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FOREWORD

The Inventory of County Archives of Illinois is one of a number of bibliographies of historical material prepared throughout the United States by workers on The Historical Records Survey of the Works Progress Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Sangamon County, is number 83 of the Illinois series.

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carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political,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

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

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

The Survey was organized and has been directed by Luther H. Evans, and operates as a nation-wide project in the Division of Professional and Service Projects, of which Florence Kerr, Assistant Administrator, is in charge.

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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was initiated as a nation-wide undertaking in January 1936, as part of the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration. In Illinois the Survey became an independent unit in August 1936, but continued to operate as a part of the nation-wide project under the technical supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans, National Director, and under the administrative supervision of the Division of Professional and Service Projects.

In compiling this Inventory of the Archives of Sangamon County, the Survey has sought to locate, describe, and classify all extant county records and to make them more easily accessible to county officials, the general public, and research workers. It is believed that this Inventory will be useful in the preservation of this valuable material, and as a guide to the archives wherein may be found so much important information in the field of history, sociology, political science, and economics. While some historians have realized this for many years, the general public has never been made aware of the intrinsic worth of this material. In the official documents of Sangamon County is continued the story of the coming into the wilderness of settlers who created a territory and the rudiments of a simple frontier government, bought and sold land, built roads, established schools, and later founded a state.

The Historical Records Survey has proved itself of valuable assistance to local and county governments in Illinois. Records have been rearranged and made more accessible, material believed to be lost has been located, indexing projects have been fostered, and county officials have been encouraged and induced to provide new equipment for their offices and better storage space for the records.

In addition, the program of the Survey has been planned to dovetail with the long range plans of the State of Illinois for the care of the state and local archives. For example, the first step in the Illinois program, the moving of all state records into a new Archives Building, has been materially aided by the preparation of preliminary inventories by survey workers for the various state departments. Again, the program of the state for the preservation of county records, including the making of microphotographic copies of all important historical documents, obviously presupposes inventories such as The Historical Records Survey is now making.

Since under Illinois law no records may be destroyed without specific enabling legislation, the tremendous increase in the bulk of records being produced today makes it impossible for either the state or the counties to preserve all records. Hence, there has been considerable destruction of records. The inventories being compiled by The Historical Records Survey now make possible for the first time a scientific study of the whole question of record destruction. If, as seems likely, this results in adequate and sensible legislation permitting necessary reduction in the bulk of records, this single use of the inventories may prove the most important contribution of the Survey.

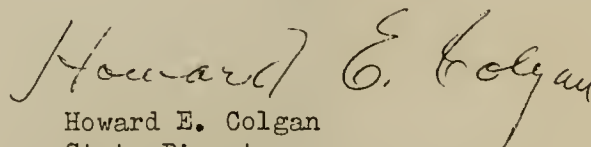
Preface

Under the direction of Alston G. Field, who resigned as State Director November 1, 1937, preliminary work on the survey of records in Sangamon County, the eighty-third county on the alphabetically arranged list of the one hundred and two counties in Illinois, was begun March 12, 1936 and finished as far as possible on June 15, 1936. Revising and re-writing of inventory forms was started November 9, 1937 and finished November 24, 1937. Rechecking was begun December 30, 1937 and completed in January 1938. Abstracting and transcribing of county board records was started in April 1938 and completed in March 1939. The inventory was taken by Bertie Trainor, Sadie Jackson, Thelma Lockhart, Hubert Thomas, Leonard Sronce, LeRoy Philbrook, and Michael DeVancy under the supervision of V. C. Karcher; rechecking, abstracting, and transcribing was accomplished under the direction of Kenneth C. Blood.

The Inventory was prepared for publication by the state editorial staff of The Historical Records Survey at Chicago, under the supervision of Herbert R. Rifkind, assisted by Martine O'Connor. Legal essays were prepared under the supervision of Irving E. Barnett, assisted by Katherine D. Holmgren. The format of the Inventory was prepared and collated under the supervision of Edward J. McDonough. Typing, stencil cutting, and mimeographing were supervised by Dorothy V. Herold. In addition, too much credit cannot be given to the other members of the editorial, research, and typing staffs for their intelligent and diligent cooperation in the compilation of this Inventory.

The various units of the Inventory of County Archives of Illinois will be available for distribution to governmental offices, libraries, schools, and historical societies in Illinois, and libraries and governmental agencies in other states. Requests for information concerning particular units of the Inventory should be addressed to the State Director. It is planned to publish a more complete History of Sangamon County in the near future as a supplement to this Inventory. This History will be compiled from and documented to original county records and other primary source material.

All of the officers of Sangamon County cooperated in every possible way with the workers, and grateful acknowledgment of their aid is hereby made. I also wish to express appreciation for the assistance rendered by the officers of the Illinois State Library, and by the officials of the Illinois Works Progress Administration, and the Federal Writers' Project. For the cover design we are indebted to the Federal Art Project, Chicago, Illinois.



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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Sangamon County is part of that section of central Illinois which was known in pioneer days as the Sangamon Country. In their travels, the French missionaries, traders, and settlers must have passed through this area, but it was not settled by them. Most of the French settlements were located on the trade routes along the Mississippi River. The Indians, however, knew and depended on the Sangamon region as a land of plenty. The name Sangamon itself, in the Pottawatomie language means "where there is plenty to eat."¹ It was a hunters' paradise; wild bee honey was plentiful, timber abundant, and the soil exceedingly fertile.

While Sangamon had its quota of those peripatetic colonists, better known as squatters - a characteristic of frontier days - the first permanent white settler was Robert Pulliam who built a cabin about twelve miles south of Springfield as early as 1817.² By 1819 Zachariah Peter and his family, William Drennan, the Kellys, and others had settled in the vicinity.³ The fame of the wonderful fertility, fine hunting, and beauty of the land spread, and from this time on population increased rapidly.

Sangamon County was organized from portions of the counties of Madison and Bond two years after Illinois was admitted to the Union. The act creating the county was passed by the second General Assembly, and approved on January 30, 1821.⁴ The twenty-first county in the state, Sangamon at the time of its creation, included, in whole or in part, what later became eleven counties⁵ lying northward and westward of the present day northern county boundary and south and east of the Illinois River. The last of many boundary

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1. The Indian pronunciation was San-quee-mon, according to John Reynolds (My Own Times) as quoted by Newton Bateman and Paul Selby in Historical Encyclopedia of Sangamon County (Chicago: Munsell Publishing Co., 1912), II, 617. The first entry on April 3, 1821 in Record County Commissioners' Court, v. A, p. 1, has the spelling "Sangamo." Thereafter spelling was "Sangamon."
 2. Paul M. Angle, "Here I Have Lived" (Springfield: The Abraham Lincoln Association, 1935), p. 4.
 3. Ibid.
 4. L.1821, p. 45.
 5. Ibid. "beginning at the northeast corner of township twelve north on the third principal meridian, thence north with said meridian to the Illinois river, thence down the middle of said river to the mouth of Balance or Negro Creek, thence up said creek to its head, thence through the middle of the prairie which divides the waters of Sangamon and Mauvaise Terre to the northwest corner of township twelve north, range seven west of the third principal meridian, thence east along the boundary of township twelve to the place of beginning."

changes was made February 28, 1847, when part of Sangamon was added to Menard County.¹ With this change, Sangamon attained its present boundaries.² Contiguous to it are eight counties: on the north, Logan and Menard; on the west and northwest, Morgan and Cass; on the south, Macoupin and Montgomery; on the southeast, Christian; and on the east, Macon. Its present area is 876 square miles,³ and the general topography is undulating, or slightly rolling. Lying in the drainage basin of the Sangamon River, the county has an average altitude of 585 feet.⁴

The election of the first county commissioners took place on April 2, 1821⁵ in the house of John Kelly, who was the first settler on the present site of the city of Springfield. The commissioners elected were Zachariah Peter, Rivers Cormack, and William Drennan. The first commissioners' court was held the next day, April 3, in Kelly's house and resulted in the appointment of Charles R. Matheny as clerk of the court; in taking his oath of office Matheny posted a bond, with James Latham his security.⁶ One week later, on April 10, a special court term was held at which county officers were named and payments made for the carrying of election returns to Vandalia. The most important business transacted at this session was the

1. Private L.1847, p. 39.
2. Beginning at southeast corner of section 33, township 13 north, range 4 west; then north to southeast corner section 21, township 14 north, range 4 west, and east to southeast corner section 24; then north to southeast corner section 1, township 14 north, range 4 west and east to southeast corner section 4, township 14 north, range 3 west; then north to southeast corner section 16, township 15 north, range 3 west and east to Sangamon River; then northeast with river to southeast corner section 20, township 16 north, range 1 west; then north to northeast corner section 20, township 16 north, range 1 west and west to southeast corner section 15, township 17 north, range 3 west; north to northeast corner section 15 and west to southeast corner section 12, township 17 north, range 4 west; then north to northeast corner of section 36, township 17 north, range 4 west and west to point approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of northwest corner section 32, township 17 north, range 5 west; then south 1 mile and west $\frac{1}{4}$ mile and south 3 miles and west $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles to northeast corner section 22, township 16 north, range 6 west; south one mile and west to northwest corner section 27, township 16 north, range 8 west; south to southwest corner section 34, township 16 north, range 8 west and east $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to northeast corner section 3, township 15 north, range 8 west; then south to center of section 27, township 15 north, range 8 west and then southeast on the diagonal correction line to center of section 19, township 13 north, range 7 west; south $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles to southwest corner section 31, township 13 north, range 7 west, and east to point of beginning.
3. Report of the Sangamon River Basin, Illinois State Planning Commission (Printed by authority of the State of Illinois, July 1938), p. 1.
4. Sangamon County Soils, Soil Report No. 4, ed. Cyril G. Hopkins and others (Urbana, University of Illinois, 1912), p. 1,2.
5. Joseph Wallace, Past and Present of the City of Springfield and Sangamon County, Illinois (Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1904), I, 23.
6. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. A, p. 1.

fixing of a temporary seat of justice for the county. In accordance with a requirement of the act establishing the county, the commissioners stated in their report that "we the undersigned County Commissioners for said County do certify that we after full examination of the situation of the present population of the said county have fixed and designated a certain joint in the prairie near John Kelly's field on the waters of Spring Creek at a Stake marked ZD as the temporary Seat of Justice for Said County and do further agree that the Said County Seat be called and known by the name of Springfield."¹

On the same day, April 10, the commissioners entered into a contract with John Kelly to build a courthouse. The articles of agreement specified "the logs to be twenty feet long, the house one story high, plank floor, a good cabin roof, a door and window cut out . . . for which the said Commissioners promise, on the part of the county, to pay the said Kelly forty-two dollars and fifty cents."² An extra \$5.00 was paid Kelly for additional work and \$20.00 was allotted Jesse Brevan for finishing the courthouse.³ Thus the entire cost amounted to \$67.50. The progress of the county is strikingly illustrated by a record entry just forty-four years later which showed that county officials were contemplating building a courthouse to cost \$100,000.⁴

Springfield continued as the temporary seat of justice until March 1825 when, in accordance with a legislative act,⁵ a permanent seat was chosen. A spirited contest over its location developed between William S. Hamilton, a son of the celebrated Alexander Hamilton who was interested in Sangamo Town lying five miles from Springfield, and Elijah Iles and Pascal B. Enos who owned the site of Springfield.⁶ The locating commissioners, James Mason, Rowland P. Allen, Charles Gear, and John R. Sloo, finally decided on Springfield. Iles and Enos complied with the requirement in the act for a donation of 35 acres of land, part of which was to be sold and the proceeds used for county buildings.⁷ It is interesting to note that in similar acts for other counties the usual requirement was for a donation of 20 acres, whereas for Sangamon County provision was made for an additional 15 acres.

In 1837, the value of Sangamon County's central location, plus a strong public sentiment to move the state capital northward and nearer to the center of the state, influenced the legislature to move the seat of government of Illinois from Vandalia to Springfield. One of the strongest advocates for the choice of Springfield as the state capital

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1. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. A, p. 1,2.
 2. John Carrol Power and Mrs. S. A. Power, History of the Early Settlers of Sangamon County, Illinois (Springfield: Edwin A. Wilson & Co., 1876), p. 33.
 3. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. A, p. 9-21.
 4. December 8, 1865. Record Board of Supervisors, v. 1, p. 478,479.
 5. L.1825, p. 20.
 6. Angle, "Here I Have Lived," p. 14,15.
 7. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. A, p. 110,111.

was Abraham Lincoln, at that time Whig floor leader of the House of Representatives. Enabling legislation to move the state capital was provided by the legislature in "An Act permanently to locate the seat of government of the State of Illinois," approved February 25.¹ Three days later, in a joint session of the General Assembly, on the fourth ballot, Springfield received seventy-three votes, the necessary majority.² In accordance with one of the provisions of the act to move the state capital,³ the county commissioners on March 11, 1837, conveyed to the Governor for the use of the state, the public square in Springfield containing $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land.⁴ In 1839 the state archives were moved to Springfield,⁵ which has continued to the present as both the state capital and county seat.

The county commissioners' court continued as the administrative body of Sangamon until 1849 when by a general act on county courts passed by the legislature and approved on February 12, 1849,⁶ the administration of county government was transferred to the county court, composed of a county judge and two associate justices.

At an election held on November 6, 1860 the question of township organization was submitted to the voters. Out of a total vote of 7,241 there was a majority of 859 votes for the township plan.⁷ The committee appointed by the court to divide the county into townships reported on March 1, 1861, that they had formed twenty-two townships.⁸ On April 29, the newly elected board of supervisors met with twenty-two present, one absent.⁹ At present there are twenty-seven townships represented by forty-two supervisors and assistant supervisors. The townships are: Auburn, Ball, Buffalo Hart, Capital, Cartwright, Chatham, Clear Lake, Cooper, Cotton Hill, Curran, Divernon, Fancy Creek, Gardner, Illiopolis, Island Grove, Lanesville, Loami, Maxwell, Mechanicsburg, New Berlin, Pawnee, Rochester, Salisbury, Springfield, Talkington, Williams, and Woodside.

The main preoccupations of the early county officials were with road and bridge building, care of the poor, licensing, and establishing tax rates.

1. L.1837, p. 321.
2. Albert J. Beveridge, Abraham Lincoln (Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1928), I, 205.
3. . . . not less than two acres upon which to erect public buildings be donated. . . . L.1837, p. 321.
4. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. D, p. 320.
5. Angle, "Here I Have Lived," p. 83.
6. L.1849, p. 65.
7. County Court Record, v. 2, p. 307. 4,050 voted for township government.
8. These townships were: Auburn, Ball, Buffalo Heart now Buffalo Hart, Campbell now Chatham, Cartright [sic], Clear Lake, Cooper, Cotton Hill, Curran, Gardner, Illiopolis, Island Grove, Loami, Mechanicsburg, Power now Fancy Creek, Pawnee, Rochester, Sackett now Salisbury, Springfield, Talkington, Williams, and Woodside. Record Board of Supervisors, v. 1, p. 2-5. Capital township organized from territory within limits of City of Springfield, March 6, 1878. Ibid., v. 4, p. 296.
9. Record Board of Supervisors, v. 1, p. 6. See Roster of County Officers, p. 38.

The first tax rate was one half of one percent on "horses, neat cattle, carriages, stock in trade, and distilleries."¹ The yield in March 1822 was \$447.44, an amount which exactly balanced the expenses of the preceding year.²

Berry and Lincoln were issued a license March 6, 1833 to keep a tavern in New Salem for which they paid \$7.00. Some of the rates of their tavern as established by the court were twelve and one-half cents for half a pint of whiskey; twelve and one-half cents for lodging overnight a man or horse.³ The tavern was not a brilliant success and Lincoln occupied himself, among other things, with surveying, road viewing, acting as clerk of election, and delivering poll books after election.⁴ It is illuminating to contrast the simple, direct language of his report as a road viewer with the pretentious verbiage commonly used in those days: "We the undersigned being appointed to view a road beginning at Musick's ferry on Salt Creek (via) New Salem to the county line in the direction of Jacksonville respectfully report that we have performed the duties of Said View and located as required by law and that we have made the location on good ground and believe the establishment of the same to be necessary and proper.

Michael Killian

Hugh Armstrong

Abram Lincoln."

Lincoln was allowed \$15.00 for surveying and \$2.50 for the plat and his report on the road.⁵

The village of New Salem has been restored, including the Lincoln-Berry store which was the first building reconstructed in 1932. Known as the New Salem State Park, this scene of six years of Lincoln's life is approximately twenty-three miles northwest of Springfield, in Menard County. But Springfield and Sangamon county became Lincoln's home after his admittance to the bar early in 1837. Characteristically, his homestead at Eight and Jackson streets in Springfield was the only home Lincoln ever owned. During the only serious threat to the national unity, the anxious attention of millions of people was focused on the "man from Springfield." Since then a yearly pilgrimage of people from this and other lands go to Springfield to pay homage at Lincoln's tomb, and to visit scenes and places where he lived and worked.

Sangamon county being the political as well as geographic heart of a frontranking state is destined to continue exerting an important influence

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1. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. A, p. 7, 9.
 2. Ibid., v. A, p. 24.
 3. Ibid., v. D. p. 6.
 4. Ibid., v. C, p. 341.
 5. Ibid., v. D, p. 82,83.

on the progress of the state and nation. Both Sangamon and Springfield have grown remarkably since their establishment. From a straggling village of a few hundred in the 1820's, Springfield has become an important center of transportation, coal mining, industry, and agriculture. Sangamon is served by eight railroads, three of which are main roads entering Springfield. These are the Illinois Central, the Chicago and Alton, and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads. Beside these roads there are the Wabash, the Chicago Burlington and Quincy, and the Chicago and Illinois Midland. This last road serves the coal mines. Two electric roads, the Chicago Springfield and St. Louis, and the Illinois Terminal Railway are almost exclusively freight carriers.

In 1937 the county produced 2,594,104 tons of coal, the coal mines employing in that year 3,642 workers.¹ Corn, oats, and wheat are the most representative crops of the county. The richness of the soil is attested to by the fact that the average yield of corn per acre between the years 1902 and 1911 was 40.9 bushels.² The growth of Sangamon County may be quickly grasped when one compares the total income received by the county in 1822 of \$447.14 with the expense for education alone in 1934 which was \$1,370,341.³ The population of Sangamon according to the fifteenth census of the United States in 1930 was 111,733; that of Springfield was 71,864.⁴

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1. Report of the Sangamon River Basin, p. 6.
 2. Sangamon County Soils, p. 7.
 3. Information Pertaining to Farm, Home and Community (Urbana: University of Illinois, mimeographed, 1936), p. 41. The total taxes charged in 1932, the last year for which such figures are available, were \$3,963,613.
 4. U. S. Census, 1930, Population Bulletin, Illinois, p. 32.

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Introduction

Scope of County Government

The county in Illinois is a corporate body¹ and an administrative unit of the state; its governmental organization is at all times largely an expression of this dual nature.

The growth of the county as a body politic is reflected, in each of the state's three constitutional periods, in a progressive expansion of the powers which may by law be exercised by the county board, and in the creation of new, and the extension of existing, county offices. The latter phase of growth in Sangamon County, and others similarly organized at present, has also been affected by the adoption of township organization, which for the first time constituted the civil towns as an additional level of government.

An analogous development appears in the state's invasion of new fields of government and the extension of the county's role as its agent. Originally, the county performed but a single important function for the state, that of collecting its share of the taxes levied within the county. Since then, however, education, public health, registration of vital statistics, public assistance, and many similar if less important matters have entered the province of state control or supervision. To effect this control, new governmental units, subcounty districts of various types, have come into existence or have been converted to new purposes; the county, because of its intermediate position, has become more important as a medium of that control.

Thus the complete operation of county government in Illinois brings into play a number of partly distinct authorities. Their relationships, at any time, are complex. The changing governmental organization of Sangamon County, therefore, is easiest traced from the viewpoint of the major functions of county government.

General Administration

General administrative jurisdiction over county business has always been vested in the county board. Under the first constitution, for all counties, the county commissioners' court acted as the county board.²

1. R.L.1827, p. 107; R.S.1845, p. 130; R.S.1874, p. 306.

2. Constitution of 1818, Schedule, sec. 4; L.1819, p. 175,176.

It was expressly declared to have no original or appellate jurisdiction in civil or criminal actions, but had all power necessary to the exercise of its jurisdiction in cases concerning the public affairs of the county collectively.¹ The commissioners were constitutional officers,² and elected;³ the court existed solely by statutory provision.⁴ Attached to it in a ministerial capacity was the independent statutory office of clerk of the county commissioners' court,⁵ at first filled at the appointment of the court,⁶ later by election.⁷

Under the second constitution, the newly created county court succeeded to the position of the county commissioners' court.⁸ As an administrative body,⁹ it was composed of the county judge, an elected, constitutional officer,¹⁰ and two justices of the peace, elected at large.¹¹ Another new office, that of clerk of the county court, was created to provide it with a ministerial officer; the clerk also was elected.¹²

The Constitution of 1848 also made provision, for the first time, for an optional form of county government.¹³ The subsequent enabling acts¹⁴ provided, that whenever the voters of a county might so determine, that county should adopt township organization; one of the principal results of such a change was to alter the form of the county board.¹⁵ Sangamon County so elected in 1860,¹⁶ and the county court was succeeded by a board of supervisors, composed of members elected one in each of the several townships.¹⁷ The clerk of the county court was required by law to act as the ministerial officer of the new county board.¹⁸ In 1874,

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1. L.1819, p. 176.
 2. Constitution of 1818, Schedule, sec. 4.
 3. Ibid.; L.1819, p. 100; L.1821, p. 100; R.L.1837, p. 103,104.
 4. L.1819, p. 175.
 5. Ibid.
 6. Ibid.
 7. R.L.1837, p. 49; L.1845, p. 28.
 8. L.1849, p. 65.
 9. The county court was also a court of law. For its jurisdiction as such, see Administration of Justice, Courts, p. 16.
 10. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 17.
 11. Ibid., Art. V, sec. 1,16,19; L.1849, p. 65,66.
 12. L.1849, p. 63.
 13. Constitution of 1848, Art. VII, sec. 6.
 14. The original enabling act of 1849 (L.1849, p. 190-224) was repealed two years later by a more comprehensive but essentially similar law (L.1851, p. 35-78).
 15. Other effects of the change, within the sphere of county government proper, appear with regard to the taxation procedure. See Finances, p. 13.
 16. County Court Record, v. 2, p. 392 (Abstract of vote).
 17. Constitution of 1848, Art. VII, sec. 6; L.1849, p. 192,202-4; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 5,
 18. L.1849, p. 203; L.1851, p. 52.

however, that clerk was replaced by a new officer, the county clerk, whose office had been created, and made elective, by the third constitution,¹ and who was required by law to act as ministerial officer for the county board.² Another significant change in the organization of the county board has been the addition to its membership of assistant supervisors, elected from the various towns on the basis of population;³ the assistant supervisors have no powers or duties as town officers, but are members of the county board and as such enjoy the same powers and rights as other members.⁴

The Constitution of 1870 also provided for a new form of county board in counties not under township organization. This board was to be composed of three officers, styled commissioners, who would transact all county business as provided by law. Subsequent legislation granted to the board of county commissioners all powers and duties formerly exercised by the county court acting in its administrative capacity.⁵ As Sangamon County retained the township form of government it was not affected by this change.

Concurrent with the changing organization of the county board is an expansion of its functions without, however, considerable extension beyond the original jurisdiction conferred upon the county commissioners' court. The authority of that body extended to the imposition and regulation of taxes,⁶ a limited but increasing management of county property,⁷ and a growing fiscal control, stringent in regard to tax collections,⁸ sporadic in its check on the expenditures of other county offices.⁹ The court additionally had power to appoint judges of election,¹⁰ select juries,¹¹ and, with limitations, to provide for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges.¹² Poor relief¹³ and a tentative supervision of education¹⁴ also fell within its general administrative jurisdiction.

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1. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8.
 2. R.S.1874, p. 322.
 3. Ibid., p. 1080; L.1925, p. 605; L.1929, p. 774; L.1931, p. 905-10; L.1933, p. 1115, 1116.
 4. R.S.1874, p. 1080.
 5. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 6; L.1873-74, p. 79.
 6. L.1819, p. 175.
 7. Ibid., p. 237, 238; L.1842-43, p. 128.
 8. L.1819, p. 238, 318; L.1823, p. 208; R.L.1827, p. 373, 375; R.L.1829, p. 121; L.1842-43, p. 112; L.1845, p. 11, 12.
 9. R.L.1827, p. 366; L.1831, p. 175.
 10. L.1819, p. 90.
 11. Ibid., p. 255; L.1823, p. 182.
 12. Either by calling on the able-bodied men of the county for labor, or by raising bond issues by subscription (L.1819, p. 333, 334, 336, 337, 343; L.1821, p. 167; L.1825, p. 130-33).
 13. L.1819, p. 127; L.1839, p. 138, 139.
 14. R.S.1845, p. 500, 501.

The effect of subsequent legislation, in the main, has only been to broaden that jurisdiction. The county board has been given full power to purchase, contract for, dispose of, and make regulations concerning all real and personal property of the county.¹ Until 1912 it was also required to audit all claims against the county and the accounts of such officers as were not provided for by law.² Otherwise, the changes in the form of county board in Sangamon County have not materially affected the general administrative jurisdiction of that body.³

Finances

In Illinois counties, there has always been a close relationship between the taxation processes and fiscal control. This circumstance, as well as frequent evidence of the county board's ultimate control in such matters, appears in a resume of the legal status and duties of the officers involved.

Taxation

The assessment function in taxation was delegated by the first General Assembly to the county treasurer, a statutory officer appointed by the county commissioners' court.⁴ The administrative body, within statutory limits, fixed the amount of the levy, while the value of many categories of real and personal property was fixed by law; however, a limited discretion was left to the assessing officer.⁵ In 1825 assessments were made by the county assessor, also an appointee of the county commissioners' court.⁶ This duty reverted to the county treasurer in 1827⁷ and continued to be vested in that office until 1839, when the General Assembly provided for the appointment by the county commissioners' court of district assessors, not to exceed one in every justice's district.⁸ The earlier system was re-established in 1844, with the treasurer, however, now having the status of ex-officio county assessor.⁹ Since Sangamon County's adoption of township organization in 1860, the assessment function has been performed on the lower governmental level by town assessors, elected one in each township.¹⁰

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1. L.1851, p. 50,51; L.1861, p. 235,236; R.S.1874, p. 306,307; L.1911, p. 245,246; L.1923, p. 304,305; L.1937, p. 453,454.
 2. L.1849, p. 202; L.1851, p. 51. In 1911 provision was made for the election of an auditor in counties the size of Sangamon (L.1911, p. 242,243).
 3. Cf. this running summary with R.S.1874, p. 306, and R.S.1937, p. 910-12.
 4. L.1819, p. 315.
 5. Ibid., p. 313,319; L.1825, p. 173; L.1839, p. 4-6; L.1840, p. 4; L.1845, p. 6.
 6. L.1825, p. 173.
 7. R.L.1827, p. 330.
 8. L.1839, p. 4.
 9. L.1843, p. 231.
 10. L.1849, p. 192; L.1871-72, p. 20-24.

Today, the principal duties of the assessing officers, taken together, are to bring up to date each year the periodic assessment of real property, to take current lists of, and appraise personal property and special categories of other property.¹ The treasurer has now the status of ex-officio supervisor of assessment.²

The functions which today fall within the scope of the board of review were originally dispersed and attenuated. In the first constitutional period, it was left to interested individuals or parties to report property omitted from assessment; the county commissioners' court could hear appeals from assessments, but there was no provision for their equalization by districts.³ Until 1860 appeals, in Sangamon County, were made to the county court.⁴ After the adoption of township organization, town boards were empowered to revise the assessments within their own jurisdiction,⁵ and the county board in the annual meeting was required to assess omitted property, make alterations in the description of lands of nonresidents, review assessments upon complaint, and equalize valuations between towns.⁶ In 1898 this authority of the county board was transferred to the newly created board of review, composed of the chairman of the county board as ex-officio chairman, the county clerk as ex-officio clerk, and an additional member appointed by the county judge.⁷ In 1923 the county clerk was replaced by another member appointed by the county judge;⁸ the board of review now appoints its own clerk.⁹

The collection function was originally performed in all counties by the sheriff, an elected constitutional officer.¹⁰ Its nature has changed little since that time. Essentially, the collecting officer collects taxes according to information originating outside his jurisdiction, pays over such sums to authorities designated by statute to receive them, and reports on payments of taxes and delinquencies.¹¹ In 1839, by a development

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1. L.1853, p. 16,17; L.1855, p. 18,24,55; L.1871-72, p. 11,14,15,19,23; L.1873, p. 51; L.1879, p. 241-45; L.1881, p. 133; L.1885, p. 234; L.1895, p. 300,501; L.1905, p. 360; L.1915, p. 568; L.1923, p. 495,500; L.1927, p. 774; L.1931-32, First Sp. Sess., p. 69.
 2. L.1898, p. 36-44.
 3. L.1819, p. 316; R.L.1827, p. 330; L.1839, p. 7; L.1843, p. 239; L.1845, p. 8.
 4. L.1849, p. 65.
 5. L.1851, p. 56.
 6. Ibid., p. 57; L.1871-72, p. 24,25.
 7. L.1898, p. 46.
 8. L.1923, p. 496; L.1932, p. 75.
 9. L.1923, p. 496,497.
 10. Constitution of 1818, Art. III, sec. 11; L.1819, p. 316.
 11. L.1819, p. 316-18; L.1821, p. 182,183; R.L.1827, p. 332,333; R.L.1829, p. 118,121-23; L.1831, p. 125; R.L.1837, p. 581,582; L.1839, p. 7-12; L.1843, p. 243; L.1845, p. 11; L.1847, p. 81; L.1871-72, p. 55,57,58.

analogous to that which occurred with regard to assessments, the county board extended its control to appoint a regular county collector.¹ Soon after, the law reverted to the earlier situation, with the sheriff acting as ex-officio collector.² This situation continued until Sangamon County adopted township organization when town collectors were elected, one in each township;³ and the county treasurer became ex-officio county collector.⁴ The town officers paid over their collections directly to the county officer, and supplied the basic information for the latter's summary report of collections in the county.⁵ In 1917 the town office of collector was abolished in counties the size of Sangamon, and the county collector became ex-officio town collector, assuming all duties previously assigned to the latter officer.⁶ By 1920, however, the population of Sangamon County had increased sufficiently to require the election of town collectors, and the earlier system, accordingly, was reestablished.

Coordination of the taxation processes has always been effected by the county clerk or his predecessors. The assessment books are made out by the clerk, and returned to him by the assessor; similarly, the collector reports on collections on delinquent property; finally, the treasurer's receipts to the collector for taxes paid come into his possession, and the centralization of records concerning the basic taxation procedure is completed.⁷

Fiscal Control

The fiduciary function in county finances belongs to the county treasurer alone. The duties of the office have remained substantially the same since its creation; namely, to receive, principally from the collectors of taxes, the revenue of the county; to have custody of its funds; and to disburse funds only by specific authorization by law, or in accordance with the order of the county board.⁸ Through this last requirement, and that of the treasurer to report periodically to the board on the transactions of

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1. L.1838-39, p. 7.
 2. L.1843, p. 234.
 3. L.1849, p. 192; L.1851, p. 38.
 4. L.1853, p. 14.
 5. L.1849, p. 209; L.1851, p. 60; L.1853, p. 26; L.1871-72, p. 41,56,57.
 6. L.1917, p. 793.
 7. L.1819, p. 317; R.L.1827, p. 373; R.L.1837, p. 582; L.1839, p. 8-12; L.1840, p. 3; L.1845, p. 9,11; L.1853, p. 66,77,111; L.1871-72, p. 32, 34, 35,46,56-58; L.1873-74, p. 51; L.1911, p. 485; L.1917, p. 654; L.1919, p. 765; L.1931, p. 747.
 8. L.1819, p. 315,316; R.S.1845, p. 138; L.1861, p. 239; R.S.1874, p. 323, 324.

his office, in addition to his regular settlement with it, the lines of financial authority once more lead to the county board.¹

The office of county auditor, in counties under township organization of more than seventy-five thousand and less than three-hundred thousand inhabitants, was first created in 1911.² This officer was charged with such duties as auditing claims against the county, collecting information on the cost of maintenance of county institutions, and approving orders for supplies. Recommendations and reports were to be made to the county board. By 1911 Sangamon County had already attained the population minimum, and the first auditor was elected in the quadrennial election of 1912.

Administration of Justice

Courts

Justice, in Illinois counties, has been administered by a constantly increasing number of bodies. The Constitution of 1818 vested the judicial powers of the state in a supreme court and such inferior courts as the General Assembly should ordain and establish; required the supreme court justices to hold circuit courts in the several counties; and provided for the appointment, in such manner and with such powers and duties as the General Assembly should direct, of a competent number of justices of the peace in each county.³

Federal statutes already allowed circuit courts, in all states, jurisdiction over the naturalization of aliens;⁴ the first state legislature additionally conferred jurisdiction over all causes at common law and chancery, and over all cases of treason, felony, and other crimes and misdemeanors.⁵ The legislature further required that two terms of a circuit court be held in each county annually by one of the supreme court justices,⁶ but in 1824 provision was made for the holding of circuit courts by separate circuit court judges, to be appointed, as were the supreme court justices, by both branches of the General Assembly, and to hold office during good behavior.⁷ In 1827 the General Assembly repealed the 1824 law, and again provided for

1. L.1819, p. 318; R.L.1837, p. 582,583; L.1845, p. 33; R.S.1845, p. 138, 139; L.1861, p. 239,240; R.S.1874, p. 323,324.

2. L.1911, p. 242,243.

3. Constitution of 1818, Art. IV, sec. 1,4,8.

4. U.S.S. at Large, v. 2, p. 153-55.

5. L.1819, p. 330.

6. Ibid.; p. 378.

7. L.1824, p. 41. The Constitution of 1818, which had required that supreme court justices be appointed by the General Assembly, further provided that they should not, after the first session of the legislation subsequent to January 1, 1824, hold circuit courts unless required to do so by law (Art. IV, sec. 4).

circuit courts to be held by supreme court justices.¹ At the next session of the legislature, when a new circuit was established, provision was made for the appointment of a circuit judge to act therein.² At that time, therefore, the circuit courts were held by supreme court justices in four judicial circuits and by a circuit judge in the fifth.³ A change was made again in 1835, when power to hold circuit courts was taken away from the supreme court justices and provision was made for the appointment of five circuit judges, in addition to the one already authorized, to hold circuit courts.⁴ The six judicial circuits existing at that time were supplemented during the next few years by the creation of new circuits,⁵ so that they numbered nine in 1841 when the office of circuit judge was again abolished and the supreme court justices, also increased to nine, were required to hold circuit courts.⁶

The authority of justices of the peace was limited by law to jurisdiction in specified civil cases and in misdemeanors, with appeals allowed from their judgments to the circuit court.⁷ The power of appointment, the legislature at first reserved to itself;⁸ in 1827, however, justices of the peace were required to be elected, two in each of such districts as should be determined within statutory limits by the county commissioners' court.⁹

Jurisdiction over probate matters was at the outset delegated to the county commissioners' court,¹⁰ By act of the next General Assembly, it was transferred to the court of probate,¹¹ consisting in each county of one judge appointed by the General Assembly.¹² As a result of the substitution in 1839 of probate justices of the peace for the judges of probate,¹³ jurisdiction over probate matters for the first time was placed in the hands of elected officers.¹⁴

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1. R.L.1827, p. 118,119.
 2. R.L.1829, p. 38.
 3. Ibid., p. 42,48.
 4. L.1835, p. 150.
 5. L.1837, p. 113; L.1838-39, p. 155.
 6. L.1841, p. 173.
 7. L.1819, p. 185,192,195.
 8. Ibid., p. 22.
 9. R.L.1827, p. 255,256. Since 1821, however, the county commissioners' court had been required to establish such districts, which also constituted general election precincts (L.1821, p. 74). For changes in the statutory limitations of this power of the court, see R.L.1827, p. 255, and R.L.1829, p. 93.
 10. L.1819, p. 223-35.
 11. L.1821, p. 121.
 12. Ibid., p. 119. The Constitution of 1818 (Art. IV, sec. 4) had also designated this manner of election for judges of all inferior courts.
 13. R.L.1837, p. 176,177.
 14. The Constitution of 1818 (Art. IV, sec. 8) had reserved to the General Assembly the right to prescribe the manner of appointment of justices of the peace.

The county court was the creation of the second constitution,¹ which also made circuit judges elected officers.² With regard to the new court, it was further provided by law that it should be held in each county by a single elected officer, the county judge.³ Its authority was extended to jurisdiction in all probate matters, and to such jurisdiction in civil and criminal cases as might be conferred by the General Assembly.⁴ In pursuance of this latter provision, the county court was first given the same civil and criminal jurisdiction as justices of the peace;⁵ at the same session of the General Assembly, however, it was declared that county judges when exercising this jurisdiction acted only in the capacity of justices of the peace.⁶ Until the next constitutional period, the county court, as such, was given jurisdiction only in a limited number of special actions;⁷ it was, however, considered entitled to equal jurisdiction with the circuit court over naturalization.⁸ In this same period, provision was made for increasing, on the basis of population, the number of justices of the peace to be elected in each district. In Sangamon County, and others similarly organized, one additional justice of the peace is now elected for every one thousand inhabitants exceeding two thousand inhabitants in each town.⁹

Provision was first made by the Constitution of 1870 for the establishment by the General Assembly of an independent probate court in each county having a population of more than fifty thousand inhabitants.¹⁰ As first established by statute, the new courts were to be formed in counties of one hundred thousand or more inhabitants.¹¹ This population requirement was lowered to seventy thousand in 1881.¹² The population of Sangamon County reached this figure in 1900, and a separate probate court was established in the county in 1902. The county court, early in this period, was given concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court in appeals from justices

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1. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 1,16.
 2. Ibid., Art. V, sec. 7,15.
 3. Ibid., Art. V, sec. 17.
 4. Ibid., Art. V, sec. 13.
 5. L.1849, p. 65.
 6. Ibid.
 7. Ibid., p. 65,66; L.1853, p. 103; L.1861, p. 171,172.
 8. U.S.S. at Large, v. 2, p. 155.
 9. L.1854, p. 30. No more than five justices, however, may be elected from any town or election precinct.
 10. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 20.
 11. L.1877, p. 79,80.
 12. L.1881, p. 72. In 1933 the act of 1877 was further amended to make the establishment of an independent probate court mandatory in counties having a population of eighty-five thousand or more, and optional in counties having a population of between seventy thousand and eighty-five thousand (L.1933, p. 458).

of the peace;¹ its original jurisdiction was extended to be equal with that of the circuit court in all that class of cases cognizable by justices of the peace² and involving in controversy sums not exceeding \$500.³ In 1906, however, it lost its naturalization jurisdiction since it failed to meet the additional requirement of Federal legislation that it possess jurisdiction at law without limitation upon amounts in controversy.⁴ The present constitution, also, for the first time, directed the manner in which the General Assembly should establish judicial circuits, requiring that circuits be formed of contiguous counties and that they should not exceed in number one circuit for every one hundred thousand of population of the state.⁵ At present there are eighteen circuits in Illinois, and Sangamon County is attached to the seventh circuit.⁶

Clerks of Courts

The clerk of the circuit court, under the Constitution of 1818, was to be appointed by a majority of the justices of that court.⁷ Since 1849, however, by provisions of the constitutions of 1848 and 1870, the office has been filled by election.⁸ The office of clerk of the county court, which was an independent elective office under the second constitution,⁹ is now filled in an ex-officio capacity by the county clerk¹⁰ who is also required by constitutional provision to be elected.¹¹ The county commissioners' court, which for a brief period held jurisdiction over probate matters, had its own clerk who was at that time appointed by the court.¹² Probate judges and justices of the peace who subsequently held probate jurisdiction, were required to act as their own clerks.¹³ With the transfer of probate jurisdiction to the county court, the clerk of the county court was required to keep, separately, records of probate proceedings and business.¹⁴ In Sangamon County since 1902, a clerk of the probate court has been elected by the county electorate at the same time and for the

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1. L.1895, p. 212,223.
 2. The jurisdiction of justices has also been progressively increased during this period. See L.1871-72, p. 524; L.1895, p. 189,190; L.1917, p. 562,563; L.1929, p. 541,542.
 3. L.1871-72, p. 325.
 4. U.S.S. at Large, v. 34, part. 1, p. 596.
 5. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 13.
 6. L.1933, p. 436.
 7. Constitution of 1818, Art. IV, sec. 6.
 8. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 21,29; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8.
 9. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 19.
 10. R.S.1874, p. 260.
 11. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8.
 12. L.1819, p. 175.
 13. L.1821, p. 119,120; R.L.1837, p. 177,178.
 14. L.1849, p. 66.

same term of office as the probate judge.¹ Justices of the peace have always been required to keep their records in person.²

Ministerial Officers

The principal ministerial officer of all courts of record in Illinois counties is the sheriff. The first constitution provided that the sheriff should be elected.³ Later, in 1827, statutory provision was made for the appointment of deputies by the principal officer.⁴ Since 1870, the number of deputies that the sheriff may appoint has been determined by rule of the circuit court.⁵ The ministerial duties of the sheriff have undergone little change in more than one hundred years. Essentially he is to attend, in person or by deputy, all courts of record in the county, obeying the orders and directions of the court, and to serve, execute, and return all writs, warrants, process, orders, and decrees legally directed to him.⁶

The coroner was originally given equal power with the sheriff as a ministerial officer of the courts.⁷ He was also required to serve all process in any suit in which the sheriff was an interested party⁸ and to perform all the duties of the sheriff when that office was vacant.⁹ The last two functions are still incumbent upon the coroner.¹⁰

Justices of the peace are served similarly in a ministerial capacity by constables. Not until 1870 was the office of constable given constitutional recognition;¹¹ at its creation by the first General Assembly, the county commissioners' court was empowered to appoint one or more constables in each township;¹² in 1827 it was provided that two constables should be elected in

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1. L.1877, p. 82.
 2. L.1819, p. 185-97 (no specific record-keeping requirement listed among general duties of justices), 326 (establishing fees to be paid justices for keeping records); R.L.1827, p. 260 (becomes definite provision for justices to keep own records); L.1895, p. 221,222.
 3. Constitution of 1818, Art. III, sec. 11.
 4. R.L.1827, p. 373.
 5. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 9.
 6. L.1819, p. 111; R.S.1874, p. 990,991.
 7. L.1819, p. 111.
 8. L.1821, p. 20-23.
 9. R.L.1827, p. 372,373.
 10. R.S.1874, p. 282. Despite the absence from the present law of statutory provision for the coroner to serve process originally directed to him (R.S.1874, p. 281,282), the courts have held that he may so do, an emergency being presumed to exist without need for the process to recite reason for its issuance to the coroner (20 Ill. 185; 57 Ill. 268).
 11. Constitution of 1870, Art. VII, sec. 21.
 12. L.1819, p. 162.

each justice of the peace district.¹ Since that date, subsequent legislation has grouped justices of the peace and constables in all provisions regarding their election.² Constables, like sheriffs and coroners, have always been required to serve and execute all process legally directed to them;³ process issuing from a justice of the peace court, however, may be directed only to some constable of the same county.⁴

Prosecutions

The duty of the present state's attorney to prosecute and defend all actions, civil or criminal, involving the county, the people, or officers of the state or county,⁵ was incumbent during the first constitutional period upon the circuit attorney.⁶ Also in effect from an early date is the officer's other major duty, apart from the enforcement of law,⁷ of giving opinions on any questions of law relating to criminal or other matters in which the people of the county may be concerned.⁸

The office of circuit attorney which existed solely by statutory provision,⁹ was appointive by the Governor until 1835,¹⁰ and thereafter by the General Assembly.¹¹ The second constitution replaced the circuit attorney with an elected state's attorney,¹² since each judicial circuit was an elective district for this purpose, the territorial jurisdiction of the new officer remained the same as that of the former officer.¹³ Not until the adoption of the present constitution was provision made for the election of a separate state's attorney in each county.¹⁴

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1. R.L.1827, p. 258.
 2. See Courts, p. 16.
 3. L.1819, p. 162,163; R.S.1874, p. 400.
 4. L.1819, p. 186; R.S.1845, p. 317; L.1871-72, p. 525; L.1895, p. 191, 193; L.1937, p. 900. Similarly, process issuing from courts of record is required to be directed to the sheriff or, under certain conditions noted (notes 7,8, and 9, p. 20) to the coroner (R.S.1845, p. 413; L.1871-72, p. 358; R.S.1874, p. 774; L.1907, p. 444,445; L.1933, p. 786; L.1937, p. 989).
 5. R.S.1874, p. 173,174.
 6. L.1819, p. 204; R.S.1845, p. 76.
 7. See Enforcement of Law, p. 22.
 8. R.S.1845, p. 76; R.S.1874, p. 174.
 9. L.1819, p. 204-C..
 10. Ibid., p. 204.
 11. L.1835, p. 44.
 12. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 21. The new title, however, had already come into occasional use in the interim (R.L.1827, p. 79; L.1835, p. 44; L.1847, p. 18).
 13. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 22.
 14. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 22.

Inquests

The holding of inquests, one of the duties of the coroner in Illinois counties, is also a part of the administration of justice. The office of coroner was created by the first constitution and required to be filled by election;¹ the statutory provisions concerning the inquest function have not changed substantially since their enactment by the second General Assembly.² The coroner, when informed of the body of any person being found dead supposedly by violence, casualty, or undue means, is required to summon a jury to inquire how, in what manner, and by whom or what, death was caused; testimony of witnesses is taken; witnesses whose evidence implicates any person as the unlawful slayer of the deceased are bound over to the circuit court; the verdict of the jury is returned to the clerk of that court.³

The verdict of the coroner's jury, however, is not generally admissible in evidence;⁴ additionally, it is not held to be prima facie proof of matters stated therein with regard to the cause and manner of death;⁵ its essential nature, therefore, is that of a finding of facts upon the basis of which the coroner may be led to discharge his collateral duty to apprehend and commit to jail any person implicated by the inquest as the unlawful slayer of the deceased.⁶ To this extent, the coroner's inquest duties overlap his function as an officer for the enforcement of law.

Enforcement of Law

Sheriffs, coroners, and constables have always been charged equally with keeping the peace and apprehending all offenders against the law.⁷ The state's attorney's powers as an officer for the enforcement of law originally derive by implication from another duty;⁸ the gathering of evidence and the apprehension of offenders is necessarily involved in commencing and prosecuting actions in which the people of the state or county are concerned.⁹ In relatively recent years, however, the state's attorney has

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1. Constitution of 1818, Art. III, sec. 11.
 2. Cf. L.1821, p. 22-24; R.S.1845, p. 517,518; R.S.1874, p. 282-84; R.S.1837, p. 780-82.
 3. L.1821, p. 24,25; R.S.1845, p. 518; R.S.1874, p. 284.
 4. 46 N.W. 872. It is, however, held to be proper practice to offer, in cross-examining witnesses sought to be impeached, excerpts from transcripts of testimony taken at the inquest (189 Ill. App. 556; 211 Ill. App. 474).
 5. 201 Ill. App. 287.
 6. L.1821, p. 25; R.S.1845, p. 518; R.S.1874, p. 285.
 7. L.1819, p. 111,162,163; R.S.1845, p. 328,515; R.S.1874, p. 400,990.
 8. See Prosecutions, p. 21.
 9. Previously cited; see p. 21 note 6.

been given more specific statutory powers to enforce laws and to investigate violations and secure necessary evidence thereof.¹ But at any time the effective spheres of authority of law enforcement officers have been determined less by statutory provisions than by local conditions and individual circumstances.

Education

The act of Congress providing for the creation and admission of the State of Illinois to the Union set aside section sixteen of every township for the use of schools.² The first state legislation on the subject was concerned only with the establishment of school districts and the sale or leasing of school land to provide necessary funds, for which purposes three trustees of school lands were appointed in each township by the county commissioners' court.³

In 1825, however, with a common school system in operation, provision was made for its educational as well as financial administration. Three elected officers, known as township school trustees, were charged in each township with superintending schools, examining and employing teachers, leasing all land belonging to the district, and reporting annually to the county commissioners' court; this report, however, was limited to such matters as were concerned in the financial administration of the schools.⁴ In 1827 the county commissioners' court was again empowered to appoint trustees of school lands, but despite the use of the earlier, more limited title, these officers were charged with all the duties of the former township school trustees.⁵ The creation of the office of county school commissioner in 1829 brought a new element into the complex situation. The commissioner was at first given limited duties with regard to the sale of school lands and the management of school funds;⁶ his subsequent gains in this respect at the expense of the township trustees foreshadowed the demarcation of spheres of authority that was made in 1847.⁷ In the interim, the school commissioner, who had first been appointed by the county commissioners' court,⁸ became an elected officer;⁹ in such townships as

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1. L.1885, p. 3; L.1907, p. 268; L.1913, p. 395; L.1915, p. 368; L.1927, p. 33.
 2. U.S.S. at Large, v. 3, p. 428.
 3. L.1819, p. 107,108.
 4. L.1825, p. 121,122.
 5. R.L.1827, p. 366-70.
 6. R.L.1829, p. 150-54.
 7. Cf. L.1831, p. 176; L.1841, p. 275-79.
 8. R.L.1829, p. 150.
 9. L.1841, p. 261,262.

elected to incorporate for the purpose of organizing and supporting schools, township trustees also became elected officers and were there denominated trustees of schools.¹

The situation created by the legislation of 1847 in certain respects has not since been substantially altered. In all counties, township trustees became, and are still, elected officers styled township school trustees.² The relative authority of the officer of the county³ and of officers of the township with regard to financial administration was fixed essentially as at present.⁴ Moreover, township trustees lost practically all their former duties with regard to matters purely educational as a result of a development that occurred in 1845.

