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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on Historical Records Survey projects of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Humphreys County, is number 27 of the Mississippi 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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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. Approximately 1,400 publications have been issued by the Survey in the country as a whole at this time. 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 Historical Records Survey projects 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 Historical Records Survey projects, 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. The Survey operates as a Nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Community Service Programs, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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PREFACE

Work on the Historical Records Survey began in Mississippi in February 1936 as a part of the program of the Federal Writers' Project and under the supervision of William B. Haynie. In November 1936 the Mississippi Survey became a separate unit of Federal Project No. 1 with Mr. Haynie as State Director. In July 1937 Charles C. Fisher, editor-in-chief, was made State Director and in July 1938, Dr. Percy L. Rainwater, for 11 years in the department of history at the University of Mississippi, was appointed head of the Survey. In August 1939 Dr. Rainwater resigned and Miss Moina Evans was named State Supervisor. Miss Evans resigned July 8, 1940 and Robert E. Strong, Assistant State Supervisor, was designated as her successor.

By an act of Congress, Federal Project No. 1 was abolished on August 31, 1939 and the Historical Records Survey was made a Statewide project to be maintained under the official sponsorship of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, of which Dr. William D. McCain is Director, and under the cooperative sponsorship of local governmental agencies.

On February 15, 1941, in order to utilize the administrative and technical facilities of the Survey, a Statewide Records Project was established, with the Survey becoming a part of this project. The project is a unit of the Division of Community Service Programs of the Work Projects Administration, of which Miss Ethel Payne is Director. It is in the Research and Records Programs section of this division under the supervision of Felix J. Underwood Jr.

The Survey plans to publish the Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi in 82 units, one for each county in the State. Each unit will be numbered separately from 1 to 82, its number depending on the relative position of the county in an alphabetical list of all counties. Thus, the inventory of the records of Humphreys County, herewith presented, is number 27. The inventories of State archives and of municipal, church and other local records will be published separately.

The inventory of the records of Humphreys County is the sixth county inventory prepared for publication. It is arranged so that the records of the administrative functions of county government come first, followed by those of the recording, judicial, law enforcement, fiscal, election, education, health, and miscellaneous agencies. Included also is a short essay on each agency of county government including organization of the agency in Humphreys County, its present status, the method of filling the office, and the term of office. Since these essays are limited it is suggested that the reader consult the Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi, No. 18, Forrest County and No. 37, Lamar County, for more detailed essays than those found in the Humphreys County inventory.

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

The Survey has followed general regulations and procedures applicable to all WPA project units in the 48 States. Mississippi WPA officials have given the Survey their cordial support and assistance. The Survey also acknowledges the interest and cooperation of the official sponsoring representative, Dr. William D. McCain, and of the Humphreys County officials in its work in their county.

The survey of the records of Humphreys County was started in March 1938 and was completed in November 1938. The field inventory was rechecked between February 10 and March 1, 1939. The preliminary draft received a final recheck in July 1940.

The State office has profited in all phases of its work by the constructive advice and criticism of the national office and its representatives. John C. L. Andreassen, Regional Supervisor, has rendered invaluable assistance during his visits to the office. This inventory in manuscript form was edited by Mabel S. Brodie, assistant archivist in charge of public records inventories, of the Washington, D. C., office.

This unit of the Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi is being issued in mimeographed form by the Survey for free distribution to State and local public officials and libraries in Mississippi and to a limited number of libraries and governmental agencies outside the State. The inventory was prepared in the State office of the Survey by an editorial staff composed of Elmise Fant, Bessie Kate Bradford, Zelma Ruth Jolley, Fred Beacham, and William M. Price under the supervision of Nash K. Burger, Project Technician, and Andrew Brown, Assistant Project Technician.

A list of publications issued by the Mississippi Historical Records Survey Project appears on page 180.

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2. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Humphreys County, the last created county in Mississippi, is situated in the southeastern portion of the Mississippi-Yazoo Flood Plain, colloquially known as the Delta, which covers a large eliptical area in the northwestern part of the State. The county consists of 408 square miles or 261,120 acres[1] of extremely fertile Delta soil, is irregular in shape, and is bounded on the north by Sunflower and Leflore Counties; on the east by Holmes and Yazoo Counties; on the south by Yazoo County, and on the west by Sharkey and Washington Counties.

In detail the boundaries of Humphreys County, which have not been changed since its establishment are: "Beginning at the intersection of the center line of Sunflower river with the boundary line between Washington and Sunflower Counties; thence in a southerly direction with the meanders of Sunflower river and along its center line to its intersection with the north boundary line of Sharkey County; thence east along said county line to the northeast corner of township fourteen (14) north, range five (5) west; thence south along the east boundary lines of township fourteen (14) north, range five (5) west and township thirteen (13) north, range five (5) west, to the southwest corner of township thirteen (13) north, range four (4) west; thence east along the south boundary line of township thirteen (13) north, range four (4) west and township thirteen (13) north, range three (3) west to the south east corner of township thirteen (13) north, range three (3) west; thence north along the east line of said township thirteen (13) north, range three (3) west to the north east corner of the same; thence east along the south line of township fourteen (14) north, range two (2) west to the southwest corner of section thirty-six (36), township fourteen (14) north, range two (2) west; thence north along the line between sections thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36), township fourteen (14) north, range two (2) west to the center line of the Yazoo river; thence in a northwesterly direction with the meanders of the Yazoo river and along its center line to its intersection with the center line of Tchula lake; thence with the meanders of Tchula lake and along its center line to its intersection with the line between sections nineteen (19) and twenty (20), and township fifteen (15) north, range one (1) west; thence north along the section lines to the center line of the Yazoo river; thence is a southwesterly direction with the meanders of the Yazoo river and along its center line to the Choctaw boundary line; thence in a northwesterly direction along the Choctaw boundary line to its intersection with the east line of township sixteen (16) north, range three (3) west; thence north along said township line and along the east line of township seventeen (17) north, range three (3) west, to the north east corner of section thirteen (13), township seventeen (17) north range three (3) west; thence west along the section lines to the north west corner of section eighteen (18), township seventeen (17) north, range three (3) west; thence south along the west boundary line of township (17) north, range three (3) west to the boundary line between Sunflower and Washington Counties; thence west along said boundary line to the point of beginning. Said description above embraces portions of Washington, Yazoo, Holmes, Sharkey and Sunflower Counties."[2]

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1. United States Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Agriculture, II, Part 2, County Table I, 1052, (hereafter cited as Census of the United States).
2. L. M., 1918, p. 368.

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Two navigable streams, the Sunflower and Yazoo Rivers, and Tchula Lake, form several miles of the boundaries and there are numerous smaller streams and lakes within the county.[3] The land included in this county, for the most part, was at first a low, flat, marshy, swamp covered with a dense growth of hardwood forests. It has been cleared, drained and generally made suitable for excellent farming. The climate is mild in winter, but the summers are hot and sultry. The rainfall is usually heavy in the winter and early spring months. Until the completion of a levee system, devastating overflows were not uncommon.[4] The soils of Humphreys County are the rich alluvial deposits of the Mississippi River and its tributaries. A light loam is found near the streams, and heavy bluish clay soil predominates between the waterways.[5] This region was pre-eminently one of hardwood growth, originally covered with oak, gum, hickory, cottonwood, cypress, and ash.

The region from which Humphreys County evolved was owned originally by the Choctaw Indians who used it chiefly as a hunting ground. Several mounds, one in Belzoni, the county seat, remain as evidence of the occupancy of the Indians. This region from 1541 to 1802 was involved in the conflicting claims of Spain, France, England, and the State of Georgia, but no settlements were established and no governmental organizations were effected by reason of these claims.[7]

In 1802 this portion of present-day Mississippi was ceded to the United States by Georgia and added to the Mississippi Territory[8] and in 1817 it became a part of the newly-created State of Mississippi.[9]

The Indian title to this region was extinguished by the Treaty of Doak's Stand concluded on October 18, 1820, the Choctaw ceding 5,447,267 acres of land to the United States.[10] This entire tract was included in the formation of Hinds County in 1821,[11] which has since been subdivided into 11 counties, the last of which was Humphreys County in 1918, created from the converging corners of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, and Washington Counties.[12]

Agitation for the establishment of a new county in this vicinity began as early as 1870, when James R. Powell voiced the idea of creating a county

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3. E. N. Lowe, Mississippi, Its Geology, Geography, Soils and Mineral Resources, Jackson, 1915, p. 314, (hereafter cited as Lowe, Mississippi).
4. E. N. Lowe, Economic Geography of Mississippi, mimeographed by the author, 1928, pp. 7, 8.
5. Lowe, Mississippi, pp. 264-265.
6. Ibid., p. 269.
7. For a discussion of the exploration of this region and of the claims of Spain, France, England, and the State of Georgia, see "Historical Sketch" in The Mississippi Historical Records Survey Project, Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi, No. 25, Hinds County, forthcoming.
8. 2 Stat., 303-306.
9. 3 Stat., 348-349.
10. 7 Stat., 210-214.
11. L. M., 1821, pp. 97-99.
12. L. M., 1918, p. 370.

where Holmes, Sunflower, Washington, and Yazoo Counties cornered. Although he worked toward this goal for 12 years, he was unsuccessful.[13] Upon his death Col. R. V. Powers took up the fight, suggesting the name of Alluvia for the new county and proposing Palmetto Home (now Silver City) for the seat of justice. In 1908, the establishment of a new county was still being advocated, and the proposed name was Delta with Belzoni as the county seat.[14]

After the act authorizing the new county was finally passed by the Legislature and approved March 28, 1918, an election required by the Constitution[15] was held in May to determine whether or not the people really wanted the new county. On April 17, 1918, Governor Bilbo appointed, as required by the authorization act,15 commissioners, 3 from each of the counties relinquishing territory for the new county, who would also be residents of the new county, to hold the election.[16] Commissioners selected were: Sunflower, W. D. Richards, Abe Huffstickler, and W. C. Galaspy; Washington, T. E. Mortimer, F. M. Pepper, and Louis Hullum; Holmes, J. C. Hargraves, C. M. McMaster, and T. C. Jones; Yazoo, W. H. Carroll, A. R. Hutchens, and L. M. Smith; Sharkey, W. H. Ellis, Sr., W. H. Ellis, Jr. and W. F. Sandling.[17]

The Yazoo City Herald reported the results of the election as follows: "The vote in the territory effected in Yazoo and 50 for and 26 against it. In Washington County only one vote was cast against the forming of the new county; Sunflower, 12 to 9, Holmes 40 to 0, and Sharkey 6 to 3."[18] This overwhelming majority, however, did not insure the establishment of the county. In an attempt to prevent the taking of territory from the established counties, Yazoo filed suit against the newly created county in circuit court in July, 1918 but the suit was transferred to the chancery court.[19] From an adverse ruling Yazoo County appealed to the State Supreme Court,[20] which upheld the decision of the lower court in 1919, in the following decision: "The creation of new counties is a matter within the powers of the legislature, subject only to the restrictions imposed by the Constitution. Within these limitations the Legislature may make whatever regulation it will as to the division of property and the payment of existing debts, and the terms prescribed by it must prevail. Courts cannot supplement Legislation by assuming to adjust equities which have been ignored by the Legislature."[21]

Humphreys County was attached to the first Supreme Court district, the ninth chancery court district, the fourth circuit court district, the twenty-ninth senatorial district, the third Congressional district, the first district

13. Belzoni Banner, Belzoni, Miss., Aug. 10, 1922.
14. Ibid.
15. Constitution of the State of Mississippi, 1890, in Official Journal, 1890, Mississippi Constitutional Convention, Jackson, 1890, sec. 260, p. 624.
16. Register of Commissions, State, County and Municipal, 1916-20, in Secretary of State's office, New Capitol, Jackson, Miss., p. 46.
17. Ibid.
18. Yazoo City Herald, Yazoo City, Miss., Feb. 8, 1918, p. 1.
19. Ibid., Aug. 9, 1918, p. 1; Sept. 6, 1918, p. 1.
20. Belzoni Banner, Belzoni, Miss., Aug. 10, 1922, sec. 2, p. 11.
21. Yazoo County vs. Humphreys County, 120 Miss. Rep. 871; 83 So. Rep. 275.

for election commissioners, and the first district for the election of penitentiary trustee.[22] The boundaries of the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee district were not to be affected by the creation of the new county, however, that part of Humphreys embraced in the levee district was entitled to one representative on the board of directors.[23]

The first meeting of the board of supervisors was held June 3, 1918, at the City Hall[24] in Belzoni, which had been named the temporary county seat in the creating act.[25] First officers of Humphreys County, appointed by the Governor, were: O. J. Turner, sheriff; W. F. Shackleford, circuit clerk; A. R. Hutchins, chancery clerk; T. D. Rice, superintendent of education; N. W. Sumrall, county attorney; William H. Day, tax assessor; R. N. Sandling, treasurer; M. H. Brewer, surveyor; Watt H. Turner, coroner and ranger; W. A. Carpenter, county demonstrator; and Dr. J. S. Slaughter, health officer.[26] Election commissioners appointed August 1, 1918, included: W. D. Knotts, L. W. Smith, and B. C. Moreland.[27] Members of the first board of supervisors were: Dr. J. S. Jackson, president, J. G. Hargrave, B. A. Holliday, E. E. Barr, and William D. Richardson.[28] The first probation officer, R. H. Nason, was appointed October 6, 1924.[29] The health department was established as a full time organization on August 1, 1927.[30]

At the first meeting of the board of supervisors an election to determine the location for the permanent seat of justice was ordered. On June 27, 1918, Belzoni was selected over Silver City by a vote of 204 to 68.[31] The City Hall and the second story of the postoffice housed the county offices until 1921, when the present courthouse was completed.[32]

A Legislative act, approved March 25, 1920, gave Humphreys County permission to issue bonds "For the purpose of building a courthouse and jail, and for building bridges and constructing public roads".[33]

The creating act of 1918 stated that the public schools were not to be affected but were to remain as located. Public school funds were to be properly prorated and distributed.[34] In 1918, there were 14 white schools and 37 negro schools in the county, employing 30 white teachers and 41 negro teachers.

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22. L. M., 1918, p. 372.
23. Ibid.
24. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 1.
25. L. M., 1918, p. 370.
26. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, pp. 1, 2, 16; see entry 1.
27. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1916-1920, p. 52; see entry 1.
28. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, pp. 1, 2, 16; see entry 1.
29. Ibid., Vol. II, p. 507.
30. Ibid.
31. Belzoni Banner, Belzoni, Miss., Aug. 10, 1922, sec. 2, p. 11.
32. L. M., 1920, p. 517; see also "Housing, Care, and Accessibility of the Records," p. 31.
33. Ibid.
34. L. M., 1918, pp. 373, 375.

Five of the white schools were in consolidated districts.[35] At the present time Humphreys has reduced the number of white to 7, and increased the negro schools to 57, employing 60 white teachers and 100 negro teachers respectively. Thirty-one school buses are used to transport the 2,568 white and 5,946 negro educable children in Humphreys County to the schools.[36] Of this number, however, there were in the 1936-37 session only 1,970 white and 4,807 negro children actually in attendance.[37] Three of the 7 white schools, Belzoni, Isola, and Silver City, are on the State affiliated list, and one, Louise, is on the probationary list.[38] A negro vocational school is located at Louise.

Church services in Humphreys County date from the earliest years of settlement. Although occasional Methodist services were held in the county from these times, the oldest organized church is the Methodist Church of Belzoni, organized in 1882, holding their first services in a small frame building situated on the present site of the Belzoni postoffice.[39] The present brick church was begun in 1926, replacing an earlier frame structure built in 1895.[40] Other Methodist Churches in the county are at Isola, Silver City, Lamkin, and Louise. The line of demarcation of the Mississippi and North Mississippi Methodist Conferences runs through the county from east to west. Silver City and the territory to the south are in the Mississippi Conference, while those churches north of Silver City, including Belzoni, fall within the jurisdiction of the North Mississippi Conference. Early Baptist services in Belzoni were in the home of J. S. Bowles and later in a union church.[41] Regular services date from 1885, when the Rev. William T. McMurtrey officiated once each month. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bowles, in 1897, donated land and money which made possible the first Baptist building.[42] The present classic, brick structure was first used in 1923.[43] There are also Baptist churches today at Gooden, Isola, Lake, Louise, Silver City, Straight Bayou. One of the oldest churches in the county is the Negro Belzoni Green Grove Baptist Church, dating from 1869.[44] White Missionary Baptist Churches in Humphreys County belong to the Deer Creek Association, set-up in 1887, from the Sunflower Association, which had been organized in 1870.[45]

35. Biennial Report and Recommendations of the State Superintendent of Public Education, 1918-19, Jackson, Miss., 1919, p. 170.
36. Statistical Information Relative to the Schools of Each County, in State Superintendent's office, Old Capitol, Jackson, Miss.
37. J. S. Vandiver, Biennial Report and Recommendations of the State Superintendent of Education to the Legislature of Mississippi, 1935-37, p. 87.
38. Ibid., p. 27.
39. "Churches and Pastors of Belzoni," in Belzoni Banner, Belzoni, August 10, 1922.
40. "Methodists Select Old Site," in Belzoni Banner, Belzoni, January 21, 1926.
41. "Churches and Pastors of Belzoni," in Belzoni Banner, Belzoni, August 10, 1922.
42. Ibid.
43. "Baptist Under Their Own Root," in Belzoni Banner, Belzoni, January 25, 1923.
44. "History of Green Grove Baptist Church," in Belzoni Banner, Belzoni, June 26, 1930.
45. Z. T. Leavell and T. J. Bailey, (comps.) A Complete History of Mississippi Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Publishing Company, Jackson, 1904, 2 vols., II, pp. 977-980.

The present organization of the Belzoni Presbyterian Church dates from 1910,[46] although services had been conducted in the county for a number of years.[47] The present brick-veneered building was erected during the tenure of the Rev. E. Z. Brown, 1918-20.[48] A Presbyterian church was organized at Isola in 1926 and a building erected in 1928.[49] These Humphreys County Presbyterian Churches are in the Presbytery of Central Mississippi. Occasional Episcopal services have been held in Belzoni since at least 1912.[50] In 1915, the Rev. William DuBose Bratton completed organization of the St. Thomas' Church.[51] In 1932 a church building was consecrated on Jackson Street.[52] The church is served today by the Rev. Edward R. Jones, of Trinity Church, Yazoo City. (See also Historical Records Survey Project, Inventory of the Church Archives of Mississippi: Protestant Episcopal Church (entry 114). The only Roman Catholic Church in the county, All Saints' Church, Belzoni, is a mission of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Greenwood, and is served by the Rev. John Clerico. Fr. Clerico has been at work in this section of the Delta since 1907 and under his leadership, a building was erected in 1917. Services are held monthly and on certain holy days.[53]

Humphreys County has never issued bonds for the support of the Agricultural High School and Junior College at Moorhead,[54] although it is included in the Sunflower zone of public junior colleges.[55] On October 5, 1936, a tax levy of 1/5 of a mill, or an annual donation of about $1,100 was given the college.[56]

The first railroad built into the vicinity of Humphreys County was a logging road 4 miles long, constructed by the pond-McGonegal lumber interests in 1892.[57] From this beginning the Yazoo Delta Railway received its start and was incorporated April 27, 1895, with a capital stock of $375,000.[58] This road was also the beginning of the Sunflower district of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad extending from Tutwiler to the Yazoo junction.[59] Train

46. "Churches and Pastors of Belzoni," in Belzoni Banner, Belzoni, August 10, 1922.
47. Ibid.
48. Ibid.
49. "Gooden Lake to have New Church," in Belzoni Banner, Belzoni, April 12, 1928.
50. Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi, Journal of the Proceedings of the Fifty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, Jackson, 1912, p. 7. Hereafter cited as Journal.
51. Journal, Sixty-First Annual Convention, Jackson, 1915, p. 105.
52. This information received by Mrs. Annie H. Dixon, February 1940, from The Rev. Edward R. Jones, Yazoo City, Mississippi.
53. This information received by Mrs. Myrtle C. Caperton, August 1940, from The Rev. John F. Clerico, Greenwood, Mississippi.
54. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 3, p. 246; see entry 1.
55. Knox M. Brook and W. F. Bond, Public Junior College Bulletin, Jackson, Miss., n. d., p. 28.
56. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 3, p. 246; see entry 1.
57. Belzoni Banner, Belzoni, Miss., August 10, 1922, sec. 2, p. 27.
58. Record of Incorporations, in Secretary of State's office, New Captiol, Jackson, Miss., vol. VI, p. 386.
59. Belzoni Banner, August 10, 1922, p. 27.

service was inaugurated March 27, 1899, between Moorhead and Tutwiler.[60] In 1900, the Belzoni extension was completed and a depot built at Belzoni. The Yazoo City-Belzoni link was completed in 1904, 4 years after the road was sold to the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad Company.[61]

During this same year the Vicksburg Board of Trade succeeded in interesting Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Road, in the construction of a road through the unsettled section northeast of Vicksburg for the purpose of opening up this fertile company and of affording a more direct route from Vicksburg to central and northeast Mississippi.[62] The road was built from Kelso on the main line of the Louisville, New Orleans, and Texas Railroad, to Silver City, on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road. Construction was begun in 1905, and the road was completed in April 1908.[63]

Two other railroads stimulated the development of Humphreys County. The Delta Southern, incorporated August 26, 1904, with a capital stock of $50,000 touched the southern part of the county,[64] and the Itta Bena and Belzoni Railroad, incorporated April 21, 1922, with a capital stock of $60,000, passed through the northeastern portion of the county.[65] These roads, however, are no longer operated.

Construction of public roads and highways in the county has made rapid headway in the last few years.[66] Humphreys County now has approximately 54 miles of roads in the State highway system.[67] U. S. Highway 49 runs through the county from north to south; state highway 12 passes through the center of the county from east to west; and state highway 14 joins U. S. Highway 49 at Louise in the southern end of the county. The supervisors maintain a network of local roads which criss-cross the county, of which 75 miles are gravel or improved dirt roads.[68]

Although it is one of the 10 smallest counties in the State, Humphreys was in a rather thickly settled section when it was organized. Two years after the county was established the population was 19,192.[69] Ten years later, 1930, it had increased 28.9 per cent[70] or to 24,729 persons, of whom 7,436 were native born whites.[71] Of this number, 68.9 percent were negroes,[72] and per square mile

60. Ibid.
61. Ibid.
62. "Early State Railroad Launched in 1830, Linked with I. C. Growth," in Jackson Daily News, April 11, sec. 2, p. 2.
63. Ibid.
64. Ibid.
65. Record of Incorporations, vol. XII, pp. 498-499, 570-571.
66. Ibid., pp. 339, 360.
67. Yazoo City Herald, July 12, 1918, p. 1.
68. State Highway Department, Official Road Map of the State of Mississippi, Correct to January 1, 1939.
69. Institution for Government Research of the Brookings Institution, Report on a Survey of the Organization and Administration of State and County Government in Mississippi, Jackson, [1932], p. 655.
70. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, I, table 3, p. 587.
71. Ibid., I, table 3, p. 583.
72. Ibid., p. 583.

the density of population is 60.6,[73] which is well above the State average of 43.4.[74] Humphreys County has four incorporated towns, with populations in 1930 as follows: Belzoni, 2,735; Isola, 519; Louise, 514; and Silver City, 361.[75]

Cotton, the predominating crop, is produced, contrary to the general idea, on small farms. The average size of farms was but 23.3 acres in 1930.[76] That same year Humphreys County had 132,828 acres[77] under the management of 5,689 families.[78] Of this farm land, 92,708 acres were planted in cotton and produced 51,140 bales.[79] The amount of foodstuff produced in the county was very small showing only 276,113 bushels of corn, 591 tons of hay; 14,558 bushels of sweet-potatoes, 1,874 bushels of Irish potatoes, and a few other similar crops.[80] In 1930, the land was valued at $9,105,386;[81] the buildings thereon at $2,174,744.[82] Farm figures released for 1936 revealed fewer farms than in 1930, showing in 1936 only 4,638.[83] The cotton crop for that year was valued at $5,015,410, while all other crops including livestock reached only $1,210,373.[84] The gross income of $1,344.50 per farm for 1936 was higher than the State average of $963.99;[85] thus Humphreys County was among the 10 counties having the highest farm income and being outranked only by Washington and Sharkey Counties.[86] Sales of manufactured products for the year amounted to but $494,305.[87]

The total assessment for 1938, in Humphreys County, amounted to $6,424,401, of which $5,502,166 was realty, $655,259 was personal, and $266,976 was utility.[88] Homestead exemptions amounted to $1,152,033 on 442 rural homes totaling $810,063, and on 346 urban homes totaling $341,970.[89]

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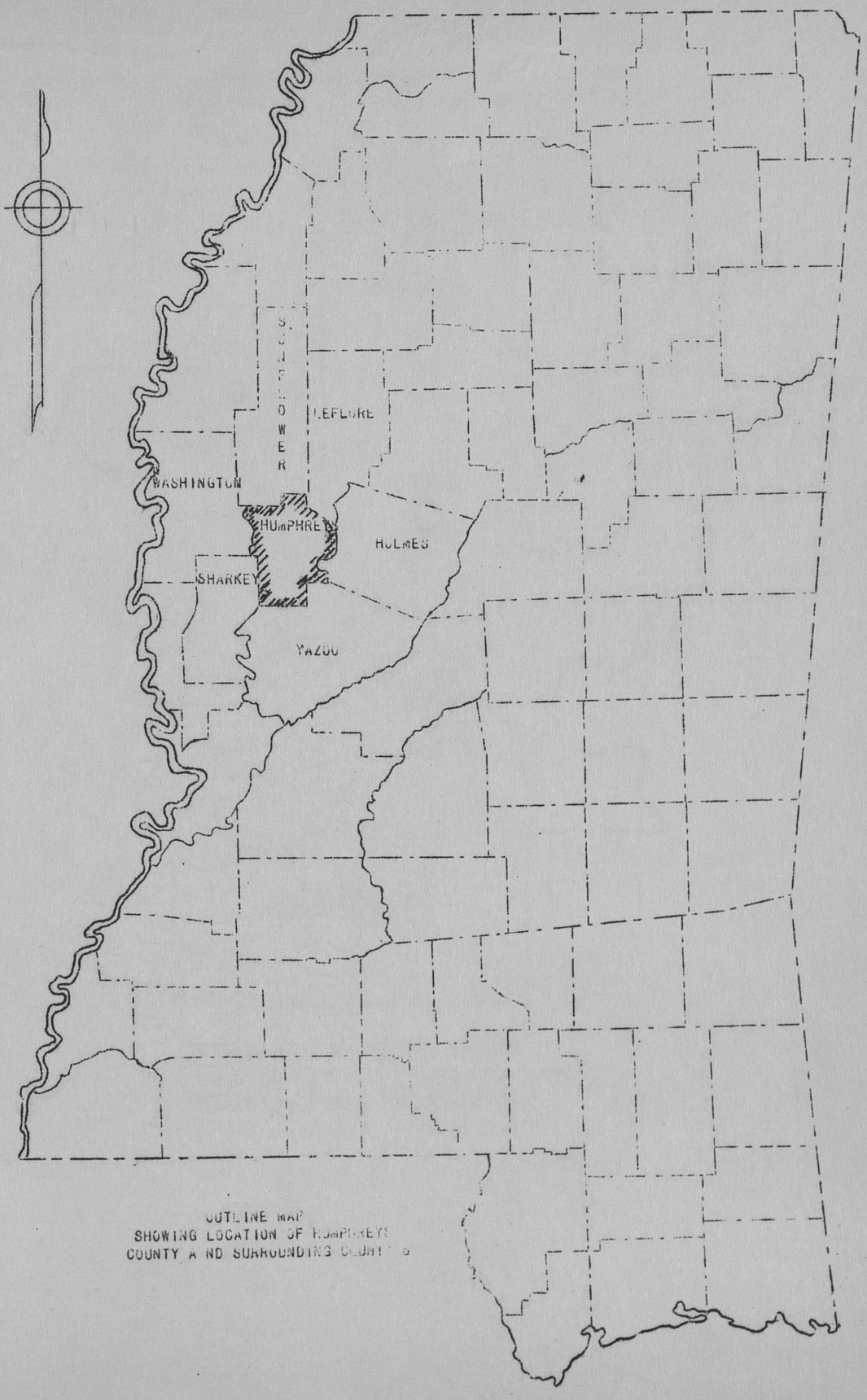
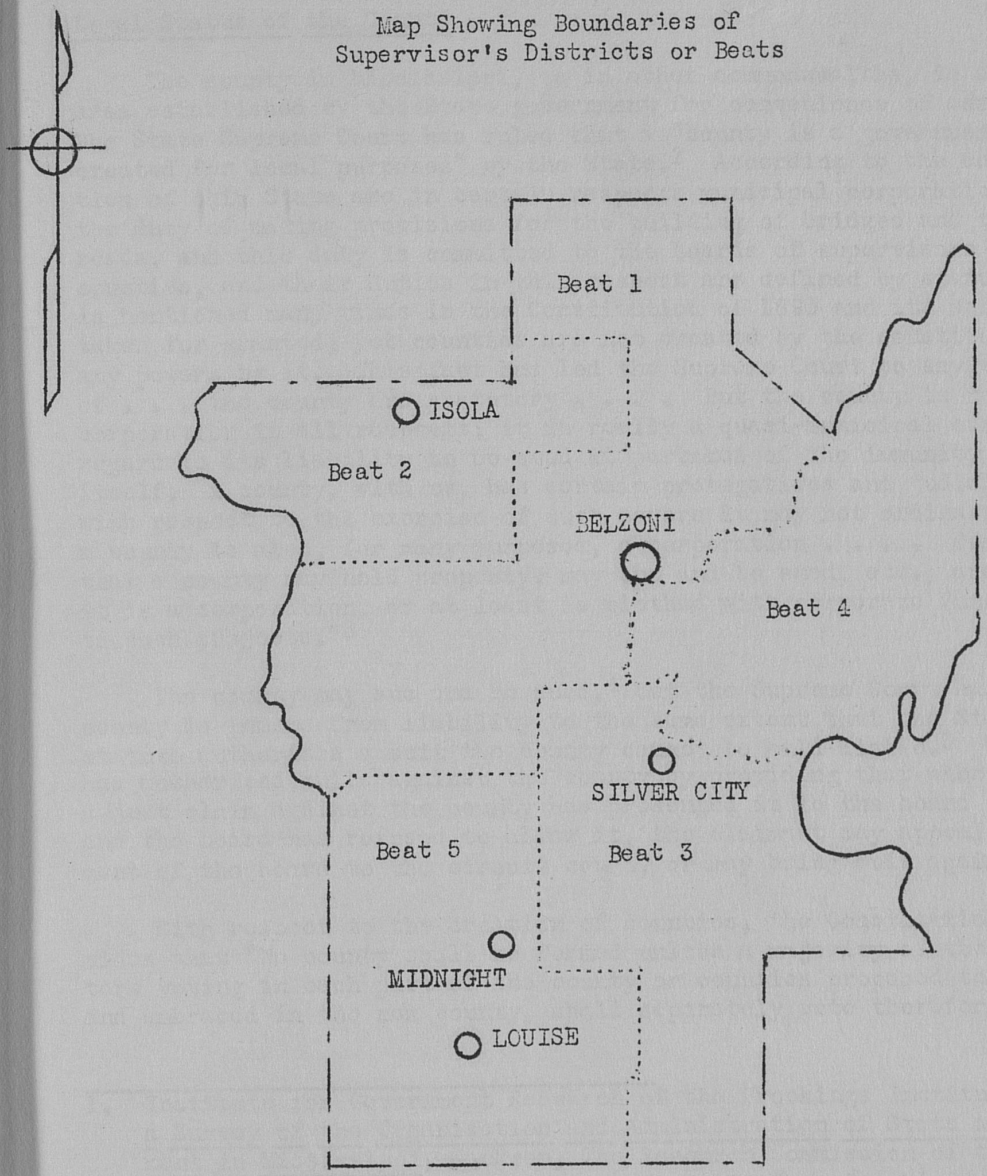
73. Ibid.
74. Ibid., p. 581.
75. Walker Wood, (comp. and ed.), Mississippi Blue Book, Biennial Report Secretary of State to the Legislature of Mississippi, 1937-39, Jackson, 1940, pp. 128-132, (hereafter cited as Mississippi Blue Book, 1940).
76. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Agriculture, II, p. 581.
77. Ibid., Agriculture, vol. II, Part 2, County Table I, p. 1052.
78. Ibid.
79. Ibid.
80. Ibid., County Table V, p. 1085.
81. Ibid.
82. Ibid., County Table III, p. 1071.
83. Ibid.
84. State Department of Agriculture, Value of Mississippi Farm Production in 1936, Bulletin, Jackson, Miss., 1936.
85. Ibid.
86. Ibid.
87. Ibid.
88. Mississippi Blue Book, 1940, p. 45.
89. Ibid., pp. 44, 45; see also entry 1.



OUTLINE MAP
SHOWING LOCATION OF HUMPHREYS
COUNTY AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES

HUMPHREYS COUNTY

Map Showing Boundaries of
Supervisor's Districts or Beats



BASE MAP OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY
In County Archives of Humphreys County,
Belzoni, Miss., See Entry 73.

(First entry, p.44)

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Legal Status of the County

The county in Mississippi, as in other commonwealths, is a territorial area established by the State government for convenience of administration.[1] The State Supreme Court has ruled that a "county is a governmental agency, created for local purposes" by the State.[2] According to the court, "The counties of this State are in certain respects municipal corporations, charged with the duty of making provisions for the building of bridges and the making of roads, and this duty is committed to the boards of supervisors of the respective counties, and their duties in this respect are defined by statute." The county is mentioned many times in the Constitution of 1890 and its existence is clearly taken for granted, yet counties are not created by the constitution nor given any powers by it. This fact has led the Supreme Court to say that the "powers of . . . the county are statutory . . . . But the county is not a municipal corporation in all respects; it is really a quasi-municipal corporation for in regard to its liability to be sued it partakes of the immunity of the State itself. A county, with us, has certain prerogatives and judicial powers, and with respect to the exercise of such powers it may not ordinarily be sued. But a county is also, for many purposes, a corporation . . . . Our laws provide that a county may hold property, may sue and be sued, etc.; and in these respects it is a corporation, or at least is clothed with corporate functions in relation to such subjects."[3]

The county may sue and be sued,[4] but the Supreme Court has ruled that a county is immune from liability to the same extent that the State is, and unless statute authorizes a suit the county cannot be held liable.[5] The Legislature has authorized suits against the county by providing that when a person having a just claim against the county has presented it to the board of supervisors and the board has refused to allow it, the claimant may appeal from the judgment of the board to the circuit court, or may bring suit against the county.[6]

With respect to the creation of counties, the Constitution of 1890 provides that "No county shall be formed unless a majority of the qualified electors voting in each part of the county or counties proposed to be dismembered and embraced in the new county, shall separately vote therefor . . . . The

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1. Institute for Government Research of the Brookings Institution, Report on a Survey of the Organization and Administration of State and County Government in Mississippi, Jackson, The Research Commission of the State of Mississippi, /1932/, p. 622; (hereafter cited as Brookings Report).
2. Rainey vs. Hinds County, 78 Miss. Rep. 313.
3. Ibid., 310.
4. Code, 1917, sec. 3682; Code, 1930, sec. 270.
5. City of Grenada vs. Grenada County, 115 Miss. Rep. 831; 76 Sou. Rep. 682. In 1912 the city of Grenada made street improvements on Green Street on which the Grenada County courthouse property abutted, and the board of supervisors claimed immunity when the city demanded payment for the cost as prorated. The city obtained a judgment against the county in the circuit court of Grenada County but when appealed, the decision was reversed by the Supreme Court. (Ibid.).
6. Code, 1917, sec. 3682; Code, 1930, sec. 253.

elections shall not be held in any county oftener than once in four years. No new county shall contain less than four hundred square miles; nor shall any existing county be reduced below that size."[7] The Constitution also permits the Legislature to provide for the consolidation of existing counties if a majority of the qualified electors of the counties to be consolidated vote in favor of the consolidation.[8] Apparently the Legislature cannot abolish a county without the consent of a majority of the qualified electors in the area concerned, but it may, however, change the boundaries of any county without the consent of the local electorate.[9]

Registration of Title to Property

Every conveyance of real or personal property, to be valid and to serve as constructive notice to all subsequent purchasers, must be lodged for recording with the clerk of the chancery court as recorder and must be acknowledged as his voluntary act by the person who executed it, or proved by one or more of the subscribing witnesses to the instrument. The acknowledgment or proof must be in writing on the instrument and must be signed by the officer before whom it was made.[10] The sheriff's certified lists of lands sold to individuals or struck off to the State for taxes must be recorded by the clerk of the chancery court as recorder,[11] as must lis pendens notices of suits begun to enforce a lien, right, interest in, or easement in any real estate when the claim is not based on any judgment or decree previously entered or recorded.[12]

To insure adequate descriptions of boundaries, the board of supervisors must furnish the office of the clerk of the chancery court as recorder with a copy of the field notes of the original United States Survey, transcriptions of the records of other counties which affect titles to land in Humphreys County, transcriptions of original entries of land, and all necessary township plats and surveys.[13] Since 1920 it has been the duty of the board to furnish the office of the clerk of the chancery court as recorder with a sectional index to all land conveyances and other instruments touching or concerning title to land in the county.[14] However, the board may provide a complete abstract of title to land in the county.[15] In Humphreys County this has been done.[16]

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7. Const., 1890, sec. 260.
8. Ibid., sec. 271.
9. Brookings Report, p. 623.
10. Code, 1917, sec. 2288; L. M., 1924, pp. 333-334; Code, 1930, sec. 2146. Conveyances may be acknowledged or proved before any judge of a United States court, any judge of the State Supreme Court, any judge of a circuit court, any chancellor, any clerk of a court of record, any notary public, any justice of the peace, or any member of the board of supervisors (Code, 1917, sec. 2299; Code, 1930, sec. 2136).
11. Code, 1917, secs. 5268, 6967; L. M., 1922, p. 326; Code, 1930, sec. 3256, see entries 32-38.
12. Code, 1917, sec. 2499; Code, 1930, sec. 2325; see entries 29, 60.
13. Code, 1917, sec. 3688; Code, 1930, sec. 222; see entries 15, 23, 24, 39, 40, 53-56, 58, 238.
14. L. M., 1920, pp. 368-369; Code, 1930, secs. 227-228.
15. Code, 1917, sec. 3693; Code, 1930, sec. 226.
16. See entries 48-53.

Judiciary

Civil and common law jurisdiction is vested in the circuit court and in the justice of peace courts. The circuit court has civil jurisdiction in all actions in which the amount in controversy exceeds $200 and in all other causes not exclusively cognizable in some other court.[17] It also has jurisdiction in cases transferred to it by the chancery court and remanded to it by the Supreme Court, and appealed to it from justice of peace courts.[18] Justice of the peace courts are given civil jurisdiction in all actions in which the amount in controversy is $200 or less,[19] in matters of unlawful entry and detainer,[20] and in the partition of personal property when the appraised value of the property involved does not exceed $200.[21] A justice of the peace is chosen by the clerk of the circuit court to conduct hearings in eminent domain proceedings.[22]

The circuit court has power to hear and determine all prosecutions in the name of the State for treason, felonies, crimes and misdemeanors, except such as may be exclusively cognizable before some other court; and it has all the powers of a court of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery.[23] Justice of the peace courts have jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court over all crimes occurring in their districts in which the punishment prescribed does not exceed a fine and imprisonment in the county jail.[24] In addition, justices of peace have power to conduct preliminary hearings in cases of felonies committed within their respective districts, to bind the accused over to await the action of the grand jury, and to fix the amount of the appearance bond.[25]

The chancery court has both chancery and probate jurisdiction and it is given power to try and determine all matters of equity, divorce and alimony, matters testamentary and of administration, minors' business, and cases of idiocy, lunacy, and persons of unsound mind.[26] It has jurisdiction in all causes transferred to it by the circuit court and remanded to it by the Supreme Court.[27]

The circuit court and the chancery court have concurrent jurisdiction in cases of juvenile delinquency,[28] and in Humphreys County this function is exercised by the chancery court.

17. Const., 1890, sec. 156; Code, 1917, sec. 481; Code, 1930, sec. 490.
18. Code, 1917, sec. 482; Code, 1930, sec. 491.
19. Const., 1890, sec. 171; Code, 1917, secs. 2222, 2248; Code, 1930, secs. 2071, 2097.
20. Code, 1917, sec. 3313; Code, 1930, sec. 3458.
21. Code, 1917, sec. 2856; Code, 1930, sec. 2943.
22. Code, 1917, sec. 1493; Code, 1930, sec. 1481.
23. Const., 1890, sec. 156; Code, 1917, sec. 481; Code, 1930, sec. 490.
24. Const., 1890, sec. 171; Code, 1917, secs. 2222, 2248; Code, 1930, secs. 2071, 2097.
25. Code, 1917, sec. 1295; Code, 1930, sec. 1320.
26. Const., 1890, sec. 159; Code, 1917, secs. 299-300; Code, 1930, secs. 353, 358.
27. Code, 1917, sec. 289; Code, 1930, sec. 351.
28. Code, 1917, sec. 4970; Code, 1930, sec. 7251.

