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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Dallas County, is number 61 of the Missouri series.

The Historical Records Survey Program was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment to needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political, economic, and social history. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirement 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 of local government as well as a bibliography of local archives.

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

The Survey Program was organized by Luther H. Evans, who served as Director until his appointment as Director of the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress. He was succeeded on March 1, 1940 by Sargent B. Child, who had served in the capacity of Field Supervisor since the inauguration of the Survey. The Survey Program operates as a Nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Division of Professional and Service Projects, under the administration of Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner.

HOWARD O. HUNTER
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PREFACE

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

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

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

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

The inventory of the records of Dallas County was made by Ella Burd, who started the survey in the county on July 16, 1937, and continued the work up to April 27, 1938. Additional work has been done in the county since that time, particularly the abstracting of the County Court Records as well as the writing of other minor historical essays. Mrs. Burd has been assisted in this part of the work by Sylvester Weeks. A complete recheck of the inventory was begun on May 16, 1939 and completed on May 27, 1939 by Ruth West, District Supervisor in charge of the Survey in Dallas County, assisted by Paul Myerscough, Area Supervisor from the state office of the project. This recheck resulted in the final verification of the record entries that are found in this volume.

The inventory was prepared for publication by the editorial staff of the Survey in St. Louis under the direction of Ellis McClenning, Assistant Supervisor, assisted by Raymond Kelly and Wm. H. Michell, in charge of editing and re-editing. Legal data was furnished by Joseph Block, Elmer Dolphus, and George Schlueter. The historical sketch was written by O. H. Gerard, and the alphabetical and chronological indexes were prepared by Marie Carroll. The Missouri staff has profited in all phases of its work by the constructive advice and criticism of the Washington staff. This inventory in manuscript form was edited by Mabel S. Brödie, Assistant Archivist in charge of public records inventories, of the Washington, D. C. office.

The County Court has co-sponsored this book and aided in procuring certain materials necessary in mimeographing the volume. The active cooperation of all the officials in Dallas County has been an invaluable aid in the preparation of this inventory and I wish to express appreciation for the assistance rendered by each of them. County officials at the time of the survey were: Hon. Paul R. Bennett, presiding judge, county court; Hon. W. R. Williams, judge, county court, 1st District; Hon. J. C. Nimmo, judge, county court, 2nd District; Kinch Bridges, county clerk; Hon. Clarence Barclay, probate judge; B. H. Darby, circuit clerk and recorder of deeds; Albert A. Willard, collector of revenue; Will G. Maddux, assessor; R. E. McArron, treasurer; H. F. Bartlett, sheriff; James P. Hawkins, prosecuting attorney; Anna Stearns, superintendent of public schools; J. M. Brackley, county surveyor; L. B. Jones, coroner; and W. J. Smithpeter, public administrator. I also wish to express appreciation for the cooperation rendered by the officials of the Missouri Historical Society, the Missouri Work Projects Administration, the St. Louis Law Library Association, and the St. Louis Public Library.

The various units of the Inventory of the County Archives of Missouri are being 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 concerning particular units of the inventory may be addressed to Colonel B. M. Casteel, State Administrator, Work Projects Administration, 417 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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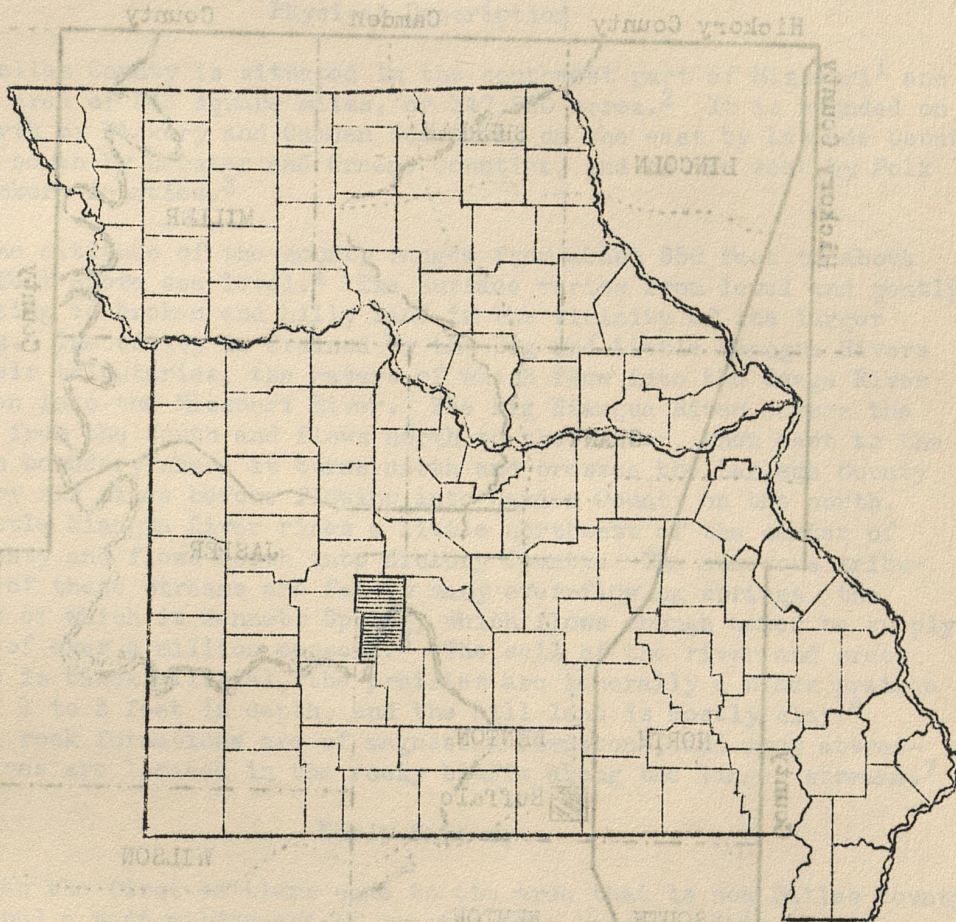
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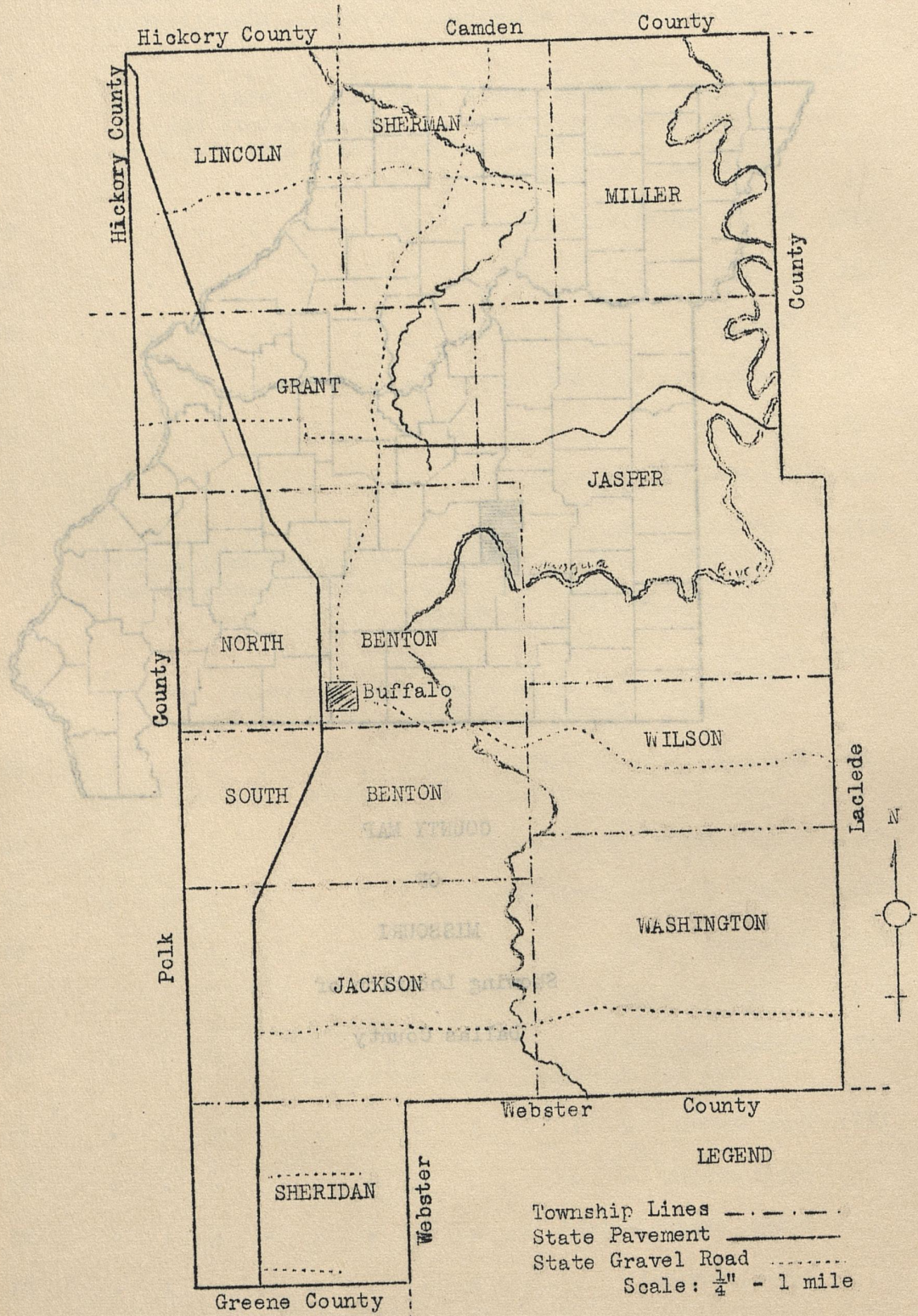
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COUNTY MAP
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Showing Location of
Dallas County

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PART A. DALLAS COUNTY AND ITS RECORDS SYSTEM

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Physical Description

Dallas County is situated in the southwest part of Missouri¹ and has an area of 543 square miles, or 347,520 acres.² It is bounded on the north by Hickory and Camden Counties, on the east by Laclede County, on the south by Webster and Greene Counties, and on the west by Polk and Hickory Counties.³

The altitude of the county ranges from about 850 feet to about 1,250 feet above sea level.⁴ The surface varies from level and gently undulating to broken and hilly land in the vicinity of its larger streams. The county is drained by the Big and Little Niangua Rivers and their tributaries, the waters of which flow into the Osage River and then into the Missouri River. The Big Niangua River enters the county from the south and flows north to the center, then east to the eastern boundary where it turns north and crosses the Laclede County boundary six times before flowing into Camden County on the north. The Little Niangua River rises a little northwest of the center of the county and flows north into Hickory County. The numerous tributaries of these streams are fed by many ever-flowing springs, the largest of which is Bennett Spring, which flows enough water to supply a city of over a million persons.⁵ The soil of the river and creek bottoms is black alluvial, the prairies are generally a black prairie loam of 1 to 3 feet in depth, and the hill land is mostly clay.⁶ Visible rock formations are of magnesian limestone, and many attractive caves are located in the rocky bluffs along the larger streams.⁷

Early History

When the first settlers came to the area that is now Dallas County they found a vast wilderness of great scenic beauty. This virgin forest of oak, walnut, sycamore, ash, elm, hickory, maple, and cherry was inhabited by many kinds of wild life.⁸ There were elk, deer, wolves, panthers, catamounts, wildcats, and a few bears and buffaloes. Wild turkeys, ducks, and geese were plentiful.⁹ The Osage and Delaware

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1. Standard Map of Missouri, 1938, Rand McNally, Chicago, Illinois.
 2. Dwight H. Brown, Official Manual, State of Missouri, 1939-1940, 1940, Jefferson City, Missouri, p. 218.
 3. Standard Map of Missouri.
 4. United States Geological Survey, Spirit Leveling in Missouri, 1938, Washington, D. C., bull. 898-B, pt. 2, pp. 248-262.
 5. History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, 1889, Chicago, Illinois, pp. 493-496.
 6. Walter Williams, The State of Missouri, 1904, Columbia, Missouri p. 374.
 7. History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, p. 496.
 8. Ibid., p. 493.
 9. Ibid., p. 505.

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Indians had formerly inhabited this region¹⁰ but had abandoned it before its settlement began. However, they continued to return annually on hunting excursions. They were not hostile but their presence caused considerable annoyance because of trifling depredations and the fear experienced by the women and children.¹¹

From the best information obtainable, Mark Reynolds was the first white settler in Dallas County. He migrated from Tennessee and settled in Polk County, Missouri in 1831. The next year he moved to Buffalo Head Prairie, which area is now in Dallas County. A year later he sold this claim to Bracket Davidson and settled 3 miles west of the present town of Buffalo. The names of the next settlers are not definitely known in the order of their arrival, but among them were the Evans, Randleman, and Williams families from Kentucky. Richard Wilkinson, Sr. settled southwest of Buffalo in 1837. He came from Ohio accompanied by his five sons and five daughters together with the wives of his sons John and Ezekiel and his son-in-law David Wright. Other settlers arriving about this time included John F. Norton, Joseph Wilcox, William Montgomery, Hardin Paine, Frank Wisdom, John Brashear, Elijah Yeager, James Jump, Doctor Prichard, Peter Self, Eaton Tatus, Charles Davis, and George Atterbury. The Haines, Cox, Gregg, and Vanderford families arrived from Ohio and Indiana about this same time.¹²

Establishment of County

Creation and Boundaries

Dallas County was created by an act of the Missouri Legislature approved January 29, 1841, and its boundaries were defined as follows: "All that portion of territory within the following described limits, viz: Beginning at the north-east corner of Green County; thence, west, along the northern boundary of Green County, to the range line between ranges twenty and twenty-one; thence, north with said range line to the township line dividing townships thirty-six and thirty-seven; thence, east on said township line to the range line dividing ranges seventeen and eighteen; thence, south, with said range line to the place of beginning, is hereby created a separate and distinct county, to be called and known by the name of the county of Niangua."¹³ The name was changed from Niangua to Dallas County on December 16, 1844 in honor of George M. Dallas who had just been elected Vice President of the United States.¹⁴

The present boundaries of the county are the same as those established by an act approved December 7, 1855 when a tract 12 miles long

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10. History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, p. 288.
 11. Ibid., p. 506.
 12. Ibid., pp. 498-501.
 13. M.L. 1841, p. 34, sec. 16.
 14. M.L. 1844, pp. 26 f., secs. 1-3.

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and 5 miles wide was detached from the southeast corner of Dallas County and added to Webster County. The boundaries were then correctly defined as follows: "Beginning at the south-east corner of section thirteen, township thirty-two and range eighteen; thence west, to the range line dividing ranges nineteen and twenty; thence south, to the south-east corner of section twelve, in township thirty-one, range twenty; thence west, to the range line dividing ranges twenty and twenty-one; thence north, to the township line dividing townships thirty-six and thirty-seven; thence east, to the range line dividing ranges seventeen and eighteen; thence south to the place of beginning."¹⁵

Townships

Shortly after its organization the county was divided into six municipal townships named: Miller, Green, Benton, Jasper, Washington, and Jackson. Green Township was later divided into two townships named Lincoln and Grant.¹⁶ Subsequent changes were made until the present 11 townships were formed and named as follows: Lincoln, Sherman, Miller, Grant, Jasper, North Benton, South Benton, Wilson, Jackson, Washington, and Sheridan.¹⁷

Early Officials

Because of the almost total destruction of county records in the courthouse fire of September 1867, authentic information pertaining to early county officials is not available. The most reliable information obtainable lists some of the county court justices in the early days of the county as follows: Thomas Proctor, Peter Haynes, Thomas Marlan, Jacob Randleman, William Montgomery, John Ross, Jesse Hendrickson, George W. Mallard, Daniel Beckner, A. H. Henson, James Jones, and John F. Marsh. It is believed that the first three justices mentioned constituted the first county court. J. L. Paine was appointed clerk of the county court and served from 1841 to 1858. J. H. Paine served as clerk from 1858 to 1861,¹⁸ and A. B. Maddux served from 1861 to 1870.¹⁹ Prior to 1870 the county clerk was also clerk of the circuit court, but the offices were separated in 1870 and John S. Cummins served as the first circuit clerk.²⁰

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15. M.L. 1855, Adjourned Session, pp. 40 f.; R.S. 1929, sec. 11950.
 16. History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, p. 509.
 17. Road Map of Dallas County, Missouri, 1938, Missouri School of Mines, Rolla, Missouri.
 18. History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, pp. 526 f.
 19. County Court Record, vol. A, p. 84, see entry 3.
 20. County Court Record, vol. A, p. 84, vol. B, p. 1, see entry 3; Circuit Court Record, vol. B, p. 3, see entry 129.

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There is some uncertainty as to who was the first sheriff. Evidence that William D. Beeler collected taxes in 1842 proves that he was sheriff at that time, but Arad White, also mentioned as being the first sheriff, may have preceded him. Succeeding sheriffs up to 1860 were G. W. Benson, James B. Jones, Talbert Mayfield, William Davis, and Daniel Lindsey.²¹ When the offices of sheriff and collector were separated in 1872,²² John O'Bannon was the first to serve as collector, and Francis Hale became sheriff.²³ It seems that the office of assessor was first held by Mark Reynolds and subsequently by Thomas Proctor, J. Randles, and Daniel Beckner. J. H. Paine was treasurer from 1856 to 1858, W. L. Morrow from 1858 to 1860, and J. W. Gammon from 1860 to 1864. Jesse L. Paine was elected probate judge when the probate court was established in 1847. The first representative in the legislature was Thomas Martin, and he was succeeded by William Edwards.²⁴

County Seat

The act organizing Niangua County, now Dallas County, designated the home of Samuel Williams as the temporary seat of justice,²⁵ and set the first Monday of March 1841 as the date of the first meeting of the county court.²⁶ Richard Saye and E. M. Campbell of Polk County, and Hosea Mullins of Greene County were appointed commissioners to select the permanent seat of justice.²⁷ The county seat was located at Buffalo and a small two-story brick courthouse was built by Levi Beckner. It was destroyed on October 18, 1863 by Confederate troops and most of the county records were destroyed with it. The Methodist Church building was then used as a courthouse until July 30, 1864 when it burned. A frame business building which stood on the west side of the public square was then occupied as the courthouse until September 3, 1867 when it was destroyed by fire. Practically all county records were destroyed in this fire.²⁸

The next meeting of the county court was held September 16, 1867 at the district schoolhouse in Buffalo.²⁹ Noah Bray was commissioned on November 5, 1867 to supervise the construction of a building for clerks' offices, and an appropriation of \$400 was made for that purpose.³⁰ The question of moving the county seat to the center of the

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21. History of Laclodo, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, p. 528.
 22. M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 102, sec. 93 (92).
 23. County Court Record, vol. B, p. 3, see entry 3.
 24. History of Laclodo, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, pp. 528-530.
 25. M.L. 1841, p. 34, sec. 18.
 26. Ibid., p. 38, sec. 2.
 27. Ibid., p. 34, sec. 17.
 28. History of Laclodo, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, pp. 511 f.
 29. County Court Record, vol. A, p. 3, see entry 3.
 30. Ibid., p. 9.

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county was proposed, and on August 4, 1868 the county court ordered the sheriff to post notices in three of the most public places in each municipal township, notifying all persons that the question would be brought up at the November election. The records do not reveal the details of the action taken but Buffalo still remains the county seat.³¹

H. Hovey was appointed on February 8, 1868 to superintend the building of a new courthouse. The county court appropriated \$15,000 for the building and ordered that the money be raised by the issuance of bonds.³² Plans were approved in November 1868 and the first Monday in February 1869 was set for the time to receive bids.³³ The contract was let to A. E. Dye and in March 1869 he posted bond.³⁴ Eldridge Norman replaced Hovey as superintendent of the courthouse on May 6, 1869.³⁵ On August 4, 1869 Isaac N. Morrow was appointed commissioner to sell courthouse bonds,³⁶ and a special bond tax of 1 percent on all taxable property was ordered by the county court on May 4, 1870.³⁷ The clerks' offices were sold about this time³⁸ and the next meeting of the county court was held on May 18, 1870 "upstairs in Stanley Brothers' new brick store in Buffalo."³⁹ The first court session held in the new courthouse was on June 27, 1870, and the building was formally accepted at that time.⁴⁰ It is a two-story brick structure with a cupola and is in use today.

Transportation

Railroads

There are no railroad facilities in Dallas County although a determined effort was made to secure railroad service. It was at the August term of the county court in 1869 that \$150,000 was subscribed to the capital stock of a proposed line known as the Laclede & Fort Scott Railroad. Bonds for that amount were issued to pay for the subscription, and the court decreed that the bonds were not to be delivered until the roadbed was graded and ready to receive the cross ties.⁴¹ An additional \$85,000 was subscribed in May 1871 because it was "satisfactorily shown to this court by proper estimates that a further subscription to the capital stock of said company, of the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars is necessary to complete the grading and bridging of said roadbed so as to have the same ready for the ties within the

31. County Court Record, vol. A, p. 30, see entry 3.

32. Ibid., p. 19.

33. Ibid., p. 39.

34. Ibid., p. 47.

35. Ibid., p. 51.

36. Ibid., p. 55.

37. Ibid., p. 78.

38. Ibid., pp. 72 and 79.

39. Ibid., p. 83.

40. Ibid., pp. 84 and 86.

41. Ibid., pp. 57 f.

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limits of Dallas County."⁴² Considerable friction developed over these bond issues, orders were rescinded and later restored, and new orders were issued.⁴³

A roadbed had been graded, ready to receive the cross ties, when the panic of 1873 put a stop to the work and the roadbed lay deserted. A new attempt to build the road was made in 1881. The name was changed to the St. Louis & Western Railroad and the company's capital stock was increased from 6 million to 12 million dollars by issuing twice as many stock certificates. There was intensive activity for a while and then all work ceased without any explanation being given.⁴⁴

Dallas County officials refused to pay on the railroad bonds, interest charges mounted, and suits were begun by bondholders. The county officials steadfastly refused to honor the judgment rendered by the court and found it necessary to dodge the United States marshals. This situation still prevailed in 1918 when a federal judge cited county judge John S. Evans, and the other county judges, for contempt of court for refusing to sign a levy to pay the bonds. Judge Evans was brought into federal court but still refused to sign the levy explaining that the county did not get anything for the money and that it was not just to be obliged to pay. He was promptly sentenced to jail "until such time as he may purge himself of contempt of this court." His appeal failed and in January 1919 he surrendered and went to the Jackson County jail from which he was transferred to the jail in Springfield, Missouri, where he remained for 49 days.⁴⁵

Interest accumulations had greatly increased the amount of the county's debt so when, in September 1919, a compromise of \$300,000 was agreed upon the people of Dallas County voted for a bond issue to pay off the compromise amount. The last payment on these bonds was made on July 1, 1940, and ended a 71-year controversy which cost the county a large sum of money for a railroad that was never built.⁴⁶ The lifting of the tax burden, caused by the paying of these railroad bonds, generated such a genuine feeling of relief among the citizens of the county that a mammoth celebration was held on July 4, 1940 to commemorate the event. A "big free barbecue and all the trimmings" and various kinds of entertainment were provided. The crowning event of the day came when the old railroad bonds were burned in a very impressive ceremony which the citizens felt was the finest and most important celebration ever held in the county.

