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FOREWORD

The Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi is one of a number of guides to historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on Historical Records Survey projects of the Work Projects Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Walthall County, is number 74 of the Mississippi series.

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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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

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

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

The Survey program was organized by Luther H. Evans, who served as Director until March 1, 1942, when he was succeeded by Sargent B. Child, who had been National Field Supervisor since the inauguration of the Survey. The Survey has operated as a Nation-wide series of locally sponsored projects in the Service Division, of which Mrs. Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner, is in charge.

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PREFACE

The Mississippi Historical Records Survey program was organized to inventory State, county, and municipal archives, early American imprints, church records, and manuscripts in collections. In Mississippi the Historical Records Survey has operated as a unit of the Statewide Records Project in the Service Division, and has been sponsored by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History and some seventy county boards of supervisors. The Survey is being discontinued in order that its personnel may be diverted to activities which have a direct and unqualified relation to the war effort. However, this volume is being published in a preliminary edition, since all data, except the subject and entry index, had been compiled preparatory to publication.

The inventory of the records of Walthall County is the ninth prepared for publication. It is arranged so that the records of the executive branch of county government come first, followed by those of the recording, judicial, law enforcement, fiscal, election, education, health, and miscellaneous agencies. Included also is a short essay on each agency of county government outlining the organization of the agency in Walthall County, its present status, the method of filling the office, and the term of office. Since these essays are limited, it is suggested that the reader consult the Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi, No. 37, Lamar County, for more detailed essays than those found in the Walthall County inventory. The records are described by records series in entries whose style has been formalized to give information concerning the 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.

This inventory will be useful to officials, to students of research, and to schools. It will serve as a guide or catalog to officials who, because of periodic turnover in office personnel and because of the division of duties, cannot be expected to have a comprehensive knowledge of all the records, familiarity with which is necessary to the efficient functioning of the office. Writers of local history will find that the inventory is a ready guide to all records reflecting political, social, and economic development of the county, and students of local government will value the inventory for locating the records and for tracing the trends of local government. The inventory can be used by the schools to familiarize the students with the various aspects of local government, with the types of records kept in connection with the administration of local government, and with the instruments filed and recorded to protect private property rights.

The survey of the records of Walthall County, started by Historical Records Survey field workers, was completed by Mrs. Mabel V. Bustin, District Supervisor. The final recheck of the entries was made by Andrew Brown, Assistant State Supervisor, in May 1942. The historical sketch was written by Elsie Mae Chambers, now a reporter on the staff of the Jackson Daily Clarion-Ledger.

The Survey has followed general regulations and procedures applicable to all WPA project units in the 48 states. Mississippi WPA officials have

given the Survey their cordial support and assistance. The Survey also acknowledges the interest and cooperation of the Walthall County officials, of Dr. William D. McCain, Director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and of the Ripley (Miss.) Southern Sentinel in printing the cover as a co-sponsor's contribution.

The State office of the Survey profited in all phases of its work by the constructive advice and criticism of the National office and its representatives. This inventory in manuscript form was given editorial review in the National office by Louise Boynton, assistant editor, and was further reviewed by Mabel S. Brodie, editor in charge of public records inventories.

The original plan of the Historical Records Survey was to publish the Inventory of the County Archives of Mississippi in 82 units, one for each county in the State, with the units numbered to correspond with the alphabetical sequence of the counties. Thus, the inventory of the records of Walthall County, herewith presented, is number 74. It is being issued in a preliminary edition in mimeographed form for free distribution to State and local public officials and libraries in Mississippi and to a limited number of libraries and governmental agencies outside the State. The inventory was prepared for publication in the State office of the Survey by an editorial staff headed by Andrew Brown, Assistant State Supervisor.

A list of the publications issued by the Mississippi Historical Records Survey appears on page 120. More than 1,850 publications have been issued by the Survey throughout the Nation.

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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Walthall County, created in 1910,¹ but not permanently organized until 1914,² is situated in the extreme south-central portion of the State. The county contains 389 square miles³ and has a population of 17,534 persons.⁴ It is irregularly shaped, and is bounded on the north by Lawrence County, on the east by Marion County, on the south by Washington Parish, Louisiana, and on the west by Pike County.

In detail the present boundaries of the county are: "Beginning on the Mississippi-Louisiana state line at the southwest corner of section thirty-six, township one, north, range nine, east; and run thence north along the west boundaries of sections thirty-six, twenty-five, twenty-four, thirteen, twelve and one, in townships one, two, three and four respectively of range nine, east, to the northwest corner of section one, in township four, north, range nine, east; thence east along the township line between townships four and five, north, to the northeast corner of section five in township four, north, range eleven, east; thence south along the east boundary of said section five to the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of said section; thence east along the half section line of section four, north, range eleven, east, to the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of said section four; thence south along the east boundary of section four to the southeast corner of said section; thence east along the south boundary of section three in township four, north, range eleven, east to the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of said section three; thence south along the half section line of section ten, township four, north, range eleven, east, to the center of said section ten; thence east along the half section lines of sections ten, eleven and twelve in township four, north, range eleven, east, to the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of said section twelve; thence north along the east boundary of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of said section twelve to the northeast corner of the said southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of said section twelve; thence east along the south boundary of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of said section twelve to the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of said section twelve; thence north along the half section line of said section twelve to the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of said section twelve; thence east along the north boundary line of said section twelve to the northeast corner of the same, this point being on the range line between ranges eleven and twelve, east; thence south along said range line seven miles to the northwest corner of section eighteen in township three, north, range twelve, east; thence east along the north boundary line of said section eighteen in said township three, north, range twelve east one-half mile to the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of said section

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1. L. M. 1910, pp. 278-283.
 2. L. M. 1912, p. 415; Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1912, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 341.
 3. United States Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, I, table 3, p. 584.
 4. United States Bureau of the Census, Population of the State of Mississippi, Final Figures: 1940, Washington, 1940, p. 1.

eighteen; thence south along the half section line of sections eighteen, nineteen, thirty and thirty-one in township three, north, range twelve, east, four miles to the township line between townships two and three, north; thence east along said township line between townships two and three, one and one-half miles to the northeast corner of section five in township two, north, range twelve east; thence south along the east boundaries of sections five, eight and seventeen in township two, north, range twelve, east, three miles to the southeast corner of said section seventeen; thence east along the north boundary line of sections twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three and twenty-four to the northeast corner of section twenty-four in township two, north, range twelve, east; thence south along the range line between ranges twelve and thirteen, one and one-half miles to the southwest corner of the northwest quarter of section thirty in township two, north, range thirteen, east; thence east along the half section line of section thirty to the center of said section; thence south along the half section line of sections thirty and thirty-one in township two, north, range thirteen, east, one and one-half miles to the township line between townships one and two; thence east along said township line one-half mile to the northeast corner of section six, township one, north, range thirteen, east; thence south along the east boundary of said section six one mile to the northwest corner of section eight in township one, north, range thirteen, east; thence east along the north boundary of sections eight, nine, ten, eleven, and twelve in township one, north, range thirteen, east, five miles to the northeast corner of said section twelve; thence south along the range line between ranges thirteen and fourteen five miles, to the southeast corner of section thirty-six, township one, north, range thirteen, east, this point being on the Mississippi-Louisiana state line; thence west along said state line to the point of beginning."⁵

Walthall County lies in the Long Leaf Pine region of Mississippi;⁶ ninety per cent of the timber in this section is pine.⁷ Large tracts of the finest timber in the State grew in this region.⁸ West of Pearl River, which flows through Marion County and comes very close to Walthall at one point, the soil is of the Orangeburg type or the red Lafayette.⁹ The land of Walthall County is gently rolling and drains fairly well. The largest stream in the county is McGee Creek which meanders through the county from north to south. Bogue Chitto Creek flows through the southwest portion, and other smaller streams drain the remainder of the county. Southeast of Tylertown, the county seat, some of the best farming land in the whole State lies along the Great Northern Railroad.¹⁰ The soil of this county, is unusually fertile and is productive of various crops, trees, and vegetables, while the mild climate and long growing seasons make this section a good trucking and market-gardening area.¹¹

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5. L. M. 1910, pp. 278-283; L. M. 1912, pp. 415-417; Code 1917, sec. 3900; Code 1930, sec. 3961.
 6. E. N. Lowe, A Preliminary Study of the Soils of Mississippi, Bulletin No. 8, Jackson, 1911, p. 131. (hereafter cited as Lowe, Soils of Mississippi).
 7. E. N. Lowe, Floras of Mississippi, Bulletin No. 17, Jackson, 1921, p. 50.
 8. Lowe, Soils of Mississippi, p. 131.
 9. Ibid., p. 132.
 10. Ibid.
 11. Ibid.

Although now as a county, Walthall is in a section of Mississippi which was settled early. The territory from the Amite River to the Tombigbee River was occupied by the Choctaw Indians.¹² Today, a lone Indian mound near Kokomo, just over the line in Marion County, remains as the only tangible monument of the Choctaw in the vicinity of Walthall County.

During the Indian occupancy, three European nations claimed the section in which Walthall County was located many years later. The Spanish, by right of discovery, claimed almost the entire South until 1699,¹³ but "Spanish occupation did not keep pace with Spanish claims."¹⁴ Mississippi was part of a much-disputed territory. Charles I of England granted all the lands between 31° on the south and 36° on the north to Sir Robert Heath in 1629.¹⁵ Retaining this property, which was called Carolina, only a short time, he transferred his interest to Lord Maltravers in 1637.¹⁶ Toward the end of the century, Dr. Daniel Coxe, proprietor of West Jersey from 1687 to 1692 and court physician under Charles II and Queen Anne,¹⁷ acquired Carolina.¹⁸

In the meantime the French had planted a settlement at Biloxi, claiming all of present-day Mississippi as well as a vast tract west of the Mississippi River.¹⁹ Thus, when Dr. Coxe's men attempted to take possession of his lands, one story has it that they were purposefully misdirected from the mouth of the Mississippi by Bionville; however, the Englishmen were not anxious for any trouble with the French, and they yielded to the claims of French possession. English occupation of this section at this time was thus postponed.²⁰ The French called their new country Louisiana. Previously, England had in 1665 lowered her Carolina boundary to 29°, mainly to force Spain to make a compromise line at 31°, which was negotiated in 1670.²¹ In 1733, Georgia was taken out of Carolina and granted a sea-to-sea charter;²² however, the South Carolinians (the colony of Carolina had been divided in 1729)²³ continued to claim the region south to the twenty-ninth parallel.²⁴

While the territory was in the possession of Georgia, the legislature of

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12. 7 U. S. Stat., p. 98.
 13. Dunbar Rowland (comp.), The Official and Statistical Register of the State of Mississippi, 1908, p. 1. (hereafter cited as Rowland, Register, 1908).
 14. R. S. Cotterill, The Old South, p. 60.
 15. Ibid., p. 63; Justin Windsor, The Struggle in America Between England and France, 1697-1763, The Mississippi Basin, p. 46.
 16. Windsor, op.cit., p. 46.
 17. Verner W. Crane, The Southern Frontier, 1670-1732, pp. 48, 49.
 18. Ibid.
 19. Ibid., p. 48; Richard F. Reed, The Natchez Country, p. 10.
 20. Windsor, op. cit. pp. 45, 46.
 21. Cotterill, op. cit., p. 63.
 22. Allen D. Candler, Colonial Records of the State of Georgia, I, pp. 11-63.
 23. J. M. White, "Territorial Growth in Mississippi," in Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society, I-II (1898), p. 126.
 24. Cotterill, op. cit., p. 87.

that State conducted a series of land sales involving Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee lands. The sale "of this wild domain /was/ for the purpose of peopling it and enriching the Treasury of the State" of Georgia.²⁵ The first sale, made in 1789, did not affect the area embraced in present-day Walthall;²⁶ however, the second transaction, made in 1794-95, did include a large part of the county.²⁷ By this sale the Georgia-Mississippi Company, composed of Nicholas Long, Thomas Glascock, Ambrose Gordon, Thomas Cummings, and their associates, purchased the territory from the Mississippi to the Tombigbee Rivers between 31° 18' and 32° 40' for \$155,000.²⁸

The whole negotiation was revealed as a gigantic fraud in which all members of the legislature but one had been bribed to vote for the passage of the bill permitting the sale of the land.²⁹ Many prominent people outside of the State of Georgia were implicated, also. Accordingly, a law was passed at the next session of the Georgia legislature requiring that "the different branches of the legislature . . . assembled together; at which meeting the officers shall attend with the several records, documents and deeds in the Secretary's Surveyor General's and other public offices; and which records and documents shall then and there be expunged from the face and indexes of the books of record of the State, and the enrolled law or usurped act shall then be publicly burnt in order that no trace of so unconstitutional, vile and fraudulent a transaction other than the infamy attached to it by this law shall remain in the public offices thereof...."³⁰ After this order had been carried out at Louisville, the State capital, the land reverted to the State of Georgia.³¹

Spain, in the meantime, had declared war against England, and Don Bernado de Galvez, the Spanish Governor, attached British West Florida and captured this province, whose northern boundary had been fixed by England at the parallel running across the State from the point where the Yazoo River flows into the Mississippi River.³² From 1783 to 1795, Spain held this country while Georgia, ignoring the Spanish claims, attempted to colonize it.³³ The Spanish title was surrendered in 1795 by the Treaty of Madrid,³⁴ and in 1798, the Mississippi Territory was created to include that part of Mississippi and Alabama between 31° and 32° 18'.³⁵ In 1802, Georgia surrendered both her real and imaginary claims in Mississippi, ceding her claim on this territory to the United States, and when the Indian Cession was made three years later, South Mississippi was opened

25. Albert James Pickett, History of Alabama and Incidentally of Georgia and Mississippi, II, p. 112.

26. American State Papers, Public Lands, I, p. 120.

27. Ibid.

28. Pickett, op. cit. p. 114.

29. Ibid., p. 165.

30. American State Papers, Public Lands, I, p. 144.

31. Ibid.

32. Rowland, Register, 1908, p. 2; Cotterill, op. cit., p. 110.

33. Ibid.

34. J. F. H. Claiborne, Mississippi, as a Province, Territory, and State, p. 159.

35. 1 U. S. Stat., pp. 549, 550.

for white settlement.³⁶ Territorial government continued until 1817 when Mississippi became a State.

The land within the boundaries of the 1805 cession had, however, already been included within the jurisdiction of several early counties. When Adams County was created April 2, 1799, it included the southern half of the Mississippi Territory "commencing at the mouth of Fairchild's creek and running direct to the most southern part of Elliotsville - - thence easterly along the dividing ridge of Cole's and Sandy's creeks so far as the present settlements extend, and thence by a due east line to the territorial boundary" ³⁷ On June 4, 1800, a proclamation by Territorial Governor Winthrop Sargent established Washington County to include "all and singular lands lying and being within the following, viz.: The territorial boundaries upon the north, east and south and the Pearl river on the West shall constitute the same, to be named and hereafter to be called Washington...." ³⁸ Adams was divided in 1802 to permit the creation of Wilkinson County with boundaries "beginning at the mouth of the Homochitto River, thence running up said Homochitto River to Richard's Ferry, thence by a line running due east to the western boundary of Washington County...." ³⁹ The territory between this line and the thirty-first parallel constituted Wilkinson County. ⁴⁰ On February 24, 1809, that part of Wilkinson County "beginning at the thirty mile post east of the Mississippi River on the line of demarkation and running due north until it intersects the line of Adams County..." to the Washington boundary was taken to form Amite County. ⁴¹ In the latter part of this same year, December 21, 1809, Franklin County was created from a portion of Adams, and Wayne from a portion of Washington. ⁴² Two years later, December 9, 1811, Marion County was created from portions of Wayne, Franklin, and Amite Counties. ⁴³ Marion County was divided February 9, 1815, to allow the creation of Pike. ⁴⁴ Nearly a century later, in 1910, Walthall County was established from parts of Pike and Marion. ⁴⁵ Thus Wayne County was the first county established from the 5,987,000 acres after the Indian title had been cleared, and Walthall was the thirteenth. ⁴⁶

Agitation for a new county began a number of years before the county was actually created. On January 27, 1908, a bill was introduced in the House to create Tyler County; ⁴⁷ however, on February 19, the bill was withdrawn. ⁴⁸ On

36. Code 1816, pp. 35-38; 7 U. S. Stat., p. 98; Code 1848, ch. 5, art. 7.

37. Code 1807, pp. 2, 3.

38. Ibid., pp. 3-4.

39. Code 1816, p. 89.

40. Ibid.

41. Ibid., p. 95.

42. Ibid., pp. 96, 97.

43. Ibid., p. 105.

44. Ibid., p. 119.

45. L. H. 1910, pp. 278-283.

46. Dunbar Rowland, A History of Mississippi, The Heart of the South, II, pp. 674, 753. These counties, in the order of their creation were: Wayne, Greene, Marion, Lawrence, Pike, Covington, Perry, Jones, Lincoln, Lamar, Forrest, Jefferson Davis, and Walthall (Ibid.).

47. Journal of the House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi, 1908, p. 221.

48. Ibid., p. 520.

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(First entry, p. 44)

March 10 it was introduced again, calling the county Walthall instead of Tyler so as to honor a prominent Mississippi statesman, Gen. Edward Cary Walthall, but it did not pass.⁴⁹ The Magnolia Gazette carried a map of the proposed county in 1909, and if it had been created as pictured in this map, it would have contained 404 square miles and the boundaries would have been substantially different from those of the present county.⁵⁰ The proposal for the creation of the new county reached the Legislature again in 1910, and the law authorizing the establishment of the county was passed in March 1910.⁵¹ The Constitution of 1890 requires that the citizens of each of the counties to be dismembered shall vote separately on the matter;⁵² therefore, an election was held April 15, 1910, in the parts of Pike and Marion that were to constitute the new Walthall.⁵³ Although the vote resulted in a large majority in Pike and a slim majority in Marion for the organization of the county, the evidence of illegality in holding the election was abundantly indisputable.⁵⁴

The matter was carried to court, and proceedings were instituted against the election commissioners of Marion County for alleged dereliction of duty. A great deal of testimony was taken in order to show that illegal votes were cast at the Slade district box, which the commissioners had thrown out, and the case was argued twice before the Supreme Court.⁵⁵ The resulting decision was given as follows: "The statute relative to this case gives no authority to the commissioners to take testimony on the question of the legality or illegality of the votes cast at the election. The sole power of the commissioners is confined to the canvass and return of the ballots. We see no reason to remand this cause, and for that reason the former judgement reversing and remanding is hereby vacated and in place of the former judgment a judgment is hereby directed to be entered requiring appellees, Thomas S. Lewis, William L. Magee, and Warren Rigott, commissioners, to meet and canvass the returns made to them by the managers of the election in Marion County to determine whether or not the county of Walthall should be created. The commissioners are also required to make due return to the Secretary of State after making the canvass as required by law. The court declines to direct the commissioners herein as to how they shall make the canvass and return, and this feature of the motion is hereby overruled."⁵⁶ In the final disposition of the case the commissioners again assembled and canvassed the ballots, showing that a majority of all the votes cast were against the creation of Walthall County.⁵⁷

In 1912, the proposal came before the Legislature again, and the county was recreated with a number of boundary changes different from those proposed in 1910.⁵⁸ But under the Constitution only one election for a new county could

49. Ibid., pp. 882, 990.

50. Magnolia Gazette, Magnolia, Nov. 17, 1909, p. 2.

51. L. M. 1910, pp. 278, 279.

52. Const. 1890, sec. 260.

53. Magnolia Gazette, Magnolia, April 20, 1910, p. 3.

54. Ibid., April 23, 1910, p. 2.

55. 97 Miss. Rep., pp. 599-622; 54 So. Rep., p. 257.

56. Ibid.

57. Ibid.

58. L. M. 1912, p. 415.

be held in four years.⁵⁹ Therefore, it was necessary to wait two years after the Legislature created the county to vote on the matter. This second election, held April 22, 1914, resulted in a legal majority of votes for the creation of Walthall County,⁶⁰ and the same election made Tylertown the county seat.⁶¹ The boundaries defined in the 1912 act are identical with those of the present county.

On April 25, 1914, Gov. Earl Brewer issued a proclamation setting up a county government in Walthall, and he appointed the first officers as follows: J. M. Alford, county attorney; Sandy A. Simmons, sheriff; C. N. Carruth, chancery clerk; B. B. Breland, circuit clerk; J. J. Lee, superintendent of education; J. L. Yarbrough, surveyor; L. Ollic Bridges, treasurer; Charles Patton, coroner and ranger; and Carl Ball, tax assessor.⁶² Supervisors were: Willie McDaniel, first district; D. M. McElveen, second district; Tom Jones, third district; A. D. McGuffie, fourth district; W. B. Dunaway, fifth district.⁶³ Constables were: Ellis Alford, first district; Jap Grubbs, second district; Marcus Herring, third district; A. B. Brumfield, fourth district; B. D. Boyd, fifth district.⁶⁴ Election commissioners were: H. F. Bridges, R. A. Concrly, and W. A. Pigott.⁶⁵

The first meeting of the board of supervisors convened May 4, 1914, in the office of Mayor G. H. Collins of Tylertown.⁶⁶ D. M. McElveen presided and was elected president of the board. All county-beat officers took the oath of office and presented their bonds which were approved and accepted by the board of supervisors.⁶⁷ V. M. Roby was chosen attorney for the board and his salary fixed at \$200 per year. On May 5, the board divided the county into convenient districts or beats after which they adjourned to investigate and inspect temporary quarters for the county officers and courts.⁶⁸ The proposal of L. L. Parker, who offered four rooms and a hallway in the Shedwick-Alford Building on Enoch Street, was accepted at a rent of \$20 per month.⁶⁹ On May 6, the board ordered a registration of voters in the county, adopted the proposal to rent the second floor and one room on the first floor from Camp 156 Woodmen of the World Building at the rate of \$75 per annum for a place to hold the courts of the county, arranged for an accurate transcript of all the records of Marion and Pike Counties pertaining to titles of property now situated in Walthall County, and arranged to receive proposals from all banks in the county for the privilege of acting as the county depository.⁷⁰ On May 7, plans and specification for working all first and second class roads in the county were made and

59. Const. 1890, sec. 260.

60. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1912, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 341.

61. Ibid., pp. 341, 342.

62. Ibid.

63. Ibid.

64. Ibid.

65. Ibid.

66. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, pp. 1-12; see entry 1.

67. Ibid.

68. Ibid.

69. Ibid.

70. Ibid.

adopted. At the close of this day the board adjourned to meet again in June, after being in session only four days.⁷¹

The school system in Walthall County was already well established when the county was organized, so the schools which had existed in Pike and Marion Counties continued, with a few adjustments, to function without interruption in Walthall County. The most recent figures indicate that there are 11 white and 28 Negro schools in the county, employing 67 white and 71 Negro teachers.⁷² Fifty-three school busses transport the children to school.⁷³ In 1942, Lexie and Tylertown schools were on the State affiliated list; four consolidated schools were on the probationary list; and one school did only two years of high school work.⁷⁴ Tylertown is the only separate school district in the county.⁷⁵ The total enrollment of the schools of Walthall County in 1940-42 was 4,838.⁷⁶ Of this number, 2,710 were enrolled in Negro schools.⁷⁷

The two chief religious groups in the county are the Methodist and Baptist churches. There is one white Methodist circuit and some 15 white Baptist churches.⁷⁸ The white Baptist churches belong to the Walthall County Association of the State Missionary Baptist Convention. The Methodist churches are part of the Mississippi Conference of that body.⁷⁹ The approximately 20 Negro churches of the county are also largely of the Baptist and Methodist faiths.⁸⁰

Shortly before the creation of Walthall County, two railroads were built into this section, the Fernwood, Columbia, and Gulf Railroad, and the New Orleans, Mobile, and Chicago Railroad. Probably this was one reason the people of this section desired to band themselves and their lands together in a new unit of government. Although the railroads were built primarily to handle the traffic in timber, lumber, and naval stores, they also provided means of transportation to incoming settlers, and (later) to outgoing agricultural products which the "pinney woods" farmer produced on the out-over lands.⁸¹ The Fernwood, Columbia, and Gulf Railroad was incorporated under the name Fernwood and Gulf in 1906,⁸² and its present name was not adopted until 1920.⁸³ Organized with a small capital of \$10,000, the first directors of this railroad were; I. C.

71. Ibid.

72. Compiled statistical information relative to schools of each county on file in the office of the State Superintendent of Education, Old Capitol, Jackson.

73. Ibid.

74. J. S. Vandiver, Biennial Report and Recommendations of the State Superintendent of Education to the Legislature of Mississippi, 1940-42.

75. Ibid.

76. Ibid.

77. Ibid.

78. Information from Connie Z. Pearson, Church Inventory foreman, based on material in files of Mississippi Historical Records Survey.

79. Ibid.

80. Ibid.

81. Low, Soils of Mississippi, p. 168.

82. Record of Incorporations, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, vol. 14, p. 154.

83. Ibid., vol. 22, p. 101.

Enochs, G. C. Legon, Philip H. Enoch, and S. H. Laughlin.⁸⁴ The terminal points were Fernwood in Pike County and Gulfport in Harrison. In 1908, the New Orleans, Mobile, and Chicago Railroad was incorporated with a capital stock of \$7,500,000.⁸⁵ The first directors were: W. F. Owens, George W. Crory, H. M. Hood, W. H. McIntosh, and J. C. Rich.⁸⁶ The next year the name was changed to the Mobile and Southwestern Railroad Company, and the capital stock was increased to \$15,000,000.⁸⁷ A branch from the main line of this road was built in Walthall County to Tylertown. The whole system was later taken over by the New Orleans and Great Northern.⁸⁸

In addition to railroads, Walthall County has approximately 40 miles of roads in the State Highway System; only about 23 miles of this is pavement, the remainder being gravel.⁸⁹ State highways 24 and 27 traverse the county from east to west and north to south, respectively. The county maintains about 28 miles of good gravel roads. One of the oldest roads in Mississippi crosses the territory now known as Walthall County. Laid out in 1807, the Natchez to Fort Stoddert road passed through the southern part of present-day Walthall;⁹⁰ it was one of the first travelways for which the Mississippi Territory made an appropriation.⁹¹ An act of the General Assembly provided that "Harry Toulmin, James Caller, and Lemuel Henry, be and are hereby appointed commissioners to view and mark out the nearest and best road from the city of Natchez to Fort Stoddert in the county of Washington as to strike the new road on the line of demarkation east of Pearl river...."⁹²

At the time of its establishment, Walthall County was situated in a rather thinly populated section of south Mississippi in which only a few scattering farms were located,⁹³ and it is still one of the ten smallest counties in the State.⁹⁴ Following the advent of the railroads, however, this area became a prosperous country. The first estimate of the population was made in 1917, three years after the county was organized, and the number of inhabitants was placed at 20,000.⁹⁵ This estimate was undoubtedly too high, as the census of 1920 showed that the population of the county was only 13,455.⁹⁶ The increase

84. Ibid., vol. 14, p. 154.

85. Ibid., vol. 15, p. 530.

86. Ibid.

87. Ibid., vol. 16, p. 513.

88. E. N. Lowe, Economic Geography of Mississippi, 1928, p. 92.

89. Mississippi Highway Department, Official Road Map of the State of Mississippi, Correct to January 1, 1942.

90. Charles S. Sydnor, A Gentleman of the Old Natchez Region, p. 21; Darby, Map of the Mississippi Territory, 1816, State Department of Archives and History, Jackson.

91. Code 1807, pp. 397-398.

92. Ibid.

93. Lowe, Soils of Mississippi, p. 162.

94. Brookings Institution, Report of A Survey of the Administration and Organization of State and County Government, p. 655. (hereafter cited as Brookings Report).

95. Dunbar Rowland (comp.), The Official and Statistical Register of the State of Mississippi, 1917, p. 718.

96. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, I, table 4, p. 591.

in the decade following was slight, only 3.1 percent,⁹⁷ making the number for 1930 only 13,871; in 1940, the population was 17,534, representing an increase for the decade of 26.4 per cent.⁹⁸ Tylertown with a population of 795 in 1910 and 1,116 in 1920 actually decreased in population in this same decade, having in 1930, 1,102.⁹⁹ The decline in the timber and lumber business was partly responsible for the slow population growth. The density of population per square mile in the county is 37.7¹⁰⁰ which is lower than the State average of 43.4.¹⁰¹

Walthall is primarily an agricultural county. In 1930, approximately 174,095 acres were in farms;¹⁰² the average size of each farm was 63.3 acres.¹⁰³ The principal crops are cotton and corn, of which there were produced in 1930 13,260 bales and 410,614 bushels, respectively.¹⁰⁴ Sweet potatoes raised totaled 84,960 bushels, while 10,313 bushels of Irish potatoes were produced.¹⁰⁵ Fruits and nuts grown in the county are of considerable importance to this section. In 1930, 567 fig trees yielded 12,826 pounds of figs; 4,256 peach trees produced 3,414 bushels of fruit; and 1,289 pecan trees yielded 4,419 pounds of nuts.¹⁰⁶ A 1936 farm production report stated that the cotton crop for Walthall County that year was valued at \$1,532,494; the corn crop at \$512,121; and other crops (including vegetables, fruits, nuts, etc.), at \$606,986.¹⁰⁷ In 1936, there were 3,396 farms in the county, the gross income per farm being 936.99, which is slightly below the State average of \$937.08.¹⁰⁸

Walthall County is one of ten counties having the lowest property valuation in the State. In 1929, the bonded indebtedness per \$1,000 valuation was \$43.37.¹⁰⁹ The total assessment for 1938 in Walthall County amounted to \$2,666,397, of which \$2,009,921 was realty, \$472,075 was personal, and \$184,401 utility.¹¹⁰ Homestead exemptions amounted to \$1,036,529 on 1,466 rural homes, totaling \$891,724, and on 154 urban homes, totaling \$144,805.¹¹¹

97. Ibid., table 3, p. 584.

98. Ibid., table 4, p. 591; U. S. Bureau of the Census, Population of the State of Mississippi, Final Figures: 1940, p. 1.

99. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Population, I, table 4, p. 591.

100. Ibid., table 3, p. 584.

101. Ibid., p. 581.

102. U. S. Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930, Agriculture, II, part 2, table 1, pp. 1054-1055.

103. Ibid.

104. Ibid., pp. 1088-1089.

105. Ibid.

106. Ibid., p. 1110.

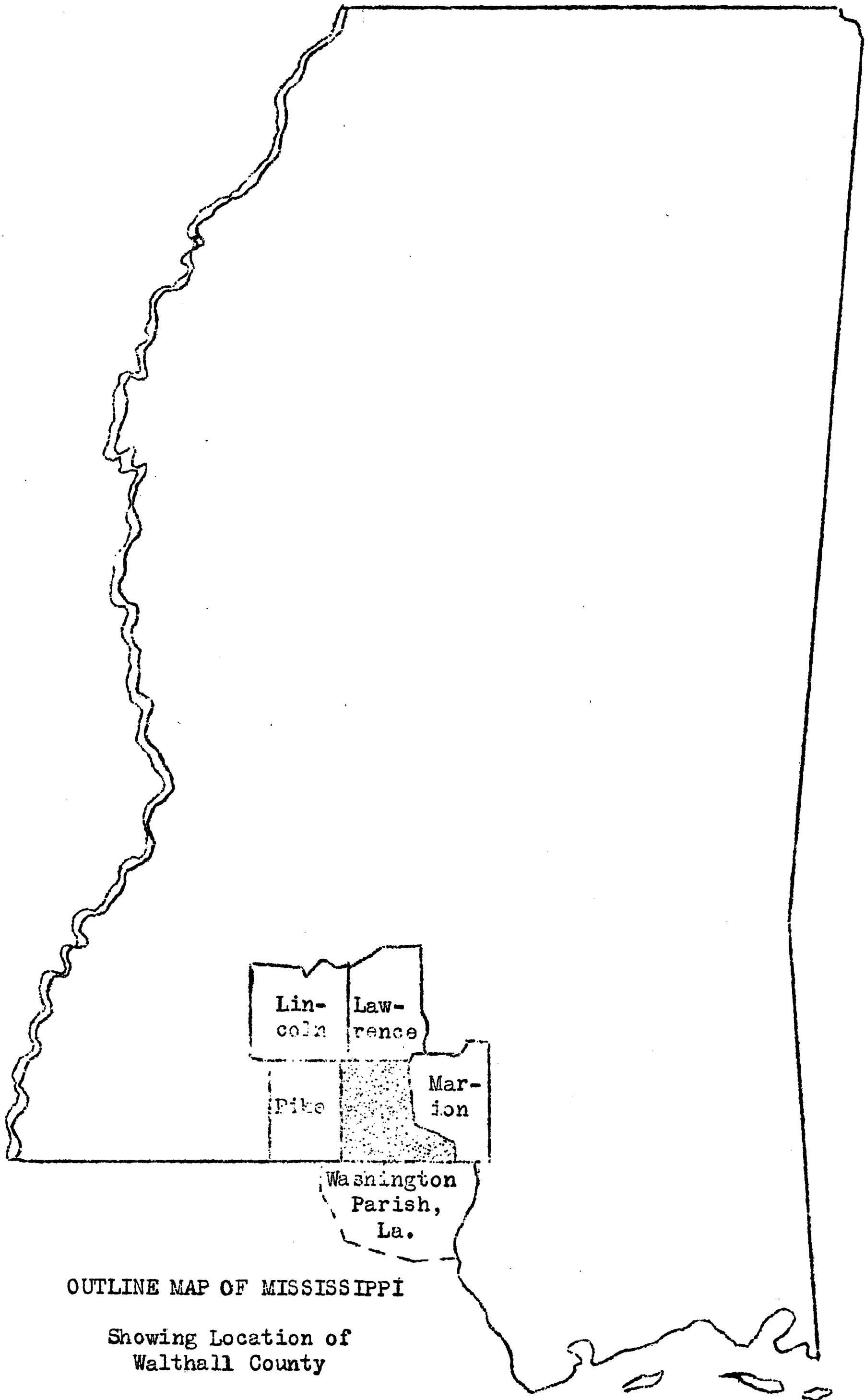
107. Mississippi Department of Agriculture, Value of Farm Production in 1936, Bulletin, Jackson, 1937.

