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PREFACE

This inventory of Porter County records constitutes a part of a general guide to the county archives of Indiana. It has been prepared by the Historical Records Survey of this state, operating as a separate project under the Works Progress Administration.

The survey of state and local historical records in Indiana was instituted on February 19, 1936, as part of a nation-wide undertaking under the supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans. Samuel J. Kagan, state archivist of the Indiana History and Archives Division of the State Library, was assigned to lead the project as State Director. In the beginning the Survey was closely associated with the Writers' Project. On September 23, 1936, the Historical Records Survey was nominally as well as factually made independent of the Writers' Project. In general, it has from its inception acted as a separate and independent unit of Federal Project No. 1.

The aim and purpose of the survey of county records in Indiana have been to furnish the officials of the local, state, and national governments, students of history, lawyers, and genealogists, and the general citizenry interested in the county records, with a convenient tool for use in consulting them. It is the object of the Survey to make the valuable source materials that are to be found in the Indiana courthouses and other public buildings, available and more accessible to those who may be in need of them. It is our hope that the information contained in this inventory will arouse greater interest in state and local historical records and will encourage

officials to continue the improvement of methods for the preservation and safekeeping of these records.

The field work of the survey of Porter County was begun on March 16, 1936, under the district supervision of Mrs. Naomi Phillips, of Gary, later succeeded by L. B. Fowler, of Hobart. The field workers were Roy Hay and Alvin Vandewalker, both of LaPorte. It was completed on May 26, 1936. Many visits, however, have since been made to the county courthouse to check and recheck the information contained herein, the final recheck having been made in July 1937.

There are ninety-two counties in Indiana. When the survey of the county archives is completed a separate volume is to be devoted to each county inventory in the state. Porter County is No. 64.

The inventory proper is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts and events forming the background and basis of the records. The entries for the record series are carried in consecutive numbering for the county. The bureaus are arranged in functional order: Governing boards; major administrative offices; judicial offices; and financial, educational, health, engineering, and other groups. Wherever applicable, natural groupings under separate headings are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged thereunder also according to their functional sequence. A full and extensive index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with a minimum of inconvenience and effort.

The editing of this inventory has been conducted by an editorial staff of some forty men and women, whose labors we deeply appreciate and wish to recognize forthwith, captained by Harry A. Rider, editor; John R. Milligan in charge of accession and classifying; Louise Hation in charge of checking; Canis E. Brockway in charge of condensing; Julius Salman, legal adviser; and Howard G. Underwood, historical research editor.

The original survey was made in the field under the direction of the State Director and carefully checked and compiled in the form of this inventory in the State Office. Of the industrious and painstaking devotion to his task of each and every person who had a part in the Survey we are keenly aware, and we regret th that we cannot commend by name the services of all who have contributed to the publication of this volume.

The Survey is indebted to county officials; to the State Works Progress Administration; to Kenneth E. Lancet, Acting Director of Women's and Professional Projects, who has rendered the Survey a great personal service in the administering of the project; and to Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, who has taken personal initiative and interest in behalf of the Survey in giving technical advice to the project.

S. J. Kagan, State Director
The Historical Records Survey

FOREWORD

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

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

An advisory committee has helped guide work upon the project; though no meetings were held, its members in many instances were a great help. A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officers who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the records in their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey. Especially is the state indebted to those officers who made possible the photographing of old records for preservation in a central depository.

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PART A. PORTER COUNTY AND ITS RECORDS SYSTEM

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Porter County, situated in the northwest part of the state, is bounded on the east by Laporte County, on the south by the Kankakee River, which separates it from Jasper County, on the west by Lake County, and on the north by Lake Michigan. It has an area of 415 square miles.

The southern part of the county is low and level with marshland--much of which has been reclaimed--extending back from the Kankakee River from one to three miles. The remainder of the county consists generally of tillable or wooded land. The most diversified topography is found in the central portions, where rolling lands and ridges predominate. The watershed runs through the center of the county from east to west; the northern portion drains into Lake Michigan through the Calmuet River and its tributaries, and the southern part is drained by the Kankakee. Several lakes are scattered throughout the northern half of the county.

A brief picture of the relationship of Indiana to the early history of the United States as a whole begins with the landing and settlement of the English at Jamestown in 1607. The French founded Quebec the next year and began explorations to the west and south. LaSalle descended the Mississippi River to its mouth and claimed the valley in the name of France. By 1719, French posts were established in Indiana on the present site of Fort Wayne,

Lafayette, and Vincennes. The English, in the meantime, had explored and established settlements in the Ohio Valley. Eventually the two nations became involved in the French and Indian War, which grew out of the economic conflict over the rich fur trade. By the Treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763, which ended this war, the Mississippi Valley was ceded to Britain, and remained under English jurisdiction until shortly after the opening of the American Revolution when Vincennes was captured by General George Rogers Clark. The region was then under the jurisdiction of Virginia and remained so until it was ceded to the United States Government in 1784. Three years later the Northwest Territory was organized. Knox County, which included all of the present State of Indiana and parts of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin, was created in 1790 and was the first real civil government over what is now Indiana. In 1800 Indiana Territory was formed,and in 1816 Indiana was admitted to the Union.

Before the white man came to the region now included within the limits of Porter County, all of northwesten Indiana was inhabited by the Potawatomi Indians. Porter County was acquired by the United States Government by two treaties of cession. The first was signed on the Wabash River, near the mouth of the Missinewa, on October 16, 1826, between commissioners acting for the United States Government and sixty-two chiefs and head men of the Potawatomi. The second treaty--which included all the remaining portion of Porter County--was concluded on the Tippecanoe River October 26, 1832. After the signing of this treaty, the Potawatomi

were removed from the county to reservations west of the Mississippi River.

The first permanent white settler in Porter County was Joseph Bailly, a French Canadian, born in Quebec. In 1822, he built a cabin on the north bank of the Calumet River--later known as Bailly Town, and engaged in trade with the Indians. Bailly was the only permanent white resident in the county for over ten years. In 1833, a stage line, operated between Chicago and Detroit, was established, and the real settlement of the county began. Jesse Morgan, a native of Virginia, located that same year a short distance southeast of the present town of Chesterton. His two brothers, William and Isaac, settled in what is now Washington Township on a prairie which for years bore their name. Adams S. Campbell of New York, Rason Bell and Henry S. Adams of Ohio, and George B. Cline of Union County, Indiana, all settled on Morgan's Prairie in 1833. Samuel Flint built the first cabin on the present site of Prattville, and, early in 1834, J. P. Ballard built the first house at the territory where Valparaiso now stands.

Porter County was formed by an act of the general assembly, approved February 7, 1835, out of territory attached to St. Joseph County. The legal boundaries were: "Beginning at the south east corner of township thirty four north, of range five west, thence with the line dividing townships thirty three and thirty four north, to the state line, thence north with the state line, to the north west corner of the state of Indiana, thence east with the northern boundary of Indiana to the eastern line of range five west, thence

south with the lino dividing ranges four and five west to the place of beginning." (1)

On January 28, 1836, an act was approved providing for the organization of the county and reducing it to about half its former size. The legal boundaries were: "Commencing at the north west corner of Laporte county, thence running south to the Kankakee river, thence west with the bed of said river, to the centre of range seven, thence north to the state line, thence east to the place of beginning. And all that part of the country that lies north of the Kankakee river, and west of the county of Porter, within the State of Indiana, shall form and constitute a new county, to be known and designated by the name of Lake County." (2)

The county boundaries were redefined on March 8, 1923, as follows: "Beginning at a point on Lake Michigan where the line dividing ranges four and five west intersects the same, thence south to the Marble Powers ditch, thence down the middle of the channel of the same to the center line of range seven west, thence north to Lake Michigan, thence eastwardly with the lake to the place of beginning: Provided, That the northern boundary of said county shall be the same as the northern state line." (3)

Benjamin Saylor was appointed sheriff by Governor Noah Noble with authority to hold the first election and to organize the county government. This election was held on February 23, 1836, and Jesse Johnson was elected probate judge; Seneca Ball and James Blair, associate judges; Cyrus Spurlock, recorder; George W. Turner, clerk; Benjamin N. Soencer, Noah Fowts, and John Sefford (or Seffon),

commissioners.

On April 12, 1836, the first session of the board of commissioners was held at the home of C. A. Ballard in Portersville (now Valparaiso). One of their first official acts was to divide the county into ten townships. At the present time there are twelve townships in Porter County: Boone, Center, Jackson, Liberty, Morgan, Pine, Pleasant, Portage, Porter, Union, Washington, and Westchester.

The commissioners named by the legislature to select the county seat met on June 9, 1836, at the home of Thomas Butter and decided that Portersville was the best location for the seat of government. By an act of January 6, 1837, the legislature changed the name of the county seat to Valparaiso. The county was named in honor of Commodore David Porter of the United States Navy, who commanded the frigate "Essex" during the War of 1812.

The circuit court of Porter County held its first term in October 1830, at the home of John Taylor. Samuel C. Sample was presiding judge of the circuit.

The first courthouse in the county was erected in 1837 and paid for by popular subscription. The building was a frame structure, 20 feet x 48 feet in size, which stood on the west side of the square where the present courthouse now stands. This building became inadequate, and for several years court was held in a room over the post office. Construction on the second courthouse was started in 1850, but the building was not completed until 1853. This was a brick structure, 40 feet x 60 feet in size. On July

18, 1883, the contract for the third and present courthouse was let. This building is constructed of oolitic limestone, has two stories and a basement, and is 182 feet x 98 feet in size.

During the last few decades the state of agriculture in Porter County has reacted to the economic depression in a more or less typical manner. The population of the county has been increasing slowly but steadily--the increase taking place primarily in the incorporated towns: Hebron, Valparaiso, Kouts, Ogden Dunes, Chesterton, Dune Acres, and Porter. According to the 1930 census, there were 22,821 persons living in the county.

Between 1920 and 1930 the number of farms, farm owners, and tenant farmers decreased. The total acreage cultivated and the average size of farms also declined. During the same period the total value of farm land and buildings dropped about one third. Agriculture was obviously on the decline, and the drift away from rural areas to towns and cities was typical of the United States as a whole.

In the meantime, in the towns, industry was in the process of development. At present, glass products, golf clubs and leather bags, paint, electrical appliances, and canning machines are some of the local manufactures.

The years following 1930 however, have witnessed a "back to the land" movement of considerable size and significance. In 1935 the number of farms was greater than in 1900, but the average size of the farm had declined still farther. Farm owners had increased, and tenancy was more widespread than in 1920. Total acreage cultivated had also increased, but the value of farm land and buildings

had taken another drop, indicating that they were greatly overvalued in 1920. In 1935, there were several hundred persons living on farms who, five years before, had lived in nonrural communities.

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2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Porter County, with its county seat at Valparaiso, is a subdivision of the State of Indiana for administrative, judicial, and political purposes. It is a creature of the legislature and possesses only such powers of local government as are conferred by acts of the legislature or are incident and necessary to carry out the provisions thereof. Created by the state, the county is subject to legislative control at any time and its powers may be amplified or diminished without its consent.

Porter County was organized by an act of the General Assembly, effective February 1, 1836. (1) Its present government, as it functions today, is the result of its development under the original Constitution of 1816, the present Constitution adopted in 1851, and more than a century of legislative action.

The county system of government is an inheritance from England and the American Colonies, whence pioneers in Indiana brought their customs and laws. Its beginnings in Indiana are found in the laws of the Northwest Territory, which recognized the counties already established, and provided for courts and administrative officers, as follows: General court of quarter sessions of the peace, county court of common pleas, (2) and court of probate, (3) commissioners, (4) sheriff, (5) coroner, (6) recorder, (7) treasurer, (8) (circuit court). (9) These officers were appointed by either the governor or the court. The laws of Indiana Territory provided for the appointment of additional officers: Surveyor, (10) assessor, (11) prosecuting attorney, (12) and county agent who

conveys and receives conveyances of public lands. (13)

In the year of 1816 Indiana was admitted to the Union and the constitution of that year provided for the election in each county of a clerk of the circuit court, (14) recorder, (15) sheriff, and coroner, (16) and continued the other territorial officers until superseded. (17)

The legislature, in 1817, established a body called the board of commissioners, elected by the voters of the county; (18) the office of treasurer, who was appointed by the board of commissioners; (19) and in 1818 the office of surveyor, who was appointed and commissioned by the Governor of the state. (20)

In 1824, the board of commissioners was abolished, and its functions conferred upon the justices of the peace of the county, who constituted the board for doing county business, (21) until in 1831 the board of commissioners was reestablished, which consisted of three members elected by the voters. (22) In 1831 the legislature made the surveyor an appointee of the board of commissioners. (23) When Porter County was organized in 1836, its government followed the form outlined above. In 1841 the legislature created the elective office of auditor. (24) Otherwise the original organization continued practically unchanged for nearly fifteen years.

As the state grew, there was much dissatisfaction with the Constitution of 1816, but repeated attempts to change it did not succeed until 1850, when a constitutional convention was called which framed a new constitution. (25) This constitution was

submitted to the qualified voters of the state and adopted in 1851 and proclaimed by the governor to be effective on November 1, 1851, and with amendments, remains the Constitution of Indiana. (26)

Each county is a political subdivision of the state and has an individual governmental organization. Although the Constitution of 1851 forbids special legislation, (27) and the general outline of the organization of county government remains the same, the general assembly has provided the necessary variations to take care of local needs and conditions. These variations lie chiefly in the number of officers and courts provided for counties within classifications based upon population. Urban and rural areas obviously cannot be ruled by the same number of officers. Each county has the constitutional officers, but the statutory officers vary in number, powers, and duties. The latter officers may be compulsory in all counties, or they may be optional and therefore established in only a few instances; others are authorized in only certain classes of counties, though the class may include only one county.

Indiana stands alone among the states of the Union in having a dual system of county governing boards, since the establishment in each county of a county council in 1899. (28) Each county is governed by a board of commissioners and a county council. The duties of these agencies, with technical distinction, are enumerated in their proper places below.

From the beginning of the present century a tendency toward centralization of power in the hands of state authorities has

taken from county officials many of their powers and duties and has greatly lessened the scope of those remaining. In older fields of finance, roads, and education, the state's supervision has greatly increased, and the creation of newer state departments such as police, food and fire inspection, and public welfare, has caused heavy removal of local responsibility and control.

Present Administration

The Constitution of 1851 reeorganized the governmental structure, enlarging the number of constitutional officers to be elected by the people of the county, as follows: (29)

Clerk of the circuit court, who, by statutory provision, keeps the records of the proceedings of all county courts and performs other administrative duties, including serving as registration officer and member of the county election boards.

Recorder, who makes and preserves a public record of all legal documents, both official and private, as may be prescribed by law.

Sheriff, who is conservator of the peace and executes orders of the county courts and boards.

Coroner, who holds inquests in all cases of death by violence and of suspicious circumstances.

Treasurer, who receives and disburses all county moneys including the collection of taxes, and serves as ex-officio member of the board of review.

Auditor, who, the financial agent of the county, compiles

the county budget estimates, prepares the tax duplicates and serves as clerk and member of several county boards.