Appeals from the judgments and decrées rendered in justice of the peace courts may be taken to the circuit court,[29] and appeals from the judgments and decrees of the circuit and chancery courts may be made to the Supreme Court.[30]

Law Enforcement

The sheriff is the principal officer charged with the preservation of the peace.[31] However, constables have the same duty,[32] and if there is a vacancy in the office of sheriff, for any reason, and there is no deputy to act, the coroner performs all the duties of the sheriff except that of collecting taxes.[33] In the event the office of sheriff is vacant for any reason, and there is no deputy to act, and there is no coroner, the circuit judge or the chancellor may appoint some qualified elector of the county to perform the duty of coroner in this regard.[34] All members of the board of supervisors,[35] the circuit judge, the chancellor, and all justices of the peace of the county are conservators of the peace.[36]

The coroner is required to hold inquests of all violent and sudden deaths in the county,[37] but if there is no coroner or the coroner is unable to act, any justice of the peace may hold an inquest and perform all the duties of the coroner.[38]

The power and duty of returning indictments and presentments is given to the grand jury.[39]

Arrests for crimes and offenses may be made by the sheriff, his deputies, or by any constable or conservator of the peace within his county. Private persons may also make arrests. All persons, when commanded to do so by an officer seeking to arrest an offender, must aid and assist in making the arrest and must obey the commands of the arresting officer. Arrests for criminal offenses and to prevent a breach of the peace may be made at any time and at any place. An officer or private person may make arrests without warrant for an indictable offense committed, a breach of the peace threatened or attempted in his presence, and for a felony committed. An arresting officer or private person may, after giving notice of his object, and admittance is refused, break into any dwelling or house in which he has reason to believe the offender may be found. Escaped offenders may be retaken by the person from whose custody they escaped, at any time and in any county without warrant. All offenders apprehended must be taken before the proper officer without unnecessary delay by the person making

29. Code, 1917, secs. 62-63, 69; Code, 1930, secs. 63-64, 68.
30. Code, 1917, secs. 7, 12; Code, 1930, secs. 12, 16.
31. Code, 1917, sec. 3099; Code, 1930, sec. 3329.
32. Code, 1917, sec. 637; Code, 1930, sec. 632.
33. Code, 1917, sec. 4063; Code, 1930, sec. 651; L. M., 1938, pp. 655-656.
34. L. M., 1938, p. 656.
35. Code, 1917, sec. 3677; Code, 1930, sec. 210.
36. Code, 1917, secs. 713, 1294; Code, 1930, secs. 740, 1320.
37. Code, 1917, sec. 4048; Code, 1930, sec. 639.
38. Code, 1917, sec. 4058; Code, 1930, sec. 649.
39. Code, 1917, secs. 2194-2195; Code, 1930, secs. 2047-2048.

the arrest. All officers and others who make arrests legally as authorized and required by law are not liable to a civil or criminal action although it may appear that the person arrested was innocent of any offense. Warrants issued by justices of the peace extend to other counties, and justices of the peace may issue warrants for the arrest and return of any escaped offender to the county in which his offense is cognizable. The sheriff and constables may pursue offenders into other counties and in returning prisoners may place them in any jail for safekeeping.[40]

The sheriff is the county jailer and has custody of all prisoners.[41] He is required to receive and keep any prisoner committed by any justice of the peace,[42] and he must receive and keep prisoners committed under legal process from officers of the courts of the United States, if the subsistence of such prisoners is secured by the officers delivering the prisoners to him.[43] The sheriff must see that prisoners have medical attention and he must protect them from mob violence.[44]

The district attorney must appear in circuit court, and in the name of the State prosecute all criminal prosecutions, and all persons or corporations for any violation of the Constitution or State laws; and he must attend grand jury deliberations when required to do so by the jury to give necessary information as to the law.[45] The county prosecuting attorney represents the State in the justice of the peace courts, assists the district attorney in all criminal cases, and represents the State before the grand jury.[46]

The sheriff as the executive officer of the court is required to execute all sentences imposed by the court.[47]

Finance

It was not until 1926, according to the records of the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor,[48] that the first real effort at budgetary control was made in Humphreys County. The law of 1922 made it mandatory on the board of supervisors at its September meeting to prepare and adopt a budget of county expenses estimated for the next year, and to prepare a statement showing the aggregate revenue by sources collected during the current year.[49] In 1924 the State Auditor of Public Accounts was directed to prescribe a uniform system of accounts for State and county offices and he was required to inspect their accounts regularly. Further, the law made it mandatory that all counties adopt the prescribed system of accounting.[50] Accordingly, in 1928, a uniform system

40. Code, 1917, secs. 1201-1211; Code, 1930, secs. 1224-1234.
41. Code, 1917, sec. 3104; Code, 1930, sec. 3334.
42. Code, 1917, sec. 3109; Code, 1930, sec. 3339.
43. Code, 1917, sec. 3110; L. M., 1928, p. 311-312; Code, 1930, sec. 3340.
44. Code, 1917, secs. 3106-3107; Code, 1930, secs. 3336-3337.
45. Code, 1917, secs. 1398, 1400; Code, 1930, sec. 4363.
46. Code, 1917, secs. 696-697; Code, 1930, secs. 4225-4226.
47. Code, 1917, sec. 3085; Code, 1930, sec. 3315.
48. See entries 202-205.
49. L. M., 1922, pp. 309-310; ibid., 1928, p. 327; Code, 1930, secs. 3970-3971.
50. L. M., 1924, pp. 557-567.

of accounting for counties, including a detailed outline for the county budget, was prescribed by the State Auditor of Public Accounts.[51] The expenditures of all county offices and departments are subject to budgetary control.[52] Since 1936 the superintendent of education has been required to prepare and file with the State Superintendent of Education a budget of the expenditures for the support, maintenance, and operation of the public schools of the county for each fiscal year, and a statement of all available revenues. Likewise, the trustees of the consolidated school districts, special consolidated school districts, and all other school districts maintaining a special tax levy must prepare and file with the county superintendend of education a budget of estimated expenditures and a statement of estimated revenues for each fiscal year. The superintendent must attach copies of these budgets to the county school budget which he submits to the State Superintendent of Public Education.[53]

The revenue of the county is derived mainly from ad valorem taxes levied on all real and personal property and from license taxes. All classes of property are liable to taxation unless specifically exempt. The following classes are exempt: Public property, privately owned property devoted to educational purposes, privately owned property devoted to religious and charitable purposes, household equipment and personal effects, agricultural property, intangible personal property, lands and other property situated between the Mississippi River and the levees, and land classified for reforestation.[54]

The board of supervisors may exempt, for 5-years, subject to popular referendum, hotels and many specified new factories and industries of public utility from county ad valorem taxes.[55] In 1934 the Legislature exempted homesteads and 40 acres of land from State ad valorem taxes to the extent of $1,000 and the law of 1935 increased the exemption from State ad valorem taxes to $2,500 and 160 acres of land.[56] The Home Exemption Act of 1938 exempted, to the extent of $5,000 and 160 acres of land, all bona fide homes owned and actually lived in, from all State ad valorem taxes and from all county, road district, and school district ad valorem taxes.[57] Each of the acts directed that all claims for exemption be made to the board of supervisors through the tax assessor, and the board is empowered and required to adjudicate all claims.[58]

The board of supervisors fixes the general tax levy annually.[59] In addition,

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51. Carl C. White, (comp.), Uniform System of Accounts for Counties, State of Mississippi, Jackson, 1928.
52. Ibid., pp. 23-24.
53. L. M., 1936, p. 496-497.
54. Const., 1890, secs. 90, 112, 181, 182,192; Code, 1917, sec. 6878; L. M., 1928, pp. 245-246; Code, 1930, sec. 3108; L. M., 1938, pp. 157-158.
55. Const., 1890, sec. 192; L. M., 1920, p. 356; ibid., 1922, p. 348; ibid., 1924, p. 597; ibid., 1930, pp. 116-119; Code, 1930, secs. 3109-3113; L. M., 1932, pp. 630-631; ibid., 1934, pp. 382-384; ibid., 1936, pp. 181-183; ibid., 1936, Ex. Sess., pp. 32-35, in L. M., 1938; see entry 11.
56. L. M., 1934, p. 442; ibid., 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 136.
57. Ibid., 1938, Ex. Sess., p. 19.
58. Ibid., 1934, p. 442; ibid., 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 140; ibid., 1938, Ex. Sess., pp. 28-29; see entry 1.
59. Code, 1917, secs. 3680, 3708; L. M., 1920, p. 366; Code, 1930, secs. 214, 366, 3227.

it imposes a number of separate property taxes, some mandatory, others optional. It may levy a special tax for erecting, enlarging, repairing, or remodeling county buildings, and it has power to impose a special tax for maintaining the county public schools outside separate school districts. The board must levy taxes in the various school and road districts of the county for supplementing the county general funds, and for other purposes, if petitioned to do so by a majority of the qualified electors of any district. The board must also levy special taxes to pay the interest on county or county-district bonds and provide sinking funds for their redemption. It must also levy a special tax to meet loans made in anticipation of taxes.[60]

After the tax levy has been made, the clerk of the board of supervisors certifies it to the sheriff as tax collector, to the State Auditor of Public Accounts, to the State Land Commissioner, and to the State Tax Commission.[61]

The tax assessor is required to make an annual assessment of the polls and of all personal property in the county subject to taxation, and a biennial assessment of all real property subject to taxation.[62] The real and personal rolls must be completed and delivered to the board of supervisors on or before the first Monday in July.[63] The board of supervisors is required to equalize and review the tax assessments at its July meeting and within 10 days of its August meeting, and on completing the equalization, must approve the assessments subject to the rights of persons in interest to be heard on objections. The August meeting of the board must be devoted to hearing and determining all objections and exceptions filed by persons dissatisfied with the assessments. It is the duty of the board to send the rolls to the State Tax Commission for final correction and equalization. The Commission equalizes the assessments as between counties with regard to the different classes of property and returns the rolls to the board subject to hearing objections from that body.[64]

After the assessment rolls have been accepted and corrected by the board, the clerk of the board must make two copies, deliver one copy to the sheriff as tax collector, another to the State Tax Commission, and keep the original in his office as a permanent record.[65] The real and personal property of public service corporations in the county is assessed by the State Tax Commission, and after the assessments are equalized and reviewed, the Commission forwards a copy of the rolls to the clerk of the board of supervisors who makes a copy

60. Code, 1917, secs. 3420, 3680, 3697, 3708, 7152, 7163, 7352-7353; L. M., 1920, pp. 224, 366, 386; ibid., 1924, pp. 444, 450-451, 455, 467-468; ibid., 1928, p. 213; Code, 1930, secs. 214, 231, 3227, 6392, 6435, 6647, 6649, 6654, 6663, 6675, 6725-6727; L. M., 1932, pp. 466-467.
61. Code, 1917, sec. 3709; L. M., 1920, p. 366-367; Code, 1930, sec. 3228.
62. Code, 1917, secs. 6897, 6915; L. M., 1920, p. 452; ibid., 1926, p. 417; ibid., 1928, Ex. Sess., pp. 97-99; Code, 1930, secs. 3128, 3144-3145.
63. Code, 1917, sec. 6925; L. M., 1918, p. 137; ibid., 1920, p. 453; ibid., 1926, p. 323; Code, 1930, sec. 3161.
64. Code, 1917, secs. 6928-6931, 6939-6942, 7769; L. M., 1918, pp. 137-139, 206-207; ibid., 1920, pp. 453-455, 3165, 3168-3170, 3172, 3175-3179, 3185-3187.
65. Code, 1917, sec. 6941; L. M., 1920, p. 456; Code, 1930, sec. 3181; L. M., 1938, Ex. Sess., p. 32; see entries 19-21.

and delivers it to the sheriff as tax collector, retaining the original as a permanent record of his office.[66]

The sheriff as tax collector, after receiving the tax rolls from the clerk of the board of supervisors, collects both State and county taxes.[67] He is required to make monthly reports of collections to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor and to the State Auditor of Public Accounts and at the same time he must pay over State taxes collected to the State Treasurer and county taxes collected to the county depository.[68]

It is the duty of the sheriff as tax collector to sell both real and personal property on which taxes are delinquent.[69] Redemption of land sold for taxes must be made through the clerk of the chancery court as recorder, who remits redemption monies to the proper officials.[70]

License taxes are imposed by the State and county on practically every occupation and profession, and are collected for the State by the sheriff as tax collector.[71] The county is authorized and required to collect through the sheriff as tax collector and for its own use, an annual license fee from all owners of motor vehicles in the county.[72] The sheriff as tax collector remits occupational license fees collected to the State Treasurer, and the motor vehicle or road and bridge privilege taxes to the county depository.[73]

The county has several sources of miscellaneous revenue. The board of supervisors has control of sixteenth section lands and lieu lands reserved for the support of the township schools and of all funds obtained from those lands.[74] Another source of revenue is the money derived from fines, penalties, and forfeitures imposed in the courts of the county. The clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor debits the sheriff with all jury taxes, fines, penalties, and forfeitures reported to him by the clerks of the courts, and the sheriff is required to collect and pay the amounts charged to him into the county treasury.[75] The county highway fund is supplemented by a substantial share of the State tax levied on gasoline sold in the county.[76] The poll taxes

66. L. M., 1918, pp. 143-146; Code, 1930, secs. 3200-3207; see entry 22.
67. Code, 1917, sec. 6948; L. M., 1926, p. 215; Code, 1930, secs. 3222, 3229; L. M., 1931, Ex. Sess., p. 215; ibid., 1932, Ex. Sess., in L. M., 1934, pp. 653-654; ibid., 1934, p. 414.
68. Code, 1917, sec. 6994; L. M., 1918, p. 142; Code, 1930, sec. 3289; see entries 177-180.
69. Code, 1917, sec. 6886; L. M., 1928, Ex. Sess., pp. 17-18; Code, 1930, sec. 3120; L. M., 1934, p. 454; see entries 29-30.
70. Code, 1917, secs. 6972, 6974; Code, 1930, sec. 3263; see entries 39-43.
71. Code, 1917, sec. 6621; L. M., 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 122; see entries 169, 171.
72. Code, 1917, secs. 5756-5757; L. M., 1920, p. 143-144; ibid., 1924, p. 113-114; ibid., 1926, pp. 190-192; ibid., 1928, pp. 300-301; Code, 1930, secs. 5604-5605, 5607; see entries 170, 177.
73. Code, 1917, sec. 6633; L. M., 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 128.
74. Code, 1917, sec. 7511; L. M., 1924, p. 482; Code, 1930, sec. 6760; see entries 205, 231-233-i.
75. Code, 1917, sec. 3278; Code, 1930, sec. 302.
76. L. M., 1926, pp. 186-187; ibid., 1928, Ex. Sess., pp. 16-17; ibid., 1932, p. 237; ibid., 1938, p. 258; see entry 202-i.

collected in the county are retained for the benefit of the common school fund,[77] and the county receives a portion of the State equalization fund for the use of the county schools.[78] Federal aid is received to carry on a program of agricultural and home demonstration work.[79]

All claims, accounts, and demands against the county must be presented to the board of supervisors. The board, together with the clerk of the board as auditor, audits the claims and the clerk, on the order of the board, issues warrants on the county depository in payment of all claims which are approved by the board.[80] It is the duty of the county depository to make quarterly reports of all receipts and disbursements and to return with the reports all canceled warrants which the clerk of the board as auditor must file and preserve as a public record.[81]

The clerk of the board as auditor must audit county officers' accounts regularly.[82] In addition the State Auditor of Public Accounts is empowered to audit and examine the accounts of all county officers at least once a year. He is particularly charged with auditing the allowances and expenditures made by the board of supervisors.[83]

The board of supervisors has power and authority to issue bonds for general county purposes, for erecting and maintaining schools, for refunding outstanding bond issues, for constructing and maintaining roads and bridges, for meeting outstanding warrants and other legal obligations, for establishing and maintaining a county convict farm, and for erecting and maintaining a courthouse and a jail.[84]

Elections

A person to qualify as an elector must be a citizen of the United States; at least 21 years of age; a resident of the State for 2 years, and of the district in which he is offering to vote for 1 year; must be able to read any section of the Constitution of the United States, or if he cannot read, understand and give a reasonable interpretation of it; must never have been convicted of bribery, burglarly, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretenses, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, or bigamy; must have paid all taxes

77. Const., 1890, secs. 206, 243; Code, 1917, sec. 6885; L. M., 1924, pp. 470, 479; Code, 1930, secs. 3127, 6739; see entries 167, 209, 233-i.
78. L. M., 1924, pp. 412, 479; Code, 1930, sec. 6740.
79. 38 Stat., Part I, 373-374; Code, 1917, secs. 3800-3801; 45 Stat., Part 1, 711; Code, 1930, secs. 281-282.
80. Code, 1917, secs. 3714-3715; Code, 1930, secs. 254-255; see entries 1, 192-194.
81. Code, 1917, sec. 4244; Code, 1930, sec. 4350; see entries 4, 181-183, 196.
82. Code, 1917, sec. 3730; Code, 1930, sec. 304.
83. L. M., 1924, p. 557; ibid., 1930, p. 443; Code, 1930, sec. 3753; L. M., 1938, pp. 356-357; see entry 206.
84. Code, 1917, secs. 3704, 3774, 7159-7161, 7356-7357; L. M., 1918, pp. 257-258; ibid., 1920, pp. 284, 393-395; ibid., 1924, pp. 459-460, 471-474; Code, 1930, secs. 237, 247, 5977, 5986, 6389, 6421, 6431, 6686, 6737-6738; see entries 1, 191, 197.

legally required of him, and be able to produce satisfactory evidence (poll tax receipts for two consecutive years) of such payment to the officers holding an election; and must be registered as prescribed by law.[85]

Prospective electors must register with the clerk of the circuit court as registrar who examines them as to their qualifications and requires them to swear or affirm allegiance to the United States and to the State of Mississippi, that they possess the necessary qualifications to vote, and that they are not disqualified because of conviction for any crime.[86]

The county board of election commissioners is required, before every election, to revise or purge the registration books and poll books kept by the clerk of the circuit court as registrar.[87]

A candidate for public office must be a qualified elector, and in addition, must not deny the existence of a Supreme Being, although he is not required to meet any religious test as a qualification for office; must not have been convicted of bribery, perjury, or any other infamous crime, or of giving or offering directly or indirectly any bribe to procure the election of appointment of a person to office; and must not have participated in a duel or served as a second to a duelist.[88]

The Corrupt Practices Act of 1935 requires that candidates for State, district, county, and county-district offices make affidavit that they have read the Corrupt Practices Act and that they will not violate it. The act also requires candidates for county and county-district offices to file with the clerk of the circuit court itemized statements of their campaign expenses, and it prohibits candidates from promising appointments to office or their influence in other ways, and sets up rigid restrictions against verbal or printed attacks on opponents during the campaign.[89]

All officers elected or appointed to office in the county must take the following oath before entering upon the duties of their offices: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and obey the laws thereof; that I am not disqualified from holding office; and I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. So help me God."[90]

The county board of election commissioners is charged with the preparation of ballots for elections.[91]

General elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers are held every fourth year on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in

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85. Const., 1890, secs. 241-245; Code, 1917, secs. 6753-6754, 6772; Code, 1930, secs. 6185-6186, 6207; L. M., 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 36; see entries 162, 167, 209-211.
86. Code, 1917, secs. 6753-6754; Code, 1930, secs. 6185-6186, see entry 207.
87. Code, 1917, secs. 6394, 6776; Code, 1930, sec. 5871.
88. Const., 1890, secs. 18, 19, 44, 250, 265.
89. L. M., 1935, Ex. Sess., pp. 33-52.
90. Const., 1890, sec. 268; see entries 58, 59.
91. Code, 1917, secs. 6792, 6800-6801; Code, 1930, secs. 6224-6225, 6228.

November.[92] Primary elections for party nominations of officers are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August preceding the general elections, and are governed and regulated by the election laws in force at the time the elections are held, with the county executive committee discharging the duties of the county board of election commissioners, except revising the registration and poll books.[93] As only one major party functions in Mississippi, the Democratic, nomination at primary elections is tantamount to election. When no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, second primaries or runn-off elections are held 3 weeks after the first primary, between the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes.[94] Special elections for unexpired terms are called by the county board of election commissioners on order of the board of supervisors, if the unexpired term is for more than 6 months.[95] With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor shall file by appointment all offices subject to appointment when the term of the incumbent will expire within 9 months after the meeting of the Legislature.[96]

It is the duty of the sheriff to provide equipment for polling places and he must furnish a sufficient number of voting compartments, shelves, and tables, so that there shall be not less than 1 of each for each 100 electors in the district.[97]

The county board of election commissioners, appointed by the State Board of Election Commissioners, is required to appoint the managers of elections.[98] It is also the duty of the county commissioners to appoint bailiffs to preserve order at the polls.[99]

The votes cast in primary elections are counted and tallied at each polling place by the election managers who certify the results and seal all ballots and a certified copy of the result in the boxes. The boxes are delivered to the county executive committee. This committee canvasses and reviews all boxes and deposits the boxes with the clerk of the circuit court as registrar.[100] The votes cast in general elections are delivered in the same manner by the election managers to the county board of election commissioners which canvasses and reviews the boxes and delivers them to the clerk of the circuit court as registrar.[101]

With respect to party nominations of presidential electors, each political party[102] in Humphreys County is entitled to two delegates to its State Convention held every 4 years to select the electors. These delegates are chosen by

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92. Const., 1890, sec. 102; Code, 1917, sec. 6773; Code, 1930, sec. 6209.
93. Code, 1917, sec. 6399; Code, 1930, sec. 5866. The County executive committee is composed of 15 members, three from each supervisor's beat or district, chosen by party delegate conventions every four years (ibid.).
94. Code, 1917, sec. 6391; Code, 1930, sec. 5868.
95. Code, 1917, sec. 6823; Code, 1930, sec. 6263.
96. Code, 1917, sec. 4776; Code, 1930, sec. 4828.
97. Code, 1917, sec. 6788; Code, 1930, sec. 6223.
98. Code, 1917, secs. 6742, 6784; Code, 1930, secs. 6177, 6214, 6222.
99. Code, 1917, sec. 6779; Code, 1930, sec. 6217.
100. Code, 1917, sec. 6397; Code, 1930, sec. 5895; L. M., 1935, Ex. Sess. pp. 37-39.
101. Code, 1917, sec. 6812; Code, 1930, sec. 6250.
102. The Democratic party is the only major party functioning in Mississippi.

county delegate conventions held every 4 years. Delegates to the county convention are elected at precinct elections called by the county executive committee, and are apportioned equally among the supervisors districts or among the precincts of the county in proportion to the number of votes cast by the party at the preceding presidential election.[103]

Education

County agencies which participate in the administration of the school program are the superintendent of education, the county school board, and the board of supervisors. Three types of subdivisions of the county, called districts, have been established in Humphreys as authorized by law: Common school districts, consolidated school districts, and special consolidated school districts, with boards of trustees for each.[104]

Separate schools are maintained for children of the white and colored races.[105]

The schools in the county are supported by county taxes, by poll taxes collected and retained in the county, by the State per capita fund, by the State equalizing fund, and by local district taxes which the people impose on themselves.[106]

The superintendent, whose duties are administrative rather than supervisory, controls the county school fund composed of State money, county school taxes, and poll taxes; fixes the salaries of teachers; appoints teachers when the local trustees do not select and recommend them by June 15th; and enters into the only contracts made for teaching services.[107]

The main functions of the county school board are to organize and fix the boundaries of the school districts; to designate the location of the school house in any district when it has not already been located; to set the date for the opening of the county schools or give assent to the date proposed by the superintendent of education;[108] and, together with the superintendent, lay out all routes for the transportation of school children and let all contracts for such transportation.[109]

The board of supervisors, as a direct function in the conduct of the county schools, may levy an annual tax of not more than 1 mill on all property

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103. Code, 1917, sec. 6390; Code, 1930, sec. 5866. Each county is entitled to a number of votes in the State convention equal to double its representation in the State House of Representatives (ibid.), and Humphreys County elects one representative (Code, 1930, sec. 5329).
104. See "School Trustees," pp. 123-124.
105. Const., 1890, sec. 207.
106. L. M., 1924, pp. 412-511; L. M., 1928, pp. 79-80; L. M., 1928, Ex. Sess., pp. 59-60; Code, 1930, secs. 6551, 6642, 6662-6663, 6725-6727, 6740.
107. Code, 1917, secs. 7566-7587; L. M., 1924, pp. 416-423; Code, 1930, secs. 6562-6580; see entry 216.
108. Code, 1917, secs. 7330-7335; L. M., 1924, pp. 423-425; Code, 1930, secs. 6581-6587.
109. L. M., 1938, p. 545. Until 1938 this was a function of the school trustees (Code, 1917, sec. 7346; L. M., 1924, pp. 440-441; Code, 1930, sec. 6639); see entries 236-238.

in the county outside of separate school districts for a fund to be used for building school houses.[110] All other school taxes are levied after action of some other agency. County taxes outside of separate districts are imposed only after the levy has been approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting in an election,[111] and district taxes are levied on the petition of a majority of the qualified electors in the district.[112] The board may issue county and district bonds on the approval of three-fifths of the qualified electors of the county voting in an election, or on the approval of a majority of the qualified electors residing in the district.[113]

District school trustees have general local supervision of the school or schools in their respective districts,[114] may borrow money in anticipation of taxes,[115] and must prepare and file with the superintendent of education a budget of estimated expenses and a statement of estimated revenues for each fiscal year.[116] The trustees of all county district schools elect the members to the county school board.[117]

Public Health

The public health program in the county is conducted by the county department of health, established by the board of supervisors in 1927.[118]

This department is composed of a director, two public health nurses, a sanitation supervisor, and a secretary.[119]

110. Code, 1930, sec. 6725; L. M., 1936, Second Ex. Sess., in L. M., 1938, pp. 18-19.
111. Code, 1917, sec. 7388; L. M., 1924, pp. 467-468; Code, 1930, sec. 6725; L. M., 1936, Second Ex. Sess., in L. M., 1938, p. 18. The Constitution authorizes the board to increase the prescribed State poll tax of $2 to not more than $3 for the purpose of aiding the common schools (Const., 1890, sec. 234).
112. Code, 1917, secs. 7352-7353, 7364; L. M., 1924, pp. 443-444; Code, 1930, secs. 6647, 6649, 6654, 6663, 6726-6727; L. M., 1932, pp. 466-467.
113. Code, 1917, secs. 7356-7358, 7364; L. M., 1920, pp. 282-284; ibid., pp. 444-445, 471-476; Code, 1930, secs. 5982-5983, 6737-6738; L. M., 1932, pp. 499-500, 547, 548, 550; ibid., 1934, p. 538; ibid., 1935, Ex. Sess. pp. 184-185; ibid., 1938, pp. 537-538. Under authority of a local and private act of the Legislature of 1928 the board may donate to any 4 year accredited high school district in the county the sum of $1,000 to be used as a revolving fund to be loaned to worthy graduates of such school for the purpose of attending college during the freshman year (L. M., 1928, p. 209).
114. Code, 1917, secs. 7342-7356; L. M., 1924, pp. 433-434; Code, 1930, secs. 6629-6631, 6639. The boards of trustees are not bodies corporate and cannot sue and be sued.
115. Code, 1930, secs. 6728-6729; L. M., 1938, pp. 553-554.
116. L. M., 1936, pp. 496-497; see entry 235.
117. Code, 1930, sec. 6581; see entry 234.
118. L. M., 1920, pp. 284-286; Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 3, p. 543.
119. Thirty-First Biennial Report being the Sixty-first and Sixty-second Annual Reports of the State Board of Health of the State of Mississippi, July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1939, Jackson, Mississippi, 1939, p. 155.

The director, who is required to be a graduate physician and well trained in health work, is appointed by the board of supervisors on the recommendation of the State Board of Health.[120]

The director of the county department of health has power to enforce all health laws of the county under the supervision and direction of the State Board of Health; to make investigations of health problems; and to recommend and to institute, under the supervision, direction, and jurisdiction of the State Board of Health, measures necessary to promote health welfare. He is required to report to the State Board of Health all matters concerning the sanitary conditions of the district in the manner prescribed by the board; he is further required to keep an accurate record of activities of the department for public use and for information to the State Board of Health and to make reports required by it.[121]

In general, the work of the department falls into the following main divisions: Preventable disease control, maternal health, infant and preschool health, school health, sanitation and milk control, and vital statistics.[122]

Births and deaths in the county are reported to the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health by the county registrar of births and deaths,[123] marriage statistics are reported by the clerk of the circuit court,[124] and divorce statistics are reported by the clerk of the chancery court.[125]

Welfare

The board of supervisors has jurisdiction over the relief and support of the poor in the county.[126] The board also has jurisdiction over poor orphan children,[127] and it must advance money for the investigation and removal of insane persons.[128] It must also provide for the care and maintenance of paupers alleged to be insane, pending investigation, and provide permanent care for such persons after they have been legally adjudged insane if there is no place for them in one of the State insane hospitals.[129] In addition, the board appoints the members of the county board of public welfare.[130] The State department of Public Welfare has power and authority to cooperate with the Federal relief program.[131]

120. Code, 1917, sec. 4840; L. M., 1920, pp. 284-286; Code, 1930, sec. 4926.
121. L. M., 1920, pp. 284-286; Code, 1930, sec. 4927.
122. Thirty-First Biennial Report being the Sixty-first and Sixty-second Annual Reports of the State Board of Health of the State of Mississippi, July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1939, Jackson, Mississippi, 1939, p. 155.
123. Code, 1917, sec. 4871; Code, 1930, sec. 4907; Mississippi State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Instructions to Registrars of Births and Deaths, Jackson, 1939, pp. 2, 6, 10.
124. L. M., 1926, pp. 256-257; Code, 1930, sec. 4937.
125. L. M., 1926, p. 257; ibid., 1928, pp. 184-186; Code, 1930, sec. 1426.
126. Code, 1917, secs. 3680, 6189-6190; Code, 1930, secs. 214, 5694-5698.
127. Code, 1917, sec. 6199; Code, 1930, sec. 5710.
128. Code, 1917, secs. 5564, 5572; Code, 1930, secs. 4579, 4586.
129. Code, 1917, sec. 3681; Code, 1930, sec. 328.
130. L. M., 1936, p. 272.
131. Ibid., 1934, pp. 472-473; ibid., 1935, Ex. Sess., pp. 197, 211; ibid., 1938, pp. 683-684; ibid., Ex. Sess., pp. 117-118.

The pension board of inquiry, appointed by the board of supervisors, adjudicates all claims for State-paid pensions made by Confederate veterans, and their widows, and their servants.[132]

Public Works

Full jurisdiction over roads, ferries, and bridges is exercised by the board of supervisors in accordance with such regulations as the Legislature may prescribe.[133] The board must provide and maintain a courthouse and a jail, and if there is not a courthouse in the county or if it is undergoing repairs or it is not fit for use, the board must provide a building in which the courts and the meetings of the board may be held.[134]

This body is given the exclusive power to make and authorize all contracts in the name of the county.[135]

Miscellaneous Functions

Activities in agricultural demonstration and home economics are carried on in the county with the aid of Federal funds, by the county extension department in agriculture and home economics.[136] The county agents and home demonstration agents in charge of this program are appointed by the board of supervisors on the recommendation of the Extension Department of Mississippi State College and with the approval of the United States Department of Agriculture.[137]

Provisions are made for the recording with the clerk of the chancery court as recorder of charters of incorporation,[138] marks and brands of livestock,[139] declarations of homesteads to obtain exemption from seizure or sale under execution or attachment for debt,[140] discharges and all military records and documents of veterans of the Spanish-American War and the World War,[141] and all surveys of land made by the county surveyors or other surveyors.[142]

Records System

The records of Humphreys County are in excellent condition and have been standarized to the extent that all land conveyance records and court dockets are

132. Code, 1917, sec. 6317; Code, 1930, sec. 5812.
133. Const., 1890, sec. 170; Code, 1917, sec. 3680; Code, 1930, sec. 214.
134. Code, 1917, secs. 3680, 3698; Code, 1930, secs. 214, 220.
135. Code, 1917, sec. 3734; Code, 1930, sec. 320.
136. 38 Stat., Part I, 373-374; Code, 1917, secs. 3782, 3801; L. M., 1924, p. 322; 45 Stat., Part I, 711; Code, 1930, secs. 278, 281; L. M., 1932, pp. 317-318.
137. Code, 1917, secs. 3783, 3801; L. M., 1924, p. 260; Code, 1930, secs. 279, 282; L. M., 1932, p. 517.
138. Const., 1890, sec. 189; Code, 1917, sec. 4072; Code, 1930, sec. 4145; see entry 60.
139. Code, 1917, sec. 1568; Code, 1930, sec. 5476; see entry 61.
140. Code, 1917, sec. 1823; Code, 1930, sec. 1767; see entry 62.
141. L. M., 1922, pp. 359-360; see entry 63.
142. Code, 1917, sec. 7746; Code, 1930, sec. 7148; see entry 256.

kept in heavy, leather-bound, insertable loose-leaf volumes. Ledgers and journals are kept in leather and canvass-bound, insertable, loose-leaf volumes and conform to the standard accounting system prescribed by the State Auditor of Public Accounts. At present, many unbound obsolete records are deposited in the old records vault, some in containers that vary in size and composition and include wooden and cardboard file boxes, and corrugated cardboard storage boxes. All case papers of the chancery and circuit courts are kept in steel file boxes.

The vaults of the clerk of the circuit court and the clerk of the chancery court are spacious and large enough to contain all current and noncurrent records of these courts.[143] Other offices without vaults have adequate space for current and noncurrent records.

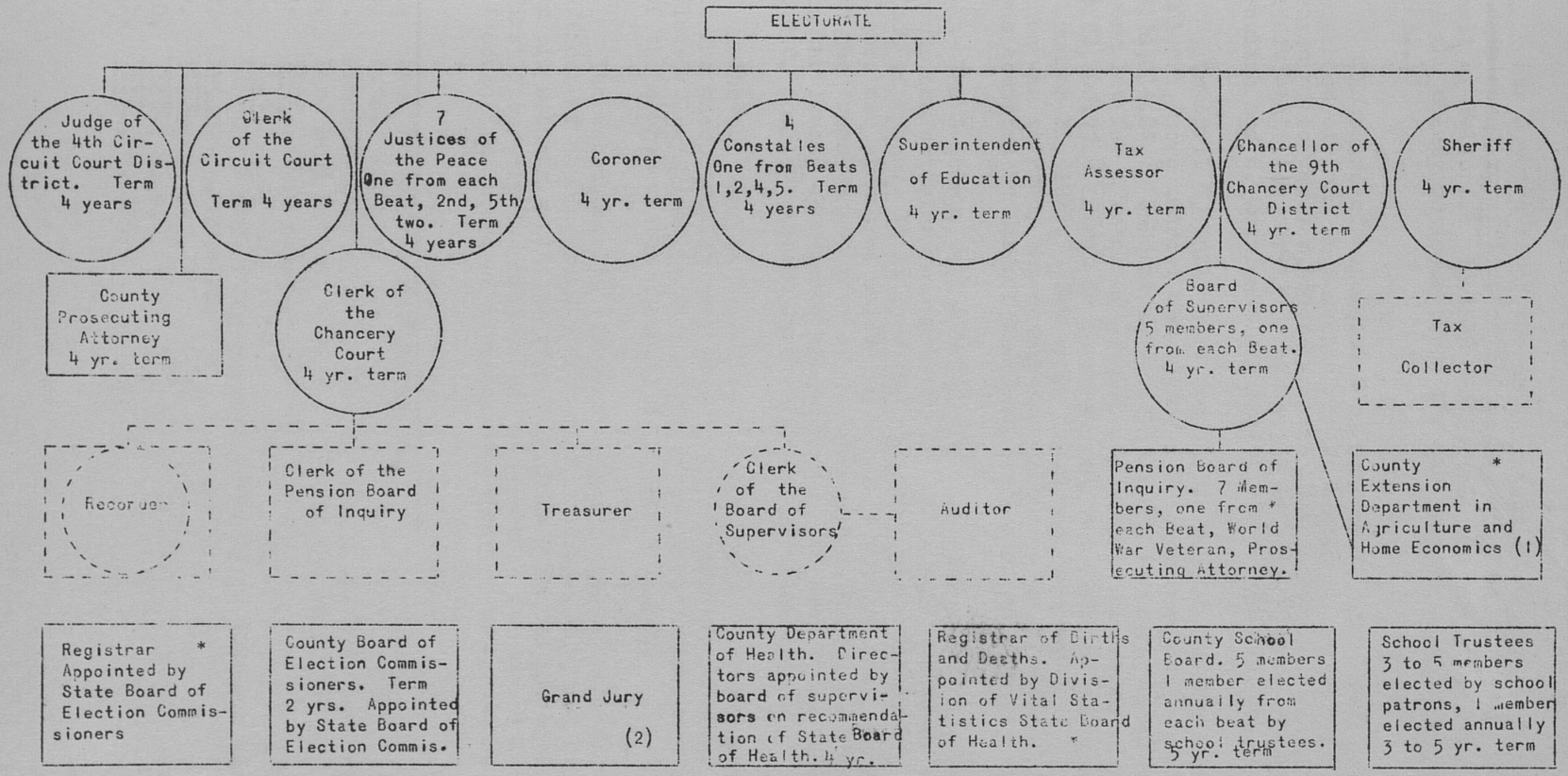
The lighting conditions throughout the courthouse are good, having an adequate number of windows and artificial light. The vault of the clerk of the chancery court is equipped with fluorescent light.

Practically all permanent records have been typewritten, or handwritten on printed forms with manufactured brands of permanent, nonfading ink. A good quality of ledger paper has been purchased for the record books, but less durable paper has been used in the documents kept permanently on file, especially those documents inscribed on printed forms and furnished by others than county officials.

County officers are authorized and empowered to deposit for permanent preservation with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, and printed books not in current use in their offices.[144]

143. See "Housing, Care, and Accessibility of the Records," p.
144. Code, 1917, sec. 3450; Code, 1930, sec. 3629.

CHART OF GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY 1940



* No definite term of office

Constitutional office

Statutory office

Broken lines indicate ex-officio office

1. In charge of one county agent and one home demonstration agent appointed on recommendation of Extension Department of Mississippi State College and on approval of United States Department of Agriculture.
2. Not more than 20 nor less than 15 members designated at each criminal session of circuit court from 20 names drawn from a list of 62 persons; these 62 being empanneled from a list of not more than 800 nor less than 200 persons eligible to serve as jurors, selected annually by the board of supervisors.

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3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

For 3 years after the organization of Humphreys County, the judicial and administrative offices of the county were housed on the top floor of the city hall of Belzoni.[1] In 1920 the Legislature authorized the board of supervisors of the county to issue bonds for the purpose of building a courthouse and a jail.[2]

The board of supervisors on October 8, 1920 voted a bond issue for the purchase of land in Belzoni from S. Castleman and Pauline Castleman.[3] The purchase price was $25,954.85 and the land was deeded to the county on October 9.[4] Additional land, bringing the total to 5 acres, was obtained May 19, 1921 from Pauline and S. Castleman for $1,344,[5] and from Mrs. Hannah Goldberg for $4,800.[6]

On April 4, 1921, J. V. and R. T. Burkes, building contractors of New Orleans, were awarded the contract to construct the courthouse and the jail for $174,014.27.[7] Subcontracts for heating, lighting, plumbing, and for jail cells were let for a total of $48,592.50, making the entire construction costs $222,606.77.[8] First to be completed, the jail was accepted by the board on November 21, 1921.[9] Two weeks later, on December 5, 8 months after construction was started, the courthouse, designed by Kramer and Lindsey, architects,[10] was accepted by Gardner and Howe, engineers employed by the board.[11]

The 3-story, yellow brick and stone trim building, with a raised basement, has exterior measurements of 125' x 101' x 55' and contains 694,395 cubic feet of space. It is approximately 98 percent fireproof, having Terazzo tile floors and plastered walls and ceilings throughout. The structure is designed in the Greek Ionic order of architecture with eight fluted columns 24 feet high in the front, approached by stone steps 40 feet wide. Three sets of copper-faced, double entrance doors open out upon the steps.

The building is heated by a modern steam heating system. Well ventilated, it has exceptionally good natural and artificial lighting, uniform in all offices. Approximately 95 percent of the records are kept in the fireproof vaults of the clerks of the chancery and circuit courts.

The courthouse is situated on the corner of Main and Church Streets. The offices of the department of health, county agent, Red Cross, the WPA library, an old records vault and four WPA offices are on the basement floor. On the first floor are the offices of the clerk of the circuit court, superintendent of education, board of supervisors, clerk of the chancery court, tax assessor,

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1. See "Historical Sketch," p. 7.
2. L. M., 1920, p. 517.
3. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. I, p. 346; see entry 1.
4. Land Deed Record, vol. II, p. 549; see entry 17.
5. Ibid., vol. III, pp. 107-109.
6. Ibid.
7. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. I, p. 408; see also entries 1, 4.
8. Ibid., pp. 409-410.
9. Ibid., p. 487.
10. Ibid., p. 408.
11. Ibid., p. 499.

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sheriff and tax collector. The courtroom and grand and petit jury rooms, witness and judge's rooms, the county attorney's office, home demonstration agent's office, and the public welfare office occupy the second floor. On the third floor are the offices and banquet hall of the American Legion. All offices on the first floor can be entered from the north or main entrance of the courthouse which opens into the lobby and two corridors.

Board of Supervisors: The offices of the board of supervisors are in the southwest section of the building on the first floor. The rooms are not crowded and the space is adequate for the needs of the supervisors and the public. No permanent records are kept in this office, the current records of the board being kept in the office and vault of the clerk of the chancery court who is the ex officio clerk of the board. The storage vault houses all the old records of the office.

Clerk of the Chancery Court as Recorder: For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of the clerk of the chancery court as recorder, see Clerk of the Chancery Court, below.

Chancery Court: For the housing, care and accessibility of the records of the chancery court, see Clerk of the Chancery Court, below.

Clerk of the Chancery Court: The clerk of the chancery court keeps the records of the board of supervisors, of the recorder, of the chancery court, of the treasurer, of the auditor, of the pension board of inquiry, of the surveyor, ranger, and 2 volumes of non current justice of the peace records.

The office and vault of the clerk of the chancery court are situated on the first floor and occupy the southeast section of the building. In the office there are 121 linear feet of steel shelving under 2 steel counters, 15' 11" x 2' 10" x 2' 6", and 4' 10" x 2' 10" x 2' 6". There are 3 shelving lockers, 30 file drawers, 10½" x 5" x 13", and 1 iron safe. Approximately 3 percent of the records are kept here. There is sufficient space, and the accommodations for the public are adequate.

