PULASKI COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Winamac, Ind.

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PREFACE

This inventory of Pulaski County records constitutes a part of of the general guide to the County archives of Indiana. It was prepared for the primary purpose of furnishing officials, students of history, and the citizens of the community with a convenient tool for their use in consulting the county records. It is hoped the information contained in these volumes will encourage county officials as well as the general public to take a greater interest in continued improvement of methods for preservation of public records. It is also hoped the information presented herein concerning the present housing and care of records and accommodations for persons, who may wish to consult these, will prove to have value for officials and the general citizenry.

This inventory of records was made during the period of May 19 to June 18, 1936, under supervision of Samuel J. Kagan, State Director, and L. B. Fowler, District Research Editor. The field workers were Leonard Hayes of Gary, Indiana and Alvin Vandewalker of LaPorte, Indiana. Indispensable cooperation was received from all county officials and from the Works Progress Administration officials to make this survey successful.

It is our intention to present a complete, concise picture of the records in bibliographical form. This inventory is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts forming the background and basis for the records. The entries of the inventory are carried in consecutive numbering for the county,

while the bureaus are arranged alphabetically. Where it is applicable, natural groupings under a subject heading are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged according to their functional sequence.

A cross reference index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with the least effort.

Acknowledgement should go to the State office force of the Survey for checking, condensing, and compiling the Pulaski County Survey.

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FOREWORD

A guide to county and township records in Indiana has long been needed by both local officials and the general public. The Works Progress Administration project of the Historical Records Survey is the first attempt to supply this need. Few more useful fields of employment could have been found than the survey of local and State historical records, even though the work inevitably presented unusual difficulties. The completion of the survey of historical records in Indiana is a source of genuine satisfaction.

We are indebted first of all to the Works Progress Administration for providing for the survey and financing it. The National Director of the project, Dr. Luther H. Evans, assured a fruitful product of the work by ably outlining it and drafting the forms to be used by the field workers so as to insure the greatest completeness with the least likelihood of errors. He and his assistants have done all that was possible for this nation-wide survey. Mr. Samuel J. Kagan, State Director of Indiana, deserves great credit for his energy and ability in organizing the office and field force which has carried out the project in this State. To assemble and organize more than one hundred and fifty persons in a new line of work in which there were very few local precedents, and to complete a survey of the county records in all the ninety-two counties in the State, including the townships, at first, seemed almost impossible of accomplishment within a year. It has, however, been accomplished.

An advisory committee of which Ralph N. Tirey, president of State Teachers College, Terre Haute, is chairman, has helped guide work upon the project; though no meetings were held, its members in many instances were a great help. A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officers who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the records in

their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey. Especially is the State indebted to those officers who made possible the photographing of old records for preservation in a central depository.

CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN,
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Pulaski County, located in the north central part of the State, is bounded on the north by Starke County, on the east by Fulton County, on the south by Cass and White Counties, and on the west by Jasper County. It has an area of 432 square miles.

Originally Pulaski County was about evenly divided between wooded lands--located mostly along the streams--and slightly undulating plains, before the improvements following its settlement and growth of population were made. The County is drained by the Tippecanoe River and a few smaller streams which flow into it. The river runs a tortuous course through the county, flowing generally in a southwesterly direction. It enters the County in the northeastern corner and flows out again a few miles to the west; it re-enters the County again three and a half miles west of the eastern County line and flows out at a point on the southern boundary about midway between its eastern and western boundaries.

For many years before the white man set foot in what is now Pulaski County the Algonquin Indians belonging to the Miami Confederacy --Twightwees, Weas, Piankashaws, and Shockeys--claimed this territory, as well as all the rest of the State of Indiana. By the end of the 18th century various eastern tribes had pushed into what is now Indiana and by the time the northern part of the State was settled by the white men--1820 to 1840--that area lying north of the Wabash River was occupied by the Potowatomis. The territory now comprising Pulaski County was ceded by the Potowatomis to the United States Government by a treaty signed near Rochester, Indiana, on October 26, 1832, by

Jonathan Jennings, John W. Davis, and Mark Crume, commissioners for the Government, and Wah-she-o-nos, Wash-bon-she, Aub-bee-naub-ee, and other chiefs on behalf of the Potowatomis. By 1838 or 1839 the first of the Indians left for their new reservation west of the Mississippi River, but it was not until 1842 that they had all been removed from the County. Soon after the signing of the treaty of 1832, which was not confirmed by President Andrew Jackson until 1836, the log cabins of the first white settlers were built along the streams of Pulaski County.

The first settlers in the County came from Ohio and from the earlier settled sections of Indiana; some came from the East: Pennsylvania, New York, and other New England states; a few were natives of England. In later years there was an influx of Germans. The northeast section of the County was first settled by James Justice, Eli and Peter Demoss, and Thomas McMany. T. J. Galbreath, Henry White, Robert Scott, Moses L. Washburn, and William Fisher built cabins in the southern part of the County. Among those who settled in the central portions of the county were John Rees, Michael Stump, Silas and John Davenport, Andrew Keyes, John Pearson, George T. Terry, N. W. Hornbeck, Tilman Hackett, and Benjamin Ballinger. For the most part these pioneers located in or near the timbered lands along streams.

Prior to the formation of Pulaski County, and probably before the white settlers moved in, the State Legislature, by an act approved December 24, 1834, provided for the administration of justice in that territory by attaching lands to Cass County which later became the eastern tier of townships in Pulaski County; and the lands which

became the three western tiers of townships were attached to White County.

On February 7, 1835, the Legislature passed an act providing for the formation of Pulaski County, effective on publication. The boundaries were defined as: "Beginning at the north west corner of township thirty one north, or range four west, thence east twenty four miles, thence south with the meridian line eighteen miles, thence west with the line dividing townships twenty eight and twenty nine north, twenty four miles, thence north with the line of ranges four and five west, eighteen miles to the place of beginning." (Laws of Indiana, 1834-35 (general), p. 46.)

The County was named in honor of the Polish soldier, Count Casimir Pulaski, who fought in the American Revolution and was killed at Savannah in 1779.

Four years later, when the population of the county had become sufficient, Pulaski was organized by an act of February 18, 1839. Commissioners were appointed to locate the county seat, and George P. Terry, who lived on the present site of Winamac, was appointed organizing Sheriff by Governor Wallace.

Terry ordered an election held on May 13, 1839, and John A. Davis, Peter W. Demoss, and Jesse Coppock were chosen Commissioners; John Pearson was elected Clerk and Recorder. A week before, on May 6, the locating Commissioners had met at the home of John Pearson in Winamac and selected that town as the county seat. The town was named for the Potawatomi chief who lived there. The proprietors of Winamac, William Polk and John Pearson, donated lots for the erection of county buildings

as well as providing money for the erection of a courthouse. The first regular county election was held the next August and Elijah T. Oliver and Andrew Keyes were chosen associate judges, and David Klinger was made Sheriff.

At the first meeting of the Board of Commissioners, which was held in Winamac at the home of John Pearson on May 27, 1839, the organization of the County was carried a step farther; Peter Quigley was appointed Treasurer, John C. Waldo, County Agent, and Isaac Olds, Surveyor. The County was also divided into four townships. At the present time there are twelve townships in Pulaski County: Beaver, Cass, Franklin, Harrison, Indian Creek, Jefferson, Monroe, Rich Grove, Salem, Tippecanoe, VanBuren, and White Post.

The first term of the Pulaski Circuit Court was begun on April 24, 1840, at the home of John Pearson, but adjourned to the schoolhouse. Isaac Naylor, presiding judge of the Circuit and Elijah T. Oliver, associate judge, were present. Samuel C. Wilson was prosecuting attorney.

The log cabin donated by the proprietors of Winamac for a courthouse was used from 1841 until 1849, when the first courthouse built on the public square with public funds was completed. In 1853 a frame annex was built in the rear of the main building, and housed the Clerk, Auditor, Treasurer, and Recorder. In 1863 a new brick courthouse was contracted for and accepted by the Commissioners in December, 1863. The present courthouse was completed in 1895; it is a two story structure of grey Bedford stone surmounted by a tower which houses the town clock.

Since 1895 Pulaski County has been without a jail. Prisoners are now taken to the Fulton County jail, in Rochester.

The incorporated towns in Pulaski County are Winamac, Francesville, Monterey, and Medaryville.

Since 1910 the population of the county has been slowly decreasing; that year it was 13,312, in 1920 it had dropped to 12,385, and in 1930 it was 11,195. Pulaski is primarily an agricultural county; on April 1, 1930, there were 1,499 farms in operation, consisting of 234,845 acres. Farm land and buildings were valued at $12,626,550 and farm implements and machinery were worth $865,609.

Manufacturing in the county is but slightly developed. In 1929 there were 14 establishments whose annual output exceeded $5,000 each. Their plants employed 198 wage earners with a payroll of $151,195. The value of the products was set at $972,802.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Pulaski County is a political subdivision of the State of Indiana, embodying such powers of county government as have been prescribed by law. The legislative governing body for Pulaski County, as for all Indiana counties, is the State General Assembly. The present organization of county government is the result of the evolutionary development of the original Constitution of 1816, the present Constitution adopted in 1851, and the subsequent legislative acts of the General Assembly. Pulaski County was formed by an act of the General Assembly, February 7, 1834 and began its legal existence May 27, 1839.

The governmental organization of Pulaski County serves as a unit for the maintenance of the peace through the Sheriff; the administration of justice through the Circuit Court; the administration of welfare work through a poor relief system; the administration of public works, such as highways, buildings, and drainage system; the imposition of taxes; the holding of elections; the administration, to a limited degree, of education; and the enforcement of State laws and decrees.

Administration

At the organization of Pulaski County, the administrative duties were executed by a Board of Commissioners, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff, Surveyor and Clerk under the authority of the Constitution of 1816 and legislative acts of the General Assembly thereafter. The office of Auditor was created by an Act of 1841. At the Constitutional Convention in 1851, the Constitution of 1816 was revised and became the present Constitution of Indiana.

The Constitution of 1851 directed that there shall be elected in each county a Clerk of the Circuit Court, who shall keep the records of the proceedings in all the courts in the county; an Auditor, who shall keep records of county

financial matters and records dealing in real property and the estates of private citizens; a Recorder, whose duties shall be to keep a record of every conveyance or other instrument entitled and required by law to be recorded; a Treasurer, who shall receive all money coming to the county and keep a record of same; a Sheriff, who shall be conservator of the peace and who shall carry out court orders; a Coroner, who shall investigate violent deaths and those of suspicious means; and a Surveyor, who shall prepare plans and specifications for the improvement of public works and establish boundaries for public and private lands. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2.) Since the adoption of the Constitution the General Assembly has prescribed the establishment of additional departments.

The present leading administrative body of county government is the Board of Commissioners, comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year. They shall provide buildings to house county business, provide public squares and grounds, audit the accounts of county officers who handle money, change boundaries of townships as they see fit, and are charged with the maintenance of county roads, highways, and drainage systems. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852, Ch. 20, Sec. 1; Burns, 1933 Stat., 26-601.)

By an Act of 1873, a County Board of Education was created. The Board consists of County Superintendent of Schools, Township Trustees, and the Chairman of the School Trustees of each city and town of the County. The duties of the board shall be to consider the general wants and needs of the schools and matters relating to the purchase of school furniture, books, maps, charts, etc. (Acts 1873; Burns, 1933 Stat., 28-801.)

In 1873, by legislative enactment, the office of County Superintendent of Schools was created. The Superintendent is elected by the Township Trustees,

and shall serve for a term of four years. His duties are specifically set out in the statutes, and he is under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Public Instruction. (Acts 1873; 1899; Burns, 1933 Stat., 28-702.)

An Act of 1891 created the office of Health Commissioner who is elected by the County Commissioners to serve for a term of four years. It is his duty to safeguard the health and to promote sanitary systems for the citizens of the county. He is also required to keep records of births, deaths, and marriages. (Acts 1891; Burns, 1933 Stat., 35-108.)

In 1899, by legislative enactment, a County Council was created. This Council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years. One member is elected from each councilmanic district by the district and three members are elected at large from the county. The County Auditor acts as clerk of the Council. The Council has power to fix certain tax rates, exclusive right to make appropriations out of the County Treasury, and the exclusive right to authorize the borrowing of money for the county. (Acts 1899; Burns, 1933 Stat., 26-501, 26-502, 26-509, 26-515, 26-532.)