108. Ibid.

109. Brookings Report, op. cit., p. 655.

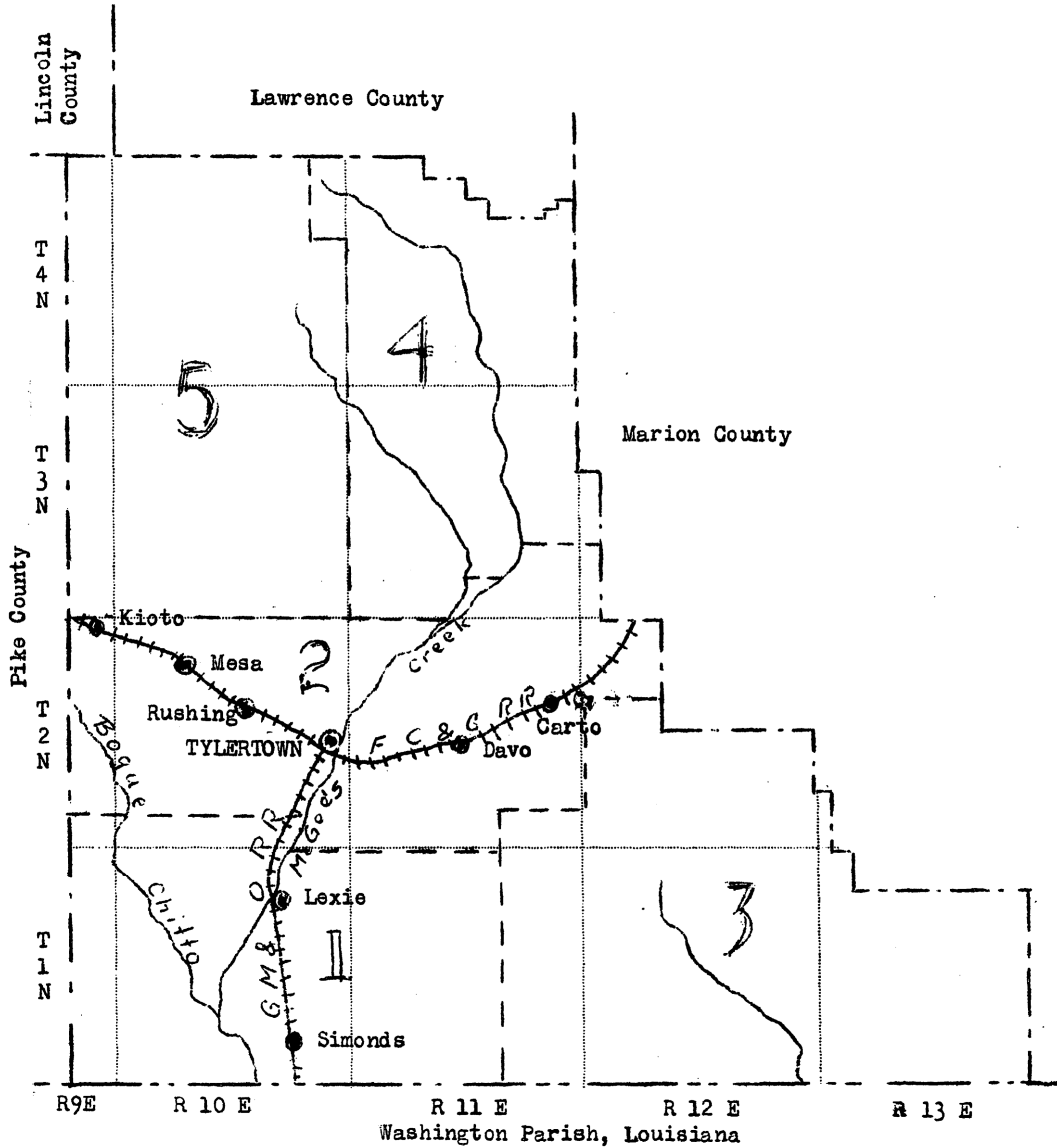
110. Walker Wood (comp.), Mississippi Blue Book, Biennial Report Secretary of State to the Legislature of Mississippi, 1937-39, p. 45.

111. Ibid., p. 44; see also, Mississippi State Tax Commission, Bulletin 16, pp. 172-173.



OUTLINE MAP OF MISSISSIPPI

Showing Location of
Walthall County



MAP OF WALTHALL COUNTY

Showing Supervisors' Districts

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Legal Status of the County

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

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

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

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1. Brookings Institution, Institute for Government Research, Report on a Survey of the Organization and Administration of State and County Government in Mississippi, p. 622. (hereafter cited as Brookings Report).
 2. Rainey vs. Hinds County (1900), 78 Miss. Rep., p. 308.
 3. Ibid., p. 310.
 4. Code 1906, sec. 309; Code 1917, sec. 3682; Code 1930, sec. 270.
 5. City of Grenada vs. Grenada County (1917), 115 Miss. Rep., p. 831; 76 So. Rep., p. 682. In 1912, the City of Grenada made street improvements on Green Street in front of the Grenada County courthouse and the board of supervisors claimed immunity when the City demanded payment for the cost as prorated. The City obtained a judgment against the county in the circuit court of Grenada County but when appealed, the decision was reversed by the Supreme Court (Ibid.).
 6. Code 1906, sec. 311; Code 1917, sec. 3682; Code 1930, sec. 253.

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

General Administration

From the creation of Walthall County to the present time, general executive supervision and control have been vested in the board of supervisors. This body has complete authority in all matters of county police and full jurisdiction over roads, ferries, and bridges.⁹ The board participates in law enforcement, and its members are conservators of the peace.¹⁰ The expenditures of all county officers are subject to budgetary control, and the board is required to publish an annual budget of expenditures and to prepare a statement showing the aggregate revenue collected from various sources during the current year.¹¹

The clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor must audit the accounts of all county officers regularly and make a written report under oath to the grand jury at each regular session setting forth his findings.¹² Since 1924, the State Auditor of Public Accounts has been empowered to audit and examine county officers' accounts at least once a year.¹³

With respect to taxation, the board of supervisors fixes the county tax levy,¹⁴ serves as the board of equalization and review,¹⁵ and since 1916 has cooperated with the State Tax Commission in equalizing the assessments as between counties.¹⁶ The clerk of the board prepares the rolls and distributes copies to the proper officials.

All claims, accounts, and demands against the county must be presented to the board of supervisors for its approval or disapproval and are audited by

7. Const. 1890, sec. 260.

8. Ibid., sec. 271.

9. Const. 1890, sec. 170; Code 1917, sec. 3680; Code 1930, sec. 214.

10. Const. 1890, sec. 167; Code 1917, sec. 3677; Code 1930, sec. 210.

11. Carl C. White (comp.), Uniform System of Accounts for Counties, State of Mississippi, pp. 23-24; L. M. 1922, pp. 309-310; L. M. 1928, p. 327; Code 1930, secs. 3970-3971.

12. L. M. 1914, p. 299; Code 1917, sec. 3730; Code 1930, sec. 304.

13. L. M. 1924, p. 557; L. M. 1930, p. 443; Code 1930, sec. 3753; L. M. 1938, pp. 356-357.

14. Code 1917, secs. 3680, 3697; Code 1930, secs. 214, 231.

15. Code 1917, secs. 6939, 7769 cl; L. M. 1920, ch. 323; Code 1930, secs. 3162, 3164.

16. L. M. 1916, ch. 98; Code 1917, secs. 7765, 7766; L. M. 1920, ch. 223; Code 1930, secs. 3176-3178.

the clerk of the board as auditor.¹⁷ The board has power and authority to issue county and county-district bonds and must issue bonds when the issuance is authorized by popular vote.¹⁸

The board of supervisors has important duties in conducting elections for county officers.¹⁹ The board, together with the county education officials, is charged with administering the county educational program,²⁰ cooperates with the State Board of Health in administering the county health program,²¹ and has supervision of the public welfare.²²

It is the duty of the board of supervisors to construct and maintain a courthouse and jail, public buildings, and all public works.²³

The agents of the agricultural extension and demonstration work are appointed by the board of supervisors on the recommendation of the Extension Department of Mississippi State College and subject to the approval of the United States Department of Agriculture. The board pays a portion of the salaries of the agents and furnishes quarters for them.²⁴

The board of supervisors is also required to furnish all officers and offices with record books and supplies and is responsible for the upkeep of the records in the county, although each officer is charged with keeping his records in order.²⁵

Registration of Title to Property

Every conveyance of real or personal property, to be valid and to serve as constructive notice to all subsequent purchasers, must be lodged for recording with the clerk of the chancery court as recorder and must be acknowledged as his voluntary act by the person who executed it, or proved by one or more of the subscribing witnesses to the instrument. The acknowledgment or proof must be in writing on the instrument and must be signed by the officer before whom it was made.²⁶ The sheriff's certified lists of lands sold to individuals or

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17. Code 1917, sec. 3604, 3714, 3715; Code 1930, secs. 253-255.
 18. Code 1917, sec. 6662; L. M. 1920, ch. 207; L. M. 1922, ch. 257; Code 1930, secs. 5983, 5984.
 19. L. M. 1922, ch. 290; Code 1930, secs. 210, 211.
 20. L. M. 1924, ch. 283; L. M. 1928, ch. 64; L. M. 1928, Ex. Sess., ch. 38; Code 1930, secs. 6737, 6738, 3760-6769.
 21. Code 1917, secs. 4818-4884; Code 1930, secs. 4860-4941.
 22. L. M. 1912, pp. 305-306; Code 1917, secs. 3680, 6189-6190, 6196; Code 1930, secs. 214, 215, 5694-5698; L. M. 1940, ch. 298, sec. 7.
 23. Code 1917, secs. 3686, 3681, 3734; Code 1930, secs. 217, 218, 237, 239.
 24. Code 1917, secs. 3783, 3801; L. M. 1924, p. 260; Code 1930, secs. 279-282; L. M. 1932, p. 517.
 25. Code 1917, secs. 3688, 3690, 3691; Code 1930, secs. 222-224.
 26. Code 1906, sec. 2784; Code 1917, sec. 2288; L. M. 1924, pp. 333-334; Code 1930, sec. 2146. Conveyances may be acknowledged or proved before any judge of a United States Court, any judge of the State Supreme Court, any judge of a circuit court, any chancellor, any clerk of a court of record, any notary public, any justice of the peace, or any member of the board of supervisors (Code 1906, sec. 2798; Code 1917, sec. 2299; Code 1930, sec. 2136).

struck off the State for taxes must be recorded by the clerk of the chancery court as recorder,²⁷ as must lis pendens notices begun to enforce a lien, right, interest in, or easement in any real estate when the claim is not based on any judgment or decree previously entered or recorded.²⁸

To insure adequate descriptions of boundaries, the board of supervisors must furnish the office of the clerk of the chancery court as recorder with a copy of the field notes of the original United States Survey, transcriptions of the records of other counties which affect titles to land in Walthall County, transcriptions of original entries of land, and all necessary township plats and surveys.²⁹ Since 1920, the board has been required to furnish the office of the clerk of the chancery court as recorder with a sectional index to all land conveyances and other instruments touching or concerning title to land in the county.³⁰ The board may provide a complete abstract of title to land in the county.³¹

Administration of Justice

Civil and common law jurisdiction is vested in the circuit court and in the justices of the peace courts. The circuit court has civil jurisdiction in all actions in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$200 and in all other causes not exclusively cognizable in some other court.³² It also has jurisdiction in cases transferred to it by the chancery court, remanded to it by the Supreme Court, and appealed to it from justice of the peace courts.³³ Justice of the peace courts are given civil jurisdiction in all actions in which the amount in controversy is \$200 or less,³⁴ in matters of unlawful entry and detainer,³⁵ and in the partition of personal property when the appraised value of the property involved does not exceed \$200.³⁶ A justice of the peace is chosen by the clerk of the circuit court to conduct hearings in eminent domain proceedings.³⁷

The circuit court has power to hear and determine all prosecutions in the name of the State for treason, felonies, crimes, and misdemeanors, except such as may be exclusively cognizable before some other court; and it has all the

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27. Code 1906, secs. 2933, 4333; L. M. 1912, p. 302; Code 1917, sec. 5268, 6967; L. M. 1922, p. 326; Code 1930, sec. 3256; see entries 20, 21, 22.
 28. Code 1906, sec. 3148; Code 1917, sec. 2499; Code 1930, sec. 2325; see entry 19.
 29. Code 1906, sec. 315; Code 1917, sec. 3688; Code 1930, sec. 222; see entries 24, 25.
 30. L. M. 1920, pp. 368-369; Code 1930, secs. 227-228; see entries 26, 27.
 31. Code 1906, sec. 320; Code 1917, sec. 3693; Code 1930, sec. 226.
 32. Const. 1890, sec. 156; Code 1906, sec. 702; Code 1917, sec. 481; Code 1930, sec. 490.
 33. Code 1906, sec. 703; Code 1917, sec. 482; Code 1930, sec. 491.
 34. Const. 1890, sec. 171; Code 1906, secs. 2723, 2749; Code 1917, secs. 2222, 2248; Code 1930, secs. 2071, 2097.
 35. Code 1906, sec. 5041; Code 1917, sec. 3313; Code 1930, sec. 3458.
 36. Code 1906, sec. 3544; Code 1917, sec. 2856; Code 1930, sec. 2943.
 37. Code 1906, sec. 1855; Code 1917, sec. 1493; Code 1930, sec. 1481.

powers of a court of oyer and terminer and general jail delivery.³⁸ Justice of the peace courts have jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court over all crimes occurring in their districts in which the punishment prescribed does not exceed a fine and imprisonment in the county jail.³⁹ In addition, justices of the peace have power to conduct preliminary hearings in cases of felonies committed within their respective districts, to bind the accused over to await the action of the grand jury, and to fix the amount of the appearance bond.⁴⁰

The chancery court has both chancery and probate jurisdiction, and it is given power to try and determine all matters of equity, divorce and alimony, matters testamentary and of administration, minors' business, and cases of idiocy, lunacy, and persons of unsound mind.⁴¹ It has jurisdiction in all causes transferred to it by the circuit court and remanded to it by the Supreme Court.⁴²

The circuit court and the chancery court have concurrent jurisdiction in cases of juvenile delinquency and dependent and neglected children,⁴³ and in Waltham County this function is exercised by the chancery court.

In counties that do not have county court, appeals from the judgments and decrees rendered in justice of the peace courts may be taken to the circuit court.⁴⁴ Appeals from the judgments and decrees of the circuit and chancery courts may be made to the Supreme Court.⁴⁵

The sheriff is the principal officer charged with the preservation of the peace.⁴⁶ However, constables have the same duty.⁴⁷ If there is a vacancy in the office of sheriff for any reason and there is no deputy to act, the coroner performs all the duties of the sheriff except that of collecting taxes.⁴⁸ In the event the office of sheriff is vacant for any reason, and there is no deputy to act, and there is no coroner, the circuit judge or the chancellor may appoint some qualified elector of the county to perform the duty of coroner in this regard.⁴⁹ All members of the board of supervisors,⁵⁰ the circuit

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38. Const. 1890, sec. 156; Code 1906, sec. 702; Code 1917, sec. 481; Code 1930, sec. 490.
 39. Const. 1890, sec. 171; Code 1906, secs. 2723, 2749; Code 1917, secs. 2222, 2248; Code 1930, secs. 2071, 2097.
 40. Code 1906, sec. 1533; Code 1917, sec. 1295; Code 1930, sec. 1320.
 41. Const. 1890, sec. 159; Code 1906, secs. 542-543; Code 1917, secs. 299-300; Code 1930, secs. 353, 358.
 42. Code 1906, sec. 532; Code 1917, sec. 289; Code 1930, sec. 351.
 43. L. M. 1916, p. 151; Code 1917, sec. 4970; Code 1930, sec. 7251; L. M. 1940, p. 544.
 44. Code 1906, secs. 82-83, 87; Code 1917, secs. 62-63, 69; Code 1930, secs. 63-64, 68.
 45. Code 1906, secs. 32, 37; Code 1917, secs. 7, 12; Code 1930, secs. 12, 16.
 46. Code 1906, sec. 4682; Code 1917, sec. 3099; Code 1930, sec. 3329.
 47. Code 1906, sec. 831; Code 1917, sec. 637; Code 1930, sec. 632.
 48. Code 1906, sec. 893; Code 1917, sec. 4060; Code 1930, sec. 651; L. M. 1938, pp. 655-656.
 49. L. M. 1938, p. 656.
 50. Code 1906, sec. 304; Code 1917, sec. 3677; Code 1930, sec. 210.

judge, the chancellor and all justices of the peace of the county are conservators of the peace.⁵¹

The coroner is required to hold inquest of all violent and sudden deaths in the county,⁵² but if there is no coroner or the coroner is unable to act, any justice of the peace may hold an inquest and perform all the duties of the coroner.⁵³

The power and duty of returning indictments and presentments is given to the grand jury.⁵⁴

Arrests for crimes and offenses may be made by the sheriff, his deputies, or by any constable or conservator of the peace within his county, or by the marshal or policeman of any city, town, or village within the county. Private persons may also make arrests. All persons, when commanded to do by an officer seeking to arrest an offender, must aid and assist in making the arrest, and must obey the commands of the arresting officer. Arrests for criminal offenses and to prevent a breach of the peace may be made at any time and at any place. An officer or private person may make arrests without warrant for an indictable offense committed, a breach of the peace threatened or attempted in his presence, and for a felony committed. An arresting officer or private person may, after giving notice of his object and admittance is refused, break into any dwelling or house in which he has reason to believe the offender may be found. Escaped offenders may be retaken by the person from whose custody they escaped, at any time and in any county without warrant. All offenders apprehended must be taken before the proper officer without unnecessary delay by the person making the arrest. All officers and others who make arrests legally as authorized and required by law are not liable to a civil or criminal action although it may appear that the person arrested was innocent of any offense. Warrants issued by justices of the peace extend to other counties, and justices of the peace may issue warrants for the arrest and return of any escaped offender to the county in which his offense is cognizable. The sheriff and constables may pursue offenders into other counties and, in returning prisoners, may place them in any jail for safekeeping.⁵⁵

The sheriff is the county jailer and has custody of all prisoners.⁵⁶ He is required to receive and keep any prisoner committed by any justice of the peace,⁵⁷ and he must receive and keep prisoners committed under legal process from officers of the courts of the United States, if the subsistence of such

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51. Code 1906, sec. 993, 1532; Code 1917, secs. 713, 1294; Code 1930, secs. 740, 1320.
 52. Code 1906, sec. 881; Code 1917, sec. 4048; Code 1930, sec. 639.
 53. Code 1906, sec. 891; Code 1917, sec. 4058; Code 1930, sec. 649.
 54. Code 1906, secs. 2701-2702; L. M. 1908, p. 192; Code 1917, secs. 2194-2195; Code 1930, secs. 2047-2048.
 55. Code 1906, secs. 1444-1454; Code 1917, secs. 1201-1211; Code 1930, secs. 1224-1234.
 56. Code 1906, sec. 4687; Code 1917, sec. 3104; Code 1930, sec. 3334.
 57. Code 1906, sec. 4692; Code 1917, sec. 3109; Code 1930, sec. 3339.

prisoners is secured by the officers delivering the prisoners to him.⁵⁸ The sheriff must see that prisoners have medical attention and he must protect them from mob violence.⁵⁹

The district attorney must appear in circuit court, and in the name of the State prosecute all criminal prosecutions, and all persons or corporations for any violation of the State Constitution or State laws, and he must attend grand jury deliberations when required to do so by the jury to give necessary information as to the law.⁶⁰ The county prosecuting attorney represents the State in the justice of the peace courts, assists the district attorney in all criminal cases, and represents the State before the grand jury.⁶¹

The sheriff as the executive officer of the court is required to execute all sentences imposed by the court.⁶²

Finance

It was not until 1922, according to the records of the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor,⁶³ that the first real effort at budgetary control was made in Walthall County. The law of 1922 made it mandatory that the board of supervisors at its September meeting prepare and adopt a budget of county expenses estimated for the next year and prepare a statement showing the aggregate revenue by sources, collected during the current year.⁶⁴ In 1924, the State Auditor of Public Accounts was directed to prescribe a uniform system of accounts for State and county offices, and he was required to inspect their accounts regularly. Further, the law made it mandatory that all counties adopt the prescribed system of accounting.⁶⁵ Accordingly, in 1928, a uniform system of accounting for counties, including a detailed outline for the county budget, was prescribed by the State Auditor of Public Accounts.⁶⁶ The expenditures of all county offices and departments are subject to budgetary control.⁶⁷ Since 1936, the superintendent of education has been required to prepare and file with the State Superintendent of Education a budget of the expenditures for the support, maintenance, and operation of the public schools of the county for each fiscal year, and a statement of all available revenues. Likewise, the trustees of the consolidated school districts, special consolidated school districts, and all other school districts maintaining a special tax levy must prepare and file with the county superintendent of education a budget of estimated

58. Code 1906, sec. 4692; Code 1917, sec. 3110; L. M. 1928, pp. 311-312; Code 1930, sec. 3340.

59. Code 1906, secs. 4689-4690; Code 1917, secs. 3106-3107; Code 1930, secs. 3336-3337.

60. Code 1906, secs. 1661, 1663; Code 1917, secs. 1398, 1400; Code 1930, sec. 4363.

61. L. M. 1916, pp. 347-348; Code 1917, secs. 696-697; Code 1930, secs. 4225-4226.

62. Code 1906, sec. 4668; Code 1917, sec. 3085; Code 1930, sec. 3315.

63. See entries 119, 120.

64. L. M. 1922, pp. 309-310; L. M. 1928, p. 327; Code 1930, secs. 3970-3971.

65. L. M. 1924, pp. 557-567.

66. Carl C. White (comp.), Uniform System of Accounts for Counties, State of Mississippi, Jackson, 1928.

67. Ibid., pp. 23-24.

expenditures and a statement of estimated revenues for each fiscal year. The superintendent must attach copies of these budgets to the county school budget which he submits to the State Superintendent of Education.⁶⁸

The revenue of the county is derived mainly from ad valorem taxes levied on all real and personal property and from license taxes. All classes of property are liable to taxation unless specifically exempt. The following classes are exempt: Public property; privately owned property devoted to religious and charitable purposes; privately owned property devoted to educational purposes; household equipment; wearing apparel and certain personal effects; farming equipment; farm products for a period of two years after they are harvested; Federal, State, County, Municipal, levee, drainage, and school bonds and obligations; bank deposits; lands and other property situated between the Mississippi River and the levee; and timber on land classified for reforestation for a period of ten years.⁶⁹

The board of supervisors may exempt, for five years, subject to popular referendum, hotels and many specified new factories and industries of public utility from county ad valorem taxes.⁷⁰ In 1934, the Legislature exempted homesteads and 40 acres of land from State ad valorem taxes to the extent of \$1,000, and the law of 1935 increased the exemption from State ad valorem taxes to \$2,500 and 160 acres of land.⁷¹ The Home Exemption Act of 1938 exempted to the extent of \$5,000 and 160 acres of land all bona fide homes owned and actually lived in from all State ad valorem taxes and from all county, road district, and school district ad valorem taxes.⁷² Each of the acts directed that all claims for exemption be made to the board of supervisors through the tax assessor, and the board is empowered and required to adjudicate all claims.⁷³

The board of supervisors fixes the general tax levy annually.⁷⁴ In addition, it imposes a number of separate property taxes, some mandatory, others optional. It may levy a special tax for erecting, enlarging, repairing, or remodeling county buildings, and it has power to impose a special tax for maintaining the county public schools outside separate school districts. The board must levy taxes in the various schools and road districts of the county for supplementing the county general funds, and for other purposes, if petitioned to do so by a majority of the qualified electors of any district. The board must also levy special taxes to pay the interest on county or county-district bonds

68. L. M. 1936, pp. 496-497.

69. Const. 1890, secs. 90, 112, 181, 182, 192; Code 1906, sec. 4251; Code 1917, sec. 6878; L. M. 1924, ch. 329; L. M. 1928, pp. 245-246; Code 1930, secs. 3108, 6161; L. M. 1938, pp. 157-158.

70. Const. 1890, sec. 192; L. M. 1920, p. 356; L. M. 1922, p. 348; L. M. 1924, p. 597; L. M. 1930, pp. 116-119; Code 1930, secs. 3109-3113; L. M. 1932, pp. 630-631; L. M. 1934, pp. 382-384; L. M. 1936, pp. 181-183; L. M. 1936, Ex. Sess., pp. 32-35, in L. M. 1938; see entry 1.

71. L. M. 1934, p. 442; L. M. 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 136.

72. L. M. 1938, Ex. Sess., p. 19.

73. L. M. 1934, p. 442; L. M. 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 140; L. M. 1938, Ex. Sess., pp. 25-29; see entry 4.

74. Code 1906, secs. 307, 335; Code 1917, secs. 3680, 3708; L. M. 1920, p. 336; Code 1930, secs. 214, 366, 3227.

and provide sinking funds for their redemption. It must also levy a special tax to meet loans made in anticipation of taxes.⁷⁵

After the tax levy has been made, the clerk of the board of supervisors certifies it to the sheriff as tax collector, to the State Auditor of Public Accounts, to the State Land Commissioner, and to the State Tax Commission.⁷⁶

The tax assessor is required to make an annual assessment of the polls and of all personal property in the county subject to taxation, and a biennial assessment of all real property in the county subject to taxation.⁷⁷ The real and personal rolls must be completed and delivered to the board of supervisors on or before the first Monday in July.⁷⁸ The board of supervisors is required to equalize and review the tax assessments at its July meeting and within ten days of its August meeting, and on completing the equalization, must approve the assessments subject to the rights of persons in interest to be heard on objections. The August meeting of the board must be devoted to hearing and determining all objections and exceptions filed by persons dissatisfied with the assessments. It is the duty of the board to send the rolls to the State Tax Commission for final correction and equalization. The Commission equalizes the assessments as between counties with regard to the different classes of property and returns the rolls to the board subject to hearing objections from that body.⁷⁹

After the assessment rolls have been accepted and corrected by the board, the clerk of the board must make two copies, deliver one copy to the sheriff as tax collector, another to the State Tax Commission, and keep the original in his office as a permanent record.⁸⁰ The real and personal property of public service corporations in the county is assessed by the State Tax Commission, and after the assessments are equalized and reviewed, the Commission forwards a copy of the rolls to the clerk of the board of supervisors who makes a copy and

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75. Code 1906, secs. 307, 324, 335, 4534, 4572; L. M. 1908, p. 92; L. M. 1910, pp. 110-111, 145; L. M. 1912, pp. 152, 315, 327; L. M. 1914, pp. 245, 261, 267, 311-312; L. M. 1916, pp. 248, 257, 285-286; Code 1917, secs. 3420, 3680, 3697, 3708, 7152, 7163, 7352-7353; L. M. 1920, pp. 224, 366, 386; L. M. 1924, pp. 444, 450-451, 455, 467-468; L. M. 1928, p. 213; Code 1930, secs. 214, 231, 3227, 6392, 6435, 6647, 6649, 6654, 6663, 6675, 6725-6727; L. M. 1932, pp. 466-467.
76. Code 1906, sec. 336; Code 1917, sec. 3709; L. M. 1920, pp. 366-367; Code 1930, sec. 3228.
77. Code 1906, secs. 4263, 4281; Code 1917, secs. 6897, 6915; L. M. 1920, p. 452; L. M. 1926, p. 417; L. M. 1928, Ex. Sess., pp. 97-99; Code 1930, secs. 3128, 3144-3145.
78. Code 1906, sec. 4291; Code 1917, sec. 6925; L. M. 1918, p. 137; L. M. 1920, p. 453; L. M. 1926, p. 323; Code 1930, sec. 3161.
79. Code 1906, secs. 4294-4297, 4304-4308; L. M. 1916, p. 98; L. M. 1917, Ex. Sess., p. 43; Code 1917, secs. 6928-6931, 6939-6942, 7769; L. M. 1918, pp. 137-139, 206-207; L. M. 1920, pp. 453-455; Code 1930, secs. 3165, 3168-3170, 3172, 3175-3179, 3185-3187.
80. Code 1906, sec. 4307; Code 1917, sec. 6941; L. M. 1920, sec. 456; Code 1930, sec. 3181; L. M. 1938, Ex. Sess., p. 32; see entries 11, 12.

delivers it to the sheriff as tax collector, retaining the original as a permanent record of his office.⁸¹

The sheriff as tax collector, after receiving the tax rolls from the clerk of the board of supervisors, collects both State and county taxes.⁸² He is required to make monthly reports of collections to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor and to the State Auditor of Public Accounts and at the same time he must pay over State taxes collected to the State Treasurer and county taxes collected to the county depository.⁸³

It is the duty of the sheriff as tax collector to sell both real and personal property on which taxes are delinquent.⁸⁴ Redemption of land sold for taxes must be made through the clerk of the chancery court as recorder who remits redemption monies to the proper officials.⁸⁵

License taxes are imposed by the State and county on practically every occupation and profession, and are collected by the sheriff as tax collector.⁸⁶ The county is authorized and required to collect through the sheriff as tax collector and for its own use an annual license fee from all owners of motor vehicles in the county.⁸⁷ The sheriff as tax collector remits occupational license fees collected to the State Treasurer, and the motor vehicle or road and bridge privilege taxes to the county depository.⁸⁸

The county has several sources of miscellaneous revenue. The board of supervisors has control of sixteenth section lands and lieu lands reserved for the support of the township schools and of all funds obtained from these lands.⁸⁹ Another source of revenue is the money derived from fines, penalties, and forfeitures reported to him by the clerks of the courts, and the sheriff is required to collect and pay the amounts charged to him into the county treasury.⁹⁰ The county highway fund is supplemented by a substantial share of the State tax levied on gasoline sold in the county.⁹¹ The poll taxes collected in