Surveyor, who has charge of all surveying, and civil engineering work of the county, including the maintenance of drainage systems. (30)

The constitution also empowered the legislature to prescribe such other officers as may become necessary. (31) Under this authority the legislature has from time to time established the following statutory officers and boards:

Board of commissioners, the leading governing body of the county, often called the "county board", or the "board for doing county business". It consists of three members elected for terms of three years. The board furnishes and maintains county buildings and grounds, administers the financial transactions of the county and audits the accounts of all officers who handle moneys of the county, and is responsible for the maintenance of county highways. (32)

County council, another governing body, created in 1899, (33) to control the finances of county government. This council consists of seven members, elected for terms of four years. The council has power to fix the tax rate for county purposes and for all purposes where the rate is not fixed by law and is required to be uniform throughout the county; to adopt the county budget and the exclusive right to make appropriations from the county treasury; and the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money and the issuing of bonds. (34)

Superintendent of schools, in 1873, (35) who has general superintendence of all schools of the county outside of incorporated cities and towns. (36) Elected by the township trustees, (37) he is ex-officio member and president of the county board of education. (38)

Board of education, in 1873, (39) consisting since an amendment of 1877 of the superintendent of schools, township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town of the county. The board considers the general wants and needs of the schools and school property, and all matters relating to the purchase of school furniture, books, maps, and charts. (40)

Health officer, in 1881, originally secretary of the board of health, (41) abolished by an act of 1909, which created the office of health commissioner, (42) whose title was changed in 1935 to health officer. He is appointed by the board of commissioners and must be legally qualified to practice medicine, and enforce the health laws of the state. (43)

Assessor, in 1891, (44) who instructs and advises the township assessors, reviews their returns and examines the tax duplicates, assesses omitted real and personal property, (45) and appraises estates for inheritance taxes. (46) He is elected by the voters of the county, (47) and is ex-officio member and president of the board of review. (48)

Board of review, in 1891, whose members are the county assessor, auditor, and treasurer, (49) and, by an amendment of 1919, two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the

judge of the circuit court. (50) This board equalizes tax assessments as between townships or other taxing units and between individual property owners, and may set aside the aggregate assessment, if too high or too low, of the whole county or any taxing unit thereof and order a new assessment. (51)

Board of finance, in 1907, consisting of the board of commissioners, with the auditor as secretary. (52) This board has the custody of county funds and selects the depositories, (53) apportioning the deposits among the banks in agreement with other municipal corporations in the county according to the total resources of the depositories. (54)

Agricultural agent, in 1913, who, under the supervision of Purdue University, conducts farmers' institutes and other movements for the advancement of agriculture and country life, and aids the superintendent of schools and the teachers of the county in agricultural education and domestic science. He is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of the state board known as the county agricultural agent board. (55)

Highway supervisor, in 1933, who supervises, under the direction of the board of commissioners, the repair and maintenance of all county highways. The board of commissioners makes the appointment and may appoint the surveyor as highway supervisor. However, the board of commissioners of Porter County has appointed an extra officer as highway supervisor. (56)

Board of tax adjustment, in 1933, consisting of seven members (57)

who, by an amendment of 1937, are: One member of the county council, chosen by the council; the mayor of the largest city in the county or any public official of any city in the county, appointed by the mayor of the largest city of the county; one member of the county board of education, selected by such board; and four freeholders appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board examines any tax levy and the corresponding items of the budget, and adjusts the tax rate so that it shall not exceed, in any municipal corporation, the total tax rate prescribed by law. (58)

School fund board, in 1935, consisting of three members; the auditor and the clerk of the circuit court, ex officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board makes all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real estate, duly secured by mortgage. (59)

Department of public welfare, in 1936, (60) comprising the board of public welfare, consisting of five members appointed by the judge of the circuit court, (61) and the director of public welfare, appointed by the board. (62) The department administers the measures of public welfare as prescribed by law and the rules of the state department. (63)

Registration officer, in 1933, who is the clerk of the circuit court ex officio. He conducts the registration of voters (64) and furnishes a list of the registered voters to the inspector of each precinct. (65)

Board of election commissioners, in 1889, consisting of the

clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him, of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for general elections (66) and appoints the precinct officials. (67)

Board of canvassers, in 1905, which is the board of election commissioners. (68) The board canvasses, tabulates, and compiles the election returns of the county (69) and certifies the candidates elected. (70)

Board of primary election commissioners, in 1915, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him, of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for primary elections. (71)

Judicial

The judicial system of Porter County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the constitution and subsequent acts of the Indiana General Assembly. The constitution authorized and directed that the state be divided into judicial circuits. (72) Porter County constitutes the sixty-seventh circuit, established in 1913. (73) Previously, it was part of a judicial circuit to which other counties were attached. The constitution further provides for the election of a judge (74) and a prosecuting attorney for the circuit, (75) and a clerk of the circuit court. (76) The circuit court has original exclusive jurisdiction in all cases, criminal, civil, probate, and juvenile, except where exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction is conferred by law upon justices of the

peace, and such appellate jurisdiction as is conferred by law. It also has jurisdiction of all other causes, matters, and proceedings where exclusive jurisdiction thereof is not conferred by law upon some other court or office. (77)

Records System

The records of Porter County began with its creation in 1836. The establishment of each of the county offices and bureaus inaugurated their records which were kept in such fashion as the incumbents saw fit, following in the main the directions of the general assembly under the provisions for each respective office. In 1909, the legislature established the state board of accounts, which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class. (78) Under this law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The board also permits the use of bound loose-leaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the board of county commissioners, except that a good quality is required.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records of any office, it is the duty of the board of commissioners to issue an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records. (79)

In 1925 a law was passed permitting county officials, at

their discretion, to turn over to the archives division of the state library for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices. (80) This law is optional and has been ineffectual. County officials are loath to part with records, even when no longer in use and in spite of lack of storage space, anticipating a possible call for them. Consequently, they have only occassionally availed themselves of this provision for permanent preservation of their old records.

The recorder and other county officers, by an act of 1927, are authorized to record deeds, mortgages, and other instruments by any approved photographic process adopted by the board of commissioners. (81)

In 1937, the general assembly authorized the director of the state library, at his discretion, to make a copy, by photography or in any other way, of any official book, record, document, original paper, newspaper, or printed book or material in any county, city, or other public office, for preservation in the state archives. All public officials must permit copies to be made of the books, records, documents, and papers in their respective offices. (82)

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(58) Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 64-310.
(59) Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 28-209.
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(61) Ibid., 52-1118.
(62) Ibid., 52-1119.
(63) Ibid., 52-1120.
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(69) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404.
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(73) Acts 1913; Burns 4-332.
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(76) Ibid., art. 6, sec. 2; 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2701.
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A REPORT ON THE PORTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE FIRE

Porter County courthouse, located in Valparaiso, was built in 1883 at a cost of $157,348. Its walls were constructed of stone and brick, but its framework was largely wood. It contained a basement, two floors, and an attic. County officials were housed on the first floor and in the basement, while the circuit and superior court rooms were located on the second floor. In January 1934, the appraised value of the courthouse and its contents was set at $274,000, $124,800 of which were covered by insurance.

The temperature was below zero at 12:30 on the morning of December 27, 1934. A merchant policeman, on his regular beat through the downtown district of Valparaise, noticed the glare of flames through the rear windows of the circuit court room and turned in the alarm. All the fire equipment of the city was put into action. The firemen were unable to reach the burning portion of the building, since their ladders were not long enough and the stairways were on fire. Gary and Laporte fire companies were summoned, but the wooden framework of the building burned rapidly, and the upper floors could not be saved. After hours of stubborn resistance, the fire was brought under control and finally extinguished.

Briefly then, this was the result of the fire: The clock-tower, the attic, and much of the second floor were destroyed, and current court records, which were kept in the courtrooms in steel filing cabinets, were so badly charred that they crumbled to dust

when touched; but the records of the county offices, being kept in concrete vaults equipped with fire-doors, were not damaged by the fire and were only slightly damaged by water seepage.

At the earliest practical moment, provision was made for the resumption of county business. The commissioners, meeting in the surveyor's office in the courthouse basement, arranged for the removal of the circuit and superior courts to the Old Vidette Building, and for the rebuilding of the courthouse, whose walls, still standing, were in usable condition. The courts immediately instructed lawyers concerned in the cases whose records were destroyed to prepare copies of the cases for the use of the court. Those officials whose offices were not completely useless resumed business in their old quarters after a temporary roof had been constructed; others were removed to temporary quarters outside the courthouse. The damage to the courthouse was estimated at $203,995, including the total destruction of one of the finest law libraries in the state.

Owing to the rebuilding of the courthouse at the time the survey of the Porter County public records was made, the records were located arbitrarily wherever space for them could be obtained --mainly in the vaults of the county officials. Thus no report on the housing of the records can be written until the final edition of the Porter County inventory is published, at which time the records will doubtless have been given permanent locations. A complete report, therefore, will be included in the final edition.

4. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

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

Acts	(Session) Laws of the State of Indiana (commonly referred to by binder's title, "Acts"). By authority ... (of the) Secretary of State (of Indiana)
agr. agt.	agricultural agent, agricultural agent's
alph.	alphabetical, alphabetically
approx.	approximately
arr.	arranged
art.	article
assr.	assessor, assessor's
aud.	auditor, auditor's
aver.	average
bdl.	bundle
Bldg.	Building
bsmt.	basement
Burns	Burns, Harrison, editor. Annotated Indiana Statutes containing all acts of a general and public nature in force September 1, 1933. 12 vols. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind. (c1933 and 1934) with Supplement 1936 in pocket in back cover. (Year is given in reference only in citations to supplement. Numbers refer to sections which run in one continuous, consecutive series as explained in Burns 1:iii-iv.)
c.	copyright (before date)
C.C.	County Courthouse

ch.	chapter
chron.	chronologically, chronological
clk.	clerk, clerk's
comr.	commissioner, commissioners, commissioner's, commissioners'
Const.	Constitution of Indiana (refers to present constitution unless date follows)
cor.	coroner, coroner's
hdw.	handwritten
hi. sup.	highway supervisor, highway supervisor's
hlth. offr.	health officer, health officer's
ibid.	ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana; Indiana Reports (when preceded by the volume number, reference is to the official state court reports).
Laws. Ind. Terr.	Laws of Indiana Territory, The: 1801-1809. Edited by Francis S. Philbrick. Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library: Vol. 21. Reprinted with supplementary Indiana material. Indianapolis, Ind. Historical Bureau, 1931.
Laws N.W. Terr.	Laws of the Northwest Territory, The: 1788-1800. Edited by Theodore Calvin Pease. Illinois State Historical Library Law Series: Vol. 1. Springfield, Ill. Reprinted by the Illinois State Bar Association. (c1925)
mi.	mile
n.	north
ne.	northeast

no., nos.	number, numbers
nw.	northwest
off.	office
p., pp.	page, pages
pr. frm.	printed form
pt.	part
pros. atty.	prosecuting attorney, prosecuting attorney's
q.v.	which see
rec.	record
recr.	recorder, recorder's
Rev. Laws 1831	Revised Laws of Indiana, ... enacted by the general assembly at their fifteenth session ... Published by authority of the general assembly. Indianapolis, 1831.
Rev. Stat. 1843	Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana passed at the twenty-seventh session of the general assembly ... Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1843.
1 Rev. Stat. 1852) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852)	Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana, passed at the thirty-sixth session of the general assembly ... 2 vols. Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1852.
Rev. Stat. 1881	Revised Statutes of Indiana ... Collated and annotated by James S. Frazer, John B. Stotsenburg, and David Turpie, Commissioners. By authority of the general assembly Chicago, Ill. B. B. Myers and Company, 1881.
rm.	room
s.	south

sec.	section
se.	southeast
shf.	sheriff, sheriff's
spc. sess.	special session
stat.	statutes
stg.	storage
suppl.	supplement
sur.	surveyor, surveyor's
supt., supt. sch.	superintendent, superintendent's, superintendent of schools
sw.	southwest
tr.	treasurer, treasurer's
twp.	township
U. S.	United States
vol., vols.	volume, volumes
vt.	vault
wfr.	welfare
--	current
'	foot, feet
"	inch, inches

Other abbreviations in common use are occasionally used.

Explanatory Notes

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

Abbreviations, Symbols, and Explanatory Notes

In each legal status the inception date of each office is given as a comparative basis for the dates of the records. If the office were established before the origin of the county, the date of organization is the inception date. Whenever the inception date of records is later than the date of the organization of the county, it is by reason of statutory inauguration.

Entries are grouped under an outline classification, using headings and subheads according to relative functions. The first breakdown is centered in capitals and lower-case; the second break-down is relative to the first and is in capitals and lower-case, underscored at the margin.

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

I. The title consists of:

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

2. Titles in capitals, enclosed in parentheses, are supplied by the Historical Records Survey, because either the volume or file has no title or an incorrect one. Words in capitals and lower case, enclosed in parentheses, are also supplied or are supplementary to the title, where it is necessary to explain the types of records more fully.

3. Period covered by the record, showing beginning and ending dates by years only. In a divided year, the months and days are given. A dash in place of an ending date denotes a continuous open record.

4. Quantity.

5. Markings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one unit, marked 1, the marking is omitted; if otherwise marked, except by dates, marking is given.

6. Variation in numbering.

7. Missing volumes.

8. Subtitles or variations in title.

II. The description consists of:

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

2. Method of arrangement or indexing.

3. Nature of recording. Modern records are almost exclusively in printed form, filled in by hand or typewriter as stated in entry.

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

5. Number of pages averaged for a series.

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

7. Location. The place of custody (the room in which the records are located) is given in the entry, except, as stated in the legal status, in cases where all, or the majority, of the records are in one room.

III. Cross-references made to other entries.

1. For records which have relative functions.

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

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

Whenever an entry contains more than one type of record, all the dates are given in a master entry under the actual title or under a complete title, if supplied, with reference to subordinate entries for each part. The subordinate entries consist of title, dates, and description only.

I. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The board of commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year. The county is divided into three districts from each of which one member is elected by the electorate of the entire county. (1) Porter County has had a board of commissioners from its creation in 1836, as provided in the acts of 1817, (2) and the revised statutes of 1852. (3)

The board was intended to be the administrative and executive head of the county. In 1899 the fiscal powers were vested exclusively in the county council (q.v.) which was then created. (4)

The board of commissioners is a corporate body with powers to sue and be sued, and possessing duties, rights, and powers incident to corporations. (5) It meets in regular session every month on the first Monday and in special sessions as called by the county auditor, its ex-officio clerk. (6)

Its principal functions are: Control of county property, allowance of claims against county, (7) letting of county contracts, supervision of contracts of maintenance of roads and bridges, (8) preparation of annual budget estimates, (9) and exercise of the right of eminent domain. (10) Other powers, in specific instances, have been conferred upon the board by the legislature, chiefly; to abolish or change township or precinct boundary lines, (11) to

establish libraries (12) and hospitals, (13) to authorize payment of bounties, and to offer rewards. (14)

The commissioners, by virtue of their office, were constituted a board of turnpike directors, by an act of 1879, for the management and control of all free turnpikes in the county. Each director had personal supervision of one district. Their powers were to appoint suitable persons to supervise the work of repairs; contract for labor and materials; enter upon lands to take gravel, and to give certificates of payments; and to appoint a clerk of the board. (15) An act of 1905 made the county auditor the clerk of the board. (16)

This board was abolished in 1913, and the highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways appointed by the commissioners. (17)

This office was likewise abolished twenty years later, and supervision of highways was transferred to the surveyor(q.v.) unless the commissioners appoint a highway supervisor (q.v.). (18) The county commissioners may employ the surveyor to serve as highway supervisor. (19)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Burns 26-601, 26-602, 26-603.
(2) Acts 1817, ch. 14, sec. 1.
(3) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Burns 26-601.
(4) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501, 26-515, 26-529, 26-532, 26-633.
(5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-606.
(6) Acts 1863; Burns 26-607.
(7) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-620.
(8) Acts 1905; Burns 36-1301.
(9) Acts 1899; Burns 26-516.
(10) Acts 1899; Burns 26-2101.
(11) Acts 1859; Burns 26-701

(12) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 41-502.
(13) Acts 1903; Burns 22-3201.
(14) Acts 1875; Burns 26-1101.
(15) Acts 1879, p. 226.
(16) Acts 1905, pp. 521-579.
(17) Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1.
(18) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101 to 36-1109.
(19) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110.

Court Proceedings and Reports

1. COMMISSIONERS' RECORD, 1836--. 29 vols. (A-I, K-Z, 1-4). Record of proceedings in commissioners' meetings, showing date, nature of business, names of parties concerned, date of filing, action taken, and decision of board. Indexed alph. by names of subjects. 1836- June 8, 1901, hdw.; 1901--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

2. COMMISSIONERS' COURT DOCKET, 1864--. 10 vols. Record of commissioners' court proceedings, showing date, petitions, claims, names of parties concerned, nature, date of filing action, and decision of board. Arr. chron. Hdw. 1300 pp. 12 x 12 x 6. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 1.

3. VALPARAISO SCHOOL REPORTS, 1893--. 8 file boxes. Financial report of Valparaiso school city to commissioners, showing date, and receipts and disbursements from various funds. Arr. chron. Typed. 4 x 10 x 14. Aud. vt.

4. RECORD OF SUPERINTENDENT POOR ASYLUM, 1893-1904. 1 vol. Record of poor asylum inmates, showing name of inmate, address, date received, condition of patient, statistics on farm production, and inventory of supplies. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 19 x 1½. Aud. vt.

Court Proceedings and Reports (continued)

Bond Issues

5. BOND REGISTER, 1899--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of bonds issued for public improvements, showing name of purchaser, bond number, dates due and paid, amount, maturity, and rate of interest. Indexed alph. by names of purchasers. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

Petitions

6. TRANSCRIPTS, 1905-32. 18 file boxes.

Transcripts of petitions for public improvement, showing date, names of petitioners, location, nature of construction, and commissioners' action. No index. 4 x 10 x 14. Aud. vt.

Requisitions, Bids, and Contracts

7. BIDDER'S RECORD, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of bids for contracts, showing date, name and address of bidder, kind of material or service, description, amount, and date accepted. Indexed alph. by nature of bids. Hdw. 300 pp. 11 x 14 x 2. Aud. vt.

8. BIDS AND CONTRACTS, (County Buildings), 1884--. 12 file boxes.

Bids on contracts for material, repairs, and supplies, showing date,

Court Proceedings and Reports--Requisitions, Bids, and Contracts (continued)

name of bidder, nature of bids, amount, purpose, and date accepted. Arr. chron. 4 x 10 x 14. Aud. vt.

9. COUNTY ASYLUM, 1911--. 6 file boxes.

Contracts for asylum supplies, showing date, name of contractor, kind of supplies, and amount. Arr. chron. 4 x 10 x 14. Aud. vt.

