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# Law Enforcement - Historical Notes

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## **Offenses**

The act briefly summarized below fell into this category in Haywood County.

1. Private Acts of 1905, Chapter 252, declared it to be unlawful and a misdemeanor to ride or drive across the tillable lands of another, whether closed or unclosed, without the consent of the owner, in Haywood County, using the Federal Census figures of 1900. Violators were subject to fines from \$5.00 to \$15.00.

## **Sheriff**

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

1. Acts of 1837-38, Chapter 242, Section 3, stated that the Sheriff, or a Deputy, of Haywood County, or the Constable of the Civil District in which the town of Danceyville is located, shall open and hold an election on the first Monday in January of each year to elect seven Aldermen for the town. They, in turn, shall choose by ballot one of their number to serve as Mayor for the same term. The people would also elect a treasurer, recorder, and a town constable at the same time.
2. Acts of 1866-67, Chapter 46, Section 6, granted to the Sheriff of Haywood County the authority to employ one additional deputy sheriff for his office.
3. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 459, concerned the Sheriff's salary of a county whose population figures were changed from 25,908 to 25,785 and from 25,925, to 25,790. These figures are not sufficient to make the Act apply to Haywood County even though the index states that it does. This seems to be a compiler's or publisher's error.

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