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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Grenada County, is number 22 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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by the officials of the county, and also the needs of lawyers, business men and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

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

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

The Survey Program was organized and has been directed by Luther H. Evans, and operated as a nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Professional and Service Projects, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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PREFACE

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 Director.

By an act of Congress, Federal Project No. 1 was abolished on August 31, 1939 and the Historical Records Survey was made a State project to be maintained under the official sponsorship of Dr. William D. McCain, Director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and under the cooperative sponsorship of local governmental agencies. It now functions as a State-wide project of the Division of Professional and Service Projects of the Work Projects Administration, of which Miss Ethel Payne is State Director. It is in the Research and Records Section of this division under the supervision of Felix J. Underwood, Jr.

To attain its general objective, the Survey has examined thoroughly and carefully, records kept by State, county, and municipal governments. In addition, preliminary lists of historical manuscripts, maps, and early American imprints contained in private, official, and unofficial collections have been prepared. Much has also been accomplished in locating and inventorying the records of all churches in all counties. In completing this particular task, the Survey will include the records of defunct churches if it is possible to locate them.

The Survey has stressed the completion of a State-wide inventory of county records, and the preparation and publication of the completed inventories. It 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 one 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 Grenada County, herewith presented, is number 22. The inventories of State archives, and of municipal, church, and other local records will be published separately.

The survey of the records of Grenada County was started February 1, 1938 and was completed August 10, 1938. The field inventory was rechecked between January 6 and February 10, 1939. The preliminary draft received a further recheck in August 1939, and a final recheck in March 1940.

The inventory of the records of Grenada County is the fifth county inventory prepared for publication. It is arranged so that the records of the executive branch of county government come first, followed by those of the recording, judicial, law enforcement, fiscal, and miscellaneous agencies. Included also is a short essay on each agency of county government including

organization of the agency in Grenada County, its present status, the method of filling the office, and the term of office.

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 Grenada County officials in its work in their county.

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 Library of Congress project staff.

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 Elsie May Chambers, Bessie Kate Bradford, Zelma Ruth Jolley, Dixon Pyles, and Fred Beacham, editorial assistants; and Robert E. Strong, Assistant State Supervisor and editor-in-chief.

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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Grenada County, situated in the north central portion of Mississippi, contains 442 square miles[1] or 282,380 acres.[2] It was created May 9, 1870 from parts of Carroll, Choctaw, Tallahatchie, and Yalobusha Counties,[3] and is a fairly regular parallelogram, bounded on the north by Tallahatchie and Yalobusha Counties, on the east by Calhoun and Webster Counties, on the south by Montgomery and Carroll Counties, and on the west by Leflore and Tallahatchie Counties. The boundaries of the county, which have never been changed, were described as: "Beginning at the northwest corner of township 22, range 2, east; thence east along said township line to the southwest corner of section 34, township 23, range 3, east; thence north to the northwest corner of said section; thence east along section line to range 4; thence north on said range line to township line 24; thence east along said township line to the northwest corner of section 3, township 23, range 5, east; thence south to the southwest corner of section 10, township 23, range 5, east; thence east along section line to the eastern boundary of range 7, east; thence south along said range line to the southeast corner of section 13, township 21, range 7, east; thence west along section line to the southwest corner of section 18, township 21, range 2, east; thence north to the beginning."[4]

Varying from level to hilly land, and drained mainly by the Yalobusha River and its tributaries, Grenada County has a varying topography with no outstanding scenic features. The eastern and most of the central section of the county are included in the Loess Hill section of the State, while the central section along the Yalobusha River, as well as the western area, is in the Alluvial Plain, known as the Yazoo Delta, lying between the Yazoo and Mississippi Rivers.[5] The Loess Hills, composed of brown loam overlying yellowish, calcareous silt, are exceedingly fertile, although still not so rich as the Alluvial Plain to the west. This Plain, enriched through many centruies by the overflow from the Mississippi River and tributary streams, consists of dark, sandy loam near the streams, and black, sticky clay in other parts.[6]

The robust and extensive timber formerly growing thickly over the Loess Hills consisted almost entirely of hardwoods, now largely cut off. Yellow popular, magnolia, honeylocust, mulberry, linden, elm, chestnut, white oak, walnut, and beech trees still grow in parts of the Loess Hills not cleared. Such smaller bushes or tree growths as: chinquapin, witchhazel, dogwood, crab apple, iron wood, pawpaw, red maple, and redbud flourish extensively in the county, together with the grey-moss and numerous climbing vines, wild grape, Virginia creeper, poison-oak, crossvine, trumpetcreeper, and, in the open places, the Cherokee rose.[7]

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1. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930; Population, I, Table 3, 583.
2. Ibid., Agriculture, II, Part 2, Table I, 1050-1051.
3. For a detailed description of the territory, see Minutes of Board of Supervisors 1870--, in county archives of Grenada County, Grenada, Miss., vol., A, pp. 1-2, see entry 1. Hereafter cited as Minutes.
4. L. M., 1870, pp. 124-126.
5. Ephraim Noble Lowe, Mississippi State Geological Survey, Bulletin No. 12, Jackson, 1915, pp. 228-231.
6. Ibid., pp. 264-269.
7. Ibid., p. 231.

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The Delta section of the county where the forest trees still remain, has much the same profusion of timber growth as the Loess Hills, as well as a greater variety of oak, and many cypress and gum trees, willow, cottonwoods, and sycamore. Along the stream banks grows the bluecane, and over all the Delta section a large number of vines and tree-growths, little different from those of the hills.[8]

The climate of the county is mild. Temperature readings covering a period of 38 years for this section of the State show a mean annual average temperature of 64.4; an annual average maximum of 75.3; and average annual minimum 53.4.[9] The annual precipitation for the same area is 50.52 inches.[10]

The section of Mississippi in which Grenada County is situated was Choctaw Indian country. However, the Chocchuma invaded and occupied it until they were exterminated in a general war, the last battle of which was fought on the Old Grenada Road six miles west of Bellefontaine in what is now Webster County.[11]

Early travelers considered the Choctaw treacherous or honorable according to the degree of success of their own dealings with them, but all admitted that they were "ready witted, and endued with a flow of smooth, artful language".[12] They were usually courageous, with an intense love of their land. Unlike most Indians, few of them could swim, since their country contained few large streams or lakes. However, they excelled other Indian tribes in the raising of crops, chiefly corn, and they took pride in their ability to combine farming skill with fertile land and a favorable climate to produce rich yields. The Choctaw engaged in little hunting for subsistence. Their customs generally were not different from other tribes, except in their habit of flattening the foreheads of their infants by fastening a bag of sand to the skull.[13] Several place names in the county indicate an Indian Origin; the early towns of Tuscahoma and Chocchuma, and such names of streams as, Buttaputtan, Lossa Scoona, Batupan Bogue, and Yalobusha. The Choctaw country, spread over most of central Mississippi and into Alabama, had from 15,000 to 20,000 native inhabitants around 1700, when the tribe first came into relations with French explorers.[14] More than a century elapsed, however, before the Choctaw relinquished their title to the territory which was eventually to become Grenada County. One mound south of Coffeeville in Yalobusha County remains as tangible evidence of Choctaw residence in this vicinity.[15]

8. Ibid., pp. 272-273.
9. Mississippi State Planning Commission, Progress Report on State Planning in Mississippi, Jackson, 1938, p. 16.
10. Ibid., p. 23; Ephraim Noble Lowe, Economic Geography of Mississippi, mimeographed by the author, Oxford, Miss., 1928, p. 8.
11. J. F. H. Claiborne, Mississippi as a Province, Territory, and State, Jackson, 1880, p. 485.
12. Dunbar Rowland, Encyclopedia of Mississippi History, Atlanta, 1906, 2 vols., I, 928.
13. Ibid.
14. Frederick Webb Hodge, (ed.), Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico, Washington, 1907, 2 vols., I, 289.
15. Calvin S. Brown, Archeology in Mississippi, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., 1926, p. 28.

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In 1541 Hernando De Soto and his Spanish expedition passed through or near the land now included in Grenada County and spent the winter in "the village of Chicasa, situated in a beautiful plain in the valley of the Yalobusha River."[16] Spain thus established claim to this territory, but "Spanish occupation did not keep pace with Spanish claims,"[17] and there was no colonization. England claimed the land including Grenada County in 1629,[18] and the French likewise in 1582,[19] as did the State of Georgia.[20] None of these claims had any influence in shaping events in Grenada County, since the Indians continued to dwell unmolested there until at least 1798, when Congress created the Mississippi Territory,[21] and immigration was stimulated. In 1802 the Federal Government paid Georgia $1,250,000 for its claims[22] and in 1817 the land now comprising Grenada County was included in the State of Mississippi.[23]

The Indian title to the region was extinguished by the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek, September 27, 1830.[24] After the government survey of the Cession was completed,[25] the United States land office for the northwestern district of Mississippi was established at the now extinct town of Choccahuma, 17 miles west of the present city of Grenada.[26] In 1840 the office was moved to Grenada.[27]

On December 23, 1833, the lands obtained from the Choctaw Indians were divided into 16 counties: Noxubee, Kemper, Lauderdale, Clarke, Oktibbeha, Winston, Choctaw, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha, Carroll, Jasper, Neshoba, Smith, Scott, Leake, and Attala.[28] Three more, Bolivar, Coahoma, and Newton were organized in 1836 from counties already established,[29] and in 1844 Sunflower County was created.[30]

In the Reconstruction Period which followed the close of the Civil War, Grenada, Webster, Leflore, and Quitman Counties were established; Grenada from

16. John W. Monette, History of the Discovery and Settlement of the Valley of the Mississippi, New York, 1848, 2 vols., I, 42-43.
17. R. S. Cotterill, The Old South, Glendale, Cal., 1927, p. 60.
18. Ibid., p. 63.
19. Francis Parkman, Francis Parkman's Works, Frontenac Edition, Boston, 1902, 16 vols., V, LaSalle and the Discovery of the Great West, 306-308.
20. Dunbar Rowland, History of Mississippi, The Heart of the South, Chicago and Jackson, 1925, 2 vols., II, 301.
21. 1 Stat., 549-550.
22. American State Papers, Public Lands, I, 113-114.
23. 3 Stat., 472-473.
24. 7 Stat., 333-342.
25. For field notes of this survey, see Field Notes, in county archives of Grenada County, Grenada, Miss., entry 40.
26. 4 Stat., 653.
27. 5 Stat., 393. For recorded copies of original land patents issued by this office, see Tract Book, 1833--, in county archives of Grenada County, Grenada, Miss., entry 39; for recorded copies of other original conveyances including sales of land by the Choctaw Indians, see Record of Mortgages and Trust Deeds, 1830-70, in county archives of Grenada County, Grenada, Miss., entry 26.
28. L. M., 1833, pp. 511-514.
29. Ibid., 1836, pp. 13, 14, 57.
30. Ibid., 1844, pp. 219-221.

park of Carroll, Choctaw, Tallahatchie, and Yalobusha.[31]

The act creating Grenada County designated the town of Grenada as the county seat and provided for the appointment by the Governor of five members of the board of supervisors, a sheriff, a coroner, an assessor, a treasurer, a surveyor, a clerk of the circuit court, a clerk of the chancery court, and a competent number of justices of the peace, all of whom were to serve until the general election of 1871 and until their successors were qualified.[32]

Lebbeus French was appointed sheriff on May 18, 1870 and tax collector on May 28.[33] William B. Davis was appointed clerk of the circuit court on May 23.[34] J. D. LeFlore, Dr. John L. Milton, F. P. Ingram, Andrew Davis, and Freeland Towns were named to the board of supervisors.[35] James B. Townsend was made clerk of the chancery court June 25, James W. Hall, assessor on August 9, and Thomas C. Buffington, Treasurer on December 2.[36]

The board held its first meeting on May 30, 1870 in the office of Dr. John L. Milton above Lake Brother's store. J. D. LeFlore was elected president and Dr. Milton was chosen secretary pro-tem, to serve until the appointment of a clerk of the chancery court, by law the clerk of the board. At this meeting the board fixed the boundaries of the five supervisors' districts and adjourned to meet the first Monday of June.[37]

The appointed members of the board served until their successors were elected at the general elections of November 1871 and sworn into office in January 1872.[38] The original board organized the county, provided for the first courthouse,[39] ordered transcriptions made of the land records of the territory in the counties from which Grenada County was created,[40] established schools, and laid out and constructed roads and bridges.[41]

County officers elected on November 7, 1871 were: Andrew Davis, Edward Scott, Douglas Green, Freeland Towns, and Robert H. Turner, members of the board of supervisors; Charles P. Lincoln, clerk of the chancery court; William B. Davis, clerk of the circuit court; J. T. Parker, treasurer; Lebbeus French, sheriff and tax collector; and Henry B. Heath, tax assessor.[42]

At its August 1870 meeting the board of supervisors appointed a commission

31. Ibid., 1870, pp. 124-126; ibid., 1871, pp. 51-54, 587-592; ibid., 1874, pp. 220-224; Webster County was established originally as Sumner County but the name was changed in 1882 (L. M., 1882, p. 148).
32. L. M., 1870, pp. 124-125.
33. Record of Official Bonds, 1870--, in county archives of Grenada County, Grenada, Miss., vol. A, p. 6, see entry 47. Hereafter cited as Official Bonds. See also "Sheriff as Tax Collector," p.106, footnote 2.
34. Ibid., p. 7.
35. Minutes, vol. A, p. 1, see entry 1.
36. Official Bonds, vol., A, pp. 8, 9, 11.
37. Minutes, vol., A, pp. 3-5.
38. Ibid., pp. 69-70, Official Bonds, vol., A, pp. 37-38.
39. Minutes, vol., A, pp. 10-12.
40. Ibid., p. 18.
41. Ibid., pp. 1-68.
42. Minutes, vol., A, pp. 69-70; Official Bonds, vol., A, pp. 37-38.

composed of Lebbeus French, the sheriff; William B. Davis, the clerk of the circuit court; and Dr. John L. Milton, a member of the board; to buy or lease a suitable place in the town of Grenada for a county courthouse.[43] On August 4, the commission reported that A. S. Brown, a citizen of the town, offered to sell the county his frame store building and lot, situated on the northwest corner of the public square, for $3,000. This report was acted on favorably and the purchase was ordered.[44] At the same meeting the board rented two rooms on the first floor and the second floor attic to W. M. Harkins for $8 a month for a period of three to 12 months or longer.[45]

The commission was retained and was instructed to have the building painted and partitioned into offices, a courtroom, and jury rooms. It was further ordered to procure suitable and substantial furnishings for the courthouse including "a water bucket, 30 split-bottomed chairs, one hair seat for the court, one stone water pitcher, one metal dipper, one tumbler, three hoop water buckets, and two reflector side lamps."[46]

In September 1870 the board contracted with James Ladd to build a jail at a cost of $16,000.[47] However, by 1880 extensive repairs were made to this building by H. P. McDonald and Brother, for the sum of $2,362.50,[48] paid by warrants issued June 1, 1881.[49]

Land on which to erect a new courthouse was purchased in 1883 and the building now in use was completed in 1884.[50]

The earliest known settlement in the territory which is now Grenada County was Elliot, established by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, as a missionary station for the Choctaw Indians. The village practically passed out of existence after the removal of the Indians to the west by the terms of the Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek. It is situated 15 miles south of the town of Grenada and has a population of 128. Another settlement was Troy, made in the early 1830's five miles below Grenada on the Yalobusha River. This town died out as most of its inhabitants moved to Grenada. The settlement of Tuscahoma, 12 miles northwest of the county seat grew into a town of 300 by 1836 when it was incorporated, but by 1850 it was extinct.[51]

The town of Grenada, situated at the fork of the Yalobusha River and Batupan Bogue Creek, was formed and incorporated in 1836[52] by the merging of two rival and adjoining settlements, Tulahoma and Pittsburg. The two villages

43. Minutes, vol., A, pp. 5-6.
44. Ibid., pp. 10-12.
45. Ibid.
46. Ibid.
47. Ibid., p. 14.
48. Ibid., vol., B, p. 66.
49. Ibid., p. 82.
50. See "Housing, Care, and Accessibility of the Records," p..40, footnotes 1-12.
51. Franklin L. Riley, "Extinct Towns and Villages of Mississippi," in Franklin L. Riley, (ed.), Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society, Oxford, Miss., 1898-1914, 14 vols., V (1902), 335. Hereafter cited as Publications.
52. L. M., 1836, pp. 307-308.

were settled soon after the Choctaw Cession was open to white occupation, Tulahoma by Hiram G. Runnels and Pittsburg by Franklin E. Plummer. Runnels, Governor of Mississippi 1833-35 and Plummer, a United States congressman from Mississippi, were uncompromising political opponents as well as competitive land speculators. The two villages carried on a bitter and partisan fight for supremacy but consolidated in 1836 with the help of a law enacted by the legislature and a mock marriage ceremony symbolic of the union.[53]

Transportation and communication in the days of early settlement were by means of meandering dirt roads or the Yalobusha River.[54] Sometimes goods were brought in or out by a land-water route, overland from Grenada to Manchester, now Yazoo City, on the Yazoo River, and thence on that river to the Mississippi.[55] A stagecoach line from Jackson to Memphis ran through what is now Grenada County, the first coach going over the route in January 1838.[56] The rate was 6½ cents per mile.[57] Travel, however, by river or land was apt to be affected by the weather or the failure of means of transport, and there were complaints especially about the slowness of delivery of the mails.[58]

The town of Grenada was a railroad center long before it became the seat of justice of Grenada County. The Grenada Railroad Company was incorporated May 13, 1837 to build a railroad from Grenada to Douglas, in Carroll County, a distance of 35 miles.[59] In 1852, two railroads, both passing through Grenada, were incorporated. These were the Mississippi Central Railroad[60] and the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad Company.[61] They were given permission to consolidate November 30, 1853,[62] but it was not until March 2, 1859, that they actually merged.[63] The railroad was completed from Grenada to Jackson, Tennessee, January 31, 1860.[64] Two years prior to this date, 143,488 bales of cotton had been shipped over this road, and in 1860 the amount was doubled.[65] Another railroad, the Grenada, Houston, and Eastern, was incorporated in 1860,[66] to construct a road from Grenada to Pittsboro in Calhoun County and "if deemed practicable. . . to Houston in Chickasaw County and eastward to the Mobile and Ohio railroad and to the Alabama line. . . ."[67] The official map of Mississippi of 1871 shows that this road was built to Okolona, where it connected with the

53. Ibid., Levin Lake, "Grenada and Neighboring Towns in the 30's," in Publications, III, (1900), 313-316; Julia C. Brown, "Reconstruction in Yalobusha and Grenada Counties," in Publications, XII, (1912), 216.
54. Grenada Sentinel, Grenada, Miss., March 21, 1908, in Mississippi Department of Archives and History, New Capitol, Jackson, Miss. Hereafter referred to as MDAH.
55. Ibid.
56. Ibid., April 4, 1908.
57. Harry Of The West, [newspaper], Grenada, Miss., June 14, 1845, in MDAH.
58. Pittsburg Bulletin, Pittsburg, Miss., December 10, 1835, in MDAH.
59. L. M., 1837, pp. 302-303.
60. Ibid., 1852, pp. 65-75.
61. Ibid., Ex. Sess., pp. 30-41.
62. T. C. Clark, A Pioneer Southern Railroad, Chapel Hill, N. C., 1936, pp. 90-91.
63. Ibid., pp. 96-97.
64. Ibid.
65. Ibid.
66. L. M., 1860, pp. 393-403.
67. Ibid., p. 394.

Mobile and Ohio.[68]

During the Civil War practically all railway tracks in and around Grenada were destroyed by Federal troops under General A. P. Hovey and General B. H. Grierson.[69] In 1862, General Grant had 15 or 20 locomotives and 100 cars burned at Grenada.[70] In 1864, floods swept away many of the remaining bridges on the Mississippi Central.[71] With the close of hostilities, however, the railroad companies began the work of rebuilding their tracks.[72] New ventures in railway transportation were also undertaken, and among the roads incorporated soon after the close of the war were the Grenada and Prentiss Railroad Company on February 21, 1867,[73] the Grenada and Meridian Railroad on February 19, 1867,[74] and the Grenada, Louisville, and Meridian Railroad Company, in 1870.[75] In 1878, the Mississippi Central Railroad was consolidated with the New Orleans, Jackson, and Great Northern;[76] and in 1882, the Illinois Central assumed control of the road after the legislative act to that effect was approved on March 1 of that year.[77] At the present time, Grenada is at the junction of the main line of the Illinois Central and its Memphis Division, and a branch of the Yazoo-Mississippi Valley Railroad.[78]

Two State highways and one Federal highway run through the county at present. United States highway 51, following north to south in a general way the old Memphis-Jackson stagecoach road, is paved throughout the county. State highway 7, running through the county from southwest to northeast, is paved in the section northeast of the town of Grenada; and State highway 8, running from Grenada east, is unpaved, but is a good secondary road. Two bus lines operate over these roads; the Tri-State Lines on U. S. 51 and State 7, northeast to Holly Springs; and the Normis Bus line to Calhoun City on the east and Charleston on the northwest of the city of Grenada. There are no airports in the county and hence no regular air travel or air mail. Of the several landing fields, the largest is at Grenada, located at the fair grounds.[79] Communication is aided by radio station WGRM, at Grenada.[80]

The earliest newspaper in what is now Grenada County of which there is record was the Pittsburg Bulletin, a weekly, published at Pittsburg, one of the two towns merged to form Grenada. Founded early in 1835, and selling for $4.00 per year, the paper had as editor, John J. Hamilton.[81] The Grenadian,

68. T. S. Hardee, Hardee's Geographical, Historical, and Statistical map of Mississippi, 1871, New Orleans, Hugh Levins, Lithographer and Publisher, officially compiled under authority of the State legislature; in MDAH.
69. Clark, op. cit., p. 117.
70. James Wilford Garner, Reconstruction in Mississippi, New York, 1901, p. 11.
71. Clark, op. cit., p. 119.
72. Ibid.
73. L. L., 1867, pp. 549-559.
74. Ibid., pp. 584-596.
75. Ibid., 1870, pp. 298-305.
76. Ibid., 1878, pp. 223-224.
77. Ibid., 1882, pp. 123-125.
78. See Map of Grenada County, 1930, entry 56.
79. Grenada Sentinel, Grenada, Miss., July 16, 1936, in MDAH. See also entry 79.
80. Ibid., August 19, 1938, in MDAH.
81. Pittsburg Bulletin, in MDAH.

a weekly, established December 7, 1838, was $5 for the year, and its first editor was W. F. Hampton. Later editors were N. C. Hampton and J. N. Newton.[82] There are no known extant copies of the Bowie Knife, a Grenada weekly, which began publication about March 1839, also edited by John J. Hamilton.[83] The Southern Reporter, a weekly, was first issued May 18, 1839, with William Reed and James N. Newton as editors.[84] On January 6, 1842, Col. F. A. Tyler, as editor and proprietor, began to publish the Weekly Register.[85] Also in 1842, on September 1, appeared the Herald, publisher and proprietor, J. J. Choate, Jr.; editor, T. B. Homer.[86] Choate was editor of another Grenada weekly, Harry Of The West, which appeared March 9, 1844, championing, as its name indicates, the presidential aspirations of Henry Clay. This paper was edited by J. E. P. Bacon, with W. T. Sledge, publisher and proprietor, after July 5, 1845.[87] Two weekly newspapers and one daily are published at the present time in Grenada County, all being issued in the county seat. The older of the weeklies, the Grenada Sentinel,[88] was established in 1857 by J. Augustine and has had as editors and publishers J. W. Buchanan, O. F. Lawrence, W. W. Whitaker, and the present editor, Rice Lawrence.[89] The other weekly, the Grenada County Weekly, began publication in 1937 with W. W. Whitaker as editor, and the Grenada News, a daily, has been published since 1936 by Frank Jones, Sr., publisher and editor.[90]

Educational advantages likewise were available in this section sometime before the county was organized. In 1839 two academies, Grenada Male and Grenada Female, were established.[91] School funds in township 22, range 5, east, were appropriated to the academies equally.[92] They were abolished in 1856, however, and the funds transferred to township schools.[93] On the same date, February 15, 1839, that the academies were established, Grenada College was also incorporated,[94] but there was no connection between this early school, which was short-lived, and the Grenada College of 1875. The Yalobusha Baptist Female Institute, established in 1851,[95] and incorporated in 1852,[96] flourished until the outbreak of the Civil War, when it was closed and used as a hospital.[97] In 1867, it was reopened as the Emma Mercer Institute.[98] A stock company purchased the property in 1875, calling it Grenada Female College and employing

82. Grenadian, in MDAH.
83. Ibid., March 2, 1839, in MDAH.
84. Southern Reporter, in MDAH.
85. Weekly Register, in MDAH.
86. Herald, in MDAH.
87. Harry Of The West, in MDAH.
88. Grenada Sentinel, Grenada, Miss., in MDAH; see also entry 79.
89. Ibid.
90. Walker Wood, (comp. and ed.), Mississippi Blue Book, Biennial Report Secretary of State to the Legislature of Mississippi, 1937-39, Jackson, 1940, p. 58, 59. Hereafter cited as Mississippi Blue Book, 1940.
91. L. M., 1839, pp. 373, 380-383.
92. Ibid., p. 382.
93. William Henington Weathersby, A History of the Educational Legislation in Mississippi, 1798-1860, Chicago, 1921, p. 142.
94. L. M., 1839, pp. 373-377.
95. Julia C. Brown, op. cit., p. 263.
96. L. M., 1852, pp. 407-408.
97. Z. T. Leavell and T. J. Bailey, A Complete History of Mississippi Baptists, Jackson, 1904, 2 vols., II, 1272.
98. Julia C. Brown, op. cit., p. 263.

Dr. D. D. Moore, of Tennessee, as president.[99] Other changes followed, and the Methodist Church procured the property, re-naming it Grenada Collegiate Institute.[100] In 1939, Grenada College, as it came to be known, was permanently closed by the North Mississippi Conference of the Methodist Church. The buildings have been converted into a modern hotel.

Following the legislative act to organize a uniform system of public schools throughout the State,[101] passed a short time after Grenada County was organized, 11 schools were established in the county during its first year, seven of which were white and four negro.[102] Six years later, in 1877, 49 schools attended by 3,448 children (white and negro), functioned in the county.[103] In the 1938-39 session there were 1,940 white children and 3,051 negro children enrolled in all schools in the county.[104] The county has three accredited high schools, the Grenada High School being accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.[105]

Grenada's churches also had their beginning many years before the county was established. The first Sunday School, inter-denominational, was organized in 1838.[106] William Minter and J. C. Hall, pioneer Baptist ministers, organized and built a small Baptist Church in Grenada in the same year,[107] while the Presbyterians had organized in 1837.[108] James Sims donated a lot on which the first Methodist Church was erected in Grenada in 1850.[109] Grace Church was organized as a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi and was admitted to the Diocese in 1840.[110] Services were irregular but in 1870 Grace Parish was again admitted to the Diocese,[111] and in 1873 it was given the name by which it is known at present, All Saints.[112] The Yalobusha Baptist Association, which embraced the Baptist Churches of Grenada County for many years, was organized January 15, 1836 at Troy.[113] A Roman Catholic mission of the

99. Ibid.
100. Ibid.
101. L. M., 1870, pp. 1-18.
102. H. R. Pease, Report of the Superintendent of Education to the Legislature of Mississippi, 1871, Jackson, 1871, p. 30.
103. Joseph Bardwell, Annual Report of the State Superintendent of Education to the Legislature of Mississippi, 1877, Jackson, 1878, p. 36.
104. Division of Information and Statistics, Biennial Report and Recommendations of the State Superintendent of Public Education to the Legislature of Mississippi, for the Scholastic Years 1937-38 and 1938-39, Jackson, 1939, p. 73.
105. Ibid., p. 27.
106. Grenada Sentinel, Grenada, Miss., July 16, 1939, in MDAH; see also entry 79.
107. Leavell and Bailey, op. cit., I, 571.
108. Grenada Sentinel, Grenada, Miss., July 16, 1936, in MDAH; see also entry 79.
109. Ibid.
110. Diocese of Mississippi, Journal of the Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Mississippi, Natchez, 1840, p. 4. Hereafter cited as Journal.
111. Journal, Forty-Third Annual Convention, Jackson, 1870, p. 34.
112. Journal, Forty-Sixth Annual Convention, Vicksburg, 1873, p. 23.
113. Leavell and Bailey, op. cit., I, 566.

parish or missionary district of Water Valley was established by Father Maurel in the town of Grenada in 1877 and at the present time there is a station in the city where mass is said in a private home.[114]

Grenada County was a rather thickly populated section when it was organized, having an aggregate population of 10,571, in 1870.[115] Of this number, 3,929 were white and the remainder negroes.[116] The population has increased steadily but rather slowly since that time, reaching a total of 16,802 in 1930, of whom 6,754 were native white, and 9,987 negroes. Only 61 residents of the county are of other groups than native white or negro.[117] Per square mile, the density of population is 38.0[118] which is below the State average of 43.4.[119] Grenada, the largest town, had a population of 4,349 in 1930.[120] Two other incorporated places, Holcomb and Elliott, have populations of 229 and 128, respectively.[121]

Although this section is tending to become more industrialized, agriculture remains of primary importance to the economy of the county. The county had 444 farms in 1870,[122] 929 in 1880,[123] and 2,301 in 1930.[124] In 1870, 6,479 bales of cotton and 191,675 bushels of corn were produced in the county.[125] In 1880, the production amounted to 10,228 bales of cotton and only 163,580 bushels of corn.[126] The 1930 census figures show that 13,359 bales of cotton and 365,754 bushels of corn were raised in that year.[127] Farm land was valued at $1,006,960 the year the county was organized, and 56,828 acres were listed as improved land.[128] In 1930, the farm land of Grenada County totaled 163,711 acres, of which 63,140 acres were crop land. The average size of the

114. Catholic Action of the South, Diocese of Natchez Centennial Edition, New Orleans, 1937, p. 61; The Official Catholic Directory for the year of Our Lord 1938, United States Edition, New York, 1938, pp. 450-451.
115. Dunbar Rowland, (comp.), The Official and Statistical Register of the State of Mississippi, Centennial Edition, 1917, Madison, Wis., 1917, pp. 719-721.
116. Ibid.
117. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, III, part 1, Table 13, p. 1283.
118. Ibid., I, Table III, p. 580.
119. Ibid., p. 581.
120. Ibid., Table 16, p. 1295.
121. Mississippi Blue Book, 1940, pp. 129, 130.
122. Ninth Census of the United States, 1870, Agriculture, Manufacturers, Mining, Fisheries, III, 356.
123. Tenth Census of the United States, 1880, Agriculture, Table V, 66.
124. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Agriculture, II, Part 2, Table I, 1057.
125. Ninth Census of the United States, 1870, Agriculture, Manufacturers, Mining, Fisheries, III, 185, 186.
126. Tenth Census of the United States, Agriculture, Table XI, 195; Table XII, 231.
127. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Agriculture, II, Part 2, Table V.
128. Julia C. Brown, op. cit., p. 280.

present day farm is 71.1 acres,[129] as compared with an average 201 acre farm in 1880.[130] The total value of all the land in 1930 was $1,985,536.[131] The rural population of the county numbers 12,453[132] out of a total of 16,802, indicating that the county is largely dependent on its agriculture for a livelihood.[133]

In 1936 the cotton crop year was worth $1,075,275, while all other crops amounted to only $571,942.[134] The value of livestock in the county has not greatly changed, the value in 1870 being $385,493,[135] and in 1936, $443,353.[136] The gross income per farm, there being 2,287 in the county in 1936, was $914.11 against a State average of $963.99.[137] After several years of acreage reduction, Grenada County produced only 9,223 bales of cotton in 1938.[138] Although the county is not yet an industrial center, its industries are of some significance. In 1870 there were 19 manufacturing plants in the county with an output valued at $42,700.[139] The value of manufactured products in 1936 was $1,456,513.[140]

At the town of Tie Plant, two miles south of the county seat, is a plant for the treatment of cross-ties, poling, and lumber with creosote or zinc-chloride to prevent decay and rot. The plant is located on a tract of 500 acres, employs 175 men, and has a payroll of $1,800 weekly.[141] The Federal Compress and Warehouse, founded 1885 in the town of Grenada, for the storage of cotton, can accommodate 23,500 bales. This company has a payroll of $26,000 yearly.[142] Much of the timber of the county has been cut off, but mills are still active, and second growth timber, together with the remnant of the original forest, guarantees some lumbering in the county for many years to come. The D. L. Fail Lumber Company of Grenada, employs 75 men, on a payroll of $3,000 per month.[143] The Grenada Oil Mill, at Grenada, employs 40 men during the active season in its plant for the crushing of cottonseed, and can process 10 tons of cottonseed a day. This mill offers a ready market for seed and furnishes a supply of cottonseed products.[144]

129. Fifteenth Census of the United States, Agriculture, II, Part 2, Table 1, 1057.
130. Tenth Census of the United States, 1880, Agriculture, Table V, 66.
131. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Agriculture, II, Part 2, Table II, 1070.
132. Ibid., Population, III, Part I, Table 14, 1289.
133. State Department of Agriculture, Value of Mississippi Farm Production in 1936, Bulletin, Jackson, Miss., 1937. Hereafter cited as Bulletin, 1936.
134. Ibid.
135. Julia C. Brown, op. cit., p. 280.
136. Bulletin, 1936.
137. Ibid.
138. United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Cotton Production in the United States in 1938, Washington, 1939, Table 7, P. 29.
139. Dunbar Rowland, (comp.), The Official and Statistical Register of the State of Mississippi, 1917, Madison, Wis., 1917, p. 734.
140. Bulletin, 1936.
141. General Sentinel, Grenada, Miss., April 25, 1938, in MADAH; see also entry 79.
142. Ibid.
143. Ibid.
144. Ibid.

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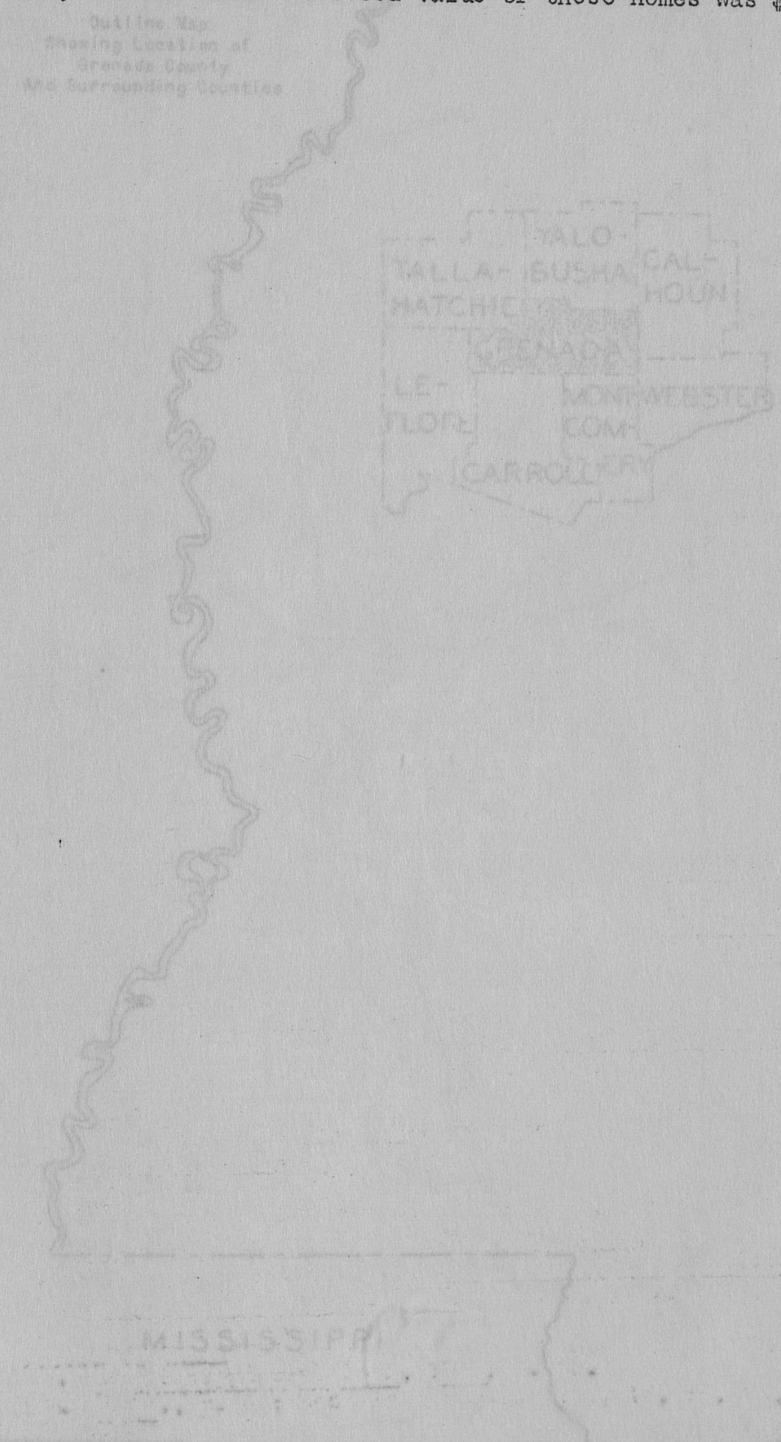
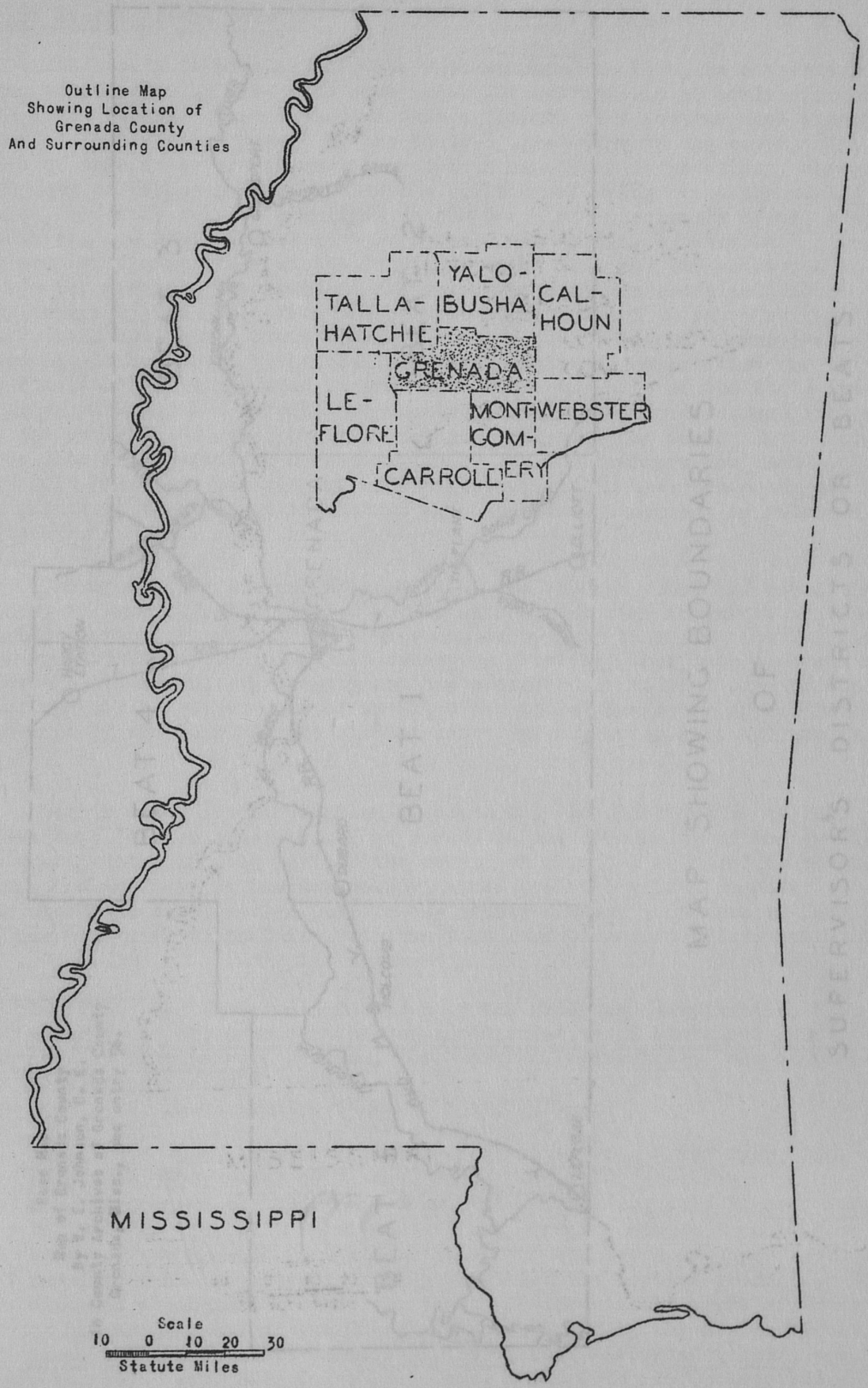
The total assessed value of all property in the county in 1938, was $5,114,182.[145] There were 1,397 homestead exemptions, 849 of which were rural homes, and the total assessed value of these homes was $1,143,915.[146]



145. Mississippi Blue Book, 1940, p. 45.
146. Ibid., p. 44; see also entries 1, 2, 13, 14, 20, 146, 156.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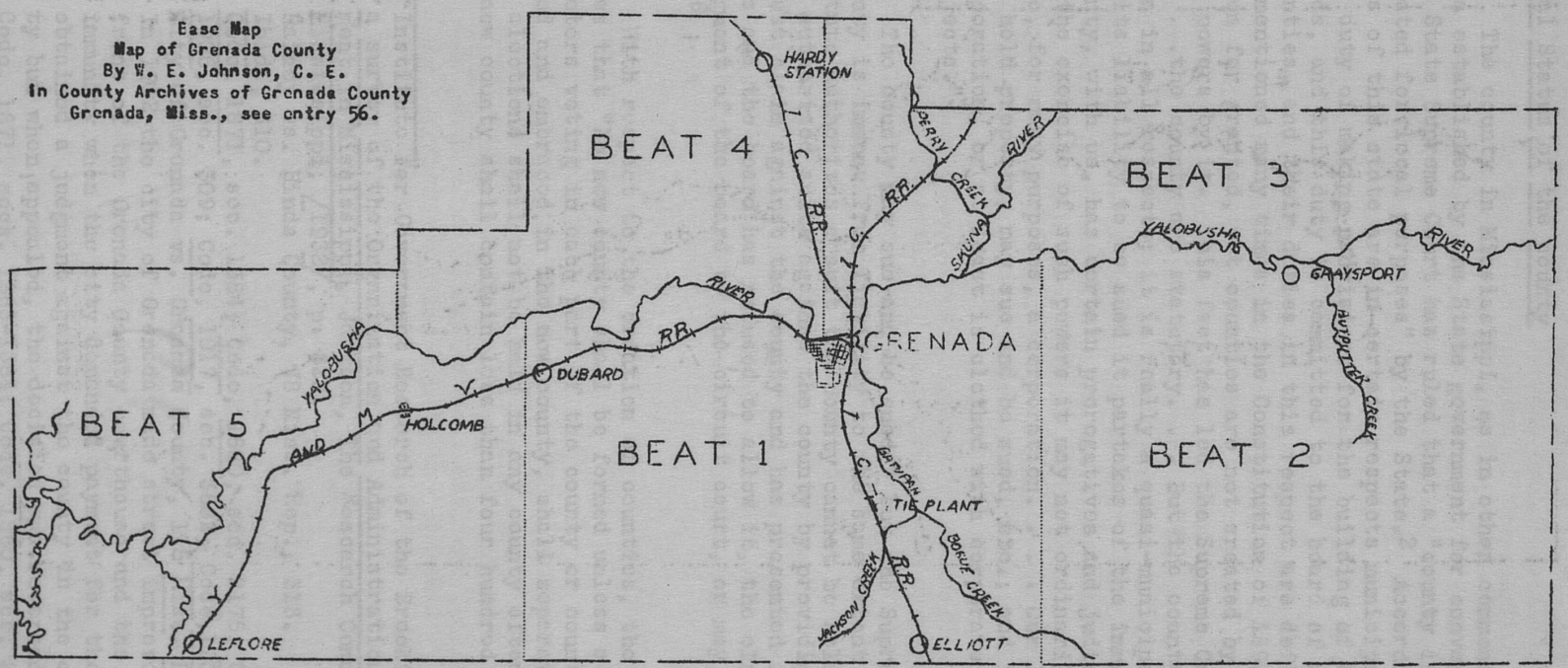

MAP SHOWING BOUNDARIES

OF

SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICTS OR BEATS

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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 board 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 and 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 new 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 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

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.
2. Rainey vs. Hinds County, 78 Miss. Rep., 313.
3. Ibid., 310.
4. Code, 1871, sec. 1384; Code, 1880, sec. 2175; Code, 1892, sec. 290; Code, 1906, sec. 309; 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 in front of the Grenada County courthouse 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, 1871, secs. 1383-1384; Code, 1880, sec. 2175; Code, 1892, sec. 292; Code, 1906, sec. 311; Code, 1917, sec. 3682; Code, 1930, sec. 253.

