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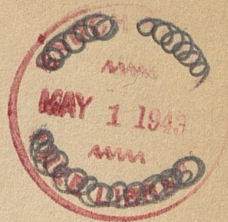
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DIVISION OF
PROFESSIONAL & SERVICE PROJECTS
B.M. CASTEEL, STATE ADMINISTRATOR
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION

The Historical Records Survey came into existence as the direct result of the need of employment by professional and other white collar workers. The wages earned by these workers are spent in this community and directly or indirectly benefit various lines of industry. People in all walks of life pay the taxes which sustain this work. It is quite natural for them to inquire whether this money is being used to produce worthwhile results. The purpose of this booklet is to present facts regarding our project. This will give those interested the information necessary to form their opinion of its merits.

Material in this booklet was prepared by the State office staff in St. Louis. Edited and compiled for publication by William H. Michell, Oliver Gerard, and J. B. Huffman.

HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
OF THE
STATE OF MISSOURI
INTRODUCTION



The purpose of the Historical Records Survey Program is twofold: first, to list manuscripts, church records, and public records in county offices in a reference volume for the use of county officials and the general public; second, to locate, classify, and catalog all extant county and city records so as to make them more easily accessible to county officials, historians, and research workers.

It has been found that county archives contain a wealth of valuable material which may be used as authoritative source information in the fields of county history, sociology, political science, and economics. A compilation of some of this valuable information is found in the volumes produced by the project.

This project expects to complete a guide of the archives of each county in the State of Missouri and the City of St. Louis. These guides, when completed, are intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by officials of the counties, and the needs of lawyers, business men, and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs.

The various units of the Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri will be issued in mimeographed form for free distribution to state and local officials and public libraries in Missouri, and to a limited number of libraries and governmental units in other states.

Inquiries regarding information that may be furnished by the Historical Records Survey Program should be addressed to Horace F. Grimm, State Supervisor, Historical Records Survey, 2031 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

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HISTORICAL FOUNDATION
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED CHURCHES

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January 26, 1939

Mr. Matthew S. Murray, State Administrator
WPA Historical Records Survey
4136 Evans Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Murray:

We have today received the Inventory of County Archives of Cole and Linn Counties, and I hasten to assure you of our appreciation of each of these. I have taken the time to read the historical sketches of each of these counties and to get the outlines of the volumes. I wish to commend the work of the Historical Records in the strongest terms I can command. The longer the lapse of time, and the many changes that time will work in the development of these counties the more will these volumes be appreciated, and their values be acknowledged.

I consider the Historical Sketches of these two counties of the very best that have come to us to date. The Linn County history is splendid for such a brief sketch. I wish you please to convey to each of the workers concerned my congratulations and gratitude for their faithful labors.

We have one volume of Missouri imprints. Whether there will be others I know not, but this certainly has already been of great help to us.

I am looking forward to the survey of the church records with great interest.

I trust that you will realize that you and your associates are rendering a most valuable service. Every research library will be deeply indebted to you - that receives these reports.

Very Cordially Yours,

S. M. Tenney, Curator

RECORDER OF DEEDS
City of St. Louis
Missouri

July 20, 1939

Mr. Horace F. Grimm,
State Director,
Historical Records Survey,
4136 Evans Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Grimm:

I am taking this opportunity to offer you my genuine thanks and express my appreciation for the excellent manner in which Mr. August Peterson and his staff of the Historical Records Survey handled the project of arranging our records alphabetically and chronologically.

It was a monumental task and its achievement commands the admiration of everyone having any contact with Mr. Peterson and his entire staff. All these workers are to be genuinely congratulated.

Yours truly,
John P. English
Recorder of Deeds.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI
Office of the Secretary
COLUMBIA

May 31, 1938

Mr. Matthew S. Murray,
State Administrator, WPA,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Murray:

We are happy to acknowledge the receipt of the Inventory of County Archives of Ripley County, the second volume in the Missouri series. This will be carefully filed for permanent preservation, and will be available for use by the public at all times. Mention of the receipt of this volume will be made in the October, 1938, issue of The Missouri Historical Review.