In 1907, a legislative act created a County Board of Finance, consisting of the Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor -- Controller -- chief executive officer of the school city, and the County Auditor who shall act as secretary. The duties of this board shall be to have charge of and control of the county funds, and of the funds of the school city and county seat city. The General Assembly of 1935 repealed this act and in the same session, revived it as part of the Depository Act re-establishing the Board of Finance practically unaltered. (Acts 1907; Burns, 1933 Stat., 61-606, also Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 Supplement, 61-606.)

By an Act of 1913, the legislature made provisions for the creation of the office of County (Agricultural) Agent. The Act provides that this office

shall come into existence whenever a certain number of the residents of the county shall petition the County Board of Education, whereupon the appointment is made by Purdue University and ratified by the County Board of Education. The appointment is made annually. The duties of the County Agent are to disseminate information for the promotion and advancement of agriculture, horticulture, and domestic science. (Acts 1913; Burns, 1933 Stat., 28-4911.) By an Act of 1931, the Home Demonstration Agent was created which is supplemental to the County Agricultural Agent. (Acts 1931; Burns, 1933 Stat., 28-5627.)

By an Act of 1919 the office of County Assessor was created. The Assessor is nominated in the primaries and elected at the regular election for a four-year term. His duties shall be to assess real and personal property and to instruct the Township Assessors to carry out the orders of the State Tax Board, and to act as president of the County Board of Review. (Acts 1919; Burns, 1933 Stat., 64-1101.)

The legislature in 1919 created the County Board of Review, whose members are to consist of the County Assessor, County Auditor, County Treasurer, and two free-holders of opposite political parties to be appointed by the Circuit Court. The duties of this board shall be to equalize unfair levies of taxes on real and personal property, either for the county or against it. (Acts 1919; Burns, 1933 Stat., 64-1201.)

By an Act of 1933 the office of Superintendent of Highways was abolished and the office of Highway Supervisor established. The Supervisor is appointed by the Board of Commissioners and has general supervision of all county highways, roads and bridges. (Acts 1933; Burns, 1933 Stat., 36-1110.)

In 1933 the legislature created a County Board of Tax Adjustment. The board consists of one member of the County Council, selected by the Council,

and six members appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court. This board has the power as it deems necessary to revise, change or reduce, but not increase any tax levy and any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based. (Acts 1933; Burns, 1933 Stat., 64-304.)

The County Board of Welfare was created by the Acts of 1936. The board consists of five members appointed by the Circuit Court to serve for a term of four years. The board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own home, old age assistance, and assistance to all those who are otherwise handicapped. (Acts 1936; Burns Supplement, 52-1117.)

Judicial

The judicial system of Pulaski County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the State Constitution and the subsequent legislative enactments of the Indiana General Assembly. The Constitution authorized and directed the General Assembly to divide into judicial circuits the whole State as the needs arose. Pulaski County forms the fifty-ninth circuit established in 1935. (Acts 1935; Burns Supplement, 4-332.) Before this period, Pulaski County was a part of the circuit to which another county was attached. The Constitution further provides that there shall be elected a judge of the Circuit Court, and also the election of a Prosecuting Attorney for each circuit. (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 9-11.)

In 1852, by a legislative act, the Court of Common Pleas was created. This court continued in existence until it was abolished by the legislature in 1873.

Records System

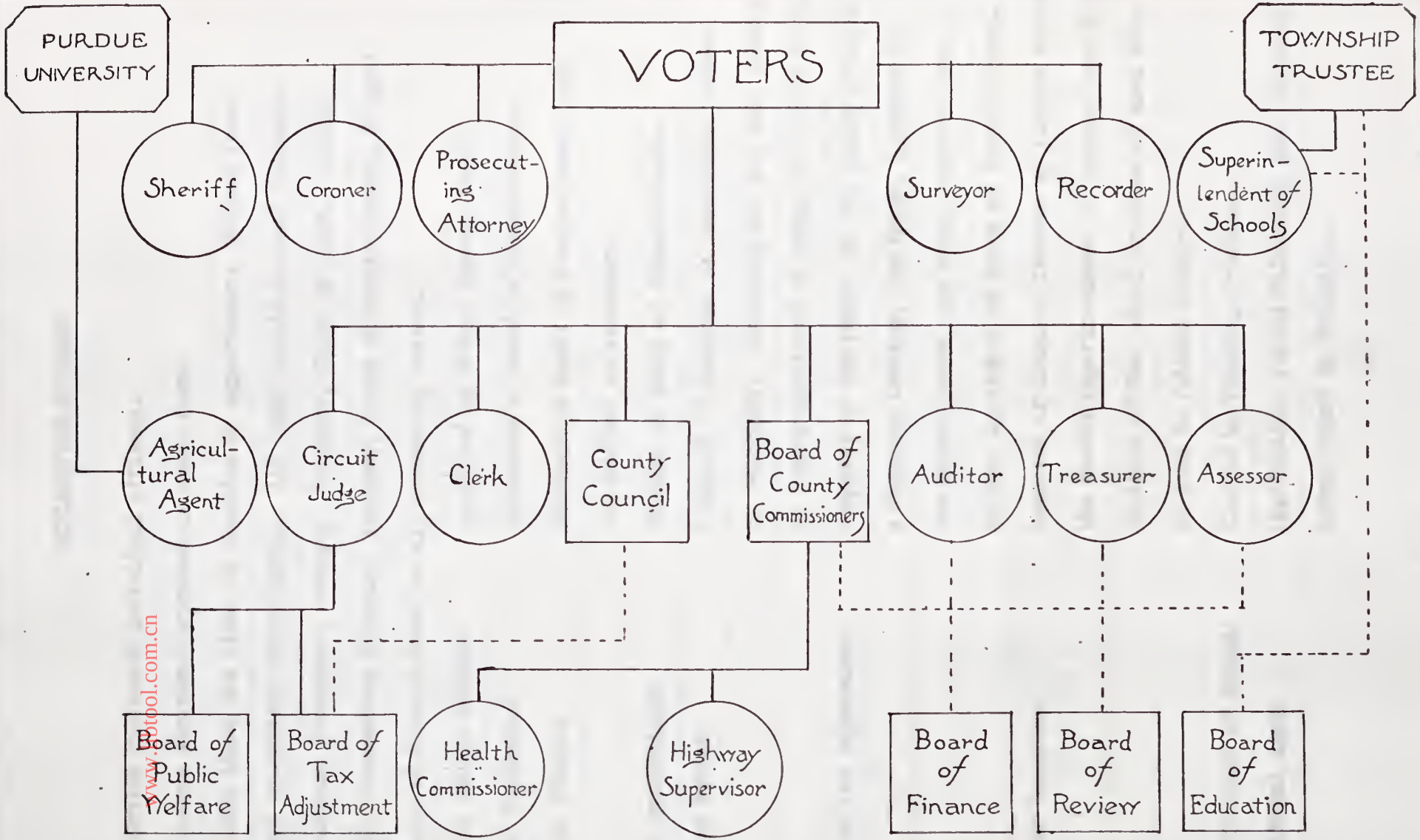
The establishment of each of these offices caused the beginning of separate records as prescribed by the General Assembly under the provisions

for each respective office. In many of the smaller offices no permanent records have been kept, therefore the workers of the survey could not report any records. Pulaski County followed its own form of accounting until, in 1909, the legislature established the State Board of Accounts which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which is uniform for every public office of the same class. (Acts 1909; Burns, 1933 Stat., 6-202.) Under this law, some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The law also permits the use of bound & looseleaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the Board of County Commissioners, except that a good quality is asked.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records for any office from mutilation, the Board of County Commissioners issues an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records for preservation. (Acts 1838; Burns, 1933 Stat., 26-634.) Such records so transcribed have the force and effect of the original record. (Acts 1877; Burns, 1933 Stat., 26-635.)

In 1925, a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the State Archives Bureau, for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices. (Acts 1925; Burns, 1933 Stat., 63-830.)

The Historical Records Survey will, in due time, submit sample forms of types of records now in use in the several bureaus of county government. From a study of these forms, a model arrangement may be organized for the uniform creation of public records, so that the records created daily may be preserved for posterity.



EXPLANATION OF CHART

Circles represent individual officers.

Squares represent agencies in board form.

Solid lines are lines of election or appointment. Broken lines indicate ex-officio relationship. All lines should be read downward.

Auditor, Treasurer, Surveyor, Recorder, Clerk of Court, Coroner, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Assessor, Board of Commissioners, Council and Judge of Circuit Court -- all elected by voters.

Board of Public Welfare	Appointed by Judge, Circuit Court.
Highway Supervisor	Appointed by Board of Commissioners.
Board of Finance	Composed of Board of Commissioners, and the Auditor as secretary.
Health Commissioner	Elected by Board of Commissioners.
Board of Review	Composed of Assessor as president, Auditor as secretary. Treasurer and two free holders of county appointed by Judge of Circuit Court.
Board of Tax Adjustment	Composed of one member of the County Council, a Township Trustee, the Mayor, a member of the School Board, and three resident free holders appointed by Judge of Circuit Court.
Board of Education	Composed of Township Trustee of Pulaski County, the County Superintendent of Schools, and the chairman of the school trustees of each city or town in Pulaski County.
Superintendent of Schools	Elected by Township Trustees.
Agricultural Agent	Appointed by Purdue University with approval of County Board of Education.

HOUSING OF PUBLIC RECORDS

The Pulaski County courthouse, constructed in 1894, of Bedford limestone, measures 90' by 80' by 40', allowing 300,000 cubic feet in space. The building houses the offices of the Assessor, Auditor, Clerk, Recorder, and Treasurer on the first floor; Sheriff, Highway Supervisor and Superintendent of Schools on second floor; Surveyor's office and two records vaults in the basement. The building is approximately 75% fireproof and approximately 90% of the records are housed in fireproof vaults. There has been no damages to public records.

The Assessor's bureau is located in the east central part of the first floor and comprises a main office and a record vault. The Assessor also has records in the two vaults located in the basement. The main office contains no records. The Assessor's vault is 8' by 8' by 16' with one door 2½' by 6', ~~and~~ feet has no windows. The flooring, walls, and ceiling are concrete. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are fair, and it is dry and has some dust. There are 96' of wood shelving located along the north and west walls. All of this shelving is filled with bound volumes and there are no unbound records in this vault. The only lighting is one electric ceiling light. There are no accommodations for users. Approximately 20% of the Assessor's records are located in this vault. The basement vault #2 is located in the south central part and measures 12' by 14' by 9' with one door 3' by 6' and one window 3' by 5'. The flooring, walls and ceiling are concrete and are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are poor. The vault is

dusty and dry. Along the walls are 660' of wood shelving of which 300' are filled with bound volumes and 380' are filled with unbound records. The vault is not crowded but there is no room for expansion with the present shelving. The lighting consists of one electric ceiling light and is inadequate for the size of the room. There are no accommodations for users. Approximately 60% of the Assessor's records are housed in this vault.

The Auditor's bureau is located in the southeast corner of the first floor and comprises a main office and a vault. The main office measures 23' by 32' by 16' with six windows 3' by 8' and four doors 3' by 6'. The flooring is wood, ceiling and walls, plaster, all in good condition. The ventilation, temperature, and atmospheric conditions are good and it is clean and dry. Along the west wall are 24' of steel shelving occupied with 24' of bound volumes. There are 12' of file boxes 24" deep containing unbound records. The room is not crowded and there is space for expansion with the construction of new shelves. The room is lighted with electric lights and the lighting is fair. The accommodations consist of two tables, one desk, five chairs, and one counter all in good condition. Approximately 5% of the Auditor's records are housed here. The Auditor's vault located to the west of the main office measures 18' by 14' by 16' with one door door 2½' by 8' and one door 2½' by 6' and one window 3' by 10'. The flooring, ceiling and walls are concrete, all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good and the vault is clean and dry. Along all walls are 344' of individual steel roller shelves occupied with 344' of bound volumes. There are 85' of file boxes 14" deep filled with unbound records.

The vault is crowded and there is no room for expansion. The vault is lighted with electric lights which give fair lighting. There are good accommodations, consisting of one long table and five chairs in good condition. Approximately 90% of the Auditor's records and 100% of the Commissioners' records are housed in this vault.

The Clerk's bureau is located in the northeast part of the first floor and comprises a main office and a record vault. The main office measures 24' by 30' by 16' with six windows 3' by 10' and three doors 2½' by 8'. The flooring is wood, ceiling and walls, plaster; all in good condition. The ventilation, temperature, and atmospheric conditions are good and it is clean and dry. Along the walls and under the counter, in the center of the room, are 25' of wood shelving occupied with 25' of bound volumes. The room is not crowded and there is space for expansion with the construction of new shelves. The room is lighted with electric lights and the lighting is good. The accommodations consist of two counters, two desks and two chairs, all in good condition. Approximately 2% of the Clerk's records are housed here. The Clerk's vault, located to the south of his main office, measures 10' by 30' by 9', with two windows 2½' by 10', and one door 2½' by 6'. The flooring, ceiling and walls are concrete, all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are fair. Along the north and east walls are 528' of steel shelving with 528' of bound volumes. There are 280' of file boxes 14" deep, filled with unbound records. The vault is not crowded and there is room for expansion if more shelving is built. The vault is lighted with an electric light which gives poor lighting. Accommodations consist of two tables and

two chairs in fair condition. Approximately 93% of the Clerk's records and 100% of the Coroner's records are housed in this vault.