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.

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.[9] 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,[10] 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.[11]

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 Grenada County, transcriptions of original entries of land, and all necessary township plats and surveys.[12] Since 1920 the board has been required 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.[13] The board may provide a complete abstract of title to land in the county.[14]

7. Const., 1890, sec. 260.
8. Ibid., sec. 271.
9. Code, 1871, sec. 2302; Code, 1880, sec. 1209; Code, 1892, sec. 2454; Code, 1906, sec. 2784; 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, 1871, sec. 2310; Code, 1880, sec. 1217; Code, 1892, sec. 2464; Code, 1906, sec. 2798; Code, 1917, sec. 2299; Code, 1930, sec. 2136).
10. Code, 1871, secs. 1698, 1701; Code, 1880, secs. 223, 526; Code, 1892, secs. 3815, 3818; Code, 1906, secs. 2933, 4333; L. M., 1912, p. 302; Code, 1917, sec. 5268, 6967; L. M., 1922, p. 326; Code, 1930, sec. 3256, see entries 32, 33.
11. Code, 1892, sec. 2783; Code, 1906, sec. 3148; Code, 1917, sec. 2499; Code, 1930, sec. 2325; see entries 29, 60.
12. Code, 1871, sec. 1680; Code, 1880, sec. 3146; Code, 1892, sec. 296; Code, 1906, sec. 315; Code, 1917, sec. 3688; Code, 1930, sec. 222; see entries 15, 23, 24, 39, 40, 53-56, 58, 238.
13. L. M., 1920, pp. 368-369; Code, 1930, secs. 227-228; see entries 41, 42.
14. Code, 1892, sec. 301; L. M., 1898, p. 59; Code, 1906, sec. 320; Code, 1917, sec. 3693; Code, 1930, sec. 226.

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.[15] 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 court.[16] Justice of the peace courts are given civil jurisdiction in all actions in which the amount in controversy is $200 or less,[17] in matters of unlawful entry and detainer,[18] and in the partition of personal property when the appraised value of the property involved does not exceed $200.[19] A justice of the peace is chosen by the clerk of the circuit court to conduct hearings in eminent domain proceedings.[20]

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.[21] 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.[22] In addition, justice 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.[23]

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

15. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 14; Code, 1871, sec. 519; Code, 1880, sec. 1493; Const., 1890, sec. 156; Code, 1892, sec. 645; Code, 1906, sec. 702; Code, 1917, sec. 481; Code, 1930, sec. 490.
16. Code, 1892, sec. 646; Code, 1906, sec. 703; Code, 1917, sec. 482; Code, 1930, sec. 491.
17. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 23; Code,1871, sec. 1320; Code, 1880, sec. 2190; Const., 1890, sec. 171; Code, 1892, secs. 2394, 2420; Code, 1906, secs. 2723, 2749; Code, 1917, secs. 2222, 2248; Code, 1930, secs. 2071, 2097.
18. Code, 1871, sec. 1583; Code, 1880, sec. 2646; Code, 1892, sec. 4462; Code, 1906, sec. 5041; Code, 1917, sec. 3313; Code, 1930, sec. 3458.
19. Code, 1880, sec. 2580; Code, 1892, sec. 3121; Code, 1906, sec. 3544; Code, 1917, sec. 2856; Code, 1930, sec. 2943.
20. Code, 1892, sec. 1680; Code, 1906, sec. 1855; Code, 1917, sec. 1493; Code, 1930, sec. 1481.
21. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 14; Code, 1871, sec. 519; Code, 1880, sec. 1493; Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 23; Const., 1890, sec. 156; Code, 1892, sec. 645; Code, 1906, sec. 702; Code, 1917, sec. 481; Code, 1930, sec. 490.
22. Code, 1871, sec. 1304; Code, 1880, sec. 2190; Const., 1890, sec. 171; Code, 1892, secs. 2394, 2420; Code, 1906, secs. 2723, 2749; Code, 1917, secs. 2222, 2248; Code, 1930, secs. 2071, 2097.
23. Code, 1871, sec. 2821; Code, 1880, sec. 3112; Code, 1892, sec. 1460; Code, 1906, sec. 1533; Code, 1917, sec. 1295; Code, 1930, sec. 1320.

idiocy, lunacy, and persons of unsound mind.[24] It has jurisdiction in all causes transferred to it by the circuit court and remanded to it by the Supreme Court.[25]

The circuit court and the chancery court have concurrent jurisdiction in cases of juvenile delinquency,[26] and in Grenada County this function is exercised by the chancery court.

Appeals from the judgments and decrees rendered in justice of the peace courts may be taken to the circuit court,[27] and appeals from the judgments and decrees of the circuit and chancery courts may be made to the Supreme Court.[28]

Law Enforcement

The sheriff is the principal officer charged with the preservation of the peace.[29] However, constables have the same duty,[30] 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.[31] 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.[32] All members of the board of supervisors,[33] the circuit judge, the chancellor, and all justices of the peace of the county are conservators of the peace.[34]

The coroner is required to hold inquests of all violent and sudden deaths

24. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 16; Code, 1871, sec. 525; Code, 1880, secs. 1496, 1830, 1938; Const., 1890, sec. 159; Code, 1892, secs. 492-493; Code, 1906, secs. 542-543; Code, 1917, secs. 299-300; Code, 1930, secs. 353, 358.
25. Code, 1871, sec. 974; Code, 1880, sec. 1829; Code, 1892, sec. 482; Code, 1906, sec. 532; Code, 1917, sec. 289; Code, 1930, sec. 351.
26. L. M., 1916, p. 151; Code, 1917, sec. 4970; Code, 1930, sec. 7251.
27. Code, 1871, secs. 1594, 1332, 1335; Code, 1880, secs. 2657, 2353, 2355; Code, 1892, secs. 81-82, 86; Code, 1906, secs. 82-83, 87; Code, 1917, secs. 62-63, 69; Code, 1930, secs. 63-64, 68.
28. Code, 1871, sec. 2841; Code, 1880, secs. 2308, 2314; Code, 1892, secs. 31, 36; Code, 1906, secs. 32, 37; Code, 1917, secs. 7, 12; Code, 1930, secs. 12, 16.
29. Code, 1871, sec. 235; Code, 1880, sec. 340; Code, 1892, sec. 4130; Code, 1906, sec. 4682; Code, 1917, sec. 3099; Code, 1930, sec. 3329.
30. Code, 1871, sec. 280; Code, 1880, sec. 389; Code, 1892, sec. 769; Code, 1906, sec. 831; Code, 1917, sec. 637; Code, 1930, sec. 632.
31. Code, 1871, sec. 257; Code, 1880, sec. 363; Code, 1892, sec. 828; Code, 1906, sec. 893; Code, 1917, sec. 4063; Code, 1930, sec. 651; L. M., 1938, pp. 655-656.
32. L. M., 1938, p. 656.
33. Code, 1871, sec. 1359; Code, 1880, sec. 2141; Code, 1892, sec. 286; Code, 1906, sec. 304; Code, 1917, sec. 3677; Code, 1930, sec. 210.
34. Code, 1871, secs. 532, 2821; Code, 1880, secs. 2268, 3112; Code, 1892, secs. 917, 1459; Code, 1906, sec. 993, 1532; Code, 1917, secs. 713, 1294; Code, 1930, secs. 740, 1320.

in the county,[35] 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.[36]

The power and duty of returning indictments and presentments is given to the grand jury.[37]

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, or by the marshall or policeman of any city, town, or village within the county. Private persons may also make arrest. 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 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.[38]

The sheriff is the county jailer and has custody of all prisoners.[39] He is required to receive and keep any prisoner committed by any justice of the peace,[40] 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.[41] The

35. Code, 1871, sec. 243; Code, 1880, sec. 351; Code, 1892, sec. 816; Code, 1906, sec. 881; Code, 1917, sec. 4048; Code, 1930, sec. 639.
36. Code, 1871, sec. 255; Code, 1880, sec. 361; Code, 1892, sec. 826; Code, 1906, sec. 891; Code, 1917, sec. 4058; Code, 1930, sec. 649.
37. Code, 1871, sec. 731; Code, 1880, sec. 1666; Code, 1892, secs. 2372-2373; Code, 1906, secs. 2701-2702; L. M., 1908, p. 192; Code, 1917, secs. 2194-2195; Code, 1930, secs. 2047-2048.
38. Code, 1871, secs. 2773-2780, 2826, 2828, 3034; Code, 1880, secs. 3023-3030, 3032, 3033, 1382; Code, 1892, secs. 1372-1382; Code, 1906, secs. 1444-1454; Code, 1917, secs. 1201-1211; Code, 1930, secs. 1224-1234.
39. Code, 1871, sec. 237; Code,1880, sec. 243; Code, 1892, sec. 4136; Code, 1906, sec. 4687; Code, 1917, sec. 3104; Code, 1930, sec. 3334.
40. Code, 1871, sec. 1324; Code, 1880, sec. 2219; Code, 1892, sec. 4141; Code, 1906, sec. 4692; Code, 1917, sec. 3109; Code, 1930, sec. 3339.
41. Code, 1871, sec. 2781; Code, 1880, sec. 3031; Code, 1892, sec. 4142; Code, 1906, sec. 4693; Code, 1917, sec. 3110; L. M., 1928, p. 311-312; Code, 1930, sec. 3340.

sheriff must see that prisoners have medical attention and he must protect them from mob violence.[42]

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.[43] The county prosecuting attorney represents the State in the justices of the peace court, assists the district attorney in all criminal cases, and represent the State before the grand jury.[44]

The sheriff as the executive officer of the court, is required to execute all sentences imposed by the court.[45]

Finance

It was not until 1922, according to the records of the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor,[46] that the first real effort at budgetary control was made in Grenada 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 prepare a statement showing the aggregate revenue by sources, collected furing the current year.[47] 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.[48] Accordingly, in 1928, a uniform system of accounting for counties, including a detailed outline for the county budget, was prescribed by the State Auditor of Public Accounts.[49] The expenditure of all county offices and departments are subject to budgetary control.[50] 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 superintendent 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

42. Code, 1871, secs. 241, 238; Code, 1880, secs. 244-245; Code, 1892, secs. 4138-4139; Code, 1906, secs. 4689-4690; Code, 1917, secs. 3106-3107; Code, 1930, secs. 3336-3337.
43. Code, 1871, sec. 214; Code, 1880, sec. 256; Code, 1892, secs. 1555-1556; Code, 1906, secs. 1661, 1663; Code, 1917, secs. 1398, 1400; Code, 1930, sec. 4363.
44. L. M., 1916, pp. 347-348; Code, 1917, secs. 696-697; Code, 1930, secs. 4225-4226.
45. Code, 1871, sec. 235; Code, 1880, sec. 2278; Code, 1892, sec. 4116; Code, 1906, sec. 4668; Code, 1917, sec. 3085; Code, 1930, sec. 3315.
46. See entries 191, 192.
47. L. M., 1922, pp. 309-310; ibid., 1928, p. 327; Code, 1930, secs. 3970-3971.
48. L. M., 1924, pp. 557-567.
49. Carl C. White, (comp.), Uniform System of Accounts for Counties, State of Mississippi, Jackson, 1928.
50. Ibid., pp. 23-24.

school budget which he submits to the state superintendent of public education.[51]

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 or 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.[52]

The board of supervisors may exempt, for five years, subject to popular referendum, hotels and many specified new factories and industries of public utility from county ad valorem taxes.[53] 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.[54] 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.[55] 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.[56]

The board of supervisors fixes the general tax levy annually.[57] In addition, 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

51. L. M., 1936, p. 496-497.
52. Const., 1869, art. XI, sec. 20; Code, 1871, sec. 1662; Code, 1880, sec. 468; Const., 1890, secs. 90, 112, 181, 182, 192; Code, 1892, sec. 3744; Code, 1906, sec. 4251; Code, 1917, sec. 6878; L. M., 1928, pp. 245-246; Code, 1930, sec. 3108; L. M., 1938, pp. 157-158.
53. 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 entries 1, 2, 12,
54. L. M., 1934, p. 442; ibid., 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 136.
55. Ibid., 1938, Ex. Sess., p. 19.
56. Ibid., 1934, p. 442; ibid., 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 140; ibid., 1938, Ex. Sess., pp. 28-29; see entries 1, 2, 13, 14.
57. Code, 1871, secs. 980, 1363, 1372-1373; Code, 1880, secs. 1835, 2144, 2153-2154; Code, 1892, secs. 289, 314; Code, 1906, secs. 307, 335; Code, 1917, secs. 3680, 3708; L. M., 1920, p. 366; Code, 1930, secs. 214, 366, 3227.

levy a special tax to meet loans made in anticipation of taxes.[58]

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.[59]

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.[60] The real and personal rolls must be completed and delivered to the board of supervisors on or before the first Monday in July.[61] 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.[62]

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.[63] The real and personal property of public

58. Code, 1871, secs. 1363, 1369; Code, 1880, secs. 2144, 2150; Code, 1892, secs. 231, 289, 305, 314, 3227, 4014, 4047; Code, 1906, secs. 307, 324, 335, 4534, 4572; L. M., 1908, p. 92; ibid., 1910, pp. 110-111, 145; ibid., 1912, pp. 152, 315, 327; ibid., 1914, pp. 245, 261, 267, 311-312; ibid., 1916, pp. 248, 257, 285-286; Code, 1917, secs. 3420, 3680, 3697, 3708, 7152, 7163, 7352-7355; 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, 6725-6627; L. M., 1932, pp. 466-467.

59. Code, 1871, sec. 1372; Code, 1890, sec. 2153; Code, 1892, sec. 315; Code, 1906, sec. 336; Code, 1917, sec. 3709; L. M., 1920, p. 366-367; Code, 1930, sec. 3228.

60. Code, 1871, secs. 1673, 1675; Code, 1880, secs. 478, 489; Code, 1892, secs. 3754, 3772; Code, 1906, secs. 4263, 4281; 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.

61. Code, 1871, sec. 1684; Code, 1880, sec. 499; Code, 1892, sec. 3782; Code, 1906, sec. 4291; Code, 1917, sec. 6925; L. M., 1918, p. 137; ibid., 1920, p. 453; ibid., 1926, p. 323; Code, 1930, sec. 3161.

62. Code, 1871, sec. 1687; Code, 1880, secs. 502, 505; Code, 1892, secs. 3785-3788, 3792-3794; Code, 1906, secs. 4294-4297, 4304-4308; L. M., 1916, p. 98; ibid., 1917, Ex. Sess., p. 43; 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.

63. Code, 1871, sec. 1685; Code, 1880, sec. 474; Code, 1892, sec. 3751; Code, 1906, sec. 4307; Code, 1917, sec. 6941; L. M., 1920, sec. 456; Code, 1930, sec. 3181; L. M., 1938, Ex. Sess., p. 32; see entries 20, 43, 154, 155.

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 and delivers it to the sheriff as tax collector, retaining the original as a permanent record of his office.[64]

The sheriff as tax collector, after receiving the tax rolls from the clerk of the board of supervisors, collects both State and county taxes.[65] 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.[66]

It is the duty of the sheriff as tax collector to sell both real and personal property on which taxes are delinquent.[67] 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.[68]

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.[69] 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.[70] 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.[71]

The county has several sources of miscellaneous revenue. The board of

64. L. M., 1918, pp. 143-146; Code, 1930, secs. 3200-3207; see entry 22.
65. Code, 1871, sec. 1690; Code, 1880, secs. 510, 2155; Code, 1892, sec. 3801; Code, 1906, sec. 4314; 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.
66. Code, 1871, sec. 1724; Code, 1880, sec. 548; L. M., 1888, p. 33; Code, 1892, sec. 3840; L. M., 1904, p. 216; Code, 1906, sec. 4357; Code, 1917, sec. 6994; L. M., 1918, p. 142; Code, 1930, sec. 3289; see entries 169, 178.
67. Code, 1871, sec. 1665; Code, 1880, sec. 470; L. M., 1884, p. 16; Code, 1892, sec. 3746; Code, 1906, sec. 4255; Code, 1917, sec. 6886; L. M., 1928, Ex. Sess., pp. 17-18; Code, 1930, sec. 3120; L. M., 1934, p. 454; see entries 30-33, 79-iv, 80.
68. Code, 1871, secs. 1701-1702; Code, 1880, secs. 531-532; Code, 1892, secs. 3823, 3825; Code, 1906, secs. 4338, 4340; L. M., 1910, p. 216; Code, 1917, secs. 6972, 6974; Code, 1930, sec. 3263; see entries 37, 38.
69. Code, 1871, secs. 1748, 1750; L. M., 1876, p. 165; Code, 1880, sec. 589; Code, 1892, sec. 3401; Code, 1906, sec. 3894; Code, 1917, sec. 6621; L. M., 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 122; see entries 164, 167.
70. L. M., 1914, pp. 100-101; ibid., 1916, p. 83; 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 161, 162, 165.
71. Code, 1871, sec. 1748; Code, 1880, sec. 5921; Code, 1892, sec. 3406; Code, 1906, sec. 3904; Code, 1917, sec. 6633; L. M., 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 128.

supervisors has control of sixteenth section lands and lieu lands reserved for the support of the township schools and of all funds obtained from these lands.[72] 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.[73] The county highway fund is supplemented by a substantial share of the State tax levied on gasoline sold in the county.[74] The poll taxes collected in the county are returned to it by the State Auditor of Public Accounts for the benefit of the common school fund,[75] and the county receives a portion of the State equalization fund for the use of the county schools.[76] Federal aid is received to carry on a program of agricultural and home demonstration work.[77]

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, issued warrants on the county depository in payment of all claims which are approved by the board.[78] It is the duty of the county depository to make quarterly reports of all receipts and disbursements and to return with the reports, all cancelled warrants which the clerk of the board as auditor must file and preserve as a public record.[79]

The clerk of the board as auditor must audit county officers accounts regularly.[80] 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.[81]

The board of supervisors has power and authority to issue bonds for general county purposes, for erecting and maintaining schools, for refunding outstanding

72. Code, 1892, sec. 4150; Code, 1906, sec. 4701; Code, 1917, sec. 7511; L. M., 1924, p. 482; Code, 1930, sec. 6760; see entries 10, 11,
73. Code, 1880, sec. 2168; Code, 1892, sec. 334; Code, 1906, sec. 355; Code, 1917, sec. 3278; Code, 1930, sec. 302.
74. L. M., 1926, pp. 186-187; ibid., 1928, Ex. Sess., pp. 16-17; ibid., 1932, p. 237; ibid., 1938, p. 258.
75. Const., 1869, art. VIII, sec. 6; Code, 1871, sec. 664; Code, 1880, sec. 469; Const., 1890, secs. 206, 243; Code, 1892, sec. 3745; Code, 1906, sec. 4254; Code, 1917, sec. 6885; L. M., 1924, pp. 470, 479; Code, 1930, secs. 3127, 6739.
76. L. M., 1924, pp. 412, 479; Code, 1930, sec. 6740.
77. 38 Stat., part 1, pp. 373-374; L. M., 1914, p. 260; Code, 1917, secs. 3800-3801; 45 Stat., part 1, 711; Code, 1930, secs. 281-282.
78. Code, 1871, sec. 1381; Code, 1880, sec. 2159; Code, 1892, secs. 320-321; Code, 1906, secs. 341-342; Code, 1917, secs. 3714-3715; Code, 1930, secs. 254-255; see entries 2, 184-188.
79. L. M., 1912, p. 210; Code, 1917, sec. 4244; Code, 1930, sec. 4350; see entries 2, 176, 189.
80. Code, 1880, sec. 2171; Code, 1892, sec. 336; Code, 1906, sec. 357; L. M., 1914, p. 299; Code, 1917, sec. 3730; Code, 1930, sec. 304.
81. L. M., 1924, p. 557; ibid., 1930, p. 443; Code, 1930, sec. 3753; L. M., 1938, pp. 356-357; see entry 193.

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.[82]

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 two years, and of the district in which he is offering to vote for one 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 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.[83]

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.[84]

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.[85]

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 or appointment of a person to office; and must not have participated in a duel or served as a

82. Code, 1892, sec. 311; L. M., 1900, pp. 165-166; ibid., 1904, p. 195; ibid., 1906, p. 108; Code, 1906, secs. 331, 397; L. M., 1910, pp. 140, 192; ibid., 1912, pp. 160, 161, 166; ibid., 1914, pp. 242-243, 266-267; 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, 2, 182, 183, 190, 226.

83. Const., 1869, art. VIII, secs. 1-3; art. XII, sec. 2; Code, 1871, sec. 343; Code, 1880, sec. 108; Const., 1890, secs. 241-245; Code, 1892, secs. 3613-3614; Code, 1906, secs. 4110-4120; Code, 1917, secs. 6753-6754, 6772; Code, 1930, secs. 6185-6186, 6207; L. M., 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 36; see entries 160, 195, 198.

84. Code, 1871, sec. 343; Code, 1880, sec. 108; Code, 1892, sec. 3613-3614; Code, 1906, secs. 4119-4120; Code, 1917, secs. 6753-6754; Code, 1930, secs. 6185-6186.

85. Code, 1871, sec. 351; Code, 1880, sec. 124; Code, 1892, sec. 3635; Code, 1906, secs. 3702, 4142; Code, 1917, secs. 6394, 6776; Code, 1930, sec. 5871.

second to a duelist.[86]

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 they 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.[87]

All officers elected or appointed to office in the State, except judges and members of the Legislature 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."[88]

The county board of election commissioners is charged with the preparation of ballots for elections.[89]

General elections for State, district, county, and county district officers are held every fourth year on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.[90] 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.[91] 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 run-off elections are held three weeks after the first primary, between the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes.[92] 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 six months.[93]

86. Const., 1869, art. I, secs. 23, 27, art., IV, secs. 17-18, art. XII, sec. 3; Const., 1890, secs. 18, 19, 44, 250, 265.
87. L. M., 1935, Ex. Sess., pp. 33-52.
88. Const., 1869, art. XII, sec. 26; Const., 1890, sec. 268.
89. Code, 1892, sec. 3651, 3659-3660; Code, 1906, secs. 4158, 4166-4167; Code, 1917, secs. 6792, 6800-6801; Code, 1930, secs. 6224-6225, 6228.
90. Const., 1869, art. IV, sec. 7; Code, 1871, sec. 356; Code, 1880, sec. 117; Const., 1890, sec. 102; Code, 1892, sec. 3632; Code, 1906, sec. 4139; Code, 1917, sec. 6773; Code, 1930, sec. 6209.
91. Code, 1892, secs. 3256, 3257; Code, 1906, sec. 3699; 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.).
92. Code, 1906, sec. 3700; L. M., 1914, pp. 193-194; Code, 1917, sec. 6391; Code, 1930, sec. 5868.
93. L. M., 1900, pp. 94-95; Code, 1906, sec. 4189; Code, 1917, sec. 6823; Code, 1930, sec. 6263.

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 one of each for each 100 electors in the district.[94]

The county board of election commissioners, appointed by the State Board of Election Commissioners, is required to appoint the managers of elections.[95] It is also the duty of the county commissioners to appoint bailiffs to preserve order at the polls.[96]

The votes case 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.[97] 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.[98]

With respect to party nominations of presidential electors, each political party[99] in Grenada County is entitled to two delegates to its State convention held every four years to select the electors. These delegates are chosen by county delegate conventions held every four years. Delegates to the county convention are elected at precinct elections called by the county executive committee, and are apportioned equally among the supervisor's districts or among the precincts of the county in propertion to the number of votes cast by the party at the preceding presidential election.[100]

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 Grenada as authorized by law; common school districts, consolidated school districts, and special consolidated school dis-

94. Code, 1892, sec. 3647; Code, 1906, sec. 4154; Code, 1917, sec. 6788; Code, 1930, sec. 6223.
95. Code, 1871, secs. 340, 369; Code, 1880, secs. 121, 133; Code, 1892, secs. 3602, 3643, 3646; Code, 1906, secs. 4108, 4150, 4153; Code, 1917, secs. 6742, 6784, 6787; Code, 1930, secs. 6177, 6214, 6222.
96. Code, 1871, sec. 365; Code, 1880, sec. 128; Code, 1892, sec. 3638; Code, 1906, sec. 4145; Code, 1917, sec. 6779; Code, 1930, sec. 6217.
97. Code, 1906, sec. 3705; Code, 1917, sec. 6397; Code, 1930, sec. 5895; L. M., 1935, Ex. Sess. pp. 37-39.
98. Code, 1871, sec. 377; Code, 1880, sec. 138; Code, 1892, sec. 3671; Code, 1906, sec. 4128; Code, 1917, sec. 6812; Code, 1930, sec. 6250.
99. The Democratic party is the only major party functioning in Mississippi.
100. Code, 1892, secs. 3256, 3257; L. M., 1902, pp. 106-107; Code, 1906, sec. 3699; 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 Grenada County elects one representative (Code, 1930, sec. 5329).

tricts, with boards of trustees for each.[101]

Separate schools are maintained for children of the white and colored races.[102]

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.

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.[103]

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;[104] and, together with the superintendent, lay out all routes for the transportation of school children and let all contracts for such transportation.[105]

The board of supervisors, as a direct function in the conduct of the county schools, may levy an annual tax of not more than one mill on all property in the county outside of separate school districts for a fund to be used for building school houses.[106] All other 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,[107] and district taxes are levied on the petition of a majority of the qualified electors in the district.[108] The board may issue county and

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101. See "School Trustees," pp. 127-128.
102. Const., 1890, sec. 207.
103. Code, 1871, sec. 2006-2010; Code, 1892, secs. 3979-3991; Code, 1906, secs. 4497-4509, 4809-4816; Code, 1917, secs. 7566-7587; L. M., 1924, pp. 416-423; Code, 1930, secs. 6562-6580.
104. Code, 1892, secs. 3991-3996; Code, 1906, secs. 4510-4515; Code, 1917, secs. 7330-7335; L. M., 1924, pp. 423-425; Code, 1930, secs. 6581-6587.
105. L. M., 1938, p. 545. Until 1938 this was a function of the school trustees (L. M., 1910, p. 114; ibid., 1912, p. 323; ibid., 1914, pp. 265-266; ibid., 1916, pp. 265-267; ibid., 1924, pp. 440-441; Code, 1930, sec. 6639.
106. Code, 1930, sec. 6725; L. M., 1936, Second Ex. Sess., in L. M., 1938, pp. 18-19).
107. Code, 1892, sec. 4047; Code, 1906, sec. 4572; L. M., 1914, pp. 131-132; 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).
108. L. M., 1914, p. 259; ibid., 1916, pp. 284-285; 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.

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.[109]

District school trustees have general local supervision of the school or schools in their respective districts,[110] may borrow money in anticipation of taxes,[111] 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.[112] The trustees of all county district schools elect the members to the county school board.[113]

Public Health

The public health program in the county is conducted by the board of supervisors and a county health officer whom the board is required to appoint on the recommendation of the State Board of Health.[114]

The board must fix and pay the salary of the health officer,[115] it may establish local quarantine and enforce it by reasonable rules and regulations,[116] and provide for compulsory small pox vaccinations.[117] It may instruct the health officer to make sanitary inspections of schools, prisons, markets, and other public places, and receive reports of the officer's investigations.[118] The board is authorized to appropriate money to be used in the control and eradication of infectious diseases and in the promotion of public health.[119]

Under the direct supervision of the State Board of Health, the county health officer must enforce the rules and regulations of this board in regard to the health interests of the county; examine as far as practicable into all cases of malarial, infectious, and epidemic diseases and their causes; inves-

109. L. M., 1912, p. 166; ibid., 1914, pp. 266-267; Code, 1917, secs. 7356-7358; 7364; L. M., 1920, pp. 282-284; ibid., 1924, 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.
110. L. M., 1873, p. 11; Code, 1880, secs. 703-708; Code, 1892, secs. 4003-4006; Code, 1906, secs. 4522-4525; 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.
111. Code, 1930, secs. 6728-6729; L. M., 1938, pp. 553-554.
112. L. M., 1936, pp. 496-497.
113. Code, 1930, sec. 6581.
114. L. M., 1880, p. 165; Code, 1880, sec. 790; Code, 1892, sec. 2275; Code, 1906, sec. 2491; Code, 1917, sec. 4840; Code, 1930, sec. 4877; see also "County Health Officer," p. 129.
115. Ibid.
116. Code, 1892, sec. 2278; Code, 1906, sec. 2496; Code, 1917, sec. 4845; Code, 1930, sec. 4882.
117. L. M., 1900, p. 146; Code, 1906, sec. 2492; Code, 1917, sec. 4841; Code, 1930, sec. 4878.
118. Code, 1892, sec. 2276; L. M., 1894, p. 34; Code, 1906, sec. 2494; Code, 1917, sec. 4843; Code, 1930, sec. 4880.
119. L. M., 1918, p. 253; Code, 1930, sec. 4932.

tigate the sanitary conditions of schools, prisons, markets, and other public places; recommend to the governing authorities of the county and of any city in the county, regulations considered necessary to promote the health of the county; report his actions, all information, and the results of investigations to the State Board of Health.[120]

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,[121] marriage statistics are reported by the clerk of the circuit court,[122] and divorce statistics are reported by the clerk of the chancery court.[123]

Welfare

The board of supervisors has jurisdiction over the relief and support of the poor in the county.[124] The board also has jurisdiction over poor orphan children,[125] and it must advance money for the investigation and removal of insane persons.[126] The board 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.[127] In addition, the board appoints the members of the county board of public welfare of the State Department of Public Welfare,[128] and it has power and authority to cooperate with the Federal relief program.[129]

The pension board of inquiry, appointed by the board of supervisors, adjudicates all claims for State-paid pensions, made by Confederate veterans, their widows, and their servants.[130]

120. Code, 1892, sec. 2276; Code, 1906, sec. 2494; L. M., 1916, p. 166, Code, 1917, sec. 4877; L. M., 1920, pp. 285-286; Code, 1930, secs. 4913, 4927.
121. L. M., 1912, pp. 158-159; 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,
122. L. M., 1926, pp. 256-257; Code, 1930, sec. 4937.
123. L. M., 1926, p. 257; ibid., 1928, pp. 184-186; Code, 1930, sec. 1426.
124. Code, 1871, secs. 1975-1985; Code, 1880, secs. 624-630; Const., 1890, sec. 262; Code, 1892, secs. 289, 3143, 3149-3150, 3155-3156; Code, 1906, secs. 307, 3566, 3572-3573, 3578-3579; L. M., 1912, pp. 305-306; Code, 1917, secs. 3680, 6189-6190, 6196; Code, 1930, secs. 214, 5694-5698.
125. Code,1880, sec. 637; Code, 1892, sec. 3159; Code, 1906, sec. 3582; L. M., 1916, pp. 336-337; Code, 1917, sec. 6199; Code, 1930, sec. 5710.
126. Code, 1880, secs. 663, 665-666; Code, 1892, secs. 2838, 2835; Code, 1906, secs. 3222, 3230; Code, 1917, secs. 5564, 5572; Code, 1930, secs. 4579, 4586.
127. Code, 1906, sec. 308; Code, 1917, sec. 3681; Code, 1930, sec. 328.
128. L. M., 1936, p. 272.
129. Ibid., 1934, pp. 472-473; ibid., 1935, Ex. Sess., pp. 197, 211; ibid., 1938, pp. 683-684; ibid., Ex. Sess., pp. 117-118.
130. L. M., 1888, p. 30; ibid., 1892, p. 32; ibid., 1896, p. 65; ibid., 1898, p. 54; ibid., 1900, pp. 84; ibid., 1904, pp. 185-186; Code, 1906, sec. 3662; Code, 1917, sec. 6317; Code, 1930, sec. 5812.

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.[131] 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.[132]

This body is given the exclusive power to make and authorize all contracts in the name of the county.[133]

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.[134] 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.[135]

Provisions are made for the recording with the clerk of the chancery court as recorder, of charters of incorporation,[136] marks and brands of livestock,[137] declarations of homesteads to obtain exemption from seizure or sale under execution or attachment for debt,[138] discharges and all military records and documents of veterans of the Spanish-American War and the World War,[139] and all surveys of land made by the county surveyors or other surveyors.[140]

131. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 20; Code, 1871, sec. 1363; Code, 1880, sec. 2144; Const., 1890, sec. 170; Code, 1892, sec. 289; L. M., 1896, pp. 145-146; Code, 1906, sec. 307; Code, 1917, sec. 3680; Code, 1930, sec. 214.
132. Code, 1871, secs. 1363, 1370; Code, 1880, secs. 2144, 2151; Code, 1892, secs. 289, 306; Code, 1906, secs. 307, 325; Code, 1917, secs. 3680, 3698; Code, 1930, secs. 214, 220.
133. Code, 1871, sec. 1388; Code, 1880, sec. 2179; Code, 1892, sec. 340; L. M., 1904, pp. 185-188; Code, 1906, sec. 361; Code, 1917, sec. 3734; Code, 1930, sec. 329.
134. L. M., 1908, p. 94; 38 Stat., Part I, 373-374; L. M., 1914, p. 260; 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.
135. L. M., 1908, p. 94; ibid., 1914, p. 260; Code, 1917, secs. 3783, 3801; L. M., 1924, p. 260; Code, 1930, secs. 279, 282; L. M., 1932, p. 517.
136. Const., 1890, sec. 189; Code, 1892, sec. 835; Code, 1906, sec. 900; Code, 1917, sec. 4072; Code, 1930, sec. 4145; see entry 49.
137. L. M., 1916, p. 175; Code, 1917, sec. 1568; Code, 1930, sec. 5476; see entry 50.
138. Code, 1892, sec. 1972; Code, 1906, sec. 2148; Code, 1917, sec. 1823; Code, 1930, sec. 1767; see entry 51.
139. L. M., 1922, pp. 359-360; see entry 52.
140. Code, 1892, sec. 4398; Code, 1906, sec. 4953; Code, 1917, sec. 7746; Code, 1930, sec. 7148; see entry 238.

Records System

The records of Grenada County are in general good condition and have been standardized to the extent that all of the land conveyance records and court dockets are kept in heavy, leather-bound volumes, 25 percent of which are the insertable loose-leaf type. Ledgers and journals since 1922 have been kept in canvas-bound, insertable, loose-leaf volumes and conform to the standard accounting system prescribed by the State Auditor of Public Accounts. At the present time unbound records are deposited in containers that vary in size and composition and include wooden and cardboard file boxes, corrugated cardboard storage boxes, and a small number of steel filing cabinets. All case papers of the chancery and circuit courts are kept in steel file boxes.