Perhaps you would be interested in knowing also that a short review of the Pike County inventory, the first volume received, has been written for publication in the July Review.

Sincerely yours,
Floyd C. Shoemaker
Secretary

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MUNICIPAL REFERENCE LIBRARY
480 City Hall
St. Louis, Missouri

June 2, 1938

Mr. Horace F. Grimm,
State Director,
Historical Records Survey,
4136 Evans Avenue,
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Mr. Grimm:

I wish to thank you for the copy of Pike County Missouri Inventory received today. If this is a fair sample of the work of the Historical Records Survey, the entire project seems decidedly worth while.

When you get ready to list the original records of the City of St. Louis, I shall be glad to give you and your assistants the benefit of my experience in locating and using certain of these records.

Sincerely,
FREDERICK C. AULT
Acting Librarian

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
In The City of
New York

The Library

June 2, 1938

Mr. Matthew S. Murray,
State Administrator,
Works Progress Administration,
417 Bolivar Street,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Murray:

Mr. Horace F. Grimm who is State Director of Historical Records Survey in St. Louis has sent me a copy of "Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri, No. 91, Ripley County," for these Inventories are going to be as important to American scholars as Medieval Inventories are now to students of the Middle Ages in Europe. I am very happy to find that you have placed this Library on your list to receive these Surveys as they are issued.

Yours faithfully,
R. U. HOM

STATE OF MISSOURI
MISSOURI LIBRARY COMMISSION
Jefferson City

January 27, 1939

Mr. Matthew S. Murray
State Administrator
Federal Works Progress Administration
417 Bolivar Street
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Murray:

We have received copies of Cole and Linn County inventories for our library from Mr. Horace F. Grimm, Historical Records Survey, and wish to let you know we think this is a very valuable piece of work. It is making accessible information which has been impossible to locate heretofore and we are in a position to appreciate its value.

Yours very truly,
RUTH O'MALLEY
Secretary

RO'M:AH
cc: Mr. Horace F. Grimm

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LIBRARY
Urbana, Illinois

August 9, 1938

Mr. Horace F. Grimm, State Director
Historical Records Survey
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Mr. Grimm:

I am writing to thank you for your kindness in presenting to the University of Illinois Library, a copy of the Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri of Reynolds County, Number 90.

We are glad, indeed, to have this book, and it will soon be catalogued and made available for the use of our graduate students, faculty, and citizens.

With best wishes, I am
Yours very truly,
P. L. WINDSOR

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OFFICE OF
RECORDER OF DEEDS
Of Cass County

R. C. Kimberlin, Recorder
Harrisonville, Missouri

April 8, 1940

Mr. A. Loyd Collins
Assistant Supervisor
Historical Records Survey
2031 Olive Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Collins:

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Historical Records Survey for the many services which we have received from them.

There is scarcely a day passes but what we find that the Historical Records Survey has been of some service to us in this county. Your worker, Mr. Reading, has rendered invaluable services in locating missing records, in arranging and filing court and public papers in connection with his inventory work, and in finding important documents for us.

We appreciate this good work and want to thank the officials of the Survey and compliment the work that is being done.

Sincerely yours,

R. C. Kimberlin, Recorder

MISSOURI HISTORICAL SOCIETY
JEFFERSON MEMORIAL
ST. LOUIS, MO.

July 20, 1938

My dear Mr. Murray:

We have just received from Mr. Horace Grimm copies of the Pike and Ripley County Inventories. I am writing to say how pleased I am with the work and to congratulate you and Mr. Grimm upon the splendid work you are doing.

These inventories will be of great value to the students and historians using this library and I want to express to you the grateful thanks of the Society. The work certainly has been done most intelligently.

