. b. Certificates of township candidates elected, showing name and address of candidate, office to which elected, date of certificate and signature of township clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. 2 f. b., 1892, 1894, recorder's storage vault; f. b., 1939--, county clerk's vault.

41. POLL BOOKS AND TALLY SHEETS, 1938--. 4 bundles. Poll books and tally sheets deposited with county clerk by election officials of each precinct, showing name of township, precinct number, date of election, oaths and names of judges and clerks, ballot number, name and residence of voter, number of votes cast for each candidate, total number of votes, signatures of election judges, attestation by clerks, and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 14 x 9 x 10.

<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1877, p. 192, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 13283.

<sup>2.</sup> R.S. 1939, secs. 10390, 11004, 11472, 11488, 11505, 11558, 11567, 11568 and 13295.

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42. SCHOOL ESTIMATES, 1898-1902, 1935--. 8 f. b. Estimates of funds needed for each school district for the ensuing year forwarded to the county clerk by school boards, showing name of school, number and assessed valuation of each district, child enumeration, tax rate, amounts required for each fund, amount of levy per \$100 valuation, total estimate, and signatures of president of school board and county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. 2 f. b., 1898-1902, county clerk's storage vault; 6 f. b., 1935 -- , county clerk's vault. to abrove , betata estimanto assimil

For record, see entry 43.

- 43. SCHOOL ESTIMATES AND RETURNS, 1887--. 3 vols. Record of estimates of funds needed for each school district for the ensuing year, showing information as in entry 42. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 2 vols., 1887-1926, county clerk's storage vault; vol., 1927--, county clerk's office at primary elections, giving name and address, and of office sought, political affiliation, election date, and
- 44. APPLICATION FOR STATE AID, 1935--. 12 f. b. Applications for state funds, including:
- a. Copies of the county clerk's applications to the State Superintendent of Public Schools for high school funds, showing name and number of district, length of term, tax rate levied for next year, money on hand, enumeration, enrollment, total days attendance, average daily attendance, teachers employed for next year, data for calculating equalization quota, high school tuition, reimbursement by nonresident pupils, calculation of teacher and attendance quota, total state apportionment, certificate of county clerk, and date filed.
  - b. Applications to the State Superintendent of Public Schools for rural school funds, showing name of clerk, name of school, district number, tax rate, length of term, enumeration, attendance, teacher data, total guarantee and deductions, signatures of school board president and district clerk, approval by county superintendent of public schools, acknowledgment, and date filed.

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45. SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONMENT, 1873-81, 1912--. 3 f. b., and . l. l. vol. while

Original papers apportioning school funds to the various districts, 1873-81, and record of apportionments, 1912--, showing date, school district name and number, township and range numbers, amount apportioned to each district from county and township funds, total number 2. R.S. 1939, secs. 10390, 11004, 11472, 11488, 11508, 11558, 11567,

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47. (REPORTS OF SCHOOLS,) 1870-74. 4 vols. Record of township clerks covering school records, including:

- a. Financial report of school money, showing receipts and expenditures, from what source received, how expended and balance on hand.
  - Oaths of township school directors, showing location of school, district number, name of director, date of oath, by whom administered, and signature of clerk.
  - c. Enumeration of children between the ages of 6 and 21 years, showing district, number of males, number of females, color and total.
- d. Record of teachers employed, showing location of schools, names of teachers, grade, length of term, months taught, monthly salary, and total paid teachers.

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48. SWAMP AND 16TH SECTION SCHOOL LANDS, 1845--. 1 vol. Record of sales of swamplands and 16th sections of school lands, showing description and location of land, date patented by State to county, terms of sale, name of purchaser, date and amount of payment, signature and seal of presiding judge, and attestation by county clerk. Arr. num. by section, township and range nos. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 100 pp. 17 x 13 x 2.01 sensell the bas betats yletaroges does coxed during the proceding much, total collections, countsulous deducted,

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49. FEE BOOK, 1870-73, 1934--. 1 f. b. and 3 vols. Record of all fees collected by county clerk, showing date and term of report, amount of fees, from whom collected, service rendered, to whom payable, statement of salaries paid to deputies or assistants,

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50. COUNTY CLERK IN ACCOUNT WITH COUNTY TREASURER, SCHOOL FUND, 1871--. 8 vols. Title varies: School Tax Books, 1871-1915, 5 vols.

Record of collection of school funds, showing information as in entry 221. Arr. chron. Indexed num. by township and school district nos. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 17 x 15 x 2. 5 vols., 1871-1915, county clerk's storage vault, 3 vols., 1916--, county clerk's vault.

51. REPORTS TO STATE AUDITOR, 1870-73. I f. b.

Duplicate quarterly reports of the county clerk to the State Auditor of all fees received, showing date and term of report, amount of fees, from whom collected, service rendered, to whom payable, statement of sclaries paid to deputies or assistants, and affidavit of county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. County clerk's storage vault.

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52. TOWNSHIP COLLECTORS' STATEMENTS, 1899, 1901-3, 1933--.

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Township collectors' monthly and annual statements filed with county clerk, showing collections of all state and county taxes for licenses issued during preceding month, total amount, collectors' commission, total net, date, from whom received, and signatures of collectors'; receipts of collectors' for tax books, showing name of township, date, from whom received, and signatures of collectors'. Arr. alph. by name of township. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. 2 f b., 1899, 1901-3, recorder's storage vault; 7 f. b., 1933--, county clerk's vault.

53. COLLECTOR'S SETTLEMENTS, 1850-88, 1934--. 111 f. b. and 7 f. bundles.

County cellector's detailed monthly reports to the county clerk and annual settlement statements to county court, showing date and term of report, all collections of state, county, municipal, road and other taxes, each separately stated, and all license fees collected by him during the preceding month, total collections, commissions deducted, net amount, delinquencies, and signature of collector. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. F. b. 5 x 5 x 10; bundles, 16 x 5 x 3. F. b. 1850-88, county clerk's storage vault; bundles, 1934--, county clerk's vault.

54. TOWNSHIP CLERKS' FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, 1933--. I f. b. Financial statement by each township clerk of all county funds in their possession, showing date, amount received, source, and fund credited; date, amount disbursed, check or warrant number, fund charged,

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55. ROAD AND TOWNSHIP FUNDS, 1875-1904, 1914--. 9 vols. County clerk's records of road, bridge, and township accounts with the county treasurer, showing date of receipts, amount received, fund credited, source, and date; amount disbursed, fund charged, date, check or warrant number, bank drawn on, for what purpose, and to whom paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of township. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 17 x 15 x 2. 3 vols., 1875-95, county clerk's storage vault; vol., 1896-1904, treasurer's storage vault; 5 vols., 1932--, county clerk's weult- and are to the companies of the state of the property o

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- 56. LEVES, 1935--. 5 f. b. Original copies of levies as voted by towns and villages, showing date of levy, for what year assessed, amount of levy on the \$100 valuation, for what purpose levy was made, and certification and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 5 x 5 x 10.
  - 57. RAILROAD AND UTILITIES STATEMENTS, 1935--. 6 f. b. Statements subscribed and sworn to by president or other chief officer of railroad, telegraph, telephone, and other public utilities companies, showing date of assessment, name of company, description, location and valuation of all taxable property owned, used or leased by it within county, signature and acknowledgment of officer making statement, and date of filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.
- 58. RAILROAD AND PUBLIC SERVICE ASSESSMENT, 1926--. 1 f. b. Valuations and assessments of railroads, telegraph, and other public utilities properties as prepared by the Secretary of the State Tax Commission and the State Board of Equalization and certified by the State Auditor to the county court, showing date, name of company, description and location of all taxable property in the county, allocation of various state and county taxes, total amount, and signature of State Auditor. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. and arridavite thereon, showing

For taxes paid, see entry 230.

59. BANK ASSESSMENTS, 1935--. 6 f. b. Original statements filed by county banks for taxation purposes, showing name of bank, names and addresses of shareholders, total number of shares, value of real estate represented by such shares, reserve funds, undivided profits, total face value or capital stock, signatures of .. bank officials, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

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- 60. MERCHANTS' STATEMENTS, 1884-85, 1935--. 7 f. b. Original statements and affidavits of merchants and manufacturers as to greatest amount of merchandise on hand between first Monday in March and first Monday in June, showing date, name and address, valuation of all taxable goods, wares and merchandise as fixed by return, signature of merchant or official of company, acknowledgment, and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. 5 f. b., 1884-85, recorder's storage vault; 2 f. b., 1935 -- , county clerk's office.
- 61. MERCHANTS' ASSESSMENT BOOK, 1880-1915. 4 vols. 1916-- in Merchants' Tax Book, entry 232. Record of returns filed by merchants and manufacturers for purpose of annual license, showing information as in entry 231. 3 vols., 1880-1905, arr. alph. by name of township, vol., 1906-15, arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 150 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 3 vols., 1880-1905, county clerk's storage vault; vol., 1906-1915, treasurer's storage vault.
- 62. STATE INCOME ASSESSMENT BOOK, 1919--. 3 vols. Record of assessments on individuals and corporations for state income tax, showing date of assessment, current number, name of taxpayer, residence or principal place of business, amount of taxable income, deductions, net income, rate, and total of taxes due. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 200 pp. 14 x 15 x 2. For taxes paid, see entry 229,

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#### Commercial

- 63. LICENSE BOOK, 1879--. 1 vol. Record of commercial licenses issued, giving date of issue, to whom issued, for what purpose, date of expiration, amount of state and county tax, special taxes, total amount of taxes, and clerk's fees. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 14 x 9 x 1.
- 64. RECORD OF EXPLOSIVES, 1893. 1 vol. Discontinued. Record of permits issued to dealers in and purchasers of explosives, and affidavits thereon, showing names of dealer or purchaser, kind of explosive, agreement not to use for unlawful purposes, date of filing, signatures of dealer or purchaser and county clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of permittee. Hdw. on ptd. f. 300 pp. 17 x 13 x 2.
- 65. REGISTER OF DOGS, 1878-80. 2 vols. Discontinued. Record of dog licenses issued, showing registration number, owner's name, address, number of dogs, amount of tax, and general remarks.

  Arr. num. by registration no. No index. Hdw. 170 pp. 16 x 11 x 1.

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66. REGISTER OF HEALTH CERTIFICATES, 1883--. 6 vols. Record of certificates granted by State Board of Health to persons who have qualified to practice medicine and surgery, showing number and date of certificate, name and residence of persons to whom issued, date recorded, whether granted on diploma or examination; if granted on diploma, name and location of school and date conferred. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 150 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

67. RECORD OF PHARMACISTS AND PHYSICIANS, 1893--. 2 vols.

Record of druggists' and doctors' certificates, including:

a. Certificates issued by State Board of Pharmacy to pharmacists who have taken examinations and doctors registered as pharmacists without being required to take examinations as such, showing name of pharmacist, evidence of qualification, date certificate was granted, names of president and secretary of board and county clerk, and date filed for record. 1893-98

b. Certificates granted by State Board of Health to persons who have qualified to practice medicine or surgery, showing number and date of certificate, name and address of person to whom issued, date recorded, whether granted on diploma or examination.

Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of persons holding certificates. Hdw. on ptd. f. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

68. REGISTER OF OSTEOPATH DIPLOMAS, 1901--. 1 vol. Record of certificates granted to osteopaths by State Board of Osteopathic Registration and Examination, showing name of osteopath, name and location of school from which graduated, date of certificate, names of board members, signature of county clerk, and date filed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of osteopath. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 150 pp. 17 x 12 x 2. 15 x 18 x 5.

69. REGISTER OF DENTISTS AND NURSES, 1883--. 2 vols. Record of certificates and affidavits filed with the county clerk, including:

a. Transcripts of certificates granted to dentists by the State Board of Dental Examiners, showing certificate number, name of dentist, date of examination, certification, names of State Board members, and date filed.

b. Nurses affidavits of identity filed with the county clerk when exhibiting their license to practice, 1921--, showing name and address of nurse, date and place of birth, name of school from which graduated, license number, and signatures of affiant and county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

#### Game and Fish

70. HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE REPORTS, 1923--. 1 f. b. Duplicate monthly reports of the county clerk to the State Game and Fish Cormissioner of all moneys paid to the State Treasurer for hunting

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and fishing licenses issued, amount of money remitted to State Treasurer, amount of fees retained, and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.

71. RECORD OF HUNTERS' LICENSES, 1905--. 36 vols.
Record of licenses issued to hunters, showing license number, date of issue, name, address, and physical description of licensee, and fee paid. Arr. chron. Indexed num. by license no. Hdw. on ptd. f. 50 pp. 12 x 9 x 1.

# Warrants (See also entries 223 and 224)

72. WARRANTS, 1893-98, 1934--. 22 f. b.
Original warrants which have been paid, canceled and returned, showing date, warrant number, name of payee, amount, fund drawn on, purpose, signature of presiding judge, and attestation by county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. 15 f. b., 1893-98, 1934-37, county clerk's storage vault; 7 f. b., 1937--, county clerk's vault.

73. WARRANT BOOKS, 1934--. 23 vols.

Stubs of warrants issued by county clerk in payment of officials' salaries and other county indebtedness, showing date, warrant number, to whom and for what issued, fund drawn on, and amount. Arr. num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 11 x 13 x 2.

74. WARRANT REGISTER AND DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES, 1923--.

Record of warrants issued for county obligations, showing warrant number, date, amount, to whom issued, purpose, fund drawn on, class of fund, and date paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 800 pp. 15 x 18 x 5.

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75. RETURN OF BIRTH AND STILLBIRTH CERTIFICATES, 1883-96, 5 f. b. (1, 1-500, 501-1000, 1001-1500, 1501-2000). 1897-1909 missing; 1910--, kept by Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jefferson City, Missouri, through local registrar.

Original certificates of births and stillbirths, showing file and register numbers, name of child, sex, date and place of birth, race, nationality, residence and age of parents, occupation and full name of father, mother's maiden name, number of children by this mother, certificate of attending physician or other attendant, date filed, place of burial in case of stillbirth, and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. Recorder's storage vault.