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81. L. M. 1918, pp. 143-146; Code 1930, secs. 3200-3207; see entry 13.
 82. Code 1906, sec. 4314; Code 1917, sec. 6948; L. M. 1926, p. 215; Code 1930, secs. 3222, 3229; L. M. 1931, Ex. Sess., p. 215; L. M. 1932, Ex. Sess., in L. M. 1934, pp. 653-654; L. M. 1934, p. 414.
 83. Code 1906, sec. 4357; Code 1917, sec. 6884; L. M. 1918, p. 142; Code 1930, sec. 3289; see entry 105.
 84. Code 1906, sec. 4255; Code 1917, sec. 6886; L. M. 1928, Ex. Sess., pp. 17-18; Code 1930, sec. 3120; L. M. 1934, p. 454; see entries 20, 21.
 85. Code 1906, secs. 4338, 4340; L. M. 1910, p. 216; Code 1917, secs. 6972, 6974; Code 1930, sec. 3263; see entries 22, 23.
 86. Code 1906, sec. 3894; Code 1917, sec. 6621; L. M. 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 122; see entry 104.
 87. L. M. 1914, pp. 100-101; L. M. 1916, p. 83; Code 1917, secs. 5756-5757; L. M. 1920, pp. 143-144; L. M. 1924, pp. 113-114; L. M. 1926, pp. 190-192; L. M. 1928, pp. 300-301; Code 1930, secs. 5604-5605, 5607; see entry 99.
 88. Code 1906, sec. 3904; Code 1917, sec. 6633; L. M. 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 128.
 89. Code 1906, sec. 4701; Code 1917, sec. 7511; L. M. 1924, p. 482; Code 1930, sec. 6760; see entries 1, 2, 3.
 90. Code 1906, sec. 355; Code 1917, sec. 3278; Code 1930, sec. 302.
 91. L. M. 1926, pp. 186-187; L. M. 1928, Ex. Sess., pp. 16-17; L. M. 1932, p. 237; L. M. 1938, p. 258.

the county are returned to it by the State Auditor of Public Accounts for the benefit of the common school fund,⁹² and the county receives a portion of the State equalization fund for the use of the county schools.⁹³ Federal aid is received to carry on a program of agricultural and home demonstration work.⁹⁴

All claims, accounts, and demands against the county must be presented to the board of supervisors. The board, together with the clerk of the board as auditor, audits the claims and the clerk, on the order of the board, issues warrants on the county depository in payment of all claims which are approved by the board.⁹⁵ It is the duty of the county depository to make quarterly reports of all receipts and disbursements and to return with the reports all canceled warrants which the clerk of the board as auditor must file and preserve as a public record.⁹⁶

The clerk of the board as auditor must audit county officers' accounts regularly.⁹⁷ In addition, the State Auditor of Public Accounts is empowered to audit and examine the accounts of all county officers at least once a year. He is particularly charged with auditing the allowances and expenditures made by the board of supervisors.⁹⁸

The board of supervisors has power and authority to issue bonds for general county purposes, for erecting and maintaining schools, for refunding outstanding bond issues, for constructing and maintaining roads and bridges, for meeting outstanding warrants and other legal obligations, for establishing and maintaining a county convict farm, and for erecting and maintaining a courthouse and a jail.⁹⁹

Elections

A person to qualify as an elector must be a citizen of the United States; at least 21 years of age; a resident of the State for two years, and of the district in which he is offering to vote for one year; must be able to read any section of the Constitution of the United States, or if he cannot read,

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92. Const. 1890, secs. 206, 243; Code 1906, sec. 4254; Code 1917, sec. 6885; L. M. 1924, pp. 470, 479; Code 1930, secs. 3127, 6739.
 93. L. M. 1924, pp. 412, 479; Code 1930, sec. 6740.
 94. 38 U. S. Stat., part 1, pp. 373-374; L. M. 1914, p. 260; Code 1917, secs. 3800-3801; 45 U. S. Stat., part 1, p. 711; Code 1930, secs. 281-282.
 95. Code 1906, secs. 341-342; Code 1917, secs. 3714-3715; Code 1930, secs. 254-255; see entry 112.
 96. L. M. 1912, p. 210; Code 1917, sec. 4244; Code 1930, sec. 4350; see entry 118.
 97. Code 1906, sec. 357; L. M. 1914, p. 299; Code 1917, sec. 3730; Code 1930, sec. 304.
 98. L. M. 1924, p. 557; L. M. 1930, p. 443; Code 1930, sec. 3753; L. M. 1938, pp. 356-357.
 99. Code 1906, secs. 331, 397; L. M. 1910, pp. 140, 192; L. M. 1912, pp. 160, 161, 166; L. M. 1914, pp. 242-243, 266-267; Code 1917, secs. 3704, 3774, 7159-7161, 7356-7357; L. M. 1918, pp. 257-258; L. M. 1920, pp. 284, 393-395; L. M. 1924, pp. 459-460, 471-474; Code 1930, secs. 237, 247, 5977, 6086, 6389, 6421, 6431, 6686, 6757-6738; see entries 1, 2.

understand and give a reasonable interpretation of it; must never have been convicted of bribery, burglary, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretenses, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, or bigamy; must have paid all taxes legally required of him, and be able to produce satisfactory evidence (poll tax receipts for two consecutive years) of such payment to the officers holding an election; and must be registered as prescribed by law.¹⁰⁰

Prospective electors must register with the clerk of the circuit court as registrar who examines them as to their qualifications and requires them to swear or affirm allegiance to the United States and to the State of Mississippi, that they possess the necessary qualifications to vote, and that they are not disqualified because of conviction for any crime.¹⁰¹

The county board of election commissioners is required, before every election, to revise or purge the registration books and poll books kept by the clerk of the circuit court as registrar.¹⁰²

A candidate for public office must be a qualified elector, and in addition, must not deny the existence of a Supreme Being, although he is not required to meet any religious test as a qualification for office; must not have been convicted of bribery, perjury, or any other infamous crime, or of giving or offering, directly or indirectly, any bribe to procure the election or appointment of a person to office; and must not have participated in a duel or served as a second to a duelist.¹⁰³

The Corrupt Practices Act of 1935 requires that candidates for State, district, county and county-district offices make affidavit that they have read the Corrupt Practices Act and that they will not violate it. The act also requires candidates for county and county-district offices to file with the clerk of the circuit court itemized statements of their campaign expenses, prohibits candidates from promising appointments to office or their influence in other ways, and sets up rigid restrictions against verbal or printed attacks on opponents during the campaign.¹⁰⁴

All officers elected or appointed to office in the State, except judges and members of the Legislature, must take the following oath before entering upon the duties of their offices: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and obey the laws thereof; that I am not disqualified from holding office; and I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. So help me God."¹⁰⁵

100. Const. 1890, secs. 241-245; Code 1906, secs. 4110-4120; Code 1917, secs. 6753-6754, 6772; Code 1930, secs. 6185-6186, 6207; L. M. 1935, Ex. Sess., p. 36; see entries 125, 127, 129.

101. Code 1906, secs. 4119-4120; Code 1917, secs. 6753-6754; Code 1930, secs. 6185-6186.

102. Code 1906, secs. 3702, 4142; Code 1917, secs. 6394, 6776; Code 1930, sec. 5871.

103. Const. 1890, secs. 18, 19, 44, 250, 265.

104. L. M. 1935, Ex. Sess., pp. 33-52.

105. Const. 1890, sec. 268.

The county board of election commissioners is charged with the preparation of ballots for elections.¹⁰⁶

General elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers are held every fourth year on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.¹⁰⁷ Primary elections for party nominations of officers are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August preceding the general elections, and are governed and regulated by the election laws in force at the time the elections are held, with the county executive committee discharging the duties of the county board of election commissioners, except revising the registration and poll books.¹⁰⁸ As only one major party functions in Mississippi, the Democratic, nomination at primary elections is tantamount to election. When no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, second primaries or run-off elections are held three weeks after the first primary, between the two candidates who receive the highest number of votes.¹⁰⁹ Special elections for unexpired terms are called by the county board of election commissioners on order of the board of supervisors, if the unexpired term is for more than six months.¹¹⁰

It is the duty of the sheriff to provide equipment for polling places and he must furnish a sufficient number of voting compartments, shelves, and tables, so that there shall be not less than one of each for each 100 electors in the district.¹¹¹

The county board of election commissioners, appointed by the State Board of Election Commissioners, is required to appoint the managers of elections.¹¹² It is also the duty of this board to appoint bailiffs to preserve order at the polls.¹¹³

The votes cast in primary elections are counted and tallied at each polling place by the election managers who certify the results and seal all ballots and a certified copy of the result in the boxes. The boxes are delivered to the county executive committee. This committee canvasses and reviews all boxes and deposits the boxes with the clerk of the circuit court as registrar.¹¹⁴

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106. Code 1906, secs. 4158, 4166-4167; Code 1917, secs. 6792, 6800-6901; Code 1930, secs. 6224-6225, 6228.
107. Const. 1890, sec. 102; Code 1906, sec. 4139; Code 1917, sec. 6773; Code 1930, sec. 6209.
108. Code 1906, sec. 3699; Code 1917, sec. 6399; Code 1930, sec. 5866. The county executive committee is composed of 15 members, three from each supervisor's beat or district, chosen by party delegate conventions every four years (*ibid.*).
109. Code 1906, sec. 3700; L. M. 1914, pp. 193-194; Code 1917, sec. 6391; Code 1930, sec. 5868.
110. Code 1906, sec. 4189; Code 1917, sec. 6823; Code 1930, sec. 6263.
111. Code 1906, sec. 4154; Code 1917, sec. 6788; Code 1930, sec. 6223.
112. Code 1906, secs. 4108, 4150, 4153; Code 1917, secs. 6742, 6784, 6787; Code 1930, secs. 6177, 6214, 6222.
113. Code 1906, sec. 4145; Code 1917, sec. 6779; Code 1930, sec. 6217.
114. Code 1906, sec. 3705; Code 1917, sec. 6397; Code 1930, sec. 5895; L. M. 1935, Ex. Sess., pp. 37-39.

The votes cast in general elections are delivered in the same manner by the election managers to the county board of election commissioners which canvasses and reviews the boxes and delivers them to the clerk of the circuit court as registrar.¹¹⁵

With respect to party nominations of presidential electors, each political party¹¹⁶ in Walthall County is entitled to two delegates to its State convention held every four years to select the electors. These delegates are chosen by county delegage conventions held every four years. Delegates to the county convention are elected at precinct elections called by the county executive committee, and are apportioned equally among the supervisors' districts or among the precincts of the county in proportion to the number of votes cast by the party at the preceding presidential election.¹¹⁷

Education

County agencies which participate in the administration of the school program are the superintendent of education, the county school board, and the board of supervisors. Four types of subdivisions of the county, called districts, have been established in Walthall as authorized by law: Common school districts, consolidated school districts, separate school districts, and special consolidated school districts, with boards of trustees for each.¹¹⁸

Separate schools are maintained for children of the white and colored races.¹¹⁹

The schools in the county are supported by county taxes, by poll taxes collected and retained in the county, by the State per capita fund, by the State equalizing fund, by local district taxes which the people impose on themselves, and by resources derived from sixteenth section school lands.

The superintendent, whose duties are administrative rather than supervisory, controls the county school fund composed of State money, county school taxes, and poll taxes; fixes the salaries of teachers; appoints teachers when the local trustees do not select and recommend them by June 15th, and enters into the only contracts made for teaching services.¹²⁰

The main functions of the county school board are to organize and fix the boundaries of the school districts; to designate the location of the schoolhouse in any district when it has not already been located; to set the date

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115. Code 1906, sec. 4128; Code 1917, sec. 6812; Code 1930, sec. 6250.
116. The Democratic party is the only major party functioning in Mississippi.
117. Code 1906, sec. 3699; Code 1917, sec. 6390; Code 1930, sec. 5866. Each county is entitled to a number of votes in the State convention equal to double its representation in the State House of Representatives (ibid.), and Walthall County elects one representative (Code 1930, sec. 5329).
118. See "School Trustees," p. 101.
119. Const. 1890, sec. 207.
120. Code 1906, secs. 4497-4509, 4809-4816; Code 1917, secs. 7566-7587; L. M. 1924, pp. 416-423; Code 1930, secs. 6562-6580.

for the opening of the county schools or give assent to the date proposed by the superintendent of education;¹²¹ and, together with the superintendent, lay out all routes for the transportation of school children and let all contracts for such transportation.¹²²

The board of supervisors, as a direct function in the conduct of the county schools, may levy an annual tax of not more than one mill on all real property in the county outside of separate school districts for a fund to be used for building schoolhouses.¹²³ All other taxes are levied after action of some other agency. County taxes outside of separate districts are imposed only after the levy has been approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting in an election,¹²⁴ and district taxes are levied on the petition of a majority of the qualified electors in the district.¹²⁵ The board may issue county and district bonds on the approval of three-fifths of the qualified electors of the county voting in an election, or on the approval of a majority of the qualified electors residing in the district.¹²⁶

District school trustees have general local supervision of the school or schools in their respective districts,¹²⁷ may borrow money in anticipation of taxes,¹²⁸ and must prepare and file with the superintendent of education a budget of estimated expenses and a statement of estimated revenue for each fiscal year.¹²⁹ The trustees of all county district schools elect the members of the county school board.¹³⁰

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121. Code 1906, secs. 4510-4515; Code 1917, secs. 7330-7335; L. M. 1924, pp. 423-425; Code 1930, secs. 6581-6587.
122. L. M. 1938, p. 545. Until 1938, this was a function of the school trustees (L. M. 1910, p. 114; L. M. 1912, p. 323; L. M. 1914, pp. 265-266; L. M. 1916, pp. 265-267; L. M. 1924, pp. 440-441; Code 1930, sec. 6639.
123. Code 1930, sec. 6725; L. M. 1936, Second Ex. Sess., in L. M. 1938, pp. 18-19.
124. Code 1906, sec. 4572; L. M. 1914, pp. 131-132; Code 1917, sec. 7388; L. M. 1924, pp. 467-468; Code 1930, sec. 6725; L. M. 1936, Second Ex. Sess., in L. M. 1938, p. 18. The Constitution authorizes the board to increase the prescribed State poll tax of two dollars to not more than three dollars for the purpose of aiding the common schools (Const. 1890, sec. 234).
125. L. M. 1914, p. 259; L. M. 1916, pp. 284-285; Code 1917, secs. 7352-7353, 7364; L. M. 1924, pp. 443-444; Code 1930, secs. 6647, 6649, 6654, 6663, 6726-6727; L. M. 1932, pp. 466-467.
126. L. M. 1912, p. 166; L. M. 1914, pp. 266-267; Code 1917, secs. 7356-7358, 7364; L. M. 1920, pp. 282-284; L. M. 1924, pp. 444-445, 471-476; Code 1930, secs. 5982-5983, 6737-6738; L. M. 1932, pp. 499-500, 547, 548, 550; L. M. 1934, p. 538; L. M. 1935, Ex. Sess., pp. 184-185; L. M. 1938, pp. 537-538.
127. Code 1906, secs. 4522-4525; Code 1917, secs. 7342-7356; L. M. 1924, pp. 433-434; Code 1930, secs. 6629-6631, 6639. The boards of trustees are not bodies corporate and cannot sue and be sued.
128. Code 1930, secs. 6728-6729; L. M. 1938, pp. 553-554.
129. Code 1936, pp. 496-497.
130. Code 1930, sec. 6581.

Public Health

The public health program in the county is conducted by the board of supervisors and a county health officer whom the board is required to appoint on the recommendation of the State Board of Health.¹³¹

The board must fix and pay the salary of the health officer.¹³² It may establish local quarantine and enforce it by reasonable rules and regulations¹³³ and provide for compulsory smallpox vaccinations.¹³⁴ It may instruct the health officer to make sanitary inspections of schools, prisons, markets, and other public places, and receive reports of the officer's investigations.¹³⁵ The board is authorized to appropriate money to be used in the control and eradication of infectious diseases and in the promotion of public health.¹³⁶

Under the direct supervision of the State Board of Health, the county health officer must enforce the rules and regulations of this board in regard to the health interests of the county; examine as far as practicable into all cases of malarial, infectious, and epidemic diseases and their causes; investigate the sanitary conditions of schools, prisons, markets, and other public places; recommend to the governing authorities of the county and of any city in the county, regulations considered necessary to promote the health of the county; report his actions, all information, and the results of investigations to the State Board of Health.¹³⁷

Births and deaths in the county are reported to the Division of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health by the county registrar of births and deaths,¹³⁸ marriage statistics are reported by the clerk of the circuit court,¹³⁹ and divorce statistics are reported by the clerk of the chancery court.¹⁴⁰

Welfare

The board of supervisors has jurisdiction over the relief and support of the poor in the county.¹⁴¹ The board also has jurisdiction over poor orphan

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131. Code 1906, sec. 2491; Code 1917, sec. 4840; Code 1930, sec. 4877; see also "Department of Health," p. 104.
132. Ibid.
133. Code 1906, sec. 2496; Code 1917, sec. 4845; Code 1930, sec. 4882.
134. Code 1906, sec. 2492; Code 1917, sec. 4841; Code 1930, sec. 4878.
135. Code 1906, sec. 2494; Code 1917, sec. 4843; Code 1930, sec. 4880.
136. L. M. 1918, p. 253; Code 1930, sec. 4932.
137. Code 1906, sec. 2494; L. M. 1916, p. 166; Code 1917, sec. 4877; L. M. 1920, pp. 285-286; Code 1930, secs. 4913, 4927.
138. L. M. 1912, pp. 158-159; Code 1917, sec. 4871; Code 1930, sec. 4907; Mississippi State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Instructions to Registrars of Births and Deaths, Jackson, 1939, pp. 2, 6, 10.
139. L. M. 1926, pp. 253-257; Code 1930, sec. 4937.
140. L. M. 1926, p. 257; L. M. 1928, pp. 184-186; Code 1930, sec. 1426.
141. Const. 1890, sec. 202; Code 1906, secs. 307, 3566, 3572-3573, 3578-3579; L. M. 1912, pp. 305-306; Code 1917, secs. 3080, 6189-6190, 6196; Code 1930, secs. 214, 5694-5698.

children,¹⁴² and it must advance money for the investigation and removal of insane persons.¹⁴³ The board must also provide for the care and maintenance of paupers alleged to be insane, pending investigation, and provide permanent care for such persons after they have been legally adjudged insane if there is no place for them in one of the State insane hospitals.¹⁴⁴ In addition, the board appoints the members of the county board of public welfare,¹⁴⁵ and it has power and authority to cooperate with the Federal relief program.¹⁴⁶

The pension board of inquiry, appointed by the board of supervisors, adjudicates all claims for State-paid pensions made by Confederate veterans, their widows, and their servants.¹⁴⁷

Public Works

Full jurisdiction over roads, ferries, and bridges is exercised by the board of supervisors in accordance with such regulations as the Legislature may prescribe.¹⁴⁸ The board must provide and maintain a courthouse and a jail, and if there is not a courthouse in the county or if it is undergoing repairs or it is not fit for use, the board must provide a building in which the courts and the meetings of the board may be held.¹⁴⁹

This body is given the exclusive power to make and authorize all contracts in the name of the county.¹⁵⁰

Miscellaneous Functions

Activities in agricultural demonstration and home economics are carried on in the county with the aid of Federal funds by the county extension department in agriculture and home economics.¹⁵¹ The county agents and home demonstration agents in charge of this program are appointed by the board of supervisors on the recommendation of the Extension Department of Mississippi State College and with the approval of the United States Department of Agriculture.¹⁵²

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142. Code 1906, sec. 3582; L. M. 1916, pp. 336-337; Code 1917, sec. 6199; Code 1930, sec. 5710.
143. Code 1906, secs. 3222, 3230; Code 1917, secs. 5564, 5572; Code 1930, secs. 4579, 4586.
144. Code 1906, sec. 308; Code 1917, sec. 3681; Code 1930, sec. 328.
145. L. M. 1936, p. 272.
146. L. M. 1934, pp. 472-473; L. M. 1935, Ex. Sess., pp. 197, 211; L. M. 1938, pp. 683-684; L. M. 1938, Ex. Sess., pp. 117-118.
147. Code 1906, sec. 3662; Code 1917, sec. 6317; Code 1930, sec. 5812.
148. Const. 1890, sec. 170; Code 1906, sec. 307; Code 1917, sec. 3680; Code 1930, sec. 214.
149. Code 1906, secs. 307, 325; Code 1917, secs. 3680, 3698; Code 1930, secs. 214, 220.
150. Code 1906, sec. 361; Code 1917, sec. 3734; Code 1930, sec. 329.
151. L. M. 1908, p. 94; 38 U. S. Stat., Part I, pp. 373-374; L. M. 1914, p. 260; Code 1917, secs. 3782, 3801; L. M. 1924, p. 322; 45 U. S. Stat., Part I, p. 711; Code 1930, secs. 278, 281; L. M. 1932, pp. 317-318.
152. L. M. 1908, p. 94; L. M. 1914, p. 260; Code 1917, secs. 3783, 3801; L. M. 1924, p. 260; Code 1930, secs. 279, 282; L. M. 1932, p. 517.

Provisions are made for the recording with the clerk of the chancery court as recorder of charters of incorporation,¹⁵³ marks and brands of live-stock,¹⁵⁴ declarations of homesteads to obtain exemption from seizure or sale under execution or attachment for debt,¹⁵⁵ discharges and all military records and documents of veterans of the Spanish-American War and the World War,¹⁵⁶ and all surveys of land made by the county surveyors or other surveyors.¹⁵⁷

Records System

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

The vault of the clerk of the chancery court is also shared with the sheriff, and it is much too small for their needs. The vault of the clerk of the circuit court, while adequate for the storage of current records, is not large enough to contain all non-current records and records deposited in the office for preservation.

Since 1918, practically all permanent records have been typewritten, or handwritten on printed forms with manufactured brands of permanent, non-fading ink. A good quality of ledger paper has been purchased for the record books, but less durable paper has been used in the documents kept permanently on file, especially those documents inscribed on printed forms and furnished by others than county officials.

County officers are authorized and empowered to deposit, for permanent preservation, with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, and printed books not in current use in their offices.¹⁵⁸ However, no such disposition has thus far been made of Walthall County records.

153. Const. 1890, sec. 189; Code 1906, sec. 900; Code 1917, sec. 4072; Code 1930, sec. 4145.

154. L. M. 1916, p. 175; Code 1917, sec. 1568; Code 1930, sec. 5476; see entry 34.

155. Code 1906, sec. 2148; Code 1917, sec. 1823; Code 1930, sec. 1767; see entry 35.

156. L. M. 1922, pp. 259-260; see entry 36.

157. Code 1906, sec. 4953; Code 1917, sec. 7746; Code 1930, sec. 7148; see

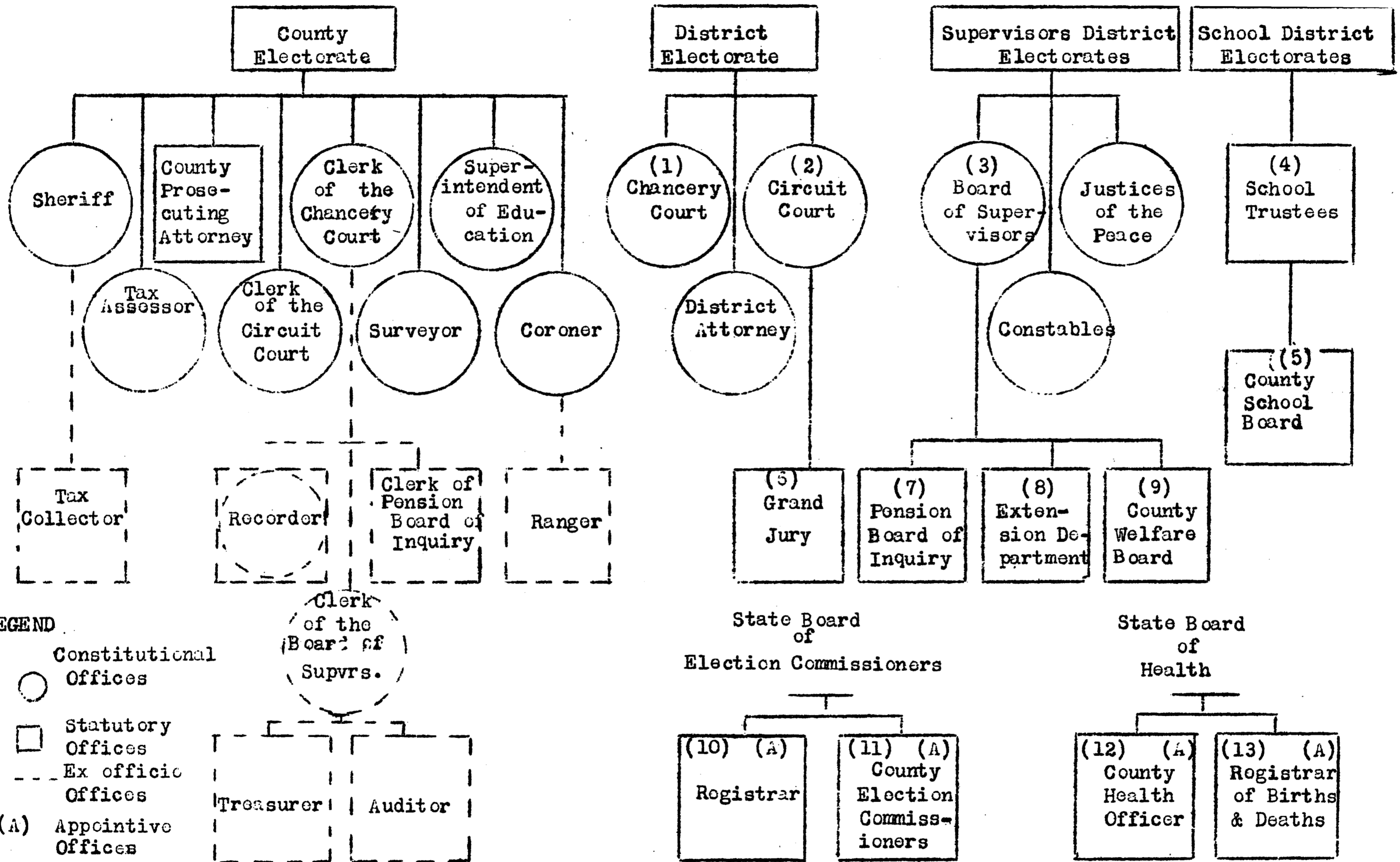


CHART OF GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF WALTHALL COUNTY, 1942

LEGEND

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

- (1) Two regular sessions of six days each held annually. Chancellor is elected for a four-year term.
- (2) Two regular sessions of 12 days each held annually. Judge of circuit court is elected for a four-year term.
- (3) Five members, one elected from each supervisor's district.
- (4) Three or five members from each school district, elected by electors of the school district. Three or five year terms, one member elected annually.
- (5) Five members, one from each supervisor's district; one member elected annually by trustees of all schools in county. Five-year term. County superintendent of education is ex officio president.
- (6) Not more than 20 nor less than 15 designated at each criminal session of circuit court from the first 20 names drawn from a list of 62 names, which 62 are drawn from a list of not more than 800 nor less than 200 persons eligible to serve as jurors selected annually by the board of supervisors.
- (7) Seven members; a qualified elector from each of the 5 supervisor's districts, a world war veteran, and the county attorney. Indefinite term.
- (8) In charge of one county agent and one home demonstration agent appointed by the board of supervisors on recommendation of the Extension Department of Mississippi State College and approved by the United States Department of Agriculture. Indefinite term.
- (9) Five members, one from each supervisor's district, appointed for one-year terms by the board of supervisors as prescribed by the State Department of Public Welfare.
- (10) Appointed by the State Board of Election Commissioners which designates the clerk of the circuit court unless it considers him an improper person.
- (11) Three members, appointed by the State Board of Election Commissioners. Two-year term.
- (12) Appointed at direction of State Board of Health. Two-year term.
- (13) Appointed by Division of Vital Statistics of State Board of Health. Indefinite term.

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3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The Walthall County courthouse is situated on Magnolia and Ball Avenues. It was erected in 1917 as the first county-owned building occupied for the purpose of holding courts of record and housing county offices and has been in use continuously since that time.

On June 15, 1916, the board of supervisors adopted the plans and specifications for the construction and the equipping of a courthouse and jail, presented by X. A. Kramer, architect,¹ and ordered that the time for letting the contract for erecting and furnishing the buildings be advertised in the Tylertown Times,² a weekly paper, for three consecutive weeks.

On July 22, 1916, a contract was awarded to the Little-Glockner Construction Company of Anniston, Alabama, for the construction of the courthouse and the jail for \$36,500.³ The board of supervisors acted as the building committee working in conjunction with Mr. Kramer, architect and consulting engineer. At its August meeting, 1917, the board received and accepted the new buildings, but \$3,000 was retained to cover deficiencies.⁴

The three-story red brick and stone trim structure has outside measurements of 120' x 66' x 40' and contains 316,800 cubic feet of space. It is considered 80 percent fireproof, having concrete floors and plastered walls and ceilings throughout.

The building is heated by steam. It is well ventilated with good natural and artificial lighting. Approximately 75 percent of the records are kept in the fireproof vaults of the clerks of the chancery and circuit courts.

The courthouse is situated in a semi-circular lot of approximately two acres and is set back ten feet from Ball Avenue which bounds the front or east property line. The offices of the board of supervisors, the clerk of the chancery court, the clerk of the circuit court, the sheriff and tax collector, the tax assessor, and the superintendent of education are on the first floor. Offices on the second floor include those of the county agricultural agent, the home demonstration agent, and the Farm Security Administration. Here also are the courtroom and the jury and witness rooms. On the third floor or attic are stored 12½ percent of the records of the county, of which the clerk of the chancery court is custodian. All offices on the first floor can be entered from a wide hall which runs the length of the building. The basement contains the boiler room and storerooms, but no records are kept there.

Board of Supervisors: The offices of the board of supervisors are in the northwest section of the building on the first floor. The rooms are not crowded and space and equipment are adequate for the needs of the board and for public

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1. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, p. 401; see entry 1.
 2. Ibid., p. 402.
 3. Ibid., p. 417.
 4. Ibid., vol. 2, pp. 28, 29.

users. No permanent records of the board of supervisors are kept in this office, the records of the board being found in the office and vault of the clerk of the chancery court who is the ex officio clerk of the board.

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

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

Clerk of the Chancery Court: The clerk of the chancery court, whose office is situated in the southwest corner of the first floor, keeps the records of the board of supervisors, of the recorder, of the chancery court, of the treasurer, of the auditor, of the pension board of inquiry, of the surveyor, ranger, and eight volumes of non-current justice of the peace records.

The clerk's vault is adjacent to and just east of his office. The vault contains 292 linear feet of roller steel shelving along the east wall and underneath the work desk which is in the center of the vault. They are completely filled by 292 linear feet of bound volumes. On top of one file cabinet are four linear feet of newspapers bound together. The vault contains all the records of the clerk of the chancery court, except non-current land and personal rolls which are filed in the attic. Equipment for users consists of one large wooden center table 6' x 8' x 2½', with space underneath for volume, and one small corner wooden table. There is a steel filing cabinet with 12 drawers, 11" x 16" x 27"; one steel cabinet with five shelves; one stool safe 3' x 2½' x 1½'; and 30 steel filing boxes, 1½" x 9 ¾" x 12, that are used only for blank forms. There are also 49 steel file cases measuring 10½" x 5" x 15". There are 14 pasteboard file cases, 9" x 4½" x 16, and 23 pasteboard file cases, 10" x 4 ¾" x 19". Approximately 60 percent of all the records of the county, including the records of the sheriff, are stored here. Additional space and equipment are deemed necessary for proper storage.

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

Clerk of the Circuit Court: The office and vault of the clerk of the circuit court, shared with the tax assessor, are situated in the extreme southeast end of the first floor. The work office, containing one percent of the records, has an L-shaped wooden work desk in the center of the room; 60 steel file drawers in a cabinet 4½' x 12' x 2½' are used for blank forms; and one steel filing cabinet, which the tax assessor uses for original assessment lists. No additional space and equipment are considered necessary for this office. It is well ventilated and well lighted, and working conditions are comfortable.

The clerk's vault adjoins the work office to the west and contains 97 percent of the circuit clerk's records, which includes the records of the clerk of the circuit court as registrar, of the grand jury, and of the election commissioners. Concrete walls and ceilings protect the records from rodents and insects. The vault has 159 linear feet of steel roller shelves containing 135 linear feet of bound volumes, and 85 file boxes, 11" x 5" x 14". Accommodations for public users are inadequate, as the vault is very small. The remainder of

the records, of scattered, miscellaneous nature, are stored in the small attic above the second floor.

