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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Tennessee is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Cheatham County, is number 11 of the Tennessee series.

The Historical Records Survey Program was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment to needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political, economic, and social history. Up to the present time, the Survey Program has issued approximately 1,300 publications throughout the country. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by the officials of the county, and also the needs of lawyers, businessmen and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

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

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

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

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PREFACE

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

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

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

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

Preface

The original field inventory in Cheatham County was completed by workers of the Federal Historical Records Survey in Tennessee in February 1939. The inventory was rechecked in the fall of 1940. The archives listed in this book are those available on October 10, 1940.

The field inventory in Cheatham County was made by James B. Hallums and rechecked by Ballard O. Donnell under the supervision of Mary Alice Burke. The record entries were prepared under the supervision of Vylva Holland; the legal sections, Henry Hight; the historical sketch and alphabetical index, Ruth Winton, assisted by Ruth Foster; the housing and care essay, floor plans, and chart, Charles G. Kimbrough and William H. Etter; the typing and stencil cutting were done by Gladys Brane, Lois B. Winters, Patsy R. Floyd, and Helen P. Allen. The draft was reviewed and approved for publication by Robert Cassell.

The Tennessee Survey gratefully acknowledges the help and cooperation of all the officials of Cheatham County under whose administrations the inventory and recheck were conducted, and without whose assistance this inventory would never have been made. Particularly helpful were County Judge J. M. Smith, County Court Clerk J. W. Caughron, Clerk and Master W. B. Adkisson, and Register T. A. Turner.

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

The Inventory of the County Archives of Tennessee will, when completed, consist of a set of 95 volumes with a separate number for each county in the State. The number assigned this Inventory, 11, merely indicates the alphabetical position of Cheatham among the counties of the State. The publications of the Historical Records Survey Projects in all states are limited in number and consequently are placed in designated centrally located depositories. Inquiries requesting the location of the nearest depository should be addressed to the State Supervisors or to the Division of Community Service Programs, Work Projects Administration, Washington, D. C., for the attention of the Director of the Historical Records Survey Program.

Madison Bratton, State Supervisor
The Tennessee Historical Records Survey

Nashville
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ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Abbreviations

A.A.A.	Agricultural Adjustment Administration
Acts	Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
alph.	alphabetical or alphabetically
arr.	arranged or arrangement
art.	article
aver.	average
bdl.	bundle(s)
bldg.	building
C	Code of (See "Bibliography" for full titles of codes and compilations)
CBS	Baldwin's Code Supplement of (See "Bibliography" for full titles of codes and compilations)
ch., chs.	chapter, chapters
chron.	chronological or chronologically
cir. ct. clk.	circuit court clerk
CMS	Michie's Code Supplement of (See "Bibliography" for full titles of codes and compilations)
co.	company or county
co. agt.	county agent
co. ct. clk.	county court clerk
Const.	Constitution
CS	Code Supplement of (See "Bibliography" for full titles of codes and compilations)
ed., eds.	editor, editors
est.	estimate
et al.	et alii (and others)
etc.	et cetera (and so forth)
ex.	extra
ex. rel.	ex relatione (by or on the relation, or information (of))
f. b.	file box
f. d.	file drawer
ff.	and pages following
fm.	form
fn.	footnote
ft.	foot or feet
hdw.	handwritten
ibid.	ibidem (in the same place)
i.e.	id est (that is)
in.	inch or inches
j. p.	justice(s) of the peace
L.N.C.	Laws of North Carolina of
mi.	mile or miles
mimeo.	mimeograph or mimeographed
no.	number, numbered, or numbering
nos.	numbers

Abbreviations, Symbols, and Explanatory Notes

num.	numerical or numerically
op. cit.	opere citato (in the work cited)
p., pp.	page, pages
P.A.	Public Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
p. h.	pigeon hole(s)
pr.	printed
Pr.A.	Private Acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee of
pt.	part
R. F. D.	rural free delivery
rm.	room
R. R.	railroad
sec., secs.	section, sections
ses.	session
st.	street
subsec., subsecs.	subsection, subsections
v	versus (against)
vol., vols.	volume, volumes
WPA	Work Projects Administration
yr., yrs.	year, years

Symbols

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

Explanatory Notes

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

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

Abbreviations, Symbols, and Explanatory Notes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Unless otherwise indicated, the record is in good condition.

Title-line cross references are used to show the continuity of a record which has been kept as a separate series for a period of time and with other records for other periods; for example, in entry 9: "1856-99 in Quarterly Court (Original Papers), entry 1." They are also used in artificial entries set up to describe, in one entry, the component parts of a series when the record is never kept separately but is found in two or more records of other content, such as entry 8; or to show records under their proper office which have been kept in files or records listed elsewhere

in the inventory, as, for example, the title-line cross reference in entry 8: "In Quarterly Court (Original Papers), entry 1; also 1910-- in Revenue Receipts, entry 88." In both cases, the description of the master entry gives a descriptive title and the entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made, as, for example, in entry 1: "Also contains: Bonds of county officials, entry 8". Dates shown in the master entry are only for the part or parts of the record contained therein, and are shown only when they vary from dates of the master entry.

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

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

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

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

The user's attention is directed particularly to the third paragraph of the Preface in which a forthcoming key volume on the evolution and structural development of county government of Tennessee is indicated, and in which the office and governmental organization essays, appearing in this Inventory, are dealt with. Only so much information is included in the essays as to show to what extent local legislation has altered the pattern of the general law, i.e., the structure of county government in Tennessee as contemplated by the Constitution, the Public Acts, and the Official Codes of 1858 and 1932, and, also, only so much information on the general law as is necessary to identify and state the facts of existence of the several offices, agencies, and departments of the county organization.

Abbreviations, Symbols, and
Explanatory Notes

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

Ibid. meaning "in the same place" is used to duplicate the last single source cited and takes the place of all the preceding citation or as much of it as is identical in two or more consecutive references.

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

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

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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Cheatham County, situated on the Highland Rim in Middle Tennessee, is drained by the Cumberland and Harpeth Rivers. The eighty-third county created[1] and one of the smallest, its 314 square miles[2] give it rank as sixty-ninth among the State's 95 counties in area.[3] The altitude varies from 380 to 550 feet,[4] and the mean annual rainfall is 48 inches.[5] Extending north and south, its length approximating three times its width, the county was created from parts of Davidson, Robertson, Montgomery, and Dickson Counties on February 28, 1856.[6]

The original boundary line fixed in the creating act was to begin 11 miles north of the mouth of Harpeth River on the Robertson-Montgomery line, then run west and south, crossing the stage road from Nashville to Clarksville and the Cumberland River, up the river to the mouth of Barton's Creek and up the creek to the mouth of Barren Fork of the creek,[7] up the east fork of Barton's Creek 1 mile, then south so as not to approach Clarksville nearer than 12 miles, and 4 miles south to the Dickson line near the mouth of Mann's Creek, but not closer than 12 miles to Charlotte.[8] From this point, the line was to run south 9 miles with the Davidson County line to the Charlotte pike and east with the pike ten and a half miles, north striking the lower point of Green's Island and then intersecting the original line of Cumberland County; turning north, the line was to cross Big Marrowbone Creek, run west across the stage road from Nashville to Clarksville, and the road by the bluff on Sycamore Creek, down the creek to the mouth of Hollis' Mill Creek, up that creek to the mouth of Jackson's Branch, and up the branch to the mouth of Edward Smith Church's spring branch, west to the Springfield road and east to the beginning point.[9] The county is now delimited on its entire eastern boundary by Davidson County,[10] on the northeast by Robertson County,[11] on the northwest by Montgomery County,[12]

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1. C. E. Allred et. al., Tennessee, Economic and Social, pt. ii, The Counties, p. 6.
2. Tennessee Blue Book, 1940, p. 195.
3. Allred, op. cit., p. 20.
4. Ibid., p. 13.
5. Ibid., p. 19.
6. Acts 1855-56, ch. 122; McMillan v. Hannah, 22 Pickle, 690.
7. Acts 1855-56, ch. 122, sec. 1.
8. Ibid., sec. 26.
9. Ibid., secs. 1, 26.
10. Acts 1855-56, ch. 122, secs. 1, 26; P.A. 1869-70, 1st ses., ch. 32, sec. 4; Acts 1877, ch. 110, sec. 1; Acts 1879, ch. 137, sec. 11; Acts 1907, ch. 387.
11. Acts 1855-56, ch. 122, secs. 1, 26; Acts 1881, ch. 60, sec. 1; Acts 1885, ch. 144, sec. 1.
12. Acts 1855-56, ch. 122, secs. 1, 26; Pr.A. 1859-60, ch. 100, sec. 3; P.A. 1867-68, ch. 82, sec. 6; P.A. 1868-69, 2nd ses., ch. 21, sec. 1; Acts 1877, ch. 61, sec. 1; Acts 1881, ch. 60, sec. 1; Acts 1883, ch. 53, sec. 1; Acts 1887, ch. 75; Acts 1887, ch. 116.

on the west by Dickson County,[13] and on the south by Williamson County.[14]

Attempts were made as early as 1837 to establish Cumberland County, comprising approximately the same territory as present Cheatham County.[15] Petitions to the General Assembly in 1837 signed by citizens of Montgomery, Dickson, Humphreys, and Stewart Counties[16] urged that a new county be organized since the petitioners lived a distance of 15 to 25 miles from their county court, many having to cross the Cumberland River to attend the court.[17] A referendum in the parts of Davidson, Robertson, Montgomery, and Dickson Counties to be taken in the formation of Cumberland County was ordered to be held in January 1838,[18] but the vote was evidently insufficient for establishment of the new county.[19]

In September 1843, the General Assembly was again petitioned by citizens of Dickson, Montgomery, Robertson and Davidson Counties, "that has heretofore been stricken off the county" to form a new county.[20] As a consequence, the General Assembly attempted anew in 1844 to establish Cumberland County in the same region.[21] Provision was made for the county court of Cumberland County to be held at the house of Littleton J. Perdue until the seat of justice was located and a suitable house erected.[22] Samuel B. Davidson of Davidson County, James Darden and Henry Frey of Robertson County, Pleasant Bagwell of Montgomery County, and Benjamin C. Robertson of Dickson County were appointed commissioners to select the site of the county seat.[23] An election of approval by the citizens of the

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13. Acts 1855-56, ch. 122, secs. 1, 26; P.A. 1867-68, ch. 82, sec. 7; Acts 1873, ch. 69, sec. 2; Acts 1877, ch. 60; Acts 1879, ch. 13, sec. 1; Acts 1881, ch. 143, secs. 1, 2; McMillan v. Hannah, 22 Pickle, 689; Acts 1887, ch. 105; Acts 1891, ch. 251, sec. 1; Acts 1893, ch. 119, sec. 1; Cheatham Co. v. Dickson Co., 39 Southwestern Reporter, 734; P.A. 1915, ch. 526.
14. P.A. 1869-70, 1st ses., ch. 88, sec. 7.
15. Acts 1837-38, ch. 8, secs. 1, 18-20.
16. One petition was signed by 30 citizens and the other by 42 citizens from Montgomery, Dickson, Humphreys, and Stewart Counties.(Tennessee State Archives, Memorial Building, Secretary of State's Office, Box 102).
17. Ibid.
18. Acts 1837-38, ch. 8, sec. 18.
19. Another election was ordered for the following March in Davidson and Dickson Counties on the question of establishing Cumberland County. (Ibid., ch. 124, sec. 2) and this vote was also apparently insufficient.
20. Tennessee State Archives, Memorial Building, Secretary of State's Office, Box 92. There were 48 signers of the petition from "Dixon" County, 207 from Montgomery County, 195 from Robertson County, and 92 from Davidson County.
21. Acts 1843-44, ch. 59. The act is misdated 1843.
22. Ibid., sec. 2.
23. Ibid., sec. 5

sections to be cut off was ordered for January 1844,[24] and the vote again was evidently insufficient to establish the county.

The movement to establish the new county finally succeeded on the third attempt, when an affirmative vote in April 1856 assured the organization of the territory formerly designated as Cumberland County into Cheatham County.[25] The county was evidently named for Edward S. Cheatham, State Senator from Robertson, Dickson, and Montgomery counties and Speaker of the Senate at the time Cheatham County was created.[26] Frey, Bagwell, and Robertson, designated by the 1844 act[27] Wiley Woodward of Robertson County and B. F. Binkley of Davidson County were appointed commissioners to choose a site for the county seat within 3 miles of the center of the county.[28] They were to purchase 50 acres of land and convey it to 5 commissioners to be appointed by the county court to lay off the town, with a reservation of at least 3 acres for a public square and a lot sufficient for the jail. The town was to be named by the commissioners.[29]

After examining several sites, the commissioners selected 50 acres belonging to James Lenox on the north side of the Cumberland River which was purchased for $1,713.[30] The county seat was named Ashland from the trees which predominated in nearby forests.[31] The name was changed to Ashland City on April 5, 1858,[32] and it was incorporated in 1858.[33]

The first county court met at Sycamore Mills on May 5, 1856, with B. F. Binkley, A. J. Bright, W. Crocket, W. L. Gower, R. T. Gupton, E. L. Hooper, Jess Hooper, J. N. Lee, J. S. Major, J. Perdue, R. H. Weakley, and W. W. Williams qualifying as justices of the peace.[34] W. L. Gower was appointed chairman and F. A. Harris elected county court clerk

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24. Acts 1843-44, ch. 59, secs. 1, 18.
25. Acts 1855-56, ch. 122.
26. Ibid.; Tennessee Blue Book, 1940, p. 179. Some writers, however, assert the county was named for Nathaniel Cheatham, and at least one writer says that he was Speaker of the Senate at the time.(Austin P. Foster, Counties of Tennessee, p. 49) Others contend that the county was named for Benjamin F. Cheatham a distinguished soldier in the Mexican War and later a general in the Confederate Army.(Tennessee Blue Book, 1940, pp. 179, 180).
27. Acts 1843-44, ch. 59, sec. 5.
28. Acts 1855-56, ch. 122, sec. 5.
29. Ibid., secs. 5, 6.
30. Minute Book, vol. A, June 2, 1856, pp. 15, 16, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
31. Cheatham County Scrapbook in Tennessee State Library.
32. Minute Book, vol. A, p. 144, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
33. Acts 1859-60, ch. 18, sec. 18.
34. Minute Book, vol. A, May 5, 1856, p. 1, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.

pro tempore. William Gatewood was appointed sheriff pro tempore[35] to hold the election for county officials on May 15.[36] Samuel Watson, M. G. Shelton, R. T. Gupton, E. G. Hudgens, and Joseph Hudson were appointed commissioners by the quarterly court to lay off the county seat.[37]

The county officials elected on May 15, 1856, were Samuel Watson, county judge; W. W. Williams, county court clerk; George W. Harris, register; F. S. Evans, trustee; and E. G. Murphey, sheriff.[38] G. W. McQuary was later elected surveyor by the court.[39] After holding two sessions of the county court at Sycamore Mills on May 5 and June 2, 1856,[40] the court met at Forest Hill, a short distance south of Ashland City between July 7, 1856, and October 5, 1857.[41] The seventh session of the court on November 2, 1857,[42] marked the first time it met at Ashland City, where all subsequent sessions have been held.

The quarterly court ordered the commissioners appointed to lay off the county seat to procure plans and determine the cost of building a courthouse and jail at Ashland City.[43] The court appropriated $2,000 for erection of the courthouse in 1857, the total cost not to exceed $6,000.[44] The county was to be reimbursed from the sale of town lots in Ashland City.[45] A two-story frame building was erected in 1858 on the corner of Main and Cumberland Streets and used as a courthouse until 1869[46] when it was sold by the county to Mrs. E. M. Hooper for $1,926.[47] A brick courthouse was completed in 1869 at a cost of $12,000.[48] In 1915, a bond issue

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35. Minute Book, vol. A, May 5, 1856, p. 1, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
36. Acts 1855-56, ch. 122, sec. 3.
37. Minute Book, vol. A, May 5, 1856, p. 3, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
38. Minute Book, vol. A, June 2, 1856, pp. 4-8, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
39. Record Book, vol. A, June 9, 1856, p. 1, entry 112 in this Inventory.
40. Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 1, 4, 18, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
41. Ibid., pp. 21, 35, 46, 99.
42. Ibid., p. 109.
43. Minute Book, vol. A, July 7, Oct. 6, 1856, pp. 33, 51, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
44. Minute Book, vol. A, Jan. 5, 1857, pp. 67, 68, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
45. Ibid.
46. Ibid.; Minute Book, vol. A, April 7, 1857, p. 74; Minute Book, vol. C, July 6, 1868, p. 9, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
47. Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, with Sketches of Montgomery, Robertson, Humphreys, Stewart, Dickson, Cheatham, and Houston Counties, p. 954, hereinafter cited as Goodspeed's History of Tennessee. The building was later used as the "Central Hotel."
48. Minute Book, vol. C, August 17, 1868, p. 18, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.

of $25,000 was authorized by the legislature to enable the courthouse committee to proceed with rebuilding, repairing, and refitting of the courthouse.[49]

Soon after the organization of the county, a small substantial log jail was erected. A brick jail replacing it was completed in the eighteen eighties for $2,114.70.[50] It burned in 1935,[51] a fire breaking out in a restaurant on Main Street and wiping out the north section of the public square, with the destruction of 12 buildings, at a loss estimated between $35,000 and $39,000, including the jail valued at $2,000, and the jail dwelling valued at $3,500.[52] A bond issue of $10,000 was authorized in 1935 to provide funds for constructing a jail and jailer's residence and equipping the jail.[53]

In 1780, three quarters of a century prior to the establishment of Cheatham County, the first settlement in the region was made on Sycamore Creek[54] by Adam Binkley, his wife, and six sons near Sycamore Mills. Two of Binkley's sons, Christopher and James, were the first born in this section.[55] Other early settlers included Benjamin Darrow who located near Sycamore Mills, and John Hyde and Howard Alley who settled near Pleasant View about 1790.[56] In 1796 Robert Heaton and Braxton Lee settled at present Ashland City. At about the same time, a blockhouse was erected at Half Pone for the protection of the settlers against the Indians.[57]

A tract of land along the Cumberland river, comprising 3,840 acres, was granted one Joseph Turner of North Carolina for Revolutionary service and purchased by James Wilson in 1800. Marvel Lowe and his family settled 3 miles north of Sycamore Mills, and Thomas Williams, Asa Bryant, David and Daniel Mosie settled near Sycamore Mills about the same time. In 1807, Peter Woodson and his family settled on a large tract of land near the present site of Pleasant View. About 1808, Abner Gupton settled in what is known as the Gupton community. James Mallow and his family settled near Thomasville and Michael Hale settled on Sam's Creek. In 1810, William Lenox, father of James Lenox, from whom the site of Ashland City was purchased, settled on Sycamore Creek near the site the powder mills were later built.[58]

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49. Pr.A. 1915, ch. 153; Minute Book, vol. J, April 5, 1915, p. 143, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
50. Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, p. 954.
51. Nashville Tennessean, March 24, 1935.
52. Ibid.
53. Pr.A. 1935, 1st ex. ses., ch. 56
54. Allred, op. cit., p. 6.
55. Cheatham County Scrapbook in Tennessee State Library.
56. Allred, op. cit., p. 9.
57. John Trotwood Moore and Austin P. Foster, Tennessee, The Volunteer State, 1769-1923, I, 843.
58. Cheatham County Scrapbook in Tennessee State Library.

The Baptists and Methodists were pioneers in church work; the pioneer ministers came into the region with the early settlers. Early campgrounds were established at Mallory's, Hickory Point, Shaw's and Forest Hill. In 1820 a union church was established at Forest Hill and used as such until after the Civil War.[59] A Free Will Baptist Church was established near Sycamore Mills in 1820. In 1859, the Methodists withdrew from the Forest Hill Church and, with the Masons, built the first church in Ashland City. A Christian Church was founded in Ashland City in 1878.[60]

Cheatham County had its share of early schools. Millwood Institute located near Sycamore Mills was organized about 1852.[61] Joseph Rains, later a Confederate officer,[62] was head of the institution before the Civil War;[63] after the war, Prof. James Brewer taught about 1 year and the doors of the institution were then closed.[64] To Prof. A. S. Link, who founded Ashland Institute at Ashland City in 1880, is due much credit for the interest taken in education.[65] Prof. Link established the Link School at Thomasville in 1902. In 1884, Pleasant View School was opened by Prof. W. I. Harper.[66]

The first newspaper in the county was The Cheatham County Plain Dealer which made its initial appearance in November 1877,[67] and suspended in 1879. It was succeeded in 1882 by The New Era, published by the New Era Publishing Company, and issued only a few months before it was discontinued.[68] The Reporter, a six-column weekly newspaper, was established in 1883.[69] The Ashland City Times is now published weekly.

As the Civil War approached, the secession element gained strength throughout Middle Tennessee. In the June referendum on secession, Cheatham County voted heavily for such action, with 702 in favor of separation, and 55 opposed.[70] Before this vote was taken, the county court on June 3, 1861, under authority of an act of the General Assembly[71] had appointed a home

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59. Cheatham County Scrapbook in Tennessee State Library.
60. Ibid.
61. Ibid.
62. Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, p. 971.
63. Cheatham County Scrapbook in Tennessee State Library.
64. Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, p. 971.
65. Moore and Foster, op. cit., I, 843. English, Latin, Greek, higher mathematics, and the sciences were taught in the institute.(Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, p. 972).
66. Moore and Foster, op. cit., p. 843.
67. Cheatham County Scrapbook in Tennessee State Library.
68. Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, p. 965.
69. Ibid.; Cheatham County Scrapbook in Tennessee State Library.
70. Nashville Union and American, June 27, 1861. Cheatham County's vote on the calling of a State convention in the referendum of the preceding February is not recorded.(Ibid., March 3, 1861).
71. Acts 1861, ch. 1.

guard for Cheatham County in each of the 12 districts, with W. W. Felts as commander.[72] W. W. Stuart was later elected commander of the militia.[73] The court also levied a tax of 3 cents on each hundred dollars worth of property for the benefit of the families of volunteers in the service of the Confederacy.[74] At the July term of court, John S. Major, W. G. Shelton, and James Lenox were appointed commissioners to employ gunsmiths to repair all guns in the county at the expense of the county.[75] In August, the militia was organized into the 160th Regiment and divided into battalions and companies according to the civil districts of the county.[76]

In the various skirmishes which ensued, two companies of the Eighteenth Tennessee Infantry including Lowe's, composed of Cheatham County troops, were engaged in the Battle of Dover.[77] Many of the troops from Cheatham County were captured at the fall of Fort Donelson and imprisoned in Illinois. They were later exchanged and reorganized into various companies.[78]

Cheatham County today is primarily an agricultural county. In 1860, there were 38,758 acres of improved farm land and 110,855 acres of unimproved farm land[79] compared with 143,093 acres of farm land in 1900, of which 60,842 acres were improved,[80] and 62,539 acres of improved land out of 200,960 acres in 1935.[81] The cash value of the farms in 1860 was $1,587,451[82] while the value of farms in 1930 including land and buildings was $4,151,448.[83] Tobacco, corn, and wheat are staple products. In 1860, there were 386,178 pounds of tobacco, 349,792 bushels of corn, 13,386 bushels of wheat, 18,204 bushels of sweet potatoes, 9,916 bushels of Irish potatoes, 9 bales of ginned cotton,[84] and 6,466 pounds of wool produced;

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72. Minute Book, vol. B, p. 167, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
73. Ibid., p. 181.
74. Ibid., p. 171.
75. Ibid., p. 181.
76. Ibid., p. 188.
77. John Berrien Lindsley, ed., Military Annals of Tennessee, p. 361.
78. Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, pp. 960-963.
79. United States Bureau of the Census, Eighth Census of the United States, Agriculture, p. 132.
80. United States Bureau of the Census, Twelfth Census of the United States, Agriculture, V, pt. i, 297.
81. United States Bureau of the Census, United States Census of Agriculture: 1935, I, 595.
82. United States Bureau of the Census, Eighth Census of the United States, Agriculture, p. 132.
83. United States Bureau of the Census, United States Census of Agriculture: 1935, I, 595.
84. The production of cotton in Cheatham County has long been infinitesimal. In 1910, there were only 6 acres in cotton with 5 bales produced, (United States Bureau of the Census, Thirteenth Census of the United States, Agriculture, VII, 600, 601) and in 1925 there were 45 acres in

the value of livestock was $343,012.[85] Livestock has continued to be an important element in farm life, with a value of $361,139 in 1900,[86] which increased to $454,004 by 1930.[87] In 1900, of 1,562 farms,[88] 1,001 reported dairy products.[89] In 1935 there were 1,753 farms consisting of 137,851 acres, 68.6 percent of the land in the county. The average size of the farms was 78.6 acres and there were only 118 colored operators compared with 1,635 white farm operators.[90] There were 667 farm operators who were full owners, 249 part owners, 4 managers, and 833 tenants.[91]

Cheatham County is in the heart of the dark-fired tobacco district and largely a one-crop county. It produced 3,995,418 pounds of tobacco from 4,377 acres in 1935.[92] Among other crops, it produced 393,332 bushels of corn,[93] a decrease from 476,230 bushels in 1900,[94] and 46,189 bushels of wheat,[95] an increase over the 44,370 bushels in 1900.[96] The yield of sweet potatoes in 1935 rose to 21,476 bushels and that of Irish potatoes to 15,509 bushels.[97] There were 8,666 acres in hay, in 1935.[98] There were 543 horses, 2,056 mules, 3,850 cattle, 1,072 sheep and 5,980 swine in the county in 1935.[99]

The area of Cheatham County has varied considerably since its creation in 1856. The act creating the county specified there were to be at least

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cotton and 9 bales produced.(United States Bureau of the Census, United States Census of Agriculture: 1925, II, 736, 737).

85. United States Bureau of the Census, Eighth Census of the United States, Agriculture, p. 133.
86. United States Bureau of the Census, Twelfth Census of the United States, Agriculture, V, pt. i, 297.
87. United States Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, Agriculture, II, pt. ii, 951.
88. United States Bureau of the Census, Twelfth Census of the United States, Agriculture, V, pt. i, 297.
89. Ibid., p. 620.
90. United States Bureau of the Census, United States Census of Agriculture: 1935, I, 595.
91. Ibid.
92. United States Bureau of the Census, United States Census of Agriculture: 1935, I, 611.
93. Ibid.
94. United States Bureau of the Census, Twelfth Census of the United States, Agriculture, VI, pt. ii, 183.
95. United States Bureau of the Census, United States Census of Agriculture: 1935, I, 611.
96. United States Bureau of the Census, Twelfth Census of the United States, Agriculture, VI, pt. ii, 183.
97. United States Bureau of the Census, United States Census of Agriculture: 1935, I, 611.
98. Ibid.
99. Ibid., p. 607.

350 square miles in the county,[1] but by 1860 the area was reported as 434.7 square miles.[2] This was reduced to 416.3 in 1870,[3] and further reduced to 370 in 1880,[4] increased to 400 in 1890,[5] and again decreased in 1900 to 347,[6] and further in 1910 to 314,[7] the present area.

The population of the county in 1860 was 5,376 whites and 1,882 slaves;[8] the white population decreased after the Civil War to 5,208 in 1870 and the Negro to 1,470.[9] From 1880 to 1910, the white population increased slightly. In 1880 there were 6,295 whites, 7,316 in 1890, 8,450 in 1900[10] and 8,947 in 1910.[11] The white population decreased in 1920 to 8,912,[12] and further to 8,208 in 1930.[13] The Negro population was relatively stable until 1910 but

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1. Acts 1855-56, ch. 122, sec. 20. In McMillan v. Hannah, 22 Pickle, 691-694, the Supreme Court declared that there were only 310.8 square miles in the county and that this amount was not to be reduced. This case followed a similar declaration in Cheatham County v. Dickson County, 39 Southwestern Reporter, 734, in which the same area was specified by the court. The Constitution also provided that Cheatham was to be a constitutional county even though it had less than the minimum of 500 square miles below which no county was to be reduced. (Const. 1870, art. 10, sec. 4).
2. Tennessee State Planning Commission, Preliminary Population Report, sec. I-A, Table 1, p. 3; Pr.A. 1859-60, ch. 100, sec. 3.
3. Tennessee State Planning Commission, op. cit.; Pr.A. 1867-68, ch. 82, secs. 6, 7; P.A. 1868-69, 2nd ses., ch. 32, sec. 4; P.A. 1869-70, 1st ses., ch. 88, sec. 7; Const. 1870, art. 10, sec. 4.
4. Tennessee State Planning Commission, op. cit., sec. I-A, Table 1, p. 2; Acts 1873, ch. 69, sec. 2; Acts 1877, ch. 60; Acts 1877, ch. 61, sec. 1; Acts 1877, ch. 110, sec. 1; Acts 1879, ch. 13, sec. 1; Acts 1879, ch. 137, sec. 11.
5. Tennessee State Planning Commission, op. cit.; Acts 1881, ch. 60, sec. 1; Acts 1881, ch. 143, secs. 1, 2; Acts 1883, ch. 53, sec. 1; Acts 1885, ch. 144, sec. 1; Acts 1887, chs. 75, 105, 116.
6. Tennessee State Planning Commission, op. cit.; Acts 1891, ch. 251, sec. 1; Acts 1893, ch. 119, sec. 1.
7. Tennessee State Planning Commission, op. cit., sec. I-A, Table 1, p. 1; Acts 1907, ch. 387; Pr.A. 1915, ch. 526.
8. United States Bureau of the Census, Ninth Census of the United States, Population, p. 62.
9. Ibid.
10. United States Bureau of the Census, Twelfth Census of the United States, Population, I, 556.
11. United States Bureau of the Census, Thirteenth Census of the United States, Population, III, 746.
12. United States Bureau of the Census, Fourteenth Census of the United States, Population, II, 1361.
13. United States Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, Population, III, pt. ii, 906.

has declined steadily since that time. In 1880 there were 1,661 negroes,[14] 1,528 in 1890,[15] 1,662 in 1900,[16] and 1,593 in 1910.[17] It decreased greatly to 1,127 in 1920[18] and further to 817 in 1930.[19] The total population in 1940 was 9,928.[20]

Nearly all the population of Cheatham County is of native origin. In 1870, there were only 26 foreign-born persons, 17 of Irish nativity.[21] This group decreased to 16 in 1900,[22] 18 in 1910,[23] and dropped to 1 in 1920.[24] In 1930, there were only 5 persons of foreign origin in the county.[25]

Manufacturing in Cheatham County antedates by many years the organization of the county. Cumberland Furnace, reputedly the earliest furnace in the West, was begun by General James Robertson in February 1793, and sold to Montgomery Bell,[26] in 1810.[27] Located at the narrows of the Harpeth River, near the present Dickson-Cheatham line, the furnace was improved by Bell by tunneling the narrow neck of rock where the Harpeth made an extensive bend enclosing a large peninsula. A powerful current was obtained and power developed to operate several large manufacturing establishments.[28] These works were later abandoned by Bell.[29] The present Cumberland Furnace

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14. United States Bureau of the Census, Twelfth Census of the United States, Population, I, 556.
15. Ibid.
16. Ibid.
17. United States Bureau of the Census, Thirteenth Census of the United States, Population, III, 746.
18. United States Bureau of the Census, Fourteenth Census of the United States, Population, II, 1361.
19. United States Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, Population, III, pt. ii, 906.
20. United States Bureau of the Census, Sixteenth Census of the United States, Population of the State of Tennessee - Final Figures: 1940.
21. United States Bureau of the Census, Ninth Census of the United States, Population, p. 371.
22. United States Bureau of the Census, Twelfth Census of the United States, Population, I, 782.
23. United States Bureau of the Census, Thirteenth Census of the United States, Population, III, 746.
24. United States Bureau of the Census, Fourteenth Census of the United States, Population, II, 1361.
25. United States Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, Population, III, pt. ii, 906.
26. Foster, Counties of Tennessee, p. 55; Nashville Banner, Aug. 27, 1941.
27. Killebrew, Resources of Tennessee, p. 705.
28. Ibid., pp. 705, 706. It is claimed that the cannon balls used by General Andrew Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans in 1815, were cast at the furnace and shipped South in keelboats.(Ibid., p. 705).
29. Ibid., p. 645; Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, p. 921.

was erected northwest of this site in Dickson County, and the production of iron ore was carried on for a number of years.[30]

The largest manufacturing establishment in the county was the Sycamore Manufacturing Company,[31] first known as Sycamore Mills,[32] situated in the valley of Sycamore Creek,[33] 4 miles north of Ashland City. The Mills developed from the multiple interests of Seay and Shepard who erected a dam and mills about 1835 on the creek. They were operating a gristmill, sawmill, flour mill, cotton factory, and the first powder mills,[34] when in 1844 Samuel Watson, later the first county judge, secured an interest in the business.[35] The firm later became Cheatham, Watson and Company. Cotton yarn and domestics were produced until 1858, when the company ceased the manufacture of cotton goods because of the increased price of raw materials. The manufacture of powder was suspended after the fall of Fort Donelson in 1862, and the gristmill was leased to David Nichol, who continued to operate it until the close of the Civil War.[36]

Sycamore Manufacturing Company was incorporated by the General Assembly in 1865, with a capital of $100,000, and authority to increase it to $300,000.[37] About 1868, the company purchased the entire machinery of the Confederate Powder Works at Augusta, Georgia, and moved it to Sycamore Mills.[38] In the following year, Cheatham, Watson and Company conveyed their property to the Sycamore Manufacturing Company.[39] In 1893, E. I. Dupont de Nemours and Company bought the company.[40] The capacity of the powder mills was 400 kegs a day,[41] and it operated until 1904.[42]

Cheatham County's recent history has been highlighted by the so-called "Cabin Fire Murders" in 1938 and the ensuing trial for the crime. Two men were convicted of the murder of four youths and burning of their bodies in a log cabin on Marrowbone Ridge in the eastern portion of the county.[43]

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30. Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, p. 921; Nashville Banner, Aug. 27, 1941.
31. Killebrew, op. cit., p. 643.
32. Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, p. 966.
33. Killebrew, op. cit., p. 643.
34. Ibid.; Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, pp. 966, 967.
35. Ibid., p. 967.
36. Ibid.
37. Acts 1865-66, ch. 22, secs. 8-10.
38. Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, p. 967.
39. Record, vol. B, pp. 795, 796, in Deed Record, entry 99 in this Inventory.
40. Deed Record, vol. I, pp. 390-395, entry 99 in this Inventory.
41. Goodspeed's, History of Tennessee, p. 967.
42. Moore and Foster, op. cit., I, 843.
43. Nashville Banner, Jan. 31, 1938; Nashville Tennessean, Jan. 1, 1939.

