

Wright County, Missouri

WRIGHT COUNTY OFFICIALS 1877 to 1936

January

1877:

Sheriff, William L Murrell

1878:

**Swamp Land Commissioner, J M Copley
County Attorney, John T Pope
Road Commissioner, Thomas Ridgeway**

1879:

**County Judge, John Prock
County Judge, Isaac L Hart
County Judge, James A Jordan
Sheriff, Hensley
County Clerk, Forrest
Collector, James Beaumont**

August

1881:

**County Judge, John Prock
County Judge G W Calhoun
County Judge, W R Ellis**

October

1883:

**Presiding Judge, T H Patterson
Associate Judge, G Washington Calhoun
Associate Judge, W Riley Ellis
Treasurer, F M Young
Circuit Clerk, John M Forrest
Prosecuting Attorney, Thomas H Musick
Assessor, B F Hudson
Collector, W H Murrell
Surveyor, Joseph H Broyles
Sheriff, James W Hensley
Deputy Sheriff, John Newton**

**Probate Judge, W J Whittaker
Circuit Judge, Ben V Alton**

**September
1885:**

**Presiding Judge, T H Patterson
Associate Judge, James Jordan
Associate Judge, T B Matlock
Collector, B F Hudson
Circuit Clerk, J M Forrest
County Clerk, T J Montgomerie
Prosecuting Attorney, T H Musick
Sheriff, John Newton
Treasurer, James A Tate
Assessor, Jeremiah Newton
Surveyor, J H Broyles
Coroner, J Welch
Hartville Justice of Peace, E M E B Shaw
Hartville Justice of Peace, James Sparks
Hartville Constable, W J Allen**

1887:

**Presiding Judge, W R Ellis
Associate Judge, Marion Ward
Associate Judge, Jonathan Shelby
County Clerk, E C Steele
Sheriff, John Newton
Collector, B F Hudson
Circuit Clerk, J M Forrest
County Clerk, E C Steele
Prosecuting Attorney, Argus Cox
Treasurer, James A Tate
Assessor, Jerry Newton
Surveyor, J H Broyles
Coroner, F B Fuson
Probate Judge, Andrew Ross**

1888:

**North District Judge, John Prock
South District Judge, Marion Ward
Sheriff, G W Shackleford
Collector, Samuel O Shields
Assessor, A P Burton**

**Prosecuting Attorney, John T Pope
Treasurer, James S Mabon
Surveyor, C R Raney
Coroner, Eleazur Spyres
Public Administrator, Frank L Peacock**

**January
1890:**

**Presiding Judge, John Prock
South District Judge, J M McKee
North District Judge, John F Royster
Collector, S O Shields
Sheriff, John Newton
Circuit Clerk, T E Townley
County Clerk, M B Brazeal
Prosecuting Attorney, P R Young
Probate Judge, Alex Barnett
Treasurer, John Russell
Assessor, Thomas Ridgeway
Coroner, George Crisp**

**May
1890:**

**Presiding Judge, Dr. W R Ellis
South District Judge, Marion Ward
North District Judge, John Prock
Collector, Sam O Shields
Sheriff, G W Shackelford
Circuit Clerk, J M Forrest
County Clerk, E C Steele
Assessor, A J Rudd
Prosecuting Attorney, John T Pope
Treasurer, James S Mabon
Surveyor, C R Raney
Coroner, Dr. E Spyres
Public Administrator, F L Peacock**

**July 1890: Ex-Judge James Forrest was appointed by Governor Francis to replace
Presiding Judge W R Ellis, who dropped dead July 5, 1890 while walking across a field.
Ellis had been ill for several months.**

**January
1891:**

**Presiding Judge, John Prock
North Judge, John F Royster
South Judge, J M McKee
Sheriff, John Newton
Collector, Sam O Shields
Circuit Clerk, F E Townley
County Clerk, M B Brazeal
Assessor, Thomas Ridgeway
Surveyor, C R Raney
Prosecuting Attorney, P R Young
Treasurer, John Russell
Coroner, George Crisp**

**May
1894:**

**North District Judge, Joseph Palmer
South District Judge, W H Bradshaw
Sheriff, Neely Pryor
Collector, C R Raney
Circuit Clerk, F E Townley
County Clerk, M B Brazeal
Assessor, William H Edwards
Probate Judge, Alex Barnett
Treasurer, James M Crisp
Prosecuting Attorney, F M Duncan
Surveyor, E M E B Shaw
Coroner, Dr. E Spyres**