Claims and Allowances

10. CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE RECORD, 1897--. 11 vols. (1-9, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of claims filed and allowed, showing date, claim no., name and address of claimant, appropriation no., amount, and remarks. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 11 x 16 x 1 3/4. Aud. vt.

11. COMMISSIONERS' CLAIMS AND ALLOWANCES, 1869--. 120 file boxes.

Claims filed for material and services, showing date, name of claimant, amount of appropriation, and itemized statement. Arr. chron. 4 x 10 x 14. Aud. vt.

12. SOLDIER'S BURIAL RECORD, 1889-1905. 1 vol.

Record of deceased Union Soldiers, showing name and address of deceased, rank, company, age, and statement of burial expense. Arr. chron. Hdw. 452 pp. 12 x 16 x 1½. Aud. vt.

For other military records, see entry 49.

Court Proceedings and Reports (continued)

Roads, Bridges, and Ditches

13. ROADS, 1880-1932. 85 file boxes.

Original documents covering road construction and repairs, showing date, names of roads, contractors, and viewers, material reports, cost, and date of acceptance. Arr. alph. by names of roads. 4 x 10 x 4. Aud. vt.

14. INDEX TO ROADS, 1836-1933. 2 vols.

Index to entry 13, showing names of viewers, description of road, and page no. in Commissioners' Record. Arr. chron. Hdw. 119 pp. 12 x 18 x 1½. Aud. vt.

15. BRIDGE RECORD, 1888-98. 1 vol.

Record of bridges, showing location by twps., kind of bridge, description, cost, streams and highways, and names of contractors. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

16. BRIDGES, 1888--. 20 file boxes.

Original documents covering bridge construction and repairs, showing date, name of bridge, kind, description, location, cost, contractor's name, and date of acceptance of contract. Arr. alph. by names of bridges. 4 x 10 x 14. Aud. vt.

17. DITCHES, 1888-1932. 21 file boxes.

Original documents covering ditch construction and repairs, showing names of ditch and contractor; estimation of cost; and date of acceptance. Arr. alph. by names of ditches. 4 x 10 x 14. Aud. vt.

Court Proceedings and Reports - Roads, Bridges and Ditches (continued)

18. DITCHES, 1894-1911. 8 file boxes.

Original documents covering ditch cases, showing name of ditch, case number, date of petition, and date of disposition. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Clk. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 2.

II. COUNTY COUNCIL

In 1899 the legislature created the county council. This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years and must be resident freeholders of the county. One member is elected from each of the four councilmanic districts by the voters of the district, and three members are elected by the voters of the county at large. The council elects its president from its membership, and the auditor acts as its clerk. The sheriff is required to execute the orders of the council. (1) The inception date of this board in Porter County is 1899.

The regular annual meeting is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of September for the purposes of fixing the tax rate, of imposing the tax levy, and of making appropriations, (2) and continues from day to day until its business is completed. (3) Special meetings may be called by the auditor or a majority of the members. (4) Sessions must be public. (5) Although a majority of the council constitutes a quorum, the passage of ordinances requires a majority of all members; and extraordinary majorities are required by law in certain instances; (6) a three-fourths vote to increase or insert an item in the budget estimates submitted by the county agencies through the auditor; (7) a two-thirds vote to make additional appropriations at special meetings. (8)

The power of fixing the tax rate where it is not fixed by law, is vested exclusively in the council, likewise the power of making appropriation of money to be paid out of the county treasury. (9)

The council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials, (10) as well as emergency appropriations. (11)

The council has exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds. (12) No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of $1,000 or more is made without authorization by the council. (13)

All the records are located in the auditor's vault in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501, 26-502, 26-509, 26-515, 26-532.
(2) Acts 1899; Burns 26-507.
(3) Acts 1899; Burns 26-508.
(4) Acts 1899, 1931; Burns 26-507.
(5) Acts 1899; Burns 26-508.
(6) Acts 1899; Burns 26-511.
(7) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520.
(8) Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Burns 26-521.
(9) Acts 1899; Burns 26-515.
(10) Acts 1899; Burns 26-620.
(11) Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Burns 26-521.
(12) Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 26-532.
(13) Acts 1899; Burns 26-534.

19. COUNTY COUNCIL RECORD, 1899--. 2 vols. (1-2). Record of council proceedings, showing date, minutes of meetings, budgets and appropriations, funds, nature of business, and action taken. Arr. chosen. Typed. 586 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

20. COUNTY COUNCIL ESTIMATES, 1899--. 9 file boxes. Original ordinances for appropriations, showing date, name of office, amount requested, amount appropriated, and remarks. Arr. chron. 4 x 10 x 14.

III. CLERK

The clerk of the circuit court, commonly referred to as "county clerk", is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and not entitled to hold office for more than eight years of any twelve-year period. (1) Prior to 1851, the office of clerk functioned by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (2) The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1836.

The clerk of the circuit court also serves, by statutory provisions, as clerk of any and all county courts and as such is required to keep a set of dockets and records for the courts. (3)

In addition to his court duties, numerous other duties are imposed upon the clerk by statute. He serves ex officio as registration officer for the county and as a member of the various county election boards. (4) In discharging his election duties he is required to keep records of all elections in the county, (5) issue certificates of election to successful candidates, (6) and act as clerk to the commissioners appointed by the circuit court to make a recount in contested elections. (7)

Other important duties of the clerk are the issuance of marriage licenses; (8) professional licenses, such as physicians', (9) dentists', (10) and optometrists'; (11) hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses; (12) business licenses, such as poultry dealers' (13) and junk dealers'; (14) and permits to carry firearms. (15) He approves the bonds of county officers, (16) and approves and files the bonds of notaries. (17) He is required to keep a nurses' register (18) and a record of firm and partnership certificates, (19)

and he also records manyllegal instruments.

All records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2; Burns 49-2701.
(2) Const., 1816, art. 5, sec. 8.
(3) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2706.
(4) Acts 1933; Burns 29-306.
(5) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404.
(6) Acts 1881; Burns 29-1501.
(7) Acts 1881 spc. sess.; Burns 29-2103.
(8) Acts 1852; Burns 44-201.
(9) Acts 1897; Burns 63-1302.
(10) Acts 1913; Burns 63-506.
(11) Acts 1907; Burns 63-1009.
(12) Acts 1927; Burns 11-302.
(13) Acts 1917; Burns 49-1407.
(14) Acts 1905; Burns 42-703.
(15) Acts 1925; Burns 10-4721.
(16) Acts 1852; Burns 29-105.
(17) Acts 1852; Burns 49-3503.
(18) Acts 1905; Burns 63-903.
(19) Acts 1909; Burns 50-201.

Elections

Voters

21. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO HOLD RESIDENCE, 1890-92.

1 vol.

Record of persons intending to hold residence, showing date of notice, name, age, and address of elector, and number of ward or precinct. Indexed alph. by names of electors. Hdw. 292 pp. 12 x 15 x 2. Clk. off.

22. INTENTION TO BECOME ELECTOR, 1890-92. 1 vol.

Record of notices to become electors, showing date of notice, township, ward, and precinct. Indexed alph. by names of electors. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Clk. vt.

23. RECORD OF ABSENT VOTERS, 1918--. 2 vols.

Record of voters absent at time of election, showing name of voter, address, date of application, date ballot was received, and township. Indexed alph. by names of townships. 176 pp. 14 x 7 x 1. Clk. vt.

Elections (continued)

Returns

24. ELECTION RECORD, 1890--. 2 vols.

Record of election returns of cities, towns, and twps., showing name of candidate, office to which elected, and number of votes received. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

25. ELECTIONS, 1836--. 71 file boxes.

Original papers attending election returns, showing precinct, names of candidate and political party, and number of votes received. Arr. chron. Hdw. 4 x 4 x 10. Clk. vt.

Official Bonds
(See also entry 255)

County

26. GENERAL BOND RECORD, 1853--. 7 vols. (1-5, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of bonds required of various county officials, both elected and appointed, and bonds required by court action, showing names of principal and sureties, amount, dates of execution and of approval. Indexed alph. by names of principals. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

27. OFFICIAL BOND INDEX RECORD, 1889-1913. 1 vol.

Index to official bonds, showing name of principal and sureties, kind of bond, amount, and book recorded. Arr. alph. by names or principals. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

Official Bonds--County (continued)

28. OFFICIAL BONDS, 1836--. 17 file boxes.

Original bonds of county officials, showing name of principal and sureties, amount of bond, and date of execution. Arr. chron. Hdw. 14 x 10 x 4. Clk. vt.

Miscellaneous

29. RECORD OF CONSTABLE, JUSTICE, AND NOTARY BONDS, 1869--. 2 vols. (1-7).

Record of bonds of constable, justice of peace, and notaries, showing names of principals and sureties, amount, date of execution, and affidavit of acceptance. Indexed alph. by names of principals. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

30. NOTARIAL BONDS, 1878--. 3 vols. (2-4).

Record of notary bonds, showing names of principals and sureties, amount of bond, date of execution, and oath of office. Indexed alph. by names of principals. 500 pp. 11 x 17 x 3. Clk. vt.

Licenses

Marriage
(See also entry 289)

31. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1836--. 48 vols. (1-48).

Record of applications and returns of marriages, showing names of male and female parties, personal and family history, date of marriage, and certificate of marriage by an authorized person. Indexed alph. by names of parties. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

Licenses--Marriage (continued)

32. MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS AND RETURNS, 1860--. 25 file boxes. Original marriage applications and returns, showing names of male and female parties, personal and family history, date of marriage, and certificate of marriage by authorized person. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4½. Clk. vt.

Professional

33. RECORD OF PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE, 1885--. 2 vols. Record of physician's license, showing name of physician, date of issuance, date of diploma, and college attended. Indexed alph. by names of physicians. 200 pp. 10 x 14 x 1½. Clk. vt.

34. PHYSICIANS' REGISTER, 1881-1913. 1 vol. Register of physicians, showing name and address of practicing physician, and date of registration. Indexed alph. by names of physicians. 100 pp. 18 x 10 x 1. Clk. vt.

35. DENTIST'S LICENSE RECORD, 1899--. 1 vol. Record of licenses issued to dentists, showing name of dentist, school attended, qualifications, and date license issued. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 400 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Clk. vt.

36. OPTOMETRY LICENSES, 1907--. 1 vol. Record of applicants for optometry license, showing name and address of applicant, and date license is issued. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 200 pp. 11 x 14 x 1. Clk. vt.

Licenses--Professional (continued)

37. VETERINARY LICENSES, 1901-4. 1 vol.
Record of licenses issued to veterinarians, showing name of applicant, college, freeholder's affidavit, clerk's certificate, and date license is issued. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 190 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Clk. vt.

Business

38. JUNK DEALERS' LICENSE, 1905--. 1 vol.
Record of junk dealers' licenses, showing name and address of applicant, and date license issued. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 200 pp. 9 x 14 x 1. Clk. vt.

39. POULTRY DEALERS' LICENSE, 1917--. 2 vols.
Record of applications to buy and sell poultry, showing name, address, and place of business, name of applicant, date of application, and date license granted. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 200 pp. 9 x 14 x 1½. Clk. vt.

40. DEALER'S LICENSE TO SELL FIREARMS, 1925--. 1 vol.
Record of licenses issued to dealers to buy and sell firearms, showing name and address of applicant, and date license is issued. Indexed alph. by names of dealers. Hdw. 250 pp. 9 x 14 x 1. Clk. off.

41. IMPROVED STOCK LICENSE RECORD, 1889-1914. 1 vol.
Record of improved stock licenses, showing name of owner of sire, license number, description and pedigree of stock, and date license is issued. Indexed alph. by names of sires. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 18 x 1½. Clk. vt.

Certificates

42. CERTIFICATES OF PARTNERSHIP, 1912--. 1 vol.
Record of certificates of partnership, showing name and address of parties, name and location of business, and date of formation. Indexed alph. by names of partnerships. 1912-28, hdw.; 1928--, typed. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Clk. vt.

43. REGISTER OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATES, 1876-1920. 2 vols.
Register of certificates filed by insurance companies, showing names of company and agent, date certificate filed, and remarks. Indexed alph. by names of companies. Hdw. 250 pp. 11 x 16 x 1½. Clk. vt.

44. INSURANCE, 1900-1917. 24 file boxes.
Certificates of authority to sell insurance, showing names of agent and company, date filed and issued, and assets and liabilities of the company. Arr. chron. Hdw. 4 x 4 x 10. Clk. vt.

45. REGISTER OF FIREARM PERMITS, 1925--. 2 vols.
Register of permits issued individuals to carry firearms, showing name and address of applicant, personal statistics, description and number of firearm carried, and date of permit. Arr. chron. Hdw. 60 pp. 8 x 10 x ½. Clk. off.

46. PATENT RECORD, 1869-1921. 1 vol.
Record of patents issued by U. S. patent office to citizens of county, showing date of letters, names of applicant and patent, and date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Clk. vt.

Registers

47. REGISTER OF TRAINED NURSES, 1906--. 2 vols.
Register of trained nurses, showing name and address of nurse, and date of registration. Indexed alph. by names of nurses. Hdw. 200 pp. 11 x 16 x 1. Clk. vt.

48. RECORD OF ESTRAYS, 1836-1920. 2 vols.
Record of stock estrayed, showing date of filing, names of finder, justice, and appraiser; when and where found, and description of stock. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 11 x 15 x 2. Clk. vt.

49. SOLDIERS' ENROLLMENT RECORD, 1886-1926. 1 vol.
Record of ex-soldiers in county, showing name and address of veteran, company, regiment, state, and personal and family statistics. Indexed alph. by names of veterans. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 16 x 1 3/4. Clk. vt.

For other military records, see entry 12.

50. REGISTER OF OFFICERS, 1838-1910. 3 vols. (2, 2, 2).
Record of county officers, showing names of officer and surety, kind of office, date of commission, date qualified, amount of bond, and date of expiration of term. Indexed alph. by names of officers. Hdw. 250 pp. 11 x 16 x 2. Clk. vt.

Receipts and Disbursements

51. CLERK'S CASH BOOK-RECEIPTS, 1878--. 15 vols. (1-3, 1-7, and 5 vols. not numbered).
Record of cash received, showing date, amount received, name of payer, and purpose. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 16 x 2. Clk. vt.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

52. REGISTER OF DUPLICATE RECEIPTS, 1932--. 14 vols. Record of duplicate receipts for cash received, showing date, amount, name of payer, and nature of payment. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 11 x 17 x 2. Clk. vt.

53. CASH BOOK OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1912-31. 3 vols. (1-3). Record of disbursements, showing date, check number, names of depository and payer, amount, and fund charged. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Clk. vt.

IV. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The prosecuting attorney is a constitutional officer, elected in each judicial circuit for a term of two years. (1) He is required to post bond to be approved by the judge of the circuit court and filed with the clerk. (2)

The office of prosecuting attorney was created by a legislative act in 1831. A prosecuting attorney for each judicial circuit was chosen by a joint ballot of the senate and house of representatives. (3) The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1836.

It is the duty of the prosecuting attorney to inquire into the commission of any felony or misdemeanor received on information. (4) He conducts all prosecutions for felonies and misdemeanors in Porter County, all suits on forfeited recognizances, resists applications for changing names, protects interests of all persons of unsound mind, superintends on behalf of the county any of its trust funds, and defends all suits in which the same may be interested. (5)

The prosecuting attorney may take acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments in writing, administer oaths, protest notes and checks, take depositions of witnesses, and perform any duty now conferred on a notary public. (6)

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(1) Const., art. 7, sec. 11; 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2501.
(2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2502.
(3) Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 10, sec. 1.
(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2503.
(5) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2504.
(6) Acts 1919; Burns 49-2507.

No records could be found.

V. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court was created by the Constitution of 1816, and re-created by the Constitution of 1851. (1) The judge of the circuit court is elected by the people of the circuit and serves for a term of six years. (2) The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1836, the organization date of the county. The sixty-seventh circuit comprises Porter County.

The court has general local jurisdiction of law, equity, and criminal cases, and actions for divorce. It has original jurisdiction of the settlement of decedent's estates and guardianships and all other causes, matters, and proceedings. It has such appellate jurisdiction as may be conferred by law. (3)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) Const., art. 7, sec. 1.
(2) Const., art. 7, sec. 9.
(3) Acts 1881; Burns 4-303.

Change of Venue
(See also entry 205)

54. CHANGE OF VENUE RECORD, 1895-1921. 1 vol.
Record of change of venue, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and jurors, court from which venued, date filed, trial date, expense of jury, and proceedings of the court. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 293 pp. 12 x 18 x 2 3/4. Clk. vt.

Civil and Criminal Causes
(See also entries 118, 135-138)

55. DISPOSED OF CASES, CIVIL, 1911--. 476 files.

Original papers of disposed court cases in all courts, showing case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney, date of filing, and date of disposition. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4½. Clk. vt.

For prior records, see entry 56.