Courtroom: The courtroom covers approximately three-fourths of the second floor of the courthouse. There is one steel cabinet 4' x 5½' x 3' with shelves which contain five linear feet of books comprising part of the county law library. Doors in the east end of the courtroom open into the witness room, which is used by the home demonstration agent when court is not in session, and into the hallway above the stairs. In the west end of the courtroom, doors open into the grand jury room, which is used by the Farm Security Administration; and into the hallway. No records other than the books of the county law library are kept permanently in the courtroom. About 30 linear feet of shelving in the judge's room, which is in the northeast corner of the second floor, is taken up with the other county law library books.

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

Justices of the Peace: District or Beat One, (Lloyd Dillon). The justice of the peace of this district holds court at his residence, five miles southwest of Tylertown. Of the records of the district, both current and non-current, 50 percent are kept in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court, 25 percent are stored in the courthouse attic, and 25 percent are kept in the home of the justice of the peace of this district. District or Beat Two, (E. W. Owens). The justice of the peace of this district holds court at his residence, two miles north of Tylertown. Of the records of the district, both current and non-current, 60 percent are kept in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court, 20 percent in the courthouse attic, and 20 percent at the home of the justice of the peace of this district. District or Beat Three, (Luther Blackwell). The justice of the peace of this district holds court at his residence, nine miles southeast of Tylertown. Of the records of the district, both current and non-current, 20 percent are kept in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court, 40 percent in the courthouse attic, and 40 percent at the home of the justice of the peace of this district. District or Beat Four, (Jessie W. Magee). The justice of the peace of this district holds court at his home 13 miles northeast of Tylertown. Of the records of the district, both current and non-current, 50 percent are kept in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court, and 50 percent at the home of the justice of the peace of this district. District or Beat Five, (Ben C. Alford). The justice of the peace of this district holds court at his residence, 12 miles north of Tylertown. Of the records of the district, both current and non-current, 50 percent are kept in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court, and 50 percent are kept at the home of the justice of the peace of this district.

District Attorney: The district attorney of the fourteenth circuit court district, to which Walthall County is attached, maintains a private office in the city of Brookhaven, county seat of Lincoln County.

County Prosecuting Attorney: The county prosecuting attorney maintains a private office on the second floor of Tylertown Drug Store on Beulah Avenue.

Sheriff: The office of sheriff and tax collector is in the southwest

corner on the first floor. The room contains 29 linear feet of steel roller shelving filled with 29 linear feet of bound volumes but contains only 10 percent of the office's records. Ninety percent of the records are filed in the vault of the clerk of the chancery court, in the circuit clerk's vault, and in the courthouse attic. The space for active records is adequate, but the records are crowded because of poor filing equipment. The tax collection department needs more space, however, for slack periods it is adequate.

Coroner: No records of the coroner were found in Walthall County.

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

Tax Assessor: The office of tax assessor is in the southeastern end of the first floor and is shared with the clerk of the circuit court. For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of the tax assessor, see Clerk of the Circuit Court, above.

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

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

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

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

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

Superintendent of Education: The office of the county superintendent of education is situated in the south central section of the first floor. The room contains 99 percent of the officer's records in 16 linear feet of steel roller shelves and 60 file boxes, 10" x 5" x 14", and one percent is kept in the courthouse attic. Here are also kept the records of the school trustees and county school board. The ventilation is adequate and the lighting is fair. The room has good accommodations for users, but the superintendent of education states that additional office equipment is needed.

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

County School Board: The county school board meets in the office of the superintendent of education and in the homes of its members. For the housing,

care, and accessibility of the records of the school board, see Superintendent of Education, above.

Health Officer: The office of the health officer is maintained in the Tylertown Hospital. This official is a practicing physician. The records are kept in his office in the hospital. Bound records of the reports of the registrar of births and deaths are also kept in this office. Accommodations for the health officer and for the public are good.

Registrar of Births and Deaths: The registrar of births and deaths has an office located in his home. For the housing, care, and accessibility of the records of this official, see Health Officer, above.

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

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

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

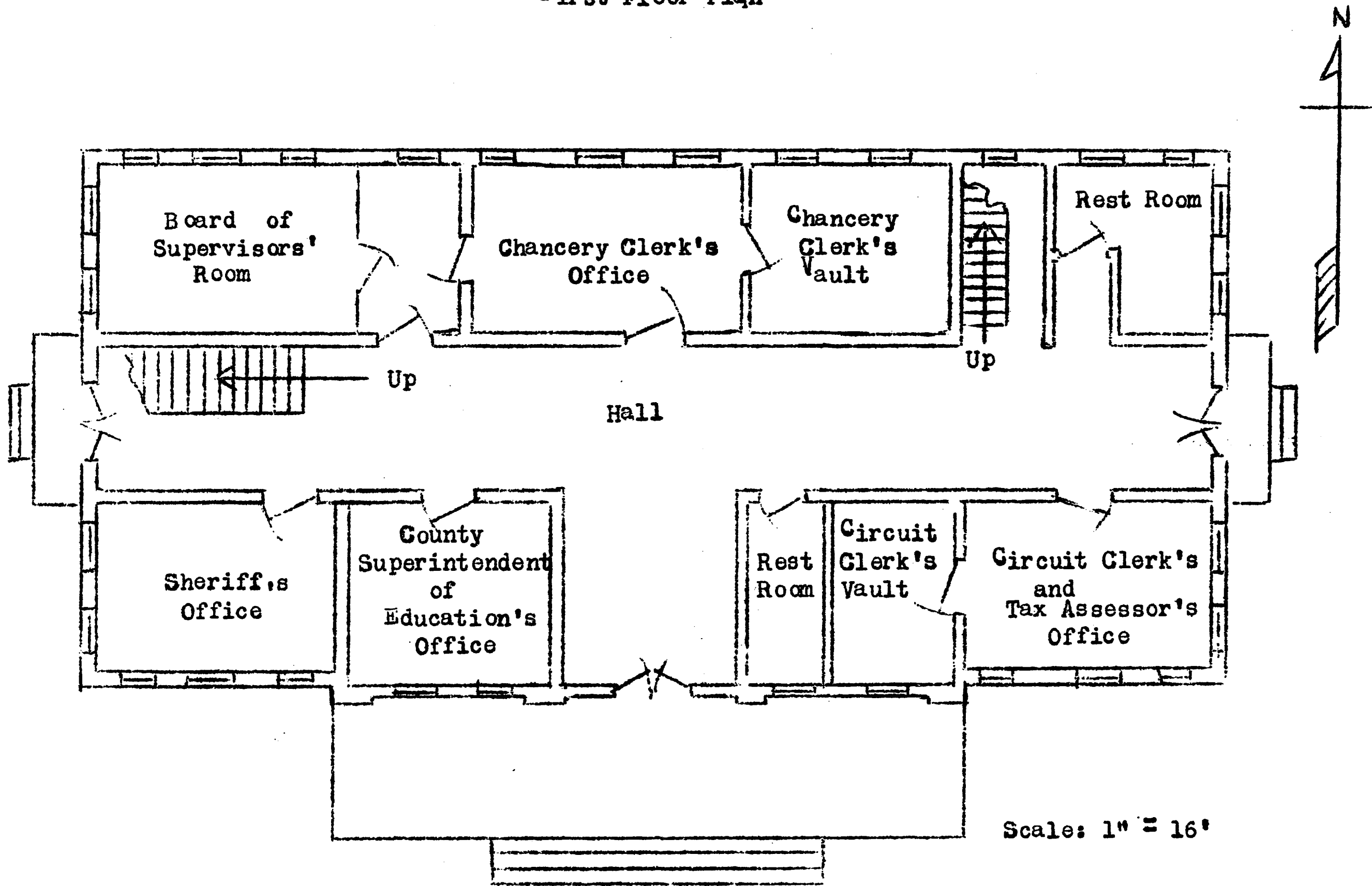
County Extension Department in Agriculture and Home Economics: The county extension department in agriculture and home economics has its offices on the second floor of the courthouse.

The office of the county agricultural agent is situated in the northwest corner of the second floor. The records of this office are stored in steel file boxes, $11\frac{1}{4}$ " x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " x 25. There is very little room for more records or for public users.

Attic Storeroom: The attic storeroom is situated in the northern part of the top floor of the courthouse. The walls are painted white; the room is lighted by one drop light; and there is one door with no other ventilation. The records of various officers are stored here; approximately 75 percent of the assessor's records; 50 percent of the tax collector's records; $33\frac{1}{3}$ percent of the board of supervisor's records; 25 percent of the county agent's records; and one percent of the records of superintendent of education. Records are piled on the floor with no shelving; approximately 15 linear feet of bound records and five linear feet of unbound records in pasteboard boxes.

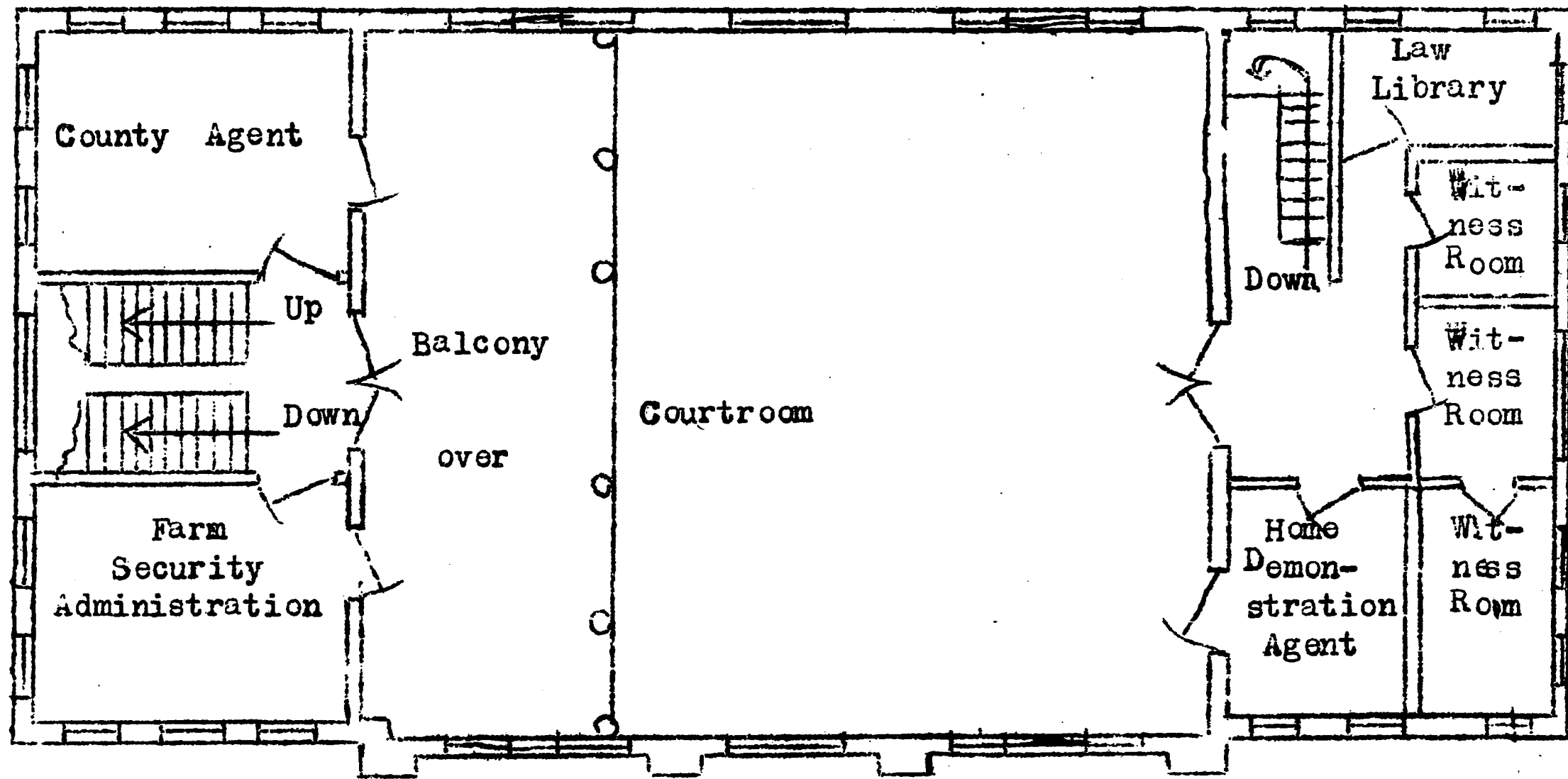
WALTHALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE

First Floor Plan



WALTHALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE

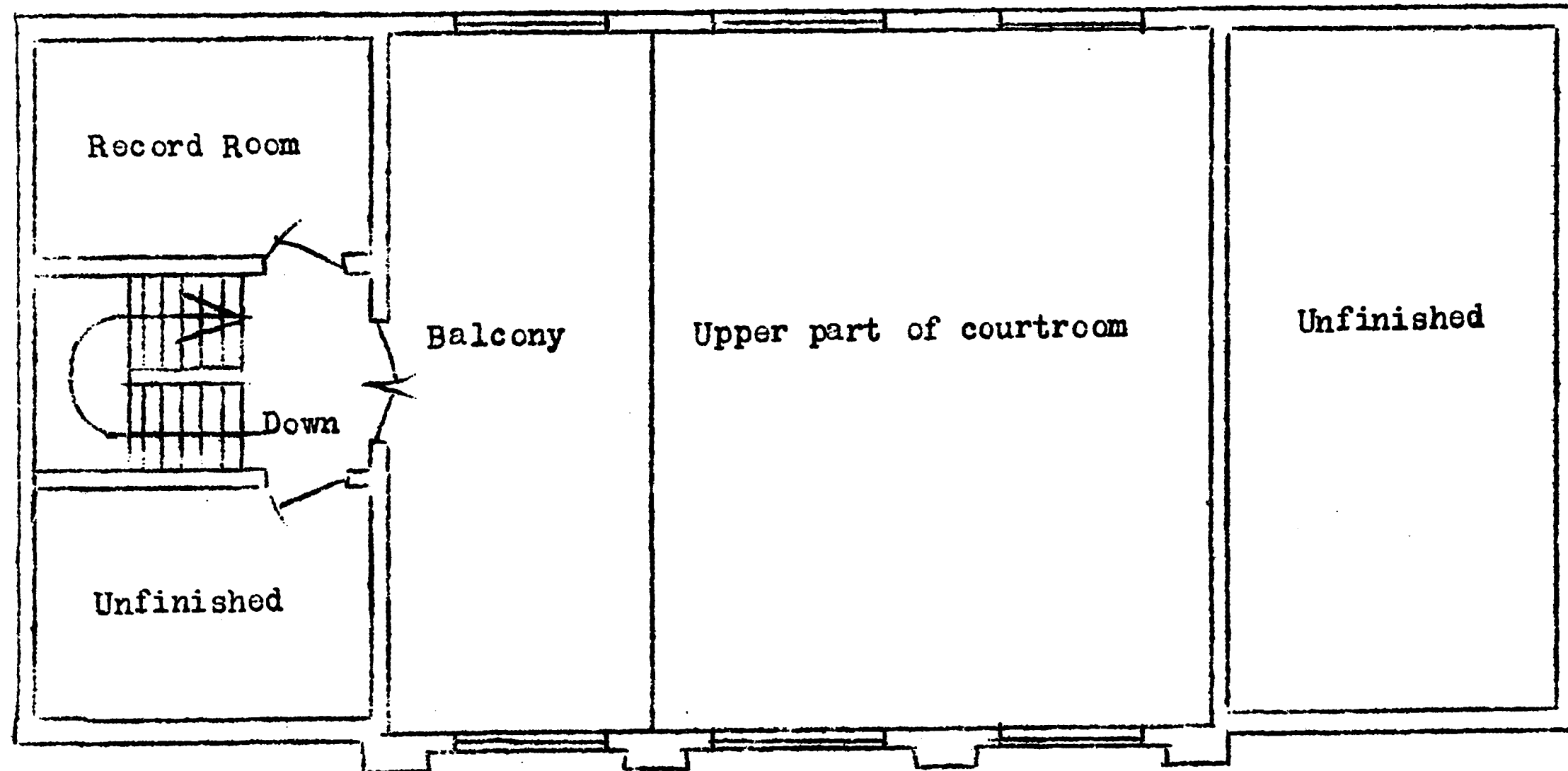
Second Floor Plan



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WALTHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Attic Plan



Scale: 1" = 16'

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4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

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

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

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

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

Abbreviations, Symbols, and
Explanatory Notes

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

The descriptions of the records, referred to in this inventory as entries, are numbered consecutively from 1 to 158, and are composed of two parts, the title-line paragraph and the body-of-entry paragraph. However, a third paragraph is often added for the purpose of making cross references. Although a condensed form of entry is used, information is given as to the limiting dates of all extent records, the contents of the individual series, and the location of the records.

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

Titles are given in capital letters exactly as found on the records in the county archives. Titles are assigned to records having no titles and are given in capital letters enclosed in brackets (see entries 9, 10, 39, 131). Titles are also assigned in order to explain and clarify records having titles which are misleading, incorrect, or not descriptive. These assigned titles are given with initial capitals only, are enclosed in brackets, and are inserted as part of the exact but ambiguous title (see entries 4, 5, 6, 15).

Continuous records are shown by a hyphen placed between the beginning and closing dates, as 1837-1914, in entry 5. Lapses in the records are indicated by a comma placed between the groups of inclusive dates, as 1914-32, 1939--, in entry 108. Current dates are indicated by two hyphens, as 1914--, entry 1, and 1936--, entry 4.

Missing records are indicated by showing the dates of the records which are present. Where no comment is made on the absence of prior, intervening, or subsequent records, no definite information could be obtained as to why the records are missing. The reason for the discontinuance of a record is given

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

if the reason could be obtained (see entries 75, 103). Where no statement is made that the record was discontinued at the last date shown in the entry, it could not be determined definitely that such was the case.

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

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

The cross reference placed under subject headings shows that the records referred to deal with the same subject although they are placed under a different heading, of the same office or in another office (see the subject heading "Real Property," p. 47).

The title-line cross reference is used to integrate scattered parts of a record series (see entries 9, 10, 41, 42, 61, 62, 79). This style of cross reference is also used to segregate logically different types of records which happen to have been recorded in the same book or kept in the same series of file boxes (see entries 7, 77, 96). The entry containing the title-line reference is often an artificial entry, the title of which is enclosed in brackets (see entries 9, 10, 107). The title-line cross reference is always complemented by the reference "Also contains," placed in the body-of-entry paragraph of the entry referred to.

Third paragraph cross references are utilized to show the relation between closely connected records as, for example, the record of the proceedings of the grand jury, the original indictments returned by the grand jury, and the record of returned indictments (see entries 91, 96, 106).

I. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The board of supervisors was established as the general local authority of Walthall County by the creating acts of 1910 and 1912, under the provision of the Constitution of 1890.¹ The first members were appointed by the Governor, April 16, 1910, but the offices were not filled until the county was declared organized in 1914.² The board has functioned continuously in the county since that time.

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

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

Unless otherwise specified, the records of the board of supervisors are kept in the office or vault of the clerk of the chancery court, who as clerk of the board is the ex officio auditor. The financial records of the board have been placed arbitrarily under "Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as Auditor," p. 88.

Proceedings (See also entry 50-i)

1. MINUTES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1914-- . 7 vols. (1-7). Title varies: Minutes Supervisors Court, 1914-21, 1 vol.

Record of the proceedings of regular and special meetings of the board of supervisors, showing date and term of meeting, names of members present, names of members absent, regulations, orders, resolutions, motions, and action taken on all matters pertaining to the organization of the county, roads, bridges, improvements, public buildings, schools, public health, agricultural extension work, allowing of fees, salaries, other claims, accounts, and demands against

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1. Const. 1890, sec. 168; L. M. 1910, p. 278; L. M. 1912, pp. 415-422.
 2. L. M. 1914, p. 483; Code 1917, sec. 3900; Code 1930, sec. 3961; see also "Historical Sketch," p. 7.
 3. Const. 1890, sec. 170; Code 1906, sec. 291; Code 1917, sec. 3663; L. M. 1920, p. 429; Code 1930, sec. 195.
 4. Const. 1890, sec. 138; Code 1906, sec. 291; Code 1917, secs. 2794, 3663, 6774; L. M. 1920, p. 429; Code 1930, secs. 195, 2881, 6210.
 5. Const. 1890, sec. 170; Code 1906, sec. 529; Code 1917, sec. 286; Code 1930, sec. 348. For the method of selecting the clerk of the chancery court, the term of office, and the present status of the office, see "Chancery Court," p. 56.
 6. Code 1906, sec. 302; Code 1917, sec. 3675; Code 1930, sec. 208.

the county, petitioned, annual and special tax levies, issuing of county and county-district bonds, borrowing of money, special elections, defining of supervisors' districts, of election districts, and of justice of the peace districts, legal publications, granting of relief, selecting and listing of persons eligible to serve on grand and petit juries, appointing of officers, of road overseers until 1931, and of special committees, reports of officers, depositories, and of special committees, bids submitted, awarding of contracts for public work and for furnishing supplies and equipment, fixing of contractors' performance bonds, equalizing, reducing, or increasing assessments, fixing of penalties of bonds of specified officers, establishing hunting and fishing regulations and of regulations for working convicts on county roads, leasing of sixteenth section school lands, lending of sixteenth section school funds, fixing of annual budgets, and exempting new enterprises and homesteads from county ad valorem taxes. All allowances show clerk's notation of claim number in Docket of Claims, entry 112. Signed by president of the board. Arr. chron. by date of meeting. No index. 1 vol., 1914-21, hdw. under ptd. hdg.; 6 vols., 1922--., typed under ptd. hdg. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3.

2. PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1914--.. 87 file boxes. Administrative and financial papers of the board of supervisors, of the clerk of the board, and of the clerk of the board as auditor, including original bonds of county officers, reports of special committees, of election commissioners, of commissioners of separate road districts, of members of the board, of road overseers, of convict camp superintendents, of common carriers, of county officers, of justices of the peace, of departments and depositories, claims, accounts and demands against the county, maps, plans, specifications, and bids for furnishing supplies and equipment, petitions for and against bond issues, to lay out or change roads, to change school districts, for pauper relief, to change assessments, to call special elections, for new school districts, applications for exemption of homesteads from county and from county and state ad valorem taxes, and for loans from sixteenth section school funds, leases of sixteenth section school lands for oil, gas and mineral development, annual budgets, jury lists, hunting and fishing regulations, regulations for working convicts on county roads, orders to the county board of election commissioners. to call special elections and other matters within the jurisdiction of the board. Also contains: Justice of the Peace Reports, 1914-32, 1939--., entry 108; Circuit Clerk's Reports, 1914-32, 1939--., entry 109; and Circuit Court Allowances, 1937--., entry 123. Arr. chron. by date instrument filed. No index. Hdw. and typed and typed on ptd. form. 10 1/2 x 5 x 15.

Sixteenth Section School Land Administration

5. ABSTRACTS OF TITLE FOR SIXTEENTH SECTION LOANS, 1914-38. 1 file box. Abstracts of title to land pledged as security for five-year first mortgage loans made from sixteenth section school funds, showing evidence of every deed, lease, deed of trust, mortgage, will, tax assessment, tax lien, judgment lien, lis pendens notice, court proceedings, and other instruments relating to the devolution of title, including date, names of grantors, grantee, beneficiaries, trustees, substituted trustees, purchasers at tax sales, plaintiffs and defendants and other parties in interest, kind of conveyance, date acknowledged, volume and page of record, legal description of land showing section, township and range, statements of conditions and limitations, final decrees and judgments, dates and exact time filed and recorded, itemizations of filing and recording.

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fees and of state and county taxes, costs, and damages, certifications of clerk, and opinions of abstractors as to validity of title. No obvious arr. No. index. Typed on ptd. form. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 15.

Tax Exemptions (See also entries 1, 2).

4. HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS [Applications], 1936---. 14 vols. (labeled by Supervisors' Districts, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).

Original approved applications for the exemption of homesteads from state and county ad valorem taxes, filed with the tax assessor and delivered by the assessor to the board of supervisors for its adjudication, showing name, address, and color of property owner claiming exemption, legal description of property, name of taxing district in which situated, property owner's evaluation, year for which taxes due, oath of claimant, stamp of approval, date exempted, and volume and page in Minutes Board of Supervisors (entry 1) of order of board approving exemption. Arr. numer. by beat nos. and chron. thereunder by date application approved. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 400 pp. 16 x 10 x 2.

II. CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT AS RECORDER

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

The office of clerk of the chancery court was established in Walthall County by the creating acts of 1910 and 1912, under the provision of the Constitution of 1890, and has functioned in the county since its organization in 1914.² For the general structural and functional development of this office, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 76-80.

The records of the clerk of the chancery court as recorder are located in the chancery court vault, unless otherwise specified.

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Land Deeds

5. **CONVEYANCE RECORD** /Transcribed from Pike and Marion Counties/, 1837-1914. 16 vols. (2-17).

Transcription of recorded copies of written instruments conveying real estate in the portions of Pike and Marion Counties from which Walthall County was organized, including warranty deeds, special warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, trustee's deeds, substituted trustee's deeds, tax deeds, leases, easements, devises, gifts, United States land patents, state land patents, powers of attorney, showing kind of instrument, names of grantor and grantee, and other parties in interest, legal description of property, consideration, dates executed and acknowledged, signature and acknowledgment of grantors, dates and exact time filed for recording and recorded, itemization of recording fees, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. For alphabetical direct and reverse index, see entry 6; for sectional index to lands, see entry 26; for index to lot numbers, see entry 27. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

6. **INDEX TO CONVEYANCES** /Transcribed from Pike and Marion Counties/. 1837-1914. 2 vols. (2, 3).

Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Conveyance Record /Transcribed from Pike and Marion Counties/ (entry 5), showing names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, volume and page of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee on alternate pages. Hdw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

7. **DEED OF CONVEYANCE RECORD, 1914--**. 26 vols. (1, 2, 18-41).

Recorded copies of written instruments conveying real property and rights,

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- I. For a summarization of these provisions, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 76-79.
2. Const. 1890, sec. 168; L. M. 1910, p. 278; L. M. 1912, pp. 145-422; L. M. 1914, p. 483. For the method of selecting the clerk, the term of office, and the present status of the office, see "Chancery Court," p. 56.

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interests, and easements therein, including warranty deeds, special warranty deeds, quit claim deeds, tax deeds, trustee's deeds, commissioner's deeds, leases, devises, gifts, United States land patents, state land patents, powers of attorney, showing kind of instrument, names of grantor and grantee, and other parties in interest, legal description of property, statement of conditions, dates executed and acknowledged, signature and acknowledgment of parties to instrument, certification of official taking acknowledgment, dates and exact time filed for recording and recorded, itemization of recording fees, certification of clerk. Also contain: Oil, Gas, and Mineral Lease Record, 1914--, entry 9; and Mineral Deed and Royalty Transfer Record, 1939--, entry 10. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. For separate index, see entry 8; for sectional index, see entry 26. 1 vol., 1914-15, hdw.; 25 vols., 1915--, hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Av. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

8. GENERAL INDEX TO CONVEYANCES, DIRECT AND REVERSE, 1914--. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Deed of Conveyance Record (entry 7), showing names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, dates and exact time filed for recording and recorded, and volume and page of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee on alternate pp. Hdw. on ptd. form. 700 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

9. OIL, GAS, AND MINERAL LEASE RECORD, 1914-- in Deed of Conveyance Record, entry 7.

Recorded copies of leases conveying oil, gas and mineral rights in land, showing kind of instrument, names of grantor and grantee or lessor and lessee, and other parties in interest, legal description of land, description of right or interest conveyed, statement of conditions, consideration, duration of lease, acknowledgments or proofs of parties to instrument, dates executed and acknowledged, date and exact time filed for recording, date recorded, itemizations of recording fees, and certification of clerk.

10. MINERAL DEED AND ROYALTY TRANSFER RECORD, 1939-- in Deed of Conveyance Record, entry 7.

Recorded copies of mineral deeds and royalty transfers conveying mineral interests in land, showing names of grantor and grantee, and other parties in interest, legal description of land, description of interest conveyed, consideration, dates executed and acknowledged, signature and acknowledgment of parties to instrument, dates and exact time filed for recording and recorded, itemization of recording fees, and certification of clerk.

Tax Liens

11. LAND ASSESSMENT ROLL, 1914--. 14 vols. (dated).

Original copies of land assessment rolls for state and county taxes levied on real estate, showing name of county, number of supervisors' district, assessment number, number and years of tax receipt, name of owner, legal description of land or division of section, block number, section, township, range, grand total valuation, school and road districts; valuation of leases, reservations, or other interests owned separately from surface ownership; number of acres of cultivatable lands and valuation excluding buildings and improvements; valuation of buildings and improvements on country lands, number of acres of timbered lands, valuation excluding timber and improvements, number of thousand

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feet board measure of timber, valuation of timber; number of acres of uncultivable lands, valuation excluding buildings and improvements and timber; total number of acres of country lands taxable; valuation of real estate and of buildings and improvements in cities, towns, and villages, number of acres of school land not taxable, number of acres of U. S. government lands, number of acres of state land; and collector's credit for uncollected assessments. Since 1934, the rolls have included homestead exemption, showing number of homesteads, number of acres of cultivatable and uncultivable lands, value of land exempted, value of buildings and improvements exempted, and total number of acres of exempt land. Arr. numer. by supervisors' district. For separate index, see entry 12. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 17 x 22 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

12. INDEX TO LAND ROLLS, 1914--. 16 vols.

Index to Land Assessment Roll (entry 11), showing name of taxpayer, address, color, assessment number, tax receipt number, volume and page of record, and status of payment of taxes. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. 10 vols., 1914-24, 1927-31, courthouse attic; 5 vols., 1925-26, 1932-37, ch. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1938-- , sh's off.

13. ASSESSMENT ROLL, PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION, 1927--. 12 vols.

Certified copies of rolls of assessments of real and personal property owned by public service corporations operating in and through Walthall County computed by State Railroad Assessor, equalized and approved by the State Tax Commission, and sent to clerk of the board for inclusion in county tax rolls, showing name of corporation, domicile, legal description of taxable property, valuation, assessed value, taxing districts, and certification of State Tax Commission, date filed, and certification of clerk. Arr. alph. by name of school or road district. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 50 pp. 18 x 15 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

14. INDEX TO FEDERAL LIEN TAX NOTICES AND CERTIFICATES OF DISCHARGE, 1928--. 1 vol. (1). Last entry January 8, 1931.

Index register to notices of liens for internal revenue taxes payable to the United States and certificates of notice of discharge, showing name of taxpayer, address of taxpayer, tax collector's serial number of notice, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, amount of tax, penalty assessed, date and exact time certificate of discharge filed for recording and recorded. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 21.

Mortgages and Deeds of Trust on Land

15. TRUST DEED RECORD, LAND Transcribed from Pike County, 1883-1914. 5 vols. (4-8).

Transcription of recorded copies of written instruments conveying real estate 1883-1914 in the portion of Pike County from which Walthall County was organized, including mortgages and deeds of trust on land, powers of attorney, releases, and cancellations, showing kind of instrument, names of grantor, grantee, beneficiary, trustee, substituted trustee, and other parties in interest, legal description of property, statements of condition, rates of interest, consideration, dates executed and acknowledged, signatures and acknowledgments of parties to instrument, dates and exact time filed for recording and recorded, certification of clerk, and volume and page of record in Pike County. Arr.

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chron. by date filed for recording. For separate index, see entry 16; for sectional index, see entry 26. Hdw. and hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

16. GENERAL INDEX TO MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST Transcribed from Pike County, 1883-1914. 1 vol. (2).

Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Trust Deed Record, Lands Transcribed from Pike County (entry 15), showing names of grantor, grantee, trustee or substituted trustee, and beneficiary, kind of instrument, dates and exact time filed for recording and recorded, disposition of instrument, date and by whom satisfied, canceled, released, or foreclosed, and volume and page of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

17. LAND DEED OF TRUST RECORD, 1914--. 28 vols. (1-3, 9-33). Title varies: Federal Farm Loan Record, 1918--. 4 vols.

Recorded copies of written instruments mortgaging land, including mortgages and deeds of trust, powers of attorney, assignments of mortgages and deeds of trust, satisfactions, cancelations, releases, appointments of substituted trustees, and showing names of grantor, beneficiary and trustee, kind of instrument, terms and conditions, legal description of property, rate of interest, amount of annual installments, date of maturity, dates executed and acknowledged, acknowledgment of grantor, certification of official taking acknowledgment, dates and by whom satisfied, released, canceled, assigned or foreclosed, date and exact time filed for recording, date recorded, itemization of recording fees, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. For separate index, see entry 18. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form and under ptd. hdg. Av. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

18. GENERAL INDEX TO MORTGAGES AND DEED OF TRUST ON LAND, DIRECT AND REVERSE, 1914--. 3 vols. (1, 3, 4).

Alphabetical direct and reverse index to Land Deed of Trust Record (entry 17), showing names of grantor, grantee, trustee or substituted trustee, and beneficiary, kind of instrument, date and exact time filed for recording and received, disposition of instrument, date and by whom satisfied, canceled, released or foreclosed, and volume and page of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee on alternate pp. Hdw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Liens

19. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1914--. 1 vol. (A-1).

Record and abstract of notices filed at beginning of suits brought in the circuit and chancery courts seeking to enforce liens, rights, and interest in real estate if claim is not based upon any judgment or decree previously entered or recorded, showing names of complainant or plaintiff and defendant, nature of claim sought to be enforced, date of filing of suit in circuit or chancery court, legal description of land sought to be levied on, dates of filing and recording of lis pendens notice, result of suit, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date notice filed. Indexed alph. in vol. by first letter of surname of complainant or plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. 18 x 22 x 3.

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Tax Sales

20. SALE OF LANDS Transcribed from Pike and Marion Counties, 1875-1914.
1 vol. (1).

Transcribed record of lists of land sold to individuals and struck off to the state for delinquent taxes at tax sales in the portions of Pike and Marion Counties from which Walthall County was organized in 1914, showing names of owner, purchaser, and holders of existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust, date sold or struck off, legal description of land, amount paid purchaser, amount of taxes due, year for which taxes due, amount of existing indebtedness, date of examination of records by clerk for existing liens, mortgages or deeds of trust in Conveyance Record (entry 5), dates notices issued to owner and to liens holders, purchaser's receipt number, final date of redemption, date rendered, itemized statement of total state and county taxes, costs, damages, and fees due, purchaser's certificate number, date issued, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of sale and numer. thereunder by section no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18 x 22 x 1.

21. RECORD OF LANDS SOLD TO INDIVIDUALS AND STATE FOR TAXES, 1885--. 5 vols. (1-4; one vol. unlabeled).

Record of lists of land sold to individuals and struck off to the state for delinquent taxes at tax sales in portions of Marion and Pike Counties from which Walthall County was organized in 1914, and in Walthall County 1914--, showing names of owner, purchaser, and holders of existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust, date sold or struck off, legal description of land, amount paid by purchaser, amount of taxes due, year for which taxes due, amount of existing indebtedness, date of examination of records by clerk for existing liens, mortgages, or deeds of trust, volume and page of record of existing liens, mortgages or deeds of trust in Trust Deed Record, Land Transcribed from Pike County (entry 15), and Land Deed of Trust Record (entry 17), dates notices issued to owner and to lienholders, purchaser's receipt number, final date of redemption, date redeemed, itemized statement of state and county taxes, costs, damages, and fees, purchaser's certificate number, date issued, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of sale. For sectional index to land, see entry 26. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 18 x 22 x 1½.

Redemption of Land Sold for Taxes

22. RELEASE FROM DELINQUENT TAX SALE, 1931--. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Duplicate copies of redemption of land sold to individuals or struck off to the state for delinquent taxes, showing date redeemed, name of person making redemption, amount of taxes, costs, damages, and fees necessary for redemption, name of person to whom property assessed, date sold for taxes, years for which taxes due, legal description of land, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of redemption. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of person redeeming land. Hdw. on ptd. form. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

For monthly report of redemption, see entry 23.

23. LAND REDEMPTION Clerk's monthly Report to State Auditor, 1932--.
1 vol.; 200 documents in 1 folder.

Carbon copies of reports sent by the clerk as recorder to the State Auditor of Public Accounts and to the county tax collector of the redemption and release

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of lands sold to individuals or struck off to the state for taxes, showing name of owner, purchaser, and redeemer, date sold, legal description of land, purchase price, date redeemed, amount paid for redemption, redemption certificate number, itemized statement of total state and county taxes, costs, damages, and fees due, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. Vol., 200 pp., 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; folder, 15 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$.

For release from Delinquent Tax Sale, see entry 22.

Land Titles

24. TRACT BOOK, 1811--. 1 vol. (Last entry Feb. 14, 1927). Recorded copies of abstract record of original entries, grants and patents of land in Pike and Marion Counties from which Walthall County was organized and in Walthall County since 1914, showing legal description of land, amount paid per acre, name of purchaser, certificate number, name of patentee, date patented, place, volume and page of recording. Arr. numer. by township and range and numer. thereunder by section nos. For sectional index to lands, see entry 26. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

25. FIELD NOTES, 1809-1913. 1 vol. (1). Transcription of the original field notes of the United States Survey west of Pearl River, pertaining to the townships now comprising Walthall County, showing dates of surveys, description of township and interior section lines by number of chains and links, designations and description of bearings, witness trees, monuments, creeks and rivers, physical description of land and standing timber, signatures of surveyors, and chain bearers, and certification and approval of surveyor of public lands, and certification of clerk. Arr. numer. by township and range nos. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 320 pp. 18 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

26. SECTIONAL INDEX TO LANDS IN WALTHALL COUNTY, 1837--. 1 vol. Index by land numbers to all written instruments affecting or concerning title to lands outside incorporated towns and cities in the portions of Pike and Marion Counties from which Walthall County was organized and in Walthall County 1914--, showing quarter section, section, township, range, and reference to volume and page in Conveyance Record, entry 5; Oil, Gas, Mineral Lease Record, entry 9; Trust Deed Record, Land, entry 14; Record of Lands Sold to Individuals and State for Taxes, entry 21; Tract Book, entry 24. Arr. numer. by township and range nos. Hdw. on ptd. form. 656 pp. 28 x 17 x 4.

27. SECTIONAL INDEX TO TOWNS IN WALTHALL COUNTY, 1895--. 1 vol. Index by lot numbers to all written instruments affecting or concerning title to land in towns and cities recorded in Pike and Marion Counties from which Walthall County was organized and in Walthall County 1914--, showing name of town, addition, square and lot number, and reference by volume and page to Conveyance Record, entry 5; Trust Deed Record, Land, entry 15. Arr. numer. by lot nos. Hdw. on ptd. form. 648 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

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Tax Liens, Deeds, Mortgages, and Deeds of Trust

28. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, 1914--. 32 vols. (dated).
Original copies of assessment rolls of personal property, polls and commutation road tax to 1931, showing designations of city or town, election precinct, supervisors' district, year for which taxes due, number and year of tax receipt, name, race, and post office address of persons liable for taxation, amount of poll taxes due, amount of commutation road taxes due, receipt, total valuation of all personal property, names of school and road taxing districts and amount of assessment for each, enumeration of all kinds and classes of personal property and assessed valuation, totals made by tax assessor, by board of supervisors after equalization, and as changed by order of the State Tax Commission, recapitulations at end of each volume. Arr. numer. by supervisors' district. For separate index, see entry 29. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16 x 22 x 3.

29. INDEX TO PERSONAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, 1914--. 26 vols.
Index to Personal Assessment Roll (entry 28), showing name of taxpayer, address, color, assessment number, tax receipt number, volume and page of record, and status of payment of taxes. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of taxpayer. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

30. CHATTEL DEED RECORD, 1914--. 51 vols. (1-12, A-Z, AA-MM).
Recorded copies of written instruments conveying personal property, including deeds, bills of sale, leases, mortgages, deeds of trust, gifts, legacies and satisfactions, cancellations, releases, foreclosures, and powers of attorney, showing name of grantor, grantee, beneficiary, trustee and other parties in interest, description of property, statement of conditions, rate of interest, consideration or amount of indebtedness, duration of loan, acknowledgments of parties to instruments, dates and by whom satisfied, canceled, released, or foreclosed, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, itemization of recording fees, and certification of clerk. Also contains: Register of Automobile Transfers, 1914-29, entry 32. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. For separate index, see entry 31. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 646 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

31. GENERAL INDEX TO CHATTEL DEEDS OF TRUST, 1914--. 4 vols. (1-4).
Direct and reverse index to Chattel Deed Records (entry 30), showing names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, date filed for recording, and volume and page of record. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of grantor and grantee. Hdw. on ptd. form. 700 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Automobile Transfers

32. REGISTER OF AUTOMOBILE TRANSFERS, 1930--. 1 vol. (1). 1914-29 in Chattel Deed Records, entry 31.
Recorded copies of written instruments conveying ownership of automobiles, showing name of grantor and grantee, manufacturer, model, and motor number of automobile, address of grantor, oath of grantor, signatures of two witnesses, date oath witnessed, itemization of recording fees, and certification of clerk.

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Miscellaneous Permanent Records

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Arr. chron. by date instrument filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of purchaser. Hdw. on ptd. form. 324 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 3/4.

Miscellaneous Permanent Records

Officers Bonds

33. OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1914--. 1 vol. (1).
Recorded copies of official bonds and oaths of office executed by all county officers elected or appointed, showing name of office, name of officer, name of sureties or bonding company, amount and conditions of bond, term of office, dates executed, delivered, filed for recording, and recorded, certification of clerk, names of principals and sureties, approval and signatures of president of board of supervisors and chancery clerk, transcript of oath, name and acknowledgment of officer. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. No index. 1914-36, hdw. on ptd. form; 1937--, typed. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Marks and Brands

34. BRAND RECORD, 1916--. 1 vol. (Last entry 1924).
Records of earmarks and brands of livestock filed and recorded, showing name of owner, kind of livestock, description of earmark or brand, transcript of oath and signature of applicant, names of official administering oath, dates of application and oath, date and exact time filed for recording and recorded, itemization of recording fees, certificate of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 121 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 1/2.

Homestead Declarations

35. HOMESTEAD RECORD BOOK, 1921--. 1 vol. (Last entry June 10, 1931).
Recorded copies of declarations that property designated and described is occupied as homestead by declarant and as such is exempt from seizure or sale under execution or attachment for debt, showing names of state, county, and declarant, legal description of land and premises, signature and acknowledgment of declarant, dates and exact time filed for recording and recorded. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Military Discharges (See also entry 153)

36. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS RECORD, 1918--. 1 vol. (A).
Recorded copies of official honorable discharges from the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of Veterans serving in the Spanish-American War and in the World War, with discharges from regular Army enlistments, showing name of veteran, rank, company, regiment, or vessel, birthplace, date of birth, age at time of enlistment, race, physical description of veteran, occupation, marital status, date of enlistment, date and place of discharge, reason for discharge, service record, name of commanding officer, dates and exact time filed for recording and recorded, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of veteran. Typed on ptd. hdg. 512 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

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Maps and Plats

37. PLATS, 1905-29. 1 vol. (1).

Plats of sections, townships and cities, towns, and villages of the portions of Marion and Pike Counties from which Walthall County was organized and of Walthall County 1914-- , showing section and township numbers and boundaries, range numbers and boundaries, names of cities, towns, and villages, boundaries of subdivisions and designations of streets and alleys.

Arr. numer. by township no. No index. Printed. 17 pp. 18 x 24 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Scale varies. G. C. Bell et. al., draftsmen. Black and White.

38. MAP OF WALTHALL COUNTY, 1938. 1 map.

Land ownership map of Walthall County, showing name of land owner, township, range, section, beat lines, school districts, creeks, rivers, towns, and railroads. Drawn by Zingery Map Co., Houston, Texas. 2 in. equals 1 mile. Black and White. 36 x 30.

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III. CHANCERY COURT

The Constitution of 1890 directed the Legislature to divide the State into convenient chancery court districts and stipulated that chancery court shall be held in the county at least twice a year.¹ On its establishment in 1914, Walthall County was attached to the fourth chancery court district, together with Amite, Adams, Franklin, Jefferson, Wilkinson, Pike, and Claiborne, where it has since remained.² The first session was held Monday, May 25, 1914, and the court has functioned in the county since that time.³ The Legislature prescribed the time of holding court, and at present, sessions are held for six days beginning the fourth Monday in May and the third Monday in November.⁴

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

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

The office of clerk of the chancery court was established in Walthall County by the creating acts of 1910 and 1912, under the provisions of the Constitution of 1890.¹⁴ The first clerk was appointed by the Governor April 16, 1910,¹⁵ but the office was not filled until the county was declared organized in 1914.

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1. Const. 1890, secs. 152, 164.
 2. Code 1906, sec. 249; L. M. 1910, pp. 88, 278; L. M. 1912, pp. 415-422; L. M. 1914, p. 483; Code 1917, sec. 238, 249; Code 1930, sec. 318.
 3. Minutes Chancery Court, 1914---, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 49.
 4. L. M. 1932, p. 426.
 5. Const. 1890, sec. 164; Code 1906, sec. 505; Code 1917, sec. 261; Code 1930, sec. 319.
 6. Const. 1890, sec. 168; Code 1906, sec. 4140; Code 1917, sec. 6774; L. M. 1914, p. 483; Code 1930, sec. 6210.
 7. Code 1906, sec. 647; Code 1917, secs. 409, 3085; Code 1930, secs. 455, 3315. See also "Sheriff," p. 78.
 8. Code 1906, sec. 635; Code 1917, sec. 395; Code 1930, sec. 445.
 9. Code 1906, sec. 636; Code 1917, sec. 396; Code 1930, sec. 451.
 10. Code 1906, sec. 627; Code 1917, sec. 387; Code 1930, sec. 435.
 11. Code 1906, sec. 4785; Code 1917, sec. 3138; Code 1930, sec. 709.
 12. L. M. 1916, pp. 149-156; Code 1917, sec. 4982; Code 1930, sec. 7263.
 13. Const. 1890, sec. 153; Code 1917, sec. 261; Code 1930, sec. 319. Given authority by the Constitution to determine the manner and time of election of chancellors, the Legislature has prescribed that they be elected for a term of four years concurrently with the election of representatives in Congress, that is, in 1918 and every four years thereafter (Const. 1890, sec. 153; L. M. 1914, pp. 194-195; Code 1917, sec. 6837; Code 1930, sec. 6281).
 14. Const. 1890, sec. 168, L. M. 1910, p. 278; L. M. 1912, pp. 415-422; L. M. 1914, p. 483.
 15. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1906, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 337.

The Governor appointed a clerk to serve from April 25¹⁶ until the general elections were held in November 1915 and the official elected had been sworn into office January 1, 1916. The office has functioned continuously since May 4, 1914, when the clerk made bond.¹⁷ The clerk is elected for a four-year term by the qualified voters of the county at the general elections for State, county, district, and county-district officers.¹⁸

The office of court stenographer, filled by appointment by the chancellor, has functioned continuously in the district since May 25, 1914, and in the chancery court of Walthall County since 1914. The stenographer serves a four-year term unless removed by the chancellor.¹⁹

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

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

Original Case Papers

Chancery and Probate

39. CASE RECORDS, 1914-- . 40 file boxes. (labeled by incl. case nos., 1-1185).

Original pleadings filed with all causes filed and tried and in which final decree or order has been rendered and judgment ordered and the case closed, original pleadings filed with all causes filed and tried and in which final decree or order has not been rendered and causes are still pending hearing, including bills of complaint, petitions, bills of particulars, pleas, answers, affidavits, motions, demurrers, exceptions, lis pendens notices, writs, rulings, orders, decrees, claims against estates, inventories and appraisements of estates, administrators, executors, and guardians accountings, showing time of filing, docket number in General Chancery Docket (entry 40), names of litigants, decedents, estates, claimants, appraisers, administrators, executors, guardians, other parties in interest, and solicitors, causes of action, proof of service or publication of process issued, interlocutory and final orders and decrees of the court, dates rendered, amount of judgment ordered, date ordered, statement of costs and fees and volume and page of record in Minutes Chancery Court, entry 49. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 15.

For proof of publication, see entry 50.

16. Ibid., vol., 1912, p. 341.

17. Official Bond Record, vol., 1, p. 1; see entry 33.

18. Const. 1890, sec. 168; Code 1906, secs. 3456, 4140; Code 1917, secs. 2794, 6774; L. M. 1914, p. 483; Code 1930, secs. 2881, 6210.

19. Minutes Chancery Court, vol. 1, p. 2; see entry 49; Code 1906, sec. 999; L. M. 1916, p. 228; Code 1917, secs. 3140, 3149; Code 1930, secs. 711, 714.

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Dockets, Calendars, and Registers

Chancery and Probate (See also entry 19)

40. GENERAL CHANCERY DOCKET, 1914--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record and abstract of all papers and pleadings filed and of all important acts done in the conduct of each case in the chancery court, showing docket number, names of litigants, decedents, estates, other parties in interest, and attorneys, cause of action, title of each pleading filed, date filed, dates and proof of service or publication of process issued, dates and terms of hearings, interlocutory and final rulings, orders, and decrees of the court, dates rendered, amount of judgment ordered, date ordered, statements of costs and fees, and volume and page of record in Minutes Chancery Court (entry 49) or in Final Record, entry 44. Arr. numer. by case no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surnames of complainant and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 585 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For original papers, see entry 39.

41. ISSUE DOCKET, 1914-38. 1 vol. (1). 1939-- in Trial Docket, entry 43.
Calendar of all causes triable in each instant or approaching term of court or set for final hearing as ordered by the court or by consent of all parties, entered in the order in which causes are numbered in General Chancery Docket (entry 40), and showing docket number, names of litigants, cause of action, term set for hearing, remarks, names of solicitors, and disposition of each case. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of complainant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 294 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

42. MOTION DOCKET, 1914-38. 1 vol. (1). 1939-- in Trial Docket, entry 43.
Record and abstract of all motions and special pleas filed in causes filed and tried in the chancery court, including motions, demurrers, ex parte petitions, exceptions to evidence or reports, all matters of administration and guardianship not directed to be placed on Issue Docket (entry 41), and matters brought before the clerk in vacation, showing docket number, names of litigants, decedents, estates, other parties in interest, and solicitors, title of each pleading filed, date filed, and disposition of each motion or special pleading. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 240 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

43. TRIAL DOCKET, 1938--. 1 vol. (1).
Calendar of all causes triable at each instant or approaching term of court or set for final hearing as ordered by the court or by consent of all parties, and abstract record of all motions and special pleas filed and tried in the chancery court, including motions, demurrers, ex parte petitions, exceptions to evidence or reports, all matters of administration and guardianship, and matters brought before the clerk in vacation, showing docket number, names of litigants, decedents, estates, other parties in interest, and solicitors, title of each pleading filed, date filed, and disposition of each motion or special pleading. Also contains: Issue Docket, 1939-- (entry 41) and Motion Docket, 1939--, entry 42. Arr. chron. by date of Court term. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 400 pp. 12 x 15 x 2.

44. FINAL RECORD, 1927--. 1 vol. (1).

Recorded copies of pleadings, proofs, exhibits, and proceedings or such parts of the pleadings, proofs, exhibits, and proceedings, directed to be entered by the chancellor, of suits involving real estate filed and tried in the chancery court of Walthall County, showing docket number, names of litigants, decedents, estate, other parties in interest, solicitors, and witnesses, cause of action, title of each pleading filed, date filed, dates and proofs of service of publication of all process, dates and terms of hearings, exhibits and testimony accepted as evidence, legal description of property involved and of liens, rights, interests, and easements sought to be enforced, interlocutory and final rules, orders, and decrees of the court, dates rendered, amount of judgment ordered, final disposition of each cause, statements of costs and fees, and volume and page of record in Minutes Chancery Court, entry 49. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Typed under ptd. hdg. 600 pp. 18 x 12-x 3.

For final records, circuit court, see entries 65,66.

Probate (See also entries 39-44)

45. RECORD OF WILLS, 1914--. 1 vol. (1).

Recorded copies of wills and last testaments filed for probate, showing date instruments executed, kind of instrument, names of decedents, heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries, executors, trustees, and witnesses, place of execution, terms and conditions of instrument, signatures of testators and witnesses, date and exact time filed for recording, date recorded, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date will filed for recording. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of testator. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

46. RECORD OF ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS AND GUARDIANS BONDS, 1914--.
1 vol. (1).

Recorded copies of bonds executed by administrators, executors, and guardians of estates of decedents, minors, and persons non compos mentis, showing date bond executed, names of principals, names of sureties, amount of bond, statement of conditions, acknowledgment of sureties, approval of bond, and date of approval. Arr. chron. by date filed for recording. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 430 pp. 18 x 12 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

47. REGISTER OF CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATES, 1914--. 1 vol. (1).

Register of claims filed against estates, showing name of decedent, minor, or person non compos mentis, date filed, nature and amount of claim, name of claimant, credits, debits, and balances. Arr. chron. by date claim filed. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$.

For original claims filed, see entry 39.

Proceedings

48. CHANCERY MINUTES, Transcribed from Marion and Pike Counties, 1885-1914. 1 vol. (2).

Transcription of the record of the proceedings of the chancery court at term time, in vacation, and at rules in the portions of Marion and Pike Counties now comprising Walthall County, showing date of term or session of court, day

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of term, name of county, name of presiding chancellor, docket number of causes heard; names of complainants and defendants, petitioners, and other parties in interest; approval of court of costs; appearance, appeal, and execution bonds, and of bonds of administrators, executors, and guardians of estates of decedents, minors, and persons non compos mentis; interlocutory and final rulings, decrees and orders of the court; dates of rendition, final disposition of each cause; allowances of clerks, witnesses, and sheriff's fees, adjourning address, and signature of presiding chancellor. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Typed under ptd. hdg. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

49. MINUTES CHANCERY COURT, 1914--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of the proceedings of chancery court at term time and in vacation, showing date of court, name of county, date of term, name of presiding chancellor, docket number in General Chancery Docket (entry 40), names of complainants, defendants, petitioners, and other parties in interest; approval by court of cost, appearance, appeal, and execution bonds, and of bonds of administrators, executors, and guardians of estates of decedents, minors, and persons non compos mentis; interlocutory and final rulings, decrees, and orders of the court; dates of rendition, final disposition of each cause, allowances of clerk's, witnesses' and sheriff's fees, adjourning orders, and signature of presiding chancellor. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. 1 vol., 1914-21, hdw.; 3 vols., 1922--, typed. 650 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Legal Publications

50. TYLERTOWN TIMES, 1914--. 25 vols. (dated).

Copies of weekly newspaper published at Tylertown, county seat of Walthall County, containing the legal publications of various offices, courts, and boards, including:

- i. The board of supervisors show the proceedings of the board; annual budgets, notices of special meetings, of the intention of the board to issue county and county district bonds, to call in bonds, to issue negotiable notes, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, to establish separate road districts, to survey and appraise land, to exempt new factories and specified new industries from county ad valorem taxes, to undertake the eradication of tuberculosis among cattle; notices that tax rolls have been equalized by the board and are ready for public inspection and examination; that special meetings have been called for the purpose of hearing objections of taxpayers to the equalization of the tax rolls made by the State Tax Commission; advertisements for competitive bids from banks to act as county depositories; advertisements for competitive bids to furnish trucks, tractors, or other road machinery; to furnish supplies in road work involving more than \$250; to do county printing; and to furnish supplies and equipment for county offices, departments, and bureaus; advertisements for competitive bids on all public work costing more than \$100; and orders of the board fixing the width of tires and the maximum loads of vehicles passing over public roads and bridges in the county. For original orders of the board of supervisors authorizing its legal publications, see entry 1.
- ii. The chancery court show citations to non-resident or unknown heirs, to non-resident or unknown defendants, to non-resident or unknown appellees, to non-resident or unknown witnesses naming place and

- time when and where a commission will take testimony, and to persons to appear before the Supreme Court at the hearing of appeals; notices of taxpayers' objections to the validation of county and county-district bonds; of proceedings to confirm titles to land sold for taxes; of the filing of petitions to create drainage districts; of foreclosures of mortgages and deeds of trust on land; to persons having an interest in an escheat; and administrators', executors', and guardians' notices to creditors to file claims against estates; of times fixed for the examination and adjudication of claims, and of administrators', executors', and guardians' sales. For duplicates of publications of chancery court, see entry 39; for records of publications ordered, see entries 40, 49.
- iii. The circuit court show summonses to non-resident or unknown defendants and appellees, and to non-resident or unknown witnesses, naming time and place where and when a commission will take testimony, to parties distraining, and notices of attachment proceedings. For duplicates of publications of circuit court, see entry 54; for record of publications ordered in Circuit Court, see entries 56, 60, 77.
 - iv. Registrar of elections show notices of the dates of the registration of voters in each voting precinct in the county.
 - v. The coroner as ranger show descriptions of estrays taken up when the appraised value of an stray exceeds \$20.
 - vi. The county board of election commissioners show notices of special elections ordered by the board of supervisors for voting on proposed county and county-district bond issues, of special elections ordered to fill vacancies occurring in county or county district offices, and of special elections ordered by the county school board to vote on creating, altering, or abolishing school districts.
 - vii. The county school board show orders creating, altering, or abolishing school districts and notices that orders will become final unless petitions signed by 20 percent of the taxpayers of the district affected file a petition against the orders. For original orders of the county school board authorizing its publications, see entry 147.
 - viii. Charters of incorporation.
 - ix. Notices of trustees' sales of land under foreclosure of deeds of trust show date of execution of deeds of trust, names of grantor, trustee, and beneficiary, volume and page of record in Land Deed of Trust Record (entry 17), statements that grantor has defaulted in the performance of the conditions of the deed of trust, time and place set for sale, legal description of property to be sold, date of notice, name of trustee, and dates of other insertions of notices in the paper.
 - x. The pension board of inquiry show lists of persons granted Confederate pensions.
 - xi. The sheriff as tax collector include advertisements of land to be sold for delinquent taxes listed in numerical order as contained in Land Assessment Roll (entry 11), and show names of delinquent property owners, legal description of property, amount of taxes due, date of sale, and certification of sheriff as tax collector, advertisements of the sale of personal property for taxes, and lists of poll tax delinquents. For record of land sold for taxes, see entries 11, 21-23

Arr. chron. by year of publication and numer. thereunder by vol. no. and issue no. No index. Ptd. Av. 630 pp. 27 x 18 x 12.

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51. PROOF OF PUBLICATION, 1919--. 1 file box.

Certificates of proof of publication of legal notices in newspapers, showing case number, names of litigants, cause of action, name of newspaper, signature of publisher, and date published. Arr. chron. by date of publication. No index. Ptd. 5 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 15.

Witnesses

52. WITNESS CERTIFICATES, 1914--. 2 vols.

Stub record of certificates issued to witnesses appearing in causes tried in the chancery court, showing case number in General Chancery Docket (entry 40), certificate number, name of witness, for which party appeared, number days of attendance, mileage allowed, term of court, total amount of fees allowed, signature and affirmation of witness receiving certificate, and date of issuance. Arr. numer. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 17 x 17 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Fees and Costs

53. BILL OF COST, CHANCERY COURT, 1914--. 6 vols. Title varies: Chancery Fee Bills, 1914-27, 2 vols.; Chancery Court Cost Bills, 1927-39, 3 vols.

Carbon copies of itemized statements of fees and costs incurred in causes filed, and filed and tried in chancery court, showing statement number, docket number, names of petitioners and litigants, itemizations of costs and fees due clerk, sheriff, masters in chancery, commissioners, other officers, stenographer, printer, and witnesses, certification and signature of clerk. Arr. numer. by fee bill no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 17 x 11 x 2.

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IV. CIRCUIT COURT

The Constitution of 1890 prescribes that the Legislature shall divide the State into convenient circuit court districts and that circuit court shall be held in each county at least twice each year.¹ Since its establishment in 1914, Walthall County has been attached to the fourteenth circuit court district together with Covich, Lincoln, and Pike Counties.² The first session of court was held August 10, 1914, and the court has functioned in the county since that time.³ The Legislature prescribes the times of holding court,⁴ and sessions are held for two weeks beginning the first Monday in February and the second Monday of August.⁵

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

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

The office of court reporter or stenographer, filled by appointment by the judge, has functioned in the district and in the circuit court of Walthall County since 1914, the stenographer serving a four-year term unless removed from office.¹⁶

1. Const. 1890, secs. 152, 158.
2. L. M. 1914, p. 483; Code 1917, sec. 430; Code 1930, sec. 473.
3. Minutes Circuit Court, 1914-- , vol. 1, p. 14; see entry 76.
4. L. M. 1914, p. 483.
5. Code 1930, sec. 473.
6. Code 1906, sec. 689; Code 1917, sec. 467; Code 1930, sec. 476.
7. Code 1906, sec. 690; Code 1917, sec. 469; Code 1930, sec. 498.
8. Code 1906, sec. 4668; Code 1917, sec. 3085; Code 1930, sec. 3315; see "Sheriff," p. 78.
9. L. M. 1916, ch. 238; Code 1930, secs. 4220, 4225.
10. Code 1906, sec. 4785; Code 1917, sec. 3138; Code 1930, sec. 709.
11. See "Grand Jury," p. 75.
12. Const. 1890, secs. 14, 31.
13. Code 1906, sec. 1661; Code 1917, sec. 1398; Code 1930, sec. 4363; see "District Attorney," p. 76.
14. L. M. 1916, pp. 345-348; Code 1917, sec. 697; Code 1930, sec. 4226; see "County Prosecuting Attorney," p. 77.
15. Const. 1890, sec. 153; Code 1906, sec. 689; Code 1917, sec. 467; Code 1930, sec. 476. Elections are held every four years concurrently with the elections of Representatives in Congress, that is, in 1918 and every four years thereafter (*ibid.*).
16. Code 1906, secs. 4785, 4787; Code 1917, secs. 3138, 3140; Code 1930, secs. 709, 711.

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The guarantee of the Constitution of the United States of trial by an impartial jury,¹⁷ is provided for in Mississippi insofar as Walthall County is affected, by the Constitution of 1890.¹⁸ The first jury panel was drawn for the August 1914 term,¹⁹ and juries have been impaneled continuously since that time.

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

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

Original Case Papers

Civil and Criminal

54. CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL AND CRIMINAL, 1914--., 45 file boxes, 245 jackets.

Original papers of the circuit court, including:

- i. Civil and criminal cases filed and tried and filed and pending, including declarations, answers, indictments, pleas, bills of complaint, information, particulars, motions, demurrers, affidavits, interrogatories, depositions, process served or proof of publication, showing case number in General Docket-State Cases (entry 56); General Docket-Civil Cases (entry 59), names of plaintiffs and defendants, names of attorneys for plaintiffs and defendants, title of each pleading filed, date filed, date and proof of service or proof of publication, dates and terms of hearing, interlocutory and final rulings, orders, and decrees of the court and dates of rendition, instructions to jury, verdict of jury and date rendered, amount of fees.
- ii. Original lists of names of persons drawn for service on grand and petit juries, showing date of drawing, name of presiding judge, designation of circuit court district, names and addresses of persons drawn, and certifications of the sheriff, of the clerk of the circuit court, and of the clerk of the chancery court.

Arr. numer. by case no. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. File boxes, 11 x 5 x 14; jackets, 5 x 8 x 1.