Highways

The county maintains an excellent road system. United States Highway No. 65 extends from the northwest corner to the southwest corner

42. County Court Record, vol. A, pp. 134 f., see entry 3.

43. Ibid., pp. 73, 75, 88, and 93.

44. Kansas City Star, June 30, 1940, p. 2c; Deed Record, vol. N, p. 1, see entry 94.

45. Kansas City Star, June 30, 1940, p. 2c.

46. Ibid.

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swinging eastward about the middle of the county to reach Buffalo, the county seat. State Highways Nos. 64 and 73 extend north and east from Buffalo. United States Highway No. 54 passes close to the northern boundary of the county and No. 66 runs close to the southeast corner. All these first-class paved roads furnish easy access to the county,⁴⁷ and good bus and truck transport service is available to all parts of the county by way of improved county roads.⁴⁸

Agriculture

Dallas is primarily an agricultural county, but its farm activities developed slowly because of a lack of transportation facilities. There were only 34,003 acres in farms in 1850, valued at \$154,905, and only 16,414 of these acres were improved.⁴⁹ Twenty-nine years later there were 67,001 acres of improved land in the county, which was less than 20 percent of the total county acreage. These farms were valued at \$1,079,712 and their production for that year was valued at \$306,076.⁵⁰ By 1900 there were 2,399 farms valued at \$3,138,788; in 1910, 2,339 farms were worth \$7,264,885; and in 1920, 2,177 farms were valued at \$13,071,991.⁵¹ Farm lands had so depreciated in value by 1930 that 2,207 farms, totaling 266,285 acres, were valued at \$6,927,445.⁵² Products of these farms for the preceding year were valued at \$2,096,750.⁵³

There were 2,400 farms in the county in 1938 aggregating 280,135 acres, which amounts to 80.6 percent of the total county acreage. Crops of all kinds were planted in 78,835 acres, 178,000 acres were in pasture, 3,500 acres were idle, 14,000 acres were unimproved, and 5,800 acres were in farmsteads and other lands. The principal crops raised that year and the acreage planted in each were as follows: corn, 16,860; wheat, 8,000; oats, 18,000; sorghums, 2,920; lespedeza, 12,360; hay (all kinds), 25,910; and orchards and small fruits, 1,400.⁵⁴ Livestock on farms as of January 1, 1939 consisted of 4,070 horses, 800 mules, 15,440 cattle, 5,740 sheep, and 8,570 hogs. Chickens numbered 149,460.⁵⁵

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47. Missouri, 1940 Highway Map, 1940, Missouri State Highway Commission, Jefferson City, Missouri.
 48. Road Map of Dallas County, Missouri.
 49. Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, 1853, Washington, D. C., p. 675.
 50. History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, p. 516.
 51. Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920, Agriculture, 1922, Washington, D. C., 10 vols., vol. 6, pt. 1, pp. 580 f.
 52. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Agriculture, 1932, Washington, D. C., 4 vols., vol. 3, pt. 1, pp. 748 f.
 53. Ibid., pp. 768 f.
 54. Missouri State Department of Agriculture, Missouri Farm Census by Counties, 1938, 1939, Jefferson City, Missouri, 36 vols., vol. 36, bull. no. 12, pp. 12 f.
 55. Ibid., p. 17.

Historical Sketch - Industry and
Commerce; Finances

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Industry and Commerce

During the early days of the county, industrial activity was limited to a few sawmills and gristmills and the usual complement of blacksmith and wagon shops.⁵⁶ A whisky distillery was established in 1847 about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Buffalo.⁵⁷ The Rambo Mine was opened in 1868 when lead was discovered about 12 miles northeast of Buffalo. It was worked for a few years and was then abandoned. There are deposits of iron ore, zinc, and coal in the county but they are practically undeveloped.⁵⁸ Industrial development since the early days has kept pace with changing conditions and, as the county produced very little raw materials for manufacturing, the development of business was mostly along the lines of retail distribution.

There were 3 manufacturing plants, 1 wholesale house, and 133 retail stores in 1935. The classification of the retail stores and the dollar volume of business transacted by them during 1935 was as follows: 20 food stores, \$213,000; 36 general stores (also selling food), \$198,000; 5 general merchandise stores, \$65,000; 10 automobile dealers and garages, \$224,000; 34 filling stations, \$97,000; 4 lumber, building, and hardware stores, \$88,000; 6 drug stores, \$51,000; and 6 other retail stores, \$23,000. One furniture and household store and 11 eating and drinking establishments did not report volume of sales.⁵⁹

The Bank of Buffalo, established in 1891 in the county seat, is the oldest bank in Dallas County. This bank and two others located in Urbana and Buffalo, have aggregate total resources of \$798,000. Together they have \$66,000 in capital, \$44,000 in surplus and undivided profits, and \$684,000 in deposits.⁶⁰

Finances

The destruction of county records by fire in 1867 makes it impossible to secure accurate information on county finances during the early years. The earliest records available are for the year 1867 and show that the county income exceeded expenditures by about \$600 in that year.⁶¹ The following year netted a favorable balance of almost \$800.⁶² That the county's finances were well managed is indicated by the present financial standing.

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56. H. L. Conard, Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri, 1901, New York, Louisville, St. Louis, 6 vols., vol. 2, p. 218.
57. History of Laclède, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, p. 540.
58. Ibid., p. 497.
59. Consumer Market Data Handbook, 1939, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Washington, D. C., p. 220.
60. Rand McNally Bankers' Directory, 1940, 1940, Chicago, Ill., pp. 882 and 920.
61. County Court Record, vol. A, p. 13, see entry 3.
62. Ibid., p. 41.

Historical Sketch - Population

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The 1938 county tax levies on each \$100 were 35 cents for the county revenue fund, 15 cents for the special road and bridge fund, and 30 cents for the county sinking fund. School taxes levied throughout the county averaged a little over 42 cents.⁶³ The total assessed valuation of the county for 1938 after adjustment by the State and County Boards of Equalization was \$5,116,023. Land and town lots were assessed at \$3,430,175, against which \$5,135.92 state taxes and \$52,116.82 county taxes were levied. Personal property, money, bonds, notes, etc. were assessed at \$695,493, and the state and county taxes were \$1,046.71 and \$11,481.58 respectively. Merchants and manufacturers were assessed at \$79,830 and \$119.62 state taxes and \$1,623.70 county taxes were levied against them. Railroads and public service and utility companies were assessed at \$910,725, and taxes levied were \$1,366.10 for the State and \$11,932.11 for the county. The total tax levy for the year was \$84,822.56.⁶⁴

Four corporations reported net incomes for 1938 totaling \$2,794.53 on which they were taxed \$55.88. During the same period seven individuals reported net incomes totaling \$4,876.26 and were taxed \$50.76.⁶⁵ The county paid \$14,821.93 into the state sales tax fund for the year 1938 and received \$104,147.85 from the fund. This money was used by the county for the following purposes: schools, \$52,300.82; old age assistance, \$32,626.50; care of insane and charity patients, \$3,603.45; poor relief, \$8,418.41; and care of dependent children, \$7,198.67.⁶⁶

Population

There were 3,552 white persons, 8 free colored persons, and 88 slaves in Dallas County in 1850.⁶⁷ Ten years later there were 5,777 white inhabitants, 114 slaves, and 1 free colored person.⁶⁸ The population increased steadily to 13,903 in 1900, and then gradually declined to 10,541 in 1930.⁶⁹ Native white persons constituted 98.7 percent of the 1930 population, and 8,852 persons were living on farms.⁷⁰

The 603 families in the county in 1850 averaged 6 members⁷¹ as compared to 4 members each for the 2,588 families in the county in 1930. In the latter year there were 2,112 families living on farms, of which

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63. Report of the State Auditor of Missouri, 1937-38, 1939, compiled by Forrest Smith, State Auditor, Jefferson City, Mo., p. 526.
 64. Ibid., pp. 529-575.
 65. Ibid., p. 582.
 66. Ibid., p. 111.
 67. Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, p. 654.
 68. Eighth Census of the United States, 1860, 1864, Washington, D. C., pp. 286 f.
 69. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, 1932, Washington, D. C., 6 vols., vol. 6, p. 746.
 70. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 1341.
 71. Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, p. 664.

Historical Sketch - Education

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1,876 owned their homes. Two hundred and fifty-six of the remaining 476 non-farm families owned their homes. The average value of these non-farm homes was \$2,035.⁷² Fifty-two percent of Dallas County families have automobiles, 60 percent have radios, and 18 percent have telephones.⁷³

There are 21 towns in the county. Buffalo, the county seat, has 835 residents. The next largest town is Urbana with 375 inhabitants, Louisburg is third with 175, and Charity and Long Lane are tied for fourth place with 100 residents each.⁷⁴

Education

The early schools of the county were supported entirely by subscription, each parent or guardian paying in proportion to the number of children sent by him. The first of these schools was started before the county was organized and was conducted in a log schoolhouse at Buffalo. Among the teachers who first taught in this building were Anthony Linsey, Jackson F. Oliver, Reuben T. Peake, William L. Smith, and Mary Barrett.⁷⁵ By 1850, there were 15 public schools in the county employing 15 teachers for 375 pupils.⁷⁶ The need for additional schools at that time is indicated by the fact that 15 percent of the inhabitants could not read and write.⁷⁷ About that time Richard A. Wilkinson, John Welch, and Israel Arnold became teachers and assisted in establishing schools under the State school system.⁷⁸

Steady progress has been made in establishing schools in the county. Statistics for the school year ending June 30, 1939 show that there were 58 whole rural school districts in the county, 3 fractional rural districts with schoolhouses in Dallas County, and 5 fractional rural districts with schoolhouses in other counties.⁷⁹ The total number of pupils enrolled from these districts was 1,449.⁸⁰ There were also 6 high school districts in which 1,001 elementary school pupils and 654 high school pupils were enrolled.⁸¹ Sixty-one teachers were employed in the rural school districts and 59 in the high school districts.⁸²

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72. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, vol. 6, p. 739.
 73. Consumer Market Data Handbook, p. 220.
 74. Standard Map of Missouri.
 75. History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, p. 547.
 76. Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, p. 668.
 77. Ibid., p. 672.
 78. History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, p. 547.
 79. Ninetieth Report of the Public Schools of the State of Missouri, 1940, compiled by Lloyd W. King, Superintendent of Public Schools, Jefferson City, Mo., p. 70.
 80. Ibid., p. 103.
 81. Ibid., pp. 89, 106, 111, 115, 116, and 119.
 82. Ibid., p. 170.

Historical Sketch - Religion;
Public Welfare

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The total receipt for school purposes amounted to \$156,828.58, and total disbursements were \$141,362.31.⁸³ Free textbook funds apportioned to the county amounted to \$4,439.18, or \$1.27 $\frac{1}{2}$ for each of the 3,481 children enumerated.⁸⁴ Illiteracy in the county is now only 2.6 percent.⁸⁵

Religion

Before the establishment of churches in the county the early settlers congregated in homes where one of their number preached to them. Among these early preachers the most noted were the Revs. Elijah F. Yeager and James Slavens of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Revs. John Hatfield, Daniel Murphy, and Jackson F. Oliver of the Baptist Church. The Methodist Episcopal Church is believed to have been the first church organized in the county. It was organized between 1838 and 1840 in the log schoolhouse at Buffalo by Rev. Elijah F. Yeager. Another Methodist Episcopal church was organized in the county about 1840 by a Reverend Mr. Glanvil at the home of James Hughard about 2 miles southwest of Long Lane. The Church Grove Class of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1845 by Rev. Robert Foster and was located about 10 miles southwest of Buffalo.⁸⁶

The Pisgah Baptist Church, organized in August 1841 by the Revs. D. R. Murphy and J. R. Calloway, is apparently the oldest Baptist organization in the county. Its first church building, erected in 1842, was a hewed-log house 20 feet square and was located 8 miles southeast of Buffalo. In 1866 the church was moved to a new location $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Long Lane.⁸⁷ There were 31 churches in the county in 1870, of which 17 were Baptist, 8 Methodist, 5 Christian, and 1 Presbyterian.⁸⁸ At the close of 1938 there were 46 churches in the county of which 28 were Baptist, 10 were Christian, 5 were Methodist, 2 Assembly of God, and 1 Union.⁸⁹

Public Welfare

In the early days there were no eleemosynary institutions in Dallas County.⁹⁰ Indigent and insane persons were cared for with funds

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83. Ninetieth Report of the Public Schools of the State of Missouri, pp. 51 and 53.
84. Ibid., p. 50.
85. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, vol. 3, pt. 1, p. 1343.
86. History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, pp. 552 and 554.
87. Ibid., p. 556.
88. Ninth Census of the United States, 1870, Population, 1872, Washington, D. C., 3 vols., vol. 1, p. 545.
89. Information supplied by Mrs. Ella Burd, research worker of the Historical Records Survey in Dallas County.
90. History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, pp. 512 f.

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Recreation

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appropriated by the county court. Bids were received by the court and the needy person was placed under the care of the person making the lowest bid.⁹¹ A typical entry in the court record reads as follows: "Ordered that sheriff sell at lowest bidder Burton a poor person for six months, sold to M. F. Burteet at 68 Dollars."⁹² Apparently all needy persons were cared for because there are numerous entries in the records, showing appropriations for that purpose. There were 539 persons reported as unemployed in the county in 1937.⁹³ The county received allotments in 1938 amounting to \$8,418.41 for direct relief,⁹⁴ \$10,798 for aid to dependent children,⁹⁵ and \$65,046.50 for old age assistance.⁹⁶ Twenty-six blind pensioners received \$13,618.34 during 1937 and 1938.⁹⁷

Newspapers

The first newspaper in the county was the Herald published in Buffalo in 1855 by Donald Plummer. Two years later he moved it to Marshfield in Webster County. The next was the Buffalo Reflex, established about 1870 by A. W. Carson and later consolidated with the Buffalo Register which had been established about 1871.⁹⁸ The name Reflex was retained and the paper is now published weekly. The other county newspaper is the Dallas County Republican which is also published weekly at Buffalo.⁹⁹

Recreation

Recreational facilities in Dallas County compare favorably with those of other counties of like size and population. The numerous springs and streams in the county are well stocked with fish and make the county one of the most favored spots for fishermen. Bennett Spring, the largest in the county, is located on a 574-acre tract which extends into Laclede County. The water of the stream fed by this spring remains constantly between 51° and 54° F., which is the basic temperature requirement for trout waters. In addition to those who go there to fish, many other thousands are attracted from the surrounding states by the natural beauty of the country.¹⁰⁰

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91. County Court Record, vol. A, pp. 89 and 189, see entry 3.
 92. Ibid., p. 9.
 93. Consumer Market Data Handbook, p. 220.
 94. Report of the State Auditor of Missouri, 1937-38, p. 279.
 95. Ibid., p. 280.
 96. Ibid., p. 283.
 97. Ibid., p. 231.
 98. History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri, p. 543.
 99. Dwight H. Brown, op. cit., p. 867.
 100. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, March 10, 1940, vol. 92, no. 187, picture section, pp. 7 f.

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

Primarily, the county is an agent of the State, established for the convenience and welfare of the people; secondarily, it is an area of local self-government.¹ It is a subdivision of the State in which some of the powers of State government are exercised by local functionaries for county purposes. Its property and funds belong to the State and are acquired from the people for the use of the people. The General Assembly has the legislative power and determines the local uses to which county funds are applied.² The county's holdings are subject to the will of the legislature which has full power to direct the manner in which the property is used for the benefit of the county.³

Local political subdivisions of the county such as: road,⁴ school,⁵ drainage,⁶ and levee⁷ districts are public corporations organized as separate legal entities under legislative enactments. They may sue and be sued and enter into necessary contracts.⁸ However, the county court controls and manages all county property under authority of the statutes.⁹

The county is an important recording agency of such documents as deeds, mortgages, assignments, plats, and surveys.¹⁰ It is a unit of judicial administration for it is the sphere in which the probate court,¹¹ circuit court,¹² juvenile court,¹³ and justices of the peace¹⁴ function. It is also an area of financial administration. This is nominally a function of the county court¹⁵ but the actual work of assessing and collecting taxes is performed by officers chosen by popular vote.¹⁶

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1. State ex rel. Chouteau v. Leffingwell, et al., 54 Mo. 472.
 2. State ex rel. St. Louis Police Commission v. St. Louis County Court, 34 Mo. 570.
 3. Ibid.
 4. M.L. 1905, pp. 282 f., sec. 1; R.S. 1929, sec. 8061.
 5. M.L. 1874, Adjourned Session, p. 148, sec. 1; R.S. 1929 secs. 9194 and 9271.
 6. M.L. 1879, pp. 133 ff., secs. 1-4; R.S. 1929, sec. 10743.
 7. R.S. 1889, secs. 6669 and 6670; R.S. 1929, secs. 10902 and 10958.
 8. Morrison v. Morey, 146 Mo. 543; State ex rel. Caldwell v. Little River Drainage District, 291 Mo. 72; School District of Oakland v. School District of Joplin, 102 S.W. 909, 2d ser., 340 Mo. 779.
 9. R.S. 1835, p. 157, sec. 5; R.S. 1929, sec. 2078.
 10. Bishop v. Schneider, et al., 46 Mo. 472.
 11. M.L. 1877, p. 229, secs. 1 and 2; R.S. 1929, secs. 2045 and 2046.
 12. M.L. 1835, p. 155, sec. 8; Const. 1875, art. VI, secs. 1 and 22-26.
 13. M.L. 1903, pp. 213 f., secs. 1-3; M.L. 1911, pp. 177-180, secs. 1 and 2; M.L. 1913, pp. 148-152, secs. 1-7; M.L. 1917, p. 197, sec. 2; R.S. 1929, secs. 14137 and 14168.
 14. R.S. 1835, p. 348, secs. 1-3; R.S. 1889, secs. 4328 and 6122; R.S. 1929, sec. 3414.
 15. R.S. 1835, p. 540, secs. 1-3; R.S. 1929, secs. 9874 and 12111.
 16. R.S. 1835, p. 531, sec. 1, p. 536, sec. 1; R.S. 1929, secs. 9749, 9883, and 9884.

Governmental Organization

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The county is the principal political unit for the conduct of elections. The selection of polling places, appointment of election officials, and canvassing of votes cast at primary and general elections are county functions.¹⁷ The county selects representatives to the lower house of the General Assembly¹⁸ and is a division in State party organization.¹⁹

Although the voters elect a county superintendent of schools,²⁰ the county is not the unit for educational administration. The units are the school districts which are bodies corporate within the county²¹ although they do not always follow county lines and sometimes overlap into two or more counties.²²

The Missouri county serves as a unit in the protection of community health and county officials aid in the administration of relief.²³ Recent legislation has given the State and Federal government authority in many matters relating to public welfare that formerly belonged to the counties.²⁴

The county is the principal agency for the construction and maintenance of county roads and bridges.²⁵ The special road districts into which a county may be divided have some authority in spending road funds but they are not independent of the county court.²⁶

Provision was made in 1872 for incorporated or municipal townships and the Constitution of 1875 provided for the adoption of township organization in any county if a majority of the voters so decide.²⁷ An act of 1879 provided for a biennial election in each municipal township. The voters of the township elected a trustee who was ex officio township collector and treasurer, a township clerk who was ex officio township assessor, one constable, two justices of the peace, and an overseer for each road district. Each municipal township was incorporated and could own, buy, and sell property. The county court could not change the boundaries of incorporated townships without the consent of two-thirds of the voters.²⁸

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17. R.S. 1835, pp. 238 f., secs. 5, 6, 10, and 14; R.S. 1929, secs. 10189-10191, 10206, 10272, and 10274.
 18. Const. 1875, art. IV, sec. 2.
 19. M.L. 1909, pp. 481-485, secs. 1-15; R.S. 1929, secs. 10253-10267.
 20. M.L. 1909, p. 832, sec. 1; R.S. 1929, sec. 9454.
 21. M.L. 1838-39, p. 117, sec. 6, pp. 122-125, secs. 1, 2, and 16.
 22. M.L. 1874, Adjourned Session, pp. 152 f., sec. 23; R.S. 1929, sec. 9281.
 23. R.S. 1835, p. 448, secs. 1-3; R.S. 1929, secs. 12950 and 12953.
 24. 42 U.S.C.A. sec. 301.
 25. R.S. 1835, p. 546, sec. 1; M.L. 1927, pp. 422-425, secs. 1-11a; R.S. 1929, sec. 7827.
 26. M.L. 1895, pp. 253-256, secs. 1-3, 8, 13, 17, and 18; R.S. 1929, secs. 8024, 8042, 8061-8073, and 8938.
 27. M.L. 1872, pp. 180 ff.; Const. 1875, art. IX, sec. 8.
 28. M.L. 1879, pp. 215-235.

Governmental Organization

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Dallas County is not governed under township organization.

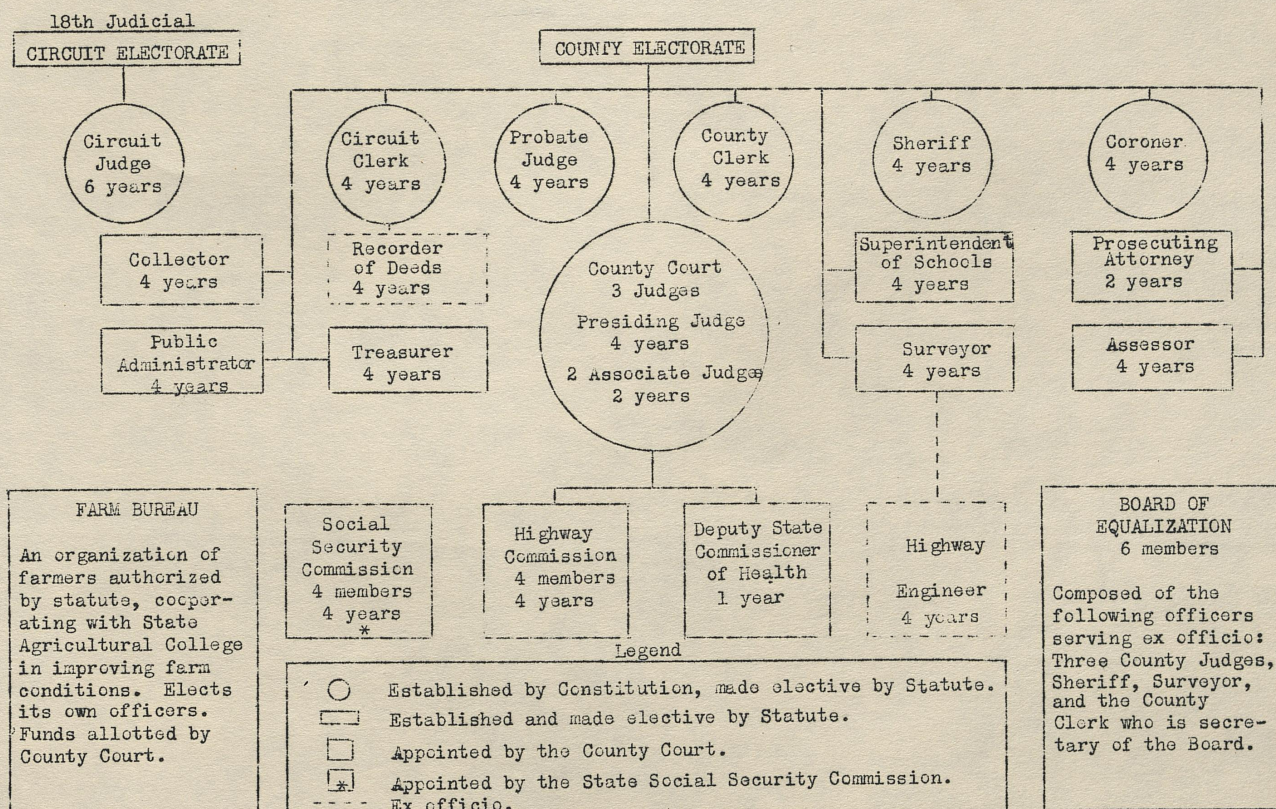
An amendment of 1881 separated the offices of township collector and treasurer and provided that the same person could hold the offices of township collector and constable.²⁹ In 1883, the county treasurer became ex officio county collector for all licenses, merchants' taxes, taxes on railroads and other corporations, and the delinquent or non-resident lands or town lots.³⁰ An act of 1929 provided for the election of two members of the township board of directors on the last Tuesday of March every 2 years. These members together with the township trustee form the board which has general supervision over township affairs.³¹

At the present time Dallas County has the following courts and offices: A county court of three judges, a county clerk, a recorder of deeds, a circuit court, a circuit clerk, probate court, public administrator, coroner, sheriff, prosecuting attorney, assessor, collector of revenue, treasurer, superintendent of public schools,³² and a surveyor who serves also as highway engineer.³³ Also functioning in the county is a county board of equalization,³⁴ a deputy state commissioner of health,³⁵ a social security commission,³⁶ and a farm bureau.³⁷

For a more complete treatment of governmental organization, see volume entitled "County Government in Missouri."