The vaults of the clerk of the chancery court and the sheriff are much too small for their needs, and the vault of the clerk of the circuit court, while adequate for the storage of current records, is not large enough to contain all non-current records and records deposited in the office for preservation. However, the courthouse in undergoing repairs which will give the sheriff and the clerk of the chancery court larger and more commodious vaults.[141]

Since 1906 practically all permanent records have been typewritten, or handwritten on printed forms with manufactured brands of permanent, non-fading 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.

In addition to the WPA project sponsored by the board of supervisors for the purpose of rehabilitating the courthouse, WPA projects have been sponsored to transcribe the sectional indexes, see entries 41, 42; and to clean, sort, and rearrange the records of all offices.

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.[142] Census records of Grenada County made in 1870, 1878, 1880, and 1892 have been placed in the department in the New Capitol in Jackson, see entries 149-151.

141. See "Housing, Care, and Accessibility of the Records," p. 41.
142. L. M., 1902, p. 45; Code, 1906, sec. 1636; Code, 1917, sec. 3450; Code, 1930, sec. 3629.

CHART OF GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF GRENADA COUNTY 1870

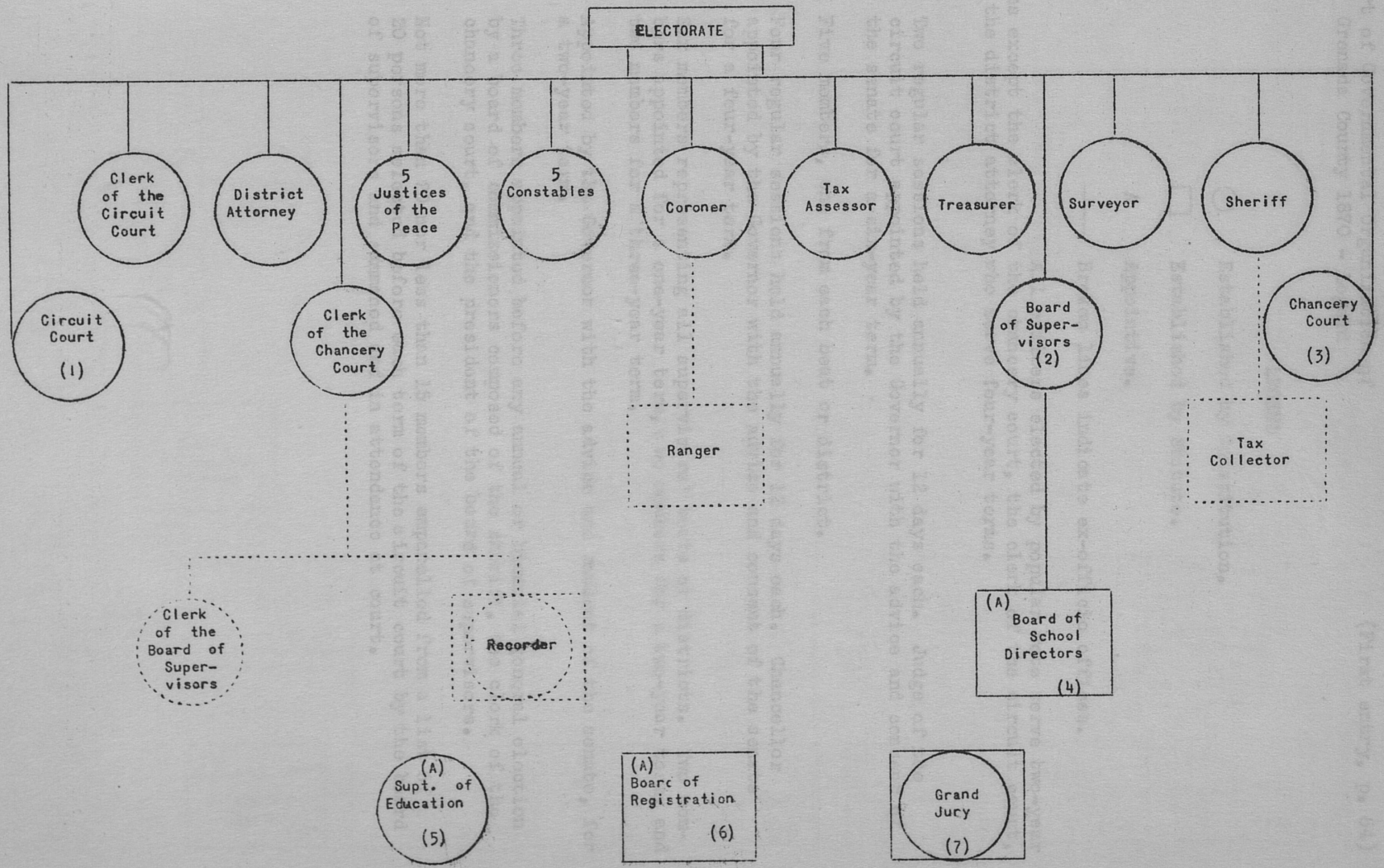

Chart of Governmental Organization of Grenada County 1870 - Legend (First entry, p. 54)

LEGEND

◯ Established by Constitution.

□ Established by Statute.

A Appointive.

---------- Broken lines indicate ex-officio offices.

All officers elected by popular vote serve two-year terms except the clerk of the chancery court, the clerk of the circuit court, and the district attorney who serve four-year terms.

(1) Two regular sessions held annually for 12 days each. Judge of the circuit court appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the senate for a six-year term.

(2) Five members, one from each beat or district.

(3) Four regular sessions held annually for 12 days each. Chancellor appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the senate for a four-year term.

(4) Six members representing all supervisors' beats or districts. Two members appointed for a one-year term, two members for a two-year term, and two members for a three-year term.

(5) Appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the senate, for a two-year term.

(6) Three members appointed before any annual or biennial general election by a board of commissioners composed of the sheriff, the clerk of the chancery court, and the president of the board of supervisors.

(7) Not more than 20 nor less than 15 members empanelled from a list of 20 persons selected before each term of the circuit court by the board of supervisors and summoned and in attendance at court.

CHART OF GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF GRENADA COUNTY 1940

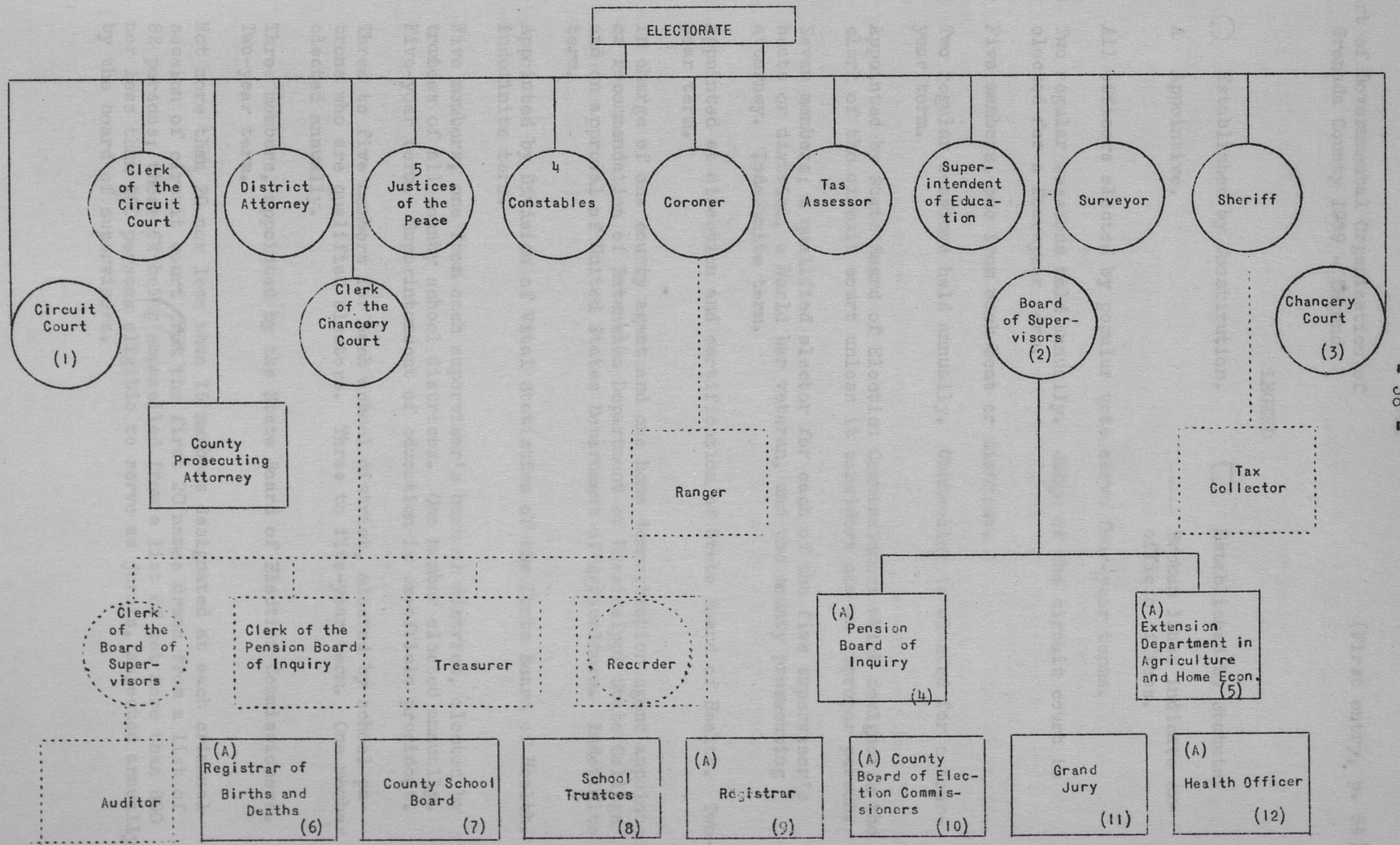

Chart of Governmental Organization of Grenada County 1939 - Legend

(First entry, p. 54)

LEGEND

◯ Established by Constitution. ☐ Established by Statute.

A Appointive. ..... Broken lines indicate ex-officio offices.

All officers elected by popular vote serve four-year terms.

(1) Two regular sessions held annually. Judge of the circuit court is elected for a four-year term.

(2) Five members, one from each beat or district.

(3) Two regular sessions held annually. Chancellor is elected for a four-year term.

(4) Appointed by State Board of Election Commissioners which designates the clerk of the circuit court unless it considers him an improper person.

(5) Seven members; a qualified elector for each of the five supervisor's beats or district, a World War veteran, and the county prosecuting attorney. Indefinite term.

(6) Appointed at direction and certification of State Board of Health. Two-year term.

(7) 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. Indefinite term.

(8) Appointed by Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health. Indefinite term.

(9) Five members, one from each supervisor's beat or district, elected by trustees of all county school districts. One member elected annually. Five-year term. Superintendent of education is ex-officio president.

(10) Three to five members for each school district, elected by school patrons who are qualified electors. Three to five-year term. One member elected annually.

(11) Three members, appointed by the State Board of Election Commissioners. Two-year term.

(12) Not more than 20 nor less than 15 members designated at each criminal session of circuit court from the first 20 names drawn from a list of 62 persons; these 62 being empanelled 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.

(First entry, p. 54)

3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The Grenada County courthouse is situated on Green Street at the northwest corner of and facing the public square in the city of Grenada. It was erected in 1883-84 as the second county-owned building occupied for the purpose of courts of record and by county officers, and has been in use continuously since that time.[1]

By 1883 the building purchased in 1870[2] had become obsolete, for on August 10, the grand jury, in making its report on the condition of the courthouse and the jail,[3] described the courthouse as "A miserable hold, not even fit for a livery stable."[4] The board of supervisors, evidently aware of this fact, had purchased a lot on July 11 from William C. McLean, Bertha McLean, and Mrs. L. M. Bidford, paying $2,000 for the land.[5] This lot is described as". . . commencing on Green Street 26 feet north of the house now occupied by A. Sandel, running thence north with Green Street to R. Doak's property, thence west 208 feet to the street, thence north along said street opposite the point of beginning, thence east to the point of beginning. . . ."[6]

On August 12, the board of supervisors adopted the plans and specifications for a new courthouse presented by George S. Covert,[7] and ordered that the time for letting the contract for erecting the building be advertised in the Grenada Sentinel.[8] The president of the board, W. H. Powell, voted against the construction of a new courthouse and gave the following reasons for his action: "First: That the county already has a courthouse. Second: That there is not enough money in the treasury nor can enough be raised without oppressing the people, and Third: That there is a large debt in Litigation that will be burdensome if finally decided against the county."[9]

On September 4, 1883, with president Powell again dissenting, Covert was awarded the contract to erect a new courthouse on his bid of $15,575, with the stipulation that the building be completed by June 1, 1884.[10] P. P. Lake, D. B. McHenry, J. W. Berry, R. N. Wall, and John George were appointed to the building committee in charge of the work.[11] At its September meeting in 1884 the board, acting on the report of the building committee, received and accepted the new building but reserved $500 to cover deficiencies named in the report.[12]

The two-story, red brick structure has outside measurements of 78' x 52'

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1. For a discussion of the first courthouse of Grenada County and temporary county offices, see "Historical Sketch," p. 8, footnotes 43-46.
2. Ibid.
3. J. A. P. Campbell, Amos R. Johnston, and Amos Lovering, (comps.), The Revised Code of the Statute Laws of the State of Mississippi, published by authority, Jackson, 1871, secs. 2844-2845. Hereafter cited as Code, 1871.
4. Minutes, vol. B, pp. 189-190.
5. Ibid., p. 185.
6. Ibid.
7. Ibid., p. 187.
8. Ibid., p. 189.
9. Ibid.
10. Ibid., p. 190.
11. Ibid.
12. Ibid., p. 248.

x 45' and contains 182,420 cubic feet of space. It is considered 25 percent fireproof, as many of the interior walls, ceilings, and floors are constructed of wood. The three brick vaults are of fireproof construction but contain some wooden shelves on which both bound and unbound records are stored.

The building is heated by stoves. It is well ventilated and natural lighting is good. Artificial lighting is inadequate as the small number of electric lights are poorly placed, and obsolete wiring creates a fire hazard. Approximately 80 percent of the records are kept in the three vaults.

Except for minor repairs made in general upkeep and maintenance, very little work was done on the building until recently. A WPA project approved November 29, 1939, provides for the expenditure of $11,308 to rehabilitate the courthouse. Work being done includes: constructing a new vault for the office of clerk of the chancery court, with an adjoining corridor and areaway; converting newly excavated space under this addition into a washroom and a boiler room and installing a modern heating system; plastering and painting; improving existing floors and laying new cement and Terazzo tile floors; installing new plumbing and electrical fixtures; and laying a new tar and gravel roof. The plans also call for converting the present vault of the chancery clerk into a vault for the sheriff; erecting partitions in the new open office of the sheriff so as to give the tax assessor a larger and more private office; and converting the hall on the south side of the building into a new rest room for women.[13]

The new vault for the clerk of the chancery court will be of two-way, reinforced concrete and brick construction conforming with the exterior finish of the courthouse; will have a concrete and Terazzo tile floor, four steel barred windows each 5'6½" x 3'3", with screened vents; and a steel vault door 8' x 3'6". The vault, 21' x 25' x 10', and containing 5,250 cubic feet of space, with the corridor, 29' x 10' x 10', containing 2,900 cubic feet of space, will increase the total cubic footage of the courthouse to 190,570.

The courthouse is in the center of a lot approximately 200' east and west and 90' north and south, and is set back 82' from an iron fence which bounds the front, or east property line. The offices of the board of supervisors, the clerk of the chancery court, the clerk of the circuit court, the sheriff and tax collector, the tax assessor, and the superintendent of education are on the first floor. There are no offices on the second floor but approximately 40 percent of the records for which the clerk of the chancery court is responsible are kept in a storeroom on this floor. Here also are the court room, the jury and witness rooms, and the seed loan office of the Farm Security Administration. All offices on the first floor can be entered from a wide hall which runs the length of the building.

Board of Supervisors: The office of the board of supervisors is on the southeast side of the building on the first floor. The room is 19' x 19'6" x 13'8" and has two doors, 8' x 3', and two windows, 8'9" x 3'4". Space and equipment are adequate for the needs of the board and for public users. No permanent records of the board of supervisors are kept in this office, the

13. Information given by Operations Division of the WPA for Mississippi, December 1, 1939; see also Minutes, vol. L. p. 493, entry 1.

board's records being kept in the office and vault of the clerk of the chancery court.

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, and of the surveyor.

The office and vault of the clerk of the chancery court, situated on the first floor, occupies the northwest quarter of the building. The main office is a room 19' x 28' x 13'8" with two doors, one 6'6" x 2'7" and the other a double door 8' x 2'6", and seven windows, each 8'9". There are 72 linear feet of wooden shelving built under a steel counter, on which are kept 6 linear feet of unbound material and about 66 linear feet of office supplies. There is also one steel filing case, 2' x 3' x 20" in this office. However, no records are kept permanently here. There is sufficient room in the office and some space for expansion. Accommodations for public users are insufficient as to furniture, but ample as to space.

The clerk's vault is adjacent to and just east of his office. It has a communicating fire door 6'6" x 2'7" and one window, steel barred, 6'10" x 3', with iron shutters. The vault contains 156 linear feet of roller steel shelving and 115 linear feet of filing space. There are two steel cabinets, one 4' x 9' x 15", the other 4' x 6' x 15". There are three steel cases, respectively measuring 3' x 4' x 15", 5' x 6' x 15", and 3' x 2' x 15". One wooden case measures 15" x 10" x 5'. There are 22 paper cartons 5'6" x 10" x 24" and four paper cartons 10" x 10" x 23". There is also one bundle 12" x 10" x 12". The paper cartons and bundles are on the floor, filed on shelves, and stacked on top of filing cases. There are five linear feet of bound newspapers and three linear feet of miscellaneous material. Since all the shelves and cases are filled and occupy all available floor space, there is not room for expansion. There are 137 linear feet of bound volumes and 109 linear feet of unbound materials. Approximately 60 percent of all the records of the county are stored here. Although the vault is crowded the records are arranged in an orderly manner and are readily accessible.

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 office and vault of the clerk of the circuit court are situated in the southwest corner of the courthouse on the first floor. The office is shared with the two justices of peace of district or beat one. This room is 20'7" x 28'8" and has one double door 8' x 2'6" and a single steel fire door 6'8" which leads into the vault, and seven windows each 8'9" x 3'4". Beneath a counter 12'6" x 3' on wooden shelves and in two bookcases, one 9' x 10' x 15", the other 5' x 10' x 15", are kept nine linear feet of non-current justice of the peace dockets and 84 linear feet of unbound material in file boxes. The clerk keeps only bound records in current use in the office

and places them in the vault at night.

The two justices of peace of district or beat one hold court and keep their records in the northeast and northwest corners of the office. Both have desks, use a large table and one of the bookcases.

The clerk's vault occupies the east end of his office and is 20'7" x 6' x 10'3". The north, east, and west sides have 42 linear feet of roller steel shelving and 56 linear feet of filing space, all of steel construction except 12 linear feet of wooden shelving. The shelving contains 56 linear feet of bound volumes and 59 linear feet of unbound materials. Twelve linear feet of bound material are stacked in the southeast corner of the vault. The vault is congested and more storage space is needed.

The office and vault contain all the records kept by the clerk in his capacities as clerk of the court, registrar, and licensing official; the records of the grand jury, the coroner, and non-current dockets of justices of the peace of all five districts or beats in the county.

Courtroom: The courtroom covers approximately three-fourths of the second floor of the courthouse. The room is 49¼' x 58' x 24'. There is one double door 8' x 29¼" and there are four doors, each 7' x 3', and 12 windows, each 10' x 3'4". There are two book cases in the room, each 4' x 6' x 15", which contain 55 linear feet of books comprising the county law library. A door in the northern part of the east wall opens into the storage room, while one in the southern part of the small wall leads into the seed loan office of the Farm Security Administration. On the west side of the northern door leads into one jury and witness room, while the southern door leads into the other such room. No records other than the books of the county law library are kept permanently in the courtroom.

Grand Jury: The grand jury holds its sessions in the jury rooms 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.

Justices of the Peace: District or Beat One, (M. M. Kibben and C. D. Boushe). The justices of peace of this district holds court in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. Of the records of the district, both current and non-current, 94 percent are kept in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, while six percent are stored in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court. District or Beat Two, (No incumbent). Of the existing records of this district, 60 percent are stored in the office of the clerk of the circuit court and 40 percent are kept in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court. District or Beat Three, (M. O. Gray). The justice of the peace of this district holds court in his residence on Route 3 in Big Creek northeast of the town of Grenada. Of the existing records, 20 percent are kept in the home of the justice, while 80 percent are stored in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. District or Beat Four, (D. W. Pickle). The justice of peace of this district holds court in his residence on the Star Route north of the town of Grenada. Of the existing records of this district, 25 percent are kept in the home of the justice, 50 percent in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, and 25 percent in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court. District or Beat Five, (V. W. Carver). The justice of peace of this district holds court in his residence on Route 2 in Holcomb, 11 miles west of the town of Grenada. Of the existing records of this district, 25 percent are kept in the home of the

justice, and 75 percent are stored in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. Of the total of 30 volumes of justice of the peace records of all districts or beats, 10 percent are kept in the residences of the justices of the peace, 16 2/3 percent are kept in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court, and 73 1/3 percent are kept in the office and vault of the clerk of the circuit court.

District Attorney: The district attorney of the fifth circuit court district, to which Grenada County is attached, maintains a private office in the city of Kosciusko, the county seat of Attala County.

County Prosecuting Attorney: The county prosecuting attorney maintains a private office which faces the courthouse yard and is situated in a one-story, brick building which parallels the north property line of the courthouse.

Sheriff: The office of the sheriff, shared with the tax assessor, and the sheriff's vault, are situated in the northeast portion of the first floor of the courthouse. The entire office is 19' x 36' x 13'8", with a clothes closet, 8'6", occupying the southeast corner. The office space allotted to the sheriff is 19' x 19'6" x 13'8" on the west side of the room. This portion has an entrance door 8' x 2'6", a vault door 6'9" x 2'6", and three windows, each 8'9" x 3'4". Under counters and on U files are eight linear feet of unbound material. No other records are kept in this office permanently, all being placed in the vault over night.

The sheriff's vault, 7' x 3'10" x 10'3", and situated to the rear of the office and in the southeast corner of the vault of the clerk of the chancery court, is entered from the office. On 18 linear feet of roller steel shelving on the west wall of the vault, are 16 linear feet of bound records and two linear feet of unbound materials belonging to the sheriff in his capacities as sheriff and as tax collector. Three linear feet of bound records of the clerk of the chancery court are also stored in this vault. All of the current records of the sheriff and tax collector are kept in the vault while all of his non-current records are stored in the storage room on the second floor of the courthouse. Accommodations for public users are adequate.

Coroner: For the housing, care, and accessibility of non-current records of this office, see Clerk of the Circuit Court, pp. 42-43.

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

Tax Assessor: The tax assessor occupies office space 10'6" x 16'6" x 13'2" in the northeast corner of the office of the sheriff. This office space has four windows, each 8'9" x 3'4", one door 8' x 2'6", and can also be reached through the entrance door of the office of the sheriff. Records are kept in this office temporarily. Equipment is adequate for the use of the office force and for public users but space is inadequate.

Sheriff as Tax Collector: For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of the sheriff as tax collector, see Sheriff, above.

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. 42.

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. 42.

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. 42-43.

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 the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of this body, see Clerk of the Circuit Court, pp. 42-43.

Superintendent of Education: The office of the county superintendent of education is situated in the extreme southeast corner of the courthouse on the first floor. The room is 12½' x 16' x 13'8" and has two doors, each 3' x 8', one door 6' x 2'6", and four windows, each 8'9" x 3'4". There are 59 linear feet of steel and wooden shelves on the west side of the room on which are 19 linear feet of bound volumes, 20 linear feet of unbound materials, and 20 linear feet of text books. Approximately 80 percent of the records of the superintendent of education are kept in this office. Adjoining the office is a closet 3' x 10'6", having a door 6' x 2'. In it are 12 linear feet of wooden shelves and two corrugated storage files, 12" x 15" x 24", which altogether contain 20 linear feet of unbound materials. Approximately 18 percent of the superintendent's records are stored here. The remaining two percent is housed in the storage room on the second floor. All of the records relating to the county school board and to the school trustees are kept in the office. Accommodations for both office workers and public users are inadequate because of the lack of space.

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, above.

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, above.

Health Officer: The office of the health officer is maintained in the Grenada Clinic Building on Main Street in the city of Grenada, in the office of this official who is a practicing physician. The office is 10' x 12' x 10' and has two doors, each 6'10" x 2'10", and two windows, each 3' x 6'8". The records are kept in one steel file drawer, 11½" x 14" x 24". Bound records of the reports of the registrar of births and deaths are also kept in this office. Accommodations for the health officer and for the public are good.

Registrar of Births and Deaths: The registrar of births and deaths, who lives in the city of Grenada, does not have an office. For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of this official, see Health Officer, 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 records of this board, see Clerk of the

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Chancery Court, p. 42.

Coroner as Ranger: No records for the office of coroner as ranger were found in Grenada County.

Surveyor: The office of surveyor is not filled by a regularly elected incumbent at this time. For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of former surveyors, see Clerk of the Chancery Court, p. 42.

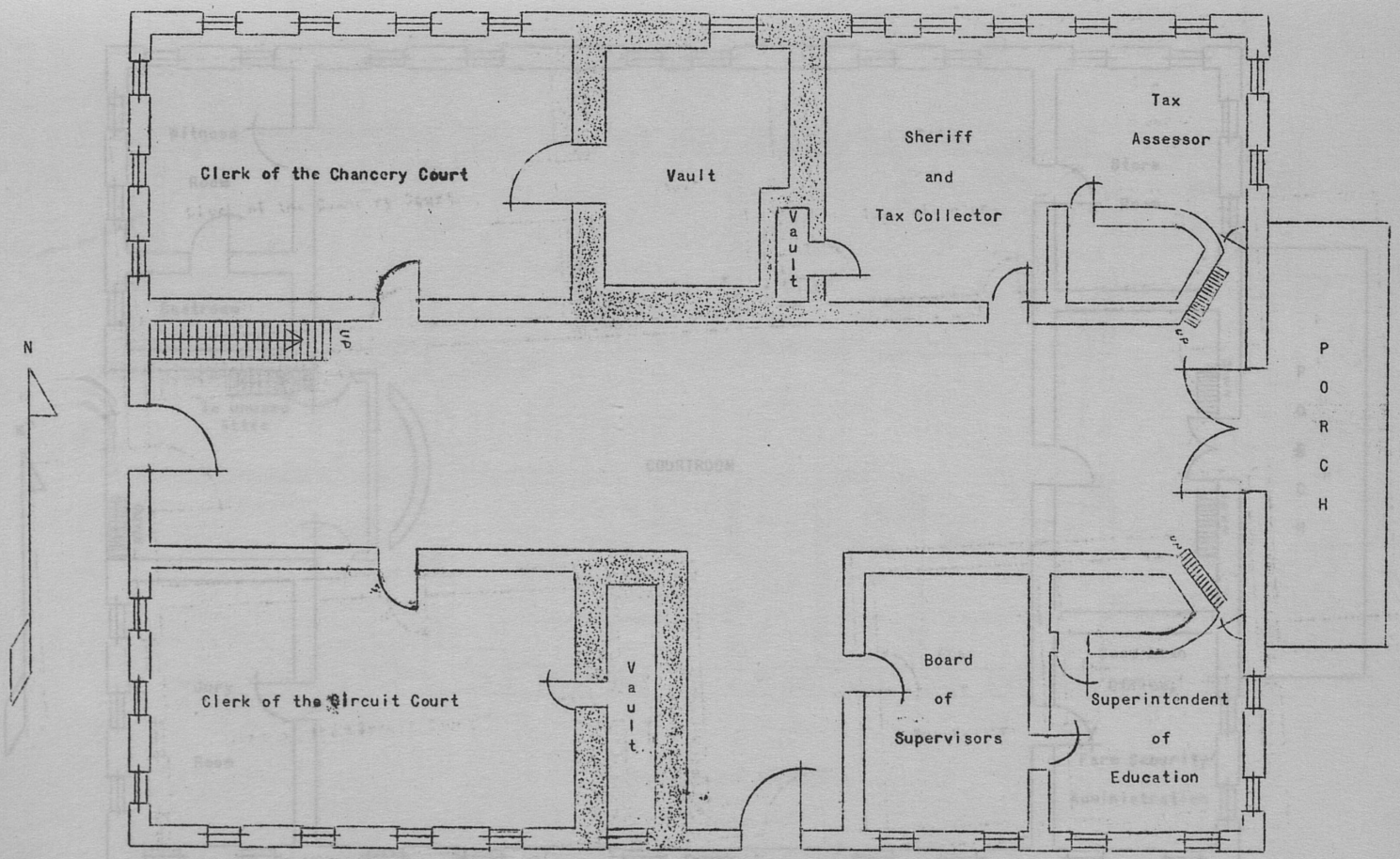
County Extension Department in Agriculture and Home Economics: The county extension department in agriculture and home economics has its offices in the Agricultural Building erected in 1937-38 by the WPA on a lot donated by the county, two blocks east of the public square in the town of Grenada. The building and grounds upon completion were deeded to the Mississippi State College Extension Department for agricultural and experimental purposes.

The main office of the county agent is just to the left of the east or main entrance of the building. It is 13' x 22' x 10' and has four windows, each 3'4" x 5'10", and four doors, each 2'10" x 6'10", one, a steel vault door, 6' x 2'6". In this room are eight steel file drawers, each 12" x 14" x 24"; two 4" x 6" x 14" steel file drawers and four 3" x 5" x 15" steel file boxes. The vault is situated in the southwest corner of this room and is 6' x 6' x 10'. In this fireproof vault about 10 percent of the total records of the office are stored; there are 24 linear feet of shelving on which 10 linear feet of bound volumes and 48 linear feet of unbound materials are stored. Just south of and adjacent to the county agent's main office is his private office, a room 12' x 13' x 10' which has two doors 2'10" x 6'10" and three windows each 3'4" x 5'10".

The office of the home demonstration agent is located just across the hall and directly north of the county agent's office. It is 11' x 13' x 10' and has two windows 3'4" x 5'10" and three doors each 2'10"x 6'10". There are four steel file drawers each 12" x 14" x 24", and 14 linear feet of shelving on which are 15 linear feet of office supplies. Just north of this office is the private office of the home demonstration agent, a room 10' x 13' x 10' which has two windows each 3'4" x 5'10", and two doors, each 2'10" x 6'10". Ten linear feet of shelving contain 10 linear feet of supplies. There are five steel file drawers each 12" x 12" x 24". Just north of and adjacent to this room is the county demonstration model kitchen which is 12' x 18' x 10' and has four windows, each 3'4" x 6'10" and two doors, each 2'8" x 6'10".

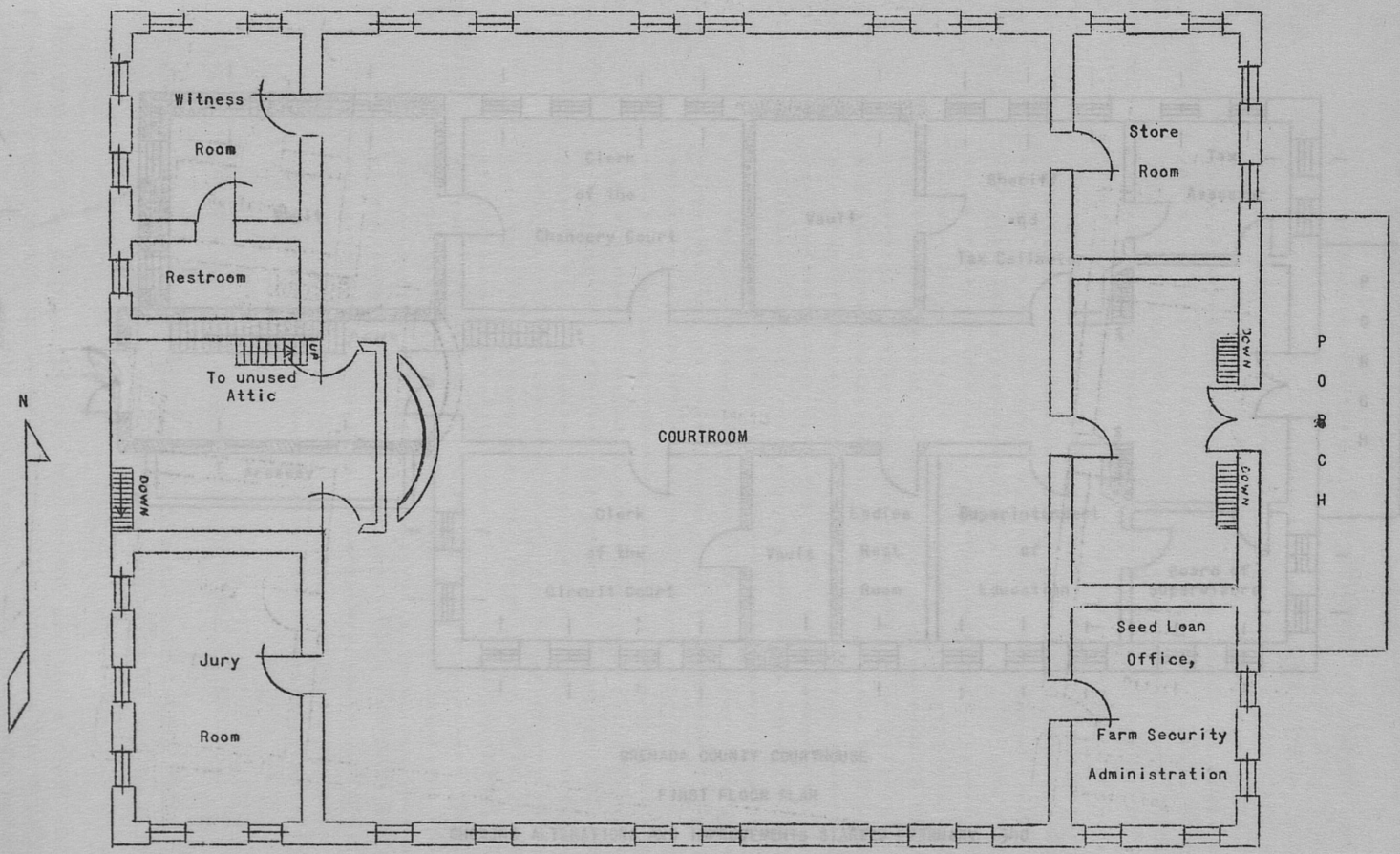
Accommodations and equipment, for both the department and for public users are excellent.

Store Room: The store room, situated in the northeast corner of the second floor of the courthouse, is 17' x 17' x 24', with one door 8' x 3' and four windows each 10' x 3'. Sixty linear feet of wooden shelving occupy the north and south walls with the shelves on the north wall containing 60 linear feet of bound volumes and 21 various sized boxes of unbound material. The shelves on the south wall contain 19 various sized corrugated cardboard and cardboard boxes, filled with unbound material. Five large corrugated cardboard boxes of unbound material are placed on the floor.



GRENADA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

FIRST FLOOR PLAN



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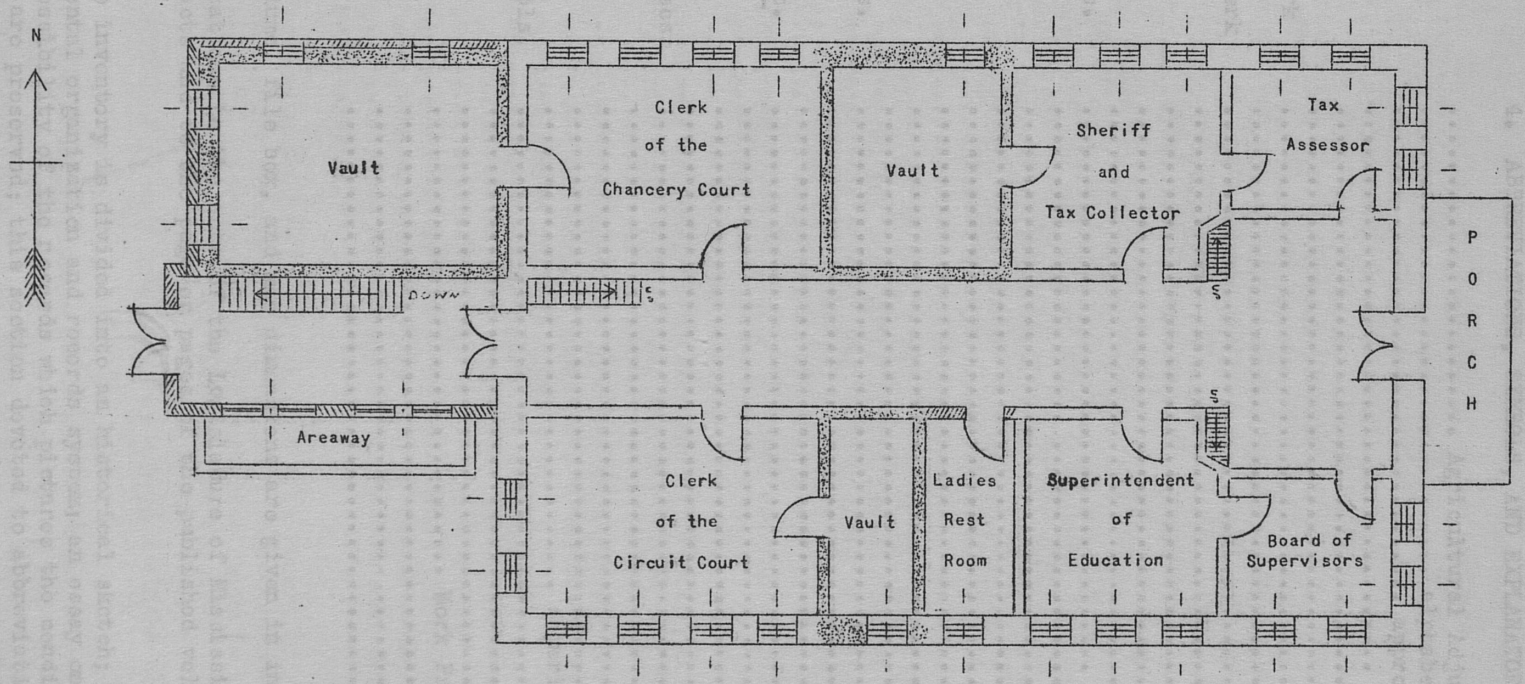

GRENADA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SHOWING ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS STARTED FEBRUARY 1940

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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
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
sec., secs.	section, sections
sh.	sheriff
So.	Southern
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

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.

The inventory is divided into an historical sketch; a short essay on the governmental organization and records system; an essay on the housing, care, and accessibility of the records which pictures the conditions under which records are preserved; this section devoted to abbreviations, symbols, and explanatory notes; followed by the inventory proper, arranged by offices and

bureaus. Legislative and administrative offices are listed first, followed by recording, judicial, law enforcement, fiscal, and miscellaneous agencies. Each office or agency is treated by an essay which is limited to the creation of the office, its present status, the manner in which it is filled, and the term of office.[1] The record titles are arranged under the office of origin or of final destination and by subject, to indicate insofar as possible, the records system of the office. For instance, the records of the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor are grouped in the order of sources and receipts of county funds, claims against these funds, payments of claims, and the ledger record of all transactions, and are placed under the general subject headings of "Cash Receipts," "Claims," "Disbursements," and "Ledgers."