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A recent decision by the State has taken advantage of Cheatham County's bountiful natural resources. The Tennessee Department of Conservation has established an 18,000 acre game preserve in the county south of the Cumberland River opposite Ashland City.[44] Known as the Cheatham County Game Farm, the preserve is being stocked with deer and turkeys, later to be transferred to game areas.[45]

Like other Middle Tennessee counties, Cheatham County is heavily Democratic in political affiliations.[46]

The latest available information on education discloses that during the scholastic year 1939-40, there were 40 elementary schools in the county, of which 9 one-teacher schools were for colored children.[47] There were two high schools, one two-year and one four-year, for white pupils, but none for colored pupils.[48]

Ashland City, the county seat, is on the Cumberland River 20 miles northwest of Nashville. It has a population of 957[49] and is the only incorporated town in the county.[50] Other towns are Chapmansboro, Pegram, and Pleasant View.[51]

The county is served by the main line of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad which passes through Kingston Springs and Pegram in the southern part of the county,[52] and parallels U. S. Highway 70 connecting Memphis and Nashville.[53] U. S. Highway 41W running from Hopkinsville to Nashville crosses the northernmost part of the county.[54] The Tennessee Central Railroad passes through Ashland City.[55] State Highway 12 from Nashville to Clarksville also passes through the city, and State Highway 49 connects Charlotte, Ashland City, and Springfield.[56]

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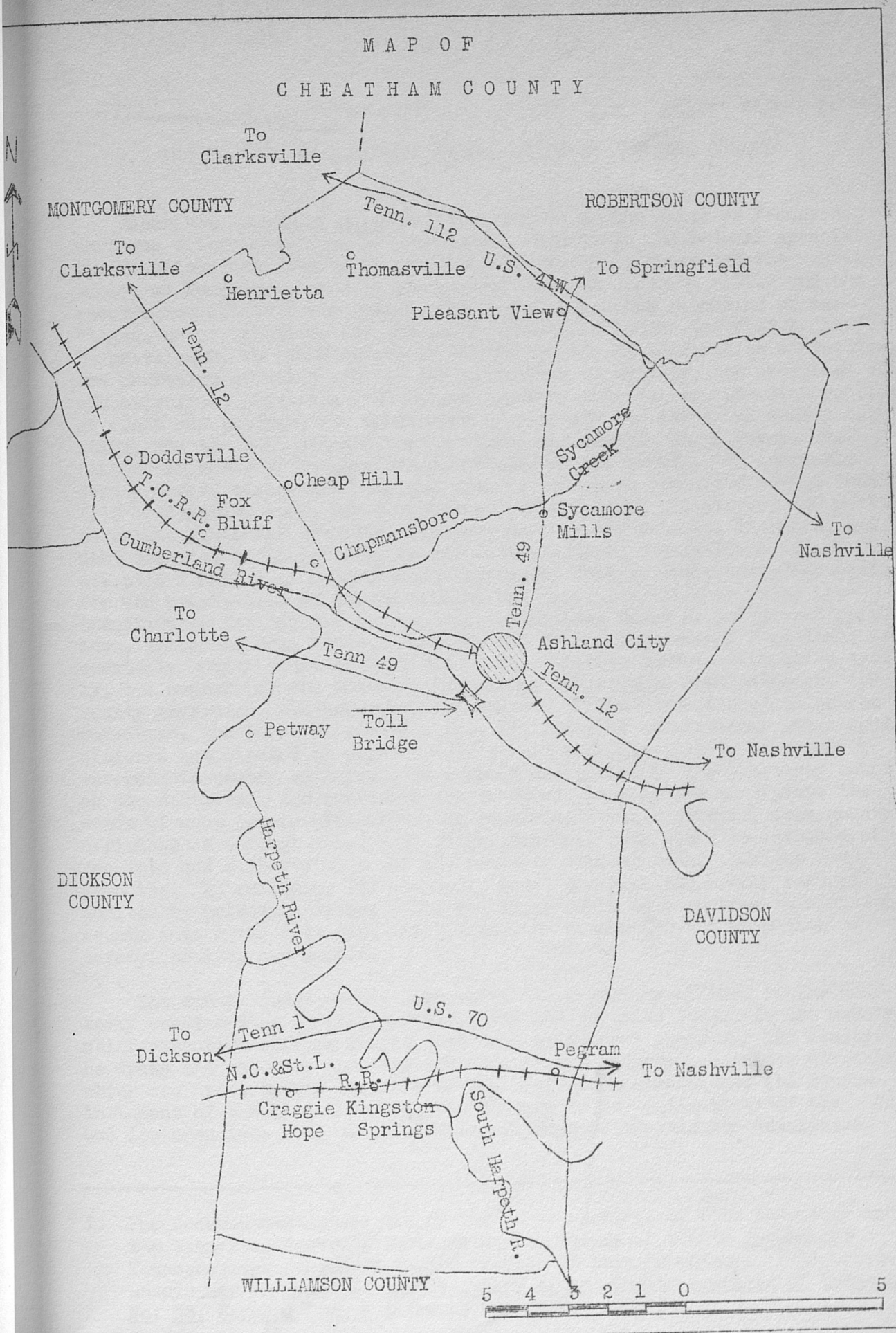
44. Nashville Tennessean, Jan. 29, 1939; Tennessee Department of Conservation, A Report of the Department of Conservation, 1940, pp. 5, 6.
45. Ibid., p. 5.
46. Tennessee Blue Book, 1937-38, p. 167; Nashville Banner, Nov. 6, 1940.
47. Tennessee Department of Education, Annual Report, 1940, p. 106.
48. Ibid., p. 160.
49. United States Bureau of the Census, Sixteenth Census of the United States, Population of the State of Tennessee - Final Figures: 1940.
50. Tennessee State Planning Commission, County and Municipal Officials, 1940, p. 5.
51. Ibid.
52. Rand McNally, Commercial Atlas and Marketing Guide, 1940, p. 368.
53. Ibid., pp. 544, 545.
54. Ibid.
55. Ibid., p. 368.
56. Ibid., pp. 544, 545.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Thomasville
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Pleasant View
Tenn. 12
Sycamore Creek
Doddsville
Cheap Hill
T.C.R.R.
Fox Bluff
Clapmansboro
Sycamore Mills
To Nashville
Cumberland River
Tenn. 49
To Charlotte
Tenn 49
Ashland City
Tenn. 12
Petway
Toll Bridge
To Nashville
Harpeth River
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2. THE PRESENT GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF CHEATHAM COUNTY[1]

Cheatham County, a political corporation of the State of Tennessee, performs either itself or in cooperation with State and Federal agencies, the functions assigned to it or permitted by the statutes and the Constitution of Tennessee, such as the registration of property titles and the recordation of liens and leases, the registration and licensing of marriages, motor vehicles, and the participation in trades declared by law to be privileges, the maintenance of the peace, the administration of justice, the probation of wills and the administration of estates, the promotion of education, the provision for certain types of poor relief, the construction of roads and bridges, the assessment of property for State and county taxation, and the collection of county taxes and certain State taxes. To finance in whole or in part the activities of the county, the quarterly county court, composed of the justices of the peace assembled as the county's legislative body, may levy taxes upon property, privileges, and polls to create funds for specific purposes, such as for schools, highways, and debt service, or to maintain or add to the general county fund, out of which are paid a number of miscellaneous expenses, such as court costs and costs for the maintenance of the courthouse and jail, for which no taxes are specifically levied, and may, within limitations fixed by public and private laws, issue and sell bonds. To carry out some of the county functions, the quarterly county court of Cheatham County appoints certain officials, namely, the members of the board of education, the revenue commissioners, the county physician, the surveyor, the members of the agricultural extension committee, the board of equalization, and the poor commission. Other county officers are elected by popular vote or are appointed, as in the case of subordinate county employees, by persons designated by the quarterly court or the statutes. The quarterly county court is required to approve the bonds of most county officials. By receiving reports directly from county officials or through the county judge, the quarterly court is informed of receipts and disbursements and the needs of various county offices and agencies. In addition, the quarterly court may have the county records audited by private auditors. The quarterly court is empowered to divide the county into civil districts and to zone the county for the promotion of safety, health, and morals.

The county judge, aside from being the presiding officer of the quarterly court and ex officio probate judge and juvenile judge, is the county's chief executive officer and as such acts as general agent for the county. He draws all warrants upon the trustee, except highway and school warrants, which are drawn by the chairman of the highway commission and the superintendent of schools, directing the trustee to pay obligations of the county and its agencies; acts as ex officio chairman of the highway commission,

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1. For documentation, see the office essay sections of this Inventory and the Tennessee Survey's forthcoming key volume on county government in Tennessee, as announced in the Preface of this Inventory. Full office essays may be found in the Inventory of the County Archives of Tennessee: No. 38, Haywood County (mimeo., Nashville, 1939.).

and along with the clerk and master serves as ex officio member of the purchasing commission; receives reports from most county agencies, keeps a central set of accounts, and has custody of the county property not explicitly placed by law in the hands of some other officer or agency.

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

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

The surveyor makes such surveys as any court of record may demand, and, upon receipt of his fees, surveys land and lots at the request of any interested person.

The circuit, chancery, probate, and juvenile courts and the justices of the peace are charged with the administration of justice. The circuit court, of which the circuit judge and the circuit court clerk are the chief officers, is chiefly a court of law, having common law and statutory jurisdiction, original and appellate, over all civil and criminal cases and also possesses certain probate and equity jurisdiction. The chancery court, of which the chancellor and the clerk and master are the chief officers, is for the most part a court of equity, but also holds a considerable range of jurisdiction concurrently with the probate court, and concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court in all cases except certain unliquidated damages. The probate court has jurisdiction centering, by and large, in the probation of wills, in the appointment and supervision of personal representatives, and in the administration of estates. Both the chancery and circuit courts hold jurisdiction in certain probate matters. Probably because the county judge is probate judge, the probate court has jurisdiction over the establishment and operation of special drainage, levee, and road improvement districts. The juvenile court, held by the county judge, has jurisdiction over juvenile delinquents. The justices of the peace are committing magistrates and have the authority to decide misdemeanor cases wherein the defendants plead guilty and in civil cases involving debts and demands of small amounts.

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

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

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State and county taxes on property and polls are collected by the trustee. Privilege taxes and license fees are collected by the county court clerk and turned over by him to the county trustee and the Comptroller of the Treasury. The trustee is the treasurer of the county as well as its chief tax collector.

The board of education and the superintendent of schools are charged with the operation of the public elementary and high schools in the county not operated by municipalities and special independent school districts. The county school system is subject to considerable control by the State Department of Education.

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

The highway commission has general supervision over the maintenance of the county road system.

The poor commission and the poor home superintendent operate the poor home, an institution for those who are not financially able to live elsewhere.

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

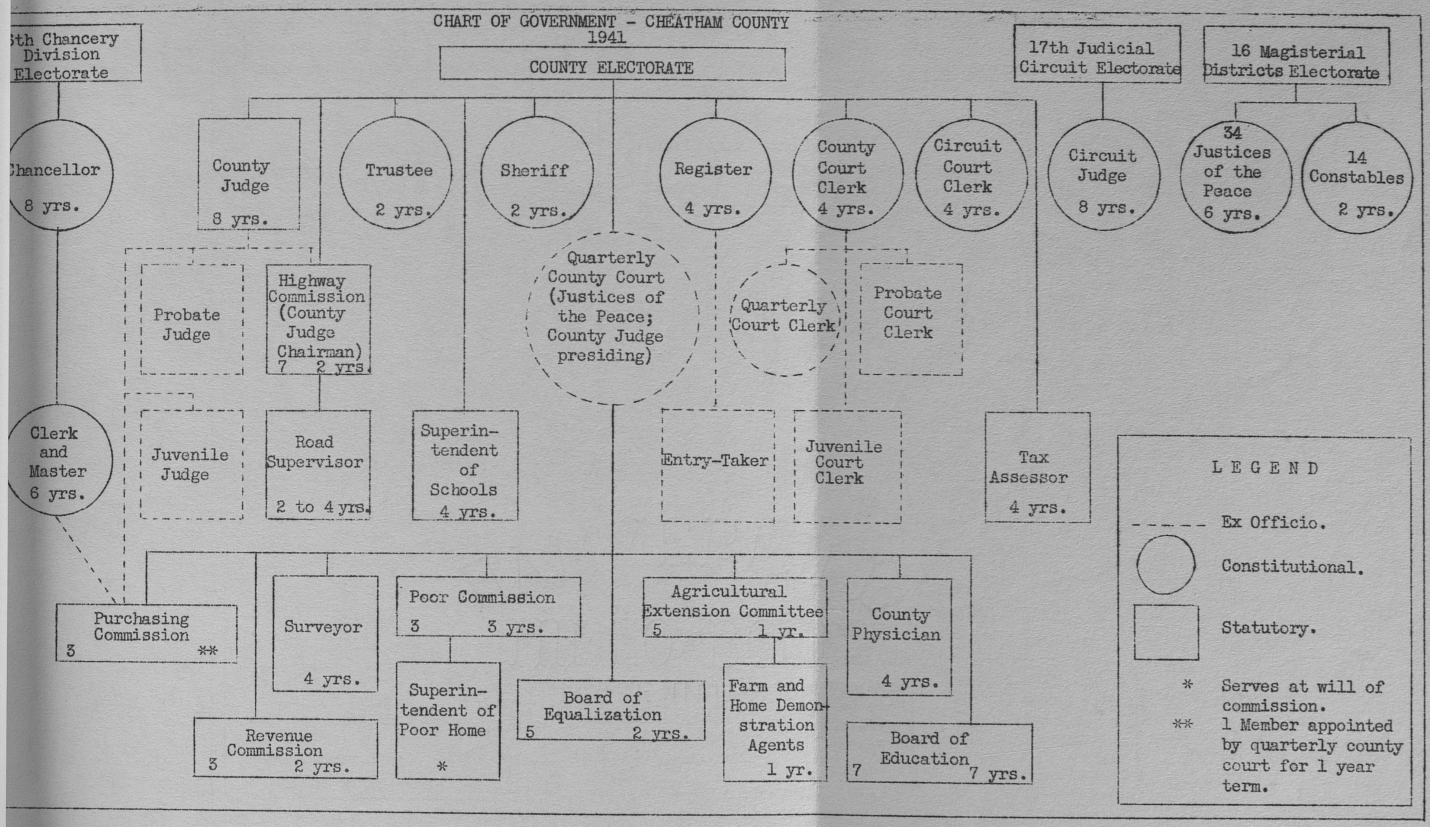
CHART OF GOVERNMENT - CHEATHAM COUNTY
1941
COUNTY ELECTORATE
6th Chancery Division Electorate
17th Judicial Circuit Electorate
16 Magisterial Districts Electorate
Chancellor 8 yrs.
County Judge 8 yrs.
Trustee 2 yrs.
Sheriff 2 yrs.
Register 4 yrs.
County Court Clerk 4 yrs.
Circuit Court Clerk 4 yrs.
Circuit Judge 8 yrs.
34 Justices of the Peace 6 yrs.
14 Constables 2 yrs.
Probate Judge
Highway Commission (County Judge Chairman) 7 2 yrs.
Quarterly County Court (Justices of the Peace; County Judge presiding)
Quarterly Court Clerk
Probate Court Clerk
Clerk and Master 6 yrs.
Juvenile Judge
Road Supervisor 2 to 4 yrs.
Superintendent of Schools 4 yrs.
Entry-Taker
Juvenile Court Clerk
Tax Assessor 4 yrs.
Purchasing Commission 3 **
Surveyor 4 yrs.
Poor Commission 3 3 yrs.
Agricultural Extension Committee 5 1 yr.
County Physician 4 yrs.
Superintendent of Poor Home *
Board of Equalization 5 2 yrs.
Farm and Home Demonstration Agents 1 yr.
Revenue Commission 3 2 yrs.
Board of Education 7 7 yrs.
LEGEND
Ex Officio.
Constitutional.
Statutory.
* Serves at will of commission.
** 1 Member appointed by quarterly county court for 1 year term.

COUNTIES OF TENNESSEE WITH YEARS OF CREATION (1)

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

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

COUNTIES OF TENNESSEE

Chronologically by years of creation

Washington (Jonesboro)	1777	Carroll (Huntingdon)	1821
Sullivan (Blountville)	1779	Henderson (Lexington)	1821
Davidson (Nashville)	1783	Henry (Paris)	1821
Greene (Greeneville)	1783	Madison (Jackson)	1821
Hawkins (Rogersville)	1786	Dyer (Dyersburg)	1823
Sumner (Gallatin)	1786	Fentress (Jamestown)	1823
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Smith (Carthage)	1799	Lauderdale (Ripley)	1835
Williamson (Franklin)	1799	Bradley (Cleveland)	1836
Wilson (Lebanon)	1799	Cannon (Woodbury)	1836
Anderson (Clinton)	1801	Coffee (Manchester)	1836
Claiborne (Tazewell)	1801	Johnson (Mountain City)	1836
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Rutherford (Murfreesboro)	1803	Polk (Benton)	1839
Stewart (Dover)	1803	Van Buren (Spencer)	1840
Campbell (Jacksboro)	1806	Macon (Lafayette)	1842
Overton (Livingston)	1806	Putnam (Cookeville)	1842,1854*
White (Sparta)	1806	Lewis (Hohenwald)	1843,1869*
Bedford (Shelbyville)	1807	Grundy (Altamont)	1844
Bledsoe (Pikeville)	1807	Hancock (Sneedville)	1844
Franklin (Winchester)	1807	Decatur (Decaturville)	1845
Hickman (Centerville)	1807	Scott (Huntsville)	1849
Maury (Columbia)	1807	Union (Maynardsville)	1850
Rhea (Dayton)	1807	Cheatham (Ashland City)	1856
Warren (McMinnville)	1807	Cumberland (Crossville)	1856
Giles (Pulaski)	1809	Sequatchie (Dunlap)	1857
Humphreys (Waverly)	1809	Clay (Celina)	1870
Lincoln (Fayetteville)	1809	Hamblen (Morristown)	1870
Lawrence (Lawrenceburg)	1817	Lake (Tiptonville)	1870
Marion (Jasper)	1817	Loudon (Loudon)	1870
Morgan (Wartburg)	1817	Trousdale (Hartsville)	1870
Wayne (Waynesboro)	1817,1819*	Crockett (Alamo)	1871,1845*
Hamilton (Chattanooga)	1819	Houston (Erin)	1871
Hardin (Savannah)	1819	Moore (Lynchburg)	1871
McMinn (Athens)	1819	Unicoi (Erwin)	1875
Monroe (Madisonville)	1819	Chester (Henderson)	1879,1882*
Perry (Linden)	1819	Pickett (Byrdstown)	1879,1882*
Shelby (Memphis)	1819		

*See footnotes on preceding page for explanations.

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3. HOUSING, CARE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The Cheatham County Courthouse, in Ashland City, is on the east side of the public square facing Main Street. The original building, measuring 45x50x30, was erected in 1869. In 1914 it was remodeled and an addition, 57x26x30, was annexed forming a T-shaped structure. The present courthouse, containing 102,600 cubic feet of space, is constructed of brick, concrete, plaster and wood. It is not fireproof.

The county court clerk, the board of equalization, the register, the clerk and master, and the trustee have offices on the first floor. The offices of the circuit court clerk and the superintendent of schools are on the second floor. The county court clerk's vault, the register's vault, two storage closets, and the W.P.A. office, which is also used for storing records of several bureaus, are on the first floor.

The county court clerk, the county judge, and members of the board of equalization, share an office on the first floor. It is in the northwest corner and measures 19x15x14. Wooden cabinets along the south wall and metal file drawers on the north wall allow 94 feet of filing space, all of which is filled with unbound material. There is very little space for additional equipment and no room for expansion. Accomodations for users are a desk, a table, and two chairs. The bureaus having records in the clerk's office, with their percentages, are county court clerk, 30 percent; county judge, 75 percent; board of equalization, 50 percent; and highway department, 10 percent. The clerk's vault, $8\frac{1}{2}$x7x$8\frac{1}{2}$, adjoins the east side of the office. Along the north, east, and south walls are 84 linear feet of wooden shelving, inadequate for the proper care of the records that are stored here. Four feet of bound volumes are on top of the shelving in stacks 18 inches high. The 84 feet of bound volumes and 4 feet of unbound material in the vault comprise the following agencies' records: county court clerk, 50 percent; county judge, 20 percent; board of equalization, 50 percent; tax assessor, 15 percent; circuit court clerk, 1 percent; justices of the peace, 10 percent; and all the records of the ranger, poor commission, claims commission, and juvenile court. The room is very crowded and has no space for expansion, with or without new shelving. There are no accommodations for users. The remainder of the county court clerk's records are in closet A, closet B, and the W.P.A. office. The clerk is ex officio clerk of the quarterly, probate, and juvenile courts.

The office of the register, measuring 19x15x14, is in the southwest corner on the first floor. There is ample space for expansion but accommodations for users are poor. The adjoining vault, which measures $8\frac{1}{2}$x7x$8\frac{1}{2}$, houses all of the records of the register and the surveyor, 10 percent of those of circuit court, 20 percent of chancery court records, and 5 percent of those belonging to the justices of the peace. Along the north, south, and east walls are 80 linear feet of wooden shelving caring for 60 feet of bound volumes and 20 feet of unbound material. An additional 3 feet of unbound material is filed on top of the shelving. There is

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no room for expansion, with or without new shelving. Twenty-five percent additional storage space is needed.

The trustee's office, 17x14x14, is on the south side of the first floor. The equipment is limited but there is room for expansion without additional shelving. Thirty feet of bound volumes and 10 feet of unbound material are housed on 67 linear feet of wooden shelving and metal file drawers on the north and east walls. Sixty-five percent of the trustee's records are in the office, 30 percent in closet B, and 5 percent in the office used by W.P.A.

The clerk and master's office, in the southeast corner on the first floor, measures 17x14x14. The room affords ample space for expansion, with or without new shelving. Eighty percent of the chancery court's records, consisting of 10 feet of bound volumes and 119 feet of unbound material are housed in wooden cabinets on the north wall and an iron safe on the west wall. Two desks, a table, and 6 chairs are the accommodations for users. Twenty percent of the chancery court's records are in the register's vault.

The circuit court clerk occupies an office on the second floor. It is in the northeast corner of the court room and measures 15x11x15. Wooden cabinets along the north and west walls are sufficient for housing 8 feet of bound volumes and 46 feet of unbound material. Two feet of bound volumes are on top of a desk in the center of the room. There is no space for expansion but new shelving can be installed on the east wall. Twenty-nine percent of the circuit court's records are here, 60 percent in the W.P.A. office, 10 percent in the register's vault, and 1 percent in the county court clerk's vault. Accommodations for users are meager.

The office of the superintendent of schools, measuring 20x14x15, is in the southwest corner on the second floor. Wooden shelving along the east wall houses 72 feet of bound volumes and metal filing cabinets on the west wall care for 12 feet of unbound material. Wooden shelving against the north wall is used for storing 64 feet of text books and 8 feet of miscellaneous publications. All of the department of education's records are kept here. Accommodations for users are a desk, a table, and 4 chairs. The room is crowded, allowing no space for expansion or shelving.

An office, 17x14x14, in the northeast corner on the first floor, is occupied by the Work Projects Administration. Also used as a records storage room, it contains records of the following bureaus with their percentages: circuit court, 60 percent; justices of the peace, 85 percent; county court clerk, county judge, highway department, and trustee, 5 percent each. Wooden cabinets and file boxes, constructed on the south and east walls, allow 153 linear feet for filing space for housing 17 feet of bound volumes and 136 feet of unbound material. An additional 10 feet of bound volumes are on top of the cabinets. No room for

expansion is available without new shelving. Three tables and 3 chairs are the accommodations for users.

Closet A, 8x3½x7, is on the north side of the first floor under the stairway. Along the east and west walls are 15 linear feet of wooden shelving, all of which is used for housing 12 feet of bound volumes and 3 feet of unbound material. The county court clerk stores 5 percent of his records here together with 85 percent of those of the tax assessor and 5 percent of the highway department. The room is crowded having no space for expansion with or without new shelving. There are no lighting facilities and no accommodations for users.

Closet B, on the south side of the first floor under the stairway, measures 8x3½x7. Here is kept 10 percent of the county court clerk's records and 30 percent of the trustee's. Twenty feet of wooden shelving, on the east and west walls, is filled with 12 feet of bound volumes and 8 feet of unbound material. Six feet of unbound material and 8 feet of public and private acts of Tennessee are in stacks on the floor. There is no room for expansion and no space for additional shelving. Neither lights nor accommodations for users are available.

The highway department maintains an office in the county warehouse on Sycamore Street in Ashland City. The warehouse is a rectangular one-story, frame building, erected in 1923. Measuring 176x128x15, it contains 337,920 cubic feet of space. The highway office, 15x15x9½, is in the northeast corner. Along the south side of the room are 56 feet of shelving in a wooden cabinet, housing 1 foot of bound volumes and 9 feet of unbound material. It is also used for storing 30 feet of highway equipment. No additional space or shelving is needed. Eighty percent of the department's records is here, 10 percent is in the county court clerk's office, 5 percent in the W.P.A. office, and 5 percent in closet A in the courthouse.

The sheriff has his office at the county jail on Sycamore Street. Erected in 1935 of concrete and steel, it is a two-story building, 33x33x30. The jail is fireproof. The sheriff's office on the southwest corner of the first floor, measures 14x10x9. A wooden desk on the north wall is ample for housing 3 bound volumes which are all of his records. Accommodations for users are meager.

The Harris Building, on the corner of Main and Sycamore Street, houses the office of the county farm agent. Rebuilt in 1934, it is constructed of concrete, wood and plaster and is 75 percent fireproof. The county agent and home demonstration agent have an office in the southeast corner on the first floor which measures 38x18x9. On the east and west walls are 123 linear feet of shelving and metal file drawers sufficiently housing 1 foot of bound volumes and 29 feet of unbound material. Pamphlets and supplies are stored on 93 feet of shelving. All of the home demonstration agent's records and 50 percent of the county

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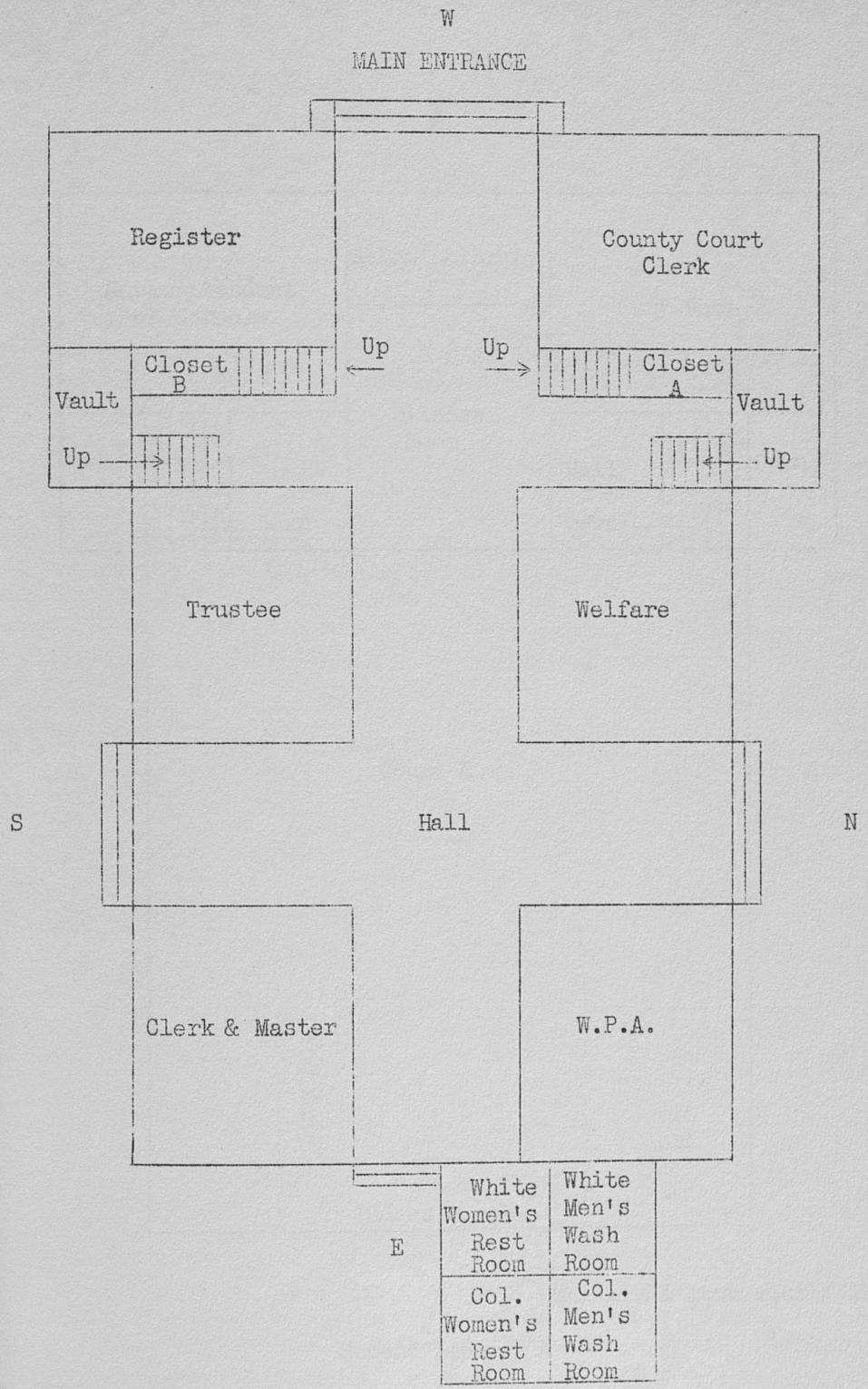
agent's are kept in the office. The remaining 50 percent of the county agent's records are in an adjoining file room. Here, there are 40 feet of unbound material and 65 feet of blank forms housed in 125 feet of shelving and metal file drawers, along the north, west, and south walls. No additional space or equipment is needed. Accommodations for users are adequate.

The county poor home is located 2 miles southwest of Ashland City. The superintendent's home, a one-story, frame structure, measures 60x30x25. It was erected in 1890. The superintendent's living room, 14x16x12, serves as an office. It is the southeast corner room. All of his records, consisting of one bundle of unbound material, are kept in a wooden desk against the north wall. There is ample room and accommodations for users are good.



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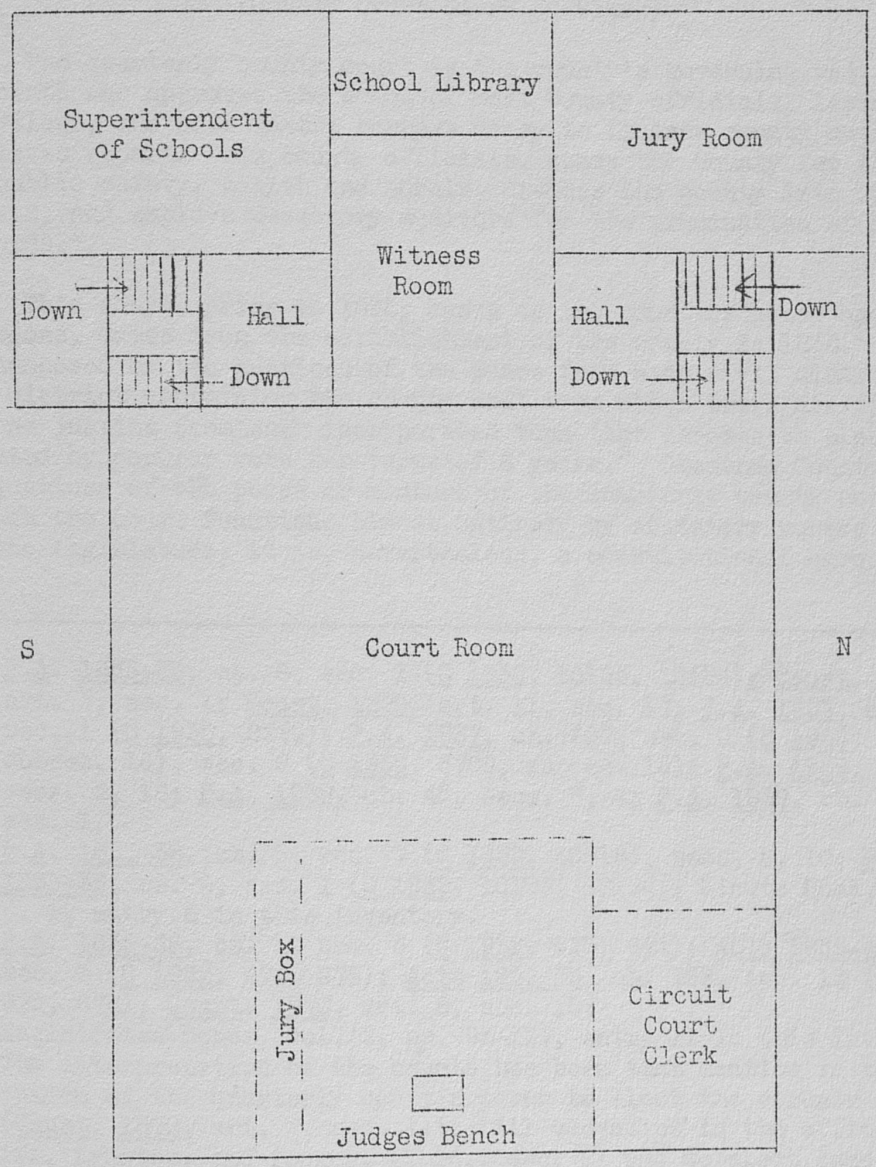

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Second Floor Plan

C H E A T H A M C O U N T Y C O U R T H O U S E

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

The quarterly county court is the county's governing body, i.e., it appoints and approves the bonds of most county officials, levies property, privilege, and poll taxes; borrows money to finance county activities, receives reports from county officials, zones the county for the benefit of public safety, health and morals; divides the county into civil districts, and employs necessary auditors for the examination of county records.[1]

This court, prior to 1836, known as the court of pleas and quarter sessions, dates from the establishment of the county in 1856.[2] The court is composed of two justices of the peace from each civil district, except the district containing the county seat from which there are three, and of one justice from each incorporated town that chooses to elect one, all elected by popular vote for terms of 6 years.[3] Cheatham County now has 34 justices of the peace or members of the quarterly county court.[4] Although the court functions almost entirely by statutory powers delegated by the legislature, it is, nevertheless, a constitutional agency.[5]

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1. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10193, 10194); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Const. 1870, art. 11, sec. 17; P.A. 1933, ch. 138, sec. 1 (C 1938, 2773); P.A. 1937, ch. 307, sec. 8 (C 1938, 3708, subsec. 14), sec. 9 (C 1938, 3708, subsec. 15); P.A. 1939, ch. 16, secs. 2, 16; P.A. 1939, ch. 45, secs. 3, 4; P.A. 1939, ch. 58, sec. 1.
2. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 5, sec. 7 (C 1932, 10318), secs. 8, 10; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10193, 10194); Minute Book, vol. A, p. 1, entry 6 in this Inventory.
3. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3 (C 1932, 673, 674); Acts 1839-40, ch. 68, sec. 3 (C 1932, 674, 675); Acts 1855-56, ch. 138, sec. 13 (C 1932, 675, 676); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.
4. Magistrates Bonds, vol. 2, pp. 93-127, entry 11 in this Inventory.
5. The interpretation of the courts has been that mention in the Constitution of the quarterly court's power to elect the coroner and ranger, (Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1)to fill vacancies in the offices of sheriff, trustee, and ranger, (Ibid., sec. 2) and to elect some statutory officers, (Const. 1870, art. 11, sec. 17) perforce makes it a constitutional agency, and that while the court cannot be abolished, its statutory powers may be removed and vested in another body, such as a commission, leaving the court to exercise only its constitutional powers.(Pope v. Phifer, 3 Heiskell, 682, 684-695; McLean v. State, 8 Heiskell, 235; Railroad v. Wilson Co. 5 Pickle, 600; Judge's Salary Cases, 2 Cates, 370, 388; Redistricting Cases, 3 Cates, 234, 288, 292; Johnson v. Brice, 4 Cates, 59; State v. Akin, 4 Cates, 605; State v. True, 8 Cates, 311; Prescott v. Duncan, 18 Cates, 126-131, 136-141).

Quarterly County Court - Original Papers (1-2)

The presiding officer of the court is the county judge,[6] who is elected by popular vote for a term of 8 years.[7] The clerk of the court is the county court clerk,[8] elected by popular vote for a term of 4 years.[9]

Original Papers
(See also entries 3-5, 8-12)

1. QUARTERLY COURT (Original Papers), 1856--. 45 bdl., 41 f. b. (35 f. b. lettered; 45 bdl., 6 f. b. not labeled). Title varies: Co. Court, 1937-38, 1 f. b.

Original papers pertaining to business transacted by the court, such as electing officers and appointing committees, receiving petitions and resolutions, hearing reports of county officials, fixing the tax levy, adopting a budget, and granting releases from poll tax and road duty; each paper showing date filed, names of parties involved, and record of court's action. Also contains: Bonds of county officials, entry 8; district tax assessors' bonds and oaths, 1856-99, entry 9; constables' bonds and oaths, 1856-1902, entry 10; magistrates' bonds, 1856-87, entry 11; bonds of notaries public, 1856-1911, entry 12; original papers of the probate court, 1856-1921, entry 166; administrators' and executors' settlements, 1856-1906, entry 175; guardians' settlements, 1856-1906, entry 178. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. and typed. Bdl., 10x5x10; f. b., 12x5x13½. 45 bdl., 1856-61, closet B; 41 f. b., 1862--, office.