The Health Commissioner's bureau is located at 111 North Monticello Street,, Winamac, Indiana. The office measures 15' by 16' by 9', with two doors 3½' by 8', and two windows 3' by 10'. The flooring is wood, walls and ceiling, plaster; all in good condition. The ventilation, temperature, and atmospheric conditions are good and it is clean and dry. Along the north wall is a steel cabinet with 12' of steel shelving, occupied with 12' of bound volumes. The room is not crowded and there is room for expansion with the investigation of a new cabinet. The room is lighted with electric lights and the lighting is good. The accommodations consist of two tables, two settees, and ten chairs, all in good condition. All of the records of this bureau are located here.

The Highway Supervisor's bureau, located in the southeast corner of the second floor of the courthouse, measures 15' by 25' by 16', with one door 3½' by 8', and four windows 3' by 10'. The flooring is wood, ceiling and walls, plaster, all in good condition. The ventilation, temperature, and atmospheric conditions are good and it is clean and dry. The records consist of two volumes shelved on a table. Approximately 20% of this bureau's records are in this room and the remainder are in the basement vault #1. The room is lighted with electric lights and the lighting is good. The accommodations consist of two tables and fourteen chairs, all in good condition.

The Recorder's bureau is located in the northeast corner of the first floor and comprises a main office and a vault. There are no records in the main office. The vault, located just south of the main

office, measures 17' by 45' by 11', with one window 3' by 10', and one door 2½' by 7'. The flooring is concrete, walls are brick and a steel panel roof forms the ceiling. All are in good condition. The ventilation, temperature, and atmospheric conditions are good and it is clean and dry. Along the four walls are 844' of individual steel roller shelves, occupied with 804' of bound volumes and there are 40' of file boxes 18" deep, containing unbound records. The vault is not crowded and there is room for expansion. The room is lighted with electric lights and the lighting is good. The accommodations consist of two tables and two chairs. Approximately 90% of the Recorder's records are housed in this vault.

The Sheriff's bureau, located in the southwest corner of the second floor, measures 24' by 20' by 16', with one door 4' by 7', and four windows 3' by 6'. The flooring is wood, walls and ceiling, concrete. All are in good condition. The ventilation, temperature, and atmospheric conditions are good and it is clean and dry. Along the north wall and under the counter are 18' of wood shelving, occupied with 6' of bound volumes. The room is lighted with electric lights and the lighting is fair. Accommodations consist of one desk, one cupboard and three chairs. All of the Sheriff's records are housed here.

The Surveyor's bureau is located in the northwest corner of the basement and comprises a main office and vault. The main office measures 14' by 20' by 8', with one door 3' by 7' and two windows 3' by 6'. The flooring, walls and ceiling are concrete, and all are in good condition. The ventilation, temperature and atmospheric

conditions are good. There are 6' of bound volumes shelved on a counter. The room is lighted with electric lights and the lighting is fair. Accommodations consist of one chair and one desk, in good condition. All of the Surveyor's records are in this room. There are no records kept in the vault.

The Treasurer's bureau, located in the southwest corner of the first floor, comprises a main office and vault. There are no records in the main office. The vault, located just east of the main office, measures 18' by 14' by 16', with two doors, one 2½' by 8' and one 2½' by 6'; and one window 3' by 10'. The flooring, ceiling and walls are concrete, and all are in good condition. Along the north, south and east walls are 368' of shelving, of which 188' are steel and the remainder, wood. There are 188' of bound volumes and 180' of unbound records. The vault is not crowded and there is plenty of room for expansion. The lighting is electric and is fair. Accommodations consist of one table and three chairs. Housed in this vault are 50% of the Treasurer's records. The other 50% of the records are housed in basement vault #1.

Vault #1, located near the center of the basement, measures 11' by 12' by 9', with no windows but one door 3' by 7'. The flooring, walls and ceiling are concrete, and all are in good condition. Ventilation and atmospheric conditions are poor. Around the walls and in the middle of the room are 330' of wood shelving, occupied by 300' of bound volumes. The vault is crowded and there is no room for expansion. The electric lighting is poor. Accommodations are poor, consisting of

one table. Approximately 20% of the Assessor's records, 10% of the Recorder's records, 5% of the Auditor's records, 50% of the Treasurer's records, 5% of the Clerk's records, and 80% of the Highway Supervisor's records are stored here.

ABBREVIATIONS

The Style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

Art.	Article
Bldg.	Building
Ch.	Chapter
C. C.	County Courthouse
Const.	Constitution
ibid.	Ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana
infra	Below
N.E.	Northeast
N.W.	Northwest
p., pp.	Page, Pages
q. v.	Which see
Rev. Stat.	Revised Statutes
Sec.	Section
S.E.	Southeast
S.W.	Southwest
supra	Above
U. S.	United States
V., vol., vols.	Volume, volumes

Other abbreviations occasionally used will be obvious from the context.

EXPLANATION OF INVENTORY

The inventory of the records of each bureau is preceded by an explanatory section, giving the legal status and functions of each.

Each entry has two parts, or paragraphs: Title and description. Occasionally an entry will have a cross-reference paragraph.

I. The title consists of:

1. Entry number. The entries are numbered consecutively within the county.

2. Title as given on the volume or container, beginning with the keyword, with such phrases of the title, as "record of" and "register of", inverted. Titles in capitals, enclosed in parenthesis, are supplied by the Historical Records Survey, because either the volume or file has no title or an incorrect title. Words in capitals and lower case, enclosed in parenthesis, are supplementary to the title, where it is necessary to explain the type of records more fully.

3. Period covered by the record, showing beginning and ending dates. A dash in place of an ending date denotes a continuous open record.

4. Quantity.

5. Markings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one volume or of V.1 only, the marking is omitted.

6. Variation in numbering.

7. Missing volumes.

8. Variations in title.

II. The description consists of:

1. A complete description of the record, its content, and its purpose, with a resume of the column headings or subjects treated.

2. Method of indexing or arrangement.

3. Nature of recording.

4. Condition. Unless good or excellent, in which case, it is omitted.

5. Number of pages, averaged for a series.

6. Size, averaged for a series, and is given in inches unless otherwise specified; hence the inch sign is omitted.

7. Location.

III. Cross References made to other entries.

1. For records which have a separate index.

2. For records having earlier or later recordings under a different title or type of record.

3. For records for which additional information may be found in other entries.

I ASSESSOR

The office of County Assessor was created by an Act of 1919. He is nominated in the primary and elected at the regular election for a four-year term, there being no prohibition against successive terms in office. Qualifications are established by law; he must have been a continuous freeholder of Pulaski County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election, and he must provide a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good freehold sureties approved by the Auditor, who also administers the oath of office. The inception date of this office in Pulaski County is 1922.

His duties are to assess omitted real and personal property and inheritances, to appraise each school plant, to instruct the township assessors, to carry out the orders of the State tax board, and to act as president of Pulaski County Board of Review. The statutes direct that he shall be subject to the orders and directions of the State board of tax commissioners. (Acts 1919; Burns, 64-1102 [14200].)

1. REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT LIST, 1854-1932. 164 vols.
Record of taxpayers assessed on real property, showing description of property, value of same, and value of improvements. Indexed alphabetically by town, township and taxpayer's name. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 8 x 14 x 1. C.C., 110 vols., 1854-1924, basement vault; 54 vols., 1925-32, Assessor's vault.

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2. ASSESSMENT LIST (PERSONAL SCHEDULES), 1880--. 859 vols. Record of personal property assessments and list of taxpayers, showing description of goods, value, items of assessment, date of assessment, and name of assessor. Inddxed alphabetically by taxpayer. Handwritten on printed form. 250 pp. 8 x 14 x 1. C.C., 629 vols., 1880-1924, basement vault #2; 230 vols., 1925--, Assessor's vault.

II AUDITOR

The Auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and entitled to hold office for not more than eight years in any period of twelve. The Auditor is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-3003.) The inception date of this office in Pulaski County is 1841.

The Auditor is the clerk of the Board of Commissioners. He preserves the documents, books, records, maps, and papers deposited in his office; examines and settles all accounts and demands chargeable against Pulaski County; keeps an account current with the Treasurer; acknowledges deeds and mortgages executed for the security of trust funds; issues pension certificates; institutes suits on behalf of trust funds; files records of poor relief and reports of charity cases; approves bonds of township trustees; advertises and sells bonds; delivers election supplies to election inspectors; prepares tax duplicates; verifies tax rates; issues tax deeds; acts as custodian of school funds; and accepts bequests for cemeteries. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1879; Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-3004 to 49-3018.)

AUDITS AND REPORTS

3. REPORTS (FIELD EXAMINERS), 1916--. 12 file boxes. Record of field examiners' reports, showing financial conditions of various offices, name of offices, amounts of income and expenditures for each, date of report, and signature of examiners. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

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4. OFFICIALS FEES COLLECTED, 1926--. 6 file boxes.
Record of fees collected by Sheriff, County Attorney, Clerk, and Recorder and given to Auditor for deposit, showing date, amount, and nature of fee. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

5. REPORTS, 1916--. 12 file boxes.
Record of Auditor's report of amount of appropriation necessary to conduct his office for ensuing year, showing salaries, supplies, and amounts for each. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

6. REPORTS, (SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS), 1916--. 12 file boxes.
Record of reports of Superintendent of Schools, showing amount of appropriations necessary to conduct his office and purpose of expenditure. No index. 12 x 4 x 4. C.C., Auditor's vault.

7. REPORTS, (TOWNSHIP POOR RELIEF), 1916--. 12 file boxes.
Record of township trustee's reports on poor relief, showing number of clients and amount of appropriation necessary to conduct his office for the ensuing year. No index. 12 x 4 x 4. C.C., Auditor's vault.

8. REPORTS, (DOG TAXES), 1916--. 12 file boxes.
Record of dog taxes collected by township trustee, showing date, amount of tax, and fees collected. No index. 12 x 4 x 4. C.C., Auditor's vault.

9. REPORTS, (COUNTY FARM), 1916--. 12 file boxes.
Record of Superintendent of County Farm reports, showing amount of money needed for appropriations to operate the farm. No index. 12 x 4 x 4. C.C., Auditor's vault.

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10. PROOF OF PUBLICATION, 1929--. 2 file boxes.

Record of affidavits of proof of publication of legal notice, showing date, case number, parties to action, and affidavit of publisher covering proof. Arranged chronologically. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

BONDS

11. OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1862--. 3 vols. (2 vols. numbered 1, 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of bonds filed and bonds furnished by officials, showing name of principal and bondsman, date of execution, amount, and certificate of approval. Indexed alphabetically by principal. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Auditor's vault.

12. BONDS, (SURETY), 1926--. 2 file boxes.

Record of bonds executed between county officials and firms or individuals for various purposes, showing names, dates, and amounts. 12 x 4 x 14.
No index. C.C., Auditor's vault.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

13. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1896--. 6 vols.

Record of fees collected and cash received, showing date, amount, from whom received, and nature of fees collected. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Auditor's vault.

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RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS (continued)

14. ORIGINAL RECEIPTS, DUPLICATES OF, 1919-34. 2 file boxes.
Record of receipts issued for payment of fees, showing name, date, and amount. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

15. DEPOSITS, 1925--. 2 file boxes.
Record of bank statements of deposits made of funds, showing date and amounts. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

16. APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, RECORD OF, 1900--. 15 vols. 1903-12, missing.
Record of receipts, appropriations, and disbursements of various funds, showing date and amount of warrant, name of payee, and balance. Arranged chronologically. 400 pp. 16 x 14 x 2. C.C., 10 vols., 1900-21, basement vault #1; 5 vols., 1921--, Auditor's vault.

17. ORDERS, REGISTER OF, 1846-1903, 4 vols. (1-3, 2 vols., numbered 1).
Record of orders drawn in payment of claims, showing date, amount of order, to whom paid, nature of claim, and order number. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. C.C., basement vault #1.