The descriptions of the records, referred to in this inventory as entries, are numbered consecutively from 1 to 257, 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.

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 labelling; 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 35, 36, 53, 146.

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 27, 79, 80, 128.

Missing records are indicated by showing the dates of the records which are present. Where no comment is made on the absence, or 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 61, 90, 95, 143. 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.

Continuous records are shown by a hyphen placed between the beginning and

1. For more detailed essays that show the legal status of offices or agencies of county government and their structural and functional development from 1890 to 1938, see The Historical Records Survey, Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi, No. 37, Lamar County, Jackson, 1939. Hereafter

closing dates, as 1830-70, see entry 23.

Lapses in the records are indicated by a comma placed between the groups of inclusive dates, as 1872-93, 1902, 1905-9, 1912-17, 1926, 1940, see entry 97.

Current dates are indicated by two hyphens, as 1870--, entry 1; 1893--, entry 49; and 1924--, see entry 93.

The body-of-entry paragraph sets out the purpose for 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 or documents contained in the record 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 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 department of the same office or in another office, see the subject heading "Real Property," p. 59.

The title line cross reference is used to integrate scattered parts of a record series, see entries 2-9, 176, 178, 179, 184. 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 15, 16, 26, and entries 191, 235, 237. The entry containing the title line reference is generally an artificial entry enclosed in brackets, see entries 15, 16, 237. 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 record of the returned indictments, see entries 84, 92, 129.

The inventory shows the records of the county court of Grenada. While this court was, strictly speaking, not a court of Grenada County, its records are preserved as a part of the archives of Grenada County and were considered as such in the preparation of the inventory.

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cited as Lamar County Inventory.

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I. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The board of supervisors was established as the general local authority of Grenada County by the creating act of May 9, 1870 as prescribed by the Constitution of 1869.[1] The first members were appointed by the Governor to serve until members were regularly elected at the general elections of 1871 for State, county, and county district officers, and sworn into office in January 1872.[2] The board held its first meeting on June 30, 1870,[3] and has functioned continuously in the county since that time.

The board is composed of five members, one from each of the five supervisor's beats or districts into which the county is divided.[4] Until 1890, by constitutional provision, the members of the board were elected for a term of two years, in and from their respective beats or districts, by the qualified electors of each beat.[5] The Constitution of 1890 provides that a member of the board shall be selected from each of the five districts into which the county is divided, but gives the legislature power to determine the method of selection and the term of office.[6] The legislature has prescribed that the qualified electors of each beat or district elect in and from their district at the general elections for State, district, county, and county district officers, one member to the board, to serve for a four-year term.[7]

The clerk of the chancery court is the ex-officio clerk of the board of supervisors,[8] and the sheriff is its executive officer and must attend all its

1. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 20; L. M., 1870, p. 125.
2. L. M., 1870, p. 125; "Record of Official Bonds," 1870--, in county archives of Grenada County, Grenada, Miss., vol. A, pp. 3-5, see entry 47. Hereafter cited as Official Bonds.
3. See "Historical Sketch," p. 7, footnote 37.
4. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 20; Code, 1871, sec. 1348; J. A. P. Campbell, (comp.), The Revised Code of the Statute Laws of the State of Mississippi, published by authority, Jackson, 1880, secs. 2129-2130; hereafter cited as Code, 1880; Const., 1890, sec. 170; Thompson, R. H.; Dillard, George G.; and Campbell, R. B.; Annotated Code of the General Statute Laws of The State of Mississippi, published by authority, Nashbille, Tenn., 1892, sec. 272; hereafter cited as Code, 1892: Whitfield, A. H.; Catchings, T. C.; and Hardy, W. H.; The Mississippi Code of 1906 of the Public Statute Laws of the State of Mississippi, published by authority, Nashville, Tenn., 1906, sec. 291; hereafter cited as Code, 1906: Heningway, William (comp.), The Annotated Mississippi Code, Showing the General Statutes in Force August 1, 1917, Indianapolis, 1917, 2 vols. II, sec. 3883; hereafter cited as Code, 1917; L. M., 1920, p. 429: Mississippi Code of 1930 of the Public Statute Laws of the State of Mississippi, Revised and Annotated by the Code Commission, published by authority, Atlanta, 1930, 2 vols. I, sec. 195; hereafter cited as Code, 1930.
5. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 20; Code, 1871, sec. 1348; Code, 1880, sec. 2129.
6. Const., 1890, secs. 138, 170.
7. Code, 1892, secs. 272, 3049, 3633; Code, 1906, secs. 291, 3456, 4140; Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 3663, 6774; L. M., 1920, p. 429; Code, 1930, secs. 195, 2881, 6210.
8. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 20; Code, 1871, sec. 997; Code, 1880, sec. 1824; Const., 1890, sec. 170; Code, 1892, sec. 479; Code, 1906, sec. 529; 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. 70, footnotes 17-20.

meetings in person or by deputy.[9]

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 from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 41-70.

Unless otherwise specified, the records of the board of supervisors are kept in the office or vault of the clerk of the chancery court, who as clerk of the board is the ex-officio auditor. In this inventory the financial records of the board have been placed arbitrarily under "Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as Auditor," pp. 112-117, entries 175-193.

Proceedings
(See also entries 79, 80, 83)

1. MINUTES OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1870--. 12 vols. (A-L).
Minutes of the proceedings of regular and special meetings of the board of supervisors, showing date and term of meeting; names of members present; names of members absent; regulations, orders, motions, and action taken on all matters pertaining to the organization of the county, roads, bridges, improvements, public buildings, schools, public health, agricultural extension work, 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 money; special elections; defining supervisor's districts, of election districts, of justice of the peace districts; legal publications; granting of relief; selection and listing of persons eligible to serve on grand and petit juries; appointing of officers, of road overseers until 1931, of special committees; reports of officers, depositories, and of special committees; bids submitted; awarding of contracts for public work 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; and exempting new enterprises and homesteads from county ad valorem taxes. All allowances show clerk's notation of claim number in Docket of Claims Board of Supervisors, entry 187. Signed by president of the board. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. Indexed alph. by name, subject, and item. Hdw., vols. A-F, 1870-1915; typed, vols. G-L, 1916--. Av. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

2. PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1870--. 8 corrugated boxes, 31 cardboard 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 bonds of county officers; reports of special committees, of election commissioners, of commissioners of separate road districts, of members of the board, of road overseers, of convict camp superintendents, of common carriers, and of county officers, departments, and depositories; claims, accounts, and demands against the county; maps; petitions for and against bond issues, to lay out or

9. Code, 1871, sec. 1357; Code, 1880, sec. 2139; Code, 1892, sec. 284; Code, 1906, sec. 302; Code, 1917, sec. 3675; Code, 1930, sec. 208.

change roads, for pauper relief, to change assessments, and to call special elections; applications for exemption of homesteads from county and from county ad valorem taxes, and for loans from sixteenth section school funds; leases of sixteenth section school lands for oil, gas, and mineral development; annual budgets, jury lists; hunting and fishing regulations; regulations for working convicts on county roads; orders to the county board of election commissioners to call special elections; and other matters coming within the jurisdiction of the board. Also contains: Petitions, Roads and Schools, 1870-1923, entry 3; Bids, Plans, and Specifications, 1870-1926, entry 4; Bids to Furnish Supplies and Equipment, 1870-1923, entry 5; Right of Way Deeds Grenada County, 1870-1923, entry 6; Insurance Policies, 1870-1936, entry 7; Contracts and Bond Listings, 1870-1929, entry 8; County Agents Reports, 1908-23, entry 9; Financial Statements by County Depository, 1924-35, entry 176; Tax Collectors Monthly Reports, 1870-1928, entry 178; Justice of the Peace Reports, 1870-1925, entry 179; and Claims, 1870-1938, entry 184. Arr. chron. by year of meetings, by subject, and chron. thereunder by date of filing of instrument. No index. Hdw., typed, and typed on ptd. form. 12 x 13 x 24, 8 cardboard boxes 1870-1923; 10⅓ x 4⅝ x 24, 31 boxes, 1924--. 27 boxes 1870-1934, strm.; 12 boxes 1935--, ch. clerk's va.

3. PETITIONS, ROADS AND SCHOOLS, 1924--. 3 file boxes. 1870-1923 in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2.

Original instruments directed to board of supervisors petitioning for the erection of school buildings and the laying out and construction of roads, showing date of petition, description of proposed school building or road, signatures of petitioners, date filed, clerk's certification, disposition. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Typed. 4⅓ x 4⅓ x 10.

4. BIDS, PLANS, AND SPECIFICATIONS, 1927--. 1 file box. 1870-1926 in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2.

Original bids, plans, and specifications submitted on the construction and maintenance of county buildings, roads, bridges, and schools, showing date of bids, details of plans and specifications, kind of work bid on, amount of bid, name of bidder, date submitted, and clerk's certification. No obvious arr. No index. Typed. 4⅓ x 4⅓ x 10.

5. BIDS TO FURNISH SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT, 1924--. 1 file box. 1870-1923 in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2.

Original bids to furnish supplies and equipment, showing date of bid, description of items to be furnished, amount of bid, name of bidder, date filed, and certification of clerk. No obvious arr. No index. Typed. 4⅓ x 4⅓ x 10.

6. RIGHT OF WAY DEEDS GRENADA COUNTY, 1924--. 1 file box. 1870-1923 in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2.

Original deeds to the board of supervisors for the county, granting rights of way for the construction of roads, showing date of deed, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description of property granted as right of way, signature and acknowledgment of grantor, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, volume and page of record in Deed Records, entry 17, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. No index. Hdw. and typed and hdw., and typed on ptd. form. 4⅓ x 4⅓ x 10.

7. INSURANCE POLICIES, 1937--. 1 file box. 1870-1936 in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2.

Original insurance policies written on county property, showing name of company,

description of property insured, amount of insurance, amount of premium, date policy effective, and name of county as beneficiary. No obvious arr. No index. Printed and typed on ptd. form. 4½ x 4⅓ x 10.

8. CONTRACTS AND BOND LISTINGS, 1930--. 1 file box. 1870-1929 in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2.

Original instruments, including:

i. Performance bonds executed by contractors awarded contracts for furnishing supplies, equipment, and materials, for erecting and repairing buildings, and for constructing and maintaining roads and bridges, showing date of execution, kind of bond, amount and penalty, expiration date, oath and signature of principal obligee, signature of sureties.

ii. Contracts awarded by the board of supervisors for furnishing supplies, equipment, and materials, for erecting and repairing buildings, and for the constructing and maintaining roads and bridges, showing date of execution, kind and amount of contract, names of parties to the contract and conditions, duration of contract, and signature of contractor and president of the board of supervisors.

Arr. chron. by date bond executed. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 4½ x 4 x 10.

For record of contracts awarded and of fixing of amounts of bonds, see entry 1.

9. COUNTY AGENTS REPORTS, 1924--. 1908-23 in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2.

Original monthly reports of county agents and home demonstration agents, showing date of report, period covered, detailed description of work and experiments completed, itemized statement of expenses for the administration and operation of the department, names of farmers and helpers, results, and signature of county agent and of home demonstration agent. No obvious arr. No index. Typed and hdw., and typed on ptd. form. 4½ x 4⅓ x 10.

Sixteenth Section School Land Administration

10. ABSTRACTS OF SIXTEENTH SECTIONS, 1830--. 3 vols. Compiled in 1914 by J. I. Barnard. (1-3)

Record of abstracts of title to sixteenth section lands and lands taken in lieu of sixteenth section lands in Grenada County, from Treaty of Dancing Rabbit Creek in 1830 to date, compiled originally in 1914 and kept currently, and showing: evidence of every written instrument relating to or affecting the devolution of title filed and recorded in Carroll, Choctaw, Tallahatchie, and Yalobusha Counties 1830-70, and in Grenada County, 1870--; references by volume and page of record to the acts of Congress, the acts of the Legislature of Mississippi, and to the decisions of the Supreme Court of Mississippi relative to sixteenth section and lieu lands; names of persons in possession of each parcel of land, dates of expiration of leases, and legal description of land. Also shows names of grantors, grantees, beneficiaries, trustees, substituted trustees, purchasers at tax sales, plaintiffs and defendants, and other parties in interest; consideration, statements of conditions and limitations; final decrees and judgments; dates and exact time filed and recorded; totals of delinquent State and county taxes, costs, and damages; clerk's attestations; opinions of abstractors as to validity of title; and volume and page of record in Deed Records, entries 15-17; Oil and Gas Lease Record, entry 18; Record of

Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, entry 23; Record of Mortgages and Trust Deeds, entry 26; Lis Pendens Record, entry 29; Lands Sold to State for Taxes, entry 32; Land Sold to Individuals for Taxes, entry 33; Certificates of Redemption and Cancellations of Tax Sales, entry 37; General Docket Chancery Court, entry 62; Final Record, entry 66; Record of Wills, entry 67; Minutes of Chancery Court, entry 76; Clerk's Minute Book in Vacation, entry 77; Rule Docket, entry 78; General Docket Civil Cases, entry 87; Judgment Roll, entry 103; Final Record, entry 104; Minutes Circuit Court, entry 113; and Final Record, entry 124. Arr. numer. by section no. and chron. thereunder by date of recording of each instrument. No index. Typed; vol. 1 is ribbon copy; vols. 2, 3 are carbon copies. 400 pp. 10 x 8 x 3½.

11. SIXTEENTH SECTION DEEDS OF TRUST, 1932-37. 1 file box. Discontinued because law of 1938 requires the board of supervisors to invest sixteenth section school funds in specified securities only. Original instruments including:

i. Abstracts of title to land pledged as security for five-year, first mortgage loans made from sixteenth section school funds, showing evidence of every deed, lease, deed of trust, mortgage, will, tax assessment, tax lien, judgment lien, lis pendens notice, court proceeding, and other instruments relating to the devolution of title filed and recorded, and names of grantors, grantees, beneficiaries, trustees, substituted trustees, purchasers at tax sales, plaintiffs and defendants, and other parties in interest; statements of conditions and limitations; final decrees and judgments; dates and exact time filed and recorded; totals of delinquent State and county taxes, costs, and damages; clerks' attestations; opinions of abstractors as to validity of titles; and volume and page of record.

ii. Deeds of trust executed by grantees of loans from sixteenth section school funds, showing names of grantor, grantee, beneficiary, trustee, or substituted trustee, date executed, amount of loan, rate of interest, maturity date, legal description of property, signature and acknowledgment of grantee, date of acknowledgment, attestation of trustee or substituted trustee in making releases or cancellations, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, itemizations of clerk's fees, clerk's attestation, and volume and page of record in Record of Mortgages and Trust Deeds, entry 26.

iii. Promissory notes executed by grantees of loans from sixteenth section school funds, showing names of maker and payee, date executed, maturity date, amount of principal and rate of interest, and signature of maker or grantee.

Arr. chron. by date of execution. No index. Abstracts of title and deeds of trust typed on ptd. form; notes hdw. on ptd. form. 4½ x 4½ x 10.

For applications for loans, see entry 2; for granting of loans, see entry 1; for ledger record of loans, see entries 191-i, 192-i.

Tax Exemptions (See also entries 20, 146, 156)

12. TAXATION EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS, 1927--. 1 vol. Last entry 1936. Recorded copies of approved applications for exemption of new enterprises from county ad valorem taxes, showing date of application, name of applicant, legal description of property, kind of articles to be manufactured, date from which exemption claims, claimant's evaluation of property, statement whether property is in existence at time of filing of petition or is to be built, purchased, or owned subsequently, oath of individual or of official of corporation claiming

exemption, signature and seal of official administering oath, volume and page of record in Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 1, of order of board exempting property, beginning and expiration dates of exemption, and signature of president of the board. Arr. chron. by date application granted. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

For original applications, see entry 2.

13. APPLICATIONS FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS, 1938--. 3 vols.
Original approved applications for the exemption of homesteads from State and county ad valorem taxes, filed with tax assessor and delivered by assessor to the board of supervisors for its adjudication, showing name, address, and color of property owner claiming exemption, legal description of property, name of taxing district in which situated, property owner's evaluation, year for which taxes due, oath of claimant, stamp of approval, date exempted, and volume and page in Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 1, of order of board approving exemption. Arr. chron. by date application approved. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 12 x 15 x 3.

For original applications 1934-37, see entry 2.

14. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION RECORD, 1939--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of exemption of homesteads from State and county ad valorem taxes, showing kind and amount of tax levy, exempt rate, year of exemption, name of taxing unit, name of property owner, legal description of property, volume and page of record of assessment of taxes in Land Roll, entry 20; volume and page of record in Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 1, of order of board exempting property, number of homesteads, total assessed value of real estate, exempt assessed value, and remaining assessed value. Arr. chron. by date of exemption. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of owner of exempted homestead. Hdw. on ptd. form. 18 x 13 x 1½.

II. CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT AS RECORDER

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

The office of clerk of the chancery court was established in Grenada County with recording duties attached to and incumbent upon it, by the creating act of May 9, 1870 as prescribed by the Constitution of 1860.[2]

For the general structural and functional development of the office of

1. For a summarization of these provisions from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 76-79.
2. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 19; L. M., 1870, p.125. For the method of selecting the clerk, the term of office, and the present status of the office, see "Chancery Court," p. 70, footnotes 17-20.

clerk of the chancery court as recorder, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 76-80.

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

Real Property

(See also entries 6, 10-14, 53-58, 66, 104, 124, 146, 148, 154, 157-159, 238)

Land Deeds

15. /DEED RECORDS/, 1830-70. In Record of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, entries 23, 24.
Transcription of recorded copies of written instruments conveying real estate in the portions of Carroll, Choctaw, Tallahatchie, and Yalobusha Counties organized as Grenada County in 1870, transcribed from the land conveyance records of the parent counties, including warranty deeds, special warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, trustee's deeds, substituted trustee's deeds, tax deeds, easements, devises, gifts, United States land patents, State land patents, and powers of attorney, and showing kind of instrument, name of grantor, grantee, and other parties in interest, consideration, legal description of property, dates executed and acknowledged, acknowledgments of grantor, date and exact time filed for recording, date recorded, itemization of recording fees, and certification of clerk.

16. /DEED RECORDS/, 1870-1906. In Record of Mortgages and Trust Deeds, entry 26.
Recorded copies of warranty deeds, special warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, trustee's deeds, substituted trustee's deeds, tax deeds, leases, easements, devises, gifts, United States land patents, State land patents, and powers of attorney; and showing kind of instrument, names of grantor, grantee, and other parties in interest, consideration, legal description of property, date executed and acknowledged, acknowledgments of grantor, date and exact time filed for recording, date recorded, itemization of recording fees, and certification of clerk.

17. DEED RECORDS, 1906--. 22 vols. (46-67).
Recorded copies of warranty deeds, special warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, trustee's deeds, substituted trustee's deeds, tax deeds, leases, easements, devises, gifts, United States land patents, State land patents, and powers of attorney; and showing kind of instrument, names of grantor, grantee, and other parties in interest, consideration, legal description of property, date executed and acknowledged, acknowledgments of grantor, date and exact time filed for recording, date recorded, itemization of recording fees, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date and time filed for recording. Indexed in vols. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee; for separate index, see entries 19, 41, 42. Hdw. on ptd. form, 1906-33; typed on ptd. form, 1933--. Av. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

18. OIL AND GAS LEASE RECORD, 1920--. 5 vols.
Recorded copies of leases conveying oil, gas, and mineral rights in land, showing kind of instrument, names of grantor and grantee or lessor and lessee, and other parties in interest, legal description of land, description of right

or interest conveyed, statement of conditions, consideration, duration of lease, acknowledgments or proofs of parties to instrument, dates executed and acknowledged, date and exact time filed for recording, date recorded, itemization of recording fees, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed and time for recording. Indexed in vols. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee; for separate indexes, see entries 19, 41, 42. Typed on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

19. INDEX TO DEED RECORDS, 1906--. 5 vols. (E-I).
Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Deed Records, entry 17; and to Oil and Gas Lease Record, entry 18; showing names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, date and exact time filed for recording, date recorded, volume and page of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Tax Liens

20. LAND ROLLS, 1870--. 35 vols. (dated).
Original copies of land assessment rolls of State and county taxes levied on real estate, 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 districts, valuation of leases, reservations, or other interests owned separately from surface ownership; number of acres of cultivatable lands and valuation excluding buildings and improvements; valuation of buildings and improvements on country lands; number of acres of timbered lands; valuation excluding timber and improvements; number of thousand feet, board measure of timber; valuation of timber; number of acres of uncultivatable lands; valuation excluding buildings and improvements, and timber; total number of acres of country lands taxable; valuation of real estate and of buildings and improvements in cities, towns, and villages; number of acres of school land not taxable; number of acres of U. S. Government lands; number of acres of State land; totals made by tax assessor, by board of supervisors after equalization and is changed by State Tax Commission; tax collector's credit for uncollected assessments; and recapitulation at end of each volume, and certification of clerk, board of supervisors, and State Tax Commission. Since 1934 the rolls have included homestead exemptions, showing numbers and plats of homestead, number of acres of cultivatable and uncultivatable lands, value of land exempted, value of buildings and improvements exempted, and total number of acres of exempt land. Arr. numer. by no. of supervisor's district and numer. thereunder by section, township, and range nos. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form 1870-1922, 24 vols.; typed on ptd. form, 11 vols. 1923--, 17 x 4 x 1; 24 vols. 1870-1922, 17 x 23 x 2; 11 vols. 1923--. Av. 22 pp. 24 vols. 1870-1922, av. 400 pp. 11 vols. 1923--.

21. AMENDED ASSESSMENT ROLL, POTACOCOWA CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT, GRENADA AND CARROLL COUNTIES, 1920, 1923. 2 vols.
Schedules or assessment rolls of benefits, damages, and estimated cost of drainage work for reclaiming wet, swamp, or overflowed lands for agricultural or sanitary purposes in the Potacocowa Creek Drainage District, made and filed with the chancery court by the commissioners of the district, and showing date, name of owner of each tract of land in the district, legal description of land, estimates of account of benefits to be derived by each owner, of amount of

damages to be sustained, of cost of drainage work, assessment of costs to each owner, certification of commissioners. Shown also is the decree of the chancery court confirming the amended appraisements and assessments, the decree constituting the assessment of benefits and the assessment for doing the work a lien on the lands assessed, the same as county and State taxes. Arr. chron. by date appraisements and assessments made. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 140 pp. 18 x 8½ x 1¼. 1 vol. 1920, sh. va.; 1 vol. 1923, ch. clerk's va.

22. ASSESSMENT ROLL, PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION, 1918--. 25 vols. Certified copies of rolls of assessments on real and personal property owned by public service corporations operating in and through Grenada County computed by State Railroad Assessors, equalized and approved by State Tax Commission, and sent to clerk of the board for inclusion in county tax rolls, showing name of corporation, domicile, legal description of taxable property, valuation, assessed value, taxing districts, and certification of State Tax Commission. Arr. chron. by date of assessment. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 75 pp. 16 x 13 x ¼. 11 vols., 1918-20, 1926-33, ch. clerk's va.; 6 vols., 1934-39, sh. va.

Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on Land

23. RECORD OF MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST, 1830-70. 9 vols. (1-9). Transcription of recorded written instruments conveying real estate in the portions of Carroll, Choctaw, Tallahatchie, and Yalobusha County organized as Grenada County in 1870, transcribed from the land conveyance records of the parent counties; including mortgages and deeds of trust, powers of attorney, and satisfactions, releases, and cancellations of mortgages and deeds of trust, and showing names of grantor, beneficiary, trustee, or substituted trustee, legal description of property, consideration, terms and conditions, dates executed and acknowledged, acknowledgment of grantor, date and exact time filed for recording, date recorded, itemization of clerk's fees, and certification of clerk. Also contains: Deed Records, 1830-70, entry 15. Arr. chron. by date and time filed for recording. Indexed in vols. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor, beneficiary and trustee. No separate index 1830-32; for separate indexes 1833--, see entries 25, 41, 42. Hdw. Av. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

24. RECORD OF MORTGAGES, AND DEEDS OF TRUST, 1830-35. 1 vol. (1). Transcript of volume 1 of Record of Mortgages, and Deeds of Trust, entry 7. For description of contents, see entry 23. Typed.

25. INDEX TO DEED RECORDS, 1833-70. 3 vols. (1-3). Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Record of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, entry 23, showing volume and page of record, names of grantor, beneficiary, and trustee, kind of instrument, and date and exact time filed for recording. Arr. alph. by names of grantor and beneficiary and trustee. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. Av. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

26. RECORD OF MORTGAGES AND TRUST DEEDS, 1870--. 69 vols. (46-75, A-Z, AA-MM). Title varies: Record of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, 1870-1906.

Recorded copies of written instruments mortgaging land, including: mortgages, deeds of trust, assignments of mortgages and deeds of trust, satisfactions,

releases, and cancellations of mortgages and deeds of trust, appointments of substituted trustees, and showing names of grantor, beneficiary and trustee, kind of instrument, consideration, terms and conditions, legal description of property, rate of interest, dates executed and acknowledged, acknowledgment of grantor, dates and by whom satisfied, released, cancelled, assigned or foreclosed, date and exact time filed for recording, date recorded, itemization of clerk's fees, and certification of clerk. Also contains: Deed Records 1870-1906, entry 16; and Chattel Deed Records, 1870-73, entry 44. Arr. chron. by date and time filed for recording. Indexed alph. in vols. by first letter of surnames of grantor, beneficiary, and trustee; for separate indexes, see entries 27, 41, 42. Hdw. on ptd. form, 1870-1920; typed and typed on ptd. form, 1921--. Av. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

27. INDEX TO /Record of Mortgages and Trust/DEED/s/RECORDS, 1870--. 4 vols. (A-D).

Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Record of Mortgages and Trust Deeds, entry 26, showing names of grantor, beneficiary, and trustee; kind of instrument, date and exact time filed for recording, date recorded, and volume and page of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor, beneficiary, and trustee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 13.

28. CHANCERY CLERK'S POWER TO CANCEL DEEDS /of Trust/, 1882--. 2 file boxes.

Original authorizations made by mortgagees or beneficiaries of deeds of trust empowering the clerk to make entries of satisfaction or cancellation of deeds of trust, showing venue, date, kind of instrument, name of mortgagee or beneficiary, volume and page of record of deed of trust in Record of Mortgages and Trust Deeds, entry 23, and statement that deed of trust has been paid and authorizing clerk to enter satisfaction. Arr. chron. by date authorization received. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form, 1 file box, 1882-1905; hdw. and typed on ptd. form, 1 file box, 1906, 4⅕ x 4⅕ x 10.

Liens

29. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1894--. 1 vol. Last entry March 10, 1939.

Record and abstract of proceedings in suits filed in the circuit court or in the chancery court seeking to enforce liens, rights, interests, or easements in real estate when claim is not based upon any judgment or decree previously entered or recorded; showing names of complainant or plaintiff 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 recording of lis pendens notice, result of suit, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of filing original notice. Indexed alph. in vol. by first letter of surname of complainant or plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Tax Sales

30. LISTS OF LANDS SOLD FOR TAXES, 1880, 1882, 1885. 1 corrugated box.

Original lists, transmitted by the sheriff as tax collector to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, of land sold to individuals and struck off to the State for taxes, showing date of sale, certification of tax collector, name of person to whom land assessed, legal description of land, date of redemption, amount of county, and State taxes, due, amount of fees, costs, and damages due, and total amount due. No obvious arr. No index.

Clerk of the Chancery Court as Recorder - Real Property (31-34)

Hdw. on ptd. form. 12 x 12 x 18, strm.

31. TRANSCRIPT OF STATE LAND RECORD IN OFFICE OF LAND COMMISSIONER, 1842-1920. Transcribed May 21, 1920 by Thomas J. Brown, Assistant Land Commissioner. 1 vol.
Transcript of all forfeited tax land records pertaining to Grenada County from and prior to its formation in 1870, showing certification of transcriber, name of person to whom land was assessed, date struck off to State, legal description of land, amount of taxes due State, county of origin (Carroll, Choctaw, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha, or Grenada), dates redeemed or patented, name of patentee or of person redeeming land, amount paid, amount of fees, costs, damages, State, and county taxes due. Arr. chron. by date of tax sale. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 18 x 12½ x 1.

32. LAND SOLD TO STATE FOR TAXES, 1875--. 6 vols. (1 vol. unlabelled, 1, 2, 4-6). Title varies: Land Sold for Taxes, 1892-1938, 4 vols.; County Record of State Tax Lands, 1875-90, 1 vol.
Recorded copies of lists of land struck off to the State for delinquent taxes at tax sales, showing certification of sheriff as tax collector, name of person to whom land assessed; names of holders of existing liens, mortgages, and deeds of trust; date struck off to state; legal description of land; amount of taxes due; year for which taxes due; amount of existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust; 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 Record of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, entry 26; date notice issued to owners and to lienholders; final date of redemption; date redeemed or date patent issued; itemized statement of State and county taxes, costs, damages, and fees due. Arr. chron. by date of sale. Indexed in vols. alph. by first letter of surname of person to whom land assessed; for separate index 1938--, see entry 34. Hdw. on ptd. form, 2 vols. 1875-1927; typed on ptd. form, 3 vols. 1928--.

33. LAND SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS FOR TAXES, 1872--. 4 vols. (1, 3, 5, 1 vol. unlabelled). Title varies: Land Book, 1 vol. 1893-1927.
Recorded copies of lists of land sold to individuals for delinquent taxes at tax sales, showing certification of sheriff as tax collector; names of person to whom assessed, 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; amount of existing indebtednesses; date of examination of records by clerk for existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust; volume and page of record of existing liens, mortgages, and deeds of trust in Record of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, entry 26; dates notices issued to owners and to lienholders; purchaser's receipt number; final date for redemption; date redeemed; itemized statement of State and county taxes, costs, damages, and fees due; purchaser's certificate number; date issued, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. 1872-1937; for separate index 1938--, see entry 34. Hdw. on ptd. form, 2 vols. 1872-1927; typed on ptd. form, 2 vols. 1927--. Av. 450 pp. 16 x 18 x 2.

34. [INDEX TO RECORDS OF LAND SOLD FOR TAXES], 1938--. 1 vol.
Clerk's alphabetical index to Land Sold to State for Taxes, entry 32; and Land Sold to Individuals for Taxes, entry 33; showing name of person assessed

with land sold for taxes, and volume and page number. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of person assessed with land sold for taxes. Typed. 250 pp. 9 x 6½ x 1.

35. [NOTICES TO OWNERS OF LAND SOLD FOR TAXES], 1936-38. 1 steel file drawer.

Duplicate copies of notices issued 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, volume, page and line of record in Land Sold to State for Taxes, entry 32; and in Land Sold to Individuals for Taxes, entry 33; date title will become absolute in purchaser unless redemption from 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, date filed, statement of total taxes, costs, damages, and fees due. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of owner. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 11 x 15½ x 27.

36. [NOTICES TO LIENHOLDERS OF LAND SOLD FOR TAXES], 1936-38. 1 steel file drawer.

Duplicate copies of notices sent by registered mail by the clerk to mortgagees, and beneficiaries of mortgages and deeds of trust on land sold for delinquent taxes, showing names of State and county, name of mortgagee or beneficiary, legal description of land, name of person to whom land was assessed, date of sale, name of purchaser, year for which taxes due, volume, page, and line of record in Land Sold to State for Taxes, entry 32; and in Land Sold to Individuals for Taxes, entry 33; date title will become absolute in purchaser unless redemption for sale is made, signature of clerk, dates issued and mailed, statement of total taxes, costs, damages, and fees due. Original registered mail return receipts are clipped to notices. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of lienholder. No index. 11 x 15½ x 27.

Redemption of Land Sold for Taxes

37. CERTIFICATES OF REDEMPTION AND CANCELLATION OF TAX SALES, 1920--. 32 vols.

Duplicate copies of certificates of redemption of land sold to individuals or struck off to the State for delinquent taxes, showing date issued; name of person making redemption; amount of taxes, costs, damages, and fees necessary for redemption; name of person to whom property assessed; date sold for taxes; year for which taxes due; legal description of land; and certification of clerk. Arr. numer. by certificate no. and chron. thereunder by date of redemption. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 850 pp. 12 x 8 x 4.

38. MONTHLY REPORT OF REDEMPTION OF LAND SOLD TO STATE FOR TAXES, 1932--. 1 file box.

Carbon copies of reports sent by the clerk as recorder to the State Auditor of Public Accounts and to the county tax collector of the redemption and release of lands sold to individuals or struck off to the State for taxes, showing names of owner, purchaser, and redeemer; date sold; legal description of land; purchase price; date redeemed; amount paid for redemption; redemption certificate number; itemized statement of total State and county taxes, costs, damages, and fees due; and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4½ x 4½ x 10.

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Land Titles

39. TRACT BOOK, 1833--. 1 vol. Last entry 1901.
Copies of original land patents issued by United States Land Office, showing legal description of tract, section, township and range, contents, rate per acre, purchase price, name of purchaser, register's return, date of sale or patent, receipt number, certificate number of purchaser, name of patentee, date of patent, and volume and page of record. Arr. numer. by township and range nos. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 220 pp. 13 x 20 x 1½.

40. FIELD NOTES, 1830. 2 vols.
Transcription of the original field notes of the United States Survey East of the Basis Meridian of the Choctaw Indian Cession of 1830 as pertaining to the townships now comprising Grenada County, showing dates of surveys, description of township and interior section lines by number of chains and links, designations and description of bearings, witness trees, monuments, creeks, and rivers; physical description of land and standing timber; signatures of surveyors, deputy surveyors, and chain bearers; and certification and approval of Surveyor of Public Lands. Arr. numer. by township nos. and chron. thereunder by date of entry. Hdw. on ruled form. One vol. 336 pp. 7 x 12 x 2; one vol. 150 pp. 8½ x 6½ x 1½.

41. SECTIONAL INDEX, 1834--. 5 vols.
Index by land numbers to Deed Records, entry 17; Oil and Gas Lease Record, entry 18; Record of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, entry 23; and Record of Mortgages and Trust Deeds, entry 26; showing section number, division of section, township and range numbers, volume and page of record, names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, consideration, dates executed, filed, and recorded; and legal description of land. Arr. numer. by section, township, and range nos. and chron. thereunder by date instrument filed for recording. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 800 pp. 15 x 18 x 3.

42. SECTIONAL INDEX, 1834--. Transcribed in 1938. 2 vols. Title varies: Sectional Index, City of Grenada, 1840--, 1 vol.
Transcript of Sectional Index, entry 41. For description, see entry 41. Also contains: /Plats of City of Grenada/, entry 58. Typed on ptd. form.

Personal Property

Tax Liens, Deeds, Mortgages, and Deeds of Trust

43. PERSONAL ROLL, 1870-1939. 70 vols. (dated).
Original assessment rolls of personal property, polls, and of commutation road tax to 1931; showing designations of city or town, election precinct and supervisor's district; year for which taxes due; number and year of tax receipt; name, race, and post office address of person liable for taxation; amount of poll taxes due; amount of commutation road tax due; receipt number; total valuation of all personal property; names of school and road taxing districts and amount of assessment for each; enumeration of all kinds and classes of personal property and assessed valuation; totals made by tax assessor, by board of supervisors after equalization, and as changed by order of the State Tax Commission; and recapitulation at end of each volume, and certification of clerk. Arr. by name of election district and by name of

municipality and alph. thereunder by name of person liable to taxation. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form, 50 vols. 1870-1919; typed on ptd. form, 20 vols. 1920-39. Av. 140 pp. 17 x 14 x ½, 44 vols. 1870-1919; av. 350 pp. 18 x 23 x 2½, 26 vols. 1920-39, 49 vols. 1870-1909, 1914, 1929-36, strm,, 21 vols. 1910-13, 1915-28, 1937-39, ch. clerk's va.

44. CHATTEL DEED RECORDS, 1873--. 63 vols. (E-Z, AA-JJ, 37-68).
1870-72 in Record of Mortgages and Trust Deeds, entry 26.
Recorded copies of written instruments conveying personal property, including deeds, bills of sale, leases, mortgages, deeds of trust, gifts, legacies and satisfactions, cancellations, releases, foreclosures, and powers of attorney; and showing names of grantor, grantee, beneficiary, trustee, and other parties in interest; description of property, statement of conditions, rate of interest, consideration or amount of indebtedness, duration of loan, acknowledgments of parties to instruments, dates and by whom satisfied, cancelled, released or foreclosed; date and exact time filed for recording and recorded; itemization of recording fees; and certification of clerk. Also contains: Corporation Record, 1873-92, entry 50. Arr. chron. by date and time filed for recording. Indexed in vols. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee; for separate index, see entry 45. Hdw. on ptd. form, 58 vols. 1873-1933; typed on ptd. form, 5 vols. 1934--. Av. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 36 vols. E-Z, AA-JJ, 37-41, 1873-1920, strm.; 27 vols. 42-68, 1920--, ch. clerk's va.

45. INDEX TO CHATTEL DEED RECORD, 1870--. 7 vols. (A-G).
Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Chattel Deed Records, entry 44; showing names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, date filed for recording, date recorded, and volume and page of record. Arr. alph by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 575 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Miscellaneous Permanent Records

Officers Bonds

46. OFFICIAL BONDS, 1928--. 1 file box; 1 file drawer.
Original bonds and oaths of office executed by county officers elected or appointed and approved by the president of the board of supervisors and the chancery clerk, showing name of officer, 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 47; certification of clerk, signatures of principals and sureties, approval and signatures of president of the board of supervisors and chancery clerk, transcript of oath of office, signature and acknowledgment of officer. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. File box 4⅓ x 4⅓ x 10; file drawer 1⅓ x 6 x 12.

47. RECORD OF OFFICIAL BONDS, 1870--. 3 vols. (A-C). Title varies: Officers Bonds, 1870-1920, 2 vols.
Recorded copies of official bonds and oaths of office executed by all county officers elected or appointed, showing name of office, name of officer, names of sureties or bonding company, amount and conditions of bond, term of office, dates executed, delivered, filed for recording, and recorded; certification of clerk; names of principals and sureties; approval and signatures of president of board and chancery clerk; transcript of office, name and acknowledgment

of officer. Arr. chron. by date and time filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of officer. Hdw. vol. A, 1870-96; hdw. on ptd. form, vol. B, 1896-1920; typed on ptd. form, vol. C, 1921--. Av. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Rafting Record

48. RAFTING RECORD, 1881. 1 vol.
Record of statements of intention to cut and raft timber, showing name of affiant, description of land from which timber is to be cut and rafted; citation of authority to cut and raft timber, signature of affiant, date of recording, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date recorded. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of affiant. Hdw. on ruled form. 16 x 10⅓ x ⅓.

Corporations (See also entries 22, 164, 167)

49. CORPORATION RECORD, 1893--. 2 vols. (1, 2). 1873-92 in Chattel Deed Records, entry 44.
Recorded copies of charters 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 acknowledgments of incorporators, endorsements and signatures of Secretary of State and of Governor, 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 title of corporation. Hdw. on ptd. form. Vol. 1, 1893-1934; typed, vol. 2, 1934--. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2, and 18 x 12 x 2.
For publications, see entries 79-x, 80.