The clerk's vault is adjacent to and just north of his office. The vault contains 2,232 linear feet of steel shelving, 1,000 linear feet of bound volumes, 268 linear feet of unbound material, 35 linear feet of bound newspapers, and 100 linear feet of miscellaneous material. There are 622 file boxes 10½" x 5" x 13", 1 steel cabinet 6' x 3' x 1⅓' with 3 shelves, and 2 map closets 1' 10" x 12' 5". The vault, equipped with fluorescent light, is not crowded and there is ample room for expansion. Approximately 95 percent of the records for which the clerk of the chancery court is responsible are kept here, as are 3 percent of the records of the tax assessor, 2 percent of the records of the sheriff as tax collector, and 8 percent of noncurrent records of the justices of the peace. The remaining 2 percent of the records of the clerk of the chancery court are stored in the old records storage vault on the ground floor.

Circuit Court: For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of the circuit court, see Clerk of the Circuit Court, below.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: The clerk of the circuit court has his offices in the northwest section of the first floor of the building. Running the length

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of the room is a counter 16'x 2'x 2½' providing 37½ linear feet of steel shelving, 9 file boxes 12½" x 15" x 24½", and 21 file drawers 10½" x 5" x 13". Approximately 5 percent of the clerk's records are kept in this office.

Immediately adjoining the office of the circuit clerk and on the west, is the vault with 1 steel door and 1 window. On the north, west, and south sides of the room there are 1,148 linear feet of steel shelving, holding 326 linear feet of bound volumes and 70 linear feet of unbound materials. There are 292 file boxes 10½" x 5" x 13", and 13 file boxes 12½" x 15" x 24¼". In the vault also are 2 counters containing 129 feet of steel shelving, an iron safe, and 1 map closet. Approximately 95 percent of all the records required to be kept by the clerk of the circuit court are in the vault, which includes the records of the clerk of the circuit court as a recording and licensing official, as registrar of the voters, of the election commissioners, of the grand jury, and 7 noncurrent dockets of the justices of the peace.

Grand Jury: The grand jury holds its sessions in the grand jury room on the second floor of the courthouse. For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of the grand jury, see Clerk of the Circuit Court, above.

Justice of the Peace: District or Beat One, (W. B. Posey). The justice of the peace of this district holds court at his office in the McClintock Building in Belzoni, where 12½ percent of the records are kept in his office. Twelve and one-half percent of the records are kept in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court, and 75 percent of the records are kept in the vault of the clerk of the circuit court. District or Beat Two, (E. Livingston and C. E. Crawford). The justices of the peace in this district hold court in their office at Isola, where 50 percent of the records are kept. The remaining 50 percent of the records are in the vault of the clerk of the circuit court. District or Beat Three, (G. H. Hairston). The justice of peace of this district holds court in his office at the home of G. H. Hairston in Silver City, Mississippi. One hundred percent of the records are kept in his office. District or Beat Four, (S. E. Carson). The justice of peace of this district holds court in his office located in Pat Poll's store in Belzoni, Mississippi. One hundred percent of the records are kept in his office. District or Beat Five, (R. O. Jones and R. E. McMurtray). The justices of peace of this district hold court in their homes. Twenty percent of the records are in the vault of the chancery court, 60 percent of the records are kept by R. O. Jones in his home at Louise, Mississippi; 20 percent of the records are kept by R. E. McMurtray at his office in his home at Midnight.

District Attorney: The district attorney of the fourth circuit court district maintains his private office at Indianola, county seat of Sunflower County.

County Prosecuting Attorney: The county prosecuting attorney maintains a private office on the second floor of the courthouse.

Sheriff: The office and vault of the sheriff and tax collector are in the northeast corner of the first floor. In the office there are 105 linear feet of steel shelving, 21 linear feet of bound volumes, and 27 linear feet of unbound material. There is also 1 steel cabinet 6' x 3' x 1½', containing 46 drawers. Approximately 50 percent of the sheriff's records are kept here.

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The sheriff's vault occupies the southwest corner of the office. In it are 54 linear feet of steel shelving, 27 linear feet of bound volumes, and 13 linear feet of miscellaneous records and supplies. Approximately 42 percent of the sheriff's records are kept here. Two percent of the sheriff's records are in the chancery clerk's vault, and 6 percent are in the storage vault.

Coroner: No records of the coroner were located.

Constables: Constables have no offices but are attached to the office of justice of the peace from whose district or beat they are elected.

Tax Assessor: The office of the tax assessor occupies the central portion on the northeast side of the first floor of the courthouse. There are 157 linear feet of steel and wood shelving, 1 woodon file cabinet 6' x 1', 2 steel filing cabinets 4' x 4' x 2' and 6' x 3' x 1½', and 1 steel card index system 1' 7" x 2' 8" x 1' 3". There are ample accommodations. Approximately 52 percent of the assessor's records are kept here; 2 percent are in the chancery clerk's vault, and 45 percent are in the storage vault.

Sheriff as Tax Collector: For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of the sheriff as tax collector, see Sheriff, pp. 33-34.

Clerk of the Chancery Court as Treasurer: For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of the clerk of the chancery court as treasurer, see Clerk of the Chancery Court, p. 32.

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as Auditor: For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of the clerk of the board of supervisors, see Clerk of the Chancery Court, p. 32.

Clerk of the Circuit Court as Registrar: For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of the clerk of the circuit court as registrar, see Clerk of the Circuit Court, pp. 32-33.

County Board of Election Commissioners: The county board of election commissioners holds its meetings in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. For housing, care, and accessibility of the records of this body, see Clerk of the Circuit Court, pp. 32-33.

Superintendent of Education: The offices of the superintendent of education are in the west wing of the first floor and consist of a work room and a private office. No records are kept in the work room.

The superintendent's private office adjoins this room on the south. On the north and east side of the room are 2 wooden book cases 2' 2" x 7' x 1½'; 2 steel cabinets 1' 7" x 4' 1" x 2' 4", with 12 file boxes each; 5 steel cabinets 1' 3" x 4' 4" x 2' 4", with 4 file drawers each; 1 steel cabinet 6' x 3' x1½', with 5 shelves. Approximately 60 percent of the records of the superintendent of education are kept here, the other 40 percent being in the storage vault in the basement. All of the records of the county school board and of the school trustees are kept in this office. The room is not crowded and there is adequate space for expansion. Equipment for workers and public users is adequate.

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County School Board: The county school board meets in the office of the superintendent of education and in the homes of its members. For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of the school board, see Superintendent of Education, p. 34.

School Trustees: The school trustees meet in their homes, in the school buildings in the various districts, and in the office of the superintendent of education. For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of the school trustees, see Superintendent of Education, p. 34.

Department of Health: The offices of the department of health are situated in the northwest section of the ground floor of the courthouse. The reception room contains 1 steel filing cabinet, 1' 9" x 4' x 2'4", with 4 file drawers. Approximately 90 percent of the records of the county health department and of the registrar of vital statistics are kept here. The remaining 10 percent are kept in the private office of the director of the department.

The director's private office adjoins the reception room and in it is 1 steel filing cabinet, 1'9" x 4' 4" x 2' 4", with 4 file drawers in which are kept the records of sanitary inspections. There is ample space for workers and patients.

Registrar of Births and Deaths: The registrar of births and deaths has her office with the health department on the basement floor of the courthouse. For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of this official, see Department of Health, above.

Pension Board of Inquiry: The pension board of inquiry holds its meetings in the office of the clerk of the chancery court who is its clerk. For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of the pension board of inquiry, see Clerk of the Chancery Court, p. 32.

County Extention Department in Agriculture and Home Economics: The 3 divisions of this department occupy separate offices. The 3 offices of the county agent, who is in charge of agricultural demonstration work, are situated in the west central section of the ground floor of the courthouse. In the county agent's private office is a wooden cabinet 4' x 10' x 1' on the west side of the room, containing 40 linear feet of unbound material. There are also 2 steel file cabinets 1½' x 4' x 2' with 8 drawers in the county agent's secretary's office. On the south side of the work office are 5 steel file cabinets, 16 cabinets on the west side, and 6 on the north side, all 1½' x 4' x 2' with 104 drawers. Eighty-five percent of the records of the county agent are kept here. There is adequate room for workers and public users.

The office of the home demonstration agent is in the northeast section of the second floor of the courthouse. On the north side of the room is 1 steel filing cabinet 1' 3" x 4' 4" x 2' 4", with four file drawers. One hundred percent of the records of the home demonstration agent are kept here. The office is adequate for present needs, but there is no room for expansion.

The offices of the negro home demonstration and county agents are located in a newly constructed building south of the courthouse. 100 percent of the records of these departments are kept here.

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Storage Vault: The storage vault in the east central section of the ground floor of the courthouse is a room 18' x 21' x 7', with 1 steel door 6' 4½" x 2', and no windows. In this fireproof vault, with concrete floor and plastered walls, are 216 linear feet of steel shelving, 108 linear feet of noncurrent bound volumes, 72 linear feet of noncurrent unbound material, and 36 linear feet of noncurrent miscellaneous records. Approximately 2 percent of the noncurrent records of the chancery clerk, 45 percent of the noncurrent records of the tax assessor, 40 percent of the noncurrent records of the superintendent of education, 6 percent of the noncurrent records of the sheriff as tax collector, 5 percent of the noncurrent records of the board of supervisors and 2 percent of noncurrent miscellaneous records are stored here. Although the vault is in disorder, there is room for additional shelving on the south and north walls.

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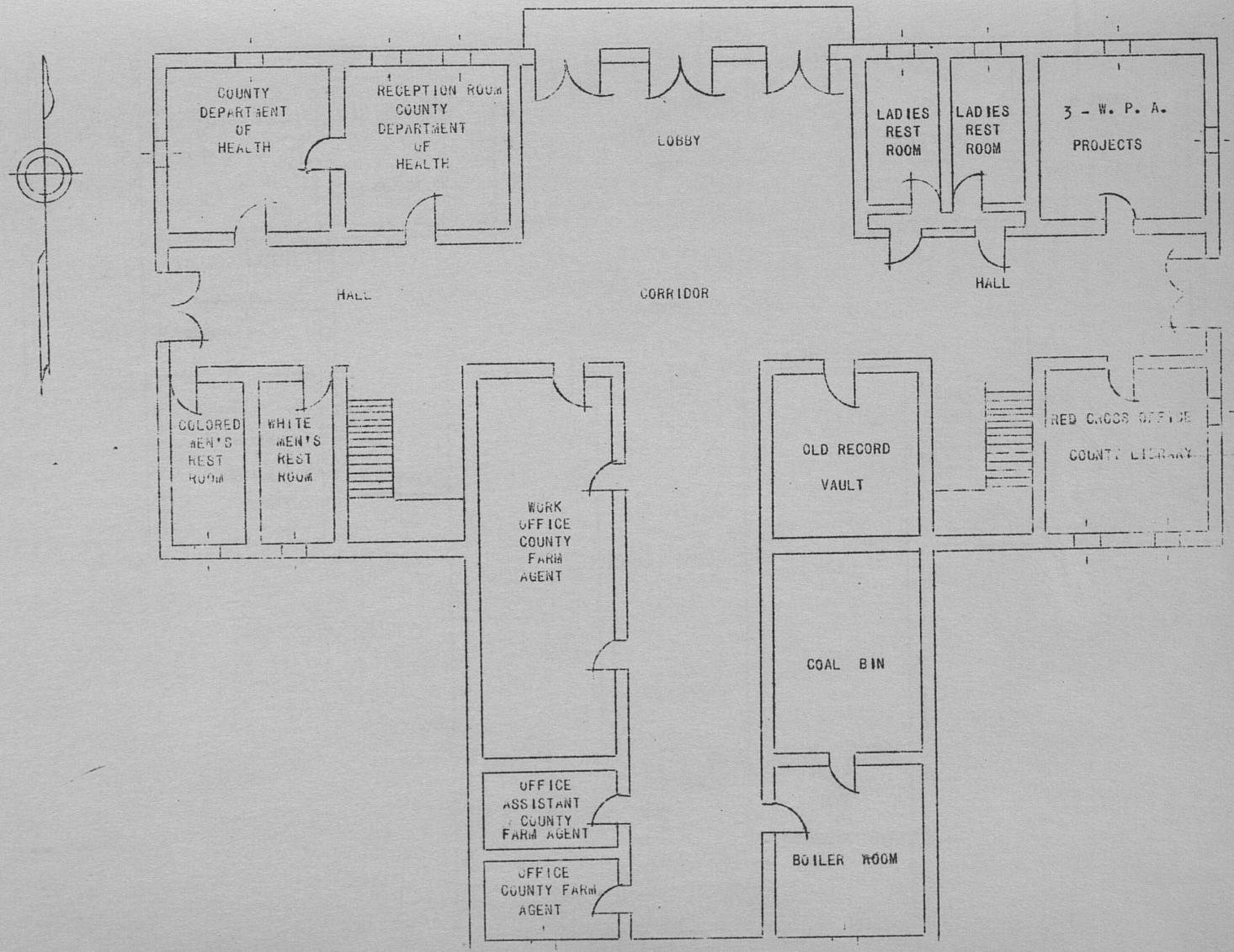
GROUND FLOOR PLAN



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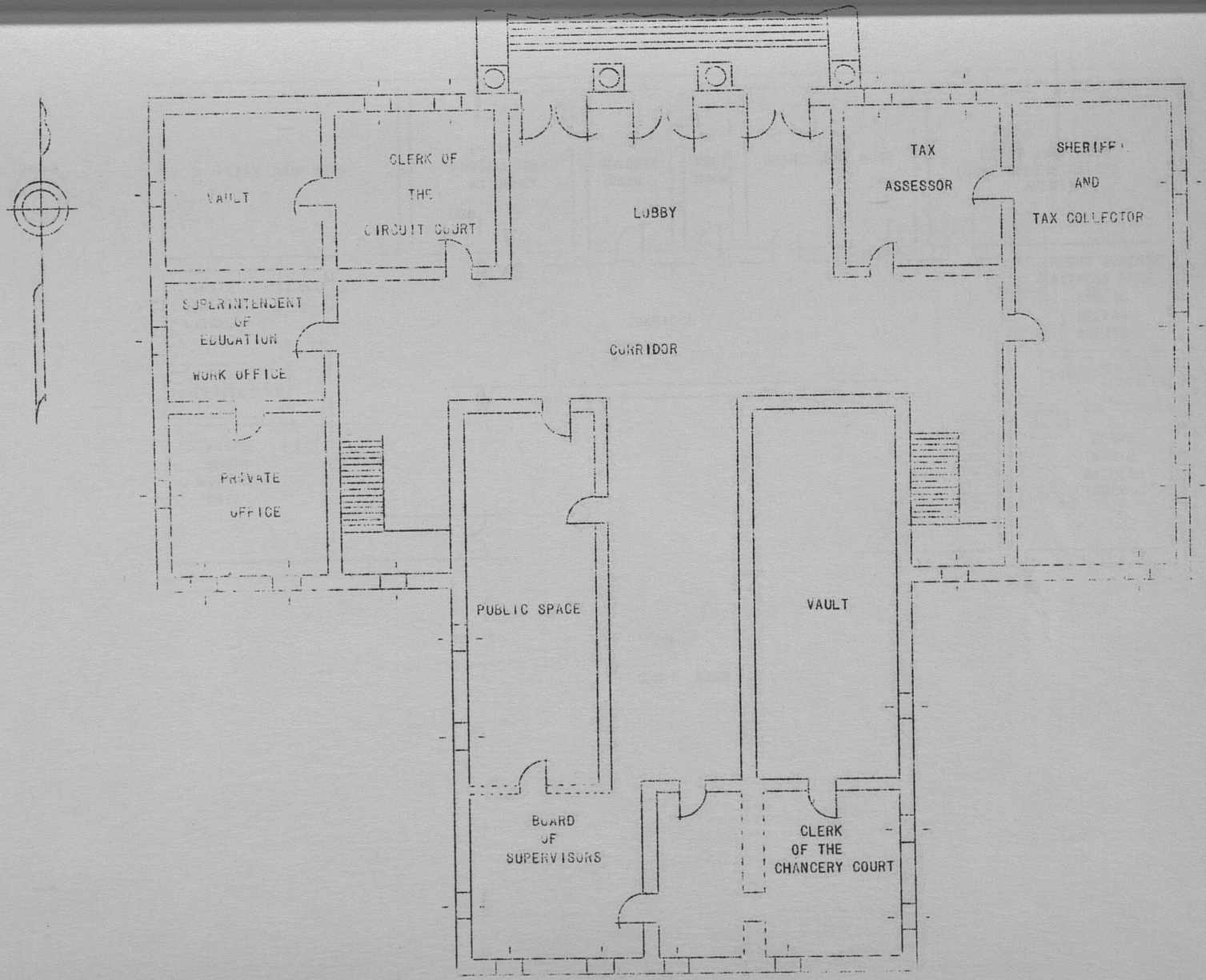

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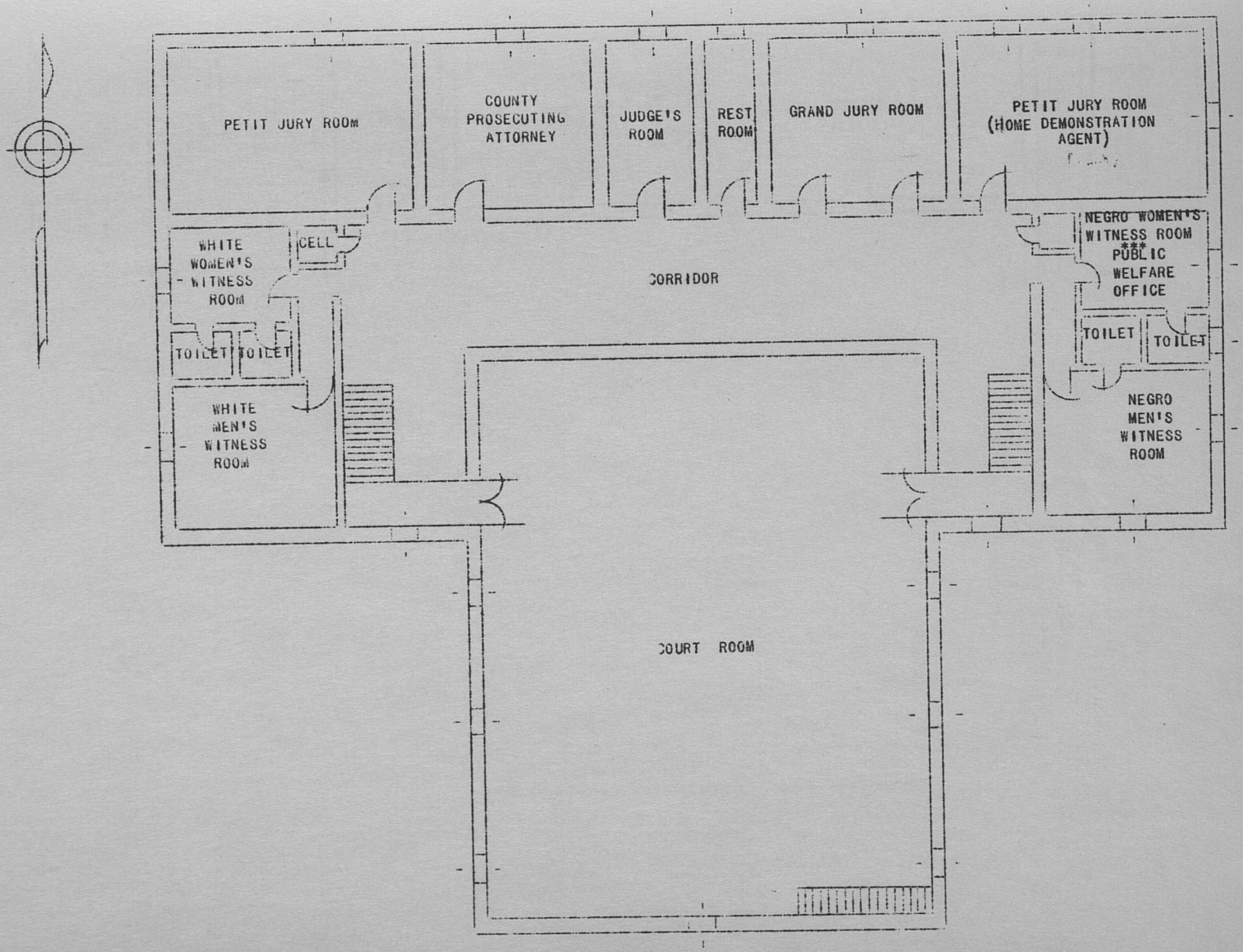

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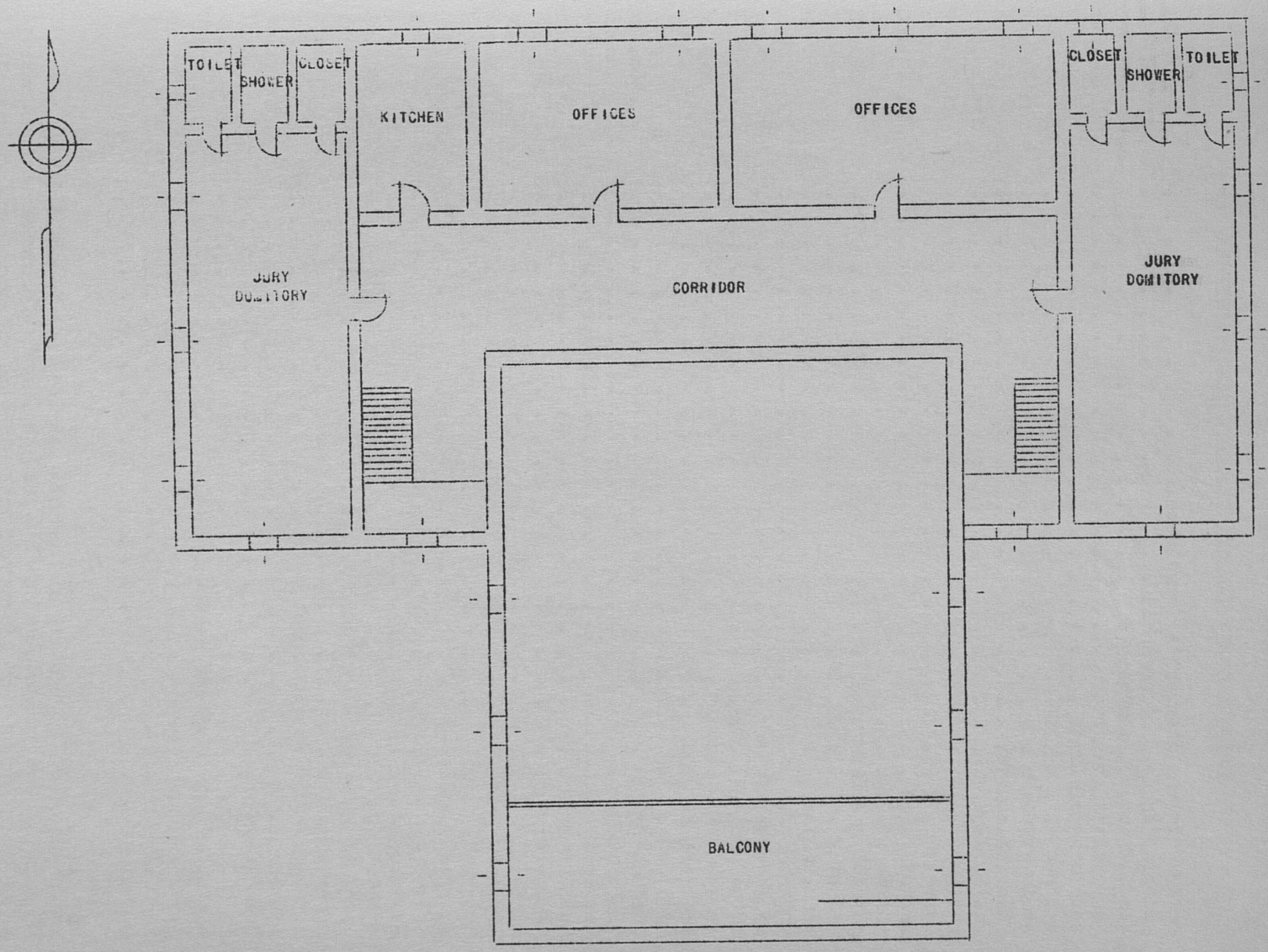

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4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

AAA	Agricultural Adjustment Administration
alph.	alphabetical, alphabetically
approx.	approximate, approximately
arr.	arranged, arrangement
art.	article, articles
av.	average
ch. clerk	chancery clerk
chron.	chronologically
cir. clerk	circuit clerk
comp.	compiler
ctrm.	courtroom
Const.	Constitution
ed.	editor
Ex. Sess.	Extraordinary Session
Fr.	Father
hdw.	handwritten
hdg.	heading
ibid.	in the same place
incl.	inclusive
L. M.	Laws of Mississippi
Miss.	Mississippi
n. d.	no date
no., nos.	number, numbers
numer.	numerically
off.	office
op., cit.	in the work cited
p., pp.	page, pages
ptd.	printed
Rep.	Reports
Rev.	Reverend
sec., secs.	section, sections
sh.	sheriff
So.	Southern
St.	Saint
Stat.	United States Statutes at Large
strm.	storeroom
supt.	superintendent of education
vol., vols.	volume, volumes
U. S.	United States
va.	vault
WPA	Work Projects Administration
--	current, or to date
'	foot, feet
"	inch, inches

The descriptions of the records, referred to in this inventory as entries, are numbered consecutively from 1 to 269, and are composed of two parts, the title-line paragraph and the body-of-entry paragraph. However, a third paragraph is often added for the purpose of making cross references. Although a condensed form of entry is used, information is given as to the limiting dates of all extant records, the contents of the individual series, and the location of the records.

Abbreviations, Symbols, and Explanatory Notes (First entry, p. 42)

The title-line paragraph is made up of the entry number, the title of the record, the first and last dates of the period covered by the record, the quantity, the labeling; information as to missing or discontinued records, when missing; variations in the title; and cross references.

Titles are given in capital letters exactly as found on the records in the county archives. Titles are assigned to records having no title and are given in capital letters enclosed in brackets; (see entries 98, 156, 159, 182, 203, and 205). Titles are also assigned in order to explain and clarify records having titles which are misleading, incorrect, or nondescriptive. These assigned titles are given with initial capitals only, are enclosed in brackets, and are inserted as part of the exact but ambiguous title; (see entries 33, 173, 206).

Continuous records are shown by a hyphen placed between the beginning and closing dates, as 1833-1918, in entry 15. Lapses in the records are indicated by a comma placed between the groups of inclusive dates, as 1918-25, 1927-28, 1931, in entry 10. Current dates are indicated by two hyphens, as 1918--, entry 1; and 1920--, entry 61.

Missing records are indicated by showing the dates of the records which are present. Where no comment is made on the absence of prior, intervening, or subsequent records, no definite information could be obtained as to why the records are missing. The reason for the discontinuance of a record is given if the reason could be obtained, (see entries 147, 166). Where no statement is made that the record was discontinued at the last date shown in the entry, it could not be determined definitely that such was the case.

The body-of-entry paragraph sets out the purpose of keeping the record and gives a description of its contents. It further gives statements as to how the record is arranged, that is, numerically, alphabetically, or chronologically; and as to how it is indexed, if it is. The manner of recording is given as handwritten, handwritten on printed form or heading; typed, typed on printed form or heading; mimeographed; lithographed; or photostated. The condition of the record is given if the condition is not good, and when no statement is made as to the condition, it is to be assumed that the condition is good. The average number of pages and size of container of the records is cited next, followed by a statement as to where the record is located, if it is not kept in the office of the agency under which it is listed in the inventory.

To show the relation of the various records to each other and to complete a series of records, three types of cross references are used: The subject heading cross reference, the title-line and body-of-entry cross reference, and the third paragraph cross reference.

The cross reference placed under subject headings shows that the records referred to deal with the same subject although they are placed under a different heading of the same office or in another office (see the subject heading "Real Property," p.).

The title-line cross reference is used to integrate scattered parts of a record series (see entries 6, 7, 10, 12, 183, 184, 188, 198-201). This style of cross reference is also used to segregate logically different types of records which happen to have been recorded in the same book or kept in the same series of file boxes (see entries 2, 104, 109-113). The entry containing the

title-line reference is an artificial entry the title of which is enclosed in brackets (see entries 30, 250). The title-line cross reference is always complemented by the reference "Also contains:" placed in the body-of-entry paragraph of the entry referred to.

Third-paragraph cross references are utilized to show the relation between closely connected records as, for example, the record of the proceedings of the grand jury, the original indictments returned by the grand jury, and the records of the returned indictments (see entries 99, 100, 108, 139).

Volume, file box, and map dimensions are given in inches.

Citations to the acts of the Legislature of Mississippi refer to the year of the acts and to the page or pages of the published volume in which the acts appear.

(1)

I. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The board of supervisors was established as the general local authority of Humphreys County by the creating act of March 28, 1918, as prescribed by the Constitution of 1890.[1] It was organized on June 3, 1918,[2] and has functioned in the county continuously since that time.

The board is composed of five members, one from each supervisor's beat or district into which the county is divided.[3] The Legislature, given constitutional power to determine the manner in which the supervisors should be chosen, directed that the qualified electors of each beat elect in and from their beat one member to the board for a 4 year term at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers.[4] The clerk of the chancery court is the ex officio clerk of the board of supervisors,[5] and the sheriff is its executive officer and must attend all its meetings in person or by deputy.[6]

For the general structural and functional development of the board of supervisors and of the office of clerk of the chancery court as clerk of the board of supervisors, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 41-70.

Unless otherwise specified, the records of the board of supervisors are kept in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court, who as clerk of the board is the ex officio auditor. The financial records of the board have been placed arbitrarily under "Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as Auditor," pp. 109-115, entries 181-206.

Minutes
(See also entry 97-i)

1. MINUTES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1918--. 9 vols. (1-9).
Minutes of the proceedings of regular and special meetings of the board of supervisors, showing date and term of meeting, names of members present at each meeting, names of members absent from each meeting, regulations, resolutions, orders, motions, and action taken on all matters pertaining to roads, bridges, improvements, public buildings, schools, public health, allowing of fees, salaries, and other claims, accounts, and demands against the county; petitions, annual and special tax levies, issuing of county and county-district bonds, borrowing of money, special elections, defining of election districts and of justice of the peace districts, legal publications, granting of relief, care of the poor, selecting and listing of persons eligible to serve on grand and

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1. Const., 1890, sec. 170; L. M., 1918, p. 370; Code, 1930, sec. 3914.
2. See "Historical Sketch," p.7.
3. Const., 1890, sec. 170; Code, 1917, sec. 3663; L. M., 1920, p. 429; Code, 1930, sec. 195.
4. Const., 1890, sec. 138; Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 3663, 6774; L. M., 1920, p. 429; Code, 1930, secs. 195, 2881, 6210.
5. Const., 1890, sec. 170; Code, 1917, sec. 286; Code, 1930, sec. 348. For the method of selecting the clerk of the chancery court, the term of office, and the present status of the office, see "Chancery Court," p. 66, footnotes 1-4.
6. Code, 1917, sec. 3675; Code, 1930, sec. 208.

petit juries, appointing of officers and of special committees, reports of officers, depositories, and of special committees; bids submitted, awarding of contracts for public works and for furnishing supplies and equipment; fixing of contractors' performance bonds; equalizing, reducing, or increasing assessments; fixing of penalties of bonds of specified officers; establishing of hunting and fishing regulations and regulations for working convicts on county roads; leasing of sixteenth section lands; lending of sixteenth section school funds; fixing of annual budgets; exempting new enterprises and homesteads from county ad valorem taxes; appointments of road overseers to 1931; of county agents; of attorneys for the board; of members of pension board of inquiry; and other special employees and officers of the county. All allowances show clerk's notation of claim number in Supervisors Claim Docket (entry 194). Each day's proceedings signed by the president of the board. Also contains: Supervisors Court Docket, 1918-22, 1934-- (entry 2); Loans and Transfers Authorized by Board of Supervisors, 1918-26, 1932-38 (entry 205). Arr. chron. by date and term of meeting. No index. Typed. 645 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

2. SUPERVISORS COURT DOCKET, 1923-33. 1 vol. (1). 1918-22, 1934-- in Minutes Board of Supervisors, entry 1.

Minutes of the proceedings of the board of supervisors on hearings of applications, petitions, and protests filed which pertain to the changing and altering of public roads, road condemnation proceedings, the admittance of orphans to the children's home, and other matters of a quasi-judicial nature, showing date and term of meeting, names of members present, names of members absent, kind of petition, date filed, names of petitioners, date and proof of notice, and disposition. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of petitioner. Hdw. 483 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

3. MINUTES, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - DISBURSEMENT AND REHABILITATION BONDS, 1928-32. 1 vol. (4A).

Minutes of the proceedings of the board of supervisors in matters regarding issuance of bonds or purchase of county and county-district bonds for rehabilitation purposes as necessitated by damage caused by flood of 1927; showing amount of bonds, warrant number, authority for issuance or for purchase of bonds, signature and approval of the president of the board and signature and certification of the clerk of the board. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Tpw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Original Papers
(See also entries 7, 9, 13, 98)

4. ORIGINAL MINUTES OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1918--. 37 file boxes.

Administrative and financial papers of the board of supervisors, of the clerk of the board, and of the clerk of the board as auditor, including original notes and minutes by the clerk, bids received, plans, specifications and contracts for the construction, maintenance and repair of public roads and bridges and public buildings, and for the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for county officers and departments, bids from depositories, leases of sixteenth section school lands; bills and invoices from WPA offices for supplies, materials and equipment 1936--, petitions for establishment of special and regular tax levies and refunds, orders from the State Tax Commission approving tax rolls; proofs of legal publications, legal notices and advertisements; lists of persons eligible for grand and petit jury duty; orders and resolutions of the board regarding the enforcement of stock laws; matters pertaining to proposed

bond issues and validation of county and county-district bond issues; reports of inspection by special commission of the condition of the courthouse and jail; reports of members of the board of the conditions of the roads in their respective beats; reports of road overseers to 1931; petitions for special elections and other original papers and documents pertaining to the administration of county government by the board, showing kind of document, date of document, date of meeting and term at which filed, signature of petitioners, applicants, and of county officers on reports, and of president of the board of supervisors on orders. Also contains: Contractors Bonds, /Bids, Plans, and/ Specifications, 1931-- (entry 6); Reduction and Change of Assessments, 1918-30 (entry 7); Petitions - Road and School, Beats 1-5, 1926, 1929-30, 1932-- (entry 10); Road Overseers Appointments, 1918-30 (entry 12); County Depository Reports, 1921-23; 1931-- (entry 183); Depository Receipts, 1932-36 (entry 184); Gasoline Reports, 1938-- (entry 188); Insolvent and Delinquent Taxpayers and Erroneous Assessments, 1920-23 (entry 189); Jury Fee Book of Allowances to Jurors, 1918-21 (entry 198); Reports of Allowances to Witnesses in State Cases, 1918-21 (entry 199); Budgets, 1922-24 (entry 200); Monthly Reports of Cost of Feeding Prisoners /and other Expenses of County Farm/, 1938-- (entry 201). Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 13.

5. OLD DATA RELATIVE TO HUMPHREYS COUNTY AND BUILDING OF COURTHOUSE, 1918-22. 3 file boxes.

Original papers and documents pertaining to the creation of Humphreys County from portions of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington and Yazoo Counties and to the construction of the courthouse and the jail; including: Description of the boundaries of the proposed county; lists of qualified electors in the portions of the counties from which Humphreys County was created; orders for special elections in these portions; election returns; orders of the board directing the transcription of all records pertaining to land in the portions of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington and Yazoo Counties from which Humphreys County was created; final tax settlements; original plans and specifications for the erection of the courthouse and the jail; bids for construction of the courthouse and the jail; bids for furnishing courthouse offices; and constructing jail cells; contracts awarded; contractors performance bonds; and correspondence concerning the construction of the courthouse and the jail; and showing date, names of and signatures of persons concerned; and detailed description of all matters. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 13.

6. CONTRACTORS BONDS, /Bids, Plans, and/ SPECIFICATIONS, 1918-30. 1 file drawer. 1931-- in Original Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 4.

Original plans and specifications for construction of roads, bridges, culverts and earth embankments; bids of contractors; contracts awarded; and contractors' performance bonds; showing details of work to be done; date, details, and amounts of bids; and names and signatures of bidders; date, amounts and terms of contracts awarded; names of successful bidders; and signatures of contracting parties; date, amount and terms of contractors' performance bonds; and names and signatures of contractors and sureties. Arr. chron. by date of execution. No index. 28 x 6 x 38.

For recorded copies of contractors' bonds 1918--, see (entry 59-ii).

Assessments
(See also entries 1, 19-22, 54, 55, 153-157)

7. REDUCTION AND CHANGE OF ASSESSMENTS, 1930--. 2 file boxes, 2 file drawers. 1918-30 in Original Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 4.

Original petitions presented to the board of supervisors by taxpayers asking for a change or reduction in amount of tax levied on real property, and original orders of the board of supervisors approving or rejecting the requested change, showing date of petition or order, date and term of meeting at which filed or rendered, name and address of petitioner, volume and page of record of assessment in Land Roll - County (entry 19); Land Roll - Municipalities (entry 20); and Land Roll - Special Assessment on Land [Drainage District] (entry 21) legal description and location of property, name of person to whom assessed, description of improvements, number of acres, valuation of timber lands, and order of the board to furnish the State Tax Commission and State Auditor of Public Accounts, signature and certification of the president and clerk of the board of supervisors, order of change or reduction, volume and page of record in Minutes Board of Supervisors (entry 1), signatures and certification showing approval or rejection of the State Tax Commission, and signature and seal of the chancery clerk. Arr. chron. by term and date of meeting. No index. Hdw. and tpw. on ptd. forms. 2 file boxes, 1930-31, 10½ x 5 x 13; 2 file drawers, 1932--, 20 x 15 x 30.

8. MINUTE BOOK - REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENTS, 1927, 1930. 4 vols. (3A-3C, 5A).

Record of action taken on petitions filed with the board of supervisors for reduction and change in assessment rolls after the overflow of the Yazoo, Sunflower and Mississippi Rivers in 1927, and of the Yazoo and Sunflower Rivers in 1930, showing names of petitioners, volume and page of record in Land Roll-County (entry 23), years of reduction, legal description and location of property, showing section, township, and range, number of cultivatable acres, assessed valuation, valuation of lands with improvements, valuation without improvements, number acres of timber land, number acres of uncultivable land, valuation, total valuation, reason for petition, estimated valuation of petitioner, order for change, certification of change or reduction by the chancery clerk as clerk of the board of supervisors; order of the board to furnish State Tax Commissioner, the sheriff as tax collector, and the State Auditor of Public Accounts with certified copies of the order for change or reduction, and date of petition. Arr. chron. by date of petition. No index. Tpw. on ptd. form. 606 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

9. NOTICES FROM LAND OFFICE OF STATE, 1933--. 1 file drawer. 1918-30 in Deeds, Deeds of Trust (entry 73.

Original notices sent by State Land Commissioner to clerk of the board of the issuance of State land patents to lands in Humphreys County which were escheated to the State or were struck off to the State for delinquent taxes, so that lands may be assessed to patentees, and showing date of notice, legal description of land patented, name of patentee, amount received per acre, total amount received, patent number, date of tax sale or escheat, to whom assessed, and signature and seal of State Land Commissioner. Arr. chron. by date of notice. No index. Tpw. on ptd. form. 1½ x 16 x 27⅓.

Board of Supervisors - Petitions; Tax Exemptions; Appointments; Insurance Policies (10-13)

Petitions

10. PETITIONS - ROAD AND SCHOOL, BEATS 1-5, 1918-25, 1927-28, 1931. 2 file boxes. 1926, 1929-30, 1932-- in Original Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 4.

Original petitions presented to the board of supervisors by freeholders and qualified electors for the construction, maintenance and repair of schools, ferries, public roads and bridges, the establishment and changing of separate road districts, the appointment and maintenance of a public health nurse, game warden, home demonstration agent, for permission to seine lakes in the county, and for the special levy of taxes for school purposes, original reports made by boards of drainage commissioners to the board of supervisors and by the county surveyor to the board of supervisors of the charting of a map of Humphreys County in 1918, showing date of petition or report, date and term of meeting at which filed, kind of petition or report, name of district, signatures of petitioners or of officer making report, and action taken on petition or report. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and tpw. 10½ x 5 x 13.

Tax Exemptions

11. APPLICATION FOR TAX EXEMPTION STATE AND COUNTY AD VALOREM, 1927--. 1 vol. Last entry 1932.

Recorded copies of approved applications of new enterprises of public utility for exemption from county ad valorem taxes showing date, copy of application to attorney general, name of corporation, reason for application for exemption, valuation of real and personal property, description of real and personal property, before whom acknowledged by applicant, indorsement of attorney general, date and hour filed for record, by chancery clerk as recorder. Arr. chron. by date of application. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. Tpw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Appointments

(See also entries 1, 80, 231)

12. ROAD OVERSEERS APPOINTMENTS, 1931. 1 file box. 1918-30 in Original Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 4.

Duplicate copies of appointments of road overseers, delivered by clerk to the sheriff for service and served and returned by sheriff, showing name and address of road overseer, description of road and territory assigned, number of supervisor's beat, date appointed, date of expiration, date of notice, seal of county, signature of the clerk of the board, and signature and certification of execution of appointment by the sheriff. Arr. numer. by supervisor's beat no. No index. Tpw. on ptd. forms. 10½ x 5 x 13.

Insurance Policies

13. INSURANCE POLICIES, 1918--. 2 file boxes.

Original insurance policies taken by the board of supervisors to protect county property and public buildings against fire, tornado, lightning, cyclone and windstorms, showing number of policy, name of insurance company, date of policy,

expiration date, description of property insured, amount of insurance, amount of premiums, terms and stipulations, signatures of insurance agents, date signed and countersignature of the secretary of the insurance company. No obvious arr. No index. Tpw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 13.

Maps
(See also entries 4, 64-75)

14. MAP OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY, 1929. 1 map.
Physical, political, communications and land tenure map, showing boundaries of supervisor's districts, district numbers, school districts, drainage districts, levee districts, roads, canals, rivers, creeks, bayous, railroads, levees, towns, colleges, subdivisions, additions, block designations, lot number, lot dimensions, sections, townships, ranges, number of acres, plantation names, and names of landowners. Compiled from general land office plats, county records, and private surveys. Black and white. Framed. 1" equals 1 mile. 59 x 49½.