Gratefully yours
STELLA M. DRUMM
Librarian

Mr. Matthew S. Murray
Works Progress Administration
Jefferson City, Missouri

STATE OF MISSOURI

Percent of records from fieldworkers accepted as of April 15, 1940

Active Counties - 6

Carter	65%	Hickory	15%
Cass	85%	Johnson	46%
Clark	95%	St. Charles	93%

No Workers in County - 13

Barry	20%	Dent	90%	St. Clair	60%
Callaway	50%	Dunklin	0%	St. Francois	75%
Cape Girardeau	40%	Gentry	70%	Scott	25%
Carroll	70%	Harrison	90%	Sullivan	95%
		Pemiscot	65%		

County Field Work Completed - 87

Adair	Camden	Douglas	Laclede	Mississippi	Platte	Shannon
Andrew	Cedar	Franklin	Lafayette	Moniteau	Polk	Stoddard
Atchison	Chariton	Gasconade	Lawrence	Monroe	Pulaski	Stone
Audrain	Christian	Greene	Lewis	Montgomery	Putnam	Taney
Barton	Clay	Grundy	Lincoln	Morgan	Ralls	Texas
Bates	Clinton	Henry	Livingston	New Madrid	Randolph	Vernon
Benton	Cooper	Holt	Macon	Newton	Ray	Warren
Bollinger	Crawford	Howard	Madison	Nodaway	Ste. Genevieve	Washington
Boone	Dade	Howell	Maries	Oregon	St. Louis	Wayne
Buchanan	Dallas	Iron	Marion	Osage	Saline	Webster
Butler	Daviess	Jackson	McDonald	Ozark	Schuyler	Worth
Caldwell	DeKalb	Jefferson	Mercer	Perry	Scotland	Wright
		Knox	Miller	Phelps		

Counties Rechecked after Completion - 22

Audrain	Dallas	Lewis	McDonald	Ralls
Boone	Greene	Livingston	Moniteau	St. Louis
Caldwell	Henry	Macon	Monroe	Stoddard
Clinton	Iron	Marion	Montgomery	Warren
	Lawrence		Ozark	