Marks and Brands

50. RECORD OF MARKS AND BRANDS, 1883--. 1 vol. Last entry 1938.
Record of marks and brands of livestock filed and recorded, showing name of owner, kind of livestock, description of earmark or brand, oath of applicant, name of official administering oath, dates of application and oath, 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 alph. by first letter of surname of owner. Hdw. on ptd. form. 210 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

Homestead Declarations

51. HOMESTEAD RECORD, 1903--. 1 vol. (1). Last entry 1939.
Recorded copies of declarations that property designated and described is occupied as homestead by declarant and as such is exempted from seizure or sale under execution or attachment for debt, showing name of declarant, legal description of land, division of section, township, range, number acres, plat of homestead, signature of declarant, acknowledgment of clerk, date filed and recorded by clerk. Arr. chron. by date of declaration. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of declarant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 420 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

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Military Discharges

52. SOLDIER AND SAILOR DISCHARGES, 1931--. 1 vol.
Recorded copies of official honorable discharges from the United States army, navy, and marine corps of soldiers, sailors, and marines 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 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 for recording and recorded, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of veteran. Hdw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Maps and Plats(See also entries 2, 20, 51, 146, 148, 152-154, 220, 221, 238).

53. /PLAT BOOK, GRENADA COUNTY/, approx. 1870. 17 loose plats.
Township maps of Grenada County, showing section, range, rivers, creeks, county boundaries, towns, villages, and rail roads. Arr. numer. by township nos. No index. Drawn by E. B. Comfort, land agent, Jackson, Mississippi. Scale varies. 16 x 15 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Plats 15 x 14.

54. TOWN PLATS, GRENADA COUNTY, 1901--. 1 vol. (1). 19 loose plats.
Plats of towns in Grenada County, including Grenada, South Grenada, Holcomb, Elliot, and Greyport, showing section, township, range, block and lots, beats, streets, alleys, subdivisions, schools, railroads, highways, and bridges. Each map shows certification of civil engineer, date recorded and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date drawn. Indexed alph. by name of town. Hand drawn by civil engineers. Black and white. Scale varies. 54 pp. 20 x 30 x 2; plats 18 x 28.

55. MAP OF TOWN OF GRENADA, 1905. 2 maps.
Plat of the town of Grenada, showing corporation lines, streets, alleys, lots, blocks, subdivisions, original boundary lines of the towns of Tulahoma and Pittsburg; and giving legal description of original towns of Tulahoma and Pittsburg, and legal description of corporation of Grenada. Drawn by J. T. Ferguson, C. E. Blue print. One plat in poor condition. 28 x 32. Ch. clerk's off. and under glass cover of desk of ch. clerk.

56. MAP OF GRENADA COUNTY, 1930. 1 map.
Political and physical map of Grenada County, showing township, range, section, beat lines, school districts, creeks, rivers, towns, drainage districts, paved, gravel, and unimproved roads and railroads. Drawn by W. E. Johnson, Grenada, Miss. 1" equals $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. 36 x 72.

57. MAP OF MISSISSIPPI, 1936. 1 map.
Political and communications map of Mississippi, showing State and county boundaries, unimproved, sand, clay, or graded, hard-surfaced, and county roads, railroads, rivers, creeks, county seats, cities, villages, and towns, official plat of a township sectionized and numbered, official plan of numbering townships from meridians and base lines N. E. and S. W., and diagram showing a section and subdivision of a section, with explanation of the United States Land Survey System as applied to Mississippi. Published by Southern Survey Co., Oklahoma City, Okla. Colored. 1$\frac{1}{2}$" equals 10 mi. 36 x 48.

58. /PLATS OF CITY OF GRENADA/, 1938. 12 plats. In Sectional Index, entry 42.
Plats of the city of Grenada, showing corporation lines, streets, alleys, lots, blocks, subdivisions, name of streets and subdivisions, block numbers, and boundaries of supervisors' district. Black and white. Scale varies. Size varies; 8 x 10 x 14 x 18.

59. FEE BOOK, 1917--. 3 vols. (1 vol. unlabelled; 2, 3).
Record of instruments recorded and of fees received for recording instruments, showing office number given instrument, names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, dates filed and recorded, volume and page of record, total fees collected, and disposition of instrument. Arr. chron. by date and time filed for recording. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

III. CHANCERY COURT

The Constitution of 1869 directed the legislature to divide the State into convenient chancery court districts, and stipulated that court should be held in each county at least four times each year.[1] Grenada County was assigned to the eleventh chancery district by the act of June 11, 1870 which also provided that court should be held the first Monday in March, June, September, and December of each year for 12 days.[2] The first session was held Monday, September 12, 1870,[3] and the court has functioned continuously in the county since that time. In 1880 the county was attached to the third district in which it has since remained.[4] The Constitution of 1890, in providing for the establishment of chancery courts, requires that sessions be held at least twice in each year.[5] At present court convenes on the third Monday in April for six days, and on the third Monday in October for six days.[6]

The presiding officer of the chancery court is the chancellor of the district.[7] County officers attached to the court are the clerk,[8] and the sheriff

1. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 16.
2. L. M., 1870, p. 109. This district was composed of Grenada, Carroll, Choctaw, and Calhoun Counties (Code, 1871, sec. 895).
3. Minutes of Chancery Court, 1870--, in county archives of Grenada County, Grenada, Miss., vol. A, p. 1; see entry 76.
4. L. M., 1880, p. 126; Code, 1880, sec. 1793; Code, 1892, sec. 443; Code, 1906, sec. 490; Code, 1917, sec. 241; Code, 1930, sec. 318. In 1880 this district was composed of Grenada, Calhoun, DeSoto, Panola, Tallahatchie, and Tunica Counties. At present it is composed of Grenada, Panola, Tate, Tippah, DeSoto, Benton, Yalobusha, Marshall, Calhoun, LaFayette, and Montgomery Counties.
5. Const., 1890, sec. 153; Code, 1892, sec. 448; Code, 1906, sec. 496; Code, 1917, sec. 249; Code, 1930, sec. 318.
6. Code, 1930, sec. 318; L. M., 1938, p. LVI.
7. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 17; Code, 1871, sec. 978; Code, 1880, sec. 1803; Const., 1890, sec. 153; Code, 1892, sec. 456; Code, 1906, sec. 515; Code, 1917, sec. 261; Code, 1930, sec. 319.
8. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 19; L. M., 1870, p. 125; Code, 1871, sec. 357; Code, 1880, sec. 118; Const., 1890, sec. 168; Code, 1892, sec. 3633; Code, 1906, sec. 4140; Code, 1917, sec. 6774; Code, 1930, sec. 6210.

who is its executive officer.[9] The chancellor may appoint masters in chancery,[10] special commissioners,[11] receivers,[12] and since 1916, a court stenographer in the district,[13] and a court probation officer, who may be the county superintendent of education.[14]

Until 1912 the chancellor was appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the senate for a four-year term.[15] By an amendment to the constitution, proposed by the legislature in 1912, approved by popular vote in 1913, and made a part of the constitution in 1914, provision was made for the election of chancellor by the qualified voters of the district, the term of office remaining the same.[16]

The constitutional office of clerk of the chancery court was established in Grenada County by the creating act of May 9, 1870.[17] The office was filled by appointment by the Governor[18] until the general elections of 1871 at which time a clerk was regularly elected and sworn into office in January 1872,[19] and the office has functioned continuously since that time. The clerk is elected for a four-year term by the qualified voters of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county district officers.[20]

The office of court stenographer, filled by appointment by the chancellor, has functioned in the district and in the chancery court of Grenada County since 1916, the stenographer serving a four-year term unless removed by the chancellor.[21]

The office of county probation officer was established in Grenada County

9. Code, 1871, sec. 1277; Code, 1880, sec. 2278; Code, 1892, sec. 4116; Code, 1906, sec. 4668; Code, 1930, sec. 3315.
10. Code, 1871, sec. 1057; Code, 1880, sec. 1927; Code, 1892, sec. 585; Code, 1906, sec. 635; Code, 1917, sec. 395; Code, 1930, sec. 445.
11. Code, 1871, sec. 1058; Code, 1880, sec. 1928; Code, 1892, sec. 585; Code, 1906, sec. 636; Code, 1917, sec. 396; Code, 1930, sec. 451.
12. Code, 1871, secs. 1052-1055; Code, 1880, secs. 1921, 1924; Code, 1892, secs. 574, 576-577; Code, 1906, secs. 627, 632; Code, 1917, secs. 387, 392; Code, 1930, secs. 435, 411.
13. L. M., 1916, pp. 227-228; Code, 1917, sec. 3138; Code, 1930, sec. 709.
14. L. M., 1916, p. 155; Code, 1917, sec. 4982; Code, 1930, sec. 7263.
15. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 17; Code, 1871, sec. 976; Code, 1880, sec. 1803; Const., 1890, sec. 153; Code, 1892, sec. 456; Code, 1906, sec. 505.
16. L. M., 1912, pp. 449-450; ibid., 1914, p. 194; 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 four years concurrently with the election of representatives in Congress, that is, in 1914 and every four years thereafter, (Const., 1890, sec. 153; Code, 1917, sec. 6837; Code, 1930, sec. 6281).
17. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 19; L. M., 1870, p. 125; Const., 1890, sec. 168.
18. L. M., 1870, p. 125.
19. Minutes, vol. A. pp. 69-70; see entry 1; "Official Bonds," vol. A. pp. 37-38; see entry 47.
20. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 19; Code, 1871, sec. 359; Code, 1880, sec. 118; Const., 1890, sec. 168; Code, 1892, sec. 3633; Code, 1906, sec. 4140; Code, 1917, sec. 6774; Code, 1930, sec. 6210.
21. L. M., 1916, p. 228; Code, 1917, secs. 3140, 3149; Code, 1930, secs. 711, 714.

July 27, 1916 by order of the court appointing the superintendent of education to the place.[22] The office has functioned continuously since that time with the superintendent being appointed to discharge its duties. No definite term of office is prescribed but the superintendent serves concurrently with his own term of office.[23]

For the general structural and functional development of the chancery court 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 92-107.

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

Original Case Papers

Chancery and Probate

60. /CASE RECORDS/, 1870--. 171 steel file boxes. (labelled by incl. case nos., 1-5344).
Original pleadings filed with all causes filed and tried and in which final decree or order has been rendered and judgment ordered and the case closed; original pleadings filed with all causes filed and tried and in which final decree or order has not been rendered and causes are still pending hearing; and original pleadings filed with causes filed and pending original hearing; including bills of complaint, petitions, bills of particulars, pleas, answers, affidavits, motions, demurrers, exceptions, lis pendens notices, writs rulings, orders, decrees, claims against estates; inventories and appraisements of estates; administrators', executors', and guardians' accountings; and attorneys' temporary receipts for papers withdrawn; showing time of filing, docket number, in General Docket Chancery Court, entry 62; names of litigants, decedents, estates, claimants, appraisers, administrators, executors, guardians, other parties in interest, and solicitors; cause of action, proof of service or publication of process issued, interlocutory and final orders and decrees of the court, dates rendered, amount of judgment ordered, date ordered, statements of costs and fees, and volume and page of record in Minutes of Chancery Court, entry 76. Arr. numer. by docket no. in General Docket Chancery Court, entry 62; and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on ptd. form, 28 file boxes, 1870-1910; typed, and typed on ptd. form, 143 file boxes, 1910--. 10½ x 4½ x 14.
For proofs of publication, see entries 79-i, 80.

Receipts for Case Papers

61. ATTORNEYS RECEIPT BOOK, 1870-1923. 1 vol. (1). Discontinued in favor of temporary receipts inserted in /Case Records/, entry 60.
Clerk's record of case papers taken from files by attorneys and solicitors, showing docket number in General Docket Chancery Court, entry 62; names of litigants, number and list of titles of case papers, signature of attorney or solicitor withdrawing papers, date withdrawn, and date returned. Arr. chron. by date withdrawn. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 2½.

22. Minutes of Chancery Court, vol. F, p. 162, see entry 76.
23. L. M., 1916, p. 155; Code, 1917, sec. 4982; Code, 1930, sec. 7263.

Dockets, Calendars, and Registers

Chancery and Probate(See also entry 29)

62. GENERAL DOCKET CHANCERY COURT, 1870--. 8 vols. (A-H).
Record and abstract of all papers and pleadings filed and of all important acts done in the conduct of each case in the chancery court, showing docket number; names of litigants, decedents, estates, other parties in interest, and attorneys; cause of action, title of each pleadings filed; date filed; dates and proof of service or publication of process issued; dates and terms of hearings; interlocutory and final rulings, orders, and decrees of the court; dates rendered; amount of judgment ordered; date ordered; statements of costs and fees; and volume and page of record in Minutes of Chancery Court, entry 76; or in Final Record, entry 66. Arr. numer. by docket no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of complainant and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 440 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

For original pleadings filed, see entry 60; for record of process issued and received by sheriff for service, see entries 138, 140-142; for proofs of publication, see entries 79-i, 80.

63. ISSUE DOCKET, 1870--. 2 vols. (A, B).
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 General Docket Chancery Court, entry 62, and showing docket number, names of litigants, cause of action, term set for hearing, remarks, names of attorneys, and disposition of each cause. Arr. numer. by docket no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 320 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

64. MOTION DOCKET, 1870--. 3 vols. (A-C).
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 63, and matters brought before the clerk in vacation; showing docket number, names of litigants, decedents, estates, other parties in interest, and solicitors, title of each pleading filed, date filed, and disposition of each motion or special pleading. Arr. chron. by date of hearing and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

For original motions and pleas filed, see entry 60.

65. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1882-1901. 1 vol.
Record of executions of judgments rendered, showing venue, date and term of court, names of complainant and defendant, date judgment rendered, amount of judgment, date of issuance of process, names of attorneys for plaintiff, date of sheriff's return, itemization of fees, amount of money made in executions, and signature of sheriff. Arr. chron. by date of issuance of process. No index. 350 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

For sheriff's record of executions, see entries 140, 142.

66. FINAL RECORD, 1870--. 1 vol. (A). Last entry 1936.
Recorded copies of the pleadings, proofs, exhibits, and proceedings or such parts of the pleadings, proofs, exhibits, and proceedings directed to be entered by the court, of suits involving real estate filed and tried in the chancery court, showing docket number in General Chancery Docket, entry 62,

names of litigants, decedents, estates, other parties in interest, solicitors, and witnesses, cause of action, title of each pleading filed, date filed, dates and proofs of service or publication of all process issued, 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, statement of costs and fees, and volume and page of record in Minutes of Chancery Court, entry 76. Arr. chron. by date of entry in record and chron. thereunder by date of term of disposition. No index. Hdw., 1870-1904, 1918-36; typed, 1904-1917. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2½.

For similar final records, see entries 104, 124.

Probate(See also entries 62-66)

67. RECORD OF WILLS, 1870--. 3 vols. (A-C).

Recorded copies of wills and last testaments filed for probate, showing date instruments executed; kind of instrument; names of testators, heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries, executors, trustees, and witnesses; place of execution; terms and conditions of instrument; names of testators and witnesses; date and exact time filed for recording; date recorded; and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording and probate. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of testator. Hdw., vol. A, 1870-1900; hdw. and typed, vol. B, 1900-1929; typed, vol. C, 1929--. 240 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

For record of proceedings in the probate of wills, see entries 76-78.

68. ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS, AND GUARDIANS LETTERS, 1870--. 4 vols. (2 vols. unlabelled; B, C).

Recorded copies of letters testamentary, of administration, and of guardianship issued by the court; showing venue; jurisdiction; names of decedents, executors, administrators, guardians, and wards; statements of authority granted; signature of chancellor issuing letters; attestation of clerk; exact time filed for recording; date recorded; and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of administrator and estate, of guardians and wards, and of executors and estates. Hdw., first and second vols. and vol. B, 1870-1924; typed on ptd. form, vol. C, 1925--. 350 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

For record of granting of letters see entries, 76-78.

69. REGISTER OF BONDS AND SURETIES, 1870--. 2 vols.

Recorded copies of cost, appeal, appearance, and execution bonds, and of bonds executed by administrators, executors, and guardians and record of sureties on bonds of administrators, executors, and guardians of estates of decedents, minors, and persons of unsound mind.

i. Recorded copies of bonds show date bond executed, names of principals, names of sureties, amount of bond, statement of conditions, acknowledgments of sureties, approval of bond by clerk and date of approval.

ii. Record of sureties on bonds show names of principal and sureties, docket number of case, names of litigants, decedents, estates, minors, persons non compos mentis, or other parties in interest, date of discharge of bond, date and amount of bond, kind of bond, and remarks.

Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 440 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

For record of approval of bond by court, see entries 76-78.

70. INVENTORY OF ESTATES AND APPRAISEMENTS, 1870--. 3 vols. (1 vol. unlabelled; A, B).
Recorded copies of appraisals and inventories of personalty of estates made by appraisers appointed by the court; showing date; name of decedent; docket number of case in General Docket Chancery Court, entry 62; 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; attestations of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of decedent. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 636 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.
For original inventories filed, see entry 60.

71. REGISTER OF CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATES, 1870--. 3 vols. (A-C). Title varies: Registration Docket, 2 vols., 1870-1922.
Register of claims filed against estates, showing name of decedent, minor, or date filed; person non compos mentis; nature and amount of claim; name of claimant; credits; debits; and balances. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording and chron. thereunder by date claim filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of decedent, minor, or person non compos mentis. Hdw. on ptd. form. 325 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.
For original claims filed, see entry 60.

72. ABSTRACT OF ESTATES, 1892-1902. 1 vol. (1).
Abstract record of the proceedings in matters testamentary and of administration, showing name of decedent, minor, or person of unsound mind; docket number in General Docket Chancery Court, entry 62; name of administrator, executor, or guardian appointed; dates letters granted; amount of bond furnished; names of sureties on bonds; dates and amounts of inventories and appraisements of estates; dates administrators, executors, or guardians relieved from accounting and discharged; amount of commissions allowed administrators, guardians, and executors; amount of fees allowed attorneys; nature of investments made, rate of interest payable on investments; and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of entry of case on General Docket Chancery Court, entry 62. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 19½ x 12½ x 2.

73. ANNUAL AND FINAL ACCOUNTS ADMINISTRATORS EXECUTORS GUARDIANS, 1871--. 3 vols. (1 vol. unlabelled; B, C).
Recorded copies of the annual and final accountings of the administrators and executors of estates, showing date of accounting, name of decedent, minor, or person of unsound mind, docket number in General Docket Chancery Court, entry 62; itemizations of receipts and disbursements; balances; oath of administration or executor, date filed and recorded, and certification of clerk. Also contains: Guardians Accounts, 1871-1925, entry 74. Arr. chron. by date accounting filed for recording. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 240 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.
For original accountings see entry 60; for proceedings relative to accountings, see entries 76-78.

74. GUARDIANS ACCOUNTS, 1926--. 1 vol. (2). 1871-1925 in Annual and Final Accounts of Administrators Executors Guardians, entry 73.
Recorded copies of the annual and final accountings of guardians of minors

and of persons of unsound mind, showing date of accounting, name of minor or person of unsound mind for whom guardian was appointed; docket number in General Docket Chancery Court, entry 62; itemization of receipts and disbursements; balances, oath of guardian; date filed and recorded; and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date accounting filed for recording. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

For original accountings, see entry 60; for proceedings relative to accountings, see entries 76-78.

Witnesses

75. WITNESSES CERTIFICATES, 1886--. 3 vols. (labelled by incl. certif. nos.).

Stub record of pay certificates issued to witnesses appearing in court, showing names of litigants; docket number of case in General Docket Chancery Court, entry 62; certificate number; date and term of court; name of party for whom witness appeared; name of payee; number of days of service; mileage; total amount of fees allowed; signature of payee acknowledging receipt of certificate; and signature of clerk. Arr. numer. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. 1 vol., 1886, courtrm.; 2 vols., 1887--, ch. clerk's va.

For allowance of witness fees, see entry 76.

Proceedings

76. MINUTES OF CHANCERY COURT, 1870--. 9 vols. (A-I).

Record of the proceedings of chancery court at term time and in vacation, showing date of term of court, name of county, date of term, name of presiding chancellor, docket number in General Docket Chancery Court, entry 62, 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 non compos mentis; interlocutory and final rulings, decrees, and orders of the court; dates of rendition, final disposition of each cause; allowances of clerks', witnesses', and sheriffs' fees; adjourning orders; and signature of presiding chancellor. Also contains: Clerks Minute Book in Vacation, 1888--, entry 77; and Rule Docket, 1870-71, 1876--, entry 78. Arr. chron. by date of term of court and chron. thereunder by date of session. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg., vols. A-E, 1870-1914; hdw. and typed, under ptd. hdg., vol. F, 1915-23; typed under ptd. hdg., vols. G-I, 1924--. Av. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

77. CLERKS MINUTE BOOK IN VACATION, 1870-87. 1 vol. (A). 1888--, in Minutes of Chancery Court, entry 76.

Record of all acts, judgments, orders, or decrees made by the clerk in vacation, showing date of hearing, names of complainants, defendants, petitioners, and other parties in interest including administrators, executors, and guardians of estates of decedents, minors, and persons non compos mentis; approval of cost, appearance, appeal, and execution bonds; 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 or granting of letters testamentary or of administration or granting of such letters anew; entering decrees nisi; the making of all other orders to show cause returnable; adjourning orders; signature of clerk; and approval and signature of chancellor. Arr. chron. by date of hearing. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 525 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

78. RULE DOCKET, 1872-75. 1 vol. 1870-71, 1876--, in Minutes of Chancery Court, entry 76.

Record of all acts, judgments, orders, or decrees made by the clerk at monthly rules, showing date of hearing, names of attorneys for complaints, defendants, petitioners, and other parties in interest; names of complainants, defendants, petitioners, and other parties in interest; date case filed, kind of process issued, sheriff's return on process; orders and proceedings, approval of cost, appearance, appeal and execution bonds; and disposition of each cause, signature of chancellor. Arr. chron. by date of hearing. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of complainant, defendant, petitioner and other parties in interest. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

Legal Publications

79. GRENADA SENTINEL /Legal Publications/, 1870--. 39 vols.

Copies of weekly newspaper published at Grenada, county seat of Grenada County, containing the legal publications of the chancery court, the board of supervisors, the circuit court, the sheriff as tax collector, the clerk of the circuit court as registrar, the county board of election commissioners, the county school board, the pension board of inquiry, and the coroner as ranger. Included also are publications of charters of incorporation and notices of trustees' sales of land under foreclosure of deeds of trust.

i. Legal publications of the chancery court include: citation to non-resident or unknown heirs, to non-resident or unknown defendants, to non-resident or unknown appellees, to non-resident or unknown witnesses naming place and time when and where 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.

ii. Legal publications of the board of supervisors include: 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

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by the State Tax Commission; advertisements for competitive bids from banks to act as county depositories; advertisements for competitive bids to furnish trucks, 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.

iii. Legal publications of the circuit court include: summonses to non-resident or unknown defendants and appellees, and to non-resident or unknown witnesses, naming time and place where and when a commission will take testimony, to parties distraining, and notices of attachment proceedings.

iv. Legal publications of the sheriff as tax collector include: advertisements of land to be sold for delinquent taxes listed in numerical order as contained in Land Roll, entry 20, 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.

v. Legal publications of the clerk of the circuit court as registrar include: notices of the dates of the registration of voters in each voting precinct in the county.

vi. Legal publications of the county board of election commissioners include: 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. Legal publications of the pension board of inquiry include lists of persons granted Confederate pensions.

viii. Legal publications of county school board include 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.

ix. Legal publications of the coroner as ranger include descriptions of estrays taken up when the appraised value of an estray exceeds $20.

x. Publications of charters of incorporation; for description, see entry 49.

xi. Notices of trustees' sales of land under foreclosure of deeds of trust show date of execution of deeds of trust, names of grantor, trustee, and beneficiary, volume and page of record in Record of Mortgages and Trust Deeds, entry 26; 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.

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. 630 pp. 27 x 18 x 12.

For duplicates of publications of chancery court, see entry 60; for record of publications ordered, see entries 62, 76; for original orders of the

board of supervisors authorizing its legal publications, see entry 1; for duplicates of publications of circuit court, see entry 85; for record of publications ordered in circuit court, see entries 87, 93, 113; for record of land sold for taxes, see entries 20, 31-34; for original orders of the county school board authorizing its publications, see entry 220; for original orders of the pension board of inquiry granting pensions and authorizing its publications, see entry 236.

80. GRENADA NEWS /Legal Publications/, 1936--. 3 vols.
Bound copies of newspaper published at Grenada, county seat of Grenada County, daily except Sunday, containing the legal publications of the chancery court, the board of supervisors, the circuit court, the sheriff as tax collector, the clerk of the circuit court as registrar, the county board of election commissioners, the county school board, the pension board of inquiry, and the coroner as ranger. Included also are publications of charters of incorporation and notices of trustees' sales of land under foreclosure of deeds of trust. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, nature of recording, dimensions, and cross references, see entry 59. Av. 1250 pp.

Naturalization

81. PETITION AND RECORD, NATURALIZATION SERVICE, 1908-29. 1 vol.
Discontinued because Congressional Act of 1929 gave Federal courts exclusive jurisdiction in matters of naturalization.

Original records, including:

i. Declarations of intention, showing name of court, name, age, occupation, and personal description of declarant; place of residence in United States; date emigrated to United States; place from which emigrated; name of vessel on which emigrating; place of last foreign residence; statement of intention of renunciation of foreign allegience; date and port of arrival; statement of intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, and residing permanently in the United States; signature of declarant; and signature of clerk of the court as attestor.

ii. Petitions, showing name of court; name, residence, occupation, and date and place of birth of petitioner; date of emigration to United States; date and place of arrival, and name of vessel arriving on; date of filing of declaration of intention and name of court in which filed; martial status and name and residence of wife, if married, and number and residence of children, if any; statement of intention of becoming a citizen of the United States and renunciation of foreign allegiance; statement of ability to speak the English language; statement of petitioner that he has lived in the United States for five years preceding the date of filing of the petition, and in Mississippi for one year; statement of petitioner that he has not made a previous application or that he has and the petition was denied and that cause of denial has been removed; signature of petitioner; and signature of the clerk of the circuit court as attestor. Included also are affidavits of witnesses to the petition testifying as to the truth of the petitioner's statement and to his character, and order of court admitting petitioner to citizenship or denying petition.

iii. Certificates of naturalization, showing certificate number, name and age of holder of certificate, volume and page of record of

declaration of intention, volume and page of record of filing of petition for naturalization, name, age, and place of residence of wife; names, ages, and places of residence of minor children, date and volume and page of record of order admitting petitioner to citizenship, and signature of holder of certificate.
Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

For recorded copies of certificates of naturalization, see entry 114.

Miscellaneous

82. PROTEST RECORD, 1871--. 1 vol. Last entry 1915.
Record of bills of exchange and promissory notes protested for non-payment by the clerk of the chancery court as ex-officio notary public, showing clerk's statement that demand for payment was made, that defendant failed to comply with the demand; date, place, and of whom demanded; clerk's statement and certification that protest was made and that notice of protest was mailed; date of mailing; name and address of person to whom protest was directed; copies of bills of exchange or promissory notes protested; statement of fees; date filed, date recorded; and signature of clerk as ex-officio notary public. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of person having protest made. Arr. chron. by date filed for protest. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2½.

83. [CORRESPONDENCE], 1930--. 4 file boxes.
Original letters, telegrams, circulars, and memoranda received by the clerk and duplicate copies of letters and telegrams sent by the clerk in reply, pertaining to matters of the chancery court and board of supervisors, and showing dates of communications, names of addressor and addressees, contents, and signatures or addressors and addressees. Arr. chron. by dates received and sent. No index. Hdw., hdw. on ptd. form, typed, printed, and mimeographed. 4½ x 4½ x 10.

IV. CIRCUIT COURT

The Constitution of 1869 directed the legislature to divide the State into convenient circuit court districts and stipulated that the court should be held in each county at least twice each year.[1] Grenada County was assigned to the thirteenth district by the act of June 11, 1870 which also provided that court should be held on the second Monday of May, September, October, and January of each year to continue for 12 days.[2] The first session was held Monday, September 12, 1870,[3] and the court has functioned continuously in the county since that time. In 1873 Grenada County was attached to the tenth circuit

1. Const., 1869, art. VI, secs. 13-15. The Constitution of 1890 continues this provision, (Const., 1890, secs. 152, 158).
2. L. M., 1870, p. 109; Code, 1871, sec. 448. This district was composed of Grenada, Lafayette, Yalobusha, Carroll, and Attala Counties.
3. Minutes Circuit Court, in county archives of Grenada County, Grenada, Miss., vol. A, p. 6; see entry 113.

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court district,[4] in 1880 to the third district,[5] and in 1892 to the fifth district in which it has since remained.[6]

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

Until 1912 the judge of the circuit court was appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the senate.[15] By an amendment to the constitution, proposed by the legislature in 1912, approved by popular vote in 1913, and made a part of the constitution in 1914, the office was made elective by the qualified voters of the district.[16] Until 1890 the judge served a six-

4. L. M., 1870, p. 20.
5. Ibid., 1880, p. 126; Code, 1880, secs. 1455, 1790.
6. Code, 1892, sec. 614; Code, 1906, sec. 664; L. M., 1910, p. 83; Code, 1917, sec. 431; Code, 1930, sec. 473. The district is composed of Grenada, Winston, Choctaw, Attala, Montgomery, Carroll, and Webster Counties.
7. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 11; Code, 1871, sec. 526; Code, 1880, sec. 1483; Const., 1890, sec. 153; Code, 1892, sec. 631; Code, 1906, sec. 689; Code, 1917, sec. 467; Code, 1930, sec. 476.
8. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 19; Code, 1871, sec. 547; Code, 1880, sec. 1484; Const., 1890, sec. 168; Code, 1892, sec. 633; Code, 1906, sec. 690; Code, 1917, sec. 469; Code, 1930, sec. 498.
9. Code, 1871, sec. 876; Code, 1880, sec. 2278; Code, 1892, sec. 4116; Code, 1906, sec. 4668; Code, 1917, sec. 3085; Code, 1930, sec. 3315.
10. Code, 1917, secs. 696-697; Code, 1930, secs. 4225-4226.
11. L. M., 1890, pp. 254-256; Code, 1892, sec. 4235; Code, 1906, sec. 4785; Code, 1917, sec. 3139; Code, 1930, sec. 709.
12. See "Grand Jury," pp. 93-94.
13. Const., 1869, art. I, secs. 7, 12, 13; Const., 1890, secs. 14, 31.
14. Code, 1871, sec. 214; Code, 1880, sec. 256; Code, 1892, sec. 1555; Code, 1906, sec. 1661; Code, 1917, sec. 1398; Code, 1930, sec. 4363.
15. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 11; Code, 1871, sec. 526; Code, 1880, sec. 1483; Const., 1890, sec. 153; Code, 1892, sec. 631; Code, 1906, sec. 689.
16. L. M., 1912, pp. 449-450; ibid., 1914, p. 194; Const., 1890, sec. 153; Code, 1917, sec. 467; Code, 1930, sec. 476. Given authority by the constitution to determine the manner and time of election of judge of the circuit court, the legislature has prescribed that they be elected for a term of four years concurrently with the election of Representatives in Congress, that is, in 1914 and every four years thereafter (Const., 1890 sec. 153; Code, 1917, sec. 6837; Code, 1930, sec. 6281).

year term,[17] but since 1890 has served a four-year term.[18]

The constitutional office of clerk of the circuit court was established in Grenada County by the creating act of 1870.[19] The office was filled by appointment by the Governor[20] until the general elections of 1871 when a clerk was regularly elected and sworn into office in January 1872.[21] The office has functioned continuously in the county since that time. The clerk is elected for a four-year term by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county district officers.[22]

The office of court reporter or stenographer, filled by appointment by the judge, has functioned in the district and in the circuit court of Grenada County since 1890, the stenographer serving a four-year term unless removed from office.[23]

The guarantee of the Constitution of the United States of trial by an impartial jury[24] is provided for in Mississippi insofar as Grenada County is affected, by the Constitution of 1869 and the Constitution of 1890.[25] The first jury panel was drawn for the September 1870 term of court,[26] and juries have been impaneled continuously since that time.

Until 1892 jurors were drawn from lists of eligible persons returned bo the court by the tax assessor,[27] and since 1892, from lists of eligible persons returned to the court by the board of supervisors.[28] Jurors serve for the week for which they are drawn, unless excused by the court.[29]

For the general structural and functional development of the circuit court from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 116-131.

17. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 11; Code, 1871, sec. 526; Code, 1880, sec. 1483.
18. Const., 1890, sec. 153; Code, 1892, sec. 631; Code, 1906, sec. 689; Code, 1917, sec. 467; Code, 1930, sec. 476.
19. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 19; L. M., 1870, p. 125; Const., 1890, sec. 168.
20. L. M., 1870, p. 125.
21. Minutes, vol. A, pp. 69-70; see entry 1; Official Bonds, vol. A, pp. 37-38; see entry 47.
22. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 19; Code, 1871, secs. 307, 357; Code, 1880, secs. 118, 396; Const., 1890, sec. 168; Code, 1892, secs. 3049, 3633; Code, 1906, secs. 3456, 4140; Code, 1917, sec. 2794; Code, 1930, secs. secs. 2881, 6210.
23. L. M., 1890, pp. 254-256; Code, 1892, secs. 4235, 4237; Code, 1906, secs. 4785, 4787; Code, 1917, secs. 3138, 3140; Code, 1930, secs. 709, 711. Until 1892, stenographers were appointed biennially (L. M., 1890, p. 254).
24. Constitution of the United States, Amendments, art. VI.
25. Const., 1869, art. I, secs. 7, 12, 13; Const., 1890, secs. 14, 31.
26. Minutes Circuit Court, vol. A, p. 6; see entry 113.
27. Code, 1871, secs. 736-738; Code, 1880, secs. 1681, 1690.
28. Const., 1890, sec. 264; Code, 1892, secs. 2358, 2364; L. M., 1896, pp. 944-955; Code, 1906, secs. 2388, 2693; Code, 1917, secs. 2180, 2185; Code, 1930, secs. 2033, 2039; L. M., 1938, pp. 657-658.
29. Code, 1871, sec. 738; Code, 1880, sec. 1662; Code, 1892, sec. 2365; Code, 1906, sec. 2694; Code, 1917, sec. 2186; Code, 1930, sec. 2039; L. M., 1938, pp. 657-658.

Original Case Papers

Criminal

84. /CASE RECORDS, CRIMINAL/, 1883--. 40 file boxes. (labelled by inclusive case nos., 600-2487). Missing: 1870-82.

Original pleadings and other papers filed with criminal cases filed and tried and filed and pending, including indictments; pleas; bills of information, particulars and exceptions; affidavits; interrogatories; depositions, process issued or proof of publication, and showing docket number in Criminal General Docket, entry 87; name of State and defendants, names of prosecutors for the State and of attorneys for defendants, title of each pleading filed, date filed, dates of service or publication, dates and terms of hearings; interlocutory and final rulings, orders and decrees of the court and dates of rendition; instructions to the jury; verdict of jury and date rendered; amount of fine or term of imprisonment imposed and dates ordered or rendered, notice of appeal, appeal bond with names of sureties on bond; itemization of costs and fees. Arr. numer. by docket no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. and typed and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 9 x 7 x 18.

Civil

85. /CASE RECORDS, CIVIL/, 1877--. 54 file boxes. (labelled by inclusive case nos. 431-2468). Missing: 1870-76.

Original pleadings and other papers filed with civil cases filed and tried, and filed and pending, including declarations, answers, pleas, motions, demurrers, bills of particulars, information and exception; interrogatories, depositions, process served or proof of publication, and showing docket number in Criminal General Docket, entry 87, and in General Docket Civil Cases, entry 93; names of litigants, names of attorneys for litigants, title of each pleading filed, dates filed, dates of service or publication, dates and terms of hearings, interlocutory and final rulings, decrees, and orders of the court, with dates of rendition, instructions to the jury, verdict of jury and date rendered, amount of judgment rendered, order for issuance of execution and returns on execution, notice of appeal, and appeal bond with names of principals and sureties on bond, itemization of costs and fees. Arr. numer. by docket no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. and typed, and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 9 x 7 x 18.

Receipts for Case Papers

86. ATTORNEYS RECEIPT BOOK, 1870-75, 1885-1928. 2 vols. (1, 2). Discontinued in favor of temporary receipts inserted in /Case Records/, entries 84, 85.

Record of pleadings and other papers taken from files, showing docket number, names of litigants or of defendants, number and list of papers withdrawn, name of attorney withdrawing papers, dates withdrawn and returned. Arr. chron. by date of withdrawal. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of attorney. Hdw. on ruled form. 268 pp. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x $11\frac{1}{4}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Dockets, Calendars, and Registers

Criminal (See also entry 96)

87. CRIMINAL GENERAL DOCKET, 1873--. 2 vols. 1870-72 in Court State Docket, entry 88. Title varies: General Docket, 1873-1923.
Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal cases from their commencement to their termination, showing docket number, names of State, defendants, and attorneys; offense charged; date of filing of each indictment; petition, and plea; record from inferior courts on appeal or certiorari, petition, plea, demurrer, or motion; date of issuance and return of process or dates of publication; dates and terms of hearings; interlocutory and final rulings, decrees, and orders of the court, with dates of rendition; notations of verdicts and amount of fine or term of imprisonment imposed; volume and page of record in Minutes, Circuit Court, entry 113; of costs and fees, and notice of appeal to Supreme Court. Also contains: General Docket Civil Cases, 1873-1923, entry 93. Arr. numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing original bill. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on ptd. form. 640 pp. 18 x 1½ x 3.

88. COURT STATE DOCKET, 1870--. 5 vols. (A-D, 1 vol. unlabelled).
Calendar of cases begun by indictment, presentment, information, or other proceedings of a criminal nature, and triable at each approaching term of court, prepared by the clerk for the convenience of the judge, and showing case number in Criminal General Docket, entry 87; names of State, and defendants; offense charged; names of prosecutors for the State and of attorneys for defendants; nature and dates of information filed; term of court and year of term; judge's minutes; and volume and page of record in Minutes, Circuit Court, entry 113. Also contains: Criminal General Docket, 1870-72, entry 87. Arr. chron. by date of term of court and chron. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 634 pp. 18 x 12½ x 3.

89. DISTRICT ATTORNEYS DOCKET, 1913--. 5 vols.
Calendar of cases begun by indictment, presentment, information or other proceedings of a criminal nature, and triable at each approaching term of court, prepared by the clerk for the convenience of the district attorney, and showing docket number in Criminal General Docket, entry 87; names of State, defendants, and witnesses for the State; disposition of case; and date and term of court. Arr. chron. by date of term of court and numer. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. Av. 250 pp. 9½ x 6 x 1½.

90. BAR STATE DOCKET, 1872-1913. 2 vols. (A, B). Discontinued as separate record because of duplication with Court State Docket, entry 88.
Calendar of cases begun by indictment, presentment, information, or other proceedings of a criminal nature, and triable at each approaching term of court, prepared by clerk for the convenience of attorneys, and showing case number in Criminal General Docket, entry 87; names of State and defendants; offense charged; names of prosecutor for the State and of attorneys for defendants; nature and date of information filed; term of court and year of term, judge's minutes, and volume and page of record in Minutes, Circuit Court, entry 113. Arr. chron. by date of term of court. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 312 pp. 16 x 11½ x 1½.

Circuit Court - Dockets, Calendars, and Registers (91-95)

91. HABEAS CORPUS RECORD, 1870--. 1 vol. Last entry 1926.
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 made, date writ issued, date of service or writ on defendant, date of defendant's return, names of witnesses subpoenaed, date of summons, order of 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. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 12½ x 2½.

92. SECRET INDICTMENT RECORD, 1892--. 2 vols. (1, 2). Title varies: Indictment Record, 1892-1927. This record is not open for public inspection.
Record of indictments and presentments returned by the grand jury, showing venue, name of district attorney, indictment number, date returned, name of indictee, offense charged, kind of indictment, names of witnesses testifying, dates indictment filed for recording and recorded, signature of clerk, and name of foreman of grand jury. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of indictee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 432 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

For record of grand jury proceedings, see entry 129; for original indictments returned, see entry 84.