Receipts for Documents Withdrawn

55. ATTORNEY'S RECEIPTS FOR PAPERS, 1914--.. 1 vol. (1).

Record of pleadings and other papers taken from files, showing docket number, names of plaintiffs and defendants, number and list of papers withdrawn, name of attorney withdrawing papers, dates withdrawn and returned. Arr. chron. by date of withdrawal. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 476 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

17. Const. of the United States, Amendments, art. VI.

18. Const. 1890, secs. 14; 31.

19. Minutes Circuit Court, vol. 1, p. 14; see entry 76.

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Criminal (See also entry 63)

56. GENERAL DOCKET-STATE CASES, 1914--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed, and of all important acts done in the conduct of each criminal case from its commencement to its termination in the circuit court, showing case number, names of defendants and attorneys, offense charged, date of filing of each indictment, plea, petition, demurrer, writ, and motion, record from inferior courts on appeal or certiorari, petition, plea, demurrer, motion and pleadings in each cause appealed, dates of issuance and return of process or of publication and proof of publication, dates and terms of hearings, interlocutory and final decrees, rulings, and orders of the court with dates of rendition, notations of verdicts and amount of fine or term of imprisonment imposed, volume and page of record in Minutes Circuit Court (entry 76), lists of costs and fees, and notice of appeal to Supreme Court. Arr. numer. by case no. and chron. thereunder by date papers filed. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

57. COURT STATE DOCKET, 1914--. 2 vols. (1,2).
Calendar of cases begun by indictment, presentment, information, or other proceedings of a criminal nature, and triable at each approaching term of court prepared by the clerk for the convenience of the judge, and showing case number in General Docket-State Cases (entry 56), names of plaintiff and defendant, offense charged, names of attorneys for the State and for defendant, kind and dates of information filed, remarks, term of court and year of term, judge's minutes, and volume and page of record in Minutes Circuit Court, entry 76. Arr. chron. by date of term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

58. HABEAS CORPUS RECORD, 1930--. 1 vol.
Record of the proceedings in hearings on writs of habeas corpus, showing case number, name of plaintiff or petitioner, name of defendant or person holding petitioner in custody, date petition made to judge, name of judge to whom petition made, date writ issued, date of service of writ on defendant, date of defendant's return, name of witnesses subpoenaed, date of summons, order of court dismissing writ, committing or remaining petitioner, or admitting him to bail, amount of bail set, signature of judge conducting hearing. Arr. chron. by date writ filed. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Civil (see also entry 19)

59. GENERAL DOCKET-CIVIL CASES, 1914--. 1 vol. (1).
Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed, and all important acts done in the conduct of each civil case from its commencement to its termination, showing case number, names of litigants and attorneys, cause of action, and amount involved, date of filing each declaration, answer, writ, motion, demurrer, and record from inferior courts on appeals or certiorari, petitions, pleas, demurrers, and pleadings in each case appealed, dates of issuance and return of process and dates of service or publication, dates and terms of hearings, rulings, and orders of the court with dates of rendition, notations of verdict, amount of judgment awarded, dates of issuance of execution and return,

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itemization of costs and fees, and volume and page of record in Minutes Circuit Court, entry 76. Arr. numer. by case no. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 428 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

60. COURT ISSUE DOCKET, 1914--. 1 vol. (1).

Calendar of civil cases triable at each approaching term of court, prepared by the clerk for the convenience of the judge, showing docket number in General Docket-Civil Cases, entry 59, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, cause of action, date and term of court, judge's minutes, and volume and page of record in Minutes Circuit Court (entry 76), court term, and orders of the court. Also contains: Court Appearance Docket, 1915--, entry 61; Bar Appearance Docket, 1915--, entry 62. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 240 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

61. COURT APPEARANCE DOCKET, 1914. 1 vol. (1). 1915-- in Court Issue Docket, entry 60.

Calendar of civil cases not triable at the first term of court after their commencement in the circuit court, prepared by the clerk before each term for the convenience of the judge, showing docket number in General Docket-State Cases (entry 56), and in General Docket-Civil Cases (entry 59), names of plaintiffs and defendants, cause of action, names of attorneys for plaintiffs and for defendants, dates of issuance and return of process, and disposition of each case. Arr. chron. by date of court term. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 240 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

62. BAR APPEARANCE DOCKET, 1914. 1 vol. 1914-- in Court Issue Docket, entry 60.

Calendar of civil cases not triable at the first term of court after their commencement in the circuit court, prepared by the clerk before the court term for the convenience of attorneys, showing docket number in General Docket-Civil Cases (entry 59), names of plaintiffs and defendants, cause of action, names of attorneys for plaintiffs and defendants, date of issuance and return of process, and disposition of each case. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 240 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

63. MOTION DOCKET, 1914--. 1 vol. (1).

Record and abstracts of all motions and special pleas filed in cases filed and tried, including motions, demurrers, exceptions to evidence or reports and showing docket number of case in General Docket-State Cases (entry 56), and in General Docket-Civil Cases (entry 59), names of litigants in civil cases and of State and defendant in criminal cases, names of district attorney, county prosecuting attorney and of attorneys in criminal cases, names of attorneys for plaintiffs and defendants in civil cases, orders last term of court, orders present term of court, and disposition of motion. Arr. chron. by term of court. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 480 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Bonds

64. REGISTER OF BONDS AND SURETIES, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of sureties on appeal, appearance, bail, and cost bonds executed, showing names of principals, names of obligors and obligees, date bond executed, amount of bond, kind of bond, volume and page of record in Minutes Circuit Court (entry 76), case number and style of case, date of discharge from bond,

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and remarks. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of principal. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Final Records
(See also entry 44)

65. JUDGMENT ROLL, 1900-14. 1 vol.

Transcription of record of unsatisfied final judgments rendered in civil cases at each term of the circuit court of Marion and Pike Counties from which Walthall County was organized in 1914, as well as unsatisfied final judgments rendered in other courts of competent jurisdiction for which abstracts were filed with the clerks of the circuit courts for enrollment, showing name of defendant, amount of judgment or decree rendered, date of rendition, county and court of rendition, date of enrollment, name of plaintiff, notations as to when and how satisfied, if satisfied after formation of Walthall County, and remarks. Volume also shows date and certification of transcriptions by the clerks of the circuit courts of Marion and Pike Counties. Arr. chron. by date enrolled. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

66. JUDGMENT ROLL, 1914--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of final judgments rendered at each term of circuit court, and record of final decrees and judgments rendered in other courts for which abstracts have been filed with the clerk for enrollment, showing name of defendant, amount of judgment or decree, date of rendition, county and court in which rendered, date of enrollment, name of plaintiff, when and how satisfied, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date judgment enrolled. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

For record of original final judgments rendered, see entries 49, 76, 80-86.

Witnesses

67. SUBPOENA DOCKET, 1914--. 2 vols. (1, 2).

Record of subpoenas issued for witnesses appearing in criminal and civil cases tried in the circuit court, showing docket number in General Docket-State Cases (entry 56), in General Docket-Civil Cases (entry 59), names of plaintiff and defendant, name of witness subpoenaed, for which party subpoenaed, term of court, number of days' attendance, mileage, total amount of fee allowed, date of issuance of subpoena, name of officer to whom directed, dates returnable and returned. Arr. chron. by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 320 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

68. STATE WITNESS CERTIFICATES, 1914--. 3 vols.

Stub record of pay certificates issued to witnesses appearing in criminal cases filed and tried in circuit court, showing case number in General Docket-State Cases (entry 56), name of witness, certificate number, for which party appeared, number of days of attendance, mileage allowed, total amount of fee allowed, date of issuance, signature of witness receiving certificate, and signature of clerk. Arr. numer. by certificate number and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 14 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Circuit Court - Jurors; Fees and Costs

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69. CIVIL WITNESS CERTIFICATES, 1914--. 2 vols. (labeled by contained certificate nos., 1-1000).

Stub record of pay certificates issued to witnesses appearing in civil cases filed and tried, showing certificate number, case number in General Docket-Civil Cases (entry 59), name of witness, for which party appeared, number of days of attendance, mileage allowed, total amount of fee allowed, signature of witness receiving certificate, date of issuance, and signature of clerk. Arr. numer. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.

Jurors

70. JURORS CERTIFICATES, 1914--. 6 vols.

Stub record of certificates issued for jury service, showing certificate number, name of juror to whom issued, number of days of service, total amount of fee allowed, mileage allowed, volume and page in Minutes Circuit Court (entry 76), date issued, receipt of juror, and signature of clerk. Arr. numer. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.

71. JURY FEE BOOK, 1914--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of the allowances of juror's fees, showing certificate number, name of payee, whether serving on grand or petit jury, number of days of attendance, mileage allowed, total fees allowed, date certificate issued, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date fee allowed. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 960 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

Fees and Costs

72. CRIMINAL COST BILLS, 1914--. 3 vols.

Carbon copies of fee and cost bills issued by the clerk in criminal cases filed and filed and tried, showing docket number in General Docket-State Cases, (entry 56), fee bill number, name of defendant, verdict and orders of the court, date of rendition, fees due clerk, sheriff, jurors, other officers, and costs in justice of the peace court, names of witnesses for State and for defendant and amount of fees due each, total amount of fees and costs due, and certification of clerk. Arr. numer. by case no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

73. CIVIL FEE BILLS, 1914--. 3 vols.

Carbon copies of fee and cost bills issued by the clerk in civil cases filed and filed and tried, showing case number in General Docket-Civil Cases (entry 59), names of plaintiff and defendant, judgment rendered with date of rendition, itemization of fees due clerk, sheriff, jurors, other officers, and costs in justice of the peace court, names of witnesses for both plaintiff and defendant and amount of fees due each, and total amount of fees and costs due. Arr. numer. by no. of fee bill. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

74. ALLOWANCE CERTIFICATES, 1915-18. 1 vol.

Stub record of certificates issued to obtain warrants in payment of services rendered and supplies and materials furnished circuit court, showing certificate number, date issued, name of payee, amount and purpose of certificate. Arr. numer. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18 x 14 x 1.

Circuit Court - Proceedings

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75. CIRCUIT CLERK'S CASH BOOK, 1920-22. 1 vol. (1). Discontinued in 1922 when clerk returned to fee basis.

Clerk's record of cash received, showing total cash account with debits and credits, dates of debits and credits, name of person debited, and designation of cash items including cost and fees due in civil and criminal cases filed, and filed and tried, with names of plaintiff and defendant and docket number in General Docket-State Cases (entry 56); General Docket-Civil Cases (entry 59), marriage licenses and certificates, filing fees, recording fees, jury tax, stenographer's fees, state witnesses' fees, and fines. Arr. chron. by date of entry. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 280 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Proceedings

76. MINUTES CIRCUIT COURT, 1914--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of the proceedings of the circuit court in term time and during vacation, showing name of county, month, term, and year of court, names of presiding judge, and interlocutory and final rulings, records, and orders of the court in matters brought before the court including criminal, civil and juvenile causes, summoning of jurors, acceptance and swearing of jurors, allowing of jurors', witnesses', sheriff's, and clerk's fees, filing of reports of grand jury, rendering of verdicts by jury, imposing of fines and sentences of imprisonment, execution of judgments. Each day's minutes are signed by the presiding judge. Arr. chron. by date of term of court. No index. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 634 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

V. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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

The office of the clerk of the circuit court was established in Walthall County by the creating acts of 1910 and 1912, under the provisions of the Constitution of 1890, and has functioned in the county since its organization in 1914.²

The first clerk was appointed by the Governor April 16, 1910,³ but the office was not filled until the county was declared organized in 1914. The Governor again appointed a clerk April 25, 1914, who was sworn into office May 4, 1914, when he made bond,⁴ to serve until the general elections were held in November 1915 and the clerk elected was sworn into office January 1, 1916.⁵ The clerk is elected for a four-year term by the qualified voters of the county at the general elections for State, county, district, and county-district officers.⁶

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

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

Marriages

77. MARRIAGE RECORD White, 1914-- . 6 vols. (2-3, 5, 7, 9, 11).
Miscellaneous records relating to marriages of white persons containing:
- i. Applications to 1930, for marriage licenses, original, showing names of applicants, signature of male applicant, signature of clerk as officer taking affidavit, and date affidavit made, applications since 1930 showing names, ages, race and addresses of applicants, names and addresses of parents, guardians, or next of kin of applicants, affidavits of both applicants as to their ages, signature of both applicants, affidavit of male applicant that no legal cause existed to obstruct the marriage, signature of clerk or officer taking affidavits, and date affidavit made.

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1. For a summarization of these powers and duties, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 144-155.
 2. Const. 1890, sec. 168; L. M. 1910, p. 278; L. M. 1912, pp. 415-422; L. M. 1914, p. 483; Code 1917, sec. 469; Code 1930, sec. 478. See also "Historical Sketch," p. 7.
 3. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1906, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 337.
 4. Record of Official Bonds, vol. 1, p. 8; see entry 33.
 5. Register of Commissions, op. cit., 1916, p. 341.
 6. Code 1906, secs. 3456, 4140; Code 1917, sec. 2794; Code 1930, secs. 2881, 6210.

- ii. Consents to marriage of persons under the statutory age, given by parents, guardians, or next of kin, original, showing name of person under statutory age for marriage, statement of consent to marriage, signatures of subscribing witnesses or of officer taking proof.
- iii. Notices mailed to parents, guardians or next of kin of applicant, made by persons under statutory age, for marriage, record of, showing names and addresses of parents, guardians, or next of kin notified, names, ages, race and addresses given by applicants for license, statement that license will be issued within five days from date if no legal objection is made, date notice mailed, and date license will be issued and clerk's signature in attest.
- iv. Abstract of marriage license issued, record of, showing names of contracting parties, signature of clerk as licensor, date license issued, and clerk's certification of marriage returned.
- v. Certificates of marriage returned, record of, showing names of contracting parties, dates ceremony performed, name and title of person performing the ceremony, date certificate received for filing, date recorded, and signature of clerk in attest.

Also contains: Notices of Applications for Marriage License, 1931--, entry 79. Arr. chron. by date license issued. Indexed alph. by first letter of surnames of contracting parties. Hdw. on ptd. form. 588 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

78. MARRIAGE RECORD [Colored], 1914--. 6 vols. (1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10). Record of marriages of colored persons. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, manner of recording, number of pages, and dimensions, see entry 77. Also contains: Notices of Applications for Marriage License, 1931--, entry 79.

79. NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1930. 1 vol. 1931-- in Marriage Record, entry 78. Record of notices mailed by clerk to parents, guardians, or next of kin of applicants for marriage license under statutory age for marriage, showing names and addresses of parents, guardians, or next of kin notified, names of applicant, date notice mailed, and date license will be issued if no legal objections are made. Arr. numer. by application no. and chron. thereunder by date application made. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 16 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Professional Licenses
(See also, entry 103)

80. RECORD OF PHYSICIANS, PHARMACIST, DENTIST, OPTICIANS, AND EMBALMERS, 1914--. 1 vol. (1). Recorded copies of temporary and permanent licenses to practice, issued by the State Board of Health to physicians; by the State Board of Pharmacy to pharmacists; by the State Board of Dental examiners to dentists; by the State Board of Optometry to opticians 1920--; and by the State Board of Embalmers to embalmers 1918--, residing and practicing in the county, and showing license number, name, age, birthplace, and address of persons licensed, name of school attended, date of graduation, names of persons given as references, authorization from State Board to practice, expiration dates of temporary licenses, names of members of State Boards, dates filed and recorded, and certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date license filed and numer. thereunder by contained license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 475 pp. 14 x 10 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

VI. JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Offices and courts of justices of the peace were established in Walthall County by the creating acts of 1910 and 1912, under the provisions of the Constitution of 1890, and have functioned in the county since its organization in 1914.¹ The offices were filled by appointment by the Governor on April 25, 1914, to serve until the general elections were held in November of the following year.² The justices were sworn into office and made bond on May 4, 1914.³

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

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

Justices of the peace must hold not less than one term of court each month and not more than two.¹⁰ Other county officers attached to the court are the constable, who is the executive officers of the court,¹¹ and the sheriff as executive officer in the event there is no constable.¹² A six-member jury must be impaneled if any party to a cause demands a trial by jury.¹³

For the general structural and functional development of the office of

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1. Const. 1890, sec. 171; L. M. 1910, p. 278; L. M. 1912, pp. 415-422; L. M. 1914, p. 483; L. M. 1926, chap. 209; Code 1917, sec. 2220; Code 1930, sec. 2069.
 2. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1912, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 337.
 3. Ibid., p. 341; see "Historical Sketch," p. 7; Record of Official Bonds, 1914---, vol. 1, pp. 12-16; see entry 33.
 4. Const. 1890, sec. 171.
 5. Code 1906, sec. 2721; Code 1917, sec. 2220; L. M. 1926, p. 319; Code 1930, sec. 2069.
 6. L. M. 1932, p. 473.
 7. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1940, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 337.
 8. Const. 1890, sec. 171.
 9. Code 1906, secs. 2721, 3456, 4140; Code 1917, secs. 2220, 2794; L. M. 1926, p. 319; Code 1930, secs. 2069, 2981, 6210; L. M. 1932, p. 473.
 10. Code 1906, sec. 2729; Code 1917, sec. 2227; Code 1930, sec. 2076.
 11. Code 1906, sec. 835; Code 1917, sec. 641; Code 1930, sec. 636.
 12. Code 1906, sec. 2731; Code 1917, sec. 2230; Code 1930, sec. 2079.
 13. Code 1906, sec. 2754; Code 1917, sec. 2253; Code 1930, sec. 2102.

justice of the peace, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 152-156.

For original reports made by justices of the peace of fines and penalties imposed and collected, see entry 107.

81. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET-DISTRICT 1, (Lloyd Dillon), 1914--. 4 vols. Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal and civil cases, including cases pertaining to the partition of personal property, from commencement to termination, and showing docket number; names of litigants and of attorneys; cause of action and amount involved in civil cases; names of State and of defendants; names of prosecutor for State, of attorneys for defendant, and offense charged in criminal cases; title of each pleading and paper filed; date filed; date and proof of service on process issued; dates and terms of hearings; orders and rulings of the court; jury verdicts; amount of judgment rendered, or amount of fine or term of imprisonment imposed; date of issuance of writs of execution and notations of constables' return on executions; itemization of fees and costs, and dates and notices of appeals taken to circuit court. Arr. chron. by date of court term. Indexed in vols. alph. by first letter of surname of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. under ptd. hdg. 480 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1914-22, courthouse attic; 2 vols., 1914-35, ch. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1936--, home of Lloyd Dillon, 5 miles southwest of Tylertown.

82. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET-DISTRICT 2, [Pike County], 1907-09. 1 vol.

Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal and civil cases in district two of Pike County, now comprising part of Walthall County. For description of contents, indexing, arrangement, manner of recording, number of pages and dimensions, see entry 81. Courthouse attic.

83. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET-DISTRICT 2, (E. W. Owens), 1914--. 5 vols.

Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal and civil cases in district two. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, manner of recording, number of pages and dimensions, see entry 81. 3 vols., 1914-35, ch. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1926-35, courthouse attic; 1 vol., 1936--, home of E. W. Owens, 2 miles north of Tylertown.

84. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET-DISTRICT 3, [Pike County], 1909-13. 1 vol.

Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal and civil cases in district three of Pike County, now comprising a part of Walthall County. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, manner of recording, number of pages and dimensions, see entry 81. Courthouse attic.

85. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET-DISTRICT 3, (Luther Blackwell), 1914--. 5 vols.

Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal and civil cases in district three. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, manner of recording, number

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of pages and dimensions, see entry 81. 1 vol., 1914-28, ch. clerk's va.; 2 vols., 1928-35, courthouse attic; 2 vols., 1936-- , at home of Luther Blackwell, RFD, Tylertown.

86. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET-DISTRICT 4, (Jessie W. Magee), 1914-- .
2 vols.

Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal and civil cases in district four. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing, manner of recording, number of pages and dimensions, see entry 81. 1 vol., 1914-26, ch. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1927-- , home of Jessie W. Magee, Kokomo.

87. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET-DISTRICT 5, (Ben C. Alford), 1930-- . 2
vols.

Record and abstract of all pleadings and other papers filed and of all important acts done in the conduct of criminal and civil cases in district five. For description of contents, arrangements, indexing, manner of recording, number of pages and dimensions, see entry 81. 1 vol., 1930-35, ch. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1936-- , home of Ben C. Alford, Holmesville, Pike County.

VII. GRAND JURY

The guarantee of the Constitution of the United States that no person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime, except on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury,¹ is provided for in Mississippi insofar as Walthall County is concerned by the Constitution of 1890.²

The grand jury was first convened in Walthall County August 10, 1914, and has functioned continuously since that time at each term of court devoted to criminal matters.³ It is composed of not less than 15 nor more than 20 jurors, the number being designated by the court,⁴ one of whom is appointed foreman by the court.⁵ Until 1938, grand jurors were selected from the first 50 jurors drawn from the grand jury panel; since 1938, from the first 62.⁶ Members of the grand jury serve for the duration of the court, unless dismissed sooner by the judge.⁷

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

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

88. SECRET RECORD OF INDICTMENTS, 1914--. 1 vol. (1).
Record of indictments and presentments returned by the grand jury, showing venue, name of district attorney, indictment number, date returned, name of indictee, offense charged, kind of indictment, names of witnesses testifying, dates indictment filed for recording and recorded, signature of clerk, name of foreman of grand jury, and signature of district attorney. Arr. chron. by date of indictment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 640 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For original indictments returned, see ontry 54.

89. GRAND JURY DOCKET, 1914--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Abstract records of the proceedings of the grand jury, showing venue, date and court term of proceedings, names of State and defendant, name of district attorney, offense charged, name of witnesses sworn, disposition, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date of hearing. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 432 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

For original indictments returned, see entry 54.

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1. Constitution of the United States, Amendments, art. V.
 2. Const. 1890, secs. 27, 264.
 3. Minutes Circuit Court, vol. I, p. 14; see entry 76.
 4. Code 1906, sec. 2700; Code 1917, sec. 2193; Code 1930, sec. 2046.
 5. Code 1906, sec. 2701; Code 1917, sec. 2194; Code 1930, sec. 2047.
 6. Code 1906, secs. 2694, 2700; Code 1917, sec. 2193; Code 1930, secs. 2039, 2046; L. W. 1938, pp. 657-658.
 7. Code 1906, sec. 2701; Code 1917, sec. 2194; Code 1930, sec. 2047.

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VIII. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Walthall County, on its establishment in 1914,¹ was assigned to the fourteenth circuit court district,² and the district attorney of the district assumed his duties in the county and in the circuit court of the county. The office has functioned continuously since that time in the county and in the circuit court district to which Walthall County has been attached.³

The office is constitutional,⁴ and the district attorney is elected for a four-year term⁵ by the qualified electors of the district at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers.⁶

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

The district attorney is not required to keep any permanent records. However, a calendar of criminal cases at issue is prepared for his use, see entry 57. For other records relating to the office of district attorney, see entries 54, 88, 89.

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1. L. M. 1914, p. 483.
 2. See "Circuit Court," p. 63.
 3. Ibid.; Code 1906, sec. 2694; Code 1917, sec. 2186; Code 1930, sec. 2039.
 4. Const. 1890, sec. 174.
 5. Code 1906, sec. 3456; Code 1917, sec. 2794; Code 1930, sec. 2881.
 6. Code 1906, sec. 4140; Code 1917, sec. 6774; Code 1930, sec. 6210.

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IX. COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The office of county prosecuting attorney was established in Walthall County by the creating acts of 1910, 1912, and 1914.¹ The first officer was appointed by the governor April 16, 1910, and again on April 25, 1914, but the office was not regularly filled until an attorney was elected at the general elections in November 1915, and sworn into office in January 1916.² This officer is elected by the qualified voters of the county every four years at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers.³ The office of county prosecuting attorney has functioned continuously in the county since its establishment.⁴

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

The county attorney is required to keep no permanent records. For records relating to this office, see entries

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1. L. M. 1910, p. 278; L. M. 1912, pp. 415-422; L. M. 1914, p. 483.
 2. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1906, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 337; ibid., p. 341. See also "Historical Sketch," p. 7.
 3. L. M. 1910, p. 96; L. M. 1916, p. 346; Code 1917, secs. 691. 6774; Code 1930, secs. 2881, 4220, 6210
 4. Ibid.

X. SHERIFF

The office of sheriff was established in Walthall County by the creating acts of 1910 and 1912, under the provisions of the Constitution of 1890, and has functioned in the county since its organization in 1914.¹ The Governor appointed a sheriff April 16, 1910, but the office was not filled until the county was declared organized in 1914 when the sheriff made bond and was sworn into office May 4, 1914.² The sheriff was not regularly elected until November 1915 and was sworn into office January 1916.³

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

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

Unless otherwise specified, the records of the sheriff are kept in his office or vault. For a record of the receipts and disbursements of the office of sheriff, see entry 102.

The sheriff also serves as ex officio tax collector.⁶

Process Dockets

90. MESNE PROCESS DOCKET, 1914-- . 8 vols. (1-8).

Abstract record of all writs, except executions received by the sheriff for service, including writs of certiorari, writs of capias pro finem, supersedeas, de lunatico inquirendo, habeas corpus, mandamus, injunction, inquiry, venire facias juratores, subpoena ad testificandum, subpoena duces tecum, attachment, sequestration, garnishment, replevin, restitution, and showing names of plaintiff and defendant, docket number, court of issue, date writ received, kind of writ, names of attorneys for plaintiff and for defendant, amount of judgment, date of rendition, rate of interest, amount of interest due, total of costs and fees due, dates writ received, executed and returned, amount of money made. Arr. chron. by date received. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 213 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

For copies of original process received and served, see entries

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1. Const. 1890, sec. 135; Code 1906, sec. 4660; L. M. 1910, p. 278; L. M. 1912 pp. 415-422; L. M. 1914, p. 483; Code 1917, sec. 3077; Code 1930, sec. 3306.
 2. Official Bond Record, vol. I, p. 7; Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal. 1906, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 337. See "Historical Sketch," p. 7.
 3. Ibid., 1912, p. 341.
 4. Const. 1890, sec. 135.
 5. Code 1906, secs. 3456, 4139, 4660; Code 1917, secs. 2794; Code 1930, secs. 2881, 3306, 6210.
 6. See "Sheriff as Tax Collector," p. 84.

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91. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1914--. 1 vol. (1).
Sheriff's record of writs of execution received for service in cases filed and filed and tried in chancery, circuit and justice of the peace courts, showing names of litigants, docket number of each case, names of attorneys for litigants, amount of judgments rendered, date and court of rendition, rate of interest, amount of interest due, amount of costs and fees, total amount due, date writs received, executed and returned, and amount of money made. Arr. chron. by date writ received. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 320 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For copies of original writs of execution received and served, see entries 44, 54.

92. JAIL DOCKET, 1914--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Record of commitment of prisoners to jail, showing name of prisoner, kind of writ committing prisoner and date received, court of conviction, title of officer issuing writ or making arrest, date prisoner received, dates of arrest and commitment, offense for which committed, order and authority for commitment, amount of bail granted, amount of time served, reason for release or discharge, receipt of officer of penitentiary for prisoners sentenced and committed to penitentiary, age and sex of prisoner, physical description and identifying marks, if any, date of delivery of convict to road contractor or to other authorized agent in charge of county road work, date of termination of sentence, time added for escaping or attempts to escape, date of final release, warrant for release, wages credited to prisoner for work on county roads. Arr. chron. by date of commitment. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 215 pp. 18 x 15 x 2.

Warrants

93. DETENTION WARRANTS, 1914--. 4 vols.
Duplicate copies of detention warrants issued by the sheriff to persons given custody of prisoners, showing name of prisoner, name of sheriff, date committed, date given over to custody, offense charged, court of conviction, sentence imposed, list of fines, fees and costs, total time in jail, date received. Arr. chron. by date committed. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 165 pp. 16 x 6 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

XI. CORONER

The office of coroner was established in Walthall County by the creating acts of 1910 and 1912, under the provisions of the Constitution of 1890, and has functioned in the county since its organization in 1914.¹ The Governor appointed a coroner April 25, 1914, who was sworn into office May 4, 1914, when he made bond,² to serve until the general elections were held in November 1915 and the elected officers sworn into office January 1, 1916.³

The Constitution of 1890 provides that the coroner be elected for a term of four years and gives the Legislature authority to determine the method of election.⁴ The Legislature has prescribed that the coroner be elected by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers.⁵

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

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1. Const. 1890, sec. 135; Code 1906, sec. 880; L. M. 1910, p. 278; L. M. 1912, pp. 415-422; L. M. 1914, p. 483; Code 1917, sec. 4047; Code 1930, sec. 638.
 2. L. M. 1914, p. 483; Register of Commissions, State, County and Municipal, 1906, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 337; Official Bond Record, vol. I, p. 10; See entry 33. See also "Historical Sketch," p. 7.
 3. Register of Commissions, op. cit., 1912, p. 341.
 4. Const. 1890, sec. 135.
 5. Code 1906, secs. 3456, 4140; Code 1917, secs. 2794, 6774; Code 1930, secs. 2881, 6210.

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XII. CONSTABLES

The office of constable was established in each of the five supervisors' and justice of the peace districts of Walthall County by the creating acts of 1910 and 1912 as prescribed by the Constitution of 1890. These offices have functioned continuously since its organization in 1914.¹

The Constitution of 1890 provides that constables shall be chosen by districts for a four-year term, but gives the Legislature power to determine the method of selection.² The Legislature has prescribed that constables shall be elected by districts at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers.³

The Constitution of 1890 provides that a competent number of constables be chosen in each county by districts.⁴ Statute law requires that one constable to be chosen in each district for the election of justices of the peace and empowers the board of supervisors to provide for the election of additional constables in any district, not to exceed the number of justices of the peace provided for in the district.⁵

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

Constables are not required to keep any permanent records, and no records for constables were found in Walthall County.

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1. Const. 1890, sec. 171; Code 1906, sec. 829; L. M. 1914, p. 483; See "Historical Sketch," p. 7; Code 1917, sec. 635; Code 1930, sec. 630.
 2. Const. 1890, sec. 171.
 3. Code 1906, secs. 829, 3456, 4140; Code 1917, secs. 635, 2794, 6774; Code 1930, secs. 630, 2881, 2610.
 4. Const. 1890, sec. 171.
 5. Code 1906, sec. 829; Code 1917, sec. 635; Code 1930, sec. 630.

XIII. TAX ASSESSOR

The office of tax assessor was established in Walthall County by the creating acts of 1910 and 1912, under the provisions of the Constitution of 1890, and has functioned in the county since its organization in 1914.¹ The Governor appointed a tax assessor April 16, 1910, but the office was not filled until the county was declared organized in 1914 when the assessor made bond and was sworn into office May 4, 1914.² The tax assessor was not regularly elected until November 1915 and was sworn into office January 1916.³

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

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

94. LAND ASSESSMENTS, 1937--. 36 vols.

Original lists of taxable real property, returned to the tax assessor by persons liable for taxation, showing name and post office address, beat number, school district, and road district of residence, lot and block numbers or division of section, survey, addition, or subdivisions, section, township and range, owner's total valuation, value of leases, permits, reservations, and other interests owned separately from surface ownership, valuation of land, buildings, and improvements in cities, towns, and villages, class and detailed description of buildings and improvements, tax assessor's valuation and assessment, detailed plat of homestead, date of return and amount of exemption claimed, affidavit of taxpayer, and attestation of tax assessor, tax assessor's computation and remarks. Arr. numer. by no. of political subdivision. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 14 x 10 x 2. Cir. clerk's off.

95. PERSONAL ASSESSMENTS, 1937--. 27 vols.

Original lists of taxable personal property returned to the tax assessor by persons liable for taxation, showing name and post office address, location of property, beat number, name of municipality, school district, and road district of residence, occupation or business of taxpayer, poll tax charge, race, sex, and age of taxpayer, road tax charge, and reason not liable, affidavit of taxpayer, attestation of tax assessor, date of return, classes and detailed description of property reported, including motor vehicles, valuation by taxpayer,

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1. Const. 1890, sec. 135; Code 1906, sec. 115; L. M. 1910, p. 278; L. M. 1912, pp. 415-422; L. M. 1914, p. 483; Code 1917, sec. 3459; Code 1930, sec. 100.
 2. Official Bond Record, vol. 1, p. 10, entry 33; Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1906, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 337. See "Historical Sketch," p. 7.
 3. Register of Commissions, op. cit., 1912, p. 341. See "Historical Sketch," p. 7.
 4. Const. 1890, sec. 135.
 5. Code 1906, secs. 3456, 4140; Code 1917, secs. 3794, 6774; Code 1930, secs. 2881, 6210.

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valuation by tax assessor, and remarks. Arr. numer. by no. of political sub-
division. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 12 x 10 x 3. Cir. clerk's
off.