1st Draft Inventories Completed - 8

Iron	Montgomery
Marion	McDonald
Moniteau	Ozark
Monroe	Macon

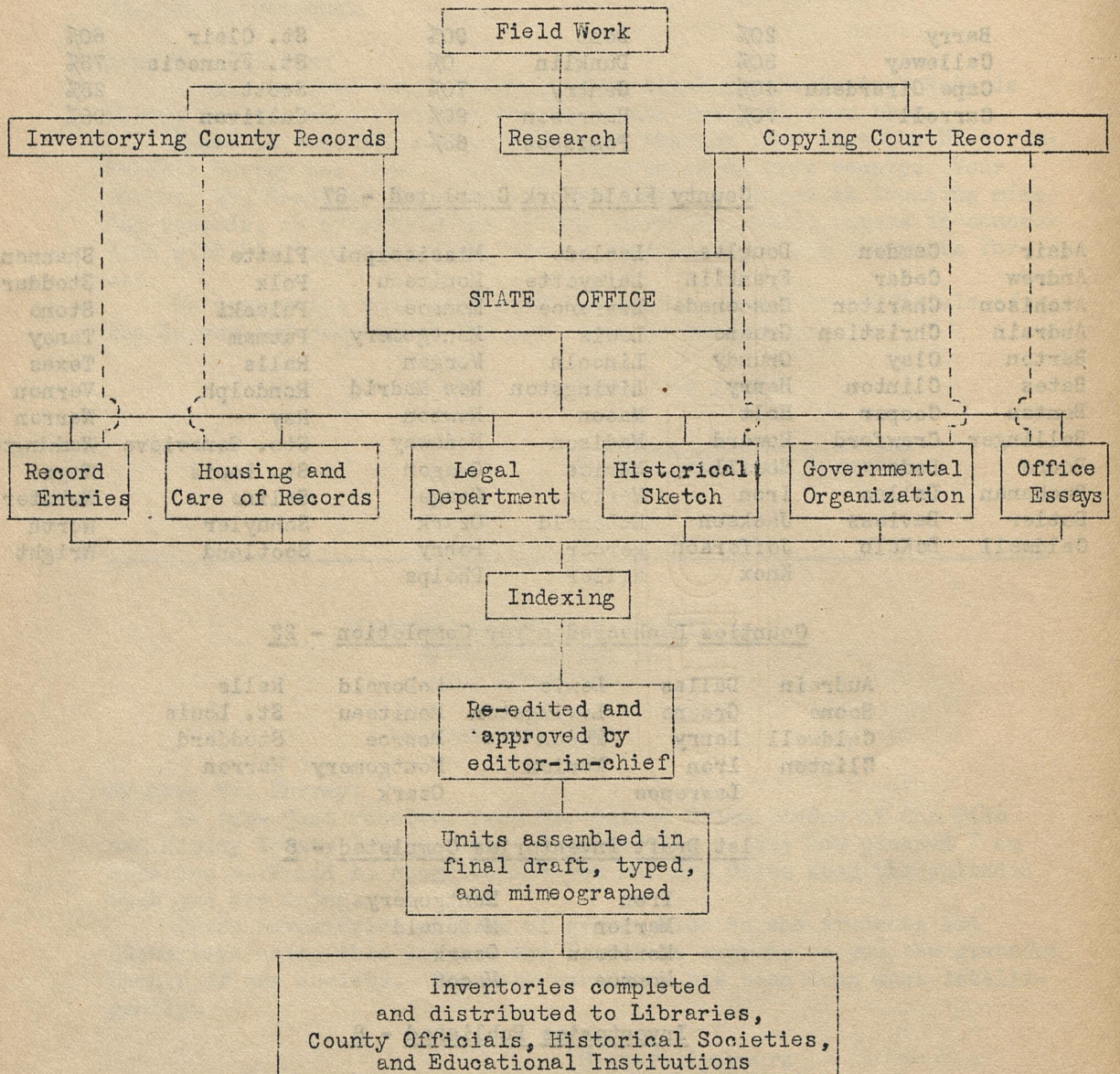
Inventories Published - 8

Cole	Pike
Jasper	Reynolds
Linn	Ripley
Pettis	Shelby

Percentage of field work in State completed as of April 15, 1940 - 94%.

PROCEDURE IN PREPARING AN INVENTORY OF COUNTY ARCHIVES

Fieldworkers in each county and the City of St. Louis inventory manuscripts and church and county records on prescribed forms, and forward them to the State office. County court records up to 1879 are copied for use in the State office.



Church and manuscript work follows in a general pattern the outline on county inventories shown above.

Procedure - continued

An inventory of county archives is divided into two main sections. Part "A" consists of explanatory introductory material, an historical sketch of the county, a comprehensive outline of the organization of county government in Missouri, and a description of buildings in which county records are preserved. Part "B" consists mainly of record entries for the various county offices. Each set of entries is preceded by a brief essay on the office, court, commission, or bureau whose records are to be listed.

All of this essay material must be gathered and edited for each county individually. Although the counties have much in common, each presents its own problems and each has differences that require careful investigation. Such considerations as, for example, population of the county and whether or not it has adopted township organization must be kept in mind in compiling its history and governmental organization. Statutory provisions vary for counties in different population groups, and a county that is functioning under township organization differs in many ways from other counties.