It was at that time that the county first entered into the actual administration of education with the creation of the office of superintendent of schools.⁵ Filled at first by the school commissioner in an ex-officio capacity,⁶ it quickly absorbed most of the functions of township trustees with regard to the advancement of education;⁷ later, the office came to be filled by election⁸ and completely absorbed that of school commissioner.⁹ In the new field of county administration of education, the superintendent's duties remained constant through his change in legal status, requiring him to visit all the townships in his county and inquire into the condition and manner of conducting their schools, to examine persons proposing to teach school, to grant certificates to persons qualified to teach in schools, and to report to the county board on all his acts relating to the management of school funds and lands.¹⁰

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1. L.1841, p. 273,274. In unincorporated townships, trustees continued to be appointed by the county commissioners' court (*Ibid.*, p. 259, 260).
 2. L.1847, p. 126; L.1909, p. 350.
 3. The subsequent substitution of an independent, elected superintendent of schools for the school commissioner who had additionally been ex-officio superintendent (see notes 5,8,and 9), was only a change in the legal status of the officer of the county and had no further import.
 4. L.1847, p. 123,124,128,129; L.1909, p. 351-54; L.1927, p. 794,795.
 5. R.S.1845, p. 498.
 6. *Ibid.*
 7. R.S.1845, p. 497-503. Cf. L.1825, p. 121,122; R.L.1827, p. 366-70; L.1831, p. 173; L.1841, p. 270,275,276,279. The only duty of this category that was left to township trustees in the laws of 1847 concerned the examination of prospective teachers and the issuance of certificates where merited (L.1847, p. 130). It was omitted from the revised school law of 1851 (L.1851, p. 127).
 8. L.1865, p. 112.
 9. *Ibid.*, p. 112,113.
 10. R.S.1845, p. 498,500,501. Cf. L.1847, p. 121-25; L.1857, p. 261-65, 278,279,296,297; L.1861, p. 190,191; L.1865, p. 114,119-21.

Subsequent legislation has enlarged the scope of this phase of the superintendent's functions, but it is in his role as an agent of state supervision that he has been charged with numerous duties of a new character.¹

The authority of the state with regard to education, first manifested in 1845, has, like that of the county, been extended beyond its original bounds. Originally the county superintendent was required only to communicate to the state superintendent of common schools² information concerning the schools in his county.³ Today, as a consequence of the state's increasing intervention in matters of public health and safety, the county superintendent is required to inspect, with regard to specifications, plans submitted to him for the heating, ventilation, lighting, etc., of public school rooms and buildings; to visit and notice such public school buildings which appear to him to be unsafe, insanitary, or otherwise unfit for occupancy; and to request the Department of Public Health,⁴ the state fire marshal, or the state architect to inspect such buildings and issue reports upon which condemnation proceedings can be based.⁵

Recordation

For the function of making legal record of written instruments, the first General Assembly established the office of recorder.⁶ Originally appointed by the Governor,⁷ the recorder was required to be elected after 1835.⁸ The second constitution made the clerk of the circuit court⁹ ex-officio recorder in all counties;¹⁰ the present constitution continued the earlier provision in counties of under sixty thousand population and provided for the election of a recorder in counties of that population or more.¹¹ Sangamon County met the population requirement in 1890, and a recorder was elected in 1892.

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1. L.1909, p. 347-50; L.1915, p. 636-38.
 2. The Secretary of State in ex-officio capacity (L.1845, p. 52). In 1854 the office became independent, filled by election, and known as that of superintendent of public instruction (L.1854, p. 13), which is its present status (L.1909, p. 343).
 3. L.1845, p. 54.
 4. Prior to 1917, the rights, powers, and duties of this department were vested in the State Board of Health, abolished in that year (L.1917, p. 4,17,27).
 5. L.1915, p. 637-40.
 6. L.1819, p. 18-20.
 7. Ibid., p. 18,19.
 8. L.1835, p. 166.
 9. An elected officer; see Clerks of Courts, p. 19.
 10. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 19; L.1849, p. 64.
 11. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8; R.S.1874, p. 833.

The basic duty of the recorder, to record at length and in the order of their receipt all instruments in writing, has remained essentially unchanged; legislation has been directed toward the extension of categories of instruments entitled to be recorded.¹ Conveyances of title to land, a major category of such records, frequently involved another county officer, the surveyor. Established by the second General Assembly,² the office of surveyor was at first filled by appointment by that body,³ later by election.⁴ In 1936 the surveyor again became an appointed officer, with the power of appointment delegated to the county board.⁵ His duty to perform all surveys he may be called on to make within his county has undergone only minor change, but its importance has declined; the acts of any surveyor, properly acknowledged and certified, have equal standing before the law with those of the county surveyor; no maps or plats have any legal effect unless recorded by the recorder.⁶

Public Works

Roads and Bridges

Public roads and bridges were first under the superintendence of the county commissioners' court which was authorized to locate new roads and alter or vacate existing roads.⁷ The act providing for such superintendence empowered the commissioners to appoint freeholders in each township to act as supervisors, each appointment to be for a one-year period. New roads were to be opened by the county commissioners' court upon petition of residents of the county and a favorable report from the road viewers and surveyor. A few years later the county commissioners were authorized to divide the county into road districts and to appoint annually one supervisor to serve in each district.⁸ With a change in the county administrative body under the second constitution, the county court was granted supervision and control over public roads,⁹ but the care and superintendence of roads and bridges in counties electing the township form of government were granted to the commissioners of highways, elected annually in each town.¹⁰ The commissioners divided the town into road districts, and over-

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1. L.1819, p. 18,20; R.L.1829, p. 117,118; R.L.1833, p. 511; R.S.1845, p. 305,432,606; L.1851, p. 80; L.1859, p. 124; L.1869, p. 2; R.S.1874, p. 833,834; L.1921, p. 756,757; L.1925, p. 520-22.
 2. L.1821, p. 62.
 3. Ibid.
 4. L.1835, p. 166.
 5. L.1933, p. 1104. Provision effective in 1936.
 6. R.L.1829, p. 173; R.L.1833, p. 511; L.1845, p. 201; L.1869, p. 241, 242; R.S.1874, p. 1050,1051; L.1901, p. 307,308; L.1915, p. 575.
 7. L.1819, p. 333.
 8. L.1825, p. 130.
 9. L.1849, p. 65; L.1851, p. 179.
 10. L.1849, p. 212.

scers of highways in each district were to repair the roads and carry out orders of the commissioners. In counties not electing the township form, the system of road districts was continued.¹ As Sangamon County did not adopt township organization until 1860, the supervision, control, and maintenance of roads, highways, and bridges during the early part of the second constitutional period were vested in the county court and the road district supervisors. In 1913 the State Highway Department was established, and provision was made for the appointment by the county board of a county superintendent of highways.² The entire system was centralized by subjecting the county superintendent to the rules and regulations of the state highway commissioner and by requiring candidates for county superintendent to be approved by the state commissioner before appointment by the county board. The term of office of the county superintendent was set at six years, and his salary was to be fixed by the county board. A board of highway commissioners was set up in each township to superintend matters relating to roads and bridges. Although the county superintendent was to act on behalf of the county in regard to roads and bridges, and although he was subject to removal by the county board, he was regarded as a deputy of the state highway engineer, subject to his directions. This indicates the intention of the legislature to unify the entire state system of roads and bridges. In 1917 the Department of Public Works and Buildings assumed the rights, powers, and duties vested in the State Highway Department,³ but the county organization has remained essentially the same since 1913.

Public Buildings

The county is given the power to hold, own, and convey real estate for county purposes.⁴ This power is exercised by the county board which is charged with the care and custody of all the real and personal property owned by the county. Throughout the period of statehood it has been provided that a courthouse and jail be erected in each county, and that the sheriff of each county be charged with custody of such buildings.⁵ The county is further empowered to erect buildings for a county hospital, workhouse, tuberculosis sanitarium, and other county needs.⁶

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1. L.1847, p. 111-13; L.1849, p. 65,212,213; L.1851, p. 64,149.
 2. L.1913, p. 521-25, 537-46.
 3. L.1917, p. 24.
 4. R.S.1874, p. 302.
 5. L.1819, p. 111; R.L.1827, p. 246,247,372; R.S.1874, p. 989.
 6. R.S.1874, p. 307; L.1909, p. 163; L.1911, p. 246.

The county superintendent of schools is charged with the inspection of plans and specifications for public school rooms and buildings; and the approval of only those which comply with the specifications prepared by the state superintendent of public instruction.¹ He is also to request the Department of Public Health,² the state fire marshal, or the state architect to inspect public school buildings which appear to be unsafe, insanitary, or unfit for occupancy. Upon receipt of an unfavorable report from these officials, the county superintendent is to condemn the building and notify the board of directors or board of education, and the board of school trustees.

Drainage

In 1850 an act of Congress provided for the granting of swamp and overflowed lands to various states.³ The land so granted to Illinois was turned over to the counties in 1852 to be reclaimed by drainage and used for county purposes.⁴ Such lands were to be under the care and superintendence of the county court which was to appoint a "drainage commissioner" to conduct the sales of such lands. The county surveyor was to prepare plats of the swamp lands and return such plats to the clerk of the county court, whereupon the court fixed the valuation upon each tract. The purchasers of these tracts were given a certificate by the drainage commissioner, and a deed was later executed by the county court. The court was to sell only enough swamp lands to insure reclamation of all such land, any balance to be granted to the several townships to be used for educational purposes. At the discretion of the county, such balance could also be used for the construction of roads or bridges, or for other public works.

In 1865 the commissioners of highways in each town became ex-officio boards of drainage commissioners.⁵ Where a proposed drain ran through more than one town the commissioners of all the towns affected made up the board of drainage commissioners.⁶ In 1879 drainage construction by special assessment was handled by the drainage commissioners, a body corporate and politic composed of commissioners of highways.⁷

Provision was first made for the organization of drainage districts for agricultural, sanitary, and mining purposes in 1879.⁸ Petitions were to be filed with the county clerk and hearings on the same were to be had before the county court. When the court found in favor of the petitioners, it appointed three disinterested persons as commissioners to lay

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1. L.1915, p. 637-40.
 2. Created in 1917 to supplant the State Board of Health, abolished in that year (L.1917, p. 4,17,27).
 3. U.S.S. at Large, v. 9, p. 519.
 4. L.1852, p. 178.
 5. L.1865, p. 50.
 6. L.1867, p. 91,92.
 7. L.1879, p. 142.
 8. Ibid., p. 120.

out and construct the work. Petitions for the construction of drains to cost less than \$5,000 were to be presented to justices of the peace, if the petitioners so elected, and the commissioners of highways were to perform the duties of drainage commissioners in such cases. In 1885 this law was amended to include drains costing less than \$2,000 and provided for the appointment of three residents as commissioners.¹

Public Services

Public Health

The State Department of Public Health, created in 1917,² is charged with general supervision of the health and lives of the people of the state. In conformance with this legislative order it is empowered to supervise, aid, direct, and assist local health authorities or agencies in the administration of the health laws. Public health districts may be organized along subcounty lines with a board of health in each. The names of such districts are to be filed with the county clerk to complete their organization. Annually, each board of health certifies to the county clerk the rate of a public health tax to be levied in each district, the clerk being responsible for setting out the proper taxes upon the warrant books and transmitting them to the collector as provided for in regard to other taxes.³

•Control of the state health department over lodging houses, boarding houses, taverns, inns, and hotels is effected through the county clerk, the proprietors of such establishments being required to file with the clerk an annual statement containing details as to sleeping accommodations for guests.⁴ The clerk is also required to report annually to the state health department the names and addresses of township officials.⁵

Mosquito abatement districts are organized upon petition to the county judge of the county in which such territory lies,⁶ such petitions being filed with the county clerk. If, after hearing, the county judge determines that the organization of a district is necessary, the question is submitted to the residents of the territory at a special election. The judges of election make return to the county judge, and the results are entered upon the records of the county court. A majority of the votes favoring it, a mosquito abatement district is thereupon organized.

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1. L.1885, p. 130,131.
 2. L.1917, p. 4.
 3. Ibid., p. 27,28,763,765,767,768.
 4. L.1901, p. 305.
 5. L.1923, p. 480.
 6. L.1927, p. 694.

County officials also enter into the state's control of public swimming pools. When a representative of the State Department of Public Health finds conditions that warrant the closing of such a pool, the owner of the pool and the sheriff and state's attorney of the county are notified to that effect, it being the duty of these officers to enforce such notice.¹

Vital Statistics

The State Department of Public Health has charge of the registration of births, stillbirths, and deaths throughout the state.² To effect proper control of this matter the state is divided into vital statistics registration districts which, in Sangamon County, are identical with the townships. The township clerk acts as the local registrar in these districts and receives certificates of births and deaths occurring in the district. Burial permits are issued by the registrar and are later returned to him for filing.

The local registrar is required to deposit monthly with the county clerk a complete set of records of births, stillbirths, and deaths registered during the month, and the clerk is charged with binding and indexing, or recording, and safe-keeping of such records. The original certificates are sent monthly by the local registrars to the state health department which certifies annually to the county clerk the number of births, stillbirths, and deaths registered in the county.

The county board is to appropriate money for the payment of the local registrars' fees. Such amounts are charges against the county, and the county clerk is required to issue warrants on the county treasurer for the amount of the fees payable to the registrars.

The county also enters into the enforcement phase of this matter. The state health department reports cases of violations of any provision of the act relating to registration to the state's attorney who is to initiate and follow up court proceedings against violators.

Public Assistance

Public assistance is administered through the services of the county department of public welfare, the county home, the tuberculosis sanitarium board, the blind examiner, the probation officers, the county clerk, and the county board.

The county department of public welfare is headed by a superintendent appointed by the county board after approval by the State Department of

1. L.1931, p. 735,736.
2. L.1915, p. 660-70.

Public Welfare.¹ He assists the state department in the operation of welfare plans and policies within the county and has charge of the administration of old age assistance.² In this latter regard the county department acts merely as the agent of the state department, investigating applicants and reporting results.

The county home is an establishment for the maintenance and care of indigents. Its management and finances are provided by the county board.³ Blind assistance is administered in the county through appropriations by the county board together with state funds. An examiner of the blind, appointed by the county board, examines all applicants referred to him by the county clerk.⁴ The county court has jurisdiction in the administration of the mothers' pension fund. A probation officer, an appointee of the court for this purpose, investigates and visits cases of indigent mothers who are entitled to benefit.⁵

Coordination of Functions

From the foregoing discussion of functions of the county government it is apparent that the county plays a dual role, that of a body politic and that of an agent of the state. In its first capacity the county, through its officials, is capable of suing and being sued, purchasing, holding, and selling property, making contracts, and raising revenue for its proper operation. As a state agent it fits into a state-wide program on various matters of public concern, acting under the supervision and control of the state and coordinating the activities of subcounty agencies and officials.

Coordination of county activities is affected chiefly through the county clerk. An illustration of this is the part this official plays in the election procedure. He notifies the judges and clerks of elections of their appointment, supplies them with blanks and poll books, receives copies of registers of voters, issues notices of election, receives and preserves returns, canvasses votes with the assistance of two justices of the peace and retains the abstracts, transmits copies of election returns and abstracts of votes to the Secretary of State, and issues certificates of election.

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1. L.1937, p. 451,452.
 2. L.1935-36, First Sp. Sess., p. 54-61; L.1937, p. 265-70.
 3. L.1935, p. 1057.
 4. L.1903, p. 138; L.1915, p. 256,257; L.1935, p. 264,265.
 5. L.1913, p. 127-30; L.1915, p. 243-45; L.1921, p. 162-64; L.1935, p. 256-59.

Records System

County records in the State of Illinois have suffered from the lack of an adequate program of legislation designed to secure uniformity in recordation and to insure the proper care of those documents which have permanent value. However, from the inception of statehood, some effort has been made to coordinate the records systems of the several counties and to preserve their archives.

In attempting to establish state-wide uniformity among counties, the General Assembly has at times provided detailed descriptions of required records and in many instances has supplied the very forms to be used. Laws relating to the duties and powers of county officers usually contained some such provisions. Thus, in 1819, the recorder of the county was ordered to supply "parchment or good large books, of royal or other large paper, well bound and covered" wherein to record all deeds and conveyances brought to him for that purpose. He was also to keep a fair book in which to enter every deed or writing to be recorded, noting the date, the parties, and the place where the lands were situated, such entries to be made according to priority of time.¹ In 1833 he was required to keep an alphabetical index to each book,² and by 1874 the General Assembly had prescribed a complete list of books to be kept in the office of the recorder, with a description of the contents of each, which list has been continued, substantially unchanged, to the present.³

In like manner, legislation was enacted prescribing records to be kept by the county clerk and his predecessors, acting in their several capacities,⁴ the clerk of the circuit court,⁵ the judge⁶ and justice⁷ of the probate court, the coroner,⁸ the county superintendent of schools,⁹ the county surveyor,¹⁰ and the county treasurer.¹¹

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1. L.1819, p. 18,20.
 2. R.L.1833, p. 511.
 3. R.S.1874, p. 834.
 4. L.1849, p. 66,191,203; L.1859, p. 92,94; L.1865, p. 93; R.S.1874, p. 261-65,332; L.1933, p. 203,204.
 5. R.L.1833, p. 152; R.S.1845, p. 147; L.1847, p. 70; L.1849, p. 9; L.1865, p. 93; R.S.1874, p. 262,263; L.1933, p. 293,294.
 6. R.L.1829, p. 231.
 7. R.S.1845, p. 427,428.
 8. R.L.1833, p. 574; L.1869, p. 104,105; R.S.1874, p. 283.
 9. L.1849, p. 155,156; L.1865, p. 119; L.1909, p. 346,348,349.
 10. R.L.1829, p. 173; R.S.1845, p. 524.
 11. R.S.1845, p. 138; R.S.1874, p. 323,324.

Descriptions of records and forms to be used are frequently found in legislation pertaining to the holding of elections,¹ assessments, and the collection of revenue,² the organization and maintenance of common schools,³ the registration of marriages,⁴ and the recording of vital statistics.⁵

While there has been enacted much legislation prescribing the kind of records to be kept, only a few laws deal with the safeguarding and preservation of county archives. In 1819 the General Assembly directed the clerks of the circuit and county commissioners' courts to provide "a safe press or presses with locks and keys for the safekeeping of the archives of their offices..."⁶ In 1843 the county commissioners' courts were authorized, and required whenever the finances of the county would justify the expenditure, to erect a fireproof recorder's office at the county seat, or if the commissioners were of the opinion that any unappropriated room in their courthouses could be made fireproof, to make it so and house the office and records of the recorder there. At the discretion of the county commissioners' court, the provisions of this act might be deemed to apply to the offices of the clerks of the circuit and county commissioners' courts.⁷ Similar in content but slightly different in wording is a later enactment in which the county commissioners' courts were authorized to "erect, build, and provide permanent fireproof rooms, houses or vaults, for the purpose of placing therein and preserving from injury, damage, loss, or destruction by fire, the records and documents of their respective counties."⁸ The preservation of county archives has been greatly aided by an act to provide for the copying of old, worn-out records,⁹ and by a law authorizing the transfer of county records having historic value to the Illinois State Historical Library at Urbana. Provision is made in this act for the substitution of accurate copies of

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1. L.1819, p. 92,94; R.L.1827, p. 291,292; R.L.1829, p. 59,60; L.1845, p. 41,42; L.1849, p. 73,74; L.1865, p. 54,55; L.1871-72, p. 386-89,391; L.1885, p. 143,148,173,176; L.1937, p. 522-29,531-48.
 2. R.L.1827, p. 329-33; L.1838-39, p. 4,5,7,8,12,13,17; L.1845, p. 6-9, 12,14,15; L.1849, p. 37,38,124-26,128; L.1851, p. 53,55,56; L.1853, p. 17,24,50,55,77,78,111,112; L.1871-72, p. 19,23,32,48,49,54.
 3. L.1825, p. 127; R.L.1833, p. 563; L.1841, p. 263,270-72; L.1845, p. 53, 54,65,68; L.1847, p. 121-23,142-44; R.S.1874, p. 950,957,958,964.
 4. L.1819, p. 27; R.L.1827, p. 288,289; R.S.1874, p. 694,695.
 5. L.1842-43, p. 210-12; L.1877, p. 209; L.1901, p. 301-4; L.1903, p. 315, 317,318; L.1915, p. 667.
 6. L.1819, p. 332.
 7. L.1842-43, p. 210.
 8. L.1845, p. 46.
 9. L.1871-72, p. 648.

these documents if such action be deemed necessary.¹ In 1907 the act was amended to include among the institutions to which old records might be sent, the Illinois State Historical Society and the State University Library at Urbana.² Laws have also been enacted which provide for the restoration of certain classes of records destroyed by fire or other means.³ In 1935 the General Assembly appropriated money for the construction of a fireproof building at Springfield for the purpose of storing therein the archives and records of the state.⁴ The erection of this structure, the State Archives Building, has helped to make possible the inauguration of an intelligent, far-sighted program for the preservation of papers and documents of historic value.

There are still serious omissions in legislation pertaining to recordation. For instance, Illinois has no law prescribing the kinds of inks to be used in keeping records. And, although laws have been enacted authorizing the provision of fireproof accommodations for county documents, they are permissive rather than mandatory in character.⁵ Legislation enabling the destruction of worthless archives apparently is nonexistent with the exception of laws relating to certain election papers.⁶ The enactment of legislation which would remedy these defects in the laws and continue the trend toward state-wide uniformity among counties would result in an intelligent, economical records system for the State of Illinois.

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1. L.1897, p. 205.
 2. L.1907, p. 375.
 3. L.1871-72, p. 649,650,652.
 4. L.1935, p. 138.
 5. L.1842-43, p. 210; L.1845, p. 46.
 6. L.1861, p. 269; L.1871-72, p. 389; L.1885, p. 145,193; L.1891, p. 118, 119; L.1917, p. 438,444,445; L.1937, p. 525,526.

ROSTER OF COUNTY OFFICERS*

(Date after name of officer refers to
Date of commission, unless otherwise stated)

County Commissioners**

(Subsequent to 1849, county commissioners replaced
by county judge and two associate justices until
1861, when county board of supervisors assumed
administration of county business)

Rivers Cormack, Zachariah Peter, William Drenin, ¹ April 2, 1821	William Strawbridge, Bowling Green, ³ Samuel Lee, August 7, 1826
Samuel Lee, William Morgan, Zachariah Peter, August 5, 1822	Josiah B. Smith, Asa S. Shaw, ⁴ Zachariah Peter, August 4, 1828, August 2, 1830
Zachariah Peter, William Morgan Harry Rigger, ² August 2, 1824	

* This list was compiled from the following sources:

- A. Secretary of State. Index Department, Election Returns.
Returns from County Clerk to Secretary of State, 1809-47.
78 volumes (1-78), third tier, bay 1. 1848-- , 53 file
drawers (2-54), third tier, bay 2, State Archives Building,
Springfield, Illinois.
- B. Secretary of State. Executive Department.
Certificates of Qualification, 1819-- . 22 file drawers (1-22),
fourth tier, bay 5, State Archives Building, Springfield, Illinois.
- C.(1) Secretary of State. Executive Department Official Records.
List of Commissions Issued to County Officers, 1809-1918. 5
volumes, fourth tier, bay 6, State Archives Building, Spring-
field, Illinois.
- (2) Secretary of State. Executive Department Official Records.
List of Commissions Issued to County Officers, 1869-- . 4 volumes,
room 208, second floor, Secretary of State's office, Executive
Department, State Capitol Building, Springfield, Illinois.

** All dates shown after commissioners' names indicate the year elected.
By a law passed in 1837, the three commissioners elected in 1838 drew
lots for one, two, and three years to determine their length of term.
Subsequently, one commissioner was elected each year to serve a three-
year term, this procedure continuing until December 1849, when the com-
missioners were succeeded by the county judge and two associate justices
as the administrators of county business.

1. Recorded as Wm. Drennan. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. A. p. 1.
2. Recorded as Harry Rigger. Ibid., v. A, p. 78
3. Recorded as Bowling Green. Ibid., v. B, p. 1.
4. At meeting of county commissioners' court, December 6, 1830, Zachariah
Peter, Josiah B. Smith, and Garrett Elkin named as commissioners present,
Record County Commissioners' Court, v. C, p. 134. It would appear that
Garrett Elkin was elected sometime between the commissioners' meeting of
September 24, 1830, and that of December 6, 1830, in place of Asa S.
Shaw, but records do not indicate reasons therefor.

County Commissioners (cont.)

Josiah B. Smith, Thomas Moffett, Reuben Harrison, September 3, 1832 ¹	Samuel Wyckoff, September 6, 1841 ⁸
Thomas Moffett, Samuel Berry, Bartlett Hayley, ² September 1, 1834 ³	Willis H. Grove, September 5, 1842 ⁹
Zachariah Peter, Wm. Hickmen, William G. Cantrill, September 5, 1836 ⁴	Zachariah Peter, September 4, 1843 ¹⁰
John Cooper, Thomas Sackett, Thomas Simpson, September 3, 1838 ⁵	Abram Foutch, September 2, 1844 ¹¹
John Cooper, September 2, 1839 ⁶	John Dawson, February 14, 1845 ¹²
Zachariah Peter, September 7, 1840 ⁷	Thomas Shephord, September 7, 1846 ¹³
	William F. Elkin, September 4, 1848 ¹⁴

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1. Date of first meeting. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. C. p. 312.
 2. Wm. G. Cantrill was qualified and seated as commissioner at special meeting county commissioners' court, August 18, 1835, in place of Bartlett Hayley whose name no longer appears in records as commissioner. Ibid., v. D, p. 154.
 3. Date of first meeting. Ibid., v. D, p. 91.
 4. Date of first meeting. Ibid., v. D, p. 237.
 5. John Cooper and Thomas Sackett qualified as commissioners, and were present at first meeting September 3, 1838, after regular election in August. According to law, lots were drawn to determine length of term; Cooper drew the one-year ticket and Sackett the two-year, leaving the three-year for Simpson. Ibid., v. D, p. 439,448. Thomas Simpson qualified as commissioner and was present at special meeting October 22, 1838. Ibid., v. D, p. 453.
 6. "Presented certificate of election, . . ." Ibid., v. D, p. 609.
 7. Date of first meeting showing Peter in new term as commissioner. Ibid., v. E, p. 19.
 8. First mention as county commissioner. Ibid., v. E, p. 75.
 9. First mention as county commissioner. Ibid., v. E, p. 123.
 10. Shown as commissioner at regular term of court. Ibid., v. E, p. 163.
 11. First mention as county commissioner. Ibid., v. E, p. 209.
 12. "John Dawson having been elected in place of Willis Grove is qualified and seated." Ibid., v. E, p. 230.
 13. First mention as county commissioner. Ibid., v. E, p. 325.
 14. First mention as county commissioner. Ibid., v. E, p. 463.

County Board of Supervisors

The several township supervisors, one elected from each township, together with any additional or assistant supervisors elected upon proportional representation, make up the membership of the county board of supervisors. Because these supervisors, severally, are township officials, and only as a group constitute the county board, they are not commissioned by the state as county officers, and no data concerning them, from which a list could be compiled, are kept by the state.

On March 1, 1861, the committee appointed by the county commissioners to divide the county into townships made their report. They had formed twenty-two townships.¹ In pursuance of a call of eight members, the first (special) meeting of the board of supervisors was held April 29, 1861.² The names of the supervisors were recorded as follows, but records do not show townships individually represented:

Present: Allen, Arnold, Bennett, Coley, Converse, Darnable, Dannick, Ellis, Fenfrock, Lavelly, Louder, McMurphy, Parkinson, Patton, Shepherd, Short, Sims, Tilson, Watts, Williams, Weber, and White.
Absent: Davenport.

County Clerks

(Clerks of the county commissioners' court, the county court, and the county board of supervisors)

Charles R. Matheny, ³	John J. Hardin,
August 7, 1837 (elected),	November 12, 1873
August 5, 1839 "	Louis H. Tichnor,
Noah W. Matheny, ⁴	December 1, 1877
August 2, 1847 (elected),	Lewis Dorlan,
November 13, 1849,	December 1, 1882,
November 13, 1853,	December 6, 1886
November 14, 1857,	W. A. Southwick,
November 14, 1861,	February 20, 1889 (vice Dorlan)
November 14, 1865,	
November 19, 1869	

1. See Historical Sketch, p. 7.
2. Record Board of Supervisors, v. 1, p. 6,107. Twenty-two were present and one was absent; Springfield had two supervisors, Mr. Converse and Mr. Lavelly.
3. Appointed April 3, 1821, Record County Commissioners' Court, v. A, p. 1. Reappointed, elected, or reelected until his death, presumably sometime between October 5, 1839, when he was reimbursed for that day's service, at special term of county commissioners' court, and October 12, 1839, when at a special term of said court, Noah W. Matheny was appointed county clerk, pro tem in place of Charles R. Matheny, deceased. Ibid., v. D, p. 620.
4. See footnote 3. Special election for county clerk to be held November 16, 1839, ordered by court, October 12, 1839. Ibid., v. D, p. 622. On first day of regular term of court, December 2, 1839, bond of Noah W. Matheny, as clerk of said court was recorded whereupon he took oath of office "as the duly Elected Clerk of this County." Ibid., v. D, p. 624. County records show that he served continuously as county clerk until his successor was elected November 12, 1873, but first mention of his name in state records is recordation of his election as county clerk August 2, 1847.

County Clerks (cont.)

Simon M. Rogers,
 April 9, 1889,
 April 26, 1890
 John H. Piper,
 November 24, 1894
 Charles E. Opel,
 November 30, 1898,
 November 17, 1902,
 November 19, 1906

Charles W. Byers,
 November 30, 1910,
 November 30, 1914,
 November 30, 1918
 William J. Natterman,
 November 27, 1922
 Oscar A. Becker,
 November 15, 1926
 Ray D. Stout,
 November 22, 1930,
 November 27, 1934

Recorders

(In 1849 the circuit clerk became ex-officio recorder to 1892 when a separate office of recorder was again established)

Charles R. Matheny,
 February 14, 1821
 Edward Mitchell (vice Matheny, resigned),
 March 28, 1827,
 January 23, 1829
 Benjamin Talbott,
 August 12, 1835,
 August 27, 1839,
 August 11, 1843,
 August 7, 1847
 Thomas W. Wilson,
 November 21, 1892
 Benjamin Rich,
 December 7, 1896,
 November 30, 1900,
 November 18, 1904,
 November 12, 1908

Herbert S. Woods,
 November 20, 1912
 W. T. Fosset,
 November 17, 1916,
 November 23, 1920
 James A. Jones,
 November 14, 1924,
 November 26, 1928
 Earl K. Stewart,
 December 2, 1932
 Paul Weidenbacher,
 November 24, 1936

Judges of Probate, Probate Justices of the Peace, and Probate Judges
 (In 1849 the probate justice was succeeded by the county judge as ex-officio judge of the probate court to 1902 when separate office of probate judge was established)

Judges of Probate

James Latham,
 February 12, 1821
 Zachariah Peter (vice Latham, resigned),
 November 30, 1821
 Charles R. Matheny,
 August 15, 1822,
 February 17, 1823
 James Adams,
 January 18, 1825

Probate Justices of the Peace

James Adams,
 September 11, 1837,
 August 27, 1839
 Thomas Moffett,
 August 10, 1843,
 August 9, 1847



Judges of Probate, Probate Justices of the Peace and Probate Judges (cont.)

Probate Judges

Wm. H. Colby,
 November 19, 1902
 Clarence A. Jones,
 August 29, 1904,
 November 23, 1906
 Henry A. Stevens (vice Jones, deceased),
 November 12, 1908
 W. Edgar Sampson,
 July 30, 1910

Probate Judges

C. H. Jenkins,
 November 28, 1910,
 December 4, 1914,
 November 18, 1918
 Roger E. Chapin,
 June 10, 1921,
 November 16, 1922,
 November 17, 1926
 Benjamin S. De Boice,
 November 12, 1930,
 November 22, 1934

Probate Clerks

F. B. Harcourt,
 December 1, 1902
 Geo. B. Colby,
 November 17, 1906
 Paul G. Burns,
 November 21, 1910

O. G. Addleman,
 December 1, 1914,
 November 16, 1918,
 November 16, 1922
 W. A. Pavey,
 November 17, 1926
 Lewis E. Bird,
 November 17, 1930,
 November 27, 1934

County Judges

Thos. Moffett,
 November 19, 1849
 J. W. Taylor,
 November 22, 1853
 William D. Powers,
 November 13, 1857,
 November 14, 1861
 Norman D. Broadwell (vice Powers,
 deceased),
 April 14, 1863
 William Prescott,
 November 14, 1865
 A. N. J. Crook,
 November 6, 1869
 James H. Matheny,
 November 17, 1873,
 December 1, 1877,
 December 1, 1882,
 December 6, 1886
 Robert L. McGuire,
 September 12, 1890

George W. Murray,
 November 26, 1890
 Charles P. Kane,
 November 28, 1894
 George W. Murray,
 December 3, 1898,
 November 22, 1902,
 November 20, 1906
 John B. Weaver,
 November 23, 1910,
 November 16, 1914,
 November 18, 1918
 Eugene E. Bone,
 November 28, 1922
 Oramel B. Orwin,
 November 5, 1925
 (special election),
 November 15, 1926,
 November 12, 1930
 Harlington Wood,
 November 21, 1934

Associate Justices

(Two together with county court judge administered county business from 1849 to 1861)

Cyrus W. Vandeyen, December 3, 1849 ¹	William Armstrong, November 23, 1853
William F. Elkin, December 3, 1849	M. K. Anderson, ² November 11, 1857
Samuel K. Swingley, November 21, 1853	I. A. Ball, November 14, 1859 ³

Circuit Court Clerks

(Prior to 1848, circuit clerk appointed by circuit judge)

Benjamin Talbott, September 4, 1848 (elected)	E. Dow Matheny, December 7, 1896, November 15, 1900
James H. Matheny, November 23, 1852	John L. Bliss, March 21, 1902
Presco Wright, November 14, 1856	S. T. Jones, November 18, 1902, November 15, 1904, November 12, 1908
Stephen S. Whitehurst, November 13, 1860	Joseph H. Drennan, November 22, 1912
Charles H. Lanphier, December 1, 1864, November 14, 1868	Charles L. Koehn, November 25, 1916, November 23, 1920
James A. Winston, November 13, 1872, November 21, 1876	Robert G. Moore, November 17, 1924, November 19, 1928
Edward R. Roberts, December 1, 1880, November 25, 1884	Edgar L. Crane, November 23, 1932, November 24, 1936
Edward Cahill, December 3, 1888, November 28, 1892	

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1. State records do not show Cyrus W. Vandeven or William F. Elkin as ever having been commissioned; county records show them present at first meeting of the county court, as associate justices, December 3, 1849. County Court Record, v. F, p. 1.
 2. Recorded as M. R. Anderson, December 7, 1857. Ibid., v. 2, p. 19.
 3. I. A. Ball is recorded as one of the associate justices at first meeting of a newly elected county court held December 7, 1857, indicating a delay of approximately two years in issuance or recordation of his commission. Ibid., v. 2, p. 19.

Sheriffs

(County collectors to 1839 and 1844 to 1861)

John Taylor, ¹	Louis H. Ticknor,
April 5, 1821,	December 21, 1874
September 5, 1822,	Temp Elliott,
September 3, 1824,	November 21, 1876
December 11, 1826	Samuel N. Shoup,
James D. Henry,	December 2, 1878
September 11, 1828,	Hampton Gibson,
August 28, 1830,	December 1, 1880
September 4, 1832	Alfred C. Malone,
Garrett Elkin,	December 1, 1882
May 12, 1834,	John S. Candell,
August 16, 1834,	December 6, 1886
September 3, 1836,	Patrick Murray,
August 20, 1838	November 26, 1890
William F. Elkin,	Edward A. Baxter,
August 6, 1840,	November 27, 1894
August 15, 1842	Charles M. Woods,
William Harvey,	November 22, 1898
August 9, 1844,	B. H. Brainerd,
August 25, 1846	November 21, 1902
Charles Arnold,	Charles Werner,
August 15, 1848	November 15, 1906
Josiah Francis,	Henry Mester,
November 12, 1850	November 22, 1910
Charles Arnold,	John A. Wheeler,
November 20, 1852	November 18, 1914
John B. Webber,	Henry H. Mester,
November 9, 1854	November 22, 1918
John Cook,	O. E. Lemon,
November 10, 1856	November 23, 1922
Joseph B. Pirkins,	James M. Kent,
November 8, 1858	November 15, 1926
John W. Smith,	Samuel T. Metcalf,
-November 10, 1860	November 14, 1930
Milton Hicks,	Allen Cole
November 25, 1862	(vice Metcalf, deceased),
Wm. P. Crafton,	September 13, 1932
November 18, 1864	William J. Natterman
Samuel Shoup,	(vice Cole, deceased),
November 8, 1866	October 25, 1934
Dwight Brown,	Luke J. Gaule,
November 13, 1868	November 6, 1934 (elected)
Andrew B. McConnell,	
November 19, 1870	
Wm. T. Barret,	
November 22, 1872	

1. By provision of law, the sheriff became ex-officio treasurer in 1825. On June 6, 1825, by order of the court, the balance in the treasury, and the books and other papers belonging to that office, were delivered to John Taylor, sheriff. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. A, p. 125.

Coroners

Joseph Dickson, April 5, 1821	George W. Graham, December 21, 1866
Mathias Eads, September 5, 1822	Andrew J. Ross, November 27, 1868
James C. McNabb, August 20, 1824, September 28, 1826	Edward B. Pierce, November 21, 1870, November 25, 1872, December 23, 1874, December 5, 1876
John Howard, July 5, 1827	Garrett Elkin, December 2, 1878
Joseph Thomas (vice Howard, resigned), December 22, 1827	Edward B. Pierce, December 1, 1880
Phillip Fowler, September 11, 1828	Edwin S. Elkin, December 1, 1882, December 1, 1884
James Walters, December 22, 1828	Herman Hoferkamp, December 3, 1888
James Shepherd, August 12, 1830, September 4, 1832	Gottfried Burkhardt, November 18, 1892
Andrew Orr, August 16, 1834	Charles J. Baer, December 7, 1896, November 30, 1900
J. Langston, August 12, 1835	William Woodruff, November 19, 1904
Jaconiah Langston, August 29, 1836, August 23, 1838, August 6, 1840, August 4, 1842	Clarence M. Rhodes, November 13, 1908, November 18, 1912
James W. Neal, August 9, 1844, August 27, 1846, August 23, 1848, November 20, 1850	Scott Walter, November 21, 1916
James Walker, November 23, 1852, November 9, 1854, November 10, 1856	C. T. Branson, November 22, 1920
Thos. W. Kidd, November 9, 1858	Ernest A. Dye, November 24, 1924, November 23, 1928
John Hopper, November 26, 1860	John F. Knox, November 26, 1932
I. T. Underwood, November 25, 1862	W. L. Drago, Jr., November 28, 1936
Francis M. Hudson, November 19, 1864	

State's Attorneys

(Appointed by the Governor to 1835; elected by General Assembly 1835-49; 1849-72 elected by circuit district electorate)

Lloyd F. Hamilton, November 29, 1872	James B. Jones, November 25, 1884
Robt. H. Hazlett, November 11, 1876, November 23, 1880	Noah H. Turner, December 3, 1888

State's Attorneys (cont.)

James M. Graham	C. F. Mortimer,
November 29, 1892	November 21, 1916,
Elbert S. Smith,	November 23, 1920
December 7, 1896	H. E. Fullenwider,
William E. Shutt, Jr.,	October 4, 1924 (appointed),
November 30, 1900	November 12, 1924,
Frank L. Hatch,	November 17, 1928
November 23, 1904	Alfred H. Greening,
Edmund Burke,	November 23, 1932
November 25, 1908,	William P. Roberts,
November 26, 1912	November 28, 1936

Treasurers*

(Treasurer and assessor to 1825, 1827 to 1839, and 1844 to 1861; treasurer and collector, 1861 to date)

John Constant,	James M. Bradford,
August 7, 1837 (elected)	August 5, 1839 (elected)

* State records do not show treasurers prior to August 7, 1837; Record County Commissioners' Court show them as follows: James Simms, appointed April 10, 1821, v. A, p. 2; George Haworth, appointed June 5, 1821, vice Simms, who refused to qualify, Ibid., v. A, p. 7; Abram Hamilton, appointed March 5, 1822, Ibid., v. A, p. 26; Adam Hamelton, appointed April 25, 1823, Ibid., v. A, p. 43 (treasurer shown as Andrew Hamilton, Ibid., v. A, p. 58); William S. Hamilton, appointed March 2, 1824, Ibid., v. A, p. 60; Andrew Orr, appointed September 7, 1824, vice William S. Hamilton, resigned, Ibid., v. A, p. 86, reappointed March 8, 1825, Ibid., v. A, p. 93; treasury balance, books and other papers, by order of the court, were turned over to John Taylor, sheriff and ex-officio treasurer, June 6, 1825, Ibid., v. A, p. 125. James Collins, appointed March 7, 1827, Ibid., v. B, p. 56; Isaih Stillman, appointed March 6, 1828, Ibid., v. B, p. 155; Wm. Carpenter, appointed March 3, 1829, v. C, p. 42; Benjamin Talbott, appointed March 4, 1830, Ibid., v. C, p. 91; reappointed March 12, 1831, Ibid., v. C, p. 200, reappointed March 6, 1833, v. D, p. 5, reappointed March 5, 1834, Ibid., v. D, p. 71; David Dickinson, appointed March 4, 1835, Ibid., v. D, p. 115; Joseph R. Young, appointed March 10, 1836, Ibid., v. D, p. 201; William Cowgill, appointed March 11, 1837, Ibid., v. D, p. 320; John Constant, appointed April 3, 1837, vice Cowgill, resigned, Ibid., v. D, p. 323.

Treasurers (cont.)

James M. Morse, ¹	Henry A. Brand,
August 2, 1847 (elected),	December 6, 1886
November 6, 1849 " ,	Henry Klaholt,
November 4, 1851 " ,	November 26, 1890
Jacob Divilbliss, ²	John W. Groves,
November 8, 1853 (elected)	November 26, 1894
Thomas I. Knox,	Richard F. Kinsella,
November 6, 1855 (elected)	November 29, 1898
William Barret,	R. M. Sullivan,
November 27, 1857,	November 22, 1902
November 21, 1859	James A. Hall,
Presco Wright,	November 14, 1906
November 5, 1861 (elected)	Charles H. Edmands, Jr.,
Isaac A. Hawley,	November 17, 1910
November 9, 1863	Geo. W. Schwane:,
John G. Ives,	November 19, 1914
November 14, 1865	Geo. A. Fish,
Richard C. Keily,	November 25, 1918
December 5, 1867	Harry B. Luers,
Orlistus R. Baker,	November 27, 1922
November 2, 1869 (elected),	Basil W. Ogg,
December 9, 1871	November 24, 1926
Edw. R. Perkins,	Charles L. Koehn,
November 19, 1873	November 21, 1930
John M. Nuckolls,	Harry H. Mason (vice Koehn,
November 18, 1875	deceased),
Debold Paulen,	August 12, 1933
December 1, 1877,	Harry A. Eielson,
December 1, 1879	December 4, 1934
John Nelson,	
December 1, 1882	

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1. County records from election of Bradford in 1839 to that of Morse in 1847 show Charles Arnold's bond accepted September 7, 1840, Record County Commissioners' Court, v. E, p. 23; Abner Y. Ellis' bond accepted September 4, 1843, Ibid., v. E, p. 163; resigned March 6, 1845, effective March 8, 1845, Ibid., v. E, p. 240; Charles Arnold, appointed March 6, 1845, Ibid., resigned March 5, 1846, Ibid., v. E, p. 298; James M. Morse appointed March 6, 1846, Ibid., v. E, p. 301.
 2. Recorded as Jacob Devilbiss, December 5, 1853, Ibid., v. F, p. 341,342.

Auditors

(Auditor's office established in 1912, by election)

Alvin Keys, November 5, 1912 (elected)	R. Albert Guest, November 4, 1924 (elected), December 12, 1928
A. Ray Drennan, November 7, 1916 (elected), November 2, 1920 "	Roy Dickerson, December 3, 1932, November 3, 1936 (elected)

Superintendents of Schools

(School commissioners* 1831 to 1865)

Isaac S. Britton August 2, 1847 (elected), November 4, 1851 " , November 8, 1853 " , November 6, 1855 " .	Andrew M. Brooks, December 6, 1886 Noel B. Hannon, November 26, 1890 Annie R. Hannon (vice Noel B. Hannon, deceased February 13, 1892), February 23, 1892, December 5, 1892
Francis Springer, November 27, 1857	Andrew M. Brooks, December 3, 1894
John S. Bradford, November 21, 1859	Charles H. Van Dorn, November 29, 1898, November 25, 1902
L. P. Clover, November 5, 1861 (elected)	Edgar C. Pruitt, November 23, 1906, November 29, 1910, November 19, 1914, July 31, 1919, January 4, 1923
N. W. Miner, November 9, 1863	J. Edward Taylor, April 23, 1927, March 4, 1931, December 8, 1934
O. S. Webster, November 14, 1865	
Warren Burgett, November 6, 1869	
Patrick J. Rourke, November 29, 1873, December 1, 1877	
Andrew J. Smith, December 1, 1882	

* State records do not show school commissioners prior to August 2, 1847; county records show them as follows: Wm. F. Elkin "appointed commissioner to superintend the selling of the lots sixteenth sections," March 12, 1831, Record County Commissioners' Court, v. C, p. 203, resigned as "commissioner to sell school lands" July 30, 1832, Ibid., v. C, p. 309; Wm. Porter, appointed July 30, 1832, Ibid.; Erastus Wright, appointed March 9, 1833, Ibid., v. D, p. 15; James Shepherd bond approved September 8, 1841, Ibid., v. E, p. 79; Isaac S. Britton bond accepted September 4, 1843, Ibid., v. E, p. 163, and is shown to have served continuously until the election of his successor, November 27, 1857.

Surveyors

(Beginning September 1936, surveyor appointed by county board of supervisors)

James C. Stephenson, July 9, 1821, February 7, 1823	Joseph Ledlie (vice C. J. Herman ¹ who refused to qualify), February 15, 1871, December 9, 1871
John Calhoun, March 2, 1833	William A. Connelly, November 18, 1875
Thos. M. Neal, August 12, 1835, August 27, 1839	Samuel A. Graham, December 1, 1879, December 1, 1884
John B. Watson, September 3, 1840, August 11, 1843, August 7, 1847	Herman Walsh, December 3, 1888
Joseph Ledlie, November 19, 1849, November 10, 1851, November 8, 1853 (elected)	Joseph E. Burtle, November 26, 1890
2 A. Enos, November 9, 1854, November 12, 1855	Joseph Ledlie, December 20, 1892
Joseph Ledlie, November 27, 1857	Allen Enos, November 6, 1894 (elected), November 6, 1900 " , November 19, 1904 " , November 3, 1908 " , November 5, 1912 " , November 7, 1916 " , November 2, 1920 " , November 4, 1924 " , November 6, 1928 "
Wm. M. Warren, November 21, 1859, November 14, 1861	C. Clifford Wood, November 4, 1930 (elected)
Ira Merchant, November 9, 1863	William E. Dawson, November 8, 1932 (elected)
Jacob W. Paulen, November 14, 1865	
Samuel A. Graham, November 16, 1867	
Charles W. Hoerman, November 2, 1869 (elected)	

1. No explanation for variance in spelling of name of Hoerman.

3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

Although a temporary seat of justice had been established in Sangamon County in 1821, it was not until March 18, 1825, four years after the county was created, that Springfield was selected as the permanent seat of justice by the special commissioners appointed by law.¹ In compliance with the provision of the enabling act of the General Assembly,² approved on December 23, 1824, Elijah Iles and Pascal P. Evans donated a thirty-five acre tract which was plotted into lots and sold, thus furnishing revenue for the erection of public buildings.