56. DISPOSED OF CIVIL CASES, 1836-1911. 808 file boxes.

Original papers of court cases, showing case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney, nature of action, date filed, and disposition. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Clk. vt.

57. DISPOSED OF CASES, CRIMINAL, 1885--. 10 file boxes.

Original papers of criminal cases disposed of, showing names of defendant and attorney, nature of charge, and date of disposition. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4½. Clk. vt.

58. AFFIDAVIT AND INFORMATION RECORD, 1891--. 5 vols. (1-3, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of affidavits, and information used in indictments, and trial of criminal cases, showing names of defendant and affiant, nature of charge, and dates of affidavits and certification by prosecuting attorney. Indexed alph. by names of affiants or defendants. 1891-99, ndw.; 1899--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

59. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1848--. 8 vols. (1-4, and 4 vols. not numbered).

Record of indictments rendered by grand jury, showing names of defendant and witnesses, nature of charge, evidence presented,

date filed. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 588 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

60. RECOGNIZANCE BONDS, 1884--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of bonds given in appearances and appeals, showing name of principal and surety, amount of bond, nature of charge, and date of approval. Indexed alph. by names of principals. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

61. RECORD OF INSANE, 1848--. 6 vols. (3-6, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of applications for commitment to asylum, showing name of patient, family history, statements of medicial attendant and examiner, affidavit of justice of peace, and order for arrest and commitment. Indexed alph. by names of patients. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

62. INSANE, 1875--. 16 steel file boxes.

Original papers pertaining to insanity cases, showing name of patient, statement of justices, examiner and witnesses, date of commitment to institution, and sheriff's return. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Clk. vt.

63. NATURALIZATION RECORD, 1836--. 23 vols.

Record of naturalization of foreign born desiring to become citizens, showing name and nativity of applicant, date of immigration, declaration, oath, and final certificate. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 400 pp. 11 x 15 x 2. Clk. off.

Civil and Criminal Causes (continued)

64. NATURALIZATION PAPERS, 1872--. 4 file boxes.
Original first papers in naturalization proceedings, showing date, name and nativity of applicant, date of immigration, and date of petition. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Clk. vt.

65. RECORD OF RECEIVERSHIPS, 1912-28. 1 vol.
Record of firms in receivership, showing name of concern, financial reports of assets and liabilities, reports to creditors, and schedule of percentages on pro rated shares. Indexed alph. by names of concerns. Hdw. 460 pp. 12 x 18 x 2¼. Clk. vt.

66. TRANSCRIPTS, 1836--. 16 file boxes.
Transcripts of court action taken from other courts, showing names of plaintiff, defendant and attorney, kind of action, date filed, and disposition by court. Arr. chron. 4 x 10 x 14. Clk. vt.

67. RECORD OF COURT ALLOWANCES, 1867--. 25 file boxes.
Original claims and allowances filed with courts, showing date, name of claimant, and amount and nature of claim. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4½. Clk. vt.

Court Proceedings
(See also entries 119-123, 139-146)

68. ENTRY, ISSUE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1913--. 33 vols. (1-33).
Record of cases filed, court issues, and fees charged, showing case number, nature of action, names of plaintiff and defendant, date of process, date of judgment, and receipt. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

For prior records, see entries 69, 70, 161-162, and 163.

Civil and Criminal Causes--Court Proceedings (continued)

69. ENTRY DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1874-1913. 6 vols. (1-3, and 5-7). Vol. 4, 1889-94, missing.

Record of cases entered for trial, showing case no., names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney, and dates of process and judgment. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 590 pp. 16 x 18 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entry 68.

70. ISSUE DOCKET, 1854-97. 7 vols. (A-G).

Record of court issues, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney, kind of action, proceedings of court, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entries 68 and 69.

71. COURT DOCKET, 1869--. 35 vols.

Record of civil cases filed for action, showing case no., names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, date filed, and court proceedings. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 14 x 3½. Clk. vt.

72. JUDGES' COURT DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1894--. 4 vols.

Record of criminal cases, showing case no., names of defendant, and attorneys, nature of charge, and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 18 x 1.

For prior records, see entry 71.

Civil and Criminal Causes--Court Proceedings (continued)

73. DITCH RECORD, 1928-34. 1 vol. (2).

Record of petitions for drainage ditches, showing date, and names of ditch, petitioner, commissioners, and property holders benefited. Indexed alph. by names of ditches. Typed. 400 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

For prior records, see entry 74.

74. CIVIL ORDER BOOK, 1836--. 77 vols. (A-Z,1-51).

Complete record of court orders, showing date, term of court, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause no., and orders of court. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1836-98, hdw.; 1898--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

75. CRIMINAL ORDER BOOK, CIRCUIT COURT, 1877--. 7 vols. (A-G).

Minutes and proceedings of cases in criminal action, showing names of defendant and attorney, and nature of charge. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

76. TRANSCRIPT ORDER BOOK, 1884--. 4 vols. (2-5). Vol. 1, prior to 1884, missing.

Record of transcripts of cases from foreign courts, showing names of plaintiff, and defendant, nature of action, date of filing, and proceedings. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1884-1904, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

Civil and Criminal Causes--Court Proceedings (continued)

77. VACATION ORDER BOOK, 1907-33. 1 vol.

Record of vacated court cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action, and date of filing. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs. Typed. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Clk. vt.

78. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1838--. 21 vols. (A-U).

Record of judgments rendered by court, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney, amount of judgment, and receipt by clerk. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 350 pp. 12 x 15 x 3. Clk. vt.

79. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1877-81. 1 vol. (B).

Record of all judgments ordered in court, showing names of administrator, payee, and estate, date of allowance, amount, credit and payment, and receipt of satisfaction. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

For prior records, see entry 122.

80. COMPLETE RECORD, 1836-1916. 13 vols. (A-M).

Minutes and proceedings of cases filed, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action, and final decree of court. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1836-1900, hdw.; 1900-1916, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

Executions
(See also entries 124-125,147-148,189)

81. PRAECIPE BOOK, 1861--. 8 vols.

Record of judgments to be collected by court orders, showing amounts

Civil and Criminal Causes--Executions (continued)

of judgment and interest, names of plaintiff and defendant, court term, and date issued. Arr. chron. Hdw. 380 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Clk. vt.

82. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1837-1931. 17 vols. (1-3,A,C-O). Record of writs issued by court, showing date of issue, case no., names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment and costs, and record of officer's returns. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

83. EXECUTIONS AND ORDERS OF SALE, 1836--. 75 file boxes. Original executions and orders of sale issued by court, showing name of property owner, description of property levied on, date of execution, and amount of fees. Arr. chron. Hdw. 14 x 10 x 4½. Clk. vt.

84. LIS PENDENS, 1877--. 1 vol. Subtitled: Sheriff's Notices of Complaints.

Record of complaints filed to enforce sale of property, showing name of plaintiff and defendant, description of property, cause of action, and date of notice. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

85. LIS PENDENS, 1882--. 1 vol. Subtitled: Sheriff Notice of Attachment.

Record of notices of attachment on property to satisfy judgments, showing names of plaintiffs and defendants, date, and description of property involved. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 550 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

Civil and Criminal Causes--Executions (continued)

86. LIS PENDENS, 1881--. 3 vols. (1-3). Subtitled: Sheriff's Certificates.

Record of certificates of sale, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and buyer, amount of judgment and costs, description of property, and date of sale. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 575 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

87. LIS PENDENS, 1882--. 1 vol. Subtitled: Certificates of Redemption.

Record of certificates issued by court for redemption of property sold by court order, showing names of owner, and purchaser, amount, description of property, and date and amount of redemption. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 550 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

88. SUPPORT DOCKET, 1913--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of money paid for support, showing names of plaintiffs and defendants, court orders payable, amount, date received, and amount disbursed. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 375 pp. 11 x 16 x 2. Clk. vt.

Probate Causes
(See also entries 128-129, 149-155)

89. PROBATE PAPERS, 1837-1911. 170 file boxes.

Original papers filed in probate cases, showing names of estate, guardian, and ward, case no., date, disposition of property, and final acceptance by court. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10. Clk. vt.

Probate Causes (continued)

90. WILL RECORD, 1840--. 8 vols. (A-H).

Record of certified copies of wills filed for action, showing names of testator, beneficiaries, and witnesses, and date of execution. Indexed alph. by names of testators. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

91. WILLS, 1876--. 17 file boxes.

Original and certified copies of wills filed for probate, showing date, names of testator, witnesses, and heirs, amount of bequests, and description of property. Arr. chron. 4 x 10 x 14. Clk. vt.

For prior records, see entry 89.

92. ADMINISTRATOR'S RECORD, CIRCUIT COURT, 1850--. 7 vols. (A-G).

Record of administrators, showing names of estate, administrator, and surety, application for letters of administration, amount of bond, date of execution, and date letters granted. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 2 3/4. Clk. vt.

93. ADMINISTRATOR'S AND EXECUTOR'S REPORT RECORD, 1871--. 11 vols. (1-11).

Record of reports by administrators and executors, showing names of estates, and administrator, nature of report, and date. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 560 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

Probate Causes (continued)

94. GUARDIAN'S OATHS, BONDS, AND LETTERS, 1871--. 4 vols. (B-E).

Record of letters filed and bonds posted with court to qualify as guardians, showing names of guardian, wards, estate, and surety, amount of surety, date of letters, and affidavit of clerk. Indexed alph. by names of guardians or estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

95. GUARDIAN'S REPORT RECORD, 1871--. 8 vols. (A,1-7).

Record of guardian's report to the court as to conditions of estates and wards under jurisdiction of court, showing names of guardian, estate, and wards, and date filed. Indexed alph. by names of guardians. 1871-1904, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

96. ADMINISTRATOR'S AND EXECUTOR'S BONDS TO SELL REAL ESTATE, 1905--. 2 vols.

Record of additional bonds posted by administrators and executors of estates for sale of real estate, showing names of principal and surety, amount of bond, and date of execution. Indexed alph. by names of principals. Hdw. 400 pp. 17 x 11 x 2. Clk. vt.

97. INVENTORY OF DECEDENT'S ESTATE, 1855--. 8 vols. (A-H).

Record of inventory of property of decedents, showing description of property, value, name of estate, list of property bequeathed to widow, and heirs, and amount of estates. Arr. alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

Probate Causes (continued)

98. GUARDIAN'S INVENTORY, 1862-1931. 2 vols. (2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of inventory lists of property in settlement of estates, showing name of deceased, description and appraised value of property, and affidavit of guardian. Indexed alph. by names of guardians. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 16 x 2 3/4. Clk. vt.

99. INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE, PROBATE ACTION, 2 vols. (A-B).

Record of real estate inventories reported by administrators, showing description of property, value, date of inventory, and name of estate. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 580 pp. 12 x 18 x 2½. Clk. vt.

100. PARTITION RECORD, 1854-1914. 1 vol.

Minutes and proceedings on suits for partition or division of real estate, showing names of estate, and petitioner, description of property, and final action of court. Indexed alph. by names of petitioners. 1854-97, hdw.; 1897-1914, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entry 74.

Proceedings in Probate Causes
(See also entries 130-132, 156-159)

101. GENERAL ENTRY, CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET, 1875--. 12 vols. (1-12).

Record of claims filed against cases for expenses, showing name of claimant, amount of claim, date and amount of allowance, and proceedings of court. Arr. chron. Hdw. 550 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

Probate Causes--Proceedings in Probate Causes (continued)

102. ESTATE DOCKET, 1901--. 7 vols.

Record of estates, showing case no., names of estate, attorney, administrator, and executor, report of condition of estates, and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 x 14 x 3. Clk. vt.

For prior records, see entry 69.

103. GUARDIAN'S DOCKET, 1847--. 1 vol. 1856-65, missing.

Record of guardianship cases, showing names of guardian, ward, and surety, age of ward, date of letters, and date of settlement. Indexed alph. by names of wards. Hdw. 450 pp. 12 x 16 x 4. Clk. vt.

104. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, CIRCUIT COURT, 1873--. 19 vols. (C-U).

Record of probate cases, showing names of estate and administrator, nature of action, date of filing, and minutes and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 570 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

For prior records, see entry 105 and 131.

105. ORDER BOOK, (PROBATE COURT), 1836-52. 2 vols. (A-B).

Minutes and proceedings of court, showing names of administrators and estates, nature of action, and date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

For subsequent records, see entries 101 and 104.

Probate Causes--Proceedings in Probate Causes (continued)

106. COMPLETE RECORD, PROBATE ACTION IN CIRCUIT COURT, 1838--1906. 4 vols. (A-D).

Record of probate action, showing names of estate, administrator, and heir, court proceedings and minutes, and final decree of court, Indexed alph. by names of estates. 1838-96, hdw.; 1896-1906, typed. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 104.

Juvenile Causes (Juvenile Referee)

107. JUVENILE, 1920--. 2 file boxes.

Original papers in juvenile cases, showing names of juvenile and guardian, nature of charge, date, and disposition of court. Arr. chron. 4 x 10 x 14. Clk. vt.

Proceedings in Juvenile Causes

108. JUVENILE DOCKET, 1930--. 2 vols. (2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of offenses committed by minors, showing name of minor, kind of action, minutes of court, case no., and disposition made. Indexed alph. by names of minors. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Clk. vt.

109. ORDER BOOK, JUVENILE COURT, 1909--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of juvenile cases, showing name of defendant, nature of action, date of filing, minutes, and court proceedings. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. 1909-29, hdw.; 1929--, typed. 300 pp. 11 x 15 x 2. Clk. vt.

Fee and Cash Records

110. CASH BOOK (COMBINED CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS), 1932--, 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of funds paid through court, showing case no., date, names of payer and payee, kind of fee, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 12 x 16 x 2. Clk. vt.

111. REGISTER OF FEES AND FUNDS HELD IN TRUST, 1902--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Register of fees and funds held in trust, showing names of payer and payee, case no., and type of cause. Indexed alph. by names of payers. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

112. REGISTER OF WITNESS FEES, CIRCUIT COURT, 1872-1914. 2 vols. (A-B).

Record of fees allowed witnesses, showing name of witness, case no., amount of fee, and claim no. Indexed alph. by names of witnesses. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 68.

113. FEE BOOK, STATE CASES, CIRCUIT COURT, 1879--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of fees collected, showing date, nature of case, amount of fees, and receipts. Arr. chron. Hdw. 580 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Clk. vt.

114. FEE BOOKS, CIRCUIT COURT, 1836-1912. 30 vols. (A-Z, and 4 vols. not numbered).

Record of fees, showing names of plaintiff, and defendant, costs, and amount of fee. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants.

Fee and Cash Records (continued)

Hdw. 500 pp. 11 x 16 x 2. Clk. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 68.

115. GUARDIANSHIP FEE BOOK, CIRCUIT COURT, 1902-1912. 1 vol. (E).

Record of fees on guardianship cases, showing date, name of guardian, nature of fee, amount, and case no. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

For prior records, see entry 116; for subsequent records, see entry 68.

116. FEE BOOK PROBATE, 1882-1912. 3 vols. (C-E).

Record of fees in probate cases, showing date, names of estate or guardianship and payer, and amount of fee and cost. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 68; for prior records, see entry 134.

117. FEE BOOK, PROBATE COURT, 1836-51. 1 vol.

Record of fees in court actions, showing date, name of payee, cause, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 8 x 12 x 2. Clk. vt.

VI. COMMON PLEAS COURT

The common pleas court was established by an act of 1852, effective in Porter County in 1853. The judge was elected for a term of four years. (1)

The court had juridiction in matters relating to probate of wills; appointments of guardians for persons of unsound mind and other disabilities; in matters relating to executors and administrators; (2) in civil matters ranging from fifty to one thousand dollars, except in cases of slander, libel, breach of marriage contract, and an action on an official bond, or where the title of real estate was in issue; (3) and criminal jurisdiction in cases which were not felonies, except those triable by the justice of the peace. (4)

At the time of the creation of this court, cases pending which came under the new jurisdiction, were transferred from the circuit court to the common pleas court. Because of the inadequacies of this court, it was abolished in 1873 and the jurisdiction was transferred to the circuit court. Pending cases continued to be entered in common pleas records until completion of the suits. (5)

All the records are located in the clerk's vault in the courthouse, and are, with other court records, in the custody of the clerk of the circuit court.

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(1) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 1.
(2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 4.
(3) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 11.
(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1. ch. 8, sec. 14.
(5) Acts 1873, ch. 29, sec. 80.

Civil and Criminal Causes
(See also entries 55-67, 135, 138)

118. DISPOSED OF CASES, 1853-73. 149 file boxes.
Original papers of disposed cases, showing case no., names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of cause, date of filing, and date of disposition. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10.

Court Proceedings
(see entries 68-80,139-146)

119. ISSUE DOCKET-COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-73. 2 vols. (A-B).
Record of court cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses, case no., proceedings, and cause. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

120. BENCH DOCKET, 1853-61, 1 vols. (A).
Record of cases filed, showing date, case no., names of plaintiff, defendant and attorneys, cause, and proceedings. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 18 x 1.