Civil (See also entry 29)

93. GENERAL DOCKET CIVIL CASES, 1924--. 1 vol. 1874-1923 in Criminal General Docket, entry 87.
Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed, and of all important acts done in the conduct of each civil case from its commencement to its termination, showing case number, names of litigants and attorneys, cause of action, and amount involved, date of filing each declaration, answer, writ, motion, demurrer, and record from inferior courts on appeals or certiorari, petition, pleas, demurrers, and pleadings in each case appealed, dates of issuance and return of process and dates of service or publication, dates and terms of hearings, rulings, and orders of the court with dates of rendition, notations of verdict, amount of judgment awarded, dates of issuance of execution and return, itemization of costs and fees, and volume and page of record in Minutes, Circuit Court, entry 113. Arr. numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on ptd. form. 640 pp. 18 x 12½ x 3.

94. COURT ISSUE DOCKET, 1870--. 3 vols. (A-C).
Calendar of civil cases triable at each approaching term of court, prepared by the clerk for the convenience of the judge, showing docket number in Criminal General Docket, entry 87; and in General Docket Civil Cases, entry 93; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; cause of action; date and term of court; judge's minutes, and volume and page of record in Minutes Circuit Court, entry 113. Arr. chron. by date of court term and numer. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 700 pp. 18 x 13 x 3½.

95. BAR ISSUE DOCKET, 1870-1930. 2 vols. (A, B). Discontinued because of duplication with Court Issue Docket, entry 94.
Calendar of civil cases triable at each approaching term of court, prepared by the clerk for the convenience of attorneys, showing docket number in Criminal

General Docket, entry 87; and in General Docket Civil Cases, entry 93; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; date and term of court; disposition of case, and volume and page of record in Minutes Circuit Court, entry 113. Arr. chron. by date of court term and numer. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

96. MOTION DOCKET, 1870--. 3 vols. (A-C).
Record and abstract of all motions and special pleas filed in cases filed and tried, including motions, demurrers, exceptions to evidence or reports, and showing docket number of case in Criminal General Docket, entry 87; and in General Docket Civil Cases, entry 93; names of litigants in civil cases and of State and defendant in criminal cases; names of district attorney, county prosecuting attorney and of attorneys in criminal cases, names of attorneys for plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases; orders last term of court; orders present term of court; and disposition of motion. Arr. chron. by date of term of court and chron. thereunder by date each motion filed. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 630 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

97. APPEARANCE DOCKET, 1872-93, 1902, 1905-9, 1912-17, 1926, 1940. 1 vol. (A).
Calendar of civil cases not triable at the first term of court after their commencement, showing docket number in General Criminal Docket, entry 87; and in General Docket Civil Cases, entry 93; names of plaintiff and defendant; attorneys; dates of issuance and return of process, and disposition of each case. Arr. chron. by term of court and chron. thereunder by docket no. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

98. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1870--. 3 vols. (A-C).
Record of executions, showing docket number of case in Criminal General Docket, entry 87; and in General Docket Civil Cases, entry 93; names of litigants, attorneys, and witnesses; names of court of rendition of judgment, date of rendition, amount of judgment, fees, and costs; date of enrollment of judgment in Judgment Roll, entry 103; date of issuance of writ of execution, dates returnable; certification and signature of clerk; itemization of fees and costs, date writ received and returned by sheriff; and sheriff's statement of amount of money made in execution. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

Bonds

99. BONDS, 1904-33, 1940. 2 file boxes.
Original appeal, appearance, bail, and cost bonds executed, showing names of principals, obligors, and obligees, date bond executed, amount of bond, kind of bond, docket number of suit or case in which filed, date of discharge from bond, Arr. chron. by date bond executed. No index. Hdw. and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 5 x 5 x 10.

100. REGISTER OF BONDS, 1923--. 1 vol.
Register of sureties on appeal, appearance, bail, and cost bonds, executed, showing names of principals, obligors, and obligees, date bond executed, amount of bond, kind of bond, volume and page of record in Minutes Circuit Court, entry 113; docket number of suit or case in which filed, date of discharge from bond, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of principal and sureties. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

Final Records
(See also entries 66, 124)

101. ABSTRACTS OF JUDGMENT, 1916-22. 1 file box.
Original abstract of judgments rendered in justice of the peace courts, showing name and district of justice of the peace, names of plaintiff and defendant, docket number in justice of the peace docket, amount of judgment rendered, rate of interest, amount of accrued interest, total amount of costs and fees due, date and certification of justice of the peace. Arr. chron. by date of certification. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5 x 5 x 10.

102. ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT FROM JUSTICE COURT, 1873-80, 1882-87, 1896-1922. 3 vols.
Record of abstracts of judgment rendered in justice of the peace courts, showing venue; number of justice of the peace district; names of plaintiff and defendant; date and amount of judgment rendered; total amount of interest, costs, and fees due; credits for amount paid on judgment; balance due; name of justice of the peace; county in which suit originated; certification of justice of the peace; dates abstract filed for recording and recorded, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of judgment debtor. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 450 pp. 14½ x 9½ x 2½.

103. JUDGMENT ROLL, 1870--. 5 vols. (A, B, 3-5).
Record of final judgments rendered at each term of circuit court, and record of final decrees and judgments rendered in other courts, for which abstracts have been filed with the clerk for enrollment, showing names of defendant, amount of judgment or decree, date of rendition, county and court in which rendered, date of enrollment, name of plaintiff, when and how satisfied, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of enrollment. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 320 pp. 18 x 12½ x 3.

For record of original final judgments rendered, see entries 76, 113, 133-137.

104. FINAL RECORD, 1874--. 4 vols. (A, 2, 2 vols. unlabelled).
Recorded copies of the pleadings, proofs, exhibits, and proceedings or such part of the pleadings, proofs, exhibits, and proceedings ordered by the court to be recorded, showing docket number, names of litigants, names of attorneys, and witnesses, cause of action, title of pleadings filed, date filed, dates and proof of service or proof of publication of all process, 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 rules, orders and decrees of the court, dates rendered, amount of judgment ordered, final disposition on each cause, statement of costs and fees, and volume and page of record in Minutes Circuit Court, entry 113. Arr. chron. by date of term of court. No index. Hdw. 440 pp. 18 x 14 x 2½.

Witnesses

105. SUBPOENA DOCKET, 1870--. 7 vols. (A-C, 1 vol. unlabelled).
Record of subpoenas issued for witnesses appearing in criminal and civil cases,

showing docket number in Criminal General Docket, entry 87; and in General Docket, Civil Cases, entry 93; names of plaintiffs and defendants, names of witnesses subpoenaed, for which party subpoenaed, term of court, number of days of attendance, date of issuance of subpoena, name of officer to whom directed, dates returnable and returned. Arr. chron. by date subpoena issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 625 pp. 18 x 14 x 2.

106. AFFIDAVITS FOR WITNESS CERTIFICATES, 1914-20. 1 vol.
Original affidavits made by witnesses appearing in circuit court, showing docket number of case in which witness appeared, date and term of court, names of plaintiffs and defendants, number of days in attendance, mileage, amount of fees and mileage due, date of affidavit, signature of witness claiming fees, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. by date affidavit made. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 17 x 14 x 1.

107. WITNESS CERTIFICATES, 1882, 1887, 1892-98, 1904-6, 1908-9, 1910, 1912--. 16 vols.
Stub record of pay certificates issued to witnesses appearing in civil and criminal cases filed and tried, showing case number in General Criminal Docket, entry 87; and in General Docket Civil Cases, entry 93; certificate number, date of issuance, name of witness, for which party appearing, number of days in attendance, mileage, total amount of fees allowed; signature of clerk, and signature of witness acknowledging receipt of certificate. Arr. numer. by certificate no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 150 pp. 16 x 9 x 1. 6 vols., 1882, 1887, 1892-98, 1904-6, 1908-9, 1911, strm.; 10 vols., 1910, 1912--in cir. clerk's va.

Jurors

108. JURY LISTS, 1904-25, 1940. 2 file boxes.
Original lists of names of persons drawn for service on grand and petit juries, showing date of drawing, name of presiding judge, designation of circuit court district, names and addresses of persons drawn, and certifications of the sheriff, of the clerk of the circuit court, and of the clerk of the chancery court. Arr. chron. by date drawn. No index. Hdw. and typed. 5 x 5 x 10.

109. VENIRE FACIAS FOR JURORS, 1916-20, 1940. 1 file box.
Original writs of venire facias juratores directed to the sheriff commanding him to summons qualified citizens to act as jurors, showing names of persons to be summoned; date and term of court; date and time jurors to appear in answer to summons; certification of clerk; date of certification, dates issued, received, and returned, certification of sheriff; date filed; and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Typed. 5 x 5 x 10.

110. JURY CERTIFICATES, 1870-94, 1896-98, 1904-6, 1912, 1916--.
2 corrugated boxes; 2 vols. Title varies: Grand and Petit Jury Tickets, 1870-94, 1896-98, 1904-6, 1912, 1916.
Stub record of certificates issued for jury service, showing certificate number, name of juror to whom issued, number of days of service, mileage allowed, total amount allowed, and signature of clerk. No obvious arr., 1870-94, 1896-98, 1904-6, 1912, 1916, arr. numer. by certificate no. and chron. thereunder by date issued, 1916--. No index. Boxes 14 x 14 x 28, strm.; vols. av. 150 pp. 16 x 9 x 1, cir. clerk's va.

Circuit Court - Fees and Costs; Proceedings; Naturalization (111-114)

111. JURORS FEE BOOK, 1871--. 2 vols. (A, 1 vol. unlabelled). Record of the allowance of juror's fees, showing certificate number, name of payee, whether serving on grand or petit jury, number of days of attendance, mileage allowed, total fees allowed, date certificate issued. Arr. numer. by certificate no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 480 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

Fees and Costs

112. COST BILLS, 1870-88, 1921--. 6 vols. (1, 1, 2; 1 vol. unlabelled; 2 vols. labelled by incl. cost bill nos.). Title varies: Criminal Fee Book, 1870-79, 1 vol.; Fee Book, 1875-88, 2 vols. Stub record and carbon copies of bills of costs and fees issued by the clerk in civil and criminal cases filed and filed and tried, showing date of issuance, cost bill number, docket number of suit or case in Criminal General Docket, entry 87; and in General Docket Civil Cases, entry 93; cause of action in civil cases; offense charged in criminal cases; names of State, plaintiffs, and defendants; date judgment or verdict rendered; itemization of fees due clerk, sheriff, justice of the peace in appealed cases, witnesses, jurors, and other county officers concerned; and total amount of costs and fees due. Arr. numer. by cost bill no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 375 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

Proceedings

113. MINUTES CIRCUIT COURT, 1870--. 8 vols. (A, 2-8). Record of the proceedings of circuit court in term time and during vacation, showing name of county; month, term, year, and day of session; name of presiding judge; names of State and defendant in criminal cases heard; names of plaintiff and defendant in civil cases heard; interlocutory and final rulings, orders, and decrees of the court; summoning of jurors; acceptance and swearing of jurors; charging of the grand jury; approval of appeal, appearance, bail, and cost bonds; allowing of jurors', witnesses', sheriffs', and clerks' fees; filing of reports of grand jury; rendering of verdicts by jury; imposing of fines and sentences of imprisonment in criminal cases; rendering of judgments in civil cases; and adjourning orders. Each day's minutes are signed by the presiding judge. Arr. chron. by date of term of court and chron. thereunder by day of term. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff and defendant, 3 vols., 2-4, 1877-94; no index, 5 vols., A, 5-8, 1870-76, 1895--. Hdw. under ptd. hdg., vols. A, 2-7, 1870-1929; typed under ptd. hdg., vol. 8, 1930--. Av. 620 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Naturalization
(See also entry 81)

114. CERTIFICATES OF NATURALIZATION, 1927. 1 vol. (1). Two recorded copies of certificates of naturalization issued by the chancery court, showing certificate number, volume and page of record of filing of petition; name and physical description of holder of certificate; name, age, and place of residence of wife of holder; names, ages, and places of residence of minor children of holder; signature of holder; order of court admitting

petitioner to citizenship; date of order, name of presiding chancellor; certification of clerk of the chancery court; exact time filed for recording; date recorded; and certification of the clerk of the circuit court. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 226 pp. 12½ x 9 x 1.

Reports

115. REPORTS OF CIRCUIT CLERK TO BOARD OF SUP/ervisor/S, 1920-21. 1 file box.
Monthly reports of fees collected, showing date of report, period covered, itemization of fees collected, total amount of fees collected, amount of salary deducted, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. 5 x 5 x 10.

116. LIQUOR REPORTS DELIVERY AMERICAN EXP/ress/ CO., 1914-17. 7 file boxes.
Copies of original way bills of the delivery of intoxicating liquors in the county, showing number and date of way bill, date of delivery, names and addresses of consignors and consignees, place of delivery, name of person to whom delivered, kind and amount of intoxicating liquor delivered, and signature of agent. No obvious arr. Hdw. on ptd. form. No index. 5 x 5 x 10.

117. ALCOHOLIC RECORD, 1917. 1 vol.
Record of sales of alcohol in the county, compiled from monthly reports submitted by druggists; showing clerk's filing number, name of reporting druggist, name of purchaser of alcohol, date of prescription, quantity of alcohol purchased, and date filed and recorded. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 296 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½.

Miscellaneous

118. RECORD OF PROTESTS, 1873--. 1 vol. Last entry 1910.
Record of bills of exchange and promissory notes protested for non-payment by the clerk of the circuit court as ex-officio notary public, showing clerk's statement that demand for payment was made, that defendant failed to comply with the demand; place, date, and of whom demanded; clerk's statement and certification that protest was made and that notice of protest was mailed; date of mailing; name and address of person to whom protest was directed; copies of bills of exchange or promissory notes protested; statement of fees; date filed, date recorded, and signature of clerk as ex-officio notary public. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of person having protest made. Hdw. on ptd. form. 478 pp. 20 x 15 x 1½.

V. COUNTY COURT OF GRENADA

The County Court of Grenada, a court of record with inferior civil and criminal jurisdiction for the police district or town of Grenada, then in Yalobusha County, was established by the legislature in 1865, was organized

in the town of Grenada January 1, 1866, and was abolished by law in 1870.[1]

The records of this court, unless otherwise specified, are kept in the office or vault of the clerk of the circuit court.

Dockets

119. COURT STATE DOCKET, 1866-70. 1 vol. (A).
Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal cases from their commencement to their termination; showing docket number; names of State and of defendants; names of prosecutor for the State and of attorneys for defendants; offense charged; date of filing of each indictment, petition, plea, writ, motion, and record and pleadings from inferior court on appeal or certiorari; date of issuance and return of process or dates of service or publication; dates and terms of hearings; ruling, orders, and decrees of the court with dates of rendition; notations of jury verdicts; and amount of fine or term of imprisonment imposed; volume and page of record in Minutes County Court, entry 123; itemization of costs and fees; and notices of appeal to circuit court. Arr. numer. by docket no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 634 pp. 18 x 12½ x 3.

120. CIVIL DOCKET, 1866-70. 1 vol. (A).
Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed and all important acts done in conduct of civil cases from their commencement to their termination; showing docket number; names of litigants and attorneys; cause of action and amount involved; date of filing each declaration, answer, writ, motion, demurrer, and record and pleadings from inferior court on appeal or certiorari; date of issuance and return of process, or dates of service or of publication; dates and terms of hearings; rulings and orders of the court with dates of rendition; notations of jury verdicts; amount of judgment awarded; dates of issuance of writs or execution and return; itemization of costs and fees; and volume and page of record in Minutes County Court, entry 123. Arr. numer. by docket no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 325 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

121. SUBPOENA DOCKET, 1866-68. 1 vol. (A).
Clerk's record of subpoenas issued for witnesses appearing in civil and criminal cases, showing date of term of court; docket number in Count State Docket, entry 119; and in Civil Docket, entry 120; names of litigants in civil cases and of State and defendants in criminal cases; for which part subpoenaed, date of issuance; to what county issued; sheriff's return; name of witness subpoenaed; ferriage and mileage allowed; number of days attendance; total amount of fees allowed; and date of issuance of certificates in payment of services. Arr. chron. by date of issuance of subpoena. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 2.

1. L. M., 1865, pp. 67-81; ibid., 1870, pp. 83-87. For a detailed discussion of the county court system 1865-70, see The Historical Records Survey, Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi, No. 18, Forrest County, Jackson, 1938, pp. 53-54.

122. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1866-70. 1 vol. (A).
Clerk's record of the issuance of writs of execution, showing names of litigants, docket number of case in Civil Docket, entry 120; names of attorneys for litigants; amount of judgment rendered and date of rendition; itemization of costs and fees; total amount due; title of officer to whom delivered for service; county of delivery; dates issued, returnable, and returned, and notation of officer's return. Arr. chron. by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Proceedings

123. MINUTES COUNTY COURT, 1866-70. 1 vol. (A).
Record of the proceedings of the county court of Grenada in civil and criminal cases originating in the court and appealed from the mayor's court of the town of Grenada or from justice of the peace courts of the town of Grenada, in term time and during vacation, and showing name of county, month, term, day, and year of court; name of chief presiding judge; names of associate judges; orders and ruling of the court; summoning, acceptance, and swearing of jurors; approval of appeal, appearance, cost, and bail bonds, allowing of clerk's, sheriff's, jurors', and witnesses' fees; returning of jury verdicts; imposing of fines and sentences of imprisonment; and orders of execution on judgments. Each day's minutes are signed by the chief presiding judge. Arr. chron. by year of court term and chron. thereunder by date of each session of court. Indexed alph. by first letter of surnames of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Final Records
(See also entries 66, 104)

124. FINAL RECORD, 1866. 1 vol. (A).
Recorded copies of the pleadings, proofs, exhibits, and proceedings, or such parts of the pleadings, proofs, exhibits, and proceedings as were directed to be entered by the court, of suits involving real estate terminated in the county court of Grenada, and showing docket number of case in Civil Docket, entry 120; names of litigants; names of attorneys and witnesses for litigants; cause of action; title of pleadings filed, date filed, legal description of property involved; dates and proofs of service or publication of all process issued; final rulings and orders of the court; dates rendered; amount of judgment ordered; final disposition of each case; statement of costs and fees; volume and page of record in Minutes County Court, entry 123. Arr. chron. by date entered. No index. Hdw. 440 pp. 18 x 14 x 2½.

VI. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

1. For a summarization of these powers and duties from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 144-145.

The office of the clerk of the circuit court was established in Grenada County by the creating act of May 9, 1870, as prescribed by the Constitution of 1869,[2] and has functioned continuously since that time.

For the general structural and functional development of the office of the clerk of the circuit court in his licensing and recording capatities from 1890 to date, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 144-145.

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

Marriages

125. MARRIAGE RECORDS WHITE, 1870--. 7 vols. (A-G).
Record of marriages of white persons, including original applications for marriage licenses, original affidavits made by male applicants, original consents given by parents, guardians, or next of kin to marriage of persons under statutory age for marriage, and abstract records of marriage licenses issued and of certificates of marriage returned. Since 1930 includes also original applications and affidavits of female applicants and record of notices mailed to parents, guardians, or next of kin of applicants under statutory age for marriage. Applications to 1930 show names of applicants, affidavit of male applicant, signature of male applicant, signature of clerk as officer taking affidavit, and date affidavit made. Applications since 1930 show names, race, ages, and addresses of applicants, names and addresses of parents, guardians, or next of kin of applicants, affidavits of applicants as to their ages, signatures of applicants, affidavit, of male applicant that no legal cause exists to obstruct the marriage, signature of male applicant, signature of clerk or officer taking affidavits, date affidavits made. Consents show name of person under statutory age for marriage, statement of consent to marriage, signature of parents, guardians, or next of kin, signatures of subscribing witnesses or of officer taking proof, date of proof. Record of notices mailed to parents, guardians, or next of kin shows names and addresses of parents, guardians, or next of kin notified, names, ages, race, and addresses of applicants, for license, statement that license will be issued within five days from date if no legal objections are made, date notices mailed and date license will be issued, clerk's signature as attestor. Record of marriage licenses issued shows 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. Record of certificates of marriage returned shows names of contracting parties, date ceremony performed, name of person performing ceremony, dates certificates received for filing and dates recorded; and signature of clerk in attest. Arr. chron. by date affidavits made. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 640 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

126. MARRIAGE RECORD COLORED, 1880--. 15 vols. (A-O).
Record of marriages of colored persons. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, manner of recording, number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 125.

2. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 19; L. M., 1870, p. 125. For the method of selecting the clerk, the present status of the office, and the term of office, see "Circuit Court," p. 81, footnotes 19-22.

127. CERTIFICATES OF MARRIAGE LICENSES RETURNED, 1908--. 6 file boxes. Original certificates of marriage returned to the clerk by persons performing marriage ceremonies as authorized by licenses issued by the clerk, showing names of contracting parties to marriage, date ceremony performed, signature of person performing ceremony, and clerk's notation of date returned. Arr. chron. by date returned. No index. Hdw. on ptd. forms. 5 x 5 x 10.

For record of certificates of marriages returned, see entries 125, 126.

Professional Licenses
(See also entries 164, 167)

128. REGISTER OF DENTISTS, PHARMACISTS, PHYSICIANS, OSTEOPATHS, VETERINARIANS, [And Opticians], 1882--. 3 vols. Title varies: Physicians, Pharmacists, and Dentists License, 1894-1930, 1 vol.; Register of Physicians, 1882-93, 1 vol.

Recorded copies of temporary and permanent licenses to practice, issued by the State Board of Health to physicians 1882--; by the State Board of Pharmacy to pharmacists 1892--; by the State Board of Dental Examiners to dentists 1892--; by the State Board of Health to osteopaths 1906--; by the State Board of Veterinary Examiners to veterinary surgeons 1914--; and by the State Board of Optometry to opticians 1920--; and 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. numer. by license no. and chron. thereunder by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of person licensed. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 300 pp. 14 x 9½ x 2.

VII. GRAND JURY

The guarantee of the Constitution of the United States that no person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, except on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury,[1] is provided for in Mississippi insofar as Grenada County is concerned, by the Constitutions of 1869 and 1890.[2]

The grand jury was first convened in Grenada County in September 1870,[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

1. Constitution of the United States, Amendments, art. V.
2. Const., 1869, art. I, sec. 31; Const., 1890, secs. 27, 264.
3. Minutes Circuit Court, vol. A, p. 5, see entry 113. Since 1910 the grand jury may be impaneled for not more than two terms of circuit court each year, unless otherwise directed by the judge (L. M., 1910, p. 91; Code, 1917, sec. 2189; Code, 1930, sec. 2042).
4. Code, 1871, sec. 728; Code, 1880, sec. 1666; Code, 1892, sec. 2371; L. M., 1896, p. 95; Code, 1906, sec. 2700; Code, 1917, sec. 2193; Code, 1930, sec. 2046.

foreman by the court.[5] Until 1892 grand jurors were selected from a special grand jury panel composed of 20 jurors chosen by the board of supervisors, summoned by the sheriff, and in attendance at court.[6] Since 1892 grand jurors have been selected from the first 50 jurors drawn from the general jury panel.[7] Members of the grand jury serve for the duration of the court, unless dismissed sooner by the judge.[8]

For the general functional and structural development of the grand jury from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 149-151.

The records of the grand jury, unless otherwise specified, are preserved by the clerk of the circuit court in his office.

129. GRAND JURY BOOK, 1884-91, 1913--. 2 vols. Title varies: Grand Jury Docket, 1884-91, 1 vol.
Abstract record of the proceedings of the grand jury, showing venue, date and court term of proceedings, names of State and defendant, name of district attorney, offense charged, names of witnesses sworn, and disposition. Arr. chron. by date of hearing. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 12 x 7 x ¼, 1 vol., 1884-91; 640 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½, 1 vol., 1913--.
For original indictments returned, see entry 84; for record of indictments returned, see entry 92.

130. REPORTS OF GRAND JURY, 1904-25, 1940. 1 file box.
Original reports of the grand jury to the circuit court of its inspection of the courthouse and the jail, and of its examination of the papers, records, accounts, and settlements of all officers, showing: date of report and period covered, statement of the results of the inspection and examination, recommendations made, signature of the foreman of the grand jury, date filed and certification of the clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. and typed. 5 x 5 x 10.
For record of filing of reports, see entry 113.

VIII. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Offices and courts of justice of the peace were established in Grenada County by the creating act of May 9, 1870[1] as prescribed by the Constitution of 1869.[2] The offices were first filled by appointment by the Governor until justices of the peace were regularly elected at the general elections of 1871

5. Code, 1871, sec. 731; Code, 1880, sec. 1666; Code, 1892, sec. 2372; Code, 1906, sec. 2701; Code, 1917, sec. 2194; Code, 1930, sec. 2047.
6. Code, 1871, secs. 726-729; Code, 1880, sec. 1666.
7. Code, 1892, secs. 2365, 2371; L. M., 1896, pp. 94-95; Code, 1906, secs. 2694, 2700; Code, 1917, sec. 2193; Code, 1930, secs. 2039, 2046; L. M., 1928, p. 658. For the method of procuring the jury panel, see "Circuit Court," p. 81, footnotes 27-29.
8. Code, 1871, sec. 731; Code, 1880, sec. 1665; Code, 1892, sec. 2372; Code, 1906, sec. 2701; Code, 1917, sec. 2194; Code, 1930, sec. 2047.

1. L. M., 1870, p. 125.
2. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 23.

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and sworn into office in January 1872.[3]

The Constitution of 1869 provided, and 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 two justices be selected from each of five districts, the boundaries of the districts being the same as the boundaries of the supervisors' beats or districts.[5] Since 1932 only one justice of the peace may be elected in and from each district, but the board of supervisors is given authority to provide for the election of an additional justice in any district.[6] At the present time two justices of the peace are elected in and from Beat One, in which is situated the city of Gronada, and one each from Beats Three, Four, and Five.[7]

Until 1890, by constitutional provision, justices of the peace were elected for a term of two years, in and from their respective districts, by the qualified electors of each district.[8] The Constitution of 1890 provides that justices of the peace shall be chosen by districts for a term of four years, but gives the legislature power to determine the method of selection.[9] 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.[10]

Justices of the peace must hold not less than one term of court each month, nor more than two.[11] Other county officers attached to each court are constables, who are the executive officers of the court,[12] and the sheriff as executive officer in the event there is no constable.[13] A six-member jury must be impanelled if any party to a cause demands a trial by jury.[14]

For the structural and functional development of the office of justice of the peace from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 152-156.

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3. Official Bonds, vol. A, pp. 3-5; see entry 47.
4. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 23; Const., 1890, sec. 171.
5. Code, 1871, sec. 1297; Code, 1880, sec. 2185; Code, 1892, sec. 2392; Code, 1906, sec. 2721; 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, 1936, in office of secretary of the state, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 98.
8. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 23; Code, 1871, secs. 357, 1296; Code, 1880, secs. 118, 2185.
9. Const., 1890, sec. 171.
10. Code, 1892, secs. 2392, 3049, 3633; Code, 1906, secs. 2721, 3456, 4140; Code, 1917, secs. 2220, 2794, 6774; L. M., 1926, p. 319; Code, 1930, secs. 2069, 2881, 6210; L. M., 1932, p. 473.
11. Code, 1871, sec. 1309; Code, 1880, sec. 2194; Code, 1892, sec. 2399; Code, 1906, sec. 2729; Code, 1917, sec. 2227; Code, 1930, sec. 2076.
12. Code, 1880, sec. 393; Code, 1892, sec. 773; Code, 1906, sec. 835; Code, 1917, sec. 641; Code, 1930, sec. 636.
13. Code, 1871, sec. 1311; Code, 1880, sec. 2198; Code, 1892, sec. 2402; Code, 1906, sec. 2731; Code, 1917, sec. 2230; Code, 1930, sec. 2079.
14. Code, 1871, sec. 1326; Code, 1880, sec. 2222; Code, 1892, sec. 2425; Code, 1906, sec. 2754; Code, 1917, sec. 2253; Code, 1930, sec. 2102.

Justices of the Peace - Original Case Papers; Dockets (131-134)

The current records of the justices of the peace of Beats Three, Four, and Five are kept in the homes of these officials. The current records of the two justices of the peace of Beat One are kept in the office of the clerk of the circuit court where these justices hold court. The non-current records of the justices of the peace of all districts are stored in the office of the clerk of the circuit court and in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court, as specified below. For original reports made by justices of the peace of fines and penalties imposed and collected, see entry 179.

Original Case Papers

131. C. D. BOUSHE [Case Records, Beat 1], 1938--. 1 file box.
Original bills of information, affidavits, pleas, demurrers, motions, and other papers filed in criminal and civil cases tried and triable in the justice of peace court in Beat One, showing name of State, county prosecuting attorney, and defendant, and attorney in criminal cases; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys in civil cases; date of filing; docket number; itemization of costs and fees; and disposition of case. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Hdw. and typed and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 4½ x 4½ x 10.

132. M. MCKIBBEN [Case Records Beat 1], 1940. 1 file box.
For description, see entry 131.

Dockets

133. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET, BEAT 1 (M. McKibben and C. D. Boushe), 1891--. 12 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, including cases pertaining to the partition of personal property, from commencement to termination, and showing docket number; names of litigants and of attorneys; cause of action and amount involved in civil cases; names of State and of defendants; names of prosecutor for State, of attorneys for defendants; and offense charged in criminal cases; title of each pleading and paper filed; date filed; date and proof of service on process issued; dates and terms of hearings; orders and rulings of the court; jury verdicts; amount of judgment rendered, or amount of fine or term of imprisonment imposed; date of issuance of writs of execution and notations of constables' returns on executions; itemization of fees and costs, and dates and notices of appeals taken to circuit court. Arr. numer. by docket no. and chron. thereunder by date of filing. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 450 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. 11 vols., 1891-1906, 1921--, cir. clerk's off. 1 vol. 1907-20, ch. clerk's va.

134. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET, BEAT 2 (No incumbent), 1892-96, 1898-1927. 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, including cases pertaining to the partition of personal property, from commencement to termination. For description of contents, arrangement, nature of recording, number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 133. 3 vols., 1892-96, 1916-27, cir. clerk's off.; 2 vols., 1898-1916, 1911-15, ch. clerk's va.

135. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET, BEAT 3 (M. O. Gray), 1870-94, 1903--. 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 in Beat Three, including cases pertaining to the partition of personal property, from commencement to termination. For description of contents, arrangement, manner of recording, number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 133. 4 vols., 1870-94, 1903-39, cir. clerk's off.; 1 vol., 1940, home of justice of the peace, Route 2, Big Creek, Miss.

136. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET, BEAT 4 (D. W. Pickle), 1870--. 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 in Beat Four, including cases pertaining to the partition of personal property, from commencement to termination. For description of contents, arrangement, manner of recording, number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 133. 1 vol., 1870-1913, cir. clerk's off.; 2 vols., 1912-18, ch. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1918--, home of justice of the peace, Route 2, Grenada, Miss.

137. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET, BEAT 5 (V. W. Carver), 1925--. 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 in Beat Five, including cases pertaining to the partition of personal property, from commencement to termination. For description of contents, arrangement, manner of recording, number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 133. 3 vols., 1890-1925, cir. clerk's off.; 1 vol., 1925--, home of justice of the peace, Route 2, Grenada, Miss.

IX. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Grenada County, on its establishment in 1870,[1] was assigned to the thirteenth 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 court and in the circuit court district to which Grenada County has been attached.[3]

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

1. L. M., 1870, pp. 124-126.
2. See "Circuit Court," p. 79, footnote 2.
3. Ibid., p. 79-80, footnotes 4-6.
4. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 25; Const., 1890, sec. 174.
5. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 25; Code, 1871, sec. 307; Code, 1880, sec. 396; Code, 1892, sec. 3049; Code, 1906, sec. 3456; Code, 1917, sec. 2794; Code, 1930, sec. 2881.
6. Code, 1871, sec. 357; Code, 1880, sec. 118; Const., 1890, sec. 174; Code, 1892, sec. 3633; Code, 1906, sec. 4140; Code, 1917, sec. 6774; Code, 1930, sec. 6210.

For the general structural and functional development of the office of district attorney from 1890 to 1938, 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 89. For other records related to the office of district attorney, see entries 84, 92, 129.

X. COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The office of county prosecuting attorney was created and made mandatory in all counties by the act of 1910.[1] As provided in the act, the office was established in Grenada County April 16, 1910 by appointment by the Governor, the county prosecuting attorney being appointed to serve until the general elections of 1911 for State, district, county, and county district officers.[2]

The office functioned in the county until 1916[3] when it was abolished at a special election held under authority of the law of 1916 which gave counties authority to do away with it.[4]

In 1924, the office was reestablished by order of the board of supervisors.[5] As this order was not protested or petitioned against by 20 percent of the qualified electors of the county as required by law to nullify it,[6] on July 9, 1924, the Governor appointed a county prosecuting attorney to serve until the general elections of 1927 for State, county, and county district officers,[7] and the office has functioned continuously since that time.

The county prosecuting attorney is elected for a four-year term by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, county, and county district officers.[8] 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 related to this office, see entries 84, 131, 132.

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1. L. M., 1910, p. 96.
2. Ibid., p. 97; Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1906, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 36.
3. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1912, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 8.
4. L. M., 1916, p. 346.
5. Minutes, vol. I, pp. 51, 59; see entry 1.
6. L. M., 1916, pp. 346-347; Code, 1917, sec. 4224.
7. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1924, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 165.
8. L. M., 1910, p. 96; ibid., 1916, p. 346; Code, 1917, secs. 691, 6774; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 4220, 6210.

XI. SHERIFF

The office of sheriff was established in Grenada County by the creating act of 1870 as prescribed by the Constitution of 1869.[1] The office was filled by appointment by the Governor[2] until the general elections of 1871 when a sheriff was regularly elected and sworn into office in January 1872.[3] The office has functioned continuously in the county since that time.

Until 1890, by constitutional provision, the sheriff was elected for a two-year term by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county district officers.[4] The Constitution of 1890 provides that he be elected for a four-year term, prohibits him from immediately succeeding himself in office, but gives the legislature authority to determine the manner of election.[5] The legislature has prescribed that the sheriff 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 functional and structural development of the office of sheriff from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 162-174.

Unless otherwise specified, the records of the sheriff are kept in his office or vault. For a record of the receipts and disbursements of the office of sheriff, see entry 166.

The sheriff also serves as the ex-officio tax collector.[7]

Process Dockets

138. SHERIFFS CIVIL PROCESS DOCKET, 1870-1916. 2 vols. (A, 1 vol. unlabelled). 1917--, in Sheriffs Mesne Process Docket, entry 142. Sheriff's record of civil process, except writs of executions, received for service from chancery and circuit courts, including writs of certiorari, capias pro finem, de lunatico inquirendo, mandamus, injunction, inquiry, subpoena duces tecum, attachment, sequestration, garnishment, replevin, and restitution, and showing date of term of court, docket number and names of litigants in each case, court of issue, date process received, kind of process, names of attorneys for litigants, dates of service and return. Arr. chron. by date process received for service. Indexed alph. by first letter of surnames of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3, strm.
For copies of original process received and served, see entries 60, 85.

139. SHERIFFS STATE PROCESS DOCKET, 1874-1918. 1 vol.
1919--, in Sheriffs Mesne Process Docket, entry 142.
Sheriff's record of criminal writs received for service in cases filed and

1. Const., 1869, art. V, sec. 21; L. M., 1870, p. 125.
2. L. M., 1870, p. 125.
3. Minutes, vol. A, pp. 69-70; see entry 1; Official Bonds, vol. A, pp. 37-38; see entry 47.
4. Const., 1869, art. V, sec. 21; Code, 1871, secs. 219, 307, 356; Code, 1880, secs. 323, 396.
5. Const., 1890, sec. 135.
6. Code, 1892, secs. 3049, 3632, 4108; Code, 1906, secs. 3456, 4139, 4660; Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 3077; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 3306, 6210.
7. See "Sheriff as Tax Collector," p. 106.

filed and tried in the circuit court, including writs of subpoena ad testificandum, habeas corpus, supercedeas, venire facias juratores, and showing docket number, and name of State and of defendant in each case, date of term of court, court of issue, date process received, kind of process, names of prosecutor for State and of attorneys for defendants, dates of service and return. Arr. chron. by date process received for service. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. 560 pp. 18 x 13 x 3, strm.

For copies of original process received and served, see entry 84.

140. SHERIFFS EXECUTION DOCKET, 1871-1920. 3 vols. (B-D).
1921--, in Sheriffs Mesne Process Docket, entry 142.

Sheriff's record of writs of execution received for service in cases filed and filed and tried in chancery and circuit courts, showing names of litigants, docket number of each case; names of attorneys for litigants; amount of judgment rendered; date and court of rendition; rate of interest, amount of interest due; amount of costs and fees; total amount due; date writs received; executed, and returned; and amount of money made. Arr. chron. by date writ received for service. Indexed alph. by first letter of surnames of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. on ptd. form. 440 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 2 vols., 1871-1901, strm.; 1 vol., 1902-20, ch. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1921--, sh. off.

For copies of original writs of execution received and served, see entries 60, 84, 85; for circuit clerk's record of writs of execution issued, see entry 98.

141. SUBPOENA DOCKET, 1874-1920. 1 vol. 1921--, in Sheriffs Mesne Process Docket, entry 142.

Sheriff's record of writs of subpoena ad testificandum received for service in cases filed and filed and tried in the chancery and circuit courts, showing names of litigants in civil and chancery cases; docket number of each case; names of State and of defendants in criminal cases; names of witnesses subpoenaed; for what party subpoenaed; term of court; number of days attendance; mileage allowed; total amount of fees allowed; date writs received for service; dates of service and return; amount of fee allowed sheriff. Arr. chron. by date writ received for service. Indexed alph. by first letter of surnames of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. on ptd. form. 320 pp. 18 x 12 x 2, strm.

For copies of original subpoenas issued and served, see entries 60, 84, 85.

142. SHERIFFS MESNE PROCESS DOCKET, 1917--. 4 vols. (2-5).

Sheriff's record of all process, except writs of execution to 1920, and of all process including writs of execution 1921--, received for service in cases filed and filed and tried in chancery and circuit courts, including writs of certiorari, capias pro finem, supersedeas, de lunatico inquirendo, habeas corpus, mandamus, injunction, inquiry, venire facias juratores, garnishment, replevin, restitution, subpoena ad testificandum, and showing date writ received, kind of writ, names of litigants in civil cases, names of State and of defendants in criminal cases; names of attorneys for defendants in civil cases and of prosecutor for State and attorneys for defendants in criminal cases; docket number of each case; amount of judgment rendered and date of rendition in writs of execution; court of rendition, rate of interest, amount of interest due, itemization of costs and fees due; total amounts due on executions; dates process received for service and execution; dates of service and return; and amount of money made. This is a combination of four records formerly kept separately: Sheriff's Civil Process Docket, entry 138; Sheriff's State Process Docket, entry 139; Sheriff's Execution Docket, entry 140; and Subpoena Docket,

entry 144. Arr. chron. by date process received for service. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1917-26, strm.; 1 vol., 1926-32, ch. clerk's va.; 2 vols., 1932--, sh. off.

For copies of original process received and served, see entries 60, 84, 85.

143. ROAD OVERSEERS NOTICES, 1926-31. 1 vol. Discontinued because law of 1931 abolished office of road overseer.

Sheriff's record of notices of appointments served by sheriff on persons appointed as road overseers by the board of supervisors, showing name of person appointed, designation of road placed under overseer's jurisdiction, date of appointment, date of expiration of appointment, name of officer serving notice, and officer's return. Arr. chron. by date of appointment. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of appointee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

For original appointments, see entry 1.