Six months later, on September 7, 1825, the old courthouse which had been built in 1821 was sold to John Taylor for \$32,³ and contracts were awarded to Thomas Neale and Joseph Thomas for the erection of a new courthouse to be completed by the first Monday in March 1826.⁴ Erected on the corner of Adams and Sixth Streets at a cost of \$519, it was accepted in the name of the county by John Taylor and Charles R. Matheny. On July 15, Charles White was employed by the county commissioners' court to lath and plaster the building at a contract price of 37½ cents per yard.⁵ Unexplainable difficulties, followed by a lawsuit, delayed the completion of the courthouse until December 3, 1827, when the county finally settled with White for \$60 for the work done by him.⁶ Prior to this, however, on September 28, the county had let the contract to finish the building to John Taylor for \$250.⁷

Actually, this courthouse was never completely finished despite expenditures on it of approximately \$900. An appropriation of \$200 for completion and repairs, allowed on December 7, 1829,⁸ was rescinded on January 4, 1830, when it was decided to build a brick courthouse on or near the center of the public square. The proposed structure was to be two stories high and was to contain not more than 150,000 bricks. On February 6, John Todd, Asa S. Shaw, and Garret Elkin were appointed agents for the county to contract for and supervise its erection.⁹ They reported on March 3, that they had let the contract for stones, brick, and plastering work to Thomas Bocker and Daniel Bagby, and the finishing work to R. Moffett.¹⁰ On March 6, the commissioners'

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1. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. A, p. 110. See Historical Sketch, p. 6.
 2. L.1825, p. 20.
 3. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. A, p. 145.
 4. Ibid.
 5. Ibid., v. A, p. 179.
 6. Ibid., v. B, p. 102.
 7. Ibid., v. B, p. 100.
 8. Ibid., v. C, p. 71.
 9. Ibid., v. C, p. 74,75.
 10. Ibid., v. C, p. 77.

court ordered the work begun,¹ and two years later, on December 4, 1832, the building was delivered to the custody of the sheriff.² Located in the middle of the public square, the new courthouse boasted a hip roof surmounted by a cupola; its final cost was \$5,908.07.³ The first county commissioners' court to meet in it was held June 3, 1833.⁴ Here, Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas argued their cases before Judge Stephen T. Logan. Together they constituted a most celebrated trio, lending an aura of historical significance to what otherwise would have been an inconsequential governmental seat in a rustic community. The old courthouse was sold to John R. Moffett for \$626,⁵ March 10, 1831.

The people of Sangamon County were not destined to enjoy the use of this courthouse very long. Within three years it became overcrowded, and on March 17, 1836, the recorder, Benjamin Talbot, was authorized to build an office for himself on the north side of the public square.⁶ The courthouse was finally disposed of March 11, 1837, when the public square was conveyed to the state as a site for the new state capitol.⁷ For the following ten years county offices were located in various rented quarters.⁸ The first of these were rooms rented from Ninian W. Edwards at \$82 per quarter year;⁹ others were located in a group of buildings known as the Hoffman Row, on the west side of Fifth Street near Washington Street.

At a special term of court April 5, 1845, the county purchased the southeast corner of Sixth and Washington Streets for \$3,000;¹⁰ on May 10, another lot was bought for \$500,¹¹ and on March 6, 1846, a third for \$650,¹² thus assembling a parcel of ground 80 feet by 160 on which the new courthouse was to be built. This was to be a brick structure, Doric in style, with a portico

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1. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. C, p. 98.
 2. Ibid., v. C, p. 343.
 3. Ibid., v. C, p. 201-3,210,211,242,243,259,266,269,278.
 4. Ibid., v. D, p. 17.
 5. Ibid., v. C, p. 188.
 6. Ibid., v. D, p. 207.
 7. One of the provisions of the act of the General Assembly in establishing Springfield as the capital of Illinois was the donation of suitable land for a site for state buildings. See Historical Sketch, p. 7.
 8. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. D, p. 320,352,371,379,448,587; Ibid., v. E, p. 43,49,67,94,134,142,153,234.
 9. Ibid., v. D, p. 352. The first meeting held in these quarters occurred on May 8, 1837. Ibid., v. D, p. 325.
 10. Ibid., v. E, p. 245.
 11. Ibid., v. E, p. 252.
 12. Ibid., v. E, p. 299.

and trimmings of stone. The contract for its construction was awarded to Henry Dresser on April 10, 1845.¹ The building was completed in 1847 at a cost of \$9,200,² exclusive of land and paving.

In the summer of 1863, a fireproof office, 18 feet by 20, for the recorder, was erected on a vacant lot east of the courthouse at a cost of \$853.³ In September of that year the new office was taken over, the sheriff moved into the recorder's old office, and the sheriff's office was added to the courtroom.⁴ Another room was added to the recorder's office in 1865 at a cost of \$400.⁵

The obvious overcrowding in the courthouse soon gave rise to agitation for a new building, which in 1867 resulted in the purchase of the state capitol and public square from the state for \$200,000; the city of Springfield was paid \$50,000 for its interest.⁶ As further consideration, the county conveyed to the city the tract of land on which the present state capitol now stands. The county then moved its offices into the state house; the courthouse at Sixth and Washington Streets was demolished, and the grounds were subdivided into lots which were sold in 1877.⁷

At the time of its transfer to the county, the old state house was a three-story stone structure of the Doric order of architecture, with a portico supported by four columns, and a colonnaded dome rising 30 feet above the roof level. The cornerstone was laid July 4, 1837, but so elaborate were all of its details that the building took fifteen years to complete. Considered one of the architectural wonders of the state, it cost \$260,000 before its completion⁸ -- an enormous sum for the time.

As a courthouse, it served the county for many years without any alterations, but in 1898 a decision was made to obtain more space by raising the building 11 feet and constructing what is now the first floor.⁹ Temporary quarters for county offices were rented in the IOOF Building, at Fourth and Monroe Streets, on April 5, 1899, while the renovation of the courthouse was going on.¹⁰ The remodeling included a new roof, a dome, fireproofing, and

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1. Record County Commissioners' Court, v. E, p. 249.
 2. Ibid., v. E, p. 250,264,276-78,289,299,320,324,358.
 3. Record Board of Supervisors, v. 1, p. 220,229.
 4. Ibid., v. 1, p. 244.
 5. Ibid., v. 1, p. 413,414.
 6. Ibid., v. 1, p. 612; *ibid.*, v. 2, p. 76.
 7. H. Douglas Giger, Story of the Sangamon County Courthouse (Springfield: Phillips Bros., 1901), p. 14.
 8. Illinois State Capital and Centennial Building, pamphlet, ed. Edward J. Hughes (printed by authority of the State), p. 10.
 9. H. Douglas Giger, *op. cit.*, p. 14-18.
 10. *Ibid.*, p. 18.

other improvements, all at a cost of \$103,531.50.¹ With the addition of new furniture and other furnishings, the total cost was increased to \$155,125.90.² The remodeled courthouse was dedicated April 29, 1901.³

The building, as it stands today, retains all of its original beauty and strength despite its appearance of age which, as a matter of fact, adds much to its majestic dignity. Set in a park-like site, nearly 3 acres in extent, it is 123 feet long, 90 feet wide, and to the top of the flagstaff, 154 feet high. From the ground level to the cornice line, the height is 57 feet. The porticos on the north and south project $11\frac{1}{2}$ feet. There are four floors and a basement. The space content is 630,990 cubic feet.

The first floor is divided into four parts by two corridors running north and south, and east and west. Here are contained the suites of the recorder, coroner, sheriff, circuit clerk, and treasurer. On the south of the large square lobby in the center of the first floor, where the corridors meet, a flight of stairs leads to the second floor where are located the offices of the county clerk, probation officer, auditor, superintendent of schools, probate court clerk, and superintendent of highways, or highway engineer, and the county and probate courtrooms, judges' chambers, and jury room. On the third floor are the offices of the Sangamon County tuberculosis sanatorium board and the state's attorney. On this floor, too, are the supervisors' room, the committee room, offices of the court reporter, bailiff, judge, and master in chancery, and the circuit court room, judge's chamber, and jury room. The circuit court room is two stories in height with a balcony on the east side which is reached from the fourth floor level. The fourth floor is partially unfinished, but on the east side are located the drafting room of the superintendent of highways, the old age assistance offices, a large hall used by the Grand Army of the Republic, a veterans' relief office, a locker room, and a large storeroom. In the basement are the county clerk's east and west vaults, the circuit clerk's storeroom, the state's attorney's storeroom for confiscated articles, a pistol range, janitor's supply room, and men's and women's restrooms. The northeast corner of the basement remains unfinished. (For detailed floor plans of courthouse, see pages 53-57.)

The floors in the courthouse in general are of wood, except the one in the office of the auditor, which is of cement, and the one in the office of the superintendent of highways, which is granolithic concrete. The floor in the probation officer's suite is covered with linoleum. All walls are plastered.

The basement floors are all of concrete except the one in the county clerk's east vault which is of cement and dirt. The walls are of brick and stone and the ceilings are of tile.

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1. Record Board of Supervisors, v. 11, p. 615-17.
 2. H. Douglas Giger, op. cit., p. 20.
 3. Ibid., p. 18.

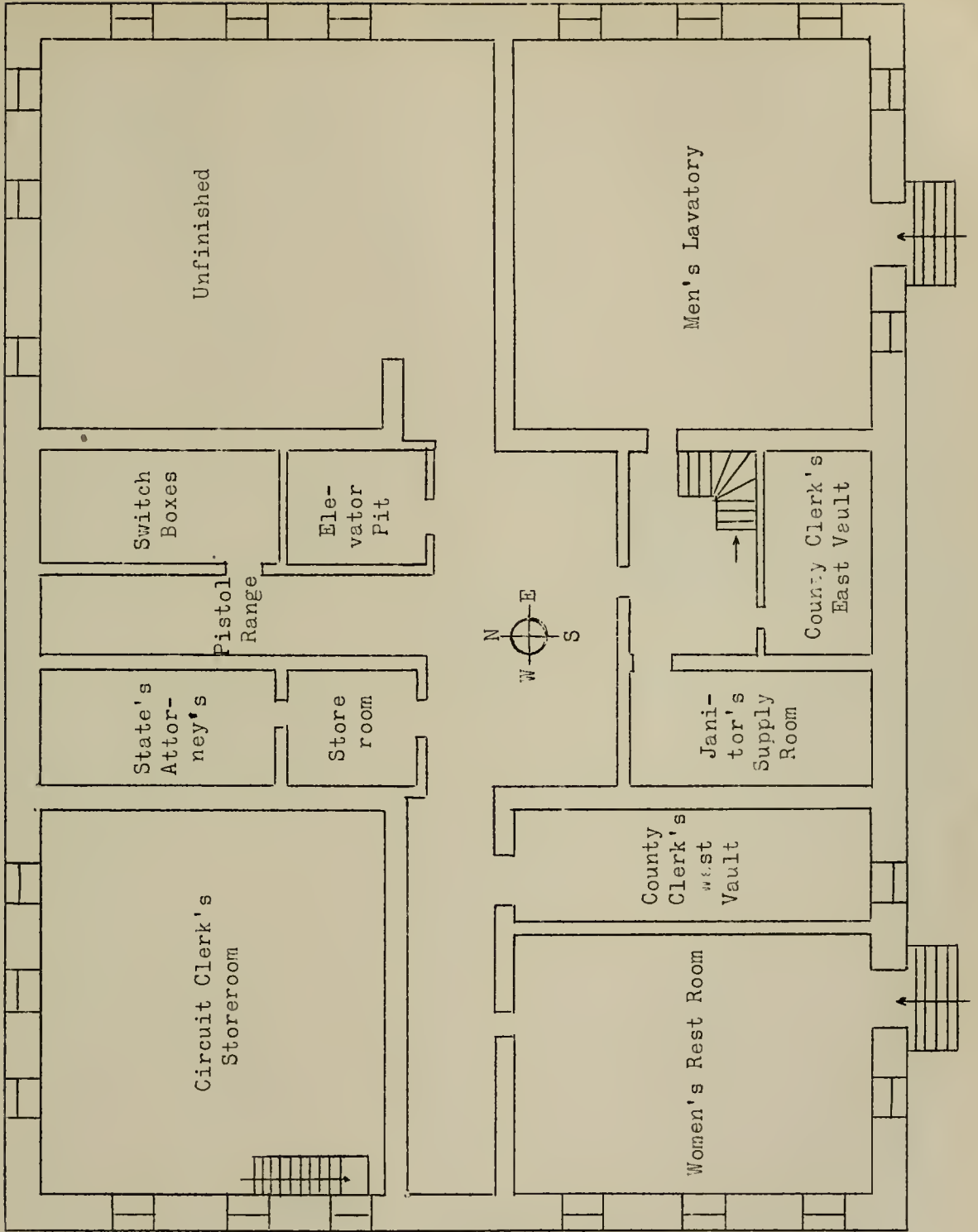
Ornamental chandeliers and drop cord lights furnish electric lighting in the major offices; in the minor offices and vaults only drop cord lights are used.

Accommodations for consultants of the records are excellent in all of the offices, but none are provided in the basement vaults. Only the county clerk's main office and west basement vault, and the circuit clerk's office and basement vault are overcrowded, about fifty percent additional space being needed in them for the proper storage of records. There is some dust in the basement vaults, the state's attorney's office, and in the office of the superintendent of highways, and some dampness in the county clerk's west basement vault.

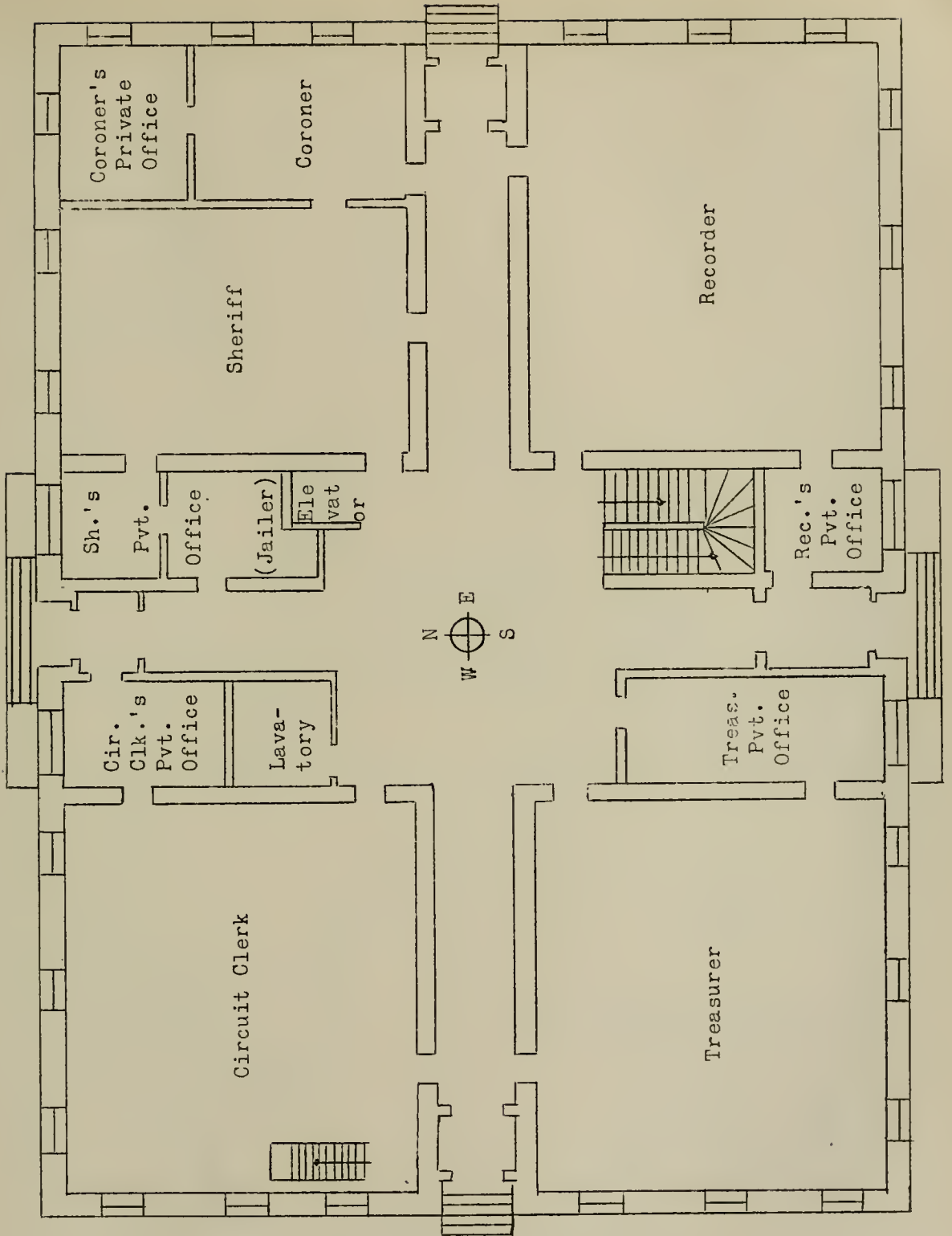
The allocation of county records, by offices, is as follows: county board, in the county clerk's main office, east and west basement vaults, and circuit clerk's vault, and three volumes, A, B, and C (1821-32), of the Record County Commissioners' Court, in the Illinois State Historical Library, Centennial Building, Springfield; county clerk, in the county court room, circuit clerk's vault, treasurer's office, and his own main office; recorder, in his office and the circuit clerk's vault; county court, in the county clerk's main office, the county clerk's east and west basement vaults, circuit clerk's vault, the juvenile probation office, and the mothers' pension office; probate court, in the probate clerk's office, and the county clerk's main office; circuit court, in the circuit clerk's office, his basement vault, and a small portion in the professional office of the adult probation officer, in the Illinois Banker's Assurance Building; sheriff, in his office in the courthouse and in the jailer's office in the county jail, at Seventh and Jefferson Streets, Springfield; coroner, in his office and in the circuit clerk's vault; state's attorney, in his office; supervisor of assessments, in the county clerk's main office; board of review, in the county clerk's main office; county collector, in the treasurer's office and in the county clerk's west basement vault; county treasurer, in his office, the county clerk's east and west basement vaults, and in the circuit clerk's vault; auditor, in his office; superintendent of schools, in his office; superintendent of highways, in his office, and his drafting room; surveyor, in the recorder's office, and in the circuit clerk's vault; county home, in the office of the superintendent at the county home, R.F.D. 1, Springfield; tuberculosis sanitarium, in the office of the tuberculosis sanatorium (sic) board; veterans' relief commission, in its office; and the department of public welfare, in the old age assistance office.

(For detailed information on the individual depositories, with a description of facilities for the housing of records, as well as percent of records stored therein, see charts on pages 58-60).

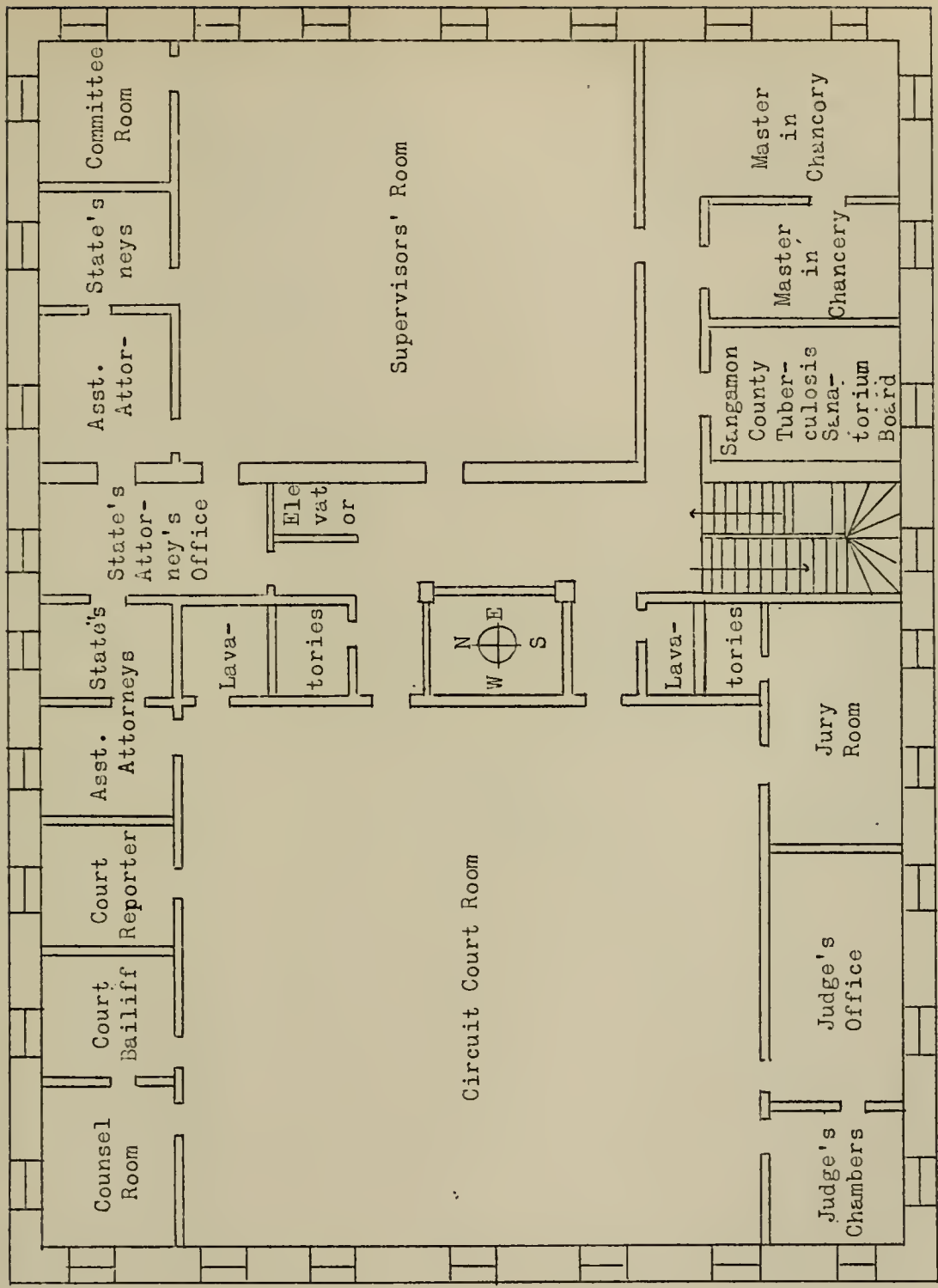
In summarizing, it must be conceded that in spite of the age of the courthouse, now over one hundred years old, provisions for careful housing and maintenance of records, with a view toward their best preservation, have been carried out. Binding and repair of record volumes are under direct supervision of the county board. Indexing and filing of records follow systems adopted and employed by other counties.



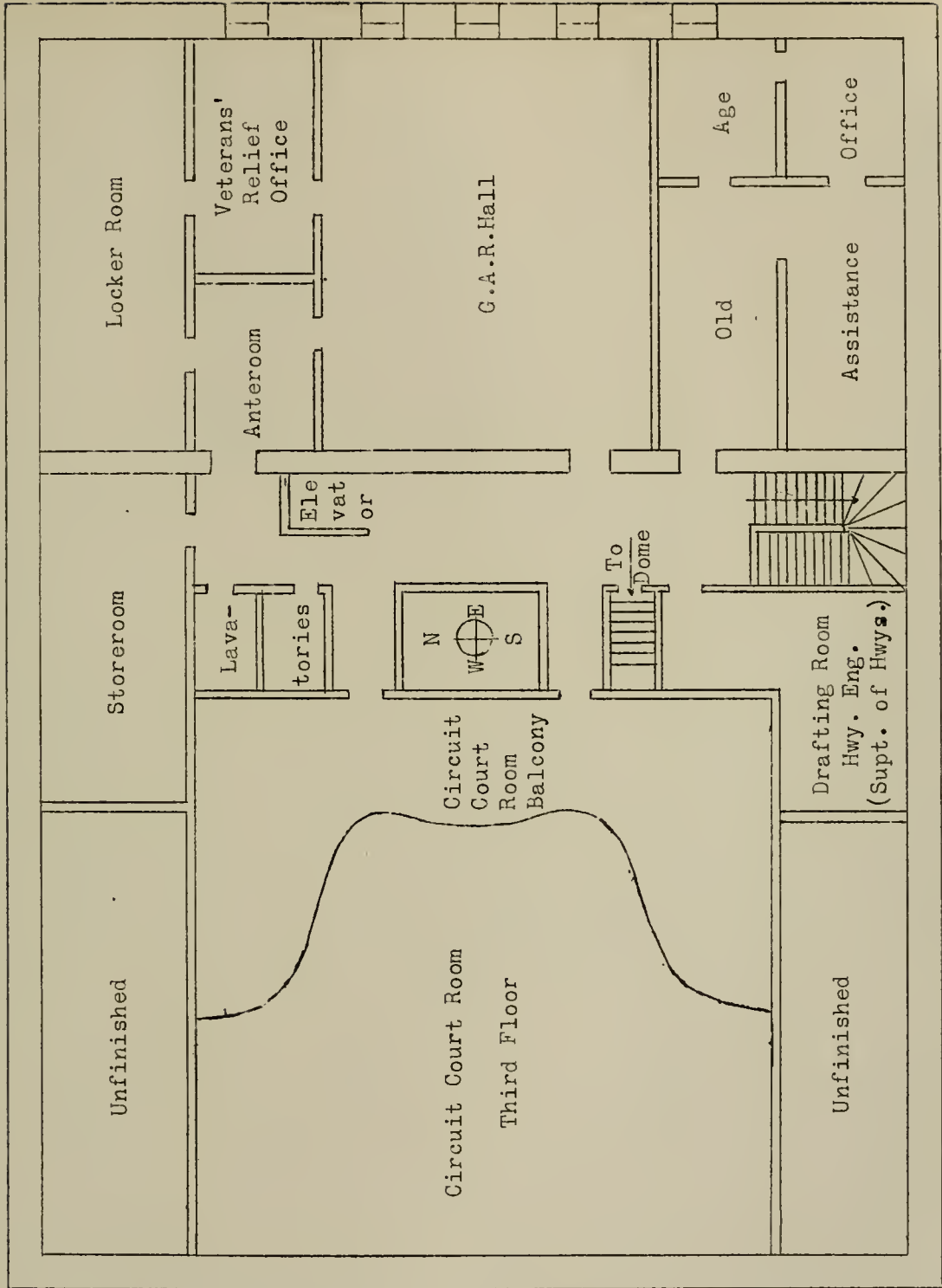
SANGAMON COUNTY COURT HOUSE
BASEMENT



SANGAMON COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FIRST FLOOR



SANGAMON COUNTY COURT HOUSE
THIRD FLOOR



SANGAMON COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FOURTH FLOOR

CHART SHOWING HOUSING FACILITIES AND PERCENTAGES OF RECORDS

SANGAMON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, Washington, Adams, Eighth, and Sixth Streets, Springfield

Depository	Floor Location	Dimensions	Shelving		Number of Containers	Percent of Records	
			Type	Feet		Own	Others
County Clerk's Main Office	2nd, S.E.	16x36x39	Steel	1234	982 f.b.	12	Co.Bd. 85; Co.Ct. 57; Pro.Clk. 3; Sup.Assmts. 100; Bd.of Review 100.
County Clerk's East Vlt.	Bsmt. S.E.	12x11x20	Wood	134	- - - -	18	Co.Bd. 1; Co.Ct. $\frac{1}{2}$; Coll. 2; Treas. 4.
County Clerk's West Vlt.	Bsmt. S.W.	12x12x36	Wood	662	500 f.b.	61	Co.Bd. 10; Co.Ct. 5; Coll. 62; Treas. 2.
County Court Room	2nd, N.E.	16x40x42	Steel	48	84 f.b.	14	Co.Bd. Jury Warrants, 1 v.; Co.Clk.'s Election Commission Papers, 5 f.b., Treas. 3.
Juvenile Probation Office	2nd, N.E.	16x12x15	Steel	7	8 f.b.	- - -	County Court $\frac{1}{2}$.
Mothers' Pension Office	2nd, N.E.	16x11x15	Steel Wood	38	35 f.b.	- - -	County Court 1.
Recorder's Office	1st, S.E.	12x36x40	Steel	1630	199 f.b.	75	Surveyor's 80.
Probate Clerk's Office	2nd, W.	16x26x36	Steel	1431	1358 f.b.	97	
Circuit Clerk's Office	1st, N.W.	12x36x40	Steel	877	1196 f.b.	34	
Circuit Clerk's Vault	Bsmt. N.W.	12x35x39	Steel Wood	1015	316 f.b.	65	Co.Bd. 4; Co.Clk. 6; Co.Ct. 22, Rec. 25; Cor. 30; Treas. 6; Surv. 20.
Sheriff's Office	1st, N.E.	12x36x24	Steel	87	- - - -	55	

SANGAMON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, Washington, Adams, Eighth, and Sixth Streets, Springfield

Depository	Floor Location	Dimensions	Shelving		Number of Containers	Percent of Records	
			Type	Feet		Own	Others
Coroner's Office	1st, N.E.	12x17x38	Steel Wood	69	67 f.b.	70	
State's Attorney's Office	3rd, N.E.	16x10x19	Steel	45	35 f.b.	100	
Treasurer's Office	1st, S.W.	12x36x40	Steel	570	- - - -	85	County Clerk 3; Collector 36.
Auditor's Office	2nd, N.	16x21x42	Wood	36	13 f.b.	100	
Supt. of Schools Office	4th, N.W.	12x33x39	Steel Wood	72	35 f.b.	100	
Supt. of Hwys. Office	2nd, S.	16x21x24	Steel Wood	37	20 f.b.	75	
Supt. of Hwys. Drafting Room	4th, S.	12x21x24	Wood	12	- - - -	25	
Tuberculosis Sanatorium Board's Office	3rd, S.E.	16x13x18	Steel Wood	218	15 f.b.	100	
Old Age Assistance Office	4th, S.E.	12x25x26	Steel	36	28 f.b.	100	
Veterans' Relief Commission	4th, N.E.	12x11x23	Steel Wood	36	6 f.b.	100	

COUNTY JAIL, Seventh and Jefferson Streets, Springfield

Depository	Floor Location	Dimensions	Shelving		Number of Containers	Percent of Records	
			Type	Feet		Own	Others
Jailer's Office	1st	10x10x16	Wood	12	- - - - -	- - - - -	Sheriff's 45.

COUNTY HOME, R.F.D.1, Springfield

Depository	Floor Location	Dimensions	Shelving		Number of Containers	Percent of Records	
			Type	Feet		Own	Others
Superintendent's Office	1st	15x14x14	- - -	- -	2 Safes	100	

ILLINOIS BANKERS ASSURANCE BUILDING, 220 East Monroe Street, Springfield

Depository	Floor Location	Dimensions	Shelving		Number of Containers	Percent of Records	
			Type	Feet		Own	Others
Adult Probationer's Office	1st	15x9x12	- - -	- -	16 f.b.	- - -	Circuit Court 1.

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY, CENTENNIAL BUILDING, Springfield

Depository	Floor Location	Dimensions	Shelving		Number of Containers	Percent of Records	
			Type	Feet		Own	Others
Library	3rd	- - - - -	- - -	- -	- - - - -	- - - - -	County Commissioners' Court Record, v. A-C, 1821-32.

4. ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

alph.	alphabetical(ly)
app.	appendix
arr.	arranged (arrangement)
Art.	Article
assr.	assessor
atty.	attorney
aud.	auditor
bd.	board
bdl.	bundle(s)
bldg.	building
bsmt.	basement
cf.	confer (compare)
ch.	chapter(s)
chron.	chronological(ly)
cir.	circuit
clk.	clerk
co.	county
coll.	collector
cont.	continued
cor.	coroner
ct.	court
dept.	department
f.b.	file box(es)
f.d.	file drawer(s)
fl.	floor
fm.	form
ft.	feet
hdgs.	headings
hdw.	handwritten
hwys.	highways
ibid.	ibidem (in the same place)
i.e.	id est (that is)
Ill.	Illinois Reports (Supreme Court)
Ill. App.	Illinois Appellate Court (Reports)
Ill.S.A.	Illinois Statutes Annotated
in.	inch(es)
juv.	juvenile
L.	Laws (of Illinois)
mi.	mile(s)
no.(s)	number(s)
N.W.	Northwestern Reporter
off.	office
op. cit.	opere citato (in the work cited)
p.	page(s)
pr.	printed
pro.	probate
probn.	probation
rec.	recorder
R.L.	Revised Laws (of Illinois)

rm.....	room
R.S.....	Revised Statutes (of Illinois)
sch.....	school(s)
sec.....	section(s)
sep.....	separate
Sess.....	Session
sh.....	sheriff
Sp.....	Special
strm.....	storeroom
supt.....	superintendent
surv.....	surveyor
treas.....	treasurer
twp.(s).....	township(s)
U.S.R.S.....	United States Revised Statutes
U.S.S.....	United States Statutes
v.....	volume(s)
vet.....	veterinarian
vice.....	in place of
vlt.....	vault
--.....	current

1. Despite inaccuracies in spelling and punctuation, titles of records are shown in the inventory proper exactly as on volumes and file boxes. The current or most recent title is used as the title of the ontry.

2. Explanatory additions to inadequate titles and corrections of erroneous titles are enclosed in parentheses and have initial capitals.

3. In the absence of titles, supplied titles are capitalized and enclosed in parentheses.

4. In the title set-up, letters or numbers in parentheses indicate the exact labeling on volumes or file boxes. If the volumes or file boxes are unlabeled, no labeling is indicated.

5. Title line cross references are used to complete series for records kept separately for a period of time, and in other records for different periods of time. They are also used in all artificial entries - records which must be shown separately under their own proper office or section heading even though they are kept in files or records appearing elsewhere in the inventory. In both instances, the description of the master entry shows the title and entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made. Dates shown in the description of the master entry are only for the part or parts of the record contained therein, and are shown only when they vary from those of the master entry.

6. Separate third paragraph cross references from entry to entry, and "see also" references under subject headings, are used to show prior, subsequent, or related records which are not part of the same series.

7. Unless the index is self-contained, an entry for the index immediately follows its record entry. Cross references are given for exceptions to this rule.

8. Records may be assumed to be in good condition unless otherwise indicated.

9. On maps and plat records, the names of author, engraver, and publisher, and information on scale have been omitted only when these data were not ascertainable.

10. Unless otherwise specified, all records are located in the county courthouse.

I. COUNTY BOARD

In Illinois, the county board is that body which exercises the corporate or politic power of the county.¹ In Sangamon County since 1821² three bodies have successively acted as a county board: the county commissioners' court, the county court, and the board of supervisors.

The Constitution of 1818 provided that there should be elected in each county, for the purpose of transacting all county business, three commissioners whose term of service, powers, and duties should be regulated and defined by law.³ The first General Assembly denominated the commissioners a court of record, styled the county commissioners' court.⁴ Four annual sessions were required to be held for six days each, unless the business should be completed sooner; additionally, any one of the commissioners had power, upon giving five days notice to the remaining commissioners and the clerk of the court, to call the court in special session, at which time it had the same authority as at a regular session.⁵ The first commissioners were elected for an irregular term;⁶ subsequently, it was provided that they should be elected at each biennial general election.⁷ In 1837 the term was lengthened to three years and staggered, with one new commissioner elected annually.⁸ Thereafter, the commissioner who was longest in office was to be recognized as the presiding officer of the court.⁹ Compensation, originally set at the sum of \$2.50 for each day's attendance in holding court,¹⁰ later was reduced to \$1.50.¹¹ In 1821 provision was made for the removal of commissioners for malfeasance

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1. R.L.1827, p. 107; R.S.1845, p. 130; R.S.1874, p. 306.
 2. Sangamon County was created in 1821. L.1821, p. 45.
 3. Constitution of 1818, Schedule, sec. 4.
 4. L.1819, p. 175.
 5. Ibid., p. 175,176.
 6. Ibid., p. 100. The commissioners were to continue in office from the election held on the fourth Monday in April 1819, until the first Wednesday in August 1820, and until their successors were elected and qualified. Not until 1821 was provision made for the election of such successors (L.1821, p. 80). In Sangamon County, the first commissioners held office from April 1821. to August 1822, the first occurrence of a regular biennial election.
 7. L.1821, p. 80.
 8. R.L.1837, p. 103,104. In 1838, to initiate the new procedure, three commissioners were elected; by lot, they held office respectively for one, two, and three years.
 9. Ibid., p. 104.
 10. L.1819, p. 176.
 11. R.L.1827, p. 205.

or nonfeasance of duties, with proceedings as in criminal cases;¹ when the first criminal code was enacted in 1827, the penalty was modified to a fine of not more than \$200, with removal from office only upon recommendation of the jury.² Vacancies resulting from any cause were filled by special election upon order of the clerk of the court to the district judges of election.³

In 1848 when the State of Illinois adopted a new constitution, the county commissioners' court was discontinued. In its place, the constitution provided for an administrative body to be composed of an elected officer, the county judge, and such number of justices of the peace as should be required by law.⁴ In the following legislative session, the General Assembly provided for the election of two justices of the peace to sit with the county judge to transact county business.⁵ Their term of office, like that of the county judge, was set at four years.⁶ This body, styled the county court, was required to hold four sessions annually and when so sitting, had all power, jurisdiction, and authority formerly conferred upon the county commissioners' court.⁷ The compensation of the county judge was originally set at \$2.50 for every day of holding court.⁸ In 1855 the amount was increased to \$3.00.⁹

The new constitution also directed to the General Assembly to provide, by general law, for a township organization under which any county might organize whenever a majority of the voters in the county should so determine.¹⁰ By provision of the subsequent enabling acts,¹¹ a board of supervisors, whose members were to be elected one in each township annually,¹² was created to transact all county business in counties adopting township organization.¹³ The board of supervisors was to meet for one regular session a year with the provision that

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1. L.1821, p. 20-22. Conviction further carried disqualification from holding office for one year.
 2. R.L.1827, p. 145.
 3. R.L.1837, p. 104. No election was required to be held if the term of the commissioner vacating office would have expired within six months from the date of vacancy.
 4. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 16,17,19.
 5. L.1849, p. 65,66.
 6. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 17; L.1849, p. 62,65,66.
 7. L.1849, p. 65.
 8. Ibid., p. 63.
 9. L.1855, p. 181.
 10. Constitution of 1848, Art. VII, sec. 6.
 11. L.1849, p. 190-224; L.1851, p. 35-78. The later law repealed and was a complete substitute for the earlier, but so far as their effect on the sphere of county government is concerned, there was almost no difference between the two.
 12. L.1849, p. 192; L.1851, p. 38.
 13. L.1849, p. 202-4; L.1851, p. 50-52.

special meetings might be held when convenient.¹ The board members were compensated at the rate of \$1.50 a day,² and a fine was provided in the sum of \$250.00 for refusal to perform, or neglect of, duties.

For eleven years Sangamon County was governed by a county court, not electing township organization until 1860. Ten years later, in 1870, Illinois adopted a new constitution which made provision for the continuance of township organization in counties so electing;⁴ the county court as an administrative body, however, was discontinued in favor of a board of three commissioners.⁵ By subsequent legislation the new board was granted all powers, jurisdiction, and authority formerly vested in the county court when acting in its administrative capacity.⁶ Sangamon County, having retained township organization, was not affected by this change.

Since 1874 population has been recognized as a factor in local representation on the board of supervisors. In that year, each town or city, besides its regular supervisor, became entitled to one assistant supervisor if it had four thousand or more inhabitants, two if sixty-five hundred, and one more for every additional twenty-five hundred.⁷ In 1931, these population requirements were made to affect only those counties having less than one hundred thousand inhabitants; in all other counties (Cook County excepted), any town or city became entitled to one assistant supervisor for every five thousand inhabitants, or major fraction thereof, contained within its boundaries.⁸ The differentiating figure was reduced in 1933 to ninety thousand.⁹ Sangamon County, with its population of 111,733 according to the 1930 U.S. Census was not affected by the latter change. Its board at present is composed of forty-two members. The assistant supervisors, whose terms run concurrently with those of the regular supervisors,¹⁰ have no powers or duties as town officers, but are members of the county board and enjoy the same powers and rights as

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1. L.1849, p. 202; L.1851, p. 51. In 1861 it was provided that special meetings could be called upon request of one third of the members of the board (L.1861, p. 236). Since 1899 two regular meetings have been required to be held by the board (L.1899, p. 363).
 2. L.1849, p. 203; L.1851, p. 52. In 1861 compensation was increased to \$2.00 a day (L.1861, p. 238).
 3. L.1849, p. 203, 204. This fine was reduced in 1851 to \$200 (L.1851, p. 52). Subsequent legislation reduced it still further and added the more frequent penalty for misfeasance, disqualification from office (R.S.1874, p. 1080).
 4. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 5.
 5. Ibid., Art. X, sec. 6.
 6. L.1873-74, p. 79, 80.
 7. R.S.1874, p. 1075.
 8. L.1931, p. 908.
 9. L.1933, p. 1116.
 10. Ibid., p. 1115.

other members.¹ The term of supervisors, lengthened in 1925 to two years,² was further extended in 1931 to four years.³ Compensation was increased from \$2.00 to \$5.00 a day in 1919,⁴ lowered to \$4.00 in 1933,⁵ and raised again to \$5.00 in 1937, with an allowance of five cents per mile for necessary travel.⁶

The functions of the Illinois county board have undergone little change since the beginning of statehood, the development being merely one of accretion and increasing complexity of duties within a well defined and nearly static sphere of authority and jurisdiction. The law establishing the court of county commissioners conferred upon it jurisdiction in all matters concerning county revenue.⁷ Of this basic provision, nearly all other statutory powers of the court can be considered extensions; some, enunciated in the same law, already show such a legislative viewpoint. The court was given power to regulate and impose the county tax and to grant such licenses as might also bring in revenue; additionally, it was given authority over all public roads, canals, turnpike roads, and toll bridges.⁸ Other legislation by the first General Assembly gave the court power to buy and sell lots whereon to erect county buildings and to contract for their construction;⁹ later, in the case of the courthouse at least, the court was declared to have the care and custody of the property and the right to make certain disposition of it.¹⁰ Care of the indigent was also made a function of the court; it was required to make appropriation, to be levied and collected in the same manner as other county revenue, for their support. As an extension of this fiscal function, it was required to appoint an overseer of the poor in every township and establish a county poorhouse if necessary.¹¹ Fiscal control over school lands was exercised at first solely through the court's power of appointment of the trustees of school lands;¹² after the creation of the office of county school commissioner,¹³ firmer control was effected through the medium of reports which the commissioner was required to submit to the court.¹⁴ By the terms of another early pro-

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1. R.S.1874, p. 1080; L.1925, p. 605; L.1929, p. 774; L.1931, p. 905, 907; L.1933, p. 1115.
 2. L.1925, p. 605.
 3. L.1931, p. 905.
 4. L.1919, p. 569.
 5. L.1933, p. 615.
 6. L.1937, p. 601.
 7. L.1819, p. 175.
 8. Ibid., p. 175.
 9. Ibid., p. 237, 238.
 10. L.1843, p. 128.
 11. L.1819, p. 127; L.1839, p. 138, 139.
 12. R.L.1827, p. 366.
 13. R.L.1829, p. 150.
 14. L.1831, p. 175; R.S.1845, p. 500, 501.

vision, a significant precursor of many similar ones to be found in more recent years, the court also had authority to examine the full accounts of the commissioner.¹ Other aspects of government which come early into this jurisdictional sphere, are elections and juries. With regard to the former, the court was authorized to establish election precincts,² appoint judges of election,³ and allow compensation to election officials for services and stationery.⁴ Its duty with regard to juries was relatively simple; it was required to select two panels each of petit and grand jurors. The former were required to be enrolled on the list of taxable inhabitants; the latter, only to be freeholders or householders.⁵

The substitution of the county court for the county commissioners' court produced no important changes in the sphere of government; neither the second constitution nor the enabling legislation made any original pronouncements with regard to the powers or duties of the former.⁶

The revised law on township organization, in the main, only made more inclusive and definite the powers of the board.⁷ The board was given capacity to purchase and hold any land within the county for the use of its inhabitants; it was also given authority to make such contracts, and to purchase and hold such personal property, as might be necessary to the exercise of its powers; moreover, it could make such orders for the disposition, regulation, or use of the corporate property as might seem to be to the interest of the inhabitants.⁸ Explicit also, was the authority to audit all claims against the county, and the accounts of such officers as were not otherwise provided for by law.⁹ The board was also given power to appropriate funds for the construction of roads and bridges in any part of the county whenever a majority of the whole board might deem it proper and expedient.¹⁰

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1. L.1831, p. 175.
 2. L.1821, p. 74. There was in this law and many of those following a limit to the number of precincts which could be established. See L.1825, p. 168; R.L.1827, p. 255; R.L.1829, p. 54; L.1835, p. 141. Prior to 1821 each township was declared by statute to constitute an election district (L.1819, p. 90).
 3. L.1819, p. 90.
 4. Ibid., p. 99.
 5. Ibid., p. 255; L.1823, p. 182.
 6. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 19; L.1849, p. 65.
 7. The Act of February 17, 1851, previously cited. L.1851, p. 35-78.
 8. L.1851, p. 50.
 9. Ibid., p. 51. This authority, in counties of the size of Sangamon, is now vested in the county auditor. See ch. XIV, Auditor.
 10. Ibid.

From the enabling legislation of the present constitutional period is drawn the following brief statement of the principal functions of the county board:

1. The purchase, sale, and custody of the real and personal property of the county.
2. The examination and settlement of accounts against the county.
3. The issue of orders on the county treasury in pursuance of its fiscal administration.
4. The examination of accounts of county officers.
5. The supervision of elections, schools, and the selection of juries; the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges; the care of the indigent, infirm, and disabled.
6. The appropriation of funds necessary to effect its functions; the raising of such sums through taxation; and in general, the management of county funds and county business.¹

In caring for indigent war veterans, the Sangamon County board is assisted by the Veterans' Relief Commission.² The board is required to appropriate money for this purpose,³ and the funds thus allocated are then distributed under the supervision of the president (or chairman) of the county board, or some other county officer that he may appoint, and the superintendent of the Veterans' Relief Commission.⁴ The board, in Sangamon County, is also required to supply additional sums of money, upon recommendation of the commission, for the compensation of those officers and employees who administer relief.⁵

At all times the county board has had a clerk who has served it in a ministerial capacity. The law creating the county commissioners' court provided that it should have such an officer and gave it the power to appoint him.⁶ This appointive power was rescinded in 1837 by an act which made the office elective.⁷

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1. R.S.1874, p. 306.
 2. In counties of seventy-five thousand or more inhabitants, where there are two or more veterans' posts, a central relief commission, styled the Veterans' Relief Commission, may be organized. This commission, when organized, consists of one delegate and one alternate from each post. The executive powers of the commission are vested in a superintendent, elected by the commission from among Civil War, Spanish, or World War veterans (L.1935, p. 266,267).
 3. L.1907, p. 79,80; L.1935, p. 266.
 4. L.1935, p. 267.
 5. Ibid., p. 267,268. This provision applies only to counties having more than seventy-five thousand and less than five hundred thousand inhabitants.
 6. L.1819, p. 175.
 7. R.L.1837, p. 49.

When the county court supplanted the county commissioners' court, the office of clerk of the latter body ceased to exist. A new office was created by statute, that of clerk of the county court.¹ When the court sat for the transaction of county business, its clerk was in effect a clerk of a county board. Legal recognition of this distinction was given in the provision that the clerk should keep his records of the court's administrative actions separate from those of its judicial actions. For this purpose, two sets of books were to be kept.² The adoption of township government by Sangamon County did not alter the material situation; the clerk of the county court was required to act as the ministerial officer of the board of supervisors.³

In 1870 the new constitution established the office of county clerk;⁴ subsequently, the General Assembly provided that the county clerk should act as clerk of the county board as well as ex-officio clerk of the county court.⁵ From that time to the present, the county board has been served in a ministerial capacity by this officer.

The major record kept by the clerk for the county board is the minutes of its proceedings. This heterogeneous record includes orders to issue warrants on the county treasury; the board's consideration of the action on reports of committees of its members on roads and bridges, indigent and infirm relief, schools, taxation, etc.; and its orders in regard to juries, licenses, and other matters within its jurisdiction.⁶

The clerk also keeps, separately, a register of orders issued on the county treasury and lists of jury venire; files and preserves all bills of accounts acted on by the board; and has custody of reports required to be made to the board by the county treasurer, various school bodies, and a number of county officers.⁷ An obligation to preserve a multiplicity of other records is clearly set forth in the general provision requiring the clerk to have the care and custody of all papers appertaining to, as well as filed in, his office.⁸

For other records relating to the county board of supervisors, see entries 343-353.

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1. L.1849, p. 63.
 2. Ibid., p. 66.
 3. Ibid., p. 203.
 4. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8.
 5. R.S.1874, p. 260,322.
 6. L.1819, p. 5,6,28,77,127,334,335,352; L.1823, p. 145,148; L.1826, p. 130,131; R.L.1829, p. 126,132-37,151-53; L.1831, p. 89,90; L.1835, p. 131,132,136; L.1839, p. 71,72; R.S.1845, p. 287,342,403,437; L.1849, p. 66; L.1861, p. 234-37; R.S.1874, p. 323.
 7. L.1819, p. 201,314; L.1825, p. 147; R.L.1827, p. 366; L.1845, p. 169; R.S.1845, p. 136; L.1861, p. 237; R.S.1874, p. 325.
 8. R.S.1874, p. 322.

Proceedings of Board
(See also entries 175, 394)

1. SUPERVISORS (Files), 1821--. 607 f.b. Title varies: County Commissioners' Files; County Court (Commissioners' Files).

Proceedings of county board, including semiannual reports, resolutions, roll call, appointments, petitions, proposals, bids, and contracts for construction of county buildings, bills and claims, clerk's reports on tax books, election returns, reports of county officers and township supervisors, officers' bonds, payrolls, tax levies, county budgets, road maps, and tavern and ferry licenses. Also contains (Bond Issues), entry 25 and Reports of Jury Service, 1860-1909, entry 34. Arr. chron. No index. 1821-94, hdw. and hdw. on pr. fm.; 1895--, typed, hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 9 x 5 x 14. 522 f.b., 1821-98, 1908--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.; 85 f.b., 1899-1907, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.