Fieldworkers of the Historical Records Survey do the groundwork in gathering material in the county courthouses. They arrange the records in offices and vaults, and in a number of instances, new shelving has been erected in courthouses and the older records have been placed on them in proper sequence. This work is very constructive and is highly appreciated by the county officials. They also inventory the records of county offices and copy many of the early court records that form the basis of our source material. Historical sketches are then built up through research in libraries and historical societies. The essays on governmental organization and on the various county offices must, of course, be based on legal enactments. Provisions of the constitutions and statutes of Missouri furnish the basic information on which to build the story of each office from its origin in the county, through changing times and conditions, to its present status.

When material from all available sources has been gathered into the State office, the rough draft is written. After checking, editing, and revising, a final draft is made of the essays and record entries as they will appear in the mimeographed county inventory. Then the complete final copy is edited once more before stencils are cut for mimeographing.

RECORD ENTRIES

The following information is a brief resume of the mechanics necessary in compiling the record entries for the county inventories in Missouri. On the opposite page is a sample of the blank form sent to fieldworkers and filled in with required data.

The number of offices authorized by statute to maintain the county government is fifteen; comprising the county court, clerk of the county court, clerk of the circuit court, probate court, recorder of deeds, prosecuting attorney, sheriff, collector of revenue, assessor, treasurer, coroner, public administrator, county surveyor, highway engineer, and superintendent of public schools. The number of records to be found and inventoried will average about three hundred and fifty for each county. This means three hundred and fifty separate forms will be returned to the state office for editing.

The fieldworker is instructed to begin the inventory in a certain office and complete the listing of bound and unbound records in that office before progressing to another.

Answers to questions 1-12 on the form must be accurate.

As the forms are returned to the State office they are checked by the editorial and legal staffs, and if any irregularities are apparent the forms are returned to the fieldworker for correction.

When the forms for all the county offices have been received by the State office and the work reported as completed, an Assistant State Supervisor rechecks the forms for accuracy against the county records in the courthouse.

Record Entries are the types of records county officials are required by statute to keep, and show the title of the record, years for which the record is kept, whether original papers or volumes, purpose of the record, arrangement and indexing, size, and location. For examples, see page 13.

VOLUMES AND UNBOUND RECORDS

John Doe (Worker's full name) 4-10-1940 (Date) 172 (Form identification no.)

County Wacon State Missouri
Name of agency or office Recorder of Deeds
Address of office of custody Courthouse

1. Title Quitclaim Deed
2. Dates 1880--
3. Quantity 18 volumes
4. Labeling numbered
5. Discontinued and missing records none - see line 12
6. Contents Quitclaim deeds to real estate, showing date, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description and location of property, signatures of grantor and witnesses, acknowledgment, date and time filed, and certificate of recorder.
7. Arrangement chronologically, by date of entry.
8. Indexing in Direct and Inverted Index to Deeds
9. Writing Handwritten and typed on printed forms
10. Size 640 pp. 18x13x4
11. Location by dates and quantities Recorder's vault.
12. Other information Records for 1837-79 are recorded in Deed Record.

The information received on the form is typed on 5 x 8 inch cards and double spaced to allow for corrections.

QUITCLAIM DEED, 1880--. 18 vols. (numbered). 1837-79 in Deed Record, entry .

Record of deeds conveying only the interest in real estate possessed by grantor without warranting title thereto, showing date, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description and location of property, signatures of grantor and witnesses, acknowledgment, date and time filed, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. For index, see entry . (Direct and Inverted Index to Deeds). Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 13 x 4.

Revised Statutes, 1835, page 525, section 5;

Revised Statutes, 1929, sections 11543 and 11547

The cards are then edited, assembled in their respective offices, given descriptive headings and sub-headings, and retyped on paper in single spaced form.

Cross-references are then made to prior, subsequent, or related records and given to the editor-in-chief for final approval.

When all units are completed they are assembled in their proper order and stencils are cut for the mimeograph.

The following page is a sample of the finished product to be found in the Inventories of the County Archives of Missouri.