XIV. SHERIFF AS TAX COLLECTOR

The office of sheriff as tax collector was established in Walthall County in 1914 with the establishment of the office of sheriff,¹ since the sheriff, by law, is the ex officio tax collector.²

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

Tax Receipts

96. TAX RECEIPTS, 1914--. 220 vols.

Duplicate copies of receipts issued to taxpayers in settlement of real and personal property taxes assessed and due, including State and county ad valorem taxes, school district, road district, and dog taxes, and taxes for creating sinking funds to service county bonds, showing receipt number, year for which taxes due, date receipt issued, if taxes paid, name of taxpayer, total amount of taxes due in each class of assessment, legal description of real property, and signature of tax collector. Also contains: Poll Tax Receipts, 1914-34, entry 98. Arr. numer. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 350 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. 59 vols., 1914-26, cir. clerk's va.; 63 vols., 1915-30, courthouse attic; 82 vols., 1926, 1929-37, ch. clerk's va.; 16 vols., 1938--, sheriff's off.

For duplicate copies of poll tax receipts 1935--, see entries 127, 128.

97. ROAD TAX RECEIPT BOOK, 1914-34. 93 vols.

Duplicate copies of receipts issued to persons electing to pay commutation road taxes in lieu of working on roads, showing receipt number, date receipt issued, name of taxpayer, amount of taxes paid, residence of taxpayer by name of taxing district, and signature of tax collector. Arr. numer. by receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 166 pp. 12 x 10 x 1. 62 vols., 1914-29, cir. clerk's va.; 16 vols., 1929, 1931-32, ch. clerk's va.; 14 vols., 1930, 1933-34, courthouse attic.

98. POLL TAX RECEIPTS, 1935--. 24 vols. 1914-34 in Tax Receipts, entry 96.

Duplicate copies of receipts issued for the payment of poll taxes, showing year for which taxes due, receipt number, page and line of record of assessment in Personal Rolls (entry 28), place and date of payment, name, address, and voting precinct of taxpayer, amount of tax paid, and signature of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. numer. by receipt no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 125 pp. 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 23 vols., 1935-39, cir. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1940--, sheriff's off.

For receipts for payment of poll tax 1914-34, see entry 95; for duplicate copies of poll tax receipts 1935--, see entry 126.

1. L. M. 1914, p. 483. For the present status of the office of sheriff, the method of selection, and the term of office, see "Sheriff," p. 78.
2. Code 1906, sec. 4696; Code 1917, sec. 3110; L. M. 1926, pp. 304-305; Code 1930, sec. 3341.

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99. ROAD AND BRIDGE PRIVILEGE TAX LICENSES, 1914--. 25 vols.
Duplicate copies of receipt-licenses issued in payment of road and bridge privilege taxes, showing type of vehicle, motor number, amount of taxes paid, year for which taxes due, name of state and county, receipt and tag number, name and address of licensee, make, age, kind, model, and year of vehicle, voting precinct of licensee, estimated value of vehicle, date receipt issued, signature of tax collector, and counter-signature of state auditor of public accounts. Arr. numer. by receipt-license no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 60 pp. 12 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 18 vols., 1914-26, ch. clerk's va.; 6 vols., 1927-38, courthouse attic; 1 vol., 1939--, sheriff's off.

100. RECORD OF PRIVILEGE TAX LICENSES BIRD, GAME AND FISH FUND, 1926-32. 27 vols. Discontinued because law of 1932 gave State Game and Fish Commission authority to regulate issuance of hunting and fishing licenses and the Commission has appointed a warden to issue the licenses.

Carbon copies of licenses issued and privileging individuals to hunt, fish, trap and seine, showing license number, date issued, name and address of licensee, amount of license paid, expiration date of license, and signature of tax collector. Arr. numer. by license number. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 16 x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Register of Motor Vehicles

101. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTER, 1914--. 14 vols.
Record of automobile and motor vehicle licenses issued, showing date, number, name of owner, residence, type of vehicle, motor number, model, horsepower, carrying capacity, date delivered, amount of tag, amount of taxes paid, damages, total, date paid, and signature of tax collector. Arr. numer. by tag number. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.

Cash Books and Ledgers

102. TAX COLLECTORS CASH, 1914--. 20 vols. Title varies: Tax Collectors Cash Book, 1919-21, 1 vol.
Daily record of taxes collected by the sheriff as tax collector, showing name of person paying taxes, year for which taxes due, amount paid, date of payment, receipt number in Tax Receipts (entry 96), Poll Tax Receipts (entry 98), and Road and Bridge Privilege Tax Receipts (entry 99), date issued, fund debited, sub-totals and totals, gross amount of taxes collected, net amount of taxes paid into State and county treasuries and date of each entry. Arr. chron. by date of daily entries. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 130 pp. 19 x 16 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. 14 vols., 1914-34, attic; 2 vols., 1926-27, ch. clerk's va.; 4 vols., 1935--, sheriff's off.

103. TAX COLLECTORS ROAD TAX CASH, 1914-34. 6 vols. Discontinued because of repeal of road commutation tax law.
Daily record of taxes collected by sheriff as tax collector from persons electing to pay commutation road taxes in lieu of working on county roads, showing name and address of person paying tax, receipt number, date issued, amount paid, residence of taxpayer by number of supervisors' district or boat and by name of road taxing district. Arr. chron. by date of daily entries. No index. Hdw.

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on ptd. form. 238 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. 4 vols., 1914-19, ch. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1920-25, cir. clerk's va.; 1 vol., 1925-33, courthouse attic, 1 vol., 1934, sheriff's off.

104. RECORD OF STATE PRIVILEGES, 1914--. 2 vols. (1, 2).
Record of licenses issued privileging individuals to practice a profession or engage in business and privileging corporations, joint stock companies, voluntary associations, and other business concerns to engage in business, showing license number, name and address of licensee, date license issued, type of profession or business licensed, expiration date of license, endorsement of State Auditor of **Public** Accounts that accounts are correct and that amounts have been paid into State treasury. Arr. numer. by license no. and chron. thereunder by date license issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 150 pp. 18 x 14 x 1. 1 vol., 1914-30, courthouse attic; 1 vol., 1931--, sheriff's off .

Reports

105. SHERIFFS MONTHLY REPORTS, 1924--. 2 vols.
Duplicate copies of monthly reports made by the sheriff as tax collector to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, of funds collected and deposited in the county depository, showing date of report, total taxes collected, total amounts deducted, numbers of receipt-warrants issued by county depository, and certification of sheriff as tax collector. Arr. chron. by date report made. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 105 pp. 17 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Sheriff's off.

For original reports, see entry 2.

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XV. CLERK OF THE CHANCERY COURT AS TREASURER

The office of treasurer was established in Walthall County by the creating acts of 1910 and 1912, under the provisions of the Constitution of 1890, and commenced to function April 25, 1914, when the county was declared organized.¹ The office functioned until it was abolished by a constitutional amendment approved by popular vote in 1922 and made a part of the Constitution in 1924.² The treasurer was elected for a four-year term by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, county, district, and county-district officers,³ and was prohibited by the Constitution from immediately succeeding himself or the sheriff in office.⁴ The amendment, in abolishing the office, specified that the duties formerly imposed upon the treasurer should be discharged by some person or persons selected as required by law.⁵ In 1932, the Legislature enacted a law requiring the clerk of the chancery court in his capacity of clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor in counties having county depositories to perform the former duties of the treasurer except the duty of receiving and disbursing money.⁶ As Walthall County has had regularly designated depositories since its establishment in 1914, the clerk of the chancery court of the county has assumed the former duties of the treasurer. For the structural and functional development of the office of treasurer, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 202-206.

The law of 1932 which gave this official the former duties of the treasurer, also requires him to be custodian of all books, records, and papers of the treasurer.⁷

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1. Const. 1890, secs. 135, 138; L. M. 1910, p. 278; L. M. 1912, pp. 415-422; L. M. 1914, p. 483; Register of Commissions, State, county, and municipal, 1906, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 337; ibid., 1912, p. 341.
 2. Const. 1890, sec. 135; L. M. 1922, p. 144; L. M. 1924, p. 189. Because of the establishment by the law of 1912 of county depositories in all counties (L. M. 1912, pp. 286-287; Code 1917, sec. 4156), the office of treasurer from 1914 to 1924 in Walthall County was not an important phrase of county government. The treasurer's principal duties of receiving and disbursing money were delegated to the depository with the result that the office was more or less nominal.
 3. Const. 1890, sec. 135; Code 1906, secs. 3456, 4140; Code 1917, secs. 2794, 6774.
 4. Const. 1890, sec. 135.
 5. Ibid.; L. M. 1922, p. 144; L. M. 1924, p. 189.
 6. L. M. 1932, p. 514. For the establishment of the office of clerk of the chancery court, see "Chancery Court," p. 56. For the establishment of the office of clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, see "Clerk of the Board of Supervisors as Auditor," p. 88.
 7. L. M. 1932, p. 514.

XVI. CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS AUDITOR

The office of clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor was established in Walthall County in 1914 with the establishment of the office of clerk of the chancery court,¹ as this official is the ex officio clerk of the board of supervisors, and the clerk of the board of supervisors is the ex officio auditor. This office has functioned continuously since its establishment.²

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

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

Cash Receipts
(See also entries 20-23, 96-100, 102-104)

Reports

106. TREASURERS DOCKET, 1914-15. 1 vol. (1).
Recorded copies of monthly reports of receipts and disbursements of county and county-district funds, made by the treasurer to the board of supervisors, showing date of report, period covered, dates, sources, and amounts of receipts, names of funds debited, total receipts, dates, amounts, and warrant number of disbursements, names of payees, names of funds debited, total receipts, dates, amounts, and warrant numbers of balances, oath of treasurer, and approved by board of supervisors. Arr. chron. by date of report. Indexed alph. by name of fund. Hdw. on ptd. form. 590 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For original reports, see entry 2.

107. DEPOSITORY STATEMENTS, 1937--. 12 file boxes. 1914-36 in Cancelled County Warrants, entry 118.
Original monthly reports of receipts and disbursements of county and county-district funds, made by county depositories to the board of supervisors, showing name of depository, date of report, period covered, dates, sources, and amounts of receipts received for deposit, names of funds debited, total receipts, and dates, amounts, and warrant numbers of disbursements, names of payees, names of funds credited, total disbursement, balances, and oath of reporting official of depository, and approval of board of supervisors.

108. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE REPORTS, 1933-38. 1900 documents in 1 file box. 1914-32, 1939-- in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2.
Original reports made quarterly until 1932 and monthly since 1932 by justices of the peace of fines and penalties imposed and collected, showing date of

1. L. M. 1914, p. 483.

2. Code 1906, sec. 347; Code 1917, sec. 3720; Code 1930, sec. 295. For the establishment of the office of the clerk of the chancery court, its present status, the method of selection, and term of office, see "Chancery Court," p. 56.

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report, period covered, dates, fines, and penalties imposed, names of persons from whom payment received, amount of fines and penalties imposed, amounts collected, amounts deposited in county depository, and certification of justices of the peace. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 14.

109. CIRCUIT CLERK'S REPORTS, 1933-38. 200 reports in 1 file box. 1914-32, 1939-- in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2. Original copies of monthly reports made by the clerk of the circuit court to the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor of fees collected, showing date of report, period covered, itemization of fees collected, total amount of fees collected, amount of salary deducted, certification of clerk. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 11 x 5 x 14.

Bank Deposits

110. RECEIVE WARRANTS, 1914--. 11 vols. Stubs and duplicate copies of warrants issued by the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor authorizing the sheriff as tax collector and other officers to deposit funds to the credit of the county, showing receive warrant number, date issued, sources and amounts of deposits, funds to which allocated, totals, and signatures of the clerk and of the officer making the deposit. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 225 pp. 15 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

County Bonds (See entry 1)

111. BOND REGISTER, 1916--. 2 vols. Register of coupon bonds issued by the board of supervisors for the construction and maintenance of county and county-district schools, roads, and bridges, public buildings, and other public works and improvements, showing volume and page of order of issuance in Minutes Board of Supervisors (entry 1), name of bond issue, date and purpose, total amount of issue, serial number of each bond, date issued, names of purchasers, denominations of bonds, rate of interest, amount of coupons, dates principal and interest payments due, dates of coupons, maturity dates, dates of coupon payments, dates bonds redeemed in full, and canceled. Arr. chron. by date of bond issue and numer. thereunder by bond no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 100 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3/4.

Claims

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112. DOCKET OF CLAIMS, 1914--. 5 vols. (1-5). Record of claims, demands, and accounts filed against the county, for judicial and school expenses, for services rendered, supplies, materials, and equipment furnished county offices and departments, for damages and other obligations, showing claim number assigned by the clerk, name of claimant, amount claimed, date filed, date and purpose of claim, disposition, and volume and page of record of claims allowed in Minutes of the Board of Supervisors, entry 1. Arr. chron. by date of meeting and numer. thereunder by claim no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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Warrants

113. GENERAL FUND WARRANTS, 1914--. 8 vols.
Stubs and duplicate copies of warrants issued in payment of approved claims for judicial expenses, for services rendered, supplies, materials, and equipment furnished county offices and departments, for damages and other obligations, showing claim number in Docket of Claims (entry 112), warrant number in Cash Receipts and Disbursements (entry 119), date issued, amount of warrant, name of payee, purpose for which issued, name of fund credited, volume and page of reference Minutes of Board of Supervisors (entry 1), and signature of clerk. Also contains: Pauper Fund Warrants, 1914-27, entry 116. Arr. numer. by warrant no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 250 pp. 15 x 15 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
114. ROAD FUND WARRANTS, 1914--. 8 vols.
Stubs and carbon copies of warrants issued for construction and maintenance of county roads and bridges. For description of contents, arrangement, indexing and nature of recording, see entry 113. 200 pp. 15 x 15 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
115. PENSION WARRANTS, 1914-40. 5 vols. Discontinued April 1, 1940.
Warrants now issued by State Department of Public Welfare.
Stubs of warrants issued to Confederate soldiers, sailors and/or widows or servants of Confederate soldiers and sailors, showing date of quarter, warrant number, amount, to whom issued, day, month and year issued, and signature of pensioner. Arr. numer. by warrant no. and chron. thereunder by date of issuance. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 400 pp. 17 x 14 x 1.
116. PAUPER FUND WARRANTS, 1928--. 4 vols. 1914-27 in General Fund Warrants, entry 113.
Stubs of warrants issued in distribution of pauper's fund to the poor and indigent of the county, showing warrant number, volume and page of Minutes Board of Supervisors (entry 1), date issued, to whom paid, name of fund, purpose, amount, date received, signature of payee. Arr. numer. by warrant no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 15 x 14 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
117. SCHOOL WARRANTS, 1914--. 47 vols. Title varies: Special School Warrants, 1914--., 2 vols.; Teachers Warrants, 1914-36, 3 vols.; School Fund Warrants, 1936-39, 6 vols.
Stubs of warrants issued in payment of teachers salaries, transportation contracts, repairs on schools, janitor and other services rendered in county schools, showing warrant number, amount, date, name of payee, volume and page in Register of Pay Certificates (entry 144), on what account drawn, purpose, month of school term, name of school, by whom received. Arr. number. by warrant no. and chron. thereunder by date warrant issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 38 vols., 1914-35, courthouse attic; 9 vols., 1936--., ch. clerk's va.
118. CANCELLED COUNTY WARRANTS, 1914--. 47 file boxes.
Original warrants issued in payment of claims, paid and canceled and returned by county depository to clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, showing claim number in Docket of Claims (entry 112), warrant number in Cash Receipts

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and Disbursements (entry 119), date issued, amount of warrant, name of payee, purpose for which issued, name of fund credited, signature of clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, endorsement of payee, cancelation by depository, and date of payment and cancelation. Also contains: Depository Statements, 1914-36, entry 107. Arr. numer. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 35 file boxes, 10 x 5 x 18, courthouse attic; 12 file boxes, 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 18, ch. clerk's va.

Ledgers

119. CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1914--. 9 vols. (1, 1-5; three vols. not labeled). Title varies: Register of Allowances, 1914-20, 1 vol.; Register of County Warrants, 1914-23, 1 vol.; Register of School Warrants, 1914-23, 1 vol.; Auditor's Account Book, 1914-30, 1 vol.

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

- i. Cash receipts are classified under the following headings: Revenue including general real and personal taxes, privilege taxes, interest, rents, licenses and permits, costs, fees, fines and forfeitures, department earnings, sales and leases of property, refunds, and State aid including gasoline tax, Confederate pensions, and school equalization funds, and show source and purpose of receipts, amount received, and name of fund debited.
- ii. Disbursements are classified under the following headings: Governmental costs including administrative, judicial, protection of persons and property, conservation of health, highway maintenance, charities and corrections, education, sundry, and interest on temporary loans and bonds, non-governmental costs including principal and temporary loans, bonds, permanent improvements, transfers and refunds, and trust and investment transactions, and show claim number in Docket of Claims (entry 112), warrant number, dates issued and paid, name of payee, purpose, name of fund credited, totals and balances.

Cash receipts arr. chron. by date received and entered; disbursements arr. chron. by date warrant issued and numer. thereunder by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 500 pp. 16 x 30 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

120. LEDGER, GENERAL AND BUDGET, 1914--. 2 vols. (1; one vol. not labeled). General control ledger of current, capital, and trust accounts, and recorded copies of annual county budgets prepared, published, and adopted by the board of supervisors.

- i. General control ledger shows the following accounts, each supported by subsidiary accounts giving details of all transactions under each account: Depository, county budget, tax collector, county tax levy, appropriated revenues, gasoline tax receipts, bond interest, rents, licenses and permits, fines and forfeits, State appropriations, departmental earnings, sales of property, miscellaneous receipts, temporary loans, vouchers payable, unpaid taxes, current surplus, capital appropriations, authorized construction, bonds payable, bond premiums, fixed county properties, fixed capital surplus, and trust.
- ii. Budget ledger shows estimates of proposed expenditures and of prospective revenue for each fiscal year, the proposed expenditures being classified under the following headings with each heading

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subdivided and itemized: Administrative, judicial, protection of persons and property, conservation of health, highway maintenance, charities and corrections, education, sundry, interest, principal, construction and permanent improvements, and total county appropriations, and the estimates of prospective revenues being classified under the following headings: Gasoline tax, privilege tax, interest, rents, licenses and permits, fines and forfeits, State appropriations, departmental earnings, sales of property, sundry, total tax levy for general county purposes, and tax levy by districts.

General ledger arr. chron. by date of entries; budget ledger arr. chron. by date budget adopted. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 600 pp. 11 x 15 x 3.

121. AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT, SIXTEENTH SECTION LOAN FUND, 1914--. 1 vol. (1). Ledger accounts of five year first mortgage loans granted from sixteenth section school fund by the board of supervisors, showing name of grantee, legal description of property pledged as security for loan, dates loan authorized and note executed, maturity date, amount of loan, notations of payment of interest and principal with dates and amounts paid, and date of payment in full. Arr. chron. by date of loan. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of person receiving loan. Hdw. on ptd. form. 428 pp. 18 x 2 x 2.

122. AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TAX COLLECTOR, 1914--. 1 vol. (1). Ledger record of taxes charged to and payments made by the sheriff as tax collector, showing year of assessment, assessed valuation of real and personal property taxes, funds to which allocated, total amount of taxes charged for collection, tax rate, amounts received and funds to which allocated, total amounts received, balances due, allowances to sheriff as tax collector for commissions and credits, net amounts deposited in county depository, dates deposited, and receive warrant no. Arr. chron. by date of collection. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 500 pp. 17 x 15 x 3.

123. CIRCUIT COURT ALLOWANCES, 1914-36. 1 file box. 1937-- in Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors, entry 2. Original reports of the clerk of the circuit court of allowances made by the circuit court at each term of court, showing date of report, term of court, docket number of cases tried in General Docket, State Cases (entry 56), and in General Docket-Civil Cases (entry 59), names of litigants in civil cases, and of defendant in criminal cases, dates of trials or hearings, amounts allowed, certificate numbers, names of witnesses and jurors, amounts allowed for attendance and mileage, total amounts of allowances for each term, volume and page of record of allowances in Minutes Circuit Court (entry 76), signature and oath of clerk of the circuit court, signature and title of official administering oath, and dates filed. Arr. chron. by date of allowance. No index. Typed. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 15.

XVII. REGISTRAR OF ELECTIONS

The Constitution of 1890 directs the Legislature to provide for the registration of person eligible to vote,¹ and the legislation enacted has made it the duty of the State Board of Election Commissioners to appoint a registrar in each county who shall be the clerk of the circuit court unless it is shown that he is a person improper for the office.² The circuit clerks of Walthall County have been appointed regularly to this office since its establishment in 1914.

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

The records of the office, unless otherwise specified, are kept in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. For legal publications of the registrar, see entry 50.

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Registration Books

124. REGISTRATION BOOKS, 1914--. 34 vols. (labeled by voting precincts). Record of registration of voters in the county, showing date of registration, number, signature, age, color, occupation, place of business, and residence of registrant, registrar's notation as to registrant's ability to read the Constitution or understand and interpret any section of it read to him, if he cannot read, and remarks, including reasons for removal of names because of death, disqualification or disfranchisement. Arr. numer. by registration number, and chron. thereunder by date of registration. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of registrant. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 50 pp. 16 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Disfranchisement

125. RECORD OF CONVICTS, 1914--. 1 vol. (1). Last entry 1918. Record of persons convicted of certain statutory named crimes disqualifying them to vote, showing name of person convicted, court of conviction, crime for which convicted, and date of conviction. Arr. chron. by date convicted. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 320 pp. 16 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. ch. clerk's va.

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Poll Books

126. POLL BOOKS, 1914--. 71 vols. (labeled by names of election district). List of qualified voters compiled from Registration Books (entry 124), and

1. Const. 1890, sec. 242.

2. Code 1906, sec. 4109; Code 1917, sec. 6743; Code 1930, sec. 6179. For the establishment of the office of clerk of the circuit court, its present status, the method of selection, and the term of office, see "Circuit Court," pp. 63.

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revised before each election by the registrar and the county board of election commissioners, showing registration number, date of registration, name, age, color, and address of voter, election managers' notations by dates of voters' voting record, and remarks, including reasons for removal of names because of death, disqualification, or disfranchisement. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of voter. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 14 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Poll Tax Receipts

127. POLL TAX RECEIPTS, 1935--. 23 vols.
Duplicate copies of receipts issued by the sheriff as tax collector for payment of poll taxes, and delivered to the registrar, showing year for which taxes due, receipt number, page and line of record of assessment in Personal Assessment Roll (entry 28), place and date of payment, if paid, name, address, and voting precinct of taxpayer, amount of tax paid, and signature of sheriff as tax collector. For separate index, see entry 128. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 200 pp. 15 x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x 1.

For duplicate copies of poll tax receipts 1935--, see entry 97.

128. INDEX TO POLL TAX RECEIPTS, 1935--. 5 vols.
Index to Poll Tax Receipts (entry 127), showing date of payment of poll tax, name and voting precinct of person to whom receipt issued, and receipt number. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of voter. Hdw. on ptd. form. 25 pp. 16 x 10 x $\frac{1}{4}$.

Exemption Certificates

129. AFFIDAVITS AND CERTIFICATES TO VOTE, 1936--. 4 vols. (1-4 and labeled by contained certificates nos., 1-1750).
Carbon copies of affidavits made by persons claiming exemption from the payment of poll taxes because of age or disability and certificates of exemption issued by registrar, showing name of county in which affidavit taken, name and voting precinct of person claiming exemption, affidavit of claimant, signature of claimant, signature and seal of registrar as official taking affidavit, date affidavit taken, registrar's statement of issuance, citation to authority to issue certificate, and registrar's signature in attest. Arr. numer. by certificate no. Indexed alph. by first letter of surname of person exempted. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 600 pp. 16 x $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 3.

Corrupt Practice Prevention

130. DISTRIBUTORS RECEIPTS FOR BALLOTS, 1935--. 1 vol. (labeled by contained receipt nos., 1-5000).
Original receipts for ballots delivered by distributor of ballots to each polling place and returned to registrar after delivery of ballots, showing date delivered, name of election manager receiving ballots, name of distributor delivering ballots, number of ballots delivered and received, name of polling place, number of supervisor's district, designation of election for which ballots will be used, signature of election manager as receiver of ballots, signature of distributor. Arr. chron. by date supplies received. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 165 pp. 16 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

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131. CANDIDATES' AFFIDAVITS AND CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS, 1936-- . 200
documents in 1 file box.

Original primary election papers, including:

- i. Affidavits of candidates, showing names of State, county, name of candidate, office for which offering, oath and signature of candidate, date and signature of official administering oath.
- ii. Statements of contributions received by candidates, showing name of county, name and address of candidate, office for which offering, date, itemization of contributions, oath of candidate, signature of official administering oath.

No obvious arr. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 10 3/4 x 5 x 13 1/2.

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XVIII. COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The county board of election commissioners, created by statute law in 1892, was established in Walthall County September 1, 1914, and has functioned continuously since that time.¹

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

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

The county board of election commissioners is not required to keep any permanent records. For its publications, see entry 50.

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1. Code 1906, sec. 4108; Code 1917, sec. 6742; Code 1930, sec. 6177; Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, p. 1; see entry 1; Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1912, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 45. The creating acts of 1910, 1912, and 1914 provided that the Governor appoint six election commissioners, three each from Marion and Pike Counties, to call and hold special elections at which the qualified electors residing in those portions could vote on the question of their respective territories being included in the new county. (L. M. 1910, p. 279).
 2. Code 1906, sec. 4108; Code 1917, sec. 6742; Code 1930, sec. 6177.

XIX. SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

The office of superintendent of education was established in Walthall County by the creating acts of 1910 and 1912, under the provisions of the Constitution of 1890, and has functioned in the county since its organization in 1914.¹ The Governor appointed a superintendent of education April 16, 1910, but the office was not filled until the county was declared organized in 1914 when the superintendent of education made bond and was sworn into office May 4, 1914.² The superintendent of education was not regularly elected until November 1915 and was sworn into office January 1916.³

The superintendent is elected by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers⁴ for a term of four years.⁵

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

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

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Public School Record

132. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD, 1914--. 4 vols.
Superintendent's record of the administration of school affairs, showing names and location of school, lists of teachers examined and employed, proceedings of county school board, recorded copies of monthly and term reports of teachers and summaries of term reports, recorded copies of monthly reports of transportation contractors, recorded copies of annual financial reports of district school treasurers, recorded copies of general school budgets and of school district budgets, recorded copies of superintendent's reports to state superintendent of public education, recorded copies of reports of teachers institutes, plats of each school district, and other matters of general procedure. Arr. chron. by date of school term. No index. Hdw. and typed. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1914-20, courthouse attic; 3 vols., 1921--, supt's off.

Elementary School Scores

133. SCORE CARD, ELEMENTARY TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS, 1933--. 5 vols.
Original papers and reports of the county superintendent of education to the

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1. Const. 1890, sec. 204; L. M. 1910, p. 278; L. M. 1912, pp. 415-422; L. M. 1914, p. 483.
 2. Official Bond Record, vol. 1, p. 28, see entry 33; Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1906, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 337; see "Historical Sketch," p. 7.
 3. Register of Commissions, op. cit., 1912, p. 341.
 4. Code 1906, secs. 4140, 4810; Code 1917, secs. 6774, 7576; L. M. 1924, p. 416; Code 1930, secs. 6210, 6562.
 5. Const. 1890, sec. 204; Code 1906, secs. 3456, 4809; Code 1917, secs 2794, 7566; L. M. 1924, p. 416; Code 1930, secs. 2881, 6562.

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State Superintendent of Public Education including scores and physical properties of elementary schools, showing achievements and scores with respect to premises, schoolhouses, equipment, teachers, administration and extras compared with respect to score. Arr. chron. by date of report and score. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 10 x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Correspondence

134. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE FILE, 1935--. 4 file boxes. Original letters, telegrams, pamphlets, bulletins, instructions and other data received by superintendent of education from the State Department of Education, individuals, and educational institutional agencies and copies of superintendent's replies, showing date of communication, contents, signatures and addresses of addressees. Arr. chron. by date received. No index. Hdw. and typed. 11 x 13 x 26.

Miscellaneous

135. BRAKE TEST CERTIFICATES, 1938--. 1 file box. Original certificates issued to bus drivers certifying to mechanical safety of brakes on school busses, showing name of driver, bus number, name of school, date examined, condition of brakes, signature of inspector, mechanic, and contractor. Arr. chron. by date examined. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 14 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4.

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Certification

136. TEACHERS EXAMINATION PAPERS, 1926--. 7 file boxes. (dated). Original examination papers submitted by applicants for teachers' licenses to county board of examiners, showing name and address of applicant, date examination taken, list of questions answered, grade for each subject, average grade, and signatures of members of examining board. Arr. chron. by date of examination. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 9 x 5 x 16.

137. TEACHERS' LICENSES, 1914--. 2 vols. Stub record of licenses to teach granted applicants passing examinations given by county board of examiners, showing license number, name of licensee, date examination taken, expiration date of license, and notations of applicant's grades in each subject covered by examination, and signatures of examiners and superintendent of education. Arr. chron. by date of license. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 12 x 15 x 2.

Employment

138. TEACHERS CONTRACTS, 1936--. 1 vol. Stub record of contracts made with teachers and principals, showing license number of Teachers' Licenses (entry 137), name of teacher licensed, date contract made, school to which teacher assigned, amount of salary to be paid teacher, and other terms of contract, signatures of teacher or principal and

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superintendent of education. Arr. chron. by date of contract. No index.
Hdw. on ptd. form. 300 pp. 12 x 15 x 2.

Reports

139. TEACHERS REPORTS, 1930--. 21 file boxes.
Original copies of monthly reports made to the county superintendent by both white and colored teachers, showing date of report, period covered, name of school, name of teacher, number of pupils enrolled, average daily attendance, number of days present, absent, and taught, names and ages of pupils enrolled, salary due teacher, signature of teacher, and signatures of majority of school trustees examining and approving report. Arr. alph. by name of school and chron. thereunder by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 14.

For records of monthly reports, see entry 132.

140. SCHOOL REGISTERS, 1914--. 147 vols.
Daily register kept by teachers, showing term of school, date, name and location of school, school district, race, name of school teacher, grades taught, number of pupils, average attendance, names and ages of pupils, names of parents or guardians, ages of pupils at date of admittance to public schools, date of birth, sex, number of years in grade previous to present year, whether or not vaccinated, physical defects, if any, names of text books used, reports in progress of each pupil, signatures of teacher, principal and superintendent. Arr. chron. by date scholastic term. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 90 pp. 12 x 16 x 14. 1914-38, courthouse attic; 1939--, supt's off.

Educable Children

141. ENUMERATION OF EDUCABLE CHILDREN, 1914--. 8 vols.
Record of lists of educable children reported annually by principal teacher in each school district to the superintendent, showing date of report, name of school district, names, ages, race, sex, grades of children, section, township, and range of location of school, and recapitulation sheets, showing total number of educable children, total number of pupils enrolled, date of school term, signatures of school trustees examining and approving report, name and address of parents or guardians of each child. Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of parent. No index. Hdw. and typed on ptd. form. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 vols., 1914-26, courthouse attic; 5 vols., 1927--, supt's off.

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Pay Certificates

142. PAY CERTIFICATES, 1914--. 18 vols.
Stub record of pay certificates issued by superintendent of education to teachers, transportation contractors, and other employees and claimants to obtain warrants from the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor in payment for

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services rendered, and supplies, materials, and equipment furnished the county schools, showing certificate number, date issued, name of payee, purpose, amount of certificate, name of school fund to be credited, and signature of payee acknowledging receipt of certificates, and signature of superintendent of education. Arr. numer. by certificate no. and chron. thereunder by date issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Av. 500 pp. 15 x 12 x 3.

143. CANCELLED PAY CERTIFICATES, 1914--. 14 file boxes. Original pay certificates issued by superintendent, paid, canceled, and returned to the superintendent for filing, showing certificate number, date issued, purpose for which issued, amount, name of fund credited, signature of superintendent of education, signature of payee, date paid and canceled. Arr. numer. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 10 x 19 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. 12 file boxes, 1914-37, courthouse attic; 2 file boxes, 1938--, ch. clerk's off.

144. REGISTER OF PAY CERTIFICATES, 1928--. 1 vol. Register of pay certificates issued by the superintendent of education to teachers, transportation contractors, janitors and other claimants to obtain warrants from the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, in payment for services rendered, showing certificate number, name of payee, date issued, purpose, grade of school taught by teacher, monthly salary, amount of certificate, and name of school fund credited. Arr. numer. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 200 pp. 12 x 15 x 2.