2. RECORD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 1821--. 32 v. (A-F, 2, 1-25).

Title varies: Record County Commissioners' Court.

Supervisors' record showing minutes of meetings and business transacted, including relief appropriations, establishment of roads, appointment of custodians of county property, allowance of bills and claims against the county, setting of salaries of county officers, and contracts, reports on county home, jail, courthouse, and detention home expenses, reports of county superintendent of schools, and road and bridge tax levies. Arr. chron. For index, 1821-72, see entry 3; 1873--, no index. Hdw. 600 p., 12 x 10 x 2 - 18 x 12 x 3. V. A-C, 1821-32, State Historical Library, Centennial Bldg., 3rd fl.; v. D-F, 2, 1-25, 1833--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

3. INDEX TO RECORD OF SUPERVISORS, 1821-72. 2 v. (5, 1 not numbered). Discontinued. Title varies: County Commissioners' Index.

Index to Record Board of Supervisors, entry 2, showing title of subject, and record book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by subject. Hdw. 400 - 480 p. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 12 x 7 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

4. OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF SUPERVISORS, 1885--. 54 v. Missing: 1896-98.

Minutes of supervisors' meetings, showing date of session, names of chairman and members of board, communications, committees' reports, resolutions on petitions, county officers' reports, actions on claims, and on transactions of county business. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of subject. 200 - 800 p. 9 x 6 x 1 - 9 x 7 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Printed. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Disposition of Accounts
(See also entries 329-332)

Registers of County Orders

5. REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1845--. 22 v. (7 not numbered, 9-20, 3 not numbered, 1845-1928, 1933--); 2 bdl. (1929-32).
Register of county warrants, including highway warrants prior to 1932, showing warrant number, name of claimant, date, purpose of issue, by whom drawn, and date of cancellation. Also contains (Register of County Orders, Births and Deaths), 1928--, entry 8. Arr. by warrant no. No index. 1845-59, hdw.; 1860--, hdw. under pr. hdgs. V. 300 p. 17 x 16 x 2; bdl. 14 x 6 x 6. 7 v. not numbered, 1845-95, v. 13, 1908-11, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 9-12, 14, 17, 1896-1907, 1919-22, 2 v. not numbered, 1933-35, co. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 18-20, 1923-28, 2 bdl., 1929-32, co. clk.'s east vlt., bsmt.; v. 15, 16, 1912-18, 1 v. not numbered, 1936--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
6. JURY WARRANTS, 1872--. 2 v. (1, 2).
Register of warrants issued in payment for jurors' services, showing names of jurors, number of days of service, mileage, and date and amount of warrant. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of juror. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 320 p. 18 x 12 x 1. V. 1, 1872-1906, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 2, 1907--, co. courtroom, 2nd fl.
7. COUNTY HIGHWAY WARRANT REGISTER, 1932--. 1 v. (1).
Register of warrants issued by county highway department, showing warrant number, amount and date of order, to whom payable, purpose of issue, and by whom received. Arr. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 14 x 11 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
For prior records, see entry 5.
8. (REGISTER OF COUNTY ORDERS, BIRTHS AND DEATHS), 1904-27. 1 v. 1928-- in Register of Warrants, entry 5.
Register of orders issued to coroners, physicians, and midwives for reports of births and deaths, showing date, order number, name of payee, number of birth and death reports, amount of payment, and date of cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 190 p. 16 x 10 x 1½. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
9. BOUNTIES FOR ENGLISH SPARROWS, 1898-1901. 1 v. Discontinued.
Register of orders issued for bounty on English sparrows, showing dates of issue and cancellation, order number, name of payee, amount, and total number of sparrows killed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 198 p. 14 x 9 x 1. Co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.
10. BOUNTIES ON CROWS, 1891-98. 1 v. Discontinued.
Register of orders issued for bounty on crows, showing date, order number, name of payee, by whom certified, and dates of warrant and cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Binding and paper poor, writing faded. 106 p. 14 x 8 x 1. Co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.

Cancelled County Orders

11. (CANCELLED COUNTY ORDERS AND JURY CERTIFICATES), 1919--.
97 f.b. Prior records cannot be located.

Cancelled county orders and jury certificates, showing date, amount, to whom payable, and dates of payment and cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 4 x 14 - 12 x 5 x 14. 48 f.b., 1919-35, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 49 f.b., 1936--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Pension Funds and Applications (See
also entries 202-207, 330, 351)

12. EXAMINER'S REGISTER FOR RELIEF OF BLIND, 1916--. 2 v. (1, 2). Register of applications for blind relief, showing application number, dates of application, affidavit, and examination, names of applicant and witnesses, examiner's findings, and amount of allowance. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 p. 14 x 9 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

13. APPLICATIONS FOR BLIND PENSION, 1929--. 2 f.b. Applications for blind pensions, showing dates of application and examination, names of applicant, witnesses, persons making affidavits, and examiner, oath as to blindness, findings of examination, amount of allowance, dates of payments, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Bills and Claims (See also
entries 1, 2, 4, 175, 385, 390)

14. BAILIFF'S CLAIMS, 1931--. 1 f.b. Receipted claims for salaries of bailiffs, showing date, name of bailiff, court and cases served, amount of salary, date of payment, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

15. RECORD OF BILLS OF COUNTY HIGHWAY (State-Aid Road Bills and Contracts), 1894-1927. 6 f.b. Bills and claims for maintenance, repairs, and supplies for state-aid roads, showing date, name of claimant, and description and amount of claim; also specifications and contracts for construction, showing date, names of contractor and highway or bridge, nature of work, materials required, estimated cost, contract price, and time limit. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

16. GAS, ELECTRIC, TELEPHONE, AND COAL BILLS, 1917-23. 2 f.b. Receipted bills for gas, electric lights, telephone, and coal owed by the county for the period from January 1917 to July 1923, showing dates, name of payee, amount of payment, and signature of recipient. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

17. ENGINEERS' AND WATCHMENS' SALARY, 1883-99. 1 f.b.
Record of salaries paid to engineers and watchmen, showing date, name, rate of pay, hours of work, total amount of payment, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Management of County Properties
(See also entries 1, 2)

Deeds and Contracts

18. DEED FOR DETENTION HOME, 1913. 1 f.b.
Deed and abstract for the county detention home, showing legal description, consideration, names of grantor and grantee, and date of recording. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

19. BONDS OF CONTRACTOR - COURT HOUSE, 1900-1903. 1 f.b.
Contractors' bonds for remodeling courthouse, showing names of principal and sureties, obligation of bond, amount, and termination date. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

20. FURNITURE CONTRACTS, 1901. 1 f.b.
Contracts for office furniture in courthouse, showing dates, names of contractor, type of furniture, specifications, price, name of department, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Operation

21. COURTHOUSE AND GROUNDS, 1912-20. 1 v. Discontinued.
Itemized record of courthouse expenses, showing date, name of payee, amount, and total expenses. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 18 x 16 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

22. COUNTY JAIL, 1912-20. 1 v. Discontinued.
Itemized record of operating expenses of jail, showing dates, amounts, name of payee, and totals. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 18 x 16 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

23. DETENTION HOME, 1912-20. 1 v. Discontinued.
Itemized record of operating expenses of detention home, showing date, amount, name of payee, and totals. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 18 x 16 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

24. LEDGER, 1899-1902. 1 v. Discontinued.
Record of expenditures for remodeling of county courthouse, showing date, title of account, portfolio and warrant number, and amount. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of account. Hdw. 129 p. 14 x 8 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Bond Issues

25. (BOND ISSUES), 1821--. In Supervisors (Files), entry 1. Original indentures of bond issues for building and remodeling of county buildings other than schools.

26. SCHOOL BONDS, 1918--. 3 f.b. Resolutions passed by board of education allowing issuance of bonds for erection and repair of schools, showing name and location of school, amount of bond, terms, rate of interest, and date of maturity. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

27. BOND RECORD, 1856--. 1 v. Register of bond issues, showing date, number, and term of bond, to whom issued, purpose of issue, amount of principal and rate of interest, how payable, and date of cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Binding poor. 150 p. 16 x 14 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl. *Ref.*

28. TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND RECORD, 1918--. 1 v. (1). Record of bonds issued for Divernon and Ball townships, showing number, date, purpose, and amount of bond, rate of interest, and dates of maturity and cancellation. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of twp. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 120 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Insurance

29. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE COMPANIES, 1908--. 1 f.b. Insurance policies covering the various county buildings, showing date, name of building, amount and terms of policy, and date of filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Reports to the Board
(See also entries 1, 2, 394)

30. CAPITAL TOWNSHIP (Supervisors' Meetings), 1931--. 28 f.b. Reports of proceedings of meetings of Capital township supervisors, showing names of supervisors, dates of meetings, resolutions adopted, and claims allowed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

31. CAPITAL TOWNSHIP (Township Supervisors), 1902--. 2 v. Reports to county board of proceedings of the township board of supervisors, showing minutes of meetings, including bills and claims, amounts allowed, and statements of township financial affairs. Arr. chron. No index. Typed and hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

32. (SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS' AND AUDITORS' PAPERS), 1828-53. 3 f.b. Discontinued.

Reports of receipts and loans of money, sales account of school commissioner, auditor's certificate of land redeemed, abstract of land entered for taxation, auditor's list of taxable land, and resignation of school land commissioner. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Writing, paper, and containers poor. 8 x 4 x 10. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

33. (SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS), 1889-94. 1 v. Discontinued.

Quarterly statements of superintendent of schools to county board, showing amounts received in fines from justice of peace and judge, names of justice or judge, and depository; also report of superintendent's activities. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Binding very poor. 200 p. 16 x 10 x 1. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

Jury Lists

(See also entries 6, 11, 257, 262, 286-288, 302, 306, 307, 315, 316, 319)

34. REPORTS OF JURY SERVICE, 1910--. 5 f.b. 1860-1909 in Supervisors' (Files), entry 1.

List of jurors selected for jury service, showing date, term date, names and addresses of jurors, cases tried, number of days served, mileage, amount of fee, and date of discharge. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

II. COUNTY CLERK

Forerunner of the present county clerk was the clerk of the county commissioners' court. This court was the administrative body in Sangamon County from the organization of the county in 1821 to 1849.¹ The Constitution of 1848 and laws of 1849 created a new judicial branch of county government presided over by the county judge and entitled the "county court,"² and provided for the quadrennial election of a "clerk of the county court."² In addition to his duties as clerk of the judicial court, the incumbent was also to act as clerk of the administrative branch of government which consisted of the county judge and two justices of the peace sitting at spe-

1. Constitution of 1818, Schedule, sec. 4; L.1819, p. 175.

2. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 16,18,19; L.1849, p. 62,63.

cial terms.¹ In 1860 Sangamon County adopted the township form of government necessitating the election of a board of supervisors to supplant the county court as the county administrative body.² Accordingly, the clerk of the county court became ex-officio clerk of the board of supervisors.³

The above-mentioned clerks all performed the duties of county clerk as well as those of clerks of a judicial or administrative body. In fact, legislation frequently referred to these incumbents as "county clerks" when defining duties relating to county business as distinct from duties as clerks of judicial or administrative bodies. The Constitution of 1870 specifically provided for a county clerk,⁴ who has continued to act to the present in this capacity, and also as clerk of the county board⁵ and clerk of the county court.⁶ The revised statutes of 1874 adopted the use of a distinction of titles for each of his ex-officio capacities, applying the title "county clerk" only when referring to his duties as such. It is the performance of these duties that gives rise to the records dealt with in this section.

The clerk was an appointee of the county commissioners' court in Sangamon County from 1821 to 1837.⁷ In the latter year the office became elective with a four-year term;⁸ a two-year term became effective in 1847.⁹ A bond of \$1,000 was set.¹⁰ The clerk of the county court served for a four-year term and was bonded in the sum of \$3,000.¹¹ The Constitution of 1870 and the revised statutes of 1874, establishing the office of county clerk, provided for his election for a quadrennial term, and that the amount of his bond be set by the county board.¹² The bond is entered upon the records of his office, and deposited with the clerk of the circuit court. He is required to take oath, and is commissioned by the Governor.¹³ The county seal is kept by the clerk and used by him when required.

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1. L.1849, p. 65,66.
 2. Constitution of 1848, Art. VII, sec. 6; L.1849, p. 192,197,202; L.1851, p. 38,45,50.
 3. L.1849, p. 203; L.1851, p. 52.
 4. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 18 and Art. X, sec. 8.
 5. R.S.1874, p. 322.
 6. Ibid., p. 260.
 7. L.1819, p. 175.
 8. R.L.1837, p. 49.
 9. L.1845, p. 28.
 10. L.1819, p. 176,177; R.L.1833, p. 143; R.S.1845, p. 131.
 11. L.1849, p. 63,64.
 12. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8; R.S.1874, p. 321.
 13. R.S.1874, p. 321.

In general, the county clerk's performance of his functions results in records relating to the following: taxation, vital statistics, licenses, and bonds. Various officials and agencies having authority over these matters report to, or deposit records with, the county clerk, who in this manner acts as a coordinating factor in the execution of local and state affairs. In regard to other of these matters, the clerk is required to perform duties on his own behalf and retain the records resulting from such performance.

Illustrations of both of these procedures may be found by examining the various duties and records relating to taxation. It is the duty of the county clerk to procure all books and blanks used in the assessment and collection of taxes, and to list in such books the lands and lots subject to taxation.¹ These books are then turned over to the supervisor of assessments who has the township assessors enter the valuations against each piece of property listed. The supervisor completes revisions and corrections upon complaint of property owners and returns the books in duplicate to the county clerk.² Personal property assessments are handled in essentially the same manner. The board of review then makes adjustments on complaints and equalizes assessments between districts, certifying corrections and revisions to the county clerk.³ The county clerk then reports the entire assessment list to the State Tax Commission for equalization, the equalized list then being used by the county clerk in ascertaining tax rates and extending taxes.⁴

The State Tax Commission also certifies to the county clerk the assessments of the capital stock of corporations and railroad and telegraph companies, it being the duty of the clerk to extend these taxes and retain the books after use by the collector.⁵

The books are next turned over to the county collector who, after collection, returns lists of collections, together with lists of un-

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1. L.1867, p. 106; L.1871-72, p. 19,32; L.1903, p. 297. During the period of the first constitution such books and lists were prepared by the auditor of public accounts and turned over to the clerk of the county commissioners' court (L.1825, p. 173; R.L.1827, p. 329; L.1839, p. 3,4; L.1847, p. 79,80).
 2. The first assessment officer was the county treasurer (L.1819, p. 315; R.L.1827, p. 328-36). In 1839 this function was performed by the district assessors, who received from the county clerk copies of the auditor's transcripts (L.1839, p. 3,4). The treasurer resumed these duties in 1844 (L.1843, p. 231), retaining them until the adoption of the township organization in 1860 saw the township assessors acting in each township (L.1849, p. 192). The treasurer now acts as ex-officio supervisor of assessments (L.1898, p. 36-44).
 3. L.1898, p. 36-44.
 4. L.1919, p. 723.
 5. L.1871-72, p. 11,13,16; L.1937, p. 1011, 1012.

collected real and personal property taxes.¹ The county clerk attends all tax sales, prepares a list of all sales and issues duplicate reports thereof, records affidavits of purchases of property for taxes, and keeps a record known as the "tax judgment, sale, redemption, and forfeiture record."²

An extensive group of vital statistics records is kept by the county clerk, including records relating to births and deaths, marriages, physicians, and midwives. It is interesting to note that the first legislation in regard to the keeping of vital statistics was included in the act for the establishment of medical societies.³ One section of this act made it the duty of every physician to keep a record of births, deaths, and diseases occurring within the vicinity of his practice and to transmit such record to his medical society, whereupon the record was to be published in the newspapers. In 1842 it was provided that a parent could appear before the clerk of the county commissioners' court and make affidavit as to the birth of a child, and the eldest next of kin of a deceased person could similarly appear and make affidavit as to death.⁴ It is probable that the tenor of the above-mentioned laws explains the fact that no birth or death records exist in Sangamon County prior to 1877, the first law, 1819, requiring no public record to be kept, and the 1842 law providing that affidavits "may" be made. The act of 1877 creating the State Board of Health required that all births and deaths in the county be reported to the county clerk by the physicians and accoucheurs supervising such events.⁵ Teeth were put into this and subsequent laws by providing penalties for noncompliance. In 1901 death certificates issued by physicians, midwives, or coroners were to be presented to town clerks who issued burial permits and forwarded the certificates to the county clerk.⁶ In 1903 certificates of death were to be turned over to the State Board of Health, which board, in turn, delivered to the county clerk all certificates so received.⁷ In 1915 it was provided that for the registration of all births, stillbirths, and deaths outside any city, village, or incorporated town, the township clerks should deposit a complete set of such records with the county clerk who was charged with the binding and indexing, or recording, and safe keeping of such records.⁸ From the earliest date, the legislation in regard to these matters provided that the clerk retain the abstracts and certificates, keep a record of births and deaths,

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1. L.1849, p. 124,125; L.1871-72, p. 55; L.1931, p. 759. In 1821 the auditor of public accounts was charged with the collection of taxes on nonresidents' lands (L.1821, p. 182).
 2. L.1839, p. 3; L.1871-72, p. 48; L.1879, p. 250.
 3. L.1819, p. 233.
 4. L.1842-43, p. 210-12.
 5. L.1877, p. 209.
 6. L.1901, p. 302,303.
 7. L.1903, p. 315-18.
 8. L.1915, p. 660.

maintain alphabetical indexes, and issue certified copies of certificates upon request. The clerk has also been required to prepare a register of all physicians and accoucheurs in the county.¹

From the date of the establishment of Sangamon County, the county clerk, or clerk of the county commissioners' court, has been required to file marriage certificates and certificates of parents' consent to the marriage of minors.² In 1827 the clerk was required to keep a separate register of marriages in addition to his file of certificates.³ Before 1877 persons desiring to marry were required to secure licenses from the county clerk only when they had not previously published such intention, but in that year the securing of a license was made mandatory.⁴ Although a record of applications for marriage licenses has been kept by the clerk in this county since 1877, an act of 1937 appears to be the first legislation requiring the maintenance of such a record.⁵ The same act provides that persons desiring to marry shall present to the county clerk a certificate setting forth that such person is free from venereal diseases, such certificates to be filed with the application for license to marry.⁶ Indexes to marriage records have been kept in Sangamon County since 1821.

The county clerk is charged with a number of duties relating to elections, such as preparing and issuing blank ballots,⁷ poll books,⁸ and certificates of election,⁹ and keeping a record of registers of elections,¹⁰ petitions,¹¹ and marked ballots,¹² tally sheets,¹³ and election returns which are transmitted to him by the judges of election.¹⁴ Abstracts of returns were formerly prepared by the clerk, but these are now originated by the election commissioners or judges of election and deposited with the clerk. Returned ballots are destroyed by the clerk six months after election, provided no contest in which the ballots are needed is in progress.¹⁵ In 1889, when returns of elections for school trustees were made to the county clerk, in counties under township organization, he was

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1. L.1877, p. 209.
 2. L.1819, p. 27.
 3. R.L.1827, p. 289.
 4. L.1877, p. 130.
 5. L.1937, p. 909.
 6. Ibid., p. 910.
 7. L.1891, p. 113; L.1911, p. 311.
 8. L.1871-72, p. 386.
 9. L.1819, p. 96; L.1821, p. 79; L.1823, p. 64; L.1885, p. 176.
 10. L.1865, p. 59; L.1871-72, p. 386.
 11. L.1911, p. 310, 311; L.1929, p. 422.
 12. L.1891, p. 118.
 13. L.1885, p. 143.
 14. L.1819, p. 96; L.1821, p. 77; L.1823, p. 64; L.1871-72, p. 96.
 15. L.1917, p. 444.

charged with furnishing to the county superintendent of schools a list of all such trustees.¹ Today the clerk does not enter into the procedure, the school trustees canvassing the returns and certifying directly to the superintendent of schools.²

The bonds of a number of officials are required to be transmitted to the clerk for filing and entering in a book maintained for that purpose.³ Justices' of the peace and constables' oaths, bonds, and securities are approved by the clerk and entered in a separate book in accordance with statutory requirement. This book shows the date on which each justice of the peace and constable was sworn into office and the date of commission by the Governor. Resignations from these offices are made to the county clerk who enters such fact in the justices' and constables' record.⁴

The clerk is also charged with issuing licenses to peddlers, taverns, ferries, etc., and keeping records of the same.⁵ Other records kept are those relating to estrays; registers of professionals, including physicians, midwives, optometrists, dentists, chiropradists, and veterinarians;⁶ list of county officers; list of town officers which is furnished annually by the town clerk;⁷ record of notaries public;⁸ and book of state civil service rules.⁹ Referring to his list of town officers, the county clerk reports annually to the State Department of Public Health the names and addresses of the supervisor, assessor, and clerk of each township, and the dates of the expiration of their terms of office.¹⁰

Included in the provision that the county clerk be charged with the care and custody of all records, book, and papers appertaining to, and filed or deposited in, his officell are those duties as clerk of the board, wherein he is required to record the proceedings of the board and to file all their books, records, and accounts.¹² Also included are his record-keeping duties as ex-officio clerk of the county court.¹³ The clerk is

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1. L.1889, p. 271,322.
 2. L.1909, p. 352.
 3. R.S.1845, p. 396,397; L.1861, p. 237,238; R.S.1874, p. 325; L.1895, p. 188.
 4. L.1895, p. 188.
 5. L.1819, p. 77-79; R.L.1827, p. 320; R.L.1833, p. 438,439; R.S.1874, p. 530.
 6. L.1819, p. 206,207; L.1877, p. 209; L.1881, p. 79; L.1899, p. 273, 275,280; L.1917, p. 588; L.1923, p. 436; L.1927, p. 600; L.1935, p. 990.
 7. L.1861, p. 226; R.S.1874, p. 1077.
 8. L.1871-72, p. 575; R.S.1874, p. 721; L.1875, p. 88.
 9. L.1905, p. 115.
 10. L.1923, p. 480.
 11. R.S.1874, p. 322.
 12. L.1861, p. 238; R.S.1874, p. 322.
 13. R.S.1874, p. 260.

also required to keep jury lists¹ and a book in which he enters details as to orders upon the treasurer. He is further required to maintain alphabetical indexes to all records and papers in his office, and to supply copies of these records or papers to any person upon request and payment of the required fee.²

Taxation

(See also entries 114, 320-328)

Lists of Taxable Property,
Levies

35. ASSESSOR'S BOOKS (Lands, Lots, and Personal Property), 1908--. 1665 v. Prior records destroyed for lack of storage space. (Auburn Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 25 v. Missing: 1923, 1924, 1926, 1927. Personal Property, 1908--. 27 v. Missing: 1914, 1925, 1926.
Ball Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 22 v. Missing: 1914, 1917, 1919, 1924-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 26 v. Missing: 1920, 1921, 1925, 1926.
Buffalo Hart Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 23 v. Missing: 1914, 1917, 1924-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 27 v. Missing: 1911, 1925, 1926.
Capital Township, Town Lots, 1908--. 142 v. [1-12 with duplications]. Personal Property, 1908--. 188 v. [9-28 with duplications]. Missing: 1916, 1919, 1926.
Cartwright Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 23 v. Missing: 1914, 1924, 1926, 1927, 1933, 1934. Personal Property, 1908--. 29 v. Missing: 1926.
Chatham Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 22 v. Missing: 1911, 1921, 1923-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 27 v. Missing: 1914, 1921, 1926.
Clear Lake Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 22 v. Missing: 1911, 1914, 1917, 1918, 1924, 1926, 1933. Personal Property, 1908--. 25 v. Missing: 1913, 1921, 1924-26.
Cooper Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1914, 1924-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 29 v. Missing: 1926.
Cotton Hill Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1911, 1924-26, 1933. Personal Property, 1908--. 27 v. Missing: 1921, 1925, 1926.
Curran Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 23 v. Missing: 1917, 1924-27, 1933. Personal Property, 1908--. 28 v. Missing: 1925, 1926.

1. R.S.1874, p. 630.

2. Ibid., p. 321.

Divernon Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 25 v. Missing: 1917, 1924,1925,1927. Personal Property, 1908--. 27 v. Missing: 1914,1921,1926.

Fancy Creek Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1917,1924-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 28 v. Missing: 1921,1926.

Gardner Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1911, 1917,1924-26. Personal Property, 1908--. 27 v. Missing: 1914,1925,1926.

Illinopolis Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 23 v. Missing: 1914,1923-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 28 v. Missing: 1921,1926.

Island Grove Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1917,1924-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 28 v. Missing: 1925,1926.

Lanesville Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1922, 1924-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 28 v. Missing: 1925,1926.

Loami Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 23 v. Missing: 1910,1914, 1924,1925,1927,1929. Personal Property, 1908--. 28 v. Missing: 1914,1926.

Maxwell Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1914, 1924-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 27 v. Missing: 1914,1925, 1926.

Mechanicsburg Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1917,1921,1924,1925,1927. Personal Property, 1908--. 29 v. Missing: 1926.

New Berlin Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1923-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 26 v. Missing: 1914,1915,1925, 1926.

Pawnee Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1921, 1924-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 28 v. Missing: 1911,1926.

Rochester Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1914, 1924-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 28 v. Missing: 1923,1926.

Salisbury Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 21 v. Missing: 1914, 1917,1919,1921,1924-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 28 v. Missing: 1925,1926.

Springfield Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1917, 1921,1923,1926,1927. Personal Property. 1908--. 27 v. [1,2,25 not numbered]. Missing: 1914,1916,1925,1926.

Talkington Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 26 v. Missing: 1925-27. Personal Property, 1908--. 29 v. Missing: 1926.

Williams Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1914, 1924-26,1934. Personal Property, 1908--. 28 v. Missing: 1925, 1926.

Woodside Township, Real Estate, 1908--. 26 v. Missing: 1919, 1920,1925. Personal Property, 1908--. 30 v. Missing: 1926).

Lists of taxable lands, lots, and personal property, showing owner's name and address, description of property, number of acres, value, tax spread, and total tax. Lands arr. by sec., twp., and range: personal property arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 17 x 15 x 1. 596 v. Personal Property, 1908-36, co. clk.'s east vlt., bsmt.; 890 v. Real Estate, Personal Property, 1908-36, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 179 v., 1937--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

36. ASSESSOR'S BOOKS (Land and Lots, duplicates), 1915. 26 v. Lists of taxable real estate property, showing names of present and former owners, location, legal description of property, tax spread, and remarks. One volume for each township except Capital township. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 17 x 15 x 1. Co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.

37. RAILROAD TAX BOOK, 1889--. 6 v. (1 not numbered, 3-7). Lists of assessments on railroad property, showing itemized statement of real and personal property, valuations, distribution of tax, and recapitulation. Arr. alph. by name of railroad company. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 18 x 15 x 3. 1 v. not numbered, 1889-97, v. 4, 5, 1906-15, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 3, 1898-1907, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; v. 6,7, 1916--., treas.'s off., 1st fl.

38. TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH (Properties), 1927--. 1 v. 1908-26 in Collector's Books (Real and Personal Property), entry 53. Lists of taxable properties belonging to telephone and telegraph companies, showing names of company and township, description of property, real and assessed valuations, and tax spread. Arr. alph. by name of company. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 18 x 14 x 2. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

39. ABSTRACTS OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES, 1869--. 8 v. (5 not numbered, 1-3). Statement of footings of columns of assessment books, showing full and assessed valuations and amount of taxes on lands and lots, unimproved and improved lands. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 175 p. 17 x 13 x 1. 5 v. not numbered, 1869-76, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 1-3, 1877--., co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

40. RECORD OF ABSTRACT OF TAXES, 1883-1905. 1 v. Discontinued. Assessment and statement of taxes sent to state auditor, showing date, class of property, valuation, tax spread, tax due, total, and county clerk's statement of true bill. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 318 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.

41. TABULATED SHEETS DISTRICT HIGH AND NON-HIGH-SCHOOL TAX VALUATION AND RATES, 1908--. 31 v. Statements of school tax of each township, showing valuation, rate, amount of tax, and name of payer. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Binding poor. 50 p. 16 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

42. TAX LEVY SCHOOL, 1917--. 1 f.b. Prior records cannot be located. Certificates of tax levies for school building and educational funds, showing date, district number, assessed valuation, legal description of property, and amount of levy, number of votes for and against, statement by board, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 4 x 4 x 9. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

43. ROAD AND BRIDGE TAX LEVIES, 1921--. 3 f.b. Prior records cannot be located.

Highway commissioners' certificates of road and bridge tax wanted, showing commissioners' names, date, rate, purpose, and amount and valuation of assessed property. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 2 f.b., 1921-35, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 1 f.b., 1936--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

44. CORPORATION TAX LEVY, 1921--. 4 f.b. Prior records cannot be located.

Statements filed by various corporate cities relative to taxes to be levied for coming year, with purpose of levy, and amounts to be raised; also a statement showing names of governing bodies, and dates of filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. 2 f.b., 1921-34, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 2 f.b., 1935--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

45. JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, 1928--. 1 f.b.

Certificates of valuations of school districts which extend into adjoining counties, necessitating a joint valuation of property for tax purposes, showing legal description, district number, valuation, and school board's statement of outlying districts involved. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 4 x 4 x 9. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

46. SANITARY DISTRICT AND PARK TAX LEVY, 1935--. 3 f.b.

Certificates of taxes levied on corporations and townships, for maintenance of sanitary districts and parks, showing date, assessed valuation, legal description of property, amount of levy, and remarks. Arr. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

47. TAX LEVY TOWN, 1928--. 3 f.b. Prior records cannot be located.

Certificates of town tax levy, showing dates, name of town, authority to levy, purpose of tax, total amount, and clerk's signature. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 4 x 4 x 9. 1 f.b., 1928-35, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 2 f.b., 1936--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

48. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RECORD, 1898--. 11 v. (1-11).

Lists of streets, lots, and tracts of land assessed for improvements, showing cost of paving streets of city, location, amount of land involved, and amount of assessment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of street. Typed. 600 p. 18 x 11 x 2. V. 1-3, 1898-1901, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 4-11, 1902--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

49. PAVING RECORD CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, 1882-83. 1 v. Discontinued.

Paving record showing name of street paved, legal description of property, name of owner, number of feet of paving, amount of assessment, total cost, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 16 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

50. PETITIONS FOR SIDEWALKS, SEWERS AND PAVEMENTS OUTSIDE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, 1870-78. 1 f.b.

Assessment rolls for paving streets and walks, including petitions for right of way, and showing dates, names of petitioners, persons assessed, and streets to be paved, nature of proposed work, materials to be used, estimated cost, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

51. TOTAL ASSESSMENT FOR TOWN LOTS, 1857. 1 v.

Record of assessments for town lots, showing name of owner, location, lot and block numbers, tax spread, and total amount of assessment. Arr. by lot and block no. Indexed alph. by name of town. Hdw. on pr. fm. 285 p. 13 1/2 x 8 x 1. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

52. LAND BOOK - RECORD OF ORIGINAL ENTRIES, 1823-52. 1 v. Discontinued.

Record of original land entries transcribed from state auditor's record and used for assessment of taxes, showing date of entry, name of owner, legal description of property, and number of acres. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. Paper poor. 350 p. 17 x 9 x 1 1/2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Collections, Abatement

53. COLLECTOR'S BOOKS (Real and Personal Property), 1908--. 1179 v. Prior records destroyed.

- (Auburn Township, 1908--. 26 v. Missing: 1917, 1919, 1925.
- Ball Township, 1908--. 24 v. Missing: 1917, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1925.
- Buffalo Hart Township, 1908--: 26 v. Missing: 1917, 1920, 1925.
- Capital Township, Town Lots, 1908--. 288 v. [1-15 with duplications].
- Capital Township, Personal Property, 1908--. 196 v. [9-27 with duplications].
- Cartwright Township, 1908--. 27 v. Missing: 1917, 1924.
- Chatham Township, 1908--. 25 v. Missing: 1917, 1919, 1921, 1925.
- Clear Lake Township, 1908--. 27 v. Missing: 1921, 1925.
- Cooper Township, 1908--. 26 v. Missing: 1917, 1919, 1924.
- Cotton Hill Township, 1908--. 25 v. Missing: 1917, 1920, 1924, 1925.
- Curran Township, 1908--. 27 v. Missing: 1924, 1925.
- Divernon Township, 1908--. 26 v. Missing: 1917, 1924, 1925.
- Fancy Creek Township, 1908--. 25 v. Missing: 1917, 1921, 1924, 1925.
- Gardiner Township, 1908--. 26 v. Missing: 1917, 1924, 1925.
- Illioopolis Township, 1908--. 25 v. Missing: 1917, 1920, 1925, 1932.
- Island Grove Township, 1908--. 26 v. Missing: 1917, 1920, 1925.
- Lanesville Township, 1908--. 27 v. Missing: 1917, 1928.
- Loami Township, 1908--. 26 v. Missing: 1917, 1919, 1925.
- Maxwell Township, 1908--. 25 v. Missing: 1917, 1919, 1920, 1925.
- Mechanicsburg Township, 1908--. 25 v. Missing: 1917, 1921, 1923, 1925.

New Berlin Township, 1908---. 26 v. Missing: 1917,1921,1925.
Pawnee Township, 1908---. 26 v. Missing: 1917,1922,1925.
Rochester Township, 1908---. 26 v. Missing: 1917,1921,1925.
Salisbury Township, 1908---. 27 v. Missing: 1917,1925.
Springfield Township, 1908---. 36 v. Duplicate v. for 1909,
1911. Missing: 1917,1921,1925.
Talkington Township, 1908---. 26 v. Missing: 1917,1921,1925.
Williams Township, 1908---. 27 v. Missing: 1917,1925.
Woodside Township, 1908---. 37 v. Missing: 1909,1917,1925,1927).

Lists of taxable real and personal property, showing name of owner, description of property, amount of tax, name of payer, total due, tax spread, and tabular statement of footings of each page. Also contains Telephone and Telegraph (Properties), 1908-26, entry 38, and Dog Tax Record, 1921---, entry 94. Arr. alph. by names of addition and owner. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 17 x 15 x 1½. 161 v. Personal Property, 1908-36, co. clk.'s east vlt., bsmt.; 906 v. Town Lots, Land and Lots, Personal Property, 1908-36, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 112 v., 1937---, treas.'s off., 1st fl.

54. COLLECTOR'S CREDITS AND TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, 1908---. 1 f.b.
Prior records cannot be located.

Statements of receipts of county treasurer and collector, showing back taxes, county and detention home taxes, certificates of general tax levy for road and bridge purposes, and statements of county collector for partial settlement. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 4 x 4 x 9. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

55. (INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RETURNS FOR CAPITAL TOWNSHIP), 1934---. 357 v.

Lists of individual tax returns, showing names and addresses of owner and assessor, schedule and class of property, owner's valuation, value as fixed by assessor, total tax including penalty, interrogatories, and date of return. Arr. alph. by name of street. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 p. 9 x 14 x 1½. Co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.

56. (DELINQUENT LANDS AND LOTS), 1849---. 12 f.b.

Newspaper clippings of delinquent tax lists, showing legal description of property, amount due, name of owner, and number of years delinquent. Arr. chron. No index. Printed. 5 x 5 x 10. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

57. LAND RECORD, 1839-49. 1 v. Discontinued.

Lists of delinquent taxes, showing names of property owners, legal description of property, assessed value, amounts of taxes, interest, and costs and penalties, and date due; also notices of unpaid taxes, applications for judgments against and for sale of lands, publisher's statement of publication, and notice that judgment was entered. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 550 p. 16 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

Judgment, Sale, Redemption

58. TAX JUDGMENT, SALE, REDEMPTION, AND FORFEITURE RECORD, 1833--. 63 v. (3 not numbered, 1, 3 not numbered, 2, 3 not numbered, 3-11, 1 not numbered, 13, 2 not numbered, 16, 3 not numbered, 20, 25, 26, 29-31, 33-36, 1 not numbered, 38-46, 1 not numbered, 48-51, 52A-56A, 1833--; 52B-56B, 1932--). Missing: 1879, 1880, 1901-4, 1907, 1908, 1912.

Lists of lands and lots against which tax judgments have been entered, with record of sales, redemptions, and forfeitures, showing name and residence of owner, date, location and description of property, amount due, petition and court order for sale, name of redeemer, and date and amount of payment. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. 1833-84, 1921--, no index; for sep. index, 1885-1920, see entry 59. 1833-71, hdw.; 1872--, hdw. on pr. fm. 480 p. 18 x 12 x 2. 33 v., 1833-1928, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 17 v., 1863-1927, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 13 v., 1929--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

59. INDEX TO TAX SALES RECORDS, 1885-1920. 1 v.

Index to records of tax sales in Tax Judgment, Sale, Redemption, and Forfeiture Record, entry 58, showing book and page of entry, legal description of property, amount of sale, dates of sale and redemption, and name of grantee. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 640 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

60. EVIDENCE OF TAX DEEDS, 1872--. 8 v. (1-7, 1872--; 4, 1909-15). Copies of publisher's certificate of publication, affidavit of purchase, and clerk's certificate of tax deeds, showing names of owner, purchaser, and clerk, legal description of property, dates, and amount of sale. There is a duplicate volume for number 4, 1909-14. Also contains Certificates of Tax Purchase, 1872-1929, entry 62. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

61. AFFIDAVITS OF TAX DEED, 1872--. 15 f.b. Prior records cannot be located.

Affidavits for tax deeds, showing date of affidavit, name of purchaser, legal description of property, certification of notice, and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 4 x 6 x 10. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

62. CERTIFICATES OF TAX PURCHASE, 1930--. 7 v. 1872-1929 in Evidence of Tax Deeds, entry 60.

Copies of certificates of purchase, showing names of owner, buyer, clerk, and collector, dates of sale and filing, legal description of property, amounts of penalty, bid, and total taxes, assessments, interest, and costs. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 p. 6 x 9 x 4. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Vital Statistics

Births (See also entries
8, 114, 115)

63. INDEX TO BIRTHS, 1877--. 2 v. (1, 2).
Index to register of births and birth certificates, showing names of parents and child, book and page of entry, and certificate number. Arr. alph. by surname of parents. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 682 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
64. BIRTH CERTIFICATES, 1877--. 50 f.b., 1877-1915; 24 v., 1877--.
Certificates of birth, showing place of birth, registration and primary district numbers, registration number, name, sex, and date of birth of child, names of parents, occupation, number of children, eye treatment given child, certificate of attending physician or midwife, and date of filing. Issuance of duplicate certificates upon request has resulted in entries being found in bound series of volumes as far back as 1877. Arr. by certificate no. For index, see entry 63. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. V. 2000 p. 10 x 8 x 8; f.b. 10 x 5 x 14. 5 v., 1877-1919, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 50 f.b., 18 v., 1877-1936, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 1 v., 1937--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
65. REGISTER OF BIRTHS, 1877--. 34 v. (1-34).
Birth register showing place of birth, name and sex of child, parents' names, ages, race, and nativity, number of children in family, eye treatment given child, and certification of attending physician. Arr. chron. 1917--, indexed alph. by name of parent; for sep. index, see entry 63. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 650 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
66. RECORD OF STILLBIRTHS, 1878--. 2 v. (1, 2).
Copies of stillbirth certificates, showing dates of issue and return of certificate, date of birth, names of parents, medical attendant, undertaker, and person making return, places of birth and burial, residence of mother, period of utero-gestation, sex and color of child, cause of death, and nativity of parents. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 180 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
67. QUARTERLY BIRTH REPORTS, 1903-10. 2 f.b. 1911--, kept by State Department of Public Health, Springfield, Illinois.
Copies of birth reports sent to county clerk by town clerks and attending physicians, showing names of child and parents, date and place of birth, personal and statistical particulars, certification by attending physician or midwife, and date of filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.

Deaths (See also
entries 8, 114, 115)

68. INDEX TO DEATHS, 1877--. 1 v. (1).

Index to death certificates and register of deaths, showing name of deceased, book and page of entry, and certificate number. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 656 p. 18½ x 12½ x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

69. DEATH CERTIFICATES, 1877--. 51 f.b., 1877-1914; 18 v., 1915--.
Title varies: Death Reports.

Copies of death certificates, showing certificate number and date, names and addresses of deceased, physician, and undertaker, personal statistics of deceased, physician's certification of cause of death, places and dates of death and burial, and date of filing. Arr. chron. 1877-1914, no index; for index, 1915--. see entry 68. 1877-1914, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1915--. hdw. and typed. V. 2000 p. 10 x 8 x 8; f.b. 10 x 5 x 14. 51 f.b., 4 v., 1877-1920, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 13 v., 1921-35, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 1 v., 1936--. co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

70. REGISTER OF DEATHS, 1877--. 27 v. (1-27).

Register of deaths, showing certificate number, name, address, age, sex, color, marital status, and occupation of deceased, dates of birth and death, names and birthplaces of parents, medical certification of cause of death, place and date of burial, name and address of undertaker, date of filing, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 68. Hdw. on pr. fm. 311 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Marriages

71. INDEX TO MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1821--. 9 v. (1-9).

Index to marriage records, showing names of male and female, certificate number, and book and page of record. Arr. alph. by name of groom. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

72. MARRIAGE RETURNS, 1827--. 315 f.b.

Marriage license returns to county clerk, showing names and addresses of groom, bride, and parents, mother's maiden name, occupation, age, color, race, place of birth, and number of previous marriages of bride and groom, certificate number, place of marriage, and signatures of bride, groom, witnesses, and person performing ceremony. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 71. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. 308 f.b., 1827- 1935, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 7 f.b., 1936--. co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

73. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1821--. 13 v. (1-13).

Copies of marriage licenses, showing date and number, names of bride and groom, date and by whom married, and date of return of certificate. Abraham Lincoln's marriage to Mary Todd is recorded in volume 2, page 163, license number 2788, dated November 8, 1842. Arr. by license no. For index, see entry 71. Hdw. 1821-60, writing faded, paper very poor. 480 p. 16 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

74. REGISTER OF MARRIAGE, 1877--. 15 v. (A-O).

Marriage register showing date and number of license, names of male and female, by whom certified, and dates of marriage and return of certificate. Arr. by license no. For index, see entry 71. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 640 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

75. APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES, 1877--. 184 v.

Register of applications for marriage licenses, showing date and number of license, names of applicants, by whom certified, and dates of marriage and return of certificate. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 400 p. 14 x 8 x 1. 123 v., 1877-1921, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 60 v., 1922-36, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 1 v., 1937--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Licenses and Registers

Registers of Officers

76. TOWN OFFICERS, 1877--. 1 f.b.

Lists of township officers, showing name, address, and title of officer, date of election, and term of office. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

77. REGISTER OF COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, 1821--. 3 v. (1-3).

Register of officers commissioned by the Governor, showing names of officers, title of office, and dates of election, commission, bond, qualification, and resignation. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of officer. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 115 p. 15 x 11 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

78. TOWN OFFICERS (Register), 1872--. 2 v. (2, 1872-1914; 1 not numbered, 1899--).

Register of town officers, showing names of office, township, and sureties, dates of election, appointment, commission, bond, certificate, oath of office, and expiration of term, and remarks. Arr. chron. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 159 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

79. INDEX TO TOWN OFFICERS, 1872--. 1 v.

Index to Town Officers (Register), entry 78, showing name and address of officer, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of official. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 16 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

80. LIST OF OFFICERS ELECTED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, 1889--. 1 v.

Lists of officers elected, showing names of township trustees, assessors, collectors, town clerk, city commissioner, school trustees, police magistrate, justice of peace, constable, and county supervisors, and dates of election and expiration of term. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 80 p. 19 x 11 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Professional Licenses and Registers

81. RECORD OF PHYSICIANS, 1877--. 2 v. (A, B).
Record of physicians' certificates, showing certificate number, name and age of physician, college of graduation, statement of having passed state examination, signatures of members of examining board, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of physician. Hdw. on pr. fm. 286 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
82. RECORD OF MIDWIVES' CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION, 1878--. 1 v.
Record of midwives' certificates of examination, showing certificate number and date, names of midwife and school of graduation, signature of secretary of State Board of Health, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of midwife. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
83. DENTAL REGISTRATION, 1884--. 1 v.
Register of dentists' licenses, showing date and number, dentist's name, address, age, and nativity, number of years of practice in Illinois, total years in practice, nature of issue of license, and date of diploma. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of dentist. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
84. RECORD OF ARCHITECTS' LICENSES, 1897--. 1 v.
Register of architects' licenses, showing date, name of applicant, report of findings of state board of examiners, date of examination, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of architect. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 136 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
85. REGISTERED NURSES' RECORD, 1909--. 3 v. (1-3).
Record of registered nurses, showing name and address of nurse, date of registration, number of certificate, and signatures of examiners. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 120 p. 18 x 11 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
86. REGISTER OF OPTOMETRISTS, 1916--. 1 v.
Optometry register, showing date of registration, name and address of optometrist, date and number of certificate, and nature of issue. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of registrant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 180 p. 17 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
87. CHIROPODISTS' LICENSES, 1917--. 1 v. (1).
Register of chiropodists' licenses, showing name and address of applicant, age, name of school attended, and date of registration. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of chiropodist. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 160 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Stallion Certificates (See
also entry 145)

88. STOCK BREEDERS' CERTIFICATES, 1892-1913. 1 f.b. 1914-- kept by State Department of Agriculture, Springfield, Illinois. Copies of stallion certificates, showing date and number, owner's name and address, name and description of animal, terms, place stationed, and signature of secretary of State Department of Agriculture. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Containers and paper poor. 5 x 5 x 10. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

89. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES (Stallions), 1888-1918. 4 v. (1, 1-3). Title varies: Horse Certificate Record. 1919-- kept by State Department of Agriculture, Springfield, Illinois. Register of stallion certificates, showing certificate number, date of issue, names and addresses of owner and veterinary, name and description of stallion, date foaled, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of stallion and owner. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 356 p. 17 x 11 x 1. V. 1, 1888-1910, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; v. 1-3, 1911-18, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

Estray, Marks and Brands

90. ESTRAY NOTICE, 1866--. 9 f.b. Original estray notices showing dates, description of stock taken up, appraisal, and affidavit of finder. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $9\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x $6\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

91. ESTRAY BOOK, 1827--. 4 v. (3 not numbered, 1). Record of estrays, showing date and by whom found, description of animal, appraised value, clerk's certification, and names of justice of peace and clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 200 p. $15\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x 1. 3 v. not numbered, 1827-60, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 1, 1861--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

92. TRADE MARKS (Trade Names), 1899-1908. 1 f.b. 1909-- kept by State Department of Registration, Springfield, Illinois. Applications and affidavits for use of trade name for product and notice of publication, showing description of name and marks used, names of manufacturer and article to be manufactured, type of container, and publisher's certification that notice has been published, with United States documentary revenue stamp attached. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and hand-drawn. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Dance Hall Licenses

93. DANCE HALLS AND ROAD HOUSES (Licenses), 1925--. 1 f.b. Applications for license to operate dance halls and road houses, showing name and address of owner, location of property, and date of application. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Dog Licenses (See
also entry 330)

94. DOG TAX RECORD, 1918-20. 1 v. 1921-- in Collector's Books (Real and Personal Property), entry 53.
Register of dog license tags, showing name and address of owner, dates of issuance and payment, tag number, and amount of fees collected and paid to county treasurer. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. Indexed alph. by owner's name. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 80 p. 16 x 11 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Elections
(See also entry 1)

Election of County Officers

95. ELECTION COMMISSION, 1906--. 5 f.b. (7-11).
Election papers including abstracts of election returns, appointments of commissioners, orders for destruction of ballots, orders of court pertaining to elections, appointment of trustees of Springfield sanitary district, and oaths of officers and commissioners. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

96. PRIMARY PETITIONS AND COURT ORDERS, 1918--. 1 f.b.
Petitions for candidacy in primary elections, and court orders allowing or refusing petition, showing names of petitioners, judge, and clerk, title of office, dates of petition, and final order of court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

97. NOMINATION CONTEST, 1890-1907. 2 f.b. 1908-- in Common Law Files, entry 159.
Lists of objections to nomination of county officials, including affidavits and rules and regulations governing primary elections, showing dates, names of objector, official, and witnesses, nature of objection, decision, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

98. BALLOT REGISTER, 1892--. 2 v.
Register of ballots issued, showing name of county clerk, precinct, and district numbers, number of ballots and to whom delivered, exact time, and classification of same. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 85 p. 17 x 11 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

99. PRIMARY ELECTION POLL BOOKS, 1935-36. 94 v.
List of legal voters of the various precincts in Sangamon County outside City of Springfield, showing name and address of voter, and precinct number. These books kept for two years only. Arr. by precinct no. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 18 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 47 v., 1935, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 47 v., 1936, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Special Elections

100. ELECTION OF LAKE SPRINGFIELD, 1930. 1 f.b.

Legal papers of special election held at Springfield, Illinois, June 24, 1930, to determine whether city should issue bonds to create a lake, showing total number of votes cast, amount of bonds issued, and dates of maturity. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

101. CHANGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Elections on School Redistricting), 1933--. 1 f.b.

Notices by treasurers of various school districts, in compliance with law regarding posting of election notices on suggested changes in district lines, showing results of election, and old and new boundary lines. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. Typed. 4 x 4 x 9. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

102. SCHOOL DISTRICT CHANGES (Elections), 1924--. 1 f.b.

Petitions for change of school district and record of vote on petitions, showing reasons for change, legal description of property, dates of petition, voting, and filing, names of petitioners and trustees, final action, and plat of school district. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

103. (POLL BOOKS FOR SCHOOL TAX LEVIES), 1847-54. 1 f.b.