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29. M.L. 1881, pp. 214 f., sec. 1.
 30. M.L. 1883, pp. 199 f., sec. 1.
 31. R.S. 1929, sec. 12268.
 32. Dwight H. Brown, Official Manual of Missouri, 1939-1940, p. 189.
 33. County Court Record, Vol. K, pp. 68 and 70, see entry 3.
 34. R.S. 1929, sec. 9811.
 35. County Court Record, Vol. J, p. 39, see entry 3.
 36. Brown, op. cit., p. 762.
 37. R.S. 1929, sec. 12616.

CHART OF GOVERNMENT OF DALLAS COUNTY, 1940



3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The official records of Dallas County listed in this inventory are kept in offices, vaults, and storage rooms in the Dallas County Courthouse, the County Jail Building, the O'Bannon Building, and the Morrow Building in Buffalo, Missouri. None of these buildings is fireproof.

The courthouse, a two-story brick building, 60 x 44 x 30 feet, was completed in 1870. The county court appropriated \$15,000 for the building, and bonds were sold to raise the money. The courthouse was renovated in 1937 and all offices were painted and papered. The floors are of oiled pine and are kept in good condition.

On the first floor of the courthouse, west side of the corridor, are the offices of recorder of deeds in the northwest corner and probate judge in the center. Between these offices are two vaults, the one next to the corridor opening into the probate judge's office and the other opening into the recorder's office. On the east side of the corridor are the offices of collector of revenue, treasurer, and county clerk. The collector and treasurer share the office in the northeast corner and the vault adjoining it on the south. The county clerk's office is in the center and a door leads from it into a supply room which occupies the southeast corner of the building. The clerk's vault adjoins the supply room on the west.

The courtroom used by both circuit and county courts occupies most of the second floor of the courthouse. In addition to the courtroom there is an office for the circuit clerk in the southwest corner and one for the assessor in the southeast corner. A stairway, reached from the southeast corner of the courtroom, leads to the attic where there is a storage space about 9 feet wide and extending across the width of the building.

The charts on pages 22 and 23 show in detail the location and condition of county records, types of containers in which they are kept, and housing conditions within the courthouse. Charts on pages 24 and 25 give the same information concerning records kept in the County Jail Building, the O'Bannon Building, and the Morrow Building. Floor plans of the courthouse, drawn to a scale of 1 inch to 10 feet, will be found on pages 26, 27, and 28.

It will be noted that all county offices are not represented on the charts showing record depositories. Some offices with no depositories of their own have their records listed in other offices and vaults. The following Dallas County officers have no records: Coroner, deputy state commissioner of health, and farm bureau.

Records of most county offices are accessible to the public during office hours. Some records, such as the collector's income tax book and the confidential papers of the sheriff and prosecuting attorney, are by their very nature private and are never open to public inspection.

DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PUBLIC SQUARE, BUFFALO, MISSOURI.

TWO STORIES AND ATTIC. 60 x 44

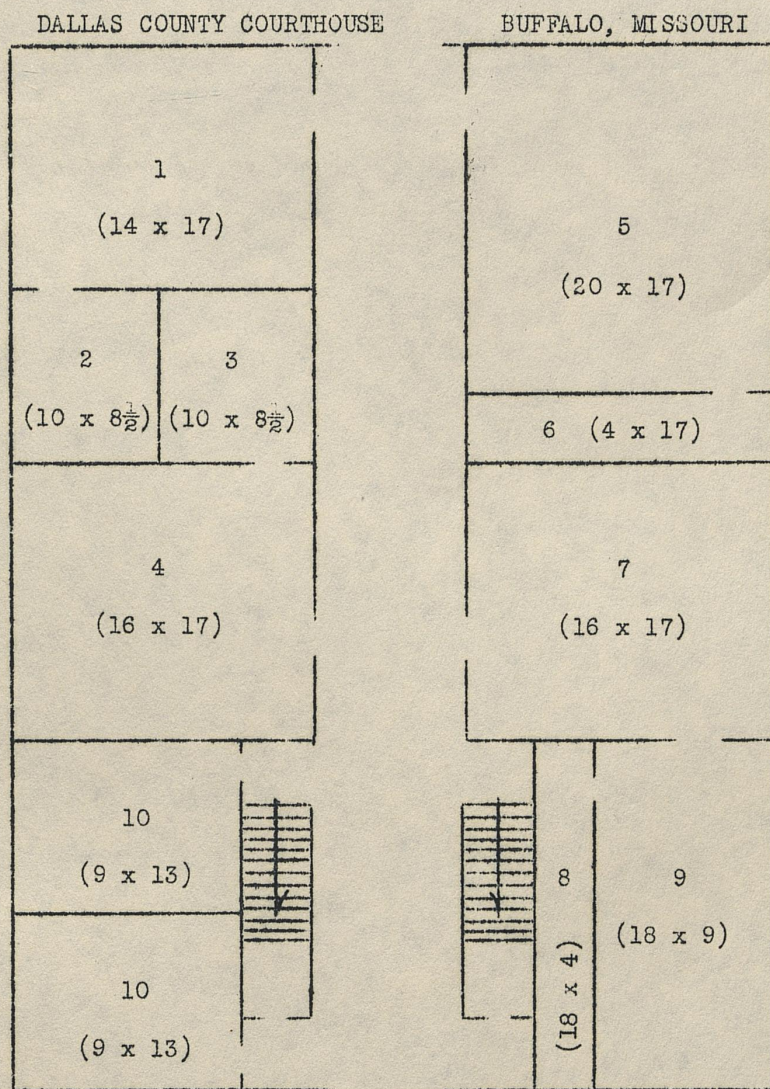
Record Depository	Location (floor)	Dimensions (feet)	Shelves (type)	Record Containers (type)	Light	Ventilation
County Clerk's Office	First	17 x 16	Wood	None	Good	Good
County Clerk's Vault	"	18 x 4	Wood	Cardboard file boxes Wooden pigeonholes	Poor	Poor
Supply Room	"	18 x 9	Wood	Wooden pigeonholes	Good	Good
Recorder's Vault	"	10 x 8½	Wood	Wooden pigeonholes	Fair	Poor
Probate Judge's Office	"	17 x 16	Wood	Wooden cabinet Wooden pigeonholes	Good	Good
Probate Judge's Vault	"	10 x 8½	Wood	Cardboard file boxes Wooden cabinet Wooden pigeonholes	Poor	Poor
Vault shared by Collector and Treasurer	"	17 x 4	Wood	Cardboard file boxes Wooden file boxes and drawers Wooden cabinet Wooden pigeonholes	Poor	Poor
Circuit Clerk's Office	Second	18 x 13	Wood	Steel file drawers Wooden file boxes, file drawers and cabinet Wooden pigeonholes	Good	Good
Assessor's Office	"	15 x 13	Wood	Steel file case Wooden pigeonholes	Good	Good
Attic Storage space	- - -	42 x 9	Wood	Cardboard boxes	Poor	Poor

DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, PUBLIC SQUARE, BUFFALO, MISSOURI. TWO STORIES AND ATTIC. 60 x 44								
Record Depository	Percentage of this office's records in this depository	Location of remainder of this office's records	Other offices keeping records in this depository	Linear feet shelf space	Cubic feet file space	Condition of records	Arrangement of records	Accessibility of records
County Clerk's Office	None	County Clerk's vault	Collector	73	None	Good	Poor	Fair
County Clerk's Vault	90	Supply room adjoining Clerk's vault	County Court Assessor Collector Treasurer Highway Engineer Board of Equalization	45	40	Good	Poor	Poor
Supply Room	----	----	County Clerk Assessor	20	20	Good	Poor	Poor
Recorder's Vault	99	Attic storage space	Surveyor	67	28	Good	Good	Good
Circuit Clerk's Office	100	None	Circuit Court Sheriff	34	50	Good	Fair	Good
Probate Judge's Office	None	Probate Judge's vault	Treasurer	8	25	Fair	Poor	Fair
Probate Judge's Vault	100	None	Treasurer Public Administrator	32	42	Fair	Poor	Fair
Assessor's Office	None	Supply room and County Clerk's vault	County Court Circuit Court Collector	60	77	Fair	Poor	Poor
Vault shared by Collector and Treasurer	Collector 80 Treasurer 71	Collector's are in County Clerk's off. and vault, assessor's office, attic. Treasurer's are in County Clerk's vault, Probate off. and vault, and attic.	None	6	18	Good	Poor	Poor
Attic Storage Space	----	----	Recorder Collector Treasurer	48	11	Good	Poor	Poor

DALLAS COUNTY JAIL, $\frac{1}{2}$ BLOCK WEST OF PUBLIC SQUARE, BUFFALO, MISSOURI.						
Record Depository	Location (floor)	Dimensions (feet)	Shelves (type)	Record Containers (type)	Light	Ventilation
Office shared by Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney	First	14 x 12	Wood	Bookcase Wooden file cabinet	Good	Good
MORROW BUILDING, PUBLIC SQUARE, BUFFALO, MISSOURI.						
Office of Superintendent of Schools	First	18 x 12	Wood	Cardboard letter files	Good	Good
O'BANNON BANK BUILDING, S. W. CORNER OF PUBLIC SQUARE, BUFFALO, MISSOURI.						
Office of Social Security Commission	Basement	32 x 24	None	Steel file drawers	Good	Fair

DALLAS COUNTY JAIL, $\frac{1}{2}$ BLOCK WEST OF PUBLIC SQUARE, BUFFALO, MISSOURI								
Record Depository	Percentage of this office's records in this depository	Location of remainder of this office's records	Other offices keeping records in this depository	Linear feet shelf space	Cubic feet file space	Condition of records	Arrangement of records	Accessibility of records
Office shared by Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney	Sheriff 67 Prosecuting Attorney 100	33% of Sheriff's in Circuit Clerk's Office	None	8	18	Good	Fair	Good
MORROW BUILDING, PUBLIC SQUARE, BUFFALO, MISSOURI								
Office of Superintendent of Schools	100	None	None	None	18	Good	Good	Fair
O'BANNON BANK BUILDING, S. W. CORNER OF PUBLIC SQUARE, BUFFALO, MISSOURI								
Office of Social Security Commission	100	None	None	None	85	Good	Good	Good

Housing, Care, and Accessibility
of the Records



First Floor

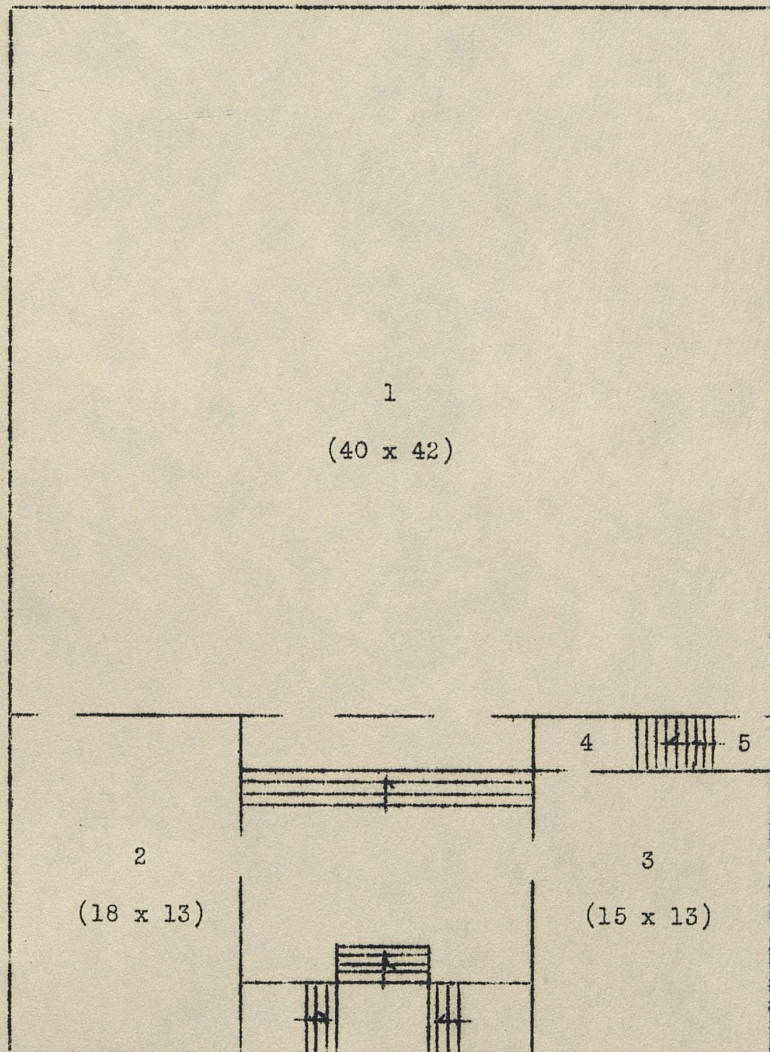
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| 1. Recorder's Office | 6. Collector & Treasurer-Vault |
| 2. Recorder's Vault | 7. County Clerk's Office |
| 3. Probate Judge's Vault | 8. County Clerk's Vault |
| 4. Probate Judge's Office | 9. Supply Room |
| 5. Collector & Treasurer-Office | 10. Restrooms |

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of the Records

DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

BUFFALO, MISSOURI



Second Floor

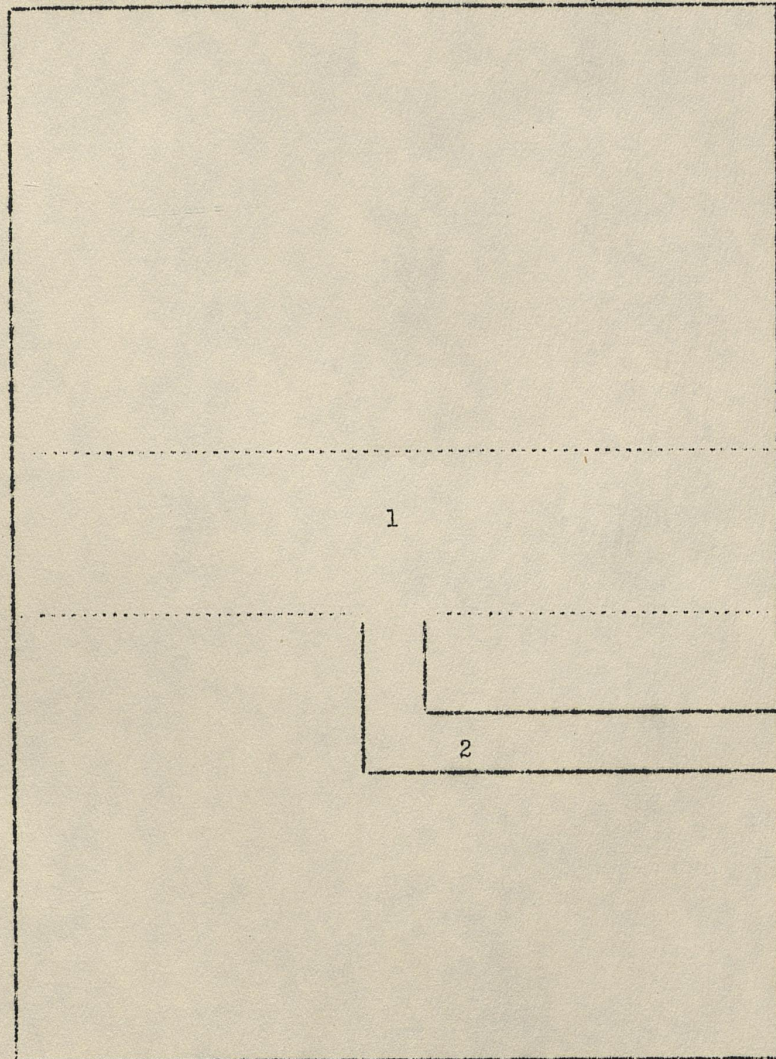
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| 1. Circuit & County Courtroom | 3. Assessor's Office |
| 2. Circuit Clerk's Office | 4. Storage Room |
| 5. Stairway to Attic | |

Housing, Care, and Accessibility
of the Records

DALLAS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

BUFFALO, MISSOURI



Attic

(Scale: 1" = 10')

1. Storage Space

2. Stairway

4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

Abbreviations

alph.	.	.	.	.	.	.	alphabetical(ly)
Am. Jur.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>American Jurisprudence</u>
arr.	.	.	.	.	.	.	arranged
art(s).	.	.	.	.	.	.	article(s)
bull(s).	.	.	.	.	.	.	bulletin(s)
chron.	.	.	.	.	.	.	chronological(ly)
Const.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Constitution
ed.	.	.	.	.	.	.	edition
et al.	.	.	.	.	.	.	et alii, et aliae (and others)
ex rel.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ex relatione (upon relation of)
f.	.	.	.	.	.	.	and the following page
f. b.	.	.	.	.	.	.	file box(es)
f. d.	.	.	.	.	.	.	file drawer(s)
G.S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	General Statutes
hdw.	.	.	.	.	.	.	handwritten
ibid.	.	.	.	.	.	.	ibidem (in the same place)
L.D.L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>Louisiana District Laws</u>
loc. cit.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>loco citato</u> (in the place cited)
M.L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>Missouri Laws</u>
Mo.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>Missouri Supreme Court Reports</u>
Mo. App.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>Missouri Courts of Appeals Reports</u>
M.T.L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>Missouri Territorial Laws</u>
no.	.	.	.	.	.	.	number
num.	.	.	.	.	.	.	numerical(ly)
op. cit.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>opere citato</u> (in the work cited)
p(p).	.	.	.	.	.	.	page(s)
pt(s).	.	.	.	.	.	.	part(s)
ptd. f.	.	.	.	.	.	.	printed forms
R.C.L.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>Ruling Case Law</u>
R.S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>Revised Statutes</u>
sec(s).	.	.	.	.	.	.	section(s)
ser.	.	.	.	.	.	.	series
Stat.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>United States Statutes at Large</u>
subsec(s).	.	.	.	.	.	.	subsection(s)
S.W.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>Southwestern Reporter</u>
U.S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>United States Supreme Court Reports</u>
U.S.C.A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>United States Code Annotated</u>
v.	.	.	.	.	.	.	versus
vol(s).	.	.	.	.	.	.	volume(s)

Symbols

x	.	.	.	.	.	.	by
--	.	.	.	.	.	.	current and continuing

Explanatory Notes

Exact titles of records are written in solid capitals without parentheses and the current or most recent title is used as the title of the entry. In the absence of titles, descriptive titles in solid capitals and enclosed in parentheses are assigned by the editor.

Abbreviations, Symbols, and Explanatory Notes (First entry, p. 32)

Explanatory titles or explanatory words, written with initial capitals and enclosed in parentheses, are assigned by the editor to clarify the exact titles.

The inclusive dates of the record are shown in the title line. Missing records are indicated by a break in the dates. When a record is not current or is not replaced by another record, it is shown as "discontinued." Where it could not be definitely established that the record was discontinued at the last date shown, no statement is made in the entry.

Figures or letters in parentheses following the number of volumes, file boxes, or other type of container, indicate the labeling of a record. Whenever a large number of containers is shown in the title line without labeling, it may be assumed that there is no labeling or that the labeling is so complicated and confusing that it would be of little value as a guide.

"Arr. chron." indicates that the records are arranged by date of filing or recording unless otherwise specified. The method of indexing shown in the record entry pertains to self-contained indexes. The separate index is shown in an entry immediately following the entry which it indexes, but if an index serves more than one entry it precedes the entries to which it refers, and cross references are made to the entries served.

It is to be assumed that the records are in good condition unless otherwise stated in the entry.

Measurements in the record entries are always given in inches, unless otherwise indicated, and the symbol ("") has been omitted. The dimensions for volumes are given in the sequence of height, width, thickness; for file boxes and other containers, height, width, depth.

Title-line cross references are used to show the continuity of a record series which has been kept separately for a period of time and with other records for different periods of time. An example is that in entry 55: "1928-- in Bond and Commission Record, entry 8." They are also used in all artificial entries which are set up to cover records which must be shown separately under the proper office even though they are kept in files or records appearing elsewhere in the inventory as, for example, the title-line cross reference in entry 140: "In Declarations of Intentions, entry 139." In this instance, the description in the master entry shows the title and entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made as, for example, these words in entry 139: "Also contain (Naturalization Petitions), entry 140." Dates shown in the body of the master entry or in an entry of miscellaneous content are only for the part or parts of the record to which they refer and are shown only when they vary from those of the master entry.

Separate third-paragraph cross references from entry to entry and see also references with subject headings or subheadings are used to

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show prior, subsequent, or related records which are not parts of the same series.

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

When all or the majority of the records of an office have a common location, it is indicated in the last sentence of the office essay instead of in each individual entry.

PART B. COUNTY OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

I. COUNTY COURT

The act of January 29, 1841 organizing Dallas (Niangua) County authorized and required the Governor to appoint three residents of the county as justices of the county court, to hold office until their successors were duly elected, commissioned, and qualified.¹ Under a law of 1847, the justices of the peace of Dallas County constituted the county court.² This act was repealed in 1851, and an election was authorized for the purpose of choosing three justices of the county court.³ In 1877 the legislature made provision for the election of a presiding judge and two associate justices of the county court at the general election to be held the following year.⁴ The presiding judge is elected from the county at large; an associate judge is elected from each of two districts into which the county is divided.⁵ This law, which is still in effect, provides for a 4-year term for the presiding judge and 2-year terms for associate justices.⁶

The county court is the official agency for the transaction of the business affairs of the county.⁷ This court was also vested with probate jurisdiction in Dallas County from 1841 until 1847,⁸ and from 1851 until 1874.⁹

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

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1. M.L. 1840-41, p. 37, sec. 48.
 2. M.L. 1846-47, pp. 44 f., secs. 16-18.
 3. M.L. 1850-51, p. 513, sec. 3.
 4. M.L. 1877, p. 226, sec. 2.
 5. M.L. 1877, p. 226, secs. 1 and 2; R.S. 1929, sec. 2073.
 6. *Ibid.*
 7. Const. 1875, art. VI, secs. 1 and 36; R.S. 1929, sec. 2078.
 8. R.S. 1845, p. 331, sec. 13; M.L. 1846-47, pp. 43 f., secs. 1-15.
 9. M.L. 1850-51, pp. 513 f., secs. 1 and 2; M.L. 1874, Adjourned Session, p. 280, sec. 1.