145. LEDGER ACCOUNTS, 1914--. 7 vols. Ledger record of cash receipts allocated to school funds by the clerk of the board of supervisors as auditor, and of disbursements of school funds made by pay certificates by the superintendent of education.

- i. Sources of each receipt are classified as revenue and non-revenue, revenue receipts being listed as per capita and equalization funds from State appropriations, taxes from common school ad valorem, special school district ad valorem, dog, and poll taxes, and interest from invested sixteenth section school land funds, and non-revenue receipts being listed as transfers and loans. Both classifications show name and source of funds, debits, credits, and **balances.**
- ii. Disbursements are classified under the following main and subsidiary accounts: Administrative, including salary of superintendent of education, superintendent's office expense, school board and board of examiners, and incidentals, Institutes, and Normals, instruction including principal teachers, white teachers, colored teachers, and special teachers, auxiliary agencies including tuition and transportation, operation of school plant including janitor's wages, janitor's supplies, light, water, telephone, fuel, rent, and insurance, maintenance including repairs to plant and equipment, capital expenditures including grounds, improvements of grounds, new buildings and equipment, and purchase of vehicles, interest on loans, and non-governmental costs including loans and refunds of taxes and tuition. Under subsidiary accounts, disbursements show pay certificate number, name of payee, amount of certificates, purpose, date issued, and name of fund credited.

Cash receipts arr. chron. by date of credits and debits; disbursement arr. chron. by date pay certificate issued. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 514 pp. 8 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

XX. SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Boards of trustees of each school district established outside of towns in Walthall County since 1914 have functioned continuously in the county since their organization. At present there are three types of these school districts: Common school districts, consolidated school districts, and special consolidated districts.¹

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

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

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

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

146. TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTORS REPORTS, 1930--. 17 file boxes. Original monthly reports made by transportation contractors to boards of trustees, showing date of report, period covered, number of pupils enrolled in each school, number of pupils conveyed, number of days conveyed, amount of salary due contractor, names of pupils conveyed, signature of contractor, signature of principal teacher and of trustees approving report. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 12 x 5 x 14.

147. TRUSTEES ORDERS, 1935--. 2 file boxes. Original orders issued by boards of school trustees to superintendent of education for payment of expenses out of the district school fund, including salaries of teachers, bus drivers, janitors and supplies and furnishing for school buildings, and miscellaneous expenses, showing name of county, school district,

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1. The establishment of consolidated schools was authorized in 1910 (L. M. 1910, pp. 114-115; L. M. 1912, pp. 323-324; L. M. 1914, pp. 265-266; L. M. 1916, p. 284; Code 1917, secs. 3999-4006; L. M. 1924, pp. 440-447; Code 1930, secs. 6638-6652). The establishment of special consolidated school districts was authorized in 1928 (L. M. 1928, pp. 158-161; Code 1930, secs. 6653-6656).
 2. Code 1906, sec. 4518; Code 1917, sec. 7338; L. M. 1924, p. 431; L. M. 1928, p. 164; Code 1930, sec. 6623.
 3. L. M. 1928, p. 160; Code 1930, sec. 6655.
 4. Code 1906, sec. 4519; L. M. 1914, p. 257; Code 1917, secs. 7338-7339; L. M. 1924, p. 432; L. M. 1928, p. 160; Code 1930, sec. 6624-6625.
 5. Code 1906, sec. 4519; Code 1917, secs. 7338-7339; L. M. 1924, p. 432; Code 1930, sec. 6623.
 6. L. M. 1928, p. 160; Code 1930, sec. 6655.

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date, amount, purpose for which expense incurred, names of payee and superintendent of education, and signatures of trustees. Arr. chron. by date of order. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 14.

XXI. COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The county school board was established in Walthall County with the organization of the county in 1914 and has functioned continuously in the county since that time.¹

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

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

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

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

148. TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS, 1930--. 4 file boxes; 102 bundles. Original instruments of the board of trustees of consolidated schools from 1936 to 1938 and of the county school board 1938--, pertaining to the transportation of school children, including:

- i. Contractors' bonds, showing date, name of contractor, amount of bond, signature of contractor, and names and signatures of sureties.
- ii. Rules and regulations, showing instructions to school bus drivers as to types of vehicles approved, care of vehicles approved, and precautionary measures to be taken to avoid accidents.
- iii. Transportation contracts, showing name of contractor, expiration date of contract, terms of contract, amount of salary to be paid contractor, and signatures of contractor, superintendent of education, and trustees of consolidated school.

Arr. alph. by first letter of surname of contractor. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. Bundles, 10 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$; file boxes, 12 x 5 x 14.

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1. Code 1906, sec. 4510; Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 2, p. 330; see entry 1; Code 1917, sec. 7330; L. M. 1924, p. 432; Code 1930, sec. 6581.
 2. Ibid.
 3. Code 1906, sec. 4497 (n); Code 1917, sec. 7574 (n); L. M. 1924, p. 418; Code 1930, sec. 6570 (11).
 4. Code 1906, sec. 4510; Code 1917, sec. 7330; L. M. 1924, p. 423.
 5. L. M. 1930, p. 611; Code 1930, sec. 6581.

XXII. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The office of county health officer was established in Walthall County July 6, 1914,¹ by the State Board of Health to serve a two-year term, as prescribed by law. The office has functioned continuously since that time.²

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

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

149. MONTHLY NUMERICAL MORBIDITY REPORT, 1938--. 1 folder.
Carbon copies of monthly numerical morbidity reports made by the health officer to the bureau of communicable diseases of the State Board of Health, showing name of county, date of report, period covered, number of diseases reported by physicians in county, name of disease, number of whites affected, number of blacks affected, total number affected, number of active physicians in the county, number of physicians failing to report, name and address of any illegal practitioner, name and address of any physician who has moved out of county, name and address of any physician who has moved into county, name, address, age, and color of any physician dying in the county, cause of death and whether active or inactive, names and addresses of physicians failing to report, and signature of director of department of health. Arr. chron. by date of report. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 8 x 10 x 2.

For tabulation of communicable diseases reported, see entry 150.

150. MONTHLY REPORT OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, 1938--. 1 folder.
Duplicate copies of combined monthly activity, financial, and reportable disease reports, made by the health officer to the State Board of Health, including:

- i. Reports, activity, showing name of State and county, population of health jurisdiction of Walthall County health officer, date of report and period covered, and tabulations of monthly and running totals of medical, nursing, clinical and lecture services in the following activities: Communicable disease control, venereal disease control, tuberculosis control, maternity service, infant and pre-school hygiene, school hygiene, crippled children service, general sanitation, protection of food and milk, and laboratory.
- ii. Reports, financial, showing name of State and county, date of report and period covered, budget number, item number and description of item, names of contributing agencies and amounts received, total receipts and disbursements for each month and to date.
- iii. Reportable diseases, tabulation of, showing names of diseases reported,

1. L. M. 1914, p. 483; Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, p. 23.

2. Code 1906, sec. 2491; Code 1917, sec. 4840; Code 1930, sec. 4877. The appointee is required to be a competent physician and the appointment since 1930 has been mandatory in all counties (ibid.).

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total number reported for month and to date, signature and address
of health officer, and date of report.

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

XXIII. REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

The office of registrar of births and deaths was established in Walthall County in 1914 as prescribed by law,¹ and has functioned continuously since that time.

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

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

This official is not required to keep any permanent records. His records are kept in the office of the county health officer.

151. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1914-39. 13 vols.

Abstract record of reports made by registrar of births and deaths to the Division of Vital Statistics, showing name of county, registration district number, place and date of death, full name of deceased, personal and statistical particulars, occupation, name and address of father and mother, name of informant, place and date of burial, cremation, or removal, cause of death, name of physician filing certificate of death, name of attending physician, name of undertaker, date filed with registrar of births and deaths, and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. by date of registration. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 9 x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

For record of deaths January 1940-- , see entry 153.

152. REGISTRAR'S RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1914-39. 50 vols.

Abstract record of reports made by registrar of births and deaths to the Division of Vital Statistics, showing name of county, registration district number, place of birth, full name of child, sex, if plural birth, twin or triplet, number in order of birth, premature, legitimate, month and day of birth, father's full name, address, age, race, birthplace, and occupation, mother's full maiden name, address, age, race, birthplace, and occupation, whether or not child still-born, name of physician or midwife attending birth, time report filed with registrar of births and deaths, and signature of registrar. Arr. chron. by date of registration. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 9 x 6 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

For record of births January 1940-- , see entry 153.

153. RECORD OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1940-- . 1 vol.

Combined record of births and deaths kept on alternate pages. For description of contents, see entries 151, 152. Arr. chron. by date of registration. No

1. Code 1906, sec. 1645; Code 1917, sec. 4868; Code 1930, secs. 4904, 4906.
2. Mississippi State Board of Health, Division of Vital Statistics, Names and Addresses of Registrars, Effective February 1, 1940, Bulletin, January 1940.
3. Code 1906, sec. 1645; Code 1917, sec. 4868; Code 1930, secs. 4904, 4906.

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index. Hdw. on tpd. form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

For prior records of births and deaths, see entries 151, 152.

XXIV. PENSION BOARD OF INQUIRY

The pension board of inquiry was established in Walthall County when the county was organized in 1914, and has functioned continuously since that time.¹

Law in effect at the time provided that the camp of Confederate veterans in the county select and recommend to the board of supervisors for appointment to the pension board, five of their number, one from each supervisor's beat or district if possible.² The first board appointed and approved by the board of supervisors was named on July 6, 1914.³ Pensioners are excluded from serving as members of the board.⁴ The board of supervisors has been required since 1924 to appoint a World War veteran to the board, and since 1924 recommendations for membership have been extended to include not only Confederate veterans, but other citizens who are qualified electors.⁵ Since 1928, the county prosecuting attorney has been a member of the board.⁶ The clerk of the chancery court is the clerk of this body,⁷ and the sheriff is its executive officer.⁸

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

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

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

154. PENSION [Applications], 1905. 1 file box.
Original applications for pensions filed with the pension board of inquiry by Confederate soldiers and sailors and by widows and servants of Confederate soldiers and sailors, including:

- i. Applications of Confederate soldiers and sailors, showing date of application, name, residence, age, class, date of birth, and birthplace of applicant, statement of citizenship in Mississippi, county and residence at the time of enlistment, date and place of enlistment, time and place wounded and description of wounds, if wounded, company and regiment or vessel to which attached, names of officers of company and regiment or vessel, length of service, statement of applicant that he was honorable discharged and that he did not desert from service, present occupation, if any, statement of applicant that he does not own property to the value of

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1. Code 1906, sec. 3657; L. M. 1914, p. 483; Code 1917, sec. 6312; Code 1930, sec. 5812.
 2. Ibid. The board of supervisors makes the appointments when there is no veterans' camp in the county (ibid.).
 3. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, p. 22.
 4. Code 1906, sec. 3657; Code 1917, sec. 6312; L. M. 1918, p. 132.
 5. L. M. 1924, pp. 585-586; L. M. 1930, p. 39; Code 1930, sec. 5812.
 6. L. M. 1928, p. 73; L. M. 1930, p. 39; Code 1930, sec. 5812.
 7. Code 1906, sec. 3657; Code 1917, sec. 6312; L. M. 1924, p. 585; Code 1930, sec. 5812.
 8. L. M. 1912, p. 173; Code 1917, sec. 6323; Code 1930, sec. 5822.

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\$400, oath and signature of applicant, signature and title of official administering oath, or names of one or more witnesses to application, and signature of five members of the pension board of inquiry on approved applications.

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

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

Arr. chron. by date application filed. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 5 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 15.

155. PENSION ROLL, 1916--. 1 vol. (1).

Record of annual reports listing pensioners, made by the clerk of the chancery court as clerk of the pension board of inquiry to the State Auditor of Public Accounts, showing date of report, period covered, name, address, and class of pensioner, amount of pension, date pension approved, date payment due, and signature of clerk, and remarks. Arr. chron. by date report made, and alph. thereunder by name of pensioner. No index. Hdw. on ptd. form. 100 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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XXV. CORONER AS RANGER

The office of ranger was created in Walthall County in 1914 with the establishment of the office of coroner,¹ as the coroner is by law the ex officio ranger. The office has functioned continuously since that time.²

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

For the general structural and functional development of the office of coroner as ranger, see Lamar County Inventory, p. 271.

For reports of the coroner as ranger to the board of supervisors, see entries 1, 2; for publications of the coroner as ranger, see entry 50.

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1. Code 1906, sec. 880; L. M. 1914, p. 483; Code 1917, sec. 4047; Code 1930, sec. 638. For the establishment of the office of coroner, the present status of the office, the method of selection, and the term of office, see "Coroner," p. 80.
 2. Ibid.
 3. Code 1906, sec. 891; Code 1917, sec. 4058; Code 1930, sec. 649.

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XXVI. SURVEYOR

The office of surveyor was established in Walthall County by the creating acts of the Legislature of 1910 and 1912, under the provisions of the Constitution of 1890, and commenced to function in 1914 when the county was declared created.¹ The first surveyor was appointed by the governor April 16, 1910, and April 25, 1914,² and served until a surveyor was elected at the general election in November 1915 and sworn into office in January 1916.³ The office functioned from 1914 through 1928 but from 1929 to date there has been no incumbent.⁴

The Constitution of 1890 provides that the surveyor shall be elected for a four-year term but gives the Legislature power to determine the method of selection.⁵ The Legislature has provided that the surveyor be elected by the qualified electors of the county at the general elections for State, district, county, and county-district officers.⁶

For the general structural and functional development of the office of surveyor, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 272-274.

The records of the surveyor are kept as permanent records in the office of the clerk of the chancery court as recorder, see entry 25.

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1. Const. 1890, sec. 135; L. M. 1910, p. 278; L. M. 1912, pp. 415-422; L. M. 1914, p. 483.
 2. Record of Official Bonds, vol. 1, p. 30, see entry 33.
 3. Register of Commissions, State, County, and Municipal, 1906, in office of Secretary of State, New Capitol, Jackson, p. 337; ibid., 1912, p. 341.
 4. The Register of Commissions does not show that commissions were issued to surveyors in Walthall County during the period of 1929-42.
 5. Const. 1890, sec. 135.
 6. Code 1906, secs. 3456, 4140; Code 1917, secs. 2794, 6774, 7737; Code 1930, secs. 2881, 6210, 7139.

XXVII. COUNTY EXTENSION DEPARTMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS

Under the law which authorized the organization of a county department of agriculture to promote agricultural extension work,¹ the office of county farm agent was established in Walthall County by the board of supervisors in March 1916.² However, the county home demonstration agent was not appointed until January 5, 1925.³

The offices functioned as interdependent but separate units until 1932 when statute law authorized counties to carry on agricultural demonstration and home economics programs through a single department to be known as the county extension department in agricultural and home economics.⁴

Until 1932, the officials directing the activities of the department of agriculture and the department of home economics (the latter required by law to be a woman) were appointed by the board of supervisors, but since 1932, they have been appointed by the board of supervisors upon the recommendation of the Extension Department of Mississippi State College and with the approval of the United States Department of Agriculture.⁵

No specific term of office is prescribed.

For the general structural and functional development of the county extension department in agriculture and home economics, see Lamar County Inventory, pp. 275-276.

The records of the county agent, unless otherwise specified, are kept in his office. The records of the home demonstration agent are kept in her office, unless otherwise specified.

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Miscellaneous instruments including:

- i. Applications, Bankhead, duplicate copies of, filed by cotton producers with the United States Department of Agriculture for cotton acreage allotments and tax exemption certificates pursuant to the Cotton Acreage Reduction Act of 1934, showing address of producer, ownership of farm, total acreage, location of farm, mileage from and name of nearest town, legal description of farm, showing section, township and range, basis for determining yield and production

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

2. Minutes Board of Supervisors, vol. 1, p. 341; see entry 1.

3. Ibid., vol. 3, p. 322.

4. L. M. 1932, pp. 517-518.

5. Ibid., p. 317. (The legal titles of these officials until 1932 were commissioners in agriculture and county agent of home economics, but since 1932, have been county agent and home demonstration agent, the Legislature evidently taking cognizance of the fact that in local terminology they had always been known as such).

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- on cultivated acreage for 1934, total acreage, production and yield during 1934 of cotton land not planted in cotton since 1927, date of application, signature and oath of producer, signature and title of officer administering oath, signatures and certification of community and county committeemen and summary of application.
- ii. Applications for cotton price adjustments, duplicate copies of, filed by cotton producers with the United States Department of Agriculture for payments pursuant to agreements to cooperate in the cotton acreage reduction program, showing serial number of contract and work sheet, total cotton acreage, yield and production, total number of bales sold, total number of pounds sold, number of cotton sales certificates, signatures of purchasers, dates of sales, name and address of producer, signature and affidavit of producer, signature and title of officer administering affidavit, signatures and certification of the community and county committeemen and date of application.
 - iii. Applications, producers without Bankhead, duplicate copies of, agreements made by cotton producers failing to enter cotton acreage reduction contracts, to participate in the cotton control program of the United States Department of Agriculture, showing serial number of agreement, name and address of producer, whether landlord or tenant, total acreage, location of farm, legal description of farm, showing section, township and range, mileage from and name of nearest town, type of agreement, number of bales of cotton produced in 1933, crop acreage for 1932-33 and kinds of crops and acreage allotted to each, cotton acreage, yield and production, signatures of producer and witnesses, date of agreement and signatures and certification of community and county committeemen.
 - iv. Application for payment, duplicate copies of, showing name of applicant, state and county, code number, application serial number, name of county transmittal number, basic date and computations of payment, acreage allotted to cotton, number carried out, crop land not eligible for payment, amount of payment, signature of applicant, signature and approval of county agricultural conservation association, and signature of county committeemen.
 - v. Allotments, approved cotton acreage, original list of, and register of tax exemption certificates issued to cotton producers operating under contracts with the United States Department of Agriculture, showing name of community, date of list, period covered, serial number of application, name and address of producer, serial numbers of certificates issued, total number of certificates, number of pounds of tax-exempt cotton, parts of certificates canceled, date received, signature of producer and signatures and certification of the chairman and executive secretary of the state allotment board.
 - vi. Contracts, Original 1934 and 1935 Cotton Acreage reductions, showing serial number of contract, name and address of producer, status of ownership, location of farm, mileage and name of nearest town, legal description of farm, showing section, township and range, total acreage, statement of terms and conditions and obligations, basis for determining cotton acreage reduction and rental and parity payments, cotton acreage and production, signature of producer, signatures and certification of community and county committeemen, date approved and accepted, signature of the Secretary of Agriculture by a representative of the United States Department of Agriculture, signature and

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- certification of administrative officer and comptroller, dates of first payments and amounts of checks.
- vii. Contracts, cotton option benefits, original copies of offers filed by cotton producers with the United States Department of Agriculture to enter into cotton benefit contracts for the reduction of cotton production and the receipt of payments therefor, showing name and address of producer, location of farm, total cotton acreage, number of pounds of fertilizer per acre, total yield and production in 1932, name of gin operator, description of amounts and holders of liens, estimated yield, cash payment elected, date of offer, signature of producer, signatures and consent of lienholders, date of inspection by community committeeman, signature of community committeeman, date of acceptance by county committee, signature of the Secretary of Agriculture, by representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture.
 - viii. Contracts, new, special cases, original list of, cotton producers under special contracts with the United States Department of Agriculture and lists of cotton producers entering into new contracts with the United States Department of Agriculture pursuant to the Cotton Acreage Reduction Act of 1934, showing serial number of contract, name and address of producer, base acreage, total cotton acreage, total rented acreage, cotton yield and production and name of pledgee.
 - ix. Contract, signers, original list of, cotton producers under contract with the United States Department of Agriculture pursuant to the Cotton Acreage Reduction Act of 1934, showing name and address of producer, serial number of contract, base acreage, total cotton acreage and total rented acreage.
 - x. Documents, Supplementary to Bankhead Applications, duplicate copies of, supplementary information sheets filed by cotton producers with applications for cotton acreage reduction and tax exemption certificates, showing name and address of producer, base acreage, percentage of rented acreage, cotton acreage allotment, adjusted yield per acre, stipulation of basic figures for 1935, signature of producers, signatures and certification of community and county committeemen and signature and approval of the county agent.
 - xi. Original copies of bulletins of instruction issued to cotton producers for the distribution of parity payments among producers, sharecroppers and tenant farmers, showing statement of rules, and regulations governing distribution, application of rule, example demonstrating method of distribution, provisions for failure to produce crop because of unavoidable natural cause, total parity payment, names of producer, sharecroppers and tenants, cotton acreage allotments, amount distributed in cash and credit, signatures of sharecroppers and tenants, signature and oath of producer and signature and title of officer administering oath.
 - xii. Receipts for cotton price adjustment payment, original copies of, given by cotton producers for parity payment checks issued under agreements to cooperate in the cotton acreage reduction program of the United States Department of Agriculture and reports of the distribution of the payment among the producer, sharecroppers and tenants, showing check number, amount of check, form number under which check was issued, date of receipt and report, signature and

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- address of producer, signature and address of witness, itemized statement of distribution of payment showing name of person receiving share, amount of cotten sold, rate of payment per pound, amount paid in cash and credit, signature and receipt of sharecropper or tenant, rule governing distribution of payment, date reported, signature and certification of producer and signature of witness and signature and approval of county agricultural demonstration agent.
- xiii. Receipts for checks delivered, original copies of, given by cotten producers, sharecroppers and tenant farmers for parity payment checks delivered under agreements to participate in the cotton acreage reduction program of the United States Department of Agriculture showing serial number of contract, amount of check, check number, signature of recipient and witnesses.
- xiv. Record of measurements, original copies of measurements taken of farms operating under cotton acreage reduction contracts with the United States Department of Agriculture, showing serial number of contract, name and address of producer, location of farm, base acreage, total cultivated acreage and total rented acreage.
- xv. Record of individual producers, original copies of record of, cotton acreage allotments and tax exemption certificates issued filed by cotton producers operating under cotton acreage reduction contracts, showing date filed, name and address of producer, total number of pounds, number of pounds allotted, total number of pounds unsigned, dates and number of pounds on each certificate issued, and signature of producer.
- xvi. Soil Conservation Program, duplicate copies of, reports of performance made to the United States Department of Agriculture by farmers operating under the soil conservation program of the department, showing date of report, period covered, name and address of producer, location and description of farm, legal description of farm, showing section, township and range, number of acres allotted to cotton, number of diverted acres, measurements of acres allotted to cotton, number of soil conserving acres estimated, soil building practices, soil conserving practices, hours used in measuring, names of helpers, signature of producer and signature and certification of local supervisors.
- xvii. Soil Conservation, Farm Adjustments, original copies of adjustment made to farms operating under the soil conservation program of the United States Department of Agriculture, showing 1935 contract serial number, name of operator under 1935 contract, address, base acreage, base product, adjusted acreage quota and adjusted product quota and date of adjustment.
- xviii. Soil Conservation Program, Instructions, pamphlets and bulletins issued by the United States Department of Agriculture containing rules, regulations and instruction for the administration and operation of the soil conservation program, showing date published, title and subjects.
- xix. Soil Conservation Program, Work Sheets, original copies of work sheets prepared by farmers and producers operating under the soil conservation program of the United States Department of Agriculture, showing date of work sheet, name and address of producer and of owner, beat number, detailed description of utilization of land, location

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of farm and legal description showing section, township and range, base acreage and yield, number of other farms owned or operated in the county and signature of owner-operator or producer.

- xx. Tenants, Location of, shown on Form B, lists of tenant farmers on farms operated under contract with the United States Department of Agriculture for cotton acreage reduction, showing name and address of tenant, serial number of contract, location of farm and total rented acreage.

Arr. alph. by name of producer and chron. thereunder by date of execution of instrument. No index. 12 x 24 x 26.

157. SYRUP CONTRACTS, 1934-35. 1 file box.

Carbon copies of sugar cane contracts, showing name of producer, address, number of acres, township, total acres for sugar cane for syrup in 1934-35, signature and certification of person measuring land, witness, date, signature of producer. Arr. numer. by contract no. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 14 x 12 x 20.

158. CORRESPONDENCE, 1935--. 4 file boxes.

Letters, telegrams, notices and memoranda received by and sent out from the office of the county agent, showing name of writer and addressee, date of communication, kind of communication, and contents of communication. Arr. chron. by date of communication. No index. Typed on ptd. form. 14 x 12 x 20.

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Members of the Board of Supervisors

Willie H. McDaniels, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
D. M. McElveen, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
Tom B. Jones, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
A. D. McGuffie, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
W. B. Dunaway, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.

T. J. Dillon, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
D. M. McElveen, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
T. B. Jones, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
W. K. Ginn, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
S. J. Lawrence, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.

T. J. Wood, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
G. W. Ball, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
L. F. Magee, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
W. K. Ginn, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
Sims Morgan, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.

Walter Brock, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
D. M. McElveen, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
T. B. Jones, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
T. W. McKenzie, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
W. B. Dunaway, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.

J. M. Johnson, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
D. M. McElveen, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
A. B. Reagan, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
T. W. McKenzie, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
Fred H. Magee, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.

W. V. Brock, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
S. L. Moore, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
L. F. Magee, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
W. K. Ginn, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
J. M. Foil, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.

H. A. Wood, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
B. A. Toney, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
J. E. Kennedy, Jan. 1936-Mar. 1937.
A. B. Reagan, Mar. 1937-Jan. 1940.
W. K. Ginn, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
J. M. Foil, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.

H. W. Smith, 1st. Dist., Jan. 1940--.
L. S. Moore, 2nd. Dist., Jan. 1940--.
A. B. Reagan, 3rd. Dist., Jan. 1940--.
Fulton, E. Thompson, 4th. Dist., Jan. 1940--.
H. J. Cothorn, 5th. Dist., Jan. 1940--.

List of County Officials

Clerks of the Chancery Court

C. N. Carruth, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
J. C. Luter, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1932.
Seth E. Ginn, Jan. 1932--.

Clerks of the Circuit Court

B. B. Breeland, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
C. W. Hinson, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1928.
M. L. Holmes, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1936.
F. S. Sartin, Jan. 1936--.

Justices of the Peace

J. H. Stalling, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
Frank Davis, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
E. E. Owens, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
W. T. Pearson, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
H. M. Gulledege, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.

L. J. Dillon, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
V. M. Holmes, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
Frank Davis, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
H. M. Stewart, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
C. F. Blackwell, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
L. F. Magee, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
W. T. Pearson, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
T. W. McKenzie, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
N. M. Howell, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
T. R. Beard, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.

Albert Brock, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
Eugene Dillon, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
E. B. Smith, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
K. C. Brumfield, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
M. F. Stoyner, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
W. S. Magee, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
T. W. McKenzie, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
J. M. Holmes, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
L. D. Dunnaway, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
Fred H. Magee, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.

A. R. Brock, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
W. M. Ginn, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
H. M. Stewart, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
K. C. Brumfield, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
W. L. Magee, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
A. B. Reagan, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
S. F. Sartin, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
S. N. Bracey, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
L. D. Dunnaway, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
Fred Magee, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
J. T. Holmes, Nov. 29, 1924-Jan. 1928.

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List of County Officials

E. B. Smith, Jan. 1928-Sept. 1929.
L. D. Dunnaway, Jan. 1928-Sept. 1929.
W. M. Ginn, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
B. E. Dillon, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
Curtis Mitchell, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
J. D. Crain, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
C. E. Holmes, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
J. T. Holmes, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
Z. C. Rushing, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
H. H. Pope, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
J. W. Thornhill, Sept. 1929-Jan. 1932.
K. C. Brumfield, Sept. 1929-Jan. 1932.

W. S. Blackwell, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
B. E. Dillon, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
K. C. Brumfield, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
H. M. Stewart, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
A. J. Pittman, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
J. D. Crain, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
Z. C. Rushing, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
J. T. Holmes, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.

W. M. Ginn, Jan. 1936-May 1939.
K. C. Brumfield, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
J. D. Crain, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
Jesse W. Magee, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
Lucius M. Magee, Jan. 1936-1940.
Lloyd Dillon, May 1936-Jan. 1940.

Lloyd Dillon, Jan. 1940--.
Ed Owens, Jan. 1940--.
Luther Blackwell, Jan. 1940--.
Jesse W. Magee, Jan. 1940--.
Ben C. Alford, Jan. 1940--.

Constables

Ellis Alford, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
J. N. Grubbs, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
M. D. Herring, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
A. B. Brumfield, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
B. S. Boyd, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.

E. G. Ginn, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
J. N. Grubbs, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
A. B. Reagan, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
S. N. Bracoy, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
B. S. Boyd, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
Willis F. Crawford, March 2, 1918-Jan. 1920.

E. G. Ginn, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
Sim Alford, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
J. M. Forbs, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
Clint Stoyner, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
Alex Brunfield, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
Hugh Fail, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.

List of County Officials

E. G. Ginn, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
Sim Alford, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
Elmer Holmes, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
Ed Stoyner, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
A. G. Brumfield, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
V. M. Cothorn, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
P. A. Dunaway, Jan. 30, 1926-Jan. 1928.

E. G. Ginn, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
B. W. Johnston, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
A. Stogner, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
W. J. Tynes, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
J. V. Holmes, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
Ernie Dunaway, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
E. J. Magee, Sept. 1929-Jan. 1932.

E. G. Ginn, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
Burtney Johnston, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
Wossio Vince, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
Garvin Tynes, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
Ed Craft, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
Charles Rayborn, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
Leslie Brook, Nov. 6, 1935-Jan. 1936.

L. J. Rushing, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
J. Ed Stogner, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
H. L. Holmes, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
Clyde E. Thornhill, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
Leslie Brook, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.

E. G. Ginn, Jan. 1940--.
L. J. Rushing, Jan. 1940--.
J. Ed Stogner, Jan. 1940--.
Sam Boyd, Jan. 1940--.
Perry Roberts, Jan. 1940--.

County Prosecuting Attorneys

J. M. Alford, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
No incumbent 1920-1928.
B. F. Moak, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
No incumbent 1928-1936.
J. M. Alford, Jan. 1936-40.
I. O. Magee, Jan. 1940--.

Sheriffs

S. A. Simmons, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
B. B. Breoland, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
S. A. Simmons, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
N. E. Conerly, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
W. H. Brunfield, Jan. 1932-Oct. 1932.
Henry (Red) Brunfield (Appointed), Oct. 24, 1934-Nov. 20, 1934.
J. N. Grubbs (Spec. Elec), Nov. 20, 1934-Jan. 1936.

List of County Officials

N. E. Conerly, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
M. E. Bullock, Jan. 1940--.

Tax Assessors

Carl Bell, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
B. B. Breeland, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
W. W. Simmons, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
O. L. Blackwell, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1928.
O. L. Blackwell, Jan. 1928-May 1931.
Mrs. O. L. Blackwell (Spec. Elec.), May 1931-Jan. 1936.
R. E. Dillon, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940
R. E. Dillon, Jan. 1940--.

Treasurers

L. O. Bridges, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
J. J. Brumfield, Jan. 1916-Jan 1920.
J. L. Dillon, Jan. 1920-Jan. 24, 1920.
M. L. Holmes (Spec. Elec.), Jan. 24, 1920-Jan. 1924.

Superintendents of Education

J. J. Lee, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
C. J. Brumfield, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
J. J. Lee, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
C. J. Brumfield, Jan. 1924-Jan. 1932.
D. E. Lott, Jan 1932-Jan. 1936.
J. J. Gullede, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
J. J. Gullede, Jan 1940--.

Coroners

Charles Patton, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
E. B. Smith, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1924.
W. J. Reeves, Jan. 1920-Jan 1924.
J. S. Rushing, Jan. 1924-Jan 1928.
Claud Pigott, Jan. 1928-Jan. 1932.
N. E. Conerly, Jan. 1932-Jan. 1936.
Lemie Stinson, Jan. 1936-Jan. 1940.
Clarence Anthony, Jan. 1940--.

Surveyors

J. L. Yarbrough, Apr. 1914-Jan. 1916.
Jerome Conerly, Jan. 1916-Jan. 1920.
Simp Wilkenson, Jan. 1920-Jan. 1924.
G. C. Ball (Spec. Elec.), Jan. 1926-Jan 1928.
No incumbent since Jan. 1928.