121. CIVIL ORDER BOOK, 1853-72. 8 vols. (A-H).
Record of orders issued, and proceedings of court, showing names of plaintiffs and defendants, cause, date filed, and disposition of case, Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

122. JUDGMENT DOCKET-COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-73. 4 vols. (A-D).
Record of judgments rendered by court, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; amount of judgment, and clerk's receipt. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 350 pp. 12 x 15 x 3.

123. COMPLETE RECORD, 1853-73. 1 vol. (A).
Record of cases filed, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, cause, minutes, proceedings, and final action. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Executions
(See also entries 81-88, 147-148, 189)

124. PRECIPE BOOK, 1867-72. 1 vol.
Record of attorney's orders to clerk to furnish transcripts of legal papers, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; date filed and completed, term of court, and amount of judgment. Arr. chron. Hdw. 650 pp. 12 x 17 x 2.

125. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1853-76. 5 vols. (A, 2-3, D-E).
Record of executions on court judgments, showing date of issuance, names of plaintiffs and defendants, amount of judgment, kind of writ, cost, and officer's return. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Probate Causes
(See also entries 89-100, 149-155)

126. ADMINISTRATOR'S BONDS, OATHS, AND LETTERS, 1852. 1 vol.
Record of bonds posted by administrator, showing names of administrator and sureties, amount of bond, and date of execution. Indexed alph. by names of administrators. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 2½.

127. GUARDIAN'S BONDS, OATHS, AND LETTERS, 1854-74. 1 vol. (A).
Record of letters filed and bonds posted by guardians, showing names of guardians, wards and sureties, amount, date of execution, and date of letters. Indexed alph. by names of guardians or estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Probate Causes (continued

128. INVENTORY RECORD, PROBATE, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1852-76.
1 vol. (A).

Record of inventory of estates, showing description and value of estate, property bequeathed, affidavit of administrator, date of inventory, and names of administrator and estate. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 690 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

129. SALES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF DECEDENTS, 1852-1927.
2 vols. (A-B).

Record of sale of personal property of decedents, showing description, number of articles on inventory, appraised value, selling price, cash received, and names of purchasers, sureties, and decedents. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Proceedings in Probate Causes
(See also entries 101-108, 156-159).

130. APPEARANCE DOCKET, PROBATE, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-81.
2 vols. (A-B).

Record of persons summoned to appear in court actions, showing date, names of administrator, estate, claimants, and attorneys; report of administrator, and amount of claim. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

131. ORDER BOOK, PROBATE, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-73.
2 vols. (A-B).

Record of probate actions, showing names of estates, administrators,

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and heirs; nature of action, date of filing, minutes, and proceedings. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

132. JUDGMENT DOCKET OR DOCKET OF ALLOWANCE, PROBATE-COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-77. 1 vol.

Record of all judgments allowed in court, showing names of administrator, estate, attorney and claimants, date of judgment or allowance, amount, credits, payments, and receipts of satisfactions. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Fee Books

133. FEE BOOK, CIVIL, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-79. 6 vols. (A-B,C,C, D-E).

Record of fees from civil action, showing date, nature of fees, amount, names of plaintiff and defendant, and receipts. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 500 pp. 11 x 16 x 2.

134. FEE BOOK, PROBATE, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-83. 2 vols. (A-B).

Record of fees in court action, showing date, nature of fees, amount, names of plaintiff and defendant, and receipts. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 11 x 16 x 2.

VII. SUPERIOR COURT

By legislative enactment in 1895, a superior court was established to serve Porter, Lake, and Laporte Counties. The three counties comprised a superior court district in which the judge sat in each county at specified dates. (1)

By an act of the legislature in 1907, the counties of Porter and Laporte were constituted a superior court district. By this act Lake County became a separate judicial district. (2)

In 1931 the legislature created a superior court to serve Porter County alone. (3) The judge of the Porter superior court is elected to serve for a term of four years. (4)

The court has original and appellate jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court in all cases of law and equity; and in criminal, divorce, and probate actions; the settlement of decedents' estates; and in all causes, matters, and proceedings in which a circuit court now has or may hereafter have jurisdiction, except in matters pertaining to juvenile delinquents and dependents. (5)

All the records are located in the clerk's vault in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1895, ch. 104, sec. 1.
(2) Acts 1907, ch. 112, secs. 1, 2.
(3) Acts 1931, ch. 21. secs. 1, 2.
(4) Acts 1931; Burns 4-1603.
(5) Acts 1931; Burns 4-1604.

Civil and Criminal Causes
(See also entries 55-67, 118)

135. CIVIL-SUPERIOR, 1895-1911. 95 file boxes. Original papers filed in civil cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; nature and number of case, date filed, and disposition. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10.

Civil and Criminal Causes(continued)

136. CRIMINAL CASES, SUPERIOR COURT, 1895--. 5 file boxes. Original papers pertaining to criminal cases, showing names of defendant and attorneys, nature of charge, and date of disposition. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4½.

137. DEPOSITIONS, 1872-1911. 3 file boxes. Depositions taken to perpetuate testimony in cases, showing names of plaintiffs, defendants, and witnesses, case number, charge, date taken, and clerk's certification. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10.

138. INDICTMENT RECORD, SUPERIOR COURT, 1907-21. 1 vol. Record of indictments by court, showing names of defendants and witnesses, date of action, nature of crime, and evidence. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 140 pp. 12 x 18 x 1 3/4.

For subsequent records, see entry 59.

Court Proceedings in Civil and Criminal Causes
(See also entries 68-80, 119-123)

139. ENTRY, ISSUE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1913--. 22 vols. (E-Z). Record of cases filed, court issues, and fees charged, showing case number, nature of action, names of plaintiff and defendant, dates of process and judgment, and amount of fee. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For prior records, see entry 161.

140. ISSUE DOCKET, SUPERIOR COURT, 1895-96. 1 vol. (A). Record of court issues, showing case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, kind of action, proceedings, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entry 139.

Civil and Criminal Causes-- Court Proceedings in Civil and Criminal Causes(continued)

141. ENTRY DOCKET, 1895-1913. 2 vols. (A-B).
Record of cases filed in court, showing case number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; dates of process and judgment; and nature of action. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entry 139.

142. COURT DOCKET, 1895--.
Record of proceedings in civil cases, showing case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; date filed, and proceedings of court. Arr. by case numbers. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 14 x 3½.

143. JUDGES' DOCKET-CRIMINAL, 1895--. 2 vols.
Record of criminal cases filed, showing case number, names of defendant and attorneys, nature of charge, and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 1000 pp. 8 x 14 x 6.

144. CIVIL ORDER BOOK-SUPERIOR COURT, 1895--. 21 vols. (1-21).
Record of civil orders issued, showing date of filing, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action, minutes, and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1895-98, hdw.; 1898--, typed. 580 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

145. CRIMINAL ORDER BOOK, 1895--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Minutes and proceedings in criminal cases, showing nature of charge, names of defendant and attorneys, and date filed. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. 1895-1900, hdw.; 1900--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Civil and Criminal Causes--Court Proceedings in Civil and Criminal Causes (continued)

146. JUDGMENT DOCKET-SUPERIOR COURT, 1895-1914. 2 vols. (A-B). Record of judgments, showing date of judgment, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; amount of judgment, and receipt. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entry 78.

Executions
(See also entries 81-88, 124-125, 189)

147. EXECUTION DOCKET, (COMBINED CIRCUIT AND SUPERIOR COURTS), 1931--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of executions issued by circuit and superior courts, showing date of issue, case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, amounts of judgment and costs, and officer's return. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

For prior records, see entries 78 and 148.

148. EXECUTION DOCKET-SUPERIOR COURT, 1895-1931. 2 vols. (A-B). Record of executions issued, showing date of issue, case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, costs, and officer's return. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 590 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entry 78.

Probate Causes
(See also entries 89-100, 126-129)

149. PROBATE-SUPERIOR, 1895-1911. 5 file boxes.

Original papers in cases of probate action, showing names of estate,

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administrator, and heirs; case number, date, disposition of property, and final acceptance by court. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 10.

150. ADMINISTRATOR'S BONDS, OATHS AND LETTERS, 1901--. 2 vols. (A-B).

Record of administrator's bonds, oaths, and letters, showing date, names of principal and sureties, amount of bond, and letters issued by court. Indexed alph. by names of administrators. Hdw. 428 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

151. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT RECORD, 1908--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of administrator's reports to court, showing names of estate, and administrator or executor; nature of report, and date. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

152. GUARDIAN'S BONDS, OATHS, LETTERS, 1900--. 1 vol. (A).

Record of guardian's bonds, oaths, and letters, showing names of estates, sureties, and guardians, amount of bond, and dates of execution and letters. Indexed alph. by names of guardians or estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

153. GUARDIAN'S REPORT RECORD, 1903--. 1 vol.

Report of guardians to court, showing names of estate, guardian, and ward, nature of report, and date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of guardians. Hdw. and typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

154. INVENTORY OF DECEDENT ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, 1903-21. 1 vol. (1).

Record of inventory of real estate and personal property of estate, showing description of property, valuation, amount of property

Probate Causes(continued)

taken by widow, value of property taken, affidavit of administrator, date of inventory, and names of estates and administrator. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

155. GUARDIAN INVENTORY RECORD, 1904-20. 2 vols. (A-B). Guardian's record of inventory of property in settlement of estates, showing names of estate and guardian, description of property, appraised value, and amount of debt. Indexed alph. by names of guardians. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½.

Proceedings in Probate Causes
(See also entries 101-106, 130-132)

156. GENERAL ENTRY-CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET, 1901--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of claims against estates, showing names of estate, administrator, claimants, and surety, amount of bond, claim number, date, amount of claim, date of allowance, amount of allowance, date report filed, and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

157. GUARDIAN'S DOCKET, 1900--. 3 vols.

Record of guardianship cases filed, showing case number, date, names of estate, guardian, wards, and attorneys; and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by names of wards. Hdw. 575 pp. 12 x 13 x 4.

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158. ESTATE DOCKET, 1901--. 1 vol.

Record of estate cases filed, showing date, names of estate and administrator, case number, and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 1000 pp. 10 x 12 x 5.

159. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, 1900--. 5 vols. (A-E).

Record of probate matters acted on by court, showing names of estate and administrator, kind of action, date of filing, and minutes and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Typed. 500 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

Fee and Cash Records

160. FEE BOOK, STATE CASES, 1895-1936. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of fees charged in state cases, showing names of defendant and payer, amount, cause number, and date. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

161. FEE BOOK, 1895-1912. 4 vols. (A-D).

Record of fees in court cases, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, case number, kind of fee, and amount. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 550 pp. 11 x 16 x 2½.

For subsequent records, see entry 68.

168. REGISTER OF WITNESS FEES, 1905-16. 1 vol.

Record of fees and allowances to witnesses, showing date, case number, title of cause, amount of fee allowed, and names of witness, payer, and payee. Indexed alph. by names of witnesses.

Probate Causes--Fee and Cash Records(continued)

Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

For susequent records, see entry 68.

163. PROBATE FEE BOOK, 1901-12. 1 vol.

Record of fees in probate cases, showing case number, date, amount, purpose, and names of estate and payer. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 550 pp. 11 x 16 x 2½.

For subsequent records, see entry 68.

VIII. RECORDER

The recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a term of four years and is required to post bond. (1) No person is eligible to hold the office of recorder for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (2) The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1835, the organization date of the county.

The title of this officer describes his functions: To make and preserve a public record of legal documents for officials and private persons as required by law. Of the many kinds of instruments recorded the more important are: Deeds, mortgages, and apprentices' indentures, (3) satisfactions, cancelations, and assignments of any kind, (4) releases, (6) mechanics' liens, (6) and leases. (7)

The recorder is also required to keep a record of articles of incorporation filed in his office, (8) and certificates of admission for foreign corporations to do business in Indiana. (9) There are also on file in the office of the recorder, records of cemetery deeds, (10) cemetery associations, (11) farm names, (12) and chattel mortgages. (13)

All of the records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1901; Burns 49-3201.
(2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2.
(3) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3210.
(4) Acts 1905; Burns 49-3203.
(5) Acts 1881 spc. sess.; Burns 2-2519.
(6) Acts 1909; Burns 43-703.
(7) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1875, 1913, 1921, 1923; Burns 56-119.
(8) Acts 1929; Burns 25-219.
(9) Acts 1929; Burns 25-305.
(10) Acts 1925; Burns 21-223.
(11) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 25-1520.
(12) Acts 1913; Burns 49-3236.
(13) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1897; Burns 53-301.

Deeds, Titles, and Grants

164. DEED RECORD, 1836--. 106 vols. (29-109, A-Y).

Record of deeds filed, showing names of grantor and grantee, description of property, date of execution, consideration, affidavits of witnesses, and date of recording. Arr. alph. by names of grantors and grantees. 1836-1906, hdw.; 1906--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

165. GENERAL INDEX OF DEEDS, (GRANTOR AND GRANTEE), 1836--. 34 vols. (1-4, 4-18, 4-18).

Index of deeds by grantor and grantee, showing namesof grantor and grantee, kind and date of deed, consideration, description of property, and date recorded. Arr. alph. by names of grantors and grantees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

166. CEMETERY DEED RECORD, 1925--. 1 vol.

Record of deeds to cemetery lots, showing names of cemetery association and buyer, description of lot, consideration, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by names of buyers. Typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

For prior records, see entry 164.

167. TAX TITLE DEEDS, 1864-84. 1 vol.

Record of tax title deeds granted by auditor and commissioner, showing name of grantee, description of property, consideration, date of execution, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by names of grantees. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recr. vt.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 164.

For sales record, see entry 239.

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168. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1911--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of quiet title proceedings, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, description of property, minutes and proceedings of court, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Typed. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

169. WILL RECORD, 1896-1933. 1 vol.
Record of wills and affidavits of witnesses, showing date; names of testator, witnesses, and beneficiaries; and description of bequests. Indexed alph. by names of testators. 1896-98, hdw.; 1898-1933, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 184.

Mortgages and Releases

Real Estate

170. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1845--. 94 vols. (1-68, A-Z).
Record of mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, amount of mortgage, and dates of execution, recording, and release. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. 1845-1907, hdw.; 1908--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

171. GENERAL INDEX OF MORTGAGES, 1845--. 18 vols. (1-18).
General index to mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date recorded, description of property, consideration, date satisfied, and book and page number recorded. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

Mortgages and Releases (continued)

Chattels

172. CHATTEL MORTGAGE MINUTE BOOK, 1935--. 1 vol.
Record of chattel mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of chattels, amount of mortgage, and dates of execution, release, and recording. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. off.

173. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1882-1935. 33 vols. (1-33).
Record of chattel mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of chattels, amount of mortgage, and dates of execution, release and recording. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. 1882-1902, hdw.; 1902-35, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 172.

School Fund
(See also entries 245-254)

174. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGES, 1852--. 4 vols. (1-4).
Record of school fund mortgages, showing name of mortgagor, description of property; and dates of execution, release, and recording. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. 1852-1904, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

Liens

175. MECHANICS' LIENS, 1873-86. 1 vol.
Record of mechanics' liens, showing names of lienhalder and property owner, description of property, amount of lien, and dates recorded

Liens (continued)

and released. Indexed alph. by names of lienholders. Hdw. 440 pp. 11 x 16 x 2. Recr. vt.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 184.

176. IMPROVED STOCK LIEN RECORD, 1892-1926. 1 vol.
Record of liens for service, showing names of owner and sire, date of service, and amount of lien. Indexed alph. by names of sires. Hdw. 500 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Recr. vt.

Register of Legal Instruments

177. ENTRY BOOK, 1836--. 15 vols. (B-O, and 1 vol., not numbered).
Record of instruments filed for recording, showing date, time, names of parties concerned, date and description of instrument, and amount of fee charged. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

178. REGISTER OF FARM NAMES, 1913-31. 1 vol.
Record of farm names officially recorded, showing names of farm and owner, description of farm, and date registered. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 404 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Recr. vt.

179. ASSIGNMENT RECORD, 1866-74. 1 vol.
Record of assignments of property rights, showing names of assignor and assignee, description of property, dates of recording and release, and copy of bond. Indexed alph. by names of assignors. Hdw. 400 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Recr. vt.

180. RECORD OF SWAMP LAND PATENTS, 1856-88. 1 vol. (A).
Record of land, showing name of purchaser, description of property, consideration, certificate of conveyance, and date of

Register of Legal Instruments (continued)

recording. Indexed alph. by names of purchasers. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

181. TRANSFERRED TERRITORY FROM JASPER TO PORTER COUNTY, 1904-25. 1 vol.

Record of transferred lands involved in boundary line change, showing description of property, consideration, date recorded, and name of property owner. Indexed alph. by names of property owners. Typed. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 1½. Recr. vt.

182. INSTRUMENTS RECORDED IN LAPORTE COUNTY, 1834-55. 1 vol.

Record of instruments affecting individuals and real estate previously recorded in LaPorte County, showing names of parties concerned, kind of instrument, and date of recording. Indexed alph. by names of parties. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recr. vt.