2. PETITIONS FOR ALLOWANCE - MARKS & BRANDS, 1907-27. 1 vol. (dated 1907).

Petitions made to the court by justices of the peace for pauper allowances, showing date and number of petition, name of pauper for whom petition is made, amount of money requested, and signature of justice of the peace. Also contains: Copies of certificates of transfer, 1912, entry 43; timber brands and spot notices, 1915, 1926, entry 84; a list of county patients in Central State Hospital, Dec. 25, 1907, entry 196.

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6. P.A. 1857-58, ch. 38, sec. 4 (C 1932, 764); Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 763).
7. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; State ex rel. Puckett v. McKee, 8 Lea, 28; State ex rel. v. Leonard, 2 Pickle, 485, 487, 489, 490, 493; Redistricting Cases, 3 Cates, 251; Ledgerwood v. Pitts, 14 Cates, 607; Acts 1907, ch. 113, sec. 4.
8. Acts 1794, ch. 1, sec. 50; Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 7 (C 1932, 10082, subsec. 1).
9. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 13; C 1858, 324 (C 1932, 650), 822 (C 1932, 1911); Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 6 (C 1932, 1915); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13.

Quarterly County Court - Reports; (3-6)
Court Proceedings

Arr. chron. by date of petition and num. by petition no. Indexed alph. by name of pauper. Hdw. 200 pp. 8x12x1. Vault.

Reports
(See also entries 1, 6)

3. ORIGINAL REVENUE REPORTS, 1875, 1895-1921. 2 vols., 1 f. b. (1 vol. dated; 1 vol., 1 f. b. not labeled).
Original quarterly reports made by county officials to the quarterly court, showing revenue collected during quarter ended, style of case, date of collection, from whom received, on what account, gross revenue, commissions, net revenue due State and county, date of report, and certification and signature of official submitting report. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Vols. aver. 360 pp. 18x13x6; f. b., 10½x5x13. Office.

4. COMBINED ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY EXTENSION WORKERS, 1916-17, 1924-36. 9 vols. Title varies: Report of Work of the County Agent, 1916-17, 1 vol.
Combined statistical report of the county farm and home demonstration agents, outlining all work done in relation to the programs of these agencies, showing the combined activities and accomplishments, date of report, and signatures of agents. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm., 1916-17, 1924-34; typed on pr. fm., 1935-36. Aver. 40 pp. 11x9x½. Vault.

5. GRAND JURY REPORTS OF INQUEST, 1922--. 53 reports in 1 f. b.
Original reports of the grand jury addressed to the circuit judge and forwarded to the quarterly court, showing date of court term, statement of the foreman regarding all matters investigated, number of indictments returned, bonds examined, and institutions visited; statements as to condition of same, and signature of the foreman. Also contains: A report of jury of inquest, May 23, 1937, showing date, purpose of inquest, findings of jury, names of jury members, amount allowed each for services, and approval and signature of the county chairman. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. 13x11x5. Office.

Court Proceedings
(See also entry 7)

6. MINUTES, 1856-61, 1866--. 16 vols. (A-P). Title varies: Minute Book, 1856-61, 1866-95, 1909-38, 13 vols.
Recorded minutes of the proceedings of the quarterly sessions of the county court, including many various and sundry items as provided for by law. Some of the more important actions recorded herein are: fixing of the tax levy, adoption of a budget, receiving of financial reports from county officials and institutions, appropriation of funds for the

maintenance and operation of county offices and institutions, and several score items of similar nature. Also contains: timber brands and spot notices, 1913--, entry 84; minutes of the probate court, 1856-1938, entry 172. Arr. chron. by date of session. Indexed alph. by names and subjects. Hdw. Aver. 600 pp. 18x13x3½. Vault.

Road Record

7. ROAD MINUTES, 1876-84, 1889. 2 vols. (I,A). Title varies: Road Orders, 1876-84, 1 vol.

Court orders appointing road overseers, showing order number, date of order, name of overseer appointed, number of road and location, list of hands assigned to work, classification of road, citation to legislative act setting forth the duties of road overseers, and signature of the clerk. Arr. num. by order no. and chron. by date of order. Indexed alph. by name of overseer. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 325 pp. 16x12x2. WPA office.

Official Bonds

8. (BONDS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS), 1856--. In Quarterly Court (Original Papers), entry 1; also 1910-- in Revenue Receipts, entry 88.

Bonds of county officials, including the chairman or judge, county court clerk, register, surveyor, sheriff, trustee, and superintendent of schools, 1856--; coroner and ranger, 1856-74; deputies sheriff, 1856-1934; tax assessor, 1909--; circuit court clerk and road commissioner, 1910--; executed to guarantee faithful performance of duties, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date bond executed, and signatures of principal and sureties.

9. ASSESSOR'S BOND AND OATH, 1900-1908. 1 vol. 1856-99 in Quarterly Court (Original Papers), entry 1.

Bonds executed by district tax assessors to insure faithful performance of duties, showing district number, names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, condition of the obligation, signatures of principal and sureties, and approval of the judge; and oath to discharge duties without fear or favor and to comply with all requirements of assessment laws, sworn to and subscribed by the assessor and acknowledged by the chairman. Arr. chron. by date executed. Indexed alph. by name of assessor. Hdw. on pr. fm. 238 pp. 14x9x1. Vault.

10. CONSTABLES' BONDS, 1888---. 1 vol. (I). 1856-87, also 1888-1902 in Quarterly Court (Original Papers), entry 1.

Original bonds executed by constables to insure faithful performance of duties and accounting of all monies collected, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, condition of the obligation, signatures of principal and sureties, and approval of the county

judge; and oath of office sworn to and subscribed by the constable and acknowledged by clerk. Arr. chron. by date executed. Indexed alph. by name of constable. Hdw. on pr. fm. 438 pp. 14½x9½x2. Vault.

11. MAGISTRATES' BONDS, 1888--. 2 vols. (1, 2). 1856-87 in Quarterly Court (Original Papers), entry 1.
Original bonds executed by magistrates, to insure faithful performance of duties, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date bond executed, signatures of principal and sureties, and signature and approval of the county judge. Arr. chron. by date executed. Indexed alph. by name of magistrate. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 450 pp. 11x9x2. Vault.

12. NOTARY BONDS, 1912--. 2 vols. (B; 1 vol. not labeled). 1856-1911 in Quarterly Court (Original Papers), entry 1.
Original bonds executed by notaries public to insure faithful performance of duties, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, condition of the obligation, and signature and approval of the county judge; and oath of office sworn to and subscribed by the notary and acknowledged by the clerk. Arr. chron. by date executed. 1912-30, no index; 1931--, indexed alph. by name of notary. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 14x9x1½. Vault.

Financial Records
(See also entry 3)

13. (COUNTY SEAT COMMISSIONERS ACCOUNT BOOK), 1856-81. 1 vol.
An account of receipts and disbursements of commissioners appointed to procure land for the county seat and sell off town lots, the proceeds of which were used to defray expenses incurred by the original purchase and the construction of public buildings, showing date of sale, name of purchaser, purchase price, date of disbursement, to whom paid, on what account, and amount of payment. Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. 145 pp. 15x10x½. Vault.

14. TAX DUPLICATE, 1873-80, 1884--. 33 vols. (dated).
Duplicate copies of trustee's tax books prepared by the county court clerk, showing district number, year for which assessed, name of property owner, location and description of real property, acreage, or number of town lots; assessed valuation of real and personal property, less deduction of $1,000 from personal property; poll tax and other assessments, amounts of county and State taxes, and total. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of property owner. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 12½x11x3. 3 vols., 1873-77, closet B; 24 vols., 1878-80, 1898--, office; 5 vols., 1884-97, WPA office.

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

The office of county judge combines the functions of the probate and juvenile judges, the presiding officer of the quarterly county court, and the general administrative, financial, and executive officer of the county.[10]

Although the law of 1856 creating the office of county judge and abolishing the office of chairman of the county court was passed before Cheatham County was actually organized on May 5, 1856, a chairman pro tem was appointed until the office of county judge was filled by popular vote in June 1856.[11] In 1858 the office of county judge was abolished and the powers and duties of this office were vested in a chairman of the county court,[12] until 1868, when the office of the county judge was restored.[13] In 1870 the office of county judge was again abolished and the office of chairman of the county court revived.[14]

The present office of county judge is the creation of an act of 1939.[15] The judge is elected by popular vote for a term of 8 years,[16] and has been declared by the Supreme Court to be an inferior judge within the meaning of the Constitution, which the chairman is not.[17] Although the office of county judge is created by special legislation, it is recognized by the Code and public acts and is considered as practically synonymous with the office of chairman. Normally the same functions are identified with either office.[18] By the act of 1939 the county judge receives an annual salary of $1,200, and is required to give a $2,500 bond.[19]

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10. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10221), sec. 5 (C 1932, 10222), sec. 8 (C 1932, 769); Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 10193), secs. 1, 3 (C 1932, 10204); Acts 1907, ch. 113; P.A. 1911, ch. 58, sec. 2 (C 1932, 10275).
11. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253; Minute Book, vol. A, pp. 1, 4, entry 6 in this Inventory.
12. P.A. 1857-58, ch. 5.
13. P.A. 1867-68, ch. 30. The chairman was appointed by the quarterly court for a term of 1 year.(P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10202); Acts 1887, ch. 236, sec. 2 (C 1932, 10202)).
14. Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., chs. 52, 81.
15. Pr.A. 1939, ch. 236.
16. Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; Pr.A. 1939, ch. 236, sec. 2.
17. State ex rel. Smiley v. Glenn, 7 Heiskell, 472, 486, 487, 489, 491, 493; State ex rel. Puckett v. McKee, 8 Lea, 24; State ex rel. v. Leonard, 2 Pickle, 485, 487, 489, 490, 493; Redistricting Cases, 3 Cates, 251; Ledgerwood v. Pitts, 14 Cates, 607.
18. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 6, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10202); Acts 1847-48, ch. 106, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10211), sec. 2 (C 1932, 10210); Acts 1855-56, ch. 253 (C 1932, 769, 10221, 10222); Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 10193, 10204); P.A. 1911, ch. 58, sec. 2 (C 1932, 10275).
19. Pr.A. 1939, ch. 236, secs. 5, 9. Under the general law the amount of the salary and bond of the county judges as general administrative,

County Judge - Original Papers (15)

By an act of 1933 the chairman and county judge of Cheatham County was made an ex officio member of the purchasing commission.[20] By an act of 1939 the judge was made ex officio chairman of the highway commission.[21]

Original Papers
(See also entries 16, 17, 22, 25, 33)

15. COUNTY JUDGE (Original Papers), 1939--. 1 f. b.
Original papers of the judge, including:

i. Orders from road supervisors for warrants to be drawn on road funds, showing number of order, date issued, to whom payable, amount and purpose of payment, and signature of supervisor.

ii. Notices from the Director of Public Welfare that payment is due on county's pro rata of the Social Security program, showing name of judge, quarter for which payment is due, amount due, statement of amounts paid and disbursements made during previous year for old age pensions, dependent children, and aid to the blind; and facsimile signature of the Director of Division of Accounts, Department of Public Welfare.

iii. Schedule of WPA farm-to-market program, Jan. - June 1939, showing road number, type of road, location, number of miles, type of work to be done, and estimated cost.

iv. A contract, 1939, between the judge and an attorney employed to make collection for the county of certain sums of money erroneously paid by the county which should have been paid by the State, showing date of contract, names of contracting parties, terms of the contract, and signatures of contracting parties.

v. Copies of two legislative acts, 1939, one creating the office of judge in Cheatham County, and one changing the road law in the county.

Also contains: Civil and criminal trial papers of the judge, entry 204. Arr. chron. as filed. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 13x5x11. Co. ct. clk's. office.

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executive and financial officer of the county is determined by the quarterly county court.(Acts 1877, ch. 106, sec. 3 (C 1932, 767)). In addition to the salary provided, the judge receives $5 a day during the sitting of the quarterly and probate courts.(P.A. 1925, ch. 11, sec. 2 (C 1932, 10679)).

20. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 250.
21. Pr.A. 1939, ch. 442, sec. 1.

County Judge - Reports; Accounts (16-19)

Reports

16. COUNTY CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS, 1896--. 3 f. b. (C; 2 f. b. not labeled).

Judge's quarterly settlements with the trustee, showing dates covered by report, itemization of receipts and disbursements of all county funds during the quarter, date of report, and signature of the judge. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. 2 f. b., 10½x5x14; 1 f. b., 14½x5x19. 2 f. b., 1896-1919, 1927--, co. ct. clk's. office; 1 f. b., 1920-26, co. ct. clk's. vault.

17. JAIL ACCOUNT, REPORTS, ETC., 1923--. 2 f. b. Title varies: Jail Accounts, 1923-37, 1 f. b.

Sheriff's monthly reports on cost of boarding county prisoners, showing name of sheriff, month for which report is submitted, name of each prisoner, offense charged, inclusive dates for which board is claimed, number of days charged, rate per day, number of turnkeys, amount claimed for each prisoner, total amount claimed, sheriff's oath and signature, date, and acknowledgment of the clerk. On the back of the report is a record of the payment of the claim, showing amount paid, number of warrant issued, name of sheriff, month for which payment is made, approval of the judge, and minute book and page number where recorded. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10½x5x13. Co. ct. clk's. office.

For other record of payments, see entry 19.

Accounts

18. LEDGER, 1937--. 1 vol. (1).

Ledger accounts with individuals, business firms, and institutions; including janitor, printing companies, telephone company, Central State Hospital, and Department of Public Welfare, showing name of account, date and amount of debit, date of payment, and amount credited. Also contains:

i. Clerk's account of receipts and disbursements of general county funds, 1939--, showing date, source, and amount of collection; date, name of payee, purpose, and amount of disbursement.

ii. Bank deposits and withdrawals of county funds, 1939--, showing date and amount of deposit, date, number of check issued, and amount of withdrawal.

Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by name of account. Hdw. Aver. 272 pp. 12x7½x1. Co. ct. clk's. vault.

19. (JAIL ACCOUNT - BOARDING COUNTY PRISONERS), 1897-1904. 1 vol.

Record of money paid to the sheriff for boarding county prisoners, showing date of payment, name of sheriff, name of prisoner, date committed to prison, date released, number of days in jail, amount allowed per day, number of turnkeys, total amount paid, and notation that warrant has been issued. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. 98 pp. 13x8x½. Co. ct. clk's. vault.

For similar records, see entry 17.

20. (COSTS IN WORKHOUSE CASES), 1922--. 1 vol. (A).
Record of costs and fees in circuit court, certified for payment from county funds, in cases where defendants have been sentenced to the workhouse, showing date of trial, case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, name of person to whom fee is due, warrant number, signature of the circuit court clerk, and approval of the judge. Arr. chron. by date of trial and num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 188 pp. 7½x12x½. Co. ct. clk's. office.

21. CHAIRMAN'S FEE ACCOUNT, Oct. 1, 1898. 1 vol. Only one entry.
Record of fees collected and appropriations made by the court in case fees are not sufficient to cover expenses of the office, such as clerks' and deputies' salaries, and books and stationery, showing date reported, month covered, amount of fees reported, date paid out, purpose of payment, amount of fee, and appropriation. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. (1 used) 18x12x1½. WPA office.

Orders for Warrants
(See also entry 15i)

22. ORDERS FOR COUNTY WARRANTS AND ORDERS BY COUNTY COURT, 1908--. 7 f. b. Title varies: Order for County Warrants, 1908-13, 1929-38, 2 f. b.; Order for Warrants, 1914-22, 2 f. b.; Orders for County and Ferry Warrants, 1923-28, 2 f. b.
Orders issued by the judge to the county court clerk authorizing payment of claims against the county, for material and supplies purchased, and services rendered, showing date issued, name of claimant, name of purchaser, items purchased or service rendered, signature of purchaser, and judge's approval for payment. Also contains: Orders for ferry warrants, 1908-28, entry 25. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 14½x5½x12½. Co. ct. clk's. office.

23. (ORDERS ON ROAD FUND - STUBS), 1927-38. 9 vols.
Stubs of orders issued by the county court clerk to the trustee to be approved by the chairman, for money to be paid out of the road fund for the maintenance of county roads, showing date and number of order, name of payee, amount of payment, purpose for which payment is drawn, district number, and signature of person receiving order. Arr. chron. by date of order and num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 250 pp. 4x12x1. Co. ct. clk's. office.

24. (ORDERS ON GASOLINE FUND), 1938 - Mar. 1939. 1 vol.
Duplicate orders issued by the county court clerk to the trustee for money to be paid out of the gas fund, showing date, and number of order, name of the payee, amount of payment, purpose for which payment is drawn, name of fund to which chargeable (gasoline fund), signature of clerk, and approval and signature of the judge. Arr. chron. by date of order and num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 4x8x½. Co. ct. clk's. office.

25. ORDERS FOR FERRY WARRANT, 1929--. 1 f. b. 1908-28 in Orders For County Warrants And Orders By County Court, entry 22.
Orders issued by the judge to the county court clerk authorizing payment of claims against the ferry fund, showing name of county, town, date issued, name of claimant, amount of claim, name of ferry, signature of claimant, approval of the judge, and nature of claim. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 14½x5½x12½. Co. ct. clk's. office.

Warrants Issued

26. COUNTY WARRANTS, 1884-1934, 1936-37, 1939--. 33 vols. Title varies: Warrants, 1884-85, 1888-1914, 1916-26, 17 vols.; Payable Warrants, 1926-29, 2 vols.; Payable County Warrants, 1927-32, 2 vols.
Stubs of warrants issued by the county court clerk to be countersigned by the judge, in payment of general county expenses, showing number of warrant, date issued, name of payee, purpose of payment, date of allowance by the court, amount of warrant, and signature of person receiving payment. Also contains: Warrants issued to jurors in circuit court, 1918--, entry 27. Arr. num. by warrant no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 419 pp. 16x14½x1½. 7 vols., 1884-89, closet A; 26 vols., 1900--, co. ct. clk's. vault.

27. WARRANTS CIRCUIT COURT, 1907-17. 1 vol. 1918-- in County Warrants, entry 26.
Stubs of warrants issued by the county court clerk for payment of fees due jurors who served in circuit court, showing warrant number, date of issue, name of juror, number of days served, whether grand or petit jury, term of court, amount of warrant, and signature of person receiving warrant. Arr. num. by warrant no. and chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 17x14x1. Co. ct. clk's. vault.

28. ROAD WARRANTS, 1893-1902. 2 vols.
Stubs of warrants issued by the chairman on the road fund, showing warrant number, district number, date warrant issued, name of payee, amount and purpose of warrant, and signature of person receiving warrant. Arr. chron. by date issued and num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 294 pp. 17x11x1. WPA office.

29. WARRANTS (Ferry), 1918--. 2 vols. Title varies: Cheatham County Warrants, 1918-36, 1 vol.
Stubs of warrants issued by the county court clerk and countersigned by the judge, in payment of maintenance and operating expenses of a county owned ferry, showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, purpose of payment, date of allowance by the court, amount of payment, and signature of person receiving payment. Arr. num. by warrant no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 16x14x1. Co. ct. clk's. vault.

County Judge - Bond Issues; Miscellaneous (30-34)

Bond Issues
(See also entry 35)

30. EXHIBITS (Canceled Bonds), 1903-23. 1 vol.
Canceled bonds issued for payment of $50,000 of Nashville & Clarksville Railroad stock, and canceled interest coupons. Bonds show number, dates of issuance and maturity, purpose of issue, amount of bond, and facsimile signatures of the chairman and county court clerk. Coupons show number of bond, date payable, amount of interest, coupon number, and signatures of the chairman and county court clerk. Arr. num. by bond no. and num. thereunder by coupon no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 352 pp. 16x22½x2. Co. ct. clk's. vault.

31. (REFUNDING BONDS SERIES A), 1923--. 1 f. b.
Canceled refunding bonds for $100,000 with interest at 5½ percent payable annually, issued Aug. 1, 1923, maturing Aug. 1, 1953, showing number of bond, amount, date, and purpose of issue; date of maturity, rate of interest, how payable, and signatures of the county court clerk and judge. Also canceled interest coupons, showing number and amount, date payable, where payable, and facsimile signatures of the county court clerk and judge. Arr. num. by bond or coupon no. No index. Pr. 5x4x14. Vault.

32. (CANCELED BONDS AND COUPONS), 1919--. In Main Assessment Roll, entry 95.
Canceled bond and interest coupons from the following bond issues: Refunding bonds, 1928-34, in the sum of $54,000, with interest at 5 percent to be paid semi-annually; county high school bonds, 1919-39, in the sum of $10,000, with interest at 5½ percent to be paid annually; and funding bonds, 1929-34, in the sum of $100,000, with interest at 5 percent to be paid semi-annually. Bonds show number, amount, date of maturity, rate of interest, how and when payable, purpose of issue, under what authority and date issued, and signatures of the judge and county court clerk. Coupons show number, amount, date due, where payable, purpose of bond issue, and facsimile signatures of the judge and county court clerk.

Miscellaneous

33. (INSURANCE POLICIES), 1915--. 1 f. b.
Original insurance policies covering the courthouse, jail, and sheriff's residence, showing name of insurance company, kind and description of property, terms of policy, amount of premium, date policy effective and date of expiration, policy number, and signature of agent. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x4x14. Vault.

34. (MISCELLANEOUS RECORD), 1859-94. 1 vol.
This miscellaneous record includes:
i. Record of revenue reported by various county officials,

1868-74, including county court clerk, justices of the peace, clerk and master, constable, sheriff, and ranger; showing date of report, source of revenue, and amount.

ii. Record of a bond issue to care for the county's poor, 1885-86, and bonds issued in exchange for warrants drawn on county funds which remain unpaid, 1872-94, showing bond number, amount, rate of interest, date and place payable, authority for issuance, purpose of issue, date issued, and signature of the chairman.

iii. Record of trustee's settlements, 1873-75, showing date of settlement, amount of revenue collected for county purposes, amount collected for school purposes, amount of commission deducted, and net amount.

Stock marks and brands, 1860, entry 83; claims filed against estates, 1859-61, entry 182. Arr. chron. by date of report or bond issue. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 12½x8x½. Co. ct. clk's. vault.

35. WARRANT BOOK OUTSTANDING, 1871-1916. 2 vols. (1 vol. dated, 1 vol. not labeled).

Duplicates of notes issued by the chairman in compliance with a court order authorizing the chairman to refund outstanding warrants, showing number of note, date issued, date payable, interest rate, to whom payable, where payable, authority for issuance, and signatures of chairman and county court clerk. Also contains: Canceled pike and bridge bonds, 1913-16, showing amount of bond, number of bond, total amount of issue, date payable, interest rate, authority for issuance, and signatures of chairman and county court clerk; stamped across the bond is date of payment, and signature of the chairman. Arr. chron. by date issued or date of payment. No index. Hdw., 1871-1912; hdw. and typed, 1913-16. Aver. 180 pp. 13x8x1. Co. ct. clk's. vault.

III. PURCHASING COMMISSION

A purchasing commission was created for Cheatham County in 1933, consisting of one qualified citizen, appointed annually by the quarterly county court, the county judge, and the clerk and master.[22] The judge and the clerk and master serve without compensation but the third member receives $3 per day while engaged in the work of the commission, but not more than $45 in a year.[23] The commission supervises the purchase of all supplies, materials and equipment needed for the county and controls the renting and sale of all lands.[24] The clerk and master serves as secretary of the commission and is required to keep a record of all transactions.[25] No records, however, have been kept by this commission.

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22. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 250.
23. Ibid., sec. 8.
24. Ibid., sec. 3.
25. Ibid., sec. 6.

IV. CLAIMS COMMISSION

In an effort to compensate citizens of Tennessee for losses sustained to property (except slaves) during the Civil War, an act of 1868 authorized the creation of a county claims commission to hear and determine the validity of all claims submitted.[26] The commission was to be composed of three members appointed by the Governor at a per diem of $3 for each day actually worked.[27] The act further provided for the appointment of a General Claim Commissioner for the entire State.[28] This commissioner was to be appointed by the General Assembly for a term of 2 years, at an annual salary of $2000.[29] All claims presented to the county commission whether approved or rejected were to be filed with the General Claim Commissioner.[30] Approved claims were to be countersigned by the General Claim Commissioner and the Governor and presented to the Federal Government by the Senators or Representatives who were to seek an appropriation for their payment.[31]

The county claims commission was to keep a record of all claimants showing the nature and class of the claim, as well as the witnesses presented.[32] These records were to be deposited in the county court clerk's office for future reference.[33] The act was repealed in 1869 and all claimants were allowed to withdraw their claims from the office of the Secretary of State.[34]

36. CLAIM REGISTER, June 1 - June 15, 1868. 1 vol.
Claims filed with county claim commissioner by citizens of the State, to secure recompense for losses incurred in the "Rebellion," showing date and number of claim, name of claimant, amount of claim, name of town, names of witnesses attesting to loyalty of the claimant, general government account, "rebel" account, and action of the county commissioner. Arr. chron. by date of claim and num. by claim no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. $10\frac{1}{2}$x16x1. Closet A.

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

The county court clerk is clerk of the quarterly, probate, and juvenile courts and is a licensing and revenue agent of the State.[35] The office is

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26. P.A. 1867-68, ch. 40, sec. 3.
27. Ibid., secs. 3, 4.
28. Ibid., sec. 1.
29. Ibid.
30. Ibid., sec. 3.
31. Ibid., secs. 9, 16.
32. Ibid., sec. 18.
33. Ibid.
34. P.A. 1869-70, ch. 27.
35. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 7 (C 1932, 10082, subsec. 1); P.A. 1911, ch. 58, sec. 3 (C 1932, 10278); C 1932, 10082-10092.

as old as the county, being the first office filled by the court of pleas and quarter sessions after completing its own organization.[36] The clerk is elected by popular vote for a term of 4 years.[37]

Automobile Records
(See also entry 88)

Reports of Licenses Issued

37. LICENSE NO., 1918--. 21 vols. (20 vols. dated; 1 vol. not labeled). Title varies: Automobile, 1918-30, 13 vols.; Automobile Registration Book, 1931, 1 vol.; Auto, 1932, 1 vol.; Automobile License Report, 1933-34, 2 vols.; Auto License, 1935, 1 vol.

Duplicates of reports to the motor vehicle division of the Department of Finance and Taxation, on all automobile licenses issued, showing month covered by report, number of license plates on hand at the first of the month, number received and number issued during the month, and number on hand on date of report, date license issued, license plate number, motor number, name and address of automobile owner, make of vehicle, horsepower, amount of fee, total amount collected during the month, date of report, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm., 1918-38; typed on pr. fm., 1939--. 18 vols. aver. 100 pp. 14x16½x½; 3 vols. aver. 150 pp. 17x10x1. Vault.

38. FREE LICENSE REPORT, 1927-35. 9 vols. (dated). Title varies: Free Registration Book, 1931, 1 vol.

Original reports duplicates of which are submitted to the motor vehicle division of the Department of Finance and Taxation, on all free licenses issued for motor vehicles owned or operated by the county or city, showing month covered by report, date license issued, license number, motor number, name and address of owner, make of vehicle, whether new or old, horsepower, date of report, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 60 pp. 16½x13x½. Vault.

39. TRAILER LICENSE REPORT, 1931-34. 3 vols. (dated). Title varies: Trailer Registration Book, 1931-32, 1 vol.

Monthly reports of trailer licenses issued, duplicates of which are submitted to the motor vehicle division of the Department of Finance and Taxation, showing month reported, date license issued, license number,

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36. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 13; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 1, entry 6 in this Inventory; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 1.
37. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 13; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 2; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; C 1858, 324 (C 1932, 650), 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 6 (C 1932, 1915).

motor number, name and address of purchaser, make of vehicle, tonnage, amount of fee, date of report, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 50 pp. 14x14x½. Vault.

40. TAXI REPORT, 1926-33, 1935. 9 vols. (dated). Title varies: Taxi, 1932, 1 vol.; Taxi License, 1933, 1 vol.

Duplicates of monthly reports to the motor vehicle division of the Department of Finance and Taxation, on taxi licenses issued, showing month covered by report, date license issued, license number, motor number, name and address of owner, make of vehicle, horsepower, amount of fee, date of report, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 28 pp. 17x13x½. Vault.

41. MOTORCYCLES AND DEALERS' REPORTS, 1921-35. 15 vols. (dated). Title varies: Motorcycle & Demonstrators, 1921-29, 9 vols.; Motorcycle Registration Book & Demonstrator Report, 1930-32, 3 vols.

Duplicates of reports on motorcycle and demonstrator licenses, submitted monthly by the clerk to the motor vehicle division of the Department of Finance and Taxation, showing date license issued, license number, serial number, name and address of purchaser, make of vehicle, horsepower, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 50 pp. 16x14x½. Vault.

42. TRUCK LICENSE, 1920-35. 15 vols. (dated). Title varies: Trucks, 1920-30, 10 vols.; Truck License Registration, 1931-32, 2 vols.; Truck License Reports, 1933-34, 2 vols.

Monthly reports of truck licenses issued, duplicates of which are submitted to the motor vehicle division of the Department of Finance and Taxation, showing month reported, date license issued, license number, motor number, name and address of owner, make of vehicle, whether old or new, horsepower, tonnage, amount of fee, date of report, and signature of clerk. Prior to 1929 report also shows number of licenses on hand at beginning of month, number received and number issued during month, and number on hand on date of report. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 78 pp. 16x12x½. Vault.

Transfer of Licenses

43. (CERTIFICATES OF TRANSFER), 1912. In Petitions for Allowance - Marks & Brands, entry 2.

Recorded copies of certificates of transfer, filed by owners of motor vehicles, showing name of owner, to whom vehicle transferred, make and model of vehicle, horsepower, certification that tax has been paid, and that vehicle has been duly registered; date of certificate, and signature of the Secretary of State.

County Court Clerk - Merchants and Privilege Licenses (44-48)

44. TRANSFER REPORT, 1924-35. 12 vols. (dated; 1 vol. not labeled). Discontinued. Title varies: Transfer, 1924-29, 1932, 7 vols.; Transfer Book, 1930, 1 vol.; Transfer Registration Book, 1931, 1 vol.; Transfer License Reports, 1933-34, 2 vols.
Duplicates of automobile license transfer reports, made monthly by the clerk to the motor vehicle division of the Department of Finance and Taxation, showing date of transfer, license number, motor number, name and address of purchaser, make of vehicle, horsepower, amount of tax and fee, date of report, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 75 pp. 16½x14x½. Vault.

Wheel Tax

45. CHEATHAM COUNTY AUTOMOBILE TAX, 1928-32. 38 vols. Discontinued. Duplicate receipts for road and highway taxes paid by automobile owners, showing receipt number, amount of tax, date of payment, name of taxpayer, type of vehicle, year for which tax is paid, and signature of the clerk. Arr. num. by receipt no. and chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 75 pp. 3½x8x½. Vault.

46. CHEATHAM COUNTY MOTOR TRUCK TAX, 1928-32. 12 vols. Discontinued. Duplicates of receipts issued for road tax paid by truck owners, showing receipt number, amount of tax, date receipt issued, name of taxpayer, purpose of payment, tonnage of truck, year for which tax is paid, and signature of the clerk. Arr. num. by receipt no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 75 pp. 3x8x½. Office.

47. LIST OF PEOPLE WHO PAID ROAD TAX IN CHEATHAM COUNTY AND BOUGHT LICENSE IN OTHER COUNTIES, 1929. 1 vol. (dated). Discontinued. A list of automobile owners who paid road tax in this county and bought their licenses in other counties, showing name and address of automobile owner, make of vehicle, and amount of tax. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 50 pp. (1 used) 17x12x½. Vault.

Merchants and Privilege Licenses
(See also entries 85, 87)

48. APPLICATION FOR MERCHANT LICENSE, 1919--. 1 vol. (I), 1 f. b. Title varies: Application for License, 1919, 1 vol.
Merchants' applications for licenses, showing date of application, name of merchant, type and place of business, name of firm, duration of license, and signature of person making application. Also contains: Correspondence pertaining to applications for licenses and the filing of ad valorem schedules; merchants' ad valorem schedules, 1931--, entry 50. Arr. chron. by date of application or correspondence. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Vol., 302 pp. 16x11½x4; f. b., 10½x5x13. 1 vol., 1919, vault; 1 f. b., 1920--, office.
For other files of correspondence, see entry 93.

County Court Clerk - Merchants and Privilege Licenses (49-52)

49. AFFIDAVIT OF EX-SOLDIER TO OBTAIN FREE LICENSE, 1932--. 1 vol. (I).
Affidavits of ex-soldiers to obtain free merchant or peddler licenses, showing name of ex-soldier, amount of taxable property owned, amount of capital, amount and source of income, duration of license, license number, date recorded, signatures of ex-soldier and clerk, and clerk's seal. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 178 pp. 14x9x1. Vault.

50. MERCHANTS AD VALOREM SCHEDULES, 1921-30. 1 f. b. 1931-- in Applications for Merchant License, entry 48.
Merchants' ad valorem schedules, showing name and address of merchant, nature of business or organization, inventory of all goods on hand at beginning of the year, amounts of goods purchased and sold during the year, highest and lowest amounts of stock on hand during the year, average amount of stock, average amount of fixtures, amount of insurance carried, oath of taxpayer that information is correctly reported, date schedule filed, and signatures of merchant and clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10½x5x13. Office.

51. MERCHANT'S BOND, OATH AND LICENSE RECORD, 1856--. 1 f. b. (not labeled), 6 vols. (3 vols. dated; 3 vols. not labeled). Title varies: License Record, 1879-94, 1 vol.; Merchant License and Bond, 1895-1901, 1 vol.
Original merchants' bonds and oaths, and copies of licenses issued. Bonds show name of merchant, amount of bond, date executed, condition of the obligation, and signature of merchant; oaths show highest and lowest cash value of stock during a particular year, aggregate amount on hand during that period, average amount of stock, amount of insurance carried, amount of capital employed for trading, date statement made, clerk's acknowledgment, and pro rata distribution of ad valorem tax collected; copies of licenses show name of merchant, clerk's statement regarding application and bond, privilege licensed to exercise, date license issued, and signature of the clerk. Also contains: Record of tipplers' licenses, 1856-69, entry 57. Arr. chron. by date of bond. 1856-78, 1921--, no index; 1879-1920, indexed alph. by name of merchant. Hdw. on pr. fm. F. b., 9x9x10; vols. aver. 415 pp. 14x10x2. 1 f. b., 1856-78, closet A; 6 vols., 1879--, vault.

52. MERCHANT LICENSE (Under $800 Average Stock), 1909-25, 1929-36. 7 vols. (5 vols dated; 2 vols. not labeled). Title varies: Special Privilege License, 1909-25, 4 vols. 1898-1908 in Merchant License (Over $800), entry 53; 1926-28, 1937-- in Privilege License, entry 54.
Duplicates of licenses issued to merchants having an average stock of less than $800 during the year, showing license number, name of licensee, duration of license, amount of tax, date license issued, kind of business, distribution of tax, provisions in the event stock exceeds $800 during the license period, and clerk's signature. Arr. num. by license no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 7x9x1½. Vault.

County Court Clerk - Beverage Bonds, Licenses and Permits (53-57)

53. MERCHANT LICENSE (Over $800 Average Stock), 1898--. 5 vols. Title varies: License, 1898-1903, 1 vol.; State and County License, 1904-8, 1 vol.

Duplicates of licenses issued to merchants having an average stock of $800 or more during the year, showing name of licensee, license number, date license issued, duration of license, date tax paid, distribution of tax, and clerk's signature. These licenses are issued for one year only, and prior to 1936 were countersigned by the circuit court clerk. Also contains: Merchant license under $800, 1898-1908, entry 52. Arr. num. by license no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 14½x9x1½. 1 vol., 1898-1903, cir. ct. clk's. office; 1 vol., 1904-8, closet A; 3 vols., 1909--, vault.

54. PRIVILEGE LICENSE, 1909--. 29 vols. (1-13; sixteen vols. no. by contained license nos.).

Duplicates of special privilege licenses issued, showing license number, date of expiration, name and address of taxpayer, privilege authorized to exercise, duration of license, date issued, distribution of tax, and clerk's signature. Contains: Merchant License under $800, 1926-28, 1937--, entry 52. Arr. num. by license no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 14x10x1. Vault.