70. HUNTING ATD FISHING LICENSE REPORTS, 1823--. 1 f. b. Duplicate renthly reports of the county elerk to the State Came and Fish Cormissioner of all renews paid to the State Transurer for hunting

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76. PERMANENT RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1883-1903. 2 vols. 1904-9, missing; 1910-- kept by Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jefferson City, Missouri, through local registrar.

List of births and stillbirths, showing file and register numbers, name of child, sex, date and place of birth, race, nationality, residence and ages of parents, occupation and full name of father, mother's maiden name, number of children of this mother, certificate of attending physician, date filed, place of burial in case of stillbirth and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. No index, Hdw. on ptd. f. 240 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

77. DEATH CERTIFICATES, 1883-96. 1 f. b. 1897-1909, missing; 1910-- kept by Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jefferson City, Missouri through local registrar.

Original certificates of death reported to county clerk, showing certificate number, date of report, name of deceased, sex, color, age, occupation, date of death, marital status, nationality, birthplace, length of residence in State, place and cause of death, period of confinement, date and place of burial, and names and addresses of undertaker and physician. Arr. num. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. Recorder's storage wault.

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78. BIOGRAPHY SERVICE RECORD, 1917--. 1 vol. (1)
Biography and service record of persons serving in the World War, showing name, residence, date of discharge, name of organization in which service was entered, rank or grade, date of enlistment, with appointment or assignment, organizations to which transferred with date, record of promotion, final rank at time of discharge, if killed or wounded, date of battles; if died of disease, date and place; battles engaged in; prior military service, date and place of birth, occupation, nationality; if married, maiden name of wife, number and names of children, names of parents, educational data; other facts of interest, and date filed for record. Arr. alph. by name of veteran. No index. Typed on pt d. f. 600 pp. 17 x 13 x 4.

#### Agriculture

79. FARM REGISTER, 1907--. 1 vol.

Farms registered in the county, showing registered name of farm and owner, description and location by section, township and range numbers, date of registration and issuance of certificate and register fee.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 160 pp. 14 x 8 x 1.

80. QUARANTINED STOCK, 1931--. 1 f. b. ...
Notices of quarantine on livestock due to communicable or contagious disease, showing name and address of owner, kind and description of animal quarantined, date of notice, signatures of State Veterinarian and county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. County clerk's office.

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81. STRAY FUND RECORD, 1849-1926. 1 vol. Discontinued. Record of funds collected from owners of stray animals, showing name of taker-up, date taken up, kind of animal, appraised value, amount of fees due at end of year, contingent amount due county school fund, and amount and date paid treasurer. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on dence and ages of perents, ecoupat ptd. f. 150 pp. 17 x 13 x 2.

82. ESTRAY RECORDS, 1846-95. 6 vols. Discontinued. Record of stray stock taken up and notice published, showing description of animal, township where taken up, date, name and address of finder, description of animal, by whom appraised, valuation, name of justice of peace, and date and disposition of stray. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 300 pp. 13 x 9 x 2. to meanual ad Agest -- 0161 Hasouri through local registror.
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The principal duty of the recorder of deeds has always been the recording of all written and properly proved instruments affecting title to real estate and personal property and authorized to be recorded in his office. He recorded all deeds appertaining to the adoption of children from 1856 until 1917. He also records marriage contracts, certificates of marriage, commissions and official bonds, and some birth records. rent or assignment, cranicalisation record of premetter.

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<sup>1.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 525, sec. 2; County Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 2; Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 120.

<sup>2.</sup> G.S. 1865, p. 161, secs. 23 and 24; Record of Bonds and Commissions, vol. 2, p. 199, see entry 7.

<sup>3.</sup> G.S. 1865, p. 161, secs. 24 and 25; R.S. 1939, sec. 13155.

<sup>4.</sup> Dwight H. Brown, op. eit., p. 186.

<sup>5.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 525, secs. 5-7; G.S. 1865, pp. 159 f., sec. 9; R.S. 1939, sec. 13161.

<sup>6.</sup> M.L. 1856-57, p. 59, sec. 1; M.L. 1917, p. 193, sec. 1.

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- 83. FILE BOOK, 1842--. 13 vols. Daily memoranda of all instruments filed for record, showing date and time filed, by whom, nature of instrument and parties thereto, serial number, book and page reference to recording, description of property, to whom and date delivered, and amount of recording fees. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Vol., 1842-55, recorder's storage vault; 12 vols., 1856--, recorder's vault.
- 84. ABSTRACT AND INDEX TO DEEDS, 1837--. 71 vols. (1-67, four vols. unlabeled). Index to and abstract of instruments conveying or affecting title to real estate and other instruments recorded in Deed Record, 1837-1916, entry 85; Quitclaim Deeds, 1880 -- , entry 86; Warranty Deeds, 1874 -- , entry 87; Patent Record, 1907--, entry 89; Administrators', Patent, and Miscellaneous Deeds, 1917--, entry 90; Deeds of Trust, 1868--, entry 94; School Fund Mortgages, 1869 -- , entry 95; Deeds of Release, 1880 -- , entry 97; and Sheriffs', Administrators' Deed Record, 1879 -- , entry 101, showing names of parties to and nature of instrument, volume and page reference to recording, description and location of property, date, and time filed. Arr. alph. in front of vols., by names of grantee, mortgagee and lessee and in back of vols., by names of granter, mertgager, or lesser. Hdw. on ptd. f. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 4 vols., 1837-70, recorder's storage vault; 67 vols., 1871--, recorder's yault. and an estab , redenn Laires grivens , wisuso

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  Record of deeds and other instruments conveying or affecting titles to real estate recorded as required by statute, including: Quitclaim Deeds, 1837-79, entry 86; Warranty Deeds, 1837-73, entry 87; Patent Record, 1837-1906, entry 89; Administrators', Patent, and Miscellaneous Deeds, 1837-1916, entry 90; Deeds of Trust, 1837-67, entry 94; School Fund Mortgage Record, 1837-68, entry 95; Deeds of Release, 1837-79, entry 97; and Sheriffs', Administrators' Deed Record, 1837-78, entry 101. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 84. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. maistress , sections has refere
- 86. QUITCLAIM DEEDS, 1880--. 20 vols. (38, 54, 59, 76, 89, 96, 107, 121, 122, 139, 151, 166, 179, 197, 213, 235, 254, 275, 291, 315). 1837-79 in Deed Record, entry 85. Record of deeds conveying only the interest in real estate possessed by grantor without warranting title thereto, showing date, names of granter anf grantee, consideration, description and location of property, execution and acknowledgment by grantor, date and time filed, and name of recorder. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 84. Hdw. on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

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- 87. WARRANTY DEEDS, 1874--. 72 vols. 1837-73 in Deed Record, entry 85.

  Record of deeds conveying and warranting title in fee simple to real estate, showing date, names of granter and grantee, consideration, legal description of property, execution and statutory acknowledgment by granter, date filed, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 84. Hdw. on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.
- 88. IAND PATENTS, 1848--. 3 f. b.

  Original land patent certificates issued by United States on property in Cass County, showing date of instrument, names of granter and grantee, description and location of property, consideration, acknowledgment, and date of filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f.

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  For record, see entry 89.
- 89. PATENT RECORD, 1907--. 2 vols. (178, 245). 1837-1906 in Deed Record, entry 85.

  Record of land patent certificates issued by the United States Government, showing information as in entry 88. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 84. Hdw. on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.
- 90. ADMINISTRATORS:, PATENT, AND MISCELLANEOUS DEEDS, 1917--.
  1 vol. 1837-1916 in Deed Record, entry 85.
  Record of leases and deeds in estates, including:
  - a. Record of mineral, oil, and gas leases affecting land in the county, showing serial number, date, nature and terms of agreement, names of parties, consideration, description and location of land affected, acknowledgment, and signature of recorder.
  - b. Guardians' and administrators' deeds, showing names of guardian or administrator and ward, notice of publication, newspaper in which published, date and place of estate sale, description and location of property, sale price, date of deed, acknowledgment, date and time filed.

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- 91. CONVEYANCES OF RIGHT-OF-WAY, 1923--. 8 vols. (1-8). Transcripts of instruments releasing and quitclaiming to the State or county rights-of-way for State or county highways, showing date, name of granter and grantee, description of land by range, township, and read district numbers, purpose and conditions of grant, signature of granter, acknowledgment, date and time filed, and name of recorder. Arr. num. by range, township, and section nos. No index. Typed on ptd. f. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.
- 92. AFFIDAVITS, 1910-36. 1 f. b. (1910-36).
  Original affidavits relative to land titles which have been recorded and uncalled for, showing name of affiant, tract of real estate and persons affected by sale, corrections in conveyances relative to names, location, or description of property, signature of affiant, date of

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93. DEEDS (Unclaimed), 1840-1917. 52 f. b. acolfooki approach Original deeds and other instruments, filed, recorded, and uncalled for. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. Recorder's storage vault. .d .1 S .- ANSI . SALAS \*ETTRANS .88 Sheriff's orders of sale under school fund mortgages and report of sale

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of court term, purchase price, amount of coats and total exp 94. DEED OF TRUST, 1868--. 125 vols. 1837-67 in Deed Record, entry 85. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

Record of conveyance of real estate to trustee as security for the repayment of indebtedness, showing date, names of granter, trustee and beneficiary, legal description of property, terms of instrument, amount, nature and evidence of indebtedness secured, maturity, statutory acknowledgment, date and time filed, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 84. Hdw. and typed on

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  95. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE RECORD, 1869--. 4 vols. (7, 49, 115, 198). 1837-68 in Deed Record, entry 85. Recorded copies of school fund mortgages given to secure payment of money borrowed from school funds, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, legal description of property, amount of bond, date, and signatures of principal and sureties, acknowledgment, certificate of recorder, and date and time filed. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 84. Hdw. on ptd. f. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.
  - 96. RECORD OF SECURED DEBTS, 1918-21. 1 vol. Discontinued. Record of secured debts registered and taxes paid thereon, showing date of registration, name of person presenting instrument, address, kind of security, value, date due, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 100 pp. 12 x 19 x 1. Recorder's storage Arr. ohren. Fer index, see entry Ca. Him. on pid. f. 640 pp. . tlusv

### Releases

DEEDS OF RELEASE, 1880--. 14 vols. (47, 61, 72, 99, 109, 126, 147, 173, 202, 210, 230, 256, 267, 278). 1837-79 in Deed Record, entry 85.

Record of releases from mortgage or deed of trust, showing acknowledgment of full payment and satisfaction of deed, date of mortgage or deed of trust, name of county and State, names of releasee, and releasor, signature of recorder, and date recorded. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 84. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Wills (See also entry 197) althoug strates Indiate, should be grewn to staff

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99. SHERIFFS: SAIES, 1874--. 2 f. b. Sheriff's orders of sale under school fund mortgages and report of sale under execution and partition, showing name of borrower, amount of loan, location and description of real estate sold to satisfy judgment, date of court term, purchase price, amount of costs and total expense, and certification of county clerk. Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f.  $5 \times 5 \times 10$ . Hearth of adays of real estate to the

100. LEVY, 1885--. 2 vols. b salwode , seemeddebal to dagment Record of sheriff's notices of levies on real estate under executions issued by circuit court and abstract of attachment, showing number, date and return term of execution, number and style of case, date of judgment, court in which rendered, names of judgment creditor and debtor, amount of debt, interest and costs, name of sheriff, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of judgment debtor. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 450 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

101. SHERIFFS', ADMINISTRATORS' DEED RECORD, 1879--. 1 vol. (40). 1837-78 in Deed Record, entry 85.

Record of sales by sheriff and estate representatives, including:

a. Administrators' and guardians' private sale deeds, showing name of estate representative, notice of publication, description of property, names of appraisers, sale price, and date of deed.

b. Deeds to real estate sold by sheriff for delinquent taxes, showing date and place of sale, description and location of property, consideration paid, names of sheriff, grantee and parties to execution, acknowledgment, date filed, and certificate of recorder.

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### Maps and Plats

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leaser, signiful 103. PLAT BOOK OF ORIGINAL ENTRIES, 1869. 1 vol. Plats of swamp and school lands, showing location, description and quantity of lands, original patents granting and conveying lands from State to county, State as granter, county as grantee, authorization for transfer, and certificate of recorder. Black and white. Drawn by State Registrar of Land, Boonville, Missouri. Scale varies. serons bellittee bas innight Physical. 25 pp. 23 x 20 x 1. have been filed for reacrd, showing many of testator,

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104. PIAT BOOKS, 1871--. 2 vols. Physical maps and blueprints of all the towns and villages in Cass County, showing name of town or township, boundaries, additions or subdivisions, dimensions, lot number, and township and range lines. Printed. Black and white. Scale varies. 105 pp. 19 x 26 x 2. promised by him or by any other person in his behalf in relation to

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105. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1934--. 30 f. b. Original chattel mortgages covering personal property, showing date of instrument, serial number, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount secured, conditions, location and description of property, signature of mortgagor, acknowledgment, and certificate of recorder. Arr. num. by filing no. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. For record, see entry 107.

106. CHATTEL MORTGAGES (Canceled), 1933--. 6 f. b. Original chattel mortgages, canceled, released and uncalled for, showing information as in entry 105. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. or uniform pre Intot bas assured blog month

107. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1868--. 27 vols. (B-Z, 1, 2). Transcripts of chattel mortgages covering personal property, showing information as in entry 105. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor; for index, 1885-1923, see entry 108. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 22 vols., 1868-1900, recorder's storage vault; 5 vols., 1901 -- , recorder's vault. number, date and sounty of insue, name, age,

108. INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1885-1923. 2 vols. Discontin-Direct and inverted index to Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 107, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, serial number, nature and date of instrument, dates filed and recorded, amount of debt, and date and

manner of satisfaction. Arr. alph. by names of mortgager and mortgagee. Hdw. on ptd. f. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Vol., 1885-92, recorder's storage vault; vol., 1893-1923, recorder's vault.