183. RECORD OF OLD AGE CERTIFICATES, July-Feb., 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of old age certificates filed with recorder by applicant for pension, showing number of instrument, date of filing, name of applicant, and date certified. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

Miscellaneous Records

184. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1853--. 27 vols. (1, A-Z).

Record of miscellaneous instruments filed for recording, showing names of parties concerned, kind of instrument, and dates of execution and recording. Indexed alph. by names of parties. 1853-1904, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

Miscellaneous Records (continued)

185. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, GENERAL INDEX, 1882--. 10 vols. (1-10).

General index to miscellaneous instruments, showing names of parties in action, kind and date of instrument, consideration, date recorded, and book and page number. Arr. alph. by names of parties. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

Fee and Cash Book

186. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1900--. 10 vols. (1-8, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of fees and cash collected for recording instruments, showing date, number of instrument, name of payer, type of instrument, and amount of fee. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. vt.

Maps and Plat Books

187. PLATS OF PORTER COUNTY, 1923--. 1 vol.

Political plat book containing blueprints and original tracings of surveys made by engineers, showing towns, cities, townships, additions, subdivisions, and tracts. Published at Valparaiso. Blueprints. Scale varies. 75 pp. 30 x 32 x 1½. Recr. vt.

188. PLAT BOOK OF PORTER COUNTY, 1927. 1 vol.

Political book of plats and maps of Porter County, showing cities, towns, additions, subdivisions, divisions, division of townships, and subdivisions of real estate. Published at Rockford, Illinois, by Thrift Press. Printed. Scale varies. 58 pp. 16 x 20 x 1. Recr. vt.

IX. SHERIFF

The sheriff is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years. He must give a bond to insure faithful performance of his duties, and is required to take the usual oath of office. (1) No person is eligible to hold the office of sheriff for more than four years in any period of six years. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of sheriff functioned by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1836, the organization date of the county.

The sheriff is the conservator of peace within Porter County. He may arrest without process all persons, who within his view commit any crime or misdemeanor, and hold them in custody during investigation of the cause of such arrest. He is required to suppress all breaches of the peace and has authority to call to his aid the power of the county; pursue and commit to jail all felons; maintain and preserve order in the courts of the county except justice of the peace courts. He also maintains the jail and takes care of the prisoners confined in it. (4) It is his duty to protect persons in danger of possible lynchings. (5) He makes arrests of all persons on indictments, warrants, affidavits, and upon information received from the prosecutor or the court, and commits them to jail. (6)

As a court officer of Porter County he is required to make service of all process. (7) He sells mortgaged property on foreclosure proceedings; (8) executes deeds to real estate sold on

executions; (9) convoys persons committed to state charitable, correctional, or penal institutions; (10) and attends sessions of the county council (11) and the county commissioners, (12) and executes their orders.

All the records are located in the sheriff's office in the courthouse.

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(1) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2801.
(2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2.
(3) Const., 1916, art. 4, sec. 25.
(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2302.
(5) Acts 1905; Burns 10-3310.
(6) Acts 1905; Burns 9-1001.
(7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2803.
(8) Acts 1881 spc. sess.; Burns 3-1819.
(9) Acts 1881 spc. sess.; Burns 2-4101.
(10) Acts 1905; Burns 9-2232.
(11) Acts 1899; Burns 26-510.
(12) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611.

Executions and Reports
(See also entries 81-88, 189)

189. REGISTER OF EXECUTIONS, 1898--. 2 vols. (2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of orders issued by court, showing date, case no., names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment and costs, and sheriff's return. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 16 x 2.

190. MILEAGE CLAIM RECORD, 1929--. 1 vol.

Record of sheriff's mileage fees, showing case no,, date, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action, mileage, and charges. Arr. chron. Hdw. 440 pp. 12 x 16 x 2.

191. JURY BOOK, CIRCUIT COURT, 1913--. 3 vols.

Record of jury members of circuit court, showing name and address

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of juror, miles traveled, and date served. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 16 x 2.

For prior records, see entry 193.

192. JURY BOOK-SUPERIOR, 1913--. 2 vols.

Record of jury members of superior court, showing name and address of juror, miles traveled, and date served. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 16 x 2.

For prior records, see entry 193.

193. JURY BOOK, 1900-1913. 1 vol.

Record of jury members of both circuit and superior courts, showing name and address of juror, miles traveled, and date served. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 16 x 2.

For subsequent records, see entries 191 and 192.

194. RECORD OF PRISONERS ADMITTED TO JAIL, 1873--. 5 vols. (1-3, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of prisoners admitted to jail, showing name, residence, and birthplace of prisoner, dates admitted and discharged, and cause. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

Fee and Cash Book

195. CASH BOOK, 1896--. 2 vols.

Record of cash received, showing date, case no., name of payer, nature of service, amount received, and fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

Sheriff

Fee and Cash Book (continued)

196. REGISTER OF SHERIFF FEES, 1896-1928. 6 vols. (1-6). Record of fees collected on orders of circuit court, showing case no., names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of fee, and dates of service and return. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entry 195.

197. REGISTER OF SHERIFF'S FEES, 1896-1928. 5 vols. (1-5). Record of fees collected on orders of superior court, showing case no., cause, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of fee, and dates of service and return. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entry 195.

198. STATE FEE BOOK, 1912-28. 1 vol. Record of superior and circuit court fees in state cases, showing date, case no., cause, name of defendant, and kind and amount of fee. Arr. alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

For subsequent records, see entry 195.

X. CORONER

The coroner is a constitutional officer elected for two years without restriction on reelection. (1) He is required to post bond not exceeding five thousand dollars nor less than one thousand dollars. (2) The office was created before 1851 by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1836, the organization date of the county.

The coroner is required to investigate deaths by violence, by accident, and of suspicious nature, and to determine the cause and manner of death. He holds inquests without a jury, (4) and may subpena witnesses and employ a physician to make a postmortem examination, (5) filing his report and verdict with the clerk of the circuit court. (6) He is a peace officer with the same powers as the sheriff, (7) and acts as sheriff in event of absence, vacancy, personal interest, or incapacity of that officer, (8) and serves warrants on the sheriff if necessary. (9)

All the records are located in the clerk's vault in the courthouse.

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(1) Const. 1851, art. 6, sec. 2.
(2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1933; Burns 49-2901.
(3) Const. 1816, art. 4, sec. 25.
(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1871, 1879 spc. sess.; Burns 49-2904.
(5) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2906.
(6) Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1879 spc. sess.; Burns 49-2909.
(7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1933; Burns 49-2901.
(8) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2902.
(9) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2903.

199. INQUESTS, 1871--. 16 file boxes.

Papers of coroner's inquests, showing date, names of deceased, and witnesses, cause of death, description of body, amount of fees, and final verdict. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4½.

XI. AUDITOR

The auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term. (1) No person can hold the office for more than eight years in any period of twelve. (2) He is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars, approved by and filed with the county commissioners. (3) The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1841.

This office is the center of county financial administration, and here the financial records of county business are preserved.

The auditor's principal functions are fourfold: As a county "controller", he keeps the accounts of the county and issues warrants for all claims, including those approved by the commissioners. (4) Ex officio he acts as clerk to the board of commissioners, (5) the county council, (6) and the board of tax adjustment, (7) and as secretary to the board of finance. (8) He is also a member and the secretary of the board of review. (9) As a tax officer, he prepares the official tax duplicates, (10) and certifies to the treasurer the amount of taxes due from banks. (11) As budget officer, he compiles estimates made to him by each county agency and submits them to the county council. (12)

Other routine duties are: Keeping a land transfer record book; (13) managing the common school and the congressional township school funds as a member of the school fund board, (14) and apportioning semiannually the interest of those funds to the school corporations; (15) preparing the ditch duplicate covering assessments for

construction or repair of ditches and drains; (16) issuing peddlers' licenses (17) and public warehouse permits; (18) acknowledging deeds and mortgages executed for security of trust funds; (19) and approving bonds of township trustees. (20)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) 1 Rev. Stat 1852; Burns 49-3001.
(2) Const., art 6, sec. 2.
(3) Acts 1899; Burns 49-3003.
(4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3005; Acts 1897; Burns 26-806.
(5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611.
(6) Acts 1899; Burns 26-509.
(7) Acts 1935; Burns 64-304.
(8) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606.
(9) Acts 1919; 1920 spc. sess.; Burns 64-1201.
(10) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1403.
(11) Acts 1933; Burns 64-810.
(12) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520.
(13) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1409.
(14) Acts 1865; Burns 28-104; Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1935 suppl., 28-209.
(15) Acts 1879; Burns 28-265.
(16) Acts 1933; Burns 27-134.
(17) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 42-204.
(18) Acts 1875, 1879 spc. sess.; Burns 67-201.
(19) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3011.
(20) Acts 1915; Burns 64-103.

Audits and Reports

200. RECORD OF MONTHLY BALANCES, 1911--. 3 vols. (1-2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of monthly balances of county revenue and miscellaneous funds, showing date, amount received and disbursed, names of payer and payee, to which fund credited, and monthly balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 220 pp. 17 x 19 x 1½. Aud. vt.

201. CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION, 1911--. 4 vols. (1-2, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Receipts from taxes distributed to township trustees, showing date, amount, and to which fund credited. Arr. chron. Typed. 75 pp. 9 x 10 x 3/4. Aud. vt.

Audits and Reports (continued)

202. DISTRIBUTION RECORD, 1902--. 2 vols. (1, and 1 vol. not numbered). 1910-24, missing.

Record of distribution of taxes to county and township funds, showing date, name of fund, and amount allotted. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

203. STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS, 1911--. 4 file boxes.

Reports of state board of accounts on county officers, showing date, name of office, receipts and disbursements itemized, and condition of various funds. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4. Aud. vt.

204. AUDITING BOARD RECORD, 1897-99. 2 vols.

Record of trustees' warrants audited, showing date, name of payee, amount, purpose, to which fund credited, and signature of trustee. Indexed alph. by names of trustees. Hdw. 450 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

205. AUDITOR'S VENUE RECORD, 1926--. 1 vol.

Record of finances on cases venued, showing date, names of payer and payee, amount received and disbursed, title of cause, and from what county venued. Indexed alph. by names of counties. Hdw. 250 pp. 14 x 11 x 2. Aud. vt.

For other venue records, see entry 54.

206. DISTRIBUTION, 1900--. 23 file boxes.

Distribution and settlement sheets, showing date, name of town or township, amount, to which fund allotted, and tax period covered. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4. Aud. vt.

207. TRUSTEES' REPORTS, 1862--. 6 file boxes.

Receipts, expenditures, and orders, showing date, amount, and balance. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4. Aud. vt.

Receipts and Disbursements

208. RECORD RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATIONS, AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1924--. 3 vols.

Record of receipts, appropriations, and disbursements, showing date, names of payer and payee, amounts received and disbursed, warrant number, and balance. Arr. by titles of fund, and thereunder, chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 16 x 3.

For prior records, see entry 209.

209. RECORD OF APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1903-24. 6 vols. (1-5, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of appropriations and disbursements, showing date, warrant number, amount, purpose, and to which fund credited. Arr. by titles of funds, and thereunder, chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 12 x 18 x 2½. Aud. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 208; for prior records see entry 212.

210. AUDITOR'S FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1897--. 2 vols. (1, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of fees and cash collected, showing date received, name of payer, nature of fee, and total collected. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

211. RECORD OF RECEIPTS-COUNTY REVENUES, (Auditor's Copy), 1895-1924. 3 vols. (1-2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of county revenues collected by treasurer, showing date, purpose, receipt number, amount, and to which fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 24 x 2. Aud. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 208.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

212. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES (General Fund), 1841--. 9 vols. (1-6, and 3 vols. not numbered).

Register of receipts and expenditures, showing date, name of payer, amount, warrant no., amount expended, purpose, and balance in each fund. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

213. LEDGER, 1836-41. 1 vol. (A).

Register of money expended, showing date, name of payee, purpose, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 16 x 1½. Aud. vt.

For subsequent records, see entries 218, 221, and 222.

214. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1893-1909. 1 vol.

Register of receipts and disbursements of county officers' fees, showing date, names of payer and payee, order and receipt nos., amount, name of fund debited, and to which fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 426 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

215. REGISTER OF UNPAID ORDERS, 1901--. 1 vol.

Register of orders issued by auditor, for claims allowed by commissioners, that have not been presented to treasurer for payment, showing date, name of recipient, amount, order no., and name of fund debited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Aud. vt.

216. TOWNSHIP POOR ACCOUNTS, 1897--. 2 vols.

Record of money paid for poor relief claims, showing date, name of recipient, amount, and warrant no. Indexed alph. by names of twps. Hdw. 200 pp. 13 x 16 x 1½. Aud. vt.

217. POOR CLAIMS, 1933--. 12 file boxes.

Poor fund claims filed with auditor for supplies, showing date,

name of client, purpose, and amount. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4. Aud. vt.

218. REGISTER OF ORDERS, 1841-1911. 10 vols. (5-10, and 4 vols. not numbered).

Register of orders drawn by auditor on treasurer, showing date, name of recipient, order no., amount, nature of claim, name of fund credited, and date redeemed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 213.

For subsequent records, see entry 222.

219. COUNTY ORDERS (Stubs), 1866-1924. 32 vols.

Stubs of orders issued by auditor to treasurer for county bills, showing date, name of payee, amount, purpose, order no., and appropriation no. Arr. by order nos. Hdw. 1000 pp. 4 x 18 x 3. Aud. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 221.

220. AUDITOR'S JOURNAL, 1836-1902. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of cash transactions, showing date, amount, and kind of transactions. Arr. chron. Hdw. Condition fair. 500 pp. 11 x 17 x 2. Aud. vt.

221. REGISTER OF DUPLICATE WARRANTS, 1924--. 10 vols.

Register of duplicate warrants issued to pay county bills, showing name of payee, amount, warrant no., and name of fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 1000 pp. 13 x 18 x 5. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 222.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

222. AUDITOR'S REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1911-24. 4 vols. (1-4). Register of warrants issued, showing date, name of recipient, purpose, and warrant and appropriation nos. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 218.

For subsequent records, see entry 221.

223. QUIETUS, 1898-1925. 5 vols.
Record of receipts issued in final closing of an account, showing date, amount, certificate no., and purpose. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 8 x 14 x 2. Aud. vt.

224. CANCELED CHECKS, 1881--. 50 file boxes.
Canceled checks, showing date, name of payee, amount, purpose, check and appropriation nos., and name of depository. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4. Aud. vt.

Taxes

Appraisements

225. TRANSFER BOOKS, 1845--. 150 vols.
Record of real estate transfers, showing date of transfer and instrument, names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, location and description, and value of land and improvements. Arr. alph. by names of grantors. Hdw. 500 pp. 12 x 15 x 2. Aud. vt.

226. ENUMERATION RECORD, 1913-31. 34 vols.
Enumeration of white and colored males over twenty-one years of age,

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showing date, name, age, and color. Arr. alph. by names of persons. Hdw. 500 pp. 8 x 13 x ½. Aud. vt.

227. ABSTRACT OF RAILROAD PROPERTY, 1895--. 4 vols. (1-4). Record of railroad property, showing date, name of railroad, number of miles of track, name of township, city, or town traversed, value of rolling stock and real estate. Indexed alph. by names of railroads. Hdw. 300 pp. 11 x 16 x 1 3/4. Aud. vt.

228. VALUATION RECORD, 1859, 1864, 1869, 1875, 1880. 5 vols. Record of property valuations for assessor's use in preparing assessments, showing date, name and address of owner, location and description, and value of land and improvements. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 250 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 233.

229. RAILROAD TAX REPORTS, 1879--. 12 file boxes. Schedules of railroad tax assessments, showing date, name of railroad, value of property, and inventory of equipment. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4. Aud. vt.

Returns

230. MORTGAGE EXEMPTIONS, 1903--. 197 vols. Affidavits of persons seeking exemption from taxation on mortgage indebtedness, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, location and description of property, and amount of mortgage. Arr. alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 8 x 1½. Aud. vt.

Taxes--Returns (Continued)

231. FOREST PRESERVE RECORD, 1899-1906. 1 vol.
Record of lands reserved for forest preserve, showing date filed, name of property owner, and description of property. Indexed alph. by names of owners. 1899-1901, hdw.; 1901-6, typed. 300 pp. 12 x 14 x 2. Aud. vt.

Lists

232. ASSESSOR'S BOOKS, 1847--. 657 vols.
Record of assessments and appraisals of real and personal property, showing date, name and address of person; location, description, and cash value of land and improvements, amount of exemption, value of personal property, and total value. Arr. alph. by names of persons assessed. Hdw. 250 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Aud. vt.

233. REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE, 1881--. 219 vols.
Record of appraised valuation of real estate, showing date, name and address of owner, location, description, and value of land and improvements, and total valuation. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 8 x 1½. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 228.

234. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES, 1881--. 1009 vols.
Record of appraised valuation of personal property, showing date, name and address; description and value of items listed, and total assessments. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 8 x 1½. Assr. vt.

Taxes (continued)

Delinquent and Erroneous

235. DELINQUENT LANDS AND LOTS, 1845--. 146 vols.
Record of delinquent property tax, showing date, name and address of owner, description and value of land, amount delinquent, and total amount due. Arr. alph. by names of owners. 1845-1907, hdw.; 1908--, printed. 300 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Aud. vt.

236. REGISTER OF DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPTS, 1861-73. 4 vols.
Register of receipts of delinquent tax payments, showing date, name and address of payer, amount, description and value of land, value of personal property, receipt no., and total amount paid. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 11 x 16 x 2. Aud. vt.

237. RECORD OF OMITTED PERSONAL PROPERTY AND TAXES THEREON, 1882-1907. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of omitted personal property and taxes, showing date, name of debtor, amount, date due, date paid, and recapitulation. Indexed alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

238. ASSIGNMENT CERTIFICATES, 1876--. 3 vols.
Record of certificates of property assignments, showing date, names of assignor and assignee, description of real estate, and certificate no. Arr. chron. Hdw. 198 pp. 9 x 14 x 1. Aud. vt.

239. TAX CERTIFICATES, 1841--. 18 file boxes.
Tax sale certificates, showing date, names of owner and purchaser, location and description of property, amount delinquent, date and amount of sale. Arr. chron. 4 x 10 x 14. Aud. vt.

For Tax Deed Records, see entry 167.

Taxes--Delinquent and Erroneous (continued)

240. ILLEGAL TAX CERTIFICATES, 1924--. 2 vols.
Record of certificates of erroneous assessments, showing date, name and address of person credited, description of property, and amount of credit. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 11 x 17 x 3/4. Aud. vt.

241. REGISTER OF TAX SALES-AUDITORS' COPY, 1841--. 5 vols. (1-4, and 1 vol. not numbered).
Register of sales of lands by treasurer for delinquent taxes, showing date of sale, names of owner and purchaser, description of land, amount of sale, and date redeemed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Aud. vt.

242. TAX TITLE DEED RECORD-AUDITOR'S COPY, 1844--. 3 vols.
Record of tax title deeds, showing date of deed, dates of sale and of assignment, names of owner and purchaser, description of land, amount of sale, and certificate no. Arr. alph. by names of original owners. Hdw. 200 pp. 11 x 16 x 1½. Aud. vt.

Plat Books

243. PLAT BOOKS, 1857--. 44 vols.
Assessor's plat books, showing date, name of real estate owner; location, description, and value of land, sec. no.; and hand-drawn plat of each parcel of land, and each twp. Arr. by section nos. Hdw. 100 pp. 8 x 13 x ½. Aud. vt.

244. TRACT BOOK, 1830-67. 2 vols.
Record of lands sold to individuals from public lands, showing date

of sale, names of purchaser, and twp., description and acreage, sec. and range nos., and entry or patent no. Arr. by secs., twps., and ranges. Hdw. 218 pp. 12 x 18 x 1½. Aud. vt.

School Funds
(See also entry 174)

245. INVENTORY OF SCHOOL AND TRUST FUNDS, 1914--. 1 vol. Inventories of school and trust fund loans, showing date, loan no., name of fund, amounts of loan and interest, amount paid, and remarks. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 2 x 3. Aud. vt.

246. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND LOANS, 1861--. 1 vol. Register of school fund loans, showing name of mortgagee, date of loan, description of property mortgaged, payment schedules, and amounts. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagees. Hdw. 480 pp. 17 x 16 x 2. Aud. vt.

247. SCHOOL FUND LOAN RENEWALS, 1920-32. 1 vol. Record of applications for renewal of school fund loans, showing property description, amount of loan, application date, and name of applicant. Arr. alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 322 pp. 11 x 16 x 2. Aud. vt.

248. REGISTER OF SALE OF SCHOOL SECTIONS, 1837-73. 1 vol. Record of school lands sold to individuals, showing date sold, purchaser's name, land description, acreage, and selling price. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 18 x 1½. Aud. vt.

School Funds (Continued)

249. REGISTER OF ORDERS ON TRUST FUNDS, 1850-1912. 4 vols.

Title varies: Register of Trust Fund Disbursements.

Record of disbursements of school trust funds, showing date, order no., name of payee, purpose, kind of fund, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 450 pp. 10 x 16 x 2. Aud. vt.

For subsequent records, see entries 221 and 222.

250. TRUST FUND LEDGER, 1871-1911. 2 vols.

Record of common school trust funds, showing cash recieved, amount forwarded, balance, and date. Arr. chron. Hdw. 450 pp. 12 x 16 x 2½. Aud. vt.

251. TRUST FUND JOURNAL, 1850-95. 3 vols.

Record of daily cash receipts for trust funds, showing amount, date, and name of payer. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 8 x 12 x 1 3/4. Aud. vt.

252. REGISTER OF TRUST FUND RECEIPTS, 1850-1926. 5 vols.

Register of congressional and common school fund receipts, showing date, receipt no., name of payer, purpose, amount, and fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 17 x 18 x 2. Aud. vt.

253. REGISTER OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON TRUST FUND LOANS, 1838-99. 2 vols.

Record of trust fund loans and payments of principal and interest, showing name of mortgagee, amount of loan, maturity date, and date of payments of principal and interest. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 8 x 12 x 1. Aud. vt.

254. APPLICATION TO PAY, 1911--. 7 vols.

Record of applications to make payments on loans from school or trust funds ahead of regular schedule, showing amount, date,

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and name of applicant. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 8 x 14 x 2.

Official and Surety Bonds
(See also entries 26-30)

255. BOND RECORD, 1899--. 2 vols. (1-2).
Record of bonds of county and twp. officials, showing amount, names of official and sureties, bondsmen's signatures, purpose of bond, conditions of obligation, and date. Arr. alph. by names of officials. Typed. 350 pp. 12 x 18 x 1 3/4. Aud. vt.

256. RECORD OF LIQUOR BONDS, 1865-1914. 4 vols.
Record of bonds issued for operating liquor stores, showing names of principal and bondsman, description of place of business, address, signatures of bondsmen, and auditor's signature. Arr. alph. by names of principals. Hdw. 300 pp. 11 x 16 x 1½. Aud. vt.

257. LIQUOR LICENSES, 1865-1917. 14 file boxes.
Original applications for liquor licenses, showing applicant's name, business location, and date. Arr. chron. 4 x 10 x 14. Aud. vt.

XII. ASSESSOR

The office of assessor was created by an act of 1891. (1) This officer is elected for a four-year term, there being no prohibition against successive terms. The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1891. Qualifications are established by law: He must be a continuous freeholder of Porter County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election, and he must post a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good freehold sureties approved by the auditor, who also administers the oath of office. His work is under the direction of the state board of tax commissioners, and he may be removed by that board, after a hearing, for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office. (2)

The duties of the assessor are: To examine carefully the tax duplicates, to instruct and advise the township assessors, to review their returns, to assess omitted real and personal property, to appraise estates for inheritance taxes, to report to the state board any delinquencies of township assessors, (3) to examine public records, (4) and to set a value upon intangibles for taxation. (5) He is ex-officio member and president of the Porter County board of review. (6)

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(1) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 112.
(2) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1101.
(3) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1102.
(4) Ibid.
(5) Acts 1933; Burns 64-905.
(6) Acts 1919, 1920 spc. sess.; Burns 64-1201.

No records could be found.

XIII. BOARD OF REVIEW

By virtue of an act of 1919, Porter County has a board of review for the annual review of assessments and the equalization of valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the assessor, treasurer, and auditor, ex officio, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed annually by the judge of the circuit court. The assessor is president and the auditor is secretary of the board. (1)

From 1881 to 1891 the duties of reviewing and equalizing tax assessments were performed by a county board of equalization consisting of the county commissioners and four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (2) The law of 1891 superseded this act and created the board of review, composed of the treasurer, assessor, and auditor. (3) The act of 1919 reestablished the board, adding the two freeholder appointments to its membership. (4) The inception date of this board in Porter County is 1881.

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of property in the township or any taxing unit within the township, and to determine the amount to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes throughout the county. It also may redetermine the valuation of any particular tract or lot upon the complaint of the owner. If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high, too low, or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or of any township or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment. (5)

The board also makes a general review of assessment lists to discover omitted property and to correct errors in the lists. It assesses the capital stock of corporations in the county, except those assessed by the state board of tax commissioners, such as railroad, telephone, and telegraph companies. (6)

All the records are located in the auditor's vault in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1201, 64-1206.
(2) Acts 1881, ch. 96, sec. 129.
(3) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114.
(4) Acts 1919; Burns, ibid.
(5) Ibid.
(6) Ibid.

258. COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW, 1891--. 2 vols. (1-2). Record of tax review proceedings, showing name of property owner, description of property, and decision of board on assessment value. Indexed alph. by names of property owners. 1891-1901, hdw.; 1901--, typed. 426 pp. 11 x 16 x 2.

259. BOARD OF REVIEW, 1891--. 2 file boxes. Papers pertaining to board members, showing date of meeting, name of member, and oath of office. Arr. chron. 4 x 10 x 14.

XIV. BOARD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT

The board of tax adjustment of Porter County was established by an act of legislature in 1933 and consisted of seven members.

By an act of 1937 the membership of the board was changed. One is a member of the county council, chosen by the council, one member is the mayor of the largest city in the county or any public official of the county appointed by the said mayor of the largest city of the county, one member of the county board of education selected by such board, and four freeholders of the county appointed by the judge of the circuit court. Not more than four members of such adjustment board can be members of the same political party. The baard is empowered to serve for one year. (2)

It is the duty of the board to examine, and if it deems necessary, revise, change, or reduce, but not increase, any tax levies and any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based, and apportion the total of all of the levies so that the total levy on property within any municipal corporation for which the property therein is taxable, shall not exceed the total rate as provided by law. (3)

All the records of this office are located in the auditor's vault in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.
(2) Acts 1937, ch. 119, sec. 4.
(3) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.

260. BOARD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT, 1932--. 2 file boxes. Board of tax adjustmont proceedings, showing date, name of petitioner, amount of adjustment, action of board, and itemized estimation of expense. Arr. chron. 4 x 10 x 14.

XV. BOARD OF FINANCE

By virtue of an act of 1907, the board of county commissioners of Porter County constitutes the board of finance. The auditor serves as secretary. It may sue and be sued in its own name whenever necessary to accomplish the purpose intended by its creation. (1) The inception date of this board in Porter County is 1907.

The board of finance has charge of and controls the funds of Porter County. (2) Its functions are to select the banks to serve as depositories for county funds and to apportion the funds among such depositories. In lieu of depositing county funds in banks, the board may purchase United States Government bonds or other interest-bearing obligations of the United States Govdrmment or its instrumentalities. (3) The board receives monthly statements of county funds on deposit from the banks, (4) and may, as it sees fit, revoke the commission of any depository. (5)

The general assembly of 1935 repealed the act establishing this board, and in the same session in the Depository Act of 1935, reestablished the board of finance practically unaltered. The board has supervision of all public funds of the county, and the safekeeping and deposit thereof. (6)

All the records are located in the auditor's vault in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606.
(2) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606.
(3) Acts 1907, 1932 spc. sess.; Burns 61-610.
(4) Acts 1907; 1931; Burns 61-616.
(5) Acts 1907; Burns 61-613.
(6) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 61-628.

261. RECORD OF BOARD OF FINANCE, 1907-35. 2 vols. (1-2). Minutes of the board, showing date, names of members, proposal of various banks to become county depositories, and action of the board. Indexed alph. by nature of proceedings. Typed. 200 pp. 12 x 18 x 2.

262. REPORTS OF DEPOSITORIES, 1911--. 8 file boxes. Monthly statements of depositories, showing date, name of depository, balance at first of month, amount deposited, interest, amount paid out, balance at end of month, and no. of warrants. Arr. chron. 4 x 10 x 14.

XVI. SCHOOL FUND BOARD

The county school fund board was created by an act of 1935. It consists of three members: the auditor and the clerk ex officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court for a two-year term. (1)

The duty of this board is to make all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real property secured by mortgage. This was formerly a duty of the auditor. The board must satisfy itself as to the value of real estate offered in the mortgage, the validity of the title, and whether it is encumbered. (2)

The inception date of this board in Porter County is 1935.

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(1) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 28-209.

(2) Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, ibid.

These records are to be surveyed and will appear in the final draft.

XVII. TREASURER

The treasurer is a constitutional officer, elected for a term of two years. No person is eligible to serve for more than four years in any period of six years. (1) He is required to execute his official bond, in the penalty of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during his term. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of treasurer was in existence by virtue of an act of 1817. (3) The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1836, the organization date of the county.

The treasurer receives all moneys coming to Porter County and deposits the same on the proper orders issued and attested by the auditor. (4) He keeps fee books and cash books. (5) He makes quarterly reports to the commissioners; (6) at the expiration of his term of office, he gives a sworn statement to the auditor, showing specifically the amount of fees collected, (7) and deposits with the auditor all orders redeemed. (8) He makes a monthly statement to the treasurer of state, (9) and collects all taxes. (10)

The laws of the state also place certain ex-officio duties upon the treasurer. He is a member of the board of review, (11) and has custody of county funds, althought the depositories are chosen by the board of finance. (12)

The records are located in the courthouse.

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(1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2.
(2) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1865, 1919; Burns 49-3101.
(3) Acts 1817, ch. 17, sec. 1.
(4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3103.
(5) Acts 1895; Burns 49-1401.
(6) Acts 1895, 1913; Burns 49-1403.
(7) Acts 1895, 1903, 1913; Burns 49-1402.
(8) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3114.
(9) Acts 1859, 1861; Burns 49-1813.
(10) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1502.
(11) Acts 1919, 1920 spc. sess.; Burns 64-1201.
(12) Acts 1907, 1932 spc. sess.; Burns 61-610.

Tax Collections

263. TAX DUPLICATES, 1843--. 473 vols.

Tax duplicates, showing date, name of taxpayer, location, description, and value of real and personal property, value of improvements, total value, amount assessed and delinquent. Arr. alph. by names of owners. 1843-1901, hdw.; 1901--, typed. 350 pp. 22 x 16 x 2. Tr. vt.

264. MORATORIUM TAX DUPLICATE, 1933--. 1 vol.

Moratorium tax duplicates, showing date, name and address of party, location and description of property, and schedule of payments. Arr. by taxing units. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud. vt.

265. REGISTER OF TAXES COLLECTED, 1875--. 13 vols. (1-8, and 5 vols. not numbered).

Record of taxes collected, showing date, receipt no., total collection, and distribution. Arr. by taxing units. Hdw. 600 pp. 17 x 16 x 2½. Tr. vt.

266. RECORD OF INSOLVENT AND DISCHARGED TAXES, 1920--. 1 vol.

Record of unpaid taxes due to death, insolvency, or errors, showing date, name and address of owner, location and description, value of

Tax Collections (continued)

land and improvement, and total amount of tax. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 323 pp. 14 x 17 x 2. Tr. vt.

267. REGISTER OF LAND SOLD FOR TAXES, Feb. 9.- Feb. 16, 1874. 1 vol.

Record of property sold for taxes, showing date of sale, name and address of owner, location, description, and value of property, name of purchaser, price paid, amount delinquent, and date redeemed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 17 x 12 x 1 3/4. Tr. vt.

268. TREASURER'S ADDRESS BOOK, not dated. 1 vol.

Record of non-resident property owners, showing date, name and address of owner, location and description of property, and name of agent. Arr. alph. by names of twps. Hdw. 199 pp. 16 x 19 x 1½. Tr. vt.

Public Improvement Records

269. DITCH TAX DUPLICATE, 1905--. 6 vols.

Tax duplicates of special assessments for ditch construction and repair, showing date, name and address of owner, location and description of property, name of ditch, and amount of benefits and taxes. Arr. alph. by names of ditches. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 24 x 2. Tr. vt.

For prior records, see entry 263.

270. DITCH CASH BOOK, 1916-30. 3 vols.

Record of cash received on special assessments for ditch improvements,

Public Improvement Records (continued)

showing date of payment, name of payor, amount, and receipt no. Arr. alph. by names of ditches and thereunder, chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 18 x 2. Tr. vt.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 273.

Receipts and Disbursements

271. DAILY BALANCE RECORD, 1908-32. 14 vols. (1-2, 1-3, 1-6, and 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of daily cash balance in depositories, showing date, balance brought forward, daily deposits, and total balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 12 x 17 x 3. Tr. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 273.

272. RECORD OF MONTHLY BALANCES, 1911--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of monthly cash balances from county revenue and miscellaneous funds, showing date, kind of fund, amount received and disbursed, and balance in each fund at end of month. Arr. chron. Hdw. 238 pp. 16 x 17 x 1 3/4. Tr. vt.

273. CASH BOOK, 1861--. 30 vols.

Record of cash transactions, showing date, name of payer, no. of transactions and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 x 16 x 3. Tr. vt.