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expiration date, description of property insured, amount of insurance, amount of premiums, terms and stipulations, signatures of insurance agents, date signed and countersignature of the secretary of the insurance company. No obvious arr. No index. Tpw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 13.

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II. CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT AS RECORDER

The clerk of the chancery court is the principal recording officer of Humphreys County. The office of recorder does not exist as such in Mississippi county government but constitutional and statute law provide that certain records must be recorded and preserved by the clerk.[1]

The office of clerk of the chancery court was established in Humphreys County by the creating act of March 28, 1918, as prescribed by the Constitution of 1890.[2] For the general structural and functional development of this office, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 76-80.

The records kept by the clerk as recorder, unless otherwise specified, are to be found in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court.

Real Property

(See also entries 7-9, 116, 117, 153-155, 161, 163, 164, 189, 205, 231-233-i)

Land Deeds

15. TRANSCRIBED LAND DEED RECORD, 1833-1918. 21 vols. (1-21).
Transcription of recorded copies of written instruments conveying real property in the portions of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington and Yazoo Counties from which Humphreys County was organized in 1918, transcribed from the land conveyance records of these counties, including warranty deeds, special warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, trustee's deeds, substituted trustee's deeds, tax deeds, leases, easements, devises, gifts, mortgages, deeds of trust, satisfactions, releases, and cancellations of deeds of trust; commissioners' deeds, United States land patents, State land patents, and powers of attorney, showing kind of instrument, name of grantor, grantee, beneficiary, trustee, substituted trustee and other parties in interest; legal description of the property, statement of condition, rates of interest, dates executed and acknowledged, signatures and acknowledgments of parties to instrument, dates and exact time filed for recording and recorded, itemization of recording fees, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed in vols., alph. by first letter of surnames of grantor and grantee; also separate index, entry 16. Tpw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

16. GENERAL INDEX TO /Transcribed/ LAND DEEDS, 1833-1918. 3 vols. (1-3).
Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Transcribed Land Deed Record (entry 15), showing names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, date of execution of instrument, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, and volume and page of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surnames of grantor and grantee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

17. LAND DEED RECORD, 1918--. 15 vols. (1-15).
Recorded copies of written instruments conveying real property, including warranty deeds, special warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, tax deeds, trustee's deeds, commissioner's deeds, leases, easements, devises, gifts, United States land patents, State land patents, powers of attorney, articles of limited partnerships,

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1. For a summarization of these provisions, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 76-79.
2. Const., 1890, sec. 168; L. M., 1918, p. 370. For the method of selecting the clerk, the term of office, and the present status of the office, see "Chancery Court," pp. 66-67, footnotes 14-17.

showing kind of instrument, names of grantor and grantee, and other parties in interest, legal description of property, statement of conditions, dates executed and acknowledged, signature and acknowledgment of parties to instruments, dates and exact time filed for recording and exact time recorded, itemization of recording fees, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed in vols. alph. by first letter of surnames of grantor and grantee; also separate index (entry 18). 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

18. GENERAL INDEX TO LAND DEEDS, 1918--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Land Deed Record (entry 17), showing names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, date of instrument, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, and volume and page of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surnames of grantor and grantee. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Tax Liens (See also entries 7, 8, 54, 55)

19. LAND ROLL-COUNTY, 1918--. 23 vols. (dated). Title varies: Land Roll, 1918-27, 1930-35, 16 vols.
Original land assessment rolls of State and county taxes levied on real property, showing name of county, number of supervisor's district, assessment number, number and years of tax receipt, name of owner, legal description of land or division of section, block number, section, township, range, grand total valuation, school and road district, valuation of leases, reservations, or other interests owned separately from ownership, number of acres of cultivable lands and valuation excluding buildings and improvements, valuation of buildings and improvements on rural lands, number of acres of timber lands, valuation exluding timber and improvements, number of thousand feet board measure of timber, valuation of timber, number of acres of uncultivable lands, valuation excluding buildings, improvements, and timber, total number of acres of rural land taxable, valuation of real property and of buildings and improvements in cities, towns and villages, number of acres of school land not taxable, number of acres of United States government lands, number of acres of State land, tax collector's credit for uncollected assessments. Since 1934, the rolls have included homestead exemption, showing plat and number of homesteads, number of acres of cultivable and uncultivable lands, value of land exempted, value of buildings, and improvements exempted, and total number of acres of exempt land. Also contains: Land Roll-Municipalities, 1918-29 (entry 20). Arr. numer. by section no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18 x 24 x 2. 14 vols. 1918-29, in storage va.; 5 vols., 1930-35, in ch. clerk's va.; 4 vols., 1935--, in sheriff's office.

20. LAND ROLL-MUNICIPALITIES, 1930--. 10 vols. (dated). 1918-29 in Land Roll-County, entry 19.
Original land assessment rolls of municipal taxes levied on real property in incorporated towns in Humphreys County, showing name of county, name of municipality, number of supervisor's district, assessment number, number and years of tax receipt, name of owner, legal description of land or division or section, or lot, and block number, surveyor, subdivision, grand total valuation, school districts, valuation of leases, reservations, or other interests owned separately from surface ownership, homestead exemption, valuation subject to State tax, valuation of lot, valuation of buildings and improvements, valuation of land exempt, tax collector's credit for uncollected assessments. Arr. alph. by

first letter of surname of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form and tpw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18 x 22 x 1. 7 vols., 1930-36, in ch. clerk's va.; 3 vols. 1936--, sheriff's office.

21. LAND ROLL-SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON LAND [Drainage District], 1919--. 12 vols.

Record of special assessments on land in the Atchafalaya, Silver Creek, Gravel Bayou, Belzoni, and Straight Bayou Drainage Districts, showing name of district, name of owner of land, legal description of land, section, township, range, number of acres, amount of benefits, amount of damages, estimate of cost of work, tax rate; assessment per acre, total assessment, installment dates, amount and receipt number. Arr. numer. by sec. no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 130 pp. 18 x 17 x 1. 6 vols. 1919-25, in ch. clerk's va.; 6 vols., 1926--, in sheriff's va.

22. ASSESSMENT ROLL-PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION, 1918--. 22 vols.

Certified copies of assessment rolls on real and personal property owned by public service corporations operating in and through Humphreys County, computed and equalized by the State Tax Commission and sent to the clerk of the board of supervisors for inclusion in tax rolls, showing name of corporation, domicile, total valuation subject to ad valorem tax, legal description of taxable property, valuation by State Tax Commission, valuation by taxpayer, certification of State Tax Commission, and date and place of certification. Arr. alph. by name of corporation. No index. Tpw. on ptd. form. 54 pp. 13½ x 16 x ½.

Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on Land

23. TRANSCRIBED DEEDS OF TRUST ON LAND, 1892-1921. 16 vols. (1-16).

Transcription of recorded copies of deeds of trust, and other written instruments mortgaging real property in the portions of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington, and Yazoo Counties from which Humphreys was formed in 1918, including mortgages, deeds of trust, liens, tax deeds, powers of attorney, cancelations, releases, assignments, release and authority to cancel deeds, and showing name of county, kind of instrument, name of parties in interest, consideration, statement of conditions, amount of indebtedness, rate of interest, maturity dates, due dates of interest payments, county in which land is located, legal description of property, disposition, names and acknowledgments of parties to instruments, before whom acknowledged, date and exact time filed and recorded, and certification of clerks of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington, and Yazoo Counties; volume and page of record; date satisfied and canceled, and by whom canceled. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed in vols. alph. by the first letter of surname of grantor, beneficiary, trustee, or substituted trustee; also separate index (entry 24). Tpw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

24. GENERAL INDEX TO TRANSCRIBED DEEDS OF TRUST ON LAND, 1892-1921. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Transcribed Deeds of Trust on Land. (entry 23), showing names of grantor and grantee, trustee or substituted trustee, beneficiary, kind of instrument, date of instrument, exact time filed for recording and recorded, date and by whom satisfied, canceled, released, or foreclosed and volume and page of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor, beneficiary, trustee, or substituted trustee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

Clerk of the Chancery Court as Recorder - Real Property (25-28)

25. LAND DEEDS OF TRUST, 1919--. 48 vols. (1-48). Title varies: Land Deeds of Trust Federal Forms, 1933--, vol. 42; Land Deeds of Trust Home Owners' Loan Corporation, 1934--, vol. 44.
Recorded copies of deeds and instruments mortgaging real property, including mortgages, deeds of trust, liens, powers of attorney, assignments of mortgages and deeds of trust, satisfactions, cancelations, releases, appointment of substituted trustee, showing names of grantor and grantee, beneficiary, trustee, substituted trustee, and other parties in interest, nature of the instrument, legal description of the property, statement of conditions, consideration, rates of interest, date of maturity, due dates of interest payments, dates and by whom satisfied, released, canceled, assigned or foreclosed, signatures and acknowledgments, names of witnesses to proofs, dates and exact time filed for recording. Indexed in vols. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor, beneficiary, trustee, or substituted trustee, and grantee; also separate index (entry 26). Tpw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

26. GENERAL INDEX TO LAND MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST, 1919--. 4 vols. (1-4).
Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Land Deeds of Trust (entry 25), showing names of grantor, trustee or substituted trustee, and beneficiary, kind of instrument, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, disposition of instrument, date and by whom satisfied, canceled, released or foreclosed, and volume and page of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surnames of grantor, beneficiary, trustee, or substituted trustee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 16 x 18 x 3.

27. AUTHORITY TO CANCEL, 1919--. 4 vols. (1-4).
Recorded copies of powers of attorney, and other instruments authorizing the cancelation, satisfaction and release of mortgages, deeds of trust and liens, showing kind of instrument, names of grantor, beneficiary, trustee or substituted trustee, and of other parties in interest, consideration, date filed for recording and recorded, volume and page of record in Land Deeds of Trust (entry 25), statement of satisfaction, signature and acknowledgment of parties to instrument, signature and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee, trustee or substituted trustee. Tpw. 560 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Liens

28. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1918--. 1 vol.
Record and abstracts of proceedings in suits filed in the circuit court or chancery court seeking to enforce liens, interests, or easements in real property when claim is not based upon judgment or decree previously entered or recorded; showing names of plaintiff or complainant and defendant, nature of claim sought to be enforced, date of filing of suit, legal description of land sought to be levied on, dates of filing and record of lis pendens notices, result of suit, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of filing of original notice. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff or complainant, and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 241 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.
For original lis pendens notices, see entries 77, 78.

Clerk of the Chancery Court as Recorder - Real Property (29-32)

Tax Sales (See also entry 97-i)

29. TRANSCRIBED LIST OF LANDS IN HUMPHREYS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, SOLD FOR TAXES TO INDIVIDUALS IN OTHER COUNTIES, 1859-1918. 1 vol.
Transcription of recorded copies of lists of lands sold to individuals for delinquent taxes at tax sales in parts of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington, and Yazoo Counties from which Humphreys County was formed in 1918, delivered by sheriff as tax collector to the clerk, showing name of county, date of sale, name of person to whom assessed, legal description of property, amount of taxes due, damages assessed, amount of bids submitted, date of application, name of purchaser, date of purchase, and amount. Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 16 x 17 x 2⅓.

30. [TRANSCRIBED LISTS OF LAND IN HUMPHREYS COUNTY SOLD FOR TAXES IN YAZOO COUNTY], 1917. First 6 pp. in List of Lands Sold to Individuals [And State] For Taxes, entry 36.
Transcription of recorded copies of lists, delivered by the sheriff as tax collector to the clerk, of lands sold to individuals for taxes at tax sales held in the part of Yazoo County transferred to Humphreys County in 1918.

31. TRANSCRIBED LIST OF LANDS IN HUMPHREYS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, SOLD FOR TAXES TO STATE IN OTHER COUNTIES, 1875-1918. 1 vol.
Transcribed record of lands struck off to the State for taxes at delinquent tax sales in the parts of Yazoo, Sunflower, Sharkey, Holmes, and Washington Counties from which Humphreys County was formed in 1918, showing name of county, date of sale, years for which taxes were delinquent, name of person to whom assessed, legal description of property, total amount of all taxes and damages due, amount paid for redemption, names of purchasers, date of purchase, certification of tax collector to purchaser, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 16 x 17 x 2⅓.

32. LIST OF LANDS [Sold For Taxes], 1918--. 4 file boxes. Title varies: List of Lands Sold For Taxes, 1918-31, 2 file boxes; Tax Sale Lists, 1932-35, 1 file box.
Original lists of land sold to individuals and struck off to State for delinquent taxes at tax sales, delivered to clerk by sheriff as tax collector, and carbon copies of lists delivered by clerk to State Land Commissioners, showing name of owner, name of purchaser, and holders of existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust, date sold, legal description of the land, amount paid by purchaser, amount of taxes due, years for which taxes due, amount of existing mortgages, deeds of trust, and other liens, date of examination of records by clerk for existing mortgages, deeds of trust and other liens, volume and page of record of existing encumberance in Land Deeds of Trust (entry 25), dates notices issued to owners and lienholders, purchaser's receipt number, final date of redemption, date redeemed, itemized statement of total State and county taxes, costs, damages, and fees due, purchaser's certificate number, date issued, certification of sheriff or tax collector as to correctness of lists, and certification of clerk. Also contains: Correspondence regarding tax sales and proofs of publication of legal notices of tax collector's list of lands to be sold for taxes. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. or tpw., and hdw. and tpw. on ptd. forms. 10½ x 5 x 3.

Clerk of the Chancery Court as Recorder - Real Property (37-39)

33. NOTICES TO OWNERS [of Land Sold For Taxes], 1922-31, 1936--. 1 vol. and 1 file box. 1932-35 in notices to Owners and Lienors and Return Receipts, entry 34.

Duplicate copies of notices used by the clerk and served by the sheriff to owners of land sold for delinquent taxes, showing names of State and county, number of judicial district, name of person to whom land assessed, legal description of land, date of sale, name of purchaser, year for which taxes due, date title will become absolute in purchaser unless redemption from tax sale is made, signature of clerk, clerk's direction to sheriff to execute and return notice, date issued by clerk, dates received, executed and returned by sheriff, signature of sheriff, date filed, statement of total taxes, costs, damages, and fees. Also contains: Notices to Owners and Lienors and Return Receipts, 1922-24 (entry 34). Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. File box 1922-31, 10½ x 5 x 13; vol. 1936--, 450 pp. 17 x 11 x 2.

34. NOTICES TO OWNERS AND LIENORS AND RETURN RECEIPTS, 1925--. 1 file box; 3 file drawers. Title varies: Lien Notices and Return Receipts, 1925-31, 1 file box. 1922-24 in Notices to Owners [of Land Sold for Taxes], entry 33.

Duplicate copies of notices required since 1922 to be sent by registered mail by the clerk to mortgagees and beneficiaries of mortgages and deeds of trust on land sold for delinquent taxes, showing name of State and county, name of mortgagee or beneficiary, legal description of land, name of person to whom land assessed, date of tax sale, name of purchaser, year for which taxes due, volume and page of record in Land Deeds of Trust (entry 25); date title will become absolute in purchaser unless redemption from sale is made, signature of clerk, dates issued and mailed, statement of total amount of taxes, costs, damages, and fees due. Also contains: Notices to Owners [of Land Sold for taxes], 1932-35 (entry 33). No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. File box, 1925-31, 10½ x 5 x 13; file drawers, 1932--, 11 x 15 x 26.

35. RECORD OF LANDS [in Towns] SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS FOR TAXES, 1919. 1 vol.

Recorded copies of lists delivered to the clerk by the sheriff as tax collector, of lands sold to individuals for delinquent taxes at tax sales in Belzoni, Lake Dawson, Midnight, and Silver City, showing names of owners, names of purchaser, names of holders of liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust, date sold, legal description of land, amount paid by purchaser, amount of taxes due, year for which taxes due, date of examination of records by clerk for existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust, volume and page of existing encumbrances in Land Deeds of Trust (entry 25); dates notices issued to lienholder and owner, purchaser's receipt number, final date of redemption, date redeemed, itemized statement of State and county taxes, costs, damages, and fees, purchaser's certificate number, date issued, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of recording. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 203 pp. 18½ x 12½ x 2.

36. LIST OF LANDS SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS [and State] FOR TAXES, 1917-31. 2 vols.

Recorded copies of lists delivered to the clerk by the sheriff as tax collector, of land sold to individuals and struck off to State for delinquent taxes at tax sales, showing names of owner, purchaser, holder of existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust; date sold or struck off, legal description of land, amount paid by purchaser, amount of taxes due, years for which taxes due, amount of existing indebtedness, date of examination of record by clerk for existing liens, mortgages, and deeds of trust; volume and page of record of existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust in Land Deeds of Trust (entry 25), dates notices issued to owners and to lienholders, purchaser's receipt number, final

date of redemption, date redeemed, itemized statement of total State and county taxes, costs, damages, and fees due, purchaser's certificate number, date issued, and certification of clerk. Also contains: /Transcribed Lists of Lands in Humphreys County Sold for Taxes in Yazoo County/, 1917 (entry 30). Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 110 pp. 17 x 16 x 1.

37. RECORD OF LANDS SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS FOR TAXES, CODE 1930, 1931--. 1 vol.

Recorded copies of lists delivered to the clerk by the sheriff as tax collector of lands sold to individuals for delinquent taxes, at tax sales, showing names of owner, purchaser, and holders of existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust; date sold, legal description of land, amount paid by purchaser, amount of taxes due, year for which taxes due, date of examination of records by clerk for existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust, volume and page of record of existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust; dates notices issued to lien holders and owner, purchaser's receipt number, final date of redemption, date redeemed, itemized statement of State and county taxes, costs, damages, and fees, purchaser's certificate number, date issued, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of sale. Town property indexed numer. by lot number; county property indexed numer. by township and range. Hdw. on ptd. form. 201 pp. 17 x 25 x 2½.

38. RECORD OF LANDS SOLD TO STATE FOR TAXES, 1921-24, 1930--. 3 vols.

Recorded copies of lists delivered to the clerk by the sheriff as tax collector of lands struck off to the State for delinquent taxes, showing certification of sheriff as tax collector, name of owner, names of holders of liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust, date struck off, legal description, showing quarter section, section, township, range, and number of acres, itemization of amount of taxes due, damages, fees, and total amount of taxes, fees and damages due, amount of redemption, tax collector's commission, volume and page of existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust in Land Deeds of Trust (entry 25), dates notices issued to owners and lienholders, date of redemption, name of person redeeming land, date of execution. Arr. chron. by date of sale. 2 vols., 1921-24, 1933--, no index; 1 vol., 1930-32, indexed numer. by twp. and range nos. Hdw. on ptd. form. 1 vol., 1921-24, 240 pp. 17 x 15 x 2; 2 vols., 1930--, 203 pp. 16 x 24⅓ x 2.

Redemption of Land From Tax Sales

39. RELEASE FROM DELINQUENT TAX SALES, 1931-33. 1 vol.

Carbon copies of certificates of redemptions and release of land sold to individuals and struck off to the State for delinquent taxes, showing amount paid for redemption, name and address of person redeeming land, name of person to whom assessed, date of sale, legal description of property, date and exact time filed with clerk for recording and recorded, volume and page of record, signature and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of person to whom assessed. Tpw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

40. RELEASE FROM DELINQUENT TAX SALES, 1934-35. 4 vols. (labeled by inclu. certificate nos., 1-1000).

Carbon copies of certificates of redemption of lands struck off to State for delinquent taxes and releases issued, showing release number, amount paid, name and address of payor, name of person to whom assessed, legal description of property, name of person to whom sold, date of sale, date of redemption, statement of total amount of taxes due, costs, damages, and fees, and grand total,

date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, and signature and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of redemption, and numer. thereunder by number of release. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 14 x 11 x 2.

41. INDIVIDUAL RELEASE DELINQUENT TAX SALE, 1936--. 2 vols. (labeled by inclu. certificate nos., 1-300).

Carbon copies of certificates of redemption of land sold to individuals at tax sales, and release issued, showing release number, amount paid, name and address of payor, name of person to whom assessed, legal description of property, name of person to whom sold, date of sale, date of redemption, statement of total amount of taxes due, costs, damages, and fees, and grand totals, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, signature and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of release and numer. thereunder by number of release. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 14⅓ x 11 x 1⅓.

42. PARTIAL PAYMENT TAX REDEMPTION APPLICATIONS AND NOTES, 1934--. 1 vol. (labeled by incl. certificate nos., 1-150).

Duplicate copies of applications and notes made by owners of land struck off to the State for taxes, for redemption on a partial payment plan, showing name of applicant, legal description of land, year for which taxes due, itemized statement of amount of taxes, costs, damages, and fees due, amount of accrued interest, amount of accrued taxes since date of sale, grand total, amount due, date of application, oath and signature of applicant, certification of clerk; and notes, showing date, amount, terms and stipulations of payment, dates installment payments due, year for which taxes are due, rate of interest, name of owner, date of sale, itemized statement of kinds and amount of taxes, costs, damages and fees, signature of maker, and signature and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of application. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. 150 pp. 19 x 12 x 2.

43. LAND REDEMPTION REPORTS, 1933--. 2 file drawers.

Original copies of reports made by the clerk to the State Land Commissioner and to the sheriff as tax collector of redemption of lands struck off to the State for delinquent taxes at tax sales, showing date of redemption, to whom assessed, legal description of land, valuation, State, county, special district tax, interest on bonds, costs and fees of clerk and tax collector. Arr. chron. by date of redemption. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11⅓ x 16 x 27⅔.

Federal Tax Liens

44. NOTICES AND DISCHARGE OF TAX LIENS, 1920--. 1 file drawer and 4 file boxes.

Original instruments, including:

i. Certificates of discharge, showing number, name of district, city, date, name and residence of person assessed, nature of tax, taxable period, amount of tax satisfied, signature of collector, exact time filed for recording and recorded, and volume and page of record.

ii. Notices of tax liens, showing United States Internal Revenue District, city, date, name of taxpayer, residence or place of business, nature of income, taxable period, amount of tax assessed, additional (penalty) tax assessed, date assessment list received, signature of collector, notation of recorder when filed, and volume and page of record.

Clerk of the Chancery Court as Recorder - Land Titles (45- 48)

Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. No index 1920-24; for index 1925--, see (entry 45). 24 file boxes 1920-29, 10½ x 5 x 13; file drawer 1930--, 11½ x 16 x 27.

45. INDEX TO FEDERAL LIEN TAX NOTICES AND CERTIFICATES OF DISCHARGE, 1925--. 1 vol.
Alphabetical index to Notices and Discharge of Tax Liens (entry 44); showing name and address of taxpayer, tax collector's serial number of notice, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, amount of tax assessed, additional (penalty) tax assessed, and date and exact time certificate of discharge filed for recording and recorded. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 13½ x 2.

Land Titles

46. ORIGINAL ENTRIES, GOVERNMENT AND STATE, 1831-1917. 1 vol.
Transcribed abstract record of original United States land patents 1831-1917 and of State land patents issued in the portions of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington, and Yazoo Counties transferred to Humphreys County in 1918:

i. Abstract record of original United States land patents issued 1831-1917 showing certificate number, name of patentee, consideration, acknowledgment of payment of consideration, legal description of land patented, name of register of United States land office, and volume and page of record in Transcribed Land Deed Record (entry 15).

ii. Abstract record of State land patents issued showing patent number, name of patentee, legal description of land patented, consideration, date of issuance of patent, names of State Land Commissioner, Governor, and Attorney General, and volume and page of record in Transcribed Land Deed Record (entry 15).

Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. No index. Tpw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

47. FIELD NOTES, 1827-35. 1 vol. (1).
Transcription of original daily field notes of the United States Survey of the territory obtained from the Choctaw Indians at the Treaty of Doak's Stand in 1820, as pertaining to the townships comprising the territory included in Humphreys County in 1918; showing dates of surveys, description of township and interior section lines by number of chains and links, designations and description of land and standing timber, names of surveyors, deputy surveyors, and chain carriers. Arr. numer. by section and township nos. and chron. thereunder by date of surveys. No index. Hdw. and tpw. Transcription certified to on September 24, 1926, by A. French. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

48. ABSTRACT OF TITLES TO LAND, 1833-1918. 7 vols. (labeled by section, township, and range nos.).
Abstract record of written instruments conveying land recorded in the portions of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington, and Yazoo Counties outside of towns, transferred to Humphreys County in 1918, and showing: Designations of fractional section, section, township, range, county, names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument recorded, dates filed and recorded, consideration, and volume and page of record in Transcribed Land Deed Record (entry 15); and Transcribed

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Deeds of Trust on Land (entry 23). Arr. numer. by sec. no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 340 pp. 18 x 15 x 3.

49. ABSTRACT OF TITLES, 1918--. 11 vols. (labeled by sec., township, and range nos.). Title varies: Abstract of Titles County Property, 1918-19, 2 vols.
Abstract record of written instruments conveying land recorded in the portions of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington, and Yazoo Counties outside of towns transferred to Humphreys County in 1918, showing designations of fractional sections, section, township, range, county, names of grantee and grantor, kind of instrument recorded, dates filed and recorded, consideration, and volume and page of record in Land Deed Record (entry 17); and Land Deeds of Trust (entry 25). Arr. numer. by sec. no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 2 vols., 1918-19, 490 pp. 14½ x 17½ x 2; 9 vols., 1920--, 400 pp. 18 x 18½ x 1½.

50. ABSTRACT OF TITLES TO LAND-BELZONI AND ISOLA, 1880-1918. 1 vol.
Abstract record of written instruments conveying land in the towns of Belzoni and Isola previous to their inclusion with Humphreys County in 1918, showing name of town, name of addition or subdivision, block and lot number affected. For further description of contents, see entry 48. Arr. alph. by name of addition or subdivision and numer. thereunder by block and lot no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 338 pp. 18 x 15 x 3.

51. ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LANDS-LOUISE, SILVER CITY, MIDNIGHT, 1904-19. 1 vol.
Abstract record of recorded written instruments conveying land in the towns of Louise, Silver City, and Midnight previous to their inclusion with Humphreys County in 1918 and in Humphreys County in 1919, showing name of town, name of addition or subdivision, and block and lot number affected. For further description of contents, see entry 48. Arr. alph. by name of addition or subdivision and numer. thereunder by block and lot no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 18 x 15 x 3.

52. ABSTRACT OF TITLES TO LOTS CITY OF BELZONI, 1918--. 2 vols. (first vol. unlabeled, 2).
Abstract record of recorded written instruments conveying land in the town of Belzoni, showing name of town, name of addition or subdivision, and block and lot affected. For further description of contents, see entry 49. Arr. alph. by name of addition or subdivision and numer. thereunder by block and lot no. Hdw. on ptd. form. 1 vol., 1918-19, 400 pp. 14½ x 18 x 2; 1 vol., 1918--, 500 pp. 18 x 15 x 3.

53. ABSTRACT OF TITLES-ISOLA, SILVER CITY, MIDNIGHT, AND LOUISE, 1918--. 2 vols. (first vol. unlabeled, 2).
Abstract record of recorded written instruments conveying land in the towns of Isola, Silver City, Midnight, and Louise, showing name of town, name of addition or subdivision, and block and lot number affected. For further description of contents, see entry 49. Arr. alph. by name of addition or subdivision and numer. thereunder by block and lot no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 1 vol., 1918-29, 400 pp. 14½ x 18 x 2; 1 vol., 1918--, 450 pp. 18 x 15 x 3.

Clerk of the Chancery Court as Recorder - (54-57)
Tax Liens; Deeds, Mortgages, and Deeds of Trust

Tax Liens
(See also entries 11, 13, 23)

54. PERSONAL ROLL, 1918--. 52 vols.
Original assessment roll of taxable personal property including assessment of poll taxes, and assessment of commutation road taxes to 1934, showing name of towns to 1930, election precinct, supervisor's district, year for which taxes due, number and year of tax receipt, name, race, and post office address of taxpayer, amount of poll taxes due, amount of commutation road tax due, receipt number, total valuation of all personal property, names of school and road tax district and assessment for each, enumeration of all kinds and classes of personal property and assessed valuation, totals by tax assessor, board of supervisors after equalization, and as changed by order of the State Tax Commission, recapitulations at the end of each volume, signature and certification of Chancery clerk, date filed with State Tax Commission. Also contains: Personal Roll Municipalities, 1918-30 (entry 55). Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer in each supervisor's district. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 42 vols., 1918-34; tpw. on ptd. form, 10 vols., 1935--. 22 pp. 18 x 22⅓ x 2. 33 vols., 1918-29, in storage va.; 9 vols., 1930-34 in ch. clerk's va.; 10 vols., 1935--, in sh. off.

55. PERSONAL ROLL MUNICIPALITIES, 1931--. 8 vols. (dated). 1918-30 in Personal Roll, entry 54.
Original assessment rolls of taxable personal property, assessments of poll taxes, and assessments of commutation road tax to 1934, in towns, showing names of towns. For further description of contents, see entry 54. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer in each voting precinct. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form, 4 vols., 1931-34; tpw. on ptd. form., 4 vols., 1935--. 180 pp. 18 x 22⅓ x 1½. 7 vols., 1931-37, in ch. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1938--, in sh. off.

Deeds, Mortgages, and Deeds of Trust

56. CHATTEL DEEDS OF TRUST, 1918--. 53 vols. (1, 2, 2, 3-52).
Title varies: Resettlement Administration Deeds of Trust, 1936--, 1 vol., 36; Federal Crop Loans, 1931-33, 7 vols., 39-43, 45, 47.
Recorded copies of recorded written instruments conveying personal property, including deeds, bills of sale, leases, mortgages, deeds of trust, gifts, legacies, satisfaction, cancelation, releases, foreclosures, powers of attorney, cotton factor's liens, conditional sales contracts, and vendors' liens, and showing names of grantor, grantee, beneficiary, trustee, and other parties in interest, kind of instrument, description of property, statement of conditions, rate of interest, consideration, amount of indebtedness, duration of loan, maturity date, date interest payment due, signatures and acknowledgments of parties to instrument, dates and by whom satisfied, canceled, released, or foreclosed; dates and exact time filed for recording and recorded, itemization of fees, and signature and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed in vols. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee; also separate index (entry 57). Hdw. on ptd. form, 11 vols., 1918-22; tpw. and tpw. on ptd. form, 42 vols., 1923--. 60 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

57. GENERAL INDEX TO CHATTEL DEEDS OF TRUST DIRECT AND REVERSE, 1918--. 4 vols., (1-4).
Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Chattel Deeds of Trust (entry 56), showing names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, date and exact time

filed for recording and recorded, date and by whom canceled, released, satisfied, or foreclosed, volume and page of record and signature and attestation of clerk. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 16 x 18 x 3.

Official Bonds

58. BONDS-COUNTY OFFICERS AND NOTARY, 1918--. 3 file boxes.
Original instruments, including:

i. Administrator's, executors, and guardians, bonds of. For description of contents, see (entry 91).

ii. Commissioners of drainage districts, bonds of, showing name of commissioner, name of drainage district for which appointed, names of sureties or bonding company, amount and conditions of bond, term of office, date executed, delivered, filed for recording, and recorded; volume and page of record in Record of Official Bonds (entry 59); signatures of principal and sureties; transcript of oath, signature and seal of officer administering oath, and signature of the chancellor of the chancery court as appointor.

iii. County officers, notaries public, and depositories, elected or appointed, bonds of, showing name of official, notary public, or depository, name of office, names of sureties or bonding company, amount and conditions of bond, term of office, dates executed, delivered, filed for recording, and recorded; volume and page of Record in Record of Official Bonds (entry 59); signatures of principals and sureties, transcript of oath, signature and seal of official administering oath, and signatures of president of the board and clerk of the board in approval.

iv. Court reporters, bonds of, showing name of reporter, name of court to which appointed, names of sureties or bonding company, amount and conditions of bond, term of office, dates executed, delivered, filed, for recording, and recorded; volume and page of record in Record of Official Bond (entry 59); signatures of principal and sureties, transcript of oath, signature and seal of official administering oath, and signature of judge of court to which appointed in approval.

Arr. chron. by date bond filed for recording. No index. Tpw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 13, 2 file boxes, 1918-36; 6 x 6½ x 17½, 1 file box, 1937--.

59. RECORD OF OFFICIAL BONDS, 1918--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Recorded copies of:

i. Commissioners of drainage districts, bonds of. For description of contents, see (entry 58-ii).

ii. Contractors, performance bonds of. For description of contents, see (entry 6).

iii. County officers, notaries public, and depositories, bonds of. For description of contents, see (entry 58-iii).

iv. Court reporters, bonds of. For description of contents, see (entry 58-iv).

Also contains: Guardians, Executors, and Administrators Bonds, 1921-- (entry 91). Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of principal. Hdw. on ptd. form, 2 vols., 1918-29; tpw. on ptd. form, 1 vol., 1930--. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Clerk of the Chancery Court as Recorder - Corporations; Marks and Brands; Homestead Declarations; Military Discharges (60-63)

Corporations
(See also entries 22, 169)

60. BOOK OF CHARTERS, 1919--. 1 vol.
Recorded copies of charters of incorporation granted to corporations including amendments and supplements to charters, showing corporate title, domicile, names and addresses of incorporators, purpose of corporation, period of existence, amount of authorized capital stock, class of stock (common or preferred), number of shares of each class of stock, par value, sale price per share without par value, date of incorporation, signatures and acknowledgment of incorporators, endorsements and signature of Secretary of State and of Governor of the State, opinion of Attorney General, proof of publication, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, itemization of recording fees, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of name of corporation. Tpw. 402 pp. 18⅛ x 12⅛ x 2.
For publication, see (entry 97-viii).

Marks and Brands

61. RECORD OF BRANDS AND MARKS, 1920--. 1 vol. Last entry 1920.
Record of earmarks and brands of livestock filed and recorded, showing name and address of owner, kind of livestock, description of earmarks or brand, transcript of oath and signature of applicant, name of official administering oath, dates of publication and oath, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, itemization of recording fees, certificate of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of owner. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½.

Homestead Declarations

62. HOMESTEAD RECORD, 1932--. 1 vol. (1).
Recorded copies of declarations that real property designated and described is occupied as a homestead by the declarant, and as such is exempt from seizure or sale under attachment or execution for debt, showing names of State, county, and declarant, legal description of property, signature and acknowledgment of declarant, dates and exact time filed for recording and recorded, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of declarant. Tpw. 600 pp. 18 x 11⅛ x 3.
For other records relating to homesteads, see (entry 1).

Military Discharges

63. SOLDIER'S DISCHARGE RECORD, 1930--. 1 vol. (1).
Recorded copies of official honorable discharges from the United States army, navy, and marine corps, of veterans serving in the Spanish-American War and in the World War, with discharges from regular army enlistments, showing name of veteran, rank, company, regiment, or vessel, birthplace, date of birth, age at the time of enlistment, race, physical description of veteran, occupation, marital status, date of enlistment, date and place of discharge, reason for discharge, service record, name of commanding officer, dates and exact time filed

Clerk of the Chancery Court as Recorder - (64-69)
Maps

for recording and Recorded, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of veteran. Hdw. on ptd. form. 592 pp. 17 x 12½ x 2½.

Maps
(See also entries 4, 19, 62, 155, 158-160, 213, 256)

64. MAP OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY, 1929. 1 map.
Physical, political, communications and land tenure map, showing boundaries and designations of supervisors' district, school districts, drainage districts, levee districts, roads, rivers, creeks, bayous, railroads, levees, towns, villages, subdivisions, additions, block designations, lot numbers, lot dimensions, section, township, range, number of acres, plantation names, and names of landowners. Compiled from general land office plats, county records and private surveys. Black and white. Framed. 1 in. equals 1 mi. 65 x 51½.

65. MAP OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY, 1928. 1 map.
Physical and political map of Humphreys County, showing names, designations, and boundaries of districts, school districts, drainage districts, levee districts, roads, rivers, creeks, bayous, railroads, levees, towns, villages, plantation names, sections, townships and ranges. Geo. G. Ehrenbrog, Dallas, Texas. Colored. 1 in. equals 1 mi. 24 x 36.

66. MAP OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY, 1929. 1 map.
Physical and political map of Humphreys County, showing names, designations, and boundaries of supervisors' districts, school districts, drainage districts, levee districts, road districts, roads, rivers, creeks, bayous, railroads, levees, towns, villages, plantation names, sections, townships, and ranges. Geo. G. Ehrenbrog, Dallas, Texas. Black and white. 1 in. equals 1 mi. 65 x 51½.

67. SKETCH MAP OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, 1936. 1 map.
Physical, political, and land tenure sketch map, showing names, designations, and boundaries of supervisors' districts, drainage districts, levee districts, paved roads, gravel roads, dirt roads, levees, ditches, drains, sections, townships, and ranges, towns, villages, lots, bridges, rivers, lakes, creeks and bayous. C. E. Miller, Belzoni, Miss. Printed. Framed. 1 in. equals 2 mi. 14½ x 12½.

68. MAP OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, 1927. 1 map.
Political and communications map of Mississippi, showing names and boundaries of counties, cities, towns and villages, designations of existing post offices, discontinued post offices, locations in which there is no post office, delivery, special delivery, rural, and mail messenger, and star routes; railroad, and railroad stations. Published by United States Post Office Department, Washington. 45 x 30½.

69. MAP OF CITY OF BELZONI, n. d. 1 map.
Physical and political map of the town of Belzoni, showing names and boundaries of additions and subdivisions, sections, townships, ranges, block designations and lot numbers, routes and names of streets, public roads, railroads, rivers, creeks, and bayous, mounds, and corporation line. C. E. Miller, civil engineer, Belzoni, Mississippi. 1 in. equals 200 ft. 37 x 35.

Clerk of the Chancery Court as Recorder - (70-76)
Plats; Unclaimed Instruments

70. MAP OF SILVER CITY, HUMPHREYS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, 1925. 1 map.
Physical, political, and communications map of the town of Silver City, showing names and boundaries of additions and subdivisions, section, township, range, block and lot numbers, routes and names of streets, public roads, railroads, rivers and creeks and corporation line. D. M. Forester, engineer, Belzoni, Miss. 1 in. equals 150 ft. 57 x 37.

71. MAP OF THE TOWN OF MIDNIGHT, HUMPHREYS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, 1925. 1 map.
Physical, political, and communications map of the town of Midnight, showing names and boundaries of additions and subdivisions, section, township, range, block and lot numbers, routes and names of streets, public roads, railroads, rivers, creeks and corporation line. D. M. Forester, engineer, Belzoni, Miss. 1 in. equals 100 ft. 35¼ x 39.

72. MAP OF LOUISE, HUMPHREYS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, 1925. 1 map.
Physical, political, and communications map of the town of Louise, showing names and boundaries of additions and subdivisions, section, township, range, block and lot numbers, names and routes of streets, public roads, railroads, and corporation line. D. M. Forester, engineer, Belzoni, Miss. 1 in. equals 1 ft. 63 x 27.

73. MAP OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY, 1940. 1 map.
Physical, political, communications, and land tenure map, showing boundaries and designations of supervisors' districts, school districts, drainage districts, levee districts, roads, rivers, creeks, bayous, railroads, levees, cities, towns, and villages, subdivisions, additions, block and lot numbers, lot dimensions, section, township, and range lines, names of clerk of the chancery court and of members of the board of supervisors and number of beat or district from which elected. Photostat. Framed. 1 in. equals 1 mi. 60 x 52.

Plats

74. PLAT BOOK-CITY OF BELZONI, 1930. 1 vol. 13 plats.
Plats of additions and subdivisions in the town of Belzoni, showing names of additions and subdivisions, rivers, creeks, railroads, streets, villages, roads, lot numbers and block designations. Arr. alph. by name of addition and subdivision. No index. C. E. Miller, civil engineer, Belzoni, Miss. 1 in. equals 100 ft. 13 pp. 27½ x 33 x 1.

75. MAPS [Block Books], 1936. 3 vols.
Land tenure maps and plats of individual farms and municipal lots, showing section, township and range numbers, and block and lot numbers of municipal lots, names of additions and subdivisions, number of acres and number of square feet in municipal lots, assessed valuation, name of owner, and volume and page of record of assessment in Land Roll (entry 19). C. E. Miller, civil engineer, Belzoni, Mississippi. 1 in. equals 800 ft. 150 pp. 11 x 15 x 3½.

Unclaimed Instruments

76. DEEDS, DEEDS OF TRUST, 1918-30. 3 file boxes.
Original written instruments warranty deeds, special warranty deeds, quit claim

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deeds, powers of attorney, trustees' deeds, tax deeds, liens, mortgages, oil, gas and mineral leases; rights, interests and easements, filed with the clerk for recording, but unclaimed and undelivered, showing kind of instrument, names of parties to the instrument and names of other parties in interest, dates of execution and acknowledgment, legal description of property, consideration, terms and stipulations, amount, rate of interest, and mortgages, deeds of trust, and liens, maturity dates, dates filed for recording, certification and signature of clerk as recorder. Also contains: Notices From Land Office of State, 1918-30, (entry 9), No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and tpw. and hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 13.

