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# Law Enforcement - Historical Notes

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## **Jails and Prisoners**

The following act once affected jails and prisoners in Giles County, but is no longer operative.

1. Private Acts of 1827, Chapter 97, Section 6, authorized the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Giles County to have a smokehouse built on the jail lot in Pulaski for the use of the jailor.

## **Sheriff**

The following acts have no current effect but are included here for reference purposes since they once applied to the Giles County sheriff's office.

1. Private Acts of 1827, Chapter 4, granted the Sheriffs of Giles and Jefferson Counties the privilege of appointing one additional Deputy Sheriff to those then authorized by law.
2. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 494, fixed the salary of the Giles County Sheriff at \$2,500 annually provided he would file as of January 1, each year, a sworn, itemized report showing all the fees collected, with the county judge or chairman, and when the total fees, excluding prisoner's board, and turnkeys, fail to equal that amount of salary, the county will supply the difference on a warrant drawn on the regular funds, however, if the fees exceed the amount of salary, the sheriff may retain them, but, in either event, he must pay the wages of his Chief Deputy from this salary herein.
3. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 946, amended Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 494, by correcting the discrepancy in the figures of the sheriff's salary making all of them \$2,500 instead of \$2,250 as it appeared written in one part of the Bill.
4. Private Acts of 1933, Chapter 870, made the salary of the Sheriff in Giles County in the amount of \$2,500 by population figures. The Sheriff must file the sworn itemized statement on January 1, of each year, with the county court showing the amount of fees collected for the year, except those for prisoners, board, and turnkeys. He must pay his chief deputy and jailor from this salary. If the fees are less, the county makes up the difference, if more, the sheriff could retain the excess.

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