109. REGISTER OF CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1895--. 16 vols. (A-P). Register of chattel mortgages and liens on personal property, showing names of mortgager and mortgagee, serial number, dates of instrument and filing, amount, by whom satisfied, and date. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. on ptd. f. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 3 vols., 1895-1908, recorder's storage vault; 13 vols., 1909--, recorder's vault. And omen aircula rat firow all at estyres gratilia

110. BILLS OF SALE, 1865--. 1 f. b. Original bills of sale of personal property, showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description and location of property, signature of vendor, acknowledgment, date and time filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

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# Candidates Statements

111. CANDIDATES' AFFIDAVITS, 1894--. 2 vols. and 2 f. b. Title varies: Candidates' Expense Record, 1894-1928, 2 vols.

Candidates' sworn statements of all accountable sums of money paid or promised by him or by any other person in his behalf in relation to his nomination or election, or in connection with the election of any other person to public office, showing name of candidate, date of election, title of office, political affiliation, items of expense, to whom paid, amount, candidate's signature, official acknowledgment, date filed, and certificate of county court. Vols., arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of candidate; f. b., arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. Vols., 300 pp., 16 x 11 x 2; f. b., 10 x 5 x 14.

For originals filed with county clerk, see entry 39a.

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112. ABSTRACT OF FEES, 1935--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of fees collected and disbursed by recorder, showing date of entry, number of instrument, type of service, amount of fee, from whom received, and total fees; date and amount of disbursement, to whom paid, purpose, and total expenditures. Arr. chron. No index.

Hdw. on ptd. f. 640 pp. 17 x 16 x 3.

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- 113. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES, 1837--. 16 f. b.
  Original marriage licenses issued and returns thereon, showing license number, date and county of issue, name, age, and address of contracting party, consent of parent or guardian if minor, certificate of person performing marriage ceremony and statutory authority, where and when performed, date and time filed, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.
- 114. APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1937--. 2 f. b.
  Original affidavits and applications for a license to marry, showing date, names, residence and ages of contracting parties, consent of parent or guardian of minor, and signature of applicants. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.

# Military (See also entry 78)

115. SOLDIERS' DISCHARGE RECORD, 1917--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of soldiers, sailors and marines honorably discharged from military service in the World War, showing name, rank, dates of enlistment and discharge, place of birth, occupation, physical description, prior service, special ratings, battles engaged in, knowledge of any vocation, wounds received in battle, physical condition when discharged, married or single, character, mame of commandant, and date filed for record. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of veteran. Hdw. on ptd. f. 590 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

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Declaration of election of widow to renounce dower in property owned by deceased husband and accept child's share absolutely, showing date executed, name of widow and deceased husband, description of property, widow's signature, acknowledgment, certificate of recorder, date and time filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 5 x 5 x 10. Recorder's storage vault.

117. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF CLOSED BANKS, 1928--- 1 f. b. Bank examiner's reports of assets and liabilities of banks in process of liquidation, showing date of report, name and location of bank, date closed, signature of examiner, statement of resources and liabilities, lists of claims presented, approved and rejected, receipts by trustee, name of receiver, and signature of trust officer. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 10 x 5 x 14.

### IV. CIRCUIT COURT

119. CIRCUIT COURT PAPERS, 1861--. 608 f. b. The circuit court of the county was created under the authority of the state constitution and the legislature placed the county in the fifth judicial circuit. 2 As new counties were established, the number of circuits was increased and frequent changes were made from one circuit to another. The county is new in the seventeenth judicial circuit. Court terms open at Harrisonville on the first Mondays in January and May and on the second Monday in September. 4 The first of circuit judge of Cass County was appointed by the Governor to serve during good behavior. 5 Since 1851 the judge has been elected for 6-year terms. The Governor fills vacancies by appointment.

The circuit court has jurisdiction over civil and criminal cases in the county. It has appellate jurisdiction from the county, probate, and justices of the peace courts. Appeals from final awards of the Workmen's Compensation Commission and from decisions of the Missouri Cormission for the Blind9 are also heard by the circuit court. The

<sup>1.</sup> Const. 1820, art. V, sec. 1. tyd . nordo . TA . tesma weigh has bad

<sup>2.</sup> M.L. 1824-36, vol. 2, p. 478, sec. 3; Circuit Court Record, ... vol. A, p. 1, see entry 120 toonto .-- diel .. slov SS telsav egatota

<sup>3.</sup> R.S. 1939, sec. 2143.

<sup>4.</sup> Thid., sec. 2182. afer 28 .-- 3881 GHOOFF THUOD THURSTO .131 5. Const. 1820, art. V, sec. 13; Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 120.0 the five of frame dispris to engliseeout to brosell

<sup>6.</sup> M.L. 1850-51, p. 214, sec. 2; Censt. 1875, art. VI, sec. 32; R.S. 1939, sec. 2099.

<sup>7.</sup> R.S. 1939, sec. 2100.

<sup>8.</sup> M.L. 1925, p. 397, sec. 44; R.S. 1939, sec. 3732.

<sup>9.</sup> M.L. 1925, p. 317, sec. 9; R.S. 1939, sec. 9459.

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For a complete list of records required to be kept by the court, see the forthcoming volume entitled "County Government in Missouri."

Unless otherwise stated, records of the court are in the circuit clerk's vault.

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### Index

118. INDEX TO CIRCUIT COURT RECORD, 1835--. 11 vols. (A, 2-10, one vol. unlabeled).

Index to Circuit Court Papers, 1841--, entry 119, and Circuit Court Record, entry 121, showing title and number of case, date of filing, cause of action, disposition, and volume and page reference to recording. Arr. alph. by title of case. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

### Case Papers

119. CIRCUIT COURT PAPERS, 1841--. 608 f. b.
Original papers of cases filed in circuit court, with all the papers
pertaining to each case assembled in a separate folder, showing title
and number of case, names of attorneys, term, date filed, return term,
and signature of circuit clerk. Also contain: Transcripts of Judgment,
1934--, entry 141; Mechanics' Liens, 1932--, entry 143. Arr. num. by
case no. For index, see entry 118. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f.
10 x 5 x 14. 124 f. b., 1841-85, circuit clerk's storage vault; 484
f. b., 1886--, circuit clerk's vault.

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#### Minutes

120. MINUTE BOOKS, 1836--. 55 vols. (1845, 1879-81, 1887, 1890, 1892, 1895-96, 1899, 1902, 1905, 1907-8, 1911, 1914-15, 1919, 1922, 1927, 1930-31, 1934, 1-3; sixteen vols. unlabeled).

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Memoranda of proceedings noted at sessions of the circuit court and later transferred into the Circuit Court Record (entry 121), showing date, officials in attendance, style and number of case, proceedings had, and adjournment. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 55 pp. 16 x 12 x ½. 33 vols., 1836-1914, circuit clerk's storage vault; 22 vols., 1915--, circuit clerk's vault.

121. CIRCUIT COURT RECORD, 1835--. 53 vols. (A, A-X, Z, 1-25; two vols. unlabeled).

Record of proceedings of circuit court in civil and criminal cases prepared from Minute Books (entry 120), showing term of court, date

<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1909, pp. 423-425, secs. 1 and 2; R.S. 1939, secs. 9673 and 9674.

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of session, officials in attendance, title and number of case, proceedings had, motions heard, orders granted, judgment or decree entered, all other action taken by court, and adjournment. Arr. chron. by term of court. For index, see entry 118. Hdw. and typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

- 122. FILE BOOK, 1883-94, 1911--. 3 vols. (1, 1, 2).
  Record of all disposed of circuit court cases, showing style and number of case, names of attorneys, term, date filed, return term, proceedings had, and date of disposal. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.
- 123. RECORD OF APPEALED CASES, 1883--. 1 vol. (1).

  Record of cases appealed to the State Supreme Court from the circuit court, showing number of case, names of parties in action, names of attorneys, type of case, date and amount of judgment, amount of cost, date of appeal, and order of Supreme Court. Arr. chron. by date of appeal. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.

  For original papers, see entry 169.
- 124. ORDER OF PUBLICATION, 1840--. 2 f. b.
  Record of orders of publication for cases to come before the session of circuit court, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, name of newspaper in which published, number of times published, and signature of circuit clerk or deputy. Arr. chron. by date of order. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

### Dockets

- 125. COURT DOCKET, 1877--. 61 booklets and 1 f. d.

  Term dockets of civil and criminal cases before circuit court, showing date, term, number of case, names of parties and attorneys, nature of action, entry at last and present term. Arr. chron. by date set for trial. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. Booklets, 25 pp. 8 x 5 x ½; f. d., 16 x 11 x 24. 1877-79, circuit clerk's storage vault; 1880--, circuit clerk's vault.
- 126. JUDGE'S DOCKET, 1636--. 63 vols.

  Judge's record of proceedings in circuit court, showing division number, term of court, number and style of case, date filed, names of attorneys, type of action, and orders at preceding and present terms.

  Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 58 vols., 1836-1914, circuit clerk's storage vault; 5 vols., 1915--, circuit clerk's vault.
- 127. BAR DOCKET, 1846-84. 14 vols. Discontinued.
  Bar docket of circuit court, showing term of court, case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, action taken, and orders at previous and present terms. Arr. chron. by court term. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 13 x 8 x 2. Circuit clerk's storage vault.
- 128. MOTION DOCKET, 1866-67. 1 vol. Discontinued.
  Record of motions and pleas made in circuit court, showing date, term of court, style and number of case, names of parties and attorneys,

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date of filing, nature of motion or plea, and action taken. Arr. of chron. by term of court. No index. Condition poor. Hdw. 100 pp. 12 x 7 x 1. Circuit clerk's storage vault. + molton months file berette adress to crest yd acres

Record of paroles granted to prisoners, showing name of parolee, number of case, kind of charge, date of conviction, punishment assessed, date of sentence, date of parole, conditions, date parole expires, reports to court, and remarks regarding parolee's conduct. Arr. chron. by date of sentence. Indexed alph. by name of parolee. Hdw. on ptd. f. 235 pp. names of plaintiff and defendant. How, on ptd. f. 400 pp.21x 211x 262.

123. RECORD OF APPEAUSD CASES, 1898--, 1 vol. (1).

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### Juvenile

130. a JUVENILE PAPERS, 1922--- and f. b.o to redmun raiwods , Jruoo Original papers filed in juvenile cases, showing date, term of court, number of case, names of juvenile and complainant, offense charged, date of hearing, disposition of case, and signature of circuit judge. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. For record, see entry 131.

124. ORDER OF PUBLICATION, 1040-131. JUVENILE COURT RECORD, 1913--. 1 vol. (1). Record of proceedings in the juvenile court, showing information as in entry 130. Arr. chron. by date of hearing. Indexed alph. by name of juvenile. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 425 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. date of order. No index. Hdw.

#### Naturalization

132. CERTIFICATES OF DECLARATION AND ALLEGIANCE, 1880-1928. 1 f. b. Subsequent records kept by United States District Court, Kansas City, Mo. Certificates of declaration and allegiance to the United States Government by persons desiring to become citizens, showing name of applicant, date of certificate, place of birth, date of entry into United States, oath, acknowledgment, signature and seal of circuit clerk and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 5 x 5 x 10. Circuit clerk's storage vault.

133. CERTIFICATION OF NATURALIZATION, 1908-28. 2 vols. Subsequent records kept by United States District Court, Kansas armst treCity, Mo. Stubs of certificates of naturalization, showing number of certificate, name of holder, age, place and date where declaration issued, place of residence, and date of order. Arr. num. by certificate no. No. 10 index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 25 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. 127. BAR DOCKET, 18-

134. DECLARATION OF INTENTION, 1908-26. 1 vol. Subsequent records kept by United States District Court, Kansas City, Original declarations of intention filed by persons desiring to become citizens of the United States, showing declaration number, name, age, description, and occupation of declarant, date and place of birth, race, present address, point of emigration, last foreign residence,

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oath of allegiance, date and port of entry, name of vessel, name of spouse, date and place of birth, present residence, port of entry, date and place of marriage, number, name, date and place of birth and present address of children, signature of declarant, and certificate of circuit clerk or deputy. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 100 pp. 11 x 9 x 1.

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135. EXECUTION DCCKET, 1838--. 9 vols.

Abstracts of executions issued, showing style and number of case, names of parties to judgment, amount of debt, damages and costs, total, date and term returnable, officer to whom delivered, date and nature of return. Arr. chron. by date of execution. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 8 vols., 1838-84, circuit clerk's storage vault; vol., 1885--, circuit clerk's vault.

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Criginal certificates of attachments and record of judgments rendered in circuit court in back tax suits, showing name of defendant, description of real estate, itemized amount of taxes, interest and fees due, and total amount of final judgment, years for which taxes are due and unpaid, date of court term, and number of case. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. Vol., 636 pp. 15 x 13 x 3; f. b., 5 x 5 x 10. 2 f. b., 1840-76, circuit clerk's storage vault; vol., 1837-1933, circuit clerk's vault.

137. RECCRD CF FINES, 1871--. 1 vol.
Record of fines, penalties, forfeiture, and judgments imposed, adjudged and rendered in favor of State and county, showing title, number and nature of case, date of judgment, amount, in whose favor, amount of costs, date of execution, to whom issued, date and nature of return, and settlement with court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 2.

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138. MISCELLANEOUS STATE CASES AND RECOGNIZANCE, 1884--. 4 f. b. Original surety bonds posted with the circuit court, showing names of principal, sureties and obligee, term of court, style and number of case, amount and conditions of bond, signatures of principal and sureties, and approval by court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.

For record, see entry 139.

139. ABSTRACT OF BCNDS, 1889-90. 1 vol. (1). Discontinued. Record of surety bonds showing information as in entry 130. Arr. chron. by date of bond and thereunder num. by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 225 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Circuit clerk's storage vault.

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140. RESTRICTIONS FROM MARRYING REMOVED, 1871. 1 f. b. Copies of circuit court orders removing the statutory restrictions from marrying, showing name of petitioner, names of parties, date of court term at which divorce was granted, date of order, certification, and signature and seal of circuit clerk. Arr. chron. by date of court order. No index. Hdw. 5 x 5 x 10. Circuit clerk's storage vault.