(Next entry 77, p. 67)

III. CHANCERY COURT

The Constitution of 1890 directs the Legislature to divide the State into convenient chancery court districts and stipulates that chancery court shall be held in each county at least twice each year.[1] On its establishment on March 28, 1918, Humphreys County was attached to the ninth chancery court district,[2] together with Washington, Sunflower, Issaquena, Sharkey, and Warren Counties,[3] and has remained in that district continuously since that time. The Legislature prescribes the time of holding court, and at present sessions are held for 6 days beginning the third Monday in January and for 6 days beginning the third Monday in June.[4]

The presiding officer of the chancery court of Humphreys County is the chancellor of the ninth chancery district.[5] County officers attached to the court are the clerk,[6] and the sheriff who is its executive officer.[7] In addition, the chancellor may appoint masters in chancery,[8] special commissioners,[9] receivers,[10] a court stenographer in the district,[11] and a county probation officer.[12]

The chancellor is elected for a 4-year term by the qualified electors in the district.[13]

The office of clerk of the chancery court was established in Humphreys County by the creating act of March 28, 1918, as prescribed by the Constitution of 1890.[14] The first clerk was appointed by the Governor June 1, 1918,[15] and served until a clerk was regularly elected at the general election of November 1919, and sworn into office in January 1920.[16] The office has functioned continuously since that time. The clerk is elected for a 4-year term by the qualified voters of the county at the general elections for State, county, and

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1. Const., 1890, sec. 152; Code, 1917, sec. 238; Code, 1930, sec. 318.
2. L. M., 1918, p. 370.
3. Ibid., 1916, p. 422.
4. Code, 1917, sec. 238; L. M., 1918, p. 371; Code, 1930, sec. 318.
5. Const., 1890, sec. 153; Code, 1917, sec. 261; Code, 1930, sec. 319.
6. Const., 1890, sec. 168; Code, 1917, sec. 6774; L. M., 1918, p. 370; Code, 1930, sec. 6210.
7. Code, 1917, secs. 409, 3085; Code, 1930, secs. 455, 3315. See also "Sheriff", p. 92.
8. Code, 1917, sec. 395; Code, 1930, sec. 445.
9. Code, 1917, sec. 396; Code, 1930, sec. 451.
10. Code, 1917, sec. 387; Code, 1930, sec. 435.
11. Code, 1917, sec. 3138; Code, 1930, sec. 709.
12. Code, 1917, sec. 4982; Code, 1930, sec. 7263.
13. Const., 1890, sec. 153; Code, 1917, sec. 261; Code, 1930, sec. 319. Given authority by the Constitution to determine the manner and time of election of chancellors, the Legislature has prescribed that they be elected for a term of 4 years concurrently with the election of representatives in Congress, that is, in 1918 and every 4-years thereafter, (Const., 1890, sec. 153; Code, 1917, sec. 6837; Code, 1930, sec. 6281).
14. Const., 1890, sec. 169; L. M., 1918, p. 370.
15. Minutes Chancery Court, vol. I, pp. 1, 2, 16; see entry 95.
16. Register of Commissions, State, County and Municipal, 1899--, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, 12 vols., vol. 1920, p. 476.

county-district officers.[17]

The office of court stenographer, filled by appointment by the chancellor, has functioned continuously in the district since 1916, and in the chancery court of Humphreys County since 1918, the stenographer serving a 4-year term unless removed by the chancellor.[18]

A county probation officer was appointed in and for Humphreys County on October 6, 1924,[19] and the office has functioned continuously since that time. This officer serves an indefinite term and may be removed at the pleasure of the chancellor.[20]

For the general structural and functional development of the chancery court, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 92-107.

The records of the chancery court, unless otherwise specified, are kept in the vault of the clerk of the court.

Original Case Papers

Chancery

77. FINISHED CASES, 1918-34. 43 file boxes (labeled by inclu. case nos., 1-1026).

Original pleadings and papers filed with all causes filed and tried in the chancery court in which final decree or order has been rendered, judgment ordered, and the case closed; including bills of complaint, petitions, bills of particulars, pleas, answers, affidavits, motions, demurrers, exceptions, lis pendens notices, writs, rulings, orders and decrees, and since 1924, attorneys temporary receipts for papers withdrawn; showing time of filing, docket number in General Chancery Docket (entry 82), names of litigants, or other parties in interest, names of attorneys for litigants, cause of action, dates of service, or proof of publication of process issued, interlocutory and final decrees and orders of the court, dates rendered, judgment of the court, amount of judgment ordered, dates ordered, notations and dates of appeals to supreme court, and decisions of supreme court, statement of cost and fees, and volume and page of record in Minutes Chancery Court (entry 95). Arr. numer. by docket number. No index. Hdw. and tpw., and hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 13.

78. GENERAL CASES-PENDING, 1935--. 5 file boxes (labeled by inclu. case nos., 1027-1248).

Original pleadings and papers, filed with all causes filed and tried and in which final order or decree has not been rendered and which are still pending trial or further hearing, including bills of complaint, petitions, bills of particulars, pleas, answers, cross-bills, affidavits, motions, demurrers, exceptions, lis pendens notices, writs, rulings, orders, decrees, and since 1924, attorneys' temporary receipt for papers withdrawn, showing time of filing,

17. Const., 1890, sec. 168; Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 6774; L. M., 1918, p. 370; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 6210.
18. L. M., 1916, p. 228; Code, 1917, secs. 3140, 3149; Code, 1930, secs. 711, 714.
19. Minutes Chancery Court, vol. 2, p. 507.
20. Code, 1917, sec. 4982; Code, 1930, sec. 7263.

docket number in General Chancery Docket (entry 82), names of litigants and other parties in interest, names of attorneys for litigants, cause of action, dates of service, or proof of publication of process issued, interlocutory orders and decrees of court, dates rendered, and volume and page of record in Minutes Chancery Court (entry 95). Arr. numer. by docket no. No index. Hdw. and tpw., and hdw., and tpw., on ptd. forms. 10½ x 5 x 13.

Probate (See also entries 86-92, 96).

79. ESTATE CASES, 1918--. 20 file boxes. (labeled by inclu. case nos., E1-E765).

Original papers and pleadings filed in matters of probate, including applications, lis pendens notices, petitions for letters of administration, guardianship and executors, bonds and oaths of guardians, executors and administrators, claims against estates, annual and final accounts, petitions for removal of disability of minority, bills of particulars, pleas, answers, affidavits, motions, exceptions, demurrers, writs, rulings, orders and decrees, showing case number in General Chancery Docket (entry 82), names of litigants, names of attorneys for litigants, names of other parties in interest, cause of action, kind of instrument, date filed, dates of service or proof of publication of process issued, date and term of hearing, interlocutory and final orders and decrees, dates rendered, signature of chancellor, signature of litigants, signature of attorneys, signature and attestation of chancery clerk, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, volume and page of Minutes Chancery Court (entry 95). Arr. numer. by docket no. No index. Hdw. and tpw., and hdw., and tpw., on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 13.

Court Orders

80. ORDERS OF CHANCERY COURT, 1925--. 1 file box.

Original instruments including:

i. Allowances of fees showing date and term of court, amount and itemization of allowances, volume and page of record in Minutes Chancery Court (entry 95), and signature of chancellor in approval.

ii. Appointments of special chancellors showing date and name of appointee, purpose and length of appointment, legal authority for appointment, and signature of the Governor approving the appointment.

iii. Appointments of deputy clerks and court reporters showing date and name of appointee, name of office to which appointed, legal authority for appointment, volume and page of record in Minutes Chancery Court (entry 95), and signature of chancellor approving appointment.

iv. Orders of the court showing date and term of court, names of complainants and defendants, cause of action, docket number in General Chancery Docket (entry 82), names of attorneys for complainants and defendants, ruling of the court, volume and page of record in Minutes Chancery Court (entry 95), and signature of the chancellor.

v. Sheriff's reports, showing date and period covered, number of books in the library, number of volumes added since preceding report, and signature and certification of sheriff.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and tpw. 10½ x 5 x 15.

Supreme Court Cases

81. CASES APPEALED TO SUPREME COURT, 1921--. 1 file box.

Clerk's record copies of transcribed copies of all pleadings and papers filed

with causes filed and tried in the chancery court and appealed to the State Supreme Court, and mandates issued by the supreme court to the chancery court in such causes appealed to and reviewed by the court:

i. Clerk's record copies of transcribed copies of all pleadings and papers filed in the progress of causes, include declarations, answers, bills of information, particulars, complaint, and exception, affidavits, motions, demurrers, writs, rulings, orders, decrees, interrogatories, depositions, judgments or decrees appealed from, exhibits, testimony, court reporter's notes, appeal briefs and lists of authorities cited, and show docket number in General Chancery Docket (entry 82); names of litigants, names of attorneys for litigants, cause of action, date and title of each pleading filed, date filed, dates and proof of service or publication of process issued, dates and terms of original hearings; interlocutory and final rulings, decrees, and orders of the chancery court; dates of rendition; names of witnesses for both complainants and defendants, date of appeal, basis of appeal, statements of costs and fees, amount of appeal bond executed with names of sureties on bond, volume and page of record in Minutes Chancery Court (entry 95); and certification of the clerk of the court.

ii. Mandates show name of court to which issued, name of county, date and term of supreme court, place of holding court, date judgment rendered, docket number of cause reviewed, names of parties litigant, orders of the court affirming or reversing the judgment of the chancery court and directing the chancery court to proceed in the cause according to law and to the decision of the supreme court, certification of the clerk of the supreme court, and date of certification. Attached to each mandate is a copy of the opinion of the court, showing docket number of the cause reviewed, division of the court handing down the decision, name of justice presiding over the division, names of complainants and defendants, name of appellant, summation of facts presented in the cause and of evidence submitted, opinion of the supreme court, orders of the court, dates of rendition of opinions, certification of the clerk of the supreme court, and date of certification.

Arr. chron. by date cause appealed and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Tpw. and hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. File boxes 1921-26, 10½ x 5 x 13; file drawer 1927--, 11½ x 16 x 27½.

Dockets, Calendars, and Registers
(See also entry 28)

Chancery and Probate

82. GENERAL CHANCERY DOCKET, 1918--. 5 vols. (1-5).
Record and abstract of all papers and pleadings filed, and of all important acts done in the conduct of each case, showing docket number, names of litigants, decedents, estate, names of attorneys for litigants, and of other parties in interest, cause of action, title of each pleading filed, dates and proof of service, or publication of process, dates and term of hearings, interlocutory and final rulings, orders and decrees of court, dates rendered, amount of judgment ordered, date ordered, statement of costs and fees, and volume and

page of record in Minutes Chancery Court (entry 95); and in Final Record (entry 85). Arr. numer. by docket no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. Indexed alph. by first letter of surnames of complainant and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 243 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

83. ISSUE DOCKET, 1919--. 2 vols. (1,2).
Calendar of all causes triable at each instant or approaching term of court or set for final hearing as ordered by the court or by consent of all parties, entered in the order in which causes are numbered in the General Chancery Docket (entry 82) and showing docket number, names of litigants, cause of action, term set for hearing, date of hearing, remarks, names of attorneys for litigants, and disposition of each cause. Arr. numer. by docket no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 203 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

84. MOTION DOCKET CHANCERY COURT, 1919--. 2 vols. (1,2).
Record and abstract of all motions and special pleas filed in causes filed and tried in the chancery court, including motions, demurrers, ex parte petitions, exceptions to evidence or reports, all matters of administration and guardianship not directed to be placed on Issue Docket (entry 83), and matters brought before the clerk in vacation, showing docket number, names of litigants, decedent, estate, names of attorneys for litigants, and other parties in interest, title of each pleading filed, date filed, and disposition of each motion or special pleading. Arr. numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 203 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

85. FINAL RECORD, 1920--. 1 vol. (1).
Recorded copies of the pleadings, proofs, exhibits, and proceedings directed to be entered by the chancellor, of suits involving real estate filed and tried in the chancery court, showing docket number in General Chancery Docket (entry 82); names of witnesses, cause of action, title of each pleading filed, date filed, dates and proof of service or publication of process issued, names of litigants, decedents, estate, names of attorneys for litigants, and other parties in interest, dates and terms of hearings, exhibits and testimony accepted as evidence, legal description of property involved and of liens, rights, interests, and easements sought to be enforced, interlocutory and final rulings, orders, and decrees of the court, dates rendered, amount of judgment ordered, final disposition of each cause, statements of costs and fees, and volume and page of record in Minutes Chancery Court (entry 95). Arr. chron. by date of entry and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. Tpw. 495 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.
For final records for circuit court civil cases, see entry 117.

Probate(See also entries 79, 96).

86. ESTATE DOCKET CHANCERY COURT, 1918--. 1 vol.
Abstract record of unfinished proceedings of matters testamentary and of administration, in matters concerning minors, and in cases of persons of unsound mind, and adoption, showing, name of person whose estate is subject to proceedings, docket number in General Chancery Docket (entry 82), title of each instrument filed, date of filing, dates of issuance of process and proof of service or publication, and volume and page of record in Minutes Chancery Court (entry 95). Arr. numer. by docket no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surnames of complainant and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 498 pp. 18½ x 13 x 2½.

87. WILL RECORD TRANSCRIBED, 1830-1918. 4 vols. (1-4).
Transcription of exact copies of wills and testaments filed for probate and administration in the parts of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington, and Yazoo Counties from which Humphreys County was formed in 1918, showing names of counties, State, legatee or beneficiary, heirs, owners, trustees, testators, administrators or administratrixes, executors or executrixes, witnesses, place of execution, terms and condition of instrument, of testator and witnesses, itemization of fees, exact time filed for recording and recorded, certification of clerks. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of testator. Tpw. 649 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

88. RECORD OF WILLS, 1919--. 2 vols. (1,2).
Recorded copies of wills and last testaments filed for probate, showing date instrument executed, kind of instrument, names of decedents, heirs, divisees, legatees, beneficiaries, executors, terms, and conditions of instrument, signatures of testator and witnesses, itemization of recording fees, exact time filed for recording and recorded, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by name of testator. Hdw. and tpw., vol. 1, 1919-25; tpw., vol. 2, 1926--. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

89. REGISTER OF CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATES, 1918--. 1 vol. (1).
Register of claims filed against estates, showing name of decedent, date claim filed, kind and amount of claim, name of claimant, credits, debits, and balances. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of decedent. Hdw. on ptd. form. 488 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.
For original claims, see entry 79.

90. APPRAISEMENT RECORD, 1920--. 1 vol. (1).
Recorded copies of appraisals and inventories of personalty of estates made by appraisers appointed by the court, showing date, name of decedent, docket number in General Chancery Docket (entry 82), warrant of chancellor authorizing appraisement, list of items constituting estate, appraisers' valuation of each item, total appraised valuation, oaths of appraisers, certification of official administering oath, certification of administrator or executor of estate appraised, attestation of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 243 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

91. GUARDIANS, EXECUTORS, AND ADMINISTRATORS BONDS, 1918-20. 1 vol.
1921-- in Record of Official Bonds, entry 59.
Recorded copies of bonds executed by administrators, executors, and guardians of estates, minors, and persons of unsound mind, showing names of estates, names of decedents, persons of unsound mind, and wards, names of administrators, executors and guardians, amount of bonds, date of term of court, date filed for recording and recorded, conditions and terms of bond, administrators', executors' and guardians' oath, names of principals and sureties, signatures of administrators, executors, or guardians, names of beneficiaries of wards, attestation of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 643 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.
For original bonds, see entry 58-i.

92. LIST OF CASES OF CHANCERY COURT, 1926-32, 1937--. 1 file box,
1 desk drawer.
Lists made and kept by the clerk for his own convenience, of causes filed, listed in the order of call for hearing at each term of court, showing date

and term of court, docket number in General Chancery Docket (entry 82), names of litigants, of attorneys for litigants, and of other parties in interest, cause of action, date filed, date set for hearing, date of hearing, and disposition of each cause. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and tpw. on cards. 1 file box, 10½ x 15 x 13; desk drawer 1937--, 5 x 13 x 24.

Fees and Costs

93. CHANCERY FEE BILLS, 1919--. 6 vols. Title varies: Chancery Fee Book, 1919-30.
Carbon copies of itemized fees and cost bills, showing fee bill number, docket number in General Chancery Docket (entry 82), names of complainants and defendants, itemized statement of fees and costs due clerk, sheriff, and other officials of the court, names of witnesses and amount due each, total amount of costs and fees, and certification of clerk. Arr. numer. by fee bill no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 17 x 15½ x 4, 3 vols., 1919-30; 250 pp. 17 x 12 x 2, 3 vols., 1931--. 5 vols., 1919-37, in sto. vas.; 1 vol., 1937--, in ch. clerk's off.

94. WITNESS CERTIFICATES, 1934. 1 vol. (labeled by incl. certificate nos., 1-5000)
Stub record of certificates issued to witnesses summoned and attending court for which warrants may be obtained for payment for services, showing certificate number, docket number of cause in which summoned in General Chancery Docket (entry 82), names of litigants, name of witness, date certificate issued, number of days in attendance, mileage, total amount allowed, term of court, signature of clerk, and signature of payee acknowledging receipt of certificate. Arr. chron. by date issued, and numer. thereunder by no. of certificate. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 17½ x 14 x 1.

Proceedings

95. MINUTES CHANCERY COURT, 1918--. 4 vols. (1-4).
Minutes of the proceedings of the chancery court at term time and in vacation, showing date of term of court, name of county, day of term, name of presiding chancellor, docket number in General Chancery Docket (entry 82), of causes heard each day, names of complainants and defendants, petitioners, and other parties in interest, approval by court of cost, appearance, appeal, and execution bonds, and of bonds of administrators, executors, and guardians of estates of decedents, minors, and persons of unsound mind, interlocutory and final rulings, decrees, and orders of the court, dates of rendition, final disposition of each case, allowances of clerks', witnesses', and sheriffs' fees, adjourning orders, and signature of presiding chancellor. Also contains: Minutes, Chancery Court, Estate Docket, 1918-20, 1927-- (entry 96). Arr. chron. by date of term of court and chron. thereunder by date of each session. No index. Tpw. 636 pp. 18 x 11½ x 2½.

96. MINUTES, CHANCERY COURT, ESTATE DOCKET, 1921-26. 1 vol. (1).
1918-20, 1927-- in Minutes Chancery Court, entry 95.
Record of acts of the clerk done at rules and in vacation to expedite all matters not brought before the court at term time, showing dates rules and vacation hearings held, names of complainants, defendants, petitioners, and other parties in interest including administrators, executors, and guardians; and notations of

all acts, judgments, orders, and decrees of the clerk concerning the filing of wills and last testaments for probate, the return of inventories of estates, presentation and approval of annual or final accountings of administrators, executors, and guardians, the referring of claims against estates to auditors, the settlement of insolvent estates, fixing of new bonds of administrators, executors, and guardians, revocation of letters testamentary or of administration or granting of such letters anew, entering of decrees nisi, the making of all orders to show cause returnable, adjourning orders, signature of clerk, and approval and signature of chancellor. Arr. chron. by date of act. No index. Tpw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Legal Publications

97. THE BELZONI BANNER, 1918--. 21 vols. (dated).
Bound copies of weekly newspaper published at Belzoni, county seat of Humphreys County, containing the legal publications of:

i. The board of supervisors including: The proceedings of the board; annual budgets, notices of special meetings, of the intention of the board to issue county and county district bonds, to call in bonds, to issue negotiable notes, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, to establish separate road districts, to survey and appraise land, to exempt new factories and specified new industries from county ad valorem taxes, to undertake the eradication of tuberculosis among cattle; notices that tax rolls have been equalized by the board and are ready for public inspection and examination; that special meetings have been called for the purpose of hearing objections of taxpayers to the equalization of the tax rolls made by the State Tax Commission; advertisements for competitive bids from banks to act as county depositories; advertisements for competitive bids to furnish truck, tractors, or other road machinery; to furnish supplies in road work involving more than $250; to do county printing; and to furnish supplies and equipment for county offices, departments, and bureaus; advertisements for competitive bids on all public work costing more than $100; and orders of the board fixing the width of tires and the maximum loads of vehicles passing over public roads and bridges in the county.

ii. The chancery court including: Citation to nonresident or unknown heirs, to nonresident or unknown defendants, to nonresident or unknown appellees, to nonresident or unknown witnesses naming place and time a commission will take testimony, and to persons to appear before the supreme court at the hearing of appeals; notices of taxpayers' objections to the validation of county and county district bonds; of proceedings to confirm titles to land sold for taxes; of the filing of petitions to create drainage districts; of foreclosures of mortgages and deeds of trust on land; to persons having an interest in an escheat; and administrators', executors', and guardians' notices to creditors to file claims against estates, of times fixed for the examination and adjudication of claims, and of administrators', executors', and guardians' sales.

iii. The circuit court including: Summonses to nonresident or unknown defendants and appellees, and to nonresident or unknown witnesses, naming time and place a commission will take testimony, to parties distraining, and notices of attachment proceedings.

iv. The clerk of the circuit court as registrar including: Notices of the dates of the registration of voters in each voting precinct in the county.

v. The coroner as ranger including: Descriptions of estrays taken up when the appraised value of an estray exceeds $20.

vi. The county board of election commissioners including: Notices of special elections ordered by the board of supervisors for voting on proposed county and county-district bond issues, of special elections ordered to fill vacancies occurring in county or county-district offices, and of special elections ordered by the county school board to vote on creating, altering, or abolishing school districts.

vii. The county school board including: Orders creating, altering, or abolishing school districts and notices that orders will become final unless petitions signed by 20 percent of the taxpayers of the district affected file a petition against the orders.

viii. Charters of incorporation. For description, see entry 60.

ix. Of notices of trustees' sales of land under foreclosure of deeds of trust, show date of execution of deeds of trust, names of grantor, beneficiary, and trustee, volume and page of record in Land Deeds of Trust, 1919-- (entry 25); statement that grantor has defaulted in the performance of the conditions of the deed of trust; time and place set for sale; legal description of property to be sold; date of notice, name of trustee, and dates of other insertions of notices in the paper.

x. The pension board of inquiry including: Lists of persons granted Confederate pensions.

xi. The sheriff as tax collector including: Advertisements of land to be sold for delinquent taxes listed in numerical order as contained in Land Roll-County, 1918-- (entry 19), Land Roll-Municipalities, 1930-- (entry 20), and Land Roll-Special Assessment on Land /Drainage District/, 1919-- (entry 21), and showing names of delinquent property owners, legal description of property, amount of taxes due, date of sale, and certification of sheriff as tax collector; advertisements of the sale of personal property for delinquent taxes, and lists of poll tax delinquents.

Newspapers arr. chron. by year of publication and chron. thereunder by newspaper vol. no. and issue no. and date of issue. No index. Ptd. Av. 400 pp. 27 x 18 x 3.

Correspondence

98. /CORRESPONDENCE/, 1919--. 11 file boxes. (dated).
Original letters and communications received by the clerk and carbon copies of original letters and communications written by the clerk pertaining to the business of the board of supervisors, the chancery court, and the offices of clerk of the board of supervisors, clerk of the chancery court as treasurer, clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, and clerk of the chancery court as clerk of the pension board of inquiry. Included also are opinions of the attorney general on questions of law and letters from the attorney general giving legal advice, written in answer to inquiries made by the clerk. Correspondence shows dates, names of addressor and addressee, subject and contents, and signature of addressor. Arr. alph. by name of addressee, and chron. thereunder by date of communication. No index. Hdw. and tpw. 10 x 5 x 13.

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IV. CIRCUIT COURT

The Constitution of 1890 prescribes that the Legislature shall divide the State into convenient circuit districts and that circuit court shall be held in each county at least twice each year.[1] Since its establishment on March 28, 1918, Humphreys County has been attached to the fourth circuit court district together with Holmes, Leflore, Sunflower, and Washington Counties.[2] The first session of court was held July 25, 1918,[3] and the court has functioned continuously in the county since that time. The Legislature prescribed the times of holding court,[4] and, since 1922, sessions have been held for 24 days, beginning the third Monday in February and the fourth Monday in August. The first 12 days of each term are devoted to civil matters and the last 12 days to criminal business, and since 1934 criminal matters can be tried the first 12 days of each days of each session when there are no civil matters.[5]

The presiding officer of the circuit court is the judge of the circuit court district.[6] Other county officers attached to the court are the clerk,[7] the sheriff who is its executive officer,[8] and the county prosecuting attorney who assists the district attorney.[9] A court reporter or stenographer in the district may be appointed by the judge.[10] Indictments and presentments are returned to the court by the grand jury,[11] and cases in issue are tried before the petit jury.[12] The district attorney represents the State in all criminal prosecutions in the court and both the State and county in civil causes in which they are interested.[13] He is assisted in these matters by the county prosecuting attorney.[14]

The circuit judge is elected for a 4-year term by the qualified voters of the district.[15]

The office of clerk of the circuit court was established in Humphreys County by the creating act of March 28, 1918, as prescribed by the Constitution

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1. Const., 1890, secs. 152, 158.
2. L. M., 1918, p. 371; Code, 1917, sec. 430; Code, 1930, sec. 473.
3. Minute Book Circuit Court, vol. 1, p. 2; see entry 115.
4. L. M., 1918, p. 371.
5. Ibid., 1922, p. 134; Code, 1930, sec. 473; L. M., 1934, p. 409.
6. Code, 1917, sec. 467; Code, 1930, sec. 476.
7. Code, 1917, sec. 469; Code, 1930, sec. 478.
8. Code, 1917, sec. 3085; Code, 1930, sec. 3315; see "Sheriff", p. 92.
9. Code, 1917, sec. 3138; Code, 1930, sec. 709.
10. Code, 1917, sec. 3139; Code, 1930, sec. 709.
11. See "Grand Jury", p. 89.
12. Const., 1890, secs. 14, 31.
13. Code, 1917, sec. 1398; Code, 1930, sec. 4363; see "District Attorney", p. 90.
14. Code, 1917, sec. 697; Code, 1930, sec. 4226; see "County Prosecuting Attorney", p. 91.
15. Const., 1890, sec. 153; Code, 1917, sec. 467; Code, 1930, sec. 476. Elections are held every 4 years concurrently with the elections of Representatives in Congress, that is in 1918, and every four years thereafter, (ibid.).

of 1890.[16] The first clerk was appointed by the Governor June 1, 1918,[17] and served until elected at the general election in November 1919, and sworn into office in January 1920,[18] The office has functioned continuously since that time. The clerk is elected for a 4-year term by the qualified voters of the county at the general election for State, district, county, and county-district officers.[19]

The office of court reporter or stenographer, filled by appointment by the judge, has functioned in the district and in the circuit court of Humphreys County since 1918, the stenographer serving a 4-year term unless removed from office.[20]

The guarantee of the Constitution of the United States of trial by an impartial jury,[21] is provided for in Mississippi insofar as Humphreys County is affected, by the Constitution of 1890.[22] The first jury panel was drawn April 18, 1919,[23] and juries have been impaneled continuously since that time.

For the general structural and functional development of the circuit court, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 116-131.

Unless otherwise specified, the records of the circuit court are kept in the vault of the clerk.

Original Case Papers

Criminal

99. CRIMINAL CASES-DEAD, 1918--. 23 file boxes.
Original pleadings and other papers filed with criminal cases filed and tried in the circuit court in which verdict has been rendered, sentence imposed and the case closed, including indictments, presentments, bills of information and particulars, pleas, answers, affidavits, motions, demurrers, exceptions writs, rules, orders and decrees, and showing docket number in General Docket Criminal Cases (entry 104); names of State and defendant, names of prosecuting and defense attorneys, offense charged, title of each paper and pleading filed, date filed, dates arrested and arraigned, dates and terms of hearings, interlocutory and final rulings, orders and decrees of the judge, dates rendered, instructions to juries, verdicts, amount of fine or term of imprisonment ordered, notice of

16. L. M., 1918, p. 371.
17. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, pp. 1, 2, 16; see entry 1; Record of Official Bonds, vol. 2, p. 17; see entry 59.
18. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1899--, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, 12 vols., vol. 1920, p. 47.
19. Code, 1917, sec. 2794; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 6210.
20. Code, 1917, secs. 3138, 3140; Code, 1930, secs. 709, 711.
21. Const. of the United States, Amendments, art. VI.
22. Const., 1890, secs. 14, 31.
23. Minute Book Circuit Court, vol. 1, pp. 9, 10; see entry 115; see also "Grand Jury," p. 89.

appeal, appeal bond with names of sureties on bond, statement of fees, signatures of defendant and attorney, signature of the judge on rules, orders and decrees, and signature and attestation of the circuit clerk. Arr. numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. Hdw. and tpw. and hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 10 x 5 x 13½.

100. CRIMINAL CASES-PENDING, 1937--. 1 file box.
Original pleadings and papers filed with criminal cases filed in the circuit court in which verdict has not been rendered or sentence imposed and which are pending trial or a further hearing, including indictments, bills of informations, presentments, bills of particulars, pleas, answers, affidavits, motions, demurrers, exceptions, writs, rules, orders and decrees, and showing docket number in General Docket Criminal Cases (entry 104); names of State and defendant, name of prosecutor for State and names of defense attorneys, offense charged, title of each paper and pleading filed, date filed, dates arrested and arraigned, dates and terms of hearings, interlocutory rulings, orders and decrees of the court, verdicts, dates rendered, statement of costs and fees, signatures of defendant and attorneys, signature of the judge on rulings, orders and decrees, and signature and attestation of the circuit clerk. Arr. numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date filed. No index. Hdw. and tpw. and hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 10 x 5 x 13½.

Civil

101 CIVIL CASES-DEAD, 1918--. 43 file boxes. (labeled by inclusive case nos., 1-1448).
Original pleadings and papers filed with civil cases filed and tried in the circuit court in which verdict has been rendered and judgment entered and the case closed, including declarations, answers, petitions, bills of particulars, pleas, affidavits, motions, demurrers, exceptions, writs, information, interrogatories, depositions, rulings, orders and decrees, and showing case number in General Docket Civil Cases (entry 109); names of litigants and their respective attorneys, cause of action, title of each paper and pleading filed, date filed, date and proof of service or publication, dates and terms of hearings, interlocutory and final rulings orders and decrees of the judge, instructions to the jury, dates rendered, verdicts, amount of judgment entered, notice of appeal, appeal bond with names of principal and sureties, issuance of execution and return on executions, statement of costs and fees, signatures of litigants and attorneys, signature of the judge on rules, orders and decrees, and signature and attestation of the circuit clerk. Arr. numer. by docket no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. and tpw. and hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 10 x 5 x 13½.

102. CIVIL CASES-PENDING, 1936--. 1 file box.
Original pleadings and papers filed with all civil cases filed in the circuit court in which final verdict has not been rendered or judgment entered and which are still pending trial or a further hearing, including declarations, answers, petitions, bills of particulars, pleas, affidavits, motions, demurrers, exceptions, writs, rulings, orders and decrees, interrogatories, depositions, showing docket number in General Docket Civil Cases (entry 109); names of litigants and attorneys, cause of action, title of each paper and pleading filed, date filed, date and proof of service or proof of publication, dates and terms of hearings,

interlocutory rulings, orders and decrees of the court, date rendered, statement of costs and fees, signatures of litigants and attorneys, signature of the judge on rulings, orders and decrees and signature and attestation of the circuit clerk. Arr. numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. and tpw. and hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13½.

Receipts for Documents

103. ATTORNEYS RECEIPT BOOK, 1919-32. 1 vol. Discontinued in favor of card receipts placed in files.
Record of case papers taken out of files by attorneys, showing docket number, names of litigants or defendants, number and list of papers taken out, date taken out, signature of attorney taking papers out, and clerk's notation of date papers returned. Arr. chron. by date taken out. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 403 pp. 16½ x 12 x 2.

Dockets, Calendars, and Registers

Criminal

104. GENERAL DOCKET CRIMINAL CASES, 1918--. 5 vols. (1-5).
Record and abstract of all pleadings and papers filed and all important acts done in the conduct of each criminal case from its commencement to its termination, including indictments, bills of information, presentments, bills of particulars, pleas, answers, affidavits, motions, appeals, demurrers, exceptions, writs, rules, orders and decrees; showing docket number, name of defendant, names of prosecuting and defense attorneys, offense charged, title of each paper and pleading filed, date of filing, names of witnesses, dates arrested and arraigned, dates and terms of hearings, interlocutory and final rulings, orders and decrees of the court, dates rendered, amount of fine or term of imprisonment imposed, date imposed, statement of costs and fees, volume and page of record in Minute Book Circuit Court (entry 115). Also contains: Motion Docket, 1928-- (entry 113). Arr. numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 240 pp. 18½ x 13 x 2½.

105. COURT STATE DOCKET, 1919--. 3 vols. (1, 2 vols., unlabeled).
Calendar of criminal cases begun by indictment, presentment, information or other proceedings and triable at each approaching term of the circuit court, prepared by the clerk for the convenience of the judge, showing docket number in General Docket Criminal Cases (entry 104), names of State and defendant, prosecuting and defense attorneys, and witnesses, offense charged, date filed, orders from the next preceding term of court, orders from the current term of court, dates rendered and kind of process issued. Arr. chron. by term of court and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 350 pp. 18½ x 13 x 2½; 1 vol., 1919-32, 350 pp. 9 x 15 x 2½, 2 vols., 1933--.

106. DISTRICT ATTORNEYS BAR STATE DOCKET, 1919--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Calendar of criminal cases begun by indictment, presentment, information or other proceedings and triable at each approaching term of the circuit court, kept for

the convenience of the district attorney and other attorneys, showing docket number in General Docket Criminal Cases (entry 104); names of prosecuting and defense attorneys, and of witnesses, offense charged, kind of process issued, dates filed and returned, orders from the next preceding term of court, orders from the current term of court and dates rendered. Arr. chron. by term of court and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form, 1 vol., 1919-35; hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form, 1 vol., 1936--. 480 pp. 18⅓ x 13 x 2½, 1 vol., 1919-35; 271 pp. 19 x 12⅓ x 3, 1936--.

Habeas Corpus Proceedings

107. HABEAS CORPUS RECORD, 1918--. 1 vol. (1). Last entry 1932
Record of the proceedings in hearings on writs of habeas corpus, showing hearing number, name of plaintiff or petitioner, name of defendant or person holding petitioner in custody, date petition made to judge, name of judge to whom petition was made, date writ issued, date of service of writ on defendant, date of defendant's return, names of witnesses subpenaed, date of summons, order of the court dismissing writ, committing or remanding petitioner, or admitting him to bail, amount of bail, set, signature of judge conducting hearing. Arr. numer. by hearing no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of petitioner. Hdw. on ptd. form. 245 pp. 17⅓ x 13 x 2⅓.

Indictments

108. SECRET RECORD OF INDICTMENTS, 1918--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Clerk's record of indictments returned by the grand jury, showing venue, indictment number, date returned, name of indictee, offense charged, kind of indictment, names of witnesses testifying, name of foreman of grand jury, and name of district attorney. Arr. chron. by date of term of court and numer. thereunder by indictment no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of indictee. Hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.
For original indictments returned, see entries 99, 100; for grand jury record of indictments returned, see entry 139.

Civil (See also entry 28)

109. GENERAL DOCKET CIVIL CASES, 1918--. 7 vols. (1-7).
Record and abstract of all pleadings and papers filed and of all important acts done in civil cases filed and tried in the circuit court from their commencement to their termination, including declarations, answers, petitions, bills of particulars, pleas, affidavits, motions, demurrers, exceptions, writs, rules, orders and decrees, showing docket number, names of litigants and their attorneys, cause of action, amount involved, title of each paper and pleading filed, date filed, names of witnesses, date and proof of service or publication, dates and terms of hearings, interlocutory and final rulings, orders and decrees of the judge, dates rendered, jury verdicts, date and amount of judgment entered, volume and page of record in Minute Book Circuit Court (entry 115), statement of fees and costs, and notice of appeals. Also contains: Civil Subpoena Docket, 1925-- (entry 112); and Motion Docket, 1928-- (entry 113). Arr. numer. by docket no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. Indexed alph. by first letter of surnames of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 240 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

110. COURT ISSUE DOCKET, 1919--. 3 vols. (1, 2 vols. unlabeled). Calendar of civil cases triable at each approaching term of court, prepared by the clerk for the convenience of the judge, and showing docket number in General Docket Civil Cases (entry 109); names of plaintiffs and defendants, cause of action, names of attorneys for plaintiffs and for defendants; day, month, and year case filed; kind of process served and date of service, orders of court at preceding term, orders of court at present term, dates of orders, volume and page of record of proceedings in Minute Book Circuit Court (entry 115); amount of jury tax paid, and name of payee. Also contains: Bar Issue Docket, 1935-- (entry 111). Arr. numer. by docket no. No index. Hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 18½ x 13 x 2, 1 vol., 1919-33; 250 pp. 9 x 15 x 2, 2 vols., 1934--.

111. BAR ISSUE DOCKET, 1919-34. 1 vol. (1). 1935-- in Court Issue Docket, entry 110.
Calendar of civil cases triable at each approaching term of court, prepared by the clerk for the convenience of attorneys, and showing docket number in General Docket Civil Cases (entry 109); names of plaintiffs and defendants, cause of action, names of attorneys for plaintiffs and for defendants, day, month and year case filed, orders of the court preceding term, orders of the court at present term, and dates of orders. Arr. numer. by docket no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

112. CIVIL SUBPOENA DOCKET, 1918-24. 1 vol. (1). 1925-- in General Docket Civil Cases, entry 110.
Record of subpenas issued for witnesses appearing in civil cases filed, and filed and tried, in the circuit court, showing docket number in General Docket Civil Cases (entry 109); names of litigants, names of witnesses subpenaed, for which party subpenaed, date issued, term of court, number of days in attendance, mileage allowed, total fees allowed, date received by officer for service, date returnable, date returned, and officer's return. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 452 pp. 18½ x 13 x 2.
For sheriff's record of supenas received and served, see entries 140,142.

Criminal and Civil

113. MOTION DOCKET, 1919-27. 1 vol. (1). 1928-- in General Docket Criminal Cases, entry 104; and in General Docket Civil Cases, entry 109.
Record and abstract of all motions and special pleas filed in cases filed and tried, including motions, demurrers, executions to evidence or reports, and special pleas, showing docket number of criminal cases in General Docket Criminal Cases (entry 104); and docket number of civil cases in General Docket Civil cases (entry 109); names of defendants and of prosecuting and defense attorneys in criminal cases and of plaintiffs and attorneys in civil cases; title of each pleading filed, date filed, date and term of hearing, and disposition. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 240 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

114. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1919--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of all writs of capias pro fiem and of execution issued by the clerk to the sheriff for service, showing date of issuance, names of State and defendants in criminal cases and of plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases, names of prosecuting and defense attorneys, docket number of criminal cases in General Docket

Criminal Cases (entry 104); docket number of civil cases in General Docket Civil Cases (entry 109); date judgment or fine ordered, amount of judgment or fine, amount of costs and fees, kind of writ, title of officer to whom directed, name of county to which directed, and dates writs returnable and returned. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 482 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

For sheriff's record of writs received and served, see entries 140-145.

Minutes

115. MINUTE BOOK CIRCUIT COURT, 1918--. 4 vols. (1-3,3).
Record of the proceedings of the circuit court, showing name of county, month, term, and year of court; name of presiding judge, docket numbers of cases filed and tried, interlocutory and final rulings, decrees, and orders of the court; jury verdicts; amount of judgment awarded in civil cases, and amount of fine or term of imprisonment imposed in criminal cases; summoning of jurors; acceptance and swearing of jurors; approval of appeal, appearance, bail, and cost bonds; allowing of jurors', witnesses', sheriffs', clerks', court reporter's and other fees; and acceptance and filing of reports of the grand jury. Each day's minutes are signed by the presiding judge. Arr. chron. by term of court and chron. thereunder by date of term. No index. Hdw. and tpw. 480 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

Enrolled Judgments

116. JUDGMENTS TRANSCRIBED, 1913-19. 2 vols. (1, 1 unlabeled).
Transcription of record of unsatisfied final judgments rendered in civil cases at each term of the circuit court of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington, and Yazoo Counties in the parts of those counties transferred to Humphreys County in 1918, as well as unsatisfied final judgments rendered in other courts of competent jurisdiction for which abstracts were filed with the clerks of the circuit courts for enrollment; and showing name of defendant, amount of judgment or decree rendered, date of rendition, county and court of rendition, date of enrollment, name of plaintiff, notations as to when and how satisfied, if satisfied after formation of Humphreys County; and remarks. Volumes also show date and certification of transcriptions by clerks of the circuit courts of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington, and Yazoo Counties. Arr. alph. by name of county and chron. thereunder by date judgment or decree enrolled. Indexed alph. by first letter of surnames of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

117. JUDGMENT ROLL, 1918--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Record of final judgments rendered in civil cases at each term of the circuit court in Humphreys County, as well as final decrees and judgments rendered in other courts of competent jurisdiction for which abstracts have been filed with the clerk for enrollment; showing name of defendant, amount of judgment or decree, county and court in which rendered, date of enrollment, name of plaintiff, notation as to when and how satisfied, if satisfied; and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of enrollment. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 480 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

For original final judgments rendered, see entries 95, 115, 134-138.

Allowances
(See also entries 1, 115, 195-199, 202, 203)

118. STATE WITNESS CERTIFICATES, 1919--. 2 vols. (labeled by inclusive certificate nos., 1-2000).
Stub record of certificates issued to witnesses appearing in criminal cases, showing certificate number, term of court, docket number in General Docket Criminal Cases (entry 104), name of defendant, name of witness as payee, for which party appearing, number of days of attendance, mileage, total amount allowed, date issued, signature of payee acknowledging receipt of certificate, and signature of circuit clerk. Arr. chron. by term of court and numer. thereunder by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 14½ x 14 x 1½.

119. WITNESS CERTIFICATES-CIVIL CASES, 1919--. 1 vol.
Stub record of certificates issued to witnesses appearing in civil cases, showing certificate number, term of court, docket number in General Docket Civil Cases (entry 109); names of litigants, name of witness as payee, for which party appearing, number of days in attendance, mileage, total amount allowed, date issued, signature of payee acknowledging receipt of certificate, and signature of circuit clerk. Arr. chron. by term of court and numer. thereunder by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 14 x 15 x 1½.

120. JURY CERTIFICATES, 1919--. 7 vols. Title varies: Petit Jury Certificates, 1919-20, 2 vols; Grand Jury Certificates, 1919--, 2 vols.
Stub record of certificates issued for jury service, showing certificate number, name of juror to whom issued, number of days of service, mileage, total amount allowed, signature of payee acknowledging receipt of certificate, and signature of clerk. Arr. numer. by certificate number. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 1½ x 12 x 1½.

Fees and Costs

121. CRIMINAL FEE BOOK, 1919--. 2 vols.
Duplicate copies of schedules of costs and fees assessed in criminal cases filed and tried, including court costs, clerks' fees, printers' fees, sheriffs' fees, jury tax, witness fees, court reporters' fees, county prosecuting attorneys' fees, costs of cases filed and tried in justice of the peace courts, and appealed to the circuit court, and other fees and costs assessed, showing schedule or fee bill number, docket number in General Docket Criminal Cases (entry 104); name of defendant, offense charged, itemized statement of kinds and amounts of fees and costs assessed, total amount of fees and costs assessed, names of witnesses, number of days of attendance, mileage, date of signature and certification of the circuit clerk, date paid, amount paid, and signature and receipt of the clerk. Arr. numer. by fee bill no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 17 x 11½ x 2.