County Court - Proceedings;
Bonds and Commissions

(1-7)

Proceedings

1. ACCOUNTS, 1934--. 21 pigeonholes.
Original files and papers pertaining to business transacted with the county court, showing names of parties, date and kind of transaction, claims examined and allowed, allowance involved, and court action. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.
2. MINUTES, 1867--. 16 vols. (4-16, first three vols. unlabeled).
Memoranda of proceedings of the county court later transferred by the clerk into the County Court Record (entry 3), showing term of court, officials present, matters presented, action, and adjournment. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. 446 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.
3. COUNTY COURT RECORD, 1867--. 14 vols. (A-N).
Permanent record of proceedings of county court prepared from Minutes (entry 2), showing term of court, date of session, place of meeting, names of officials present, business transacted, and adjournment. Arr. chron. by term of court. For index, see entry 4. Hdw. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.
4. INDEX TO COUNTY COURT RECORD, 1867--. 3 vols. (A-C).
Index to County Court Record, entry 3, showing term of court, name and nature of transaction, and volume and page where recorded. Arr. alph. by nature of transaction. Hdw. on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.
5. COUNTY COURT DOCKET, 1875--. 12 vols.
Docket of cases set for hearing before county court, showing term of court, style and number of case, nature of cause, names of attorneys, orders of last term, and order at present term. Arr. num. by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 190 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.
6. ACCOUNTS FILED, 1934--. 1 vol. (1934).
Record of claims against the county approved and allowed by the county court, showing date filed, name of claimant, amount and nature of claim, class number, date warrant issued, and warrant number. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 120 pp. 17 x 14 x 1.

Bonds and Commissions
(See also entries 55-57 and 117)

7. OFFICIAL BONDS, 1923--. 6 pigeonholes.
Original bonds deposited with the county court by county officials and conditioned upon their faithful performance of duty, showing names of officials and sureties, amount of bond, date and office to which elected or appointed, signatures of officials and sureties, oath of office, approval of bond by county court, and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

County Court - Bond Issues

(8-13)

8. BOND AND COMMISSION RECORD, 1878--. 6 vols. (C-F, first two vols. unlabeled).

Record of commissions issued to and bonds given by public officials elected or appointed to county offices, showing name of official, title of office, authorization, duration of term, copy of oath, amount and condition of bond, date approved, signatures of principal and sureties, signatures of presiding judge and county clerk, and seal of county court. Also contains Register of Officers, 1928--, entry 55. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of official. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. For recorded commissions and bonds, 1874--, see entry 117.

9. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLES COMMISSION, 1916--. 1 vol. (1916).

Record of commissions issued to and bonds given by justices of the peace and constables, showing date of commission, title of office, term, township in which elected or appointed, oath of office, and signatures of presiding judge and county clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of justice of the peace or constable. Hdw. on ptd. f. 240 pp. 14 x 12 x 1.

Bond Issues

10. DALLAS COUNTY RAILROAD BONDS, 1870--. 1 bundle.

Dallas County bonds issued to the Laclede & Ft. Scott Railroad Company, showing date, amount of bond, name of bank payable to, semiannual interest, date due, number of bond, and signatures of presiding judge and county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 7 x 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

11. PETITION TO THE HONORABLE COURT OF DALLAS COUNTY, 1871. 1 pigeonhole.

Petition to the county court to use an appropriation of \$85,000 to complete a roadbed for the Laclede & Ft. Scott Railroad, pay for labor and supplies furnished, and signed by taxpayers of the county. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 5 x 5 x 10.

12. RAILROAD PETITION, 1871. 1 pigeonhole.

Petition of taxpayers of county to remonstrate against taking further stock in Laclede & Ft. Scott Railroad Company without first submitting their proposal to a direct vote of the people for approval or rejection, showing names of taxpayers signing petition, and names of judges of the county court. No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. 5 x 5 x 10.

13. REGISTER OF BONDS, 1870--. 2 vols.

Register of Dallas County bond issues, showing date, name and number of bonds, amount issued, for what purpose, principal, rate of interest, maturity, name of bondholder, and date canceled. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of bondholder. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

County Court - Schools

(14-19)

Schools

(See also entries 58-61 and 239-250)

Loans

14. SCHOOL FUND BOND, 1899--. 1 f. b.

Original bonds and mortgages deposited with county court as security for school fund loans, showing date, amount, name of borrower, legal description of property, name of recorder, date and time filed, amount of loan, interest and costs since default, and date deposited. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

15. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND LOANED, 1864--. 4 vols.

Register of bonds and mortgages posted as security for school fund loans, showing names of borrower and sureties, date and amount of loan, amount of principal and interest payments, legal description of mortgaged property, and whether outstanding, paid, or foreclosed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of borrower. Hdw. on ptd. f. 180 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

Land Grants
and Sales

16. TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LAND, 1844-73. 1 pigeonhole.

List of school lands sold and patented to individuals, showing name of purchaser, township and range numbers, number of acres, price per acre, total amount, legal description, date of sale, date of patent, signature of registrar of lands, and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 5 x 5 x 10.

17. REGISTER OF ORDER OF SALE, 1927--. 1 vol. (1).

List of property secured by mortgage ordered sold by the county court for the repayment of school fund loans, showing name of mortgagor, legal description of property, amount of loan, interest, total costs, and date of sale. Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 1.

Plats and Boundaries

18. SCHOOL PLATS, 1908--. 2 vols.

Record of plats and maps designating school district boundaries and any changes therein furnished by school district clerks for the use of the county court and clerk, showing date, district, township, range and section numbers, school district boundary lines, and changes made. Arr. num. by township and range nos. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 18 x 18 x 1.

19. SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGES, 1932--. 1 pigeonhole.

Minutes of board meetings to consider revising school districts, showing date, names of board members, county superintendent of public schools, chairman of the board, and action taken. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

County Court - Roads and Bridges

(20-25)

Roads and Bridges

Proceedings

20. ROAD PETITIONS, 1905--. 7 pigeonholes.

Petitions to county court to locate, change, or vacate public or private roads or build bridges, showing term of court, date presented, road district number, legal description of road, proof of notice of intention to file petition; names of all residents and persons owning land through which proposed road shall run, damages claimed by each, names of persons agreeing to donate land for right-of-way; names and addresses of petitioners, remonstrators against petitions, commissioners appointed, and finding of court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

21. SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT, 1916--. 2 pigeonholes.

Petitions to incorporate special road districts, showing location and boundaries of proposed district, names of petitioners, number of acres of land owned within proposed district, reason for seeking incorporation, date filed, and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

22. SPECIAL ROAD LEVIES, 1933--. 1 pigeonhole.

Original papers concerning tax levies assessed for special road purposes and to be extended on tax books, showing names of taxpayers, date of assessment, legal description of property, amount to be extended, and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. by date of assessment. No index. Hdw. 5 x 5 x 10.

23. ROAD MINUTES, 1909--. 1 vol. (1).

Memoranda of proceedings of county court pertaining to roads later transferred by clerk into Road Record (entry 24), showing term of court, nature of business transacted, orders of the court, and signature of the presiding judge. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 480 pp. 18 x 14 x 4.

24. ROAD RECORD, 1887--. 2 vols.

Permanent road record of the county court pertaining to the location, changing, or vacating of public or private roads or bridges, and reports of road commissioners, prepared from Road Minutes (entry 23), showing date, term of court, nature of proceedings, action taken, and names of officials present. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 4.

25. ROAD FUND ACCOUNTS, 1901--. 7 vols. (1, 1, 2, 2, 3-5).

Record of common and special road district accounts, showing date, road district number, from whom received, nature of charges, amount and to what fund charged; date, to whom paid, and nature of credits. Arr. num. by road district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 14 x 8 x 1.

County Court - Roads and Bridges

(26-31)

Rights-of-Way

26. RIGHT-OF-WAY CONVEYANCES, 1917-36. 2 pigeonholes. 1937--
in Road Deeds, entry 96.

Original deeds conveying rights-of-way to county for road purposes, showing name of grantor, description of land conveyed, township, section, range, and road district numbers, consideration, acknowledgment, date filed, and signature of grantor and county clerk, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

For record, see entry 27.

27. RECORD OF CONVEYANCE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY, 1887--. 4 vols.
(1, 2, 3, 3).

Record of conveyances of rights-of-way showing information as in entry 26. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of grantor. Hdw. on ptd. f. 320 pp. 16 x 10 x 1.

Reports

28. REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER, 1911--. 1 pigeonhole.

Reports of county engineer to county court pertaining to rights-of-way for new roads or changes in the old roads, showing date, description and location of proposed road, names of owners of land through which proposed road will run, amount of damages, road district number, and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

Poll Tax

29. NAMES OF POLL TAXPAYERS AND RECEIPTS, 1923-35. 2 pigeonholes. Discontinued.

Lists of all able-bodied males over the age of 21 residing within each road district, showing road district number, date, name and residence of taxpayer, and amount of poll tax. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 5 x 5 x 10.

30. POLL TAX BOOK, 1902-35. 7 vols. Discontinued.

Record of poll taxes paid in each road district, showing road district number, name of road overseer, names of poll taxpayers, amount of tax, date and amount of payment, and receipt number. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. Indexed num. by road district no. Hdw. on ptd. f. 175 pp. 16 x 10 x 1.

31. POLL TAX DELINQUENT LIST, 1900-1903. 1 vol. Discontinued.

Record of delinquent poll taxes, showing date, section, township and range numbers, road district number, name of delinquent taxpayer, and amount. Arr. num. by road district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 159 pp. 16 x 10 x 1. Storage vault.

County Court - Fiscal Reports
and Accounts

(32-37)

Fiscal Reports and Accounts
(See also entries 70-75 and 220-238)

Audits

32. AUDIT OF DALLAS COUNTY, 1936--. 5 vols.
Reports of auditing committee appointed by county court to audit the accounts of the various county officials, showing date, name of office, financial status of office, status of various funds, and name of person making audit. Arr. alph. by name of office and chron. thereunder. No index. Typed. 67 pp. 12 x 9 x 1.

Annual

33. COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL STATEMENT, 1917--. 2 pigeonholes.
Originals of collector's annual settlements with the county court, showing information as in entry 197. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

Fees and Costs

34. ABSTRACT OF FEES COLLECTED, 1913--. 1 pigeonhole.
Monthly abstracts of fees collected by county clerk, showing date received, from whom received, nature of service, amount, and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.
For county clerk's record, see entry 71.

35. RECORD OF FINES, 1895-1925. 1 vol. Discontinued.
Record of all fines, penalties, and forfeitures imposed by the circuit court and accruing to school funds, as forwarded to the county court by the circuit clerk, showing title and term of court, name of person against whom imposed or assessed, on what account, amount, date and from whom collected, whether for state or county, and date paid to treasurer. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 14 x 1.

36. COST BILLS, 1926--. 3 pigeonholes.
Original bills of costs forwarded to county court by circuit clerk, showing information as in entry 153. Also contain (Abstract of Fees Collected and Disbursed), entry 37. Arr. chron. No index. Typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

37. (ABSTRACT OF FEES COLLECTED AND DISBURSED), 1926--. In
Cost Bills, entry 36.
Quarterly reports and abstract of all fees received and disbursed, forwarded to the county court by the circuit clerk, showing term of court, from whom received, amount and to what fund credited; date, to whom paid, amount, to what fund charged, and remarks.
For circuit clerk's records, 1891-96, 1936--, see entry 150.

County Court - Assessments;
Licenses; Public Welfare

(38-42)

Assessments

38. ABATEMENT RECORD, 1930--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of appeals to county court for adjustment of assessments on property, showing name of party, date, term of court, description of property, amount of assessment, amount of reduction, distribution of tax, date adjustment was made, and signatures of presiding judge and county clerk. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 16 x 10 x 1.

For petitions to board of equalization, see entry 194.

Licenses

(See also entries 76-80 and 156)

39. APPLICATION FOR (Liquor and Beer) LICENSES, 1934--.
1 pigeonhole.

Applications to county court for county license to sell liquor or beer by the drink or in the original package, showing date, kind of license, name and address of applicant, qualifications, location of place of business, state license references, amount of fee, and approval or rejection of county court. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

40. DOCTOR AND DRUG PERMIT REGISTER, 1921-23. 1 vol.
Discontinued.

Register of permits issued to duly licensed physicians and druggists to prescribe and compound prescriptions containing alcohol or other intoxicating liquors, showing name, address, dates filed, issued, and expiration of, amount, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of doctor or druggist. Hdw. on ptd. f. 80 pp. 14 x 8 x 1.

Public Welfare

(See also entries 251-253)

41. COUNTY WARD BOOK, 1886--. 1 vol.

Record of county patients in state hospitals and county institutions, showing name, color, sex, age of patient, names and residence of relatives, name of institution, date of admission, reason for commitment, date of discharge, parole or death, amount and items of cost, and date paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on ptd. f. 80 pp. 16 x 14 x 1.

42. COMMITMENT FOR ADMITTANCE TO CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S HOME,
1932--. 1 pigeonhole.

Applications to the county court pertaining to aid for crippled children under the age of 15, showing date of filing, name of applicant, name, age, residence, and physical condition of child, inability of parents or guardian to pay for surgical and medical treatment and hospital care, report of examining physician, and consent of parents or guardian to such commitment and to operation if deemed necessary. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

County Clerk

(43-48)

43. INSANITY CASES, 1912--. 1 pigeonhole.

Petitions to county court to send lunatics to state hospital for treatment, showing name and address of patient, sex, mental and physical condition, physicians' recommendations, term of court, date filed, and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

44. RECORD OUTDOOR RELIEF PATIENTS, 1914-16. 1 vol.
Discontinued.

Record of patients receiving relief other than those in institutions, showing date, name of patient, address, sex, marital status, occupation, former residence, name and address of nearest relative, necessity of relief, amount given and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on ptd. f. 82 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.

County Property

45. INSURANCE, 1930--. 1 lock box.

Original insurance policies covering county property, showing policy numbers, date, name of company, amount of insurance, property covered, and expiration date. Arr. alph. by name of property covered. No index. Typed on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

46. ABSTRACT OF TITLE, 1840--. 7 pigeonholes.

Abstract of titles to real estate on which school fund loans were made, showing date, amount of loan, name of borrower, conditions of loan, legal description of property, signature of borrower, certificate of recorder, and date and time filed. Arr. alph. by name of borrower. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

47. SWAMP AND OVERFLOWED LANDS, 1869. 1 pigeonhole.

List of swamp and overflowed lands patented to the State by United States Government, showing date, description and location of land, and township and range numbers. Arr. num. by township and range nos. No index. Hdw. 5 x 5 x 10.

48. SWAMPLAND PATENT RECORD, 1905-13. 1 vol. (1).

Record of swamplands owned by the county and deeded to individual purchasers, showing name of purchaser, date deed issued, description and location of land, number of acres, price per acre, section, township and range numbers, names of presiding judge and county clerk. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by name of purchaser. Hdw. on ptd. f. 296 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

II. COUNTY CLERK

The office of county clerk was established in Dallas County in 1841 when the county court appointed the clerk to serve until the next general election.¹ The Dallas County clerk served as circuit clerk

1. M.L. 1840-41, p. 38, sec. 49.

County Clerk - Elections

(49-52)

and recorder of deeds until 1870.² He acted as probate clerk while the county court had probate jurisdiction from 1841 until 1847.³ The clerk's term was fixed at 4 years in 1877 and has not been changed since that time.⁴

The county clerk records judgments, rules, orders, and other proceedings of the county court and makes a complete alphabetical index thereto. He issues and attests all process as required by law, keeps account of all moneys coming into his hands, acts as secretary to the county board of equalization, and is the chief election official. He also distributes state educational funds and interest on school loans to the various school districts.⁵

Unless otherwise stated, records of the county clerk are in his vault.

Elections

49. CANDIDATES' APPLICATIONS, 1936--. 3 pigeonholes. Statements of persons declaring themselves as candidates for office, showing name and residence, date filed, title of office sought, name of political affiliation, and signature of applicant. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

50. PRIMARY ELECTIONS, 1934--. 1 pigeonhole. Notice of primary elections certifying names of candidates for State, county, and district offices, showing date of primary election and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. by date of election. No index. Hdw. 5 x 5 x 10.

51. CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION, 1932--. 2 pigeonholes. Certificates of nomination for elective offices, showing name of nominee, date of primary election, name of office, political affiliation, date filed, and cost of election. Arr. chron. by date of nomination. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

52. ABSENTEE VOTERS, 1940. 2 pigeonholes. Applications and affidavits for absentee ballots by voters who are residents of county but who are absent at time of election, showing date of election, precinct, township or ward number, name of voter, residence, reason for absence from county on election day, political affiliation, oath and signature of voter, and certification by county clerk. Arr. alph. by name of voter. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

2. County Court Record, vol. A, pp. 83 f., see entry 3; Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 208, vol. B, p. 3, see entry 129; Miscellaneous Deed Record, vol. B, p. 529, vol. D, pp. 66 and 76, see entry 93.

3. M.L. 1846-47, pp. 43 f., secs. 1-15.

4. M.L. 1877, p. 192, sec. 1; R.S. 1929, sec. 11664.

5. R.S. 1929, sec. 9257, 9814, 10180, 10183, 10195, 10212, 10265, 10273, 10274, and 11676.

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53. JUDGES OF ELECTION, 1932--. 1 pigeonhole.

List of certificates of appointment to serve as judges in primary and general elections, showing name, address, age, political affiliation, date and type of election, and certification and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. by date of election. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

54. POLL BOOKS OF PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION, 1928, 1934, 1936, 1938, 1940. 158 books (by name of township).

Poll books and tally sheets deposited with the county clerk by election officials of each precinct, showing name of township, precinct number, date of election, oaths and names of judges and clerks, ballot number, name and residence of voter, number of votes cast for each candidate, total number of votes, signature of election judges, attestation by clerks, and date filed. Arr. chron. by date of election. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 25 x 12 x 13.

Bonds and Commissions
(See also entries 7-9 and 117)

55. REGISTER OF OFFICERS, 1870-1930. 1 vol. (A). 1928-- in Bond and Commission Record, entry 8.

Register of officers elected and appointed in Dallas County, showing name of officer, residence, when elected or appointed, to what office, date of bond and qualifications, names of sureties, date and expiration of commission, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of officer. Hdw. on ptd. f. 150 pp. 16 x 10 x 1.

56. NOTARY BONDS, 1927--. 1 pigeonhole.

Original bonds posted by notaries public, showing names of notary and sureties, date of commission, amount and conditions of bond, signature of notary and sureties, approval by county clerk, and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

57. RECORD OF NOTARY PUBLIC'S COMMISSION, BOND, AND OATH, 1907--. 1 vol. (F).

Record of commissions issued to and bonds posted by notaries public, showing name of notary, date of commission, signature of Governor, attestation by Secretary of State; date and copy of oath; date, amount, and conditions of bond, signatures of notary and sureties, approval by county clerk, and date filed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of notary. Hdw. on ptd. f. 290 pp. 15 x 10 x 2.

Schools
(See also entries 14-19 and 239-250)

58. APPLICATION FOR STATE AID, 1926--. 1 pigeonhole.

Applications for and estimates of funds necessary for maintenance of rural schools during the term as forwarded to the county clerk by district clerks, showing date, name and number of district, assessed valuation of property in district, tax rate for school purposes,

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receipts and expenditures, balances in various funds, probable deficit, verification by clerk and board members; and approval by county superintendent. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

For district clerk's record, see entry 240.

59. FINANCIAL REPORT OF COUNTY CLERK TO STATE SUPERINTENDENT, 1925--. 1 pigeonhole.

Statements of school fund receipts and disbursements for each year forwarded by county clerk to State Superintendent of Public Schools, showing receipt number, charges and credits to various school funds, total receipts and disbursements, interest, and balance. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

60. RECORD OF APPORTIONMENT SCHOOL FUND, 1873--. 3 vols.

Record of apportionment of public school funds by the county clerk, showing date, school district name or number, township and range numbers, amount of funds apportioned to each school district from state, county, and township funds, total number of children, amount per child, and certificate of county clerk. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 16 x 10 x 1.

61. SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTS, 1885--. 16 vols.

County clerk's account of school district funds for each district, showing school district number, date, amount and from whom received, fund credited; date, amount and to whom paid, purpose, fund charged, and balance on hand in each fund. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 350 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

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Real Estate and
Personal Property

(See also entries 198-200)

62. OFFICE REGISTER OF LANDS, 1882-1908. 1 roll of 32 pages in pigeonhole.

List of lands entered at United States Land Office at Springfield, Missouri as homestead sites, showing date of entry, by whom entered, number of acres, section, township, and range numbers, date filed and signature of Secretary of State. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 5 x 5 x 10.

63. ABSTRACT OF BACK TAXES, 1919--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Abstracts of delinquent taxes collected on real estate and personal property as forwarded to county court by collector, showing name and address of taxpayer, years for which due, legal description of property, valuation by State Board of Equalization; allocation to the various funds, total amount due including interest, fees, and costs, date and by whom paid, and receipt number. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 20 x 20 x 1.

For collector's record of taxes paid, see entry 207.

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64. JUDGMENT BOOK, 1867-76. 1 vol. (A).

Record of judgments rendered against lands and lots in Dallas County on which taxes are due and unpaid, showing date, name of party assessed, number of acres, legal description, valuation, total of various taxes, interest, and costs, years for which due, whether sold or redeemed, and amount paid. Arr. num. by section, township, and range nos. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 276 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Supply room adjoining county clerk's vault.

Land Sales (See also entries 214 and 215)

65. FORFEITED LIST BOOK, 1873-76. 2 vols. Discontinued.

Record of land sold for delinquent taxes, showing description and location of land, amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs for each year of delinquency separately stated, total amount of taxes, penalties, interest, and costs due, amount bid, name and address of person assessed, name and address of purchaser, date of sale, expiration date, redemption period, rate of interest carried, and signature of collector. Arr. num. by section, township, and range nos. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 79 pp. 16 x 14 x 1. Supply room adjoining county clerk's vault.

66. TAX SALE CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE, 1936--. 1 pigeonhole.

Original certificates of purchase issued by collector to the purchaser of land sold for taxes, showing certificate number, name of collector, name and address of purchaser, description of property, amount of taxes due, date of sale, name of former owner, total tax, penalties, interest, and costs, amount bid, surplus, and signature of county collector. Arr. num. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. Supply room adjoining county clerk's vault.

For duplicates, 1934--., see entry 215.

67. CERTIFICATE OF REDEMPTION, 1938--. 1 pigeonhole.

Certificates of redemption of lands sold for taxes, showing date, description of land, township, range, and section numbers, amount of taxes, penalties and costs, date and to whom sold, selling price, date and by whom redeemed, amount paid, certificate of purchase number, and name of collector. Arr. num. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

68. LAND SALE AND REDEMPTION RECORD, 1934--. 1 vol.

Record of sale of land for taxes, showing date of sale, description of property, section, township, and range numbers, reason for sale, name and address of purchaser, amount of purchase price, date redeemed, by whom redeemed, receipt for payment of cost, interest, signatures of redeemer, and county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 16 x 16 x 2.

Delinquent (See also entries 207-213)

69. LAND DELINQUENT LIST, 1871--. 19 vols.

List of delinquent land taxes, showing current number, name of delinquent taxpayer, quantity, location and description of property, years delinquent, valuation by assessor and adjustments by county and State

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board of equalization, amount of various state and county taxes, interest, penalties, county clerk's and collector's fees, commission and costs, total amount due, date paid if prior to sale, school district number, and remarks. Arr. num. by school district no. and thereunder alph. by name of person assessed. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 120 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. Supply room adjoining county clerk's vault.

Fiscal Reports and Accounts
(See also entries 32-37 and 220-238)

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70. FEE BOOK, 1875-1930, 1935--. 4 vols. (1-3, 1934).

Record of all fees (accountable and nonaccountable) collected by the county clerk for various services, showing date, from whom received, for what service, and date approved. Arr. chron. by dates received. No index. Hdw. 18 x 15 x 1.

For record of quarterly statements to county court, 1896-1935, see entry 71.

71. STATEMENT OF FEES, 1896-1935. 1 vol. Discontinued as a separate record.

Record of county clerk's monthly statements to county court of all fees received, showing from whom and for what service, date, amount, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 240 pp. 14 x 8 x 1.

For abstracts to county court, see entry 34; for subsequent records, see entry 70.