55. LICENSE PRIVILEGE AND AD VALOREM, 1897--. 4 vols. (2 vols. dated; 2 vols. not labeled). Title varies: Privilege License Record, 1897-1920, 1 vol.; License Privilege & Ad Valorem Record, 1921-36, 2 vols.

Record of privilege and ad valorem licenses issued to merchants and State and county revenue collected, showing license number, name of merchant, date license issued, character of privilege, amount of State and county tax collected, pro rata distribution to county funds, and record of amount remitted to the State each month. 1897-1936, arr. chron. by date license issued; 1937--, arr. num. by license no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 240 pp. 17x13½x1½. Vault.

56. LICENSE EXPIRATION RECORD, 1927-29, 1938--. 1 vol.; 3 f. b.

Record of license expirations, showing date license issued, type of license, name of licensee, amount paid, date of payment, duration of license, and date of expiration. Arr. alph. by name of licensee and chron. thereunder by date of expiration. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm., 1927-29; hdw., 1938--. Vol. 300 pp. 18x11½x2; f. b., 4x3x5½. 1 vol., 1927-29, vault; 3 f. b., 1938--, office.

Beverage Bonds, Licenses and Permits

57. LICENSE BOOK (Tippling House), 1870-86. 1 vol. 1856-69 in Merchant's Bond, Oath, and License Record, entry 51.

Tippling license and bond record. Record of license shows date of expiration, place of business, name of tippler, duration of license, amount of

tax paid, date issued, signature of the clerk, and tippler's oath to prohibit gambling at place of business, sworn to and subscribed before the clerk. Bond to operate a peaceable and orderly house, and to comply with the legislative act regulating tippling, shows name of principal and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, condition of the obligation, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. by date license issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 14x12½x2. Clk. & m's. office.

58. BEVERAGE BONDS AND APPLICATIONS, 1933--. Est. 100 papers in 1 f. b.
Applications for permits and bonds executed by beverage retailers. Applications show name of retailer, location of business, conditions under which business will be conducted, distance to nearest church or school; signature of applicant, date of application, date received, record of action, and signatures of members of the beer committee. Bonds show names of principal and surety, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, signatures of principal and sureties, State registration number, county permit number, signature of the clerk, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 13x10½x5. Office.

59. (BEVERAGE PERMIT), 1935--. 4 vols.
Duplicates of permits issued to beverage dealers, showing permit number, name of dealer, place of business, provisions of permit, date issued and signatures of members of the beer committee. Arr. num. by permit no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 7x11x½. Office.

State License Registrations

Business

60. BONDING COMPANYS AND INSURANCE COMPANYS LICENSED IN TENN(essee), 1928--. 1 f. b.
Certified copies of certificates issued to insurance and bonding companies by the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, authorizing the company to engage in business, show date issued, name and address of company, amount of paid up capital, signature of the insurance commissioner, and date of expiration. Also power of attorney authorizing clerk to enter appearance in behalf of said company in any of the courts of the county, showing date granted, signatures of president and secretary of company, State seal, and clerk's certificate of registration. Arr. chron. by date of registration. No index. Typed. 10½x5x13. Office.

61. GENERAL CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE REGISTER, 1936--. 1 vol. (I).
Recorded copies of certificates of license issued by the State Board for Licensing Contractors, showing certificate number, name of contractor, statement as to qualifications, privilege granted licensee, date of

certificate, signatures of chairman of the board, and the clerk's certificate of registration. Arr. chron. by date of registration. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 14x9x1. Vault.

Professional

62. PHYSICIAN'S RECORD, 1889-1912, 1920--. 1 vol. Last entry 1920. Register of certificates issued to physicians by the State Board of Medical Examiners, showing number of certificate, verification of diploma, name, address, and age of physician; name and location of school issuing diploma, date of diploma, date of certificate, signatures of members of the board of examiners, fees paid, and clerk's certificate of registration. Record 1889-97 shows only the name of physician, date of certificate, date of graduation, name of school attended, and date commencing practice. Also contains: Register of dental certificates of permanent and temporary license, 1920--, showing name of dentist, period of time for which license was issued, date issued, names of president and secretary of the State Board of Dental Examiners, and clerk's certificate of registration. Arr. chron. by date of registration. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 161 pp. 14x9x½. Vault.

For prior record, see entry 146.

63. OPTOMETRY REGISTER, 1914--. 1 vol. (I). Last entry 1925. Exact copies of certificates issued by the State Board of Optometry, authorizing persons to practice optometry, showing name of optometrist, dates of license and certificate, names of members of the board, and clerk's certificate of registration. Arr. chron. by date of registration. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 272 pp. 16x11x1½. Vault.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses
(See also entry 88)

64. STATE HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE, 1925-26, 1932--. 12 vols.
Title varies: State Hunting License, 1925-26, 7 vols.
Duplicates of State hunting and fishing licenses issued, showing licence number, name, address, and physical description of licensee; permission granted, date license issued, amount of fee, name of State Director of Game and Fish Division, and signatures of the clerk, and licensee. Arr. num. by license no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 50 pp. 3x3x½. 7 vols., 1925-26, closet A; 5 vols., 1932--, vault.

65. COUNTY HUNTING LICENSE, 1925-26. 5 vols.
Duplicates of county hunting licenses issued, showing license number, date of license, name, address, and description of licensee; amount of fee collected, name of State Director of the Game and Fish Division, and signatures of clerk and licensee. Arr. num. by license no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 50 pp. 3x3x½. Closet A.

County Court Clerk - Driver's License Renewals; Vital Statistics (66-70)

66. (PROFESSIONAL FISHING LICENSE), 1926-27. 2 vols.
Duplicates of professional fishing licenses issued, showing license number, name, address and physical description of licensee; date license issued, amount of fee, name of State Director of the Game and Fish Division, signatures of clerk and licensee, and date of license expiration. Arr. num. by license no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 50 pp. 3x3x$\frac{1}{2}$. Closet A.

67. (MONTHLY REPORT OF HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES ISSUED), 1915-30, 1938--. 8 vols.
Duplicate monthly reports to the State Department of Game and Fish on all hunting and fishing licenses issued by the clerk, and revenue collected thereon, showing name and address of licensee, date issued, kind and number of license, amount collected, amount due State, statement of county court clerk as to amount remitted and supply of blanks on hand, date of report, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 11x9$\frac{1}{2}$x$\frac{1}{2}$. Vault.

Driver's License Renewals

68. DRIVER'S LICENSE, 1939--. 1 vol. (dated).
Copies of reports to the State Department of Safety on drivers' licenses issued by the clerk, showing accounting number, date of report, name and address of licensee, license number, amount of fee, and amount of remittance. Arr. num. by accounting no. and chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 18x10x$\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

Vital Statistics

Marriages

69. MARRIAGE APPLICATION, NOTICE, AND AFFIDAVIT, 1937--. 1 vol.
Applications for marriage licenses, showing names and ages of contracting parties, name of female's parents or guardian, date of application, and signatures of male applicant and clerk; also returned notice to female's parents that application has been filed, and parents' affidavit as to age of female named in application, showing name and age of female, signature of affiant, and acknowledgment of the clerk, justice of the peace, or notary public. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 11x9x1. Vault.

70. (MARRIAGE BONDS), 1856--. 1856-1926 in Marriage License, entry 71; 1927-- in Marriage Record, entry 72.
Original marriage bonds, showing names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date bond executed, and signatures of principal and sureties.

71. MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1856--. 7. f. b. Title varies: Marriage License and Bonds, 1924-29, 1 f. b.
Original marriage licenses returned to the clerk, showing names of contracting parties, date license issued, signature of the clerk, date of ceremony, signature of officiant, date license returned, and book and page number where recorded in Marriage Record. Also contains: Original marriage bonds, 1856-1926, entry 70. Arr. chron. by date of return. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10½x5x13. 1 f. b., 1856-1901, 1905-13, closet B; 6 f. b., 1902-4, 1914--, office.

72. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1856--. 6 vols. (A-C, 3-5). Title varies: Marriage License Book, 1856-81, 1893-97, 1 vol.
Record of marriage applications, affidavits, and licenses; and original bonds executed. 1856-81, 1893-1926, record shows only names of contracting parties, date license issued, name of officiant, and date ceremony performed. 1882-92, record shows license number, date ceremony performed, name, age, color, birthplace, and residence of each contracting party; occupation of groom, name and title of officiant, names and addresses of two witnesses, and date recorded. 1927--, record contains copy of license issued, showing names and addresses of contracting parties, age of each, date license issued, and signature of the clerk; record of return, showing name of officiant, and date ceremony performed. 1929--, also contains record of applications for license, showing name, age, and address of each party; and names and address of female's parents; and affidavits as to age of female applicant, signed by parents, guardian, or next of kin, and returned to the clerk. Also contains: Original marriage bonds, 1927--, entry 70. Arr. chron. by date license issued. 1856-81, 1893-97, no index; 1882-92, 1898--, indexed alph. by name of groom. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 550 pp. 16½x12½x2½. Vault.

73. MARRIAGE LICENSE BOOK COL(ored), 1865-81. 1 vol. (A).
Record of marriages contracted and entered into by colored persons, showing names of contracting parties, date license issued, date of return, name of person who performed the ceremony, and date of marriage. Arr. chron. by date of license return. No index. Hdw. 314 pp. 15x10x1. Vault.

Births and Deaths

74. REPORTS OF BIRTHS, 1925-37. Est. 275 reports in 2 f. b.
Monthly birth reports submitted to the clerk by district registrars of vital statistics, showing period covered by report, name, sex, and color of child; names of parents, place of birth, district number, date of birth, number of districts included in report, date of report, and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 14½x6x15. Vault.

75. REPORTS OF DEATHS, 1925-37. Est. 300 reports in 2 f. b.
Monthly death reports submitted to the clerk by district registrars of vital statistics, showing period covered by report, name, age, color, and sex of deceased; place of birth, district number; place, district number,

date, and cause of death; signature of registrar, numbers of districts included, date of report, and clerk's acknowledgment. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 14½x6x15. Vault.

76. BIRTH AND DEATH RECORD, 1938-39. Est. 25 papers in 1 f. b. Quarterly reports of births and deaths submitted to the clerk by district registrars of vital statistics. Birth reports show dates covered by report, name, sex, and color of child; names of parents, place of birth, district number, date of birth, numbers of districts included in report, date filed, and signature of the registrar. Death reports show dates covered by report, name, age, color, and sex of deceased; place of birth, district number, place, district number, date and cause of death; districts included in report, signature of registrar, date report filed, and clerk's acknowledgment. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10½x4½x15. Office.

77. VITAL STATISTICS RECORD, 1908-12. 1 vol. (I).
Record of births and deaths. Birth record shows district number, name of child, date of birth, sex, color, place of birth, names of parents, their birthplace and occupation, name of attending physician or mid-wife, and date recorded. Death record shows district number, name of deceased, date and cause of death, sex, color, age, marital status, place of death, occupation at time of death, name of last attending physician, name of justice of the peace or coroner holding inquest, if any held; and date recorded. Arr. num. by district no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 240 pp. 16x11x1. Vault.

78. BIRTH RECORD, 1881-82, 1925-39. 2 vols. (I; one vol. not labeled).
Recordation of births by civil districts, showing name, sex, and color of child; date and place of birth, names and address of parents, and district number. 1881-82, arr. by districts; 1925--, arr. by districts and alph. thereunder by family name. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 260 pp. 17x13x1½. Vault.

79. DEATH RECORD, 1881-82, 1925-39. 2 vols. (I; one vol. not labeled).
Recordation of deaths by civil districts, showing name, age, sex, and color of deceased; place and date of birth, and place, date, and cause of death. 1881-82, arr. by districts; 1925--, arr. by districts and alph. thereunder by name of deceased. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver 260 pp. 17x13x1½. Vault.

Probate of Deeds and Mortgages

80. PROBATE OF DEEDS, 1859-72, 1890--. 9 vols. (6 vols. dated; 3 vols. not labeled). Title varies: Acknowledged Deed Book, 1859-72, 1 vol.; Probate Book, 1890-97, 1 vol.; Certificates, 1898-99, 1 vol.; Probate Book Bargainor, 1900-1908, 1 vol.
Record of deeds probated and State tax collected thereon, showing names

of grantor and grantee, date of deed, date probated, amount of consideration, number of acres, location of property, kind of instrument, before whom acknowledged, and amounts of State tax and clerk's fee. Also contains: Record of mortgages probated, 1859-72, 1890-1916, 1925--, entry 81. Arr. chron. by date probated. 1859-72, 1890-1908, no index; 1909--, indexed alph. by name of grantor. Hdw., 1859-72; hdw. on pr. fm., 1890--. Aver. 400 pp. 11x16x2. 6 vols., 1859-72, 1909--, vault; 3 vols., 1890-1908, closet A.

81. MORTGAGE PROBATE BOOK, 1917-24. 1 vol. (I). 1859-72, 1890-1916, 1925--, in Probate of Deeds, entry 80.
Record of mortgages probated and State tax collected thereon, showing date of instrument, date probated, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount of consideration, amounts of State tax and clerk's fee, and date reported by clerk to State Department of Finance and Taxation. Arr. chron. by date probated. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 240 pp. 10x14x1. Vault.

Pedigree Record

82. PEDIGREE RECORD, 1892--. 1 vol. (I). Last entry 1900.
Register of animal pedigrees, showing name of animal, name of owner, kind of animal, age, color, and height; names of sires and dams four generations previous, and clerk's certificate of registration. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on pr. fm. 212 pp. 16x11x1. Vault.

Marks and Brands

83. MARKS AND BRANDS, 1867-98, 1901. 1 vol. (B). 1860 in (Miscellaneous Record), entry 34.
Register of marks and brands used by stock owners, 1867-98, showing name of owner, description of mark or brand, date registered, and certification and signature of the clerk. Also contains: Timber brands and spot notices, 1901, entry 84. Arr. chron. by date registered. No index. Hdw. 225 pp. 12½x8x1. Vault.

84. (TIMBER BRANDS AND SPOT NOTICES), 1901, 1912--. 1901 in Marks and Brands, entry 83; 1912 in Fee Book - Timber Marks and Brands, entry 86; 1913-- in Minutes, entry 6; also 1915, 1926 in Petitions For Allowance, Marks and Brands, entry 2.
Recorded copies of timber brands and spot notices, showing name of timber dealer or tie company, description of brand or spot, and acknowledgement that same is original and has been adopted by said company, date, and name of notary before whom acknowledged, and date filed.

Receipts and Disbursements

85. LICENSE, 1870-97. 1 vol.
Record of revenue collected from the sale of licenses, showing date of collection, name of licensee, amounts of State and county tax collected, kind of license or privilege, date license issued, place of business, total State and county tax collected each month, and date reported to State Comptroller or county trustee. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 pp. 15½x10½x2. Vault.

86. FEE BOOK - TIMBER MARKS AND BRANDS, 1900-1910, 1912. 1 vol.
Record of fees collected by the clerk, 1898-1910, showing date collected, from whom received, on what account, style of case, and amount of fee. Also contains: Timber marks, 1912, entry 84. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 280 pp. 18x12x1. Vault.

87. REVENUE DOCKET, 1894-98. 1 vol.
Clerk's docket of county revenue derived from sale of licenses, property and poll taxes, and collections of various county officials, showing date, source, and amount of revenue; and a record of all appropriations and allowances made by the court, including claims of witnesses, jurors and election officers; justices of the peace per diem, costs of inquests and surveys, and material and supplies furnished the county, showing date of appropriation, name of claimant, purpose, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of collection or appropriation. Indexed alph. by name of fund. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 16½x11½x2. Vault.

88. REVENUE RECEIPTS, 1910--. 1 f. d.
Clerk's receipts for revenue paid to the State and county, including monthly receipts from the Department of Finance and Taxation for motor vehicle tax, monthly receipts from the Division of Game and Fish for hunting and fishing licenses issued, monthly receipts from the bank for money deposited to the credit of the State Treasurer for other State revenue, and quarterly receipts from the trustee for all county revenue. Each receipt shows date issued, number of receipt, name of clerk, amount received, on what account, and name of receiptor. Also contains: Bonds of county officials, 1910--, entry 8. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 9x12x16½. Vault.

89. (CHECK STUBS), 1930--. 5 vols.
Stubs of checks issued by the clerk in the transaction of State and county business, showing number and amount of check, date issued, name of person to whom payable, on what account, balance brought forward, amount deposited, amount of check, and balance carried forward. Arr. num. by check no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 400 pp. 9½x13½x1. Vault.

Miscellaneous

90. (CLERK'S NOTE BOOK), 1868, 1872-75, 1878. 1 vol.
Miscellaneous notes kept by the clerk, including:

i. A list of claims filed against the estate of M. D. L. Williams (no date), showing name of claimant, and amount of claim.

ii. A list of deeds made by the Ashland City Building Committee, 1878, showing name of grantor and grantee, amount of consideration involved, and amounts of State tax, revenue, and clerk's fee.

iii. Record of State tax collected by the clerk, 1872-75, showing name of taxpayer, district number, and amount.

iv. A list of supplies furnished county officials, 1868, showing name of official, description of items furnished, from whom purchased, price, and date payment allowed by the court.

v. A list of deposits made by the clerk of funds derived from settlement of an estate and deposited to credit of the heirs, 1868.

vi. A list of justices of the peace who received copies of Acts of 1875.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 125 pp. 8x5½x½. Closet A.

91. SOLDIER'S RECORD, GERMAN-AMERICAN WAR, 1917-18. 1 vol. (1).
Record of soldiers who served in the World War, showing name and address of soldier, rank, date and place of birth, names of parents, name of wife, if married; branch of service, place of enlistment, date of enlistment, whether conscript or volunteer, date sworn in, place of mobilization, company, wounds received in service, or whether killed or died in service. In the front of the volume is a typed list of soldiers from the county who were killed or died in service, showing name of soldier, home address, and manner or cause of death. Arr. alph. by name of soldier. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 500 pp. 16x12x2½. Vault.

92. LIST OF PERSONS (Census Enumeration), 1880. 5 vols.
List of all persons in this county enumerated in the tenth census, showing district number, name, sex, age, and color of each person; and certification of enumerator as to accuracy of the report. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of person enumerated. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 92 pp. 15x10x½. Closet A.

93. (OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE), 1914--. 12 f. b., 1 f. d.
Miscellaneous correspondence pertinent to transaction of official business in this office, showing date written, name of addressee, nature of contents, and signature of the correspondent. Arr. chron. by date written. No index. Hdw. and typed. F. b., 10½x5x13; f. d., 8x12x25. 9 f. b., 1914-26, vault; 3 f. b., 1 f. d., 1927--, office.
For other correspondence, see entry 48.

94. MISCELLANEOUS, 1920--. 1 f. b.
Miscellaneous papers, including:

i. Record of unclaimed witness fees and officers' costs in chancery

court cases, March 31, 1938, which funds were deposited in the closed Cheatham County Bank, showing docket number, page number, style of case, name of witness or officer, amount due each, and total.

ii. Schedule of bonded indebtedness of the county, May 22, 1936, showing kind of bond, date issued, rate of interest, tax rate, sinking fund, and payments.

iii. List of warrants issued to P. H. Duke, W. P. Cooper, and S. A. Marable, attorneys, in the case of Cheatham County versus R. H. Baba, Commissioner of Highways and Public Works, as authorized by the quarterly county court, showing date payment made, name of attorney, warrant number, and amount.

iv. Original deed, dated September 4, 1935, made by trustees of M. E. Church South, conveying to the county .92 acres, which is a portion of the lot on which the courthouse is located, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of instrument, date recorded, location and description of property, amount of consideration, terms of agreement, signatures of contracting parties, and acknowledgments.

v. Commissions granted to notaries public, 1935, and justices of the peace, 1936, showing name of notary or justice, date elected, date commissioned, signatures of Governor and Secretary of State, and State seal.

vi. Report of the board of election commissioners, 1932, showing date of election, district number, names of officers, amount due each, total amount for the district, and signatures of the chairman and secretary of the commission.

vii. Proposal submitted by the State Highway Department, 1932, for grading and draining a certain section of road lying within this county, setting forth the nature of the work proposed, requirements to be met by the county, and agreements of the proposal; date submitted, and signature of State Highway Commissioners. Attached to the proposal is correspondence pertaining to same.

viii. Audit of the circuit court clerk's office, 1920, showing date of audit, names of auditors, amount of clerk's fees from each case, with case number, and names of plaintiff and defendant; and total amount of fees in hands of the clerk.

ix. Petitions (undated) of the Dickson County Oil and Gas Company to lay pipes in Cheatham County.

x. A list of administrators who have failed to make settlement with the court (undated).

Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 13x5x11. Office.

95. MAIN ASSESSMENT ROLL, 1875-76, 1919--. 1 vol. (dated). Record of all assessments on real estate, 1875-76, showing district number, name of property owner, description of property, number of town lots, valuation, number of acres of farm land, valuation, total value of all property, year of assessment, and note of any change in ownership. Also contains: Canceled bonds and interest coupons, 1919--, entry 32.

Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 638 pp. 17x15½x3½. Office.

96. RECEIPTS OF THE 160TH REGIMENT TENNESSEE MILITIA, Nov. 25th and 26th, 1861. 1 f. b.

Receipts issued by commanding officers to citizens of the State who furnished firearms to be used by the Confederate troops, in accordance with an appeal made by Governor Isham G. Harris, showing date of receipt, name of citizen to whom issued, estimated value of arms furnished for which the State would compensate owner, and signature of commanding officer issuing receipt. Also contains: A list of men who volunteered for service in the Confederate Army and whose families received aid from the county, showing name of volunteer, number in family, amount allowed, and date supplies furnished. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. 4½x10x1½. Closet A.

97. LIQUOR DELIVERY FILE, 1913-17. 2 vols. (I, II). Discontinued.

Statements of express company agents on whiskey shipments, showing name and address of shipper, date of shipment, quantity, waybill number, name of consignee, date shipment received by express company, and date delivered to consignee, signature of express agent, and date of filing. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by name of consignee. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 180 pp. 1x16x4. Vault.

VI. REGISTER

The office of register, concerned with the registration and recordation of deeds, liens, leases, and other written instruments entitled to registration and recordation, is necessarily as old as the county, dating from May 5, 1856.[38] The register is elected by popular vote for a term of 4 years.[39] Since 1927, the register has been designated entry-taker in Cheatham and in all other counties where the office of entry-taker is not maintained.[40]

Original Instruments
(See also entry 109)

98. (INSTRUMENTS FILED FOR REGISTRATION), 1916--. 17 f. b., 15 p. h. (lettered by contained letters of the alphabet).

Original instruments filed for registration which remain uncalled for by

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38. Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 807); Minute Book, vol. A, p. 8, entry 6 in this Inventory; Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.
39. Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 807); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 6 (C 1932, 1915); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.
40. P.A. 1927, ch. 61 (C 1932, 803).

the owners, including warranty deeds, trust deeds, chattel mortgages, releases, and federal crop mortgages, showing names of grantor and grantee, conditions and obligations of the instrument, date of recording, and amount of fee. Arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 18x8x14. Vault.

Real and Personal Property
(See also entries 98, 109, 111)

Warranty Deeds

99. DEED RECORD, 1856--. 40 vols. (A-Z; 27, 29, 32, 35, 38, 42, 45, 47, 53, 57, 59, 63, 65, 72). Title varies: Deed Book, 1856-60, 1 vol.; Record, 1861-73, 2 vols.; Record Book, 1874-75, 1 vol.; Record of Deeds, 1876-91, 4 vols.; Deeds, 1895-1900, 2 vols.

Recorded copies of instruments effecting the absolute conveyance of real property, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of instrument, location and description of property, amount of consideration, terms of payment, acknowledgment before notary public, and register's certificate of recordation. Also contains:

i. Recorded copies of charters granted by the State to corporations formed for the purpose of transacting business, showing name of corporation, address of principal office, nature of business, stock classification, amount of capital employed, names of persons forming the corporation, date charter granted, and register's certificate of registration.

ii. Recorded copies of judgments rendered in cases involving real estate and effecting change in property title, showing court of origin, names of parties to suit, description of property involved, date of judgment rendered and certificate of registration.

iii. Recorded copies of leases or rental contracts, showing name of lessor and lessee, description of property, terms of contract, date of execution, and certificate of registration.

iv. Recorded copies of powers of attorney authorizing one person to act as another's agent or attorney, showing names of grantor and grantee, purpose for which authorization is granted, date instrument executed, and certificate of registration.

v. Recorded copies of marriage contracts whicheffect change of title to property, showing names of contracting parties, date of contract, and certificate of registration.

Trust deeds, 1856-Sept. 1875, entry 101; chattel mortgages, 1856-Sept. 1875, entry 103, chron. by date of registration. For index 1857-75, 1892--, see entry 100; 1876-91, 1892-1920 also, indexed alph. by name of party of the first part within the vol. Hdw., 1856-1939; typed, 1940--. Aver. 600 pp. 18x13x3. Vault.

Register--Real and Personal Property (100-103)

100. GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS, 1856-75, 1892--. 5 vols. (one vol. not labeled; 1-4).
A direct and reverse index to instruments recorded in Deed Record, entry 99; and Mortgage Record, entry 104; showing names of grantor and grantee, nature of instrument, date instrument executed, date of filing, and volume and page numbers of recordation. Arr. alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 18½x13x3. Vault.

Trust Deeds and Chattel Mortgages

101. LAND MORTGAGE RECORD, Sept. 1921--. 15 vols. (25, 28, 31, 33, 36, 37, 41, 43, 48, 49, 54, 56, 62, 66, 71). Title varies: Land Mortgage, 1925-27, 2 vols.; Land Mortgage Record and Southern Trust Co. Form, 1927-36, 2 vols. 1856-Sept. 1875 in Deed Record, entry 99; Oct. 1875-Aug. 1921 in Mortgage Record, entry 104.
Recorded copies of instruments effecting the conditional conveyance of real estate and executed to secure payment of certain indebtedness, showing amount of consideration, names of grantor and grantee, location and description of property, terms and conditions of agreement, acknowledgment before a notary public, and register's certificate of registration. Southern Trust Company forms are recorded 1927-36. Also contains: Federal Land Bank mortgages, 1934-June 1935, entry 105. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. by name of grantor; for separate index, see entry 102. Hdw. and hdw. on pr. fm., 1921-38; typed, 1939--. Aver. 600 pp. 18x12x3. Vault.

102. GENERAL INDEX TO LAND MORTGAGE (Trust Deeds), 1921--. 1 vol. (5)
An alphabetical index to instruments recorded in Land Mortgage Records, entry 101, showing names of parties involved, nature of instrument, date executed, date of filing, and volume and page numbers of recordation. Arr. alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 pp. 18x13x3. Vault.

103. CHATTEL MORTGAGE, Sept. 1921--. 16 vols. (26, 30, 34, 39, 40, 44, 46, 50, 51, 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, 70). Title varies: Chattel Mortgage Record, 1922-24, 1927, 1929-31, 5 vols.; Mortgage Record, 1928, 1934, 2 vols.; Chattel Mortgage Federal Crop Loan, 1935, 1 vol. 1856-Sept. 1875 in Deed Record, entry 99; Oct. 1875-Aug. 1931 in Mortgage Record, entry 104.
Recorded copies of chattel mortgages executed to secure payment of loans on personal property, showing amount of consideration, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, location and description of property, terms of agreement, amount secured by mortgage and date due, acknowledgment before a notary public, and certificate of registration. Mortgages on tobacco crops are included in this series since 1927. Also contains: Federal crop mortgages, 1931, entry 105. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. and hdw. on pr. fm., 1921-37; typed, 1938--. Aver. 600 pp. 18x12x3. Vault.

Register - Real and Personal Property (104-107)

104. MORTGAGE RECORD, Oct. 1875-Nov. 1926. 24 vols. (1-24). Title varies: Mortgage Book, 1875-83, 1 vol.; Mortgages, 1896-1900, 2 vols.

Recorded copies of trust deeds, and chattel mortgages, 1875-Aug. 1921. This is a combination of two records kept separately for other periods, Land Mortgage Record, entry 101, and Chattel Mortgage, entry 103. Also contains: Mortgages to tobacco warehousemen, 1920-26, executed to secure payment of loans on tobacco crops. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. by name of grantor or mortgagor; for separate index, see entry 100. Hdw. 600 pp. 18½x13x3. Vault.

105. TRUST DEED FEDERAL LOAN AND MISCELLANEOUS, July 1935--. 2 vols. (60, 68). 1931 in Chattel Mortgage, entry 103; 1934-June 1935 in Land Mortgage Record, entry 101.

Recorded copies of mortgages executed to secure loans from Federal agencies, such as Production Credit Association, Rehabilitation Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, and Resettlement Administration; showing date executed, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount of loan, amounts of installments and dates due, location and description of property, condition and terms of mortgage agreement, acknowledgment before a notary public, and certificate of registration. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 18x13x3. Vault.

Leases

106. OIL AND GAS LEASE, 1917--. 4 vols. (three vols. not labeled; 4). Last entry May 25, 1939. Title varies slightly.

Recorded copies of leases on mineral resources, showing date instrument executed, names of lessor and lessee, amount of consideration, location and description of property, terms of contract, duration of contract, acknowledgment before a notary public, and register's certificate of recordation. Arr. chron. by date of registration. 1917-19, no index; 1920--, indexed alph. by name of lessor. Hdw. and hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 18x13x3. Vault.

Releases

107. RELEASE BOOK, 1932--. 2 vols. (1, 2). Title varies: Affidavit Releases and Charters, 1932-35, 1 vol.

Recorded copies of affidavits effecting the release of notes or other instruments which cannot be produced by the holder, showing name of owner or holder of note, name of maker of the note and description of instrument secured by same, extent of release, reason instrument cannot be produced, register's acknowlegment of the owner's sworn statement, and certificate of registration. Though the title variation includes "Charters" no charters are recorded herein. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 18x13x3. Vault.

Military Discharges

108. RECORD OF SOLDIERS' AND SEAMEN'S DISCHARGES, (German-American War), 1919--. 1 vol. (I). Last entry May 9, 1936.
Recorded copies of discharges from military service, showing name of ex-service man, rank and station, reason for discharge, address at time of enlistment, physical description, place of discharge, date, name of commanding officer, detailed enlistment record, showing whether enlisted or drafted into service, period of enlistment, prior service, rank, battles or skirmishes engaged in, wounds received in service, and physical condition at time of discharge; marital status, character, branch of service in which served, and register's certificate of registration. Arr. chron. by date of registration. Indexed alph. by name of ex-service man. Hdw. and hdw. on pr. fm. 500 pp. 16½x12x2½. Vault.

Financial Records

109. NOTE BOOK, 1856--. 4 vols. (A-D).
Register's record of instruments received for recording in his office, showing date and hour of reception, names of grantor and grantee, description of instrument, amount of State tax, number of acres involved, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. by date of reception. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 320 pp. 18x12x2. Vault.

110. FEE BOOK, 1898-1900, 1920-26. 1 vol.
Record of fees collected for the recording of legal instruments, such as deeds, leases, deeds of trust, charters, and liens, showing date of collection, from whom received, on what account, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 18x12x1½. Vault.

VII. ENTRY-TAKER

Under a public act of 1836, the quarterly county court of Cheatham County elected an entry-taker at its first meeting on May 5, 1856.[41] This office continued as a separate office until 1870, when it was consolidated with the office of surveyor.[42] In 1875 the office of entry-taker was specifically abolished,[43] but in 1879 the quarterly county court was authorized to revive the office and elect an entry-taker or impose the duties of this office upon the register or surveyor.[44] Since

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41. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 3, entry 6 in this Inventory.
42. Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 68.
43. Acts 1875, ch. 55.
44. Acts 1879, ch. 46.

1927 the register has been designated entry-taker in Cheatham and all other counties not maintaining the office of entry-taker.[45]

111. ENTRY BOOK, 1856-61, 1866-75, 1880-90, 1893-94, 1896-1902, 1904, 1906-7, 1909, 1915. 1 vol.
Record of claims entered by persons desiring to establish right of ownership to unoccupied land, showing entry number, number of acres in tract of land, name of locator, description of land, signature of locator, date of entry, and, since 1870, signature of entry-taker. Arr. num. by entry no. Indexed alph. by name of locator. Hdw. 240 pp. 12x8x1. Vault.

VIII. ENTRY-TAKER AND SURVEYOR

The office of entry-taker and surveyor as a consolidated office was created by an act of 1870,[46] and existed as such until 1875 when the office of entry-taker was specifically abolished.[47]

IX. SURVEYOR

The office of surveyor, originally charged with the surveying and making of plats entered with the entry-taker dates from the organization of the county in 1856.[48] The surveyor in Cheatham County has always been appointed by the quarterly court for a term of 4 years.[49] At present the surveyor is not concerned with the disposal of the public domain, but is required to make such surveys as any court of record may demand, and upon receipt of his fees, to survey land at the request of any interested person.[50] All records which were in the hands of the present surveyor, who was elected on October 4, 1937,[51] were destroyed by fire.

112. RECORD BOOK (Survey of Entries), 1856-94. 1 vol. (A).
Record of surveys, showing number of entry, name of locator, boundaries and description of land by metes and bounds, number of acres, names of surveyor and chain carriers, date of survey, and a plat of the tract, showing scale and corner markers. Arr. chron. by date of survey. Indexed alph. by name of locator. Hdw. 588 pp. 17x11½x2. Register's office.

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45. P.A. 1927, ch. 61 (C 1932, 803).
46. Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 68.
47. Acts 1875, ch. 55.
48. Minute Book, vol. A, p. 3, entry 6 in this Inventory; C 1858, 438 (C 1932, 789).
49. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 782).
50. C 1858, 438 (C 1932, 789).
51. Minute Book, vol. O, p. 486, entry 6 in this Inventory.

113. MAP OF CHEATHAM COUNTY, 1923. 2 maps.
Map of Cheatham county, showing streams, roads, towns, schools, churches, and bridges. Maps drawn by A. F. Gainer, J. A. Binkley, and engraved by Wilbur A. Nelson. Published at Nashville, Tennessee. Blue print. Scale: 1 inch - 400 poles. 62x34. Co. ct. clk's. office.

X. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court and the offices of circuit judge and circuit court clerk are creations of the general law and all date from 1857.[52] Since the organization of the county the circuit judge has been elected by popular vote for a term of 8 years.[53] The clerk has, since the organization of the county, been elected by popular vote for a term of 4 years.[54] A private act of 1911 fixed the salary of the circuit court clerk at $700 a year.[55] In 1919 his salary was increased to $800 a year,[56] and in 1927 to $1000 in addition to such fees in excess of this amount as he may collect.[57] Under the general law the circuit court of today is a court of general jurisdiction at law in civil and criminal cases, having exclusive jurisdiction over all actions triable before a jury and, also, holds certain probate jurisdiction and power to hear and determine any equity matter wherein the parties do not object to its jurisdiction.[58] At present Cheatham County constitutes part of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit.[59]

Original Instruments
(See also entries 116, 143, 144)

114. (TRIAL PAPERS - ACTIVE CASES), 1939--. 25 f. b. (lettered). Original instruments incident to civil and criminal cases to be tried in this court, including warrants, subpoenas, declarations, bail and cost

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52. Acts 1855-56, ch. 122, sec. 14; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 1, entry 6 in this Inventory; C 1858, 107-114 (C 1932, 159); Const. 1870, art. 6, secs. 1, 3, 13.
53. Acts 1851-52, resolution 3; Acts 1853-54, resolution 16 amending Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 3; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 3 (C 1932, 1912), sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916).
54. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; C 1858, 324 (C 1932, 650), 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, secs. 1, 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916).
55. Pr.A. 1911, ch. 304.
56. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 165.
57. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 351.
58. For jurisdiction of the circuit court under the general law see C 1932, 10318-10330.
59. C 1938, 159.

bonds, indictments, and grand jury reports, each showing, in addition to particulars of the process, date issued, and style and number of case. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff in civil cases and by name of defendant in criminal cases. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 6x5x10. Office.

115. (TRIAL PAPERS - DISPOSED CASES), 1891-1938. 106 f. b. (lettered).

