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# County Register

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## Acts of 1909 Chapter 585

WHEREAS on the 8th day of December, 1904, the courthouse of Fentress County, Tenn., was destroyed by fire, and in its destruction a great many valuable records were destroyed, among which were books "A" and "B" of the Register's office of Fentress County, Tennessee, containing the registration of all deeds, grants, and other recorded instruments from the 18th day of May, 1825, to the 12th day of April, 1838; and

WHEREAS a certain abstract company in 1896 commenced to copy the Register's books and abstract all of the land in Fentress County, and had copied and compared books "A" and "B" of said Register's office; and

WHEREAS said abstract company became involved in debt and all their assets were sold at public sale, including said copies of books "A" and "B," and the county of Fentress has recently come into the possession of said copies of books "A" and "B" by purchase, which are believed to be true and perfect copies of said books and the best evidence obtainable; therefore,

**SECTION 1.** That said copies be supplied and substituted in the room and stead of the original books "A" and "B" of the Register's office of Fentress County, Tenn.

**SECTION 2.** That certified copies from said books "A" and "B" thus supplied and substituted by the first section of this Act be evidence in all of the courts of the State of Tennessee and in the courts of the United States of America.

**SECTION 3.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 29, 1909.

## Private Acts of 1931 Chapter 516

WHEREAS, The Surveyor's Book of original surveys made on entries in Fentress County and all public copies thereof were burned when the courthouse in Jamestown burned in 1904; and,

WHEREAS, A certified copy of said Surveyor's Book was issued on the 21st day of July, 1891, by the then Register of Deeds of said county and was preserved in the hands of a private person, who owned the same; and,

WHEREAS, Said certified copy was recently very badly damaged by fire and can no longer be handled without complete destruction, but the same has been copied; and,

WHEREAS, it is desired to supply a public copy of said Surveyor's Book for use in lieu of the original destroyed book;

Now therefore,

**SECTION 1.** That the County of Fentress, by and through its Quarterly County Court, a majority of the Justices of the Peace consenting thereto, is hereby authorized to purchase a copy of said Surveyor's Book and to pay for same out of general county funds.

**SECTION 2.** That when purchased said copy of the Surveyor's Book shall be placed in the custody of the Register of Deeds of said county as a record of that office and certified copies issued from the same shall be received as evidence as if issued from the original Surveyor's Book, except that the same shall be only prima facie evidence of such surveys.

**SECTION 3.** That when a certified copy of a survey has been furnished, the Register shall collect a fee of \$1.00 from the one securing the certified copy, and said fee shall go into the general county fund for county purposes.

**SECTION 4.** That this Act take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: June 23, 1931.

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