## V. CIRCUIT CLERK TRY DOC NOTIFICEIXE . O.S.

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The first circuit clerk of the county was appointed by the circuit court and served until his successor was elected in 1836. He also held the office of county clerk<sup>3</sup> and, by virtue of his office of circuit clerk, was ex officio recorder.<sup>4</sup> When a separate clerk was elected for the circuit court in Cass County in 1367, he retained his status as ex officio recorder of deeds. The offices of circuit clerk and recorder were separated in 1868. Provisions were made by the legislature in 1933 for the combining of the offices of circuit clerk and recorder in counties having less than 20,000 inhabitants. The two offices are still separated in Cass County. The clerk serves a 4-year

The circuit clerk records all decrees, judgments, rules, orders, and other proceedings of the circuit court and keeps a complete alphabetical index thereto; issues and attests writs, process, and subpenas emanating from the circuit court or from his office; keeps an account of all money coming into his hands; and performs any other duties enjoined upon him by the legislature. 10

For a complete list of records required to be kept by the circuit clerk, see the forthcoming volume entitled "County Government in Missouri."

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<sup>1.</sup> Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 120.

<sup>2.</sup> County Court Record, vol. A, pp. 1, 11, and 15, see entry 2.

<sup>3.</sup> Ibid.; Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 120.
4. R.S. 1325, pp. 655 f., sec. 2; R.S. 1335, p. 525, sec. 2.

<sup>5.</sup> Record of Bonds and Commissions, vol. 2, p. 44, see entry 7.

Ibid., p. 199.

<sup>7.</sup> M.L. 1933, p. 360, sec. 11528; R.S. 1939, sec. 13149.

<sup>8.</sup> M.L. 1933, p. 361, sec. 11534; Dwight H. Brown, op. cit., p. 186. 9. Const. 1865, art. VI, sec. 22; R.S. 1939, sec. 13283.

<sup>10.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 113, sec. 17; R.S. 1939, sec. 13295.

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143. MECHANICS' LIENS, 1851-86, 1907-31. 4 f. b. 1932-- in Circuit Court Papers, entry 118. Original papers filed in cases of mechanics liens against realty for labor and materials furnished for erecting, improving or making repairs, showing lien number, names of lien claimant and debtor, description and location of property against which lien is filed, name of owner, itemized statement of accounts, affidavit of lien claimant or agent, date of filing, and certificate of circuit clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. 3 f. b., 1851-86, circuit clerk's storage vault; f. b., 1907-31, circuit

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141. TRANSCRIPTS OF JUDGMENT, 1889-77, 1989-88, 18 f. b. 1984--150 pp. 16 x 11 x 2; f. b., 5 x 5 x 10. Vol. and 2 f. b., 1862-89, circuit clerk's storage vault; vol., 1880--, circuit clerk's vault. showing transcript number, name of justice of the peace, township,

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146. CHIROPRACTIC RECORD, 1927--. 1 vol. (1). 10 discrete TV-9881 Record of chiropractic certificates issued by State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, giving license number, name and address of chiropractor, name and location of school, date of examination, names of officials of board, date filed for record, and signature of circuit clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of chiropractor. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. erebner admenging to additionard to brook showing information as in entry 141. Arr. ohron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Edw. and typed. 450 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. 7 vo amnaprin

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147. RECORD OF FIREARMS PERMITS, 1922--. 1 vol. (1). Heav at last Record of permits to acquire firearms, showing name and address of applicant, date and number of permit, kind of weapon, name of circuit clerk and party from whom acquired. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. -150 pp. 17 x 14 x 2. 1001 an-1d01 and 2014AROdd . 301 Circuit Court Papers, entry 118.

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148. DAILY RECORD OF FEES, 1915--. 1 vol. (1) Daily record of fees charged by circuit clerk, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, on what account charged, amount of fee and person liable for same. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 8-131 .disev atdreis 240 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

For record, see entry 144. 149. CLERK'S ACCOUNT BOOK, 1908--. 2 vols. (1, 2). Record of all fees received and disbursed by the circuit clerk, showing number and title of case, from whom received, to whom due, for what purposes, amount, date, and to whom paid. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Vol., 1908-14, circuit clerk's storage vault; vol., 1915 --, circuit clerk's vault.

150. ABSTRACT OF FEES COLLECTED, 1867--. 18 vols. (1867, 1870, 1874, 1879, 1886, 1893, 1895, 1899, 1903, 1908, 1911, 1915, 1919, 1927, four vols., unlabeled.)

Record of fees collected by circuit clerk, accountable and nonaccountable, showing style and number of case, nature of service rendered, date and by whom paid, amount and to whom paid. Arr. chron. by date of transaction. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 450 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. 15 vols., 1867-1914, circuit clerk's storage vault; 3 vols., 1915 -- , circuit clerk's vault.

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151. ORDERS AND RECEIPTS FOR FEES, 1873-96. 3 f. b. Discontinued.

Orders by witnesses and jurors transferring their fees to fee buyers, showing date, amount of fee, name of witness or juror, style of case and signature of person making transfer; also receipts given in payment of fees due witness or juror, showing receipt number, amount of payment, for what purpose, and name of payee. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. Circuit clerk's storage vault.

152. TAX FEE BOOK, 1887--. 2 vols. (B, C). Record of fees and costs filed by county collector in delinquent tax suits, showing name of defendant, number of case, data and term of court, item, to whom due, service rendered, and date paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 450 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

### Civil

189. JURY SCRIP, 1917 ... 3 vols. (1001-2000, 2001-2000, one 153. CIVIL FEE BOOK, 1878--. 11 vols. (K, W-Z, 1-6). Record of various fees charged to civil cases in circuit court, showing names of parties, case number, items of cost, amount of fees, against whom charged, to whom due, and date recorded. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on ptd. f. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 2 vols., 1878-1911, circuit clerk's storage vault; 9 vols., 1912--, circuit clerk's vault. Record of fees paid to patit jurors, showing date of court term,

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amount due, and remarks. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index 154. CRIMINAL FEE BOOK, 1861-1902, 1911--. 10 vols. (A-H, two vols. unlabeled).

Record of bills for the various fees and costs chargeable to the State or county in criminal cases, showing date, style and number of case, term of court, nature of charge, to whom bill of cost chargeable, date of indictment or information, verdict, amount of various fees, service rendered, to whom due, certification by judge and prosecuting attorney, and signature of circuit clerk. Arr. chron. by court term. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 450 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 7 vols., 1861-1902, circuit clerk's storage vault; 3 vols., 1903 -- , circuit clerk's vault.

For copies of criminal cost bills paid by treasurer, see entry 225.

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156. WITNESS SCRIP, 1910--. 3 vols. Stubs of scrip issued to witnesses for services before the grand jury, showing date of scrip, term of court, name of witness, number of days served, mileage, travel allowance, and signature of circuit clerk, Arr. num. by scrip no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. Circuit Clerk - Orders and Reports

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157. ABSTRACT OF JURY CERTIFICATES, 1870--. 2 f. b. Copies of jury certificates, showing term of court, name and address of juror, whether grand or petit, date and place for appearance, certification of circuit clerk, date of certificate, signature and seal of clerk, and date filed. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Typed on ptd. f.  $5 \times 5 \times 10$ .

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JURY SCRIP, 1917--. 3 vols. (1001-2000, 2001-3000, one vol. unlabeled). Stubs of scrip issued for jury service, showing amount of fee, date issued, term of court, name of juror, number of days served, miles traveled, and scrip number, receipt and signature of juror. Arr. num. by scrip no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1.

FEE BOOK PETIT JURY, 1874-78. 1 vol. Discontinued. Record of fees paid to petit jurors, showing date of court term, name of juror, days in attendance, miles traveled and rate, total amount due, and remarks. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 155 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Circuit clerk's storage vault.

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State or county in original cases, 161. SUBPENAS, 1853--. 5 f. b. Original orders to clerk of circuit court for issuance of subpenas, and commissions to take depositions, showing style and number of case, date, name of person for whom order requested, in whose behalf, signature of attorney, sheriff's return, and clerk's memorandum. Arr. chron. by date of subpena. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. S vols., 1903-r. circuit disrits vault.

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162. SUBPENAS, 1925--. 1 vol. Stubs of subpenas issued for witnesses in civil and criminal cases, showing style and number of case, date, name of person, for whom subpena is requested, in whose behalf, and return date. Arr. num. by no of subpens. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 500 pp. 15 x 15 x 2.

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b. Military record of the Headquarters Company of the 5th Cavalry stationed at Harrisonville during the Civil War, 1862-65, showing those taking oath of allegiance, company orders and special orders of the provost marshall. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 8 x 2. 6 vols., 1862-87, circuit clerk's storage vault; vol., 1888--, circuit clerk's vault.

164. REPORT OF PROBATE JUDGE, 1901--. 1 folder.
Reports of probate judge to circuit clerk on estates in which letters of administration and letters testamentary have been issued, showing name of decedent, date of death, estimated value of real and personal property, appraisers' report, names of heirs-at-law, their addresses and relationship, names and addresses of legatees and devisees, amount of tax, certification, date, signature and seal of probate judge. Arr, chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 8 x 12 x 2. era filed in election of,

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165. CIRCUIT CLERK'S REPORTS, 1937--. 1 bundle. Prior records destroyed. . Arofo thronto to less but

Copies of monthly reports to the treasurer and county clerk, of all fees and money collected, and certified to the treasurer and clerk, showing name of person from whom money was received, for what purpose, and total amount received. Arr. chron. No index. Typed.

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Original warrants issued to the sheriff, including:

d. a. Capias warrants ordering arrest of persons indicted by the grand jury, showing name of defendant, nature of offense, where committed, certificate and date of return by arresting officer, seal and signature of circuit clerk.

b. State warrants issued by justices of the peace, showing name of complainant and defendant, nature of offense, certification and signature of justice of the peace; date, return and

signature of arresting officer.

Also contein: c. Affidavits for search warrants, executed for purpose of securing issuance of warrants to search private premises, showing date sworn, name of court, location and description of premises under suspicion, nature of suspicion, seal of circuit court, and signature of circuit clerk.

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168. CLERK'S RECEIPTS, 1888-1922. 3 vols. (1888, 1905, 1909). Receipts of the circuit clerk received from attorneys for papers pertaining to circuit court cases, showing number and style of case, when issued, when returned, and name of attorney. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. Indexed alph. by name of attorney. Hdw. on ptd. f. 325 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Circuit clerk's storage vault.

169. MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, 1894--. 4 f. b. Original papers of a miscellaneous nature, filed with the circuit clerk, including:

a. Grand jury reports, showing date, court term, judge's orders for convening jury mold tell orders for convening jury, roll call, charge to jury, reports to court, and certificates of attendance.

b. Certificates of acknowledgment in cases of sale by sheriff of real estate under school fund mortgages, showing date of sale, location and description of property, name of grantee, date of certificate, and signature of sheriff.

> Special judge of circuit court, papers filed in election of, showing date of election, total vote, oath of special judge,

signature and seal of circuit clerk.

d. Adoption of minors, papers concerning, showing names of petitioners, name and age of child, information regarding child's parentage including case history, decree of court, signatures of petitioners, date of filing, and signature and seal of circuit clerk.

e. Memorial resolutions adopted by the Cass County Bar in cases of death of attorneys, showing name of decedent, age and date of death, short life sketch, signature of committee

and circuit clerk, and date of filing.

f. Appointments of court reporters, showing name of appointee, date appointed, salary, signature of circuit judge, oath and signature of reporter, acknowledgment, signature and seal of circuit clerk, and date filed.

g. Trustee's bonds in administration of trust estates of minors, showing name of minor, description of property held in trust, receipts and disbursements, signatures of trustees, notary seal and acknowledgment.

Also contain:

Appeals to State Supreme Court, original papers, entry 123. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.

### VI. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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A court of common pleas was established in the county in 1867.1 The first judge was appointed by the Governor to serve until the general election of 1868 and the elected judge was to serve 4 years. The clerk of the county court was ex officio clerk of this court.3 The

<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1867, p. 86, sec. 1.

<sup>2.</sup> Ibid., secs. 2 and 22. The second second section and second section and second sections are second sections.

Probate Court constitution of 1875 abolished the court of common pleas in the county at the expiration of the term of the judge then serving. The act disposing of the court's records and unfinished business was passed in 1877,2 and the court ceased functioning in 1878.3

The court of common pleas, within the county, had exclusive original jurisdiction in all probate matters and actions arising therefrom except cases wherein executors, administrators, or guardians were plaintiffs, in which cases concurrent jurisdiction was held with the circuit court; concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit and justice of the peace courts in all civil actions (except for slander, libel, they actions on the official bond of any State or county officer, and where the title of real estate was in issue) where the sum involved exceeded \$50 and did not exceed \$1000 exclusive of interest and costs; concurrent jurisdiction with justices of the peace in criminal actions; and concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court in cases of appeal from justices of the peace courts.4

For a complete list of records required to be kept by the court, see the forthcoming volume entitled "County Government in Missouri."

- 170. CASE FILES COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1866-78. 43 f. b. S-8S bas Original papers filed in courts of common pleas held at Pleasant Hill and Harrisonville, the papers relating to each case assembled in separate folders, showing term of court, style and number of case, names of attorneys. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. Circuit clerk's storage vault.
- 171. MINUTE BOOKS, 1867-78. 4 vols. Have egerode atdrass stupyio Memoranda of proceedings taken at sessions of the court and later transferred by the clerk into the Common Pleas Court Record (entry 172), showing date, officials in attendance, style and number of case, place of meeting, names of plaintiff and defendant, action taken, final disposition and adjournment. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 8 x 2. Circuit clerk's storage vault.
- 172. COMMON PLEAS COURT RECORD, 1867-78. 2 vols. (A, B). Record of all proceedings of court of common pleas prepared from Minute Books (entry 171), showing date and place of meeting, style and number of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, court orders, and adjournment. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 173. Hdw. 585 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Circuit clerk's vault. 18 x 12 x 3. Circuit clerk's vault.
- 173. INDEX TO COMMON PLEAS RECORD, 1867-78. 1 vol. Index to Common Pleas Court Record, entry 172, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, case number, dates of entry, nature of action, and

<sup>1.</sup> Const. 1875, art. VI, secs. 1 and 42.

<sup>3.</sup> Common Pleas Court Record, see entry 172. 4. M.L. 1867, p. 86, secs. 4-9.

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volume and page reference to recording. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. 350 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Circuit clerk's vault.