Original instruments incident to civil and criminal action in this court, including all process from inception of the case to final execution, such as warrants, subpoenas, bail and cost bonds, mittimuses and grand jury reports, showing in addition to particulars of the process, date, number of case, and names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff in civil cases and defendant in criminal cases. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 7½x6x12. WPA office.

Reports

116. (REVENUE REPORTS), 1914-21. 20 reports in 1 f. b.

This file box includes:

i. Copies of reports of State revenue collected on redemptions of real estate sold to the State for delinquent taxes, showing name of clerk by whom collected, dates covered by report, date of redemption, to whom taxes were assessed, by whom property was redeemed, district or ward number, year for which assessed, assessed valuation, and amounts of State tax, interest, penalty, and total collection.

ii. Copies of revenue reports to the quarterly court, 1916-20, showing name of clerk, period covered by report, docket number, names of plaintiff and defendant, amounts of fine, State tax, attorney general's fee, and total; amount of clerk's commission, certification and signature of clerk, and date of report.

iii. Trustee's reports of realty bid off in the name of the State for taxes due, 1914-15, showing certification and signatures of the trustee and clerk, date of report, ward or district number, name of property owner, location and description of property, number of lots or acres, value of property, and amount of State tax.

Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6x5x15. WPA office.

Grand Jury Records

(See also entry 134)

117. GRAND JURY WITNESS DOCKET, 1886-97, 1915--. 2 vols. (1; one vol. not labeled). Title varies: Witness Before Grand Jury, 1886-97, 1 vol.

Record of witnesses appearing before the grand jury, showing date of court term, style of case, date of appearance, name of witness, number of days

in attendance, miles traveled, and ferriage. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 225 pp. 9x12x1. 1 vol., 1886-97, WPA office; 1 vol., 1915--, office.

118. (TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES BEFORE GRAND JURY), 1896--. 3 vols., 2 f. d.

Record of witnesses' testimony before the grand jury, showing date of court term, names of foreman, jurors, and clerk; statement of witness given as testimony, and signature of witness. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. Vols. aver. 200 pp. 9x14x1½ f. d., 24x15⅓x7;. WPA office.

Dockets
(See also entries 117, 135, 136, 139)

Civil and Criminal - (See also entries 124-131)

119. APPEARANCE DOCKET, 1858-66, 1869, 1871-72, 1875-76, 1884-86. 2 vols.

Record of civil and criminal cases scheduled to be tried before this court, showing date of court term, docket number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; cause of action or offense charged, and rules of past and present terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. For index 1858-66, 1869, 1871-72, 1875-76, see entry 120; 1884-86, no index. Hdw., 1858-66, 1869, 1871-72, 1875-76; hdw. on pr. fm., 1884-86. Aver. 250 pp. 11x16x2. WPA office.

120. (INDEX TO APPEARANCE DOCKET), 1858-66, 1869, 1871-72, 1875-76. 1 vol.

Index to appearance docket, entry 119; showing names of plaintiff and defendant, and number of page where case is recorded. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. 88 pp. 16x10½x½. WPA office.

121. TRIAL DOCKET JUDGE (Civil and Criminal), 1877-1902, 1910-27, May 1940--. 12 vols. Title varies: Civil Trial Docket Judge, 1888-1902, 3 vols.

A record prepared for use of the judge listing both civil and criminal cases set for trial in this court, showing date of court term, case number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; nature of action or offense charged, and orders of past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by case no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 16x11½x1½. 8 vols., 1879-1902, 1910-27, WPA office; 4 vols., 1940--, office.

122. TRIAL DOCKET BAR (Civil and Criminal), 1884-1902, 1909-28, May 1940--. 12 vols. Title varies: Civil Trial Docket, 1888-1902, 3 vols.

A record prepared for use of the bar, listing all civil and criminal cases set for trial in this court, showing date of court term, docket number,

names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; cause of action or offense charged, and rules of past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 16x11x1. 11 vols., 1884-1902, 1909-28, WPA office; 1 vol., May 1940--, office.

123. TRIAL DOCKET CLERK (Civil and Criminal), 1871-77, 1893-1902, 1910-28. 12 vols., 1 f. d. Title varies: Circuit Court Trial Docket, 1871-77, 3 vols.; Civil Trial Docket Clerk, 1893-1902, 2 vols.

Clerk's record of civil and criminal cases set for trial in this court, showing date of court term, docket number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; cause of action or offense charged, and rules of past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw., 1871-75; hdw. on pr. fm., 1876-77, 1893-1902, 1910-28. Vols. aver. 150 pp. 16x11x1½; f. d., 8x25x16. WPA office.

Civil - (See also entries 119-123)

124. TRIAL DOCKET CIVIL JUDGE, 1903-9, 1928-Feb. 1940. 2 vols. Title varies: Civil Trial Docket Judge, 1903-9, 1 vol.

A record prepared for the use of the judge, listing all civil cases set for trial in this court, showing date of court term, docket number, names of attorneys, plaintiff and defendant; nature of action, and orders of past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 16x11½x1. 1 vol., 1903-9, WPA office; 1 vol., 1928-40, office.

125. TRIAL DOCKET CIVIL BAR, 1928-Feb. 1940. 1 vol.

A record prepared for use of the bar listing all civil cases set for trial in this court, showing date of court term, docket number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; cause of action, and rules of past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 16x11x1. Office.

126. CIVIL TRIAL DOCKET CLERK, 1902-9. 1 vol.

Clerk's record of civil cases set for trial in this court, showing date of court term, docket number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; cause of action, and rules of past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 16x11x1. WPA office.

Criminal - (See also entries 119-123)

127. TRIAL DOCKET STATE JUDGE, 1903-9, 1928-Feb. 1940. 3 vols. Title varies: State Docket Judge, 1902-9, 1 vol.

A record prepared for the use of the judge, listing all criminal cases set for trial in this court, showing date of court term, docket number,

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names of attorneys and defendant, offense charged, and orders of the past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 16x11½x1. 1 vol., 1903-9, WPA office; 2 vols., 1928-Feb. 1940, office.

128. TRIAL DOCKET ATTORNEY-GENERAL, 1902-9, 1923-24. 2 vols. Title varies: State Docket Attorney-General, 1902-9, 1 vol.
A record of criminal cases set for trial in this court, prepared for use of the attorney-general, showing date of court term, case number, names of defendant and attorney, offense charged, order of the court, date of order, and reference to book and page number of recording in minute book. 1923-24 also shows date of indictment. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by case no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 16x11x1. WPA office.

129. TRIAL DOCKET STATE BAR, 1937-Feb. 1940. 1 vol.
A record prepared for use of the bar, listing all criminal cases set for trial in this court, showing date of court term, docket number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant; offense charged, and rules of past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 16x11x1. Office.

130. TRIAL DOCKET STATE (Clerk), 1902-9, 1937--. 2 vols. Title varies: State Docket Clerk, 1902-9, 1 vol.
Clerk's record of criminal cases set for trial in this court, showing date of court term, docket number, names of attorneys and defendant, offense charged, and rules of past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 16x11x1. 1 vol., 1902-9, WPA office; 1 vol., 1937--, office.

131. RETIRED DOCKET, 1912--. 1 vol.
Record of all retired criminal cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, case number, offense charged, date of indictment, and date retired. Arr. num. by case no. Partially indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 328 pp. 10x14½x2. Office.

Court Proceedings

132. MINUTE BOOK, (Civil and Criminal), 1857--. 13 vols. (1 vol. not labeled; A-L). Title varies: Rec'rd, 1868-76, 1 vol.
Record of proceedings before the court in the disposition of civil and criminal cases, showing term of court, date of entry, names of plaintiff and defendant, offense charged or cause of action, detailed account of action taken, orders of the court, final disposition of the case, and signature of the judge. Arr. chron. by term of court. 1857-67, 1877--, indexed alph. by name of plaintiff; for index 1868-76, see entry 133. Hdw. Aver. 588 pp. 13x18x3. 3 vols., 1857-83, register's vault; 7 vols., 1884-1929, WPA office; 3 vols., 1930--, office.

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133. INDEX BOOK A (Record Minute Book), 1868-76. 1 vol. (A). Index to minutes, entry 132, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, and page number of recordation. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. 88 pp. 16x10½x½. Register's vault.

Jury Service

134. CLERK'S JURY BOOK, 1898-1922, 1938--. 2 vols. Title varies: Jury Book, 1898-1922, 1 vol.
Records of jurors serving on both grand and trial juries, showing date of court term, names of foreman, jurors, and court officer; number of days in attendance, and amount due each. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 240 pp. 9x14x1. 1 vol., 1898-1922, WPA office; 1 vol., 1938--, office.

Records of Witnesses
(See also entries 117, 118)

135. SUBPOENA DOCKET, 1874-77. 1 vol.
Register of subpoenas issued for witnesses to appear in civil and criminal cases in this court, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and witness; whether witness for plaintiff or defendant, and date subpoena issued. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 pp. 12x16x2. WPA office.

136. WITNESS DOCKET, 1909--. 2 vols. (1 vol. dated; 1 vol. not labeled).
Record of witnesses appearing in this court, showing style of case, name of witness, whether appearing for plaintiff or defendant, date of court term, number of days attended, number of miles traveled, and amount of ferriage. Arr. chron. by date of court term. 1909-25, indexed alph. by name of plaintiff; 1926--, no index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 414 pp. 12x16x2. 1 vol., 1909-25, WPA office; 1 vol., 1926--, office.

Delinquent Tax Sales

137. RECORD OF TAX SALES, (Land Sales and Redemptions), 1908-19. 3 vols. (1 vol. dated; 2 vols. not labeled). Title varies: Record of Tax Sales, State Treasurer, and Individuals, 1908-18, 2 vols.
Record of property sold for delinquent taxes, showing name of person to whom assessed, years for which taxes are unpaid, assessed valuation, rate of taxation, date delinquent, date of sale, name of purchaser, location and description of property sold, and amount of taxes, interest, penalty, and costs due on date of sale. Redemptions show accrued taxes

reported by the trustee, cost of redemption, amount due, date redeemed, by whom, and distribution of funds received. Arr. chron. by date of sale or redemption. Indexed alph. by name of property owner. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 344 pp. 13x18½x2. WPA Office.

For other records of delinquent tax cases, see entry 158.

138. (RECEIPTS OF TAX SALES), 1914-23. 2 vols.
Stubs of receipts issued for payment of delinquent taxes and costs of redeeming property sold through litigation, showing receipt number, name of person making payment, name of land owner, district number, amounts of taxes, fees, interest, and penalties; cost of redemption, tax sale book and page numbers, and date of payment. Arr. num. by receipt no. and chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 6x12x1. WPA office.

For other delinquent tax receipts, see entries 159, 259.

Financial Records
(See also entries 116, 134, 137, 138)

139. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1857--. 9 vols. (1 vol. not labeled; A-H).
A complete financial record of all civil and criminal cases, showing number and style of case, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney; date process issued, date of officer's return, amount of court costs, amount of judgment, dates and amounts of payments, distribution of collections, and signatures of recipients. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date process issued. 1857-68, 1883-89, no index; for index 1869-82, see entry 140; 1890--, indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw., 1857-82; hdw. on pr. fm., 1883--. Aver. 602 pp. 13x18x2½. 1 vol., 1857-68, clk. & m's. office; 3 vols., 1869-98, register's office; 2 vols., 1899-1915, WPA office; 3 vols., 1916--, office.

140. (INDEX TO EXECUTION DOCKET A), 1869-82. 1 vol.
Index to Execution Docket "A", entry 139, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, and page number of recordation. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. 88 pp. 16x10½x½. WPA office.

141. CASH, 1914-15, 1918, 1922, 1938--. 1 vol.
A daily record of all cash received and disbursed, showing date received, name of payor, style of case, purpose of payment, and amount received; date disbursed, name of payee, style of case, purpose and amount of payment. Arr. chron. by date received or disbursed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 16½x12x1½. Office.

142. GENERAL RECEIPTS, 1910-32, 1939--. 2 vols. (1 vol. no. by contained receipt nos. 1-500; 1 vol. not labeled). Title varies: Receipt Book, 1910-32, 1 vol.
Stubs, 1910-32, and duplicates, 1939--, of receipts issued for payment of fines and costs in this court, showing receipt number, date issued, name of payor, and amount of payment received. Duplicates also show clerk's

signature. Arr. num. by receipt no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 pp. 18x13½x1. 1 vol., 1910-32, WPA office; 1 vol., 1939--, office.

143. (DEPOSIT SLIPS), 1922--. 1 f. d.
Duplicate bank deposit slips, showing name of clerk making deposit, date, amounts of currency, silver, and checks; names of persons from whom checks received, total amount deposited, and signature of bank cashier. Arr. chron. by date of deposit. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 24x18x7. Office.

144. (CHECK STUBS), 1929--. 8 vols.
Stubs of checks issued by the clerk in payment of witness fees, costs, and judgments in civil and criminal cases, showing number and amount of check, date issued, purpose of payment, name of payee, balance brought forward, less amount of check, and balance carried forward. Arr . num. by check no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 334 pp. 13½x9½x1. Office.

145. FEE BOOK, 1898-99, 1915-16, 1922--. 1 vol.
Record of fees collected by the clerk, showing date of collection, from whom received, on what account or style of case, amount of collection, and page number of execution docket where recorded. 1924-- typed lists of fees collected for the year are pasted in this book, showing docket and page number, names of complainant and respondent, amount collected from each case, total fees collected, clerk's salary, and oath and signature of the clerk certifying accuracy of the list. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. and typed. 375 pp. 12x16x½. Office.

Dentist Register

146. RECORD OF DENTIST LICENSE, 1914-15. 1 vol. (I).
Exact copies of certificates issued by the State Board of Dental Examiners to persons practicing dentistry, showing name of dentist, statement that he has complied with laws governing the practice of dentistry, date certificate issued, names of members of the State Board, copy of seal, and clerk's certificate of registration. Also contains: Two court orders, 1935, showing style of case, nature of order, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of registration. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 212 pp. 8½x14x1. WPA office.
For subsequent records, see entry 62.

XI. CHANCERY COURT

The chancery court is chiefly a court of equity, having considerable concurrent jurisdiction with the probate court and the circuit court over the appointment and supervision of personal representatives and the

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partition and distribution of estates, and now has "exclusive original jurisdiction of all cases of an equitable nature, when the debt or demand exceeds fifty dollars, unless otherwise provided.[60]

Cheatham County had no chancery court of its own until 1858.[61] Between the time of organization and 1858, equity cases arising in Cheatham County were tried in the chancery court at Clarksville, in Montgomery County, the chancery court at Charlotte, in Dickson County, or the chancery court at Nashville, in Davidson County.[62] The first chancery court was held at Ashland City in 1858 with the circuit judge acting as chancellor and the circuit court clerk serving as clerk and master.[63] At present Cheatham County constitutes part of the Sixth Chancery Division.[64]

Since the adoption of a constitutional amendment in 1854, the chancellor has been elected by popular vote for a term of 8 years.[65] The clerk and master has always been appointed by the chancellor,[66] and since 1836 has held office for a term of 6 years.[67]

Private acts of 1911 and 1927 fixed the annual salary of the clerk and master at $550 and $1000 respectively, and allowed him to retain all fees in excess of these sums.[68] By an act of 1933 the clerk and master was made a member of the purchasing commission of the county.[69]

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60. L.N.C. 1762, ch. 5, sec. 5 (C 1932, 8476); P.A. 1831, ch. 107 (C 1932, 9573); P.A. 1835-36, ch. 19, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10325); P.A. 1835-36, ch. 20, sec. 1 (C 1932, 9169, 10350, 10379, 10380); P.A. 1837-38, ch. 156 (C 1932, 10326); Acts 1841-42, ch. 177, sec. 1 (C 1932, 8155, 10382); Acts 1845-46, ch. 194 (C 1932, 10325); Acts 1851-52, ch. 57, sec. 1 (C 1932, 9647, 9648, 9650); Acts 1851-52, ch. 92, sec. 1 (C 1932, 9169, 10220); Acts 1851-52, ch. 163 (C 1932, 9613), sec. 1 (C 1932, 10375); Acts 1851-52, ch. 173, sec. 1 (C 1932, 10381), sec. 7 (C 1932, 9385); Acts 1853-54, ch. 74 (C 1932, 9575, 9587); Acts 1855-56, ch. 113, sec. 11 (C 1932, 7783, 9573); C 1858, 4299 (C 1932, 10376); Acts 1873, ch. 64 (C 1932, 8263, 10225, 10226); Acts 1877, ch. 97 (C 1932, 10377); Acts 1889, ch. 137 (C 1932, 8166); Acts 1891, ch. 98, sec. 2 (C 1932, 8005); P.A. 1915, ch. 47 (C 1932, 10377); P.A. 1919, ch. 42, sec. 3 (C 1932, 9976); C 1932, 1591.
61. Pr.A. 1857-58, ch. 93.
62. Acts 1855-56, ch. 122, sec. 15.
63. Pr.A. 1857-58, ch. 93; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 300, entry 6 in this Inventory.
64. C 1938, 159.
65. Acts 1853-54, resolution 16, amending Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 3; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 4; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 3 (C 1932, 1912).
66. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 20, sec. 7; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13.
67. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 4, sec. 6; Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 13.
68. Pr.A. 1911, ch. 296; Pr.A. 1927, ch. 254.
69. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 250.

Chancery Court - Dockets (147-150)

Original Instruments
(See also entries 164, 165)

147. (ORIGINAL PAPERS), 1882--. Est. 7220 papers in 107 f. b. (lettered), 4 f. d.
Original trial papers incident to action in chancery court, including bills, motions, pleas, answers, petitions for confirmation of sales, divorce papers, depositions, injunction and attachment bonds, bills and cross bills, and settlements of guardians, administrators, and executors. These papers, in addition to the text, show style and number of case, and date instrument filed. Arr. by style of case and chron. thereunder by date instrument filed. No index. Hdw., and typed on pr. fm. F. b., 10x7x14; f. d., 11½x16x27. 91 f. b., 4 f. d., 1882-1929, office; 16 f. b., 1930--, vault.

Dockets
(See also entry 161)

148. HEARING DOCKET JUDGE, 1872-95, 1906-35. 8 vols. Title varies: Docket, 1872-87, 1 vol.; Trial Docket Judge, 1888-95, 1 vol.; Docket Judge, 1906-15, 1 vol.; Hearing Docket - Chancellor, 1916-19, 1 vol.
Judge's record of all cases in this court, showing date of court term, docket number, names of litigants and solicitors, kind of action, and orders of the past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 210 pp. 16x10½x1. 3 vols., 1872-95, 1906-15, office; 5 vols., 1916-35, register's vault.

149. HEARING DOCKET - BAR, 1872-89, 1895-97, 1906-26. 8 vols. (A; 7 vols. not labeled). Title varies: Docket, 1872-87, 1 vol.; Trial Docket Bar, 1888, 1 vol.; Docket Bar, 1895-97, 1 vol.
Record of all cases set for hearing in this court, prepared for the use of attorneys, showing date of court term, docket number, names of parties and solicitors, kind of action, and rules of the past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 210 pp. 16x10½x1. 7 vols., 1872-89, 1895-97, 1906-23, office; 1 vol., 1924-26, register's vault.

150. HEARING DOCKET - CLERK, 1879-82, 1888-1935. 9 vols. Title varies: Docket, 1879-82, 1 vol.; Trial Docket - Clerk, 1888-95, 1 vol.; Docket Clerk, 1896-1915, 2 vols.
Clerk's record of all cases in this court, showing date of court term, docket number, names of litigants and solicitors, kind of action, and orders of the past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 210 pp. 16x10½x1. Office.

Chancery Court - Enrollments; Court Proceedings (151-156)

151. TRIAL DOCKET, 1936--. 1 vol.
A record of cases set for trial in this court, prepared for use of the judge, bar, and clerk; showing date case filed, docket number, reference to rule docket and page number, style of case, names of solicitors for complainant and respondent, dates of orders, orders of the court, and book and page number of recordation in minute book. Arr. chron. by date filed and num. by docket no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 12½x10x1. Office.

152. RULE DOCKET, 1858-97--. 4 vols. (1 vol. not labeled; B, D, E). Title varies: Record, 1858-77, 1 vol.
Record of all process issued in this court, showing number of case, names of solicitors, complainant, and respondent; kind of process, date issued, officer's return, names of bondsmen, rules of the court, and signature of the clerk and master. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date process issued. 1858-77, no index; 1878-97, 1921--, indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw., 1858-77; hdw. on pr. fm., 1878-97, 1921--. Aver. 586 pp. 16x13x2½. 3 vols., 1858-77, 1921--, office; 1 vol., 1878-97, register's vault.

Enrollments

153. ENROLLED CASES, NO. 1, BILLS, PETITIONS & C., 1871-75. 1 vol. (1).
Recorded copies of original bills and petitions filed in this court, showing, in addition to text of the instrument, case number, names of complainant and respondent, nature of action, and date process filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. 580 pp. (40 used) 18x13½x2½. Office.

154. ENROLLED CASES, NO. 1, ANSWERS, PLEAS & C., 1871-73. 1 vol. (1).
Recorded copies of all answers to original bills filed in this court, showing, in addition to text of the instrument, case number, names of complainant and respondent, nature of action, and date process filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. 580 pp. (26 used) 18x13½x2½. Office.

155. ENROLLED CASES, NO. 1, DEPOSITIONS & C., 1872. 1 vol. (1). Only 1 entry.
Recorded copy of a deposition filed in this court, showing, in addition to text of the instrument, case number, names of complainant and respondent, nature of action, and date process filed. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 580 pp. (1 used) 18x13½x2½. Vault.

Court Proceedings

156. MINUTES, 1868--. 8 vols. (A-H). Title varies: Rec'rd, 1868-77, 1 vol.; Minute Book, 1878-93, 1 vol.
Record of all proceedings in court, showing term of court, names of

chancellor, complainants, respondents, and solicitors; cause of action, motions filed, depositions taken, and final decree. A record of each step in the trial process in court is minutely made. Arr. chron. by term of court. For index 1868-77, see entry 157; 1878--, indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. Aver. 588 pp. 18x13½x3. 6 vols., 1868-1929, register's vault; 2 vols., 1930--, vault.

157. (INDEX TO REC'RD MINUTE BOOK A), 1868-77. 1 vol.
Index to minute book, "A", entry 156, showing names of complainant and respondent, and page number of recordation. Arr. alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. 52 pp. 15½x10½x½. Register's vault.

Delinquent Tax Records

158. DELINQUENT TAX BOOK, 1922--. 3 vols. (dated). Title varies: Cash, 1922-23, 1 vol.
A list of property and poll taxes which have become delinquent and have been turned over to the clerk and master for collection, showing case number, date tax bill filed, name of property owner, district number, location and description of property, assessed valuation, amount and distribution of taxes, amount of accrued fees, interest, and penalties; total amount, and date paid. Arr. chron. by date bill filed. No index. Hdw., 1922-23; hdw. on pr. fm., 1924--. Aver. 268 pp. 16x12x2. Office.
For other records of delinquent tax cases, see entry 137.

159. (DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPTS), 1921--. 50 vols.
Duplicate receipts issued for payment of delinquent taxes, showing number of receipt, tax bill number, date receipt issued, style of case, amounts of taxes, interest, penalties, and costs; location and description of property, name of person to whom assessed, number of acres, valuation, date bill filed, and signature of clerk and master. Arr. num. by receipt no. and chron. by date issued.. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 50 pp. 6x9x½. 35 vols., 1921-32, office; 15 vols., 1933--, vault.
For other delinquent tax receipts, see entries 138, 259.

Insolvent Estates

160. ACCOUNTS OF INSOLVENT ESTATES, 1874-1885. 1 vol.
Record of claims filed against insolvent estates, showing name of estate, number of claim, date filed, name of claimant, amount of claim, dates and amounts of credits, balance due, interest, total, pro rata payments made, signature of recipient, and date of payment. Arr. chron. by date filed and num. by claim no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 280 pp. 11x15x2. Office.
For other record of claims filed, see entry 192.

Financial Records
(See also entries 158-160)

161. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1869--. 4 vols. (A-D).
A financial record of all cases tried in this court, showing style and number of case, reference to rule docket and page numbers of recording, itemized bill of costs, date and amount of payment received, by whom paid, distribution of collection and signatures of officers and witnesses receiving fees. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date of payment. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 588 pp. 13½x15x2½. 2 vols., 1869-1920, register's vault; 2 vols., 1921--, office.

162. CASH, 1921--. 2 vols.
Record of all cash received and disbursed by the clerk, including judgments, court costs, officer and witness fees, and funds derived from the sale of land, showing date of collection, from whom received, on what account, style of case, and amount received; date of disbursement, to whom paid, on what account, style of case, and distribution of funds derived from sale of land, with signatures of persons receiving payments. Also contains:

i. Record of payments made to the clerk by receivers of the Cheatham County Bank, 1921-39, showing date of payment, from whom received, on what account, percent paid, and amount.
ii. List of time deposits, 1935-37, showing date of deposit, name of bank, and amount.

Arr. chron. by date of collection, payment, or deposit. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 300 pp. 16½x12½x1½. Office.

163. FEE BOOK, 1921, 1927-36. 1 vol.
Record of fees collected by the clerk and master, 1921, 1927-34, including fees on delinquent tax collections, showing date of collection, from whom received, on what account or style of case, amount of fee, and in delinquent cases, year for which taxes were due. Also contains: Copies of reports to the quarterly court of fees collected in delinquent tax cases, 1930-36, showing dates covered by report, name of person from whom fee collected, district number, year in which taxes were due, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. by date of collection or report. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 300 pp. 16x12x1½. Office.

164. NOTES, 1876-96. 1 vol.
Notes and stubs of notes made to the clerk by purchasers of land sold through the court. Notes show date executed, name of payee, amount and purpose of payment, style of case, date note payable, rate of interest, signatures of principal and sureties, date paid, and signature of the clerk. Stubs show date note executed, style of case, amount of note, name of payee, date due, date paid, and names of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 234 pp. 16x13x⅓. Office.

Exhibits

165. (EXHIBITS), 1908-10. 2 vols.
A day book and a ledger presented as exhibits in a case filed in this court to collect a debt, showing dates of transactions, names of debtors, description of items purchased, and amount. No obvious arr. Indexed alph. by name of debtor. Hdw. Aver. 875 pp. 10x16½x3. Office.

XII. PROBATE COURT

The probate court is the judicial branch of the county court, meeting to expedite the probation of wills, the appointment and supervision of personal representatives, the partition and distribution of estates, and to establish and supervise special road improvements, including levee and drainage districts.[70] Now held by the county judge,[71] the probate court has existed as the quorum court and the county chairman's court since the organization of the county.[72] The clerk of the probate court is the county court clerk.[73]

Original Instruments
(See also entries 173-175, 178, 181, 183-185, 189, 194, 199, 200)

166. (ORIGINAL PAPERS OF PROBATE COURT), 1922--. 20 f. b. (lettered). 1856-1921 in Quarterly Court (Original Papers), entry 1.
Original papers pertaining to matters of probate, such as the appointment of administrators, executors, and guardians; probation of wills, partition, distribution, and settlement of estates; settlement of insolvent estates, adoptions, and insanity hearings, each instrument showing, in addition to the text, date filed, names of parties involved, nature of case, and action of the court. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. or typed on pr. fm. 10½x5x3. Office.

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70. C 1932, 2823, 2824, 4216, 4217, 10193, 10225-10237.
71. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 5 (C 1932, 10222); Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 763); Pr.A. 1939, ch. 236.
72. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 4 (C 1932, 10221); Minute Book, vol. A, p. 1, entry 6 in this Inventory; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 5; Acts 1875, ch. 70 (C 1932, 763, 10193, 10194).
73. Acts 1855-56, ch. 253, sec. 7 (C 1932, 10082, subsec. 1).

Dockets
(See also entry 198)

167. EQUITY DOCKET, 1865-87. 1 vol. (A).
Record of petitions filed in cases involving the sale of land in settlement of estates, showing docket number, names of parties litigant, date petition filed, dates process issued and served, name of returning officer, and date of order for publication notice in case of non-residents. Arr. chron. by date petition filed. No index. Hdw. 187 pp. 15x10½x1½. Vault.

168. RULE DOCKET, 1888-1906. 1 vol. (I).
Record of process issued in probate cases, showing names of attorneys and litigants, kind of process, date issued, name of serving officer, date process served, and date returned. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 364 pp. 16x11x2. Vault.

169. CHAIRMAN'S DOCKET, 1868-75, 1881-84, 1894-1900. 4 vols.
Title varies: Cheatham County Trial Docket, 1868-75, 1 vol.; Trial Docket Chairman, 1881-84, 1 vol.
Record of cases to be settled in this court, prepared for use of the chairman or judge, showing date of court term, names of attorneys, docket number, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, and rules of past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw., 1868-75; hdw. on pr. fm., 1881-84, 1894-1900. Aver. 150 pp. 16x11x1. WPA office.

170. ATTORNEY'S DOCKET, 1880-87, 1894-1900. 3 vols.
Attorneys' record of cases to be heard in this court, showing date of court term, names of attorneys, docket number, names of litigants, kind of action, and rules of past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 16x11x1. 1 vol., 1880-87, WPA office; 2 vols., 1894-1900, vault.

171. CLERK'S DOCKET, 1868-75, 1880-87, 1894-98. 3 vols. Title varies: Cheatham County Trail Docket, 1868-75, 1 vol.
Clerk's record of cases set for hearing in this court, showing date of court term, names of attorneys, docket number, names of litigants, kind of action, and rules of the past and present court terms. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw., 1868-75; hdw. on pr. fm., 1880-87, 1894-98. Aver. 200 pp. 16x11x1. 2 vols., 1868-75, 1880-87, WPA office; 1 vol., 1894-98, vault.

Court Proceedings
(See also entry 195)

172. QUORUM MINUTES, 1939--. 1 vol. (1). 1856-1938 in Minutes, entry 6.
Recorded minutes of the proceedings of this court, including the

appointment of administrators, executors and guardians; partition, distribution and settlement of estates, probation of wills, insolvencies, adoptions, and insanity hearings, and the dispatch of all matters of probate coming within the jurisdiction of this court, showing date of court term, style and nature of case, court's action, and signatures of the clerk and judge. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. by name of individual or subject. Hdw. 592 pp. 18x14x3. Vault.

Inheritances

Wills, Inventories, and Settlements

173. WILLS, 1856--. 7 f. b. Title varies: Original Wills and Proof, 1856-1938, 6 f. b.

Original wills filed in this office to be probated, showing name of testator, date instrument executed, provisions for the partition, distribution and administration of the estate; signatures of testator and witnesses, proof of the validity of the instrument, date filed for probate, signature of the clerk, and notation of the court's action. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12x4x14. 6 f. b., 1856-1938, vault; 1 f. b., 1939--, office.

174. INVENTORY OF DEC'D., 1917-25. 1 f. b.

Original inventories of estates filed by administrators and executors, listing all goods and chattels, including livestock, feed, farming implements, and household goods; and debts due the estate, showing value of each item, date of inventory, signature of administrator or executor, date filed, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on pr. fm. 10½x5x13. Office.

175. ADMINISTRATORS' AND EXECUTORS' SETTLEMENTS, 1907--. 7 f. b. Title varies: Administrators Settlements, 1917-20, 1 f. b.; Administrators, Executors, and Guardians Settlements, 1936-38, 1 f. b. 1856-1906 in Quarterly Court (Original Papers), entry 1.

Original settlements of administrators and executors made with the court, showing name of estate, name of administrator or executor, amount of receipts and disbursements during the period reported, totals, balance due estate, date settlement made, and acknowledgment and approval of the court. In most cases letters testamentary and of administration, inventories of estates, and receipts for money disbursed by administrators and executors are filed with the settlements. Also contains: Guardians settlements, 1907--, entry 178. Arr. chron. by date of settlement. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. or typed on pr. fm. 10½x5x14. 1 f. b., 1907-16, vault; 6 f. b., 1917--, office.

176. WILLS, INVENTORIES, AND SETTLEMENTS, 1856--. 5 vols. (A-E). Title varies: Wills Inventories & C., 1856-70, 1 vol.; Wills and Inventories, 1871-1908, 2 vols.

Recorded copies of:

i. Inventories of estates, showing name of estate, itemized list

of all cash, real and personal property, notes, stocks and bonds; value of each item, date of report, and name of administrator or executor.

ii. Settlements filed by administrators and executors showing name of estate, date of settlement, and itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, balance on hand, name of administrator or executor, and acknowledgment of the clerk.

iii. Wills, showing name of testator, provisions for the partition, distribution and administration of estate; name of executor, if any; date of instrument, names of witnesses, date filed for probate, and acknowledgment of the court.

Arr. chron. by date filed. For index 1856-71, see entry 177; 1872--, indexed alph. by name of testator or estate. Hdw. Aver. 512 pp. 12x18x3. Vault.

177. (INDEX TO WILLS INVENTORIES & C.), 1856-71. 1 vol.
Index to wills, inventories and settlements, entry 176, showing name of testator or estate, nature of instrument, and book and page number of recordation. Arr. alph. by name of testator or estate. Hdw. 12 pp. 15x9x½. Vault.

178. GUARDIAN SETTLEMENTS, 1907--. 6 f. b. (5 f. b. dated; 1 f. b. not labeled). Title varies: Guardian, 1930-34, 1 f. b. 1856-1906 in Quarterly Court (Original Papers), entry 1; 1907-- also in Administrators and Executors Settlements, entry 175.
Original settlements made by guardianswith the court, showing names of guardian and ward, date of appointment, amount with which guardian is charged, receipts and disbursements during period reported, balance due ward, date of settlement, and signature of guardian, and acknowledgment of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of settlement. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 13x10½x5. 1 f. b., 1907-15, vault; 5 f. b., 1916--, office.

179. GUARDIAN SETTLEMENTS, 1856--. 3 vols. (A-C). Title varies: Guardian Book, 1856-95, 1 vol.
Recorded copies of guardians' reports on their stewardship of estates controlled by them, showing names of guardian and ward, name of estate, date of settlement, itemized account of all receipts and disbursements during period reported, balance due ward, oath of guardian, date recorded, and approval of clerk. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. Aver. 550 pp. 17x13x3. Vault.

180. GUARDIAN MINUTE BOOK, 1868-84, 1910. 1 vol.
Minute record of settlements made with the court by persons appointed as guardians, showing date of bond, book and page numbers of recordation, names of guardian and ward, dates of preliminary and final settlements, book and page numbers of recordation of each, dates of bond renewals, and book and page of recordation. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on pr. fm. 460 pp. 16½x12x2. Vault.

Claims Filed

181. BILLS FILED AGAINST ESTATES, 1910--. 4 f. b. Title varies: Claims Filed Against Estates, 1910-38, 3 f. b.
Original claims filed against estates, showing name of estate, name and address of claimant, nature of claim, original amount of claim, dates and amounts of credits, amount of unpaid balance, oath as to validity of claim, signature of creditor, acknowledgment of the clerk, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw., typed, and hdw. or typed on pr. fm. 10½x5x14. Office.

182. CLAIMS FILED AGAINST ESTATE, 1920--. 1 vol. (1). 1859-61 in (Miscellaneous Record), entry 34.
A record of claims filed against estates, showing names of estates and administrator or executor, date claim filed, name of claimant, name and title of official before whom claim acknowledged, character of claim, amount of claim, including interest; order of the court regarding payment, and date paid. Also contains: Claims filed against insolvent estates, Dec. 1938--, entry 192. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 426 pp. 16x12x2. Vault.

Bonds and Letters - (See also entry 189)

183. ADMINISTRATORS' (and Executors') BONDS, 1903--. 2 vols. (A, B).
Original bonds of administrators and executors executed to insure faithful performance of duties, showing names of administrator or executor and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, conditions of the obligation, name of estate, signatures of administrator or executor and sureties, approval of the judge, date recorded, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of bond. Indexed alph. by name of administrator. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 400 pp. 14x10x2. Vault.