Collector

72. STATEMENT OF MONTHLY COLLECTIONS, 1928--. 2 pigeonholes.

Originals of collector's monthly reports to county clerk, showing information as in entry 196. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

Warrants (See also entries 226-228)

73. WARRANT REGISTER, 1867--. 6 vols.

Record of warrants issued for county obligations, showing warrant number, date, amount, to whom issued, purpose, fund drawn on, class of fund, and date paid. Arr. num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 328 pp. 16 x 10 x 1.

74. RECEIPTS (Canceled Warrants), 1932--. 44 pigeonholes.

Original warrants issued by the county clerk for county obligations which have been paid, canceled, and returned, showing date, warrant number, name of payee, amount, fund drawn on, for what service, signature of presiding judge, and attestation by county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

For record of warrants paid by treasurer, see entry 226.

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75. WARRANTS, 1909--. 44 vols.

Stubs of warrants issued by the county clerk, showing warrant number, date, amount, to whom issued, fund drawn on, and for what purpose. Arr. num. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 100 pp. 6 x 5 x 2.

Certificates and Licenses
(See also entries 39, 40, and 156)

Professional

76. RECORD OF STATE BOARD OF HEALTH CERTIFICATES, 1883--.
1 vol. (1).

Transcripts of licenses to practice medicine or surgery granted by the State Board of Health, giving name and address of licensee, date of license and registration, whether granted on examination or diploma or by reciprocity, names of officials of State Board of Health, name and location of school or institution conferring degree, and date conferred. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 40 pp. 15 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

77. REGISTER STATE BOARD OF HEALTH CERTIFICATES, 1883--. 2 vols.
(1, 2).

List of persons who have qualified to practice medicine or surgery, showing number and date of certificate, name and residence of person to whom issued, date recorded, whether granted on diploma or examination, if granted on diploma, name and location of school or institution, and date conferred. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of physician or surgeon. Hdw. on ptd. f. 136 pp. 15 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

78. PHARMACISTS RECORD, 1888--. 1 vol. (A).

Record of certificates issued by the State Board of Pharmacy, showing name of pharmacist, evidence of qualification, date certificate granted, named of president and secretary of board and county clerk, and date filed for record. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of pharmacist. Hdw. on ptd. f. 140 pp. 15 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

79. DENTAL REGISTER, 1897--. 1 vol.

Record of certificates granted to dentists and dental surgeons by the State Board of Dental Examiners, showing name and address, certificate number, whether dentist or dental surgeon or both, sex, date of diploma, name and location of college or university, names of president and secretary of State Board, and date filed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of dentist. Hdw. on ptd. f. 120 pp. 15 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Game and Fish

80. HUNTERS' LICENSE, 1926--. 19 vols.

Record of licenses issued to hunters including the privilege to fish, showing license number, name, address, age, and physical description of applicant, expiration date, and fee paid. Arr. num. by license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 50 pp. 15 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

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Vital Statistics

81. PERMANENT RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1883-1909. 2 vols. (1, 2).
1910-- kept by Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jefferson City,
Missouri, through local registrar.
Record of births and stillbirths, showing name of child, date and place
of birth, sex, color, nationality, residence and ages of parents,
occupation and full name of father, mother's maiden name, address, and
certificate of medical attendant, name of person making return, and
place of burial in case of stillbirth. Arr. chron. by date of birth.
Indexed alph. by name of child. Hdw. on ptd. f. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.
For birth and stillbirth register, 1883-98, see entry 82.
82. REGISTER OF BIRTHS AND STILLBIRTHS, 1883-98. 1 vol. Discon-
tinued as county record.
Register of births and stillbirths, showing information as in entry 81.
Arr. chron. by date of birth. Indexed alph. by name of parents. Hdw.
on ptd. f. 160 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.
83. PERMANENT RECORD OF DEATHS, 1883-1907. 1 vol. 1908, 1909,
missing; 1910-- kept by Bureau of Vital Statistics, Jefferson
City, Missouri, through local registrar.
Record of deaths in Dallas County, showing name, sex, color, age, and
occupation of deceased, date of death, marital status, nationality,
length of residence in State, place and cause of death, duration of
disease, date and place of burial, name of undertaker, signature of
physician, and date filed. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index.
Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.
For Register of Deaths, 1883-1924, see entry 84.
84. REGISTER OF DEATHS, 1883-1924, 1 vol. (I). Discontinued as
county record.
Register of deaths, showing information as in entry 83. Arr. chron. by
date of death. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.

Agriculture

Farm Names

85. REGISTER OF FARM NAMES, 1907--. 1 vol.
Register of farm names, showing name of owner, legal description,
registered name of farm, date of registration, certificate number, date
issued, and fee paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of farm. Hdw.
on ptd. f. 160 pp. 14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.
86. ESTRAY RECORD, 1867-1913. 2 vols. Discontinued.
Record of stray stock taken up and notice published, showing description
of animal, township where taken up, date, name and address of finder, by
whom appraised, valuation, name of justice of the peace, date and dispo-
sition of stray. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of finder. Hdw. on
ptd. f. 183 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

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87. MARKS AND BRANDS RECORD, 1880--. 1 vol. (C).

Record of marks and brands used to identify livestock, showing owner's name and residence, number of township, description of stock, and description of mark or brand. Arr. num. by township no. and thereunder alph. by name of owner. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 16 x 12 x 1.

88. STRAY FUND RECORD, 1877-1916. 1 vol.

Record of funds collected from owners of stray animals, showing name of taker-up, date taken up, kind of animal, appraised value, amount of fees, contingent amount due school fund, and amount and date paid treasurer. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 72 pp. 15 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Maps and Plats

89. GOVERNMENT PLAT OF DALLAS COUNTY, 1838-95. 1 vol.

Communication and sectional government plats of Dallas County, showing date of homestead or cash entry of land, number of acres, township, range, and principal meridian, date, name of purchaser of land, and amount paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 16 pp. 25 x 18 x 1. Supply room adjoining county clerk's vault.

III. RECORDER OF DEEDS

In Dallas County the county clerk acted as circuit clerk and recorder of deeds from 1841 until 1870. The offices of county and circuit clerks were separated in 1870 but the circuit clerk remained as ex officio recorder.¹ The county court was given authority by the legislature in 1865 to separate the offices of circuit clerk and recorder in counties having more than 10,000 inhabitants.² A separate recorder of deeds was elected in Dallas County in 1890.³ Under authority of an act of 1933 the circuit clerk became ex officio recorder in every county whose population was less than 20,000.⁴ The two offices are combined in Dallas County.⁵

The basic duty of the recorder of deeds has always been the recording of all written and properly recorded instruments affecting title to real estate and personal property.⁶ He recorded all deeds

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1. County Court Record, vol. A, pp. 83 f., see entry 3; Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 208, vol. B, p. 3, see entry 129; Miscellaneous Deed Record, vol. B, p. 529, vol. D, pp. 66 and 76, see entry 93.
 2. G.S. 1865, p. 161, sec. 23.
 3. Register of Officers, vol. A, pp. 17 and 21, see entry 55.
 4. M.L. 1933, pp. 360 f., secs. 1 and 11528.
 5. Dwight H. Brown, Official Manual, State of Missouri, 1939-40, p. 189.
 6. R.S. 1835, p. 525, secs. 5-7; G.S. 1865, pp. 159 f., sec. 9; M.L. 1895, pp. 179 f., sec. 1.

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appertaining to the adoption of children from 1856 until 1917.⁷ He also records marriage contracts and certificates of marriage.⁸

Unless otherwise stated, the recorder's records are in his vault.

Entry Books and Indexes

90. FILE REGISTER AND FEE BOOK, 1872--. 8 vols.

Daily record of all instruments filed and fees collected, showing register number as filed, date and nature of instrument, names of persons concerned, date and time filed, receipt for delivery, and amount of fees collected for filing. Arr. num. by file no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 308 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

91. ABSTRACT AND INDEX TO DEEDS OF TRUST AND MORTGAGES, 1867--. 21 vols.

Direct and indirect alphabetical index to and abstract of records conveying or affecting title to real estate in Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93; Warranty Deeds, 1870--, entry 94; Quitclaim Deeds, 1881--, entry 95; Right-of-Way Deeds, 1924--, entry 97; Tax Deed Record, 1881--, entry 98; and Deed of Trust Record, 1871--, entry 106; showing names of parties to instrument, date and nature of instrument, consideration, legal description of property, date of filing for record, and volume and page where recorded. Arr. chron. in front by names of grantor, lessor, or mortgagor; in back by names of grantee, lessee, or mortgagee. Hdw. on ptd. f. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

92. CANCELATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT BOOK, 1891--. 3 vols.

Record of the acknowledgment of full payment and satisfaction of trust deeds, mortgages, and chattel mortgages, showing date, name of releasee and releasor, and page number where recorded, date canceled, and recorder's fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 398 pp. 15 x 9 x 1.

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93. MISCELLANEOUS DEED RECORD, 1867--. 41 vols.

Record of deeds affecting real estate and other instruments recorded as required by statute. Contain: Warranty Deeds, 1867-69, entry 94; Quitclaim Deeds, 1867-80, entry 95; Right-of-Way Deeds, 1867-1923, entry 97; Tax Deed Record, 1867-80, entry 98; (Administrators' and Guardians' Deeds), 1869--, entry 99; (Cemetery Deeds), entry 100; Record of Patents, 1867-1904, entry 103; Mining Lease Record, 1867-1923, 1930--, entry 104; (Leases), 1872--, entry 105; Deed of Trust Record, 1867-70, entry 106; (Trustees' Deed Under Sale), entry 107; School Mortgage Record, 1867-70, entry 108; (Mortgages), entry 110; (Release Deed), 1877--, entry 111; and (Wills), entry 112. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 91. Hdw. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

7. M.L. 1856-57, p. 59, sec. 1; M.L. 1917, p. 193, sec. 1.

8. R.S. 1835, p. 525, secs. 5-7; R.S. 1929, sec. 11543.

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94. WARRANTY DEEDS, 1870--. 40 vols. 1867-69 in Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Copies of deeds conveying and warranting title in fee simple to real estate, showing date, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description of property, execution and statutory acknowledgment by grantor, date filed, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 91. Hdw. on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

95. QUITCLAIM DEEDS, 1881--. 10 vols. 1867-80 in Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Record of deeds conveying interest in real estate possessed by grantor without warranting title thereto, showing date, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description of property, signature of grantor and witnesses, date filed, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 91. Hdw. on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

96. ROAD DEEDS, 1937--. 1 cardboard box.

Original conveyances of rights-of-way and papers pertaining to county roads, filed but not recorded, all papers relating to each road assembled in a separate folder, showing information as in entry 26. Arr. alph. by name of road. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 12 x 4 x 15.

97. RIGHT-OF-WAY DEEDS, 1924--. 1 vol. (121). 1867-1923 in Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Transcripts 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 91. Hdw. on ptd. f. 648 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

98. TAX DEED RECORD, 1881--. 2 vols. (M, 45). 1867-80 in Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Record of 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 91. Hdw. on ptd. f. 560 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

99. (ADMINISTRATORS' AND GUARDIANS' DEEDS), 1869--. In Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Estate sale deeds, showing name of administrator or guardian of estate of ward, notice of publication, newspaper in which published, date and place of sale, description and location of property, names of appraisers, appraised value, name of purchaser, sale price, term of court, date of deed, acknowledgment, recorder's certificate, date and time filed.

100. (CEMETERY DEEDS), 1867--. In Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Deeds to cemetery lots, showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description of lot, rules and regulations of cemetery association, acknowledgment, signatures of president of cemetery association and recorder, and date and time filed.

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101. DEEDS, 1840--. 51 pigeonholes.

Original deeds and other instruments filed, recorded, and uncalled for. Arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

Patents

102. U. S. PATENTS, 1849-1917. 1 pigeonhole.

Original land patents issued to the State of Missouri by United States Government, showing date of instrument, to whom patented, legal description of property, statement of grant and statutory authority therefor, signature of the President of the United States, seal of United States Land Office, and certificate of county recorder of deeds. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

103. RECORD OF PATENTS, 1905--. 1 vol. 1867-1904 in

Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Record of land patents issued by the United States Government, showing date of instrument, homestead certificate number, legal description of property, names of grantor and grantee, consideration, acknowledgment, and date of filing. Arr. chron. by date of entry. Indexed alph. by names of grantor and grantee. Hdw. on ptd. f. 638 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Leases

104. MINING LEASE RECORD, 1924-29. 1 vol. (120). 1867-1923, 1930-- in Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Record of mineral, oil, and gas leases affecting land in Dallas County, showing serial number, date, nature and terms of agreement, names of parties, consideration, description and location of land affected, acknowledgment, signature of recorder, and date and time filed. Arr. num. by serial no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 75 pp. 13 x 8 x 1.

105. (LEASES), 1872--. In Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Record of leases or rental contracts between two parties, showing date, description and location of property, consideration and terms of payments, length and term of lease, signature of parties concerned, notary seal, date and time filed, and signature of recorder or deputy.

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and Mortgages

106. DEED OF TRUST RECORD, 1871--. 52 vols. 1867-70 in Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Record of conveyances of real estate to trustee as security for the repayment of indebtedness, showing date, names of grantor, trustee, and beneficiary, legal description of property, terms of instrument, amount, nature and evidence of indebtedness secured, maturity, statutory acknowledgment, date and time filed, and certificate of recorder. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 91. Hdw. on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

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107. (TRUSTEES' DEED UNDER SALE), 1867--. In Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Record of deeds conveying real estate sold by trustees under deeds of trust, showing dates, names of parties to deed, where recorded, statement of default, date of sale, amount bid, name of purchaser, date and time filed, and certificate of recorder.

108. SCHOOL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1871--. 2 vols. (A, 55). 1867-70 in Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Recorded copies of school fund mortgages given to secure the payment of money borrowed from school funds, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, legal description of property, amount of bond, date, signature of principal and sureties, acknowledgment, certificate of recorder, and date and time filed. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 109. Hdw. on ptd. f. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

109. INDEX TO MORTGAGE RECORD, 1871--. 2 vols.

Index to School Mortgage Record, entry 108, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, and volume and page where recorded. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. on ptd. f. 52 pp. 15 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

110. (MORTGAGES), 1867--. In Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Record of mortgages filed with recorder, showing date, description and location of property, number of acres, names of grantor and grantee, amount, date of payment, rate of interest, signature of grantor, acknowledgment, date and time filed, and signature of recorder or deputy.

Releases

111. (RELEASE DEED), 1877--. In Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Acknowledgment of full payment and satisfaction of deed, showing date of mortgage or deed of trust, name of county and state, names of releasee and releasor, acknowledgment, signature of recorder, and date recorded.

Wills

112. (WILLS), 1867--. In Miscellaneous Deed Record, entry 93.

Transcripts of probated wills affecting real estate, which have been filed for record, giving names of testator and witnesses, provisions of will, date proved, certificate of probate judge, date and time of filing.

For record of wills, 1894--., see entry 168.

Personal Property

113. CHATTEL MORTGAGE REGISTER, 1895--. 9 vols. (A-I).

Register of chattel mortgages filed and recorded, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount secured, date of instrument, file number, legal description of property, attestation by recorder, and date and manner of satisfaction. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. on ptd. f. 240 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

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114. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1934--. 110 pigeonholes.
Original mortgages covering personal property filed with recorder, showing date, serial number, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, legal description of property, consideration, date due, names of witnesses, acknowledgment, signature of both parties, date and time filed with recorder, and signature of recorder or deputy. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

For record, see entry 115.

115. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1870--. 6 vols. (1, 2, 2A, 3-5).
Transcripts of chattel mortgages recorded, showing information as in entry 114. Also contain Record of Liens on Stock, 1870-83, 1928-- , entry 116. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of grantor. Hdw. on ptd. f. 460 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Liens

116. RECORD OF LIENS ON STOCK, 1884-1927. 2 vols. 1870-83, 1928-- in Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 115.
Record of certificates creating liens in favor of owner of sire against stock serviced, showing date serviced, kind of animal, markings, weight, age, names of sire and dam, names of owners, terms of service, amount of lien, signature of owner of dam, date and time filed, and name of recorder. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. 452 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

Bonds

(See also entries 7-9 and 55-57)

117. RECORD OF OFFICIAL BONDS, 1874--. 1 vol. (1).
Statutory recording of commissions and bonds of county officials, showing information as in entry 8. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of official. Hdw. 320 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

Fees

118. FEE BOOK, 1896-1902, 1935--. 1 vol.
Daily record of fees collected and disbursed by recorder, showing date of entry, date and number of instrument, type of service, amount of fee, from whom received, and total fees; date and amount of disbursements, to whom paid, purpose, and total expenditures. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 244 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

Marriages

(See also entry 180)

119. MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1867--. 20 pigeonholes and 3 cardboard boxes.
Original certificates of marriages performed, 1867-81, and thereafter licenses granted with returns thereon, showing date issued, names of parties, ages, place of birth, signatures of applicants, parent or guardian's consent if minors, date and place of ceremony, name of party performing marriage, date filed, and signature and seal of

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recorder. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. Cardboard boxes, 12 x 24 x 30; pigeonholes, 5 x 5 x 10. Cardboard boxes, 1867-1916, attic; pigeonholes, 1917--., recorder's vault.

For record, see entry 120.

120. MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD, 1867--. 12 vols. (3-13, A). Record of certificates of marriages performed, 1867-81, and thereafter record of licenses issued and returns filed, showing information as in entry 119. Arr. chron. 1867-85, 1895--., indexed alph. by surname of male and female; for index, 1886-94, see entry 121. Hdw. on ptd. f. 424 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

121. DIRECT AND INDIRECT INDEX TO MARRIAGE RECORD, 1886-94.
1 vol.

Direct and inverted alphabetical index to Marriage License Record, entry 120, showing names of contracting parties, address, date license issued, date return filed, and volume and page where recorded. Arr. alph. by names of bridegroom and of bride. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1.

122. REGISTER OF MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED, 1891--. 3 vols. Register of marriage licenses issued with returns thereon, showing number of marriage license, date issued, names of parties, age, residence, book and page number where recorded, fee, and remarks. Arr. num. by license no. No index. Hdw. 122 pp. 15 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Miscellaneous Recordings

123. ARMY DISCHARGE RECORD, 1918--. 1 vol. (1). Record of soldiers, sailors, and marines honorably discharged from military service in the World War, showing name, rank, organization, dates of enlistment and discharges, place of birth, occupation, physical description, prior service, special ratings, battles engaged in, knowledge of any vocation, wounds received in battle, physical condition when discharged, married or single, character, name of commandant, and date filed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of veteran. Hdw. on ptd. f. 396 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

124. MARKS AND BRANDS, FLOUR ETC., 1883--. 1 vol. Record of trade marks and brand names used by manufacturers of flour, grits, hominy, or meal, and registration of markings on bottles or vessels used in marketing liquids, showing name and location of registrant, kind of business, facsimile of mark or brand, description of markings on bottle or vessel, proof of publication, type of product, signature and acknowledgment of registrant, and date and time filed for record. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of registrant. Hdw. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

IV. CIRCUIT COURT

The act organizing Niangua (Dallas) County designated the place where courts were to be held, and the county became part of the seventh

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judicial circuit.¹ As new counties were established, the number of circuits was increased and frequent changes were made from one circuit to another. Dallas County was placed in the fourteenth circuit in 1865.² Since 1892 it has formed part of the eighteenth judicial circuit.³ Court terms open at Buffalo on the second Monday in January, the fourth Monday in April, and the first Monday in September.⁴ The office of circuit judge became elective in 1851 with a 6-year term and the Governor fills vacancies by appointment.⁶

The circuit court has jurisdiction over civil and criminal cases in Dallas County.⁷ It has appellate jurisdiction from the county, probate, and justices of the peace courts.⁸ Appeals from final awards of the Workmen's Compensation Commission⁹ and from decisions of the Missouri Commission for the Blind¹⁰ are also heard by the circuit court. The juvenile court is a division of the circuit court and has jurisdiction over delinquent and neglected children.¹¹

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

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Case Papers

125. CIRCUIT COURT PAPERS, 1868--. 369 f. b. (1-369). Original papers of all cases filed in circuit court, all the papers pertaining to each case assembled in a separate folder, showing style and number of case, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, term of court, date filed, return term, proceedings had, and signature and seal of circuit clerk. Arr. num. by file box no. For index, see entry 126. Hdw. on ptd. f. 300 f. b., 1868-94, 4 x 4 x 10, assessor's office; 68 f. b., 1894--., 10 x 5 x 14, circuit clerk's office.

126. INDEX CIRCUIT COURT PAPERS, 1868--. 2 vols. Index to Circuit Court Papers, entry 125, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, number of case as filed, and volume and page reference to recording. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

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1. M.L. 1840-41, p. 34, sec. 18, p. 65, sec. 1.
 2. G.S. 1865, p. 551, sec. 19.
 3. M.L. 1892, Extra Session, p. 13, sec. 46; M.L. 1939, p. 334, sec. 2021; Dwight H. Brown, Official Manual, State of Missouri, 1939-40, p. 189.
 4. M.L. 1939, p. 334, sec. 2021; Brown, op. cit., p. 189.
 5. M.L. 1850-51, p. 214, sec. 2; R.S. 1929, sec. 1937.
 6. Const. 1875, art. VI, sec. 32; R.S. 1929, sec. 1879.
 7. R.S. 1929, sec. 1933.
 8. Ibid.
 9. M.L. 1925, p. 397, sec. 44.
 10. M.L. 1925, p. 317, sec. 9; M.L. 1937, pp. 404 f., sec. 8901.
 11. M.L. 1909, pp. 423-425, secs. 1 and 2; R.S. 1929, secs. 14136 and 14137.

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127. FILE RECORD, 1935--. 1 vol.

List of cases filed and tried in circuit court, showing case number, names of parties to action and attorneys, nature of action, date filed, record of change of venue, if any, and final action of court. Arr. num. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 324 pp. 18 x 11 x 2.

Minutes

128. MINUTE BOOK, 1867--. 8 vols.

Memoranda of proceedings noted at sessions of circuit court and later transferred into Circuit Court Record (entry 129), showing date, term of court, officials in attendance, number and style of case, detailed statement of proceedings had, motions heard, judgments rendered, and adjournment. Arr. chron. by date of session. No index. Hdw., 1867-1930; typed, 1931--. 475 pp. 16 x 10 x 2.

129. CIRCUIT COURT RECORD, 1837--. 18 vols. (A-G, I-S).

Permanent record of proceedings of circuit court in civil and criminal cases, 1867--, prepared from Minute Book (entry 128), showing date, term of court, place of meeting, officials present, number and style of case, proceedings had, motions heard, orders granted, judgments or decrees entered, all other action taken by court, and adjournment. Also contain Vacation Record, 1837-94, entry 131. Arr. chron. by term of court. For index, see entry 130. Hdw. and typed. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

130. INDEX TO CIRCUIT COURT RECORD, 1867--. 7 vols. (A, B, 1897, 1909, 1920, current two vols. unlabeled).

Index to Circuit Court Record, entry 129, showing style and number of case, date of filing, cause of action, volume and page reference to recording, names of plaintiff and defendant, and final disposition. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 280 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

131. VACATION RECORD, 1895--. 2 vols. (C, D). 1837-94 in Circuit Court Record, entry 129.

Record of proceedings had or action taken by judge or clerk while court is in vacation, showing style and number of case, date, nature of action, and date filed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 632 pp. 17 x 11 x 2.

Orders

132. ORDER OF PUBLICATION RECORD, 1883--. 8 vols.

Record of orders of publication of cases to come before the next session of circuit court, showing date of next term, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, name of newspaper in which published, number of times published, and signature of circuit clerk. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 400 pp. 17 x 11 x 2.