Jail Records

144. JAIL DOCKET, 1870--. 5 vols.

Record of commitment of prisoners to jail, 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, date of arrest and commitment, offense for which committed, order 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 prisoner, physical description and identifying marks, if any, date of delivery of convict to road contractor or to other authorized agent in charge of county road work, date of termination of sentence, time added for escaping or attempts to escape, date of final release, warrant for release, and wages credited to prisoner for work on county roads. Arr. chron. by date of commitment. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of prisoner. 320 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 3 vols., 1870-1926, strm.; 1 vol., 1926-36, ch. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1937--, sh. off.

XXII. CORONER

The office of coroner was established in Grenada County by the creating act of May 9, 1870 as prescribed by the Constitution of 1869.[1] The office was filled by appointment by the Governor[2] until the general elections of November 1871 when a coroner was regularly elected and sworn into office in January 1872.[3] The office functioned continuously from 1870 through 1903 but was defunct from 1904 through 1915 and from 1920 through 1931 as no candidates for the office offered for election at the general elections of 1903,

1. L. M., 1870, p. 125; Const., 1869, art. V, sec. 21.
2. L. M., 1870, p. 125.
3. Minutes, vol. A, pp. 69-70; see entry 1; Official Bonds, vol. A, pp. 37-38; see entry 47.

1907, 1911, 1919, 1923, and 1927.[4] However, a coroner was elected in 1915 and commissioned in 1916,[5] and the office has been filled since 1932.[6]

Until 1890, by constitutional provision, the coroner was elected for a two-year term by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county district officers.[7] The Constitution of 1890 provides that he be elected for a term of four years and gives the legislature authority to determine the method of election.[8] 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.[9]

When there is no coroner in the county, the duties of the office may be discharged by justices of the peace.[10]

For the structural and functional development of the office of coroner from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 177-178.

The records of the coroner are kept by the clerk of the circuit court.

145. PAPERS ON INQUESTS, 1916-28. 1 file box.
Original reports made by the coroner 1916-19, and by justices of the peace acting as coroners 1920-28, of the proceedings of inquests held into the causes of violent, sudden, or casual deaths; showing inquest number; name of deceased, if known; description of the deceased; copies of process directed to the sheriff to impanel juries and call witnesses; dates and place of deaths; names of jurors and of witnesses; time and place inquests held; and verdicts of coroners or of juries; date filed with clerk of the circuit court, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date inquest held. No index. Hdw. and typed and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 4½ x 4½ x 10.

XIII. CONSTABLES

The office of constable was established in each of the five supervisors' and justice of the peace districts of Grenada County after the organization

4. The Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1906, 1912, 1920, 1924 and 1928 in the office of the Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, does not show that coroners were commissioned in Grenada County during the 12-year periods 1904-15 and 1920-31.
5. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1916, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 163.
6. Ibid., 1932, p. 235; ibid., 1936, p. 227; ibid., 1940, p. 277.
7. Const., 1869, art. V, sec. 21; Code, 1871, secs. 307, 356; Code, 1880, secs. 118, 396.
8. Const., 1890, sec. 135.
9. Code, 1892, secs. 3049, 3633; Code, 1906, secs. 3456, 4140; Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 6774; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 6210.
10. Code, 1871, sec. 256; Code, 1880, sec. 362; Code, 1892, sec. 826; Code, 1906, sec. 891; Code, 1917, sec. 4058; Code, 1930, sec. 649.

of the county, as prescribed by the Constitution of 1869.[1] These offices have functioned continuously since that time except that since 1936 there has been no incumbent in beat or district Two.[2]

Until 1890, by constitutional provision, constables were elected for a two-year term in and from each district by the qualified electors of the district.[3] The Constitution of 1890 provides that constables shall be chosen by districts for a four-year term, but gives the legislature power to determine the method of selection.[4] The legislature has prescribed that constables shall be elected by districts at the general elections for State, county, and county district offices.[5]

The Constitution of 1869 provided and the Constitution of 1890 provides, that a competent number of constables be chosen in each county by district.[6] No definite number was prescribed by the Code of 1871 but since 1880 statute law has required that one constable be chosen in each district for the election of justice of the peace, and since 1900 has empowered 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.[7]

For the general functional and structural development of the office of constable from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 179-181.

Constables are not required to keep any permanent records. For records related to the office, see entries 131, 132.

XIV. TAX ASSESSOR

The office of tax assessor was established in Grenada County by the creating act of 1870 as prescribed by the Constitution of 1869.[1] The office was filled by appointment by the Governor[2] until the general elections of November 1871 when a tax assessor was regularly elected and sworn into office in January 1872.[3] The office has functioned continuously in the county since

1. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 23.
2. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1936, in office of the secretary of state, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 98.
3. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 23; Code, 1871, sec. 357; Code, 1880, sec. 118.
4. Const., 1890, sec. 171.
5. Code, 1892, secs. 767, 3049, 3633; L. M., 1900, p. 80; Code, 1906, secs. 829, 3456, 4140; Code, 1917, secs. 635, 2794, 6774; Code, 1930, secs. 630, 2881, 6210.
6. Const., 1869, art. VI, sec. 23; Const., 1890, sec. 171.
7. Code, 1880, sec. 386; Code, 1892, sec. 767; L. M., 1900, p. 80; Code, 1906, sec. 829; Code, 1917, sec. 635; Code, 1930, sec. 630.

1. L. M., 1870, p. 125; Const., 1869, art. V, sec. 21.
2. L. M., 1870, p. 125.
3. Minutes, vol. A, pp. 69-70; see entry 1; Official Bonds, vol. A, pp. 37-38; see entry 47.

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Until 1890, the tax assessor, by constitutional provision, was elected for a two-year term by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county and county district officers.[4] The Constitution of 1890 provides that he be elected for a four-year term and gives the legislature authority to determine the manner of election.[5] 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.[6]

For the general functional and structural development of the office of tax assessor from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 182-188.

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

Tax Lists

146. /LAND ASSESSMENTS/, 1918-25, 1930--. 1 corrugated box and 10 vols. (labelled by no. of supervisor's district).
Original lists of taxable real property, returned to the tax assessor by persons liable for taxation, showing name and post office address; beat number, school district, and road district of residence; lot and block numbers or division of section, survey, addition, or subdivisions; section, township, and range; owner's total valuation; value of leases, permits, reservations, and other interests owned separately from surface ownership; valuation of land, buildings, and improvements in cities, towns, and villages; class and detailed description of buildings and improvements; tax assessor's valuation and assessment; detailed plat of homestead; date of return and amount of exemption claimed; affidavit of tax payer; and attestation of tax assessor; tax assessor's computations and remarks. Arr. numer. by section no., numer. thereunder by beat no. and alph. thereunder by name of owner. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Box 12 x 18 x 24, strm.; vol. 16 x 20 x 2, tax assrs. off.

147. /PERSONAL ASSESSMENTS/, 1938--. 1 corrugated box and 1 vol.
Original lists of taxable personal property, returned to the tax assessor by persons liable for taxation, showing name and post office address; location of property, beat number, name of municipality, school district, and road district of residence; occupation of 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 by taxpayer; valuation by tax assessor; and remarks. Arr. numer. by beat no. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Box 12 x 12 x 24, strm.; vol. 16 x 10 x 2, tax assrs. off.

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4. Const., 1869, art. V, sec. 21; Code, 1871, secs. 307, 357; Code, 1880. secs. 118, 396.
5. Const., 1890, sec. 135.
6. Code, 1892, secs. 3049, 3633; Code, 1906, secs. 3456, 4140; Code, 1917, secs. 3794, 6774; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 6210.

Tax Survey

148. TIMBER ESTIMATES GRENADA COUNTY, 1922-23. Compiled for State Tax Commission by W. J. Lightsey, 1922-23. 1 vol.
Carbon copy survey of timber lands prepared under authorization of law of 1922 for taxation purposes, showing name of property owner, number of acres, legal description and plats of land, estimated value of timber, kind of timber, quality, valuation of timber per thousand feet, total valuation of timber and timber lands, description of underbrush and logging conditions, date of survey, and certification of compiler. Arr. numer. by sec. no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 14 x 9 x 1, ch. clerk's va.

Census Records
(See also entry 211)

149. ENUMERATION OF INHABITANTS, 1870. 1 vol.
Original enumeration of inhabitants made by tax assessor, showing date, number of males and females, both white and black over and under 21 years of age; number of male qualified electors; number of white males over 21 years of age under disabilities imposed by section three of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Also shows a list of persons carrying insurance, showing names of persons, kind of insurance carried (life, fire, or marine); amount of insurance; amount of annual premiums; recapitulation, and certification of tax assessor. Arr. alph. by first letter of surnames of persons. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 189 pp. 17½ x 14 x 1, in MDAH, New Capitol, Jackson, Miss.

150. CENSUS OF GRENADA COUNTY, 1880. 1 vol.
Original enumeration of males and females over 21 years of age and of children attending schools.

i. Enumeration of males and females over 21 years of age shows name, age, race, birthplace, address, and occupation, and number of bales of cotton raised in 1879.

ii. Enumeration of children attending school shows name of child, age, names of parents or of guardians, address, and name of public school attended.

Enumerations are certified to by tax assessor and show signatures of president of the board of supervisors and of the clerk of the board approving the enumerations. Arr. alph. by names of heads of families. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 14½ x 8½ x 1½. In MDAH, New Capitol, Jackson, Miss.
For other enumerations of school children, see entries 194, 211.

151. ENUMERATION OF EDUCABLE CHILDREN, GRENADA COUNTY, 1878, 1892. 2 vols. (dated).
Original enumeration of educable children in the county, showing name, age, sex, and race of child, names of parents or of guardian, residence of parents or of guardian by election district, city, town, or ward; date of enumeration, recapilation by voting precinct; grand recapitulation; and certification of tax assessor. Arr. chron. by date of enumeration. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 240 pp. 13½ x 8½ x 1½. In MDAH, New Capitol, Jackson, Miss.

Maps
(See also entries 2, 20, 51, 146, 148, 220, 221, 238)

152. MAP OF TOWN OF GRENADA, 1905. 1 map.
For description, see entry 55.

153. MAP OF GRENADA COUNTY, 1937. 1 map.
Political and communications map, showing range lines, boundaries of sections, fractional quarter sections, townships, supervisors' districts or beats, school districts, road districts, railroads, rivers, creeks, State and Federal highways. Drawn by Louise Boushe. Black and white. 1" equals $\frac{1}{3}$ mi. 36 x 75.

XV. SHERIFF AS TAX COLLECTOR.

The office of sheriff as tax collector was established in Grenada in 1870 with the establishment of the office of sheriff,[1] as the sheriff, by law, is the ex-officio tax collector.[2] The office has functioned continuously in the county since its establishment.

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 office or vault.

Assessments
(See also entries 20-22, 43)

154. LAND ROLLS, 1879--. 31 vols. (dated). Missing: 1870-71, 1873, 1875.
Copies of original assessment rolls of State and county taxes levied on taxable real estate, transmitted to the sheriff as tax collector by the clerk of

1. L. M., 1870, p. 125. For the present status of the office of sheriff, the method of selection, and the term of office, see "Sheriff," p. 99.
2. L. M., 1876, p. 8; Code, 1880, sec. 347; Code, 1892, sec. 4143; Code, 1906, sec. 4696; Code, 1917, sec. 3110; L. M., 1926, pp. 304-305; Code, 1930, sec. 3341. The Code of 1871 did not contain the provision appearing in previous (and subsequent) laws making the sheriff the tax collector, requiring him to make separate bond in the capacity, and declaring the office of sheriff vacant if he did not do so. Lebbeus French, appointed first sheriff of Grenada County, elected in 1871, and reelected in 1873, was ousted from office in 1875 for allegedly failing to make separate bond as tax collector, by a judgment rendered in the circuit court of Grenada County in a quo warranto suit instituted against him. French appealed to the Supreme Court which held that the term sheriff ex vi termini implied tax collector and that the failure of French to make separate bond did not vacate the office since there was no provision in the Code of 1871 requiring the sheriff to do so. (French vs. State, 52 Miss. Rep., 739-748; see also Byrne vs. State, 50 Miss. Rep., 688; Enochs vs. State, 113, Miss. Rep., 107; 97 Sou. Rep., 534; State vs. GM&N Railroad, 138 Miss. Rep., 70; 104 Sou. Rep., 689).

the chancery court as clerk of the board of supervisors. For description, see entry 20. 28 vols., 1879-1933, ch. clerk's va.; 3 vols., 1934--, sh. off.

155. PERSONAL ROLLS, 1870--. 70 vols. (dated).
Copies of original assessment rolls of State and county taxes levied on taxable personal property, transmitted to sheriff as tax collector by clerk of the chancery court as clerk of the board of supervisors. For description, see entry 43. 67 vols., 1870-1936, strm; 3 vols., 1937--, sh. off.

156. TRANSCRIPTS OF ORDERS OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1933--. 1 U file.
Certified copies of original orders of the board of supervisors authorizing adjustments in taxes, corrections of erroneous assessments, changing of assessments, and approving exemptions of homesteads. Transcripts show date, date of order, volume and page of record in Minutes of Board of Supervisors, entry 1; names of person whose property is affected, and certification of clerk of the board of supervisors. Arr. chron. by date of transcript. No index. Typed and typed on ptd. form. 8½ x 15 x 4.

Tax Receipts

157. TAX RECEIPTS, 1871--. 191 vols.
Duplicate copies of receipts issued to taxpayers in settlement of real and personal property taxes assessed and due, including State and county ad valorem taxes; school district, road district, road commutation, and dog taxes; taxes for creating sinking funds for servicing county bonds; poll taxes to 1935; and showing receipt number; year for which taxes due; date receipt issued, if taxes paid; name of taxpayer; total amount of taxes due in each class of assessment; legal description of real property; and signature of tax collector. Arr. numer. by tax receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 8 x 10 x 5½. 171 vols., 1870-1934, strm.; 5 vols., 1935-36, ch. clerk's va.; 15 vols., 1937--, sh. va.
For duplicate copies of poll tax receipts 1935--, see entries 160, 198.

158. PARTIAL PAYMENT TAX RECEIPTS, 1939--. 1 vol.
Duplicate copies of receipts issued to taxpayers in partial settlement of taxes assessed and due on taxable real property, including State and county ad valorem taxes, school district, road district taxes; and taxes for creating sinking funds for servicing county bonds; showing receipt number; year for which taxes due; date receipt issued, if taxes paid; name of taxpayer, total amount of taxes due in each class of assessment; amount of each payment; balance due; legal description of property; and signature of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. numer. by receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. 300 pp. 19 x 15 x 1.

159. TAX COLLECTORS RECEIPTS TO PURCHASERS AT DELINQUENT TAX SALES, 1938--. 1 vol.
Duplicate copies of receipts issued to individuals purchasing property sold at sales for delinquent taxes, showing receipt number, name of purchaser, amount paid, assessed value of property sold, date of sale, legal description of property sold, itemization and total of State and county taxes, fees, and damages due; and signature of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. numer. by receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. 300 pp. 16½ x 11 x 1.

Sheriff as Tax Collector - Register of Motor Vehicles; Cash Books and Ledgers (160-164)

160. POLL TAX RECEIPTS, 1939--. 1 vol.
Duplicate copies of receipts issued for the payment of poll taxes, showing year for which tax due, receipt number, page and line of record of assessment in Personal Rolls, entries 43, 155; place and date of payment; name, address, and voting precinct of taxpayer; amount of tax paid; and signature of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. numer. by receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18 x 15 x 2½.
For receipts for payment of poll tax 1870-1934, see entry 157; for duplicate copies of poll tax receipts 1935-38, see entry 198.

161. ROAD AND BRIDGE PRIVILEGE TAX RECORD, 1920--. 76 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; receipt-license 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 car; date receipt-license issued; signature of sheriff as tax collector; and counter signature of State Auditor of Public Accounts. Arr. numer. by receipt-license no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 8 x 10 x ½.

Register of Motor Vehicles

162. AUTOMOBILE REGISTER, 1930-36. 4 vols.
List of motor vehicle owners in the county, showing receipt-license-tag number, name and address of taxpayer-licensee, make of car, motor number, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer-licensee. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 10 x 8 x 2.

Cash Books and Ledgers

163. TAX COLLECTORS CASH BOOK, 1871--. 68 vols.
Daily record of all collections made by the sheriff as tax collector: showing name of person paying taxes; year for which taxes due; date of payment, amount paid; receipt number in Tax Receipts, entry 157; Partial Payment Tax Receipts, entry 158; Tax Collectors Receipts To Purchasers At Delinquent Tax Sales, entry 159; Poll Tax Receipts, entry 160; and Road and Bridge Privilege Tax, Record, entry 161; date receipt issued; fund debited; sub-totals and totals; gross amounts collected; net amounts paid into State and county treasuries. Arr. chron. by date of daily entries. Hdw. on ptd. form. No index. Av. 200 pp. 16 x 27 x 2. 61 vols., 1871-1932, strm.; 4 vols., 1933-36, ch. clerk's va.; 3 vols., 1937--, sh. off.

164. RECORD OF PRIVILEGE LICENSES, 1878-88, 1894-1901, 1904-22, 1929--. 9 vols.
Register of State and county licenses issued privileging individuals to practice a profession or engage in business or privileging corporations, joint stock companies, voluntary associations, or other business concerns to engage in business in the county, showing: name and address of person or firm licensed; amount paid; serial number of license issued; period covered by license; kind of business or profession licensed; and endorsement of State

Auditor of Public Accounts that the accounts are correct and that the amounts shown have been paid into the State treasury. Arr. numer. by license no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 250 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½. 6 vols., 1878-86, strm.; 1 vol., 1884-88, courtrm.; 2 vols., 1929--, sh. off.

165. AUTOMOBILE AND MOTORCYCLE CASH BOOK, 1914--. 4 vols.
Record of daily collections of road and bridge privilege taxes and sale of license tags, showing date of collection and sale, receipt-license-tag number, name and address of taxpayer-licensee, total amount paid, make, kind, model, age, horsepower, and capacity of vehicle for which license paid and tag purchased. Arr. chron. by date of collection and numer. thereunder by receipt-license-tag no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 200 pp. 14 x 6 x 1½. 2 vols., 1914-18, ch. clerk's va.; 2 vols., 1919-25, strm.; 1 vol., 1926--, sh. off.

166. CASH JOURNAL, 1920--. 7 vols.
Record of fees and commissions collected by the sheriff and tax collector, showing amounts received from the collection of occupational privilege taxes; road and bridge privilege taxes; real and personal property taxes; sale of motor vehicle license tags; penalties for late payment of taxes; fees in the sale of property for delinquent taxes and in the redemption of such property; and of fees due sheriff in his capacities as peace officer and executive officer of the board of supervisors, the chancery and circuit courts, and the grand jury. Arr. chron. by date collected. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 225 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½. 5 vols., 1920-32, strm.; 2 vols., 1933--, sh. off.

Applications

167. APPLICATIONS PRIVILEGE LICENSE, 1908-26. 1 vol.
Applications of firms, corporations, and individuals for licenses to engage in business or practice a profession, showing date of application, name of applicant, kind of business or profession, location, capitalization, and signature of applicant. Arr. chron. by date of application. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 950 pp. 10 x 13 x 5.

168. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMIT AND LICENSE TAG, 1939. 1 bundle.
Original applications of common carriers of passengers and of contract carriers of passengers for a permit and license to operate as such, showing date of application, name and address of applicant, make and kind, year and model, motor number, serial number, maximum capacity, and type of tires of vehicle; collector's notations of total tax for 12 months, less credit for old tag; tag fee; gross amount due collector, net amount due State, and signature of applicant. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8½ x 15 x 2.

Reports

169. TAX COLLECTORS MONTHLY REPORTS, 1900--. 10 vols.
Carbon copies of monthly and annual reports of the sheriff as tax collector to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor and to the State Auditor of Public Accounts of the collection of State and county taxes, showing date of report, period covered, itemization of taxes collected, total taxes

collected, total amounts deposited less commissions and fees due sheriff as tax collector, numbers of receipt warrants issued by county depository, and certification of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

For original reports, see entries 2, 178.

170. TAX COLLECTORS REPORTS ON MOTOR VEHICLES, 1930--. 26 bundles. Original copies of monthly reports made by the sheriff as tax collector to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, to the tax assessor, to the State Automobile Department, and to the State Tax Commission of the collection of road and bridge privilege taxes and the sale of license tags, showing tag number, name and address of purchaser, make, type, model, motor number, gross weight, horsepower, and date of delivery of vehicle for which tag purchased; amount of road and bridge taxes collected; amount of tag fees collected; amount of penalty imposed for late payment; total taxes collected less commissions due sheriff as tax collector; net amounts due State and county; and certification of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 16 x 22 x 2.

Miscellaneous

171. OPINIONS OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, 1934--. 1 U file. Original official opinions rendered by the Attorney General, in answer to the written requests of the sheriff, upon questions of law relating to the offices of sheriff and sheriff as tax collector, showing date opinion rendered, statement of inquiry of sheriff, citations to Supreme Court decisions and to constitutional and statutory law, opinion of Attorney General, and signature of Attorney General. Arr. chron. by date opinion rendered. No index. Typed. 8½ x 15 x 2.

XVI. CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT AS TREASURER

The office of treasurer was established in Grenada County by the creating act of May 9, 1870, as prescribed by the Constitution of 1869.[1] The office was first filled by provisional appointment made by the Governor.[2] A general election of all county officers was held in November 1871, and the treasurer elected and sworn into office in January 1872.[3] The office functioned until it was abolished by a constitutional amendment approved by popular vote in 1922, and made a part of the constitution of 1924.[4]

Until 1890, by constitutional provision, the treasurer was elected for a two-year term by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county district officers.[5] The Constitution of 1890 increased the term of office to four years, prohibited the treasurer

1. L. M., 1870, p. 125; Const., 1869, art. V, sec. 21.
2. L. M., 1870, p. 125.
3. Minutes, vol. A, pp. 69-70, see entry 1; Official Bonds, vol. A, pp. 37-38; see entry 47.
4. L. M., 1922, p. 144; ibid., 1924, p. 189; Const., 1890, sec. 135.
5. Const., 1869, art. V, sec. 21; Code, 1871, secs. 307, 357; Code, 1880, secs. 118, 396.

from immediately succeeding himself or the sheriff in office, and gave the legislature authority to determine the method of selection.[6] The legislature prescribed that the treasurer be elected by the qualified voters of the county at the general elections for state, district, county, and county district officers.[7]

The amendment, in abolishing the office, specified that the duties formerly imposed upon the treasurer shall be discharged by some person or persons elected as required by law.[8] In 1932 the legislature enacted a law requiring the clerk of the chancery court in his capacity as clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor in counties having county depositories to perform the former duties of the treasurer.[9] Since Grenada County has a regularly designated depository, the clerk of the chancery court has assumed the duties of the treasurer.

For the general structural and functional development of the office of treasurer and the office of clerk of the chancery court as treasurer, from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 202-206.

The records of the treasurer are kept in the office or vault of the clerk of the chancery court. The law of 1932 which gave the clerk the former duties of the treasurer also requires that the clerk be custodian of the books, records, and papers which belong to the treasurer.[10]

Receipts

172. TREASURERS RECEIPTS, 1897-1922. 5 vols.
Stubs of receipts issued by the treasurer for the payment of funds into the county treasury, showing receipt number, date issued, name of payor, name of account credited, and amount received. Arr. numer. by receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 250 pp. 17 x 12 x 1½, ctrm.

Reports

173. TREASURERS REPORTS, 1890-91, 1893-98, 1904, 1911, 1913-14, 1920-23. 1 corrugated box.
Carbon copies of reports made by the treasurer to the board of supervisors of receipts and disbursements of county and county district funds, showing date of report, period covered, source and date of receipts, receipt warrant number,

6. Const., 1890, secs. 135, 138.
7. Code, 1892, secs. 3049, 3633; Code, 1906, secs. 3456, 4140; Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 6774.
8. L. M., 1922, p. 144; ibid., 1924, p. 189; Const., 1890, sec. 135.
9. L. M., 1932, p. 514. For the establishment of the office of clerk of the chancery court, the present status of the office, the method of selection, and the term of office, see "Chancery Court," p. 70, footnotes 17-20. See also "Board of Supervisors," p. 53, footnote 8; and "Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as Auditor," p. 112, footnotes 1, 2.
10. L. M., 1932, p. 514.

total receipts, warrant number of disbursements, names of payees, dates warrants issued, amounts of warrants, total receipts and disbursements, and balances. No obvious arr. Hdw. and typed and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 14 x 14 x 28.

For original reports, see entry 2.

Ledgers

174. TREASURERS ACCOUNTS, 1870-1924. 7 vols. (1, 2, 1910, 4 vols. unlabelled or dated).
Ledger record of receipts and disbursements of county and county district funds, showing source, date, and amount of receipts, names of funds debited, and total receipts; and date and amount of disbursements, names of payees, warrant numbers, and names of funds credited. Arr. alph. by name of fund, and numer. thereunder by warrant no. of disbursement. Indexed by name of county fund. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Ch. clerk's va.

XVII. CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS AUDITOR

The office of auditor was established in Grenada County in 1892 when the clerk of the board of supervisors was designated by law as the auditor.[1] However, the clerk had been given auditing duties as early as 1880.[2] The office of clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor 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.

Cash Receipts
(See also entries 10-iii, 30-33, 37-38, 157-161, 163-165)

Reports

175. TREASURERS DOCKET, 1870-1923. 8 vols.
Recorded copies of monthly 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, and warrant numbers of balances, oath of treasurer, approved by board of supervisors. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form.

1. Code, 1892, sec. 326; Code, 1906, sec. 347; Code, 1917, sec. 3720; Code, 1930, sec. 295. As the clerk of the chancery court is the ex-officio clerk of the board of supervisors, for the establishment of the office, its present status, the method of selection, and the term of office, see "Chancery Court," p. 70, footnotes 17-20.
2. Code, 1880, secs. 2164-2174.

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as Auditor - Cash Receipts (176-181)

Av. 440. pp. 16 x 12- x 2.
For original reports, see entry 2.

176. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BY COUNTY DEPOSITORY, 1936--. 1 file box. 1924-35 in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2.
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; and 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 approved by board of supervisors. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. 4½ x 4⅓ x 10.

177. DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS, 1924--. 4 vols.
Record of Financial Statements By County Depository, entry 176. For description, see entry 176. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

178. TAX COLLECTORS MONTHLY REPORTS, 1929--. 1 file box. 1870-1928 in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2.
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, see entry 169. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 4½ x 4⅓ x 10.

179. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORTS, 1926--. 1 file box. 1870-1925 in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2.
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. Hdw. and typed and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. No obvious arr. No index. 4½ x 4⅓ x 10.

180. /TAX COLLECTORS REPORTS ON MOTOR VEHICLES/, 1930--. 1 steel file drawer.
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, see entry 170. 11 x 15⅓ x 27.

Bank Deposits

181. RECEIPT WARRANTS, 1922--. 1 corrugated box; 1 file box.
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 receipt 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. No obvious arr., corrugated box, 1922-35; arr. chron. by date issued, 1 file box, 1936--. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Corrugated box, 14 x 14 x 28, strm.; file box 4½ x 4⅓ x 10, ch. clerk's va.

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as Auditor - Claims (182-186)

County Bonds (See also entries 1, 190, 226)

182. BOND REGISTER, 1912--. 1 vol.
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 of the 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 cancellation of bonds. Arr. chron. by date of issuance and numer. thereunder by bond no. Indexed alph. by name of bond issue. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 10 x 13 x 1⅓.

183. CHANCERY CLERKS REPORT ON PAYMENT OF BONDS AND INTEREST, 1938--. 1 vol.
Record of reports of payment of county bonds made by clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, to the State Auditor of Public Accounts, showing citation to law of 1938 requiring the clerk to make the report, name of bond issue and date of issuance, amount paid, date paid, serial number of bonds retired, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of payment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 8½ x 1.

Claims
(See also entries 75, 107, 110, 111, 214-216, 219, 223)

184. CLAIMS, 1939--. 2 file boxes. 1870-1938 in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2.
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 Docket of Claims Board of Supervisors, entry 187; name of claimant, amount claimed; date filed; date and purpose of claim; receipt of claimant for claims allowed; and date of payment. Arr. chron. by date filed. No index. Hdw. and typed, and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 4½ x 4½ x 10.

185. SUPERINTENDENTS PAY CERTIFICATES, 1872, 1892-97, 1899, 1903--. 2 corrugated boxes; 1 steel file drawer.
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. No obvious arr. 1872, 1892-97, 1899, 1903-21; arr. chron. by date paid, 1922--. No index. Boxes, 14 x 14 x 28 and 8 x 16 x 8, 1872, 1892-97, 1899, 1903-21, strm.; file drawer, 11 x 15⅓ x 27, ch. clerk's off.

186. LOAD TICKETS, 1909-13, 1927. 6 corrugated boxes.
Original certificates issued by road overseers to drivers of teams engaged in

work on roads, to be presented to clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor for payment, and showing number and date of ticket, name of county, name of driver of team, name of owner of team, number of yards of dirt or gravel hauled, name of contractor, total number of yards hauled, signature of road overseer in approval, claim number assigned to ticket, in Docket of Claims Board of Supervisors, entry 187; name of claimant, date of filing, signature of clerk, and total amount allowed. No obvious arr. No index. 2 boxes, 6 x 10 x 15; 2 boxes 3 x 11½ x 19; 2 boxes 12 x 12 x 14. Strm.

187. DOCKET OF CLAIMS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1870--. 12 vols. (1, 1 vol. unlabelled; C-H, 1-4). Title varies: Board of Supervisors Docket, 6 vols., C-H, 1880-1917; Docket Board of Supervisors, 2 vols., 1870-1880.

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 claims allowed in Minutes of the Board of Supervisors, entry 1. Arr. numer. by claim no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 vols., 1870-1917, av. 550 pp. 16 x 12 x 2½; 4 vols., 1918--, av. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

Disbursements

188. /WARRANTS/, 1884--. 2 corrugated boxes; 4 stack files.

Stubs and duplicate copies of warrants issued in payment of approved claim for judicial and school expenses; salaries; Confederate pensions; for services rendered; for supplies, materials, and equipment furnished county offices and departments; for damages and other obligations; showing claim number in Docket of Claims Board of Supervisors, entry 187; warrant number in Cash Receipts and Disbursements, entry 191; 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, 60 vols. of stubs, 1884, 1923; typed on ptd. form, 4 stack files, 1924--. 70 vols. of stubs in boxes 14 x 14 x 28 and 8 x 16 x 18, strm.; stack files 24 x 12 x 8, ch. clerk's va.

189. /CANCELLED WARRANTS/, 1897--. 10 file boxes; 56 vols.

Original warrants issued in payment of claims, paid and cancelled and returned by county depository to clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, and showing claim number in Docket of Claims Board of Supervisors, entry 187; warrant number in Cash Receipts and Disbursements, entry 191; 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, cancellation by depository, and date of payment and cancellation. Arr. chron. by date of cancellation. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form, 1897-1923; typed on ptd. form, 1923--. File boxes, 19½ x 5 x 24, strm.; vols., 4½ x 4 x 8, ch. clerk's va.

190. CANCELLED BONDS AND COUPONS, 1908--. 2 corrugated boxes, 3 file drawers.

Redeemed original coupon bonds issued by the board of supervisors for the construction and maintenance of county and county district schools, road 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, denomination, rate of interest, maturity date, and signatures of president of the board of supervisors and of the clerk of the board. No obvious arr. No index. Boxes 14 x 14 x 28, 1908-30, strm.; file drawers 2 x 6 x 12, ch. clerk's va.

Ledgers
(See also entry 174)

191. CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1872--. 21 vols. Title varies: Cash Disbursement Register, 1936-38, 1 vol.; Cash Receipts, 1928-36, 1 vol.; Register of Warrants and Disbursements, 1927-36, 3 vols.; Register of Allowances, 1916-20, 1 vol.; Accounts with Public Officers, 1878-1913, 3 vols.; Register of Warrants, 1872-82, 1888-1906, 1913-27, 10 vols.

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; non-governmental costs including principal on temporary loans, bonds, permanent improvements, transfers and refunds, and trust and investment transactions; and show claim number in Docket of Claims Board of Supervisors, entry 187; warrant number; dates issued and paid; name of payee; purpose; name of fund credited; totals and balances.

Also contains: [Lists of Confederate Pensioners], 1906-14, entry 237. Cash receipts arr. chron. by date received and entered; disbursements arr. chron. by date warrant issued and numer. thereunder by warrant no. No index. Av. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

192. [GENERAL CONTROL AND BUDGET LEDGER], 1922--. 8 vols. (1-4, 4 vols. unlabelled). Title varies: General Ledger, 1922-27, 5 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 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.

General ledger arr. chron. by date of entries; budget ledger arr. chron. by date budget adopted. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 1½, 5 vols., strm.; and 3 vols., 12 x 15 x 3, ch. clerk's va.

Audits

193. AUDIT OF GRENADA COUNTY, 1908-15, 1925-27. 2 vols.

Audits of the financial records of Grenada County, showing statement of legal authority given State Auditor of Public Accounts to make audits, comments of State Tax Commission on financial condition of the county, itemizations of receipts and disbursements of each office, lists of outstanding warrants, statement of bonded indebtedness, balance sheets, reconcilment of funds, and general financial statements. Arr. by name of office and chron. thereunder by dates of receipts and disbursements. No index. Typed. Av. 100 pp. 14 x 10 x 1.

School Funds

(See also entries 11, 157, 158, 191, 192, 198, 212, 213, 228)

194. EDUCABLE CHILDREN, 1916--. 24 vols.

Lists of educable children in the county, transmitted annually by the superintendent of education to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor for the use of the clerk in apportioning the common school fund (poll tax), showing name and location of school, name of school district, names of parents, guardians, or next of kin, names, ages, grades, race, and sex of children; section, township, and range in which school is situated; recapitulization giving total number of educable children, and total number of children enrolled in school. Arr. alph. by name of school district, alph. thereunder by name of school, and alph. thereunder by names of children. No index. Typed. 200 pp. 16 x 10½ x 1.

For other lists of educable children, see entries 150-ii, 151, 211.

XVIII. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AS REGISTRAR

The Constitution of 1869 directed the legislature to provide for the registration of persons entitled to vote,[1] and until 1880 this function was

1. Const., 1869, art. VII, sec. 3.

discharged in Grenada County by a three-member board of registration appointed annually by a commission composed of the sheriff, the chancery clerk, and the president of the board of supervisors.[2]

In 1880 the clerk of the circuit court was made the ex-officio registrar.[3]

The Constitution of 1890 likewise directed the legislature to provide for the registration of persons eligible to vote,[4] and since 1892, 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.[5] The circuit clerks of Grenada County have been appointed regularly to this office since its establishment.

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 entries 79-v, 80.

Registration of Voters

Registration Book

195. REGISTRATION BOOK, 1870--. 68 vols.
Record of registration of voters in the county showing date of registration, number, signature, age, color, occupation, place of business, and residence of registrant, registrar's notation as to registrant's 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. numer. by registration no. and chron. thereunder by date of registration. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 150 pp. 17 x 14 x ½.

Disfranchisements

196. REGISTER OF CONVICTS, 1904--. 1 vol. Last entry 1932.
Record of persons convicted of crimes in the courts of Grenada County showing name of person convicted, court of conviction, crime for which convicted, and date of conviction. Arr. chron. by date of conviction. Indexed alph. by name of person convicted. 318 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

2. Code, 1871, secs. 340-355.
3. Code, 1880, secs. 105-116. 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," p. 81, footnotes 19-22.
4. Const., 1890, sec. 242.
5. Code, 1892, sec. 3603; L. M., 1900, p. 89; Code, 1906, sec. 4109; Code, 1917, sec. 6743; Code, 1930, sec. 6179.

Eligibility of Voters

Poll Books

197. POLL BOOKS, 1870--. 138 vols. Title varies: Primary Poll Books, 1935--. 18 vols.
List of qualified voters compiled from Registration Book, entry 195, 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 nos. and alph. thereunder by names of electors. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 1, 118 vols., 1870-1935; 100 pp. 14½ x 8½ x ½; 18 vols., 1935--.

Poll Tax Receipts

198. POLL TAX RECEIPTS, 1935-38. 16 vols.
Duplicate copies of receipts issued by the sheriff as tax collector for payment of poll taxes, delivered to the registrar, showing year for which taxes due, receipt number, page and line of record of assessment in Personal Roll, entry 43; 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 no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 18 x 15 x 2½.
For duplicate copies of poll tax receipts 1939--, see entry 160.

199. /INDEX TO POLL TAX RECEIPTS/, 1935-38. 6 cardboard file boxes.
Card index to Poll Tax Receipts, entry 198, 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 surname of person to whom receipt issued. 4 x 5 x 11½.

200. CERTIFICATES OF PAYMENT OF POLL TAX, 1936--. 1 vol.
Carbon copies of certificates of payment of poll tax, issued to persons who have lost their original poll tax receipts, showing year for which tax was paid, county, original receipt number, page and line of record in Poll Tax Receipts, entries 160, 198; place of payment, date of payment, name, address, and voting precinct of payor, amount of tax paid, citation to authority to issue certificate, signature of registrar, and name of tax collector. Arr. chron. by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 356 pp. 16 x 9⅓ x 2.

Exemption Certificates

201. AFFIDAVITS AND CERTIFICATES TO VOTE, 1936--. 4 vols.
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 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. numer. by certificate no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of person exempted. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.

Primary Election Records

Corrupt Practices Prevention

202. RECORD OF SEALS USED ON BALLOT BOXES, 1936--. 2 vols.
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. numer. by seal no. and chron. thereunder by date sealed. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 50 pp. 12 x 6 x ½.

203. RECEIPTS FOR BALLOTS, 1935--. 2 vols.
Carbon copies of receipts for ballots delivered by distributor of ballots to each polling place and returned to registrar after delivery of ballots, showing receipt number, date delivered, name of election manager receiving ballots, name of distributor delivering ballots, number of ballots delivered and received, name of polling place, number of supervisors district, designation of election for which ballots will be used, signature of election manager as receiver of ballots, signature of distributor. Arr. numer. by receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 9 x 6 x ½.

204. TALLY SHEETS, 1935--. 5 bundles.
Tally sheets of votes cast, showing date of election, names of candidates, name of office for which candidates are offering, number of votes cast for each candidate, total number of votes cast, and signatures of election managers and circuit clerk. Arr. chron. by date of election. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 50 sheets 15 x 8⅓ x ½.

XIX. COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Until 1880 elections in Grenada County were conducted by the three-member board of registration established to register persons entitled to vote.[1]

In 1880 this function was given to three commissioners of election appointed annually by the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the secretary of state.[2]

Since 1892 elections have been conducted by the county board of election commissioners composed of three members appointed for a two-year term by the State Board of Election Commissioners.[3]

For the general functional and structural development of the county board of election commissioners, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 225-228.

This board is not required to keep any permanent records. For its publications, see entries 79-vi, 80.

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1. See "Clerk of the Circuit Court as Registrar," p. 118, footnote 2.
2. Code, 1880, secs. 121-140.
3. Code, 1892, sec. 3602; Code, 1906, sec. 4108; Code, 1917, sec. 6742; Code, 1930, sec. 6177.

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XX. SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

The constitutional office of superintendent of education was established in Grenada County in 1870 after the county was organized, and has functioned continuously since that time.[1]

Until 1896, by constitutional provision, the superintendent was appointed by the State Board of Education, by and with the advice of the senate,[2] but in 1896 the legislature made the office elective in Grenada County.[3] Since that time the Superintendent has been elected by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county district officers.[4]

The term of office was set at two years by the Constitution of 1869[5] but was increased to four years by the Constitution of 1890.[6]

For the general functional and structural development of the office of county superintendent of education from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 229-236.