18. WARRANTS, REGISTER OF, 1846--. 15 vols.
Record of warrants issued in payment of claims, showing date and amount of warrant, to whom paid, nature of claim, and warrant number. Arranged chronologically. 1846-1924, handwritten; 1925--, typed. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. C.C., 3 vols., 1846-79, basement vault #1; 12 vols., 1880--, Auditor's vault.

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19. WARRANTS, 1930--. 6 file boxes.

Record of warrants in duplicate for expenses paid, showing date, amount, to whom paid, and nature of claim. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

20. CIRCUIT COURT ALLOWANCES, REGISTER OF, 1897--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of allowances made for carrying on proceedings of Circuit Court, showing date, amount of allowance, to whom paid, and nature of allowance. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

SCHOOL FUNDS

21. SCHOOL FUND RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, RECORD OF, 1861-1919. 3 vols.

Record of receipts and disbursements of school funds, showing by whom paid, date and amount of payment, and disbursement. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 10 x 1. C.C., Auditor's vault.

22. SCHOOL FUND LOANS, REGISTER OF, 1873--. 4 vols.

Record of school fund loans, showing name of mortgagor, date, amount, description of property, and record of payments on principal and interest. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 15 x 11 x 1½. C.C., Auditor's vault.

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23. BALANCES, SCHOOL FUND, REGISTER OF, 1912-19. 1 vol.
Record of balances in common school and congressional school funds at the end of each fiscal year, showing date and amount. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 14 x 11 x 1. C.C., Auditor's vault.

TAXES

Appraisements and Returns

24. ASSESSOR'S BOOK, 1870--. 1100 vols.
Record of assessments on real and personal property, showing name of tax payer, description of property, amount, and valuation. Indexed alphabetically by tax payer. Handwritten on printed form. 100 pp. 16 x 14 x ¾. C.C., 192 vols., 1925--, Assessor's vault; 160 vols., 1914-24, basement vault #1; 756 vols., 1870-1913, basement vault #2.

25. TRANSFER BOOK, 1841--. 200 vols.
Record of owners of real estate and transfer of same, showing description of property, assessment valuations, name of parties in transfer dealings, date of transfer, and date of deed. Arranged alphabetically by owner. 1841-1911, handwritten; 1912--, typed. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. C.C., Auditor's vault.

26. MORTGAGE EXEMPTIONS, RECORD OF, 1899--. 11 vols. (1-10, 1 vol. not numbered).
Record of affidavits of mortgage indebtedness, showing name of

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mortgagor and mortgagee, date, amount, exemption allowed from taxation, and description of property. Arranged alphabetically by town and township. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., V. 1-6 and 1 unnumbered volume, 1899-1924, basement vault #1; V.7-10, 1924--, Auditor's vault.

27. WHITE AND COLORED MALES, ENUMERATION OF, 1931. 12 vols.
Record of male inhabitants over twenty-one years of age, showing names and ages for purpose of assessing poll tax. Arranged alphabetically by citizen. Handwritten on printed form. 100 pp. 14 x 8 x ¾. C.C., Auditor's vault.

28. DITCH ALLOTMENTS OR ASSESSMENTS, SCHEDULE OF, 1881-1907.
4 vols. (1-2, 2 vols. not numbered).
Record of assessments, names of property owners, description of property, and amount for benefits in construction of ditches. Indexed alphabetically by petitioner. Handwritten on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., V.1-2, 1899-1904, Auditor's vault; 2 vols., 1881-1901, 1905-07, basement vault #1.

PLAT BOOKS

29. PLAT BOOK, 1860-1932. 112 vols.
Record of descriptions of land in each section of each township, showing name of owner and valuation. No index. Handwritten. 100 pp.

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10 x 15 x ¼. C.C., 80 vols., 1860-1922, basement vault #2; 32 vols., 1925-32, Assessor's vault.

30. PULASKI COUNTY, TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS, 1907. 16 plats.
Political plats, showing townships, towns, cities, villages, an atlas and directory, analysis of land survey, and portraits of various persons in Pulaski County. Published at Chicago by George A. Ogle Company. Printed. Scale; 2" to 1 mile. 14 x 17. C.C., Auditor's office.

Delinquent

31. TAX SALE REGISTER, 1844-1932. 4 vols. (1-4).
Record of land sold for taxes, showing description of property, name of owner, name of buyer, amount involved, and date redeemed. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2½. C.C., Auditor's vault.

32. TAX CERTIFICATES, 1880--. 11 file boxes.
Record of certificates for sale of lands for unpaid taxes, showing date, amount of tax due, to whom sold, and description of property. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

MAPS

33. PULASKI COUNTY, TOWNS OF, not dated. 1 map.
Political, land tenure map of Winamac, Medaryville, Star City, Lawton, and Thornhope, showing lot number, owner, principal buildings, parks, streets, divisions, and sub-divisions. Printed and framed. Condition

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fair. Scale; 1" to 400'. 30 x 18. C.C., Auditor's office.

III CLERK

The office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court is provided for in the State Constitution. He is elected for a four-year term and not entitled to hold office for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-2701). The inception date of this office in Pulaski County Court is 1840.

The Clerk preserves all records and writings filed in his office; He keeps a set of dockets for all the county courts such as, appearance, bar, judgment, and execution. He also keeps an order and final record book for all the county courts. He attends the sessions of the Circuit Court and enters in the proper record book all orders, judgments, and decrees for all the courts; keeps a complete record of all cases where the title to land is involved, and of criminal causes where the punishment is death or imprisonment. He is authorized to receive all funds ordered to be paid into the court. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852; Acts 1859, 1867, 1875, 1879 Special Session, 1929, and 1933; Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-2701 to 49-2727).

OFFICIAL BONDS

34. OFFICIAL BONDS, 1867--. 4 file boxes.
Record of bonds executed by various county officials, notaries, and justice of peace, showing name of principal and surety, amount, and date of execution. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

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35. NOTARY BOND RECORD, 1915—. 1 vol.

Record of bonds executed by notary, showing name of principal and bondsmen, date of execution, and amounts. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. Clerk's vault.

For earlier records, see entry 182.

36. MISCELLANEOUS BOND RECORD, 1870—. 4 vols. (1-3, 2 vols. numbered 1).

Record of justice, constable, notary, Commissioner's, and other bonds, showing names of principal, bondsmen, date, and amount of bond. Arranged alphabetically by principal. 1870-1936, handwritten; 1936—, typed. 325 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. v. 1-3, 1870-96; 1896—, Clerk's vault; v. 1, 1896-1906, basement vault #1.

CIRCUIT COURT

The Circuit Court is authorized by the Indiana Constitution (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 11). The fifty-ninth circuit comprises Pulaski County. The inception date of this court in Pulaski County is 1840.

The judge of the Circuit Court is elected by the people and the term of office is six years. The court has jurisdiction of law, equity, criminal cases, and settlement of decedent's estates, and of guardianships. It has appellant jurisdiction in certain cases from Justice of Peace Courts. (Acts 1881; Burns, 4-303).

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CIRCUIT COURT — (continued)

Civil and Criminal Cases

37. GENERAL INDEX OF CASES, 1923—. 2 vols. (3-4).

General index of cases filed, showing name of plaintiff, and defendant, kind of action, attorneys name, date case filed, date of disposition, and nature of disposition. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., v. 3, 1923-36, Clerk's vault; v. 4, 1936—, Clerk's office.

38. CIVIL CASES, 1841—. 283 file boxes.

Record of original papers filed in civil actions, showing affidavits, reports, petitions, and subpoenas. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 10 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

39. STATE CASES, 1870—. 20 file boxes.

Record of original papers in the matter of criminal cases, showing subpoenas, warrants, indictments, and committments. No index. 10 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

40. MISCELLANEOUS CASES, 1879—. 6 file boxes.

Record of original papers including appointments, resignations, certificate of partnerships, petitions, certified copy of action of courts, and miscellaneous unclassified court papers. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

41. AFFIDAVITS AND INFORMATION RECORD, 1903-24. 1 vol.

Record of affidavits used in indictment and trial of criminal cases, showing name of defendant, cause, and certification by States attorney.

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CIRCUIT COURT-Civil and Criminal Cases (continued)

Indexed alphabetically by defendant. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

For later records, see entry 160-61.

42. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1861—. 4 vols. (M, 1-2, 2 vols. numbered 1).

Record of indictments returned by grand jury, showing nature of indictment, recommendations of the attorney for the State, name of defendant, date of indictment, and certification by Clerk. Indexed alphabetically in general index by defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., v.1, 1861-87, basement vault; v.1; v. M, 1-2, 1879—, Clerk's vault.

43. DITCH RECORD, 1883-1919. 5 vols. (1-5).

Complete record of petitions for drainage ditches, showing notices of petitions, description of land benefitted, affidavits, notices to Commissioners, reports of same, and notices of remonstrance. Arranged alphabetically by ditch. 1883-1908, handwritten; 1909-19, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

44. DRAINAGE DITCH PETITIONS AND REPORTS, 1870—. 73 filesboxes.

Record of drainage petitions, reports, remonstrances, and assessment rolls, filed with court while suit is pending on construction of ditch. No index. 14 x 4 x 10. C.C., Clerk's vault.

45. (COURT PETITIONS), 1905-17. 1 file box.

Record of petitions for new trial by person remonstrating against construction of drainage ditches, showing names of petitioners and ditch.

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date of filing, and action of court on petitions. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

46. TRANSCRIPTS AND INSURANCE, ORDER BOOK OF, 1911--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of transcripts of proceedings of other courts, not venued, also record of certificates of authority, to transact insurance business by citizens of county, and issued by Auditor of State. Indexed alphabetically by agent and company. Typed on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

47. TRANSCRIPTS, 1860--. 5 file boxes.

Record of transcripts of cases taken from other courts to Pulaski county Circuit Court, showing names of parties to action, nature of action, date of filing, and disposition of case. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

48. CHANGE OF VENUE RECORD, 1893--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of cases venued from other counties, showing names of parties involved, county from which venued, statement of expenses of trial, and general remarks. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

49. NATURALIZATION RECORD, 1856--. 8 vols.

Record of declaration of intention to become citizen, petition for naturalization, oath of allegiance, acceptance or denial by court, showing names, addresses, age, home country, and family history.

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CIRCUIT COURT- Civil and Criminal Cases (continued)

Indexed alphabetically by applicants. Handwritten on printed form. 425 pp. 18 x 11 x 1. C.C., Clerk's office.

50. EPILEPTICS AND FEEBLE MINDED, APPLICATIONS OF, 1920--. 1 file box.

Record of applications of epileptics and feeble minded persons for commitment to State Hospital, showing name, date of commitment, discharge, family history, Sheriff's fees, and returns. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

51. INSANITY, 1870--. 4 file boxes.

Record of insanity inquests, statements, and applications for commitment to State Hospital, showing name, family history, date of commitment, discharge, Sheriff's fees and returns. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

52. INSANITY RECORD, 1850--. 7 vols. (1-4, and 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of insanity, showing application for examination, history of insanity, statements of medical examiners, family history, and record of commitment or discharge. Indexed alphabetically by person afflicted. 1850-1926, handwritten on printed form; 1926--, typed on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

53. RILEY HOSPITAL APPLICATION, 1924--. 1 file box.

Record of applications for entrance to Riley Hospital, showing names, dates, nature of case, physician's reports, and personal statistics. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

CIRCUIT COURT- (continued)

Court Proceedings

54. ENTRY, ISSUE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1913--. (12-25). 14 vols

Record of cases entered for action, showing case number, name of attorney, parties involved, nature of action, and remarks. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

For earlier records, see entries 55, and 91.

55. ENTRY DOCKET, 1877-1913. 9 vols. (3-11).

Record of cases entered for civil action, showing case number, name of attorney, parties involved, nature of action, and remarks. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

For earlier records, see entry 91.

56. ENTRY DOCKET, STATE CASES, 1892-1917. 1 vol. (8).

Record of State cases entered for action, showing case number, names of attorneys, defendant, kind of action, and remarks. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

For earlier records, see entry 91; later records, see entry 54.

57. ISSUE DOCKET, 1848-1913. 12 vols. (1-12).

Record of cases entered for action, showing case number, name of attorney, parties involved, nature of action, and remarks. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., basement vault.

For later records, see entry 54.

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58. APPEARANCE DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1881-81. 1 vol. (B)

Record of defendants giving bonds guaranteeing appearance when trial is set, showing names, amounts, case number, nature of case, attorneys name, minutes, and proceedings. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., basement vault #1.

59. RECOGNIZANCE BOND RECORD, 1873--. 4 vols.

Record of bonds given by defendants in criminal cases, guaranteeing appearance for trial, showing name of principal and surety, amount, and date of execution. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 325 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., 1 vol., 1873-94, basement vault #1; 3 vols., 1894--, Clerk's vault.

60. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1878--. 8 vols. (A,2-4, and 4 vols. numbered 1).

Record of complaints, certificates of redemption, certificates of sale, and notices of action, showing names of parties in action, nature of case and number, description of property involved, amounts of judgments, costs, and dates. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

61. BENCH DOCKET(CIVIL), 1867--. 96 vols. (1-91, and 5 vols. not numbered).

Record of cases filed for civil action, showing case number, name of attorneys, parties in action, and minutes. Arranged chronologically.

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Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 10 x 15 x 1. C.C., v. 1-54, 1857-1902, basement vault #1; v. 55-91, 1903-12, Clerk's vault; 5 unnumbered vols., 1912--, Clerk's office.

62. BENCH DOCKET (CRIMINAL), 1861--. 8 vols. (B, 1-5, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of cases filed in the matter of criminal action, showing case number, names of attorneys, and parties in action, and proceedings. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., v.B, 1-2, 1861-81, 1886-92, basement vault #1; v. 3-5, 1893-1911, Clerk's vault; 2 unnumbered vols., 1912--, Clerk's office.

63. CIVIL ORDER BOOK, 1840--. 53 vols. (1-53).

Record of all the actions and orders, showing civil and State cases, names of plaintiffs and defendants, and nature of action. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. 1840-1907, handwritten; 1907--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., v. 1-52, 1840-1934, Clerk's vault; v. 53, 1934--, Clerk's office.

64. PARTITION RECORD, 1864-95, 1 vol.

Record of action in the matter of suits with the partition of real estate, showing names of parties involved, proceedings and action, and reports of the Commissioners. Arranged alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

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65. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1855--. 14 vols. (A-N).
Record of judgments issued, showing names of attorneys, parties in action, against whom rendered, date and amount of judgment, and date of satisfaction. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

For earlier records, see entry 94.

66. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1854--. 8 vols. (3-10).
Record of executions of judgment, showing date of issue, kind of writ, parties concerned, date and amount of judgment, and Sheriff's return. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten on printed form. 235 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C. C., v. 3-8, 1854-1902, basement vault #1; v. 9-10, 1903--, Clerk's vault.

67. EXECUTION DOCKET, ORDER OF SALES, 1899--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of executions of judgment and orders of sale to satisfy judgments, showing parties concerned, date and kind of writ, date of judgment, person against whom rendered, and Sheriff's return. Arranged alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

68. EXECUTION AND ORDER OF SALE, 1845--. 19 file boxes.
Record of original papers of Sheriff's certificates for orders of sale, and executions of judgment, showing names of parties in action, attorneys names, amount of sale or judgment, case number and dates. Arranged chronologically. 10 x 14 x 4. C.C., Clerk's vault.

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69. SUPPORT DOCKET, 1910-35. 1 vol.

Record of payments made by defendants to the Clerk, and by the Clerk to party being supported, resulting from divorce or separate maintenance proceedings, showing date of action, order, and amounts of each payment. Indexed alphabetically by defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

70. COMPLETE RECORD (CIRCUIT COURT), 1841--. 20 vols. (A-T).

Complete record of cases filed, showing names of parties involved, nature of action, minutes and proceedings, judgments, and action thereon. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. 1841-1907, handwritten; 1907--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

71. COURT ALLOWANCES, 1908--. 3 file boxes.

Record of allowances made in payment of witness, jury, and baliff fees, showing names, kind of service, amount allowed, date of allowance, and term of court. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

72. FEE BILLS, 1889-1914. 2 file boxes.

Record of bills for various fees, such as witness and docket fees, presented and allowed by court, showing names, amounts, dates paid, and number of case. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

73. FEE BOOK OF STATE CASES, 1886--. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of State cases entered for action, showing names of parties in action, nature of action, names of attorney, court proceedings, and

fees involved. Indexed alphabetically by defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

74. FEE BOOK, 1841-1913. 22 vols. (B-W).

Record of court costs and fees of cases entered for action, showing names of parties concerned, nature and amount of fees, by whom paid, such as Clerk, Sheriff, miscellaneous, and witnesses. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 12. C.C., Clerk's vault.

For later records, see entry 54.

Probate Cases

75. WILLS, 1845--. 4 file boxes. (1-4).

Record of original and certified copy of wills entered for probate, including proof of will, and Clerk's report of probate of will, showing name, witnesses' names, administrator or ward, and heirs. Indexed alphabetically in general index. Handwritten and typed on printed form. 10 x 14 x 4. C.C., Clerk's vault.

76. WILL RECORD, 1844--. 8 vols. (A-G), 2 vols. lettered E).

Title varies.

Record of copies of wills entered for probate, proof of will, and certificates of probate, showing name of person making will, date, names of beneficiaries, and amounts allowed same. Indexed alphabetically by testator. 1844-1935, handwritten; 1935--, typed on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

CIRCUIT COURT- Probate Cases (continued)

77. ADMINISTRATORS AND GUARDIANS BONDS, RECORD OF, 1850--. 10 vols. (1-7, 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of bonds executed and approved, showing names of principal, names of bondsmen, date and amount of bond, and date of execution. Arranged alphabetically by principal. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., v. 1-7, 1850--, and 2 unnumbered vols., 1872-76, Clerk's vault; 1 vols., 1854-71, basement vault #1.

78. INVENTORY RECORD, 1860--. 9 vols. (A-I).

Record of inventories of personal property in the settlement of estates, showing description of property, appraised value, name of appraiser, and date of appraisal. Indexed alphabetically by estate. Handwritten on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., v. A-F, 1860-1923, basement vault #1; v. G-I, 1923--, Clerk's vault.

79. GUARDIANSHIP INVENTORY RECORD, 1917--. 1 vol. (A).

Record of inventory of property owned by wards under guardianship, showing name of guardians and wards, description of property, value, rental values, and certificate of Clerk. Indexed alphabetically by ward. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

80. ESTATE ENTRY, CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1862--. 9 vols. (C-D, 13-17, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of estates entered for probate, showing name of decedent, administrator or executor, inventory and appraisement, proceedings and

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fees, claims presented and allowed, dates and amounts of allowances. Indexed alphabetically by name of estate. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., 1 unnumbered vol. 1862-69, basement vault #1; C-D, 13-17, and 1 unnumbered vol., 1869--, Clerk's vault.

81. GUARDIANSHIP DOCKET, 1861--. 5 vols. (8-12). 1869-75, missing.

Record of guardianships entered for probate, showing name of ward, guardians, minutes and Clerk's memoranda. Indexed alphabetically by guardianship. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., v. 8-11, 1861-1912, Clerk's vault; v. 12, 1912--, Clerk's vault.

82. ADMINISTRATOR'S ORDER BOOK, 1874-76. 1 vol. (C).

Record of court and action, regarding administrator's sale of real estate, and filing of final reports, and vouchers in settlement of estate. Indexed alphabetically by name of estate in general index. Handwritten. 200 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

83. SALE BILLS, RECORD OF, 1869-1917. 2 vols. (A, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of personal estates of deceased persons, showing name of estate, notice of sale, articles listed, amounts for which sold, and to whom sold. Indexed alphabetically by estate. Handwritten on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

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84. PROBATE BENCH DOCKET, 1878--. 10 vols. (6-13, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of cases filed for probate, showing name of estate, administrator, executor, guardian, wards, and attorney, proceedings and minutes. Arranged alphabetically by estate. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., v. 6-13, 1878-1912, Clerk's vault; 2 unnumbered vols., 1912--, Clerk's office.

85. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, 1878--. 16 vols. (D-S).

Record of actions on estates and guardianships, showing persons involved, actions, complete proceedings, and orders. Indexed alphabetically by estate or guardianship. 1840-1908, handwritten; 1908--, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., v. D-R, 1878-1935, Clerk's vault; v. S, 1935--, Clerk's office.

86. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMPLETE RECORD, 1865-98. 3 vols. (1, and 2 vols. numbered 3).

Complete record of cases filed on matters pertaining to administrator's of estates, showing names, dates, minutes, proceedings, reports, and action. Indexed alphabetically by estate. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

87. GUARDIAN'S COMPLETE RECORD, 1881-91. 2 vols. (1, and B).

Complete record of sales of real estate made by guardian's, showing names of parties involved, minutes and proceedings, and judgment of court with description of property in question. Indexed alphabetically by estate or ward. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

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CIRCUIT COURT- Probate Cases (continued)

68. PROBATE CASES (DISPOSED OF ESTATES), 1841--. 105 file boxes. (A1-Z41, A-Z, AA-CC, 93-105).

Record of original papers filed in the probate of estates, and inventories, petitions, and reports, showing dates, names of parties in action, amounts, property description, and valuations. Indexed alphabetically by name of estate in general index. Handwritten on printed form. 14 x 10 x 4. C.C., Clerk's vault.

Juvenile Cases

69. COURT PAPERS, 1923-33. 1 file box.

Record of petitions for dependent and neglected children, and summons for delivery of same to Juvenile Court, showing dates, names, and address. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

COMMON PLEAS COURT

The Common Pleas Court was established by an act of 1852. (Acts 1852). The judges were elected at regular elections for terms of fouryears. The inception date of this court in Pulaski County is 1853. Because of the inadequacies of this court, it was abolished by an act of 1873. The jurisdiction was transferred to the Circuit Court. (Acts 1873. Chap. 29, p. 67).

The Common Pleas Court had jurisdiction in matters relating to probate of wills; appointment of guardians of persons of unsound mind,, and other legal disabilities; on matters relating to executors and

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administrators; civil matters from fifty to one thousand dollars except cases of slander, libel, breach of marriage contract, action of official bond, nor where the title of real estate shall be in issue; and criminal jurisdiction in cases which are not felonies and which are not triable by a Justice of the Peace. (Acts 1852).

Civil Cases

90. COMMON PLEAS (ORIGINAL PAPERS), 1853-73. 13 file boxes.
Record of original papers filed with the court, including civil, criminal, and probate cases, petitions, affidavits, reports, and warrants, showing names and dates. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 10 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

91. ENTRY DOCKET, 1862-77. 2 vols.
Record of cases entered for action, showing case number, name of attorney, parties involved, nature of action, and remarks. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., basement vault #1.

For later records, see entry 54.

92. BENCH DOCKET, CIVIL, 1861-73. 2 vols. (B-C). V.A, prior to 1861, missing.
Record of cases filed for civil action, showing case number, names of attorneys, parties to action, and minutes. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 10 x 15 x 1. C.C., basement vault #1.

COMMON PLEAS COURT- Civil Cases (continued)

93. CIVIL ORDER BOOK, 1853-73. 5 vols. (A-D, 2 vols. lettered A).

Record of all actions and orders, showing names of parties, kind of action, and orders. Indexed alphabetically by name of estate. Handwritten. 550 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

94. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1853-72. 2 vols. (A-B).

Record of judgments issued, showing names of attorneys, parties in action, against whom rendered, date and amount of judgment, and date of satisfaction. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

For later records, see entry 65.

95. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1854-73. 2 vols. (A-B).

Record of executions of judgment of the court, showing date of issue, kind of writ, parties concerned, date and amount of judgment, and Sheriff's returns. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten on printed form. 235 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., basement vault #1.

96. COMPLETE RECORD, 1851-88. 3 vols. (A-2, 2 vols. numbered A).

Complete record of cases filed, showing names of parties involved, nature of action, minutes and proceedings, judgments, and action thereon. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten. 600 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

97. FEE BOOK, 1841-79. 7 vols. (A-D, 2 vols., numbered A, 3 vols., numbered B).

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COMMON PLEAS COURT- Civil Cases (continued)

Record of court, costs, and fees, showing names of parties in action, ~~nation~~ nature and amounts of fees, by whom paid, and witnesses. Indexed alphabetically by plaintiff. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., v. A,B, 1841-49, basement vault #1; v. A, B, B, C, D, 1850-79, Clerk's vault.

Probate Cases

98. GUARDIANSHIP DOCKET, 1861-73. 2 vols. (2 and 3).
Record of cases filed, showing case number, attorneys names, names of parties in action, and proceedings. Indexed alphabetically by decedent. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

99. PROBATE BENCH DOCKET, 1848-78. 4 vols.
Record of cases filed for probate, showing name of estate, administrator, executor, guardians and attorneys, proceedings, and minutes. Indexed alphabetically by estate. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., basement vault #1.

100. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, 1840-74. 3 vols. (A,B, A+B).
Record of action on estates and guardianships, showing persons involved, complete proceedings, and orders. Indexed alphabetically by estate or guardianship. Handwritten. 400 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

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101. GUARDIANS ORDER BOOK, 1861-74. 1 vol.