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Tax Suits

133. TAX JUDGMENT RECORD, 1894-1940. 1 vol. (H). Discontinued. Record of judgments rendered by circuit court concerning real estate on which taxes were due and unpaid (1935-- for incorporated cities only) showing title and number of case, description, location and valuation of property, years for which taxes due, amount, interest to date of judgment, interest after judgment, costs, total amount, orders of court, and signature of circuit judge. Arr. chron. by term of court. For index, see entry 134. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 17 x 11 x 2.

134. ALPHABETICAL INDEX TO TAX SUITS, 1894-1934. 1 vol. Index to Tax Judgment Record, entry 133, showing number of case, defendant's name, amount of tax bill due, date of judgment, fee book and page number, execution docket and page number, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 20 x 14 x 2.

Juvenile

135. JUVENILE COURT RECORD, 1918--. 1 vol. (1). Record of proceedings in cases in the juvenile division of the circuit court, showing term of court, number of case, names of juvenile and complainant, offense charged, date of hearing, disposition of case, and signature of presiding judge. Arr. chron. by date of hearing. Indexed alph. by name of juvenile. Hdw. 324 pp. 17 x 11 x 2.

Dockets

136. JUVENILE COURT JUDGE'S DOCKET, 1918--. 1 vol. (1). Record of proceedings in cases in the juvenile division of circuit court, showing term of court, date of meeting, names of officials present, case number, names of juvenile and complainant, proceedings had, disposition of case, and signature of presiding judge. Arr. chron. by date of hearing. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 324 pp. 17 x 11 x 2.

137. JUDGE'S DOCKET, 1867--. 10 vols. (3-11, one vol. unlabeled). Judge's record of circuit court cases, showing case number, term of court, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, cause of action, and orders of last and present terms. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed num. by case no. Hdw. on ptd. f. 156 pp. 16 x 10 x 1.

138. BAR DOCKET, 1867-73, 1878-1915. 7 vols. (4-8, two vols. unlabeled). Discontinued. Circuit clerk's record of cases filed and pending before the circuit court, showing style and number of case, names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses, orders of last and present term, and remarks. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed num. by case no. Hdw. on ptd. f. 240 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

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Naturalization

139. DECLARATIONS OF INTENTIONS, 1904-29. 1 vol. (B).

Subsequent proceedings filed in the United States District Court, Springfield, Missouri.

Record of declarations of intentions of foreign-born persons to become citizens of the United States filed in circuit court, showing name of applicant, age, physical description, occupation, place and date of birth, race, present address, point of emigration, name of vessel, last foreign residence, oath of allegiance, date and port of arrival, signatures of declarant and circuit clerk. Also contains (Naturalization Petitions), entry 140. Arr. chron. by date of declaration. Indexed alph. by name of declarant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 132 pp. 16 x 10 x 1.

140. (NATURALIZATION PETITIONS), 1904-29. In Declarations of Intentions, entry 139.

Petitions of foreign-born persons to be admitted as citizens of the United States, showing name of petitioner, residence, occupation, date and place of birth, point of emigration, date, port of arrival, name of vessel, date and place of filing original declaration, whether married or single, wife's name, place of birth and residence; number of children, date, place of birth and residence of each; oath of allegiance, time of residence in the United States, certificate of Department of Labor, date of petition, signature of petitioner, and circuit clerk's action.

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141. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1867--. 3 vols.

Record of judgments and decrees rendered in justice of the peace courts, circuit court, and other courts of record from which transcripts of judgment have been filed with the circuit clerk, showing case number, names of judgment debtor and creditor, date and nature of judgment or decree, court in which rendered, amount of debt, damages and costs, volume and page reference to recording, and satisfaction or other disposition. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of judgment debtor. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 16 x 10 x 1.

142. RECORD OF FINES, 1873-1926. 1 vol. 1927-- in Bill of Costs, Criminal Cases, entry 153.

Record of fines, penalties, forfeitures, and judgments imposed, adjudged and rendered in favor of the State or county, showing title, number and nature of case, date of judgment, amount, in whose favor, amount of costs, date of execution, to whom issued, date of return, and settlement with court. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 80 pp. 12 x 8 x 1.

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143. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1867--. 3 vols.

Record of executions issued by the circuit clerk on judgments rendered in circuit court with returns thereon, showing style and number of case, name of judgment debtor and creditor, amounts of debt, damages, and costs, fee book and page number, date of execution, to whom directed, term returnable, and sheriff's return. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of judgment debtor. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 17 x 11 x 2. For sheriff's record, see entry 183.

V. CIRCUIT CLERK

The county clerk served as a circuit clerk and recorder of deeds in Dallas County until 1870.¹ The first clerk was appointed by the county court to serve until the general election.² When a separate clerk was elected for the circuit court in Dallas County in 1870, he retained his status as ex officio recorder of deeds.³ The offices of circuit clerk and recorder were separated in 1890.⁴ Under an act of 1933, the circuit clerk became ex officio recorder of deeds in counties having less than 20,000 inhabitants.⁵ The two offices are combined in Dallas County.⁶ He serves a 4-year term.⁷

The circuit clerk records all decrees, judgments, rules, orders, and other proceedings of the circuit court and keeps a complete alphabetical index thereto; issues and attests writs, process, and subpoenas as required by law; keeps account of all money coming into his hands; and performs any other duties enjoined upon him by the legislature.⁸

All records of the circuit clerk are in his office.

Judgments

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144. TRANSCRIPT RECORD, 1871--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of transcripts of judgments rendered in justice of the peace courts, showing transcript number, name of justice of the peace, township, style and number of case, nature of action and date filed, date and amount of judgment, itemized fees and costs, execution by constable,

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1. State ex rel. Moore, Circuit Attorney v. Lusk, 48 Mo. 242 f.; County Court Record, vol. A, pp. 83 f., see entry 3; Circuit Court Record, vol. A, p. 208, vol. B, p. 3, see entry 129; Miscellaneous Deed Record, vol. B, p. 529, vol. D, pp. 66 and 76, see entry 93.
 2. M.L. 1840-41, p. 38, sec. 49.
 3. Miscellaneous Deed Record, vol. D, pp. 66 and 76, see entry 93.
 4. Register of Officers, vol. A, pp. 17 and 21, see entry 55.
 5. M.L. 1933, pp. 360 f., secs. 1 and 11528.
 6. Dwight H. Brown, Official Manual, State of Missouri, 1939-40, p. 189.
 7. Const. 1875, art. VI, sec. 39; R.S. 1929, sec. 11664.
 8. R.S. 1835, p. 113, sec. 17; R.S. 1929, sec. 11676.

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date returned, signature of constable, certificate by justice of the peace, and circuit clerk's certificate of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 432 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Liens

145. MECHANIC'S LIEN RECORD, 1882--. 1 vol.

Record of mechanics' liens filed in circuit court for the purpose of establishing claims against realty for labor or materials furnished for erecting, improving, or making repairs, giving names of lien claimant and debtor, description and location of property, itemized statement of account, signature of officer administering oath, date of filing, and certificate of circuit clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

Jurors

146. RECORD OF JURORS DRAWN, 1891--. 1 vol.

Record of grand and petit jurors drawn and copies of orders certified by clerk of the county court to the clerk of the circuit court, showing term of county court when drawn, type of juror, term of circuit court for which drawn, name of juror, name of township from which juror is drawn, name of alternate, signature of county clerk, seal of county court, and date filed by circuit clerk. Arr. chron. by date drawn. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 158 pp. 14 x 9 x 1.

147. JURY SCRIP, 1874--. 7 vols.

Record of scrip issued to grand and petit jurors for services rendered in circuit court, showing date of scrip, term of court, name of juror, number of days served, mileage, travel allowance, and signature of circuit clerk. Also contain Jury Record, 1932--, entry 148. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 110 pp. 13 x 9 x 1.

148. JURY RECORD, 1882-1931. 2 vols. (1, 2). 1932-- in Jury Scrip, entry 147.

Record of jurors who served in circuit court, showing name, style and number of case, date and term of court, names of jurors, days in attendance, mileage, and amount due juror. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 158 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

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Accounts

149. CASH BOOK, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of money received by circuit clerk, showing date, amount, and from whom received, case number, remarks; date, amount, and where deposited. Arr. chron. by date received. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 244 pp. 16 x 10 x 1.

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150. ABSTRACT OF FEES COLLECTED AND DISBURSED, 1936--. 1 vol.
Record of fees received and disbursed by circuit clerk, showing case number, date, term of court, amount of fees, nature of service rendered, from whom received, date, and to whom paid. Arr. chron. No index.
Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 20 x 20 x 2.

For abstracts to county court, see entry 37.

151. ABSTRACTS OF FEES EARNED, 1915-38. 2 vols. Discontinued.
Record of personal fees earned and received by circuit clerk, showing date, style and number of case, term of court, amount of fee, from whom received, for what service, and date of filing. Arr. chron.
No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 100 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

Civil

152. CIVIL FEE BOOK, 1891--. 7 vols.
Record of fees and costs accrued in civil cases in circuit court, showing case number, name of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, term of court, date, itemized list of fees, to whom due, amount, and signature of circuit clerk. Also contain Criminal Fee Book, 1867-95, entry 154. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 430 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

Criminal

153. CRIMINAL COST BILL RECORD, 1875--. 9 vols. (2-9, first vol. unlabeled).
Certified copies of bills for various fees and costs in criminal cases chargeable to state or county funds, showing date, style and number of case, term of court, nature of charge, to whom bill of costs chargeable, date of indictment or information, verdict, amount of various fees, service rendered, to whom due, certification by judge and prosecuting attorney, and signature of circuit clerk. Also contain Record of Fines, 1927--, entry 142. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant.
Hdw. on ptd. f. 252 pp. 18 x 11 x 2.

For originals to county court, 1926--, see entry 36; for certified duplicates to treasurer, 1910--, see entry 238.

154. CRIMINAL FEE BOOK, 1896--. 10 vols. 1867-95 in Civil Fee Book, entry 152.
Record of fees and costs in criminal cases in circuit court, showing term of court, date, name of defendant, nature of charge, amount of fees, to whom due, total costs, and by whom received. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 426 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

Witnesses

155. WITNESS CLAIM BOOK, 1873--. 6 vols.
Abstract of fees earned by witnesses in cases tried in circuit court, showing date, name of witness, style of case, term of court, number of case, by whom subpoenaed, number of days in attendance, mileage, amount

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due, date received, and signature of witness. Arr. chron. by term of court. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 165 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

Permits

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156. APPLICATION FOR FIREARMS PERMIT, 1921--. 1 vol. (1). Register of applications for permission to acquire firearms, showing date, number of application, name and address of applicant, description of firearms, from whom acquired, date, and permit number. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 100 pp. 14 x 8 x 1.

Miscellaneous

157. CLERK'S DOCKET, 1894-1919. 4 vols. (6-9). Discontinued. Record of civil and criminal cases in circuit court, showing date, term of court, case number, style and nature of case, names of attorneys, orders at last and present term, proceedings had in vacation, and memorandum of action taken. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 240 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

158. RECEIPTS FOR LAWS, 1906--. 1 vol. (1). Circuit clerk's record of all revised statutes and session acts received and disposed of by him, showing title of volume, date received, name, title, and signature of recipient, names of private citizens to whom volumes were sold, and price paid. Arr. chron. by date issued. Indexed alph. by name of recipient. Hdw. on ptd. f. 188 pp. 15 x 10 x 1.

159. ORDER BOOK, 1881-1926. 1 vol. (2). Discontinued. Applications to clerk of circuit court for issuance of subpoenas in civil and criminal cases, showing style and number of case, date, name of person for whom subpoena is requested, in whose behalf, signature of attorney, return date, and clerk's memorandum of issuing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 240 pp. 14 x 8 x 1.

160. ATTORNEYS' ROLL, 1892--. 1 vol. Record of attorneys registered for practice in Dallas County, showing name, residence, date of enrollment, and attorney's signature. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of attorney. 300 pp. 14 x 8 x 1.

VI. PROBATE COURT

Administration of probate matters in Dallas County was exercised by the county court from 1841 until 1847 at which time a separate probate court was provided for by an act of the legislature.¹ Provision was made in 1849 to abolish the probate court if a majority of the

1. R.S. 1835, p. 156, sec. 15; M.L. 1846-47, pp. 43 f., secs. 1-15.

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electors voted or petitioned for its discontinuance.² In 1851 the legislature abolished the Dallas County probate court,³ and it was not reestablished until 1874.⁴ An act of 1877 provided for uniform probate courts in all counties, the judge to be elected on the first Monday in August, 1878 and every 4 years thereafter and to take office on January 1, following his election.⁵ The judge may serve as his own clerk.⁶

Probate courts have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to probate business; granting letters testamentary and of Administration; appointing guardians and curators of minors and persons of unsound mind; and settling the accounts of executors, administrators, curators, and guardians. The probate judge has power to solemnize marriages and may receive and inquire into the merits of applications for blind pensions.⁸

All records of the probate court are in the court vault.

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Case Papers

161. (PROBATE PAPERS), 1867--. 220 pigeonholes. Original papers and files in estates administered in probate court with papers relating to each case assembled in a separate folder, showing estate number, name of estate and person in charge, and date filed in probate court. Arr. alph. by name of estate. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 8 x 5 x 11.

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162. MINUTE BOOK, 1867--. 11 vols. Memoranda of proceedings of the probate court noted at sessions and later transferred into Probate Court Record (entry 163), giving term, date of session, name and number of estate, name of estate representative, business transacted, and signature of probate judge. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 16 x 12 x 3.

163. PROBATE COURT RECORD, 1867--. 16 vols. (A-F, H-Q). Record of all proceedings in estates administered in courts having probate jurisdiction, prepared from Minute Book (entry 162), showing term, date, name and number of estate, nature of proceedings had or

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2. M.L. 1848-49, p. 410, sec. 2.
 3. M.L. 1850-51, pp. 513 f., secs. 1 and 2.
 4. M.L. 1874, Adjourned Session, p. 280, sec. 1.
 5. M.L. 1877, pp. 229 f., sec. 3.
 6. Ibid., sec. 6.
 7. M.L. 1877, p. 229, sec. 2; R.S. 1929, sec. 2046.
 8. M.L. 1921, p. 555, sec. 2.

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orders made, and signature of probate judge. Arr. chron. For index, 1867-97, see entry 164; 1898-- , indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. 520 pp. 16 x 12 x 3.

For memoranda of proceedings, see entry 162.

164. INDEX TO PROBATE RECORD, 1867-97. 1 vol. Discontinued. Index to and abstract of Probate Court Record, entry 163, showing names of estate and representative, date will probated and recorded, bonds, notices, decrees, orders, reports, volume and page reference to recording, and allowances against estates. Arr. alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 178 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

Dockets

165. TERM DOCKET, 1871-- . 3 vols. (A-C). Record of all cases to come before probate court, showing name and number of estate, dates letters granted or appointments made, matter before the court, service had or orders made at last term, list of settlements due, and orders entered at current term. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 240 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

Public Administrator

166. OFFICIAL BOND OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, 1925-- . 1 pigeonhole. Original bonds of public administrators, showing date, names of principal and sureties, amount and condition of bond, signatures of public administrator, sureties, judge of probate court, and date approved. Arr. chron. by date approved. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

Settlements

167. SETTLEMENT RECORD, 1870-- . 10 vols. (A-J). Record of settlements filed in estates, giving name and number of estate, name of estate representative, date of settlement, balance on hand at last settlement, detailed debits and credits, number of voucher, balance on hand, investment of surplus funds or where deposited, date of filing and certificates of probate clerk. Also contain Administrators'-Guardians' Fee Book, 1870-92, entry 177. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 350 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

Administrators and Executors

168. WILL RECORD, 1894-- . 3 vols. (1-3). 1871-93 in Guardians' and Curators' Bonds, entry 174. Transcripts of wills probated with proof of will and certificates of probate, showing number of instrument, name and residence of testator, names of legatees and devisees, date and provisions of will, signature of testator, and attestation of witnesses. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. 396 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

For wills affecting real estate that have been recorded, see entry 112.

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169. PETITION FOR REFUSAL OF LETTERS, 1907--. 7 envelopes. Original orders refusing letters of administration of estates not greater in amount than is allowed by law as the absolute property of the widow, widower, or minor children under the age of 18, showing name of applicant, name of deceased, date of death, statement of absolute property rights of survivors, authority to collect assets of deceased, signature of probate judge, and date of order. Arr. chron. by date of order. No index. Hdw. 10 x 4 x 2.

170. ABSTRACT OF ALLOWANCES, 1867--. 2 vols. Record of allowances made against estates, showing name and number of estate, date, and amount, name of claimant, type and condition of allowance. Arr. alph. by name of estate. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

171. INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT, 1871--. 11 vols. Record of inventory and appraisement of all real and personal property belonging to estate of decedent, showing description and appraised value of property, date of inventory and appraisal, names and oaths of witnesses to inventory, appraisers, and executor or administrator, date filed for record, and signature of probate judge. Also contains: Sale Bill Record, 1871-1914, entry 173; and (Guardians' Inventory), 1875--, entry 175. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 482 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

172. ORDER OF PUBLICATION, 1871--. 3 vols. (A, B, 3). Petitions by administrators or executors of estates for order of sale of real estate to pay debts or legacies, showing name and number of estate, date and term of court, name of administrator, dates of petition and order of publication, affidavit of publisher, showing name of newspaper and dates of publication of notices of sale. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estates. Hdw. on ptd. f. 540 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

173. SALE BILL RECORD, 1915--. 1 vol. (C). 1871-1914 in Inventory and Appraisement, entry 171. Record of sale clerk's account of public sales of personal and real property of deceased persons filed by estate representative, showing number of estate, names of deceased, executor or administrator, date and place of sale, articles sold, purchaser, price, total amount of sale, affidavit of clerk of sale, and date filed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on ptd. f. 640 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

Guardians and Curators

174. GUARDIANS' AND CURATORS' BOND, 1867--. 7 vols. Title varies: Administrators', Guardians', and Curators' Bonds and Letters, 1867-94, 2 vols. Record of bonds posted with probate court by guardians and curators and estate representatives, showing name of estate, names of principal and sureties, date, amount and condition of bond, approval of court,

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and name of probate judge. Also contain Will Record, 1871-93, entry 168. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 385 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

175. (GUARDIANS' INVENTORY), 1875--. In Inventory and Appraisement, entry 171.

Record of guardians' and curators' inventory and appraisement of all property belonging to estates of minors or persons of unsound mind, showing name of ward, name and number of estate, name and affidavit of guardian or curator, oaths of witnesses and appraisers, appraised valuation, and date filed.

Inheritance Tax

176. INHERITANCE TAX RECORD, 1918--. 1 vol.

Record of inheritance taxes due, showing name and number of estate, order appointing appraiser, name of decedent, residence and place of death, name and address of estate representative, date of letters, description of real and personal property belonging to estate and value of interest of each beneficiary, legal exemptions, amount of tax, name and date of appointment of appraiser, fees allowed, date filed, amounts refunded, payments to State Treasurer, and certificate of probate judge or clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 278 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

177. ADMINISTRATORS'-GUARDIANS' FEE BOOK, 1893--. 4 vols.
1870-92 in Settlement Record, entry 167.

Record of fees collected and accrued from estates in probate court, showing name and number of estate, date filed, account allowed, date settlement made, amount of fee due, and signature of probate judge. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on ptd. f. 644 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

178. ABSTRACT OF FEES COLLECTED, 1937--. 1 vol.

Monthly abstract of fees collected from estates administered in probate court, showing date, names of estate and representative, amount of fee collected, to whom payable, date, and service rendered. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 16 x 12 x 2.

Pensions

179. APPLICATION FOR BLIND PENSIONS AND CERTIFICATE OF PROBATE JUDGE, 1923--. 1 pigeonhole.

Original applications for blind pensions, showing date, name and address of applicant, date and place of birth, names of parents, income, value of property owned, if any, questionnaire by court, affidavit of oculist, date of blindness, notarial acknowledgment, and signature of probate judge. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 4 x 10.

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Marriages

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180. MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED, 1895-1923. 1 vol.

Record of marriage ceremonies performed by probate judge, showing date, names and addresses of contracting parties, date and number of license, by whom issued, date and place of ceremony, signature of probate judge, and date return filed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of bridegroom. Hdw. on ptd. f. 8 x 5 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

VII. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

A legislative enactment of 1835 authorized the county court to appoint a public administrator.¹ The county court continued to appoint the public administrator for a term of 2 years² until 1867 when the office became elective with a 4-year term.³ The main duty of the public administrator is to administer the estate of any person who dies without making a will or without leaving anyone who could legally qualify as administrator.⁴ He also administers estates of minors⁵ and insane persons.⁶

For records of bonds furnished by public administrators, see entry 166.

VIII. CORONER

The Constitution of 1820 authorized the Governor to appoint a coroner in a newly created county to hold office until the next general election and until a successor was qualified. The elected coroner served a 2-year term and was eligible to hold office only 4 years in any period of 8 years.⁷ Vacancies were filled by the Governor.⁸ The Constitution of 1865 gave the county court authority to fill vacancies in the office of coroner.⁹ The Constitution of 1875 provided that a coroner could serve 4 years in any period of 6 years but did not change the 2-year term.¹⁰ A constitutional amendment of 1906 made the term 4 years and provided that a coroner could not succeed himself.¹¹

1. R.S. 1835, p. 64, sec. 1.

2. Ibid.

3. M.L. 1867, pp. 116 f., sec. 1; R.S. 1929, sec. 296.

4. R.S. 1835, p. 65, sec. 8; R.S. 1929, sec. 299.

5. M.L. 1885, p. 28, sec. 2; R.S. 1929, sec. 299.

6. M.L. 1895, pp. 35 f., secs. 1 and 299; R.S. 1929, sec. 299.

7. Const. 1820, art. IV, sec. 23.

8. Ibid., secs. 9 and 24.

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

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

11. Ibid., amended 1906.

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The principal duties of the coroner concern the holding of inquests and have not changed materially since Territorial days.¹² When the coroner is unable to preside at an inquest, a justice of the peace or any judge of a court of record may perform all the duties of the coroner.¹³ If the sheriff is party to a suit, is ousted from office, dies, or is disqualified in any way, the coroner performs the sheriff's duties until another is appointed or elected.¹⁴

IX. SHERIFF

In accordance with provisions of the act creating Niangua (Dallas) County, the Governor appointed a sheriff who was also ex officio collector of the revenue. The first sheriff served until the next general election.¹⁵ Sheriffs were elected thereafter for 2-year terms and could serve only 4 years in any period of 8 years.¹⁶ An act of 1872 permitted separation of the offices of sheriff and collector but there was nothing in the act to prevent the same person from holding both offices.¹⁷ A separate collector served in Dallas County in 1873.¹⁸ Under the Constitution of 1875 the sheriff's term of office remained unchanged but he became eligible 4 years in any period of 6 years.¹⁹ A Constitutional Amendment of 1906 fixed the term at 4 years beginning with the election of 1908 and provided that a sheriff could not succeed himself.²⁰

While the sheriff was ex officio collector it was his duty to collect the county revenue.²¹ As sheriff he is a preserver of the peace and keeper of the county jail. He summons jurors and witnesses, executes all process directed to him by legal authority, attends all terms of courts of record in his county, and may appoint a jailer and one or more deputies for whose official acts he is responsible.²² In the event the sheriff is unable to perform his duties, the coroner is required to act in his place.²³

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12. L.T.L. 1807, p. 102, sec. 1; R.S. 1835, pp. 320 f., secs. 1 and 8-11; R.S. 1929, secs. 11612, 11621, 11623, and 11644.
 13. R.S. 1835, p. 321, sec. 12; R.S. 1929, sec. 11624.
 14. R.S. 1835, p. 124, sec. 1; R.S. 1929, sec. 11524.
 15. Const. 1820, art. IV, sec. 23; M.L. 1840-41, p. 37, sec. 48.
 16. Const. 1820, art. IV, sec. 23.
 17. M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 102, sec. 93 (92).
 18. County Court Record, vol. B, p. 3, see entry 3.
 19. Const. 1875, art. IX, sec. 10.
 20. Ibid., amended 1906.
 21. R.S. 1835, p. 536, sec. 1; M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 102, sec. 93 (92).
 22. R.S. 1835, p. 335, secs. 2-5, p. 580, secs. 10 and 11; G.S. 1865, p. 878, sec. 4; R.S. 1929, secs. 8526-8529, 8573, 8772, 11516, and 11518.
 23. R.S. 1835, p. 124, sec. 1; R.S. 1929, secs. 11524 and 11525.