184. GUARDIANS' BONDS AND LETTERS, 1868--. 3 vols. (A, 3; one vol. not labeled). Title varies: Guardians' Bonds, 1868-95, 1 vol.
Original bonds executed by guardians to insure the faithful discharge of duties and letters of guardianship issued by the court. Bonds show names of guardian and bondsmen, amount of bond, date bond executed, condition of the obligation, and signatures of guardian and bondsmen. Letters show names of guardian and ward, statement of authority granted by the court, and signature of the clerk. 1 vol., 1868-95, contains no letters of guardianship. Arr. chron. by date of bond. 1868-95, 1928--, no index; 1896-1927, indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 450 pp. 14x9x2. Vault.

185. RENEWAL GUARDIAN BONDS, 1869--. 3 vols. (B-D).
Original renewal bonds executed by guardians to insure faithful execution of guardianship, showing names of guardian and sureties, amount of bond, date executed, condition of the obligation, name of ward, signatures of guardian and sureties, and approval of the court. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 14x9x2. Vault.

186. LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND TESTAMENT, 1938--. 1 vol.
Copies of letters issued by the court to administrators and executors of estates. This is a combination of records kept separately for other periods: Letters testamentary, entry 187; and letters of administration, entry 188. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by name of administrator or executor. Hdw. on pr. fm. 292 pp. 16x11½x1½. Vault.

187. LETTERS TESTAMENTARY, 1872-1906. 1 vol. 1938-- in Letters of Administration and Testament, entry 186.
Copies of letters testamentary, issued by the court to executors of estates, authorizing the control of estates by them as set forth in wills of deceased persons, showing names of executor and estate, date issued, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 480 pp. 12x7x1½. Vault.

188. LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, 1868-1902. 1 vol. (B). 1938-- in Letters of Administration and Testament, entry 186.
Copies of letters issued by the court to administrators, authorizing them to take charge of all goods and chattels belonging to estates to be settled, and to transact all business pertaining to said estates, showing names of administrator and estate, date issued, and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 480 pp. 12x8x1½. Vault.

Inheritance Tax

189. INHERITANCE TAX BOND, 1938--. 1 f. b.
Bonds executed by administrators and executors to insure payment to the State of all money due for inheritance tax, showing names of administrator or executor and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date executed, signatures of principal and sureties, and acknowledgment and signature of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date of bond. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10½x5x14. Office.

190. INHERITANCE TAX, 1910-32. 1 vol. (I).
Record of inheritance tax collected by the clerk, showing name of estate, number of case, valuation of estate, amount of tax collected, amount of appraiser's and clerk's fees, net tax, date paid, and amount remitted to the State. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 11x8½x1. Office.

Insolvent Estates

191. SUGGESTIONS OF INSOLVENCY, 1866--. 1 vol. (A).
Record of suggestions of insolvency filed by administrators and executors and the clerk's orders regarding the filing of claims, showing names of estate and administrator or executor, date of suggestion, date of order regarding publication notice and filing of claims, and clerk's signature. Newspaper clippings, 1875--, showing publication notices, are pasted in the volume. Arr. chron. by date of suggestion. Indexed alph. by name of administrator or executor. Hdw. 300 pp. 14x9x1. Vault.

192. ACCOUNTS OF INSOLVENT ESTATES, 1856-Nov. 1938. 3 vols. (2; 2 vols. not labeled). Dec. 1938-- in Claims Filed Against Estates, entry 182.
Record of claims filed against insolvent estates showing name of estate, date filed, number of claim, name of creditor, amount of claim, date due, amount and dates of credits, balance due, interest, and total; pro rata payment, and signature of person receiving payment. Arr. chron. by date filed. 1856-72, no index; 1873-1938, indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw., 1856-72; hdw. on pr. fm., 1873-1938. Aver. 300 pp. 16x12x2. Vault.
For other record of claims filed, see entry 160.

193. INSOLVENT SETTLEMENTS, 1860-72. 1 vol. (dated 1860).
Record of settlements of insolvent estates, showing name of estate, list of claims filed, date filed, name of claimant, nature of claim, amount, date due, amount of interest, total, and pro rata paid; total of all claims filed, amount of clerk's fee, total indebtedness of estate, total assets, and percentage paid. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. 144 pp. 14x9x½. Vault.

Insanity Proceedings

194. LUNACY - UNSOUND MIND, 1907--. 1 f. b.
Original papers pertaining to commitment proceedings in insanity hearings, showing name of patient, date of suggestion of insanity, name of person making suggestion, name of trial judge, date of trial, sworn statement of examining physicians, statements of witnesses, signatures of clerk and judge, and final disposition of case. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10½x5x14½. Office.

195. MINUTES AND INSANITY RECORD, 1923--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of proceedings in insanity cases, showing name of patient, date of hearing, name of trial judge, pertinent facts of the case, and judgment of the court with orders to the sheriff regarding commitment of the patient. Also contains a list of all persons committed to the insane hospital, showing name, age, color, sex, date of commitment, whether free, pay, or county charge; address and length of residence in the county, and name and address of nearest relative or guardian. Arr. chron. by date of hearing. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. and hdw. on pr. fm. 335 pp. 16x12x1½. Vault.

196. (COUNTY PATIENTS IN CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL), Dec. 25, 1907. In Petitions For Allowance, Marks and Brands, entry 2.
List of county patients at Central State Hospital on Dec. 25, 1907, showing name and age of patient, and date of admission to the hospital.

Probate Court - Financial Records; Plats (197-201)

Financial Records
(See also entries 181, 182, 190, 192, 193)

197. CASH BOOK, 1897-1937. 2 vols. (1 vol. not labeled; 1 vol. dated 1924). Title varies: Cash, 1897-1926, 1 vol.
Record of all cash received and disbursed in settlement of matters of probate, showing date of collection, from whom received, on what account, style of case, and amount received; date of payment, name of payee, purpose and amount of payment, style of case, and reference to recording in Execution Docket. Arr. chron. by date of collection or payment. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 298 pp. 12x16½x2. Vault.

198. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1858--. 6 vols. (A-F).
A complete financial record of all litigation in this court, showing date of court term, docket number, names of estate and parties litigant, itemized bill of costs and judgment, officer's return, dates and amounts of collections, dates and amounts of payments, and signatures of individuals receiving same. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by docket no. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw., 1858-90; hdw. on pr. fm., 1891--. Aver. 410 pp. 17x12x3. Vault.

199. RECEIPTS - CLERK AND SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS, 1908--. 3 vols.
Receipts taken by the clerk, as special commissioner in land sales decreed by the court, for money paid by him to the rightful heirs or beneficiaries, showing date of receipt, amount received, account of payment, style of case, and signatures of recipient and witnesses to signature. Also contains: Guardians' receipts, 1911--, entry 200. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. Indexed alph. by name of recipient. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 12x11x2½. Vault.

200. GUARDIAN RECEIPTS, 1859-1910. 1 vol. 1911-- in Receipts - Clerk and Special Commissioners, entry 199.
Receipts made to the clerk by guardians upon receipt of funds belonging to wards, showing name of clerk, amount of funds received, from what source derived, date of receipt, signature of guardian, and name of ward. Also receipts made to guardians by their wards, upon full settlement and termination of the guardianship, showing name of guardian, amount of payment, source from which derived, date of receipt, and signature of ward. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 14x9x2. Vault.

Plats

201. PLATS, 1912, 1916, 1919, 1922. 10 plats.
Plats of land involved in court action, showing tract numbers, number of acres and boundaries of each tract, location of dwelling houses, barns, and tennant houses; name of road or highway passing through farm, streams, scale of plat, names of commissioner, chain carrier, flagman, and surveyor. Plats drawn by W. B. Knight and J. A. Binkley, published at Ashland City. Scale: 50 ft. = 1 in. 62x32½. Closet B.

XIII. JUVENILE COURT

The juvenile court with jurisdiction over juvenile delinquencies is regulated by the general law and dates from 1911.[74] The court is held by the county judge,[75] with the county court clerk serving as clerk of the court.[76]

202. TENNESSEE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL - JUVENILE COURT, 1922--. Est. 100 papers in 2 f. b. Title varies: Juvenile Court, 1938, 1 f. b.

Original papers incident to action in cases tried in this court, including warrants, summons, petitions, and bills of cost, each paper showing in addition to the text, names of juvenile and plaintiff, nature of the complaint, plea entered, case number, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10½x5x15. Co. ct. clk's. office.

203. JUVENILE MINUTES, 1922--. 1 vol. (I).

Record of action in cases involving delinquent juveniles and suits for non-support, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date of trial, offense charged, action taken, orders of the court, and signature of the judge. Arr. chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 152 pp. 16x10x1. Co. ct. clk's. vault.

XIV. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The office of justice of the peace is as old as the county, dating from May 5, 1856, when the commissioned justices met to organize the county.[77] Individually, the justices of the peace are minor judges and committing magistrates. Collectively, they make up the quarterly court, the county's governing body, but there is no relation in this duality of function.[78] The justices of the peace share with the coroner the power to conduct inquests over the bodies of persons meeting death "by unlawful violence at the hands of some other person."[79]

There are two justices of the peace elected by popular vote in each civil district except the district containing the county seat, from which three may be elected.[80] One additional justice may also be elected from

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74. P.A. 1911, ch. 58 (C 1932, 10275, 10278).
75. Ibid.
76. Ibid., sec. 3 (C 1932, 10278).
77. Minute Book, vol. A, p. 1, entry 6 in this Inventory.
78. C 1932, 10126-10268.
79. Acts 1895, ch. 31, sec. 1 (C 1932, 11876).
80. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 15; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3 (C 1932, 673, 674); Acts 1839-40, ch. 68, sec. 3 (C 1932, 674); Acts 1855-56, ch. 138, sec. 13 (C 1932, 674); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.

each incorporated town.[81] In Cheatham County there are now 34 justices of the peace, elected for terms of 6 years.[82]

Trial Papers

204. (JUDGE'S TRIAL PAPERS - CIVIL AND CRIMINAL), 1939--. In County Judge (Original Papers), entry 15.
Original papers incident to civil and criminal cases tried by the county judge as a justice of the peace, including warrants for arrest, subpoenas for witnesses, bonds for payment of fines and costs, and appearance bonds. Warrants show date issued, name of defendant, nature of action or offense charged, signatures of prosecutor and judge, date set for trial, and record of officer's return. Subpoenas show date issued, name of witness, date and place to appear, signature of judge, date presented and officer's return. Bonds show names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, condition of the obligation, date executed, signatures of principal and sureties, and approval of the judge.

205. (TRIAL PAPERS - Civil and Criminal, J. M. Smith), 1936--. 1 f. b.
Original papers incident to action in justice of the peace courts, such as warrants, subpoenas, summons, and attachments, showing case number, style of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, date of trial, and purpose of the instrument, name of serving officer, and note of return. Arr. chron. No index. 9x12x6½. Residence, Neptune.

206. (TRIAL PAPERS - Civil and Criminal, G. C. McLaughlin), 1937--. 1 f. b.
For description of contents, see entry 205. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 9x6½x12. Residence. Mrs. Estelle Smith, Main St., Ashland City.

207. J. P. TRIAL PAPERS (Civil and Criminal, J. J. Naive), 1910-11, 1930-33. 6 f. b., 1 f. d.
For description of contents, see entry 205. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. F. b., 12½x5x14; f. d., 10x4½x13. 6 f. b., 1910-11, register's office; 1 f. d., 1930-33, co. ct. clk's. office.

208. (TRIAL PAPERS - Civil and Criminal, W. B. Adkisson), 1935--. 1 f. d.
For description of contents, see entry 205. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 7½x16½x25. Residence, Cumberland St., Ashland City.

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81. Acts 1839-40, ch. 68, sec. 3 (C 1932, 674); Acts 1855-56, ch. 138, sec. 13 (C 1932, 674); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.
82. Magistrates Bonds, vol. 2, pp. 93-129, entry 11 in this Inventory.

Justice of the Peace - Dockets (209-216)

209. (TRIAL PAPERS - Civil and Criminal, T. Eastridge, J. F. Murff), 1891-99, 1907-36. 27 f. b.
For description of contents, see entry 205. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6x8x12. WPA office.

210. (TRIAL PAPERS - Civil and Criminal, A. Woodson, R. L. Dowlen), 1923-34. 1 f. b.
For description of contents, see entry 205. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6x8x12. WPA office.

211. (TRIAL PAPERS, B. F. Heathman, Sr.), 1936--. 1 f. b.
For description of contents, see entry 205. Arr. chron. and num. by case no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $4\frac{1}{2}$x$13\frac{1}{2}$x$13\frac{1}{2}$. Duke and Shaw Bldg., Main St., Ashland City.

212. (TRIAL PAPERS, Ewell Perry), Sept. 1936--. 2 bdl.
7x6x5. Residence, Ashland City, R. F. D. 2.

213. (TRIAL PAPERS, N. V. Williams), Nov. 1936--. 9 bdl.
4x9x$\frac{1}{2}$. Residence, Joelton.

Dockets

Civil and Criminal - See also entries 241-244.

214. (MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET - Civil and Criminal, J. M. Lee), 1848-60. 1 vol.
Record of civil and criminal cases tried, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, names of stayor and returning officer, bill of costs, and officer's return. 1848-56, this record was kept by J. M. Lee as magistrate of Davidson County before Cheatham County was organized. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 pp. 13x8x1. WPA office.

215. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, H. E. Pace, Robert Herald), 1931-35, 1937--. 2 vols.
Record of civil and criminal cases tried, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney; nature of action or offense charged, amount of judgment, names of witnesses claiming fees, amount of fees, bill of costs, and officers' returns. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff in civil cases and by name of defendant in criminal cases. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 216 pp. 11x12x1. Residence, H. E. Pace, Thomasville.

216. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. P. Gallaher), 1936--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 215. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff in civil

cases and by name of defendant in criminal cases. Hdw. on pr. fm. 216 pp. 11x8½x1. Harris Building, Sycamore St., Ashland City.

217. DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, William Jones, Avis Brown, Moses Jones, A. W. Turner, W. C. Greer), 1874, 1889-1906. 1 vol.
Record of civil and criminal cases tried, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action or offense charged, amount of judgment, names of stayor and returning officer, date fi fa issued, bill of costs, and officer's return. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 204 pp. 11x16x1. Residence, W. C. Greer, Pegram.

218. JUSTICE DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. F. Greer, J. T. Henry, W. C. Greer), 1908-15, 1919-24, 1929-32. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 217. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 225 pp. 11x16x1. Residence, W. C. Greer, Pegram.

219. DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, W. Herrin, W. M. Pegram, G. W. Pegram, J. L. Pegram, J. H. Judd, H. Ferebee), 1875-94, 1898-1905, 1914-16. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 217. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. 225 pp. 11x16x1. Residence, W. C. Greer, Pegram.

220. (MAGISTRATE DOCKET - Civil and Criminal, King Griffin, Chas. Osborne), 1927-28, 1932-33. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 215. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. 216 pp. 11x8½x1. Residence,Roy Street, R. F. D. #2, White Bluff.

221. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, H. L. Liles), 1937--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 215. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. 216 pp. 11x8½x1. Residence, Akin Avenue, Kingston Springs.

222. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, N. V. Williams), 1936--. 1 vol.
Record of civil and criminal cases tried, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action or offense charged, amount of judgment, name of stayor and returning officer, note of officer's return, witnesses claiming fees, amount of fees, and itemized bill of costs. No index. Residence, R. F. D., Joelton.

223. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, G. C. McLaughlin), 1937--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 11x8½x1. Residence, Mrs. Estelle Smith, Main St., Ashland City.

224. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. M. Smith), 1936--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 215. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. 216 pp. 8½x11x1. Residence, Neptune.

225. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. J. Nicholson), 1902-28. (2-5, one vol. not labeled; 7).
Record of civil and criminal cases tried, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action or offense charged, judgment rendered, name of stayor, if any; name of returning officer, itemized bill of costs, and note of officer's return. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 16x13x1. WPA office.
For prior records, see entry 226.

226. MAGISTRATE DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. E. Owen, J. J. Nicholson), 1892-1902. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 217. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 242 pp. 16x10x1. WPA office
For subsequent record of J. J. Nicholson, see entry 225.

227. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, G. W. Boyte, J. C. Perry), 1912-17, 1929-34. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 217. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff in civil cases and by name of defendant in criminal cases. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 pp. 16x10½x1. WPA office.

228. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, M. F. Williams, J. L. Harris, W. J. Smith), 1914-16, 1926-28, 1931-33. 1 vol.
For description of the contents, see entry 217. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 228 pp. 16x11x1. Co. ct. clk's. vault.

229. MAGISTRATES DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, R. L. Dowlen, R. J. Pennington), 1925-28, 1930-35. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 288 pp. 16x11x1. WPA office.

230. MAGISTRATES DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. F. Murff), 1922-36. 4 vols.
For description of contents, see entry 225. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 16x12x1. WPA office.
For prior records, see entry 231.

231. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, T. Eastridge, J. F. Murff), 1915-17, 1919-22. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 222. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Index alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 238 pp. 16x12x1. WPA office.
For subsequent records of J. F. Murff, see entry 230; for prior records of T. Eastridge, see entries 232, 233.

232. MAGISTRATES DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, T. Eastridge, J. J. Nicholson), 1909-15. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 225. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 16x12x1. WPA office.
For subsequent records of T. Eastridge, see entry 231; for prior records, see entry 233.

233. JUSTICE DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, T. Eastridge), 1893-1909. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 225. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 pp. 16x11x1. Co. ct. clk's. vault.
For subsequent records, see entries 231, 232.

234. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, B. F. Heathman), 1936--. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 215. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 216 pp. 16x12x1. Duke and Shaw Bldg., Main St., Ashland City.
For prior record, see entry 235.

235. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, R. C. Williams, B. F. Heathman, R. L. Felts, A. Woodson), 1905-7, 1909-25. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 217. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 pp. 16x11x1. WPA office.
For subsequent record of B. F. Heathman, see entry 234.

236. DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. M. Eatherly, W. Williams, J. B. Patton, J. W. Simpkins, H. J. Binkley, W. T. Perry, W. D. Justice), 1884-1906, 1912-29, 1933-35. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 217. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 225 pp. 16x10½x1. WPA office.

237. DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, W. B. Nichols, J. M. Eatherly, J. J. Lee), 1865-83. 2 vols.
For description of contents, see entry 217. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 202 pp. 15x10x1. WPA office.

238. DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, J. M. Sloan, J. M. Eatherly), 1870-84. 1 vol.
For description of contents, see entry 217. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. 225 pp. 16x11x1. WPA office.

239. MAGISTRATES DOCKET (Civil and Criminal, Ewell Perry), Sept. 1936---. 1 vol.
Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Residence, Ashland City, R. F. D. 2.

240 MAGISTRATES DOCKET (Civil & Criminal, N. V. Williams), Nov. 1936---. 1 vol.
Indexed. Residence, Joelton.

Civil - (See also entries 214-240)

241. CIVIL DOCKET, 1939---. 1 vol.
County court clerk's record of all civil cases tried before the county judge as a justice of the peace, showing date of court term, case number, names of attorney, plaintiff, and defendant; nature of action, name of returning officer, amount and date of judgment rendered, date execution issued, receipts for payment of judgment, and signature of judge. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. direct and reverse. Hdw. on pr. fm. 504 pp. 16x12x2½. Co. Ct. clk's. vault.

242. MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (Civil, W. B. Adkisson), 1935---. 1 vol.
Record of civil cases tried, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, names of stayor and returning officer, date fi fa issued, itemized bill of costs, and note of officer's return. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 242 pp. 16x10x1. Residence, Ashland City.

Criminal - (See also entries 214-240)

243. STATE DOCKET, 1939---. 1 vol.
County court clerk's record of all criminal cases tried before the county judge as a justice of the peace, showing date of court term, case number, names of attorneys and defendant, offense charged, itemized bill of costs, amount of judgment, date rendered, receipts of payments of judgment and cost, and signature of the judge. Arr. chron. by date of court term and num. thereunder by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 504 pp. 16x12x2½. Co. ct. clk's. vault.

244. STATE MAGISTRATE'S DOCKET (W. B. Adkisson), 1935---. 3 vols.
Record of criminal cases tried, showing case number, date of trial, names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered, name of returning officer, list of witnesses claiming fees, bill of costs, and officer's return. Arr. num. by case no. and chron. by date of trial. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 216 pp. 11x8½x1. Residence, Ashland City.

XV. SHERIFF

The sheriff is the county's chief peace officer[83] and executive officer of its courts.[84] During the first 60 years of the last century he usually acted as collector of property and poll taxes,[85] and until 1897 as chief election officer.[86] The office in Cheatham County dates from June 2, 1856, when the first elected sheriff took the oath of office.[87] A sheriff pro tem was appointed by the quarterly county court on May 5, 1856, to serve until an election could be held and the elected sheriff inducted into office.[88] Since 1836 the sheriff has been elected by popular vote,[89] and has always served for a term of 2 years.[90]

245. LEDGER (Register of Prisoners), Sept. 1940--. 1 vol. Record of all prisoners committed to the county jail, showing date of commitment, name of prisoner, offense charged, name of arresting officer, amount due, amount paid, and date of dismissal. Arr. chron. by date of commitment. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 10x7x½. Office.

246. LEDGER (Register of County Prisoners), Sept. 1940--. 1 vol. Record of county prisoners committed to the county jail, showing date of commitment, name of prisoner, offense charged, name of arresting officer,

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83. ,C 1932, 699, 11007, 11013, 11418, 11420, 11421, 11526-11528, 11536-11540, 11611, 11927, 11928.
84. C 1932, 696, subsec. 1; C 1932, 702, 1788, 4236, 6744, 6745, 6747, 8659, 8660, 8663, 8664, 8751, subsecs. 1, 2; C 1932, 8902, 9513, subsec. 1; C 1932, 9518, 10106, subsecs. 2, 5-7; C 1932, 10160, 10163; P.A. 1933, ch. 128, sec. 4 (C 1938, 1003, subsec. 4); P.A. 1937, ch. 249, sec. 1 (C 1938, 1003, subsec. 4).
85. Acts 1803, ch. 3, secs. 2, 12; Acts 1803, ch. 23; Acts 1805, ch. 59, sec. 3; Acts 1806, ex. ses., ch. 37, sec. 2; Acts 1813, ch. 99, sec. 15; Acts 1815, ch. 201, sec. 4; Acts 1817, ch. 131, sec. 3; P.A. 1823, ch. 49, sec. 13; P.A. 1827, ch. 49, sec. 21; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 15, sec. 1; Acts 1841-42, ch. 100; Acts 1843-44, ch. 103, sec. 1; P.A. 1859-60, ch. 9.
86. Acts 1796, 1st ses., ch. 9, secs. 2, 4; Acts 1796, 1st ses., ch. 10, sec. 3; Acts 1796, 1st ses., ch. 12, secs. 1, 3; Acts 1807, ch. 74, sec. 1; Acts 1807, ch. 101, sec. 2; P.A. 1819, ch. 68, secs. 52, 57; P.A. 1827, chs. 17, 23; P.A. 1835-36, chs. 1, 2; Acts 1851-52, chs. 121, 364; Acts 1853-54, ch. 32; Acts 1897, ch. 11, secs. 1-3; Acts 1897, ch. 13, sec. 2; Acts 1897, ch. 16, sec. 1.
87. Minute Book, vol. A, p. 7, entry 6 in this Inventory; Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916).
88. Minute Book, vol. A, p. 1, entry 6 in this Inventory.
89. Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4; C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916); Acts 1895, ch. 120, sec. 37.
90. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.

amount due, amount paid, and date of dismissal. Arr. chron. by date of commitment. No index. Hdw. 48 pp. 10x7x½. Office.

247. LEDGER (Register of City Prisoners), Sept. 1940--. 1 vol. Record of city prisoners committed to the county jail, showing date of commitment, name of prisoner, offense charged, name of arresting officer, number of turnkeys, number days boarded, amount due, amount paid, and date of dismissal. Arr. chron. by date of commitment. No index. Hdw. 48 pp. 10x7x½. Office.

XVI. CORONER

The coroner shares with the justices of the peace the power to conduct inquests over the bodies of persons meeting death "by unlawful violence at the hands of some other person."[91] He acts as sheriff when the office is vacant or when the sheriff becomes incompetent.[92] The office in Cheatham County probably dates from the organization of the county until 1884, when apparently the last elected coroner went out of office.[93]

XVII. CONSTABLE

The constables are minor peace officers,[94] executive officers for justice of the peace courts,[95] and servers of certain processes for other courts.[96] The office should date from or soon after the organization of the county.[97] Since 1836 one constable can be elected for a term of 2 years, by popular vote, in each civil district except the county seat district, in which two can be elected.[98] Cheatham County now has 14 constables, who are not required to keep any records.

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91. Acts 1895, ch. 31, sec. 1 (C 1932, 11876).
92. C 1932, 708.
93. Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1845-46, ch. 88 (C 1932, 712); C 1858, 817 (C 1932, 1904); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Minute Book, vol. E, p. 17, entry 6 in this Inventory.
94. C 1932, 728, 11239-11241, 11424, 11526, 11536-11540; P.A. 1933, ch. 113, sec. 4 (C 1938, 6594, subsec. 4).
95. C 1932, 10160.
96. C 1932, 708, 731, 732, 7655, 9309, 9423, 9681-9689.
97. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 15; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15.
98. Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 15; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 1, sec. 3; Acts 1851-52, ch. 139, sec. 1 (C 1932, 722); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 6, sec. 15; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916).

XVIII. TAX ASSESSOR

From the organization of the county to date there has been either one tax assessor for the entire county, or an assessor for each civil district, sometimes appointed by the quarterly county court and at other times elected by popular vote, who served for a term of 1 year, until the late 1880's, when the term was increased to 4 years.[99] Since 1909, when the first assessor elected under the general assessment law of 1907 was to take office, there has been a county tax assessor elected by popular vote for a term of 4 years.[1] The tax assessor has always been charged with evaluating property, except public utilities which have been assessed by State officials since 1875, and listing polls for State and county taxation, and has, since 1873, been required to enumerate persons engaged in trades, professions, and businesses taxable as privileges.[2]

The annual salary of the tax assessor in Cheatham County was fixed at $1000 in 1927,[3] reduced to $600 in 1931,[4] and increased again to $1000 in 1937.[5]

248. (PERSONALTY TAX SCHEDULES), 1903. 1 bdl.
Schedules filled in by property owners, showing in detail all personal property owned, its location and description, owner's estimate of value, date schedule returned, and signatures of owner and tax assessor. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 3½x5½x1½. WPA office.

249. ASSESSORS BOOK, 1871--. 598 vols. (no. by contained district nos.). Partially missing 1871-1919. Title varies: Assessments Real Estate, Personal Property, and Polls, 1871-1938, 566 vols.
Record of assessments of realty, personalty and poll taxes, showing district number, year of assessment, name of assessor, name of present

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99. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 14, sec. 1; Acts 1855-56, ch. 74; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 12; Acts 1870-71, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 59; Acts 1873, ch. 118; Acts 1875, ch. 81; Acts 1877, ch. 73; Acts 1881, ch. 171; Acts 1883, ch. 105; Acts 1885, ch. 1; Acts 1895, ch. 120; Acts 1897, ch. 1; Acts 1899, ch. 435; Acts 1903, ch. 258.
1. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 9, subsec. 1 (C 1932, 1336), subsec. 3 (C 1932, 1336).
2. P.A. 1835-36, ch. 14, sec. 1; Acts 1855-56, ch. 74; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 12; Acts 1870-71, 2nd ex. ses., ch. 59; Acts 1873, ch. 118; Acts 1875, chs. 78, 81; Acts 1897, ch. 1; Acts 1899, ch. 435; Acts 1903, ch. 258; Acts 1905, ch. 513; Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec.3 (C 1932, 1348), sec. 12 (C 1932, 1357), sec. 18 (C 1932, 1374), sec. 45 (C 1932, 1125); P.A. 1919, ch. 3, sec. 1 (C 1932, 1508); P.A. 1919, ch. 160, sec. 1 (C 1932, 1508); P.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 18, sec. 3 (C 1932, 1509).
3. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 253.
4. Pr.A. 1931, ch. 573.
5. Pr.A. 1937, ch. 683.

property owner, name of former owner, boundary description of property, number and value of town lots, number of acres and value of farm land, total value of real estate, value of personal property less $1,000, number of polls, remarks, and record of adjustments made by the board of equalization. Also contains oath of the board of equalization that adjustments have been faithfully, honestly, and impartially made, signed by all members of the board. Arr. alph. by name of property owner. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 80 pp. 8½x15x1. 472 vols., 1871-1919, closet A; 126 vols., 1920--, co. ct. clk's. vault.

For other record of adjustments in assessments, see entry 250.

XIX. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

The board of equalization's duties are to "examine, compare, and equalize the county assessments...."[6] The machinery for reviewing and equalizing tax assessments has, like the original assessment of taxes, been the subject of much general legislation. The present board of equalization consists of five members, appointed by the quarterly county court for terms of 2 years.[7] Upon failure of the court to appoint these members, the judge or chairman of the county court is authorized to assume this power.[8] The records and papers of the board together with the assessment lists are turned over to the county court clerk for preservation.[9] Cheatham County should have had a board of equalization of various compositions since the organization of the county in 1856.[10]

250. MINUTES BOARD OF EQUALIZERS 1900 CHEATHAM COUNTY, 1900-1913. 2 vols. (dated).

Daily record of proceedings of the board in regular session, showing date of meeting, names of members present, and petitions for adjustments in tax assessments of personal and real property, showing name of the petitioner, amount of original assessment, date of adjustment if made; and recommendations of the board. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. Aver. 200 pp. 14x9x½. 1 vol., 1900-1901, 1909-13, co. ct. clk's. office; 1 vol. 1902-8, co. ct. clk's. vault.

For record of adjustments made, see entry 249.

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6. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 32 (C 1932, 1426).
7. Ibid. (C 1932, 1419); Acts 1909, ch. 495, sec. 1 (C 1932, 1420).
8. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 32 (C 1932, 1421).
9. P.A. 1921, ch. 135 (C 1932, 1425).
10. Acts 1855-56, ch. 74, sec. 26; P.A. 1857-58, ch. 12, sec. 5; Acts 1873, ch. 118, sec. 35; Acts 1877, ch. 73, sec. 4; Acts 1881, ch. 171, secs. 35-38; Acts 1883, ch. 105, sec. 35; Acts 1885, ch. 1, sec. 35; Acts 1887, ch. 2, sec. 41; Acts 1889, ch. 96, sec. 42; Acts 1895, ch. 120, sec. 49; Acts 1897, ch. 1, sec. 41; Acts 1899, ch. 435, sec. 34; Acts 1901, ch. 174, sec. 33; Acts 1903, ch. 258, sec. 33; Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 32 (C 1932, 1419); P.A. 1921, ch. 135 (C 1932, 1419).

251. EQUALIZATION BOARD, 1923--. 1 f. b.
This file contains:

i. Copies of reports on adjustments made by the board of equalization as submitted to the State Board, showing civil district number, number of acres assessed, amount of assessment by the board, number of town lots assessed, amount of assessment by the board, amount of personal property assessed, total of all property assessed, number of polls, grand total of assessments for all districts, certification as to correctness of report, and honesty and impartiality of assessments, date of report, and signatures of members of the board.

ii. Copies of tabulated statements made by the county court clerk to the Department of Finance and Taxation, State Board of Equalization, information obtained from records of the tax assessor and board of equalization, showing district number, number of acres assessed, amount of assessment as fixed by the tax assessor, number of town lots assessed, amount of assessment as fixed by the tax assessor, amount of personal property assessed by the tax assessor, amount of increase by the board of equalization, amount of decrease by the board, total assessments as approved by the board for each district, and grand total for the entire county; clerk's certification as to correctness of report, date of report, and signature of the county court clerk.

iii. Transcripts of information filed with the Department of Finance and Taxation and furnished the board of equalization as a guide in making assessments on property belonging to corporations located in Cheatham County, showing date of transcript, name and address of corporation, nature of business, date of balance sheet showing assets listed, amounts of capital stock outstanding, surplus and undivided profits, and total; amounts of real estate and buildings, tangible personalty, and total; amount of assessment as determined by the foregoing data, and name of the commissioner.

Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10½x4½x13. Co. ct. clk's. office.

XX. REVENUE COLLECTOR

Between 1860 and 1876 Cheatham County had a revenue collector, elected by popular vote for a term of 2 years, and charged with the collection of State and county property and poll taxes.[11] An act of 1875 conferred the duty of collecting these taxes upon the trustee.[12]

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11. P.A. 1859-60, ch. 9; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 474, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
12. Acts 1875, ch. 91, sec. 1. One effect of this act was to transfer the records of the revenue collector to the office of trustee.

XXI. TRUSTEE

The trustee is the treasurer of the county and since 1876 has also been collector of property and poll taxes; his office is constitutional and dates from June 2, 1856.[13] Since 1836, the trustee has been elected by popular vote for a term of 2 years.[14]

Tax Records
(See also entries 267i, 267ii, 276, 277, 279)

Realty, Personalty, and Polls

252. TAX BOOK, 1877--. 63 vols. (dated).
Record of all taxable property in the county by civil districts, showing district number, name of property owner, description of property, number and value of town lots, number of acres of farm land, value of land, value of personal property less $1,000, total value of real and personal property, number of polls, amounts of State and county taxes, date taxes paid, and number of receipt issued. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of property owner. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 600 pp. 10½x12½x3. 9 vols., 1877, 1879-82, 1885-87, closet B; 54 vols., 1878, 1883-84, 1888--, office.

Receipts Issued - (See also entry 259)

253. TAX RECEIPTS (Duplicates), 1881-87, 1923--. 137 vols. (dated).
Duplicates of receipts for payment of taxes on real and personal property, showing receipt number, date issued, name of taxpayer, year for which payment is made, district number, value of property, amount of payment, tax levy distribution, and signature of trustee or deputy. Arr. num. by receipt no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 14x11x1. 78 vols., 1881-87, 1923-27, closet A; 59 vols., 1928--, office.

254. PICK-UP TAX RECEIPTS, 1937--. 4 vols.
Duplicates of receipts issued for taxes not included in the regular assessments and not shown on the tax books, showing number of receipt,

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13. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 6, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 772); Minute Book, vol. A, p. 7, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory; C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915); Acts 1875, ch. 91, sec. 1 (C 1932, 775, subsec. 1); Acts 1875, ch. 91, sec. 1 (C 1932, 1546); Pr.A. 1935, ch. 481. For the present duties of the trustee see, C 1932, 775, subsecs. 1-13.
14. Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; P.A. 1835-36, ch. 2, sec. 4 (C 1932, 772); C 1858, 822 (C 1932, 1911); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1; Acts 1869-70, 2nd ses., ch. 23, sec. 6 (C 1932, 1915), sec. 7 (C 1932, 1916).

date issued, name of taxpayer, year for which payment is made, district number, value of property, amount of payment, tax levy distribution, and signature of trustee or deputy. Arr. num. by receipt no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 14x11x1. Office.

255. TRUSTEE'S TAX RECEIPT REGISTER, 1928-31, 1934. 1 vol.
A register of tax receipts issued by the trustee, showing date issued, receipt number, district number, whether for poll or property tax, amount of receipt, and total. Arr. chron. by date issued and num. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 320 pp. 19x13x2. Office.

Delinquency - (See also entry 276)

256. DELINQUENT TAX BOOK, 1880-82, 1884, 1888, 1890-1901, 1903-38, 542 vols. (dated and no. by district nos.). Partially missing. Title varies: List of Unpaid Taxes, 1880-82, 1884, 1888, 1890-1901, 1903-28, 361 vols.
Record of taxes which have become delinquent, showing date of assessment, district number, name of property owner, location and description of property, number of town lots, valuation, number of acres of farm land, valuation, value of personal property less $1,000, total value of all property, amounts of poll tax, interest, penalty, and fees; total tax and costs, and date paid. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of property owner. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 120 pp. 6x12x½. 477 vols., 1880-82, 1884, 1888, 1890-1901, 1903-32, closet B; 41 vols., 1926, 1928-36, office; 24 vols., 1923-38, clk. & m's. office.

257. DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPTS (Distress Warrant Stubs), 1888, 1897-1900. 2 vols. Title varies: Distress Warrants, 1888, 1 vol.
Stubs of distress warrants issued for collection of taxes, showing warrant number, name of land owner, value of land, and personal property; total value, amount of tax and penalty, trustee's fee, date issued, date returned, district number, and name of constable. Arr. num. by warrant no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 300 pp. 15x10x1. Closet B.