122. COST BILLS, CIVIL, 1919--. 3 vols. (1, 2 unlabeled). Title varies: Civil Fee Bills, 1919-21, 1 vol.
Duplicate copies of schedules of costs and fees assessed in civil cases filed and tried, including court costs, clerks' fees, printers' fees, sheriffs' fees, jury tax, costs of cases filed and tried in justice of the peace courts, and appealed to the circuit court, court reporters' fees, witness fees, and other

fees and costs assessed, showing schedule or fee bill number, docket number in General Docket Civil Cases (entry 109), names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, itemized statement of kinds and amounts of fees and costs assessed, total amount of fees and costs assessed, names of witnesses, number of days of attendance, mileage, date of fee bill, signature and certification of the circuit clerk, date paid, amount paid, and signature and receipt of the circuit clerk. Arr. numer. by fee bill no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 17 x 11 x 2.

123. JURY FEE BOOK, 1919-21. 1 vol. (1). 1922-- in Jury Certificates entry 120 and Criminal Fee Book entry 121.
Record of fees allowed grand and petit jurors for services, showing pay certificate number, docket number in General Docket Criminal Cases (entry 104); and in General Docket Civil Cases (entry 109); date issued, name of juror, number of days of attendance, amount, and term of court. Arr. numer. by certificate no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 325 pp. 16½ x 12 x 1½.
For allowance of fees, see entries 124, 140.

Jurors

124. LIST OF JURORS SELECTED, 1920-22, 1924--. 2 file boxes.
Original lists of persons eligible for service on grand and petit juries, selected annually by the board of supervisors and certified to the circuit court as the clerk of the board, showing date of meeting at which selected, names of persons selected and listed, under the number of the supervisor's district in which they reside, certification of the clerk of the board, and date of certification. Arr. chron. by date certified. No index. Hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 3.
For duplicate copies of lists, see entry 4; for original selecting of persons eligible to serve on juries, see entry 1.

Naturalization

125. RECORD OF PROOF OF NATURALIZATION, 1924--. Last entry 1933.
Blank certificates of naturalization and filled out stubs of certificates of naturalization issued by the circuit court. Filled out stubs show number of certificate, name and age of certificate holder, volume and page of record of holder's declaration of intention, volume and page of record of holder's petition for naturalization, name, age, and place of residence of holder's wife; names, ages, and places of minor children of holder; date of order issuing certificate of naturalization, volume and page of record of order, and signature of holder. Arr. numer. by certificate no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of holder of certificate. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

V. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

The clerk of the circuit court, in addition to his clerical and clerical-judicial functions in connection with the circuit court, has been assigned a number of licensing and recording powers and duties.[1]

The office of clerk of the circuit court was established in Humphreys County by the creating act of March 28, 1918, as prescribed by the Constitution of 1890,[2] and has functioned continuously since that time.

For the general structural and functional development of this office, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 144-145.

The records kept by the clerk of the circuit court in his licensing and recording capacities, are preserved in his office, unless otherwise specified.

Marriages

126. MARRIAGE RECORDS-WHITE, 1918--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of marriages of white persons including:

i. Applications 1918-30, for marriage licenses, original, showing names of applicants affidavit of male applicant only as to ages of both applicants, signature of male applicant, signature of clerk as officer taking affidavit, and date affidavit made.

ii. Certificates of marriage returned, record of, showing names of contracting parties, date ceremony performed, name and title of person performing ceremony, dates certificate received for filing, date recorded, and signature of clerk in attest.

iii. Consents to marriages of persons under statutory age given by parents, guardians, or next of kin, original, showing name of person under statutory age for marriage, statement of consent to marriage, signatures of parents, guardians, or next of kin, signatures of subscribing witnesses or of officer taking proof, and date of proof.

iv. Marriage licenses issued, record of, showing names of contracting parties, signature of clerk as licensor, date license issued, and clerk's certification of dates licenses issued and dates certificates of marriage returned.

Also contains: Applications For Marriage Licenses-White, 1938-- (entry 127). Arr. chron. by date application made. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of both male and female applicants. Hdw. on ptd. form. 648 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

127. APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES-WHITE, 1930-37. 3 vols. (labeled by incl. application nos., 1-580). 1938-- in Marriage Records-White entry 126.
Original instruments, including:

i. Applications for marriage licenses, showing names, age, race,

1. For a summarization of these powers and duties, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 144-155.
2. Const., 1890, sec. 168; L. M., 1918, p. 370. For the method of selecting the clerk, the present status of the office, and the terms of office, see "Circuit Court,"pp. footnotes

ages and addresses of applicants, names and addresses of parents, guardians, or next of kin of applicants, affidavits of both applicants as to their ages, signatures of both applicants, affidavits of male applicant that no legal cause exists to obstruct the marriage, signature of clerk or officer taking affidavits, and date affidavit made.

ii. Notices mailed to parents, guardians, or next of kin of applications made by persons under statutory age for marriage, showing names and addresses of parents, guardians, or next of kin notified, names, ages, race, and addresses given by applicants for license, statement that license will be issued within 5 days from date if no legal objection is made, date notices mailed, and date license will be issued, and clerk's signature in attest.

Arr. chron. by date application filed. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 17 x 11 x 2½.

128. MARRIAGE RECORDS-COLORED, 1918--. 12 vols. (1-12).
Record of marriages of colored persons. Also contains: Applications For Marriage Licenses-Colored, 1938-- (entry 129). For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, manner of recording, number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 126.

129. APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES-COLORED, 1930-37. 2 vols. (labeled by incl. application nos., 1-250, 1-250). 1938-- in Marriage Records, Colored, entry 128.
Original instruments. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, manner of recording, number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 127.

Professional Licenses
(See also entries 169-171)

130. REGISTER OF PHYSICIANS, PHARMACISTS, DENTISTS, 1919--. 1 vol.
Recorded copies of temporary and permanent licenses to practice issued by the State Board of Health to physicians and surgeons, by the State Board of pharmacists, and by the State Board of Dental Examiners to dentists, practicing and residing in Humphreys County, showing: License number, name, age, birthplace, and address of person licensed; name of school attended; date of graduation; names of persons given as references; authorization from State boards to practice; expiration dates of temporary licenses; names of members of State boards; dates filed and recorded; and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date license filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of licensee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 15½ x 12 x 2.

131. REGISTER OF VETERINARY SURGEONS, 1919--. 1 vol.
Recorded copies of licenses issued by the State Board of Health to veterinary surgeons practising and residing in Humphreys County, showing license number, name of veterinarian, birthplace, age, address, date of birth, sex, race, educational qualifications, personal references, date issued, authorization to practice, signatures of members of the state board of examiners, dates filed and recorded, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date license filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of licensee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 160 pp. 16 x 11 x 1.

132. RECORD OF EMBALMERS LICENSES, 1919--. 1 vol.
Recorded copies of licenses issued by the State Board of Embalming to embalmers practicing and residing in Humphreys County, showing license number, date issued, name of embalmer licensed, authorization to practice, and signature of president, secretary, and members of the State Board of Embalming, dates filed and recorded and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date license filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of licensee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 164 pp. 16 x 11½ x 1½.

133. RECORD OF LICENSES-OPTOMETRY, 1930--. 1 vol.
Recorded copies of licenses issued by the State Board of Optometry to optometrists practicing and residing in Humphreys County, showing license number, date issued, name and address of optometrist, authorization to practice, signatures of members of the State Board of Optometry, dates filed and recorded, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date license filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of licensee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 164 pp. 16 x 11½ x 1½.

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VI. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Offices and courts of justice of the peace were established in Humphreys County by the creating act of March 28, 1918[1] as prescribed by the Constitution of 1890.[2] The offices were first filled by appointment by the Governor until justices of the peace were regularly elected at the general elections of 1919 and sworn into office in January 1920.[3]

The Constitution of 1890 provides that a competent number of justices of the peace be chosen in each county by districts.[4] Until 1932 statute law required that 2 justices be selected from each of 5 districts, the boundaries of the districts being the same as the boundaries of the supervisors' beats or districts.[5] Since 1932 only 1 justice of the peace is to be elected in and from each district, with the provision that the board of supervisors may provide for the election of an additional justice in any district.[6] At the present time 2 justices of the peace are elected in and from Beats 2 and 5 and 1 each from Beats 1, 3, and 4.[7]

The Constitution of 1890 provides that justices of the peace shall be chosen by districts for a term of 4 years, but gives the Legislature power to determine the method of selection.[8] The Legislature has prescribed that justices of the peace shall be elected by districts at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers.[9]

Justices of the peace must hold not less than 1 term of court each month, nor more than 2.[10] Other county officers attached to the court are constables, who are the executive officers of the court,[11] and the sheriff as executive officer in the event there is no constable.[12] A 6 member jury must be impanelled if any party to a cause demands a trial by jury.[13]

For the structural and functional development of the office of justice of the peace, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 152-156.

For original reports made by justices of the peace of fines and penalties imposed and collected, see entry 187.

1. L. M., 1918, p. 370.
2. Const., 1890, sec. 171.
3. Record of Official Bonds, vol. 1, pp. 2, 3; see entry 59; L. M., 1918, p. 370.
4. Const., 1890, sec. 171.
5. Code, 1917, sec. 2220; L. M., 1926, p. 319; Code, 1930, sec. 2069.
6. L. M., 1932, p. 473.
7. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, 1899-- 12 vols., vol. 1939, p. 27.
8. Const., 1890, sec. 171.
9. Code, 1917, secs. 2220, 2794, 6774; L. M., 1926, p. 319; Code, 1930, secs. 2069, 2881, 6210; L. M., 1932, p. 473.
10. Code, 1917, sec. 2227; Code, 1930, sec. 2076.
11. Code, 1917, sec. 641; Code, 1930, sec. 636.
12. Code, 1917, sec. 2230; Code, 1930, sec. 2079.
13. Code, 1917, sec. 2253; Code, 1930, sec. 2102.

134. JUSTICE DOCKET-BEAT 1 (W. B. Posey), 1918--. 8 vols.
Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal and civil cases from commencement to termination in the justice of peace courts of Beat or District 1, including bills of complaint, petitions, declarations, bills of information, pleas, answers, affidavits, motions, demurrers, exceptions, writs, rulings, orders and decrees, and showing docket number, names of litigants in civil matters, and of defendants in criminal actions, names of attorneys for litigants, names of prosecutors for State and of attorneys for defendants, cause of action or offense charged, date and proof of service of process or publication, names of witnesses subpenaed, names of jurors, final judgment or verdict, amount of judgment rendered, or amount of fine or term of imprisonment imposed, statement of costs and fees, return on writs of execution, dates and notices of appeals. Arr. numer. by docket no. and chron. thereunder by date filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. 1 vol., 1918-23, ch. clerk's va.; 6 vols., 1918-39, cir. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1937--, off. of justice of the peace, McClintock Building, Belzoni.

135. JUSTICE DOCKET-BEAT 2 (E. Livingston and C. E. Crawford), 1918--. 4 vols.
Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed, and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal and civil cases from commencement to termination in the justice of peace court of Beat or District 2. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 134. 2 vols., 1918-27, and 1932, cir. clerk's va.; 2 vols., 1928--, off. of the justices of peace, Isola, Miss.

136. JUSTICE DOCKET-BEAT 3 (G. H. Hairston), 1928--. 2 vols. Missing: 1918-27.
Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed, and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal and civil cases from commencement to termination in the justice of peace court of Beat or District 3. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 134. Off. of justice of the peace in home of G. H. Hairston, Silver City, Miss.

137. JUSTICE DOCKET-BEAT 4 (S. E. Carson), 1932--. 1 vol.
Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed, and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal and civil cases from commencement to termination in the justice of peace court of Beat or District 4. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 134. Off. of justice of the peace in Pat Poll's store, Belzoni, Miss.

138. JUSTICE DOCKET-BEAT 5 (R. O. Jones and R. E. McMurtray), 1918--. 5 vols.
Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed, and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal and civil cases from commencement to termination in the justice of peace court of Beat or District 5. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, number of pages and dimensions, see entry 134. 1 vol. 1918-26, ch. clerk's va.; 3 vols., 1924--, residence of justice of the peace R. O. Jones, Louise, Miss.; 1924--, residence of justice of the peace R. E. McMurtrary, Midnight, Miss.

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VII. GRAND JURY

The guarantee of the Constitution of the United States that no person shall be held to answer for a capitol or otherwise infamous crime, except on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury,[1] is provided for in Mississippi insofar as Humphreys County is concerned, by the Constitution of 1890.[2]

The grand jury was first convened in Humphreys County in April 1919,[3] and has functioned continuously since that time at each term of court devoted to criminal matters. It is composed of not less than 15 nor more than 20 jurors, the number being designated by the court,[4] one of whom is appointed foreman by the court.[5] Grand jurors are selected from the first 62 jurors drawn from the general jury panel.[6] Members of the grand jury serve for the duration of the court, unless dismissed sooner by the judge.[7]

For the general structural and functional development of the grand jury, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 149-151.

139. GRAND JURY DOCKET, 1918--. 1 vol. (1).
Abstract record of indictments and presentments returned by the grand jury, showing venue, indictment number, date returned, name of indictee, offense charged, list of witnesses sworn as witnesses, dates subpenaed issued, and returned, statement as to whether indictee is in custody, at large, or admitted to bail, disposition of case, term of court, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of term of court and numer. thereunder by indictment no. No index. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

For original indictments returned, see entries 99, 100; for grand jury record of indictments returned, see entry 139.

1. Constitution of the United States, Amendments, art. V.
2. Const., 1890, secs. 27, 264.
3. Minutes Circuit Court, vol. 1, p. 9; see entry 115.
4. Code, 1917, sec. 2193; Code, 1930, sec. 2046.
5. Code, 1917, sec. 2194; Code, 1930, sec. 2047.
6. L. M., 1938, p. 658.
7. Code, 1917, sec. 2194; Code, 1930, sec. 2047.

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VIII. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Humphreys County, on its establishment in 1918,[1] was assigned to the fourth circuit court district,[2] and the district attorney of the district assumed his duties in the county and in the circuit court of the county. The office has functioned continuously since that time in the county and in the circuit court district to which Humphreys County has been attached.[3]

The office is constitutional,[4] and the district attorney is elected for a 4-year term [5] by the qualified electors of the district at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers.[6]

For the general structural and functional development of the office of district attorney, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 158-161.

The district attorney is not required to keep any permanent records. However a calendar of criminal cases at issue is prepared for his use (see entry 106). For other records relating to the office of district attorney, see entries 99, 100, 108.

1. L. M., 1918, p. 370.
2. See "Circuit Court," p. 75, footnote 2.
3. Ibid., p. 75, footnotes 4-6.
4. Const., 1890, sec. 174.
5. Code, 1917, sec. 2794; Code, 1930, sec. 2881.
6. Code, 1917, sec. 6774; Code, 1930, sec. 6210.

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IX. COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The office of county prosecuting attorney was established in Humphreys County by the creating act of March 28, 1918,[1] as prescribed by the Code of 1917.[2] The first officer was appointed by the Governor June 1, 1918, and served until an attorney was elected at the general elections in November 1919, and sworn into office in January 1920.[3] This officer is elected by the qualified voters of the county every 4 years at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers.[4] The office of county prosecuting attorney has functioned continuously in the county since its establishment.

For a general discussion of the office, see The Historical Records Survey, Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi, No. 18, Forrest County, Jackson, 1938, pp. 62-63.

The county prosecuting attorney is not required to keep any permanent records. For records relating to this office, see entries 99, 100.

1. L. M., 1918, p. 370.
2. Code, 1917, sec. 694.
3. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1899--, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, 12 vols., vol. 1918, p. 37.
4. Code, 1917, secs. 691, 6774; Code, 1930, secs. 2381, 4220, 6210.

X. SHERIFF

The office of sheriff was established in Humphreys County by the creating act of March 28, 1918, as prescribed by the Constitution of 1890.[1] The office was filled by appointment by the Governor[2] until the general elections of 1919 when a sheriff was regularly elected and sworn into office in January 1920.[3] The office has functioned continuously in the county since that time.

The Constitution of 1890 provides that he be elected for a 4-year term, prohibits him from immediately succeeding himself in office, but gives the Legislature authority to determine the manner of election.[4] The Legislature has prescribed that the sheriff be elected by the qualified electors of the State, district, county, and county-district officers.[5]

For the general structural and functional development of the office of sheriff, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 162-164.

Unless otherwise specified, the records of the sheriff are kept in his office. For a record of the receipts and disbursements of the office of sheriff, see entry 174.

The sheriff also serves as ex-officio tax collector.[6]

Process Dockets

140. MESNE PROCESS DOCKET, 1918--. 6 vols. (1-6).
Abstract record of all writs, except executions, received by the sheriff for service, including writs of certiorari, capias pro finem, supersedeas, de lunatico inquirendo, habeas corpus, mandamus, injunction, inquiry, venire facias juratores, subpena ad testificandum, subpena duces tecum, attachment, sequestration, garnishment, replevin, and restitution, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, docket number, court of issue, date writ received, kind of writ, names of attorneys for plaintiff and for defendant, amount of judgment, date of rendition, rate of interest, amount of interest due, total costs and fees due, dates writs executed and returned, amount of money made. Also contains: Sheriff's Criminal Subpena Docket, 1936-- (entry 142); State Docket, 1932-- (entry 143); Sheriff's Process Docket-Civil and Criminal Justice of the Peace and Circuit Court, 1937-- (entry 144); and Record of Process, 1924-- (entry 145). Arr. chron. by date received. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 239 pp. 18½ x 13 x 3. Vols. 1, 3-6, sheriff's off.; vol. 2, sto. va.

141. SHERIFF'S EXECUTION DOCKET, 1918--. 2 vols. (1,2).
Abstract record of writs of execution received by the sheriff for execution, showing names of plaintiffs and defendants, docket number, names of attorneys for plaintiffs and defendants, amount of judgment rendered, date of rendition

1. Const., 1890, sec. 135; L. M., 1918, p. 370.
2. Ibid.
3. Record of Official Bonds, vol. 2, p. 1; see entry 59, Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, 1899--, 12 vols., vol. 1920, p. 48.
4. Const., 1890, sec. 135.
5. Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 3077; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 3306, 6210.
6. See "Sheriff as Tax Collector," p. 102

court of rendition and issue, rate of interest, amount of interest due, total costs and fees due, dates writs issued, executed, and returned, and amount of money made. Arr. chron. by date received. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 230 pp. 18 x 12½ x 2⅓.

142. SHERIFF'S CRIMINAL SUBPENA DOCKET, 1919-35. 1 vol. (1). 1936-- in Mesne Process Docket, entry 140.

Record of writs of subpena ad testificandum received for service in criminal cases, showing docket number, names of State and defendant, names of witnesses subpenaed, for which side subpenaed, term of court, number of days in attendance, mileage allowed, total amount of fees allowed, date writ received for services, dates of service and return, amount of fee allowed sheriff. Arr. chron. by date writ received for service. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 207 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

143. STATE DOCKET, 1920-31. 1 vol. 1932-- in Mesne Process Docket, entry 140.

Sheriff's record of criminal writs received for service in cases filed and filed and tried in the circuit court, including writs of habeas corpus, supercedeas, and venire facias juratores, and showing docket number and name of State and of defendant in each case, date of term court, court of issue, date process received, kind of process, names of prosecutors for State and of attorneys for defendants, and dates of service and return. Arr. chron. by date process received for service. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 242 pp. 18½ x 15 x 2.

144. SHERIFF'S PROCESS DOCKET-CIVIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE OF PEACE AND CIRCUIT COURT, 1932-36. 2 vols. 1937-- in Mesne Process Docket, entry 140..

Record of writs and other legal process received by the sheriff for service from circuit court including process issued in cases appealed to circuit court, from justice of the peace courts, showing docket number, names of litigants and their respective attorneys in civil actions, names of defendant and defense attorneys and of prosecuting attorney in criminal causes, kind of process, court of issue, date of service, return date. Arr. chron. by date received for service. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 240 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

145. RECORD OF PROCESS, 1920-23. 1 vol. 1924-- in Mesne Process Docket, entry 140.

Record of writs and legal process received by the sheriff for service from the circuit, chancery, and justice of peace courts, showing docket number, names of litigants in civil action, and of defendant in criminal causes, kind of writ or process, court of issue, by whom satisfied, statement of total costs and fees. Arr. chron. by date received for service. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 408 pp. 17½ x 15½ x 2.

Fines, Costs, and Fees

146. RECORD OF FINES AND COSTS, 1918--. 1 vol.

Record of executions for costs directed to the sheriff by the clerks of the chancery and circuit courts, showing name of party from whom fees and costs

due, names of parties to suits and causes and docket number of each suit or cause, court of origin, itemization of fines, costs, and fees due for jury tax, court reporter, witnesses, clerk, sheriff, justices of the peace, other officers, and for feeding prisoners; totals due, dates writs of execution received and executed, and amounts credited. Arr. chron. by date writ received. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 202 pp. 16 x 11½ x 2.

For abstract record of executions, see entry 141.

147. SHERIFF'S CASH FEE RECORD, 1920-22. 1 vol. Discontinued because law of 1922 repealed law of 1916 which placed the sheriff on a straight salary basis as of January 1, 1920, and required the sheriff to deposit all fees and commissions collected in the county treasury, keep an accurate account of all collections, and make an annual report to the State Auditor of Public Accounts of all collections.

Cash book of all fees and commissions collected by the sheriff in both his capacity as a peace officer and as tax collector, showing itemization of all fees collected for executing all court processes, judgments, and decrees, and of all commissions allowed for collection of taxes, giving source of fee or commission, date collected or allowed, total amounts collected, total amounts deposited, amounts drawn monthly from treasury as salary, and receive warrant number of each deposit. Also contains: /Reports to State Auditor of Public Accounts/, 1920-22 (entry 152). Arr. chron. by year and month and chron. thereunder by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 404 pp. 17 x 15 x 2.

Jail Records

148. JAIL DOCKET, 1918--. 5 vols., (1-4, 1 unlabeled).

Record of commitment of prisoners to jail, and 1935--, to county farm, showing name of prisoner, kind of writ committing prisoner and date received, court of conviction, title of officer issuing writ or making arrest, date prisoner received, dates of arrest and commitment, offense for which committed, orders and authority for commitment, amount of bail granted, amount of time served, reason for release or discharge, receipt of officer of penitentiary for prisoners sentenced and committed to penitentiary, age and sex of prisoners, physical description and identifying marks, if any, date of delivery of prisoner to road contractor or to other authorized agent in charge of county road work, date of termination of sentence, time added for escaping or attempting to escape, date of final release, warrant for release and wages credited to prisoners for work on county roads. Arr. chron. by date of commitment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 1 vol. 200 pp. 18 x 10 x 1; 4 vols., 400 pp. 18½ x 15 x 2. 3 vols., 1918-23, 1927--, sheriff's va.; 1 vol., 1924-27, ch. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1937--, county jail.

Convict Farm Records
(See also entry 4)

149. PRISONERS RECORD, 1932-34. 1 vol.

Record of commitment of prisoners following conviction and sentence in the circuit court and in justice of the peace courts, to serve terms on the county

convict farm, showing name of prisoner, date arrested, date committed, kind of writ, process or warrant, description of prisoner, including age, sex, race, height, weight, complexion, color of eyes and hair, distinguishing characteristics and aliases; duration of confinement, statement of fines and costs, date delivered, date discharged, amount credited to fines, and amount credited to term of imprisonment. Arr. chron. by date of arrest. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 14½ x 17½ x 2.

150. MITTIMUS, 1922--. 2 file drawers.
Original writs from justices of peace and circuit court commiting prisoners to the county farm, showing name of prisoner, charge on which convicted, sentence imposed or fine assessed, and costs, date issued, court of issue, signature of officer issuing writ; also contains carbon copies of cost bills, showing name of prisoner, offense, plea, case number, total fees and costs, date, certification and signature of officer receiving prisoner, clerk's procedendo. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 16 x 11½ x 22½.

151. DETENTION WARRANTS, 1936--. 1 vol.
Carbon copies of warrants of detention issued by the sheriff, directing the superintendent of the county farm to take charge of prisoners, showing name of prisoner, date of conviction, offense, sentence imposed, or fine assessed, court of conviction, itemization of fees and costs, total fees and costs, and signature of sheriff. Arr. numer. by warrant no. and chron. thereunder by date of commitment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 90 pp. 18 x 10 x 1.

Reports
(See also entries 1, 2, 80v)

152. /REPORTS TO STATE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS/, 1920-22. In Sheriff's Cash Fee Record, entry 147.
Carbon copies of annual reports made by sheriff to State Auditor of Public Accounts, showing date of report, period covered, itemization of all fees collected for executing all court processes, judgments, and decrees, and of all commissions allowed for collection of taxes, and giving source of fee or commission, date collected or allowed, total amounts collected, total amounts deposited, receive warrant number of each deposit, amounts drawn monthly from treasury as salary, and affidavit of sheriff.

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XI. CORONER

The office of coroner was established in Humphreys County by the creating act of March 28, 1916, as prescribed by the Constitution of 1890.[1] The office was filled by appointment by the Governor[2] until the general elections of November 1919 when a coroner was regularly elected and sworn into office in January 1920.[3] The office functioned continuously until 1928, but there were no candidates for the office in the general elections of 1927, 1931, 1935, and 1939.[4]

The Constitution of 1890 provides that the coroner be elected for a term of 4 years and gives the Legislature authority to determine the method of election.[6] The Legislature has prescribed that the coroner be elected by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers.[7]

For the structural and functional development of the office of coroner, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 177-178. No records of the coroner were located in Humphreys County.

1. Const., 1890, sec. 135; L. M., 1918, p. 370.
2. Ibid.; Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, pp. 1, 2, 16.
3. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1899--, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, 12 vols., vol. 1920, p. 178.
4. Ibid., 1923--.
5. Code, 1917, sec. 4058; Code, 1930, sec. 649.
6. Const., 1890, sec. 135.
7. Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 6774; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 6210.

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XII. CONSTABLES

The office of constable was established in each of the 5 supervisors' and justice of the peace districts of Humphreys County after the organization of the county, as prescribed by the Constitution of 1890.[1] These offices have functioned continuously since that time except that since 1939 there has been no incumbent in beat or district 3.[2]

The Constitution of 1890 provides that constables shall be chosen by districts for a 4-year term, but gives the Legislature power to determine the method of selection.[3] The Legislature has prescribed that constables shall be elected by districts at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district offices.[4]

The Constitution of 1890 provides that a competent number of constables be chosen in each county by districts.[5] Statute law requires that one constable be chosen in each district for the election of justices of the peace, and empowers the board of supervisors to provide for the election of additional constables in any district not to exceed the number of justices of the peace provided for in the district.[6]

For the general structural and functional development of the office of constable, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 179-181.

Constables are not required to keep any permanent records.

1. Const., 1890, sec. 171; L. M., 1918, p. 370.
2. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1899--, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, 12 vols., vol. 1940, p. 287.
3. Const., 1890, sec. 171.
4. Code, 1917, secs. 635, 2794, 6774; Code, 1930, secs. 630, 2881, 2610.
5. Const., 1890, sec. 171.
6. Code, 1917, sec. 635; Code, 1930, sec. 630.

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XIII. TAX ASSESSOR

The office of tax assessor was established in Humphreys County by the creating act of March 28, 1918, as prescribed by the Constitution of 1890.[1] The office was filled by appointment by the Governor[2] until the general elections of November 1919 when a tax assessor was regularly elected and sworn into office in January 1920.[3] This office has functioned continuously in the county since that time.

The Constitution of 1890 provides that the assessor be elected for a 4-year term and gives the Legislature authority to determine the manner of election.[4] The Legislature has prescribed that the tax assessor be elected by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers.[5]

For the general structural and functional development of the office of tax assessor, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 182-188.

The records of the tax assessor, unless otherwise specified, are kept in his office.

Assessments
(See also entries 1, 9, 19-21)

Real Property

153. TAX ASSESSMENTS OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY, 1917-18. 1 vol. Transcription of original tax lists of taxable real property returned to the tax assessor by taxpayers in the part of Yazoo County transferred to Humphreys County in 1918, showing legal description of property including section, township and range; number of acres of cultivable lands, uncultivable lands, number of acres owned by the county, total valuation of taxable property, total assessed valuation, date of transcription, and certificate of chancery clerk of Yazoo County as transcriber. Arr. numer. by section no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 80 pp. 17 x 16 x 1.

154. [UNIT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM, REAL PROPERTY], 1928--. 5 file boxes. Card index of individual land ownership used by the tax assessor in preparing the real assessment rolls for the annual and special levies of taxes on taxable real property, including maps of municipal divisions, and showing legal description and location of property, addition or subdivision, block designation, lot numbers, and names of streets, and section, township and range of lands outside municipalities, names of owners, description and condition of improvements and buildings, purpose for which used, quality of land, plat of

1. Const., 1890, sec. 135; L. M., 1918, p. 370.
2. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1899--, office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, 12 vols., vol. 1916, p. 57
3. Ibid., 1920, p. 86.
4. Const., 1890, sec. 135.
5. Code, 1917, secs. 3794, 6774; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 6210.

farm or lot, and assessed valuation. Arr. numer. by section no. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11½ x 5 x 23.

For tax assessors' maps, see entries 158-160.

155. LAND ASSESSMENT, 1918--. 181 vols. Title varies: Real Assessments, 1918-31, 86 vols.

Original lists bound in volume form, of taxable real property returned to the tax assessor by taxpayers, showing name and post office address of taxpayers, beat or district number, school district, and road district of residence; lot number or division of section, survey, addition, or subdivision; section, township, and range; owner's total valuation, valuation of leases, permits, reservations, and other interests owned separately from surface ownership; valuation of land, buildings, and improvements; taxpayers' valuation of land, buildings, and improvements; tax assessor's valuation of land, buildings, and improvements; tax assessor's valuation and assessments; detailed plat of homestead; date tax list returned, amount of exemption claimed, taxpayer's oath and attestation of tax assessor, tax assessor's computations, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of return and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 480 pp. 9 x 14½ x 3. 86 vols., 1918-31, sto. va.; 95 vols., 1932--, tax assr's. off.

Personal Property

156. [UNIT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM, PERSONAL PROPERTY], 1930-33. 12 file drawers.

Card index of individual personal property ownership, used in preparing personal assessment rolls; showing name, sex, age, race, post office address, and supervisor's district, voting precinct, school district, road district, and municipality of residence, date of birth, occupation, name of employer, and marital status of taxpayer, assessment of road commutation tax to 1934, assessment of poll tax, itemized list of personal property assessments, assessed valuation, assessment of privilege taxes, if any; and total assessments. Arr. chron. by date of return and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 6 x 8½ x 16.

157. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT, 1918--. 228 vols.

Original lists bound in volume form of taxable personal property returned to the tax assessor by taxpayers, showing name and post office address of taxpayer, location of property, beat or district number, name of municipality, school district, and road district of residence, occupation or business of taxpayer, poll tax charge, race, sex, and age of taxpayer, road tax charge or reason not liable, affidavit of taxpayer, attestation of tax assessor, date of return, classes and detailed description of property reported, including motor vehicles, valuation of tax assessor, and remarks. Arr. numer. by beat no. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 800 pp. 11½ x 9 x 4. 198 vols., 1918-36, sto. va.; 30 vols., 1937--, tax assr's. off.

Maps

(See also entries 4, 19, 62, 155, 158-160, 213, 256)

158. MAP OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY, 1928. 1 map.

Physical, political, communications and land tenure map, showing section,

township, and range lines, names, locations and boundaries of supervisors' districts, road districts, school districts, drainage districts, and levee districts, public roads, towns and villages, railroads, levees, drainage ditches, rivers, creeks, bayous, and plantations with names of owners. Colored. Scale: 1 in equals 1 mile. Geo. G. Ehrenborg, Unit Assessment System, Inc., Dallas, Texas. 73 x 53.

159. [AERIAL SURVEY PICTURES, HUMPHREYS COUNTY, FLIGHTS NOS. 1-7], 1936. 86 maps in 7 vols.

Duplicate copies of Aerial Survey Pictures, Humphreys County, Flights Nos. 1-7 (entry 258); prepared for use of the tax assessor, showing woods, fields, turn rows, lakes, rivers, creeks, bayous, roads, bridges, houses, barns, and other buildings; and finished to show photograph number, section lines and numbers, land ownership boundaries, names of owners, name of uncultivated acres, and number of cultivated acres. Arr. numer. by sec. no. No index. Photostats. Av. 12 pp. 18½ x 16 x ½. In ch. clerk's off.

160. MAP OF ISOLA, MISSISSIPPI, n. d. 1 map.

Physical, political and communications map of the town of Isola showing names and boundaries of additions and subdivisions, section, township, range, block and lot numbers, routes and names of streets, public roads, railroads, rivers, creeks, bayous, and corporation line. Black and white. Scale; 1 in. equals 1 ft. 38½ x 45.

XIV. SHERIFF AS TAX COLLECTOR

The office of sheriff as tax collector was established in Humphreys County in 1918 with the establishment of the office of sheriff,[1] as the sheriff, by law is the exofficio tax collector.[2]

For the general structural and functional development of the office of sheriff as tax collector, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 189-198.

The records of the sheriff as tax collector, unless otherwise specified, are kept in his vault.

Real and Personal Property Taxes
(See also entries 19-22, 29-38, 97)

Tax Receipts

161. REALTY TAX RECEIPTS, 1918--. 308 vols.
Carbon copies of receipts issued to taxpayers in settlement of ad valorem, road district, school district, and levee district taxes, assessed and due on real property, including State, county, and county-district taxes and showing date of issuance, receipt number, name of taxpayer, tax rate, amount of each kind of tax due, total amount due, legal description of property, volume, page and line of record of assessment in Land Roll-County (entry 19); Land Roll-Municipalities (entry 20); and Land Roll-Special Assessments on Land [Drainage District] (entry 21); and signature of tax collector. Receipt to 1931 are duplicates. Receipts 1932--, are in triplicate form, the original being delivered to taxpayers as statements of taxes due, the second copy being signed as a receipt when the taxes are paid, and the third copy being retained as the office record of the payment. Arr. numer. by no. of supervisor's district, geographically thereunder by name of taxing district, numer. thereunder by date of issuance, For separate index 1918-22, 1926, 1928, 1931--, see entry 168; no index, 1923-25, 1927, 1929 -30. Hdw. on ptd. form. 800 pp. 8 x 14 x 5, 26 vols., 1918-31; 200 pp. 7½ x 14 x 1, 1932-36; 1000 pp. 7 x 3½ x 5, 1937--, 52 vols. 16 vols., 1918-28, sto. va.; 240 vols., 1929-36, ch. clerk's va.; 52 vols., 1937--, sh. off.

162. PERSONAL TAX RECEIPTS, 1918--. 71 vols.
Carbon copies of receipts issued to taxpayers in settlement of taxes assessed and due on personal property, showing receipt number, name of taxpayer, date of issuance, tax rate, classes of property on which taxes are due and amount of taxes due in each class, and volume, page and line of record of assessment in Personal Roll (entry 54); and in Personal Roll Municipalities (entry 55), and signature of sheriff as tax collector. Receipts to 1931 are duplicates. Receipts 1932--, are in triplicate form, the original copy being delivered to taxpayers as statements of taxes due, the second copy being signed as a receipt when the taxes are paid, and the third copy being retained as the office record of payment. Also contains: Poll Tax Receipts, 1918-35 (entry 167); Poll Tax Receipts, 1936-- (entry 209). Arr. numer. by no. of supervisor's district,

1. L. M., 1918, p. 370.
2. Code, 1917, sec. 3110; L. M., 1926, pp. 304-305; Code, 1930, sec. 3341.

geographically thereunder by name of taxing district, numer. thereunder by receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. For separate index, 1918-22, 1926, 1928, 1931--, see entry 168; no index, 1923-25, 1927, 1929-30. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 8 x 12 x 4, 23 vols., 1918-36; 100 pp. 10 x 7 x 1, 48 vols., 1937--. 56 vols., 1918-34, sto. va.; 15 vols., 1935--, sh. off.

163. PARTIAL PAYMENT TAX RECEIPTS, REAL AND PERSONAL, 1932--. 7 vols. Title varies: Installment Tax Receipts, 1932-36, 5 vols.
Carbon copies of receipts issued taxpayers electing to make settlement of real property taxes on the partial payment plan authorized by the law of 1932, showing receipt number, date of issuance, name of taxpayers, amount of each kind of tax due, total amount due, volume, page and line of record of assessment of real property taxes in Land Roll-County (entry 19); Land Roll-Municipalities (entry 20); and in Land Roll Special Assessments of Land [Drainage District], (entry 21); volume and page of record of assessment of personal property in Personal Roll (entry 54); and in Personal Roll Municipalities (entry 55); amount of payment made, dates remaining installments due, rate of interest, balance due, and signature of sheriff as tax collector. Also contains: Partial Payment Realty Tax Receipts, 1932-37 (entry 164); and Partial Payment Personal Tax Receipts, 1932-37 (entry 165). Arr. numer. by receipt no. For index, see entry 168. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 2, 5 vols., 1932-36; 200 pp. 17 x 9⅓ x 3, 2 vols., 1937. 5 vols., 1932-36, ch. clerk's va.; 2 vols., 1937--, sh. off.

164. PARTIAL PAYMENT REALTY TAX RECEIPTS, 1938--. 1 vol. 1932-37 in Partial Payment Tax Receipts, Real and Personal, entry 163
Carbon copies of receipts issued taxpayers electing to make settlement of real property taxes on the partial payment plan first authorized by the law of 1932. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing and manner of recording, see entry 163. 700 pp. 6½ x 5½ x 3.

165. PARTIAL PAYMENT PERSONAL TAX RECEIPT, 1938--. 1 vol. 1932-37 in Partial Payment Tax Receipts, Real and Personal, entry 163.
Carbon copies of receipts issued taxpayers electing to make settlement of personal property taxes on the partial payment plan first authorized by the law of 1932. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing and manner of recording, see entry 163. 600 pp. 6½ x 5½ x 3.

166. ROAD TAX RECEIPTS, 1918-34. 78 vols. Discontinued because law of 1935 abolished road commutation tax.
Carbon copies of receipts issued persons electing to pay road commutation tax in lieu of working on roads, showing receipt number, date of issuance, name of payer, amount of tax paid, volume, page and line of record of assessment of tax in Personal Roll (entry 54); and in Personal Roll Municipalities (entry 55); residence of payer by name of taxing district, and signature of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. numer. by receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. For index, 1918-22, 1926, 1928, 1931-34, see entry 168; no index 1923-25, 1927, 1929-30. 200 pp. 15 x 7 x 1. Sto. va.

167. POLL TAX RECEIPTS, 1935--. 14 vols. Title varies: Poll Tax Cash Book, 1935-36, 8 vols. 1918-34 in Personal Tax Receipts, entry 162.
Carbon copies of receipts issued for the payment of poll taxes, showing year for which taxes due, receipt number, page and line of record of assessment in

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Personal Roll (entry 54); and in Personal Roll Municipalities (entry 55); date of issuance of receipt, name, address, and voting precinct of payer, amount of tax paid, and signature of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. numer. by receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. For index, see entry 168. Hdw. on ptd. form. 550 pp. 15½ x 8 x 1.

168. INDEX TO RECORD OF TAX RECEIPTS, 1918-22, 1926, 1928, 1931--. 15 vols.
Title varies: Index to Tax Receipts, 1918-22, 1926, 1928, 7 vols.; Index to Realty Tax Receipts, 1931-36, 6 vols.
Alphabetical index to Realty Tax Receipts (entry 161); to Personal Tax Receipts (entry 162); Partial Payment Tax Receipts, Real and Personal (entry 163); Partial Payment Realty Tax Receipts (entry 164); Partial Payment Personal Tax Receipts (entry 165); Road Tax Receipts (entry 166); and Poll Tax Receipts (entry 167) showing name of taxpayer, volume, page and line of record as assessment in Land Roll-County (entry 19); in Land Roll-Municipalities (entry 20); in Land Roll-Special Assessment on Land /Drainage District/ (entry 21); in Assessment Roll-Public Service Corporation (entry 22); in Personal Roll (entry 54); and in Personal Roll Municipalities (entry 55); and tax receipt number. Arr. alph. by name of town, addition, subdivision, and voting district, and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. 7 vols., 1918-22, 1926, 1928, sto. va.; 8 vols., 1931--, ch. clerk's va.

Privilege Taxes

169. PRIVILEGE LICENSE RECORD, 1918--. 2 vols. (1, 1 unlabeled).
Carbon copies of receipt-licenses issued privileging individuals to practice a profession or engage in business or privileging corporations, joint stock companies, voluntary associations, and other business concerns to engage in business; and showing receipt-license number, name and address of licensee; date issued, type of profession or business licensed, expiration date of license; amount of tax paid and collected; amount of penalty assessed; amount of penalty assessed and paid for late payment; and signature of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. numer. by license-receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. 400 pp. 17½ x 15 x 2½.

170. ROAD AND BRIDGE PRIVILEGE TAX LICENSES RECEIPTS, 1918-20, 1922-23, 1925-29, 1933--. 146 vols.
Carbon copies of receipt-licenses issued to motor vehicle owners in payment of road and bridge privilege taxes and in payment of license tags, showing type of vehicle, motor number, amount of taxes paid, less 10 percent since 1934 for each annual re-registration year for which taxes due; names of State and county, license-receipt-tag number, name and address of taxpayer-licensee, make, age, kind or type, model, and year of vehicle; voting precinct of taxpayer-licensee, estimated value of vehicle, date receipt-license issued, signature of sheriff as tax collector, and counter-signature of State Auditor of Public Accounts. Arr. numer. by receipt-license-tag no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 75 pp. 11½ x 9 x 1, 1918-20, 1922-23, 1925-29; 50 pp. 4 x 8 x 1, 1933--. 55 vols., 1918-20, 1922-23, 1925-29, sto. va.; 91 vols., 1933--, sh. off.