- 174. JUDGES DOCKET COLMON PLEAS COURT, 1871-78. 1 vol. Judge's record of proceedings of court of common pleas, showing date, term of court, style and number of case, names of attorneys, court orders of previous term, minutes of action taken, names of plaintiff and defendant, and orders of court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x ll x 2. Circuit clerk's storage vault. the coact courts in all civil actions (except for slave)
- 175. RECORD EXECUTION DOCKET, 1867-78. 2 vols. Record of executions issued under judgments rendered by court of common pleas, showing date issued, style and number of case, name of judgment debtor, date and amount of judgment, book and page of judgment entry, description of property, amount of interest and costs, to whom directed, return term, signature of clerk, and sheriff's return. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of judgment debtor. Hdw. 250 pp. 12 x 8 x 2. Circuit clerk's storage vault.

For other taxation records, see entries 32, 33, 56-62, 135-137 and 228-235.

176. FEE BOOK, 1873-78. 1 vol. (A). Record of fees earned in cases tried in court of common pleas, showing date, number and type of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount and nature of fees earned, to whom due, total amount due, date, amount, and by whom paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 470 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. Circuit clerk's storage vault. The A . AV-VORE . CHOOK STOKEN . IVE

177. ORDER BOOKS, 1867-78. 2 vols. Record of orders to the clerk of the common pleas court to issue summons, writs of attachments, and executions, orders to dismiss suits, and notices of appeal. Arr. chron. No index. Condition poor. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. Circuit clerk's storage vault.

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The probate court of the county was established in 1877 by an act providing for uniform probate courts in all counties. Prior to this establishment probate matters were handled successively by the county court2 and the court of common pleas. 3 A judge of probate is elected every 4 years, and he may serve as his own clerk.4

The probate court has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to probate business; grants letters testamentary and of administration;

<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1877, p. 229, secs. 1 and 2.

2. R.S. 1835, p. 156, sec. 15.

3. M.L. 1867, p. 86, sec. 4.

<sup>3.</sup> M.L. 1867, p. 86, sec. 4.

<sup>4.</sup> M.L. 1877, pp. 229 f., secs. 3 and 6; R.S. 1939, secs. 2438 and 2440.

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number of estate, nome of estate representsappoints guardians and curators of minors and persons of unsound mind: and settles the accounts of executors, administrators, curators, and guardians. The probate judge has power to solemnize marriages and may receive and inquire into the merits of applications for blind pensions. 2 Appeals are taken to the circuit court. 3

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#### Case Papers

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178. PROBATE PAPERS (Closed Cases), 1835--. 261 f. b. (1-261). Original papers filed in the administration of estates which have been closed, all the papers relating to each case being assembled in a separate folder, showing case number, name of estate, and term of court. Arr. num. by estate no. For index, see entry 179. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. to to man yd . dala begarra bedrevat For active cases, see entry 180. . . x al x 81 . qq 088 .1 . boq

179. INDEX TO FILES, 1835--. 1 vol. (1). Index to Probate Papers (Closed Cases), entry 178, showing names of estate and representative, proceedings had with dates thereof, and file box reference. Arr. alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 650 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 mioqqs to before greated estab estates to reduce

180. PROBATE PAPERS (Active Cases), 1915--. 12 f. b. Estate papers filed and awaiting action of the court, which when disposed of, will be placed in the files of the estate involved, showing date of filing, number and name of estate, names of representative and petitioner, term of court to which filed, date and manner of service, relief or order sought, and signature of proper official. Also contain: Wills, 1921 -- , entry 98; Election of Dower, 1915 -- , entry 116. Arr. alph. by name of estate. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. in Probate Court Record, entry 182. 10 x 5 x 14.

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<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1877, p. 229, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 2437.

<sup>2.</sup> M.L. 1921, p. 555, sec. 3; R.S. 1939, sec. 9454.

<sup>3.</sup> R.S. 1879, sec. 1102; R.S. 1939, sec. 2100. Original bonds furnished by estate representatives in closed cases

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date of session, name and number of estate, name of estate representative, business transacted, and signature of probate judge. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 700 pp. 14 x 9 x 3. 24 vols., 1867-1910, probate storage vault; 6 vols., 1911--, probate court vault. original bas eviscor ven

182. PROBATE COURT RECORD, 1835--. 42 vols. (A-F, H-N, P, R, T, V, Z, 1-23, one vol. unlabeled). Record of all proceedings in the administration of estates in courts of probate jurisdiction prepared from Minute Books (entry 181), showing term, name and number of estate, nature of proceedings had, judgments, rules or orders made, and signature of probate judge. Also contain: Abstract of Demands, 1835-76, entry 185; Settlement Record, 1835-64, entry 195. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 183. Hdw. and typed. 640 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 41 vols., 1835-75, 1878--, probate court vault; vol., 1876-77, probate storage vault.

INDEX TO PROBATE COURT RECORD, 1835 -- . 6 vols. (1, 2, 2, 5, 6, one vol. unlabeled). Direct and inverted index to Probate Court Record, entry 182, and Settlement Record, 1865 -- , entry 195, showing names of estate, and representative, type of entry, and volume and page reference to recording. 3 vols., direct, arranged alph. by name of estate; 3 vols., inverted, arranged alph. by name of estate representative. Hdw. on ptd. f. 320 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

179. HDEX TO FILES, 1835 ... 1 vol. (1).

### Index to Probate Papers (Closed Cases), entry 173, showing new teston

184. PROBATE COURT DOCKET, 1846--. 14 vols. Record of all cases to come before probate court, showing name and number of estate, dates letters granted or appointments made, matter before the court, service had or orders made at last term, list of settlements due, and orders entered at current term. Arr. chron. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. 3 vols., 1846-64, no index; 11 vols., 1865-indexed alph. by name of estate. 12 vols., 1846-88, probate storage vault; 2 vols., 1889--, probate court vault. Claims and Demands of to anademake but a dispose to to to total state of the claims and Demands of the anademake but a dispose to to total state of the control of the cont

185. ABSTRACT OF DEMANDS, 1877--. 4 vols. (3-5, B). 1835-76 in Probate Court Record, entry 182. Abstract of claims and demands allowed against estate of deceased persons, showing name and number of estate, name of claimant, date allowed, class, and amount. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Vol., 1877-1903, probate storage vault; 3 vols., 1904--, probate court vault. homorous of proceed

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### Bonds and Letters

186. BONDS (Closed), 1839--. 10 f. b. (AB, BC, DEF, GH, HIJK, LMMcN, NOPQR, S, TUWW, YZ). Original bonds furnished by estate representatives in closed cases

1. M.L. 1877, p. 829, sec. 8; R.S. 1939, sec. 243

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which are in force for 7 years after settlement, showing name of representative, name of decedent, amount of bond, signatures of principal and sureties, and date filed. Arr. alph. by name of representative. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.

- 187. BONDS (Active), 1915--. 2 f. b. Original bonds furnished by estate representatives in active cases, showing name of principal and sureties, name of deceased, minor or insane person, amount of bond, date approved, certification of probate judge and date recorded. Arr. alph. by name of estate representative. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. For record, see entry 188.
- 188. ALMINISTRATORS' AND EXECUTORS' BONDS, 1835--. 11 vols. (A, B, A-C, E-G, G, two vols. unlabeled). Record of bonds given by estate representatives and guardians in estates and cases of insane persons and minors, showing information as in entry 187. Also contain Record of Wills, 1835-42, entry 197. For index, see entry 189. Hdw. on ptd. f. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.
- INDEX TO ADMINISTRATORS' AND EXECUTORS' BONDS, 1835---1 vol. (B). Index to Administrators' and Executors' Bonds, entry 188, showing name of estate representative, and volume and page reference to recording. Arr. alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. abund sulquus to dramdaeval , band no consind , redevev to
- 190. LIST OF ADMINISTRATORS, GUARDIANS AND CURATORS, 1863-69, 1871-73. 1 vol. Discontinued. Record of appointments of estate representatives, showing name of appointee, date, name of estate amount and condition and lead to the state amount and condition amount and condition and lead to the state amount and condition amount and condition and lead to the state amount and condition amount and condition and lead to the state amount and condition amount and condition and lead to the state amount and condition amount and condition and condition amount and condition amount amo appointee, date, name of estate, amount and condition of bond, and signatures of principal and surety. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. of toll 175 pp. 8 x 12 x 1. Probate storage vault.
- 191. ADMINISTRATORS' AND EXECUTORS' LETTERS, 1835--. 5 vols. (A-E). Record of letters of administration granted, showing name and last residence of deceased, name of administrator, authority to act, date of appointment, and name of probate clerk. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 192. Hdw. on ptd. f. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.
- 192. INDEX TO ADMINISTRATORS' AND EXECUTORS' LETTERS, 1835--. 1 vol. (C). Index to Administrators' and Executors' Letters, entry 191, showing name of administrator or executor, book and page reference to recording. Arr. alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 13 x 20 x 3. abhor sandabas bas stronga ban alliw darl to broses

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193. RECORD OF INVENTORIES, APPRAISEMENTS AND SALE BILLS, 1864---23 vols. Record pertaining to disposition of property of decedent, including: a. Inventory and appraisement of real and personal property,

showing description and appraised value, date of inventory and appraisal, names and oaths of witnesses, appraisers and estate representative, date filed for record, and signature of probate judge.

b. Sales clerk's accounts of sales of personal property belonging to estates, showing name and number of estate, date of order, date and place of sale, articles sold, to whom, sale price of each, name of sale clerk, and date report filed.

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194. INDEX TO INVENTORIES, APPRAISEMENTS AND SALE BILLS, 1864--.

2 vols. (B, 1918). Index to Record of Inventories, Appraisements and Sale Bills, entry 193, showing name of estate, name of representative, and page and book reference to recording. Arr. alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

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195. SETTLEMENT RECORD, 1865--. 23 vols. (1-16, B, O, Q, S, U, W, Y). 1835-64 in Probate Court Record, entry 182. Record of settlements filed in estates of decedents, showing name and number of estate, name of estate representative, date of settlement, balance on hand at last settlement, detailed debits and credits, number of voucher, balance on hand, investment of surplus funds or where deposited, affidavit of representative, date of filing and certificates of probate clerk. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 183. Hdw. and typed. 650 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 11 vols., 1865-1904, probate storage vault; 12 vols., 1905 -- , probate court vault.

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196. ADMINISTRATORS', EXECUTORS', AND GUARDIANS' NOTICES, 1867---11 vols. (A-K).

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Record of notices pertaining to administration of estates, showing number of estate, name of decedent, name, date and appointment of representative, attestation by judge or clerk, term of court at which final settlement will be made, date of notice, name of newspaper in which published, and affidavit of publisher. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. and typed. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

### Wills (See also entry 98)

197. RECORD OF WILLS, 1843--. 11 vols. (A-I, two vols. unlabeled). 1835-42 in Administrators' and Executors' Bonds, entry 188. Record of last wills and testaments, showing date, name of deceased, testator, witnesses and beneficiaries, provisions of will, date filed for probate and certification of probate judge; also contains record of marriage contracts, showing date, names of principals and provisions regarding disposition of real and personal property on death of contracting party. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. and typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 10 in inspectance has violated.

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198. DIRECT INHERITANCE TAX RECORD, 1917--. 1 vol. Record of inheritance taxes due, giving number of estate, order appointing appraiser, his oath, name of decedent, last residence, date and place of death; name and address of administrator, executor, or trustee; date of letters, description of real and personal property belonging to estate, appraiser's valuation, total deductions, net value; name, relationship, and value of interest of each beneficiary, legal exemptions, amount subject to tax, amount of tax, fees allowed, date filed, amounts refunded, payments to State Treasurer, and certificate of probate judge or clerk. Arr. alph. by name of decedent.

No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 450 pp. 16 x 22 x 2.

199. RECORD OF DECEDENTS, 1899-1916. 1 vol. (1). Discontinued as a separate record. Record of collateral inheritance taxes in estates in which letters have been granted, showing name of decedent, date and place of death, date of letters, estimated and appraised values of real and personal property, names and addresses of legatees and devisees, total value of legacy, inheritance, life estate or annuity, amount of exemptions, clear market value, amount of inheritance tax, and receipts. Arr. chron. by date of decedent's death. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 300 pp. 16 x 14 x 2 odd areonos renorso add to seldub Lagisating adT

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#### Receipts for Papers

201. MEMORANDUM BOOK, 1867-97. 2 vols. Discontinued. Record of persons taking papers pertaining to estates from county clerk's office, showing name of estate, kind of instrument, dates when taken and returned, and signature of person procuring papers. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. Probate storage vault.

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Const. 1875, art. II, sec. 10.

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The office of public administrator was provided for in 1835 by a legislative enactment which authorized the county court to make the appointment for a term of 2 years. 1 The office became elective in

<sup>1.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 64, sec. 1.

Coroner

1867 for a 4-year term. 1 The principal duty of the public administrator is to take into his charge and custody, for the purpose of conserving and administering upon same, the property of persons dying intestate within the county when such property is liable to be injured, wasted, purloined, or lost by reason of there being no person qualified or competent to administer the property. 2 Since 1885 he has also, under certain circumstances, protected and conserved the persons and property of minors, 3 and since 1895 the persons and property of insane persons.4

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The office of coroner is one of the oldest offices in the county. The constitution of 1820 authorized the Governor to appoint a coroner in a newly created county to hold office until the next general election and until a successor was qualified. The elected coroner served a 2-year term and was eligible to hold office only 4 years in any period of 8 years. 5 Vacancies were filled by the Governor. 6 The constitution of 1865 gave the county court authority to fill vacancies in the office of coroner. The constitution of 1875 provided that a coroner could serve 4 years in any period of 6 years but did not change the 2-year term. 8 A constitutional amendment of 1906 made the term 4 years and provided that a coroner could met succeed himself.9 carron, by date of dec

The principal duties of the coroner concern the holding of inquests and have not changed materially since territorial days. 10 When the coroner is unable to preside at an inquest, a justice of the peace or any judge of a court of record may perform all the duties of the coroner. Il If the sheriff is party to a suit, is ousted from office, dies, or is disqualified in any way, the coroner performs the sheriff's duties until another is appointed or elected. 12

For reports to the county court of proceedings and fees accruing in inquests, see entry 28; for fees allowed by the county court and paid by treasurer, see entry 227.

