INDEXED 4-6. S. S. U. INVENTORY OF PUBLIC AUG 1 1941

VITAL STATISTICS RECORDS IN WEST VIRGINIA
BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES

Prepared by
The West Virginia Historical Records Survey
Division of Community Service Programs
Work Projects Administration

Charleston, West Virginia
The West Virginia Historical Records Survey
March 1941
The Historical Records Survey Projects

Sargent B. Child, Director
Eva Margaret Carnes, State Supervisor

Research and Records Subdivision

Harvey E. Becknell, Director
George W. Hubley, Jr., Regional Supervisor
Paul B. Shanks, State Supervisor

Division of Community Service Programs

Florence Kerr, Assistant Commissioner
Mary G. Moon, Chief Regional Supervisor
Irene Gillooly, State Director

WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION

Howard O. Hunter, Acting Commissioner
George H. Field, Regional Director
J. N. Alderson, State Administrator

Sponsor: West Virginia Department of Archives and History
Mrs. Innis C. Davis
FOREWORD

This volume, prepared by the West Virginia Historical Records Survey and here presented, represents the first attempt to list and correlate all public vital statistics records in the State of West Virginia. The fact that West Virginia vital statistics have been and are, both county and state records has added to the difficulties of the state registrar. At times this officer has been handicapped by not knowing exactly what records are available in a given county.

We feel that this work will be of assistance to us and to others in the present need for the location of our birth, death, and marriage records and will expedite the location of missing records.

H. E. STEELE

H. E. STEELE
Acting State Registrar
of Vital Statistics

Charleston, West Virginia
March 5, 1941
The Historical Records Survey was established in West Virginia in 1936 as a part of the Federal Historical Records Survey, a unit of Federal Project No. 1. Federal sponsorship was terminated August 31, 1939, and since then the West Virginia Historical Records Survey has been sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education until September 1, 1940, and by the West Virginia Department of Archives and History after that date.

The objective of the survey in West Virginia is to prepare complete inventories of the records of State, county, city, or other governmental units and of church records, newspapers, manuscript collections, and American imprints.

As recent development in National Defense employment has increased the demand for birth certificates and other vital statistic records the Historical Records Survey in West Virginia herewith presents a volume which lists all public vital statistics records in the State. The information for this volume was collected pursuant to Professional and Service Letter No. 75 to assist the Division of Vital Statistics, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This agency is publishing a summary report on public records available throughout the United States, which will be available for more general distribution. It is hoped that the work here presented will be found valuable in assistance not only to vital statisticians but to individuals who may be in doubt as to where information can be obtained in their need for birth certificates.

West Virginia's birth and death records extend from 1853, and marriage records are usually intact since the formation of the particular county in which they are recorded. From 1853 to 1921 original birth and death certificates are found in the offices of the clerks of the county court. From the latter date original certificates are filed at the office of the Registrar of Vital Statistics, State Department of Health, Charleston, West Virginia. Only the latter office can officially issue a birth or death certificate. County clerks can issue only a certificate of recording, but these are usually an acceptable substitute for a certificate.

The clerk of the county court is, and always has been, the registrar for marriage records. A report is made monthly by the clerk to the State Vital Statistics Registrar but his report is a short one. Thus the State Registrar can issue a certificate of recording for marriages but a certified copy must be obtained from the clerk of the county.

In addition to the county and State records above mentioned the Inventory of Public Vital Statistics Records in West
Preface

Virginia lists additional records, none of which are available for copies, but which can be used by research workers. These include records in the Virginia State Library at Richmond, in the State Department of Archives and History at Charleston, in the West Virginia University Library at Morgantown, in the Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington, D. C., and in the offices of the Historical Records Survey in Charleston.

In listing the county records the complete address of the custodian and the cost of certificates of recording or certified copies are given under the entry for the complete record series and an abbreviated form used in other entries. Many records are noted "no copy available." While clerks will always prepare a certified copy, due to the rush of work, the scattered conditions of filed records, and the inadequate systems of file indexing it has been deemed best, at least during the present rush period, to list these records as not available for copies. All certificates issued by the clerks are based on the record found in the register for the particular series.