Record of action on administration of guardianship, and reports of administrator or guardian, showing name of estate or guardian, date of filing, and nature of action. Indexed alphabetically by estate. Handwritten. 550 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

ELECTIONS

102. REGISTRATION RECORD, 1932—. 58 vols.

Record of registration of voters by townships and precincts, showing names, addresses, age, and place of birth. Arranged alphabetically by voter. Typed. 15 pp. 8 x 14 x 1. C.C., Clerk's office.

103. ELECTIONS, 1902—. 1 file box.

Record of affidavits of proof of publication of pending elections and certificates of nomination and election, showing name of person, and office to which elected. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

104. ELECTIONS, RECORD OF, 1890—. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of tabulations of number of votes cast for various public offices, entered as per township, and precincts in township, showing names, number of votes, name of township, and number of precinct. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 700 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

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LICENSES

Marriages

105. MARRIAGES APPLICATIONS, 1880—. 9 file boxes.
Record of applications for marriage licenses, by both male and female parties, and statement of personal history, showing date of application and affidavit of Clerk as to statements. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

106. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1880—. 17 vols. (1,B-Q).
Record of applications for marriage licenses, showing names of parties concerned, certificate of marriage, personal history, and copy of license issued. Indexed alphabetically by male applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

107. MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, 1880—. 6 file boxes.
Record of returns from marriage licenses including certificate of marriage by minister or other qualified persons, showing names of parties, dates of marriage, and date of filing. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

Professional

108. PHYSICIANS, REGISTER OF, 1885—. 2 vols.
Record of the certificates of various doctors to practice and license issued, showing names, dates, and address. Arranged alphabetically by

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LICENSES- Professional (continued)

applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 8 x 14 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

109. OPTOMETRISTS, REGISTER OF, 1907--. 1 vol.
Record of registered optometrists, showing name, date, certificate of qualifications, and license to practice. Indexed alphabetically by person registered. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 8 x 14 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

110. TRAINED NURSES, REGISTER OF, 1905--. 1 vol.
Record of certificates issued to trained nurses, showing date of registration, date of license, and name. No index. Handwritten on printed for,. 200 pp. 8 x 9 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

111. VETERINARIANS, REGISTER OF, 1901-05. 1 vol.
Record of registered veterinarians, showing name, date, certificate of qualifications, and license to practice. Indexed alphabetically by person registered. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 8 x 14 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

Business

112. POULTRY DEALER'S LICENSE, 1917--. 1 vol.
Record of applications and licenses issued to dealer's in poultry, showing names, addresses, and dates. Indexed alphabetically by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 10 x 16 x 1½. C.C., Clerk's vault.

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LICENSES- Business (continued)

113. JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE, 1905--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of applications for junk dealer's license, showing names and dates of applications. Indexed alphabetically by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 8 x 13 x11. C.C., Clerk's vault.

CERTIFICATES AND PERMITS

114. FIRMS AND PARTNERSHIPS, REGISTER OF, 1910--. 1 vol.
Record of certificates of partnerships and firms, showing names of parties involved, record of affidavits, and date of filing and recording. Indexed alphabetically by partnership or firm. Handwritten. 300 pp. 17 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

115. FIREARM PERMITS, RECORD OF, 1925--. 1 vol.
Record of applications and permits to carry firearms, showing certificates of character, date of permit, and reason for wishing to carry firearms. Indexed alphabetically by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 8 x 14 x 1. C.C., Clerk's vault.

116. LIQUOR AND ALCOHOL PERMITS, 1918-32. 1 vol.
Record of applications for permits to sell or possess liquor or alcohol, and record of bonds for handling. Arranged alphabetically by applicant. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

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LICENSES- Certificates and Permits (continued)

117. INSURANCE, 1915-17. 2 file boxes.

Record of insurance certificates of authority, to transact business and settlement of condition of company, showing name of company, date of certificate, and name of agent. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

118. INCORPORATION AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY, STATEMENTS OF, 1872-1913. 1 file box.

Record of statements of incorporation and appointment of agents with power of attorney, showing name of company and agent, and date given authority. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

119. SUPREME COURT DECISIONS, 1870-1918. 2 file boxes.

Record of certificates of decisions on opinions, showing parties in action, dates of terms, and decision. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

REGISTERS

120. ESTRAY RECORD, 1840-1917. 2 vols.

Record of animals that had strayed being received by persons and appraised value of such animals, showing description of animal, valuation, date lost, date of return, and disposition. Indexed alphabetically by owner. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., 1 vol., 1840-64, basement vault #1; 1 vol., 1864-1917, Clerk's vault.

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LICENSES- Registers (continued)

121. ESTRAY NOTICES, 1899-1911. 1 file box.

Record of notices of estrayed animals by person receiving same and reports of appraisers, showing description of animal, value of same, and disposition. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

122. SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, 1913-20. 1 file box.

Record of certified lists of soldiers and sailors, showing name, age, date enlisted, war, company, regiment, battery, length of enlistment ~~served~~, and remarks. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

123. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, CASH BOOK OF, 1877--. 9 vols. (1-2, and 7 vols. not numbered).

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing from whom received, to whom paid, for what purpose, with date and amount received and disbursed. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 17 x 2. C.C., v.1-2, and 5 unnumbered vols., 1877-1925, basement vault #1; 2 unnumbered vols., 1925--, Clerk's vault.

124. FEES AND FUNDS HELD IN TRUST, REGISTER OF, 1903--. 1 vol.

Register of fees and funds held in trust, showing date received, from whom, title of cause, date disbursed, and a memoranda. Indexed alphabetically by person for whom deposited. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's office.

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125. WITNESS AND OTHER FEES, REGISTER OF, 1884-1918. 5 vols. (2-6).

Record of financial amounts paid to Clerk for fees in court actions, showing names of persons, date, amount paid, and nature of action. Arranged alphabetically by payer. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., basement vault #1.

126. FINES, FORFEITURES, RECORD OF, 1910--. 1 vol.

Record of fines and forfeitures collected, showing name of person from whom collected, date, and amount. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Clerk's vault.

IV COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY

The Board of Commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year, (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Pulaski County had a Board of County Commissioners prior to 1852 which was provided for in the Constitution of 1816. Burns, 1933 Stat., 26-601.) The inception date of this office in Pulaski County is 1840.

The Board of Commissioners hold twelve monthly sessions. It makes orders respecting the property of the county, sells, purchases, takes care of, and preserves the property. It allows all accounts chargeable against the county not otherwise provided for and directs the raising of sums necessary for expenses, audits accounts of all officers, provides election supplies, and maintains highways. It may abolish or change township or precinct boundary lines, establish libraries and hospitals, aid war veterans, pay bounties, offer rewards, and appoint deputy sheriffs, highway, and drainage commissioners. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1863, 1865, 1879 Special Session, 1885, 1897, 1913, 1921, and 1929; Burns, 19[illegible] Stat., 26-601 to 26-639.)

BRIDGES, DITCHES AND ROADS

127. BRIDGES, 1915--. 9 file boxes.

Record of bridge reports, petitions, specifications, and contracts, showing name of firm or individual, and date of execution. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

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BRIDGES, DITCHES AND ROADS (continued)

128. DITCHES, 1879--. 56 file boxes.

Record of ditch petitions, contracts, specifications, profiles, and reports, showing date of filing and name of firm or individual. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

129. DITCH SALES, 1879-1904. 17 vols. (1-14, 4 vols. numbered 14).

Record of county contracts for construction of drainage ditches with affidavit of approval and acceptance by Surveyor, showing contracts and bonds sold for financing and constructing drainage ditches, date of contract, name of parties, description of work, amount of assessment, date of acceptance, and certification of approval. Indexed alphabetically by contractor. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Auditor's vault.

130. COMPLETE DITCH RECORD, 1877-1934. 16 vols. (1-16).

Record of petitions, showing viewers, nature of bid, awarding of contracts, acceptance of completed work, and schedule of assessments for benefits from constructed ditches. Indexed alphabetically by petitioner. 1877-1919, handwritten; 1919-34, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Auditor's vault.

131. ROAD RECORD, 1898-1934. 5 vols. (1-5)

Record of petitions for roads, including reports of viewers, advertising of bids, awarding of contracts, and acceptance. Indexed alphabetically by petitioner. 1898-1907, handwritten; 1908-34, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Auditor's vault.

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132. ROADS, 1909--. 35 file boxes.

Record of road petitions, contracts, specifications, profiles and reports, showing dates of filing and execution of contract, and names of parties. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

PROCEEDINGS AND REPORTS

133. COMMISSIONERS DOCKET, 1858--. 12 vols. (1-7, and 5 vols. not numbered).

Record of proceedings filed for action before the County Commissioners, showing name of parties, nature of action, date of filing, and proceedings of board. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 11½. C.C., Auditor's vault.

134. COURT PETITIONS, 1910--. 6 boxes.

Petitions filed with County Commissioners for various purposes, showing name of petition, number, and nature of petition. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

135. COMMISSIONER'S RECORD, 1840--. 25 vols. (D-Z, and 2 vols., A-1, and B-1).

Record of all proceedings in County Commissioners Court, including minutes of same, actions on claims, allowances, reports, petitions, and any other matters coming before them. Indexed alphabetically by subject. 1840-1909, handwritten; 1910--, typed. 585 pp. 18 x 11 x2. C.C., Auditor's vault.

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136. CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE RECORD, (REGISTER OF ALLOWANCES), 1866--. 10 vols. (1-4, 6 vols. not numbered).

Record of allowances for claims filed in Commissioners Court, showing date, file number, payee, nature of claim, amount and date allowed. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 250 pp. 10 x 16 x 2. C.C., Auditor's vault.

137. ALLOWANCES, 1927--. 27 file boxes.

Record of Commissioners' allowances made on payment of claims filed, showing names, dates, amounts, number of claim, and purchase order. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

138. BIDS AND CONTRACTS, 1913--. 7 file boxes.

Record of county property maintenance, showing date, amount, bid, contract, and supplies. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

139. OLD AGE PENSIONS, (CLAIMS), 1936. 1 file box.

Record of applications for old age pensions and certificate of award of same, showing name, date, and amount. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

140. CIRCUIT COURT ALLOWANCES, 1927--. 3 file boxes.

Record of allowances on claims submitted by Clerk for expenses of Circuit Court, showing name, date and amount. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

141. REPORTS, (TO COMMISSIONERS OF SCHOOL FUND LOANS), 1916--. 12 file boxes.

Record of reports to Commissioners of school fund loans, showing total

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amount of loans, amount of interest due, and balance of funds on hand. No index. 12 x 4 x 4. C.C., Auditor's vault.

V CORONER

The office of Coroner was created by the Constitution of Indiana. He is elected at the regular election and serves a term of two years. There is no prohibition as to the amount of times he can be re-elected. The Coroner is required to post a five thousand dollar bond to insure the faithful performance of his duties. (Indiana Const. 1851, Art. 6, Sec. 2.) The office of Coroner was in existance before 1851 by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. The inception date of this office in Pulaski County is 1840.

The Coroner is required to investigate violent deaths and deaths of suspicious means. He performs the duties of the Sheriff when the Sheriff is absent or otherwise incapacitated from serving. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1871, 1879 Special Session, and 1933; Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-2901 to 49-2915.)

~~145.~~ 142. INQUESTS 1881--. 4 boxes.

Record of Coroners' inquests, showing name of deceased, statements, affidavits of witnesses, date of death, cause of death, and Coroner's verdict. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Clerk's vault.

VI COUNCIL, COUNTY

In 1899 the legislature created the County Council. This Council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years. On member is elected from each councilmanic district by the district and three members are elected at large from the county. The Council elects its own president and the County Auditor acts as its clerk. The County Sheriff is required to execute the orders of the Council. (Acts 1899; Burns, 1933 Stat., 26-501 and 2, 26-509, 26-515, 26-532.) The inception date of this board in Pulaski County is 1899.

The power of fixing the tax rate where it is not fixed by law, is vested in the Council, as well as the power of making appropriations of money to be paid out of the county treasury (Acts 1899; Burns, 1933 Stat., 26-515).

The Council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials (Acts 1899; Burns, 1933 Stat., 26-520), as well as emergency appropriations (Acts 1899; 1907, 1913; Burns, 1933 Stat., 26-521).

The Council has the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds (Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns, 1933 Stat., 26-532). No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of $1,000 or more shall take place without authorization of the Council (Acts 1899; Burns, 1933 Stat., 26-534).

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143 ~~142~~. COUNTY COUNCIL, RECORD OF, 1899--. 1 vol.

Minutes of semi-annual meetings of the County Council, showing action

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taken on the estimates of the various County officers concerning the requested budget allowances. No index. Handwritten and typed. 536 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Auditor's vault.