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M.L. 1867, pp. 116 f., sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 295.
R.S. 1835, p. 65, sec. 8; R.S. 1939, sec. 299.
M.L. 1885, p. 28, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 299.
M.L. 1895, pp. 35 f., sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 299.
Const. 1820, art. IV, sec. 23.

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Const. 1865, art. V, sec. 23. 7.

Const. 1875, art. IX, sec. 10. 8.

Ibid., amended 1906. 9.

L.T.L. 1807, p. 102, sec. 1; R.S. 1835, pp. 320 f., secs. 1 and 8-11; R.S. 1939, secs. 13231, 13240, 13242, and 13263.

<sup>11.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 321, sec. 12; R.S. 1939, sec. 13243.

<sup>11.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 321, sec. 12; R.S. 1939, sec. 13246.

12. R.S. 1835, p. 124, sec. 1; R.S. 1929, sec. 13144.

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#### X. SHERIFF

The office of sheriff dates back to territorial days and is probably the oldest of all county offices. Along with the office of coroner, it is specifically provided for by the various state constitutions, which call for his election and prescribe his term of office. The office can not be abolished nor the manner of his selection or his term of office changed except by an amendment to the state constitution.

The Governor appointed the first sheriff of the county in accordance with the constitution but the appointed sheriff declined to serve and the coroner assumed his duties until a sheriff was elected in 1836.<sup>2</sup> The law provided that the sheriff be elected for a 2-year term.<sup>3</sup> The sheriff served as ex officio collector of revenue from 1837 until 1873.<sup>4</sup> A constitutional amendment of 1906 fixed his term of office at 4 years beginning with the election of 1908 and provided that he could not succeed himself.<sup>5</sup>

While the shoriff was ex officio collector it was his duty to collect the county revenue.<sup>6</sup> As sheriff he is preserver of the peace and keeper of the county jail. He summons jurors and witnesses, executes all processes directed to him by legal authority, attends all terms of courts of record in his county, and may appoint a jailer and one or more deputies for whose official acts he is responsible.<sup>7</sup> In the event the sheriff is unable to perform his duties, the coroner is required to act in his place.<sup>8</sup>

For a complete list of records required to be kept by the sheriff, see the forthcoming volume entitled, "County Government in Missouri."

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<sup>1.</sup> Const. 1820, art. IV, sec. 23; Const. 1875, art. IX, secs. 10 and 11.

<sup>2.</sup> County Court Record, vol. A, p. 22, see entry 2; Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 120.

<sup>3.</sup> Const. 1820, art. IV, sec. 23; Const. 1875, art. X, sec. 10.

<sup>4.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 536, secs. 1 and 38; M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 102, sec. 93 (92); County Court Record, vol. A, p. 147, see entry 2.

<sup>5.</sup> Const. 1875, art. IX, sec. 10, amended 1906.

<sup>6.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 536, sec. 1; M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 102, sec. 93 (92).

<sup>7.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 335, secs. 2-5, p. 580, secs. 10-11; G.S. 1865, p. 878, sec. 4; R.S. 1939, secs. 723, 9195-9198, 9271, 13136, and 13138.

<sup>8.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 124, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, secs. 13144 and 13145.

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- 202. JAIL RECORD, 1885-1904, 1922--. 4 vols.

  Record of immates confined in county jail, showing name and description of prisoner, residence, expenses incurred, by whom payable, by whom committed, date of commitment, nature of offense, date and manner of discharge, and term of court. Arr. chron. by date of commitment.

  Vol., 1885-1904, no index; 3 vols., 1922--, indexed alph. by name of prisoner. Hdw. on ptd. f. 140 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Vol., 1922-24, circuit clerk's vault; 2 vols., 1885-1904, 1922-36, county clerk's storage room; vol., 1937--, sheriff's office.
- 203. COMMITMENTS, 1937--. 1 f. b.

  Commitment papers issued to sheriff to confine in the county jail defendants unable to furnish bond or comply with court orders, showing date, name of complainant, kind of charge, date of trial, or release, name of prisoner, number of case, acknowledgment or certification and signature of committing officer. Arr. chron. by date of commitment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. Sheriff's office.
- 204. WARRANTS, 1937--. 1 f. b.

  Copies of warrants served by sheriff, showing date issued, names and addresses of plaintiff and defendant, charges, date of return, name of arresting officer, amount of mileage charged, and signature of justice issuing warrant. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. Sheriff's office.

  For warrants issued by the circuit clerk, see entry 166.
- 205. BONDS, 1937--. 1 f. b.

  Bonds made by defendants to insure their appearance in justice of the peace courts, showing name of defendant and sureties, amount of bond, date and by whom approved, date of trial, kind of charge, and certification by justice of the peace. Arr. chron. by date of bond.

  No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. Sheriff's office.
- 206. STOLEN PROPERTY REPORTS, 1937--. 1 f. b.

  Reports to sheriff of property stolen, showing description of property, nature of crime, file number, name and address of person making complaint, name and description of party arrested, date and time report received, officer assigned to case, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of property owner. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. Sheriff's office.
- 207. ACCIDENTS AND WRECKS, 1938--. 1 f. b.

  Sheriff's file on automobile accidents, showing names of car owner, driver, and occupants, make, model, motor number, and state license number of car, driver's license number, location of accident, details as to injuries or deaths, names of witnesses, and signature of investigating officer. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. Sheriff's office.

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208. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1875-76, 1937--. 2 vols. Sheriff's record of judgment and partition proceedings, including:

- a. Abstract of executions issued by circuit court and placed in sheriff's hand for levy, showing number and style of case, date and amount of judgment, term of court to which returnable, date and nature of execution, damages and costs, total costs, sheriff's return, and date of satisfaction. Al x II ag 00 . 1 . beg no whe expert of
  - b. Sheriff's final report in partition, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, term of court, abstract of fees and costs, publication notices of sales in partition, notices of foreclosure sale under school fund mortgage, statement of sales, costs and distribution.

Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 425 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Vol., 1875-76, treasurer's storage vault; vol., 1937--, sheriff's office.

209. DAY BOOK, 1900-21. 1 vol. Discontinued.

- Record of writs and processes executed or served by sheriff, giving number of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, and their attorneys, nature of process or writ, date and nature of service, costs earned, amount paid, and date return made to county clerk. Arr. chron. by date of service. No index. Hdw. 268 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. County clerk's storage room. In visuos bas etals end bothosenger diports odd
- 210. RECORD ENTRY, 1937--. 1 f. b.
  Original copies of notices of sheriff's sales in partition, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, number and nature of case, location and description of real estate, amount of acreage, date and terms of sale, name of plaintiff's attorney, copies of decree, names of heirs, amount of interest of each in the estate, certification by the circuit clerk and date of order. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. Sheriff's office. In five the output year cano end an
- 211. SALE RECORD, 1901-26. 1 vol. (1). Discontinued. Record of all sales of property to satisfy judgments under general and special executions, showing number and style of case, legal description of property, to whom sold, consideration, amount of judgment, interest and costs, nature of order and amount in default, nature and date of sale, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of sale. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. County clerk's storage room.

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M.L. 1836-87, p. 10, 800. I; M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Sussion, p. M. 212. REPORT OF COLLECTIONS, 1875--. 5 vols. Title varies: Sheriff's Fee Book, 1875-76, 1925-36. Record of all fees collected by sheriff, showing number and style of case, amount of fees, date and from whom collected, to whom due, nature of service, date and to whom paid and total amount collected.

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Arr. chron. by date of collection. 1875-76, 1925-36, no index; 1937--, indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 100 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Vol., 1875-76, treasurer's storage vault; 4 vols., 1925--, sheriff's office.

213. EXPENSE REPORTS, 1937--. 1 vol.

Sheriff's quarterly report of expenses, showing date, amount expended for attending court, board of prisoners, transporting of insane, summoning juries, elections, sundries, amount retained, and total. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 50 pp. 11 x 14 x 1. Sheriff's office.

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214. CHICKEN IDENTIFICATION, 1937--. 1 f. b.

Sheriff's file of chicken identification marks, showing breed of chickens, name and address of owner, description of registered marks, certification by owner, date of registration, fee, and signatures of owner and sheriff. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. Sheriff's office.

#### LOWER BOOK XI. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

A circuit attorney whose powers and duties were coextensive with the circuit represented the State and county in legal matters in the fifth judicial circuit, of which the county became a part upon its organization in 1835. The office of circuit attorney was abolished in 1872 by an act which created in each county the office of prosecuting attorney with the same duties. The circuit attorney was elected for a term of 4 years, the term of the prosecuting attorney is 2 years.

It is the duty of the prosecuting attorney to prosecute or defend, as the case may require, all civil and criminal actions in his county in which the county or State is interested; to represent the county generally in legal matters; to investigate all claims against the county; to draw all contracts relating to county business; and to give his opinion, without fee, to justices of the peace, the county court, or a county judge in matters of law in which the county is interested.4

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<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1824-36, vol. 2, p. 478, sec. 3; R.S. 1835, p. 89, secs. 4 and 5.

<sup>2.</sup> M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 14, sec. 2.

<sup>3.</sup> M.L. 1836-37, p. 10, sec. 1; M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 14, sec. 2; R.S. 1939, sec. 12934.

<sup>4.</sup> R.S. 1879, p. 80, sees. 513-517; R.S. 1939, sees. 12942, 12944, 12945, and 12947.

215. CASE HISTORY, 1937--. 1 f. d.

Prosecuting attorney's case history of all cases tried by him in justice of the peace, juvenile, and circuit courts, showing name of defendant, offense charged, in what court tried, date, and final disposition of case. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Typed. 7 x 6 x 17. Prosecuting attorney's office.

216. RECORD OF CRIMINAL CASES, 1936--. 4 f.d.
Original papers in all criminal cases, disposed of and pending, covering petitions, complaints, warrants, transcripts from justice of the peace courts, correspondence relative to the various cases, and final disposition thereof. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index.
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When the county was organized the equalization of tax assessments was a function of the county court and it remained so until 1865. The county board of equalization was created in 1865 and was composed of the presiding judge of the county court, the assessor, the surveyor, and the county clerk who was secretary of the board but had no vote. The act creating the board was amended in 1872 to include all members of the county court. In Cass County, which is under township organization, the sheriff replaces the county assessor on the board.

The county board of equalization has power to hear and act upon all appeals made from valuations of property as fixed by the assessors. It cannot reduce the valuation below that fixed by the State Board of Equalization. 5 The county board may assess property that has been omitted from the assessors' books. 6

217. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND APPEAL RECORD, 1889--. 3 vols. Record of proceedings of county board of equalization, showing date of meeting, oaths of board members, description of property involved, name of owner, valuation by assessor and as equalized by county board of equalization. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 400 pp. 19 x 10 x 2. 2 vols., county clerk's vault; vol., county clerk's office.

For appeals to the county court, see entry 31.

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A.L. 1881, pp. 214-216, moon, 1 and 3; N.S. 1989, moon, 18896,

9. M.L. 1881, pp. 210 f., sec. 9; R.S. 1859, secs. 18567 and 18609.

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<sup>1.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 534, secs. 30-32; G.S. 1865, p. 97, sec. 13.

<sup>2.</sup> G.S. 1865, p. 97, sec. 13.

<sup>3.</sup> M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 87, sec. 14.

<sup>4.</sup> M.L. 1887, p. 232, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 11001.

<sup>5.</sup> G.S. 1865, p. 97, sec. 16; R.S. 1939, sec. 11004.

<sup>6.</sup> M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, pp. 87 f., secs. 14-20; R.S. 1939, secs. 11002 and 11006.

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## XIII. TREASURER AND EX OFFICIO COLLECTOR

The first treasurer of Cass County was appointed by the county court in 1835, under authority of the general laws of that year.1 The office became elective in this county in 1853 for a 2-year term, and the treasurer could not serve more than two successive terms.2 An amendment of 1870 continued the 2-year term but did not limit the number of terms. The 4-year term was introduced in 1907 and continues to the present time. When Cass County adopted township organization in 1873, the treasurer became ex officio county collector.5

As custodian of county funds, the treasurer is required to divide revenues received into such funds as the county court orders.6 It is the duty of the treasurer as ex officio county collector to collect delinquent personal property and delinquent or nonresident real estate taxes, commercial, utility, or corporation taxes, and to proscute suits therefor and sell the aforementioned property. The collection of current real and personal property taxes devolves upon the township collector in counties under township organization. The township collector keeps an account of all school moneys collected and pays it to the township trustee.8 The township trustee is ex officio township treasurer and relieves the county treasurer of the custody and disbursement of township and school district revenues.9

For a complete list of records required to be kept by the treasurer and ex officio collector, see the forthcoming volume entitled, "County Government in Missouri."

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#### General

218. JOURNAL, 1877--. 10 vols. Record of disbursements by treasurer, showing number and date of warrant, to whom paid, purpose, amount, fund charged and total warrant, to whom paid, purpose, amount, fund charged, and total disbursements. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. 6 vols., 1877-1916, treasurer's storage vault; 4 vols., 1917--, treasurer's vault. olork's office.

<sup>1.</sup> R.S. 1835, p. 534, secs. 3032; County Court Record, vol. 1, p. 5, see entry 2.

2. M.L. 1852-53, p. 102, secs. 1 and 2.

3. M.L. 1870, p. 30, sec. 1.

4. M.L. 1907, pp. 449 f., sec. 6764; R.S. 1939, sec. 13790.

<sup>5.</sup> M.L. 1873, art. XVI, p. 119, sec. 1; County Court Record, vol. H, p. 1, see entry 2.

<sup>6.</sup> R.S. 1855, p. 521, sec. 8; M.L. 1879, p. 192, secs. 2 and 3; R.S. 1939, secs. 11219 and 13798.

<sup>7.</sup> M.L. 1881, p. 224, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 13989.

<sup>8.</sup> M.L. 1881, pp. 214-216, secs. 1 and 3; R.S. 1939, secs. 13996, 13997, and 14014.

<sup>9.</sup> M.L. 1881, pp. 210 f., sec. 9; R.S. 1939, secs. 13967 and 13969.