Poll books showing nature of vote, minutes of meeting of voters, polling place, names of voters, chairman, and secretary, and number of votes for and against proposition. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Writing, paper, and containers, poor. 8 x 4 x 10. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

Bonds of Officers
(See also entry 140)

104. BONDS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS, 1822--. 10 f.b. Title varies:
Official Bonds.

Bonds of justices, constables, assessors, and other county and township officials, showing names of principals and sureties, and amount, obligation, and term of bond. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

105. BONDS - COUNTY OFFICERS, 1898--. 3 f.b.

Bonds of county officers, showing names of principal, sureties, and clerk, date, amount, and conditions of bond, term of office, and date of filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5 x 5 x 10. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

County Clerk - Oaths
of County Officers

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106. RESIGNATIONS AND NOTICES TO GIVE NEW BONDS, 1850--. 1 f.b. Resignations of township officers, showing date, name and title of officer, reason for resignation, date effective, and acceptance by board; also notice for new bonds showing names of principal and sureties, date, amount, and conditions required in bond, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

107. INDEMNITY BONDS, POWER OF ATTORNEY, SURETY COMPANIES, INSURANCE REPORTS, 1875-1910. 1 f.b. Discontinued. Copies of indemnity bonds, powers of attorney, revocations of powers of attorney, certificates of appointment as attorney-in-fact, garnishments, correspondence from surety companies, and statements of superintendents of state institutions acknowledging receipt of funds from county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm., hdw., and typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

108. SUPERVISOR'S BONDS, 1880-87. 1 f.b. Discontinued. Bonds of supervisor for dog tax collections, showing names of township, supervisor, and sureties, amount, date, and conditions of bond, and date of filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5 x 5 x 9. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

109. HIGHWAY TREASURER'S BONDS, 1914--. 2 f.b. Bonds of treasurer of highway commission, showing names of principal and sureties, amount, date, and terms of bond. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 5 x 5 x 10. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

110. ASSESSORS' BONDS, 1911--. 2 v. Transcripts of town assessors' bonds, showing names of assessor, clerk, township, and sureties, amount, date, and terms of bond, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of principal. Hdw. on pr. fm. 244 p. 17 x 11 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
For prior original bonds, see entry, 104.

Oaths of County Officers

111. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTIES, 1886--. 10 f.b. Appointments and oaths of special deputies for specific occasions, showing date, names of special deputy, sheriff, and person administering oath, nature of duty, length of service, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

112. APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY OFFICERS, 1933--. 1 f.b. Appointments of county officers, showing name and residence of officer appointed, qualifications, oaths, and term of office. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Fees, Receipts and Expenditures

113. CASH BOOKS, 1887--. 7 v. (3 not numbered, 2-5). Title varies:
County Clerk's Register of Fees.

Register of receipts from fees, showing amount, name of payee, and nature of service; and of disbursements, showing date, order number, name of payer, purpose of payment, by whom drawn, and dates of issue and cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 17 x 14 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. 1 v. not numbered, 1887-1902, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 2 v. not numbered, 1903-15, co. clk.'s east vlt., bsmt.; v. 2, 1916-21, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; v. 3-5, 1922--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

114. COUNTY TREASURER'S AND COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT, 1894--. 2 v. (2, 3).

County treasurer's account of county funds, as reported to county clerk, showing receipts from current and back taxes, proceeds from county home, trust funds from estates, unclaimed witness fees, excess of fees over salary, clerk hire, proceeds from sale of bonds, miscellaneous and total receipts, account of county orders, jury and coroner's warrants, court reporters' and printers' fees, birth and death reports fees, and unclaimed fees forfeited to county with totals. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 18 x 13 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

115. ACCOUNTS WITH REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1904-27. 2 v.
1928-- kept by State Department of Public Health, Springfield,
Illinois.

County clerk's account of births and deaths reported, showing names of registrar and township, district number, number of births and deaths reported, current and previous reports to department of public health, and date and amount of payment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of registrar. Hdw. on pr. fm. 298 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

For register of orders for birth and death reports, see entry 8.

Office Transactions

116. RECEIPT FOR WARRANTS MAILED, 1918-28. 2 f.b. Discontinued.
Original receipts for warrants mailed to payee, showing date, number, amount, and purpose of warrant, and signature of recipient. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Maps and Plats

117. SCHOOL PLATS - SANGAMON COUNTY, 1884--. 268 plats.
Political school plats of Sangamon and adjoining counties, showing legal description and boundary lines of school districts, and type of school. Published in Springfield, Illinois. Printed. $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 1 mi. 18 x 12. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

118. ROAD PLATS, 1879-1905. 1 f.b. Discontinued.
Road district plats showing names of township, highway, town clerk, and commissioners, and dates of plats and filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hand-drawn. 5 x 4 x 10. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

III. RECORDER

The recorder of Sangamon County was originally appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the senate.¹ His bond, set at \$1,500, was to be filed with the Secretary of State. In 1829 the amount of bond was reduced to \$500.² The office became elective in 1835, for a four-year term, and bond was to be approved by the county commissioners' court.³ The term was reduced to two years in 1845.⁴ With the adoption of the second constitution the office of recorder was abolished and the duties of that office were delegated to the circuit court clerk in an ex-officio capacity.⁵ The present constitution reestablished the office of recorder in counties having a population of sixty thousand or more but continued the provision of the prior constitution for other counties.⁶ The population of Sangamon County reached the minimum set by the constitution in 1890, and, accordingly, a recorder was elected in 1892. The amount of the recorder's bond was set at \$5,000 in 1872, and the county judge was to give approval.⁷ This amount was raised in 1874 to \$20,000 for counties having the population of Sangamon.⁸ A copy of the bond is entered upon the records of the county clerk.

Assistants and deputies are appointed by the recorder in a number as determined by rule of the circuit court and as entered upon the court record.⁹ The compensation of the assistants and deputies is set by the county board. Written oaths of deputies are filed with the Secretary of State.¹⁰

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1. L.1819, p. 19.
 2. R.L.1829, p. 117.
 3. L.1835, p. 166.
 4. L.1845, p. 28.
 5. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 19; L.1849, p. 64.
 6. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8; R.S.1874, p. 833.
 7. L.1871-72, p. 645.
 8. R.S.1874, p. 833.
 9. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 9; R.S.1874, p. 833.
 10. R.S.1874, p. 833.

In accordance with the duty of the recorder to record at length all written instruments, the following records are required to be kept:

1. An entry book in which data relating to date and order of receipt of instruments to be recorded or filed, and the names of parties and location of property, with a brief description of the premises, are entered. Each of such instruments is numbered by the recorder with the corresponding number of the entry. The entry book serves as a table of contents, with descriptive memoranda, for all instruments recorded at length or filed in the recorder's office.
2. Well-bound books for recording at length any instrument in writing entitled to be recorded, in the order of time of its reception. Separate books are allowed to be kept for the recording of different classes of instruments, and two distinct series of document numbers may be used in recording documents received for recordation. One series preceded by the letter "B" is for the recordation of bills of sales of personal property, chattel mortgages, releases, extensions, and assignments thereof. The other series of document numbers is for all other instruments received for recordation.
3. Grantors' and grantees' indexes. In the grantors' index are listed the names of the grantors in alphabetical order and the names of the grantees. The grantees' index shows the names of the grantees in alphabetical order and the names of the grantors. Each index also shows the date of the instrument, time of receipt, kind of instrument, consideration, book and page of recordation or the number under which it is filed, and a brief description of the premises.
4. Indexes to each book of record in which are entered in alphabetical order the names of each grantor and grantee and page on which the instrument is recorded. This series indexes instruments such as powers of attorney, chattel mortgages, and those recorded by corporations.
5. An index to recorded maps and plats, based on location of property, sometimes arranged by section, township, and range.
6. An abstract book, in effect indexing records by showing for each tract every conveyance or incumbrance recorded, its execution and filing date, and the book and page of its recordation; series optional with the county board.

7. A separate book to record certificate of honorable discharges from military, aviation, and naval service.¹

The recorder, in recording at length any instrument in writing, is permitted to make a handwritten or typewritten transcription, a photographic or photostatic reproduction, or to use a combination of these methods.² In addition to the instruments received for recordation, the recorder is required, upon receipt, to file any mortgage, trust deed, or conveyance of personal property having the effect of a mortgage or lien upon such property, which is endorsed with the words, "This instrument to be filed, but not recorded." The recorder marks such instruments "filed" and enters the time of their receipt and files them in his office.³

Entry Books

119. ENTRY BOOK, 1885--. 45 v. (1-27, 28A-35A, 36-39, 1885--; 28B-33B, 1922-30).

Entry books for all instruments or documents left for recording, showing dates of instrument, recording, and delivery, type and number of instrument, names of grantor and grantee, to whom delivered, description of property, consideration, and recorder's fees. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 450 p. 18 x 24 x 3. V. 1-27, 1885-1921, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 28A-35A, 28B-33B, 36-39, 1922--, rec.'s off., 1st fl.

120. REGISTER OF CONVEYANCES, 1866-1916. 1 v. Discontinued.

Register of land conveyances, showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description of property, and date of conveyance. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 640 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

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1. L.1819, p. 18,20,21; R.L.1829, p. 116,117; L.1847, p. 69; L.1853, p. 254; L.1867, p. 148; L.1869, p. 2; L.1871-72, p. 645,646; L.1873, p. 144; R.S.1874, p. 834-37; L.1917, p. 652; L.1925, p. 521; L.1933-34, Third Sp. Sess., p. 214.
 2. L.1933-34, Third Sp. Sess., p. 214.
 3. L.1927, p. 521; L.1929, p. 592-94; L.1933, p. 860.

Instruments Recorded

General

121. GENERAL INDEX, GRANTOR-GRANTEE, 1822--. 62 v. (31 not labeled, grantor; 31 not labeled, grantee). Title varies: Grantor-Grantee, Index to Deeds.

Index to deed records, mortgages, and marginal releases, showing names of grantor and grantee, or mortgagor and mortgagee, dates of instrument and filing, document number, kind of instrument, consideration, legal description of property, and book and page of record. Also contains General Index, Mortgagee-Mortgagor, 1914--, entry 125. Arr. alph. by names of grantor and grantee. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 500 - 600 p., 14 x 18 x 3. 2 v., 1910-13, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 60 v., 1822-1909, 1914--, rec.'s off., 1st fl.

122. MISCELLANEOUS INDEX SANGAMON COUNTY, 1903--. 5 v. (2 not labeled, grantor; 2 not labeled, grantee; 1 not labeled, grantor-grantee). Title varies: Miscellaneous Index, Grantor-Grantee.

Index to miscellaneous deeds, affidavits, chattel mortgages, releases, bonds, and other instruments filed, showing number, name, type, and date of instrument, date of filing, remarks, file box number, and book and page of entry in record. 1903-12, arr. alph. by names of grantor and grantee; 1913--, arr. alph. by type of documents. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 - 600 p. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 x 2 - 18 x 12 x 3. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

123. DEED RECORD, 1822--. 334 v. (AB, C-F, 1822-33; A-Z, AA-ZZ, 1822-59; 1-277, 1857--). Title varies: Record Book.

Recordation of all types of deeds, showing dates of instrument and recording, names of grantor, grantee, recorder, and witnesses, legal description of property, consideration, terms, and acknowledgment. Also contains Mortgage Record, 1822-54, entry 130, including Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 132. Arr. chron. V. AB, C-F, 1822-33, no index; for index to all other volumes, see entry 121. 1822-77, hdw.; 1878--, hdw. on pr. fm. 640 p., 17 x 11 x 2 - 18 x 12 x 3. V. AB, C-F, 1822-33, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. A-Z, AA-ZZ, 1-277, 1822--, rec.'s off., 1st fl.

Deeds (See also entries
123, 137, 139)

124. DEEDS, 1910--. 50 f.b.

Master's, quitclaim, trustees', and executors' deeds filed for record and not called for, showing names of grantor and grantee, legal description of property, consideration, and warrant of title. Arr. alph. by name of grantor. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 13. 33 f.b., 1910-32, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt., 17 f.b., 1933--, rec.'s off., 1st fl.

Mortgages - Real Estate

125. GENERAL INDEX, MORTGAGEE-MORTGAGOR, 1855-1913. 32 v. (1-15, 1 not numbered, mortgagee; 1-15, 1 not numbered, mortgagor). Title varies: Mortgagees-Mortgagors Index to Mortgages. 1914-- in General Index, Grantor-Grantee, entry 121.
Index to mortgage record, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, dates of instrument, recording, and filing, legal description of property, and book and page of entry. Also contains (Index to) Marginal Releases, Mortgagor and Mortgagee, 1855-1906, entry 126. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 320 - 600 p. 20 x 12 x 3 - 14 x 18 x 3. 30 v., 1855-1909, rec.'s off., 1st fl.; 2 v. not numbered, 1910-13, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.
126. (Index to) MARGINAL RELEASES, MORTGAGOR AND MORTGAGEE, 1907--. 9 v. (1-9). 1855-1906 in General Index, Mortgagee - Mortgagor, entry 125.
Index to marginal releases, showing document number, names of grantor and grantee, date, and book and page of entry in record. Arr. alph. by names of grantor and grantee. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 3. V. 1-7, 1907-27, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 8, 9, 1928-- , rec.'s off., 2nd fl.
127. RECORD OF MORTGAGES SATISFIED (Index), 1900-1901. 1 v.
Discontinued.
Index to mortgages released, showing date of satisfaction, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 500 p. 19 x 11 x 3. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.
128. MORTGAGES, 1924--. 51 f.b.
Recorded mortgages not called for, including mortgage releases and trust deeds, showing names of grantor and grantee, date and type of instrument, description of property, consideration, and filing date. Arr. alph. by name of grantor. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 4 x 13. 36 f.b., 1924-30, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 15 f.b., 1931-- , rec.'s off., 1st fl.
129. MORTGAGES ON REAL ESTATE, 1932--. 15 f.b.
Real estate mortgages left for recording and not called for, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date, legal description, consideration, instrument number, and filing date. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 13. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.
130. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1855--. 416 v. (1-416). 1822-54 in Deed Record, entry 123.
Record of real estate mortgages, marginal releases, and miscellaneous papers, showing dates of instrument and recording, names of grantor, grantee, recorder, and witnesses, legal description of property, terms, consideration, acknowledgments, and recorder's fees. Also contains articles of incorporation, 1913--; Chattel Mortgage Record, 1855-67, entry 132. Arr. chron. For index, 1855-1913, see entry 125; 1914-- , see entry 121. For other indexes to marginal releases and miscellaneous records, see entries 122, 126, 127, 155. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

Mortgages - Chattel (See
also entries 139, 181)

131. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1911--. 28 f.b. (A-Z, 2 not lettered). Unclaimed recorded chattel mortgages, including bills of sale, chattel mortgage releases, claims for liens on personal property, and affidavits for extension of chattel mortgages. Arr. alph. by name of grantor. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 4 x 13. F.b. A-Z, 1911-33, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 2 f.b. not lettered, 1934--, rec.'s off., 1st fl.

132. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1868--. 206 v. (A1-A174, 1904--; 26-187 not consecutive, 1868-1912). 1822-54 in Deed Record, entry 123; 1855-67 in Mortgage Record, entry 130. Recordation of chattel mortgages and bills of sale, showing names and addresses of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, description of chattels plodged, term, rate of interest, date due, and acknowledgment. Arr. chron. For index, 1868-98, see entry 125; 1899--, see entry 133. Hdw. on pr. fm. 640 p. 18 x 12 x 3. 147 v., 1868-1926, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 59 v., 1917--, rec.'s off., 1st fl.

133. MORTGAGOR-MORTGAGEE INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES AND BILLS OF SALE, 1899--. 16 v. (1-5, 3 not numbered, mortgagor, 1899--; 1-5, 3 not numbered, mortgagee, 1899--). Index to Chattel Mortgage Record, entry 132, showing docket number, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, type of instrument, dates filed and delivered, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 640 p. 18 x 12 x 3. V. 1-5, mortgagor, 1-5, mortgagee, 1898-1914, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 6 v. not numbered, 1915--, rec.'s off., 1st fl.

Certificates of Levy (See
also entries 137, 284)

134. SHERIFF'S AND MASTER'S CERTIFICATES, 1932--. 1 f.b. Prior records cannot be located. Sheriff's and master's certificates of sale, showing court authorization to hold public sale of real estate, name of estate, dates of levy and execution of service, number of certificate, and signature of sheriff. Arr. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 13. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

135. SHERIFF'S AND MASTER'S CERTIFICATES, 1841--. 11 v. (1-4, 1841-1933; A-G, 1892--). Copies of sheriff's and master's certificates of levy and sale, showing document number, names of plaintiff and defendant, statement and certificate of master in chancery, date and amount of sale, name of purchaser, legal description of property, and dates of filing and recording. Arr. chron. Hdw. on pr. fm. 375 p. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

136. INDEX TO MASTER AND SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATES, 1841--. 3 v. (1-3). Index to Sheriff's and Master's Certificates, entry 135, showing certificate number, names of plaintiff and defendant, and book and page of entry in record. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 16 x 12 x 1. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

Other Instruments

137. REAL ESTATE RECORDS, 1827--. 155 f.b. Miscellaneous documents left for recordation and not called for, including deeds of building and loan associations, general affidavits, assignments of mortgage deeds, affidavits in relation to titles of real estate, certificates of power of attorney, certificates of levy and purchase, and master's certificates of redemption. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on pr. fm. 5 x 4 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. 117 f.b., 1827-1932, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 38 f.b., 1933--., rec.'s off., 1st fl.

138. AFFIDAVITS, 1923--. 26 f.b. (A-Z). Affidavits supporting testimony to clear titles of ownership of real estate, showing names of former owner, grantor, and grantee, legal description of property, full particulars as to lands or lots in question, and filing date. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 122. Hdw. on pr. fm. 13 x 10 x 4. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

139. (AFFIDAVITS AND MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS), 1935--. 126 f.b. Affidavits, deeds, chattel mortgages, releases, and miscellaneous documents, showing nature of document, names of grantor and grantee, description of property, and date of filing. Arr. alph. by name of grantor. For index, see entry 122. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

140. COLLECTORS' BONDS AND RELEASES, 1872--. 5 v. (2-6). Record of bonds and releases of bonds of township collectors, showing names of principal and sureties, amount and condition of bond, dates of approval by supervisor and town clerk, oath of office, dates of filing and release, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. 1872-1902, indexed alph. by name of principal; for sep. index, 1903--., see entry 122. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 x 14 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. V. 2-5, 1872-1927, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 6, 1928--., rec.'s off., 1st fl.

141. REGISTER NAMES OF LANDS, 1915--. 1 v. (1). Register of farm names showing document number, date, legal description of land, number of acres, and name of owner. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of owner and farm. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 420 p. 17 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

142. SOLDIERS' DISCHARGES, 1898--. 6 v. (1-6). Copies of honorable discharges of veterans of Spanish-American and World Wars, showing name, place of birth, personal description, rank, branch of service, and enlistment record of soldier, date, serial number, reason, and place of discharge, signatures of commanding officers, and dates of filing and recording. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 143. Hdw. on pr. fm. 640 p. 18 x 11 x 3. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

143. INDEX TO SOLDIERS' DISCHARGES, 1898--. 1 v.
Index to Soldiers' Discharges, entry 142, showing name of soldier or sailor, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of veteran. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 78 p. 18 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

144. SOLDIERS' DISCHARGE RECORD (Civil War), 1865-92. 1 v.
Copies of honorable discharge of Civil War veterans, showing name of soldier, rank, branch of service, date and term of enlistment, date, place, and reason of discharge, place of birth, personal description of soldier, and name of commanding officer. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 p. 16 x 12 x 2. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

145. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES (Stallion, Renewals), 1910-18. 3 v. (1-3). Discontinued. Record now kept by State Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, Springfield, Illinois.
Copies of stallion certificates, showing pedigree and description of stallion, names of owner and veterinarian, number and date of expiration of certificate, signature of secretary of stallion registration board, and renewal date. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of stallion. Hdw. on pr. fm. 356 p. 17 x 11 x 1. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

Maps and Plats

146. PLAT BOOKS, 1831--. 13 v. (2-13, 1881--; 1, 1886-1925).
Political maps and plats, showing estates, subdivisions, additions, and cemeteries in all towns, cities, and villages in Sangamon County, with title and legal description of each. Author, county surveyor, Springfield, Illinois. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 147. 1 in. to 40:ft. - 1 in. to 200 ft. 100 p., 20 x 25 x 1 - 24 x 36 x 1. Hand-drawn and blueprint. V. 2-13, 1881--, rec.'s off., 1st fl.; v. 1, 1886-1925, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

147. INDEX TO PLATS, 1831--. 2 v. (1, 1 not numbered).
Index to Plat Books, entry 146, showing name of addition or subdivision, legal description, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of addition or subdivision. Unnumbered volume is a duplicate of volume 1. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 640 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

148. SANGAMON COUNTY (Plat Book), 1886--. 1 v.
Plats of land tracts over which title disputes have arisen, showing names of owners, heirs, plaintiff, defendant, and surveyor, legal description of property, and locations of cornerstones. Author, county surveyor, Springfield, Illinois. Hdw. and hand-drawn. 180 p. 24 x 16 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

149. SANGAMON COUNTY COAL MINES, 1888--. 239 maps.

Coal mine maps and plats showing map or plat number, name and location of mine, area not worked, location of rails, main haulage ways, air courses, overcasts, partings, trapdoors, stoppings, and cave-ins, and legal description of land from which coal is mined. Arr. by map no. For index, see entry 150. Draftsman, county surveyor, Springfield, Illinois. Blueprint. 1 in. to 200 ft. 40 x 50. 203 plats, 1888-1932, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 36 plats, 1933--, rec.'s off., 1st fl.

150. INDEX TO MINE PLATS, 1888--. 1 v. (1).

Index to Sangamon County Coal Mines, entry 149, showing map or plat number, name of mine, and date of filing. Arr. alph. by name of mine. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 294 p. 18½ x 11½ x 1. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

151. PAWNEE, CHICAGO AND ALTON, C. AND I. M., AND ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, 1905. 35 maps.

Communication maps segregated into groups: group one locates rail lines of subject railroads, through sections 7, 8, and 9, Pawnee and Talkington Townships; group two shows final location of air line; group three locates rail lines from Auburn to Waverly, Illinois; group four locates rail lines through Sangamon County. Engineers, M. A. Look and A. H. Stone. Blueprint. Paper poor. 1 in. to 400 ft. - 1 in. to 1000 ft. 19½ x 24. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

152. SANGAMON COUNTY ATLAS, 1914. 1 v.

Atlas of Sangamon County, showing political outlines, roads, property lines, legal description of lands, owners' names, landmarks, schools, churches, cemeteries, grain elevators, lakes, ponds, rivers, creeks, bridges, communication lines, steam and electric railroads of cities, towns, villages, and townships; also contains keyed map of City of Springfield, showing locations and names of streets, parks, public buildings, street car lines, steam and electric railroads, and communication lines. Authors, Thayer, Melin, and Harkness. Springfield, Illinois: Sangamon County Abstract Co., publisher. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 2 mi. 151 p. 18 x 15½ x 1½. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

153. CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, 1914. 4 maps.

Political maps showing outline of northeast, northwest, southwest, and southeast sections of City of Springfield, Illinois. Springfield, Illinois: Sangamon County Abstract Co., publisher. Printed. 78 x 68. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

154. SANGAMON COUNTY, 1918. 1 map.

Political map showing townships, railroads, schools, cities, towns, and villages, and names of land owners, using Jefferson survey system of meridian and base lines. Indianapolis, Indiana: Hardacre Map Co., publisher. Printed. 73 x 32½. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

Special Indexes

155. CORPORATION INDEX, 1913--. 1 v.

Index to copies of certificates of election and record of transfers of stock contained in Mortgage Record, entry 130, showing document number, name of corporation, date and kind of instrument, amount of capital stock, date of filing, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of corporation. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 140 p. $14\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Rec.'s off., 1st fl.

156. TRACT INDEX, 1827-34. 1 v. Discontinued.

Index to land tracts, showing township, range, section, divisions of sections, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by twp. and range. Hdw. 640 p. 18 x 12 x 2 . Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

Receipts and Expenditures

157. JOURNAL (Receipts and Disbursements), 1889--. 2 v. Missing: 1894-1935.

Register of recorder's receipts and expenditures, showing daily amounts received and paid out, to whom paid, reason, amount, date, and check number. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 1889-93, binding very poor. 300 p. 14 x 9 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. 1 v., 1889-93, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 1 v., 1936--., rec.'s off., 1st fl.

IV. COUNTY COURT

The county court serves as the judicial branch of county government. This court is administered by the county judge who is elected for a four-year term by the county electorate. Before entering upon the duties of his office, the county judge is required to take and subscribe to an oath which he files with the Secretary of State. The compensation of the Sangamon county judge was originally set at \$2.50 per diem for holding court, which was paid quarterly from the county treasury.¹ Today, the judge in this county receives \$5,400 per annum.² The court hears and determines matters in which it has original or concurrent jurisdiction,³ including appeals from the justices of the peace and police magistrates.

1. L.1849, p. 62,63.

2. L.1933, p. 616.

3. R.S.1874, p. 339,340; L.1881, p. 70.

At the time of the organization of Sangamon County in 1821, the powers of the judiciary in all counties were administered only by the justices of the peace,¹ the probate judge,² and the circuit court.³ Later, a civil and criminal court with jurisdiction coextensive with the county lines was established under the provisions of the Constitution of 1848 and legislation of 1849.⁴ The court created was the county court. This unit of county government was established with a partial reversion to the dual function, administrative and judicial, of the local judiciary in Illinois under the Territorial Laws prior to 1818. The court was different from the territorial courts in that its composition varied for each of the two functions. The judicial court was administered by the county judge, who was elected by the county electorate and commissioned by the Governor. His original four-year tenure of office has remained effective to the present.⁵ As the governing body, the court was made up of the county judge and two justices of the peace.⁶

Under the second constitution, complete separation of county business powers from the judicial could be had with the acceptance by the county electorate of an independent administrative body, the board of supervisors, established under township organization. This plan of government was not selected immediately, and Sangamon was governed by the dual county court until 1861, when the county board of supervisors became successor to the county court in its jurisdiction over county affairs and business. From that date on, the county court has served only as a judicial court in Sangamon County.

The county court as established in 1849 was vested with the same civil and criminal jurisdiction as the justices of the peace. The county judge was made conservator of the peace for the county. He was given the same power and authority as the circuit judge in preserving order,⁷ in the court and punishing contempts offered the court while in session. Suits for sale of delinquent lands for taxes of 1848, and prior years, could be brought and presented in either the circuit or county court, but for taxes of subsequent years, the county court was given exclusive original jurisdiction.⁸ The court also exercised jurisdiction equal with that of the circuit court over naturalization.

In addition to its civil and criminal jurisdiction, the court was vested with all the powers and jurisdiction in probate matters which were vested prior to this date in the court of the probate justice. The court

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1. Constitution of 1818, Art. IV, sec. 8; L.1819, p. 192.
 2. L.1821, p. 119.
 3. L.1819, p. 380.
 4. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 16; L.1849, p. 62.
 5. L.1849, p. 62; R.S.1874, p. 339; L.1933, p. 451.
 6. L.1849, p. 65.
 7. Ibid.
 8. Ibid., p. 126.
 9. U.S.S. at Large, v. 2, p. 155.

was given concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court in hearing and determining applications for the sale of real estate of deceased persons and for the payment of debts for the estate.¹ In 1902, when Sangamon County established a separate probate court, the county court lost this jurisdiction.

The law jurisdiction of the county court in Sangamon County from 1874 to the present, has been concurrent with that of the circuit court in that class of cases wherein the justices of the peace have jurisdiction where the value of the amount in controversy does not exceed \$1,000,² in all cases of appeals from justices of the peace and police magistrates, and in all criminal offenses and misdemeanors where the punishment is not imprisonment in the penitentiary or death.³ The county court⁴ also has original jurisdiction in matters relating to indigent mothers⁴ and jurisdiction over insane persons not charged with crime.⁵

In Sangamon County the county and circuit courts have original jurisdiction in cases of juvenile offenders. This jurisdiction is over matters dealing with dependent, neglected, and delinquent children. The authority includes provision for the treatment, control, maintenance, adoption, and guardianship of such children.⁶

In this class of cases the juvenile probation officer functions as an assistant of the county court in the administration of justice. Provision was first made for a probation officer under the laws of 1899. This legislation provided for the appointment of probation officers by the court to serve without compensation from the public treasury and at the pleasure of the court.⁷ In 1907 an amendment to this act authorized the court to allow compensation to such officers in a sum to be set by the county board, but the power of the court to appoint probation officers to serve without pay was in no way abridged by this legislation.⁸ An amendment of 1925 provided that if more than one probation officer were appointed, one was to be designated the

1. L.1849, p. 65.

2. Under the laws of 1872, the jurisdiction was in cases not exceeding \$500. The revised statutes of 1874 and subsequent legislation extended the jurisdiction to cases wherein the amount involved was not over \$1,000 (L.1933, p. 449,452). An amendment to an act of 1874 was passed on May 8, 1933, which extended the jurisdiction to \$2,000, and a later amendment of the same session, passed June 21, placed the jurisdiction in cases where the amount involved is not over \$1,000.

3. R.S.1874, p. 340; L.1877, p. 77; L.1933, p. 448.

4. L.1913, p. 127; L.1915, p. 243; L.1921, p. 164; L.1935, p. 256.

5. L.1869, p. 366; R.S.1874, p. 685.

6. L.1899, p. 131-37; L.1901, p. 141-44; L.1905, p. 152-56; L.1907, p. 70-78.

7. L.1899, p. 133.

8. L.1907, p. 69,70.

Chief probation officer. To be eligible for the position of chief probation officer, the candidate was required to have had experience in social welfare work equivalent to one year spent in active practical welfare work. Minimum rates, based upon population, were established for the compensation of these officers, the county board to fix the amount. Where a county had only one probation officer, the salary rates were made to apply to that individual. For Sangamon County, and others with more than one hundred thousand and less than one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants, the rate is set at a sum not less than \$175 a month. The court, however, retains the power to appoint probation officers to serve without pay.¹

The officer under consideration makes investigation on order of the court and takes charge of the child before and after trial. He is required to be present at the court hearings in order that he may represent the interests of the child. This officer also furnishes information and assistance as required by the court.²

Upon petition filed with the clerk of the court for the removal of a neglected or dependent child from the custody of its parent or guardian, process is issued for appearance. The summons may be served by the sheriff or the duly appointed probation officer.³ At any time after the filing of the petition and pending final disposition, the court may allow the child to remain in the possession of its custodian, or in its home subject to the visitation of the probation officer; or the child may be ordered in custody of the probation officer.⁴ If upon hearing the case the court finds the child to be dependent or neglected, the court may commit the child to an association or institution, or allow the child to remain in his home subject to the visitation of the probation officer.⁵ In a similar fashion the probation officer for adults, an appointee of the circuit court, assists the county court in the administration of justice among adult violators.⁶

In cases of delinquency, if the court finds any child to be delinquent, the court may commit the child to an institution or to the custody of the probation officer. The court may, upon its discretion, send juvenile offenders and vagrants to the state reform school rather than to the county jail.⁷

Another probation officer, also an appointee of the county court, assists the court in mothers' pension cases. The state and county

1. L.1925, p. 187,188.

2. L.1899, p. 133; L.1925, p. 187,188.

3. L.1899, p. 132,133; L.1905, p. 153,154; L.1907, p. 72,73.

4. L.1907, p. 74.

5. L.1923, p. 180,181.

6. L.1911, p. 280-82.

7. L.1907, p. 75.

funds for indigent mothers and their children are administered by the county court, its appointed probation officers, the county board with the assistance of the county clerk, the county treasurer, and the State Department of Public Welfare. The county court, however, is given original jurisdiction in these matters.¹

A mother whose husband is dead or incapacitated, or who is abandoned by her husband, is entitled to the benefits of the mothers' pension fund. Such mother in need may file an application with the county court for relief. The case of the applicant is then investigated by the probation officer under the direction of the court.

A report and recommendation of the approval or disapproval of such application is then made by this officer to the court. If the application is approved, the probation officer or other person may file with the clerk of the court a written petition verified by affidavit setting forth the facts giving the court jurisdiction and other facts upon which an order for relief is entered. Upon receipt of the petition, a summons is issued to the mother and the county board for appearance. The usual procedure is for the board to make a written appearance. Upon the hearing in court, the court may make an order upon the county board to pay monthly such money as may be necessary for the care of the mother and her child or children in accordance with the provisions of law.

To carry out this procedure, the county court appoints the probation officer who serves during the pleasure of the court and is compensated for his services by the county in such amount as determined by the county board. As noted above, this officer investigates all applications for relief and makes a written report to the court. In addition to this duty, the probation officer makes quarterly visits to, and supervises under the direction of the court, the families to which such assistance has been granted.²

The county board annually levies a tax on all taxable property to provide for the mothers' pension fund. The levy is made not in excess of two fifths of one mill on a dollar in Sangamon County.³ In addition, the General Assembly, from time to time, makes appropriations to the State Department of Public Welfare, which funds, in turn, are distributed to the several counties to supplement the pension fund. To become entitled to the state appropriation, the county must meet the standards of administration set by the state agency. The county treasurer certifies to the state department an itemized statement, attested by the county clerk, of the money paid out during each quarter in accordance with the legislative

1. L.1913, p. 127; L.1915, p. 243; L.1921, p. 164; L.1935, p. 256.

2. L.1933, p. 194; L.1935, p. 256.

3. L.1919, p. 780,781; L.1927, p. 196,197; L.1928, First Sp. Sess., p. 3,4; L.1933, p. 194.

provisions for this pension; and also certifies annually the total assessed valuation and amount of money raised by tax levy for the mothers' pension fund.¹

Jurisdiction in the election procedure is vested variously in the county board, the county court, and the county clerk. The Sangamon county court performs an important function in this procedure. In each city, village, and incorporated town adopting the act regulating elections in such political units, there is a board of election commissioners composed of three appointees of the county court who serve alternately for three-year terms.² The election boards have authority and are charged with the organization of election districts and precincts, the appointment of judges and clerks of election, the provision of election ballots, and the application of the rules and regulations for permanent registration and elections.³ Otherwise, jurisdiction is vested in the county board, county court, and county clerk. The county court has original jurisdiction in election contests for certain county, district, and township offices.⁴

Aiding in the settlement of questions arising in the course of the election procedure is the county officers electoral board. This body consists of the county judge as chairman, the county clerk, and the state's attorney.⁵

The several nomination papers for county offices are filed with the county clerk and are considered valid unless objections are made within five days after the last day for filing such papers. Objections to nominations are made to the county officers electoral board for any office of the county, park district, or other division coterminous with or less than the county and other than a city, village, incorporated town, or township.⁶

The objector's petition is filed with the county clerk who presents the same together with the nomination papers or certificate before the electoral board.⁷ The petition contains the objector's name and residence, nature of objection, the interest of the objector, and the relief sought of the board.⁸ A notice of the hearing is sent to the candidate. Upon hearing the objections, the board renders a final decision by majority vote. In the event the candidate whose nomination is protested is a member of the electoral board, the circuit judge is required to fill his place.⁹

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1. L.1935, p. 259.
 2. L.1885, p. 142; L.1899, p. 157; L.1917, p. 445; L.1929, p. 399; L.1933, p. 534; L.1935-36, Fourth Sp. Sess., p. 33.
 3. Ibid.
 4. L.1871-72, p. 396.
 5. L.1891, p. 110; L.1933, p. 552.
 6. L.1891, p. 110, 111; L.1929, p. 394.
 7. L.1891, p. 111; L.1929, p. 394; L.1933, p. 552.
 8. L.1929, p. 394, 395.
 9. L.1933, p. 552.

Under an act of 1933, housing corporations may be organized in Illinois for the express purpose of improving housing conditions.¹ Such corporations are subject to the supervision and control of the State Housing Board. This state agency has authority, after investigations and public hearings, to approve the acquisition of property and construction of housing projects. If the State Housing Board approves a project over the objections of ten percent of the property owners within a mile, but not included in the project, it must then file an application with the clerk of the county court to be submitted to the county judge for the confirmation of its approval. Such application is to contain copies of the findings and order of the board, transcript of testimony, description of the project and public spaces, statement of location, and reasons for approval by the board. The objectors to the project may file objections in the county court to the confirmation of such a project. The county judge then examines the application, objections, and any additional evidence before rendering a decision of "approved" or "not approved" on the application.²

Appeals from the judgments and decisions of the county court may be taken to the circuit court.³ To the appellate court or supreme court may be taken and prosecuted appeals and writs of error in proceedings for the sale of lands for taxes and special assessments, in all common law and attachment cases, and in cases of forcible detainer and forcible entry and detainer. Such appeals and writs of error are, when not otherwise provided, taken and prosecuted in the same manner as appeals and writs of error from the circuit court.⁴

The records of the county court are kept by its clerk. In Sangamon County the county clerk is ex-officio clerk of the county court. In addition to the statutory records described below the clerk necessarily maintains others in effecting the court's orders.⁵

For the court the clerk keeps the following records:

1. Books of record of the proceedings and judgments of the court with alphabetical indexes by names of parties. Proceedings are recorded at length only in cases designated by law or when the court, at the motion and assumption of expenses by one of the parties, so orders. In practice, the court record has been broken down from an early date into segregated types of proceedings and judgments.

1. L.1933, p. 396-415; L.1933-34, Third Sp. Sess., p. 167-74.

2. Ibid.

3. R.S.1874, p. 339; L.1933, p. 396.

4. R.S.1874, p. 339; L.1877, p. 77; L.1881, p. 66.

5. The form which such records take is generally determined by court order (L.1849, p. 66; R.S.1874, p. 263).

2. "Plaintiff-Defendant Index to Court Records" and "Defendant-Plaintiff Index to Court Records", intended to be separate records, but frequently combined in a single volume with the two indexes segregated in each volume.
3. A general docket in which all suits are entered in the order they are commenced.
4. A judgment and execution docket containing a column for the entry of satisfaction or other disposition. In practice, an execution docket is frequently set up independently.
5. Additional dockets, designated as the clerk's, judge's, and bar docket. In practice, the bar docket has tended to drop out of use.¹
6. A fee book in which costs and fees are to be entered under the proper title of the cause. In practice, separate series of volumes are maintained under these titles of causes.
7. Transcripts of proceedings in appeals from justices' courts, dockets thereof, and transcripts of judgment for liens, etc., from justices' courts.
8. Naturalization records including petitions, proceedings, final certificates, etc. The county courts in Illinois prior to 1906 met the requirement of Federal Statutes to exercise naturalization jurisdiction.²
9. Original documents used in court hearings and determinations; of particular importance in the large number of cases where complete proceedings are not spread on court record.³
10. Monthly reports of the warden of the county jail containing a list of all prisoners in his custody and showing the cause of commitment and names of persons by whom committed.⁴

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1. The Civil Practice Act of 1933 grants authority to county courts, subject to rules promulgated by the supreme court and not inconsistent with statutory requirements, to make such rules as they may deem expedient, regulating dockets and calendars of said court. (L.1933, p. 786).
 2. U.S.S.at Large, v. 2, p. 153; U.S.R.S.1789-1874, p. 378.
 3. R.S.1845, p. 323,324,414,418,419; L.1865, p. 79,80; L.1871-72, p. 325; R.S.1874, p. 262,263,339; L.1877, p. 77; L.1933, p. 448,451. U.S.S.at Large, v. 2, p. 153-55; U.S.R.S.1789-1874, p. 378-80; U.S.S.at Large, v. 34, part 1, p. 596-607; U.S.S.at Large, v. 44, part 2, p. 709,710.
 4. R.S.1874, p. 616; L.1933, p. 678.

Proceedings of Court

158. PLAINTIFFS' - DEFENDANTS' INDEX, 1872--. 8 v. (1-4, plaintiff; 1-4, defendant).

Index to court records and files, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, number of case, type of action, term date, volume and pages of entry in judgment docket, fee book, execution docket, and record book. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 220 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

159. COMMON LAW FILES, 1872--. 297 f.b.

Documents in common law cases including complaints, summonses, subpoenas, bills, pleas, transcripts of evidence, orders of the court, and appeals. Also contains Nomination Contest, 1908--, entry 97, and Annexations (Papers), 1872-89, entry 171. Arr. by case no. For index, see entry 158. Hdw., and hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. 147 f.b., 1872-1906, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 57 f.b., 1907-20, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 93 f.b., 1921--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

160. ADOPTION FILES, 1869--. 9 f.b.

Petitions and orders for adoption, showing names of petitioner, child, clerk, and judge, dates of petition and adoption proceedings, and orders of court. Cases numbered 5041-8962. 1869-1918, arr. alph. by name of child; 1919--, arr. by case no. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

161. ADOPTION INDEX, 1869--. 2 v. (1 not numbered, 1869-1918; 1 not numbered, 1869--).

Index to Adoption Files, entry 160, showing names of child and persons making adoption, and file box number. Original volume, 1869-1918, transcribed into current index. Arr. alph. by name of child. 1869-1918, hdw.; 1869--, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 30 - 200 p. 14 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$ - 15 x 10 x 1. 1 v., 1869-1918, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 1 v., 1869--, co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

162. JUVENILE COURT RECORDS, 1903--. 77 f.b.

Documents pertaining to juvenile court cases, including petitions for adoption and court orders, showing case number, term date, name and age of juvenile, names of parents, appointed guardian, and judge, and date of filing. Arr. by cases numbered 1-3711. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 12. 13 f.b., 1903-12, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 64 f.b., 1913--, co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

163. INDEX TO JUVENILE CASES, 1903--. 1 v.

Index to Juvenile Court Records, entry 162, showing name of juvenile and case number. Arr. alph. by name of child. Hdw. 50 p. 14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

164. EXECUTIONS, 1887--. 12 f.b.
Executions of judgments, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, clerk, attorneys, sureties, and sheriff, date and amount of judgment, damages, costs, and sheriff's fees, dates of issue and filing, and book and page of entry in record. Arr. by cases numbered 516-4560. For index, see entry 158. Hdw., and hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. 9 f.b., 1887-1929, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.; 3 f.b., 1930--, co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.
165. EXECUTION ORDER BOOK, 1883--. 4 v. (1 not numbered, 2-4).
Record of orders for executions issued by county clerk to sheriff, showing document number, names of sheriff, plaintiff, defendant, and plaintiff's attorney, and date of order. Arr. chron. No index. 1883-1902, hdw.; 1903--, typed on pr. fm. 1883-1902, writing illegible; paper very poor. 200 p. 14 x 8 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. 1 v. not numbered, v. 2, 1883-1911, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; v. 3, 4, 1912--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
166. INDEX TO INSANE CASES, 1851--. 1 v. (1).
Index to insanity cases, showing names of persons alleged insane, case number, book and page of entry, and file number. Arr. alph. by name of patient. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 14 x 9 x 1. Co. ct..rm., 2nd fl.
167. INSAINE RECORDS, 1851--. 87 f.b.
Original papers in insane cases, including writs of inquisition, petitions and hearings, statement of condition of patient, commission's report of findings, and warrants for commitment. Arr. by cases numbered 1-5290. For index, see entry 166. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. 30 f.b., 1851-1908, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 57 f.b., 1909--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
168. INSANITY RECORD, 1893--. 10 v. (1 not numbered, 4-12).
1878-92 in Insane and Conservators' Record, entry 237.
Record of insanity cases, showing date, names of alleged insane persons, petitioners, and witnesses, order of court, and institution to which sent, if committed. Also contains Record of Findings and Order of Feeble-Minded Cases, 1893-1914, entry 170. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 166. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 p. 18 x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
169. FEEBLE-MINDED, 1928--. 2 f.b. (248, 395).
Commission's reports on feeble-minded cases, showing date of hearing, case number, name of alleged feeble-minded person, personal and family history and statistics, names and testimony of witnesses, and decision of commission. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.
170. RECORD OF FINDINGS AND ORDER OF FEEBLE-MINDED CASES, 1915--. 2 v. (1, 2). 1893-1914 in Insanity Record, entry 168.
Record of findings of commission in feeble-minded cases, showing date, court proceedings, names of patient, members of commission, judge, and clerk, and order of court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

171. ANNEXATIONS (Papers), 1890--. 1 f.b. Last paper filed 1923.
1872-89 in Common Law Files, entry 159.

Annexation papers, including subpoenas, poll books for special elections, petitions for and objections to annexation of villages adjacent to Sangamon County. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

172. COMMON LAW RECORD (Applications and Petitions for Special Assessments), 1895-1900. 1 f.b. Discontinued.

Original applications and petitions of the City of Springfield to levy special assessments to pave streets, showing dates of application and petition, names of petitioners, amount of assessment to be levied, names and sections of streets to be paved, proceedings, and court orders. These records have been transcribed into volumes 7, 8, and 11 of Common Law Record (Criminal and Civil), entry 178. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 10. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

173. RAILROAD CONDEMNATION, 1860-82. 3 f.b.

Original petitions to condemn land for railroad right of way, and damage suits, showing dates, names of petitioners, plaintiffs, defendants, and witnesses, proceedings in court, legal description of property, verdict of jury, amounts of claims and awards, and date of filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 13 x 10 x 5. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

174. LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, 1883-94. 1 f.b. Discontinued.

Limited partnership papers, including certificates of limited partnership, oaths, and certificates of publication, showing date, names of persons forming partnership, firm name, nature of business, duration of partnership, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Writing, paper, and container poor. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

175. CONVEYANCES AND SUITS RELATING TO SANGAMON COUNTY, 1868-79.
1 f.b. Discontinued.

Miscellaneous conveyances and documents in suits filed against Sangamon County; also contains certificates of stock of railroads, bills and claims of county home, highway bids, certificates of organization of churches and lodges, supervisors' resolutions, court opinions, and injunctions. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and hdw. on pr. fm. 4 x 6 x 9. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

176. COUNTY COURT, CRIMINAL (Files), 1872--. 168 f.b.

Documents in criminal cases, including bills of complaint, summonses, subpoenas, bonds, pleas, writs, transcripts of evidence, instructions to jury, verdicts, orders of the court, and appeals. Also contains Bastardy Records, 1889--, entry 177 and Recognizance (Bonds), 1872-1917, entry 196. Arr. by case no. For index, see entry 158. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. 103 f.b., 1872-1907, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 24 f.b., 1908-13, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 41 f.b., 1914--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

177. BASTARDY RECORDS, 1874-88. 1 f.b. 1889-- in County Court, Criminal (Files), entry 176.

Papers in bastardy cases, including warrants for arrest, bonds for recognizance, subpoenas for witness, and motions for dismissal. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 12 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

178. COMMON LAW RECORD (Criminal and Civil), 1872--. 38 v. (1-38).

Record of common law and criminal cases, showing case number, date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of case, proceedings, and final action of court. Volumes 7, 8, and 11 contain transcript of Common Law Record (Applications and Petitions for Special Assessments), 1895-1900, entry 172. Also contains Recognizance Record, 1872-1900, entry 197. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 158. 1872-1908, hdw.; 1909--, typed. 400 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

179. COUNTY COURT RECORD (Insolvency and Insane), 1883-95. 3 v. (1-3). Discontinued.

Record of insolvency and insanity cases, showing term date, names of plaintiff, defendant, judge, state's attorney, sheriff, and clerk, nature of cause, proceedings of court, and final disposition of case. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 350 p. 16 x 14 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

For other insanity records, see entry 168; insolvency records now kept by United States District Court, Springfield, Illinois.

180. CONFESSIONS IN TERM TIME, 1894-1929. 3 v. (1-3). Discontinued.

Copies of confessions, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date, amount and acknowledgment of judgment, and attorney's fees. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

For other confession records, see entry 182.

181. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1918--. 2 v.

Copies of chattel mortgages, acknowledged by justice of the peace or judges of the county court, showing names of judge, justice of the peace, mortgagor, and mortgagee, description of property, consideration, terms and date of instrument, and dates of acknowledgment and recording. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 p. 16 x 11 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Dockets

182. JUDGE'S TRANSFER DOCKET, COMMON LAW, 1891--. 21 v. (5-21, 4 not numbered). Title varies: Judge's Docket, Law. 1860-90 in County Court Docket, entry 185.