258. (DISTRESS WARRANTS), 1885-88. 1 f. b.
Original distress warrants issued to the constable, sheriff, or deputy collector, for the purpose of collecting delinquent taxes, and returned to the trustee, showing warrant number, State, county, name of taxpayer, ward and district numbers, value of land, value of personal property, amounts of taxes, interest, penalty, and total; trustee's fee, officer's costs, grand total, date issued, and signature of trustee. Arr. num. by warrant no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5½x22x16. Office.

259. DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPTS, 1898-1936. 197 vols.
Copies of receipts issued by the constable, deputy, or trustee, for payment of delinquent taxes on real estate, personal property, and polls, showing receipt number, date issued, name of taxpayer, district number,

amounts of State and county taxes, interest, penalties, and costs; and total amount for which receipt is issued. Arr. num. by receipt no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 4x11x1. 151 vols., 1898-1928, closet B; 46 vols., 1929-36, office.

For other delinquent tax receipts, see entries 138, 159.

Warrants Paid
(See also entries 271, 278v)

260. REGISTERED COUNTY WARRANTS, 1875--. 2 vols. Title varies: Register of Warrants, 1875-1922, 1 vol.

Register of warrants issued on county funds for salaries, jury service, sheriffs' board bills, and jail, courthouse, and poor home expenses; and paid by the bank, showing number of warrant, date issued, name of payee, name of holder (bank), amount of payment, purpose for which issued, date registered, date paid, and registration number. Arr. chron. by date registered and num. by registration no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. $16\frac{1}{2}$x12x$2\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

261. REGISTER OF COUNTY WARRANTS, 1856-95, 1910--. 8 vols. (1 vol. dated 1910-15; 7 vols. not labeled). Title varies: Ledger, 1856-72, 1 vol.; Journal, 1873-75, 1 vol.; County Accounts, 1876-83, 1 vol.; County, 1884-95, 2 vols.; Special, 1910-15, 1 vol.; Trustee's Register of Warrants, 1910-15, 1 vol.

Register of warrants issued in payment of general county expense and paid by the trustee, showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, amount and purpose of payment, and date registered. Also contains: A list of strays returned by the ranger, July 1856-Feb. 1857, showing name of taker-up, description of animal, appraised value, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date registered. No index. Hdw., 1856-95, 1910-15; hdw. on pr. fm., 1916--. Aver. 300 pp. $15\frac{1}{2}$x$10\frac{1}{2}$x2. 1 vol., 1856-72, closet A; 1 vol., 1873-75, co. ct. clk's. office; 3 vols., 1876-95, cir. ct. clk's. office; 3 vols., 1910--, vault.

262. REGISTER OF HIGH SCHOOL, R. R. ETC., WARRANTS, 1916--. 1 vol.

Register of warrants issued on high school funds and paid by the trustee, 1928--, showing number of warrant, date issued, name of payee, purpose of payment, date registered, and amount. Also contains: A record of trustee's settlements with the judge, 1916-27, including special tax fund, interest and sinking fund, high school fund, railroad bonds, and ferry fund, showing number of warrant or bond, date issued, to whom issued, purpose of issue, and amount. Arr. chron. by date registered. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 500 pp. 13x18x2. Vault.

263. REGISTER OF SCHOOL WARRANTS, 1872-97, 1907--. 6 vols. Title varies: No title, 1872-82, 1 vol.; School, 1883-96, 1 vol.; School Ledger, 1891-97, 1 vol.; Ledger, 1907-21, 2 vols.

Register of warrants issued on school funds and paid by the trustee, showing date issued, name of payee, purpose of payment, date registered, and

amount of warrant. Arr. chron. by date registered. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 400 pp. 15x12x2. 1 vol., 1872-82, closet A; 1 vol., 1883-96, WPA office; 3 vols., 1891-97, 1907-21, co. ct. clk's. office; 1 vol., 1916--, office.

264. REGISTER OF ROAD WARRANTS, 1883-97, 1916--. 4 vols. Title varies: Road and Special, 1883-90, 1 vol.; Road Ledger, 1892-97, 1 vol., Road, 1893-96, 1 vol.

Register of warrants issued on road funds and paid by the trustee, showing number of warrant, date issued, name of payee, purpose of payment or on what account drawn, date registered, and amount of warrant. Arr. chron. by date registered. No index. Hdw., 1883-90, 1892-97; hdw. on pr. fm., 1916--. Aver. 396 pp. 15½x11x2. 2 vols., 1883-90, 1893-96, WPA office; 1 vol., 1892-97, co. ct. clk's. office; 1 vol., 1916--, vault.

265. REGISTER OF FERRY WARRANTS, 1925--. 1 vol.

Register of warrants issued for payment of expense of the county ferry and paid by the trustee, showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, purpose of payment, date registered, and amount. Also contains: List of warrants issued on various county funds, 1933--, including elementary and high school funds, gasoline fund, road fund and general county fund, showing number of warrant, amount, and total amount drawn on each fund during a quarter. Arr. chron. by date registered. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 608 pp. 18x13x½. Vault.

266. (CANCELED COUNTY WARRANTS), 1910--. 7 f. d., 1 bdl., 5 f. b.

Canceled county warrants issued on various county funds and paid by the trustee, showing number of warrant, date issued, name of payee, amount and purpose of payment, signature of official issuing warrant, and trustee's stamp of cancelation. Arr. chron. by date of cancelation. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. F. d., 13x11x26; bdl., 12x8x4; f. b., 12x18x10. 7 f. d., 1910-34, office; 1 bdl., 1935-36, office; 5 f. b., 1937--, vault.

Receipts and Disbursements
(See also entries 253-255, 259-266)

267. DAY BOOK, 1911-12, 1915-28. 1 vol.

This volume contains records of:

i. Taxes collected on real estate, 1911-12, 1915, showing date of collection, from whom received, apportionment to various funds, amount of tax, and district number.

ii. Delinquent taxes collected, 1911-12, showing date, name of taxpayer, district number, amounts of tax, interest and penalty, and total collection.

iii. Funds received and credited to the library fund, 1915-16, 1920-27, showing from whom received, date of collection, amount collected, and name of school to which credited.

iv. Funds received from justices of the peace and State Comptroller, 1916-28, showing from whom received, date and amount of

collection, apportionment to various county funds, and, at end of each quarter, note that settlement was made with the chairman.
Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 500 pp. 16½x13x2. Office.

268. CASH JOURNAL, 1935--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of cash receipts and disbursements, showing date of transaction, from whom received to whom paid, and debits and credits under the following column headings: bank, commissions, taxes unapportioned, warrants undistributed, State, county elementary school, high school, road account, interest and sinking fund, ferry, bonds, school building fund, library account, gas tax fund, jail, and bridge fund. Arr. chron. by date of transaction. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 124 pp. 16x24x1. Office.

269. TRUSTEE ACCOUNT BOOK, 1896-1934. 5 vols. (one vol. not labeled; one vol. dated; 1, 1, 19). Title varies: Ledger, 1896-1933, 1 vol.; General Accounts, 1910-30, 2 vols.
Ledger accounts of trustee's quarterly receipts and disbursements of the several county funds, showing name of fund, balance brought forward from previous quarter, source of collection and amount received, amount of warrants paid, trustee's commission, and balance on hand at end of the quarter. Arr. chron. by quarter. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 400 pp. 16x12x2. Office.

270. TRUSTEE RECEIPTS (Duplicates), 1898--. 7 vols. (6 vols., labeled by contained receipt nos.; 1 vol. not labeled). Title varies: Outside Receipts, 1929-34, 1 vol.
Copies of receipts issued by the trustee for all money collected by him other than payments of taxes, showing number of receipt, date issued, to whom issued, amount of payment received, purpose of payment or on what account received, and signature of the trustee. Arr. num. by receipt no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 500 pp. 9½x9x1½. 3 vols., 1898-1926, closet B; 1 vol., 1927-28, co. agt's. office; 3 vols., 1929--, office.

271. FEE BOOK, 1899, 1914-17. 1 vol.
Record of all fees collected by the trustee, 1899, showing date of collection, from whom received, purpose of payment, style of case, and amount of fee. Also contains: Register of public school warrants, 1914-1917, showing date warrant issued, number of warrant, name of payee, name of school chargeable, and purpose of payment. Arr. chron. by date of collection or date warrant issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 320 pp. 18x12½x1½. Closet B.

272. (CANCELED ORDERS TO TRUSTEE BY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD), 1883-86. 1 f. b. Discontinued.
Canceled orders issued by the district school boards to the trustee for payment of teachers' salaries, showing date and amount of order, district number, purpose of the order, and signatures of the clerk, chairman, and

commissioner of the district school board. Arr. num. by district no. No index. Hdw. 5½x16x22. WPA office.

273. TRUSTEE'S TAX DISBURSEMENT REGISTER, 1928-32. 1 vol.
Record of disbursements of county, road, gasoline and school funds, showing date of disbursement, name of payee, purpose of payment, fund chargeable, amount, and name of bank in which funds are deposited. Arr. chron. by date of disbursement. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 320 pp. 19x13x2. Office.

274. (CHECK STUBS), 1920-23, 1928--. 7 vols.
Stubs of checks issued by the trustee for payment of warrants drawn on county funds, showing check number, date issued, name of payee, amount of payment, purpose of payment, amount brought forward, less amount of check issued, and balance. Arr. num. by check no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 338 pp. 9x12x1. 4 vols., 1920-23, 1928-32, closet B; 3 vols., 1933--, office.

Reports and Settlements

275. (QUARTERLY REPORT OF TRUSTEE - COPY), 1909--. 1 f. d.
Copies of trustee's reports to the quarterly county court, covering all taxes collected, revenue received from various sources, and funds received from the State Comptroller, showing dates of quarter covered by report, source of collection, amount received, amount of trustee's commission, and distribution of collection to various county funds. Arr. chron. by quarter reported. No index. Hdw., 1909-1928; hdw. on pr. fm., 1929---. 4½x24½x16. Office.

276. DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES (Reports), 1932. 1 vol.
Duplicates of the trustee's reports of delinquent taxes as submitted to the clerk and master, showing name of trustee, name of property owner, district or ward number, location and description of property, number acres of farm land, number of town lots, value, amounts of State and county tax, interest and penalty; trustee's certification of report, and date submitted. Arr. num. by district no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 120 pp. 16x14x½. Office.

277. CERTIFIED STATEMENTS, 1887-92. 1 vol. Discontinued.
Trustee's statements of taxes due on real estate, showing year, county, district number, name of property owner, description of property, number and value of town lots, number of acres and value of farm land, total assessment, amounts of State and county tax, interest, penalty, school tax, road tax, commission, and fees; total of all taxes and costs, date and by whom paid or redeemed. This record does not show any certification. Arr. chron. by year and num. thereunder by district no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 225 pp. 17x14x1. WPA office.

278. SETTLEMENTS WITH OVERSEERS, 1889-95, 1920-29. 1 vol. Discontinued.

This record includes:

i. Accounts with overseers of the several road districts, 1893-94, showing debits and credits to each district, date of transaction, from whom received or to whom paid, and amount.

ii. Settlements with road commisioners, 1895, showing name of commissioner, date of settlement, and a list of debits and credits, showing to whom allowed or charged, for what purpose, and amount.

iii. List of orders drawn by overseers, 1889-93, showing date of order, in whose favor drawn, district number, purpose for which order is drawn, and amount.

iv. List of canceled bond coupons, 1920-25, showing number of coupon, bond issued, and amount.

v. List of canceled warrants issued on all county funds, 1920-29, showing number of warrant, date canceled, fund chargeable, and amount.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 408 pp. 14x9½x2. Vault.

Dog Register

279. DOG RECORD, 1901, 1920-21. 2 vols. Discontinued. Title varies: Dog Register, 1901, 1 vol.

Record of dog taxes collected, showing name and address of owner, amount of collection, name and description of dog, date registered, registration number, and signature of the trustee. Arr. chron. by date registered and num. by registration no. 1901, indexed alph. by name of owner; 1920-21, no index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 331 pp. 15x10x1½. 1 vol., 1901, cir. ct. clk's. office; 1 vol., 1920-21, register's office.

XXII. REVENUE COMMISSION

The revenue commission is required by the general law to examine quarterly the records of the county collection and disbursement officers and compare these records with those of the various officials and to report the results of this investigation to the quarterly county court.[15] If the quarterly court so directs, the commission is required to conduct the sale of all bonds and invest the sinking fund.[16] The revenue commission probably dates, in much its present form, from shortly after the

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15. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 76 (C 1932, 1650-1652).
16. P.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 26, sec. 4 (C 1932, 2971), sec. 6 (C 1932, 2977); P.A. 1919, ch. 175, sec. 4 (C 1932, 2971), sec. 5 (C 1932, 2977).

organization of the county, except perhaps for a gap from 1858 to 1875.[17] The present commission consists of three persons appointed by the quarterly county court for terms of 2 years.[18] The county court clerk and members of the quarterly county court are ineligible to serve on this commission.[19] No records for this office were found.

XXIII. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

From its beginning the school system of Cheatham County has operated substantially under the general law, with the first county superintendent of education being elected in July 1873.[20] Only two private acts have authorized any deviation from the general law; one in 1935 which provided that the superintendent of public instruction should be elected by the qualified voters at the regular election,[21] and another in 1931 which also provided for his election by popular vote for a term of 4 years.[22]

Although the General Assembly authorized the establishment of high schools in all counties by the quarterly county courts in 1899,[23] no action was taken in Cheatham County until 1902, when by resolution the quarterly county court recognized the need for high schools and authorized the creation of such in the county.[24] A high school board of education consisting of six members, was selected by the quarterly county court and charged with the management of these schools.[25] This board continued until 1921, when a general board of education, was created and vested with control and management of both high and elementary schools of the county.[26] The board of education consisted of seven members appointed by the quarterly county court for terms of 7 years.[27] The general education bill of 1925 reorganized the school system but the number of members on the county board of education and their length of term was left unchanged.[28] Except

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17. Acts 1845-46, ch. 115; Acts 1875, ch. 91, secs. 15, 16; Acts 1885, ch. 1, secs. 74, 75; Acts 1889, ch. 435, sec. 71; Acts 1901, ch. 174, sec. 80; Acts 1903, ch. 258, sec. 79; Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 76 (C 1932, 1650-1652). C 1858 did not provide for a revenue commission, thus accounting for the gap between 1858 and 1875.
18. Acts 1907, ch. 602, sec. 76 (C 1932, 1650).
19. Ibid.
20. Minute Book, vol. C, p. 369, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
21. Pr.A. 1925, ch. 324.
22. Pr.A. 1931, ch. 376.
23. Acts 1899, ch. 279.
24. Minute Book, vol. H, pp. 301, 315, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
25. Acts 1899, ch. 279, sec. 3; Minute Book, vol. H, p. 315, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
26. P.A. 1921, ch. 120, sec. 1.
27. Ibid., sec. 2.
28. P.A. 1925, ch. 115, sec. 6 (C 1932, 2317).

for the mode of election and term of office, the superintendent of education in Cheatham County operates under the general law, being secretary of the county board of education with general supervision over all county schools.[29]

Only one special act has been passed authorizing Cheatham County to issue bonds for educational purposes.[30] This was an act of 1917 which provided for the issuance and sale of not more than $10,000 of coupon bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6 percent a year and to mature in not less than 20 years.[31] The proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds were to be used for the acquisition of land and the erection of a high school building thereon.[32] The quarterly county court was authorized to levy a tax, the proceeds from which would be sufficient in amount to pay the interest and retire the principal as each became due.[33]

Minutes

280. MINUTES BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1906--. 9 vols. Title varies: Minutes of County Board of Education, 1911-22, 4 vols., no title, 1906-11, 1923-26, 4 vols.

A detailed record of the proceedings at board meetings, showing date of meeting, names of members present, and action of the board on such matters as election of teachers, receiving reports and petitions, making contracts, and fixing salaries; and signatures of the chairman and secretary of the board. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. Aver. 237 pp. 14x10x1. Office.

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29. P.A. 1925, ch. 115, sec. 6 (C 1932, 2322-2324).
30. Under the general law the quarterly county court can, by an act of 1911, issue bonds for educational purposes until the amount of such bonds outstanding at any time is 3 percent of the value of the taxable property in the county.(P.A. 1911, ch. 60, sec. 1 (C 1932, 2557), sec. 11 (C 1932, 2567)) Formerly school bonds were to mature within 30 years after issuance, but since 1911 they must mature within 25 years.(Ibid., sec. 2 (C 1932, 2558)) Prior to 1920 the interest rate could not exceed 5 percent a year; since then it can be as high as 6 percent.(Ibid.; P.A. 1920, ex. ses., ch. 7 (C 1932, 2558)) The bonds must be signed by the county judge or the chairman of the county court and the county court clerk.(P.A. 1911, ch. 60, sec. 3 (C 1932, 2559)) The quarterly county court is authorized to levy a tax to provide revenue for payment of the principal and interest.(Ibid., sec. 8 (C 1932, 2564)).
31. Pr.A. 1917, ch. 376, secs. 1, 2.
32. Ibid., sec. 3.
33. Ibid., sec. 4.

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Records of Teachers
(See also entries 286, 299vii, 299xii, 299xvii, 299xix, 299xxi, 299xxiii-xxvi, 299xxxix, 303i)

281. (STUBS OF TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES), 1881-91. 3 vols.
Stubs of certificates of employed teachers, showing teacher's name and address, type of certificate held, date issued, date of expiration, certificate number, and subjects qualified to teach. Arr. num. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 110 pp. 11x5x½. Cir. ct. clk's. office.

282. HIGH SCHOOL (Teachers' Contracts), 1936--. 3 vols. (dated). Title varies: High School Contracts, 1937, 1 vol.; High School Teachers, 1938, 1 vol. 1935 in White Elementary (Teachers' Contracts), entry 283.
Contracts between the county board of education and high school teachers, showing name of teacher, amount of salary, date contract effective, date of expiration, school assignment, general provisions of the contract, and signatures of the teacher, superintendent of schools, and chairman of the board. Arr. num. by contract no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 8x7xl. Office.

283. WHITE ELEMENTARY (Teachers' Contracts), 1926-30, 1935--. 20 vols. (dated). Title varies: Elementary Contracts, 1937, 2 vols.; Elementary Teachers, 1938, 2 vols.
Contracts between the county board of education and elementary teachers, showing contract number, name of teacher, amount of salary, date contract effective, date of expiration, school assignment, general provisions of the contract, and signatures of the teacher, superintendent of schools, and chairman of the board. Also contains: Contracts with high school teachers, 1935, entry 282; and contracts with colored elementary teachers, 1932-35, entry 284. Arr. num. by contract no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 7x8xl. Office.

284. COLORED TEACHERS (Contracts), 1907-31, 1936--. 7 vols. (dated). Title varies: Colored Teachers Elementary, 1937, 1 vol.; Colored Teachers, 1938, 1 vol. 1932-35, in White Elementary, entry 283.
Contracts between the county board of education and colored elementary teachers, showing contract number, name of teacher, amount of salary, date contract effective, date of expiration, school assignment, general provisions of the contract, and signatures of the teacher, superintendent of schools, and chairman of the board. Arr. num. by contract no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 7x8xl. Office.

285. (PERSONNEL RECORDS OF ELEMENTARY TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS), 1937--. 1 f. b.
Personnel records of elementary teachers and principals, showing date of record, name, race, sex, and marital status of teacher or principal;

number of dependents, present address, permanent address, birthplace, date of birth, name of school to which assigned, grades to teach, subjects, whether principal or teacher, number of elementary teachers in school, including principal; exact name in which certificate was issued, certificate or renewal number, kind of certificate, effective date, expiration date, total number years of teaching experience, names of colleges attended, number of quarters attended, dates of attendance, total quarter hour credits received, degrees earned, grand total quarter hour credits received in approved colleges, grades specifically prepared to teach, certification as to correctness of record, and teacher's signature. Arr. alph. by name of teacher or principal. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 9x9x5½. Office.

Records of Pupils
(See also entries 299ii, 299vi, 299xiii, 299xvi, 299xxi, 299xxvii, 299xxxi, 300-302, 303ii, 303iv)

286. TENNESSEE SCHOOL REGISTER - CHEATHAM COUNTY, 1922, 1935--. 493 vols. (dated).
Teachers' classroom registers covering the year's work, including teacher's affidavit that data contained are correct, general data concerning pupils, showing name, grade, date of birth, age, and address of pupil; distance from school, name and occupation of parent or guardian, and school last attended; scholastic record of work, showing daily and examination grades, and average in each subject; summaries of enrollment, and attendance by months; teacher's record, showing name, color, and address of teacher; kind of certificate held, extent of training, type of position held, and other data, such as previous experience, date of birth, sex, marital status, number of dependents, salary, and grades taught; teachers annual property report, showing type and size of building, facilities for heat and ventilation, source of water supply, number and condition of toilets, value of building, heating plant, grounds, and equipment; number and cost of books in the library; teacher's annual report of promotions and retardations; progress table, classifying pupils by number of years attended and progress made; age grade tables, classifying pupils by ages and grades; and record of eighth grade certificates issued, showing name of pupil, age, general average for the year, and day, month, and year graduated. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 106 pp. 11x8x½. Office.

287. (CERTIFICATES OF PROMOTION), 1925-26. 28 vols. Discontinued.
Copies of promotion certificates issued to high school pupils, showing date issued, name of pupil, whether or not promotion is conditional, subject, school year, credit received, grade, and signature of teacher. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 3x6½x½. Office.

288. EIGHTH GRADE CERTIFICATE REQUISITIONS, 1937-38. 1 bdl. (dated).
Requisitions for eighth grade certificates, showing name of school, county, length of term, name of principal, whether white or colored school, name and age of pupil, date of graduation, approval of county superintendent, and

date approved. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 9½x15½x1. Office.

289. (ABSENCE REPORTS), 1929-30. 1 bdl.
Reports of teachers or principals on absence of pupils, showing name of school, county, district number, name and age of pupil, number of days absent, name of parent or guardian, excuse, signature of principal or teacher, and date of report. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 16x4½x10. Office.

290. (STUBS OF ATTENDANCE NOTICES), 1929-30. 2 vols. Discontinued. Stubs of notices mailed by attendance officer to parents or guardians of pupils who are absent from school, showing date of notice, names of parents or guardian and pupil, date pupil absent, and date returned. Arr. chron. by date of notice. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 3½x9x½. Office.

Financial Records

(See also entries 299v, 299vii, 299viii, 299xi, 299xviii, 299xxiv, 299xxviii, 303iii)

Warrants Issued

291. (HIGH SCHOOL WARRANT STUBS), 1907-10, 1922--. 16 vols. (dated). Stubs of warrants issued for general expenses of high schools, such as general control, instructional service, operation and maintenance of school plants, and auxiliary agencies, showing warrant number, name of payee, date of issue, name of school, purpose of payment, and amount. Arr. num. by warrant no. and chron. by date of issue. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 17x14x½. Office.

292. (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WARRANTS - STUBS), 1922--. 23 vols. (dated). Stubs of warrants issued for general expenses of elementary schools, such as general control, instruction, coordinate activities, operation and maintenance of school plants, and auxiliary agencies, showing warrant number, name of payee, date issued, name of school, purpose of payment, and amount. Arr. num. by warrant no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 246 pp. 8½x14x1. Office.

293. (WARRANT STUBS - BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND), 1928-31. 2 vols.
Stubs of warrants issued on the building and equipment fund for labor, material, and supplies for building and remodeling county schools, showing warrant number, date issued, name of payee, purpose and amount of payment, name of school, and date work done. Arr. num. by warrant no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 200 pp. 3½x5x½. Office.

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294. REGISTER OF SCHOOL WARRANTS ISSUED, 1907--. 11 vols.
Record of warrants issued on school funds for general expenses of county schools, such as instructional service, operation and maintenance of school plants, and auxiliary agencies, showing warrant number, to whom issued, for what purpose, name of school chargeable, date of issue, and amount of warrant. Arr. num. by warrant no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 478 pp. 15x17x2. Office.

Accounts

295. LEDGER (High School Funds), 1928-32. 1 vol.
Record of receipts and disbursements of high school funds, showing balance on hand at beginning of the month, date of entry, source of collection, amount, purpose of expenditure, amount, total of each, and balance. Also a record of expenditures chargeable to various individual accounts, such as salaries of members of the board of education, superintendent, teachers, engineer, and janitor; general control, lights, fuel, and water; supplies, and repairs, showing number of warrant issued, date issued, name of payee, and amount of payment. Arr. chron. by date of entry or date warrant issued. Indexed alph. by name of fund. Hdw. 136 pp. 16x11x1. Office.

296. LEDGER (Elementary School Funds), 1928-32. 1 vol.
Record of receipts and disbursements of elementary school funds, showing balance on hand at beginning of the month, date of entry, source of collection, amount, purpose of expenditure, amount, total of each, and balance. Also a record of expenditures chargeable to various individual accounts, such as salaries of members of the board of education, superintendent, teachers, engineer, and janitor; general control, lights, fuel, and water; supplies, and repairs, showing number of warrant issued, date issued, name of payee, and amount of payment. Arr. chron. by date of entry or date warrants issued. Indexed alph. by name of fund. Hdw. 136 pp. 16x11x1. Office.

297. TENNESSEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM, 1937--. 3 vols.
Control accounts of the superintendent, including warrant register and distribution ledger for each budget item, such as coordinate activities, auxiliary agencies, operation and maintenance, instructional service, and general control, each item being broken down to show warrant number, date issued, date paid, name of payee, purpose of payment, name of school, and amount; cash receipts, including revenue received from State, county, city, town or special school district, revenue received from transfers, miscellaneous sources, and non-revenue receipts, showing source, date, and amount of each; ledger account of all funds received and disbursed, showing date of each item, and amount; payroll register and salary distribution ledger, showing name of employee, including teachers, principals, bus drivers, and janitors; position held, name of school, contracted annual salary, monthly salary, and number, date, and amount of each warrant issued; and insurance register, showing description of property insured, kind of insurance carried,

name and address of company, name and address of local agent, number of policy, dates of issuance and expiration, appraised value of property, amount of insurance, rate, and amount of premium. Arr. under tabs by subject and chron. thereunder by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 2 vols. aver. 300 pp. 12x18x1½; 1 vol. 100 pp. 16x27x1. Office.

Correspondence and Miscellaneous

298. CORRESPONDENCE, 1931--. 1 f. d.
Original letters, and copies of replies thereto, received by the superintendent and pertaining to the operation and maintenance of county schools, showing names of correspondents, content, and date of correspondence. Arr. alph. by name of correspondent and chron. thereunder by date of correspondence. No index. Hdw. and typed. 11½x16x27. Office.

299. (MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS), 1878-81, 1883-96, 1907--. 6 f. d., 3 f. b.
Miscellaneous records pertaining to schools, including:

i. Insurance policies on school buildings, 1925--, showing number of policy, date issued, date of expiration, name of company, to whom payable, kind and description of policy and of property covered.

ii. Annual statistical report, 1878-81, 1907-18, 1922--, submitted by principals and teachers, from which the superintendent's annual report is compiled, showing name of school, enrollment and attendance by grades, scholastic ratings, promotions and retardations, age grade tables, and length of school term by days.

iii. List of insurance bids on school busses as made by local insurance agents, 1937, showing date, amount of bid, and names of agent and insurance company.

iv. Deeds to school property, 1909--, showing name of grantor and grantee, location and description of property, amount of consideration, signature of grantor, acknowledgment before notary public, and certificate of registration.

v. Financial report of the superintendent to the State Commissioner of Education, 1909-16, 1924--, showing breakdown of all receipts and expenditures, payrolls, and register of warrants issued.

vi. School census enumeration, 1888-96, 1918-20, 1925--, showing scholastic population by civil districts, district number, name, age, sex, color and address of pupil; physical condition of child, whether pupil is literate or illiterate, and name and address of parents.

vii. Redeemed certificates of teachers, 1935, showing name of teacher, amount of certificate, and name of bank.

viii. Copies of the superintendent's annual report to the State Department, 1936, on expenditures from the Jeanes fund for financing the supervision of colored schools in the South, especially

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rural schools, showing name of school, and amount of expenditures.

ix. Bus drivers' contracts with the board of education, 1927--, showing name of driver, description of route, amount of salary, date contract effective, date of expiration, amount of salary, and signature of bus driver.

x. Copies of the minutes of the quarterly court pertaining to the board of education, 1936-37.

xi. Budgets compiled by the superintendent, 1926--, estimating expenditures necessary for the administration, operation, and maintenance of county schools.

xii. Lists of teachers employed in county schools, 1929--, showing name and address.

xiii. Requisitions for high school diplomas, 1934--, showing name of student, credits received, total credits, and names of schools attended.

xiv. Copies of principals' annual reports to the county superintendent, 1911-23, showing general information pertaining to school buildings, grounds, and equipment; enrollment, organization and administration, and program of studies.

xv. Lists of text books used in elementary schools, 1936--, showing name of book, author, and grade in which book is to be used.

xvi. Lists of school bus routes and pupils who ride busses, 1936--, showing name of pupil, and school attended.

xvii. Copies of home economics teachers' annual reports, 1933--, summarizing work performed during the year, showing number of rooms and amount of equipment, equipment added this session, equipment needed, enrollment by grades, budget for the year, total number and cost of garments made in class during the year, home projects, and total expenditures.

xviii. Copies of trustee's annual reports to the superintendent on receipts and disbursements of school funds, 1883-88, 1934-35, showing amount received and disbursed, balance on hand, amount paid out for teachers' salaries, sites, building, and repairs, signature of trustee, and date of report.

xix. Teachers' monthly attendance reports, 1930--, showing name of school, name of teacher, number of boys and girls enrolled, average daily attendance by grades, and number of days in session.

xx. Original high school and elementary school warrants which have been canceled, 1937-38, showing date issued, name of payee, purpose of payment, amount of warrant, date canceled, and signatures of chairman and secretary of the board of education.

xxi. Questionaires of high school teachers, 1935, showing date, name of teacher, address, whether teacher holds certificate or license to teach, number of years experience, grades taught, salary received, age, sex, color, marital status, income other than from teaching, number and names of dependents, signature of teacher, acknowledgment and seal of notary public, and date notarized.

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xxii. Minutes of the superintendents' conferences, 1933--, showing the exact proceedings of the meeting.

xxiii. Teachers' certificates, 1922--, showing certificate number, name of person to whom issued, whether for elementary or high school, kind of degree and name of school conferring same, number of quarter hours credited, seal of the State Department of Education, and signatures of the Commissioner of Education and the Supervisor of Certification.

xxiv. Monthly payrolls of all employees of the board of education, including board members, principals and teachers, bus drivers, and janitors, 1936--, showing name of employee, amount of salary, name of school, and month covered.

xxv. Rating of teachers under State salary schedule, 1930--, showing classification group, certification requirements, and minimum monthly salary.

xxvi. Teachers' qualification records, 1937--, showing date, name of school, name of teacher, color, address, kind of certification, certificate number, date issued or renewed, school or college attended, total credits, degrees, type of school prepared to teach, number of years experience, date of birth, marital status, number of dependents, salary, and subjects and grades taught.

xxvii. Monthly reports of bus drivers, 1934--, showing date of report, names of schools served, name of bus driver, total number enrolled for transportation, number of days operated, and average number of pupils transported daily.

xxviii. Original paid bills for purchases made by the board of education, 1927--, showing name of merchant or firm, date of bill, list of items purchased, unit price, total amount, date of payment, and by whom received.

xxix. List of members of board of education, 1924--, showing name and address of member.

xxx. Original bids for bus routes, 1931--, showing name of person making bid, description of route, amount of bid, and signature of person submitting same.

xxxi. Robertson County student data, 1927-29, showing names of Robertson County school children attending school in Cheatham County, and amount charged for their attendance.

xxxii. Original petitions from citizens of the county, 1931--, recommending certain persons for employment in county schools or as bus drivers, showing date, and signatures of petitioners.

xxxiii. List of isolated schools, 1936--, showing name and location of school.

xxxiv. Duplicate copies of requisitions for school library books, 1928--, showing title of book, and name of author.

xxxv. Original tests prepared by the superintendent for eighth grade pupils, 1937-38, showing name of each subject, and a list of questions pertaining thereto.

xxxvi. Notes on superintendent's visits to county schools, kept for his own reference, 1937-38.

xxxvii. Lists of books in school libraries, 1936--, showing title of book, and name of author.

xxxviii. Adult teachers' semi-monthly attendance and time reports, 1935--, showing district number, project number, name and address of teacher, identification number, case number, sex, grade, classification, date of reporting period, name of study course, number present, time of class, hours taught, narrative report, total hours worked, and teacher's signature.

xxxix. Correspondence with the State Department of Education, 1928--, principals, teachers, and various firms and individuals, and circular letters issued by this office, showing, in addition to the text, date and names of correspondents.

Records of elementary basketball tournaments, 1935-37, entry 301. Arr. by subjects. No index. Hdw. and typed. 16x26x11. Office.

300. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPLETE RECORD, 1901-1911. 3 vols. Discontinued.

Superintendent's complete record of all county schools, showing name of school, number of days in session, amount of teachers' salaries, value of school building and other property, value of any new buildings erected, enumeration of scholastic population, enrollment by studies and grades, record of teachers' certificates, and an itemized account of expenditures. Also contains: Minutes of Cheatham County Institute, 1901-10, showing in detail proceedings of teachers' meetings held during the summer. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 150 pp. 16x11x1. Office.

Field Meets and Tournaments

301. (ELEMENTARY BASKET BALL TOURNAMENTS), 1931. 2 bdl. 1932-- in Miscellaneous, Tournment, Field Meets, College Materials, Textbooks, entry 303; also 1935-37 in (Miscellaneous Papers), entry 299.

Rules and regulations for boys' and girls' annual basket ball tournament and a list of players participating in the tournament, showing name and age of player, average grade, days present, name of school, and name of teacher. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $9\frac{1}{2}$x15x$\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

302. RECORD FIELD MEET, 1929-31. 3 vols. (1 vol. dated; 2 vols. not labeled).

Lists of pupils in the various schools certified as eligible to participate in county field meets, showing date of meet, name of school, name, sex, and age of pupil; scholastic rating, certification of school principal as to pupil's eligibility, date certified, and signature of principal. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 244 pp. 11x11x$\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

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303. MISCELLANEOUS TOURNAMENT, FIELD MEETS, COLLEGE MATERIALS, TEXTBOOKS, 1928--. 1 f. d.
File containing miscellaneous papers including:
i. Letters of application submitted by teachers, 1928-32, showing date of application, name of superintendent, name of school, and signature of teacher.
ii. List of pupils participating in annual field meets, 1932-35, showing name of contestant, sex, age, grade, subjects studied, and kind of contest.
iii. Basket ball financial statement, 1938, showing amount of money collected and disbursed, and balance.
iv. List of students entering state spelling contest, 1935--, showing name of school, and name of student.
List of pupils participating in elementary basket ball tournaments, 1932--, entry 301. Arr. by subject and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 16x26x11. Office.

Maps and Photographs

304. PHOTOGRAPHS OF SCHOOLS, 1912. 13 photographs.
Framed photographs of county schools, including 5 photographs of St. Amanda's Chapel school, 1 of Muddy Branch school, 1 of Woodlawn school, 3 of Kingston Springs school, 2 of Pleasant View school, and 1 of Dog Creek school. Photographer unknown. 8x6. Cir. ct. clk's. office.

305. PHOTOGRAPHS, 1937. 6 photographs.
Framed photographs of county school busses. Photographs developed by Will Darrow, Ashland City. $8\frac{1}{2}$x$6\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

306. (MAPS), 1936-37. 3 maps.
Maps showing bus routes, location of schools, number of pupils transported, location of residences, condition of roads, which schools are white and which colored. Prepared by United States Office of Education, Study of Local School Units, in cooperation with State Department of Education, Nashville. Scale: 5 mi. = 5 in. $26\frac{1}{2}$x36. Office.

307. (MAPS), 1930. 13 maps.
Maps of Cheatham County compiled by A. F. Ganier from airplane photographs taken by Captain A. W. Stevens of the United States Air Service in 1924, showing roads, secondary roads, streams, residences, churches, schools, cemeteries, civil district lines, county line, and railroads. Drawn by Walter F. Pond, State Geologist, Nashville. Scale: 5 mi. = 5 in. 24x36. Office.