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219. TREASURER'S LEDGER, 1879--. 21 vols. Treasurer's accounts of money received and disbursed, showing amount received, date, from what source, amount disbursed, date, to whom paid and for what purpose, warrant number, and balance in each account. Arr. chron. by date of receipts and disbursement. Indexed alph. by name of account. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. 11 vols., 1879-1920, treasurer's storage vault; 10 vols., 1921--, treasurer's vault.

8004 220. TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS, 1850--. 21 vols. Record of treasurer's reports to county clerk of all county funds, showing date, amount received and source, name of fund credited, date and amount of disbursement, to whom paid, purpose, fund charged, and balance in each fund. Also contain: School Funds, 1850-71, entry 221, and Warrant Register, 1936 -- , entry 224. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 475 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 11 vols., 1850-1930, treasurer's storage vault; 10 vols., 1931--, treasurer's vault.

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County treasurer in account with county clerk for collections and disbursements of swamp land and school funds, showing date, amount received, from what source, amount and to whom paid, principal and interest paid on school leans, total school and road taxes, accounts of fines and forfeitures, distribution of funds to the various school districts, and from which fund paid. Arr. chron. Indexed num. by school district no. Hdw. on ptd. f. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 4 vols., 1871-1911, treasurer's storage vault; 3 vols., 1911--, treasurer's vault. of county court. Arr. chron. by date of

For county clerk's account see entry 50.

#### Settlements

222. SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT, 1937--. 1 vol. Duplicate of annual settlements of treasurer with county court, showing amount received into and expended from each fund, from what source received and on what account paid, balance in each fund, with canceled warrants, checks and other pertinent papers attached, signature of treasurer and date filed. Arr. chron. by date of settlement. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 150 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Treasurer's vault. texpayer, date, description, location and assessed ve

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223. CANCELED TREASURER'S CHECKS, 1929--. 15 f. b. Canceled checks and statements from depositories, showing monthly balance due county with all canceled checks listed and reconciliation sheets for each fund; checks show date, number, amount, payee, fund on which drawn, treasurer's signature, payec's endorsement, and cancelation by bank. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. People of assessments made on taxable impones, showing oursent number;

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224. WARRANT REGISTER, 1868-1935. 5 vols. 1936-- in Treasurer's Account, entry 220.

Record of warrants issued that were protested, showing number of warrant, date issued, date protested, to whom payable, date of payment, amount of warrant, and amount of interest and fees. Arr. num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 4 vols., 1868-1934, treasurer's storage vault; vol., 1935, treasurer's vault.

#### Fees

225. RECORD OF CRIMINAL FEES, 1899--. 5 vols. (1-5). Copies of original cost bills, showing information as in entry 154. Arr. num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of payee. Hdw. on ptd. f. 175 pp. 16 x 12 x 2, 4 vols., 1899-1932, treasurer's storage vault; vol., 1933--, treasurer's vault.

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS, 1880 -- 21 vols.

226. RECORD OF FEES (Civil Cases), 1874--. 3 vols.

Record of fees received and disbursed for costs in civil cases, showing date, from whom received; date, to whom paid, amount, and balance.

Arr. chron. by dates received and disbursed. Indexed alph. by name of payee. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 2 vols., 1874-1910, treasurer's storage vault; vol., 1910--, treasurer's vault.

227. CERTIFIED COPY OF CORONER'S FEES, 1900-. 1 bundle. Certified copies of fees allowed by county court, in the matter of an inquest, giving date of inquest, name of decedent, name of coroner or justice holding inquest, name of person to whom fee is due, amount of fees, date of payment by the treasurer; date and signature of clerk of county court. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 12 x 4 x 10. Treasurer's storage vault.

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228. LAND AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENTS, 1882-1901, 1906-38. 348 vols.

Subsequent records are kept by township assessors.

Record of assessments on real and personal property, showing name of taxpayer, date, description, location and assessed valuation of property by assessor and county board of equalization and as finally adjusted by State Board of Equalization, distribution of taxes to various funds, and total tax. Land assessments, arr. num. by section, range and township nos.; personal assessments, arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. Size varies. 300 pp. 17 x 15 x 2.33 vols., 1882-1901, county clerk's storage vault; 315 vols., 1906-38, county clerk's storage room.

229. STATE INCOME TAX BOOK, 1919--. 2 vols.

Record of assessments made on taxable incomes, showing current number, name of taxpayer, address, occupation, source of income, amount of

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taxable income, credits and deductions, amount of tax and date of payment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 200 pp. 14 x 16 x 3. County clerk's vault.

For assessments, see entry 62.

230. RAILROAD TAX BOOKS, 1880--. 11 vols. Record of taxes assessed against railroads, telephone, telegraph, and other public utility companies, showing name of company or corporation, location and description of property, adjustments by state board of equalization, various state and county taxes, total tax, and date paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 125 pp. 18 x 13 x 1. 3 vols., 1880-1919, county clerk's storage vault; 4 vols., 1919-27, treasurer's storage vault; 4 vols., 1928 -- , treasurer's vault.

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For assessments, see entry 58.

MERCHANTS TAX BOOKS, 1880--. 10 vols. Record of taxes paid by merchants, showing name of merchant, location and length of time in business, valuation of stock as adjusted by county board of equalization, allocation to various state and county funds, total tax, date of payment, and by whom paid. 5 vols., 1880-90, 1899-1926, arr. alph. by name of township; 3 vols., 1891-98, arr. alph. by name of merchant; 2 vols., 1927 -- , arr. chron. and thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 125 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 8 vols., 1880-1926, county clerk's storage vault; 2 vols., 1927---For assessments, 1880-1915, see entry 61.

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233. ABSTRACT OF COLLECTIONS, 1874--. 25 vols. Abstract of collections by collector for delinquent taxes, showing name and address of taxpayer, description and location of property, years for which taxes are delinquent, amount of various state and county taxes, total amount collected including fees, date paid and receipt number. Arr. chron. by year delinquent. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 240 pp. 17 x 16 x 2. Vol., 1874-87, county clerk's storage vault; 8 vols., 1888-1915, treasurer's storage vault; 16 vols., 1916 -- , treasurer's vault.

(COLLECTOR'S DELINQUENT LAND BACK TAX AND SALE BOOK RECORD), 1934--. 1 vol. Record of delinquent land taxes and sales of land for taxes, showing current number, name of taxpayer, quantity, legal description and location of property, years for which taxes delinquent, valuation.

state and county taxes, road district number, amount allotted for road tax, school district number, amount allotted for school taxes, total tax, interest, collector's and county clerk's fees, collector's additional commission, total tax and cost prior to sale; date when and by whom paid if prior to sale, advertising, city initials and taxes; collector's fees for certificate of sale, county clerk's sale fee, total tax and cost for all years, date of sale, name and address of purchaser, purchase price, surplus above tax and cost, to whom surplus paid, nonresident file, name and address of assignee, date assigned, subsequent taxes paid, date and by whom redeemed. Arr. num. by section, township, and range nos. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 18 x 29 x 2. Treasurer's vault. And no will axabal of another and

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235. CONSOLIDATED BACK TAX BOOKS, 1869--. 27 vols. Record of all back taxes relating to each individual taxpayer consolidated in one book, showing name of taxpayer, description of real and personal property, years delinquent, kind of tax, amount for year, total amount due, clerk's fee, date and amount paid, and by whom. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 17 x 15 x 2. 3 vols., 1869-1900, county clerk's storage vault; 17 vols., 1870-1931, treasurer's storage vault; 7 vols., 1931--, treasurer's vault.

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236. DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPTS, 1929--. 11 f. b., 111 vols. Duplicate receipts issued for payment of taxes, showing date, tax bill and receipt numbers, by whom paid, description and valuation, years for which paid, various state and county taxes, penalties, commission, total amount paid. Arr. chron. by date of issue. Indexed num. by receipt no. Hdw. on ptd. f. Vols., 100 pp. 10 x 12 x 1; f. b., 10 x 5 x 14. 11 f. b., 30 vols., treasurer's vault; 81 vols., county clerk's wault. A respect to notional bus activities to recommend and the country of motion of the contract of the contr

### XIV. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The legislature in 1839 provided for a State Superintendent of Common Schools and a commissioner of common schools. An act of 1855 established the office of county school commissioner and in 1865 the office of county superintendent of public schools was created. In 1874 the choice of commissioner or superintendent was left to the voters of each school district but there was no difference in powers or duties of the officer elected. The office of county superintendent of public schools as it exists today was established in Cass County by

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<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1838-39, p. 114, sec. 8, p. 124, sec. 3.
2. R.S. 1855, p. 1429, secs. 1 and 2.

<sup>3.</sup> G.S. 1865, p. 267, sec. 48.

<sup>4.</sup> M.L. 1874, Adjourned Session, pp. 155 f., secs. 37 and 41.

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an act of 1909 which repealed all prior inconsistent acts and provided for the election of a superintendent by the voters of the school districts. The county superintendent is elected for terms of 4 years. 2

The county superintendent exercises general supervision over the public schools of the county, except in city, town, or village school districts employing a superintendent who devotes at least half of his time directly to the work of supervision. He visits each school under his jurisdiction at least once a year; examines the classification of pupils, methods of instruction and discipline, and condition of school buildings and grounds; and makes such suggestions to school boards and teachers as he considers advisable. He passes on estimates and enumeration lists, assists district clerks in making their reports, and sees that all warrants have been issued by order of the board.

For school fund loans, property sales and maps, see entries 11-17; for apportionments of school funds and reports, see entries 42-48.

For a complete list of records required to be kept by the superintendent of public schools, see the forthcoming volume entitled, "County Government in Missouri."

All records of the superintendent of public schools are in his office.

#### 242. TEACHERS' TEAM REPORTS TO CLERK, 1927-- 18 f. B. D. Propos MTY SUPERINTENDENT AND DISTRICT

237. DISTRICT CLERKS' ANNUAL REPORT, 1927--. 12 f. b. District clerks' annual reports to county superintendent, showing date of report, school district name and number, clerk's name and address, number and classification of pupils, number of days attendance, school term, teachers employed, school rooms occupied and seating capacity, estimated and assessed valuation of property in district, school tax rate, cash on hand at beginning of year, tuition received and credited to teachers' fund, public funds received by county treasurer, amount paid for teachers' wages, incidentals, buildings and repairs, canceling bonded indebtedness, interest and library, cash on hand at end of year, and signature of district clerk. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.

238. TEACHERS' QUARTERLY REPORTS, 1927--. 5 f. b. Teachers' quarterly reports to county superintendent, showing school district number, name of teacher, date, result of quarterly tests and examinations, grade reports, daily programs, reports on courses and credits, and high school graduation. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14. 1935 -- 90 f. b.

M.L. 1909, pp. 822 f., sec. 1.
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- Reports 239. INSPECTION REPORTS, 1927--. 7 f. b. Copies of county superintendent's annual reports to local boards of his findings upon inspection of their schools, showing name and number of district school, pupil and teacher data, condition of school buildings, equipment, ventilation, sanitation, playgrounds, library, recreation, condition in general, and recommendations. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 13 x 11 x 28.
- 240. HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS' REPORT, 1927--. 12 f. b. Copies of reports to county and State Superintendent of Public Schools by secretary of board of high school districts, showing name of school and district number, pupil, teacher, and financial data in detail, organization of school board for ensuing year, and signature of secretary of board. Arr. num. by school district no. No indox. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.
- 241. TERM REPORTS, 1927--. 10 f. b. Reports of high school superintendents to county superintendent and secretary of school board, showing name and number of district, town and county, enumeration of pupils, enrollment, attendance report of resident and nonresident pupils, length of term, number of eighth grade and high school graduates, date of report, and signature of high school superintendent. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.
- 242. TEACHERS' TERM REPORTS TO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT AND DISTRICT CLERK, 1927--. 13 f. b. Reports of statistical data for rural school districts, showing name, district number, county, attendance, enumeration, length of term, number of eighth grade graduates, kind of certificates, number of teachers having high school units, college hours, number of years experience and total number of teachers employed, average salaries, statement by teachers with signature, and dates submitted. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.
- 243. RURAL SCHOOL SCORE RECORD, 1939--. 1 vol. Record of results as computed from score cards of rural schools, showing the score on results obtained in regards to building, equipment, library, teachers, pupils, health and sanitation, parent-teacher organizations and total score on each subject. Arr. num. by school district no. Indexed alph. by name of subject. Hdw. on ptd. f. 145 pp. Teachers' quarterly reports to county superintestant, showing x 31 x SI

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244. EXAMINATION QUESTIONS FOR PUPILS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1935--. 90 f. b.

Record of final examinations given in elementary schools, showing name and address of pupil, date of examination, school district, township, grades received for each subject taken, name of teacher and whether diploma issued. Arr. chron. by date of examination. Indexed num. by school district no. Hdw. on ptd. f. 10 x 5 x 14.

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245. TEACHERS' EXAMINATION AND CERTIFICATE RECORD, 1907---- 3 vols.

Record of certificates issued to teachers by county superintendent of schools, showing name, address, sex and age of teacher, kind of certificate held, experience, date of examination, number of hours in various subjects, teaching ability, and certificate and school district numbers. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of teacher. Hdw. on ptd. f. 600 pp. 12 x 12 x 2.

#### Miscellaneous

246. GENERAL FILES, 1935--. 170 f. b.

General files of the county superintendent containing reports and correspondence of a miscellaneous nature relating to operation of the schools in Cass County. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

247. INSTITUTE RECORD, 1896--. 1 vol.

County school commissioner's record of proceedings of Teachers'
Institute, showing date and place of meeting, names of teachers,
grade of certificates held, salary, subjects studied, name and number of books read, and average grade. Arr. num. by certificate no.

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immunizations, maternity service, school hygiene, morbidity service, The first agency in Cass County charged with the protection of public health was the county court. This function remained exclusively in the county court until the State Board of Health was established in 1883.2 While the State board has general supervision over public health in Missouri, it cooperates with the counties through the various offices, boards, and agencies created for that purpose. County boards of health were created in 1901. They were composed of the judges of the county court and a reputable physician appointed by them. 3 The act of 1901 was repealed by an act approved May 21, 1919 which provided that each county court appoint a reputable physician to the office of deputy state commissioner of health.4 The act of 1919 was amended in 1923 and each county now has the authority to decide whether or not to appoint a deputy state commissioner of health.5 His term of office is 1 year.6 It is the duty of the deputy state commissioner to enforce locally the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health. To seuse ban diseb , dirid to eith , comen palwode

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<sup>6.</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7.</sup> M.L. 1919, pp. 373 f., sec. 6655a; R.S. 1939, sec. 9747.

