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The following is a listing of acts that at one time affected, but no longer appear to have any effect on, hunting, fishing or animal control in Pickett County. They are included herein for reference purposes.

1. Acts of 1897, Chapter 241, made it unlawful to fish by means other than rod and line or trot line from January 1st to June 1st each year in any stream or river in Pickett County.
2. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 46, regulated fishing in the Obeds River and also provided that no citizen of Pickett County needed to pay any fee or license before fishing in the rivers and streams of that county.
3. Private Acts of 1917, Chapter 401, declared a closed season on Squirrels in Pickett, Fentress, Overton, Clay, Jackson and Macon counties on all unenclosed lands and on all enclosed lands without the verbal permission of the owner of the land.
4. Private Acts of 1919, Chapter 511, made it a misdemeanor for any person or persons owning bulls or boars to permit them to run at large after they reach the age of eight months.
5. Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 178, was a general stock law for Pickett County, covering horses, mules, donkeys, cattle, sheep, goats, swine and other livestock. This law was amended almost immediately by Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 604, to exempt certain lands in Pickett County from its application.
6. Private Acts of 1929, Chapter 501, made it legal to catch fish in any and all the streams of Pickett County by means of gig and basket for a portion of the year, and to provide for the payment of a privilege fee.
7. Private Acts of 1937, Chapter 773, authorized W. L. Garrett to practice veterinary medicine in

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