Transfer docket of common law cases, showing general number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, cause of action, date, abstract of proceedings, and book and page of record. Subsequent to 1921, loose-leaf system used. Also contains record of confessions in term time, subsequent to 1921; and Plea Record (Docket), 1928--, entry 183. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 900 - 1200 p. 18 x 12 x 4 - 16 x 14 x 8. V. 5-21, 2 not numbered, 1891-1930, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.; 2 v. not numbered, 1931--, co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

183. PLEA RECORD (Docket), 1903-27. 4 v. (1-4). 1928-- in Judge's Transfer Docket, Common Law, entry 182.
Notation of pleas entered in county court, showing names of judge, state's attorney, sheriff, clerk, and defendant, and date and nature of plea. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 318 p. 18 x 11 x 1. V. 1, 1903-7, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 2-4, 1908-27, co. clk.'s east vlt., bsmt.
184. JUDGE'S TRANSFER DOCKET (Criminal), 1891--. 23 v. (1-21, 2 not numbered). Title varies: Judge's Criminal Docket. 1860-90 in County Court Docket, entry 185.
Transfer docket of criminal cases, showing general number, names of attorneys and defendant, cause of action, date, abstract of proceedings, and book and page of record. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 700 - 1200 p. 16 x 14 x 5 - 16 x 14 x 8. V. 1, 1891-95, 12, 13, 1908-10, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 2-11, 1896-1907, 14-21, 2 not numbered, 1911--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
185. COUNTY COURT DOCKET, 1860-90. 6 v. (4 not numbered, 3, 4).
Discontinued. Title varies: Judge's Docket, County Court.
Docket of county court criminal and common law cases, showing term date, case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, type of action, date, and abstract of proceedings. Subsequently kept as Judge's Transfer Docket, Common Law, entry 182 and Judge's Transfer Docket (Criminal), entry, 184. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 - 450 p. 16 x 12 x 2 - 16 x 10 x 1. 3 v. not numbered, 1860-74, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 1 v. not numbered, v. 3, 4, 1875-90, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.
186. GENERAL DOCKET OF CIVIL CASES, 1899--. 4 v. (1-4).
General or clerk's docket of civil cases, showing term date, case number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, court of appeal, action, and abstract of proceedings. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 295 p. 16 x 11 x 1. V. 1, 2, 1899-1922, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.; v. 3, 4, 1923--, co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.
187. GENERAL DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1908--. 2 v. (2, 3).
General or clerk's docket of criminal cases, showing names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, kind of action, abstract of proceedings, and dates of entry. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 16 x 11 x 1. Co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.
188. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1872--. 8 v. (1-8).
Docket of judgments by confession or default, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date, kind of action, amounts of damages and costs, book and page of record, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment is entered. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 400 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
189. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1872--. 5 v. (2 not numbered, 1-3).
Docket of executions, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, type of action, dates of commencement and disposal, amount of judgment, judgment docket and fee book, and pages of entry, number of execution, and satisfaction. Arr. chron. Hdw. on pr. fm. 310 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

190. EXECUTION DOCKET INDEX, 1872--. 2 v. (1, 2).

Index to Execution Docket, entry 189, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, kind of action, dates of commencement and disposal, amount of judgment, judgment docket and fee book numbers, and pages of entry, number of execution, and disposition. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment is entered. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 50 p. 14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

191. INSANITY DOCKETS, 1893--. 7 v. (1-7).

Dockets of insanity cases, showing term date, order of notice of hearing, dates of writ, return, verdict, and filing, names of alleged insane person, petitioner, witnesses, physician, person making affidavit, attorney, and jurors, place of hearing, nature of notice served on defendant, sex of patient, abstract of proceedings, and orders of the court. Also contains Feeble-minded Docket, 1893-1914, entry 193. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 166. Hdw. 350 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

192. JUDGE'S JUVENILE DOCKET, 1903--. 6 v. (1-6).

Docket and record of juvenile cases, showing general number, names of children, petitioner, parents, guardian, probation officer, and judges, cause of action, history of case, abstract of proceedings, and orders of court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. 1, 2, 4-6, 1903-9, 1916--, co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.; v. 3, 1910-15, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

193. FEEBLE-MINDED DOCKET, 1915--. 3 v. (1-3). 1893-1914 in Insanity Dockets, entry 191.

Docket of proceedings in feeble-minded cases, showing names of person alleged to be feeble-minded and physician, history of case and family, term number, date, and orders of court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

Fee Books

194. COUNTY COURT FEE BOOK, 1872--. 25 v. (1-25).

Register of common law and criminal fees, showing case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses, date, and amounts of cost and fees. Also contains County Court Alimony Case Book, 1872-1921, entry 215. Arr. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 700 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Reports to the Court

195. MAGISTRATE REPORTS TO COUNTY COURT, 1890-95. 1 f.b.

Reports submitted by magistrates, showing date, amount of fines, names of persons fined and officers charged with collection, and amounts collected and transmitted. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

For other magistrate reports, see entry 311.

Bonds

196. RECOGNIZANCE (Bonds), 1918--. 3 f.b. 1872-1917 in County Court, Criminal (Files), entry 176.

Recognizance bonds showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and sureties, date, amount, and condition of bond, nature of cause or offense, and certification with date and signature of sheriff. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. 2 f.b., 1918-26, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.; 1 f.b., 1927--, co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

197. RECOGNIZANCE RECORD, 1901--. 5 v. (1-5). 1872-1900 in Common Law Record (Criminal and Civil), entry 178.

Record of recognizance bonds, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, principal, and sureties, amount and date of bond, and acknowledgment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 336 p. 12 x 18 x 2. V. 1, 2, 1901-18, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.; v. 3, 4, 1919-32, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; v. 5, 1933--, co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

Probation

Juvenile (See also entries 192, 350)

198. INDEX TO CASES, 1915--. 1 f.b.

Index to juvenile cases, showing name of juvenile, case number, and date placed on probation. Arr. alph. by name of juvenile. Typed on file cards. 5 x 6 x 12. Juv. probn. off., 2nd fl.

199. OLD CASES, 1915--. 5 f.b. Prior records destroyed.

Juvenile case records of supervision and family investigations, showing case number, names of child, parents, probation officer, investigator, and guardian, personal and statistical particulars, complaint, charge, condition of probation, court and school history, investigation reports, and chronological record of supervision. Also contains Inactive Cases, 1915-27, entry 201. Arr. alph. by name of juvenile. For index, see entry 198. Hdw. and typed under pr. hdgs. 12 x 14 x 26. Juv. probn. off., 2nd fl.

200. ACTIVE CASES, 1928--. 1 f.b.

Juvenile case records of supervision and family investigation, showing case number, names of child, parents, probation officer, investigator, and guardian, personal and statistical particulars, complaint, condition of probation, court and school history, investigation report, and chronological record of supervision. Arr. alph. by name of juvenile. For index, see entry 198. Hdw. and typed under pr. hdgs. 12 x 14 x 26. Juv. probn. off., 2nd fl.

201. INACTIVE CASES, 1928--. 1 f.b. 1915-27 in Old Cases, entry 199. Record of inactive cases of children who have been placed with semi-public agencies, showing case number, names of child and agency, court and school history, investigation report, and amounts contributed by the county. Arr. alph. by surname of child. For index, see entry 198. Hdw. and typed under pr. hdgs. 12 x 14 x 26. Juv. probn. off., 2nd fl.

Mothers' Pension (See also entries 330, 351)

202. INDEX TO CASE RECORD (Mothers' Pension), 1913--. 2 f.b. Card index to case records, showing pension fund and case numbers, name and address of pensioner, and dates of application and disposal of case. Arr. alph. by name of pensioner. Typed on file cards. 6 x 8 x 14. Mothers' pension off., 2nd fl.

203. CASES DISPOSED OF, 1913--. 16 f.b. Documents in mothers' pension cases no longer active, including family history, application and petition to county court with endorsements, investigator's report, court decree, and budget record. Arr. by case no. For index, see entry 202. Hdw. and typed under pr. hdgs. and hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 12 x 4 x 14. Mothers' pension off., 2nd fl.

204. CASE RECORD (Active), 1923--. 4 f.b. Documents in mothers' pension case records including family history, application and petition to county court with endorsements, investigator's report, court decree, and budget record. Arr. by case no. For index, see entry 202. Hdw. and typed under pr. hdgs. and hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 12 x 4 x 14. Mothers' pension off., 2nd fl.

205. APPLICATION (Rejected), 1913--. 12 f.d. Rejected applications for mothers' pension, showing name and address of applicant, personal and statistical particulars, endorsements, and investigator's report. Arr. alph. by name of petitioner. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 2 x 12 x 18. Mothers' pension off., 2nd fl.

206. NEW APPLICATIONS, 1937--. 1 f.b. Applications for mothers' pension, showing date of application, name and address of applicant, personal and statistical particulars, endorsements, and petition to county court. Arr. chron. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 12 x 4 x 14. Mothers' pension off., 2nd fl.

207. MOTHERS' PENSION FUND, 1913--. 1 v. Register of pensions paid to mothers, showing date, case number, county clerk's and treasurer's register numbers, name of claimant, amount of payment, and signature of recipient. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 202. Typed under pr. hdgs. 525 p. 12 x 14 x 4. Mothers' pension off., 2nd fl.

Naturalization
(See also entries 292-294)

208. NATURALIZATION PAPERS, 1860-1904. 28 f.b.

Miscellaneous naturalization papers, including petitions, oaths, declarations of intention, and final papers. Arr. by document no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Writing, paper, and containers poor. 8 x 4 x 10. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

209. NATURALIZATION RECORD - FIRST PAPERS, 1859-1906. 1 v. 1907--
kept by United States District Court, Springfield, Illinois.

Copies of declarations of intentions, showing names of alien, clerk, and witnesses, dates of petition and filing, renunciation of allegiance to foreign power, and attestation of clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of alien. Hdw. on pr. fm. 632 p. 15 x 10 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

210. ADULT NATURALIZATION RECORD - FINAL, 1860-1906. 4 v. (1-3, 5).
1907-- kept by United States District Court, Springfield,
Illinois.

Copies of naturalization certificates, showing names of alien, clerk, witnesses, and judge, oath of allegiance, renunciation of allegiance to foreign power, order of court granting citizenship, and date sworn in as citizen. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of alien. Hdw. on pr. fm. 444 p. 15 x 10 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

211. NATURALIZATION RECORD - MINORS' FINAL PAPERS, 1892-1906. 3 v.
(1 not numbered, 6, 7). 1907-- kept by United States District
Court, Springfield, Illinois.

Naturalization record of minors, showing term date, names of minor, judge, sheriff, state's attorney, witnesses, and clerk, date of allegiance, and dates of oath, certificate, and filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of alien. Hdw. on pr. fm. Paper poor. 450 p. 15 x 10 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

212. JUDGE'S DOCKET, NATURALIZATION, 1876-1906. 2 v. (1, 2). 1907--
kept by United States District Court, Springfield, Illinois.

Docket of proceedings in naturalization cases, showing names of alien, witnesses, judge, and clerk, dates of application and docket entries, nativity and age of alien, and final disposition of case. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of alien. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 340 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Office Transactions

213. MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS, 1921-25. 1 f.b. Discontinued.

Duplicate copies of fee bills issued in county court for various debts, damages, interest, and case costs, with history of case attached, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, dates, amounts, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Probate Court

214. (ALIMONY AND SEPARATE MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTS), 1910--. 2 v. Record of receipts and disbursements for alimony and separate maintenance judgments, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, book and page of entry, amounts received and disbursed, check number, to whom paid, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 150 p. 14 x 9 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

For prior receipts, see entry 194; for prior disbursements, see entry 5.

215. COUNTY COURT ALIMONY CASE BOOK, 1922-. 1 v. (A). 1872-1921 in County Court Fee Book, entry 194.

Record of payments made to clerk of county court for separate maintenance and for care of children in bastardy cases, showing names of persons paid and by whom, for whose benefit, and date and amount of payment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 638 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

V. PROBATE COURT

Jurisdiction in probate matters in Sangamon County was vested in a separate probate court from 1821 to 1837. The judge of probate was appointed by the General Assembly and held office during good behavior.¹ In 1837 it was provided that the probate court be held in each county by a probate justice who was elected by the county electorate for a four-year term;² the term was reduced in 1845 to two years.³ The jurisdiction of the probate court was transferred to the newly created county court in 1849.⁴ This situation remained unchanged in all counties throughout the second constitutional period. In 1870 the State of Illinois adopted a new constitution which authorized the General Assembly to provide for the establishment of a separate probate court in counties having a population of more than fifty thousand.⁵ The enabling legislation, enacted seven years later, set the population requirement at one hundred thousand;⁶ in 1881 the figure was reduced to seventy thousand.⁷ Present legislation makes the establishment of a separate probate court mandatory in counties having eight-five thousand or more inhabitants, and optional in those counties with a popu-

1. L.1821, p. 119; L.1823, p. 132; L.1825, p. 87.

2. L.1836-37, p. 176.

3. R.S.1845, p. 425.

4. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 16,18; L.1849, p. 65.

5. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 20.

6. L.1877, p. 79.

7. L.1881, p. 72.

lation of between seventy thousand and eighty-five thousand.¹ Sangamon County attained the lower population requirement in 1900, and a separate probate court was established in 1902.

The court's incumbent, the probate judge, is required by constitutional provision and subsequent legislation to be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the county judge. His term of office is four years.² Originally his salary was fixed by the county board;³ however, in 1925, it was provided that in counties having less than five hundred thousand inhabitants the salary of the probate judge should be \$5,000 a year, payable in monthly installments from the county treasury.⁴ When a vacancy occurs in the office of probate judge and the unexpired term is less than one year, the Governor fills the vacancy by appointment, otherwise, a new election is held.⁵

As enunciated by the present constitution and the enabling legislation the jurisdiction of the court extends to all probate matters, the settlement of estates of deceased persons, the appointment of guardians and conservators and settlements of their accounts; in all matters relating to apprentices, and in cases of sales of real estate of deceased persons for payment of debts.⁶

Originally, the court was required to hold monthly sessions;⁷ however, since 1933 there have been no stated terms, the court being always open for the transaction of probate and other business, except that the court may adjourn from time to time at its discretion.⁸ The court is given power to impanel a jury for the trial of issues or matters of fact in any matter pending before it and has power to compel the attendance of jurors and witnesses.⁹ County and probate judges may interchange with each other, hold court for each other and perform each other's duties in their own or any other county when necessary or convenient.¹⁰ The probate judge is prohibited from acting as attorney or solicitor for any administrator, executor, heirs, or other person (unless an officer of the court) interested in the estate of any deceased person, or to aid, advise, or assist in the preparation of any petition, report, or other document which is to be filed or recorded in the court in which he is judge.¹¹ When the probate judge is

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1. L.1933, p. 458.
 2. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 20; L.1877, p. 80.
 3. L.1877, p. 83.
 4. L.1925, p. 336.
 5. L.1877, p. 84.
 6. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 20; L.1877, p. 80.
 7. L.1877, p. 80.
 8. L.1933, p. 459.
 9. L.1877, p. 80; L.1933, p. 460.
 10. L.1903, p. 153.
 11. L.1917, p. 327, 328.

an interested party in any estate to be probated in his court, the county judge shall have jurisdiction in the matter unless he shall also be interested, in which case the matter is taken to the circuit court of the county for probate. If, however, the probate judge is interested only as a creditor, no change may be made except in relation to his claim.¹

Appeals may be taken from the final orders, judgments, and decrees of the probate court to the circuit court of the county except in proceedings in applications of executors, administrators, guardians, and conservators for the sale of real estate. The appellant must give bond and security in such amount and upon such condition as the court shall require.²

Aiding the court in its jurisdiction over the administration of intestate estates and the guardianship of minors, are, respectively, the public administrator and the public guardian. Each officer is appointed quadrennially by the Governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The public administrator and public guardian are required to enter into bonds set and approved by the probate court in sums not less than \$5,000.³ Their duties are performed under the direction and orders of the court. The records that result from their prescribed duties appear among the records of the court with those of other administrators, executors, and guardians.

When there is no relative or creditor who will administer an intestate estate, the court commits the administration to the public administrator upon application of any person interested in the deceased estate.⁴ If a widow, next of kin, or creditor of the deceased appears within six months after the administration is granted to the public administrator, the court then revokes its grant of administration to the public administrator and orders letters of administration granted to such person interested in the estate. If, after all debts and charges against the estate which have been presented within two years after the administration of the estate was committed to such public administrator are fully paid, any balance of the intestate estate remains, the administrator causes a notice to be published requiring persons still having claims against the estate to present them to the county court within six months. If no claims are presented, the balance is paid into the county treasury, upon the expiration of the six-month period, the county remaining answerable to any future claims.⁵

1. L.1877, p. 81; L.1933, p. 460.

2. L.1877, p. 81.

3. L.1825, p. 70-72; R.L.1829, p. 208; R.L.1833, p. 627,628; R.S.1845, p. 548; L.1871-72, p. 89; L.1881, p. 3; L.1889, p. 165.

4. R.L.1833, p. 628; R.S.1845, p. 548; L.1871-72, p. 89.

5. R.S.1845, p. 549; L.1871-72, p. 89,90.

As already noted, the court has authority to appoint guardians of minor heirs of deceased persons.¹ In cases where the minor is under fourteen years of age the court appoints his guardian. When the minor is over fourteen he may nominate his own guardian, subject to the approval of the court.² Under the direction of the court, the guardian is responsible for the custody, nurture, and tuition of his ward and the care and management of his estate. The court may assign the guardianship of the estate to one guardian and the custody and tuition of the ward to another.³ Within sixty days after his appointment, the guardian returns to the probate court a complete inventory of the real and personal estate of the ward in the form prescribed by law.⁴ At the end of the first year of his appointment, and every three years thereafter, he makes a settlement of his accounts. When his trust is completed or upon the death of the ward, the guardian makes final settlement and delivers over to persons entitled to them, the property and papers in his hands as guardian.⁵ Upon failure of a guardian appointed by the court to act within three months in this capacity, the court commits the guardianship of the minor to the public guardian.⁶ The latter's records appear with those of other guardians. Jurisdiction in the matter of appointing conservators for the estates of lunatics, idiots, spendthrifts, and drunkards is vested in the probate court in all counties maintaining a separate probate court.⁷

In any county having a population of more than seventy thousand and less than two hundred thousand, the judge of the probate court may appoint a shorthand reporter to take full stenographic notes of the evidence in making proofs of heirships, in the probating of wills, and in all other cases coming before the court when so directed by the judge. Such reporter holds his position at the pleasure of the judge, but his term of service may not extend beyond that of the appointing judge.⁸ Another ministerial officer of the court is the sheriff who is required to attend, in person or by deputy, all sessions of the court, to preserve order, and execute all legal commands and process.⁹

The early probate judge, 1821 to 1837, and the probate justice, 1837 to 1849, each performed the ministerial function of the probate clerk.¹⁰ When probate jurisdiction was transferred to the county court at its crea-

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1. L.1831, p. 100; L.1835, p. 36; R.S.1845, p. 265,266; L.1873-74, p. 107; L.1919, p. 583; L.1931, p. 618; L.1937, p. 660.
 2. Ibid.
 3. L.1871-72, p. 469; L.1877, p. 114.
 4. L.1919, p. 582; L.1933, p. 644.
 5. L.1871-72, p. 471; L.1919 p. 583; L.1929, p. 506.
 6. L.1889, p. 165.
 7. L.1919, p. 593; R.S.1937, p. 1981.
 8. L.1919, p. 417.
 9. L.1877, p. 81.
 10. L.1821, p. 119,120; R.L.1829, p. 215; L.1831, p. 192; R.S.1845, p. 427, 428.

tion in 1849, the clerk of that court served as ex-officio probate clerk.¹ This situation obtained in Sangamon County until 1902 when a separate probate court was established. Since that year, by statutory provision,² the court has had its own clerk, an elected officer whose term of office, like that of the probate judge, is four years. He is required to give bond with two or more sureties, to be approved by the probate judge, in the sum of not less than \$5,000.³ The clerk is required to attend all sessions of court, issue all process, preserve all the files and papers of the court, make, keep, and preserve complete records of all the proceedings and determinations of the court, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office as required by law or rules and orders of his court. He is required to enter of record all judgments, decrees, and orders of the court. In the performance of these duties he may, when necessary, appoint deputies for whose acts he is responsible.⁴ In all matters concerning the probate of estates of deceased persons, the granting of letters testamentary or of administration, letters of guardianship, the manner of keeping court records, the form of docket entries, journals, fee books, memorandums, and process, and the recording of papers and documents, the clerk is required to be governed by and follow all laws concerning similar matters in the county court of the state.⁵

The major records of the probate court kept by the clerk are the following:

1. Journal of all judicial proceedings and determinations of the judge.
2. A judgment docket with a direct and an indirect index: former, by name of claimant against estate; latter, by estate. In practice, the requirement of two indexes often leads to two dockets.
3. Books for recordation of bonds and letters of administrators, executors, guardians, and conservators; appraisement and sale bills; widows' relinquishment and selection of property; wills and their probate; annual and final reports of administrators, executors, guardians, and conservators. Generally, each category of these probate business matters is recorded separately, but the segregation is not always carefully maintained.
4. Separate dockets of unsettled estates and claims against estates, and a ledger of the accounts of executors, administrators, and guardians. Note that the dockets of probate business matters are separated from dockets of court

1. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 16,18; L.1849, p. 63-65; R.S.1874, p. 339,340.
2. L.1877, p. 82.
3. Ibid.
4. Ibid.
5. Ibid., p. 83

- proceedings, just as are the books of recordation of the two categories; the intention of the law to make this distinction is further shown in its granting the clerk, during vacation of the court, power to receive petitions, accept bonds, grant letters testamentary, etc.
5. Files of original documents not subject to recordation; indexes to such; records of office transactions in pursuance of the court's orders to the clerk, necessary in the latter's settlement with that body.¹

General Indexes

216. GENERAL INDEX TO ESTATES, 1821-- . 13 v. (1-13).
Index to probate records, showing names of deceased, administrator, bondsmen, widow, and heirs, summary of proceedings, case number, and book and page of entry. Arr. by case no. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 600 p. 18 x 14 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

217. MINORS' GENERAL INDEX, 1845-- . 3 v. (1-3).
General index showing names of minor, sureties, guardian, and conservator, dates of letters, filing of inventory, and approval, amount and date of bond, book and page of entry, and case numbers. Arr. by case no. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 341 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Proceedings of Court

218. (PROBATE FILES - ADMINISTRATORS AND EXECUTORS), 1821-- . 1100 f.b.
Administrators' and executors' documents in probate cases, including petitions for probate of wills and letters of administration, court orders admitting wills to probate, proof of heirship, bonds of administrators and executors, appointment of appraisers and appraisers' bills, widows' awards, inheritance tax papers, notices for dates of adjustments, certificates of publication, orders to sell personal and real property, and current and final reports. Arr. by cases numbered 1-16708. Hdw. and hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

219. INDEX TO ESTATES, 1821-- . 1 v.
Index to (Probate Files - Administrators and Executors), entry 218, showing names of estate, administrator, and executor, and case number. Arr. alph. by name of estate. Typed under pr. hdgs. 1500 p. 13 x 12 x 5. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

1. L.1821, p. 119,120; R.L.1829, p. 215,231; R.L.1837, p. 429; R.S.1845, p. 427,428; L.1851, p. 193; L.1859, p. 92-94; R.S.1874, p. 260-65; L.1877, p. 63; L.1933, p. 293.

220. (PROBATE FILES - CONSERVATORS AND GUARDIANS), 1821--. 223 f.b.
Files of guardians' and conservators' papers, including petitions for
appointment, bonds, petitions for authority to disburse funds, inven-
tories, and current and final reports. Cases numbered 1-5491. Arr.
chron. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Pro. clk.'s off.,
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221. INDEX TO GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP (Files), 1821--. 1 v.
Index to (Probate Files - Conservators and Guardians), entry 220, show-
ing names of ward, guardian or conservator, and case number. Arr. alph.
by name of agent. Typed under pr. hdgs. 800 p. 14 x 12 x 4. Pro.
clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

222. INSOLVENCY, 1832-99. 34 f.b. *file used* Discontinued. Subsequently
kept by United States District Court, Springfield, Illinois.
Documents in insolvent estate matters, including inventories of estates,
assignees' bonds, claims, petitions for personal exemption, proofs of
issuing notices by mail, copies of decrees ordering sales of real es-
tate, petitions for leave to sell accounts and notes, lists of creditor
receipts for debts paid, reports of sales of real estate, and petitions
of assignees for orders to pay dividends to creditors. Case numbers
2400-2499. 1832-78, arr. chron.; 1879-99, arr. by case no. 1832-77,
no index; for index, 1878-99, see entry 223. Hdw. on pr. fm.
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223. INDEX TO INSOLVENT ESTATE, 1878-99. 1 v.
Index to Insolvency, entry 222, showing name of estate and case number.
Arr. alph. by name of estate. Hdw. Binding poor. 27 p. 13 x 8 x 1/2.
Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

224. (PROBATE FILES - FOREIGN WILLS), 1914--. 1 f.b.
Copies of wills, proofs of death, letters of executorship, petitions for
release of executors, decrees discharging executor, and certificates of
register of will by clerk of the court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw.
and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

For foreign will record, see entry 230.

225. PROBATE RECORDS, 1821--. 137 v. (B-D, F-I, IJ, K-M, 1-126).
Probate records showing case number, term of court, dates of appoint-
ment, petitions for letters of administrator, executor, guardian, and
conservator, approval of inventory, appraisement bill, petition to sell
property, reports of sales, accounts current, amounts of receipts and
disbursements, final report of hearing, and orders of court. Minute
Books, entry 227, transcribed into this record. Also contains Insol-
vent Estate Record, 1821-77, entry 226; Record of Wills, 1821-49, entry
229; Administrators' Bond Record, Sale of Real Estate, 1821-90, entry
232; and Report of Sale of Real Estate, 1821-1916, entry 244. Arr.
chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entries
216, 217. 1821-94, hdw.; 1895--, typed. 150 - 600 p. 12 x 8 x 1 -
18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

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226. INSOLVENT ESTATE RECORD, 1878--. 1 v. (A). 1821-77 in Probate Records, entry 225.

Record of insolvent estate cases, showing condition of estate, court order to declare estate insolvent, orders to administrator to turn over all residue and property, and oath and discharge of administrator. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 650 p. 18 x 11 x 3. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

227. MINUTE BOOKS, 1900--. 52 v.

Minutes of proceedings of probate court, showing name of deceased, action taken, proof of adjustment of claims, petition for proof of heirship, and report on sale of real estate. This record has been transcribed into Probate Records, entry 225. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 200 p. 14 x 10 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

228. OBJECTIONS TO CLAIMS, 1881-1904. 1 v. Discontinued.

Record of objections to claims, showing case number, names of claimant, estate, and administrator, dates of hearing and filing, amount of claim, and action of court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of claimant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

For claim docket, see entry 250.

Probate Business

Wills, Bonds, Letters (See also entries 218, 224)

229. RECORD OF WILLS, 1850--. 26 v. (1-26). 1821-49 in Probate Records, entry 225.

Record of last wills and testaments, showing name of deceased, appointment of executor, date and amount of bond, and inventory of estate. Also contains Foreign Will Record, 1850-1913, entry 230. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. 1850-1913, hdw.; 1914--, typed. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

230. FOREIGN WILL RECORD, 1914--. 1 v. 1850-1913 in Record of Wills, entry 229.

Copies of foreign wills, showing names of judge, county, and estate, orders of court, decree of distribution, and signature of clerk of county from which forwarded. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Typed on pr. fm. 208 p. 18 x 12 x 1½. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

231. ADMINISTRATORS' BONDS, LETTERS, AND OATH, 1858--. 14 v. (1-14).

Copies of bond, letters of administration, and oath of administrator, showing names of estate, administrator, and sureties. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

232. ADMINISTRATORS' BOND RECORD, SALE OF REAL ESTATE, 1891--.

2 v. (A, B). 1821-90 in Probate Records, entry 225.

Copies of administrators' bonds for sale of real estate, showing names of administrator, judge, bondsmen, court, and purchaser, amount, date, and obligation of bond, legal description of real estate, terms, amount, and date of sale. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. Binding poor. 340 p. 18 x 12 x 1½. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

233. EXECUTORS' AND ADMINISTRATORS' BONDS, AND LETTERS, 1873--.

12 v. (1-12).

Copies of executors' and administrators' bonds, letters, and oaths, showing names of estate, executor or administrator, principal, and sureties, term date, and amount and obligation of bond. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 450 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

234. REGISTER OF EXECUTORS', ADMINISTRATORS', AND GUARDIANS' BONDS, 1893-96. 1 v. Discontinued.

Register of bonds, showing number, date, amount and term of bond, names of deceased, executor, administrator or guardian, and sureties, and acknowledgment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Binding poor. 80 p. 16 x 9½ x 1. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

For copies of bonds, see entries 231, 233, 235, 238.

235. GUARDIANS' BONDS AND LETTERS, 1872--. 8 v. (2-9).

Copies of bonds, oaths, and letters of guardians, showing names of estate, guardian or administrator, and sureties, date, amount, and obligation of bond, and dates of letters. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of minor heir. Hdw. on pr. fm. 638 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

236. CONSERVATORS' BONDS AND LETTERS, 1886--. 4 v. (1 not numbered, 4, 5, 9). 1878-85 in Insane and Conservators' Record, entry 237.

Copies of conservators' bonds, oaths, and letters, showing term date, names of judge, sheriff, ward, principal, and sureties, petition alleging need of conservation, record of examination, appointment of conservator, and amount and obligation of bond. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 592 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

237. INSANE AND CONSERVATORS' RECORD, 1878-92. 1 v. Discontinued.

Petitions for letters, conservators' bonds, oaths, letters, and orders of appointment, showing names of ward, petitioner, and sureties, date, amount, and terms of bond, and action taken. Also contains Insanity Record, entry 168 and Conservators' Bonds and Letters, 1878-85, entry 236. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on pr. fm. 579 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

238. MISCELLANEOUS BOND RECORD, 1879-1907. 1 v. Discontinued. Miscellaneous records of bonds, showing names of estate, administrator, executor, conservator, trustee or guardian, bondsmen, and clerk, condition of obligation, amount of bond, and date of recording. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 430 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

For other bond records, see entries 231, 233, 235, 236.

Inventories and Appraisements

239. INVENTORY RECORDS, 1856--. 40 v. (1-40). Record of inventories of estates, showing case number, name of estate, legal description of property, itemized statement of personal property, value, and certificate of administrative officer. Also contains Copartnership Inventory and Appraisement Bills, 1856-83, entry 241. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entries 216, 217. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 654 p. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

240. RECORD OF APPRAISEMENT BILLS AND WIDOWS' SELECTIONS, 1879--. 17 v. (1-17). Title varies: Record of Appraisement Bills; Record of Appraisement Bills and Widows' Awards. Bills of appraisement and widows' selections, showing names of estate and appraiser, term date, estimates and oath of appraiser, and amount allowed to widow. Also contains Widows' Relinquishment and Selection Record; 1905-12, entry 242. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entries 216, 217. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 500 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

241. COPARTNERSHIP INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT BILLS, 1884--. 1 v. (1). 1856-83 in Inventory Records, entry 239. Record of inventories and appraisements of copartnerships, including warrant to appraiser, oath of appraiser, and appraiser's bill, showing title of partnership, names of deceased, appraiser, and clerk, acknowledgment of oath, dates of warrant, oath, bill, and recording, itemized list of property owned, value, and statement of true bill by appraiser. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. 1884-86, hdw.; 1887--, hdw. on pr. fm. 565 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Widows' Relinquishment and Selection

242. WIDOWS' RELINQUISHMENT AND SELECTION RECORD, 1879-1904, 1913--. 4 v. (1, 2, 10, 11). 1905-12 in Record of Appraisement Bills and Widows' Selections, entry 240. Record of widows' relinquishments and selections, showing names of estate, widow, judge, sheriff, clerk, and appraiser, term date, oath of appraiser, appraiser's estimates, value of articles selected by widow, amount brought forward to account of estate, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 640 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Petitions, Decrees,
Reports of Sale

243. PERSONAL PROPERTY SALE RECORD 1876--. 10 v. (1-10).

Title varies: Personal Property Public Sale Record;
Personal Property Private Sale Record.

Sales record showing petition to sell property at public or private sale, names of estate and purchaser, date and amount of sale, and itemized list of articles sold. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entry 216. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

244. REPORT OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE, 1917--. 2 v. (1, 5). 1821-1916 in Probate Records, entry 225.

Record of administrators' sales of real estate, showing names of estate, judge, and purchaser, dates of report and sale, court orders, and terms and amount of sale. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Reports, Current and
Final Accounts

245. RECORD OF SETTLEMENT (Appraisers'), 1877--. 9 v. (1, 3-10).
Missing: 1886-91.

Settlement record showing names of appraiser and estate, warrant and oath of appraiser, appraiser's bill, and recapitulation of assets and liabilities. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 500 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

246. ADMINISTRATORS' AND EXECUTORS' FINAL REPORT RECORD, 1879--.
24 v. (2-25).

Final reports of administrators and executors, showing names of administrator or executor, estate, and judge, petition for discharge, items of receipts and disbursements, recapitulation, and dates of approval and discharge. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

247. GUARDIANS' REPORT RECORD, 1879--. 15 v. (6-17, 19-21).

Record of reports of guardians and conservators, showing names of estate, minor or incompetent, and guardian or conservator, date, amounts of receipts and disbursements, and acknowledgment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entry 217. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 350 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Inheritance Tax (See also
entries 337, 338)

248. INHERITANCE TAX, 1914--. 24 f.b.

Inheritance tax appraisements, returns and entries of appearance, orders assessing tax, orders of judge, and acknowledgments of return, showing names of estate, administrator or executor, judge, and clerk, and dates of approval and filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Dockets

249. PROBATE JUDGE'S DOCKET, 1874-- . 53 v. (3 not numbered, 5-43, 11 not numbered).

Docket of estates in probate, showing docket number, names of attorney, estate, administrator, and creditors or claimants, abstract of proceedings, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed under pr. hdgs. 500 p. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

250. CLAIM AND JUDGMENT DOCKET ADJUSTMENT DAY RECORDS OF CLAIMS ALLOWED, 1870-- . 24 v. (1, 1, 1-22). Title varies: Probate Ledger and Claim Docket; Probate Ledger and Judgment Docket.

Docket of claims against estates, showing term date, names of judge, sheriff, clerk, deceased, and administrator, and amounts and dates of claims, and judgment. Also contains Probate Judgment Docket, entry 251; Claim Docket, 1905-- , entry 252; and Adjustment Day Record of Claims Allowed, 1918-- , entry 253. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 319 - 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2 - 18 x 12 x 3. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

251. PROBATE JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1850-69. 2 v. 1870-- in Claim and Judgment Docket Adjustment Day Records of Claims Allowed, entry 250.

Docket of probate judgments, showing names of claimant and estate, nature and amount of claim, memoranda as to summons and notice, and judgment of court. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment is entered. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 400 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

252. CLAIM DOCKET, 1881-1904. 1 v. 1905-- in Claim and Judgment Docket Adjustment Day Records of Claims Allowed, entry 250.

Docket of claims filed against estates, showing number, date, nature and amount of claim, names of claimant and estate, and objector's briefs. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 251 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

253. ADJUSTMENT DAY RECORD OF CLAIMS ALLOWED, 1889-1917. 8 v. (1-8). 1918-- in Claim and Judgment Docket Adjustment Day Records of Claims Allowed, entry 250.

Register of claims of state and county, showing term date, names of judge, sheriff, clerk, deceased, claimant, and administrator. Notice of publication, and class and amount of claim. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Fee Books
(See also entry 256)

254. FEE BOOKS (Probate Court), 1821--. 36 v. (1-36).
Record of fees received, showing names of estate, guardian, administrator, executor or conservator, and payees, purpose and amount of fee, and date of payment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate or guardian. Hdw. on pr. fm. 516 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Plats

255. PLAT BOOK, SANGAMON COUNTY, 1914. 151 maps.
Political plats showing all cities, villages, and towns, acreage, ownership of lands not platted, and nature of soil as classified by the United States Government Survey. Springfield, Illinois: Sangamon County Abstract Company, publisher. Printed. 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 x 1. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

Receipts and Expenditures

256. CASH BOOK: REGISTER OF FEES, 1902--. 4 v. (1, 3 not numbered).
Itemized register of fees received, showing date, from whom received, amount, and fee book and page of entry. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.
For other records of probate fees, see entry 254.

257. JURY WARRANTS, 1903--. 1 v.
Register of warrants issued in payment for jurors' services, showing warrant number, amount, and date, names of juror and clerk, number of days served, mileage, and date of payment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Binding very poor. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Pro. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

VI. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court has original jurisdiction of all causes of law and equity and acts as a court of appeals in probate matters and causes cognizable by the county court and justices of the peace.¹ In addition, it

1. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 12; L.1871-72, p. 109; R.S.1874, p. 344; L.1895, p. 189; L.1933, p. 688; L.1935, p. 1.

is one of the courts capable of having naturalization jurisdiction according to Federal Statutes.¹

Originally, the circuit court was held in Sangamon County by justices of the Supreme Court.² Later, provision was made for the appointment, by both branches of the General Assembly, of separate circuit court judges to hold office during good behavior.³ An act of 1827 repealed this provision and provided that circuit courts again be held by Supreme Court justices.⁴ In 1835 the judiciary was reorganized, and a circuit judge was appointed by the General Assembly for the district serving Sangamon County. All of the laws requiring Supreme Court justices to hold circuit courts were repealed by this legislation.⁵ The new plan of organization was in effect for a brief period of six years, for in 1841 additional associate justices of the Supreme Court were elected by joint ballot of the General Assembly, which justices together with the other justices of the Supreme Court, held the circuit courts.⁶ In 1849 another change was made in accordance with the second constitution which provided for the election of circuit judges by the judicial district electorate.⁷ The Constitution of 1870 altered the circuit districts and established population requirements for counties that may comprise a circuit.⁸ From 1849 to the present the circuit judges have been elected officers of the judicial district electorate. The seventh circuit is made up of six counties, one of which is Sangamon.⁹

Three circuit judges, who serve for six-year terms, are elected for the district.¹⁰ Before entering upon the duties of his office, each circuit judge is required to subscribe to an oath which is filed with the Secretary of State. Those elected after the first Monday of June 1933, receive a salary of \$7,200. The amount of salary to be paid to circuit court

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1. U.S.S. at Large, v. 2, p. 155; U.S.R.S.1789-1874, 378-80; U.S.S. at Large, v. 34, part 1, p. 596; U.S.S. at Large, v. 37, part 1, p. 737; U.S.S. at Large, v. 44, part 2, p. 709.
 2. Constitution of 1818, Art. IV, sec. 4; L.1819, p. 378.
 3. L.1824, p. 41.
 4. R.L.1827, p. 118.
 5. L.1835, p. 150,151.
 6. L.1841, p. 173; R.S.1845, p. 143.
 7. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 7.
 8. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 13.
 9. L.1933, p. 436
 10. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 12; L.1933, p. 436.

judges elected after the first Monday in June 1939 was set at \$8,000. The salaries are paid from the state treasury.¹

The hearings of several of the election contests are held before this court. Jurisdiction is granted to the court to hear and determine contests of the election of judges of the Supreme Court, judges of the circuit court, and members of the state board of equalization; but no judge of the circuit court is allowed to sit upon the hearing of any case in which he is a party.² The circuit court also hears and determines the election contests of some of the local and county offices. These include contests of judge of the county court, mayors of cities, president of the county board, presidents of villages, and elections in reference to removal of county seats and in reference to any other subject which may be submitted to the vote of the people of the county. The circuit court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county court in cases of contested elections under the latter's jurisdiction.³

Included under the jurisdiction of the circuit court are appeals from the Illinois Commerce Commission's rules, regulations, orders, or decisions. Such appeals may be taken to the circuit court serving Sangamon County when the subject matter of the hearing is situated in this county. The appeal may be heard for the purpose of having the reasonableness or lawfulness of the rule, regulation, order, or decision inquired into and determined.⁴

To expedite the handling of litigation, a branch circuit court may be held at the same time that the main or regular circuit court for Sangamon County is in session. A branch court is held by any circuit judge or by any judge of any other circuit called in for the purpose of hearing and deciding motions and settling the issues in any or all causes pending in the circuit court, and for the purpose of hearing chancery causes and cases at law which are pending in such court for that term. The presiding judge of the main circuit court assigns to the branch court as many of the law and chancery cases as the presiding judge of the branch court will possibly have time to hear.⁵

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1. L.1933, p. 621; L.1937, p. 189,606. In 1835 the salary of the circuit judge was \$750 per annum (L.1835, p. 167). The Constitution of 1870 set the salary at \$3,000 until otherwise provided by law (Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 16). A few of the recent changes were: from 1919 to 1925 for judges elected during this period, \$6,500; for the period 1925 to 1933, those elected received \$8,000 per year (L.1919, p. 553,554; L.1925, p. 400; L.1931, p. 148).
 2. L.1899, p. 152.
 3. L.1871-72, p. 396; L.1895, p. 170.
 4. L.1921, p. 742,743.
 5. L.1873-74, p. 82,83; L.1905, p. 146.

Also to aid in the speedy administration of justice, the judges or a majority of them, may, by an order entered of record in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, dispense with either or both the grand and petit juries for any term or part of term of the circuit court, and may designate what term or portion thereof shall be devoted to criminal business, and what term or portion thereof, to civil business.¹

Each of the three judges of the circuit court is authorized to appoint one official shorthand reporter. This appointee is required to be skilled in verbatim reporting and is not allowed to hold more than one such official appointment. The appointment is in writing and is required to be filed in the office of the auditor of public accounts. The reporter holds office until his appointment is revoked by the appointing judge or until the termination of the judge's term. When the official reporter is absent or disabled the presiding judge may appoint any other competent reporter to act during such absence or disability. The substitute is paid for his services by the official reporter. The reporter causes full stenographic notes of the evidence in all trials before the court to be taken down and transcript of the same to be correctly made if desired by either party to the suit, their attorneys, or the judge of the court. Each of the reporters receives and is paid out of the state treasury an annual salary of \$3,240. The salaries are paid out monthly on the warrant of the auditor of public accounts.²

The probation officer for adult probationers is an appointee of the circuit court.³ His services extend throughout the county. Courts exercising criminal or quasi-criminal jurisdiction are given power to release on probation adult or juvenile offenders found guilty of committing certain specified offenses.⁴ In the performance of his prescribed duties, the probation officer principally serves the county and circuit courts. He is required to give bond as determined by the circuit court in a sum not exceeding \$5,000 and is subject to the rules of, and removal by, the appointing court.⁵ Sangamon County is allowed three probation officers under the allowance of one for each fifty thousand or fraction thereof, of population.⁶

The probation officer is compensated at a rate determined by the county board. In the performance of his duties, he is required to investigate the cases of defendants requesting probation; notify the court of previous conviction or probation; make reports to the respective courts; keep a set of records as described below; take charge of, and watch over, all persons placed on probation in his county and all probationers moving

1. L.1835, p. 168; L.1873-74, p. 81; L.1933, p. 441,442.

2. L.1933, p. 464.

3. L.1911, p. 280.

4. Ibid., p. 277,278.

5. Ibid., p. 280, 281; L.1915, p. 380,381.

6. L.1915, p. 380.

from another county into his county. He is also required to notify probation officers in other counties of any probationers under his supervision who may move into those counties.¹

The reports made by the probation officer to the courts are kept by the clerks in the respective cases. The courts' probation records include orders granting or refusing release on probation, probationers' bonds, the reports of probation officers noted above, and discharge of probationers.

The probation officer is required to keep complete and accurate records of investigated cases, including descriptions of the investigated persons, the action of the court, and the subsequent history of probationers. These records are open to inspection by any judge or by any probation officer pursuant to a court order but are not public records.²

Unlike the judges of the circuit court who are elected by the judicial district electorate, the clerk of this court is elected by the county electorate.³ This official performs the ministerial duties of the circuit court of Sangamon County and files and preserves its records as well as those of the branch circuit court.⁴ He is commissioned by the Governor and before entering upon the duties of his office, gives bond with sureties which are approved by any two of the judges of the court. His bond is given in the sum of not less than \$5,000 as agreed upon by the judges. The oath to which he subscribes is filed with the Secretary of State.⁵ If a vacancy occurs in this office and the unexpired term does not exceed one year, the court is required to fill such vacancy by appointment of a clerk pro tempore. The appointee is then required to qualify for office in the same manner as the clerk of the circuit court. When the appointment is made, the court notifies the Governor of the filled vacancy. The Governor in turn, as soon as practicable, issues a writ of election for the circuit court clerk.⁶

The clerk of the circuit court was first appointed by the circuit judge in Sangamon County.⁷ He kept a record of all the oaths that he administered and certified a copy annually to the Secretary of State.⁸ The clerk preserved a complete record of all proceedings and determinations of the court of which he was clerk.⁹ At each term of the circuit court, the

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1. L.1911, p. 281,282; L.1915, p. 381,382.
 2. L.1911, p. 277-84; L.1915, p. 378-84.
 3. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 7; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8.
 4. L.1905, p. 147.
 5. R.S.1874, p. 260.
 6. L.1873-74, p. 95.
 7. Constitution of 1818, Art. IV, sec. 6; R.L.1833, p. 152; R.S.1845, p. 146.
 8. L.1819, p. 349.
 9. R.L.1829, p. 44; R.L.1833, p. 152; R.S.1845, p. 147.

clerk inquired into the condition of the treatment of prisoners and was required to see that they all were humanely treated.¹ This authority was in later years, and is at present, delegated to the circuit court.² One of the early requisites of this office was for the clerk of the circuit court to reside near the county seat in order that he could attend to his duties daily. In the event that it were not possible for him to be in daily attendance, the presiding judge was to fill such vacancy.³ The Constitution of 1848 made the clerk of the circuit court an elective officer of the county with a four-year term. This arrangement has continued until the present.⁴

The clerk is able to perform the several duties of his office with the aid of his staff which consists of assistants and deputy clerks who are appointed by him in a number determined by rule of the circuit court.⁵ This order is entered as of record, and the compensation of such assistants and deputies is set by the county board.⁶

Among the records kept by the clerk for the circuit court are the following:⁷

1. Books of record of the proceedings and judgments of the court with alphabetical indexes by parties. Proceedings are recorded at length only in cases designated by law, or when the court, at the motion and assumption of expense by one of the parties, so orders. In practice, from an early date, the court record has been broken down into segregated types of proceedings and judgments.
2. "Plaintiff-Defendant Index to Court Records" and "Defendant-Plaintiff Index to Court Records," intended to be separate records, but frequently combined in a single volume with the two indexes segregated in each volume.
3. A general docket in which all suits are entered in the order they are commenced.
4. A judgment and execution docket containing a column for the entry of satisfaction or other disposition. In practice, and execution docket is frequently set up independently.

1. R.L.1827, p. 248.

2. R.S.1874, p. 616; L.1923, p. 423.

3. R.L.1829, p. 35.

4. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 29; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 9.

5. L.1831, p. 49; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 9.

6. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 9.

7. The Civil Practice Act of 1933 grants authority to the circuit courts, subject to rules promulgated by the Supreme Court and not inconsistent with statutory requirements, to make such rules as they may deem expedient, regulating dockets and calendars of said court (L.1933, p. 786).

5. Additional dockets designated as the clerk's, judge's, and bar docket. In practice, the bar docket has tended to drop out of use.
6. A fee book in which costs and fees are to be entered under the proper title of the case. In practice, separate series of volumes are maintained under such titles of causes.
7. Transcripts of proceedings in appeals from justices', city, and foreign courts, dockets thereof, and transcripts of judgments for liens, etc., from the former. Separate well-bound books are required to be kept for each city court. These books are to contain an alphabetical docket of all judgment decrees rendered in the city court. They also provide for entry of data relating to the filing of the transcript with the corresponding number of the transcript.¹
8. Naturalization proceedings from petitions to final certificates; Federal Statutes allow the circuit court to exercise jurisdiction.
9. Reports to the court from its designated masters in chancery, the state's attorney, and the coroner's inquest juries.
10. Jury venires, summonses, certificates, etc.
11. Original documents used in court hearings and determinations. These documents are of particular importance because in a large number of cases the complete proceedings are not spread on court record.
12. Monthly reports of the warden of the county jail, containing a list of all prisoners in his custody, showing causes of commitment and names of persons by whom committed.²

Proceedings of Court

258. PLAINTIFFS'-DEFENDANTS' INDEX, 1857--. 44 v. (1-22, defendant; 1-22, plaintiff).

Index to common law, criminal, and chancery records and files, showing names of defendant and plaintiff, kind of action, terms of commencement and disposal, dates of judgment and satisfaction, cause, case number, book and page of record, fee book, and judgment, levy, sale, and redemption record. Arr. alph. by name of defendant or plaintiff. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 470 p. 18 x 12 x 4. 20 v., 1-10 plaintiff and defendant, 1857-1907, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 24 v., 11-22 plaintiff and defendant, 1908--., cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

1. R.S.1874, p. 347; L.1901, p. 136,137.
2. R.L.1827, p. 217; R.S.1845, p. 323-26,414,418,419,518; L.1865, p. 79, 80; L.1871-72, p. 325; R.S.1874, p. 262,263,339,616; L.1877, p. 77; L.1895, p. 217; L.1933, p. 442,677; U.S.S. at Large, v. 2, p. 153-55; U.S.R.S.1789-1874, p. 378-80; U.S.S. at Large, v. 34, part 1, p. 596-607,709,710; U.S.S. at Large, v. 45, part 1, p. 1514,1515.