~~143.~~ 144 CORPORATION STATEMENTS, 1927-30. 4 file boxes.

Record of estimates of tax levies necessary for all incorporated towns and other units. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

~~144.~~ 145 COUNCIL ESTIMATES, 1914--. 2 file boxes.

Record of Council financial sessions, showing the various County funds, together with the Council's estimate of the sums to be appropriated in each. No index. 12 x 4 x 14. C.C., Auditor's vault.

VII FINANCE, BOARD OF

The Board of Pulaski County Commissioners constitutes the Board of Finance. The Auditor acts as secretary. The Board may sue and be sued in its own name whenever necessary to accomplish the purposes intended by its creation. The inception date of this board in Pulaski County is 1907.

The Board of Finance has charge of and controls the funds of Pulaski County (Acts 1907; Burns, 1933 Stat., 61-606).

The Board of Finance selects the depository for Pulaski County funds. It approves the purchase of U. S. Government bonds or other interest-bearing obligations of the U. S. Government. It invites proposals to receive public funds on deposit, receives proposals, and creates and revokes depositories. (Acts 1907, 1909, 1931; Burns, 1933 Stat., 61-610 to 61-613).

146. BOARD OF FINANCE, RECORD OF, 1907--. 1 vol.
Record of the proceedings of the Board of Finance, showing discussions about county finances, depositories, and reports to Auditor. No index. Handwritten, 576 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

VIII HEALTH COMMISSIONER

By legislative enactment in 1891, the office of Health Commissioner was created. He is elected by the County Commissioners to serve for a term of four years. The inception date of this office in Pulaski County is 1891.

It is his duty to safeguard the health and to promote sanitary systems for the citizens of the county. He is also required to study and check contagious diseases in the various communities, whenever and whenever possible, and advise and counsel various persons interested in the control of diseases. He is required to maintain records of births, deaths, marriages, make dairy inspections, food inspections, and hold regular examinations for pupils in the various schools of Pulaski County at regular intervals. (Acts 1891; Burns, 1933; Stat., 35-108).

147. BIRTH RECORD, 1882--. 5 vols.

Record of births, showing name, date of birth, sex, family statistics, and doctor's return. Arranged alphabetically by infant. Handwritten. 200 pp. 12 x 18 x 1. Office of Health Commissioner, 111 North Monticello Street, Winamac, Ind.

148. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, RECORD OF, 1882--. 2 vols.

Record of contagious diseases, showing nature of malady, date of quarantine, name of attending physician and name of patient. Indexed alphabetically by disease. Handwritten on printed form. 200 pp. 12 x 18 x 1. Dr. T.E. Carneal's office, 111 N Monticello Street, Winamac, Ind.

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149. DEATH RECORD, 1882--. 5 vols. (1901-1907, missing). Record of deaths, showing name of deceased, personal and statistical information, certificate of death, and place of burial. Arranged alphabetically by deceased. Handwritten. 200 pp. 12 x 18 x 1. Dr. T.E. Carneal's office, 111 North Monticello Street, Winamac, Ind.

IX HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

The county highway system was, at one time, administered by the Superintendent of Highways who was appointed by the County Commissioners for a term of four years, and some records bear his name and title. This office was established in 1913, and abolished March 1, 1933; and the powers and duties given to the Surveyor (Acts 1913, 1933, Burns, 1933; Stat., 36-1113). In order to provide for necessary supervision in counties warranting more attention than the Surveyor can give, the Board of County Commissioners of any county of the State of Indiana has the right to employ any person other than the Surveyor as supervisor of county highways, and such officer is called the Highway Supervisor (Acts 1933; Burns, 1933; Stat., 36-1110). The Board of Commissioners of Pulaski County has appointed a separate Highway Supervisor. The inception date of this office in Pulaski County is 1933.

The Highway Supervisor has general supervision of the repair of all highways, bridges, and culverts of the county. It is his duty to see that the mail routes are kept open. He must attend the annual road school at Purdue University. (Acts 1933; Burns, 1933; Stat., 36-1101 to 36-1109).

150. EXPENDITURES FOR ROAD REPAIRS, LEDGER OF, 1914-36. 8 vols. (1-7, and 1 vol., not numbered). 1925-30, missing.

Record of cost of labor and material for maintenance of existing roads, showing name of roads repaired, kind of material used, and amount of cost. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form.

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Condition poor. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. C.C., 1930—. Supervisor's office; 1914-25, basement vault #1.

151. TOWNSHIP ROAD RECORD, 1910-31. 1 vol.

Record of location and description of roads in each township of the county, showing name of petitioner, date established, and name of contractor. Arranged by road. Handwritten on printed form. Condition poor. 300 pp. 18 x 18 x 2. C.C., Highway Supervisor's office.

X RECORDER

The office of Recorder was created by the Constitution of Indiana. He is nominated in the primary and elected at the regular election for a term of four years. The Recorder is not eligible to hold office for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1901; Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-3201). The inception date of this office is 1840.

It is his duty to enter upon the books of his office, at the time they are executed, all satisfactions, cancelations, and the assignments, of whatever kind, attest the release of mortgages, leases, or other instruments required by law to be recorded, record every conveyance entitled and required by law to be recorded, to keep special records of cemetery deeds, cemetery associations, farm names, chattel mortgages, and other miscellaneous records. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1855, 1875 Special Session, 1905, 1913, 1925, 1927, and 1931; Burns,, 1933 Stat., 49-3203 to 49-3235).

GRANTS, TITLES AND DEEDS

152. DEEDS, ENTRY BOOK OF, 1848--. 13 vols. (1-12. 2 vols. numbered 1).

Record of deeds, showing date of recording, grantor and grantee, date of deed, description of property, kind of deed, consideration, and date of delivery. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., V.1-9, 1848-1917, basement vault #1; V.10-12, 1918--, Recorder's vault.

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153. GENERAL INDEX OF DEEDS, GRANTEE, GRANTOR, 1846--. 30 vols. (2 sets A-O).

Index to deeds, showing number of instrument, grantor and grantee, kind of deed, date, consideration, description of land, date of recording, and book and page of deed record. Handwritten on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Recorder's vault.

154. DEED RECORD, 1849--. 107 vols. (A-S, 18-107).

Record of deed warrantees, tax titles, quit claims, quiet titles, and commissioner's deeds, showing grantor, grantee, date, and consideration. 1849-1909, handwritten; 1909--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Recorder's vault.

155. SHERIFF'S DEED RECORD, 1869-73. 1 vol. (P).

Record of deeds obtained through forced sales by Sheriff, showing names of purchaser and seller, description of property, and dates of filing and recording. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 292 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. C.C., Recorder's vault.

156. TAX TITLE DEEDS, 1863-80. 1 vol.

Record of deeds on property sold to satisfy delinquent tax claims, showing date, parties concerned, description of property, date of recording. Indexed alphabetically by purchaser. Handwritten on printed form. 385 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. C.C., Recorder's vault.

157. GENERAL INDEX TO QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1911--. 1 vol.

Alphabetical index to all records for quiet title files, showing names of parties involved, description of property, dates of filing and

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recording, book and page of record. Arranged alphabetically by grantor. Handwritten on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's vault.

158. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1911--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of quiet titles as determined by court orders, showing description of property, names of litigants, consideration, dates of filing, and date of recording. Indexed alphabetically by grantor. Handwritten. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. C.C., Recorder's vault.

MORTGAGES AND RELEASES

159. ENTRY BOOK OF MORTGAGES, 1861--. 6 vols. (2 sets 1-4).
Record of mortgages entered for recording, showing mortgagor, mortgagee, type of mortgages, description of property, and amount. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., 4 vols., 1861-1907, 2 vols., 1907-23, record vault #1; 2 vols., 1923--, Recorder's vault.

160. GENERAL INDEX OF MORTGAGES, 1852--. 18 vols. (A-R).
Index to mortgage record, showing mortgagor, mortgagee, kind of mortgage, description of property, consideration, date of recording, and satisfaction. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagor and mortgagee. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Recorder's vault.

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161. MORTGAGE RECORDS, 1840--. 52 vols. (A-Z, 1-52. 2 vols. lettered A).

Record of mortgages recorded, showing mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, date, amount, time of recording, and date of satisfaction. 1840-1910, handwritten; 1911--, typed. 5~~0~~0 pp. 18 x 11 x 2½. C.C., Recorder's vault.

162. GENERAL INDEX OF CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1899--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Index to recorded chattel mortgages, showing mortgagor, mortgagee, date of mortgage, consideration, and book and page number of mortgage record. Arranged alphabetically by mortgagor and mortgagee. Handwritten on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's vault.

163. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORDS, 1899--. 33 vols. (1-33).

Record of chattel mortgages, showing mortgagor, mortgagee, description of chattel, date, amount, and satisfaction. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagor and mortgagee. 1899-1918, handwritten; 1919--, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., V.1-18, 1899-1916, vault #1, basement; V.19-33, 1916--, Recorder's office.

164. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1860--. 15 file boxes. (A-Z).

File of original chattel mortgages, showing dates, mortgagor, mortgagee, terms, description of property, and amount. Arranged alphabetically by mortgagee and mortgagor. 12 x 5 x 18. C.C., Recorder's vault.

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165. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE RECORD, 1854--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of mortgages on school fund to State, showing name of mortgagor, description of property mortgaged, date, amount, and affidavits of ownership. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagor. Handwritten on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Recorder's vault.

166. ENTRY BOOK OF RELEASES, 1905--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of mortgage releases, showing mortgagor, mortgagee, date, amount, and date of release. No index. Handwritten. 550 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., 2 vols., 1905-28, record vault #1; 1 vol., 1928--, Recorder's office.

167. MORTGAGE RELEASE RECORD, 1902--. 13 vols. (1-13).
Complete record of mortgage releases, showing date, parties involved, satisfaction of mortgage, and amount. Indexed alphabetically by mortgagor and mortgagee. Handwritten. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's vault.

REGISTERS OF LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

168. ENTRY BOOK OF MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUMENTS IN MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1911--. 1 vol.
Record of miscellaneous instruments entered for recording in miscellaneous records, showing names of parties, terms, kind of instrument, date of recording, amount of fees, to whom delivered, and date. Arranged chronologically. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

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169. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1853--. 15 vols. (A-N. 2 vols. lettered A).

Record of miscellaneous documents such as deeds, powers of attorney, articles of agreement, mechanic's liens, incorporations, sales contracts, and mortgages, showing dates, names of parties concerned, and kind of instrument. Indexed alphabetically by party of the first part. 1853-1902, handwritten; 1903--, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. C.C., Recorder's vault.

170. WILLS AND ORDERS OF COURT, RECORD OF, 1892--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of wills filed and orders of court relative to execution, showing provisions of will relative to personal and real property, notice of sale of property, proof of notice, court action, and certification of Clerk. Indexed alphabetically by deceased. 1892-1903, handwritten; 1903--, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., Recorder's vault.

171. DITCH RECORD, 1883--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of petitions for drain ditches, showing names of benefited land owners, amount of assessment, and names of Commissioners. Indexed alphabetically by landowner. 1883-1922, handwritten; 1922--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Recorder's vault.

172. CONDITIONAL SALES CONTRACTS, 1860--. 15 file boxes (A-Z).

Record of original conditional sales contracts, showing date, names of contracting parties, terms, conditions, description of property, and amount. Arranged alphabetically by mortgagor and mortgagee. 12 x 5 x 18. C.C., Recorder's vault.

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173. FARM REGISTER, 1913-31. 1 vol.

Record of farm names, showing owner, description of land, and farm name. Indexed alphabetically by owner. Handwritten on printed form. 132 pp. 11 x 9 x 1. C.C., Recorder's vault.

174. SOLDIER ENLISTMENT AND DISCHARGE RECORD, 1919--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of enlistment and discharge of soldiers, sailors and marines of the World War, showing branch, rank, and length of service. Indexed alphabetically by soldier. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 15 x 10 x 2. C.C., Recorder's office.

REGISTER OF FEES AND CASH

175. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1899--. 7 vols. (1-2, 5 vols. not numbered).

Record of instruments entered for recording, showing date of entry, amount, and kind of fee. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., V.1-2, and 4 unnumbered vols., 1899-1931, basement vault #1; 1 unnumbered vol., 1932--, Recorder's office.

XI REVIEW, BOARD OF

Pulaski County has an annual board for the review of assessments and the equalization of the valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the Assessor, Treasurer, Auditor, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the judge of the Circuit Court. The Assessor is the president and the Auditor is the secretary of the board. (Acts 1919; Burns, 64-1201 [14204], 64-1205 [14208]). The inception date of this board in Pulaski County is 1891.