Divorces in West Virginia are considered private records and so no entries are listed. No separate record is provided for this series, all divorces being treated as chancery cases, and proceedings of the case are sealed and can be opened only by court order. Orders and decrees are entered in the Chancery Order Book, of which the clerk of the circuit court is custodian.

Records are described in the sections and entries thereunder to show whether state or county records, the formation date of the county in order to explain what might otherwise appear to be missing records, the limiting dates of the series, title of the series, number of volumes or files, arrangement of record, indexing, title and address of custodian, cost of certificate of recording or certified copy. At the suggestion of Mr. Steele, Acting State Registrar, an appendix has been added which shows the alphabetical list of all counties together with their formation dates and the names of the county or counties from which they were formed. This will facilitate the searching of older records which extend to other counties.

Particular appreciation for cooperation in the preparation and publication of this book is expressed to Mr. Steele, Acting State Vital Statistics Registrar, for his advice and to the State Department of Health who kindly provided birth and death certificates which are incorporated into this volume, and for other assistance; to Mrs. Innis C. Davis, State Archivist, for her sponsorship and interest in the work and to clerks of the various county courts who cooperated wholeheartedly in the compilation of this material. Appreciation
Preface

is also expressed to the officials of the Work Projects Administration in West Virginia, especially to Mr. Joseph N. Alderson, State Administrator, Mrs. Irene Fallon Gillooly, State Director of Community Service Program Projects, and to Mr. Paul B. Shanks, State Director of Research and Records Subdivision.

The Inventory of Public Vital Statistics Records in West Virginia is the twenty-sixth publication in a series relating to West Virginia records. These publications are issued in mimeograph form for free distribution to State and local public officials in West Virginia and to a number of libraries and governmental agencies outside the State. A list of these publications appear in the back of the volume. Inquiries regarding particular publications should be addressed to the State Supervisor of West Virginia, the Historical Records Survey Projects, 210 Smallridge Building, Quarrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

EVA MARGARET CARNES
State Supervisor
The West Virginia Historical Records Survey

Charleston, West Virginia
February 14, 1941
The importance of public utility statistics has increased in recent years due to the expanded role of state utility commissions. These commissions are tasked with ensuring fair rates and services for all consumers. Public utility statistics provide valuable information for decision-making processes, both at the state and federal levels. They also help to regulate the industry, ensuring that companies meet their responsibilities to their customers.

The State Superintendent of Public Utilities is responsible for overseeing the implementation of these regulations. This involves working closely with various stakeholders, including utility companies, consumer groups, and regulatory bodies. The superintendent must ensure that the interests of both consumers and industry are balanced, and that the public utilities are operating effectively and efficiently.

