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Administration - Historical Notes

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County Clerk

The following act once affected the office of county clerk in Claiborne County. It is included herein for historical purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1821, Chapter 175, authorized the county clerk of the Claiborne County to build an office on some part of the public square in the town of Tazewell.

County Legislative Body

The following acts once applied to the quarterly court or the county legislative body of Claiborne County and are included herein for historical purposes. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Acts of 1809, Chapter 16, changed the time of holding the courts of pleas and quarter sessions for Claiborne County to the first Mondays in January, April, July and October.
2. Acts of 1809, Chapter 93, set up the schedules for the terms of the courts of pleas and quarter sessions in every county of the state. In Claiborne County the court would meet on the fourth Monday in the February, May, August and November.
3. Acts of 1813, Chapter 134, set the time for holding the quarterly county court of Claiborne County to the second Mondays of February, May, August, and November.
4. Private Acts of 1823, Chapter 74, changed the time for holding county court to the third Monday in March, June, September, and December.
5. Private Acts of 1823, Chapter 153, authorized the county court of Claiborne County to sell the jail of said county.
6. Private Acts of 1823, Chapter 252, changed the time for holding the county court of Claiborne County to the second Mondays in March, June, September, and December.
7. Private Acts of 1829, Chapter 58, authorized the Claiborne County Court to lease the house attached to the jail.
8. Private Acts of 1913 (Ex. Sess.), Chapter 84, provided and regulated the compensation of justices of the peace in certain counties based on the 1910 Federal Census, Anderson County being one of them. The act authorized the justices of the peace to receive \$2.50 for each day in the quarterly court and an additional five cents per mile for traveling to and from the courts.
9. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 29, amended Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 811, so as to make the act apply to counties in the state with a population of not less than 23,550 nor more than 23,600 according to the Federal Census of 1910.
10. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 354, required the approval of the Claiborne County Court of all county warrants over \$500.00.
11. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 560, authorized the Claiborne County Court to use unused highway funds to repair the courthouse.
12. Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 80, validated all actions of the Claiborne County Court in issuing warrants to build a memorial to soldiers of World War I.
13. Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 320, validated all actions taken by the Claiborne County Courts in reference to a \$200,000 bond issue dated January 1, 1929.
14. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 607, validated all actions taken by the Claiborne County Court in issuing Claiborne County 1936 General Refunding Bonds in the amount of \$695,075.00.

County Register

The following act once affected the office of county register in Claiborne County, but is no longer operative.

1. Private Acts of 1831, Chapter 162, stated that all deeds of conveyance and other instruments of writing heretofore registered in Claiborne County shall be read in evidence on trials at law or in equity.

County Trustee

The following act once affected the office of county trustee in Claiborne County, but is no longer operative.

1. Private Acts of 1832, Chapter 20, authorized the county trustee of Claiborne County to pay Isom Simmons, Wesley Simmons and John Day the sum of \$39.00 for mistakenly paying circuit court fines.

General Reference

The following private or local acts constitute part of the administrative and political history of Claiborne County but are today no longer operative because they have either been superseded, repealed, or failed to receive local approval. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Acts of 1809, Chapter 80, established James Roddye's Ferry, on Powell's River in Claiborne County, as a place of public inspection.
2. Acts of 1811, Chapter 127, authorized that any money which may be remaining in the hands of the treasurer of Claiborne County, after discharging the arrearages and repairs of the courthouse and jail of the same, may be applied to other county purposes.
3. Acts of 1817, Chapter 65, Section 3, divided the state into solicitorial districts. The counties of Hawkins, Grainger, Claiborne and Campbell composed the second district.
4. Private Acts of 1823, Chapter 254, provided for the relief of John Hunt, sheriff and collector of the public taxes of Claiborne County.
5. Private Acts of 1827, Chapter 238, established an inspection for tobacco and other articles at the mouth of Gap Creek on Powell River in Claiborne County.
6. Acts of 1849-50, Chapter 162, provided for the relief of Thomas L.W. Sawyers, former revenue collector for Claiborne County, by allowing him two years to collect all arrearages of taxes for the years 1845 and 1846.
7. Private Acts of 1911, Chapter 653, provided that women were eligible for election to the office of notary public.
8. Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 354, regulated the approval of county warrants over \$500.00. This act was subsequently repealed by Private Acts of 1941, Chapter 140.
9. Private Acts of 1953, Chapter 210, created a purchasing commission for Claiborne County. This act was subsequently repealed by the Private Acts of 1955, Chapter 18.
10. Private Acts of 1967, Chapter 74, establishing the system of building permits in Claiborne County. Private Acts of 2000, Chapter 156, would have amended this act, but never received local approval.

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