259. (CIRCUIT COURT FILES), 1821--. 1416 f.b.
Documents in common law, chancery, and criminal cases, including summons-
es, complaints, pleas, writs, indictments, true bills, transcripts of
evidence, instructions to jury, verdicts, decrees, and appeals. Cases
numbered 1-76435. Also contains Reports - State's Attorney, 1931--,
entry 285; Special Grand Jury Reports, 1821-1918, entry 287; and (Appeal)
Bonds, 1821-1909, entry 290. Arr. chron. 1821-56, no index; for index,
1857--, see entry 258. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14 -
10 x 14 x 18. 251 f.b., 1821-1923, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 1165 f.b.,
1924--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

260. EXECUTIONS, 1821--. 73 f.b.
Executions of judgment, showing fee and record book and page of entry,
term and execution numbers, amounts of fines, costs, and sheriff's fees, *check*
dates of execution and filing, names of defendant, sheriff, clerk, and *1830-*
witness, amount of judgment, and term date. Arr. by cases numbered *Aug 18*
1-24500. 1821-56, no index; for index, 1857--, see entry 258. Hdw. on
pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. 65 f.b., 1821-1931, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.;
8 f.b., 1932--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

261. LIENS, 1887--. 12 f.b.
Files of liens, showing lien number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and
clerk, amount, number, and nature of lien, reason for which lien was
filed, legal description of property charged with lien, and acknowledg-
ment. Arr. by lien no. No index. 1887-98, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1899--,
hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

262. CIRCUIT COURT LAW RECORD (Criminal, Chancery), 1821--. 98 v.
(A-D, F-I, K-Z, 25-98). Title varies: Circuit Court Record.
Record of common law cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, judge,
sheriff, clerk, jurors, and witnesses, date, type of action, proceedings,
and final orders of court. Also contains record of recognizance bonds,
and record and bonds of probation; Law Minutes, 1917--, entry 263; Chan-
cery Record, 1821-34, 1864-68, entry 264; and Criminal Records, 1821-84,
1897--, entry 265. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and
defendant; for sep. index, 1857--, see entry 258. 1821-95, hdw.; 1896--,
typed. 630 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. A-D, F-I, K-Z, 25-62, 1821-1903, cir.
clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 63-98, 1904--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

263. LAW MINUTES, 1869-1916. 70 v. Prior records cannot be located
1917-- in Circuit Court Law Record (Criminal, Chancery), entry
262.
Record of minutes of cases, showing term date, case number, abstract of
proceedings, and final disposition of case. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw.
300 p. 10 x 12 x 1½. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

264. CHANCERY RECORD, 1835-63, 1869--. 161 v. (A-C, 1-158). 1821-34, 1864-68 in Circuit Court Law Record (Criminal, Chancery), entry 262.

Chancery record showing names of plaintiff, defendant, judge, attorneys, master in chancery, clerk, sheriff, and witnesses, term date, proceedings, and final orders of court. Also contains Decrees of Foreclosure, 1896--, entry 270 and Master's Report of Sale, 1897--, entry 284. Arr. chron. 1835-63, indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant; for index, 1869--, see entry 258. 1835-63, 1869-95, hdw.; 1896--, typed. 652 p. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 18 x 12 x 2. V. A-C, 1835-63, 1-73, 1869-1908, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 74-158, 1909--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

265. CRIMINAL RECORDS, 1885-96. 3 v. (1-3). 1821-84, 1897-- in Circuit Court Law Record (Criminal, Chancery), entry 262.

Criminal law record showing term date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of charge, proceedings, and final action of court. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 258. Hdw. on pr. fm. 500 p. 18 x 14 x 3. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

266. CONFESSIONS IN VACATION, 1879--, 1 v.

Record of confessions during vacation of court, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date, amount, and acknowledgment of judgment, and attorney's fees. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 420 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

267. CONFESSIONS IN TERM TIME, 1885--. 3 v. (A-C).

Record of confessions, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date, amount, and acknowledgment of judgment, and attorney's fees. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 336 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. A, 1885-1921, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. B, C, 1922--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

268. (JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT RECORD), 1865-97. 1 v. Discontinued.

Record of judgments by default, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, and date and amount of judgment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 610 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

For docket of judgments, see entry 275.

269. EXECUTION ORDER BOOK, 1881--. 10 v.

Record of praecipe for execution, showing names of attorney, plaintiff, and defendant, date, and order of execution. Arr. chron. No index. 1881-88, hdw.; 1889--, hdw. on pr. fm. 400 p. 13 x 12 x 2. 8 v., 1881-1932, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 2 v., 1933--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

270. DECREES OF FORECLOSURE, 1884-95. 1 v. 1896-- in Chancery Record, entry 264.

Foreclosure decree record showing term date, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, proof of notice of publication of pending suit, and statement of master in chancery ordering payment or forfeiture of property. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 258. Hdw. on pr. fm. 500 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

Transcripts
(See also entry 287)

271. RECORD OF TRANSCRIPTS (Justice of Peace), 1847--. 8 v.
(A-G, 1).

Transcripts of judgments from justice of the peace courts, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and justice, date of summons, by whom served, amounts allowed for service and mileage, costs, constable's fee, abstracts of proceedings, and statement of true bill by foreign officer. Arr. chron. No index. 1847-76, hdw.; 1877-1925, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1926--, typed on pr. fm. 438 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. A-G, 1847-1926, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 1, 1927--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

272. RECORDS OF FOREIGN TRANSCRIPTS, 1916--. 2 v. (H, J).

Transcripts of proceedings of cases transferred from courts outside of Sangamon County, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, jurors, and foreign officer, date of summons and by whom served, amounts allowed for service and mileage, costs, constable's fee, abstract of proceedings of court, and statement of true bill by foreign officer. Arr. chron. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 268 p. 18 x 14 x 3. V. H, 1916-31, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. J, 1932--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For prior transcript records, see entry 271.

Dockets

273. JUDGES' TRANSFER DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1821--. 260 v.
(1 not labeled, C, 4 not labeled, 1, 2, 7, 249 not labeled, 1821--; 9, 10, 1866-77). Missing: 1833-39. Title varies: Judges' Docket; Docket Book.

Judges' docket of common law, criminal, and chancery cases, showing names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, cause of action, date, book and page of entry, and abstract of proceedings. Arr. chron. 1821-56, 1918--, no index; 1857-1917, indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. 1821-56, hdw.; 1857--, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 - 800 p. 14 x 9 x 1 - 18 x 14 x 3. 240 v., 1821-1925, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 20 v., 1926--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

274. GENERAL DOCKET, 1884--. 22 v. (1-22).

General docket showing term dates, general number, names of judge, attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, court of appeal, action and process, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 624 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

275. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1827--. 29 v. (A-H, J-Z, A, A, D, D).

Docket of judgments entered, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date, kind of action, amount of debt, damages and costs, fee book and page of entry, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment is entered. 1827-56, no index; for index, 1857--, see entry 258. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 978 p. 18 x 12 x 5. V. A-H, J-Z, 1827-1926, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. A, A, D, D, 1927--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

276. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1836--. 13 v. (D-N, 1836--; 1 not lettered, C, 1858-97).

Docket of executions, showing date, execution number, amount of costs, and fee book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment is entered. 1836-56, no index; for index, 1857--, see entry 258. 1836-59, hdw.; 1860--, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 400 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. D-K, 1836-1923, 1 not lettered, C, 1858-97, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. L-N, 1924--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

277. DOCKET OF LIENS, 1887--. 7 v. (1-7).

Docket of liens, showing lien number and date, fee book and page of entry, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount and nature of claim, description of property charged with lien, and acknowledgment of satisfaction. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 155 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. 1-3, 1887-1917, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 4-7, 1918--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

278. BAR DOCKET (October Term), 1860. 1 v. Discontinued.

Docket of common law, chancery, and criminal cases, showing case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, and kind of action. Arr. by case no. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 14 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

Fee Books

279. FEE BOOKS, 1833--. 112 v. (1 not labeled, F-P, 1 not labeled, 1-63, 65-89, 91-101).

Record of fees received, showing term date, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, order number, amount of fees, and dates of entry and payment. Also contains Fee Book Alimony, 1833-1916, entry 280; Criminal Fees, 1833-1930, entry 281; and Lien Docket Fees, 1887-1930, entry 282. Arr. chron. 1833-99, indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant; for sep. index, 1857--, see entry 258. 1833-61, hdw.; 1862--, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 640 p. 18 x 12 x 2. 2 v. not labeled, v. F-P, 1-63, 1833-1922, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 65-89, 91-101, 1923--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

280. FEE BOOK ALIMONY, 1917--. 4 v. (64, 64A, 64B, 65B). 1833-1916 in Fee Books, entry 279.

Ledger of fees received in alimony cases, showing term date, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, order number, amount of fees, and dates of entry and payment. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 258. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 640 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. 64, 64A, 1917-22, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 64B, 65B, 1923--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

281. CRIMINAL FEES, 1931--. 2 v. (90, 90A). 1833-1930 in Fee Books, entry 279.

Register of fees collected in criminal cases, showing name of defendant, cause of action, order number, amount of fees, and dates of entry and payment. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 258. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 640 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

282. LIEN DOCKET FEES, 1931--. 1 v. (86A). 1887-1930 in Fee Books, entry 279.

Ledger of fees received in mechanics' lien cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, type of lien, order number, amount of fees, and dates of entry and payment. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 258. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 640 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

283. WITNESS AND ALIAS FEES, 1916-26. 1 v. Discontinued.

Register of witness fees, and fees for alias writs, showing name of witness, amount of fee paid, and fee book and page number. Arr. alph. by name of witness. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

Reports to the Court
(See also entries 287, 319)

284. MASTER'S REPORT OF SALE, 1884-96. 1 v. 1897-- in Chancery Record, entry 264.

Record of master's reports of sale of real estate, showing names of master in chancery, judge, clerk, purchaser, and owner, date and place of sale, time and place of advertisement, legal description of property, and amount of sale. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 258. Hdw. on pr. fm. 480 p. 17 x 12 x 1. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

285. REPORTS - STATE'S ATTORNEY, 1890-1930. 1 v., 1 f.b. 1931-- in (Circuit Court Files), entry 259.

State's attorney's reports to circuit court, showing names of judge, attorneys, and defendant, amounts of fees, fines, and forfeitures collected, and acknowledgment before notary public. Prior to 1900 state's attorney's reports kept in bound form. Arr. chron. No index. 1890-1900, hdw.; 1901--, typed. V. 300 p. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; f.b. 10 x 5 x 14. 1 v., 1890-1900, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 1 f.b., 1891-1930, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Jury Records

(See also entries 6, 11, 34, 257,
262, 302, 306, 307, 315, 316, 319)

286. JURY WARRANTS, 1849--. 8 v. (3 not numbered, 3-7). Prior records cannot be found.

Register of warrants issued in payment for jury service, showing number, date, and amount of warrant, name of juror, days of service, mileage, and date of cancellation. Arr. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 478 p. 18 x 12 x 2. 3 v. not numbered, v. 3-5, 1849-1914, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. 6, 7, 1915--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

287. SPECIAL GRAND JURY REPORTS, 1919--. 1 f.b. 1821-1918 in (Circuit Court Files), entry 259.

Miscellaneous papers, including venire for grand jury, reports of Sangamon County miners' examining board, grand jury reports, state's attorney's reports, bills of indictment, recognizance bonds, transcripts from justice courts, garnishee summons, appeal bonds, and writs of habeas corpus. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Circuit Court - Bonds;
Probation; Naturalization

288. PETIT JURY, 1933--. 2 f.b. Prior records cannot be located. Petit jury venire showing term, date, names and addresses of jurors, and dates and number of days of service. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Bonds

(See also entries 262, 287)

289. RECEIVERS' BONDS, 1887--. 3 f.b. Receivers' bonds showing names of principal and sureties, obligations, date and amount of bond, and dates of filing and acknowledgment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

290. (Appeal) BONDS, 1910--. 4 f.b. 1821-1909 in (Circuit Court Files), entry 259. Appeal bonds from circuit or county courts to appellate court, showing names of defendant, plaintiff, sureties, clerk, and justice, obligations, amount, and dates of bond and filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Probation

(See also entry 319)

291. (CASE RECORDS), 1933--. 16 f.d. Adult probation records, including papers on personal history, marital status, family, economic, and social data, criminal records, court orders, conditions of probation, monthly reports of probationers, investigators' reports to court, code index to progress of supervision, and final order of discharge. Arr. alph. by name of probationer. No index. Hdw. and typed under pr. hdgs. 3 x 12 x 14. Adult probation officer's off., Illinois Bankers Assurance Bldg., 220 East Monroe St., Springfield, Illinois.

Naturalization

(See also entries 208-212)

292. NATURALIZATION RECORD (Declaration of Intention), 1868-1903. 1 v. Discontinued. 1904-- kept in United States District Court, Springfield, Illinois. Copies of declarations of intention, showing date, application number, name of judge, name, age, and nativity of applicant, renunciation of allegiance to foreign power, oath, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 590 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

293. NATURALIZATION RECORD, FINAL, 1858-1901. 2 v. (1, 2). Discontinued. 1902-- kept in United States District Court, Springfield, Illinois. Copies of naturalization certificates, showing date, names of applicant, judge, clerk, and witnesses, oath of allegiance, renunciation of allegiance to foreign power, and order of court granting citizenship. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 656 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

294. JUDGES' DOCKET - NATURALIZATION, 1869-1903. 1 v. Discontinued. Naturalization docket showing application number, names of applicant and witnesses, nativity of alien, date of granting petition, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 280 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.

Office Transactions

Receipts and Expenditures

295. CASH BOOK, 1894---. 10 v. Missing: 1900-1907. Ledger account of receipts and disbursements of circuit clerk, showing dates, names of payee and payer, fee book and page of entry, amounts of court costs, miscellaneous earnings, alimony fees, sheriff's, attorneys', and master's-in-chancery fees, total amount, and clerk's salary. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 298 p. 18 x 12 x 2. 8 v., 1894-1931, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 2 v., 1932---, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Court Business

296. PUBLICATION NOTICE, 1921---. 1 v. Record of newspaper publication notices, showing title of cause, name of newspaper, number of copies in which published, and dates of first publication and mailing notice. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 406 p. 16 x 14 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

VII. SHERIFF

The sheriff, by constitutional provision, has been an elected officer in Sangamon County from the organization of the county to the present.¹ The term of his office, originally set at two years,² is now four years.³ In 1880 it was provided, by constitutional amendment, that no person elected to the office of sheriff should be eligible for reelection to that office until four years after the expiration of his term of office.⁴ His bond in this county is required in the sum of \$10,000 and must be approved

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1. Constitution of 1818, Art. III, sec. 11; Constitution of 1848, Art. VII, sec. 7; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8; second amendment November 22, 1880, to the Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8; also L.1819, p. 110; R.S.1874, p. 989.
 2. Constitution of 1818, Art. III, sec. 11; Constitution of 1848, Art. VII, sec. 7.
 3. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8.
 4. *Ibid.*, Art. X, sec. 8, as amended November 1880.

by the county judge.¹ Memoranda of this bond are entered at large upon the records of the county court, and the bond is filed in the office of the county clerk.² One or more deputies are appointed by the sheriff in accordance with the number allowed by rule of the circuit court. Compensation of the deputies is determined by the county board.³ The sheriff is warden of the county jail and has custody and regulation of the same and of all prisoners.⁴ To assist him in this administration, he appoints a superintendent of the county jail for whose conduct he is responsible, and whom he may remove at pleasure.⁵

Essentially without change for over one hundred years, the principal duties of the sheriff are the following:

1. To act as conservator of the peace, with power to arrest offenders on view.
2. To attend, in person or by deputy, all courts of record (city, county, probate, circuit, and appellate courts) in his county, and to obey the orders and directions of the courts.
3. To serve, execute, and return all writs, warrants, process, orders, and decrees legally directed to him.
4. To sell real or personal property by virtue of execution or other process.
5. To send fingerprints of criminals to the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.⁶

In the course of the sheriff's many detailed duties included in these broad provisions, the following records may be kept but do not appear in Sangamon County:

1. Receipts of deliveries of prisoners in changes of venue.

1. R.S.1874, p. 990. Cf. R.L.1827, p. 371. Prior to the organization of the county court, the sheriff's bond and securities were approved by the circuit court.
2. R.S.1845, p. 514; R.S.1874, p. 989.
3. R.L.1827, p. 373; R.S.1845, p. 515; L.1869, p. 399; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 9.
4. L.1819, p. 111,112,160-62,314-17,332,333; L.1821, p. 37,63,64; R.L.1827, p. 247-50; L.1831, p. 103,104,106; R.L.1833, p. 574,575; L.1845, p. 10, 19; R.S.1845, p. 133,134,515-17; R.S.1874, p. 616,989-91; L.1901, p. 137, 138; L.1923, p. 423. The citations also include references to duties not included in the general outline noted above.
5. L.1923, p. 423.
6. R.L.1827, p. 311,312,372,373; R.L.1829, p. 121; L.1839, p. 14-18,20; L.1877, p. 72; L.1905, p. 147; L.1921, p. 500; L.1931, p. 465.

2. Copies of reports to the county court and circuit court.¹
3. Reports of pawmbrokers on loans and articles pawned.²
4. Data of identification of criminal and stolen property.

The following records may be kept and do appear:

1. Register of prisoners.
2. Docket of executions.
3. "Books of Accounts," including records of fees and disbursements.

Process

297. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1906--. 15 v.

Execution and process docket showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and plaintiff's attorney, dates of judgment, writ, receipt, and return, amounts of damages, costs, interest, sheriff's fees, service levying, mileage, advertising, commissions, certificate of sale, returns, and total amount. Arr. chron. No. index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 14 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Sh.'s off., 1st fl.

298. RECORD OF WRITS (Civil), 1908--. 5 v.

List of writs of civil cases, showing to whom served, type of case, court of issue, dates of receipt, service, and return, by whom served, date and amount of fees, and by whom paid and refunded. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 408 p. 16 x 14 x 2. Sh.'s off., 1st fl.

299. RECORD OF WRITS (People), 1917--. 3 v.

List of writs in criminal cases, showing to whom served, type of case, court of issue, dates of receipt and return, by whom served, date and amount of fees, and by whom paid and refunded. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 408 p. 16 x 14 x 2. Sh.'s off., 1st fl.

300. RECORD OF WRITS (State), 1917--. 4 v.

List of writs for insane, feeble-minded, and delinquent state charges, showing to whom served, type of case, court of issue, dates of receipt, service, and return, by whom served, paid, and refunded, and amount of fees. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 404 p. 16 x 14 x 2. Sh.'s off., 1st fl.

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1. L.1819, p. 200-202,317; R.L.1827, p. 249,273; L.1845, p. 11; R.S.1845, p. 305; R.S.1874, p. 568,991,992,1096; L.1907, p. 316-19; L.1909, p. 301; L.1921, p. 500; L.1923, p. 424; L.1929, p. 549; L.1931, p. 465; L.1933, p. 187-90.
 2. L.1909, p. 301.

301. RECORD OF WRITS (Foreign), 1923--. 2 v.
List of writs from foreign counties, showing to whom served, type of case, court of issue, dates of receipt and return, date and by whom served, date and amount of fees, and by whom paid and refunded. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 216 p. 16 x 12 x 1. Sh.'s off., 1st fl.

302. RECORD OF VENIRES AND GRAND JURY SUBPOENAS, 1910--. 2 v.
(1, 2).
Copies of jury venires and grand jury subpoenas, showing names of prospective jurors, court, and judge, nature of writ, and dates of receipt, service, and return, and amount of fees. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 224 p. 16 x 12 x 1. Sh.'s off., 1st fl.

Jail Records

303. REGISTER OF PRISONERS, 1887--. 46 v.
Register of prisoners, showing number, name and description of prisoner, nature of charge, name of officer having custody of prisoner, date of commitment, personal effects taken in charge by jailer, date of discharge, amount of fees, and remarks. Arr. chron. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 16 x 12 x 2. Jailer's off., 1st fl.

304. CARD INDEX (Register of Prisoners), 1887--. 4 f.b.
Index to Register of Prisoners, entry 303, showing register number, name, address, and description of prisoner, nature of charge, dates of commitment, and discharge or parole, and book and page of entry in register. Arr. alph. by name of prisoner. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 5 x 6 x 16. Jailer's off., 1st fl.

Receipts and Expenditures

305. CASH BOOK, 1907--. 7 v. (2 not numbered, 1907-26; 1-5, 1918--).
Ledger account of cash received, showing date, amount received from circuit, county, and probate courts, name of state auditor or justice of peace, and total amount. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 16 x 12 x 2. Sh.'s off., 1st fl.

VIII. CORONER

The coroner's office in Sangamon County has continued in existence from the organization of the county to the present.¹ The coroner is elected by the county electorate for a four-year term. After certifi-

1. Constitution of 1818, Art. III, sec. 11; L.1849, Second Sess., p. 7; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8.

cation of his election by the county clerk, filing of his bond, and taking oath of office, he receives his commission from the Governor.¹ The inquest duties of this official have changed little over a period of more than a century. The coroner acts as a conservator of the peace with powers equal to those of the sheriff in this respect and serves as a ministerial officer of the courts in the absence or disqualification of the sheriff; he also performs all the other duties of the latter when the office is vacant.²

The most important function of the coroner is to hold inquests over the bodies of persons supposed to have come to their death by violence, casualty, or other undue means. When notification of such death is received, the coroner proceeds to the body, takes charge of it, and summons a jury composed of six men from the vicinity in which the body was found. The jury is instructed to convene at a stated time and place to view the body and to inquire into the cause and manner of the death. If the inquest is continued and a vacancy should occur on the jury, the coroner is allowed to fill such vacancy.³

To the custody of the clerk of the circuit court are returned the verdict of the jury and such recognizances as may be given the coroner by witnesses whose testimony implicates any person as the unlawful slayer of the deceased.⁴ In his own office the coroner files and preserves the record of such testimony.⁵ The coroner also keeps one record which he originates, the "inquest record." This record recapitulates all the data involved in the entire inquest procedure and includes an inventory and accounting of the personal property and money of the deceased.⁶

Deputy coroners appointed by this official assist him in the performance of the duties of his office. The number of deputies is set by rule of the circuit court, and their compensation is determined by the county board of supervisors. The bond or securities of these assistants are taken by the coroner, and the oath to which each subscribes is filed in the county clerk's office.⁷

1. The office is constitutional and elective (Constitution of 1818, Art. III, sec 11; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8). The term, formerly two years, is now four years (second amendment, November 22, 1880, to Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8).
2. L.1819, p. 111,160; L.1821, p. 20-23; L.1825, p. 63,64; R.L.1827, p. 246-50, 372,373,375; R.S.1845, p. 515,517; R.S.1874, p. 281,282.
3. L.1821, p. 22-24; R.S.1845, p. 517,518; R.S.1874, p. 282-84; L.1879, p. 82; L.1907, p. 213; L.1919, p. 403; L.1931, p. 388.
4. L.1821, p. 24,25; R.S.1845, p. 518; R.S.1874, p. 284.
5. L.1869, p. 104; R.S.1874, p. 283; L.1907, p. 213; L.1919, p. 293.
6. L.1821, p. 25,26; R.S.1874, p. 283.
7. L.1881, p. 63.

306. (CORONER'S INQUEST PAPERS), 1860--. 1 wooden box (1860-1913); 112 f.b. (1904--).

Inquest papers showing inquest date and number, date of death, names of coroner, deceased, and jurors, testimony of witnesses, physician's statement, jury verdict, signature and seal of coroner, and book and page of record. 1860-1923, arr. chron.; 1924-- , arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Wooden box 54 x 12 x 12, f.b. 12 x 5 x 10½. 1 wooden box, 44 f.b., 1860-1923, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 68 f.b., 1924-- , cor.'s off., 1st fl.

307. CORONER'S RECORD, 1897--. 9 v.

Record of coroner's inquests, showing name, color, birthplace, occupation, and social status of deceased, names of witnesses and jurors, jury verdict, places of death and burial, jury warrant number, jury service, coroner's fee, and reference to file boxes. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. 1897-1908, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1909-- , typed on pr. fm. 750 p. 16 x 11 x 3. Cor.'s off., 1st fl.

IX. STATE'S ATTORNEY

The functions of the office of state's attorney in Sangamon County were performed by a circuit attorney from the organization of the county to 1827 when he was replaced by an officer "styled and called state's attorney."¹ In Sangamon County, as in each of the counties of the judicial district, this office commenced and prosecuted in courts of record all actions in which the people of the state or county were concerned.² The state's attorney was appointed by the Governor until 1835, when he became an official elected by the General Assembly. This latter provision remained effective until 1848, when the state's attorney became an elective officer of the circuit district electorate. At this time his services also were expanded to include the newly created county court. Finally, the present constitution made the office elective in and for each county.³ Bond in the sum of \$5,000 has been required since 1872.⁴ From the creation of this office in the state until the present, the state's attorney has continued to receive his commission from the Governor for the tenure of his office.⁵ In 1827 his appointment was set at a four-year term, until 1835, when he was elected by the assembly for

1. L.1819, p. 204; L.1825, p. 178,179; R.L.1827, p. 79,80.
2. L.1835, p. 44; R.S.1845, p. 76.
3. R.L.1833, p. 98; L.1835, p. 44; Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 21, 28; Constitution of 1870, Art, VI, sec. 22; R.S.1874, p. 172.
4. L.1871-72, p. 189.
5. R.L.1833, p. 98; L.1835, p. 44; Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 28; Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 22; R.S.1874, p. 172.

a two-year term. Then, in 1848, the state's attorney's office became elective by the district electorate for a four-year term, the first term, however, being only for three years, 1849 to 1852.¹ In Sangamon County the state's attorney receives an annual salary of \$8,000 with an additional \$400 paid by the state. Statutory fee rates are allowed him for convictions on specified offenses and crimes before justices of the peace, police magistrates, county and circuit courts. Also, rates are established for preliminary examinations of defendants, for attendance at trials, and for appeals. These several fees and rates make up a county fund from which is paid his salary.²

The duties of the state's attorney are the following:

1. To commence and prosecute all actions, suits, indictments, and prosecutions, civil or criminal, in any court of record in his county in which the people of the state or county may be concerned.
2. To prosecute all forfeited bonds and recognizances and all actions and proceedings for the recovery of debts, revenues, moneys, fines, penalties, and forfeitures accruing to the state or his county, or to any school district in his county; also to prosecute all suits in his county against railroads or transportation companies, which may be prosecuted in the name of the people of the State of Illinois.
3. To commence and prosecute all actions and proceedings brought up by any county officer in his official capacity.
4. To defend all actions and proceedings brought against his county or against any county or state officer, in his official capacity, in his county.
5. To attend the examination of all persons brought before any judge on habeas corpus when the prosecution is in his county.
6. To attend before justices of the peace and prosecute charges of felony or misdemeanor for which the offender is required to be recognized and to appear before a court of record when it is within his power to do so.
7. To give his opinion, without fee or reward, to any county officer or justice of the peace in his county upon any question of law relating to any criminal or other matter in which the people of the state or county may be concerned.
8. To assist the attorney general whenever it may be necessary, and in cases of appeal or writ or error from his

1. R.L.1827, p. 79,80; L.1835, p. 44; Constitution of 1848, Art. V. sec. 21; Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 22.
2. L.1871-72, p. 422; L.1873-74, p. 104,105; L.1909, p. 231-33; L.1929, p. 474-76; L.1937, p. 607.

county to the supreme court, to which it is the duty of the attorney general to attend, he shall, a reasonable time before the trial of such appeal or writ of error, furnish the attorney general with a brief showing the nature of the case and the questions involved.

9. To pay all moneys received by him in trust, without delay, to the officer who by law is entitled to their custody.
10. To perform such other and further duties as may from time to time be enjoined upon him by law.
11. To appear in all proceedings by collectors of taxes against delinquent taxpayers for judgment to sell real estate, and to see that all the necessary preliminary steps have been legally taken to make the judgment legal and binding.¹
12. To enforce the collection of all fines, forfeitures, and penalties imposed or incurred in the courts of record in his county; and to report to the circuit court on the collection of these moneys.²

All of the state's attorney's records are kept in his office on the third floor of the courthouse.

For state's attorney's reports to the circuit court, see entries 259, 285, 287.

Prosecution Records.

308. CRIMINAL RECORDS (Files), 1917---. 14 f.b.

Documents covering all types of pending criminal cases, showing name and alias, address, occupation, description, character, mentality, disposition, and criminal record of defendant, nature of offense, date and place of crime, names of prosecuting witnesses, disposition of case, name of court, verdict, and date of sentence or probation. Arr. by case no. 1-3757. Typed on pr. fm. 16 x 12 x 26.

309. INDEX TO CRIME (Criminal Record), 1917---. 1 f.b.

Card index to Criminal Records (Files), entry 308, showing case number, name of criminal, and type of crime. Arr. alph. by nature of crime. Typed. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 19.

310. CASES DISPOSED OF, 1917---. 4 f.b.

Documents of completed criminal cases, showing names and addresses of defendant, prosecuting witnesses, and bondsmen, nature of charge, date of indictment, amount of bond, date of trial or plea, name of court, final disposition of case, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 19.

1. R.S.1845, p. 76; R.S.1874, p. 172.

2. L.1909, p. 406; L.1911-12, p. 88; L.1929, p. 475.

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311. JUSTICE CASES, 1930---. 4 f.b.

Card file of cases tried before justice of peace, and magistrate's reports, showing names of defendant and justice, date and nature of offense, amount of bond, fine and costs, terms of sentence, and name of state's attorney or assistant state's attorney. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Typed on file cards. $6\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 19.

312. BOUND-OVER CASES, 1928---. 1 f.b.

Criminal cases bound over from justice of peace to state's attorney, showing names of defendant, attorney, and justice, nature of crime, dates of charge and trial, and amount of fine and costs. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 7 x 5 x 16.

313. DATA FOR INFORMATION, 1933---. 2 f.b. Prior records cannot be located.

Data sheets showing name and address of defendant, nature of offense, names of court and justice of the peace, date bound over to grand jury, amount of bond, names and addresses of sureties and witnesses, date of disposition of case, and brief of case. Arr. chron. For index to briefs, see entry 314. Hdw. on pr. fm. 7 x 5 x 16.

314. INDEX LAW BRIEFS, 1917---. 1 f.b.

Card index to law briefs in Data for Information, entry 313, showing names of plaintiffs and name and number of case. Arr. alph. by name of case. Typed. $6\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 19.

Jury Records

(See also entries 6, 11, 34, 257,
262, 286-288, 302, 306, 307, 319)

315. JURORS, 1917---. 1 f.b.

List of jurors, showing name, address, and occupation of juror, title of case, verdict, number of hours served, date of trial, and classification of juror. Arr. alph. by name of juror. No index. Typed on file cards. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 19.

316. GRAND JURY DATA, 1936---. 1 f.b.

Record of persons held to grand jury, showing name and address of defendant, nature of offense, amount of bond, names and addresses of sureties and witnesses, description, date and place of crime, statements of prosecuting witnesses, and name of defendant's attorney. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 19.

Imprisonment Records

317. PERSONAL HISTORY, 1882---. 1 f.b.

Record of personal history of prisoners, showing name and address, alias, place of birth, age, schooling, marital status, mentality, character and employment record, name and address of parents, disposition of case, and date of filing. Arr. alph. by name of prisoner. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 19.

318. PENITENTIARY (Sentences), 1929--. 1 f.b.

Records of criminals sentenced to penitentiary, showing names and addresses of criminal, attorneys, prosecuting witness and bondsmen, nature of crime, date of indictment, amount and date of bond, abstract of court proceedings, name of penitentiary, and term of sentence. Arr. alph. by name of criminal. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x 19.

Correspondence

319. CORRESPONDENCE, 1933--. 4 f.b.

Correspondence file covering all matters within jurisdiction of state's attorney, including letters dealing with extradition papers, immunity waivers, jury lists, legislature matters, orders of circuit and county courts, parole orders, post-mortem petitions, release on probation, and pauper cases, and copies of reports to the court. Arr. alph. by name of correspondent. No index. Typed. 15 x 12 x 16.

X. SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

The county supervisor of assessments, with the aid of the township assessors, in Sangamon County is responsible for the assessment of property upon which the township, district, county, state and other taxes are levied. Principally, these officers annually revise the assessment of property, correct the same upon complaint, and quadrennially assess real and personal property. Many statutory provisions have regulated this function in Sangamon County. Early laws fixed the value of the several categories of real and personal property, leaving to the assessing officer only limited discretion.¹

Property assessments in Sangamon County were first made by the county treasurer, an appointee of the county commissioners' court.² From 1825 to 1827, when the sheriff acted as treasurer,³ a county assessor was appointed by the county commissioners' court.⁴ In 1827 the General Assembly re-established the office of county treasurer, and the assessment function was resumed by that officer.⁵ The treasurer continued to act in this capacity until 1839 when the legislature provided for the appointment by the county commissioners' court of a county assessor.⁶ The duty of property assessment

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1. L.1819, p. 313,319; L.1825, p. 173; L.1839, p. 4-6; L.1840, p. 4; L.1845, p. 6.
 2. L.1819, p. 315.
 3. L.1825, p. 178.
 4. Ibid., p. 173.
 5. R.L.1827, p. 330.
 6. L.1839, p. 4.

reverted to the county treasurer again in 1844¹ and continued to be vested in that office until 1860 when Sangamon County adopted township organization, and assessments were made by township assessors, elected one in each township annually.²

Between 1849 and 1898, the assessing officers in Sangamon County received their assessment lists from, and reported assessments to, the county clerk.³ In the latter year, the legislature provided that the county treasurer should be ex-officio supervisor of assessments.⁴ From that date until the present, the township assessors have worked under the direction of, and reported the assessment of property to, the county treasurer, acting in this ex-officio capacity. Every assessor is bonded in the sum of \$500. Bond for the supervisor of assessments is \$2,000 or such larger sum as the county board may determine.⁵

For other taxation records, see entries 35-62, 114, 322-328.

320. EQUALIZATION RATES STATE AND COUNTY, 1895--. 2 f.b.

Rate sheets of state and county equalizations on real and personal property, showing date, name of owner, description of property, valuation, amount of tax, purpose, and remarks. Also contains Railroad Rate Sheets, 1895-1921, entry 321. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

321. RAILROAD RATE SHEETS, 1922--. 1 f.b. 1895-1921 in Equalization Rates State and County, entry 320.

Railroad rate sheets showing date, name of railroad, locations, valuations and descriptions of personal property, buildings and equipment, amount of taxes, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

XI. BOARD OF REVIEW

An important aspect of the revenue procedure is the authority for the review of assessments on property. In Sangamon County this power is exercised by the board of review. The duties of this board are essentially to assess, equalize, and review or revise the assessment of property. Early legislation provided for appeals from assessments to

1. L.1843, p. 231,237.

2. L.1849, p. 192,206,207; L.1853, p. 14,15; L.1855, p. 35.

3. L.1849, p. 121,128; L.1849, Second Sess., p. 38; L.1853, p. 14,17,47, 49,50; L.1871-72, p. 19,20,22,23.

4. L.1898, p. 37.

5. L.1898, p. 37; L.1931-32, First Sp. Sess., p. 66.

the county commissioners' court. The court was empowered to review and revise assessments on real and personal property.¹

In 1849, when the county court succeeded the county commissioners' court in Sangamon County, appeals were made to that body.² When Sangamon adopted township organization in 1860, this jurisdiction was given to the town board, composed of the township supervisor, clerk, and assessor.³ The board of supervisors in their annual meeting examined the assessment rolls in the several towns to ascertain whether the valuations in one town bore just relation to the valuations in all other towns in the county, and were empowered to increase or diminish the aggregate valuation of real estate in any town accordingly. They could make whatever alterations in the description of the lands of nonresidents they deemed necessary, and were required to assess the value of any lands omitted by the assessor.⁴ In 1872 the duties of the board of supervisors with regard to assessments were the following:

1. To assess omitted property.
2. To review assessments upon complaint.
3. To hear and determine the application of any person assessed on property claimed to be exempt from taxation.
4. To ascertain whether the valuations in one town or district bore just relation to the valuation in all towns or districts in the county and adjust the assessment accordingly.⁵

In 1898 this authority was transferred to the newly created board of review, composed of the chairman of the county board who became ex-officio chairman of the board of review, the county clerk, and one citizen appointed by the county judge.⁶ Since 1923 the board has consisted of the chairman of the county board as ex-officio chairman of the board of review and two citizens appointed by the county judge. The members of the board select their own clerk. The two citizen members of the board are appointed alternately for a two-year term. The board may reduce or increase the entire assessment of property.⁷

For other taxation records, see entries 35-62, 114, 320, 321.

1. L.1839, p. 7; L.1845, p. 8; R.S.1845, p. 441.

2. L.1849, p. 65.

3. L.1851, p. 56.

4. Ibid., p. 57.

5. L.1871-72, p. 24, 25.

6. L.1898, p. 46.

7. L.1923, p. 496, 497; L.1931-32, First Sp. Sess., p. 71, 72.

322. COMPLAINTS - BOARD OF REVIEW, 1911--. 2 v. (2, 3).

Record of complaints against excess taxes, showing date of filing, name of property owner, legal description of property, assessed value, amount of taxes assessed, cause for complaint, findings of board, and disposition of case. Subsequent to 1926, record consists of original complaints and objections in bound form. Arr. chron. No index. 1911-25, hdw. under pr. hdgs.; 1926-- , hdw. on pr. fm. 409 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

323. BOARD OF REVIEW (Original Complaints), 1908-25. 4 f.b.

Prior records cannot be located. Title varies: Objections to Taxes. Claims for tax abatement brought before board of review, showing legal description of property, name and address of owner, and reason for plea of reduction. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

For subsequent records, see entry 322.

324. (BOARD OF REVIEW MINUTES), 1909--. 5 v. Prior records cannot be located.

Transcripts of minutes of board of review, showing date of meeting, names of members of board present, actions of board, and signature of chairman. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 p. 14 x 9 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

XII. COLLECTOR

In Sangamon County tax collections were first made by the sheriff, acting as ex-officio county collector.¹ With the exception of four years, 1839 to 1843, when there existed an independent office of county collector filled by appointment by the county commissioners' court, the sheriff continued to act in this capacity until 1860; in that year Sangamon adopted township organization. With this change in the form of county government, tax collections were made the joint responsibility of the townships and the county, with the county treasurer acting as ex-officio county collector.²

Under this plan, town collectors, elected one in each township,³ made collections of resident property taxes,⁴ while nonresident and delinquent taxes were collected by the county treasurer.⁵ By the terms

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1. L.1819, p. 316; L.1821, p. 100; L.1823, p. 80; R.L.1827, p. 370,374.
 2. L.1839, p. 7; L.1843, p. 234; L.1853, p. 14,25-29,67,99.
 3. L.1851, p. 38.
 4. Ibid., p. 59.
 5. Ibid., p. 53.

of an act of 1855, the town collectors were required to return their tax lists or books to the county collector who delivered them to the county clerk.¹ This provision was changed in 1872 when an act of the General Assembly provided that the county collector make an annual sworn statement to the county clerk, showing the total amount of each kind of tax collected, the amount received from each town collector, and the amount collected by himself.²

The collection procedure was altered in 1917 when the legislature provided for the abolishment of the office of town collector in counties with fewer than one hundred thousand inhabitants, the county collector to be ex-officio town collector.³ Three years later, when Sangamon County attained this population requirement,⁴ the earlier system was reestablished, and town collectors once more entered into the collection procedure; this arrangement has continued to the present.⁵

The county collector is bonded in an amount determined upon by the county board in addition to that bond required of him as county treasurer.⁶ Under statutory provisions, he collects taxes for the state, county, and other governmental agencies, and pays to the proper authorities the amount in his hands payable to them.⁷ He also settles annually with the county board.⁸ He prepares an annual list of delinquent property and files it with the county clerk;⁹ advertises his intention of applying for judgment for sale of delinquent lands and lots;¹⁰ and is required to attend, in person or by deputy, all tax sales resulting from this action.¹¹ The county clerk, in person or by deputy, is also required to attend all tax sales.¹² At such sales, the clerk and collector note and make entry of all tax sales and forfeitures to the state.¹³

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1. L.1855, p. 37.
 2. L.1871-72, p. 56,57.
 3. L.1917, p. 793.
 4. U.S. Census, 1930, Population Bulletin, Illinois, p. 9.
 5. L.1933, p. 1116.
 6. Ibid., p. 931.
 7. L.1871-72, p. 56-59; L.1933, p. 922; L.1935, p. 1156,1213; L.1935-36, Fourth Sp. Sess., p. 69,70.
 8. L.1871-72, p. 55; L.1935, p. 1155,1156.
 9. L.1898, p. 51; L.1931, p. 759.
 10. L.1871-72, p. 44; L.1937, p. 1010.
 11. L.1871-72, p. 48; L.1930, First Sp. Sess., p. 64.
 12. L.1871-72, p. 48.
 13. Ibid.; L.1933, p. 886.

The county collector is required to keep his records as collector of taxes separate from his records as county treasurer.¹ The records of the collector's office include duplicates of receipts issued to taxpayers, state auditor's and county clerk's certificates of the collector's settlement with them, duplicates of the collector's reports, delinquent property records, and tax sale and forfeiture records.

For other taxation records, see entries 35-62, 114, 320-324.

325. ABATEMENT AND FORFEITURE RECORDS, 1896--. 41 v. Prior records destroyed.

Abatement list showing name and address of property owner, equalized value, description of property, tax spread, total due, reason for delinquency, amount of collector's fees forfeited, and remarks. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 450 p. 17 x 11 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 30 v., 1896-1925, 1 v., 1927, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 1 v., 1926, 9 v., 1928--, treas.'s off., 1st fl.

326. (COUNTY COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TOWNSHIPS), 1910--. 5 v.

Missing: 1915-17, 1922-25. Prior records cannot be located. Ledger of county collector's account with townships, showing tax rate, names of tax levying bodies, tax levy as spread on collector's books, amounts collected and delinquent, township and county collector's and county clerk's commissions and fees, tax levy as spread on railroad books, back tax, amounts due in partial payments, total amount paid, and dates of final settlement. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 16 x 14 x 2. 1 v., 1910-14, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 1 v., 1918-21, co. clk.'s east vlt., bsmt.; 3 v., 1926--, treas.'s off., 1st fl.

327. (RECAPITULATION OF TAXES LEVIED BY ALL TOWNSHIPS), 1914--. 3 v.

Prior records cannot be located. Total amount of taxes levied for each township, showing names of townships, name and address of collector, distribution of taxes, back taxes, and total. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 12 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

328. TAX FORFEITURE RECORDS, 1930--. 3 v.

Record of tax forfeiture, showing legal description of property, name of owner, assessed value, tax spread, total tax, special assessments, costs, interest, and penalties. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 800 p. 15 x 13 x 7. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

1. L.1917, p. 664,665; L.1930, First Sp. Sess., p. 60-62; L.1935, p. 1149-58.

XIII. TREASURER

The first General Assembly created the office of county treasurer and provided that its incumbent be appointed by the county commissioners' court.¹ The office was abolished in 1825, the sheriff assuming the duties of treasurer during the following two years.² In 1827 the legislature re-established the office, providing that a treasurer be appointed annually by the county commissioners' court.³ From 1837 to the present, the treasurer has been elected by the people of the county,⁴ and is commissioned by the Governor for a four-year term.⁵ In 1880 the constitution was amended to provide that no treasurer should be eligible for reelection until four years after the expiration of his term of office.⁶ The penal sum of the treasurer's bond and his securities are determined by the county board.⁷ Upon request of the treasurer, the board designates the bank in which the public funds are to be deposited.

In the performance of his duties, the treasurer receives the county revenue, has custody of its funds, and disburses them in accordance with orders of the county board or specific authorization by law. He is required to keep books of accounts of all funds received and disbursed by him, to maintain a register of county orders countersigned and paid, to report annually to the county board on the financial transactions of his office, and to settle his accounts with the board semi annually.⁸ The last two requirements give rise to a number of segregated records of accounts beyond strict statutory requirements. In addition, reports are made to the treasurer by other county, district, public, and semi-public authorities in the process of transacting business with him; and, finally, a large number of records arise from the requirements for collectors of taxes to settle their accounts with the treasurer.⁹

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1. L.1819, p. 315.
 2. L.1825, p. 178.
 3. R.L.1827, p. 329; R.L.1833, p. 515,516.
 4. R.L.1837, p. 49,274; L.1845, p. 28; R.S.1845, p. 137; L.1851, p. 144; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8.
 5. The term was set at four years in 1837 (R.L.1837, p. 274); it was later reduced to two years (L.1845, p. 28; L.1851, p. 144). The office was made constitutional in 1870 without change of term (Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8). Then in 1880, the term was lengthened to four years (Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8, as amended November 1880).
 6. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8, as amended November 1880.
 7. R.L.1827, p. 329; R.S.1874, p. 323. The bond is required to be filed in the office of the county clerk.
 8. R.L.1837, p. 582,583; L.1843, p. 151; R.S.1845, p. 137-39; L.1861, p. 239,240; R.S.1874, p. 323,324.
 9. R.L.1827, p. 330-33; L.1839, p. 8-10; L.1845, p. 11; L.1895, p. 304; L.1913, p. 516; L.1933, p. 898.

Receipts and Disbursements
(See also entries 5-17)

Cash Books and Ledgers

329. CASH BOOK, 1919--. 3 v. Prior records cannot be located. County treasurer's account of receipts and expenditures, showing date and amount of receipts and disbursements, names of fund, payee, and payer, and grand total. Also contains Cash Book (County Funds), 1919-29, entry 330 and Cash Book (Daily Journal); 1919-33, entry 331. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 16 x 14 x 2. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

330. CASH BOOK (County Funds), 1930--. 2 v. 1919-29 in Cash Book, entry 329. Cash account of county funds, including pauper, institute, general, trust, detention home, county highway, dog tax, inheritance tax, non-high school, motor fuel tax, tuberculosis, blind and mothers' pension, bond retirement, and county home funds, showing amounts received and disbursed, source of receipts, order number, date, treasurer's fees and expenses, and total amount. Arr. by order no. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 17 x 22 x 1. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

331. CASH BOOK (Daily Journal), 1934--. 1 v. 1919-33 in Cash Book, entry 329. Daily cash book showing receipts and expenditures, from whom received, and to whom paid, and dates and purpose of payments. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 13 x 15 x 1. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

County Orders

332. REGISTER OF COUNTY WARRANTS, 1915--. 9 v. (8 v., 1915-26; 1 v., 1936--); 8 rolls (1927-35). Prior records cannot be located. Register of county warrants, showing date, purpose and number of warrant, to whom payable, and date of cancellation; appropriation and distribution recapitulation sheets, showing amounts appropriated for each fund, amounts expended, and balance available. Also contains County Highway Warrant Register, 1915-35, entry 336. Register of warrants arr. by warrant no.; recapitulation sheets arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. V. 550 p. 18 x 46 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; rolls 18 x 6. 2 v., 1915-16, 1926, co. clk.'s west vlt., bsmt.; 6 v., 1917-25, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; 8 rolls, 1927-35, co. clk.'s east vlt., bsmt.; 1 v., 1936--, treas.'s off., 1st fl.

Special Accounts

School (See also entries 354-359)

333. SCHOOL TREASURER ACCOUNT BOOK, 1924--. 2 v. Prior records cannot be located.

Ledger account of school treasurers with township collectors, showing names of school treasurers, legal description of property, amount of delinquent taxes, payments to school treasurer, delinquent payments, and collectors' commission. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of school treasurer. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 135 p. 16 x 11 x 1/2. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

Probate

334. TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS SANGAMON COUNTY, 1892--. 2 v.

Ledger of trust fund accounts, showing name of estate, amount in trust, names of heirs, and final distribution. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 224 p. 9 x 6 x 11. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

Highway (See also entries 5, 7)

335. COUNTY TREASURER'S REGISTER, HIGHWAY FUNDS RECEIVED, 1936--. 1 v. (8). Prior records cannot be located.

Register of highway funds received from motor fuel tax allotments and other sources, showing date, receipt number, from whom received, source of receipts, total, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 12 x 16 x 1. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

336. COUNTY HIGHWAY WARRANT REGISTER, 1936--. 1 v. (10). 1915-35 in Register of County Warrants, entry 332.

Register of county highway warrants issued, showing warrant and claim numbers, dates, name of payee, amount, reason for payment, and date of cancellation by bank. Arr. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 14 x 13 x 2. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

Inheritance Tax (See also entry 248)

337. INHERITANCE TAX BOOK, 1900--. 3 v. (1 not numbered, 1, 2). Missing: 1907-13.

Record of inheritance taxes collected, showing names of deceased, appraiser, attorneys, and beneficiaries, their relationship to deceased, description and value of property, date of death, evidence as heard by court, appraiser's report, tax fixed, fees of probate clerk and witnesses, compensation of appraiser, necessary expenses and disbursements, exemptions, taxable value, rate, and total tax. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 160 p. 15 x 10 x 1. Co. ct. rm., 2nd fl.