From 1881 to 1919 the duties of reviewing and equalizing tax assessments were performed by a County Board of Equalization consisting of the County Commissioners and four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (Acts 1881, Ch. 98, p. 611). The law of 1919 superseded this act and renamed the body the Board of Review.

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of the property in the township or any taxing unit within the township, and to determine the rate percent to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes throughout the county. The board also has the power, in proper cases, to correct the valuation of any particular tract or lot. (Acts 1919, Ibid.).

If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high or too low or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or township, or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment. (Acts 1919, Ibid.).

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176. REVIEW, BOARD OF, RECORD OF, 1903--. 1 vol.

Record of minutes and proceedings in hearings of tax adjustment cases, showing name of petitioning taxpayer, his grievance, description of property in question, and decision of the board. No index. Handwritten. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Auditor's office.

XII SHERIFF

The office of Sheriff was provided for by the Constitution of Indiana. He is nominated in the primaries and elected in the regular election to serve for a term of two years. He is not eligible to hold that office by re-election for more than four years in any period of six years. He must post a bond for five thousand dollars to insure the faithful performance of his duties as required by law. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852; Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-2802.) The inception date of this office is 1840.

The Sheriff arrests without process all persons who, within his view, commit any crime or misdemeanor, delivers them before a justice of the peace of Pulaski County and holds them in his custody until the cause of such arrest has been investigated; pursues and commits to jail all felons; and executes all process directed to him by legal authority. It is his duty also to protect the persons in danger from mobs and possible lynchings. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852; Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-2802 to 49-2808.)

EXECUTIONS AND REPORTS

177. EXECUTIONS, REGISTER OF, 1897--. 1 vol.
Record of executions of judgments ordered by court, showing defendants, plaintiffs, kind of action, amount of judgment, date of return, and cash. Indexed alphabetically by defendant. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11½ x 2. C.C., Sheriff's office.

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EXECUTIONS AND REPORTS (continued)

178. SHERIFF'S DOCKET, 1885--. 3 vols.

Record of all orders issued by court for Sheriff to execute, showing parties to action, kind of writ, dates received, date served, and data of return. Arranged chronologically by case numbers. Handwritten on printed form. Condition poor. 500 pp. 18 x 11½ x 2. C.C., Sheriff's office.

179. DOCKET OF LAND SOLD, 1885--. 3 vols.

Record of land sold by Sheriff to satisfy tax liens, showing names of defendants, description of property, amount of lien, satisfaction, and to whom sold. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11½ x 2. C.C., Sheriff's office.

180. JURY RECORD, 1896--. 2 vols.

Record of persons serving on jury, showing names of jurors, kind of action, date, time served, and amount paid each juror. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 11½ x 2. C.C., Sheriff's office.

181. JAIL RECORD, 1879--. 3 vols.

Record of inmates of jail, showing name of prisoner, residence, date of admission, sentence, and date of discharge. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 11½ x 2. C.C., Sheriff's office.

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REGISTER OF FEES AND CASH

182. FEE BILLS, REGISTER OF, 1897-1916. 1 vol.
Record of court fees collected by Sheriff, showing names of defendants, plaintiffs, amount of judgments, interest, amount of fees, from whom collected, date, and amount. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. Condition poor. 400 pp. 18 x 11½ x 2. C.C., Sheriff's office.

For later records, see entry #183.

183. SHERIFF'S COSTS, REGISTER OF, 1893--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of court costs collected by Sheriff, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, kind of writ, date of receipt, service, mileage, and return. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 11½ x 2. C.C., Sheriff's office.

184. CASH BOOK, 1907--. 2 vols.
Record of all cash handled by Sheriff, showing date, from whom collected, for what, amount, to whom paid, and date paid. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 11½ x 2. C.C. Sheriff's office.

SURVEYOR

The County Surveyor is a constitutional officer, nominated by primary and elected in the general election for two years. He may be re-elected indefinitely. He must give bond in a sum fixed by the Board of County Commissioners. (Indiana Const. Art. 6, Sec. 2; 1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-3301). The inception date of this office in Pulaski County is 1840.

The Surveyor performs all duties which are required for public improvements, including the preparation of plans and specifications, general supervision of all bridges, turnpikes, roads, ditches, drains and levees. He establishes boundaries of farms and lots, and takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate. He removes after examination, the obstruction of any stream. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852; Acts 1875; 1895, 1901, 1911, 1925, and 1933; Burns, 1933 Stat., 36-1110, 49-3308 to 49-3317, 49-3319 to 49-3322, and 49-3327 to 49-3328.)

185. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1843--. 4 vols. (A-D).

Record of surveys and field notes, with description of same, for various sections of county. No index. Handwritten. Condition fair. 300 pp. 18 x 11½ x 2. C.C., Surveyor's office.

186. DRAINAGE RECORD, 1898--. 3 vols. (2-4). V. 1, prior to 1898, missing.

Record of allotments for cleaning out and repairing various ditches, showing description, cross section of ditch, plans, and specifications. Indexed alphabetically by ditch. Handwritten. 300 pp. 18 x 11½ x 2. C.C., Surveyor's office.

XIV TREASURER

The Treasurer is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years and is not eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the regular election. He is required to execute his official bond of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during the term. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 1, Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-3101). The inception date of this office in Pulaski County is 1840.

The Treasurer receives all money coming to Pulaski County and disburses the same on the proper orders. He keeps fee books and cash books and makes quarterly reports to the Auditor. At the expiration of his term of office he gives a sworn statement to the Auditor showing specifically the amount of fees collected, and deposits with the Auditor all orders redeemed. He makes a monthly statement to the Treasurer of State, collects property and poll taxes and State license fees, and diverts to the State the proceeds from the sale of estates when the heirs are unknown. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 1; 1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1863; Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-3193 to 49-3317).

TAX COLLECTIONS

187. TAX DUPLICATES, 1845--. 263 vols.

Tax duplicates, showing owner, description of real estate, delinquent tax, value, mortgage exemption, and total amount. Arranged alphabetically by townships and corporations. Handwritten and typed on printed form. 200 pp. 27 x 17 x 2. C.C., 189 vols., 1845-1920, record vault

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#1, basement; 71 vols., 1921-34, Treasurer's vault; 3 vols., 1935, Treasurer's office.

188. MORATORIUM TAX DUPLICATE, 1933. 1 vol.

Record of property subjected to moratorium act of 1933 legislature, spreading delinquent tax payments over a period of ten years, showing name of delinquent, description of property, schedule, amount, date of payments, and amount of taxes subjected to moratorium. Arranged alphabetically by township. Handwritten on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. C.C., Treasurer's vault.

189. INSOLVENT TAX RECORD, 1916--. 1 vol.

Record of uncollectable taxes, showing name of delinquent, description of land or tangibles, amount of delinquency, and reason ~~why~~ not collectable. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 310 pp. 18 x 11 x 1½. C.C., Treasurer's vault.

190. CASH BOOK OF TAXES COLLECTED, 1881--. 38 vols.

Record of cash received by Treasurer from taxation, showing name of payer, distribution, number of certificate, and date. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., 18 vols., 1881-1924, vault #1, basement; 20 vols., 1924--, Treasurer's vault.

191. TAX SALE RECORD, 1902--. 3 vols. (3-5). V.1-2, prior to 1902, missing.

Record of sales of real property for delinquent taxes, showing name

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of owner, description of property sold, amount of tax due, penalties, interest and fees, and date paid. Arranged by townships and thereunder alphabetically by name of owner. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x2. C.C., v.3, 1902-8, v.5, 1925-32, Treasurer's vault; V.4, 1909-24, basement vault #1.

DITCH ASSESSMENTS

192. DITCH ALLOTMENTS OR ASSESSMENTS, SCHEDULE OF, 1881-1907. 4 vols. Record of assessments, showing name of owner, description of property, ditch, and amount of assessment. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., vault #1, basement.

193. DITCH TAX DUPLICATE, 1899--. 12 vols.
Record of owners of property assessed for benefits by drainage ditches, showing owner, ditch name, date, assessed amount, and delinquencies. Arranged alphabetically by ditch and thereunder alphabetically by payer. Handwritten and typed on printed form. 200 pp. 27 x 17 x 2. C.C., 1899-1909, basement vault #1; 1909--, Treasurer's vault.

194. BONDED DITCH CASH BOOK, 1912--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of money received from assessments on bonded ditches, showing date, property, owner, receipt number, and amount. Arranged alphabetically by ditch. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., 1 vol., 1912-29, basement vault #1; 2 vols., 1929--, Treasurer's vault.

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195. CASH BOOK OF DITCH RECEIPTS, 1900--. 3 vols. 1909-13, missing.

Record of receipts from assessments on ditch improvements, showing date, number of receipt, amount, and name of ditch. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten. C.C., 1 vol., 1900-8, basement vault #1; 2 vols., 1913--, Treasurer's vault.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

196. DAILY BALANCE, 1908--. 13 vols.

Record of all daily cash balances in the various county depositories, and amounts in the various funds. Arranged chronologically. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., 2 vols., 1919-23, basement vault #1; 11 vols., 1908-18, 1924--, Treasurer's vault.

197. CASH BOOK, MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS OTHER THAN TAXES, 1848-1924. 5 vols.

Record of money received from sources other than taxation, showing date, amount, payer, cause, and fund distribution. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., Treasurer's vault.

198. WARRANTS AND ORDERS, REGISTER OF, 1847--. 9 vols.

Record of orders and warrants drawn on Treasurer, showing number of instrument, amount and depository on which drawn. No index. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., 6 vols., 1902--, Treasurer's vault; 3 vols., 1847-1901, basement vault #1.

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199. CASH BOOK OF DISBURSEMENTS ON AUDITOR'S WARRANTS, 1896--.

9 vols.

Record of disbursements on warrants from Auditor, showing date, number, amount, payee, name of account, and depository. Arranged chronologically. Handwritten on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. C.C., 7 vols., 1896-1924, basement vault #1; 2 vols., 1924--, Treasurer's vault.

INDEX TO INVENTORY

(Titles in capitals and cross references in lower-case letters)

Pulaski County.

Page 4, line 5 - comma after "Originally".
Substitute "almost" for "about".

Page 4, line 7 - this line makes an obscure and ambiguous sentence. It probably should read "before clearing the land, etc"

Page 4, line 16 - comma after "County"
" ", " 19 - comma after "century"

Page 5, line 17 - the phrase "which was not confirmed by Andrew Jackson until 1836" should be in parenthesis.

Page 5, line 11 - a dash should be used instead of a colon after "East". This is to avoid using a colon after a semi-colon.

Page 5 last line - no excuse for a semi-colon. Substitute a period, omit "and", and start a new sentence

Page 6, line 12 - It is much better to say "The County was named in honor of Count Casimir Pulaski, the Polish soldier who etc".

Page 6, line 16 - Insert the word "County" after "Pulaski."

Page 7, line 1 - This meaning is obscure. Isn't the court house a County building?

Page 7, line 6 - Substitute a period for semi-colon after "farther"

Page 8 - line 1 - Comma after "1895"
" " " 5 - Comma after "1910"
" " " 6 - Period after "13,312". Begin new sentence

Page 8, line 13 - Insert "annual" before "payroll."

Page 9, line 8 - History of county (page 6, line 3) gives date of county formation as Feb. 7, 1835

Page 10, line 10 - Comma after "Constitution".

" 10, line 14 - Is this line a direct quotation? "They shall provide public buildings etc." It is not marked as such. If it is not intended as a quotation, the language is stiff and should read "The duties of the Commissioners are to provide etc"

Page 10, lines 22 + 23 - The same criticism applies here as to line 14.

Page 10, line 26 - Should read, "The office of County Superintendent of Schools was created by legislative enactment in 1873.

Page 11, line 1 - Another example of the wrong use of "shall". (unless as a direct quotation)

Page 11, line 9 - Should read, "A county council was created by legislative enactment in 1899.

Page 11, lines 19-20 - Two more uses of "shall" in the wrong way.

Page 12, line 12 - Another misuse of "shall"

" 12 " 19 " " " "

Page 12, line 16 - "whose members are to consist of etc" is very bad. Should be "whose members are to be", or "whose membership is to consist of"

Page 13, lines 16-18 - A bad sentence. "The Constitution further provides that there shall be elected a judge of the Circuit Court, and also the election of a Prosecuting Attorney for each circuit." Should probably read "The Constitution also provides that a judge of the Circuit Court and a prosecuting attorney should be elected for each circuit."

Page 14, line 2 - should be a period instead of a comma after "kept". Capitalize "therefore" and place a comma after it.

Edward T. Eggy