For prior records, see entry 274.

274. TREASURER'S JOURNAL, 1842-1907. 6 vols.

Record of daily cash transactions, showing date, balance brought forward, order and receipt nos., orders paid, and cash on hand at close of day. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 11 x 16 x 2. Tr. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 273.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

275. GENERAL RECEIPTS, (CASH), 1900-1925. 4 vols. (1-4). Record of general cash receipts, showing date, name of payer, amount, purpose, receipt no., and to which fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 149 pp. 17 x 19 x 1 3/4. Tr. vt.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 273.

276. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS OTHER THAN TAXES, 1911-17. 1 vol. Record of cash receipts other than taxes, showing date, name of payee, amount, purpose, receipt no., and to which fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 15 x 2. Tr. vt.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 273.

277. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS OF TRUST FUNDS, 1850-1907. 4 vols. Record of cash receipts credited to trust funds, showing date, name of payer, amount, receipt no., and to which fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 9 x 14 x 1/12. Tr. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 273.

278. JOURNAL OF TRUST FUNDS, 1850-82. 2 vols. Record of daily cash receipts of trust funds, showing date, name of payer, amount, receipt no., and to which fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 11 x 16 x 2. Tr. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 273.

279. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF COUNTY OFFICER'S FEES, 1893-95. 1 vol. Record of cash received and disbursed, showing date, name of payer and payee, amount, and order and receipt nos. Arr. chron. Hdw. 245 pp. 12 x 17 x 2. Tr. vt.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 273.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

280. TREASURER LEDGER, 1865-1906. 3 vols.

Record of receipts and disbursements of funds, showing date, name of payer and payee, amount received and disbursed, order and receipt nos., to which fund credited, and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 11 x 14 x 2. Tr. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 273.

281. REGISTER OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1914--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Register of disbursements, showing date, warrant no., total amount, and to which fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 644 pp. 23 x 16 x 3. Tr. vt.

For prior records, see entry 282.

282. REGISTER OF ORDERS, 1841-1914. 7 vols. (5-6, 9, and 4 vols. not numbered). Vols. 7-8, 1895-1906, missing.

Register of orders, showing date, name of claimant, amount and nature of claim and order no., and date redeemed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 11 x 16 x 2. Tr. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 281.

283. REGISTER OF ORDERS ON TRUST FUNDS, 1871-1907. 2 vols.

Register of disbursements from trust funds, showing date, name of claimant, amount, order no., and to which fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 196 pp. 15 x 16 x 1½. Tr. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 273

284. REGISTER OF WARRANTS BY DEPOSITORIES, 1913--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Register of warrants drawn on depositories, showing date, warrant

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

no., name of depository, amount, and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw.

624 pp. 12 x 16 x 2½. Tr. vt.

XVIII. ELECTION BOARDS

Board of Election Commissioners

By legislative enactment in 1889, the board of election commissioners was created. It consists of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two major political parties; each of whom is nominated by the chairman of the county central committee of the two political parties respectively. This board is appointed annually and serves without pay. It is its duty to prepare and distribute ballots for the election of county officers. (1)

The board's duties are: to print ballots; to receive petitions to place candidates' names on the ballots; and to receive certificates of nominations by convention or primary elections. (2)

Board of Canvassers

By an act of 1905, the legislature constituted the board of election commissioners a board of canvassers. They are required to canvass and estimate the certificates, poll lists, and tally papers. (3) The further duties of the board are: to tabulate the votes, record them in the poll books, and file them, together with the tally papers and certificates, in the office of the clerk. (4) The board selects its own chairman, and the clerk of the circuit court acts as clerk of the board, (5) and the board declares the election winners by a statement of certification. (6)

Primary Election Commissioners

The primary election commissioners were provided for by an act of the legislature in 1915. They consist of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two major political parties; each of whom is nominated in writing by the chairman of the county central committee of the two political parties respectively. It is their duty to prepare and distribute the primary ballots and generally supervise the primary elections. (7) The canvass of the primary votes is done by the board of canvassers. (8)

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(1) Acts 1899; Burns 29-1002.
(2) Acts 1899; 1933; Burns 29-1003.
(3) Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 29-1401.
(4) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404.
(5) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1402.
(6) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1405.
(7) Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504.
(8) Acts 1915; Burns 29-560.

These records are to be surveyed and will appear in the final draft.

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION

The educational system of Indiana had its beginning back in 1818, and since then it has undergone several changes.

The legislature in 1818 provided for the appointment by the county commissioners of a superintendent of schools for each congressional township. (1)

By legislative enactment in 1824 the school system was administered by three township school trustees, who were elective. (2)

The school administrative system was changed by the legislature in 1833. By this new act the election of a school commissioner was prescribed. (3)

In 1852 the legislature provided that the township trustees should serve as a board of school trustees in each civil township. (4)

By legislative enactment in 1865 three school trustees were elected by the common council of each incorporated city and the board of trustees of each incorporated town to administer the school system in conjunction with the township trustees of each civil township. (5)

By an act of 1873 the county board of education was created. The board was comprised of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees of the county, and the school trustees of each city and town of the county. (6)

The inception date of this board in Porter County is 1873.

By legislative enactment in 1877 the membership of the board was changed to consist of the county superintendent of schools,

the township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town. (7)

The duties of the board are to take care of the general needs of the schools, maintenance of school property, and purchase of furniture, books, maps, charts, and other supplies. (8) Its powers also include appointment of a county attendance officer upon nomination of the county superintendent. (9) The board may purchase text books from publishers and sell them to pupils at cost. (10)

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(1) Acts 1818, ch. 49, sec. 1.
(2) Acts 1824, ch. 97, secs. 1, 2.
(3) Acts 1833, ch. 70, sec. 3.
(4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 98, secs. 4, 8.
(5) Acts 1856, ch. 1, secs. 4,5.
(6) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 8.
(7) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801.
(8) Ibid.
(9) Acts 1921, 1932 spc. sess.; Burns 28-501.
(10) Acts 1921; Burns 28-613.

No records could be found.

XX. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In 1865 the legislature provided for a school examiner to be appointed by the county commissioners. (1)

By legislative enactment in 1873, the act of 1865 was amended, and the school examinor's title was changed to "county superintendent of schools." He was appointed by the township trustees to serve for a term of two years. (2)

In 1899 the legislature extended the term of office of the superintendent of schools to four years, and also provided that he be elected by the township trustees. The act also required that he post bond with the auditor to insure faithful performance of his duties as prescribed by law, (3) The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1873.

The superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools of Porter County. He visits each township institute once each school year and conducts teachers' county institutes. He carries out the orders of the state board of education and the state superintendent of public instruction. (4) He is required to make a report as to teacher's preparation, experience, and license before being hired by the school trustees. (5) He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenue from the enumeration of pupils. (6) He receives statements for school aid relief from school and township trustees. (7) He is ex-officio member and president of the board of education. (8)

All the records are located in the superintendent of schools office in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1865, ch. 1, sec. 33.
(2) Acts 1873, ch. 25. sec. 2.
(3) Acts 1899, 1911, 1913; Burns 28-702.
(4) Acts 1899; Burns 28-704.
(5) Acts 1927, 1933; Burns 28-4309.
(6) Acts 1865; Burns 28-715.
(7) Acts 1933; Burns 28-903.
(8) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801.

Activities and Reports

285. MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS, 1909--. 6 vols. Minutes of meetings, showing date, nature of subjects discussed, proceedings, and decisions. Arr. chron. Typed. 250 pp. 8 x 11 x 1. Supt. sch. off.

Teachers

286. GRADES OF SUCCESS OF TEACHERS, 1907--. 4 vols. Record of teacher's percentages on success grades, showing date, name and address of teacher, and grade percentage each term. Arr. alph. by names of teachers. Hdw. 100 pp. 8 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. sch. off.

Pupils

287. RECORD OF EXAMINATIONS, 1909--. 5 vols. Record of final examinations of grade and high school pupils, showing date, name and address of pupil, school attended, name of teacher, and grades made. No index. Hdw. 130 pp. 10 x 14 x 1. Supt. sch. off.

XXI. HEALTH OFFICER

By legislative enactment in 1881, a county board of health was established and was required to elect a secretary who acted as the health officer for each town and city, and the county. (1)

In 1891 the legislature amended the act of 1881 and enlarged the duties of the health officer, who acted through the board of health. (2)

The health commissioner was provided for by an act of the legislature in 1909, and in the same act a repeal clause repealed the act creating the county board of health. The health commissioner is elected by the county commissioners to serve for a four-year term. (3) The health commissioner must be a licensed physician. (4) The inception date of the records of this office in Porter County is 1891.

By an act of 1935 the title of county health commissioner was changed to county health officer, who is appointed by the county commissioner with the approval of the state board of health, to serve four years. The county health officer must be legally qualified to practice medicine, suitably trained in sanitary science, and his qualifications must be satisfactory to the state board of health. He is required to enforce the health laws of the state and enforce all the rules of the state board of health. (5)

It is the duty of the health officer to enforce the health laws; to record and report vital statistics, such as births, deaths, and marriages; to make sanitary inspections of all public

and private buildings in regard to sources of diseases; to establish quarantine and take all reasonable means to protect the public health; to close schools and churches; and to prohibit public assemblies to prevent epidemics. (6)

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(1) 1881 Rev. Stat., sec. 4993.
(2) Acts 1891, ch. 15, sec. 8.
(3) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-108.
(4) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-110.
(5) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 36-118.
(6) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-111.

Vital Statistics

288. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1884--. 13 vols.

Record of births, showing date, name of child, sex, color, birthplace, and name and address of parents. Arr. chron. Hdw. Condition fair. 80 pp. 11 x 18 x 1. C.C., 2 vols, 1884-1914, Aud. vt.; 11 vols., 1914--, Dr. Fyfe's off., Premier Theater Bldg., Valparaiso, Ind.

289. RECORD OF MARRIAGE RETURNS, 1883--. 2 vols.

Record of marriage returns, showing date, name and address of bride and groom, age, color, birthplace, occupation, name and birthplace of parents, and name of party performing ceremony. Indexed alph. by names of bride and groom. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. C.C., 1 vol., 1883-89, Clk. vt.; 1 vol., 1890--, Dr. Fyfe's off., Premier Theatre Bldg., Valparaiso, Ind.

For other marriage records, see entries 31-32.

290. RECORD OF DANGEROUS DISEASES, 1883--. 2 vols.

Record of contagious diseases, showing date and by whom reported, name of patient, age, sex, color, birthplace, nature of disease,

date quarantine established, name of physician, name and address of parents, method of prevention, and date released. Indexed alph. by names of patients. Hdw. 120 pp. 11 x 16 x 1 3/4. C.C., 1 vol., 1883-1913, Clk. vt.; 1 vol., 1913--, Dr. Fyfe's off., Premier Theatre Bldg., Valparaiso, Ind.

291. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1884--. 13 vols.

Record of deaths, showing date, name and address of deceased, age, sex, color, birthplace, occupation, cause and place of death, birthplace and names of parents, name of undertaker, and place of burial. Indexed alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 18 x 1. C.C., 1 vol., 1884-89, Aud. vt.; 12 vols., 1890--, Dr. Fyfe's off., Premier Theatre Bldg., Valparaiso, Ind.

XXII. BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The board of public welfare of Porter County, created in 1936 by an act of the legislature, consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare. The board members are appointed by the judge of the circuit court; at least two members must be women and not more than three members may be adherents of any one political party. (1)

Subject to the rules and regulations of the state department of public welfare, the board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, old age assistance, services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped, the care and treatment of dependent, neglected, and handicapped children, children in danger of becoming delinquent, and such other welfare activities as may be delegated to it by the act including services connected with assistance to the blind. (2)

The director, who is appointed by the board of public welfare of Porter County under the supervision of the circuit court, performs the functions of probation officer and agent of the court. (3)

All jurisdiction vested in county boards pertaining to welfare work was transferred to the board of public welfare upon its organization in 1936. (4)

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(1) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1118.
(2) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 62-1120.
(3) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1119, 52-1120.
(4) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1121.
(5) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1408.

No records could be found.

XXIII. SURVEYOR

The surveyor is a constitutional officer, elected for a term of two years without restriction on reelection. (1) He must give bond in a sum fixed by the board of county commissioners. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of surveyor was in existence by virtue of an act of 1831. (3) The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1836.

The surveyor has charge, under direction of the county commissioners, of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the preparation of plans and specifications for, and supervision of, the construction of all bridges, turnpikes or other roads, ditches, drains, and levies. (4) He also has charge of the repair and maintenance of county highways, (5) unless the county commissioners employ a highway supervisor. (6) The county commissioners may employ the surveyor to serve as highway supervisor. (7)

For private parties, he takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate, (8) and, upon request, establishes lines and corners of lands and lots. (9)

The surveyor may employ deputy surveyors to assist in performing the engineering duties of the office. (10)

All of the records are located in the courthouse in the surveyor's office.

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(1) Const., art. 6; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3301.
(2) Acts 1913; Burns 49-3302.
(3) Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 102, sec. 1.
(4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1911; Burns, 49-3309.
(5) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101.
(6) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1113.
(7) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110.
(8) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1857; Burns 49-3317.
(9) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1875; Burns 49-3311.
(10) Acts 1891, 1899; Burns 49-3306.

Surveys And Reports

292. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1845--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Minutes and plats of surveys, showing date, twp., range, and sec. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

293. FIELD NOTES, 1829-34. 1 vol.

Transcripts of government field notes, showing surveyor's figures and notes of survey. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 13 x 8 x 2½.

294. GOVERNMENT SURVEY, 1829-34. 1 vol.

Notes and plats of original government survey by congressional twps., showing twp., range and sec. nos. Arr. by twps. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Construction Plans and Specifications

295. DITCH RECORD, 1886--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of ditches constructed, showing date, names of ditch and property owner, location and description of property, acreage, amount of benefits and damages, and surveyor's minutes. No index. Hdw. 160 pp. 14 x 12 x 2.

Construction Plans and Specifications (continued)

296. DRAINAGE RECORD, 1889--. 1 vol.

Record of various drainage projects, showing date, names of ditch and property owner, location and description of property, number of acres benefited, and amount of benefit. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 16 x 3.

Maps and Plats

297. SURVEYOR'S PLAT BOOK, 1882--. 1 vol.

Record of various plats, additions, subdivisions, twps., towns, and cities, showing name, field notes, and description of survey. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 36 x 30 x 1.

XXIV. HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

In pioneer times the roads were maintained by the local authorities. The citizens usually worked out their road taxes by giving a certain number of days labor, furnishing their own teams. The township road superintendent had charge of the work performed. This system prevailed for nearly a half a century.

In 1879 the legislature constituted the county commissioners a board of turnpike directors, each serving as supervisor in his own district. (1) In 1913 the county highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways, who was appointed by the county commissioners for a term of two years. (2) Some records bear his title. This office was abolished in 1933, (3) and the powers and duties conferred on the surveyor. (4)

In order to provide for necessary supervision of highways in counties warranting more attention than the surveyor can give, the board of county commissioners has the right to appoint, at its option, a highway supervisor whose term of office is discretionary with the board of county commissioners. (5) The board of commissioners of Porter County has appointed a highway supervisor.

The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1933.

This highway supervisor oversees the maintenance and repair of all highways, bridges, and culverts of the county, (6) and has authority to fix the limits of loads carried over them. (7) He must attend the annual road school at Purdue University. (8)

All the records are located in the auditor's vault, in the courthouse.

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(1) Acts 1879, ch. 115, sec. 1.(5) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110.
(2) Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1.(6) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1103.
(3) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1113. (7) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1102.
(4) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101. (8) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110.

298. SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS LEDGER, 1913--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of expenditures for free gravel road repairs, showing date, names of employees, amount of labor, kind and amount of material purchased, and name of firm supplying material. Arr. by districts, and thereunder, chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

XXIV. AGRICULTURAL AGENT

The office of agricultural agent was created by the legislature in 1913. This act provided that an agent should be appointed upon petition by the residents of the county. (1) The inception date of this office in Porter County is 1937.

By legislative enactment in 1937 the office of agricultural agent was created for every Indiana county. The agricultural agent is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of a state board, entitled county agricultural agents board. The qualifications of the agricultural agent are prescribed by the board. (2)

The county council is required to appropriate not less than one thousand dollars annually to be used in paying office help, expenses of the agent, mileage, rent, or other incidentals. The salary of the agricultural agent is paid by the state through Purdue University.

The duties of the agricultural agent, under the supervision of Purdue University, are: To cooperate with movements for the advancement of agricultural and country life, with farmers' institutes, farmers' clubs, and other rural and civic organizations; to conduct practical farm demonstrations, boys' and girls' clubs and contest work; to give advice to farmers on practical farm problems; and to aid the superintendent of schools and teachers of the county in giving practical eduction in agriculture and domestic

science. (2)

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(1) Acts 1913, 1923, 1927; Burns 28-4011.

(2) Acts 1937, ch. 224, sec. 1.

No records could be found.