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- 248. INDIVIDUAL INDEX, 1938--. 5 f. b.

  Index to cases in which service was rendered by deputy state commissioner of health, showing name, address, age and sex of patient, names of parents, nature of illness, kind of treatment, results, and date filed. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.
  - 249. INDEX TO IMMUNIZATION AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, 1938--. 9 f. b.

Index to ease histories in cases of communicable diseases, showing name, address and sex of patient, type of disease, date of immunization and result, school attended, and name of physician. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

- 250. DAILY REPORTS, 1938--. 8 bundles.

  Copies to county health director's daily report to State Board of Health on services rendered, showing name of physician, nurse or attendant, district number, name and address of patient, nature of service, miles traveled, hours on duty, and homes visited. Arr. chron. by date of visit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 6 x 8 x 4.
- 251. QUARTERLY REPORT OF HEALTH UNIT, 1938--. 9 bundles.

  Duplicates of quarterly reports submitted to county court by deputy state commissioner of health on health conditions and nursing activities in the county, showing date, report number, field visits, immunizations, maternity service, school hygiene, morbidity service, number of contagious diseases, and information on general sanitation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 8 x 11 x 3.
- 252. PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEER'S REPORTS, 1938--. 2 f. d.
  Reports of operations and inspection of sanitation in county giving complete data of activities covering dairy inspection of herds, premises and equipment, tourist camp inspection of buildings, premises, water and sewage disposal, and school inspection reports. Arr. alph. by name of subject. No index. Hdw. and typod on ptd. f.
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- 253. FAMILY FOLDER, 1938--. 4 f. b.

  Reports of medical and nursing service in maternity cases, showing case history and treatment, physical examination, and summary of physician's orders, family roster of husband, wife and children, showing names, date of birth, death and cause of death, economic and social data, information regarding home sanitation, and summary of closed cases. Arr. alph. by name of family. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.
- 254. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1883--. 10 f. b.
  Copies of birth certificates, showing name of child, sex, color, date, and place of birth, name of father, maiden name of mother, and name and address of physician or attendant. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. Typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

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255. HEALTH REPORT CARDS, 1938--. 6 f. b.

Report cards of school children based on the standard code of the

State Board of Health to indicate defects and corrective treatment,
showing name, address, age, sex, color, and school grade of child,
physical description, immunization record, names of physician and
dentist, and number of interviews in behalf of child. Arr. alph. by
name of child. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

256. REPORTS OF CRIPPLED CHILDREN, 1938--. 1 f. b.
Reports on service rendered crippled children, showing name, age, address, and nationality of child, names of parents or guardian, name of physician, clinical data, and progress made in each case. Arralph. by name of child. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

## XVI. SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION

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A constitutional amendment adopted in 1932 authorized the General Assembly to grant or permit the granting of pensions to indigent persons over 70 years of age. 1 An old age assistance board was established in Cass County in 1935 as authorized by a State law which provided for such boards in all counties. 2 The old age assistance boards were abolished in 1937 by the act that created the social security commission. 3 A reduction in the age limit from 70 years to 65 years was authorized by a constitutional amendment adopted in 19384 and became effective January 1, 1940. 5 The county social security commission is composed of four members, not more than two of whom may belong to the same political party. They are selected by the State Social Security Commission from a list furnished by the county court. They serve 4-year terms and no elective county officer is eligible for appointment. The duties of the county commission are advisory in nature. 6

For a complete list of records required to be kept by the social security commission, see the forthcoming volume entitled, "County Government in Missouri."

For welfare applications to the county court, see entries 34-37.

257. ACTIVE CASE HISTORIES, 1935--. 9 f. b.
Original papers relating to applications for relief, including:

a. Aid to dependent children, showing name, address, age, and sex of applicant, marital status of child's parents, reason child deprived of support, other public aid, if any, date of application, case number, date case approved or rejected,

serve until the election of a successor. I Am act of 1865 made the

Security Commission.

<sup>1.</sup> Const. 1875, art. IV, sec. 47, amended 1932.

<sup>2.</sup> M.L. 1935, p. 309, sec. 3,

<sup>3.</sup> M.L. 1937, pp. 467-478, secs. 1-26.

<sup>4.</sup> Const. 1875, art. IV, sec. 47, amended 1938.

<sup>5.</sup> M.L. 1939, p. 735, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 9407.

<sup>6.</sup> M.L. 1937, pp. 472 f., sec. 9; R.S. 1939, sec. 9404.

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if approved monthly amount granted, date payment to start. signature of investigator, and date investigation completed. b. General relief, showing name, address, age, sex, race, and marital status of applicant, length of residence in town, county, and state, date of application, number in family, employment and financial data, visitor's report, case number. identification number, and disposition of case.

c. Old age assistance, showing name, address, sex, date and place of birth, race, marital, financial, and citizenship status of applicant, case number, date of application, date approved, closed, or rejected, if approved amount of monthly payment, date when payment will start, signature of investigator, and date investigation completed.

Arr. alph. by name of case. For index, see entry 258. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 11 x 13 x 26. Office, Social Security Commission.

- 258. INDEX TO ACTIVE CASE HISTORIES, 1935--. 2 f. d. Index to Active Case Histories, entry 257, showing name of applicant, case number, date registered, and type of relief. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 12 x 5 x 25. Office, Social Security Commission.
- 259. INACTIVE CASES (A.D.C. O.A.A.), 1935--. 3 f. d. Household statistical cards in cases of aid to dependent children and old age assistance which has been closed, showing name and address of applicant, name of other persons in household, relationship, agency, present living arrangement, date of birth, sex, dates of grant, case number, date of application, marital status, amount of assistance, commodities issued, and final disposition of case. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 12 x 11 x 24. Office, Social Security Commission.
- 260. INACTIVE CASES (General Relief), 1935--. 8 f. d. Papers relating to applications and grants of relief in cases that have been closed, each case assembled in a separate folder, including statistical data card, copy of certification slip for work, chronological case history, general correspondence, and final disposition. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 14 x 11 x 29. Office, Social Security Commission.
- 261. ADJACENT WELFARE CASES, 1935--. 1 f. d. Correspondence and reports on welfare cases adjacent to Cass County, each case assembled in a separate folder, showing name and address of applicant, nature of aid requested, household information, results of investigation, and disposition of case. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Typed on ptd. f. 14 x 11 x 29. Office, Social Security Commission. 2. M.L. 1935, p. 509, sec. 3.

## XVII. SURVEYOR

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Mail. 1959, p. 785, sec.

The laws of 1825 provided for the appointment of a surveyor to serve until the election of a successor. 1 An act of 1865 made the

<sup>1.</sup> R.S. 1825, p. 758, sec. 1; R.S. 1835, p. 597, sec. 1.

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The county surveyor must execute all orders directed to him by courts of record for surveying and resurveying any tract of land the title to which is in dispute, and all orders of survey for the partition of real estate. When called upon by any person to make a survey, the surveyor is required to do so provided he is not executing previous orders of survey. 7 contract price, specifications, names of bondsmen, and

For a complete list of records required to be kept by the surveyor, see the forthcoming volume entitled, "County Government in Missouri."

262. FIELD NOTES, 1860. 1 vol. Copies of government field notes and plats of Illinois and Missouri prepared by the Surveyor-General, showing water courses, timber belts, prairies, general topographical sketch, standard lines and variations, description of exterior, sections and quartersections, location and description of cornerstone, kind of stone, and location of range and base lines from principal meridian. Arr. num. by township and range nos. No index. Drawn and hdw. on ptd. f. 100 pp. 21 x 16 x 1.

263. (SURVEYOR'S RECORDS), 1869--. 8 vols. (B, D, H-J, three vols. unlabeled).

Field notes, plats and descriptions of towns and additions thereto in Cass County, showing name of town, addition or subdivision, description of each lot, streets by number, signature of surveyor, description of land dedicated for public use, owner's name, purpose conveyed to county, date and time conveyance filed. Arr. num. by range, township and section nos. Indexed alph. by name of landowner. Hdw. 250 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. Surveyor's office. YAWROLH .XIX

264. RECORD OF SURVEYS, 1893--. 3 vols. (I, H, one vol. unlabeled).

Record of private and public surveys, showing number and date of survey, description and location, for whom made, points established,

<sup>1.</sup> G.S. 1865, p. 97, sec. 13; R.S. 1939, sec. 11001.

<sup>2.</sup> M.L. 1877, pp. 394 f., sec. 4. 1 200 . 1 200 . 1 200 . 1 200 . 1 200 . 2 200 . 1 200 . 2 20

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<sup>4.</sup> Ibid., sec. 6; R.S. 1939, sec. 8660.

5. Dwight H. Brown, op. cit., p. 186.

<sup>6.</sup> R.S. 1835; p. 597, sec. 4; R.S. 1939, sec. 13190. 7. R.S. 1835, pp. 597 f., secs. 2, 5 and 6; R.S. 1939, secs. 13198, 13199 and 13202-13204. 7. Dwight H. Brown, op. cit., p. 186.

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boundaries, name of chainmen and marksmen, date, and signature of surveyor. Arr. num. by survey no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Surveyor's office.

265. ROAD PLAT BOOK, (undated). 1 vol. Plat book of townships in Cass County, showing name of township, section lines, farm or lot lines, roads, railroads, creeks or springs, houses, post offices, churches, and schools. Arr. alph. by name of township. No index. Drawn on ptd. f. 250 pp. 21 x 20 x 2. Surveyor's The county surveyor such execute all orders directed to him. 90170

266. SURVEYOR'S BRIDGE RECORD, 1890--. 2 vols. Record of bridge construction and repairs, showing number, name and location of bridge, date of survey and estimates on cost, commissioners' reports, county court's order for contract, names of contractors, bids, contract price, specifications, names of bondsmen, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of contract, and thereunder num. by bridge no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 240 pp. 17 x 17 x 2. Surveyor's office.

## XVIII. HIGHWAY COMMISSION

In 1913 the legislature authorized the creation of a county highway board of three members for the purpose of providing a system of dragged roads linking the various county seats in the state. 1 This board was abolished in 1927 by an act which created the county highway commission. The commission is composed of four members not more than two of whom may be from the same county court district or affiliated with the same political party. They are appointed by the county court for 4-year terms. 2 The county commission may locate, construct, and maintain a system of county highways not exceeding 100 miles. These roads must connect all parts of the county with state highways and the location of county highways must be approved by the State Highway Commission. The county commission makes a detailed annual report to the county court and the State Highway Commission.4 date and time convergee filled. Arr.

### XIX. HIGHWAY ENGINEER

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The office of county highway engineer was created by a legislative enactment of 1907.5 The same act authorized the county court to appoint the surveyor to the office of highway engineer if he were qualified.6 The surveyor holds both offices in Cass County.7 Since 1919, the highway engineer has served for the length of time deemed

<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1913, pp. 665 f., secs. 1 and 4.

<sup>2.</sup> M.L. 1927, p. 422, secs. 1 and 2.

<sup>3.</sup> Ibid., pp. 422 f., secs. 3 and 4; R.S. 1939, secs. 8504 and 8505.

<sup>4.</sup> M.L. 1927, p. 424, sec. 10; R.S. 1939, sec. 8511.

<sup>5.</sup> M.L. 1907, p. 401, sec. 1.

Ibid., p. 402, sec. 6; R.S. 1939, sec. 8660.

<sup>7.</sup> Dwight H. Brown, op. cit., p. 186.

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advisable by the county court. 1 The highway engineer is custodian of all tools, machinery, and materials belonging to the road districts of the county. He supervises construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, and culverts and inspects them as often as practicable. 2 At each term of the county court he files a detailed statement on road conditions and funds available for each road district. He makes an annual report to the State Highway Engineer.3

For a complete list of records required to be kept by the highway engineer, see the forthcoming volume entitled, "County Government in Missouri."

For road and bridge records of the county court, see entries 18-20.

267. COUNTY ENGINEER'S LABOR RECORD, 1925--. 2 vols. (1925, 1937).
Record of labor used in the construction and maintenance of bridges,

showing ledger number, date, name of bridge, account charged to, names of workmen, number of hours employed, rate per hour, total amount due, number of meals received on project, names of persons furnishing meals, and total amount of labor charged against bridge. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 330 pp. 16 x 12 x 3.

### XX. FARM BUREAU

The General Assembly authorized the establishment of county farm bureaus in 1919 in conformity with the Smith-Lever Act of Congress.4 The bureau is composed of not less than 250 bona fide farmers, farm women, or tenants desirous of cooperating with the College of Agriculture of the State University. It must have an annual membership fee of not less than 50 cents a member. The constitution and by-laws must be formally adopted and the officers elected and installed.5 Farm bureau agents conduct such educational activities as are specifically authorized by state and federal legislation.6 At the end of each month the secretary submits to the county court a requisition for funds and a certified statement of expenditures. 7 He makes a detailed annual report to the county court summarizing the work undertaken and the results accomplished.8

<sup>1.</sup> M.L. 1919, p. 636, sec. 1; R.S. 1939, sec. 8655.

<sup>2.</sup> M.L. 1907, p. 402, secs. 7-9; R.S. 1939, secs. 8661-8663.

<sup>3.</sup> M.L. 1909, pp. 758 f., secs. 11-14; R.S. 1939, secs. 8664-8667.

<sup>4. 7</sup> U.S.C.A. 128 f.; M.L. 1919, p. 112, sec. 1, amended M.L. 1923, p. 136, sec. 12135; R.S. 1939, sec. 14280.

<sup>5.</sup> M.L. 1919, p. 112, sec. 2, amended M.L. 1923, p. 136, sec. 12135; R.S. 1939, sec. 14281. trages disident

<sup>6. 38</sup> U.S. Stat. 372 f.; M.L. 1919, p. 113, sec. 4; R.S. 1939, sec. 14283.

<sup>7.</sup> M.L. 1919; p. 113; sec. 5; R.S. 1939, sec. 14284.

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