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Law Enforcement - Historical Notes

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Sheriff

The following acts have no current effect but are included here for reference purposes since they once applied to the Coffee County Sheriff's Office. Also referenced below is an act which repeals prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Acts of 1841-42, Chapter 111, directed the State Treasurer to pay John Bell, the Sheriff of Coffee County, \$100, the amount paid out by him as a reward for the capture of an escaped prisoner.
2. Private Acts of 1847-48, Chapter 202, authorized the State Treasurer to pay Daniel McLean, the Sheriff of Coffee County, \$64 compensation for arresting M. D. Wilson and transporting his body to the Weakley County Jail.
3. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 807, provided that the Sheriff should receive \$1,200 compensation per year with the County Court paying any difference between the fees collected by the Sheriff and the set salary. There was a provision that the fees received from boarding prisoners were not to be considered in determining compensation under this Act. This Act was repealed by Private Acts of 1927, Chapter 397.

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