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171. LOG WAGON PRIVILEGE TAX, 1920-30. 1 vol. (labelled by inclu. tax receipts, 1-300).
Carbon copies of receipt-licenses issued to persons, firms, or corporations employed in the business of hauling logs on the public roads for commercial purposes, in payment of privilege taxes due, showing license-receipt number, name of taxpayer-licensee, year for which taxes due, amount of taxes paid, size of wagon, number of animals required to draw it, and signature of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. numer. by license-receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 15⅓ x 10 x 1⅓.

172. FISH AND GAME LICENSES, 1924-32. 14 vols. Discontinued because law of 1932 gave State Game and Fish Commission authority to regulate issuance of hunting and fishing licenses and the Commission has appointed a warden to issue the licenses.
Carbon copies of receipt-licenses issued privileging individuals to hunt, fish, trap, and seine, showing license-receipt number, date issued, name and address of licensee, amount of license paid, expiration date of license, and signature of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. numer. by license-receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 3⅓ x 10⅓ x 1. Sto. va.
For reports of game licenses issued, see entry 180.

Receipts for Deposits

173. AUDITORS AND TREASURERS [and County Depository] RECEIPTS, 1918--. 2 file drawers.
Original and carbon copies of receipts issued to the sheriff as tax collector by the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, by the county treasurer to 1924, and by county depositories for funds deposited; showing date and number of receipt, amount deposited, names of funds to be credited or debited, and signature of clerk of the board as auditor, of the county treasurer, of official of depository accepting deposit, and of the sheriff as tax collector. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. and tpw. on ptd. form. 16⅔ x 11⅓ x 22⅓.

Cash Books

174. TAX COLLECTORS CASH BOOK, 1918--. 4 vols.
Daily record of collections made by the sheriff as tax collector, showing name of person making payment, kind of taxes paid, year for which taxes due, amount paid, receipt number and date issued, name of funds debited and credited, amount and dates of payment of State Taxes collected into the State Treasury, number of receipt warrants issued to sheriff as tax collector by the State Treasurer, amounts and dates of payments of county taxes collected into the county depository, number of county depository receipt warrants, amount of commissions deducted by the sheriff as tax collector. Arr. chron. by dates of daily entries. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 360 pp. 18 x 21 x 2.

175. LOG TAX CASH BOOK, 1918-34. 11 vols. Discontinued because law of 1935 abolished commutation road tax.
Daily record of taxes collected from persons electing to pay commutation road tax in lieu of working on county roads, showing name of taxpayer, receipt number in date issued, amount paid, residence of payer by number of supervisor's district, voting district, and of road district, amount of commission due sheriff as tax collector, amount of penalty assessed for nonpayment of tax, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 14 x 9½ x 1. Sto. va.

176. LOG WAGON CASH BOOK, 1920-30. 1 vol.
Daily record of privilege taxes collected from persons, firms, and corporation employed in the business of hauling logs on the public roads for commercial purposes, in payment of privilege taxes, showing receipt number in Log Wagon Privilege Tax (entry 171); date receipt issued, name of taxpayer, amount paid, and amount of commission deducted by the sheriff as tax collector. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 160 pp. 16 x 11 x 1.

Reports
(See also entry 4)

177. REPORT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, 1918--. 30 vols.
Duplicate copies of monthly reports of the sheriff as tax collector to the board of supervisors, to the tax assessor, and to the State Tax Commission of purchases of automobile tags, showing date of report and period covered, tag-receipt-license number, name and address of purchaser, make, type, model, motor number, gross weight, horsepower, and date of delivery of vehicle for which tag was purchased; amount of road and bridge privilege tax paid; amount paid for tag; amount of penalty imposed for late payment; total amount paid; age and approximate value of vehicle; certification of sheriff as tax collector; net amount due after deduction of commission of sheriff as tax collector; and certification of the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor. Arr. chron. by date of report and numer. thereunder by tag-receipt-license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 80 pp. 8½ x 24 x ½. 9 vols., 1918-33, in sto. va.; 21 vols., 1934--, sh. off.
For carbon copies of receipt-licenses issued, see entry 170.

178. SHERIFFS REPORTS TO CHANCERY CLERK, 1928--. 2 vols.
Bound duplicate copies of monthly reports made by the sheriff as tax collector to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor of funds deposited made in the county depository and of settlements made with the State and county of taxes collected; showing date of report and period covered, total of taxes collected, total amounts deposited, designations of funds debited and credited, amount of commissions deducted by sheriff as tax collector, and numbers of receipt warrants issued by the State Treasurer and by the county depository. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 22 x 12⅓ x 2.
For original reports, see entry 4.

179. TOBACCO TAX COLLECTIONS, 1930-32. 1 vol. Discontinued because law of 1932 amended law of 1930 which gave sheriff as tax collector power and authority to sell tax stamps and gave the State Tax Commission sole authority to collect tobacco taxes.
Bound carbon copies of monthly reports made by the sheriff as tax collector to

the State Tax Commission of the sales of tobacco tax stamps, showing date of report and period covered, permit number of person or firm purchasing stamps, kinds and face value of tobaccos for which stamps purchased, total amount of stamps sold during period covered in report, amount of commission deducted by sheriff as tax collector, total amounts collected and deposited, certification of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 12 x 16 x 1.

180. /Reports of/ GAME LICENSES /Issued/, 1924-32. 1 vol. Discontinued because law of 1932 gave State Game and Fish Commission authority to regulate issuance of hunting and fishing licenses and Commission has appointed a warden to issue the licenses.

Bound carbon copies of monthly reports made by the sheriff as tax collector to the board of supervisors of hunting and fishing licenses issued, showing date license issued, license-receipt number, name and address of licensee, and total amount of tax paid. Arr. chron. by date of report and numer. thereunder by license-receipt no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 120 pp. 16½ x 12 x 1½. 8to. va.

For carbon copies of licenses issued, see entry 172.

(Next entry 181, p. 109)

XV. CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT AS TREASURER

The office of treasurer was established in Humphreys County by the creating act of 1918 as prescribed by the Constitution of 1890.[1] It functioned until it was abolished by a constitutional amendment approved by popular vote in 1922 and made a part of the Constitution in 1924.[2] The treasurer was elected for a 4-year term by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, county, and county-district officers,[3] and was prohibited by the Constitution from immediately succeeding himself or the sheriff in office.[4] The amendment, in abolishing the office, specified that the duties formerly imposed upon the treasurer should be discharged by some person or persons selected as required by law.[5] In 1932 the Legislature enacted a law requiring the clerk of the chancery court in his capacity of clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor in counties having county depositories to perform the former duties of the treasurer.[6] As Humphreys County has had regularly designated depositories since its establishment in 1918, the clerk of the chancery court of the county has assumed the former duties of the treasurer.

For the structural and functional development of the office of treasurer, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 202-206.

Only the original reports of the treasurer were located, these being kept in the office of the clerk of the chancery court in his capacity as clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, (see entry 4). The law of 1932 which gave this official the former duties of the treasurer, also requires him to be custodian of all books, records, and papers of the treasurer.[7]

1. L. M., 1918, p. 370; Const., 1890, secs. 135, 138.
2. L. M., 1922, p. 144; ibid., 1924, p. 189; Const., 1890, sec. 135. Because of the establishment by the law of 1912, of county depositories in all counties (L. M., 1912, pp. 286-287; Code, 1917, sec. 4156), the office of treasurer from 1918-24 in Humphreys County was not an important phase of county government. The treasurer's principal duties of receiving and disbursing money were delegated to the depository with the result that the office was more or less nominal.
3. Const., 1890, secs. 135, 138; Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 6774.
4. Const., 1890, sec. 135.
5. L. M., 1922, p. 144; ibid., 1924, p. 189; Const., 1890, sec. 135.
6. L. M., 1932, p. 514. For the establishment of the office of clerk of the chancery court, see "Chancery Court," pp. 66-67 footnotes 14-17. For the establishment of the office of clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, see "Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as Auditor," p.109, footnotes 1, 2.
7. L. M., 1932, p. 514.

XVI. CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS AUDITOR

The office of clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor was established in Humphreys County in 1918 with the establishment of the office of clerk of the chancery court,[1] as this official is the exofficio clerk of the board of supervisors, and the clerk of the board of supervisors is the exofficio auditor.[2] This office has functioned continuously since its establishment.

For the general structural and functional development of the office of clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 207-212.

The records of auditor are kept in the chancery clerk's vault, unless otherwise specified.

Cash Receipts
(See also entries 29-32, 35, 36, 39-43, 161-167, 174-176)

Reports

181. TREASURERS DOCKET, 1918-23. 1 vol. (1).
Recorded copies of quarterly reports of receipts and disbursements of county and county-district funds, made by the treasurer to the board of supervisors, showing date of report, period covered, dates, sources, and amounts of receipts, names of funds debited, total receipts; dates, amounts, and warrant numbers of disbursements, names of payees, names of funds debited, total receipts; dates, amounts, oath of treasurer, and approval of board of supervisors. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 483 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

182. /DEPOSITORY DOCKET/ , 1924--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Bound original monthly reports of receipts and disbursements of county and county-district funds, made by county depositories to the board of supervisors, and showing name of depository, date of report, period covered, dates, sources, and amounts of receipts received for deposit, names of funds debited, total receipts; dates, amounts, and warrant numbers of disbursements, names of payees, names of funds credited, total disbursements, balances, and oath of reporting official of depository, and approval of board of supervisors. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 500 pp. 11½ x 12½ x 4.

183. COUNTY DEPOSITORY REPORTS, 1919-20, 1924-30. 1 file box. (A,1-3).
1921-23, 1931-- in Original Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 4.
Original quarterly reports of receipts and disbursements of county and county-district funds, made by county depositories to the board of supervisors showing name of depository, date of report, period covered, dates, sources, and

1. L. M., 1918, p. 370.
2. Code, 1917, sec. 3720; Code, 1930, sec. 295. For the establishment of the office of clerk of the chancery court, its present status, the method of selection, and the term of office, see "Chancery Court," p. , footnotes 14-17.

amounts of receipts received for deposit, names of funds debited, total receipts; and dates, amounts, and warrant numbers of disbursements, names of payee, names of funds credited, total disbursements, balances and oath of reporting official of depository, and approved by board of supervisors. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. 10½ x 5 x 13.

184. DEPOSITORY RECEIPTS, 1919-31, 1937--. 9 file boxes. 1932-36 in Original Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 4.
Original and duplicate receipts from the county depository, showing number of deposit, amount of deposit, fund to which credited, date of deposit, and signature of receiving officer of depository. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5 x 6½ x 17½.

185. SHERIFF'S REPORT, 1918--. 1 file drawer, 3 stacks.
Original copies of monthly and annual reports of the sheriff as tax collector to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor of taxes collected and deposited in the county depository. For description of contents, see Sheriffs Reports to chancery clerk (entry 178). Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. File drawer, 13 x 11½ x 27; stacks, 7½ x 14 x 10.

186. AUTOMOBILE REPORTS, 1918--. 10 file boxes.
Carbon copies of monthly reports made by the sheriff as tax collector to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor of the collection of road and bridge privilege taxes and the sale of license tags. For description of contents, see Report of Motor Vehicles Registered (entry 177). Arr. chron. by date of registration. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 13.

187. REPORTS OF JUSTICE OF PEACE, 1918--. 2 file boxes.
Original reports made quarterly until 1932 and monthly since 1932 by justices of the peace of fines and penalties imposed and collected, showing date of report, period covered, dates fines and penalties imposed, names of persons from whom payment received, amount of fines and penalties imposed, amounts collected, amounts deposited in county depository, and certification of justice of the peace. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 13.

188. GASOLINE REPORTS, 1931-37. 1 file box. 1938-- in Original Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 4.
Original reports made by private and common carriers of sales and shipments of gasoline and kerosene into the county including duplicate invoices for each sale and shipment, showing date of report, period covered, names of consignor, consignee, number of gallons sold or shipped, value of shipment, dates ordered and delivered, delivery point, car number, and signature of agent or representative of carrier. No obvious arr. No index. Typed and hdw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 13.

189. INSOLVENT AND DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS AND ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS, 1919, 1924--. 8 vols. 1920-23 in Original Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 4.
Bound original reports of delinquent and insolvent taxpayers and of erroneous assessments made by the sheriff as tax collector to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, showing date of list, year of assessment, name and

address of taxpayer, election district, assessed valuation of property, itemized statement of kinds and amount of delinquent and erroneous taxes, total amount of taxes delinquent or erroneously collected, signature and certification of tax collector. Arr. numer. by number of election district and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 150 pp. 18½ x 15 x 1.

Bank Deposits

190. RECEIVE WARRANTS, 1918--. 15 vols. (1 vol. 1-250; 6 vols. 5001-8000; 8 vols. unlabeled).
Duplicate copies of warrants made by the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor authorizing the sheriff as tax collector and other county officers to deposit funds to the credit of the county, showing receive warrant number, date issued, sources and amounts of deposits, funds to which allocated, totals, and signatures of the clerk and of the officer making the deposit. Arr. chron. by date deposited and numer. thereunder by number of warrant. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 16 x 11½ x 1½; 250 pp. 20½ x 12½ x 2½.

County Bonds

191. BOND REGISTER, 1919--. 1 vol. (1).
Register of coupon bonds issued by the board of supervisors for the construction and maintenance of county and county district schools, roads, and bridges, public buildings, and other public works and improvements, showing volume and page of order of issuance in Minutes Board of Supervisors (entry 1); name of bond issue, date and purpose; total amount of issue; serial number of each bond; dates issued; names of purchasers; denomination of each bond; rate of interest; amounts of coupons; dates principal and interest payments due; maturity dates; dates of coupon payments, and of redemption and cancelation of bonds. Arr. chron. by date of issuance and numer. thereunder by bond number. Indexed alph. by name of bond issue. Hdw. on ptd. form. 596 pp. 18½ x 24½ x 3.

Claims
(See also entries 94, 118-123, 215, 227-229)

192. PAID BILLS, 1918--. 106 file boxes.
Original claims, accounts, and demands filed against the county for judicial and school expenses; for services rendered; for supplies, materials, and equipment furnished county offices and departments; for damages and other obligations, showing claim number assigned by clerk in Supervisors Claim Docket (entry 194); name of claimant; amount claimed; and date of payment. Also contains: Pay Certificates, 1918-35 (entry 193). Arr. chron. by date presented for payment. No index. Hdw. and typed, and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 13.

193. PAY CERTIFICATES, 1936--. 10 vols. 1918-35 in Paid Bills, entry 192.
Original pay certificates issued by the superintendent of education to teachers and other claimants to obtain warrants from the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor in payment for services rendered, showing date, certificate

number, amount of certificate, name of payee, name of fund credited, purpose, signature of superintendent, endorsement of payee, and certification of payment signed by clerk of the board. Arr. chron. by date of certificate and numer. thereunder by certificate number. No index. Typed on ptd. form.

194. SUPERVISORS CLAIM DOCKET, 1918--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Title varies: Docket of Claims, 1918-36, 2 vols.
Record of claims, accounts, and demands filed against the county for judicial and school expenses; salaries; for services rendered; for supplies, materials, and equipment furnished county offices and departments; for damages and other obligations; showing claim number assigned by clerk; name of claimant; amount claimed; date filed; date and purpose of claim; disposition, and volume and page of record of allowance in Minutes of the Board of Supervisors (entry 1). Arr. chron. by date of meeting and numer. thereunder by claim number. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 480 pp. 17½ x 16 x 2.

Disbursements
(See also entries 1, 94, 95, 115, 118-123, 181-183, 192, 193, 227-233)

195. GENERAL FUND WARRANTS, 1918--. 100 vols. (labeled by incl. warrant nos.). Title varies: School Warrants, 1918-35, 34 vols.; Road and Bridge Fund Warrants, Beats 1-5, 1919--, 46 vols.; Warrants, 1932--, 2 vols.; Pension Fund Warrants, 1933--, 1 vol.
Stubs and duplicate copies of warrants issued in payment of approved claims for judicial and school expenses; salaries; Confederate pensions; for construction and maintenance of roads and bridges; for services rendered; for supplies, materials, and equipment furnished county offices and departments; for damages and other obligations; showing claim number in Supervisors Claim Docket (entry 194); warrant number in Register of Warrants and Disbursements (entry 202); date issued, amount of warrant, name of payee, purpose for which issued; name of fund credited; and signature of clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor. Arr. numer. by warrant no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 250 pp. 15½ x 14 x 1½.

196. PAID WARRANTS, 1926--. 44 file boxes. Title varies: Miscellaneous Warrants, 1932--. 6 file boxes.
Original warrants issued in payment of claims, paid and canceled and returned by county depository to clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, and showing claim number in Supervisors Claim Docket (entry 194); warrant number in Register of Warrants and Disbursements (entry 202); date issued, amount of warrant; name of payee, purpose for which issued; name of fund credited; signature of clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor; endorsement of payee, cancelation by depository, and date of payment and cancelation. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 10½ x 5 x 13.

197. CANCELED BONDS AND COUPONS, 1919--. 3 file drawers, 2 file boxes.
Redeemed original coupon bonds issued by the board of supervisors for the construction and maintenance of county and county-district schools, roads and bridges, public buildings, and other public works and improvements, showing name of bond issue, date and purpose of issuance, serial number, name of purchaser, denominatior

rate of interest, maturity date, and signature of the president of the board of supervisors and of the clerk of the board. No obvious arr. No index. Ptd. Drawers, 11½ x 16 x 27½; boxes, 10½ x 13 x 5.

198. JURY FEE BOOK OF ALLOWANCES TO JURORS, 1922--. 1 file box; 1 file drawer. 1918-21 in Original Minutes Board of Supervisors, entry 4.
Original reports of the clerk of the circuit court of allowances made by the circuit court at each term of court, showing date of report, term of court, docket numbers of cases, names of litigants in civil cases, and of State defendants in criminal cases, dates of trials or hearings, amounts allowed, certificate number, names of witnesses and jurors, amounts allowed for attendance and mileage, total amounts of allowances for each term, volume and page of record of allowances in Minute Book Circuit Court (entry 115); signature and oath of clerk of the circuit court, signature and title of official administering oath, and dates filed. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11½ x 5 x 13. 1 file box 1922-36, ch. clerk's va.; 1 file drawer, 1937--, ch. clerk's va.

199. REPORT OF ALLOWANCES TO WITNESSES IN STATE CASES, 1922--. 2 file boxes. 1918-21 in Original Minutes Board of Supervisors, entry 4.
Original reports of allowance of fees to witnesses appearing for the State, showing date of court term, docket number, of case, names of State and defendant, names of witnesses, certificate number, amounts allowed for attendance, and mileage, volume and page of record in Minute Book Circuit Court, (entry 115); citation to legal authorization for allowance, total amount allowed, certification of clerk of the circuit court, date filed with clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, and signature of clerk of the board on receipt. Arr. chron. by date report filed. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 12 x 5 x 13.

200. BUDGETS, 1925--. 1 file drawer. 1922-24 in Original Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 4.
Original annual estimates of county expenditures, showing total tax collection, balance on hand, total revenue anticipated, estimated expenditures for each department, and name of fund. Arr. numer. by date adopted. No index. Hdw. 11 x 15 x 26.

201. MONTHLY REPORT OF FELDING PRISIONERS [and other Expenses of County Farm], 1933-37. 1 vol. 1938-- in Original Minutes Board of Supervisors, entry 4.
Original monthly reports made by the superintendent of the county farm to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, showing date of report, period covered, prisoners' food bill, kitchen equipment and improvements, clothing, medical expense, expense of farm machinery, cost of caring for livestock, and miscellaneous expense; condition of crops, income from sale of farm products; sanitary conditions, and signature of superintendent. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 48 pp. 21 x 13 x 1.

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as Auditor - Ledgers (202-203)

Ledgers

202. REGISTER OF WARRANTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1918--. 7 vols. 3 file drawers. (File drawers contain the loose-leaf pages from binders of records as listed herein from 1926-37). Title varies: Auditor's Account Book, 1918-19, 1 vol.; Register of Allowances, 1918-21, 1 vol.; Register of County Warrants, 1918-26, 3 vols.; Register of Cash Receipts, 1926--, 1 vol., 1 file drawer.

General ledger of accounts with all county officers, of cash receipts, and of disbursements made by warrant in payment of approved claims:

i. Cash receipts are classified under the following headings: Revenue, including general real and personal taxes; privilege taxes, interest; rents; licenses and permits; costs, fees, fines, and forfeitures; department earnings; sales and leases of property; refunds; and State aid including gasoline tax, Confederate pensions, and school equalization funds; and show source and purpose of receipts, amount received, and name of fund debited.

ii. Disbursements are classified under the following headings: Governmental costs including administrative, judicial, protections of persons and property, conservation of health, highway maintenance, charities and corrections, education, sundry, and interest on temporary loans and bonds; nongovernmental costs and including principal on temporary loans, bonds, permanent transactions; and show claim number in Supervisors Claim Docket (entry 194); warrant number; dates issued and paid; name of payee; purpose; name of fund credited; totals and balances.

Cash receipts arr. chron. by date received and entered; disbursements arr. chron. By date of warrant and numer. thereunder by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 1918-26, 5 vols., av. 500 pp. 18 x 15 x 3; 1926--, 2 vols., av. 350 pp. 18 x 29 x 2; 1 file drawer, 1926-37, 17½ x 3 x 30; 2 file drawers, 1926-34, 41 x 3½ x 28.

203. /GENERAL CONTROL AND BUDGET LEDGER/, 1925--. 2 vols.

General control ledger of current, capital, and trust accounts, and recorded copies of annual county budgets prepared, published, and adopted by the board of supervisors.

i. General control ledger shows the following accounts, each supported by subsidiary accounts giving details of all transactions under each account: Depository, county budget, tax collector, county tax levy, appropriated revenues, gasoline tax receipts, bond interest, rents, licenses and permits, fines and forfeits, State appropriations, departmental earnings, sales of property, miscellaneous receipts, temporary loans, vouchers payable, unpaid taxes, current surplus, capital appropriations, authorized construction, bonds payable, bond premiums, fixed county properties, fixed capital surplus, and trust.

ii. Budget ledger shows estimates of proposed expenditures and of prospective revenue for each fiscal year, the proposed expenditures of prospective revenue for each fiscal year, the proposed expenditures being classified under the following headings with each hearing subdivided and itemized: Administrative, judicial, protective of persons and property, conservation of health, highway

maintenance, charities and corrections, education sundry, interest, principal, construction and permanent improvements, and total county appropriations; and the estimates of prospective revenues being classified under the following headings: gasoline tax, privilege tax, interest, rents, licenses and permits, fines and forfeits, State appropriations, departmental earnings, sales of property, sundry, total tax levy for general county purposes, and tax levy by districts.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 11½ x 15 x 2½.

204. AUDITORS ACCOUNT WITH SHERIFF AS TAX COLLECTOR, 1926--. 2 vols. (1,2).

Ledger record of taxes charged to and payment made by the sheriff as tax collector, showing year of assessment, assessed valuation of real and personal property taxed, funds to which allocated, total amount of taxes charged for collection, tax rate, amounts received and funds to which allocated, total amounts received, balance due, allowances to sheriff as tax collector for commissions and credits, net amounts deposited in county depository, dates deposited, and receive warrant numbers. Arr. chron. by year of assessment and chron. thereunder by dates of payment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 17 x 15 x 2.

205. LOANS AND TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1927-31. 1 vol. 1918-26, 1923-- in Minutes Board of Supervisors, entry 1.

Ledger accounts of 5-year first mortgage loans granted from sixteenth section school funds by the board of supervisors, showing name of grantee, volume and page of record in Minutes Board of Supervisors (entry 1), legal description of property pledged as security for loan, dates loan authorized and note executed, maturity date, amount of loan, notations of payments of interest and principal with dates and amounts paid, and date of payment in full. Arr. chron. by date granted. Indexed alph. by name of borrower. Hdw. on ptd. form. 350 pp. 9½ x 15 x 2½.

Audits

206. MISCELLANEOUS [Audits], 1919--. 1 file drawer.

Original copies of semi-annual audit of the financial records of Belzoni Drainage District and Atchafalaya Levee and Drainage District, and annual audits of the accounts of county officers, including letters, financial statements, and showing receipts, disbursements, trial balances, revenue, tax collectors' remittances, summary of receipts and disbursements, bank reconcilment of regular accounts, ad valorem tax collections, disbursements, general fund, maintenance account, bond and interest fund with county depositories, amount due from land commissioner, amount due from tax collector, lands sold to the State for taxes, unredeemed lands, amount due drainage district, outstanding bonds, amount due forestry fund, land redemption warrants issued, error in tax collections, back taxes collected, unpaid taxes, assets and liabilities, and itemized accounts with county depositories. No obvious arr. No index. Typed. 11½ x 16 x 27½.

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XVII. REGISTRAR OF ELECTIONS

The Constitution of 1890 directs the Legislature to provide for the registration of persons eligible to vote,[1] and the Legislation enacted has made it the duty of the State Board of Election Commissioners to appoint a registrar in each county who shall be the clerk of the circuit court unless it is shown that he is a person improper for the office.[2] The circuit clerks of Humphreys County have been appointed regularly to this office since its establishment in 1918.

For the general structural and functional development of the office of clerk of the circuit court as registrar, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 219-221.

The records of the office, unless otherwise specified, are kept in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. For legal publications of the registrar, see entry 97vi.

Registration of Voters

207. REGISTRATION BOOKS, 1918--. 27 vols.
Record of registration of voters, showing date of registration, number, signature, age, color, sex, occupation, place of business, and residence of registrant, registrar's notation as to registrants' ability to read the Constitution or understand and interpret any section of it read to him, if he cannot read; and remarks, including reason for removal of names because of death, disqualification or disfranchisement. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of registrants and numer. thereunder by registration no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 18 x 14 x 1.

Eligibility of Voters

Poll Books

208. PRIMARY POLL BOOKS, 1918--. 36 vols. Title varies: Poll Books, 1918-33, 27 vols.
List of qualified voters compiled from Registration Books (entry 207), and revised before each election by the registrar and the county board of election commissioners; showing registration number, date of registration, name, age, color, and address of voter, election manager's notations by dates, of voters' voting record, and remarks including reasons for removal of names because of death, disqualification, or disfranchisement. Arr. numer. by precinct no. and alph. thereunder by name of voter. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 10 x 6 x 1½.

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1. Const., 1890, sec. 242.
2. Code, 1917, sec. 6743; Code, 1930, sec. 6179. For the establishment of the office of clerk of the circuit court, its present status, the method of selection and the term of office, see "Circuit Court," pp. 75-76, footnotes 1-23.

Registrar of Elections - Exemption Certificates; Primary Election Records (209-212)

Poll Tax Receipts

209. POLL TAX RECEIPTS, 1936--. 23 vols. (dated). 1918-35 in Personal Tax Receipts, entry 162.
Duplicate copies of receipts issued by the sheriff as tax collector for payment of poll taxes, and delivered to the registrar, showing year for which taxes due, receipt number, page and line of record of assessment in Personal Assessment (entry 157); place and date of payment, if paid, name, address, and voting precinct of taxpayer, amount of tax paid, and signature of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. numer. by receipt number and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. For separate index, 1936-37, see entry 168; 1938--, see entry 210. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 15½ x 9½ x 1½.

210. INDEX TO POLL TAX RECEIPTS, 1938--. 1 vol.
Alphabetical index to Poll Tax Receipts (entry 209), showing date of payment of poll tax, name and voting precinct of person to whom receipt issued, and receipt number. Arr. alph. by name of voting precinct, and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname of person to whom receipt issued. Hdw. 50 pp. 18 x 11 x ½.

Exemption Certificates

211. RECORD OF EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED, 1936--. 1 vol. (1).
Carbon copies of affidavits made by persons claiming exemption from the payment of poll tax because of age or disability, and certificates of exemption issued by registrar, showing certificate number, name of county in which affidavit taken, name and voting precinct of person claiming exemption, affidavit of claimant, signature and seal of registrar as official taking affidavit, date affidavit taken, registrar's statement of issuance, citation to authority to issue certificate, and registrar's signature in attest. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed numer. by certificate no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 14 x 1½.

Primary Election Records

212. RECORD OF SEALS USED ON BALLOT BOXES, 1936--. 1 vol. (1).
Registrar's record of the sealing of ballot boxes on delivery of the boxes by election managers after votes have been tabulated and counted, showing seal number, date sealed, date of election, signature of registrar as sealer, signature of official opening boxes after sealing, and signature of official returning boxes to registrar. Arr. chron. by date of election. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 60 pp. 18 x 10 x ½.

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XVIII. COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The county board of election commissioners, created by statute law in 1892, was established in Humphreys County June 3, 1918, and has functioned continuously since that time.1

This board consists of 3 members who are appointed by the State Board of Election Commissioners 2 months before every general election of representatives in Congress, to serve a 2-year term.2

For the general structural and functional development of this office from 1890-1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 225-228.

The county board of election commissioners is not required to keep any permanent records. For its publications, see entry 97vi.

1. Code, 1917, sec. 6742; Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 1; Register of Commissions, State, County and Municipal, 1899--, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, 12 vols., vol. 1916, p. 52. The creating act of March 28, 1918, provided that the Governor appoint 15 election commissioners, three each from the portions of Washington, Holmes, Yazoo, Sharkey, and Sunflower Counties to be embraced in Humphreys County, to call and hold special elections at which the qualified electors residing in these portions could vote on the question of their respective territories being included in the new county. (L. M., 1918, pp. 369-370).
2. Code, 1917, sec. 6742; Code, 1930, sec. 6177.

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XIX. SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

The constitutional office of superintendent of education was established in Humphreys County by the creating act of March 28, 1918.[1] The first superintendent was appointed by the Governor June 1, 1918.[2] The office has functioned continuously since that time.

The superintendent is elected by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers[3] for a term of 4 years.[4]

For the general structural and functional development of the office of superintendent of education, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 229-236.

The records of this official, unless otherwise specified, are kept in his office.

General Administration

213. HUMPHREYS COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION /Public School Board/, 1918--. 5 vols. Title varies: County Superintendent's Record, 1918-35, 4 vols.

Superintendent's record of the administration of school affairs, showing names and locations of schools; names, addresses, and date of election of school trustees; lists of teachers examined and employed; recorded copies of monthly and term reports of teachers and summaries of term reports; copies of annual financial reports made by district school treasurers; copies of general school budgets and of school district budgets; copies of superintendent's reports to State Superintendent of Public Education; copies of reports of teachers' institutes; plats of each school district; and other matters of general procedure. Also contains: Minute Book, Superintendent of Education, 1918-32 (entry 236). Arr. by name of report and chron. thereunder by date of scholastic month. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4 vols., 1918-35, 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½; 1 vol., 1936--, 400 pp. 18 x 15 x 2.

214. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, 1931--. 1 file drawer.

Duplicate copies of annual reports made by the superintendent of education to the State Superintendent of Public Education, compiled from and summarizing the data contained in Humphreys County Superintendent of Education /Public School Record/ (entry 213); and showing date of report, period covered, summary of all administrative and financial matters and signature of superintendent of education. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11½ x 13 x 22½.

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1. Const., 1890, sec. 204; L. M., 1918, p. 370.
2. Record of Official Bonds, vol. 2, p. 1; see entry 59.
3. Code, 1917, secs. 6774, 7576; L. M., 1924, p. 416; Code, 1930, secs. 6210, 6562.
4. Const., 1890, sec. 204; Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 7566; L. M., 1924, p. 416; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 6562.

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215. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1932--. 2 file boxes.
Duplicate copies of monthly report of superintendent of education to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor of pay certificates issued against county school funds, showing date of report, name of school, period covered, scholastic term, name of payee, certificate number, date issued, amount of certificate, purpose for which issued, name of school fund credited, total sixteenth section school funds, total amounts of pay certificates issued; names of schools visited, date of visit, comments on visit, certification of superintendent of education. Arr. chron. by date report made. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11½ x 5⅓ x 22⅔.

216. TEACHERS' CONTRACTS, 1935--. 6 vols.
Carbon copies of contracts made with teachers, showing name of teacher, name of school, term for which employed, salary, conditions, date, signatures of teacher and county superintendent of education. Arr. chron. by date contract made. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 6 x 8½ x ½.

217. SCORE CARDS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, 1929--. 1 file drawer.
Score card record of rating given to elementary schools, including school plant, equipment, and teachers, showing name of school, county, session, class, examining commission's score on premises, buildings, equipment, administration, teacher's qualifications, teaching ability, and average for school. Arr. chron. by date of school term. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 17 x 26.

218. TEACHERS LICENSE, 1935--. 3 vols.
Carbon copies of licenses to teach granted applicants passing examinations given by county board of examiners, showing license number, name of licensee, date of examination taken, expiration date of license and notation of applicant's grades in each subject covered by examination, general average grade, grade of license, authorization of county superintendent of education of period of eligibility of licensee, signatures of examiners and of county superintendent of education. Arr. numer. by license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 75 pp. 6 x 8½ x ½.

219. EXAMINATION PAPERS, 1920-26, 1930--. 2 shelves, 3 bundles, 1 file drawer.
Original examination papers submitted by applicants for teacher's license to county board of examiners, showing name and address of applicant, date examination taken, list of questions answered, grade for each subject, average grade, and signatures of members of examining board. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on ptd. form. Shelves, 1920-26, 14 x 34 x 24; bundles, 1930-36, 5 x 12½ x 16; file drawer, 1937--, 5½ x 11½ x 26.

220. [ENUMERATION OF EDUCABLE CHILDREN], 1919--. 2 boxes, 1 stack, 6 vols.
Record of lists of educable children reported annually by principal teachers in each district, showing date of report, name of school district, name, color, age, and sex of each child, names and addresses of parents or guardians of each child. No obvious arr., 1919-26; arr. alph. by names of parents, 1927--. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Boxes, 14 x 19 x 13½; stack, 7 x 20 x 15, storage va.; vols., 150 pp. 16½ x 10 x 1, Supt's. off.

221. INSURANCE POLICIES, 1924--. 2 file boxes.
Original insurance policies written on school district property, showing name of insurance company, kind of policy, date of policy, period covered, description of property insured, terms, conditions and stipulations of policy, amount of insurance, amount of premium, policy number, name of agency, and signature of president and secretary of insurance company. Arr. chron. by date of policy. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 11½ x 5⅓ x 22⅔.

222. TRANSPORTATION REPORTS, 1921-35. 5 boxes. 1936-- in Teachers Reports, entry 223.
Original monthly reports made by transportation contractors to superintendent of education, of the transportation of school children, showing name of school, session, route number, number of pupils on route, sex, age, days present, days absent, average attendance, number days service, amount of pay certificate, signature of contractor, certification of trustee. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 14 x 19 x 13⅓. Sto. va.

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223. TEACHERS REPORTS, 1919--. 1 file box, 5 boxes, 1 stack.
Original monthly reports made by teachers to the superintendent of education, showing date of report, period covered, name of school, number of pupils enrolled, average daily attendance, number of days present, absent, and taught, names and ages of pupils enrolled, salary due teacher, signature of teacher, and signature of majority of the school trustees examining and approving report. Also contains: Transportation Reports, 1936-- (entry 222). No obvious arr., 1919-35; arr. chron. by date of report, 1936--. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5 boxes, 14 x 13⅓ x 19; 1 stack, 7 x 2½ x 15, 1919-35, sto. va.; 1 file box, 1936--, 11½ x 5⅓ x 22⅔, supt's. off.

224. TEACHERS ANNUAL REPORT, 1927--. 2 file boxes.
Teachers original annual report to superintendent, showing scholastic term, period covered, number of grades, name of school, county, and teacher, date of term, class, days actually taught, enrollment and attendance, grade distribution and attendance, promotions, and retardations, cause of nonpromotion, age-grade table, grade process table. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13 x 11 x 23.

225. TEACHERS TRANSCRIPTS, 1934--. 1 file drawer.
Transcript record of credits received by teachers attending college, showing name of college, name of teacher, post office address, county, date of attendance, year graduated, degree obtained, session, course and number of hours, descriptive title of course, hours per week, total number weeks, semester grades, semester hours credited, date of transcript, signature of registrar. Arr. alph. by name of school in county. No index. Typed and typed on ptd. form. 11½ x 17 x 27.

226. SCHOOL REGISTER, 1919--. 398 vols.
Daily registers, kept by teachers, showing term of school, date, name and location of school, school district, race, name of school teacher, grades taught, number of pupils, average attendance, names and ages of pupils, names

of parents or guardians, ages of pupils at date of admittance to public schools, date of birth, sex, number of years in grade previous to present year, whether or not vaccinated, physical defects if any, names of text books used, reports in progress of each pupil, signatures of teacher, principal and superintendent. Arr. chron. by date of school term. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 90 pp. 12 x 9 x ¼.

Financial Administration

227. PAID BILLS, 1919--. 1 file box, 4 file drawers.
Original bills, invoices, and claims for services rendered, and for supplies, materials and equipment furnished county schools, showing date of claim, date filed, name of creditor, itemized list of supplies or statement of obligation, amount of claim, approval of superintendent, number of certificates issued to procure payment, number of warrant issued in payment, date paid, and signature of claimant acknowledging receipt of payment. Arr. chron. by date approved. No index. Typed and hdw. File box 10½ x 5 x 13; drawers, 11 x 17 x 26. File box, 1919-27, ch. clerk's va.; file drawers, 1928--, supt. off.

228. PAY CERTIFICATES, 1918--. 23 vols. Title varies: Superintendent's Pay Certificates, 1918-35, 10 vols.
Stubs and carbon copies of pay certificates issued by the superintendent to teachers, transportation contractors, and other employees and claimants to obtain warrants from clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor in payment of services rendered, showing date, certificate number, amount, name of payee, name of fund credited, purpose, signature of superintendent, and signature of payee in receipt. Arr. numer. by certificate no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 360 pp. 10 x 12 x 1.

229. PAID SCHOOL CERTIFICATES, 1918--. 12 file boxes, 2 file drawers.
Canceled certificates issued by the superintendent to teachers, transportation contractors, and other employees and claimants to obtain warrants from the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor in payment for services rendered, and supplies, materials, and equipment furnished the county schools, showing certificate number, date issued, name of payee, purpose, amount of certificate, name of school fund to be credited, and signature of payee acknowledging receipt of certificate. Arr. chron. by date paid. No index. Typed and hdw. on ptd. form. File drawers, 11 x 17 x 26; file boxes, 10½ x 5 x 13. 12 file boxes, 1918-32, ch. clerk's va.; file drawers, 1933-35, supt's. off.

230. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD OF TEACHERS SALARIES, 1919-32. 1 vol. 1933-- in [General Disbursement Register], entry 233.
Ledger record of payment of salaries to teachers, showing name and race of teacher, name and grade of school, amount of salary, certificate number, month of payment, and total salary for the school year. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 163 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

231. SIXTEENTH SECTION LEASES AND NOTES, 1922--. 1 file drawer, 2 file boxes.
Original instruments pertaining to the administration of sixteenth section school lands and funds, including:

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i. Appointments of trustees for each township, showing name of appointee, date of appointment, term, and signature of president of board of supervisors.
ii. Leases of sixteenth section school lands, showing name of lessee, date, terms, and expiration date, legal description of land leased, signature of lessee, and signature of superintendent of education.
iii. Orders of sixteenth section township trustees authorizing expenditure from sixteenth section school funds, showing date, name of fund, amount, purpose, and signatures of trustees.
iv. Promissory notes, showing name of maker, date executed, maturity date, amount of principal, rate of interest, and signature of maker.

No obvious arr. No index. Typed and typed on ptd. form. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x $22\frac{1}{2}$.

232. /SIXTEENTH SECTION SCHOOL FUND LEDGER/, 1920--. 2 vols.
Ledger record of administration of sixteenth section school land funds, including:
i. Disbursements, showing total, amount of permanent fund, amount of disbursement, name of school for which disbursed, purpose, date of disbursement, and balance.
ii. Receipts from payments of principal and interest of loans made from sixteenth section school land funds, and from payment of rents, showing name of grantor and grantee and lessor and lessee, principal amount, amounts paid on principal and interest, receipt number, total received and balance due.

Arr. chron. by date of execution of loan or lease and chron. thereunder by date of payment. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. Av. 350 pp. 10 x 18 x 2.

233. /GENERAL DISBURSEMENT REGISTER/, 1925--. 6 vols. (dated).
Title varies: Ledger, 1925-29. 1 vol.
Ledger record of disbursements of school funds made by pay certificates by the superintendent of education; and of cash receipts allocated to school funds by the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor:
i. Disbursements are classified under the following main and subsidiary accounts: Administrative, including salary of superintendent of education, superintendent's office expense, school board and board of examiners; and incidentals, Institutes, and Normals; instruction, including principal teachers, white teachers, colored teachers, and special teachers; auxiliary agencies, including tuition and transportation; operation of school plant, including janitor's wages, janitor's supplies, light, water, telephone, fuel, rent, and insurance; maintenance, including repairs to plant and equipment; capital expenditures, including grounds, improvements of grounds, new buildings and equipment, and purchase of vehicles; interest on loans; and non governmental costs, including loans and refunds and taxes and tuition. Under subsidiary accounts, disbursements show pay certificate number, name of payee, amount of certificates, purpose, date issued, and name of fund credited.
ii. Sources of each receipts are classified as revenue and nonrevenue, revenue receipts being listed as per capita and equalization funds from State appropriations; taxes from common school ad valorem, special school district ad valorem, dog, and poll taxes; and

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interest from invested sixteenth section school land funds; and nonrevenue receipts being listed as transers and loans. Both classifications show name and source of funds, debits, credits, and balances.

Also contains: Superintendent's Record of Teachers Salary, 1933--, entry 230. Cash receipts arr. chron. by dates of credits and debits; disbursements arr. numer. by certificate no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 4 vols., 150 pp. 11 x 16½ x 1; 2 vols., 550 pp. 11 x 16½ x 5.