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181. JAIL RECORD, 1900--. 2 vols. (2, 3).
Register of prisoners confined in county jail, showing name, physical description, by whom and date committed, residence, nature of offense, cost of case, dates received and discharged. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of prisoner. Hdw. on ptd. f. 39 pp. 15 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Sheriff's office.

182. SHERIFF'S FEE BOOK, 1891-96, 1911--. 3 vols.
Record of fees earned and collected by sheriff for services of himself and others, showing date, style and number of case, nature of service, amount, from whom collected, date and to whom paid, or other disposition. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 340 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Sheriff's office.

183. SHERIFF'S EXECUTION DOCKET, 1872-76, 1909--. 4 vols.
Record of executions of judgments issued by circuit court and placed in sheriff's hands for levy, showing number and style of case, date and amount of judgment, term of court to which returnable, date and nature of execution, damages and costs, total cost, and sheriff's return. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 432 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. 2 vols., 1872-76, circuit clerk's office; 2 vols., 1909--, sheriff's office.

For executions issued on judgments rendered in circuit court, see entry 143.

184. SHERIFF'S REPORT OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1939--. 1 vol.
Record of disbursements, showing date, to whom payment made, check number, purpose, sundry expense, amount retained, and total. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 150 pp. 14 x 12 x 1. Sheriff's office.

185. SHERIFF'S SALE RECORD, 1920--. 1 vol. (5).
Record of sales ordered by court, showing name of property owner, legal description of property, name of purchaser, purchase price, amount of debt, interest and costs, term of court at which sale ordered, date sale held, and remarks. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 11 x 5 x 1. Sheriff's office.

186. SHERIFF'S EXPENSE REPORT, 1938--. 1 vol.
Itemized account of expenses, showing cost of attending courts, boarding and transporting prisoners, summoning jurors, holding elections, sundries, and total amount. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 150 pp. 14 x 12 x 1. Sheriff's office.

X. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Prior to the creation of the office of prosecuting attorney in 1872, the circuit attorney served as legal representative of the counties in his circuit in civil and criminal matters.¹ The circuit

1. R.S. 1835, p. 89, secs. 4 and 5; M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 14, sec. 2.

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attorney was elected for a term of 4 years; the term of the prosecuting attorney is 2 years.²

It is the duty of the prosecuting attorney to prosecute or defend, as the case may require, all civil and criminal actions in his county in which the county or State is interested; to represent the county generally in legal matters; to investigate all claims against the county; to draw all contracts relating to county business; and to give his opinion without fee to justices of the peace, the county court, or a county judge in matters of law in which the county is interested.³

187. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FILES, 1934--. 4 f. d. Private records and information relating to civil and criminal cases in which prosecuting attorney's office is participating, showing name of defendant, nature of case, date filed and disposition. These records are not accessible to the public. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 18 x 12 x 24. Jail Building.

XI. ASSESSOR

An act approved February 15, 1841 authorized the county court to appoint an assessor for Dallas County.⁴ The law provided for the election of an assessor in each of the several counties of the State on the first Monday in August 1842 for a term of 2 years.⁵ The length of the term was increased to 4 years in 1895.⁶ It is the duty of the assessor to assess all real and personal property in the county which includes that of merchants and manufacturers.⁷ The assessing of income taxes also comes within the scope of his activities.⁸

All records of the assessor are in the county clerk's vault.

188. ASSESSMENT LIST, 1929--. 108 pigeonholes, 1 shelf, and 2 boxes.

Original unbound assessment lists of all property belonging to or under the control of taxpayers, showing name and address of taxpayer, location by range, school, and road district numbers, description and valuation of all real and personal property, total valuation, date of assessment and tax year, affidavit of taxpayer, and signature of assessor. Arr. chron. by date of assessment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. Pigeonholes, 5 x 5 x 10; shelf, 29 x 21 x 14; boxes, 22 x 14 x 11. County clerk's vault.

For personal property taxes paid, see entry 198; for real estate taxes paid, see entry 199.

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2. M.L. 1836-37, p. 10, sec. 1; M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 14, sec. 2; R.S. 1929, sec. 11309.
 3. R.S. 1929, secs. 11316, 11318, 11319, and 11321.
 4. M.L. 1840-41, p. 38, secs. 1 and 2.
 5. Ibid., p. 121, sec. 2.
 6. M.L. 1895, p. 41, sec. 1; M.L. 1931, p. 376, sec. 9749.
 7. R.S. 1929, secs. 9756-9762.
 8. M.L. 1917, pp. 534 f., sec. 1014.

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189. INCOME ASSESSMENT BOOK, 1920-35. 1 vol. Discontinued as a separate record.

Record of returns made on all taxable incomes, showing current number, name and address of taxpayer, amount of taxable income, credits and deductions, amount of tax, and date of payment. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 14 x 15 x 2. County clerk's vault.

For subsequent records, see entry 190.

190. INCOME TAX BOOK, 1920-37. 1 vol. 1938-- in Income Assessment and Tax Book, entry 205.

State income tax returns made out by the individual taxpayer and returned to the assessor, showing date received by assessor, name of taxpayer, home address, occupation, profession or kind of business, income, deductions, computation of tax, affidavit of individual or agent, income from business or profession, cost of goods sold, other business deductions, income from rents and royalties, profit or loss from sale or exchange of real estate, stocks, bonds, etc., dividends received, interest, and explanation of deduction for depreciation of claims. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 160 pp. 14 x 14 x 1. County clerk's vault.

For returns on all taxable incomes, 1920-35, see entry 189.

191. MERCHANTS' STATEMENTS, 1925--. 2 pigeonholes.

Record of sworn statements by merchants and manufacturers as to the greatest amount of goods on hand at any time from the first Monday in March to the first Monday in June in current year, showing date, name and place of business, amount of fees, county license number, signature of merchant or manufacturer, and acknowledgment. Arr. chron. by date of affidavit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. County clerk's vault.

For taxes paid, see entry 201.

192. CORPORATION INCOME TAX RETURN, 1921--. 1 pigeonhole.

State income tax returns made out by corporation, holding company, joint stock company, or association, and returned to assessor, showing year for which return is made, name of corporation, address, kind of business, gross income, deductions, computation of tax, assets, liabilities, cost of manufacturing or producing goods, profits from sale or exchange of real estate, stocks, or bonds, compensation of officers, cost of repairs, taxes paid, dividends received, explanation of deduction for depreciation, reconciliation of net income and analysis of changes in surplus, acknowledgment and signatures of president or other principal officer and treasurer. Arr. alph. by name of corporation. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. County clerk's vault.

193. PUBLIC UTILITIES, 1929--. 3 pigeonholes.

Statements subscribed and sworn to by president or other chief officer of railroad, telegraph, telephone, and other public utilities companies, showing date of assessment, name of company, description, location and

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valuation of all taxable property owned, used, or leased by it within county, signature and acknowledgment of officer making statement, and date of filing. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 5 x 5 x 10. County clerk's vault.

For taxes paid, see entry 204.

XII. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

When Dallas County was organized the equalization of tax assessments was a function of the county court and it remained so until 1865.¹ The county board of equalization was created in 1865 and was composed of the presiding judge of the county court, assessor, surveyor, and county clerk who was secretary of the board but had no vote.² The act creating the board was amended in 1872 to include all members of the county court.³ The board has power to hear and act upon all appeals made from valuations of property as fixed by the assessors. It cannot reduce the valuation below that fixed by the State Board of Equalization.⁴ The county board may assess property that has been omitted from the assessor's books.⁵

194. MINUTES OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, 1871--. 9 vols. Memoranda pertaining to activities of county board of equalization, showing date of meeting, oath of members, list and valuation of all taxable property in the county as fixed by assessor, petitions of taxpayers for reduction of assessor's valuation, action by the board of equalization abating taxes deemed excessive, striking off of taxes doubly assessed and adjusting taxes generally on board's own motion. Arr. chron. by dates of meeting. No index. Hdw. 184 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. County clerk's vault.

For appeals to county court for adjustment of assessment, see entry 38.

XIII. COLLECTOR OF REVENUE

Under the laws in effect when Dallas County was organized, the sheriff was ex officio collector of county revenue.⁶ A separate office of collector was authorized in 1872 but there was nothing in the act to prevent the same person from holding both offices.⁷ A separate collector began serving in Dallas County in 1873.⁸ In an act approved

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1. R.S. 1835, p. 534, secs. 30-32; G.S. 1865, p. 97, sec. 13.
 2. G.S. 1865, p. 97, sec. 13.
 3. M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 87, sec. 14.
 4. G.S. 1865, p. 97, sec. 16; R.S. 1929, sec. 9814.
 5. M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, pp. 87 f., secs. 14-20; R.S. 1929, secs. 9812 and 9816.
 6. R.S. 1835, p. 536, sec. 1.
 7. M.L. 1871-72, Adjourned Session, p. 102, sec. 93 (92).
 8. County Court Record, vol. B, p. 3, see entry 3.

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March 31, 1933, provisions were made for combining the offices of collector and treasurer in counties having less than 40,000 inhabitants and not under township organization. The collector of Dallas County became ex officio treasurer on January 1, 1937, after the expiration of the term of the treasurer then serving.⁹ The act of 1933 was repealed June 30, 1937 and a county treasurer was appointed by the Governor to serve until a successor was elected and qualified. A treasurer was elected in 1938 and took office January 1, 1939.¹⁰ The office of collector is elective for a term of 4 years.¹¹

It is the duty of the collector to collect all taxes due the State and county. At the March term of the county court the collector settles his accounts of all money received in taxes or from other sources of revenue.¹² On or before the fifteenth day of each month he must turn over all money collected by him during the preceding month, less his commission, to the State and county treasurers.¹³ The collector is a member of the board which estimates the anticipated revenue of the county for the current year after the tax levy has been made by the county court.¹⁴

Unless otherwise stated the collector's records are in his vault.

Accounts

195. ABSTRACTS OF COLLECTIONS, 1891--. 7 vols.

Abstracts of collections of all state and county taxes, showing page, line, and receipt numbers, kind of tax, year for which taxes were collected, date of payment, allocation to various tax funds, collector's commissions, clerk's fees, and total collections. Arr. chron. by date received. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 79 pp. 17 x 15 x 1.

196. STATEMENT OF MONTHLY COLLECTIONS, 1935--. 3 pigeonholes.

Duplicates of detailed monthly statements of collector filed with county clerk, showing various state and county taxes and license fees collected during preceding month, total amount, amount of collector's commission, net amount, date filed, and signature of collector. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 19 x 23 x 10.

For original statements, 1928--, see entry 72.

197. ANNUAL SETTLEMENT, 1935--. 1 pigeonhole.

Duplicates of reports and annual settlements of the collector with the county court, showing date, detailed statement of all money received, from whom received, allocation to various funds, amounts paid to state and county treasuries, delinquent taxes reported to and approved by

9. M.L. 1933, pp. 338 f., sec. 12130a.

10. M.L. 1937, pp. 425 f., secs. 12130 and 12130a.

11. R.S. 1929, sec. 9883.

12. Ibid., sec. 9918.

13. Ibid., sec. 9927.

14. Ibid., sec. 2102.

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court, total debits and credits, and balance to state and county funds.
Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.
For original reports, 1917--, see entry 33.

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Personal Property

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198. PERSONAL TAX BOOK, 1867--. 93 vols.

Record of personal property taxes paid, showing name of taxpayer, legal description of property, valuation by assessor and as adjusted by county and State boards of equalization, school district number, allocation of various state and county funds, total tax, and date of payment. Arr. num. by school district no. and alph. thereunder by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 65 vols., 1867-1906, county clerk's vault; 28 vols., 1907--, collector's vault.

For original assessment lists, see entry 188.

199. LAND TAX BOOK, 1860--. 35 vols.

Record of taxes collected on real estate, showing name of taxpayer, description of property, valuation by assessor and as adjusted by county and State boards of equalization, apportionment of various state and county taxes, total tax, and date of payment. Also contain: Consolidated Current Land, Personal and School Tax, 1901--, entry 200; School Tax Book, 1896--, entry 206. Arr. num. by range, township, and section nos. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 225 pp. 17 x 11 x 2.

For original assessment lists, see entry 188.

200. CONSOLIDATED CURRENT LAND, PERSONAL AND SCHOOL TAX, 1896-1900.
4 vols. 1901-- in Land Tax Book, entry 199.

Consolidated record of land, personal and school taxes paid, showing name of taxpayer, description of property, valuation by assessor and as adjusted by county and State boards of equalization, school district number, allocation of various state and county taxes, total tax, and date of payment. Arr. num. by range, township, and section nos. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Collector's office.

Commercial

201. MERCHANTS' LICENSE TAX BOOK, 1895--. 4 vols.

Record of taxes paid by merchants, showing name of merchant, location and length of time in business, valuation of stock as adjusted by county board of equalization, allocation to various state and county funds, total tax, date of payment, and by whom paid. Arr. alph. by name of merchant. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 102 pp. 15 x 10 x 1. 2 vols., 1895-1912, county clerk's vault; vol., 1913-26, assessor's office; vol., 1927--, collector's vault.

For original statements of assessable property, see entry 191.

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202. MERCHANTS' BOND, 1934--. 4 pigeonholes.

Bonds executed to secure payment of tax due upon licenses issued, showing date, amount, conditions, signatures of principal and sureties, and approval of collector. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10.

203. LICENSE REGISTER, 1919--. 2 vols.

List of licenses issued by collector for pool, billiard parlors, and peddlers in county, showing date, to whom issued, location, date license effective, expiration date, distribution to various state and county funds, county clerk's fees, and total tax. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 100 pp. 13 x 8 x 1.

Public Utilities

204. PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX BOOK, 1925--. 2 vols.

Record of taxes assessed on property of railroad, bridge, telephone, telegraph, electric lines, and other public utilities companies operating within the county, showing name of utility, legal description of property, assessed valuation, rate, amount of various state and county taxes, total tax, and date paid. Arr. alph. by name of corporation. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 122 pp. 17 x 11 x 1.

For original statements of assessable property, see entry 193.

Income

205. INCOME ASSESSMENT AND TAX BOOK, 1930--. 1 vol.

Record of assessments and returns made on taxable incomes, showing current number, name of taxpayer, residence, occupation, source of income, amount of taxable income, credits and deductions, amount of tax, and date of payment. Also contains Income Tax Book, 1938--, entry 190. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of taxpayer. Hdw. on ptd. f. 34 pp. 14 x 16 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

School

206. SCHOOL TAX BOOK, 1872-95. 16 vols. 1896-- in Land Tax Book, entry 199.

Record of school taxes due, showing name of taxpayer, legal description of property, quantity and valuation, school district number, allocation of tax to various funds, and amount due, paid or put on delinquent list. Arr. num. by school district no. and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 640 pp. 11 x 10 x 2. Condition very poor. Vol., 1872, county clerk's vault; 14 vols., 1873-94, attic; vol., 1895, storage vault, assessor's office.

Delinquent (See also entry 69)

207. ABSTRACT OF BACK TAXES, 1919--. 4 vols.

Duplicates of monthly abstracts of back taxes as certified by collector to county clerk, showing date, receipt number, name of owner or person to whom assessed, legal description and valuation of property, amount, interest, penalties, clerk's fees, collector's commission, allocation of

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taxes to various state and county funds, total amount, date and by whom paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 300 pp. 20 x 20 x 2. 2 vols., 1919-32, storage vault, assessor's office; 2 vols., 1933-36, attic.

For county clerk's abstracts, see entry 63.

208. PERSONAL DELINQUENT BOOK, 1915--. 15 vols.

Record of delinquent taxes against personal property, showing name of taxpayer, tax year, valuation of property, distribution of taxes, total amount due, if paid, when and by whom. Arr. num. by school district no., and thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 125 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. 11 vols., 1915-19, 1926-32, 1939--, county clerk's vault; vol., 1920, county clerk's office; vol., 1925, storage vault, assessor's office; 2 vols., 1933-38, collector's vault.

209. PERSONAL BACK TAX BOOK, 1907--. 11 vols.

Record of personal property back taxes, showing current number, name and address of taxpayer, name of township, road and school district numbers, years delinquent, valuation as adjusted by State Board of Equalization, amount of various state and county taxes, total tax, date of payment, and receipt number. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 125 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. 5 vols., 1907-33, storage vault, assessor's office; 6 vols., 1934--, collector's vault.

210. PERSONAL CONSOLIDATED BACK TAX, 1936--. 2 vols.

List of consolidated personal property taxes of each individual in the county, showing current number, name and address of property owner, years delinquent, valuation as adjusted by State Board of Equalization, amounts of various state and county taxes, total tax, date of payment, and receipt number. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

211. LAND BACK TAX BOOK, 1868--. 14 vols.

List of delinquent land taxes, showing current number, name of owner, description of property, location by range, township and section numbers, valuation by assessor and as adjusted by county board of equalization, various state and county taxes, penalties, interest, fees, total amount due, and date returned delinquent by collector. Also contain Delinquent School List, 1900--, entry 212. Arr. num. by district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Vol., 1868-94, attic; 6 vols., 1895-1929, storage vault, assessor's office; 6 vols., 1930-38, collector's vault; vol., 1939--, county clerk's vault.

212. DELINQUENT SCHOOL LIST, 1895-1899. 4 vols. 1900-- in Land Back Tax Book, entry 211.

Record of delinquent school taxes, showing school district number, name of taxpayer, description of property, valuation, amount of tax and time delinquent. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 300 pp. 8 x 13 x 2. Vol., 1895, attic; vol., 1896, county clerk's vault; 2 vols., 1897-99, storage vault, assessor's office.

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213. CONSOLIDATED BACK TAX BOOK, 1897--. 20 vols.

Record of all consolidated back taxes due on real estate by each individual in the county, showing name of person to whom assessed, legal description of property, valuation, years delinquent, amount for year, total amount due, clerk's cost, collector's fees, amount paid, date of payment, and name of taxpayer. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 250 pp. 18 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 11 vols., 1897-1933, storage cauld, assessor's office; 9 vols., 1934--., collector's vault.

Land Sales (See also entries 65-68)

214. LAND SALE AND REDEMPTION RECORD, 1934--. 2 vols.

Record of delinquent land taxes and sales of land for taxes, showing current number, name of taxpayer, quantity, legal description of property, years for which taxes are delinquent, valuation, state and county taxes, road district number, amount allotted for road tax, school district number, amount allotted for school taxes, total tax, interest, collector's and county clerk's fees, collector's additional commission, total tax and cost prior to sale, date and by whom paid if prior to sale, advertising, city initials and taxes, collector's fees for certificate of sale, county clerk's sale fee, total tax and cost for all years, date of sale, name and address of purchaser, purchase price, surplus above tax and cost, to whom paid, nonresident file, book and page in which certificate recorded, name and address of assignee, date assigned, subsequent tax paid, date, and by whom redeemed. Arr. chron. by date of sale. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 241 pp. 16 x 16 x 2.

215. TAX SALE CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE, 1934--. 3 vols.

Duplicates of certificates given with purchase of land sold for taxes, showing information as in entry 66. Arr. num. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 100 pp. 14 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Receipts

216. TAX RECEIPTS (Land and Personal Back Tax), 1931--. 26 vols.

Duplicates of receipts given upon payment of delinquent taxes on real estate and personal property, showing receipt number, date of payment, name of taxpayer, valuation of property, location by range, township, and section or lot and block numbers, tax year, amount of tax, fees, interest and costs, total amount due, allocation to various funds, and signature of collector. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. 6 vols., 1931-34, attic; 20 vols., 1935--., collector's vault.

217. TAX RECEIPTS REAL AND PERSONAL, 1902--. 338 vols.

Stubs of tax receipts issued by collector upon payment of current personal property taxes, giving name of taxpayer, receipt number, date, amount, valuation of property, and total tax paid. Also contain Merchants Tax Receipts, 1902-26, entry 218. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 175 pp. 17 x 11 x 1.

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218. MERCHANTS TAX RECEIPTS, 1927--. 19 vols. 1902-26 in
Tax Receipts Real and Personal, entry 217.

Stubs of tax receipts issued to merchants, showing date, receipt number, name and address of merchant, valuation of property, various state and county taxes, and total tax. Arr. num. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 100 pp. 15 x 6 x 3.

219. LAND BACK TAX RECEIPTS, 1905-6, 1930--. 61 vols.

Stubs of tax receipts for delinquent land tax payments, giving name of taxpayer, date, receipt number, valuation of property, total tax, interest, clerk's fees, and amount and date paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 150 pp. 8 x 10 x 1. 2 vols., 1905-6, county clerk's vault; 22 vols., 1930-34, attic; 37 vols., 1935--., collector's vault.

XIV. TREASURER

The county court was authorized to appoint a county treasurer when Dallas County was organized in 1841.¹ The office remained appointive until 1856 when a treasurer was elected for a term of 2 years, and the law provided that he could not serve more than two successive terms.² An amendment of 1870 continued the 2-year term but did not limit the number of terms.³ The 4-year term was introduced in 1907 and continues to the present time.⁴ An act of 1933 authorized counties with less than 40,000 population to combine the offices of treasurer and collector at the expiration of the terms of the incumbent treasurers. The collector of Dallas County became ex officio treasurer in 1937.⁵ During the same year the act of 1933 was repealed and a treasurer was appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending January 1, 1939 and until the election and qualification of a successor.⁶

The treasurer is custodian of county funds and is required to divide revenues into funds as the county court orders and disburse the same by warrants drawn by order of the county court.⁷ He is also treasurer of school districts, drainage districts, and levee districts, the greater part of which lie within his county.⁸

Unless otherwise stated, the treasurer's records are in his vault.

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1. R.S. 1835, p. 150, sec. 1.
 2. R.S. 1855, p. 520, sec. 1.
 3. M.L. 1870, Adjourned Session, p. 35, secs. 1-3.
 4. M.L. 1907, pp. 449 f., sec. 6764; M.L. 1937, pp. 425 f., sec. 12130a.
 5. M.L. 1933, pp. 338 f., sec. 12130a.
 6. M.L. 1937, pp. 425 f., secs. 12130 and 12130a.
 7. R.S. 1929, sec. 12136.
 8. Ibid., secs. 9266, 9267, 10832, and 10969.

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General

220. FUND LEDGER ACCOUNTS, 1937--. 1 vol.

Record of all funds handled by county treasurer and combined in one book, showing receipts and disbursements in accounts with general county revenue, road districts, school districts, criminal costs, inquests, bond fund, road damages, unclaimed fees, and school fund interest. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 347 pp. 11 x 9 x 3.

221. STATEMENT OF MONTHLY COLLECTION, 1907--. 2 boxes and one pigeonhole.

Collector's monthly statements and remittance to county treasurer of all taxes collected, showing source of collection, date, and amount received; receipt shows name of collector, amount turned over to treasurer, date, and treasurer's signature. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. Boxes, 8 x 16 x 25; pigeonhole, 5 x 5 x 10; boxes, 1907-36, attic; pigeonhole, 1937--, treasurer's vault.

Roads

222. ROAD DISTRICT ACCOUNTS, 1901--. 6 vols.

Record of accounts with road districts, showing district number, date, from whom received, and amount credited to treasurer. Arr. num. by road district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. 4 vols., 1901-29, attic; 2 vols., 1930--, treasurer's vault.

223. SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICTS, 1921-36. 4 vols.

Treasurer's account with special road district funds, showing name and number of district, township and range numbers, date money received, district credited; to whom paid, nature of payment, number of warrant, date, and against what district charged. Arr. num. by road district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Vol., 1921-29, attic; 3 vols., 1930--, treasurer's vault.

Schools

224. SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTS, 1875-77, 1885--. 20 vols.

Treasurer's account with school district funds, showing school district number, name of district clerk, township and range numbers, date and from whom received, and fund credited; to whom paid, date and nature of payment, warrant number, and fund charged. Also contain Treasurer's Accounts Township School Funds, 1897--, entry 225. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. 4 vols., 1875-77, 1898-1907, probate vault; 13 vols., 1908-37, attic; 2 vols., 1885-97, county clerk's office; vol., 1938--, treasurer's vault.

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225. TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL FUNDS, 1870-96. 1 vol.
(A). 1897-- in School District Accounts, entry 224.
Treasurer's account with township school funds, showing date, from whom received, amount to common school fund and township school fund, principal and interest, total debits; date and to whom paid, and total credits. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 316 pp. 17 x 15 x 2. Condition poor. County clerk's vault.

Warrants (See also entries 73-75)

226. WARRANT REGISTER, 1872--. 9 vols. (C-F, 3, four vols. unlabeled).
Record of warrants presented to treasurer for payment, showing date, warrant number, fund drawn on, to whom issued, amount, by whom presented, protest, if any; amount set apart, interest time, principal and interest paid, total amount paid, and date of payment. Arr. num. by warrant no. Hdw. on ptd. f. 150 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. 2 vols., 1872-92, county clerk's vault; vol., 1893-97, probate vault; 2 vols., 1898-1904, 1908-17, attic; vol., 1905-7, probate office; 3 vols., 1918--, treasurer's vault.

For warrants issued by county clerk, see entry 74.

227. CANCELED CHECKS, 1907-38. 2 boxes and 9 pigeonholes. 1939-- in Deposit Slips, entry 231.
Original checks issued by the treasurer that have been paid, canceled, and returned, showing date, number and class of warrant for which drawn, to whom issued, amount, and signature of treasurer. Arr. chron. by date of cancelation. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. Boxes, 11 x 20 x 20; pigeonholes, 5 x 5 x 10. Boxes, 1907-29, attic; pigeonholes, 1930-38, treasurer's vault.

228. (CHECK STUBS), 1906--. 13 vols. and one box.
Stubs of checks issued by treasurer in payment of county warrants, showing check number, date, to whom paid, for what purpose, amount, and balance. Arr. num. by check no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. Vols., 50 pp., 8 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$; box, 9 x 20 x 18. Box, 1906-37, attic; vols., 1938--, treasurer's vault.

Depository

229. DEPOSITORS' RECORD, 1907--. 8 vols.
Treasurer's accounts with various banks in the county, showing date of deposit, amount, balance brought forward, and total amount. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 298 pp. 16 x 10 x 3. Vol., 1907-17, probate vault; 4 vols., 1918-29, attic; 3 vols., 1930--, treasurer's vault.

230. BANK STATEMENTS, 1900-1938. 1 box. 1939-- in Deposit Slips, entry 231.
Original monthly statements from county depositories, showing name of bank, date, amounts deposited, to what fund credited, and list of canceled checks returned with statement. Arr. chron. No index. Typed on ptd. f. 20 x 20 x 10. Attic.

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231. DEPOSIT SLIPS, 1936--. 1 pigeonhole.
Treasurer's deposit slips, showing date, name of bank, amount, and to what account deposited. Also contains: Canceled Checks, 1939--, entry 227; Bank Statements, 1939--, entry 230. Arr. chron. by date of deposit. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. Treasurer's office.

Receipts

232. RECEIPTS (State Treasurer), 1935--. 1 f. b.
Receipts of State Treasurer for money received from county treasurer for taxes collected in the county; showing date received, amount, distribution of taxes, state revenue, and total allocated to various funds. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 8 x 4 x 10.

233. RECEIPTS, 1907--. 1 box and 6 pigeonholes.
Duplicate receipts issued by treasurer for money received from county collector, showing receipt number, dates, amounts, from whom received, and to what account credited. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. Box, 20 x 16 x 10; pigeonholes, 5 x 5 x 10. Box 1907-28, attic; pigeonholes, 1929--, treasurer's vault.

234. (TREASURER'S RECEIPTS), 1907-19, 1928--. 54 vols.
Duplicate receipts issued by the county treasurer for money received as repayment of school fund loans, showing date, name of payer, and amount of principal and interest. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 6 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 29 vols., 1907-19, attic; 25 vols., 1928--, treasurer's vault.

235. CRIMINAL COST, 1931--. 2 pigeonholes.
Duplicate receipts of criminal cost assignments, showing style of case, date, term of court, fees for attendance and mileage, and name of circuit clerk. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 5 x 5 x 10. Treasurer's vault.

236. RECEIPTS OF TREASURER (Criminal Costs), 1915-19, 1928--.
8 vols.
Record of receipts given treasurer on payment of fees due witnesses and jurors in criminal cases and chargeable to state or county funds, showing date, receipt number, amount of payment, for what purpose, and name of witness, juror or fee buyer. Arr. chron. by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 6 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1915-19, attic; 6 vols., 1928--, treasurer's vault.

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237. FEE BOOK, 1874-87, 1899--. 3 vols.
Record of fees collected and paid by county treasurer, showing date, from whom received, for what purpose, and amount; date, and to whom paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 160 pp. 12 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Vol., 1874-87, county clerk's vault; vol., 1899-1913, probate vault; vol., 1914--, treasurer's vault.

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238. COST BILLS, 1910--. One box and 5 bundles. Certified duplicate bills of cost chargeable to state or county, showing information as in entry 153. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. Box, 18 x 24 x 8; bundles, 8 x 6 x 5. Box, 1910-30, attic; bundles, 1931--, treasurer's vault.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The legislature in 1839 provided for a State Superintendent of Common Schools and a commissioner of common schools.¹ An act of 1855 established the office of county school commissioner² and in 1865 the office of county superintendent of public schools was created.³ In 1874 the choice of commissioner or superintendent was left to the voters of each school district but there was no difference in powers or duties of the officer elected.⁴ The office of county superintendent as it exists today was established in Dallas County by an act of 1909 which repealed all prior inconsistent acts and provided for the election of a superintendent by the voters of the school districts.⁵ The county superintendent serves a 4-year term.⁶

The county superintendent exercises general supervision over the public schools of the county, except in city, town, or village school districts employing a superintendent who devotes at least half of his time directly to the work of supervision. He visits each school under his jurisdiction at least once a year; examines the classification of pupils, methods of instruction and discipline, and condition of school buildings and grounds; and makes such suggestions to school boards and teachers as he considers advisable. He passes on estimates and enumeration lists, assists district clerks in making their reports, and sees that all warrants have been issued by order of the board.⁷

For school fund loans authorized by the county court, see entries 14 and 15; for land grants, sales, plats, and boundary changes, see entries 16-19; for school funds apportionment by the county clerk, see entries 58-61; for treasurer's account with school district funds, see entry 224.

All records of the superintendent are in his office.

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1. M.L. 1838-39, p. 114, sec. 8, p. 124, sec. 3.
 2. R.S. 1855, p. 1459, secs. 1 and 2.
 3. G.S. 1865, p. 267, sec. 48.
 4. M.L. 1874, Adjourned Session, p. 156, sec. 41.
 5. M.L. 1909, pp. 822 f., sec. 1.
 6. R.S. 1929, sec. 9454.
 7. M.L. 1909, p. 824, sec. 9806; R.S. 1929, sec. 9457.

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239. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER AND COUNTY CLERK
TO THE DISTRICT CLERK, 1934--. 1 bundle.

Reports of receipts and expenditures for rural school districts as reported to the school district clerk and county superintendent of public schools by the treasurer, showing district number, amounts received and credited to various school funds, and total receipts; payments made from various funds, grand total payments, cash on hand in the various funds, assessed valuation of property in district, rate of taxation, total levy, and signatures of treasurer and county clerk. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 14 x 8 x 1.

240. PRELIMINARY APPLICATION REPORT FOR STATE AID, 1937--. 1 vol.

Record of applications to the county clerk for funds necessary for school term maintenance as forwarded by the board and clerks of rural and high school districts, showing date, name and number of district, assessed valuation of property in district, tax rate for school purposes, receipts and expenditures, balance in various funds, probable deficit, verification by district clerk and board members, and approval by county superintendent. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 50 pp. 14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

For applications to county clerk, see entry 58.

241. RESULTS OF RURAL SCHOOL SCORE CARD, 1935--. 2 vols.

Record of superintendent's visits to various schools in county, showing name of school, district number, assessed valuation of property in district, number of square miles, tax levy voted, enumeration, enrollment, salaries paid teachers per month, teacher's name, years taught, number of years in present position, address, kind of certificate, number of college hours, hours in elementary or rural education, number of high school units, names and addresses of school board members, county superintendent's name and address, present classification and classification recommended for school, date inspected, name of rural supervisor, date approved, general remarks, and scores allowed for the following school units: grounds, building, equipment, library, school board, teachers, pupils, health and sanitation, community, and total scores. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 146 pp. 16 x 9 x 1.

242. RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS, 1912, 1935--. 4 vols.

Copies of annual reports from school district clerks to county superintendent of public schools, showing district number, number and classification of pupils, number of days attendance, school term, teachers employed, estimated value of school property and assessed valuation of district, school tax rate, cash on hand at beginning of year, tuition received and credited to teachers' fund, public funds and district taxes received by county treasurer, amounts paid for teachers'

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wages, incidentals, buildings, repairs, canceling bonded indebtedness, interest, and library, amount on hand at end of year, date of report, and signature of district clerk. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 84 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

Inspection

243. OFFICIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL VISITATION, 1935--. 1 f. b. County superintendent's inspection record of school conditions in the various districts, giving name and number of school district, pupil and teacher data, condition of school buildings, equipment, ventilation, sanitation, playgrounds, library, recreation, and recommendations. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 8 x 5 x 12.

Teachers

244. TEACHERS' HEALTH CERTIFICATES, 1936--. 1 f. b. Teachers' health certificates, showing name, address, age, sex, color, height, weight, general physical condition, and date certificate issued. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 8 x 5 x 12.

245. TEACHERS' REPORTS, 1930--. 6 f. b. Reports by teachers during the first week of school to the county superintendent of public schools, giving name of school, date, teacher's name and address, length of term, salary, schools attended, total credits, year graduated, kind of certificates held, number of pupils enrolled by classes, names of board members, preliminary survey of school conditions; names, birth dates, and ages of pupils, and parents' or guardians' names and addresses. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 8 x 5 x 12.

246. TEACHERS' TERM REPORTS, 1935--. 3 vols. Term reports submitted to the county superintendent of public schools and district clerk by teachers in rural districts, giving school district name and number, date of report, enrollment, average daily attendance, length of school term in days, number of eighth grade graduates, pupil data, number of teachers, qualifications, average salary, and signature of teacher making report. Arr. num. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 100 pp. 14 x 8 x 1.

247. CERTIFICATE RECORD, 1903--. 2 vols. Record of certificates issued to teachers, giving name, address, and age of teacher, kind of certificate held, experience, date of examination, number of hours in various subjects, teaching ability, and certificate number with date of expiration. Arr. num. by certificate no. Indexed alph. by name of teacher. Hdw. on ptd. f. 110 pp. 17 x 11 x 2.

248. TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES STUB RECEIPTS, 1928--. 22 vols. Stubs of certificates issued to teachers, giving grade, certificate number, name of teacher, post office address, nativity, age, sex,

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years of high school work, number schools attended, date certificate expires, and teacher's grades. Arr. num. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 90 pp. 16 x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Pupils

249. EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES, 1910--. 4 vols.

Record of eighth grade graduates to whom diplomas have been granted, showing school district number, name, age and address of pupil, daily, monthly and yearly average in various studies and date of graduation. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of pupil. Hdw. on ptd. f. 99 pp. 18 x 11 x 1.

250. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1923--. 1 f. b.

List of high school graduates, showing name, address, and number of high school credits of each student, nature of course taken, number of study periods, student's daily program, and name of school. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of student. Hdw. on ptd. f. 8 x 5 x 12.

XVI. DEPUTY STATE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH

The first agency in Dallas County charged with the protection of public health was the county court.¹ This function remained in the county court until the State Board of Health was established in 1883.² While the State Board has general supervision over public health in Missouri, it cooperates with the counties through the various offices, boards, and agencies created for that purpose. County boards of health were created in 1901. A county board of health is composed of the judges of the county court and a reputable physician appointed by them.³ The act of 1901 was repealed by an act approved May 21, 1919 which provided that each county court appoint a reputable physician to the office of deputy state commissioner of health.⁴ The first deputy commissioner in Dallas County was appointed by the county court in 1920.⁵ The act of 1919 was amended in 1933 and each county now has the authority to decide whether or not to appoint a deputy state commissioner of health.⁶ His term of office is 1 year.⁷ It is mandatory that the deputy commissioner enforce the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health.⁸

1. R.S. 1835, p. 448, secs. 1-4.

2. M.L. 1883, p. 95, sec. 1.

3. M.L. 1901, p. 180, secs. 1 and 7529a.

4. M.L. 1919, p. 373, sec. 6655; R.S. 1929, sec. 9025.

5. County Court Record, vol. J, p. 39, see entry 3.

6. M.L. 1933, pp. 271 f., secs. 1 and 9025.

7. Ibid.

8. R.S. 1929, sec. 9028.

XVII. SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION

A constitutional amendment adopted in 1932 authorized the General Assembly to grant or permit the granting of pensions to indigent persons over 70 years of age.¹ An old-age assistance board was established in Dallas County in 1935 as authorized by a State law which provided for such boards in all counties.² An act of 1937 created the social security commission and abolished the old-age assistance boards.³ A reduction in the age limit from 70 years to 65 years was authorized by a constitutional amendment adopted in 1938⁴ and became effective January 1, 1940.⁵ The county social security commission is composed of four members, not more than two of whom may belong to the same political party. They are selected by the State Commission from a list furnished by the county court. They serve 4-year terms and no elective officer is eligible for appointment.⁶ The duties of the county commission are advisory in nature.⁷

For other public welfare records, see entries 41-44.

251. COUNTY APPLICATION REGISTER, 1935--. 1 vol.
Record of county applicants for old age assistance, aid to dependent children and general relief; showing date, name, address, marital status and age of applicant, whether new or old case, if old case whether formerly denied, discharged, reopened or transferred, case worker's recommendation, date of approval or rejection of applicant; if approved, amount and certificate number. Arr. chron. by date of application. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 20 pp. 16 x 11 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Office, Social Security Commission.

252. CASE RECORDS (Relief), 1934--. 12 f. b.
Case histories of county relief applicants, active and inactive, showing name of applicant, address, case number, date of application, household and family data, whether resident or transient, report of case worker, showing need, financial status, earnings, and record of action taken. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 12 x 12 x 30. Office, Social Security Commission.

253. CASE RECORDS (Old Age Pensions), 1935--. 5 f. b.
Record of eligibility of applicants for old age assistance, showing case number, name, address, age, marital status, date and place of marriage, maiden name of women applicants, sex, color, religion, citizenship, date and place of birth, financial status, and names of relatives. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on ptd. f. 12 x 12 x 30. Office, Social Security Commission.

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1. Const. 1875, art. IV, sec. 47, amended 1932.
 2. M.L. 1935, p. 309, sec. 3.
 3. M.L. 1937, pp. 467-478, secs. 1-26.
 4. Const. 1875, art. IV, sec. 47, amended 1938.
 5. M.L. 1939, p. 735.
 6. M.L. 1937, pp. 472 f., sec. 9.
 7. Ibid.

XVIII. SURVEYOR

A legislative enactment approved February 15, 1841 authorized the Dallas County Court to appoint a surveyor who served until the election of a successor on the first Monday of the following August.¹ An act of 1865 made the surveyor a member of the county board of equalization² and in 1877 he became ex officio commissioner of roads and bridges,³ which duties were taken over by the highway engineer in 1907.⁴ In 1907 the county court was given authority to appoint the surveyor to the post of highway engineer if he possessed the necessary qualifications.⁵ The surveyor holds both offices in Dallas County.⁶ His term of office is 4 years.⁷

The county surveyor must execute all orders directed to him by courts of record for surveying and resurveying any tract of land the title to which is in dispute, and all orders of survey for the partition of real estate. When called upon by any person to make a survey, the surveyor is required to do so provided he is not executing previous orders of survey.⁸

254. TOWNSHIP PLATS IN DALLAS COUNTY, 1845-1906. 2 vols. Record of township plats in county, showing date, by whom surveyed, range, township, and section lines, when executed, when paid for, number of vouchers in surveyor general's accounts, and signature of Surveyor General of Missouri and Illinois. Arr. num. by range and township nos. Hdw. 24 pp. 24 x 17 x 1. Recorder's vault.

255. SURVEYOR'S RECORDS, 1859--. 9 vols. Communication plats of public and private surveys made by county surveyors, showing date, number of survey, for whom made, chainmen sworn, points established, range, township, and section numbers, and signature of county surveyor. Arr. num. by range, township and section nos. Indexed alph. by name of person ordering survey. Hdw. on ptd. f. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Recorder's vault.

XIX. HIGHWAY COMMISSION

In 1913 the General Assembly authorized the creation of a county highway board of three members for the purpose of providing a system of dragged roads linking the various county seats in the state.⁹ This board was abolished in 1927 by an act which created the county highway commission. The commission is composed of four members not more than

1. M.L. 1840-41, p. 38, secs. 5 and 6.
2. G.S. 1865, p. 97, sec. 13; R.S. 1929, sec. 9811.
3. M.L. 1877, pp. 394 f., sec. 4.
4. M.L. 1907, p. 402, sec. 6.
5. Ibid., R.S. 1929, sec. 8011.
6. Dwight H. Brown, Official Manual, State of Missouri, 1939-40, p. 189.
7. R.S. 1929, sec. 11571.
8. R.S. 1835, pp. 597 f., secs. 2, 5, and 6; R.S. 1845, p. 1044, secs. 9 and 10; R.S. 1929, secs. 11579, 11580, and 11583-11585.
9. M.L. 1913, pp. 665 f., secs. 1 and 4.

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two of whom may be from the same county court district or affiliated with the same political party.¹⁰ The county commission may locate, construct, and maintain a system of county highways not exceeding 100 miles. These roads must connect all parts of the county with State highways and the location of county highways must be approved by the State Highway Commission.¹¹ The county commission makes a detailed annual report to the county court and to the State Highway Commission.¹²

256. LEDGER-MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF HIGHWAY COMMISSION, 1933--.
1 vol.

Minutes of meetings held by the Dallas County Highway Commission, showing date of meeting, names of members present, business transacted, resolutions adopted, adjournment, and signature of secretary. Arr. chron. No index. Edw. on ptd. f. 88 pp. 13 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Treasurer's vault.

XX. HIGHWAY ENGINEER

The office of county highway engineer was created by a legislative enactment of 1907.¹³ The same act authorized the county court to appoint the surveyor to the office of highway engineer if he were qualified to perform the added duties.¹⁴ Upon petition of the taxpaying voters of the county the question of dispensing with the office of highway engineer may be submitted to vote.¹⁵ In all counties where the services of the engineer have been dispensed with the county surveyor becomes ex officio highway engineer.¹⁶ The Dallas County Court ordered an election held in November 1922 to vote on abolishing the office of county highway engineer.¹⁷ Although there is no entry in the court records showing the election returns on this proposition, we find the surveyor acting as ex officio highway engineer in 1923.¹⁸

The highway engineer is custodian of all tools, machinery, and materials belonging to the road districts of the county. He supervises construction and maintenance of road, bridges, and culverts and inspects them as often as practicable.¹⁹ At each term of the county

10. M.L. 1927, p. 422, secs. 1 and 2.

11. M.L. 1927, pp. 422 f., secs. 3 and 4; R.S. 1929, secs. 7858 and 7859.

12. M.L. 1927, p. 424, sec. 10; R.S. 1929, sec. 7865.

13. M.L. 1907, p. 401, sec. 1.

14. *Ibid.*, p. 402, sec. 6.

15. R.S. 1909, sec. 10571; R.S. 1929, sec. 8019.

16. R.S. 1909, sec. 10572; R.S. 1929, sec. 8020.

17. County Court Record, vol. J, pp. 507 and 527, see entry 3.

18. *Ibid.*, vol. K, pp. 68 and 70.

19. M.L. 1907, p. 402, secs. 7-9; M.L. 1909, p. 758, secs. 8-10; R.S. 1929, secs. 8012-8014.

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court he files a detailed statement on road conditions and funds available for each road district. He makes an annual report to the State Highway Engineer.²⁰

For reports of the county highway engineer to the county court, see entry 28.

Reports and Accounts

257. ROAD OVERSEERS REPORTS, 1927--. 5 pigeonholes.

Road overseers' monthly reports to county engineer, showing road district number, date, receipts and expenditures, from what source received, on what account expended, description and location of road, type of work done, results accomplished, costs, and signature of overseer. Arr. num. by road district no. No index. Hdw. 5 x 5 x 10. County clerk's vault.

For county engineer's record, see entry 258.

258. ACCOUNTS WITH ROAD OVERSEER, 1908--. 2 vols. (1,2).

Record of the county engineer in account with road overseer, showing information as in entry 257. Arr. num. by road district no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. f. 232 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. County clerk's vault.

Maps and Plats

259. ROAD AND BRIDGE MAPS, 1923-37. 1 bundle.

Original maps of Missouri State Highway Commission's plan and profile of proposed state roads and federal aid projects, showing location and distance of proposed highway, date filed and signature of chief engineer and secretary of State Highway Commission. Black and white. Engineer of State Highway Commission. Scale, 1 inch equals 100 feet. Physical. 24 x 10 x 1. County clerk's vault.

260. MAPS, 1923--. 18 vols.

Plan and profile maps of proposed state roads, showing route, location, number of miles of proposed road, topography of surrounding country, type and width of road, date filed, and signature of chief engineer of State Highway Commission. Black and white. Printed. State highway engineer. Scale: plan, 1 inch equals 100 feet; profile, 1 inch equals 100 feet; vertical, 1 inch equals 10 feet; cross section, 1 inch equals 5 feet. Physical. 24 x 10 x 1. County clerk's vault.

261. PLAT OF LAND, 1928-29. 1 bundle.

Plats of the land of Dallas County made by the county engineer showing names of owner, number of acres, property lines, number of highway, section, township and range numbers, and date filed. Black and white. County engineer. Scale, 1 inch equals 100 feet. Physical. 36 x 4 x 4. County clerk's vault.

20. M.L. 1907, pp. 402 f., secs. 10 and 11; M.L. 1909, pp. 758 f., secs. 11-14; R.S. 1929, secs. 8015 and 8018.

XXI. FARM BUREAU

The Missouri legislature authorized the establishment of county farm bureaus in 1919 in conformity with the Smith-Lever Act of Congress. A farm bureau was established in Dallas County the same year.¹ The bureau is composed of not less than 250 bona fide farmers, farm women, or tenants desirous of cooperating with the College of Agriculture of the State University. It must have an annual membership fee of not less than 50 cents a member. The constitution and by-laws must be formally adopted and the officers elected and installed.² Farm bureau agents conduct such educational activities as are specifically authorized by State and Federal legislation.³ At the end of each month the secretary submits to the county court a requisition for funds and a certified statement of expenditures.⁴ He makes a detailed annual report to the county court summarizing the work undertaken and the results accomplished.⁵

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