**August
1897:**

**Presiding Judge, Jasper Hickman
North District Judge, W Shaddy
South District Judge, J H Bressler
Sheriff, W H Agee
Collector, J H Robinett
Circuit Clerk, L R Schofield
County Clerk, J Breckenridge
Recorder, M A Hunter
Assessor, William H Edwards
Probate Judge, J H Cramer
Treasurer, George W Newton
Prosecuting Attorney, J T Pope
Surveyor, W H Shellhart
School Commissioner, W H Dennis
Coroner, Dr. R H Hanson**

December

1898:

**Assessor, Thomas Scott
Public Administrator, Ted Thompkins**

1899:

**Presiding Judge, William Cottengim
North District Judge, J T Wood
South District Judge, J M Hays
Sheriff, J A Cantrell
Collector, J H Robinett
Circuit Court Clerk, Lon R Schofield
County Clerk, W E Young
Recorder, J S Lathrom
Assessor, Thomas Scott
Probate Judge, J R Middleton
Treasurer, George W Newton
Prosecuting Attorney, H H Ball
Surveyor, W H Shellhart
Public Administrator, Ted Thompkins
Coroner, Dr. R H Hanson
School Commissioner, W H Dennis**

January

1915:

**County Judge, W E Young
County Judge, S W Hopper
County Judge, W A Hensley
Probate Judge: G C Murrell
County Clerk, E G Purtle
Circuit Clerk, John N Pryor Jr
Recorder, Alvah Richardson
Prosecuting Attorney, C H Jackson
**Collector, J A Dennis
Sheriff, Walter I Creer
Assessor, Cal A Stephens
Treasurer, William F Rippee
Coroner, Robert W Inman
Public Administrator, N C Claxton
School Superintendent, John M Carter
Highway Engineer, Webb Claxton**

**** (A new law making this a salaried position, instead of fee based, took effect this year.
Salary was set at \$1,200 per year.)**

March
1915:

Collector, J R Deckard**

****(Collectors were elected at the regular election in November, but did not take office until March. Other officials took office in January.)**

January
1917:

County Court Judges **same as 1915**

Prosecuting Attorney, C H Jackson

Sheriff, C G Sanders**

Assessor, G P Thomas

Treasurer, D C Carter

Public Administrator, Jesse M Carter

CSurveyor, F E Creaser

****(The following appeared in THE WRIGHT COUNTY REPUBLICAN: Sheriff Sanders, who assumed his duties as sheriff of Wright County the first of the year, has begun in a way that has won for him the approbation of all friends of temperance, sobriety and progress. Saturday, he began making Hartville look like a dry town by locking up a couple of drunks and he says he's going to keep at it until drunk men are scarcer than hen's teeth around here. He is also mapping out a plan of street work which will give the city the cleanest and best improved streets of any town of its size in Missouri. He has already made some changes and improvements in the county jail and is demonstrating at every turn that Wright County has the right sheriff. He should receive the cooperation of all peace loving citizens.)**

January
1929:

Presiding Judge, H J Schofield

South District Judge, Roy Huggans

North District Judge, W D Delk

County Clerk, R F Adams

Recorder, Arthur Williams

Sheriff, M J Crewse

Prosecuting Attorney, Leonard E Newton

Treasurer, Fay E VanNoy

Probate Judge, A L Pope

Coroner, N L Botton

Superintendent of Schools, Jonah Long

**Circuit Clerk, M C Coday
Public Administrator, L W Hensley**

**June
1934:**

**Presiding Judge, H N Moore
South District Judge, J A Douglas
North District Judge, John L Hudson
County Clerk, C C Carter
Circuit Clerk, O W Bayless
Sheriff, M P Claxton
Prosecuting Attorney, Irvin Jackson
Recorder, May Long
Treasurer, E W Sikes
School Commissioner, Jonah Long
Public Administrator, L W Hensley
Surveyor, M H Williams
Coroner, H J Steffe
Probate Judge, A L Pope**

1935:

**Presiding Judge, John S Hickman
North District Judge, John L Hudson
South District Judge, N M Ball
County Clerk, C C Carter
Circuit Clerk and Recorder, M C Coday
Sheriff, M P Claxton
Prosecuting Attorney, M J Huffman
Treasurer, E W Sikes
School Superintendent, Jonah Long
Public Administrator, L W Hensley
Surveyor, M H Williams
Coroner, H J Steffe
Probate Judge, E L Colton**

1936:

School Superintendent, Essa Findley

1936:

**Presiding Judge, Elmer Hern
South Judge, J Ray Harmes**
North Judge, Ned Pyatt
Probate Judge, E L Colton
Prosecuting Attorney, Al Turner
Circuit Clerk, June Pryor
County Clerk, Raymond Wood
Treasurer, George L Short**

****J Ray Harmes died May 25, 1963**

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