Recorder of Deeds - Real Property

(106-110)

106. WARRANTY DEED RECORD, 1867--. 73 vols. (numbered). 1837-66 in Deed Record, entry 105.

Record of instruments conveying and warranting title in fee simple to real estate, showing date, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description and location of property, notarial acknowledgment, date filed, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 104. Typed on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

107. QUITCLAIM DEED, 1880--. 18 vols. (numbered). 1837-79 in Deed Record, entry 105.

Record of deeds conveying only the interest in real estate possessed by grantor without warranting title thereto, showing date, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, description and location of property, signatures of grantor and witnesses, acknowledgment, date and time filed, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 104. Hdw. and typed on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 13 x 4.

108. RIGHT-OF-WAY CONVEYANCE RECORD, 1937--. 1 vol. (290). 1837-1936 in Deed Record, entry 105.

Transcript of instruments releasing and quitclaiming to the State of Missouri right-of-way for state highways, showing date, name of grantor, State of Missouri as grantee, description of land by township, section, range and road district numbers, signature of grantor, acknowledgment, date and time filed, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 104. Typed on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

109. COLLECTOR'S DEED FOR TAXES, 1936--. 1 vol. (291). 1843-1935 in Deed Records, entry 105.

Deeds executed by collector covering property sold under special execution at public auction for taxes unpaid and delinquent, showing amount of delinquent taxes, entries, number of years delinquent, name of taxpayer, description and location of real estate, date sale was executed, names of collector and grantee, recital of certificate of purchase, name of purchaser, amount paid, acknowledgment, certificate of recorder, date and time filed. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 104. Typed on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

110. SHERIFF'S DEED, 1868--. 3 vols. (1, 41, 79). 1837-67 in Deed Record, entry 105.

Sheriff's deeds to property sold under special execution to satisfy a levy of judgment for back taxes, giving date of instrument, names of sheriff, grantee, and parties to execution, sale price, description of real estate, signatures of witnesses, acknowledgment, date filed, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 104. Hdw. on ptd. f. 638 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

LEGAL DIGEST AND CHECK LIST

The Missouri project of the Historical Records Survey is now engaged in the preparation of a digest of the Territorial and State laws. This digest is being prepared from the session acts of the Missouri Legislature and the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

There are five persons on the project who are engaged in this work. The laws are carefully read and all material found therein that pertains in any manner to the various counties, directly or indirectly, is written on the work sheets in digested form. These work sheets are then turned over to the legal editor, who in turn classifies each section and arranges the work under the various subjects.

It is our intention to arrange this material in such manner that each court and office that exists in the various counties will be thoroughly covered as far as its legal existence is concerned. Under each office heading will be shown the creation, duties, jurisdiction, and powers of the office; term and qualifications of the official holding the office; the various structural changes that take place from time to time; bonds that are required to be taken by the official; oaths that are necessary; and all requirements for the keeping of records. This work will serve as a guide to all future essays that may be written on the governmental organization of any county and the different office essays that appear in the Inventories of the County Archives of Missouri.

As a supplement to this work, a check list of all records that are required to be kept by each official is being prepared. This list is being taken from the session acts and statutes, and is being made up in conjunction with and supplemental to the digest. When the legal editor is going through the work sheets, he notes each record requirement and at the end of the digest of each particular office the check list will be found. This list will show each record separately, by the title, and will be arranged by subject in the order of importance of the record to the particular office under consideration. Citations for each record will enable the reader to know when it originated and whether or not it is a currently kept record in the county. If for any reason a record has been discontinued legally, this will appear on the check list opposite the title of the record.

This digest and check list is being prepared in such a manner as to serve many different purposes. Those most noteworthy are: as a guide to our own project essay writers and inventory editors; as material for all legal research students; as legal history for those interested in the development of governmental functions from the time that Missouri was called the District of Louisiana to the present; and to serve as an up to date digest of the laws of Missouri.

All legal facts that are stated in the inventories produced by the survey are augmented by citations from the laws of Missouri. These citations are obtained through research made by a member of the legal staff.