XX. SCHOOL TRUSTEES (234-235)

Boards of trustees for each school district established outside of towns in Humphreys County since 1918 have functioned continuously in the county since their organization. At present there are 3 types of these school districts: Common school districts, consolidated school districts, and special consolidated districts.[1]

The boards of trustees of common school districts and consolidated school districts are composed of 3 members,[2] while the boards of trustees of special consolidated school districts are composed of 5 members.[3] All are selected in their districts by school patrons who are qualified electors.[4]

Trustees of common and consolidated school districts are elected for a 3-year term with one member elected annually.[5] Trustees of special consolidated school districts are elected for a 5-year term with one member being elected annually.[6]

For the general structural and functional development of boards of school trustees, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 247-253.

The records of the boards of trustees are kept in the office of the superintendent of education.

234. /MINUTES OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES/, 1933--. In Minute Book Superintendent of Education, entry 238.
Record of the proceedings of boards of trustees of consolidated schools at regular and special meetings, showing date and place of meeting, names of members and officers present, and regulations, motions, orders, and action taken on all matters pertaining to borrowing money on anticipation of taxes, preparing of annual budgets, election of members of county school board, and to 1938, establishing routes for the transportation of school children and letting of contracts for such transportation.

235. SCHOOL BUDGETS, 1929--. 1 file drawer.
Original estimates of expenditures for the approaching school term, prepared by boards of trustees of consolidated schools and submitted to the superintendent of education, showing date of scholastic year for which prepared, name of school, name of principal teacher, assessed valuation of real estate in school district, assessed valuation of public service corporation property in school district,

1. Code, 1917, secs. 3999-4006; L. M., 1924, pp. 440-447; Code, 1930, secs. 6638-6652. The establishment of special consolidated school districts was authorized in 1928 (L. M., 1928, pp. 158-161; Code, 1930, secs. 6653-6656).
2. Code, 1917, sec. 7338; L. M., 1924, p. 431; ibid., 1928, p. 164; Code, 1930, sec. 6623.
3. L. M., 1928, p. 160; Code, 1930, sec. 6655.
4. Code, 1917, secs. 7338-7339; L. M., 1924, p. 432; ibid., 1928, p. 160; Code, 1930, secs. 6624-6625.
5. Code, 1917, secs. 7338-7339; L. M., 1924, p. 432; Code, 1930, sec. 6623.
6. L. M., 1928, p. 160; Code, 1930, sec. 6655.

total assesses valuation of real, personal, and public service corporation property in school district, tax rate, teachers' salaries, transportation contracts, number of months of school term, administrative expense, maintenance and operation expenses, miscelaneous expense, monthly expense, total expense, available receipts for school district, balance on hand, number students enrolled, signatures of members of boards of trustees, and approval of superintendent of education. Arr. alph. by name of school and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 16 x 26.

236. /TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS/, 1923-37. In Transportation Contracts, entry 239.

Original instruments of the boards of school trustees pertaining to the transportation of school children, including:

i. Contractors' bonds, showing date, name of contractor, amount of bond, signature of contractor, and names and signatures of sureties.

ii. Rules and regulations, showing instructions to school bus drivers as to types of vehicles approved, care of vehicle, and precautionary measures to be taken to avoid accidents.

iii. Transportation contracts, showing name of contractor, expiration date of contract, terms of contract, amount of salary to be paid contractor, and signatures of contractor, superintendent of education, and trustees of consolidated school

237. /TRANSPORTATION BIDS AND QUESTIONNAIRES/, 1930-37. In Transportation Bids and Questionnaires, entry 240.

Original instruments submitted to boards of school trustees by persons seeking contracts to convey school children to and from consolidated schools, including:

i. Bids, showing name of bidder, amount and date of bid, designation of route to be covered, name of school, names of persons signing bidder's bond, and signature of bidder.

ii. Questionnaires answered by bidder, showing name of bidder, condition of and capacity of bus or truck, approximate number of pupils to be transported, and names of school patrons on route.

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XXI. COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The county school board was established in Humphreys County June 3, 1918,[1] and has functioned continuously in the county since that time.

This board consists of 5 members, 1 from each supervisor's beat or district, and the superintendent of education,[2] who is its president and secretary.[3]

Until 1930 the members of the board were appointed by the superintendent of education, subject to ratification by the board of supervisors, to serve a 4-year term.[4] Since 1930 they have been elected by the trustees of the county public schools other than the trustees of municipally operated districts, for a term of 5 years, 1 member being chosen annually.[5]

For the general structural and functional development of the county school board, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 242-245.

The records of the county school board are kept by the superintendent of education in his office.

238. MINUTE BOOK SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, 1933--. 1 vol. 1918-32 in Humphreys County Superintendent of Education /Public School Record/, entry 213.
Record of the proceedings of the county school board at regular and special meetings, showing date and place of meeting, names of members and officers present, and regulations, motions, orders, and action taken on all matters pertaining to petitions for the abolishment of school districts and the formation of new consolidated school districts, public action of orders to create new school districts and alter or abolish school districts, plans and specifications for the erection of negro schools with the assistance of WPA projects, selection of teachers, setting date for opening of county schools, and since 1938, establishing routes for the transportation of school children and the letting of contracts for such transportation. Also contains: /Minutes of School Trustees/, 1933-- (entry 234). Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Typed. 250 pp. 14½ x 9½ x 1½.
For legal publications, see entry 97vii.

239. TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS, 1923--. 1 file drawer.
Original instruments of the county school board pertaining to the transportation of school children, including:
i. Contractors' bonds, showing date, name of contractor, amount of bond, signature of contractor, and names and signatures of sureties.

1. Code, 1917, sec. 7330; Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. II, p. 1; see entry 1.
2. Code, 1917, sec. 7330; L. M., 1924, p. 423; Code, 1930, sec. 6581.
3. Code, 1917, sec. 7574(n); L. M., 1924, p. 418; Code, 1930, sec. 6570(11).
4. Code, 1917, sec. 7330; L. M., 1924, p. 423.
5. Ibid., 1930, p. 611; Code, 1930, sec. 6581.

ii. Rules and regulations showing instructions to school bus drivers as to types of vehicles approved, care of vehicle, and precautionary measures to be taken to avoid accidents.

iii. Transportation contracts, showing name of contractor, expiration date of contract, terms of contract, amount of salary to be paid contractor, and signatures of contractor, superintendent of education, and trustees of consolidated school.

Also contains: [Transportation Contracts], 1923-37 (entry 236). Arr. chron. by date of contract. Hdw. and typed on ptd. forms. No index. 11⅓ x 5⅓ x 22⅔.

240. TRANSPORTATION BIDS AND QUESTIONNAIRES, 1930--. 1 file drawer. Original instruments submitted to the county school board by persons seeking contracts to convey school children to and from consolidated schools, including:

i. Bids, showing name of bidder, amount and date of bid, designation of route to be covered, name of school, names of persons signing bidder's bond, and signature of bidder.

ii. Questionnaires answered by bidder, showing name of bidder, condition of and capacity of bus or truck, approximate number of pupils to be transported, and names of school patrons on route.

Also contains: [Transportation Bids and Questionnaires], 1930-37 (entry 237) Arr. chron. by date submitted. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 17 x 26.

XXII. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (241-243)

A county health officer was appointed in Humphreys County June 1, 1918 by the State Board of Health to serve a 2-year term, as prescribed by law.[1]

The office functioned continuously until August 1, 1927, when a full-time department of health was organized.[2] The department has functioned continuously since that time and at present is composed of a director, 2 public health nurses, a sanitation supervisor and a secretary.[3]

The director is appointed for a 4-year term by the board of supervisors on the recommendation of the State Board of Health.[4]

For the general structural and functional development of the office of county health officer and of the county department of health, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 258-259.

The records of the department, unless otherwise specified, are kept in its office.

Disease Control
(See also entry 252)

241. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IMMUNIZATION, 1934--. 3 file drawers. Card record of smallpox, typhoid fever, and diphtheria immunizations, showing name of patient, age, address, sex, color; school and parents' name, if child; date, and result of immunization, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 7 x 21½ x 27.

242. GENERAL PHYSICAL AND VENEREAL DISEASES, 1934--. 2 file drawers. Card record of active and closed cases of tuberculosis, infant and pre-school, maternity and venereal diseases, showing name of patient, address, occupation, color, sex, marital status, date of birth, present employer, number of immunizations and clinical tests, kind of disease, disease experience, services rendered and comments on case progress, laboratory data, specimen, result, history and physical examination, treatments, tests. Also contains: Midwife Record, 1934-- (entry 250). Arr. alph. by name. For index, see entry 244. Hdw. on ptd. form. 7 x 21½ x 27.

243. CASE AND LABORATORY REPORTS, 1935--. 2 file drawers, 2 trays. Card record of case and laboratory reports including:

i. Case reports showing name of county, name of patient, race, sex, age, address; name of disease, diagnosis, confirmation of laboratory report, name and address of reporting physician, and date of report.

ii. Laboratory reports showing name of patient, laboratory number, kind of specimen, date specimen received, date of report, and report of examination of specimen.

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1. Code, 1917, sec. 4840; Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. I, p. 16; see entry 1.
2. Thirty-First Biennial Report, Being the Sixty-First and Sixty-Second Annual Reports, of the State Board of Health of the State of Mississippi, July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1939, p. 155.
3. Ibid.
4. L. M., 1920, pp. 284-286; Code, 1930, sec. 4926.

244. ACTIVE AND CLOSED FAMILY FOLDERS, 1935--. 2 file drawers.
Card record of families investigated by department of health, showing name, address, and race of head of family, significant social and economic data on family, examiner's notation as to sanitary conditions in home, name of owner of property, list of all members of family, summary of closed cases, and dates of investigation. Arr. alph. by name of head of family. For index, see entry 244. Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½ x 11½ x 26 and 7 x 21½ x 27.

245. SCHOOL RECORDS, 1932--. 1 file drawer, 4 file boxes.
Card record of physical examinations of school children, showing name, color, age, sex, and address of child, names of father and mother, date and place of birth, name of school attending and grade in school, reports of physical examinations, date on immunizations and clinical tests, date on disease experience, treatments recommended by examiner, signature of examiner, record of visits to physician or dentist, and date of examination. Arr. alph. by name of child. For index, see entry 244. Hdw. on ptd. form. 1 file drawer, 1932-34, 13½ x 11½ x 26; 4 file boxes, 1934--, 10½ x 12 x 5½.

246. INDEX FILE, 1932--. 6 file drawers. (A-B, C-G, H-K, K-P, P-S, T-Z).
Alphabetical card index to General Physicial and Venereal Diseases, 1934-- (entry 242); Case and Laboratory Reports, 1935-- (entry 243); Active and Closed Family Folders, 1935-- (entry 244); and School Records, 1932-- (entry 245); showing name of individual receiving service from department of health, address, date of birth, sex, color; name of parent or guardian, if child; date and type of record and where filed. Arr. alph. by name of individual receiving service. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4 x 5½ x 13.

Sanitation

247. SANITATION FILE, 1936--. 1 file drawer.
Card record of sanitation inspection made, showing location, name of owner, type, and address of property inspected; name and race of occupant, and findings as to water supply, excreta disposal, screening, fly breeding, mosquito breeding, milk supply, garbage, and disease history, shows also signature of inspector and dated record of improvements, complaints, additional remarks, and follow up notes. Arr. numer. by section no. For index, see entry 247, Hdw. on ptd. form. 13½ x 11½ x 26.

248. SANITARY INSPECTION OF BUSINESS HOUSES, 1936--. 1 vol.
Record of sanitation inspection of business houses, showing name, address, date of inspection, condition of building, condition of equipment, water supply, personal sanitation, and general sanitation conditions, notices to correct, and number days allowed for correction. Arr. chron. by date of inspection. For index, see entry 247. Hdw. on ptd. form. 75 pp. 11 x 8 x 1.

249. INDEX FILE-SANITATION, 1936--. 1 file drawer.
Card index of Sanitation File, 1936-- (entry 247); and Sanitary Inspection of Business Houses, 1936-- (entry 248), showing section, township, and range location of property, name, date of birth, and race of occupant of owner of property,

and of inspection made, and reference to location of report of inspector. Arr. numer. by section, township, and range nos. and alph. thereunder by name of owner or occupant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 3 x 4 x 14.

Maternal Health

250. [MIDWIFE RECORD], 1934--. In General Physical and Veneral Diseases, entry 240.
Card record of examinations of midwives applying to department of health for permits to practice or for renewal of permits, showing name, age, color, marital status, and address of midwife, name of person referring midwife to department, name of person teaching midwife, examiner's rating of applicant's intelligence, education of applicant, number of years practicing midwifery, date permit issued, or renewed, record of births registered by applicant, immunization and clinical tests, disease experience, equiptment owned by applicant, results of physical examination of applicant, significant facts and physician's notes, labratory data on examination of applicant, and date of examination.

Reports

251. DAILY REPORTS, 1937--. 1 file drawer. (by title). 1933-36 destroyed.
Original daily reports of public health nurses, labratory technicians, and sanitary inspectors, showing name of worker, district, date of report, item or code number of kind of activities engaged in, name and address of patient, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 3 x 4 x 14.

For monthly reports compiled from these daily reports, see entry 252i.

252. OLD CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS, 1933--. 2 file drawers.
Miscellaneous documents, including:

i. Activity reports, showing name of State and county, population of health jurisdiction of Humphreys County department of health, date of report and period covered, and tabulations of monthly and running totals of medical, nursing, clinical and lecture services in the following activities: Communicable disease control, venereal disease control, tuberculosis control, maternity service, infant and preschool hygiene, school hygiene, crippled children service, general sanitation, protection of food and milk, and laboratory.

ii. Financial reports, showing name of State and county, date of report and period covered, budget number, item number and description of item, names of contributing agencies and amounts contributed, total receipts and disbursements for the month and to date.

iii. Monthly numerical morbidity reports, carbon copies of, showing name of county, date of report, period covered, number of diseases reported by physicians in county, name of disease, number of whites affected, number of blacks affected, total affected, number of active physicians in the county, number of physicians failing to report, name and address of any illegal practitioner, name and

address of any physician who has moved into county, name, address, age, and color of any physician dying in the county, cause of death and whether person was active or inactive, names and addresses of physicians failing to report, and signature of director of department of health.

iv. Tabulation of reportable diseases, showing names of diseases reported, totals reported for the month and to date, signature of director, address, and date of report.

Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 13½ x 11½ x 26.

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253. REGISTRAR'S RECORD OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1933--. 1 file drawer.
Card record compiled from certificates filed with registrar of births and deaths, including:

i. Record of births, showing name of county, registration district, number, place of birth, full name of child, sex; if plural birth, twin or triplet, number in order of birth; premature, legitimate, month and day of birth; father's full name, address, race, age, birthplace, and occupation; mother's full maiden name, address, race, age, birthplace, occupation; whether or not child stillborn, name and certificate of physician or midwife attending birth, time filed with registrar of births and deaths, and name of registrar.

ii. Record of deaths, showing name of county, registration district number, place and date of death, full name of deceased, personal and statistical particulars, occupation, name and address of father and mother, name of informant, place and date of burial, cremation, or removal, cause of death, medical certificate of death, additional statements by physician, name of attending physician, name of undertaker, date filed with registrar of births and deaths, and name of registrar.

Arr. alph. by name of parent or child born, name of person deceased. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 7 x 21½ x 27.

Spot Maps

254. MAP, HUMPHREYS COUNTY, 1929. 1 map.
Political and physical map of Humphreys County, showing boundaries of supervisors districts, sections, townships, and range, location of homes inspected, sewage disposal, screened homes, water supply, schools and public buildings inspected, sewage disposal, formations, water and hand washing facilities. Drawn by Geo. B. Ehrenberg, valuation engineer, Dallas, Texas. Black and White. 65 x 5½. 1 in. equals 1 mi.

255. SANITARY SURVEY OF LOUISE, 1937. 1 map.
Physical and communications map of Louise, Mississippi, showing streets, roads, creeks, and railroads; number of homes and schools screened, approved water and sewerage facilities, number of homes with complete sanitation facilities, number of homes without complete sanitation facilities. Drawn by J. W. Barkley,

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director, department of health. Black and white. 1 in. equals 160 ft. 18 x 20.

256. SPOT MAPS, 1937. 3 maps.
Physical, political, and communications maps of Humphreys County, showing, by means of colored pins, exact location and status of typhoid, diphtheria, and tubercular cases. Included also are boundaries of supervisors' districts, school districts, and road districts, rivers, creeks, bayous, and railroads, towns, villages, plantations, and names of patients. Drawn by General Land Office Plat Company, Unit Assignment System, Dallas Texas. Colored. 1 in equals 1 mi. 36 x 36.

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XXIII. REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

The office of registrar of births and deaths was established in Humphreys County in 1918 as prescribed by law,[1] and has functioned continuously since that time.

At present, the county is one registration district in itself, and has a registrar and deputy registrar.[2] The registrar is appointed for an indefinite term by the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health.[3]

For the general structural and functional development of this office, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 264-266.

This official is not required to keep any permanent records. For an abstract record of the reports made by the registrar to the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health, see entry 253.

1. Code, 1917, sec. 4868; Code, 1930, secs. 4904, 4906.
2. Mississippi State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Names and Addresses of Registrars, Effective February 1, 1940, Bulletin, Jackson, 1940.
3. Code, 1917, sec. 4868; Code, 1930, secs. 4904, 4906.

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XXIV. PENSION BOARD OF INQUIRY

The pension board of inquiry was established in Humphreys County in September 1918,[1] and has functioned continuously since that time.

Law in effect at the time, provided that the camp of Confederate veterans in the county select and recommend to the board of supervisors for appointment to the pension board, 5 of their number, 1 from each supervisor's beat or district if possible.[2] The first board appointed and approved by the board of supervisors was named on September 4, 1918.[3] Pensioners are excluded from serving as members of the board.[4] The board of supervisors has been required since 1924 to appoint a World War veteran to the board, and since 1924 recommendations for membership have been extended to include not only Confederate veterans, but other citizens who are qualified electors.[5] Since 1928 the county prosecuting attorney has been a member of the board.[6] The clerk of the chancery court is the clerk of this body,[7] and the sheriff is its executive officer.[8]

No definite term of office for the members of the pension board of inquiry has been prescribed.

For the general structural and functional development of the pension board of inquiry, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 267-268.

257. OLD PENSION PAPERS, 1918--. 1 file drawer, 2 file boxes. Miscellaneous original and duplicate pension records, including:

i. Applications of servants of Confederate soldiers or sailors, showing date of application, name, residence, age, race, date of birth, and birthplace of applicant, statement of citizenship in Mississippi, length of service in Confederate army or navy, name of soldier or sailor for whom applicant was servant, company and regiment or vessel to which master was attached, statement of applicant that he does not own property to the value of $400, oath and signature of applicant, signature and title of official administering oath or one or more witnesses to the application, and signatures of five members of the pension board of inquiry on approved applications.

ii. Applications of Confederate soldiers and sailors, showing date of application, name, residence, age, class, date of birth, and birthplace of applicant, statement of citizenship in Mississippi, county and residence at the time of enlistment, time and place

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1. Code, 1917, sec. 6312; Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, p. 21; See entry 1.
2. Code, 1917, sec. 6312; Code, 1930, sec. 5812. The board of supervisors makes the appointments when there is no veterans' camp in the county (ibid).
3. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, p. 21; entry 1.
4. Code, 1917, sec. 6312; L. M., 1918, p. 132.
5. Ibid., 1924, pp. 585-585; ibid., 1930, p. 39; Code, 1930, sec. 5812.
6. L. M., 1928, p. 73; ibid., 1930, p. 39; Code, 1930, sec. 5812.
7. Code, 1917, sec. 6312; L. M., 1924, p. 585; Code, 1930, sec. 5812.
8. Code, 1917, sec. 6323; Code, 1930, sec. 5822.

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wounded and description of wounds if wounded, company and regiment or vessel to which attached, names of officers of company and regiment or vessel, length of service, statement of applicant that he was honorably discharged and that he did not desert from service, present occupation, if any, statement of applicant that he does not own property to the value of $400, oath and signature of applicant, signature and title of official administering oath, or names of one or more witnesses to application, and signatures of five members of the pension board of inquiry on approved applications.

iii. Applications of widows of Confederate soldiers or sailors, showing date of application, name, residence, age, date of birth, and birthplace of applicant, statement of citizenship in Mississippi, date and place of marriage, county of residence of deceased husband when he enlisted, date and place of enlistment, company and regiment or vessel to which husband was attached, names of officers of company and regiment or vessel, date and place of death of husband, statement of applicant that she does not own property to the value of $400, oath and signature of applicant, signature and title of official administering oath or signatures of one or more witnesses to the application, and signatures of five members of the pension board of inquiry on approved applications.

iv. Lists of Confederate pensioners, duplicate copies of, showing persons receiving Confederate pensions, prepared by the clerk and transmitted to the State Auditor of Public Accounts, showing name, class, and address of pensioner; date pension application approved; amount of annual pension, amount of quarterly or monthly payment; and signatures of clerk and members of the pension board of inquiry.

v. Oaths of pension commissioners, showing name of commissioner and date appointed, expiration of appointment, date of oath, transcript of oath and integrity, and signature of clerk.

iv. Reports, duplicate copies of annual, made by the clerk of pension board of inquiry to State Auditor of Public Accounts showing date of report, name, class and address of pensioner, amount of quarterly pension and annual amount.

vii. Warrants, canceled, issued to pensioners, showing date and warrant number, name of payee, amount of warrant, signature of clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, endorsement of pensioner, and date paid and canceled.

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XXV. CORONER AS RANGER

The office of ranger was created in Humphreys County in 1918 with the establishment of the office of coroner,[1] as the coroner is by law the exofficio ranger.[2] The office functioned until 1928, but since that time there has been no candidate for the office of coroner.[3]

When there is no coroner in the county, the exofficio duties of the coroner as ranger may be discharged by justices of the peace.[4]

For the structural and functional development of the office of coroner as ranger, see Lamar County Inventory, p. 271.

No records of the coroner as ranger or of justices of the peace acting as ranger were located in Humphreys County; for publications of the coroner as ranger, see entry 97vi.

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1. L. M., 1918, p. 370. For the establishment of the office of coroner, the present status of the office, the method of selection, and the term of office, see "Coroner," p. 96.
2. Code, 1917, sec. 4047; Code, 1930, sec. 638.
3. The Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, does not show that commissions have been issued since 1928.
4. Code, 1917, sec. 4047; Code, 1930, sec. 638.

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XXVI. SURVEYOR

The office of surveyor was established in Humphreys County by the creating act of March 28, 1918, as prescribed by the Constitution of 1890.[1] The surveyor was appointed by the Governor June 1, 1918[2] and served until a surveyor was elected at the general election in November 1919, and sworn into office in January 1920.[3] The office functioned from 1918 through 1928 but from 1928 to date there has been no incumbent.[4]

The Constitution of 1890 provides that the surveyor shall be elected for a 4-year term but gives the Legislature power to determine the method of selection.[5] The Legislature has provided that the surveyor be elected by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers.[6]

For the general structural and functional development of the office of surveyor, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 272-274.

The records of the surveyor are kept as permanent records in the office of the clerk of the chancery court as recorder.

258. HUMPHREYS COUNTY AND PART OF ADJOINING COUNTIES, 1906-32. 2 vols. 60 plats.
Land tenure maps and plats of individual farms and lots in the parts of Holmes, Sharkey, Sunflower, Washington, and Yazoo Counties transferred to Humphreys County, 1906-18, and in Humphreys County, 1918-32, showing section, township and range numbers, block and lot numbers of municipal lots, number of acres, and number of square feet of municipal lots, and names of owners. Ptd. No obvious arr. No index. Drawn by county surveyors. Scale varies. 20⅓ x 27½ x ½. Ch. clerk's va.

1. Const., 1890, sec. 135; L. M., 1918, p. 370.
2. Record of Official Bonds, vol. 1, p. 2; see entry 59.
3. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1899--, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, 12 vols., vol. 1920, p. 178.
4. The Register of Commissions does not show that commissions were issued to surveyors in Humphreys County during the period of 1928-39.
5. Const., 1890, sec. 135.
6. Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 6774, 7737; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 6210, 7139.

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XXVII. COUNTY EXTENSION DEPARTMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

Under the law which authorized the organization of a county department of agriculture to promote agricultural extension work[1] the office of county farm agent was established in Humphreys County by the board of supervisors July 9, 1918.[2] A department of home economics was established at the same time,[3] as authorized by law.[4]

By the same authority a Negro home demonstration agent was appointed August 3, 1920[5] and a Negro farm demonstration agent was appointed July 2, 1928.[6]

The offices functioned as interdependent but separate units until 1932 when statute law authorized counties to carry on agricultural demonstration and home economics programs through a single department to be known as the county extension department in agriculture and home economics.[7]

Until 1932 the officials directing the activities of the department of agriculture and the department of home economics (the latter required by law to be a woman), were appointed by the board of supervisors, but since 1932 they have been appointed by the board of supervisors upon the recommendation of the Extension Department of Mississippi State College and with the approval of the United States Department of Agriculture.[8]

No specific term of office is prescribed.

For the general structural and functional development of the county extension department in agriculture and home economics, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 275-276.

The records of the white county agent and the white home demonstration agent are kept in their offices, unless otherwise specified. The records of the Negro county agent and the Negro home demonstration agent are kept in their joint offices in a newly constructed building at the rear of the courthouse.

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259. /COTTON CONTROL AND SOIL CONSERVATION/, 1934--. 104 file drawers. Miscellaneous instruments including:

i. Applications, Bankhead, duplicate copies of, filed by cotton

1. Code, 1917, sec. 3728; Code, 1930, sec. 278.
2. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, p. 16; see entry 1; (Cf. L. M. 1924, Local and Private, p. 86).
3. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, p. 16.
4. Code, 1917, sec. 3801; Code, 1930, sec. 28.
5. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, p. 292.
6. Ibid., p. 352.
7. L. M., 1932, pp. 317-318.
8. Ibid., p. 317. (The legal titles of these officials until 1932 were commissioner in agriculture and county agent of home economics, but since 1932 have been county agent and home demonstration agent, the Legislature evidently taking cognizance of the fact that in local terminology they had always been known as such).

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producers with the United States Department of Agriculture for cotton acreage allotments and tax exemption certificates pursuant to the Cotton Acreage Reduction Act of 1934, showing application serial number, contract serial number, name and address of producer, ownership of farm, total acreage, location of farm, mileage from and name of nearest town, legal description of farm showing section, township and range, basis for determining yield and production of cotton production on cultivated acreage for 1934, total acreage, production and yield during 1934 of cotton land not planted in cotton since 1927, date of application, signature and oath of producer, signature and title of officer administering oath, signatures and certification of community and county committeemen and summary of application.

ii. Applications for cotton price adjustments, 1935--, duplicate copies of, filed by cotton producers with the United States Department of Agriculture for payments pursuant to agreements to cooperate in the cotton acreage reduction program, showing serial number of contract and work sheet, total cotton acreage, yield and production, total number of bales sold, total number of pounds sold, number of cotton sales certificates, signatures of purchasers, dates of sales, name and address of producer, signature and affidavit of producer, signature and title of officer administering affidavit, signatures and certification of the community and county committeemen and date of application.

iii. Applications, producers without Bankhead, duplicate copies of, agreements made by cotton producers failing to enter cotton acreage reduction contracts, to participate in the cotton control program of the United States Department of Agriculture, showing serial number of agreement, name and address of producer, whether landlord or tenant, total acreage, location of farm, legal description of farm showing section, township and range, mileage from and name of nearest town, type of agreement, number of bales of cotton produced in 1933, crop acreage for 1932-33 and kinds of crops and acreage allotted to each, cotton acreage, yield and production, signatures of producer and witnesses, date of agreement and signatures and certification of community and county committeemen.

iv. Applications for payment, duplicate copies of, showing name of applicant, State and county, code number, application serial number, name of county transmittal number, basic date and computations of payment, acreage alloted to cotton, number carried out, crop land not eligible for payment, amount of payment, signature of applicant, signature and approval of county agricultural conservation association, and signature of county committeemen.

v. Allotments, approved cotton acreage, original list of, and register of tax exemption certificates issued to cotton producers operating under contracts with the United States Department of Agriculture, showing name of community, date of list, period covered, serial number of application, name and address of producer, serial numbers of certificates issued, total number of certificates, number of pounds of tax exempt cotton, parts of certificates canceled, date received, signature of producer and signatures and certification of the chairman and executive secretary of the state allotment board.

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vi. Contracts, Original 1934 and 1935 Cotton Acreage reduction, showing serial number of contract, name and address of producer, status of ownership, location of farm, mileage and name of nearest town, legal description of farm, showing section, township and range, total acreage, statement of terms and conditions and obligations, basis for determining cotton acreage reduction and rental and parity payments, cotton acreage and production, signature of producer, signatures and certification of community and county committeemen, date approved and accepted, signature of the secretary of agriculture by a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, signature and certification of administrative officer and comptroller, dates of first payments and amounts of checks.

vii. Contracts, cotton option benefits, original copies of offers filed by cotton producers with the United States Department of Agriculture to enter into cotton benefit contracts for the reduction of cotton production and the receipt of payments therefor, showing name and address of producer, location of farm, total cotton acreage, number of pounds of fertilizer per acre, total yield and production in 1932, name of gin operator, description of amounts and holders of liens, estimated yield, cash payment elected, date of offer, signature of producer, signatures and consent of lienholders, date of inspection by community committeeman, signature of community committeeman, date of acceptance by county committee, signatures and acceptance of county committee, date approved and signature of the secretary of agriculture, by representative of the United States Department of Agriculture.

viii. Contracts, new, special cases, original list of, cotton producers under special contracts with the United States department of agriculture and lists of cotton producers entering into new contracts with the United States department of agriculture pursuant to the Cotton Acreage Reduction Act of 1934, showing serial number of contract, name and address of producer, base acreage, total cotton acreage, total rented acreage, cotton yield and production and name of pledgee.

ix. Contract, signers, original list of, cotton producers under contract with the United States department of agriculture pursuant to the Cotton Acreage Reduction Act of 1934, showing name and address of producer, serial number of contract, base acreage, total cotton acreage and total rented acreage.

x. Documents, Supplementary to Bankhead Applications, duplicate copies of, supplementary information sheets filed by cotton producers with applications for cotton acreage reduction and tax exemption certificates, showing name and address of producer, base acreage, percentage of rented acreage, cotton acreage allotment, adjusted yield per acre, stipulation of basic figures for 1935, signature of producers, signatures and certification of community and county committeemen and signature and approval of the county agent.

ix. Original copies of bulletins of instruction issued to cotton producers for the distribution of parity payments among producers, sharecroppers and tenant farmers, showing statement of rules and regulations governing distribution, application of rule, example

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demonstrating method of distribution, provisions for failure to produce crop because of unavoidable natural cause, total parity payment, names of producer, sharecroppers and tenants, cotton acreage allotments, amount distributed in cash and credit, signatures of sharecroppers and tenants, signature and oath of producer and signature and title of officer administering oath.

xii. Receipts for cotton price adjustment payment, original copies of, given by cotton producers for parity payment checks issued under agreements to cooperate in the cotton acreage reduction program of the United States Department of Agriculture and reports of the distribution of the payment among the producer, sharecroppers and tenants, showing check number, amount of check, form number under which check was issued, date of receipt and report, signature and address of producer, signature and address of witness, itemized statement of distribution of payment showing name of person receiving share, amount of cotton sold, rate of payment per pound, amount paid in cash and credit, signature and receipt of sharecropper or tenant, rule governing distribution of payment, date reported, signature and certification of producer and signature of witness and signature and approval of county agricultural demonstration agent.

xiii. Receipts for checks delivered, original copies of, given by cotton producers, sharecroppers, and tenant farmers for parity payment checks delivered under agreements to participate in the cotton acreage reduction program of the United States Department of Agriculture, showing serial number of contract, amount of check, check number, signature of recipient and witnesses.

xiv. Record of measurements, original copies of measurements taken of farms operating under cotton acreage reduction contracts with the United States Department of Agriculture, showing serial number of contract, name and address of producer, location of farm, base acreage, total cultivated acreage and total rented acreage.

xv. Record of Individual Producers, original copies of record of, cotton acreage allotments and tax exemption certificates issued filed by cotton producers operating under cotton acreage reduction contracts, showing date filed, name and address of producer, total number of pounds, number of pounds alloted, total number of pounds unsigned, dates and number of pounds on each certificate issued, and signature of producer.

xvi. Soil Conservation Program, 1936--, duplicate copies of, reports of performance made to the United States Department of Agriculture by farmers operating under the soil conservation program of the department, showing date of report, period covered, name and address of producer, location and description of farm, legal description of farm, showing section, township and range, number of acres alloted to cotton, number of diverted acres, measurements of acres alloted to cotton, number of soil conserving acres estimated, soil building practices, soil conserving practices, hours used in measuring, names of helpers, signature of producer and signature and certification of local supervisors.

xvii. Soil Conservation, Farm Adjustments, original copies of adjustment made to farms operating under the soil conservation program of the United States Department of Agriculture, showing 1935 contract

serial number, name of operator under 1935 contract, address, base acreage, base product, adjusted acreage quota and adjusted product quota and date of adjustment.

xviii. Soil Conservation Program, Instructions, pamphlets and bulletins issued by the United States Department of Agriculture containing rules, regulations and instruction for the administration and operation of the soil conservation program, showing date published, title and subjects.

xix. Soil Conservation Program, Work Sheets, original copies of work sheets prepared by farmers and producers operating under the soil conservation program of the United States Department of Agriculture, showing date of work sheet, name and address of producer and of owner, beat number, detailed description of utilization of land, location of farm and legal description showing section, township and range, base acreage and yield, number of other farms owned or operated in the county and signature of owner-operator or producer.

xx. Tenants, Location of, shown of Form B, lists of tenant farmers on farms operated under contract with the United States Department of Agriculture for cotton acreage reduction, showing name and address of tenant, serial number of contract, location of farm and total rented acreage.

Arr. alph. by name of producer and chron. thereunder by date of execution of instrument. No index. 12 x 24 x 26.

260. AERIAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPHS, HUMPHREYS COUNTY, FLIGHTS NOS. 1-7, 1936. 7 vols.

Original aerial survey photographs showing woods, fields, turn rows, lakes, rivers, creeks, bayous, roads, bridges, houses, barns and other buildings, with superimposed photographic number section, township, and range lines and numbers, land ownership boundaries, names of owners, description of kinds of crops in cultivation and of uncultivable land. Prepared by Bowman Park Aerial Survey Co. Arr. numer. by sec. no. No index. 24 x 30 x 4.

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261. CORRESPONDENCE, 1931--. 6 file drawers.

Letters, telegrams, notices and memoranda received by and sent out from the office of the home demonstration agent, showing name of writer and addressee, date of communication, kind of communication, and contents of communication. Also contains: Old Reports, 1938-- entry 261. Arr. alph. by topic and chron. thereunder by date of communication. No index. Typed and typed on ptd. form. 11⅓ x 13⅓ x 23.

262. 4-H CLUB FILE, 1932--. 1 file drawer.

Record of activities and progress of girls' 4-H clubs, including programs, achievement days, contests, projects, rallies and lists of members and leaders, and showing name of club, names and addresses of members and leaders, detailed description of work done and results of activities, names of contestants and prize winners, suggestions from 4-H clubs in other counties and states, instructions for activities and programs, description of activities at community, county and State fairs and exhibitions, reports of 4-H club congresses and plans for

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future4-H club activities and programs. Arr. alph. by topic and chron. thereunder by date of record. No index. Typed and hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 13 x 23.

263. OLD REPORTS, 1934-37. 1 file drawer. 1938-- in Correspondence, entry 259.
Duplicate copies of weekly, monthly, and annual reports made by the home demonstration agent to the State Extension Service, of activities, accomplishments and achievements in county home demonstration work and county club work, including supplementary reports, showing date of report, monthly service certificates, names of communities visited, statement of progress on projects of clothing, home management and improvement, preservation of food, milk, poultry, fruit and vegetables, and signature of agent. Arr. alph. by topic and chron. thereunder by date of report. No index. Typed. 11 x 13 x 23.

264. HOME DEMONSTRATION FILE, 1936--. 1 file drawer.
Miscellaneous papers pertaining to home demonstration work in the county, including work programs, 4-H club work, original reports of camps sponsored by county clubs, and correspondence received by and sent out from the office of the home demonstration agent. Arr. alph. by topic. No index. Typed. 11 x 13 x 23.

265. GENERAL INFORMATION, 1936--. 1 file drawer.
Original and duplicate copies of reports and bulletins sent to the home demonstration agent from the State Extension Service on subjects pertaining to home demonstration work in the county, including reports and bulletins on nutrition, health conservation, food preservation, horticulture, poultry raising, house planning and other subjects, showing kind and title on bulletin, and date issued. Arr. alph. by name of subject. No index. Typed. 11 x 13 x 23.

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266. /REPORTS, NEGRO AGENT/, 1928--. 5 file boxes.
Carbon copies of reports made by the negro county agent to the State Extension Service, and to the board of supervisors of activities and progress, and of work and experiments made with colored farmers, showing date of report, detailed description of work and experiments, itemized statement of expenses for the administration and operation of the department, names and locations of clubs organized, names of members, and results of work and experiments. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of club members. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 14 x 20.

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267. /REPORTS, NEGRO AGENT/, 1932--. 5 file boxes.
Carbon copies of reports made by the negro home demonstration agent to the State Extension Service and the board of supervisors of the activities, expenses and progress of colored home demonstration work in the county, showing date of report, detailed description of work done, programs, achievement days, contests,

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rallies, communities visited, dates of visits, club meetings held, dates of meedings, names of clubs organized, names of members, demonstrations given, kinds and dates of demonstrations, itemized statement of expenses for the administration and operation of the department, and signature of agent. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of club members. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 14 x 20.

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XXVIII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The county board of public welfare was created in Humphreys County April 6, 1936,[1] in accordance with an act of the Legislature of the same year.[2] This department has functioned continuously in the county since its creation. The county department of public welfare is composed of a county welfare board, appointed by the board of supervisors, which consists of 3 to 5 members representing 3 to 5 supervisors' districts with members appointed for a 1 year term as prescribed by the State Department of Public Welfare.[3] This board must meet at least once each month on call of the county welfare agent.[4] The county welfare agent and assistant county welfare agent, appointed by the commissioner, serves an indefinite term.[5] Clerical assistants, for administering the program may be employed.[6]

Unless otherwise specified, the records of this department are kept in its office.

268. /APPLICATIONS AND REPORTS/, 1936--. 36 file drawers. (labeled by incl. case nos.).

Original instruments, including:

i. Aid to the blind, applications for, showing name of county, case number, sex, color, date and by whom received; name of applicant, address; date and place of birth; doctor's certificate as to blindness; marital status; list of relatives; list of members of household; amount of insurance, real and personal property; education; employment record; and names of references. Also contains: Report of investigation by county welfare board, including source and verfication of above statements; additional information; affidavit, showing name of State and county, signature of applicant, date and signatures of applicant and authorized agent.

ii. CCC, NYA, and WPA, applications for, showing name of county, sex, age, date of application, name of interviewer; name and address of applicant; date and place of birth; martial status; names of parents or guardians; employable persons in family; financial status; family needs; relief district; education; employment record; citizen by birth or naturalization. Also contains: Report of investigation, including source and verfication; additional information; signatures of applicant and welfare agent; whether granted or denied.

iii. Commodities, applications for, distribution of, showing name and address of applicant, age, sex, color; veteran status; marital status; names of members of family; financial status; employable persons in family; amount of surplus commodities issued to each family and date issued; whether receiving other federal or State

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1. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 8, p. 104; see entry 1.
2. L. M., 1936, p. 272.
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Arr. numer. by case no. and alph. thereunder by first letter of surname. For Index, see entry 269. Typed on ptd. form. 14 x 11 x 26.

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J. S. Jackson, 1918-19.
Bert A. Holliday, 1918-19.
Wm. D. Richardson, 1918-19.
Earl E. Barr, 1918-19.
J. T. Jackson, Jan. 1st-30th, 1920.
W. W. Campbell, Jan. 1st-30th, 1920.
B. A. Wright, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
B. A. Holliday, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
Dr. J. S. Jackson, President, Jan. 30, 1920-Jan. 1924.
C. H. Reed, Jan. 30, 1920-Jan. 1924.
J. G. Hargraves, Jan. 30, 1920-Jan. 1924.
A. G. McDanials, Jan. 1924-Dec. 1924.
J. T. Campbell, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
W. R. Carson, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
B. A. Holliday, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
J. D. Herron, Dec. 19, 1924-Jan. 1928.
R. H. Perkins, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
J. E. Herron, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
T. M. McBeth, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
W. R. Carson, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
B. A. Holliday, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
J. A. Bridges, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
Dr. W. S. Taylor, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
T. M. McBeth, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
W. R. Carson, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
B. A. Holliday, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
F. B. Bain, Jan. 1st-6th, 1936.
R. P. Hamaker, Jan. 1936-40.
B. S. Reed, Jan. 1936-40.
Webb McRaney, Jan. 1936-40.
B. A. Holliday, Jan. 1936-40.
J. L. Bain, Jr., Jan. 6th-Feb. 11th, 1936.
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J. A. Mortimer, 1940--.
R. P. Hamaker, 1940--.
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J. D. Purvis, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
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L. M. Carter, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
J. M. Powell, Jan. 1940--.

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R. H. Nason, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
N. W. Sumrall, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
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J. A. Mortimer, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
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Wm. H. Day, 1918-19.
John Purvis, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
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J. F. Bridges, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
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Anderson R. Hutchins, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
Anderson R. Hutchins, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
Anderson R. Hutchins, Jan. 1936-Aug. 1937.
Mrs. A. R. Hutchins, Aug-Sept. 21, 1937.
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J. C. Higdon, Jan. 1940--.

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W. P. Shackleford, Jan. 1924-Dec. 20, 1924.
Miss Lola G. Sevier, Dec. 20, 1924-Jan. 1928.
Miss Lola G. Sevier, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
Miss Lola G. Sevier, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
Miss Lola G. Sevier, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
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Robert N. Sandling, 1918-19.
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County Superintendents of Education

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T. D. Rice, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
T. D. Rice, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
T. D. Rice, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
E. C. Sample, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
E. C. Sample, Jan. 1940--.

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M. W. Banner, Jan. 1918-19, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
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