308. (BLUE PRINT), 1936. 1 blue print.
Plan of Central High School athletic field, showing layout of field, and seats. Drawn by Austin and Keisling at Peabody College, Nashville. Blue print. Scale not indicated. 19x19. Office.

309. BLUE PRINTS (Julius Rosenwald Fund), 1920-21, 1930. 3 blue prints.
Proposed plans for a three-teacher community grammar school, a two-teacher school, and a high school and grammar school for Pleasant View, to be built out of the Julius Rosenwald fund. Drawn by Smotherman, M. Gardner, and Hart & Russell, Knoxville. Scale: $\frac{1}{2}$ in. = 1 ft., 1/10 in = 1 ft. Aver. 23 pp. 16$\frac{1}{2}$x21; 21x32; 13x11$\frac{1}{2}$. Office.

310. (LANDSCAPE DESIGN), 1936. 1 page.
A landscape design of Idlewild school, showing location of trees, shrubs, grass, and hedge. Drawn by Gordon Lowell, Ashland City. No scale. 22x30. Office.

XXIV. COUNTY PHYSICIAN

Although several prior enactments looked to providing medical care for prisoners confined in the county jail, the office of county or jail physician was not definitely created until 1885.[34] Under the general law the county physician is appointed by the quarterly county court for a term of 4 years.[35] It is his duty to attend the inmates of the county jail and poor home, but no records are required to be kept.[36]

The officer, in Cheatham County, is called the county health officer,[37] but there is no health department and his duties are identical with those described above.

XXV. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Except for a private act of 1860, the road system in Cheatham County functioned almost exclusively under the general law until 1917. By the act of 1860, the quarterly county court was authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of a road commissioner to assist in classifying the roads.[38] The court was further authorized to contract for the construction and repair of the county roads.[39] Subject to the consent of a majority vote of the people, the quarterly county court was authorized to levy a road tax for the upkeep and repair of all public roads in the

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34. P.A. 1859-60, ch. 95; Acts 1871, ch. 115; Acts 1873, ch. 29; Acts 1877, ch. 160; Acts 1883, ch. 223; Acts 1885, ch. 95.
35. Ibid., sec. 4 (C 1932, 5778); Acts 1891, ch. 181 (C 1932, 5778); Acts 1895, ch. 206 (C 1932, 5778).
36. Ibid.; P.A. 1911, ch. 54, sec. 4 (C 1932, 4826); P.A. 1935, ch. 37 (C 1938, 5778).
37. Minute Book, vol. O, p. 564, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
38. Pr.A. 1859-60, ch. 114, sec. 2.
39. Ibid., sec. 9.

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county.[40] Taxpayers were to be allowed to pay the road tax in work at $1 per day.[41]

By an act approved April 5, 1917, the quarterly county court was authorized to appoint a board of public road commissioners, to be composed of three members appointed for terms of 2 years.[42] One member of the board was to be designated as the superintendent and another as the assistant superintendent.[43] The superintendent received $800 a year, the assistant superintendent $2 a day but not more than $100 a year, and the associate member $2 a day but not more than $50 a year.[44] The commissioners were placed in charge of all public roads and bridges in the county.[45] All applications to open, change or close highways were to be made by written petition to the superintendent.[46] The commissioners were required to make a report, to each quarterly meeting of the county court, of all vouchers issued, giving the name of the payees and the purpose for which they were drawn.[47]

The act required all able-bodied men between the ages of 21 and 50, except residents of incorporated towns, to work on the roads at least 6 days a year, or, in lieu of such work, to pay $3 to the county trustee.[48] The quarterly county court was directed to levy an annual tax on all property, both real and personal, outside of incorporated towns, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the roads in the county.[49]

An act approved April 6, 1917, authorized the quarterly county court, by a majority vote to levy a tax of not less than 50 cents or more than $1 on each $100 of taxable property, for the purpose of hard-surfacing and maintaining the county roads.[50] In the event that the tax was levied the quarterly county court was authorized to appoint three persons, who, together with the judge or chairman of the county court and the county court clerk as ex officio members, were to constitute a board of commissioners with supervision over all county roads.[51] The members other than the county court clerk and the chairman of the county court were each to

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40. Pr.A. 1859-60, ch. 114, sec. 1.
41. Ibid., sec. 4.
42. Pr.A. 1917, ch. 730.
43. Ibid., sec. 1. Who was to elect the superintendent and the assistant was not specified by the act.
44. Ibid., sec. 2.
45. Ibid.
46. Ibid., sec. 8.
47. Ibid., sec. 9.
48. Ibid., sec. 5.
49. Ibid.
50. Pr.A. 1917, ch. 633.
51. Ibid., sec. 2.

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receive a per diem of $3.[52] The commissioners were authorized to contract for all work to be done, using workhouse prisoners within their discretion.[53] Any State and Federal aid for highway construction obtainable was to be secured by the board and a record of all transactions as well as all plats and specifications was to be maintained.[54]

On April 7, 1917, another road law was enacted abolishing the office of district road commissioner and empowering the quarterly county court to appoint a board of road commissioners consisting of three members.[55] Members of the first commission were to serve for terms of 1, 2 and 3 years respectively with their successors appointed for terms of 3 years each.[56] Before entering upon the duties of his office, each commissioner was required to take an oath of office and give a bond in the sum of $1000.[57] A chairman and a secretary were to be elected by and from the board.[58] The commissioners were to meet monthly and the secretary was to keep a record of all transactions entered into by the board.[59] Each commissioner was to receive a per diem of $1.50, except the secretary, who was allowed an additional $50 per year.[60] The board was to have exclusive control of all public roads in the county and was made responsible for all tools and machinery used on the roads.[61] In order to carry out their duties the commissioners were authorized to appoint road overseers in each district to supervise the actual working of the roads.[62] Overseers were to be paid $1 per day while supervising the road work.[63] An amendatory act of 1921 authorized the board to appoint a general overseer in each district, who in turn was to appoint a local supervisor, both of whom were to receive $1 per day while in the discharge of their duties.[64] If the board chose not to use the overseer system, it was authorized to have construction and maintenance work done by contractors.[65] The quarterly county court was directed to levy a tax of not less than 10 cents and not more than 60 cents on each $100 of taxable property.[66]

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52. Pr.A. 1917, ch. 633.
53. Ibid., secs. 7, 10.
54. Ibid., sec. 3.
55. Pr.A. 1917, ch. 519, secs. 1, 5.
56. Ibid., sec. 1.
57. Ibid., sec. 2.
58. Ibid.
59. Ibid.
60. Ibid., sec. 8.
61. Ibid., sec. 3.
62. Ibid., sec. 4.
63. Ibid.
64. Pr.A. 1921, ch. 863, sec. 2.
65. Ibid., sec. 10.
66. Ibid., sec. 9.

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The latter act of 1917 left unchanged the provisions of the general road law concerning road duty and the commutation tax.[67] However, an act of 1919 made the commutation tax not less than $1 or more than $2.50.[68] By another act of this same year all wagons and teams in the county were made subject to 4 days road duty in each year or the owner was to pay $2 for each day he failed to make them available.[69] The act further provided for the issuance of not more than $40,000 of bonds for highway purposes, to mature within 20 years and to bear interest at not more than 6 percent a year.[70] Upon the issuance of such bonds, the quarterly county court was directed to levy a special tax to pay the interest and retire the principal as each became due.[71]

In 1927 the board of highway commissioners of the 1917 act was abolished and the highway department reorganized.[72] A county supervisor of public roads was to be elected by the quarterly county court for a term of 2 years.[73] Before entering upon the duties of his office, the supervisor was required to subscribe to the oath of office and give a bond in the sum of $3000.[74] He was to receive $1,200 a year,[75] and was to have general charge and control of all public roads and bridges in the county.[76] All work was to be done by road labor or contract, or both, and all accounts, petitions and other papers coming before the supervisor were required to be preserved as public records.[77] Upon the written request of the supervisor the county judge was authorized to issue road warrants, countersigned by the county court clerk,[78] and recorded by him in a special book for this purpose.[79] For this service the clerk was to receive an annual compensation of $100.[80] District commissioners and road overseers appointed at the discretion of the supervisor, were to be in direct charge of all road work and were to submit annual reports to the supervisor indicating the time, place, and amount of work done.[81] As compensation the overseers were to receive $2 for each day of service rendered under the direction of the supervisor.[82] All male citizens,

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67. Pr.A. 1921, ch. 863, sec. 5.
68. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 173.
69. Ibid., ch. 696.
70. Ibid., sec. 1.
71. Ibid.
72. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 775.
73. Ibid., sec. 3.
74. Ibid., sec. 4.
75. Ibid., sec. 3.
76. Ibid., sec. 5.
77. Ibid.
78. Ibid., sec. 6.
79. Ibid., sec. 7.
80. Ibid.
81. Ibid.
82. Ibid.

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except residents of incorporated towns and those physically disabled, were required to work 5 days in each year on the county roads.[83] Persons wishing to commute their time on the roads were to pay the county trustee $1.50 for each of the 5 days which they failed to work.[84] All wagons and teams were subject to 4 days road duty in each year or the owner was to pay $2 per day for each wagon or team.[85] This section, however, was abolished by a private act of 1933.[86] The 1927 act further provided for an annual privilege tax, except in incorporated towns, on all passenger automobiles and trucks.[87] In 1931 another annual wheel tax was authorized; each automobile to be assessed $4 and each truck $4 for the first ton, and $1 for each additional ton.[88] All motorcycles were to be assessed $2 each.[89]

By an act of 1939, presumably in force at the present time, the highway department was again reorganized and the act of 1927 repealed.[90] This reorganizing act provides for a county highway commission composed of seven members, two elected by popular vote in each of the three road districts, for terms of 2 years, and the county judge or chairman of the county court as ex officio chairman.[91] The commissioners are to be paid $5 for each meeting of the commission, but no commissioner is to receive more than $75 in one year.[92] The commissioners are empowered to open, close, change, restore, or widen the public roads of the county,[93] and to supervise the work of county and state prisoners on the roads.[94] They are further authorized to employ a road supervisor between the ages of 25 and 65, to serve for a term of not less than 2 years or more than 4 years.[95] The compensation of the supervisor is to be set by the commissioners, not to exceed $125 a month.[96] He is to have charge of the construction and repair of all roads, levees, and bridges, and is to be responsible for all tools and machinery used on the roads.[97] Under the direction of the supervisor, all physically able male citizens, except residents of incorporated towns, are required to labor upon the roads not less than 4 days in each year, or pay $3 in lieu of such work.[98]

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83. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 775, sec. 14.
84. Ibid.
85. Ibid., sec. 16.
86. Pr.A. 1933, ch. 22.
87. Pr.A. 1927, ch. 775, sec. 18.
88. Pr.A. 1931, ch. 716.
89. Ibid.
90. Pr.A. 1939, ch. 442.
91. Ibid., sec. 1.
92. Ibid., sec. 2.
93. Ibid., sec. 15.
94. Ibid., sec. 13.
95. Ibid., sec. 1.
96. Ibid.
97. Ibid.
98. Ibid., secs. 18, 22.

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The supervisor is to make monthly reports to the highway commission giving a detailed account of all claims against the commission.[99] The commission in turn is to make reports to each meeting of the quarterly county court.[1] The act authorized the appointment of a bridge and levee supervisor by the chairman of the commission, when such was deemed necessary.[2] This supervisor is to receive an annual salary not in excess of $125,[3] and is to have control and management of all levees, as well as bridges over 10 feet in length.[4] He is required to file with the county judge a report of all contracts made for labor and material,[5] and upon receipt of this report the county judge is authorized to issue "Bridge and Levee Warrants" for the payment of these accounts.[6]

Several acts have authorized bond issues for the construction and maintenance of the public roads in Cheatham County. The first of these in 1891, empowered the quarterly county court upon a three-fourths vote of its members to issue $10,000 of bonds, to mature within 10 years and to bear interest at 6 percent.[7] The court was directed to levy a tax upon all real and personal property for the purpose of creating a sinking fund to retire the bonds at or before maturity.[8] Upon the signing of a petition by 100 legal voters requesting a special election and the approval of a majority of the voters participating in the election, the quarterly county court was, by an act of 1907, authorized to issue not more than $200,000 of bonds for the purpose of building and improving public highways.[9] The bonds were to bear interest of not more than 6 percent and mature within 30 years.[10] A commission composed of five members, appointed by the quarterly county court for terms of 2 years, was authorized to contract for the work to be done with the proceeds of the bond issue.[11] The commissioners were required to make quarterly reports to the county court of their actions and recommendations.[12] The quarterly court in turn was directed to levy an annual tax on all taxable property and privileges in the county sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds and to create a sinking fund for their redemption as they matured.[13] An act of

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99. Pr.A. 1939, ch. 442, sec. 4.
1. Ibid., sec. 5.
2. Ibid., sec. 21.
3. Ibid.
4. Ibid., sec. 22.
5. Ibid.
6. Ibid.
7. Acts 1891, ch. 241, secs. 1, 2.
8. Ibid., sec. 3.
9. Pr.A. 1907, ch. 420, secs. 1-3.
10. Ibid.
11. Ibid., secs. 5, 6.
12. Ibid., sec. 7.
13. Ibid., sec. 8.

1919, described above, authorized the quarterly county court to issue as much as $40,000 of bonds for highway purposes.14

Time Reports

311. (DAILY TIME CARDS), 1937--. 15 bdl.
Foremen's daily time reports for all employees under their supervision, as submitted to the road supervisor, showing county, date and number of report, name of foreman, type and amount of work performed, name of each employee, occupation, rate of pay per hour, and number of hours worked. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5x3½x5. Office.

Work Records
(See also entry 311)

312. DAY, 1937--. 1 vol.
Daily record of work done on county roads, under the supervision of the various foremen, showing name of foreman, date and type of work performed, number of hours worked each day, and amount of work done. Also contains: Record of accounts with business firms for supplies and materials purchased, 1939--, showing name of firm, date of purchase, price, and date paid. Arr. chron. by date work performed or date of purchase. No index. Hdw. Aver. 200 pp. 10½x14x½. Office.

313. (PROJECT RECORD), 1935--. 2 vols.
A record of work projects of the department, both county and WPA. Record of county projects shows project number, date project was begun, name of foreman, type of work done, amount completed each day, and amounts of oil, gas, and grease used each day. Record of WPA projects shows official project and work project numbers, names of project and sponsor, date project was begun, record of materials, supplies, time reports, payrolls, and other expenditures; and sponsor's contribution. Arr. chron. by date project was begun. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 16x20x½. Office.

314. (OIL, GAS, AND GREASE RECORD), 1939--. 1 bdl.
Daily records of oil, gas, and grease used by foremen and operators of highway machinery, showing date, name of foreman or operator, item, and quantity used. Arr. chron. by date reported. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 8x6x5. Office.

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14. Pr.A. 1919, ch. 696.

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Orders on Road Funds

315. CO. ROAD FUND, 1927--. 8 vols. in 1 f. b.
Stubs of orders issued for materials and supplies to be used on county roads, showing number of order, date issued, to whom issued and for what purpose, district number, and signature of person issuing order. Arr. num. by order no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10½x4½x13. Co. ct. clk's. vault.

316. (STUBS OF ORDERS ON ROAD FUND - 10th DISTRICT), 1916-17. 1 vol.
Stubs of orders issued by the road commissioner of the 10th district to the trustee for expenditure of road funds, showing date issued, purpose of order, amount, order number, to whom payable, and signature of person receiving order. Arr. chron. by date issued and num. by order no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 4x11x½. WPA office.

Road Tax

317. HIGHWAY TAX BOOK, 1881. 1 vol. Discontinued.
Highway tax book of the 2nd district kept by the road commissioner, showing name of taxpayer, district number, name of road on which residence is located, value of taxable property, rate of levy, amount levied for work, horses, tools, or use of implements; amount of cash levy, total amount of tax, credit for work, horses, tools, or implements; cash paid, total paid, and date paid. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 11½x8½x½. Closet B.

318. (ROAD COMMISSIONER'S RECEIPT STUBS - 12th DISTRICT), 1907-13. 1 vol.
Stubs of receipts issued by the road commissioner for payment of delinquent road funds, showing date issued, name of payee, and amount of payment. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 pp. 3x11x½. WPA office.

Financial Records
(See also entries 312, 313, 315-318)

319. ROAD COMMISSIONER'S BOOK, 1891-99. 5 vols. (no. by contained district nos.).
District commissioners' record of expenditures for labor and materials used in the several districts, showing date of expenditure, name of payee, purpose of payment, and amount. Also contains lists of overseers appointed, showing name of road, name of overseer, and date of appointment. Arr. chron. by date of expenditure or appointment. No index. Hdw. Aver. 136 pp. 14x8½x½. WPA office.

320. (PAID INVOICES), 1938--. 27 bdl. (dated).
Original invoices for supplies and materials purchased by the highway department, showing date of invoice, to whom issued, terms of payment, list of items purchased, quantity, unit price, total amount, and discount allowed, if any. Arr. chron. by date of invoice. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 3x3xl0. Office.

XXVI. POOR COMMISSION
(Superintendent of the Poor Home)

The poor commission consists of three members appointed by the quarterly county court for terms of 3 years.[15] The first commissioner of the poor in Cheatham County was appointed in January 1874.[16] A superintendent of the poor home is appointed by and serves at the will of the commission.[17] The poor commission and the superintendent of the poor home are charged with the operation and supervision of the poor home.[18] The ordinary records required by the general law are not currently kept by the commission or the superintendent in Cheatham County.

321. (MINUTES OF THE POOR COMMISSION), 1875-1900. 1 vol.
Record of proceedings of meetings of the commissioners, showing date and place of meeting, names of members present, nature of business transacted, such as election of officers and fixing salaries, approving bond of the superintendent of the poor home, approving payment of accounts incurred by operation of the home, contracting with doctor to attend inmates, and outlining plans for future activity; and signature of chairman or clerk of the commission. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 304 pp. 12½x8xl. WPA office.

322. (ACCOUNT OF POOR COMMISSION), 1875-1901. 1 vol.
Record of accounts for purchases, as approved for payment by the comissioners, showing date of purchase, description of article purchased, and amount of purchase; date paid, amount paid, and number of warrant issued. Arr. chron. by date of purchase. No index. Hdw. 304 pp. 12½x8xl. WPA office.

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15. Pr.A. 1827, ch. 112, sec. 5; Acts 1879, ch. 102 (C 1932, 4798); Acts 1889, ch. 150 (C 1932, 4798).
16. Minute Book, vol. C, p. 417, in Minutes, entry 6 in the Inventory.
17. Pr.A. 1827, ch. 112, sec. 6 (C 1932, 4899, subsec. 3), sec. 8 (C 1932, 4811).
18. Pr.A. 1827, ch. 112, sec. 6 (C 1932, 4809, 4810), sec. 7 (C 1932, 4799), sec. 8 (C 1932, 4811), sec. 9 (C 1932, 4812); C 1858, 1599 (C 1932, 4800), 1612-1614 (C 1932, 4813-4815).

XXVII. RANGER

The office of ranger is constitutional, dating in Cheatham County from 1856[19] and lasting until 1877.[20] The office was probably abandoned when there was no longer the need for an officer to receive and take up stray livestock. If there were a ranger, he would be appointed by the quarterly county court for a term of 2 years.[21]

323. (RANGER'S RECORD), 1857-77. 1 vol. Discontinued.
Ranger's record of stray animals taken up by persons in the county and reported to him, showing date reported, name and address of taker-up, description of animal, including any marks or brands; names of persons appointed to appraise value of animal, amount of appraised value, date of appraisal, signature of the ranger, and remarks regarding disposition of the case. Arr. chron. by date reported. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 12x7½x½. Co. ct. clk's. vault.
For prior record, see entry 261.

XVIII. AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Although a general law of 1913 authorized the quarterly county courts to appropriate money for "Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work," Cheatham County took no steps in this direction until 1915, when an appropriation of $500 was made to employ a county agent.[23] No appropriation for a home demonstration agent was made until 1923.[24]

Under a general law of 1929, Cheatham County now has an agricultural extension committee consisting of five members appointed annually by the quarterly county court.[25] The committee recommends to the agricultural extension service, persons to be selected as the farm and home demonstration agents.[26] The county farm agent seeks to educate the farmers to better agricultural techniques and performs certain services in connection with the crop control and soil conservation programs of the Federal Government.[27]

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19. Const. 1796, art. 6, sec. 1; Const. 1834, art. 7, sec. 1; Minute Book, vol. A, p. 22, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory; C 1858, 817 (C 1932, 1904); Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.
20. Minute Book, vol. C, p. 262, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
21. Const. 1870, art. 7, sec. 1.
22. P.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 27 (C 1932, 10242, subsec. 18); P.A. 1913, 1st ex. ses., ch. 27 (C 1932, 10251); P.A. 1915, ch. 148 (C 1932, 10242, subsec. 18); P.A. 1915, ch. 148 (C 1932, 10251).
23. Minute Book, vol. J, p. 166, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
24. Minute Book, vol. K, p. 500, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
25. P.A. 1929, ch. 81, sec. 5 (C 1932, 2545); Minute Book, vol. O. p. 366, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
26. P.A. 1929, ch. 81, sec. 5 (C 1932, 2545).
27. Ibid.

The office of farm agent, dates from 1915 with vacancies in 1920, 1922, 1925, and 1928.[28] The office of home demonstration agent dates from 1923 with a gap from 1924 to 1934.[29]

Agricultural Adjustment Administration

324. CORN-HOG AAA FORMS, 1934-35. 1 f. b. Discontinued. Record of corn-hog production adjustment contracts, showing State and county code number, contract serial number, name of producer, location and description of farm, agreements on corn and hog production, signature of producer, and certification of county allotment committee. Arr. num. by contract no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 14x16x24. File rm.

325. (WHEAT ALLOTMENT CONTRACTS), 1934-35. 1 f. b. Discontinued. Applications for contracts for participation in the wheat reduction program, showing State and county code and serial numbers, name and address of applicant, whether tenant or owner; date of application, size of farm, map of farm lands, acres seeded, production schedule prior to 1934, and tenant's notice of acceptance. Arr. num. by serial no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 10½x12x14½. File rm.

326. (TOBACCO APPLICATIONS, SUMMARIES, CERTIFICATIONS, MEMORANDUM OF CONTRACTS, AAA), 1934-35. 2 f. b. Discontinued. Applications for contracts for participation in the tobacco reduction program, including summary of approved applications, certifications of excess tobacco destroyed, and memorandum of sale of tobacco, showing State and county code and serial numbers, name and address of applicant, whether tenant or owner; date of application, size of farm, and production schedule prior to 1934. Arr. num. by serial no. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 7x15x17. File rm.

327. (TOBACCO CONTRACTS UNDER THE AAA), 1934-35. 5 f. b. Discontinued. Contracts for reduction of tobacco acreage and production, showing date and number of contract, name and address of producer, whether owner or tenant, number of acres in cultivation, agreement as to performance and manner of payment, and schedule of production prior to 1934. Arr. num. by contract no. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 11x12x16. 1 f. b., 1934, closet A, courthouse; 4 f. b., 1934-35, file rm., office.

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28. Minute Book, vol. J, pp. 613 ff.; vol. K, pp. 184 ff.; vol. L, pp. 51-412; vol. M, pp. 1-328, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.
29. Minute Book, vol. L, pp. 49 ff.; vol. O, p. 39, in Minutes, entry 6 in this Inventory.

328. (AAA TOBACCO PRODUCTION INDEX CARDS), 1934-35. 1 f. b. Discontinued.
Card file record of all producers participating in the tobacco production adjustment program, showing serial number of contract, name and address of producer, number of farms, number of tenants, base acreage, base production, allotments, rental acres, previous production, rental pay, first and second adjusted payments, and sales value for 1933, 1934, and 1935. Arr. alph. by name of producer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 3x5½x16½. File rm.

329. (LISTING SHEETS - AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION), 1934-35. 1 vol. Discontinued.
Listing sheets of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, showing alloted acres, base acres, base production prior to 1934, contract number, name and address of producer, district number, changes in contract, transfers, if any; number of tenants, net sale of crops in 1934 and 1935, and record of payments. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of producer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 74 pp. 11x18x1. File rm.

Agricultural Conservation Program

330. (CARD FILE - SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAM), 1936--. 2 f. b.
Card file record of all farm operators participating in the Agricultural Conservation Program, showing date of contract, serial number, name and address of producer or operator, names and addresses of tenants, amount of payment received by each under the contract, number of acres allotted, number of pounds yield, number of acres allotted previous years, and number of soil building units. Arr. alph. by name of producer or operator. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 3x5½x16½. Office.

331. MAILING LIST, 1938. 1 vol.
Lists of farmers participating in the Agricultural Conservation Program, showing civil district number, and name and address of farmer. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of farmer. No index. Typed. 100 pp. 9x11x1. Office.

332. (STATEMENT OF 1937 BASES AND ALLOWANCES), 1937. 1 bdl.
Summaries of 1937 soil building allowances and soil depleting bases, showing names of county, State, and community; serial number, names of persons by whom summary is prepared and verified, kind of soil, depleting crops grown, soil conserving crops grown, and soil building allowances. Arr. num. by serial no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 16x21x1. Office.

333. (SOIL DEPLETING ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS, SOIL BUILDING GOAL, AND MAXIMUM PAYMENT SHEETS), 1938--. 18 bdl.
Soil depleting acreage allotments, soil building goal, and maximum payment sheets, showing acreage allotment of soil depleting crops, State

and county code and serial numbers, name and address of producer, number of acres in farm, maximum payment, kind of crops grown, soil building practice, number of units, signature of producer, and date signed. Arr. alph. by name of producer and num. by serial no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 9xllxl. File rm.

334. (CROPLAND AND USE - AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM), 1936--. 2 bdl.

Summaries of crop and land use, showing number of summary sheet, name or number of community or district, names of persons by whom sheet prepared and verified, soil depleting crops, number of acres in farm, total cropland, total pasture, soil building practices as basis for payment, total soil depleting acreage, and general allotment. Arr. num. by sheet no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 17x20xl. Office.

335. (FARM SUMMARY - AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM), 1936--. 20 bdl.

Summaries of individual farms, showing serial number, name of producer, participating farm data, non-participating farm data, total number of acres of farmland, number of acres in cropland, orchard, and pasture; soil depleting acreage, alloted acreage, yield, and amount of payment. Arr. num. by serial no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10½x8xl. 18 bdl. 1936-39, file rm.; 2 bdl., 1940--, office.

336. (LISTING SHEETS - AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM), 1936--. 5 vols.

Listing sheets of the Agricultural Conservation Program, showing soil depleting crops, alloted acreage, rate per acre, name of county, community, district number, contract serial number, name of producer, total land in farm, non-cropland other than pasture, non-crop open pasture, soil depleting acreage, soil conserving acreage, soil building goal, maximum payment, kind of crop, and yield per acre. Arr. num. by district no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 14x32xl. 4 vols., 1936-39, file rm.; 1 vol., 1940--, office.

337. WORK SHEETS, 1936--. 19 f. d., 6 bdl. Title varies: Performance Reports, 1936-39, 12 f. d.

Reports of performance pertaining to Agricultural Conservation Program, showing soil depleting crops, 1936 acreage, name and address of producer, soil building practices, soil conserving crops, total crop acreage, signatures of owner and sharecropper, date of report, and name of supervisor. Also contains:

i. Applications for payment, showing soil conserving crops, general soil depleting crops, soil depleting bases, 1936 acreage of soil depleting crops, soil building practices, and data for determining division; division of crops, workstock, equipment furnished, and land furnished; division of practices, signatures application for payment, representations, certificate of inspection, and certificate of county committee.

ii. Work sheets, showing utilization of land, yield per acre, principal soil depleting crop other than cotton, tobacco, or peanuts; number of farms owned and operated in county, base acreage and yield, name and address of owner or producer, name of person assisting in filling out work sheet, and signatures of county committeemen receiving same. Arr. num. by district no. and alph. thereunder by name of producer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12x13x27. 12 f. d., 6 bdl., 1936-39, file rm.; 7 f. d., 1940--, office.

338. (COUNTY AND COMMUNITY SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1936-39 TOBACCO CONTRACTS), 1936--. 2 bdl.
County and community summary of recommendations for 1936-39 tobacco contracts, for the purpose of showing the depleted acreage of tobacco from 1936, showing kind of tobacco, name of community, district number, name of producer, whether owner or tenant, old contract number, old serial number, total acres in farm, cultivated acres, number of tenants in 1935, and percent of tobacco grown; base yield per acre in pounds, new contract recommendations, and new serial number. Arr. alph. by name of producer. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 11x17½x1. 1 bdl., 1936-39, file rm.; 1 bdl., 1940--, office.

339. (MARKETING CARDS - FIRE CURED TOBACCO), 1938. 350 cards on 1 shelf.
Marketing cards issued to farmers participating in the tobacco production adjustment program, showing code and serial number, year for which issued, name and address of farmer, number of pounds allowed, date card issued, and signatures of farmer and farm agent. On the reverse side of the card is a record of warehouse sales, showing date of sale, number of pounds sold, and price. Arr. num. by code no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 8x48x8. File rm.

340. AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM PAYMENTS, 1936--. 7 vols.
A record of payments made to farmers participating in the Agricultural Conservation Program, including vouchers for payment, showing code and voucher numbers, date, names of payee and assignor, amount of payment, and number of check issued; receipts for checks, showing receipt number, name of treasurer of the county association, inclusive check numbers received, date received, and date checks delivered; and notice of checks returned, showing name of payee, date, number, amount of check, instructions regarding disposition of the check, and reason for non-delivery. Arr. chron. by date of voucher. No index. Typed on pr. fm. Aver. 100 pp. 12x10x1. Office.

341. (REQUESTS FOR AID UNDER THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM), 1940--. 1 f. d.
Requests for aid under the Agricultural Conservation Program, and miscellaneous papers pertaining thereto, showing State and county code number, kind of material requested, date to be delivered, name and address of

consignee, name of railroad or carrier, unit, quantity, and total amount requested; and signatures of county committeemen recommending request; request for shipment, showing date delivery desired, point of delivery, description of material, signature of approving official, and date of request; and receiving and inspection report, showing date received, condition of shipment, and signature of consignee. Arr. num. by request no. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 17x26x11½. Office.

Agricultural Conservation Association

342. (CASH BOOK), 1936--. 7 vols.
Record of cash expended from budget allotments of the Agricultural Conservation Association, as kept by the secretary, showing name and address of secretary and treasurer, code number, date of payment, number of check issued, bank balance, purpose of payment, such as personal service, office supplies, printing, telephone and telegraph, and rent; and amount of budgetary allotment for each. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw., 1936-37; hdw. on pr. fm., 1938--. Aver. 200 pp. 9½x12x½. Office.

343. (TREASURER'S RECORDS), 1936--. 1 f. d.
Miscellaneous records of the treasurer of the county Agricultural Conservation Association, including check mailing slips, vouchers for payment, estimates of administrative expenses, program classification of expenses of the association, invoices for supplies furnished, receipts for payment, receipt schedules, statement of collections, and monthly certification of expenses for personal services. Arr. chron. as filed. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 11x13x27. Office.
For similar records, see entry 349.

344. (CHECK STUBS), 1937--. 1 vol.
Stubs of checks issued by the treasurer of the county Agricultural Conservation Association for general expenses, showing number and amount of check, date issued, to whom issued, for what purpose, balance brought forward, amount deposited, total, and balance carried forward. Arr. num. by check no. and chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 pp. 9x12½x1. Office.

Reports

345. COMBINED ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY EXTENSION WORKERS, 1934--. 6 vols.
Copies of combined statistical reports of the farm and home demonstration agents on extension work done in the county during the year, showing names of agents, dates covered by report, projects undertaken, activities engaged in, and accomplishments and results obtained. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Aver. 28 pp. 8x10x½. Office.

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346. (COUNTY SUPERVISORS' REPORTS), 1940--. Est. 250 papers in 1 f. d.
Supervisors' daily reports on work performed, showing names of farm operators visited, type of work performed, hour work was begun, and hour work completed, total number of hours worked, signature of supervisor, and date of report. Also contains: Receipts for supplies furnished, with supervisors statement that same will be returned when work is completed, showing what supplies were taken and value of same, date taken, and signature of supervisor. Arr. alph. by name of supervisor. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 11x13x27. Office.

347. (HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT'S REPORTS), 1934--. 1 f. d.
Weekly, monthly, and annual reports of the home demonstration agent, also leaflets, bulletins, and pamphlets pertaining to all phases of the work, such as child care, selection, construction, and care of clothing; selection, preparation, serving and conservation of food; handicraft, health and sanitation, poultry, marketing of home products, house planning, and recreation. The weekly report covers day-by-day activities, showing date of report, name of community visited each day, type of work performed or subject discussed, farm and home visits made, number in attendance at each project, days on which official work was performed, amount of time lost, office work performed, and number of miles traveled. The monthly report is a certificate of service, showing date of report, name of community visited on each day of the month, if employed, whether in the field or office; or if absent from work, whether on annual or sick leave or without pay; and signature of agent. The annual report is a summary, with analysis and interpretation, showing what part the agent has taken in forwarding the extension program in this county, by showing in detail all activities or projects undertaken, results and accomplishments, date of reports, and signature of agent. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 11x12x27. Office.

Correspondence and Miscellaneous

348. (CORRESPONDENCE), 1934--. 8 bdl.
Carbon copies of general correspondence written by the agent, pertaining to the activities of this department, showing date, to whom written, contents, and name of county agent. Arr. chron. by date written. No index. Typed. 10x10½x13. 7 bdl., 1934-39, file rm.; 1 bdl., 1940--, office.

349. (MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS), 1936--. 1 f. d.
Miscellaneous papers pertaining to the various activities of this department including:

i. Receipt schedule, 1936, showing name of person receiving checks from the Agricultural Convervation Association or committee of producers, county, State, receipt number, code number, sheet number, total sheets, date of payment, amount, signature of person receiving payment, total amount, and signature of treasurer.

ii. Public voucher for payment to Agricultural Conservation Association or committee of producers, 1936, showing department, bureau or establishment, name and address of payee, unexpended balance, previous voucher, checks received, amount of payment unexpended, amount of unpaid obligation, amount of unobligated balance, amount of estimate for next period, and amount of payment required.

iii. Estimates of administrative expenses, 1936--, showing county, State, name of payee, address, item, estimated days, rate, amount, equipment, rent, total estimated expenses for period covered, date, and signatures of president and secretary.

iv. Monthly administrative expenses, 1936--, showing account number, code number, State, actual monthly expenses of program, date, program, project, or activity; amount, agricultural conservation, cotton price adjustment, crop insurance, marketing quotas, commodity loans, checking winter wheat acreage, total, and signatures of president and secretary.

v. Monthly certificates of expense for personal services, 1936--, showing county, State, name and address of claimant, day or fraction thereof, nature of work performed, total number of days, rate per day, total amount claimed, and signature of claimant.

vi. Correspondence pertaining to administrative expenses, 1936--.

vii. List of boys' 4-H Club members, 1938, showing name of community, project, and name and address of member.

viii. List of farm bureau members, 1938, showing name and address of member.

ix. Field supervisor's report of photo enlargements taken from county agent's office, showing date taken from office, photo enlargement number, date returned, by whom received, and signature of supervisor.

Arr. chron. as filed. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 12x3x25. Office.

350. (AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS), 1937--. 422 photographs.
Aerial photographs used by the county agent to determine number of acres in farms, showing field boundaries and sub-division, name of farmer, roads, streams, and photograph number. Photographs were made by Tennessee Valley Authority and Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Scale: 1 inch = 660 ft. 24x30. Office.

4-H Clubs
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351. (ENROLLMENT CARDS - GIRLS' 4-H CLUB), 1940--. 250 cards in 1 f. d.
Card file of girls' 4-H Club membership enrollment, showing year for which enrolled, name of club, name, address, and age of member; date enrolled, record of attendance, name and number of project, and record of work completed each month. Arr. alph. by name of club and alph. thereunder by name of member. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 3x6x8. Office.

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