THE CHURCH ARCHIVES INVENTORY

The Historical Records Survey is assembling through its church archives department all the historical data obtainable concerning the name, origin, denomination, location, growth, and early founders, together with a brief history of every active or defunct church in the State. This data is being gathered by fieldworkers in each county, by means of personal interviews and by correspondence with pastors and officers of individual churches. It is entered upon prepared forms which, when completed, are forwarded to the State office in St. Louis.

The Church Archives Inventory was started as a unit of the Historical Records Survey Program, in the spring of 1937. Much time and effort has been spent in laying the foundation for the extensive research, field, and editorial work necessary to gather the histories of approximately ten thousand churches estimated to have come into existence in Missouri from her earliest territorial days to the present time. Field surveys have been completed on about three thousand churches to date.

Upon completion of the field survey it is contemplated that these inventories, after they have been finally checked, corrected, and edited, will be published in volume form by denominations, and be available to libraries, educational institutions, historical societies, and denominational bodies. These volumes will provide not only a nationwide directory of church data, but also a valuable source of historical, statistical, and bibliographical information for clergymen, students of church history, authors, and historians generally.

RECORD ENTRY OF CHURCH ARCHIVES
COMPILED FROM FORM ON FOLLOWING PAGE

25. First Presbyterian Church, 111 W. Chestnut Street, Carthage, Missouri.

Background. Organized August, 1867, in Dunlap's Hall. Services held in Thomas Bldg., until January, 1870, and in Regan's Hall until November of the same year. First church, a small frame building, 706-710 Grant Street, completed in November 1870 and occupied until January 12, 1903, when the congregation merged with the Westminster Presbyterian Church, S. E. corner of Chestnut and Grant Streets. Present church at 116 W. Chestnut Street erected and dedicated in 1916; modified Gothic, two-story brick and stone structure with square bell tower and red tile roof; 4 large art-glass memorial windows depicting events in the life of Christ. Church school occupies basement and both floors of each half of building; west half contains church auditorium with dining room and kitchen in basement. Present rectory, a two-story frame residence, at 110 East Tenth Street. First settled clergyman, Rev. John W. Pinkerton (Sept. 1867 - Aug. 15, 1872). Educational background unknown. Present Pastor, Rev. Edwin Eugene Mace (April 9, 1937--). Graduate of Drury College, Springfield, Mo; Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill.; University of Arkansas.

Bibliography. History of Jasper County, Missouri by Mills & Company, Des Moines, Iowa, page 276. Contains an account of the organization and early history of the church. Article in The Carthage Evening Press, August 12, 1897; "First Presbyterian Church Thirtieth Anniversary".

Records. All records combined in nine bound volumes, titled "Sessions of the Church", (1867--). Contain finances, membership, baptisms, deaths, minutes of board meetings and Sunday School, and a list of all officers, elders, deacons, trustees and pastors, past and present. Deeds recorded with Jasper County Recorder of Deeds in Mortgage Record, vol. 25, p. 127; and Warranty Deed Record, vol. 49, p. 94.

Charles L. Napper 323 W. Mound St., Carthage, Mo.

1. County Jasper City or town Carthage
2. Name of church First Presbyterian Street address 111 W. Chestnut Street
3. Denomination Presbyterian, U. S. A. Date organized August 4, 1867
4. Date of lapse, if now defunct Still active
5. Information as to previous buildings This information, because of its length, must be covered on a separate sheet of paper, attached.
6. Date present building dedicated or consecrated 1916 Rebuilt Never
7. Architecture, bells, inscriptions, special features of building Modified Gothic Architecture; the bell which began service in the church's original structure, built in 1870, now hangs in their present modern edifice and is claimed to be flawless and of good tone; cornerstone, 18" x 24", set at southwest corner of building facing south is inscribed, "First Presbyterian Church, AD--1916". Other special features of this building enumerated on the attached page to which a cut of the building is pasted.
8. First settled clergyman Rev. John W. Pinkerton Tenure Sept. 1867 to Aug. 15, 1872
Educational background No information available
9. Minute books See answer to question #10, following.
10. Register books of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, members, deaths All records of this church are combined in nine bound volumes titled "Sessions of the Church" 1867-1882, 1882-1897, 1897-1905, 1891-1903, 1903-1914, 1905-1918, 1914-1925, 1918-1930, 1930 up to and continuing on beyond present date. These books contain a record of the church finances, membership, baptisms, deaths, minutes of board meetings, a list of all officers, elders, deacons, trustees and pastors, past and present.