338. INHERITANCE TAX RECEIPTS 1910--. 2 v. Prior records cannot be located.

Record of inheritance tax receipts, showing names of estate and heirs, date of death, relationship of heirs, amount taxable to each heir, rate of interest, net amount collected, amount of fees and commissions, amount due state treasurer, and date and number of receipt. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 156 p. 14 x 11 x 1. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

Checks, Bank Statements

339. CANCELLED CHECKS, 1934--. 16 bdl. Prior records destroyed. Cancelled checks showing names of payee and treasurer, check number, amount, purpose, and dates of issue and cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 3 x 7 x 3. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

340. DUPLICATE DEPOSIT SLIPS, 1936--. 3 bdl. Prior records destroyed. Duplicate deposit slips showing names of bank and treasurer, and date and amount of deposit. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6 x 3 x 2. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

Maps

341. SANGAMON COUNTY, 1933. 1 map. Political map of Sangamon County, showing outlines of school districts, township, sanitary districts, and paved routes. Author, Josse A. Todson, Springfield, Illinois. 1 in. to 1 mi. Hand-drawn. 48 x 48. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

342. CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, 1937. 4 maps. Political sectional maps of Springfield, Illinois, showing lot and block numbers, subdivisions, schools, churches, parks, railroads, and other public buildings. Springfield, Illinois: Sangamon County Abstract Company, publisher. 1 in. to 200 ft. Printed. 72 x 60. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

XIV. AUDITOR

In 1911 the General Assembly enacted legislation requiring all counties under township organization with a population of more than seventy-five thousand and less than three hundred thousand to elect,

in November 1912, and every four years thereafter, a county auditor.¹ As Sangamon County had already attained the population minimum by that year, the office was accordingly established. As provided in the act compensation is in such sum as the county board may set.² Since 1925 by an amendment to the original law, the county auditor has been required to furnish such bond as is deemed sufficient by the county board, which bond is filed with the county clerk.³

The auditor is charged with the following duties:

1. To audit all claims against the county, recommending to the county board their payment or rejection.
2. To collect statistical information with respect to the cost of maintenance of such institutions as the county farm, jail, workhouse, and courthouse.
3. To approve, before issuance, all orders of county officials for supplies.
4. To make a quarterly audit of all county offices.⁴

He is also required to keep a record of all contracts entered into by the county board and all authorized county officers, to report quarterly to the board all fees and emoluments due the county from its various officers, and to keep necessary records of his other acts in pursuance of the duties of his office.⁵

All of the records of the auditor are kept in his office on the second floor of the courthouse.

For related records, see entries 1-34.

Audits and Recommendations

343. AUDITOR'S REPORT, 1924--. 1 f.b.

Auditor's reports recommending allowance and payment of claims for administrative and maintenance costs of various county institutions. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 16 x 11 x 26.

344. (RECORD OF EXPENDITURES FROM COUNTY FUNDS), 1924--. 1 v.

Auditor's record of county expenses, showing type of expense, amounts for each quarter, and total yearly expense. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 135 p. 13 x 17 x 1.

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1. L.1911, p. 242,243.
 2. Ibid., p. 242.
 3. L.1925, p. 263.
 4. L.1911, p. 242.
 5. Ibid., p. 242,243.

Reports
(See also entry 394)

Reports of Officers

345. PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, 1921--.
19 v.
Copies of minutes of the board of supervisors, showing names of newly elected and hold-over members, salaries of officials, and county officers' reports. Arr. by subject matter. No index. Printed. 36 p. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x $\frac{1}{2}$.
346. SUPERVISORS AND COMMITTEES (Reports), 1933--. 1 f.d.
Reports of supervisors and committees, showing date of report, cost of operation of county home, number of inmates, and average daily cost per inmate. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 2 x 15 x 16.
347. COUNTY OFFICERS REPORTS (Superintendent of Schools), 1935--.
1 f.d.
Financial reports of superintendent of schools, showing date and amount of money deposited with county treasurer, monthly institute fund report, number of certificates issued, and date of certification. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 2 x 15 x 16.
348. MISCELLANEOUS SCHEDULES AND REPORTS, 1933--. 1 f.b.
Complete inventory reports of county officers and miscellaneous schedules of insurance in force on county property. Arr. alph. by name of county officer, or insurance company. No index. Typed. 2 x 15 x 16.

Reports of Welfare
Agencies

349. TUBERCULOSIS BOARD REPORTS, 1933--. 2 f.d.
List of tubercular patients under supervision of sanitarium board, list of known active cases, waiting list, applications for sanitarium care, and amount of appropriation and quarterly expenditures. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 2 x 15 x 16.
350. PROBATION OFFICER REPORTS, 1933--. 1 f.d.
Boarding list of the juvenile court, showing names and addresses of persons receiving money to board children, amount and date paid each month, and total monthly payments. Arr. alph. by name of payee. No index. Typed. 2 x 15 x 16.
351. MOTHERS' PENSION REPORTS, 1933--. 1 f.d.
Mothers' pension reports showing name and address of mother, age and number of dependents, and date and amount of pension payments. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Typed. 2 x 15 x 16.
352. TOWNSHIP RECORDS (Overseer of Poor), 1935--. 8 f.b.
Reports of overseer of the poor, showing application for relief with name and address of applicant, and date and amount received each week; also list of inmates of county home and burial records of deceased inmates. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. Hdw. on typed fm. 13 x 12 x 26.

Contracts

353. CONTRACTS AND INSURANCE POLICIES, 1930--. 2 f.b.
Copies of contracts issued by board of supervisors for equipment for county offices, elevator repairs, and window cleaning; insurance policies on county property and records of expired insurance policies. Arr. chron. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 10 x 4 x 14.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The first school official in Sangamon County was the county school commissioner.¹ The principal duties of this officer, an appointee of the county commissioners' court, centered around the sale of school lands. His reports of these sales were made to the county commissioners' court and recorded by their clerk in a well-bound book kept for that purpose.² The school commissioner also reported to the commissioners' court on his other transactions in regard to the school fund.³ His office became elective in 1841.⁴ In 1845 the office of county superintendent of schools was created as an ex-officio office of the county school commissioner.⁵ For his ex-officio duties as superintendent of schools, the commissioner received additional compensation for the days actually engaged in the performance of these duties.⁶ Beginning with the year 1847, the school commissioner was elected for a two-year term.⁷ In 1865 the office of county superintendent of schools was established as an independent office, and had delegated to it the authority formerly vested in the county school commissioner.⁸

The superintendent of schools is a statutory office, now elective for a term of four years.⁹ The superintendent's office serves as the central school administrative agency for the county. One or more of the several congressional townships comprise the several school districts. Within these administrative units are elected boards of trustees who have executive and financial responsibilities which come under the supervision of the county superintendent.¹⁰ The boards of trustees elect their own

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1. R.L.1829, p. 150,151.
 2. Ibid., p. 152,153; L.1849, p. 155,156,159,160; L.1851, p. 130.
 3. L.1831, p. 175.
 4. L.1841, p. 261,262.
 5. L.1845, p. 54.
 6. L.1849, p. 178; L.1867, p. 161.
 7. L.1847, p. 120; L.1849, p. 154.
 8. L.1865, p. 112; L.1871-72, p. 702; L.1889, p. 312; L.1909, p. 343.
 9. L.1871-72, p. 702; L.1909, p. 343; L.1915, p. 628; L.1923, p. 596.
 10. L.1847, p. 126; L.1909, p. 350; L.1929, p. 745.

treasurers who also act as clerks of the township (or school district) boards.¹

The superintendent makes quarterly and annual reports to the county board and also reports to the state superintendent of public instruction, the State Department of Public Health, the state fire marshal, and the state architect. His original duties are the following:

1. To sell township fund lands and issue certificates of purchase.
2. To examine the complete accounts of every township treasurer in his county and report irregularities to the township trustees.
3. To conduct a teachers' institute, hold quarterly examinations for teachers' certificates, and issue such.
4. To hold examinations for normal and university scholarships.
5. To visit the public schools in the county, observe methods of instruction, make recommendations to teachers, and advise school officers; to observe sanitary and safety conditions, and notify trustees and state authorities of unsatisfactory conditions; to inspect plans and specifications, and approve those meeting state regulations.²

A noteworthy undertaking of the superintendent of schools is the annual teachers' institute. Pioneer legislation of 1869 provided that the school directors were to allow school teachers to attend the teachers' institute in their county without the loss of time or pay.³ Twenty years later, the superintendent of schools was required to hold the institute annually.⁴ A fund was set up for this purpose which has continued to be made up of the fees received from applicants for teachers' certificates and from teachers' registrations. Money from the fund is paid out only on the order of the superintendent to defray the expenses of the annual institute. When the fund exceeds the annual cost of the institute, the excess may be paid out for special meetings of teachers.⁵

1. L.1927, p. 843; L.1929, p. 745.

2. R.S.1845, p. 498,499; L.1847, p. 122; L.1849, p. 156; L.1853, p. 246, 247; L.1855, p. 66,67; L.1861, p. 190,191; L.1865, p. 119,120; L.1909, p. 347-50; L.1915, p. 636-38.

3. L.1869, p. 394.

4. L.1889, p. 312.

5. L.1905, p. 385; L.1931, p. 876.

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Accounts of School Funds
(See also entry 333)

354. BUDGET RECORD, 1935--. 1 v. Prior records cannot be located. Ledger of school fund distributions, showing district number, amounts appropriated to various districts from state distributive fund, and name of district treasurer. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of twp. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 14 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

355. STATE TEACHERS' PENSION AND RETIREMENT FUND RECORD, 1920--. 1 v. 10 f.b. 1860-1919 in Teachers' Permanent Record, entry 366. Record of pension and retirement funds, showing school district number, school year, names of teachers, monthly and yearly salaries, classification, amount and date of first, second, and third deductions, total amount, and number of years in service, with dates of marriage, retirement, or demise. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of teacher. Hdw. on pr. fm. V. 200 p. 18 x 9 x 2; f.b. 10 x 5 x 14. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

356. CASH BOOK, 1832-72. 3 v. Discontinued. Title varies; Journal. Accounts of school commissioner with townships, showing dates, from whom cash received, name of teacher, to whom paid, and amounts of principal and interest. Arr. by twp. no. No index. Hdw. and hdw. under pr. hdgs. 175 - 200 p. 12 x 8 x 1 - 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 15 x 1. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.
For other similar records, see entry 370.

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357. LEDGER (Record of Loans), 1832-50. 1 v. Discontinued. Ledger account of money loaned, showing township number and range, date, to whom loaned, amounts of loan and interest, and number and dates of payments. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. Hdw. 180 p. 13 x 8 x 1. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

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358. JOURNAL (Distributive and Institute Funds), 1886-1906. 2 v. Discontinued. Journal entries of all receipts and disbursements of distributive and institute funds, showing book and page of entry, date, from which fund received, to whom and for what purpose paid, and amount. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 400 p. 16 x 11 x 2. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

359. LEDGER, 1886-96. 1 v. Superintendent's ledger of accounts with various banks in Springfield, showing amounts deposited, from whom received, and date of receipt. Arr. alph. by name of bank. No index. Hdw. 500 p. 16 x 11 x 2. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

Sale of School Lands
(See also entry 32)

360. SALES, PLATS, ETC., 1831-54. 1 v. Discontinued.

Record of sale of school lands and appointments of trustees, showing names of trustees and petitioners, name and address of purchaser, legal description and valuation of property, number of acres sold, total amount of payments and receipts, and orders of commissioners' court. This record is accompanied by plats of the various school lands. Those on pages 63 and 114 were drawn by Abraham Lincoln, while he was deputy surveyor of Sangamon County. Scale for plats, 6 in. to 1 mi. Drawn by Abraham Lincoln, Philo Sears, Oramel Clark, and Abel Pickerel, school trustees, Springfield, Illinois. Arr. by sec. and school district nos. Indexed alph. by name of twp. and subject matter. Hdw. and hand-drawn. 230 p. 13 x 10 x 1. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

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361. SCHOOL LAND SALES, 1832-38. 1 v. Discontinued.

Plats and record of school lands sold in Sangamon County, showing legal description of property, number of acres, price per acre, name and address of purchaser, and amount of sale. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 300 p. 15 x 10 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

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District Records

362. NON-HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORD, 1917--. 4 v. Prior records cannot be located.

Proceedings of non-high school board, showing date and place of meetings, names of members present, bills for school books, supplies, and printing; records of eighth grade pupils, with name, address, district number, years of course, months of attendance, and amount of tuition; itemized expenditures, showing to whom paid, amount, date, and purpose of payment, and order number. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and hdw. under pr. hdgs. 180 p. 12 x 9 x 1. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

363. SCHOOL DISTRICT CLAIMS FOR STATE AID, 1929--. 7 v.

Record of school district claims for state aid, showing total assessed equalized valuation of all taxable property of the school district, district boundaries, amount of general apportionment based on attendance of pupils, and total claims made. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fn. 200 p. 8 x 14 x 2. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

For original reports prior to 1929, see entry 375.

364. RECORD (Record of School Trustees), 1856-77. 1 v. Discontinued.

Record of school trustees, showing date, minutes of meetings, boundaries of school districts as fixed by the board, apportionment of school funds, levying of taxes for same, and names of directors. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 200 p. 14 x 9 x 1 1/2. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

For subsequent original trustees reports, see entry 370.

Teachers' Records

365. TEACHERS' INSTITUTIONAL CREDIT BLANKS, 1921--. 26 f.b.
Institutional credit blanks showing name and address of applicant, type of certificate applied for, training record, certification of college credits and attendance record by registrar of college attended, and certified statement of qualifications, signatures of chairman and secretary of state examining board, and date of approval. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.
366. TEACHERS' PERMANENT RECORD, 1860--. 13 v. (4 not lettered, A-I), 2 f.b. Title varies: Superintendent's Record of Teachers' Certificates.
Teachers' permanent record showing teachers' names, ages, school credits, examinations, and training, names of schools attended, application number, teaching experience, grade of certificate, and date of issue. Also contains State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund Record, 1860-1919, entry 355. Subsequent to 1929, kept in card files. 1860-1929, arr. chron.; 1930--, arr. alph. by name of teacher. 1860-1914, 1930--, no index; for index, 1915-29, see entry 367. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 318 - 398 p. 16 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 - 18 x 11 x 2. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.
367. INDEX (to Teachers' Permanent Record), 1915-29. 1 v. Discontinued. Index to Teachers' Permanent Record, entry 366, showing name of teacher, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. Hdw. 300 p. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x 1. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.
368. (TEACHERS' CERTIFICATE RECORD), 1919-26. 1 v. Discontinued. Record of teachers' certificates, showing teachers' record number, name and address, grade and date of certificate, experience, and number of years contributing to pension. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. No index. Hdw. 300 p. 10 x 8 x 1. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.
369. COMMISSIONER'S RECORD OF EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS, 1860-70. 1 v. Discontinued.
Record of teachers' examinations, showing name of teacher, age, nativity, date, grade of certificate, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 14 x 8 x 1. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

Reports

(See also entries 2, 33, 347)

370. TRUSTEES' REPORTS, 1874--. 6 f.b.; loose papers filed in cupboard (1905-21).
Trustees' annual reports of the various townships, pertaining to school census, districts, number and length of term of schools, enrollments, number of male and female teachers, months taught, days of attendance, value of school property, amounts of tax levies extended by county clerk, amounts of teachers' orders outstanding, anticipation warrants unredeemed, and detailed financial statement of receipts and disbursements of funds. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. f.b. 11 x 15 x 24 - 10 x 5 x 14. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

371. MONTHLY EXAMINATION REPORTS, 1916--. 22 v. Prior records cannot be located.

Reports of monthly examinations, showing date, name and district number of school, names of teachers, names and ages of pupils, grade, attendance record, branches of study, grade and average attained, number of books in library, equipment added during term, improvements on building and grounds, and amount of salaries and signatures of teachers. From 1928-- , these reports are bimonthly. Arr. chron. No index. 1916-27, hdw. under pr. hdgs.; 1928-- , hdw. on pr. fm. 500 p. 18 x 14 x 3. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

372. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1918--. 20 v. Prior records cannot be located.

Annual reports of superintendent of schools to county board, showing public school census with dates of terms, enrollments, attendance, promotions, number of tuition pupils, and administrative positions held; status of school libraries, activities for promotion of health and attendance, list of high schools employing two or more teachers, number of teachers' certificates issued, and number of state certificates registered; financial reports including amount of tax levies, outstanding bonds, receipts and expenditures of district institutes, statements of building and township distributive funds, superintendent's distributive fund, and township loanable fund, special accounts of funds due, treasurer's statement of distribution and amount of bond issues, and financial statistics of high schools; real estate changes affecting school district; and special statistics on private schools, public school kindergartens, evening schools, and educational facilities for blind, deaf-mute, crippled, and delinquent children. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 40 p. 16 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

373. VISITING SCHOOL RECORDS, 1930--. 1 f.b. Prior records cannot be located.

Superintendent's reports of official visits to schools, showing date, name of school, district number, total pupils enrolled, with grade classifications, detailed report on condition of building and equipment, number enrolled in each grade, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

374. (REPORT TO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AT THE OPENING OF SCHOOL TERM), 1931--. 6 v. Prior records cannot be located.

Reports to superintendent of schools, showing dates of school term, names and addresses of directors, teachers, pupils, parents, and school, dates of birth, school program, and teachers' experience and training, and kind of certificate. Arr. alph. by name of school. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 500 p. 18 x 11 x 2. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

375. REPORT OF CLAIMS FOR STATE AID, 1924--. 7 bdl.

Reports from school districts on claims for state aid, showing total assessed and equalized valuation of all taxable property of the school district, school district lines, amount of general apportionment based on attendance of pupils, total claims made, and signatures of superintendent and principal or teacher. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 14 x 8 x 2. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

For record of claims, see entry 363.

376. MAGISTRATE REPORTS, 1886-1913. 2 f.b. Discontinued.

Magistrates' reports of fines and forfeitures collected and turned over to county superintendent of schools, showing names of judge, justice, and defendant, date and amount of fine, amount collected, and certificate of transmittal to superintendent. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

School Elections

377. SCHOOL PLATS AND ORDINANCES, 1856--. 4 f.b.

Petitions and notices for election of school board members, copies of official ballots, results of elections, certificates of high school organization, transcripts of community high school organization, superintendent's statements of high school establishment, showing names of district, judges, clerks, superintendent, and school board members, and date. Also contains plats of school districts, showing changes of boundaries. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

378. (TRUSTEES' ELECTION REPORT), 1886--. 10 f.b.

Reports of election of trustees, showing district number, names and addresses of trustees and directors, dates of election, expiration of term, and report, and signature of township treasurer. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

Maps and Plats

(See also entries 117, 360, 361, 377)

379. (PLAT BOOK OF SANGAMON COUNTY), 1914--. 1 v.

Political plats showing names and locations of cities, towns, and villages, acreage and ownership of all lands not platted, nature of soil as classified by United States Government Survey. Artists, Russell Thayer, Alfred Harkness, and Frank Melin. Chicago, Illinois: George F. Cram, publisher. Printed. No index. 2 in. to 1 mi. 151 p. 17 x 15 x 1. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

380. STATE OF ILLINOIS, 1930. 2 maps.

Political maps showing congressional districts, counties, townships, land survey, and comparative population, according to the 1930 census. Indianapolis, Indiana: National Map Company, publisher. 1 in. to 8 mi. Printed. 40 x 56. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

381. SANGAMON COUNTY, 1905. 1 map.

Political map showing locations of cities, towns, villages, county schools, churches, cemeteries, and federal, state, and county roads, streams, lakes, parks, and landmarks. Vincennes, Indiana: F. D. Hardacre, publisher. Printed. 50 x 36. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

382. SANGAMON COUNTY, no date. 1 map.

Political map of Sangamon County, showing school locations marked with pins. Printed. Faded. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 1 mi. 18 x 23. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

383. ATLAS MAP, 1874. 1 v.

Atlas of Sangamon County, with maps and plats showing area, boundaries, legal descriptions, roads, schools, churches, cemeteries, bridges, streams, parks, and landmarks. Also contains histories of all cities, towns, and villages in county, and biographical sketches of prominent citizens. Arr. alph. by names of twps. Philadelphia, Pa.: Brink, McCormick and Company, publishers. 2 in. to 1 mi. Printed. Binding and paper very poor. 108 p. 18 x 14 x 1. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

XVI. SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

From 1821 to 1849 the county commissioners' court exercised jurisdiction over roads and bridges in Sangamon County.¹ The commissioners were empowered to locate new roads, to alter or vacate old roads, and to appoint in each township one free-holder to serve as supervisor of roads in that township for a term of one year.² In 1825 the county commissioners' court was ordered to divide the county into road districts and to appoint a supervisor in each district.³ The construction and maintenance of roads were effected by means of a labor tax levied on all able-bodied men between the ages of eighteen and fifty. It was the supervisors' duty to summon these men for work when road labor was needed.⁴

From 1849 to 1860 the county court in Sangamon County had the control and supervision of public roads and bridges. The substitution of this administrative body for the old county commissioners' court effected no material changes in the earlier set-up. The system of road districts was retained and the work of superintending road construction and maintenance continued to be vested in district supervisors.⁵

In 1860 when Sangamon County adopted township organization, the care and superintendence of roads became the responsibility of the townships. The 1849 legislation enabling the adoption of this form of county government had provided for the election in each township of a highway commissioner and as many overseers of highways as there were road districts in the county. The commissioners at their annual meeting determined necessary action for establishing new roads and repairing, altering, or vacating old roads; the overseers of highways were then required to carry out the commissioners' instructions.⁶ This

1. L.1819, p. 175.

2. Ibid., p. 333.

3. L.1825, p. 130.

4. L.1819, p. 334.

5. L.1849, p. 65; L.1847, p. 111-13; L.1849, p. 65; L.1851, p. 149.

6. L.1849, p. 212.

system of road control and maintenance obtained until 1913; in that year the office of superintendent of highways was first established.¹ The boards of highway commissioners which existed prior to that date have continued to function, but their powers are principally subordinated to those of the superintendent of highways.

The superintendent is appointed by the county board. The board submits a list of three to five candidates to the State Department of Public Works and Buildings, which department examines the candidates to determine the person best fitted for the office.² The successful candidate holds office for six years and is remunerated in a sum fixed by the county board.

The powers and duties of the superintendent of highways come under the rules and regulations of the State Department of Public Works and Buildings. However, the superintendent is subject, upon hearing, to removal by the county board, and is required to perform such duties as may be prescribed by the chief highway engineer of the state.³ The superintendent exercises supervision over township, county, and state-aid roads, and bridges and culverts in his county.

His principal duties are as follows:

1. To prepare plans, specifications, and estimates for all bridges to be built by the county.
2. To supervise the construction and maintenance of county roads and bridges, and state-aid roads.
3. To inspect the highways and bridges in each town or district of his county at least once a year.
4. To advise and direct the highway commissioners in each town or district as to the best methods of repair, maintenance, and improvement of highways and bridges.
5. To approve any purchase in excess of \$200 for materials, machinery, or apparatus to be used in road construction in any town or district.⁴

He is required to keep the following records:

1. Records of contracts, purchases, and expenditures authorized by himself, the county board, or township commissioners.

1. L.1913, p. 524.

2. L.1921, p. 781; L.1933, p. 961. From 1913 to 1917 the list was submitted to the State Highway Commission; in 1917 this state agency was abolished, and its rights, powers, and duties were vested in the Department of Public Works and Buildings, created in the same year (L.1913, p. 524; L.1917, p. 16,34).

3. L.1921, p. 781; L.1933, p. 961.

4. L.1913, p. 523-26.

2. Maps, plats, blueprints, specifications, etc., arising from his supervision of roads and bridges, or the planning of new construction.
3. Accounts of the funds handled by his office.
4. Reports from other officers or bodies touching upon the affairs of his office; copies of his own reports on the administration of his office; related papers.¹

All records are kept by the superintendent in his office on the second floor of the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

Construction and Maintenance Records

384. TOWNSHIP BRIDGES (Contracts and Specifications), 1920--. 1 f.b. Copies of bridge contracts and specifications, showing instructions for bidders, location of bridges, complete plans and specifications, starting and completion dates, cost of construction, contractor's bond, and date of contract. Arr. alph. by name of contractor. No index. Hdw. and typed. 15 x 11 x 26.

385. COUNTY CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION LEDGER 1931--. 1 v. Ledger of construction contract accounts, showing fund distribution, cost summary, dates, claim numbers, total claims, and payment estimates. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 600 p. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 18 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

386. APPROVED PLANS (Roads and Bridges), 1933--. 1 f.b. Construction plans, notices to contractors, contracts, and contractor's bonds. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and hand-drawn. 15 x 11 x 26.

387. MAINTENANCE RECORD, 1933--. 9 f.b. Record of costs of construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, and culverts in various townships, showing costs of oiling, grading and ditching of roads, names of patrolmen and laborers, and amount of salaries. Arr. alph. by name of supervisor. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 4 x 25.

388. ESTIMATES, PROPOSALS, REPORTS 1934--. 1 f.b. Estimates, proposals, contracts, requests for change of plans, machinery reports, and engineers' reports on highway improvements. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed. 15 x 11 x 26.

389. DEDICATION OF RIGHT OF WAY, 1935--. 1 f.b. Right-of-way dedications showing name of grantor, number of acres dedicated for road purpose, location of land, signatures of witnesses, and notarial seal. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 15 x 11 x 26.

1. L.1913, p. 525.

Superintendent of Highways -
Allotments and Claims;
Warrants; Reports

Allotments and Claims
(See also entry 15)

390. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS - CLAIM REGISTER, 1932--. 1 bdl.,
1 v.

Register of highway claims and warrants, showing date, claim and requisition numbers, name and address of claimant, amount of claim, purpose of payment, and warrant number. Arr. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. and typed. Bdl., 11 x 17 x 2; v. 130 p. 17 x 11 x 1½.

391. REQUESTS FOR FUNDS (Miscellaneous), 1933--. 4 f.b.

Requests for funds from county treasurer, state highway department, and Works Progress Administration, showing dates, amount of funds received and refunded, and authorization for transfer of funds. Hdw. and typed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of twp. 15 x 11 x 26.

392. COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX ALLOTMENT RECORD, 1936--. 1 v. Prior records cannot be located.

Ledger of allotments of motor fuel tax funds, showing date, section, and claim number, amount of receipts and disbursements, and balance on hand. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 9 x 12 x 1.

Warrants

393. LEDGER, 1932--. 1 v.

Register of checks issued, showing check number, to whom issued, amount, date, and purpose of issue. Arr. by check no. No index. Hdw. 448 p. 14½ x 9 x 2.

Reports

394. PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SANGAMON COUNTY, 1912-27.
18 v. Discontinued.

Copy of official proceedings of board of supervisors, showing names of newly elected and hold-over members, auditor's report, report of expenditures from county highway fund, and reports of county officers, including superintendent of highway's reports on road and highway funds. Arr. chron. No index. Printed. 36 p. 8½ x 6 x ½.

395. TOWNSHIP GENERAL REPORTS, 1920--. 2 f.b.

Records pertaining to right-of-way dedications, showing road construction experiments, and tests and inspection reports; also right-of-way bonds, showing amount of bond and location of right of way, and record of Federal aid funds, showing amount of money allotted to various townships for right of way. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. Hdw. and typed. 15 x 11 x 26.

Surveys

(See also entries 146-150, 400)

396. MISCELLANEOUS SURVEYS, 1915--. 67 v. (1-61 with duplications). Record of surveys of roads and bridges, showing name and location of road or bridge, length of road, span or type of bridge, dates of beginning and completion of work, labor and material costs, location of culverts, mileage, grade of road, and total cost. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 140 p. 6 x 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. of hwy. drafting rm., 4th fl.

Maps and Plats

397. PLAT BOOK OF SANGAMON COUNTY, 1914--. 1 v. Political maps of Sangamon County, showing cities, towns and villages, acreage, ownership of all lands not platted, and condition of soil as classified by United States Government Survey. Springfield, Illinois: Sangamon County Abstract Co., publisher. Printed. Binding very poor. $\frac{1}{8}$ in. to 1 ft.; 1 in. to 1 mi. 151 p. 17 x 15 x 1.

398. ROADS AND BRIDGES IN SANGAMON COUNTY (Construction Drawings), 1920--. 25 folders, 1 roll. Plans and tracings of roads and bridges constructed in county, showing lengths, widths, elevations, cross sections, special features, type of construction and material used, and location and classification number. Blueprint. 24 x 36 - 21 x 35. $\frac{1}{8}$ in. to 1 ft. - 4 in. to 1 mi.

399. SANGAMON COUNTY HIGHWAYS, no date. 1 map. Political map of highways in Sangamon County, showing all county highway routes and locations with reference to adjoining land. Printed. 1 in. to 1 mi. 36 x 57.

XVII. SURVEYOR

The office of surveyor was first established in Illinois in 1821, the incumbent having been an appointee of the General Assembly.¹ In vacation, nominations were made by the county commissioners' court to the Governor.² From 1835 to 1936 the county surveyor was an elected officer of the county electorate.³ Since September 1936, he has been an

1. L.1821, p. 62; R.L.1829, p. 172; R.L.1833, p. 591.

2. Ibid.

3. L.1835, p. 166; L.1837, p. 558; R.S.1845, p. 523; R.S.1874, p. 456, 1050; L.1903, p. 349.

appointee of the county board.¹ His appointment is for a four-year term. He takes and subscribes to an oath which is filed in the county clerk's office.

The surveyor is required by law to make all surveys within the bounds of his county that he may be called upon to make by the county board or interested persons. Such surveys include surveys of lands of persons requesting the same, of additions or subdivisions, and marking of county lines. Few changes have been made in the original statutory requirements for the duties of this office. The surveyor may appoint one or more deputies. Any individual requesting a survey must employ his own chainmen subject to the approval of the surveyor.

The surveyor is required by law to keep a well-bound book in which to record all surveys made by him, giving such information as the names of the persons whose land is surveyed and descriptive data of the survey. This record is required to be kept by the surveyor in the recorder's office. The surveyor also preserves his field notes and retains copies of plats.²

For other records of county surveys, see entries 146-150, 396.

400. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1841--. 5 v. (A, 1841-49; A, B, 1841-90; 2 not lettered, 1886--). Missing: 1891-1928.

Record of surveys made by county surveyor, showing names of property owners, chainmen, and surveyors, legal description of property, date of survey, locations and types of bearing points, and chain distances. Volume A of the second series is a duplicate of volume A, 1841-49. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. 1 v. not lettered, 1886-87, cir. clk.'s vlt., bsmt.; v. A, A, B, 1841-90, 1 v. not lettered, 1929--, rec.'s off., 2nd fl.

XVIII. DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS

For the purpose of aiding in public welfare and health, the constitution has delegated to the General Assembly broad power to provide laws in regard to drainage.³ By statutory provision, these activities are exercised by drainage commissioners in districts of Sangamon County. The corporate authorities of the drainage districts have power to acquire

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1. L.1933, p. 1104 (to be effective in 1936).
 2. L.1821, p. 63,64; R.L.1829, p. 173; R.L.1833, p. 591-93,599,600; L.1845, p. 201; R.S.1845, p. 524; R.S.1874, p. 1050; L.1885, p. 248; L.1915, p. 575; L.1933, p. 1104.
 3. Constitution of 1870, Art. IV, sec. 31.

rights of way, issue bonds, construct and maintain drains, ditches, and levees for agricultural, sanitary, or mining purposes, and assess the benefited property.¹

Drainage districts have been organized by land owners upon petition to the Sangamon county court. When the court found in favor of the petitioners, it entered an order to that effect and appointed three commissioners to examine and survey the proposed lands. When the commissioners completed their assignment they made a final report to the court with recommendations and the copies of surveys, maps, plats, and estimates.² The districts are of three kinds: regular, which is composed of property lying in a single town; union, where the lands organized lie in two towns; special, with three or more towns involved.³ All three kinds of drainage districts are found in Sangamon County.

After the report on a proposed district had been made, the court completed the organization of the district.⁴ The corporate powers of regular and union districts are vested in three commissioners appointed by town clerks. The corporate authority in special drainage districts is vested in three elected commissioners of the district.⁵ In regular districts the commissioners appoint one of their number to act as secretary. The town clerk in union districts acts as the clerk of the district. The county clerk and county treasurer in cases of special drainage districts are, respectively, ex-officio clerk and treasurer of each district.⁶

The following records belong to the drainage commissioners:

1. Record of bonds issued.
2. Assessment books.
3. Petitions of owners of land to stay assessments, orders of commissioners thereupon, and other proceedings.
4. State auditor's certificates of interest due on bonds.
5. Tax lists showing pro-rata share of levy for bond interest (union and special districts only).

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1. First amendment to the constitution, ratified November 29, 1878, incorporated in the Constitution of 1870, Art. IV, sec. 31; L.1879, p. 120, 124-28.
 2. L.1871-72, p. 356; R.S.1874, p. 429; L.1875, p. 76; L.1879, p. 120, 155; L.1885, p. 77, 93, 95, 108; L.1907, p. 274; L.1913, p. 260.
 3. L.1879, p. 123; L.1885, p. 93, 94, 113. River districts, though not in this category, may be organized similarly and with like powers. L.1885, p. 106.
 4. See footnote 3.
 5. L.1879, p. 123; L.1885, p. 93, 95, 113.
 6. L.1885, p. 77; L.1915, p. 389; L.1919, p. 467; L.1933, p. 505.

6. Copies of reports to county court on conditions of district and estimated expenditures; and to county treasurer on delinquent lands; maps and plats, surveys and estimates; office transactions.¹

The first two records are required to be kept in separate books; the next three generally are known as the "Drainage Record"; and the remaining records are kept desultorily.

County records are not kept for the drainage commissioners; such records are maintained by the individual township or townships comprising a drainage district.

XIX. COUNTY HOME

One phase of public assistance is administered by the county home. All county poorhouses, poor farms, and institutions for the support and care of indigents in Illinois are known as county homes.² County poorhouses and farms have existed in this state under statutory provisions for nearly a century. The legislation creating these county establishments for the indigent has changed little since the original enactments. The county boards of the various counties may establish a county home and are granted the following powers:

1. To acquire by purchase, grant, gift or devise, a suitable tract or tracts upon which to erect and maintain a county poorhouse and other necessary buildings, and for the establishment and maintenance of a farm for the employment of the poor.
2. To receive gifts and bequests to aid in the erection and maintenance of the poorhouse, or in the care of the indigent.
3. To make rules and regulations for the same.
4. To appoint a keeper of the poorhouse and all necessary agents and servants for the management and control of the poorhouse and farm, and to prescribe their compensation and duties.
5. To appoint a county physician and prescribe his compensation and duties.
6. To appoint an agent to have the general supervision and charge of all matters in relation to the care and support of the poor, and to prescribe his compensation and duties.

1. L.1879, p. 120-34; L.1885, p. 78-104.

2. L.1919, p. 699; L.1935, p. 1058.

7. To make the necessary appropriations for the erection and maintenance of the county home.¹

Records of the county home are prepared and kept by the keeper (superintendent) of the home. He is required to keep an account showing the name of each person admitted to the county poorhouse, the time of his admission and discharge, the place of his birth, and the cause of his dependency. He is also required, at the same time each year, to file with the county clerk of his county a copy of this record together with a statement showing the average number of persons kept in the poorhouse each month during the year.²

All of the records of the county home are kept in the office of the superintendent on the first floor of the building.

401. INMATES, 1915--. 4 f.d.

Records of present inmates at county home, showing date of admittance, inmate's name, sex, color, date and place of birth, occupation, length of residence in county, township from which he came, names of parents, and name and address of nearest relative. Arr. alph. by name of inmate. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6 x 8 x 14.

402. DISCHARGED, 1915--. 1 f.b.

Record of inmates discharged from county home, showing dates of admittance, discharge, and birth, inmate's name, sex, color, and birthplace, length of residence in county, township from which he came, names of parents, and name and address of nearest relative. Arr. alph. by name of inmate. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6 x 8 x 14.

403. INSANE, 1915--. 1 f.b.

Record of inmates committed to institution for the insane from county, showing dates of admittance, birth, and discharge, names of inmate and parents, sex, color, birthplace, and occupation of inmate, length of residence in county, township from which he came, and name and address of nearest relative. Arr. alph. by name of inmate. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6 x 8 x 14.

404. DEAD (Inmates), 1915--. 1 f.b.

File of documents in cases of deceased inmates, showing dates of admittance, birth, and death, inmate's name, sex, color, birthplace, length of residence in county, and name and address of parents or nearest relative. Arr. alph. by name of inmate. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6 x 8 x 14.

1. L.1839, p. 139; R.S.1845, p. 404,405; L.1861, p. 180; R.S.1874, p. 757; L.1917, p. 638; L.1919, p. 698; L.1935, p. 1057,1058.
2. R.S.1874, p. 758.

405. RECORD OF SANGAMON COUNTY POOR HOUSE, 1865-1914. 5 v.

Title varies: Poor House Register.

Register of paupers admitted to poor house, showing name, age, sex and nativity of inmate, application and supervisor's permit numbers, dates of admittance, discharge, death, or commitment to other institution, and general remarks. Also contains Death Lists, 1875-98, entry 406. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 16 x 10 x 1½.

406. DEATH LISTS, 1899--. 1 v. 1875-98 in Record of Sangamon County Poor House, entry 405.

List of deceased inmates, showing date and cause of death, name, age, color, sex, and nativity of deceased, and from what township admitted. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 200 p. 9 x 9 x 1½.

407. VISITORS AND DEATH RECORD, 1900-1918. 1 v. Discontinued.

Dual record consisting of visitors' register, 1900-1918, showing date of visit, and name and residence of visitor; and death record, 1900-1912, showing date and cause of death, name of deceased, sex, age, and nativity, from what township admitted, and grave number. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 500 p. 18 x 12 x 2.

XX. TUBERCULOSIS SANITARIUM BOARD¹

In 1909 the powers of the county were extended to permit the establishment of a sanitarium for the care and treatment of county residents suffering from tuberculosis.² This provision was greatly amplified in an act of 1915 which described in detail the conditions necessary to the establishment of such an institution and the manner in which it was to be supported, managed, and controlled.³

The act provided that whenever one hundred legal voters in a county should petition the county board to levy a tax for the establishment and maintenance of a tuberculosis sanitarium, the board was required to submit the question to the voters of the county at the next regular general election. A favorable majority of all votes cast upon the proposition was necessary for adoption.⁴ In the original legislation of 1915 the amount of the tax levy was limited to not more than three mills on the dollar annually on all taxable property in the county.⁵ This limit was

1. Known as Tuberculosis Sanatorium Board in Sangamon County.

2. L.1909, p. 162.

3. L.1915, p. 346-49.

4. Ibid., p. 346,347.

5. Ibid., p. 346.

lowered in 1923 to two mills,¹ and further reduced in 1929 to one and one-half mills,² the present statutory requirement. The money thus received was to be set apart in a special Tuberculosis Sanitarium Fund.³

The management of the sanitarium was vested in a board of three directors appointed by the president or chairman of the county board with the approval of that body. The directors were to serve for three years.⁴ Vacancies on the board were to be filled in the manner in which the original appointments were made. Immediately after their appointment, the directors were required to meet and elect from their number a president, secretary, and such other officers as they might deem necessary.⁵ The Sangamon County electorate voted on November 7, 1922⁶ for the levying of a tax to establish such an institution; the following month the first board of directors was appointed.⁷

Today the powers and duties of the board of directors are essentially the same as in 1915. The directors have been given broad powers in the control and management of any sanitarium, all dispensaries, or auxiliary institutions and activities established or carried on under the provisions of the act of 1915 and subsequent legislation.⁸ They are granted exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the fund and may receive, in the name of the county, contributions or donations to the sanitarium of money or property. Persons desiring to make a donation, bequest, or devise of any money, personal property, or real estate may vest the title to such property in the board of directors who, upon acceptance, hold and control it and act as special trustees. Otherwise, all moneys received for the use of the sanitarium are deposited in the county treasury within a month after their receipt, to be drawn upon only by the proper officers upon presentation of properly authenticated vouchers of the board of directors. When such a deposit is made the board is required to secure a receipt from the treasurer.⁹

Since 1923, to insure greater working efficiency, counties maintaining tuberculosis sanitariums have been permitted to convey property to any adjacent county or counties upon such terms and conditions as the

1. L.1923, p. 302.

2. L.1929, p. 304.

3. L.1915, p. 346; L.1923, p. 302; L.1929, p. 304,305.

4. The first three directors, however, were required to serve for irregular terms of one, two, and three years in order to permit the appointment of one new director annually. The particular term each director was to serve was decided by lot (L.1915, p. 347).

5. L.1915, p. 347.

6. Record Board of Supervisors, v. 21, p. 62.

7. Ibid., v. 21, p. 174.

8. L.1915, p. 346-49; L.1923, p. 302,303; L.1929, p. 304,305, Cf. R.S.1937, p. 956-59.

9. L.1915, p. 347-49.

respective county boards agree on by a majority vote of all members of each board. In the same year it was also provided that counties without public tuberculosis facilities might use funds secured for that purpose to give patients sanitarium care in private or public sanitariums of the state.¹ The Tuberculosis Sanitarium Fund of Sangamon County is distributed under this latter provision, as no county sanitarium is maintained. Patients are sent to two private sanitariums in the county.²

The directors are required to return to the county board monthly a list of the names of all persons making contributions and donations, the amount and nature of the property so received, and the date of its receipt. On or before the second Monday in June in each year, the directors make an annual report to the county board, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of June, the various sums of money received from all sources and how and for what purpose expended, the number of patients, and other pertinent statistics, information, and suggestions.³

All records of the Board are kept in the tuberculosis sanatorium office on the third floor of the courthouse.

408. INDEX TO SANITARIUM BOARD CASES (Card File), 1923---. 2 f.b. Card file of sanitarium cases, showing name, address, and age of patient, case number, physician's name, diagnosis of case, dates of admission, discharge, readmittance, and death. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 5 x 4 x 11.

409. FAMILY INDEX (Case History), 1923---. 3 f.b. Card file of case histories, showing name, address, age, and sex of patient, names and ages of children, and number of members in family having tubercular disease. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Typed on cards. 5 x 4 x 11.

410. PATIENT RECORD, 1923---, 4 f.b. Record of patients admitted to clinic, showing names and addresses of patient, physician, and clinic, case number, dates of admittance and discharge, family history, date and place of birth, military or naval service, religion, income from benefits, occupational history, and total weekly earnings. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 14 x 10 x 26.

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1. L.1923, p. 303.
 2. St. John's Sanatorium and Palmer Sanatorium in Riverton and Springfield respectively.
 3. L.1915, p. 348,349.

411. APPLICATIONS, 1923--. 1 f.b.

Applications to the county tuberculosis sanatorium board for care and treatment of tubercular patients, showing name and address of applicant, date of application, signatures of applicant, parent, or guardian, and agreement to abide by rules of treatment. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 5 x 4 x 11.

412. CLINIC SERVICE, 1923--. 3 f.b.

Clinic case records showing name, address and age of patient, results of various tests, and date of examination. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 14 x 10 x 26.

413. X-RAY AND FLUOROSCOPIC REPORTS, 1923--. 4 f.b.

Reports of X-ray and fluoroscopic examinations, showing name and address of patient, family history, examination report, diagnosis, prognosis, subsequent examinations, and date of treatment. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 14 x 10 x 26.

414. NURSES' DAILY RECORD, 1923--. 4 f.b.

Nurses' daily reports showing number of calls made, dates, general activities in regard to sanitarium cases, social service calls, and conferences with county board members. Arr. alph. by name of patient. No index. Typed on pr. fm. 14 x 10 x 26.

XXI. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Matters relating to public assistance and welfare in the county are handled by the department of public welfare, which was established in 1937 as successor to the county commission of public welfare.¹ This department consists of the superintendent of public welfare and a staff selected by him in accordance with, and subject to, the approval of the State Department of Public Welfare.

The county board submits to the state department a list of five residents as candidates for the office of superintendent. An eligible list of these candidates is prepared by the state department by competitive examination and certified to the county board. The board in turn makes an order appointing one of the eligibles as superintendent of public welfare.²

1. L.1935-36, First Sp. Sess., p. 70-73; L.1937, p. 451.

2. L.1937, p. 451,452.

The superintendent is charged with all the executive and administrative duties and responsibilities of the department of public welfare. He is subject to the rules and regulations of, and removal by, the state agency.¹

This officer has power and it is his duty to:

1. Have charge of and develop plans for the administration of old age assistance.
2. Investigate and study problems of assistance, correction, and general welfare within his county.
3. Cooperate with the State Department of Public Welfare in the operation of welfare plans and policies in his county.
4. Maintain such records and file such reports with the State Department of Public Welfare as that department may require.
5. Serve as agent and executive officer of the State Department of Public Welfare in the administration of all forms of public assistance administered by that department.²

All the records of the county department are subject to the inspection and supervision of the agents of this central authority.

The department of public welfare also serves as the county department for the administration of old age assistance and is subject to the rules and regulations of the state department.³ Upon receipt of an application the department makes an investigation of the case. In the course of the investigation the department is allowed to hold hearings and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers and books.⁴

The county department for old age assistance keeps such records and accounts as are prescribed by the state department. All applications and records in these matters are considered public records.⁵

Public welfare, with the exception of old age assistance, is administered in Sangamon County through the city department of public welfare of Springfield.

1. L.1937, p. 452.

2. L.1935-36, First Sp. Sess., p. 72; L.1937, p. 452.

3. L.1935, p. 259,260; L.1935-36, First Sp. Sess., p. 54,55; L.1937, p. 265.

4. L.1935-36, First Sp. Sess., p. 57-59; L.1937, p. 267,268.

5. L.1937, p. 268,269.

415. APPLICATIONS FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, 1936--. 8 f.b.
Applications for old age pensions, showing applicant's name and address, application number, date and place of birth, number of years in county, state, and country, marital status, names and addresses of children, total assets, with signed affidavit of applicant and notary seal. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. Typed on pr. fm. 15 x 12 x 28. Old age assistance off., 4th fl.

416. INDEX TO APPLICATIONS, 1936--. 4 f.b.
Card index to Applications for Old Age Assistance, entry 418, showing name of applicant, application number, application or re-application date, and dates of approval, and granting or denial. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. Typed. 5½ x 4 x 11. Old age assistance off., 4th fl.

417. INVESTIGATORS' REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, 1936--. 16 f.b.
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XXII. VETERANS RELIEF COMMISSION

Relief of indigent and suffering soldiers, sailors, and marines in this state has been handled through veterans' posts as well as by the overseer of the poor. An act of 1895 charged the latter with providing the necessary money for assistance to indigent veterans or their families, the money to be drawn upon by the commander and quartermaster of a post of the Grand Army of the Republic.¹ This act was repealed in 1907 by an act which was essentially the same.² New veterans' units were included in this and subsequent acts as they came into existence.³

An amendment of 1909⁴ provided that in counties of two hundred and fifty thousand or more inhabitants there should be organized a "Commanders Association" to be composed of the active commanders of the different posts, and to exercise the powers of the posts in granting relief. They were to have general oversight of the distribution of all supplies appropriated by the county for the benefit of indigent veterans of the civil and other

1. L.1895, p. 83.

2. L.1907, p. 79.

3. Ibid.; L.1923, p. 175; L.1927, p. 204; L.1933, p. 211; L.1935, p. 266.

4. L.1909, p. 124.

wars, and to formulate such rules and regulations among themselves and with the county authorities as would enable them to carry out the law. A superintendent and secretary, elected by the association, were to exercise the executive powers of the association, and to maintain an office in the county building, to be provided, furnished, and equipped by the county. The superintendent was to hear and investigate claims for relief and report to the county authorities, his decision being final. Provision was also made for the appropriation by the county of additional sums for compensation of the superintendent and secretary.

The veterans relief commission was first provided for in 1933 by an amendment which allowed its organization in all counties of seventy-five thousand or more inhabitants or where two or more veterans' posts existed.¹ The commission was to be composed of the retiring commanders of the different veterans' posts, who were to be members for a period not to exceed one year. Provisions for a superintendent, his election, powers and duties, and salary were similar to those for superintendent of the commanders association in the 1909 act.

The latest amendment to the 1907 act provides that the commission shall be composed of one delegate and one alternate from each of the different veterans' posts, camps, and chapters, to be selected annually.² In addition to provisions similar to those in the 1933 act, the 1935 law states that the veterans' commission and the chairman of the county board shall have general oversight of the distribution of money and supplies appropriated by the county for the benefit of indigent veterans and their families, and that warrants for the payment of money for such purpose shall be issued only upon the presentation of an itemized statement or claim, approved by the superintendent of the commission and the chairman of the county board. A further addition in the latest amendment is the provision that if any overseer of the poor or any county board shall fail or refuse to provide relief as recommended by the relief committee of any veterans' post then the commander and quartermaster of the post, or the superintendent of the veterans' relief commission may apply to the circuit court for mandamus requiring him or it to pay relief.

All the records of this commission are kept in the veterans' relief commission office on the fourth floor.

1. L.1933, p. 211.
2. L.1935, p. 266.

418. VETERANS' RECORD, 1933--. 2 f.b.

Veterans' military record including enlistment, compensation, pension, and relief records, showing name and address of veteran, family history, and dates. Arr. alph. by name of veteran. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 14 x 11 x 27.

419. SUPERINTENDENT'S (CASE) RECORD, 1933--. 3 f.b.

Case record of unemployed veterans, showing name, address, and former occupation of unemployed, sick, disabled, or destitute veterans, names and ages of dependents, employment record, and date of filing. Arr. alph. by name of veteran. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $5\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$.

420. CERTIFICATES, 1933--. 1 f.b.

Relief certificates showing number, name of client, number in family, cause of dependency, amount of budget allowed, date, and certification of order by county clerk. Arr. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 14 x 11 x 27.

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