The records of the superintendents of education, unless otherwise specified, are kept in his office.

The superintendent of education of Grenada County also acts as county probation officer.[7]

Teachers

Reports (See also entries 210-iii, 211)

205. TEACHERS MONTHLY REPORTS, 1928--. 3 file boxes.
Original copies of monthly reports made to the county superintendent by both white and colored teachers showing date of report, period covered, name of school, name of teacher, number of pupils enrolled, average attendance, number of days taught, names and ages of pupils enrolled, salary due teacher, signature of teacher, and signatures of majority of school trustees examining and approving report. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. 10½ x 4½ x 14.
For record of reports, see entry 220.

1. Const., 1869, art. VIII, sec, 4; Code, 1880, sec. 690; Const., 1890, sec. 204.
2. Ibid.
3. L. M., 1896, p. 113; Code, 1906, secs. 4140, 4810; Code, 1917, secs. 6774, 7576; L. M., 1924, p. 416; Code, 1930, secs. 6210, 6562. The act of 1896 and subsequent acts were passed under authority of the provision of the constitution which gives the legislature power to make the office elective in any and all counties (Const., 1890, sec. 204).
4. Ibid.
5. Const., 1869, art. VIII, sec. 4.
6. Const., 1890, sec. 204; L. M., 1896, p. 113; Code, 1906, secs. 3456, 4809; Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 7566; L. M., 1924, p. 416; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 6562.
7. See "Chancery Court", pp. 70, 71, footnotes 14, 22, 23.

206. TEACHERS INFORMATION BLANKS, 1930--. 1 file box.
Original information blanks filled out by teachers employed in the county, showing date, name and qualifications of teacher, term to be taught, salary, name of school. Arr. chron. by date of school term. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 4½ x 14.

207. SIMPLEX DAILY PLAN BOOK, 1932--. 210 vols.
Teachers daily record of plans for teaching, showing date, term, name of school, grade, name of teacher, record of daily plans. Arr. chron. by date of plan. No index. Hdw. on ruled form. 50 pp. 12 x 18 x ½. 158 vols., 1932-38, strm.; 52 vols., 1939--, supt. off.

208. SCHOOL REGISTERS, 1932--. 392 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, report in progress of each pupil, signatures of teacher, principal and superintendent. Arr. chron. by date of daily entries. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 96 pp. 10 x 7 x 1½. 345 vols., 1932-38, strm.; 47 vols., 1939--, supts. off.

Employment

209. TEACHERS OF GRENADA COUNTY SCHOOLS, 1920--. 1 vol.
Register of teachers employed in Grenada County public schools, showing date, name and address of teacher, name of school, and salary. Arr. chron. by date of school term. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of teacher. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 x 8 x 1.
For original lists, see entry 220.

210. [Teachers and Transportation Contractors], CONTRACT RECORD [And Reports], 1930--. 2 file boxes.
Original contracts and monthly reports including:

i. Contracts of teachers with the superintendent of education, showing date of contract, name of teacher, salary, school district, qualifications, terms of contract, and signatures of trustees and signature of teachers.
ii. Contracts for transportation of school children, showing date of contract, name of contractor, description of route, schedule, terms of contract, contractors bond, date valid, signatures of contractor and of trustees.
iii. Monthly reports of white and colored teachers, showing date of report, name of school, race, name of teacher, enrollment and attendance, grades taught, signature of teacher and certification of members of board of trustees.
iv. Transportation contractors monthly reports, showing date of report, name of contractor, number and description of route, number of pupils enrolled, number of pupils carried, amount of pay certificate, signature of contractor, and signatures of members of board of trustees.

Arr. chron. by dates of contracts and reports. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 4½ x 14.
For record of reports, see entry 220.

Superintendent of Education - Educable Children; Financial Administration (211-213)

Educable Children
(See also entries 150-ii, 151, 194)

211. EDUCABLE CHILDREN, 1917--. 24 vols.
Original lists of educable children in the county, reported annually by principal teachers in each school district, showing name and location of school, school district, names of parents or guardians, names, ages, grades, race, sex of children, section, township and range in which school is located, recapitulation sheet, showing total number of educable children, total number of pupils enrolled, date of school term, signatures and school trustees examining and approving report. Arr. numer. by school district and alph. thereunder by name of parent. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16 x 10⅓ x 1½. Ch. clerk's va.

Financial Administration

212. GENERAL DISBURSEMENT REGISTER, 1936--.
Ledger record of cash receipts allocated to school funds by the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, and of disbursements of school funds made by pay certificates by the superintendent of education.

i. Sources of each receipts are classified as revenue and non-revenue; revenue receipts being listed as per capita and equalization funds from State appropriations; taxes from common school ad valorem, special school district ad valoren, dog, and poll taxes; and interest from invested sixteenth section school land funds; and non-revenue receipts being listed as transfers and loans. Both classifications show name and source of funds, debits, credits, and balances.

ii. 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 of 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.

Cash receipts arr. chron. by dates of credits and debits; disbursements arr. chron. by date pay certificate issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 508 pp. 18 x 35 x 2½.

213. DISBURSEMENT REGISTER, 1936--. 1 vol.
Journal of receipts and disbursements of school funds, shwoing name of each fund; dates, amounts, and sources of receipts; dates, amounts, sources, certificate numbers, names of payees, and dates of payment of disbursements; totals; and balances. Arr. alph. by name of school fund and chron. thereunder by dates of receipts and disbursements. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 30 x 3.

Pay Certificates(See also entry 185)

214. SUPERINTENDENTS PAY CERTIFICATES /Teachers/, 1928--. 5 vols.
Stubs and duplicate copies of pay certificates issued by superintendent of education to teachers to obtain warrants from the clerk of the board of supervisors for service rendered in county schools, showing certificate number, date issued, name of payee, amount of certificate, purpose, name of school fund credited, signature of superintendent of education, and of payee acknowledging receipt of certificate. Arr. numer. by certificate no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

215. PAY CERTIFICATES /Consolidated School Funds/, 1930--. 3 vols.
Duplicate copies of pay certificates issued to transportation contractors, janitors, and other claimants, to obtain warrants from the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, showing date, number, amount, name of payee, funds from which payable, signature of superintendent of education and signature of payee. Arr. numer. by certificate no., and chron. thereunder by date certificate issued. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18 x 13 x 1¼.

216. PAY CERTIFICATES /County School Funds/, 1926--. 7 vols.
Duplicate copies of pay certificates issued by superintendent from county school funds to employees, and other claimants to obtain warrants from clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor in payment of services rendered, showing date, certificate number, amount of certificate,name of payee, name of fund credited, purpose, signature of superintendent, and signature of payee. Arr. numer. by certificate no. and chron. thereunder by date certificate issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

217. SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION CERTIFICATES, 1930--. 5 file boxes.
Original pay certificates issued by superintendent, paid, cancelled and returned to the superintendent for filing, showing certificate number, date issued, purpose for which issued, amount, name of fund credited, signature of superintendent of education, signature of payee, date paid and cancelled. Arr. chron. by date cancelled, and numer. thereunder by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 4½ x 14.

218. CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL WARRANTS /Cancelled Pay Certificates/, 1930--. 4 file boxes.
Original pay certificates issued from the consolidated school fund by the superintendent of education to teachers and other claimants to obtain warrants for services rendered in consolidated schools in the county, showing certificate number, date issued, amount, name of payee, acknowledging receipt of certificate, purpose for which issued, name of school fund credited, signature of superintendent of education, signature of payee, date paid and cancelled. Arr. chron. by date certificate cancelled, and numer. thereunder by certificate no. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 4½ x 14. Ch. clerk's va.

219. REGISTER OF PAY CERTIFICATES, 1931--. 1 vol.
Register of pay certificates issued by the superintendent of education to teachers, transportation contractors, janitors and other claimants to obtain warrants from the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, in payment for services rendered; showing certificate number, name of payee, date issued, purpose, grade of school taught by teacher, monthly salary, amount of certificate, and name of school fund credited. Arr. chron. by date certificate issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 18 x 10 x 2.

General Administration

Public School Record

220. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS RECORD, 1891--. 6 vols.
Superintendent's record of the administration of school affairs, showing names and locations of schools; lists of teachers examined and employed; proceedings of the county school board, recorded copies of monthly and term reports of teachers and summaries of term reports; recorded copies of monthly reports of transportation contractors; recorded copies of annual financial reports made by district school treasurers; recorded copies of general school budgets and of school district budgets; recorded copies of superintendent's reports to State Superintendent of Public Education; recorded copies of reports of teachers' institutes; plats of each school district; and other matters of general procedure. Arr. chron. by date of entry. For index, see entry 221. Hdw. on ptd. form, 1 vol., 1891-1903; typed on ptd. form; 4 vols., 1904--. Av. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

221. INDEX TO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS RECORD, 1891--. 1 vol.
Alphabetical subject summary of County Superintendent's Record, entry 220, showing name of school, number of school district, maps of school districts, and volume and page of record. Arr. alph. by name of school and alph. thereunder by subject and item. Typed. 250 pp. $7\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 x 3.

Reports

222. ANNUAL REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, 1932--. 2 file boxes.
Carbon copies of annual reports made by the county superintendent of education to the State Superintendent of Public Education, compiled from and summarizing the data contained in County Superintendent's Record, entry 220, 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. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 14.

223. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, 1928--. 2 file boxes.
Carbon 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 amounts of pay certificates issued, certification of superintendent of education. Arr. chron. by date of report. Indexed alph. by name of school. Hdw. on ptd. form. 175 pp. 16 x 10 x 1.
For original reports, see entry 2.

Elementary School Scores

224. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCORES, 1935--. 1 file box.
Original papers and reports of the county superintendent of education to the State Superintendent of Public Education including scores and physical properties of elementary schools, showing achievements and scores with respect to premises, school houses, equipment, teachers, administration and extras compared with perfect score. Arr. chron. by date of report and score. No index. Typed. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 14.

Correspondence

225. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE FILES, 1934--. 1 file box.
Carbon copies of official correspondence of the superintendent of education showing date of communication, contents, and signature of superintendent. Arr. alph. by subject matter. No index. Typed. 10½ x 4½ x 14.

Miscellaneous

226. MISCELLANEOUS FILES, 1930--. 2 file boxes.
Miscellaneous records pertaining to school matters; annual budgets; orders of the county school board fixing boundaries of school districts, and lists of school bonds issued. Arr. alph. by subject matter. Hdw. and typed. 10½ x 4½ x 14.

For other record of bonds, see entries 1, 182, 183, 190.

XXI. BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The board of school directors, created by the law of July 4, 1870,[1] was established in Grenada County on August 5 of the same year.[2] It functioned until 1873 when it was abolished by law and its powers and duties were given to the board of supervisors and to the boards of school trustees.[3]

This board was composed of six members appointed by the board of supervisors and selected as far as was practicable from the five supervisors' districts or beats.[4] Two of the members were appointed for a one-year term, two for a two-year term, and three for a three-year term, their terms beginning October 1, 1870.[5] The superintendent of education served as president of the board and the clerk of the circuit court was its secretary.[6]

227. RECORD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS, 1870-73. 1 vol.
Minutes of the proceedings of meetings of the board of school directors, showing date of meeting, names of members present, rules, by-laws, and regulations drawn up by the board to govern its procedure; and orders, motions, and action taken on matters of school administration including: establishment of schools; procuring of ground and procuring or construction of buildings; employment of teachers; prescribing of uniform systems of text books; and annual statistical and financial reports to the board of supervisors. Signed by president and by secretary of the board. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 7½ x 11½ x 3. Ch. clerk's va.

1. L. M., 1870, p. 8, Code, 1871, secs. 2011-2014.
2. Minutes, vol. A, p. 13.
3. L. M., 1870, pp. 1-3, 8-9; see also "School Trustees," pp. 127-128.
4. L. M., 1870, p. 8.
5. Ibid.
6. Ibid.

228. LEDGER /School Funds/, 1871-73. 1 vol.
Ledger record of receipt and disbursements of teacher's funds, State school funds, school land funds, school house funds, and contingent school funds in sub-school districts 1-5, showing source of receipts, name of payee and date, amount, and number of warrant approved and issued. Arr. numer. by sub-school district no. and chron. thereunder by dates of receipts and disbursements. Indexed numer. by no. of sub-school district and by name of fund. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 798 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Cir. clerk's va.

XXII. SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Boards of trustees for each school district situated outside of towns were established in Grenada County by the law of 1873,[1] and have functioned continuously in the county since that time. At present there are three types of these school districts in the county; common school districts, consolidated school districts, and special consolidated districts.[2]

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

Until 1894 trustees were elected for a one-year term,[6] but since 1894 they have been chosen for a three-year term with one member being selected annually.[7] Trustees of special consolidated school districts are elected for

1. L. M., 1873, pp. 8-9, Until 1873 a number of the duties given to school trustees were discharged by the board of school directors.
2. The establishment of consolidated schools was authorized in 1910 (L. M., 1910, pp. 114-115; ibid., 1912, pp. 323-324; ibid., 1914, pp. 265-266; ibid., 1916, p. 284; Code, 1917, secs. 3999-4006; L. M., 1924, pp. 440-447; Code, 1930, secs. 6638-6652), and the establishment of special consolidated school districts was authorized in 1928 (L. M., 1928, pp. 158-161; Code, 1930, secs. 6653-6656).
3. L. M., 1873, p. 8; Code, 1880, sec. 703; Code, 1892, sec. 3999; L. M., 1894, p. 57; Code, 1906, sec. 4518; Code, 1917, sec. 7338; L. M., 1924, p. 431; L. M., 1928, p. 164; Code, 1930, sec. 6623.
4. L. M., 1928, p. 160; Code,1930, sec. 6655.
5. L. M., 1873, p. 8; Code, 1880, sec. 703; Code, 1892, sec. 3999; L. M., 1894, p. 57; Code, 1906, sec. 4519; ibid., 1914, p. 257; Code, 1917, sec. 7338-7339; L. M., 1924, p. 432; ibid., 1928, p. 160; Code, 1930, secs. 6624-6625.
6. L. M., 1873, p. 8; Code, 1880, sec. 703; Code, 1892, sec. 4000.
7. L. M., 1894, p. 57; Code, 1906, sec. 4518; L. M., 1914, p. 257; Code, 1917, secs. 7338-7339; L. M., 1924, p. 432; Code, 1930, sec. 6623.

a five-year term with one member being chosen annually.[8]

For the general structural and functional development of boards of school trustees from 1890 to 1938, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 247-253.

Trustees are not required to keep any permanent records. For records relating to these boards, see entries 205, 210, 211.

XXIII. COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The county school board, created by the law of 1886,[1] was established in Grenada County May 3, 1886,[2] and has functioned continuously in the county since that time.

This board consists of five members, one from each supervisor's beat or district, and the superintendent of education[3] who is its president and secretary.[4]

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 four-year term.[5] 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 five years, one member being chosen annually.[6]

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

The record of the proceedings of the county school board is kept by the superintendent of education, see entry 220. For other records relating to the school board, see entries 79-viii, 80, 226.

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8. L. M., 1928, p. 160; Code, 1930, sec. 6655.

1. L. M., 1886, pp. 63-64.
2. Minutes, vol. B, p. 337
3. Ibid., p. 63; Code, 1892, sec. 3991; Code, 1906, sec. 4510; Code, 1917, sec. 7330; L. M., 1924, p. 423; Code, 1930, sec. 6581.
4. Ibid., Code, 1892, sec. 3979(n); Code, 1906, sec. 4497(n); Code, 1917, sec. 7574(n); L. M., 1924, p. 418; Code, 1930, sec. 6570(11).
5. L. M., 1886, p. 63; Code, 1892, sec. 3991; Code, 1906, sec. 4510; Code, 1917, sec. 7330; L. M., 1924, p. 423.
6. L. M., 1930, p. 611; Code, 1930, sec. 6581.

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XXIV. COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

The office of county health officer was established in Grenada County April 2, 1880[1] as provided for in the act of March 4, 1880,[2] and it has functioned continuously since that time.

Until 1892, this official, called the chief health officer, was appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the State Board of Health for a term of two years beginning on the date of appointment.[3]

Since 1892 a county health officer has been appointed by the State Board of Health itself, to serve a two-year term.[4]

For the general functional and structural development of the office of county health officer, see Lamar County Inventory, p. 58.

The records of the county health officer are kept in his office in the Grenada Clinic Building, Grenada, Miss.

229. ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, 1936--. 1 folder.
Original reports made to the health officer by physicians in the county, showing kind of disease; age, sex, color, and name of patient treated; occupation of adult patients or name of school attended by child patients; name of physician reporting; source of milk supply; date dairy or other source of milk supply notified to stop deliveries; date patients released; and date of report. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 10 x 1.

230. RECORD OF TREATMENT WITH RABIES VACCINE, 1938--. 1 folder.
Carbon copies of reports made by the health officer to the State Board of Health of patients receiving treatment for rabies, showing treatment number, date patient bitten, reported, and treated; case histories of patients; data pertaining to infected animal; names of patients; history of treatments and condition of patients. Arr. chron. by date of report, and chron. thereunder by dates of treatments. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 10 x 2.

231. MONTHLY NUMERICAL MORBIDITY REPORTS, 1935--. 1 folder.
Carbon copies of monthly numerical morbidity reports made by the health officer to the bureau of communicable diseases of the State Board of Health, 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 practi-

1. "Extracts from the Minutes of the State Board of Health," in Felix J. Underwood and R. N. Whitfield, (comps.), A Brief History of Public Health and Medical Licensure, State of Mississippi, 1799-1930, Jackson, Mississippi State Board of Health, 1938, p. 23.
2. L. M., 1880, p. 165.
3. Ibid., Code, 1880, sec. 790. The appointee was required to be a physician of well known sanitary attainments and the appointment was mandatory except in remote, interior counties (ibid.).
4. Code, 1892, sec. 2275; Code, 1906, sec. 2491; Code, 1917, sec. 4840; Code, 1930, sec. 4877. The appointee is required to be a competent physician and the appointment since 1930 has been mandatory in all counties (ibid.)

tioner, name and address of any physician who has moved out of county, 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 active or inactive, names and addresses of physicians failing to report, and signature of director of department of health. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 10 x 2.

For tabulation of communicable diseases reported, see entry 232.

232. MONTHLY TABULATION OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR, 1935--. 1 folder. Duplicate copies of combined monthly activity, financial, and reportable disease reports, made by the health officer to the State Board of Health, including:

i. Activity reports show name of State and county, population of health jurisdiction of Grenada County health officer, 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, veneral 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 show 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 received, total receipts and disbursements for each month and to date.

iii. Tabulation of reportable diseases show names of disease reported, totals reported for month and to date, signature of health officer, address, and date of report.

Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on mimeographed form. 8 x 10 x 2.

XXV. REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

The office of registrar of births and deaths was established in Grenada County in 1912 as provided for by the legislative act of that year,[1] and has functioned continuously in the county since that time.

The registrar is appointed for an indefinite term by the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health.[2] For the general functional and structural development of the office, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 264-266.

The records of the registrar of births and deaths are kept in the office of the county health officer. For other vital statistics, see entries 125-127.

1. L. M., 1912, p. 158-159. From 1897 to 1912 the function of collecting vital, mortuary, and sanitary statistics was assigned to a county board of health composed of one physician from each supervisor's district, appointed by the Hospital Medical College at Vicksburg until 1906 and by the state department of health from 1906 to 1912. The county health officer was chairman of this board. (L. M., 1897, p. 15; Code, 1906, sec. 1645.)
2. Ibid.; Code, 1917, secs. 4868, 4870; Code, 1930, secs. 4904, 4906; Mississippi State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Instructions

233. BIRTH REGISTRATION, 1912--. 51 vols. (dated).
Abstract record of reports made by registrar of vital statistics to the Division of Vital Statistics, 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, age, race, birthplace, and occupation; mother's full maiden name, address, age, race, birthplace, and occupation; whether or not child stillborn; name of physician or midwife attending birth; time report filed with registrar of vital statistics; and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. by date reported. No index. Av. 88 pp. 5 x 9 x 1.

234. DEATH REGISTRATION, 1912--. 33 vols. (dated).
Abstract record of reports made by registrar of vital statistics to the Division of Vital Statistics, 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; name of physician filing certificate of death; name of attending physician; name of undertaker; date filed with registrar of vital statistics; and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. by date reported. No index. Av. 88 pp. 5 x 9 x 1.

XXVI. PENSION BOARD OF INQUIRY

The payment of pensions by the State to Confederate veterans was instituted by the law of 1888 which also provided for the establishment of boards of inquiry in the counties to adjudicate claims for pensions.[1] The pension board of inquiry was organized in Grenada County in 1888 and has functioned continuously since that time.

Until 1902 this board was composed of the five members of the board of supervisors, the sheriff, and the clerk of the chancery court.[2]

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to Registrars of Births and Deaths, pp. 2, 6, 10. The acts of the legislature require the state board of health as the bureau of public health of the state department of health, to establish a bureau of vital statistics for the purpose of providing an adequate system for the registration of births and deaths, for the preservation of vital statistics on forms prescribed by the state board of health, and for providing adequate methods for enforcing the laws and orders of the board relating to health matters of the state (Ibid.). With respect to other vital statistics, the clerk of the chancery court since 1926 has been required to report divorce statistics (L. M., 1926, p. 257; ibid., 1928, pp. 184-186; Code, 1930, sec. 1426), and the clerk of the circuit court since 1926 has been required to make reports of all marriage licenses issued and of all certificates of marriage returned (L. M., 1926, pp. 256-257; Code, 1930, sec. 4937). Neither clerk in Grenada County keeps copies of these reports.

1. L. M., 1888, p. 30-35.
2. Ibid., 31; ibid., 1900, p. 82. The Constitution of 1890 directs the legislature to provide for the payment of pensions to Confederate soldiers and sailors, and to the widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors (Const.,

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Since 1902 the camp of Confederate veterans in the county has been authorized to select and recommend to the board of supervisors for appointment to the pension board, five of their number, one from each supervisor's beat or district is possible.[3] The first board appointed by the board of supervisors was names on July 7, 1902.[4] In 1910 pensioners were excluded from serving as members of the board.[5] 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.[6] Since 1928 the county prosecuting attorney has been a member of the board.[7] The clerk of the chancery court is the clerk of this body,[8] and the sheriff is its executive officer.[9]

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

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

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

235. APPLICATIONS FOR PENSIONS, 1893-95, 1897-1901, 1904-5, 1915--. 1 corrugated box; 1 file box. Title varies: Confederate Applications and Warrants, 1893-95, 1897-1901, 1904-5, 1915-23.
Miscellaneous original and duplicate pension records, including:

i. Applications of servants of Confederate soldiers or sailors, 1893-95, 1897-1901, 1904-5, 1915, 1924--, 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 1893-95, 1897-1901, 1904-5, 1915, 1924--, showing date of application, name, residence,

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1890, sec. 272). Other laws enacted prior to 1902 made it the duty of the grand jury to examine and approve or disapprove all claims for pensions allowed by the pension board of inquiry (L. M., 1892, p. 32; ibid., 1896, p. 65; ibid., 1898, p. 54; ibid., 1900, p. 84).

3. L. M., 1902, p. 128; ibid., 1904, p. 185; Code, 1906, sec. 3657; 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.).
4. Minutes, vol. D, p. 265.
5. L. M., 1910, p. 210; Code, 1917, sec. 6312; L. M., 1918, p. 132.
6. L. M., 1924, pp. 585-586; ibid., 1930, p. 39; Code, 1930, sec. 5812.
7. L. M., 1928, p. 73; ibid., 1930, p. 39; Code, 1930, sec. 5812.
8. L. M., 1888, p. 31; ibid., 1900, p. 82; ibid., 1902, p. 128; Code, 1906, sec. 3657; Code, 1917, sec. 6312; L. M., 1924, p. 585; Code, 1930, sec. 5812.
9. L. M., 1912, p. 173; Code, 1917, sec. 6323; Code, 1930, sec. 5822.

age, class, date of birth, and birthplace of applicant, statement of citizenship in Mississippi, county and residence at the time of enlistment, date and place of enlistment, time and place 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, 1893-95, 1897-1901, 1904-5, 1915, 1924--, 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 applicantion, and signatures of five members of the pension board of inquiry on approved applications.

iv. Correspondence, duplicate copies of, from the clerk of pension board to the State Auditor and other persons desiring information regarding pensions, showing date of correspondence, name of addressee, contents and signature of clerk.

v. Oaths of pension commissioners, 1916-29 showing name of commissioner and date appointed, expiration of appointment, date of oath, transcript of oath and integrity, and signature of clerk.

vi. 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, cancelled, 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 cancelled.

Also contains: [Lists of Confederate Pensioners], 1893-95, 1897-1901, 1904-5, 1915--, entry 237. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Corrugated box 14 x 14 x 28, strm.; file box 4½ x 4½ x 10, ch. clerk's va.

For applications 1916-23, see entry 236.

236. PENSION ROLL AND MINUTES BOARD OF INQUIRY, 1916--. 1 vol.

i. Applications for pensions, 1916-23, original pasted in volume; for description, see entry 235-i, ii, iii.

ii. Record of the proceedings of the pension board of inquiry, showing date of meeting, names of members present, names of members absent, names of applicants for pensions, approval or rejection of applications, and orders to publish lists of pensioners.

Applications arr. chron. by date of filing; proceedings arr. chron. by date of meeting. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of applicant. Applications

hdw. on ptd. form; proceedings hdw. and typed under ptd. hdg. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 2½.
For applications 1893-95, 1897-1901, 1904-5, 1915, 1924--, see entry 235.

237. /LISTS OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONERS/, 1893-95, 1897-1901, 1904--. 1893-95, 1897-1901, 1904-5, 1915--, in Applications for Pensions, entry 235; 1906-14 in Cash Receipts and Disbursements, entry 191. Duplicate copies of lists of 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.

XXVII. CORONER AS RANGER

The office of ranger was created in Grenada County in 1870, with the establishment of the office of coroner,[1] as the coroner is by law the ex-officio ranger.[2]

When there is no coroner in the county, the ex-officio duties of the coroner as ranger may be discharged by justices of the peace.[3]

For the structural and functional development of the office of coroner as ranger from 1890-1938, see Lamar County Inventory, p. 271.

For reports of the coroner as ranger to the board of supervisors, see entries 1, 2; for publications of the coroner as ranger, see entries 79-ix, 80.

XXVIII. SURVEYOR

The office of surveyor was established in Grenada County by the creating act of May 9, 1870 as prescribed by the Constitution of 1869.[1] The first surveyor was appointed by the Governor to serve until a surveyor was regularly elected at the general elections of November 1871 and sworn into office in

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1. L. M., 1870, p. 125.
2. Code, 1871, secs. 244, 306; Code, 1880, sec. 350; Code, 1892, sec. 815; Code, 1906, sec. 880; Code, 1917, sec. 4047; Code, 1930, sec. 638. 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. 101.
3. Code, 1871, sec. 255; Code, 1880, sec. 361; Code, 1892, sec. 826; Code, 1906, sec. 891; Code, 1917, sec. 4058; Code, 1930, sec. 649.

1. Const., 1869, art. V, sec. 21; L. M., 1870, p. 125.

January 1872.[2] The office functioned from 1870 through 1907,[3] from 1916 through 1919,[4] and from 1924 through 1927.[5] There was no incumbent from 1908 through 1915, from 1920 through 1923, and there has been no incumbent since 1928.[6]

Until 1890, by constitutional provision, the surveyor was elected for a term of two years by the qualified electors of the county.[7] The Constitution of 1890 provides that the surveyor shall be elected for a four-year term but gives the legislature power to determine the method of selection.[8] 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.[9]

For the general functional and structural 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.

238. SURVEYORS RECORD, 1900-1918. 1 vol.
Record of surveys made by county surveyors and other surveyors, showing diagram, description, number, and date of survey; name of person for whom survey made, name of surveyor, chainmen, and flagbearers; points established by section, township, and range; bearings; description of witness trees and monuments; date recorded; signature of surveyor; and certification of clerk of the chancery court as recorder. Arr. chron. by date recorded. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form; plats hand drawn. Scale varies. 211 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.

XXIX. COUNTY EXTENSION DEPARTMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

The law of March 5, 1908 authorized counties to establish a county department of agriculture to promote agricultural extension work.[1] A depart-

2. L. M., 1870, p. 125; Minutes, vol. A, pp. 69-70, see entry 1; Official Bonds, vol. A, pp. 37-38, see entry 47.
3. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1899, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 160; ibid., 1903, p. 165.
4. Ibid., 1916, p. 163.
5. Ibid., 1924, p. 165.
6. The Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, does not show that commissions were issued to surveyors in Grenada County during the periods 1908-15, 1920-23, and from 1928 to date.
7. Const., 1869, art. V, sec. 21; Code, 1871, secs. 272, 307, 357; Code, 1880, secs. 118, 379, 396.
8. Const., 1890, sec. 135.
9. Code, 1892, secs. 3049, 3633, 4389; Code, 1906, secs. 3456, 4140, 4954; Code, 1917, secs. 2794, 6774, 7737; Code, 1930, secs. 2881, 6210, 7139.

1. L. M., 1908, p. 94.

nent was organized in Grenada County on October 10 of the same year,[2] and has functioned continuously since that time. The law of March 28, 1914 authorized counties to establish a county department of home economics.[3] On April 1, 1916 a department was created in Grenada County,[4] and has functioned continuously since that time.

In 1932 counties were empowered to carry on agricultural demonstration home economics programs through a single department to be known as the county extension department in agriculture and home economics.[5]

Until 1932 the officials directing the activities of the department of agriculture and the department of home economics (required by law to be women), were appointed by the board of supervisors,[6] but since 1932 have been appointed by the board upon the recommendation of the Extension Department of Mississippi State College and with the approval of the United States Department of Agriculture.[7]

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 this department are kept in its office, unless otherwise specified.

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Reports

239. EXTENSION WORK RECORDS, 1932--. 4 file boxes.
Record of extension work done by farmers under the supervision of the county agent pertaining to experiments and improvement in methods of pruning, grafting, fertilization, diversification of crops, care of livestock, and other farm work and experiments, showing names and addresses of farmers and helpers assisting in work, nature of work, dates, results, and signature of county agent. Arr. alph. by name of farmer. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 1½ x 1 x 5.

2. Minutes, vol. E, p. 496.
3. L. M., 1914, p. 260.
4. Minutes, vol. F, p. 532.
5. L. M., 1932, pp. 317-318.
6. Ibid., 1908, p. 94; ibid., 1914, p. 260; Code, 1917, secs. 3782, 3801; L. M., 1924, p. 322; Code, 1930, secs. 278, 281. The legal titles of these officials until 1932 were commissioner of agriculture and county agent of home economics (ibid.), but since 1932 have been county agent and home economics agent (L. M., 1932, p. 517). However, in local terminology they have always been known as county agent and home demonstration agent.
7. L. M., 1932, p. 517.

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240. FARM HISTORIES, 1928--. 3 file boxes.
Record of work done on farms in the county; showing names and addresses of famers and helpers; description of farm; number of acres; number acres in cultivation; kinds of crops; diversification of crops; description of buildings, improvements and farm equipment; number and kinds of farm animals; number and kinds of livestock; amount of production; quality of production; results of work and experiments; and signature of county agent. Arr. alph. by names of farmers participating. No index. Typed. 10⅓ x 4⅓ x 14.

241. WEEKLY REPORTS, 1928-38. 1 folder. 1939--, in Monthly Reports, entry 242.
Duplicate copies of weekly reports made by the county agent to the district supervisory agent of the State extension service, of activities, achievements, and accomplishments in agricultural demonstration work, including supplementary reports, showing date of report; detailed account of work done; names of farmers and helpers, results; and signature of county agent. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. 8 x 11 x 2.
For original reports, see entries 2, 9.

242. MONTHLY REPORTS, 1928--. 1 folder.
Triplicate copies of monthly reports made by the county agent to the State extension service, and to the board of supervisors, of departmental activities and progress, and of work and experiments made with farmers under the supervision of the county agent, showing date of report; detailed description of work and experiments; itemized statement of expenses for the administration and operation of the department; names of farmers and helpers; results; and signature of county agent. Also contains: Weekly Reports, 1939--, entry 241. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. 8 x 11 x 2.
For original reports, see entries 2, 9.

243. ANNUAL REPORTS, 1928--. 1 folder.
Duplicate copies of annual reports made by the county agent to the State extension service, of departmental activities and progress; including tentative plans for the activities, administration and operation of the department for the approaching year and showing date of report; detailed description of work and experiments; results; itemized statement of expenses for the administration and operation of the department; names of farmers and helpers; nature of plans for the approaching year; estimated budget for the approaching year; and signature of county agent. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. 8 x 11 x ½.

Cotton Control

244. COTTON CONTROL, 1933--. 75 bundles.
Record of the cooperation of farmers and producers with the cotton control program of the United States Department of Agriculture; including duplicate copies of applications for allotment, and tax-exemption certificates (Bankhead Applications) filed by farmers pursuant to the Cotton Act of April 21, 1934; duplicate copies of Bankhead applications filed subsequent to the final date set for filing such applications; duplicate copies of reports of cotton acreage and production made by producers without Bankhead applications; record of Bankhead applications approved showing allotments and tax-exemption certificates issued; duplicate copies of instructions for the distribution of parity payments among producers; share-croppers, and share tenants; and duplicate copies of reports

of such parity payments; duplicate copies of contracts entered into by producers and the United States Department of Agriculture for cotton acreage reduction pursuant to the agricultural adjustment Act of May 12, 1933; duplicate copies of applications by producers for cotton price reduction payments showing agreements of producers to cooperate with the cotton adjustment program; duplicate copies of acknowledgments of receipt of parity payment checks; duplicate copies of receipts of checks paid for cotton price adjustment; duplicate copies of reports of adjusted payments; duplicate copies of contracts entered into by producers and the United States Department of Agriculture for cotton options; and producers' work sheets and other papers pertaining to the cooperation by producers with the federal cotton control program. Arr. alph. by subject and chron. thereunder by date of contract, report or paper. No index. Typed on ptd. forms. 8½ x 15 x 3.

245. COTTON TICKET RECEIPTS, 1934--. 2 file boxes.
Duplicate copies of receipts issued for cotton sold in the county pursuant to the federal cotton control program, showing receipt number, date issued, date sold, amount paid, number of bales of cotton, kind and quality of cotton, where sold, name of purchaser, and signature of seller. Arr. chron. by date of receipt. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10½ x 4 x 14.

246. COTTON HISTORY, 1933--. 4 file boxes.
Record of cotton experiments made in the county pursuant to the federal cotton control program, showing name and address of producer, nature of experiment, kind of seed and fertilizer used; result of experiment, number of bales produced, grade and quality of cotton, tenure of experiment, and cost of experiment. Arr. alph. by name of planter. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 10 x 12 x 24.

Soil Conservation

247. SOIL CONSERVATION, 1935--. 30 bundles.
Record of cooperation of farmers and producers under the supervision of the county agricultural demonstration agent, with the soil conservation program of the United States Department of Agriculture, including duplicate copies of applications of producers for participation in the soil conservation program and for adjustment payments; duplicate copies of reports of performance made by farmers operating under the program to the United States Department of Agriculture; bulletins of general instructions and rules for adherence to the program; duplicate copies of adjustments for farms to conform to acreage and production quotas under the program; and duplicate copies of work sheets used by producers operating under the soil conservation program. Arr. alph. by subject, and chron. thereunder by date of report or paper. No index. Typed on ptd. forms. 8½ x 15 x 4.

4-H CLUBS (See also entries 253, 257)

248. 4-H CLUB WORK REGISTER, 1932--. 1 file box.
Record of activities and progress on work performed by members of boys' 4-H Clubs in the county, showing name and location of club; names, ages, and addresses of members; description of work done and result, including kind of crops planted, time planted, yield, cost of planting and returns from work. Arr. chron. by date of planting or by date work done. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 12 x 6 x 24.

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Home Demonstration Agent

Reports

249. WOMENS HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK, 1934--. 12 folders.
Original records of activities and work done by women in the county under the supervision of the county home demonstration agent, including proceedings of the county council; programs sponsored by the home demonstration agent and the county council; State specialist programs; programs of fairs, community, county, and State achievement days, contests; names of members of county clubs, names of club leaders, dates of meetings, names of participants in programs and contests, description and nature of accomplishments, work done and progress accomplishments. Arr. alph. by subject and chron. thereunder by date of meeting, program, or event. No index. Typed and typed on ptd. forms. 10 x 12 x 1.

250. WEEKLY REPORTS, 1935-38. 1 folder. 1939--, in Monthly Reports, entry 251.
Duplicate copies of weekly reports made by the county home demonstration agent to the State extension service of the activities and progress of the home demonstration work in the county, showing date of report, detailed description of work done, programs, achievement days and contests; dates, results, communities visited, dates of visits, club meetings held, dates of meetings, demonstrations given, miles covered, and signature of the home demonstration agent. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed. 10 x 12 x 2.
For original reports, see entries 2, 9.

251. MONTHLY REPORTS, 1935--. 1 folder.
Duplicate copies of monthly reports made by the home demonstration agent to the State extension service and the board of supervisors of the activities, expenses and progress of home demonstration work in the county, showing date of report, detailed description of work done, programs, achievement days, contests, rallies, camps, communities visited, dates of visits, club meetings held, dates of meetings, demonstrations given, kinds and dates of demonstrations, miles covered, itemized statement of expenses for the administration and operation of the department, and signature of county home demonstration agent. Also contains: Weekly Reports, 1939--, entry 250. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed on ptd. forms. 8 x 11 x 1.
For original reports, see entries 2, 9.

252. ANNUAL REPORTS, 1934--. 1 folder.
Triplicate copies of annual reports made by the home demonstration agent to the State extension service and the board of supervisors, of the activities, expenses and progress of home demonstration work in the county including photographs and newspaper clippings of persons, places and events, and showing date of report, detailed description of work done, programs, achievement days, contests, rallies, camps, communities visited, dates of visits, club meetings held, dates of meetings, demonstrations given, kinds and dates of demonstrations, miles covered, itemized state of expenses for the administration and operation of the department, names and addresses of persons participating in home demonstration work and signature of the home demonstration agent. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 12 x 14 x 2.
For original reports, see entries 2, 9.

County Extension Department in Agriculture and Home Economics - Home Demonstration Agent (253-257)

4-H CLUBS (See also entries 248, 257)

253. GIRLS 4-H CLUB WORK, 1935--. 1 folder.
Record of activities and progress of girls' 4-H clubs in the county, including programs, achievement days, contests, rallies, projects, 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 future 4-H club activities and programs. Arr. alph. by subject and chron. thereunder. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 12 x 2.

WPA Projects

254. COOPERATION WITH WPA, 1936--. 1 file drawer.
Record of home demonstration work done on projects under the supervisors of the home demonstration agent in cooperation with the WPA, showing name and number of project, kind and location of project, names, addresses, classifications and numbers of hours of workers, designation of supervisors, and rates of pay. Arr. alph. by name of worker. No index. Typed. 12 x 14 x 2.

Correspondence.

255. CORRESPONDENCE, 1932--. 1 file box.
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. Arr. alph. by name of addressee. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 10 x 24.

256. CIRCULAR LETTERS, 1934--. 1 folder.
Copies of circular letters and bulletins received by the home demonstration agent from the State extension service, State Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture, and circular letters and bulletins sent out by the county home demonstration agent pertaining to information and instructions on home demonstration work, showing names of writer and addressee, date and kind of communication and contents of communication. Arr. chron. by date of communication. No index. Typed. 12 x 14 x 2.

Miscellaneous

257. INFORMATION FILES, 1930--. 1 file box.
Miscellaneous papers pertaining to home demonstration work in the county, including work programs, programs of 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 subject. No index. Typed. 12 x 10 x 24.

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