11. Record of books of Sunday School or other organization Not separate except in temporary memorandum form; such information is permanently recorded in books listed in item #10, over.
12. Financial record, if separate Not separate; this information contained in those books listed in answer to question #10, reverse side.
13. Unpublished historical sketches: (give author, title, date when written, and note if written in one of the record books) None discovered.
14. Published histories or historical sketches or directories, etc.: (give author, title, place and date of publication) A short historical sketch of the organization and growth of this church through its early years is to be found in "The History of Jasper County, Missouri," by Mills & Company, Des Moines, Iowa, 1883, beginning on page #278. A copy of that history is attached to and forms a part of the report herewith submitted.
15. Other records, miscellaneous manuscript material, etc. An old "Subscription Book" was discovered on a shelf in a second-floor class room by the worker. This book recorded pledges made by members for the period 1889-1902. It is in a good state of preservation and the pastor, Rev. E. E. Mace, said he would retrieve and place the book with the other official records of the church in his study.
16. Indicate by check condition of records: Excellent () Good (X) Poor () Very Poor ()
 Volumes 1867-1882 and 1882-1897, Fair (x) Other,
17. Other information, particularly as to the origins, history, and previous names of the church Fully covered on separate pages, attached. Present Pastor, Edwin Eugene Mace, address 110 E. 10th St., Carthage, Mo., which is the church manse; educational background: Senior High School, Springfield, Mo., B. A. from the Drury College, Springfield, Mo., B. D., a three-year seminary course, from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary (formerly McCormick's) in Chicago, Ill.; post-graduate study in the University of Arkansas. Official connection with this church began April 9, 1937; no specified tenure of appointment.

TRANSCRIPTION OF EARLY
COUNTY COURT RECORDS

The complete records of each county court are copied verbatim, beginning with the earliest entry and ending with the final sessions of the courts in 1878.

These official records supply original source material in preparing essays for the county inventory books, which cover county history, governmental organization, and the various county offices.

In a number of counties the original records have been destroyed. The authentic copies of these recordings will take the place of any original records hereafter lost or destroyed. If such losses occurred today officials would be able to obtain duplicates of their county court records from our survey files.

By transcribing the records up to the close of 1878, a great amount of historical material, not otherwise recorded, is made available. In most instances these records cover all probate proceedings from 1827 until separate probate courts were established in the different counties. In 1877 a uniform probate court system was organized in Missouri.

In 1872 a law was enacted which authorized each county to adopt the township organization plan. This law was repealed in 1877. The county court records covering these years show which counties adopted the township organization plan, as well as those which rejected it.

MANUSCRIPTS

The objectives of this work are to publish the following material:

1. Guide to Depositories of Manuscript Collections in the United States - a volume for each state.
2. Guide to Manuscript Collections.
3. Calendars and Inventories of Manuscript Collections.

The Historical Records Survey has practically completed the assembly of material for the first of these volumes and it should be available for distribution in the near future.

Some work has been done toward the completion of the Guide to Manuscript Collections. A sample book has been published in Washington and it includes the Manuscripts of the State Historical Society of Missouri at Columbia, and the Missouri Historical Society located at the Jefferson Memorial Building in St. Louis.

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