In summary, the role of the State Superintendent of Public Utilities is critical in maintaining a balanced and fair system for public utilities. Through the collection and analysis of public utility statistics, this superintendent is able to make informed decisions that benefit both consumers and the industry as a whole.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>I. General Introduction</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>II. Registration of Births</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>County Registration</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate of Recording</td>
<td>12a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State Registration</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate of Birth or Stillbirth</td>
<td>14a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State Records</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>County Records</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Barbour</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Berkeley</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boone</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Braxton</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brooke</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cabell</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calhoun</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clay</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Doddridge</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fayette</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gilmer</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grant</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greenbrier</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hampshire</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hancock</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hardy</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harrison</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jackson</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jefferson</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kanawha</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lewis</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lincoln</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Logan</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marion</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marshall</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mason</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mercer</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mineral</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mingo</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monongalia</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monroe</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morgan</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>McDowell</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nicholas</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
# Table of Contents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Pendleton</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pleasants</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pocahontas</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Preston</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Putnam</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Raleigh</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Randolph</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ritchie</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Roane</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Summers</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taylor</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tucker</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tyler</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Upshur</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wayne</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Webster</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wetzel</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wirt</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wood</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wyoming</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>III.</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Registration</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>County</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate of Recording</td>
<td>32a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate of Death</td>
<td>32b</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State Records</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>County Records</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Barbour</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Berkeley</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boone</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Braxton</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brooke</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cabell</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calhoun</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clay</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Doddridge</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fayette</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gilmer</td>
<td>35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grant</td>
<td>35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greenbrier</td>
<td>35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hampshire</td>
<td>35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hancock</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hardy</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harrison</td>
<td>36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jackson</td>
<td>37</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Table of Contents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jefferson</td>
<td>37</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kanawha</td>
<td>37</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lewis</td>
<td>37</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lincoln</td>
<td>38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Logan</td>
<td>38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marion</td>
<td>38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marshall</td>
<td>38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mason</td>
<td>38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mercer</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mineral</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mingo</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monongalia</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monroe</td>
<td>39</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morgan</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>McDowell</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nicholas</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pendleton</td>
<td>41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pleasants</td>
<td>41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pocahontas</td>
<td>41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Preston</td>
<td>42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Putnam</td>
<td>42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Raleigh</td>
<td>42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Randolph</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ritchie</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Roane</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Summers</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taylor</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tucker</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tyler</td>
<td>44</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Upshur</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wayne</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Webster</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wetzel</td>
<td>45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wirt</td>
<td>46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wood</td>
<td>46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wyoming</td>
<td>46</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### IV. Registration of Marriages

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Subsection</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>County Registration</td>
<td>47</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marriage Bond</td>
<td>48a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application for License</td>
<td>50a</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>License and Minister's Return</td>
<td>50b</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certificate of Recording</td>
<td>50c</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State Registration</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monthly Return to State Registrar</td>
<td>50d</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
# Table of Contents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>State Records</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>County Records</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Barbour</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Berkeley</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boone</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Braxton</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brooke</td>
<td>52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cabell</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calhoun</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clay</td>
<td>54</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Doddridge</td>
<td>54</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fayette</td>
<td>55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gilmer</td>
<td>55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grant</td>
<td>55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greenbrier</td>
<td>56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hampshire</td>
<td>56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hancock</td>
<td>56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hardy</td>
<td>57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harrison</td>
<td>57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jackson</td>
<td>58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jefferson</td>
<td>58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kanawha</td>
<td>58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lewis</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lincoln</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Logan</td>
<td>59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marion</td>
<td>60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marshall</td>
<td>60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mason</td>
<td>60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mercer</td>
<td>61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mineral</td>
<td>61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mingo</td>
<td>61</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monongalia</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monroe</td>
<td>62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morgan</td>
<td>63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>McDowell</td>
<td>63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nicholas</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pendleton</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pleasants</td>
<td>65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pocahontas</td>
<td>65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Preston</td>
<td>66</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Putnam</td>
<td>66</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Raleigh</td>
<td>67</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Randolph</td>
<td>67</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ritchie</td>
<td>67</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Roane</td>
<td>68</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Summers</td>
<td>68</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taylor</td>
<td>69</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tucker</td>
<td>69</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tyler</td>
<td>70</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Table of Contents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Upshur</td>
<td>70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wayne</td>
<td>70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Webster</td>
<td>71</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wetzel</td>
<td>71</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wirt</td>
<td>71</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wood</td>
<td>72</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wyoming</td>
<td>72</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>V. Divorces</td>
<td>73</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Appendix. West Virginia Counties .................................. 75

Publications of the West Virginia Historical Records Survey .......................... 76
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Table of Contents

Application of the West Virginia Historical Records Survey
I. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Importance of Records. The keeping of vital statistics records has become most important with the pressing present need for birth certificates, required not only in order to establish claims to citizenship, for enlistments in military service, applications for pensions, but for employment records, especially in industries which are participating in national defense. For many years the birth and death records were consulted almost exclusively by genealogists in their attempt to establish lineages. These historical workers knew the value of birth and death records but too often the clerk considered his position as custodian of these records as only another source of revenue and if reports were made and not recorded it was a small matter. Today he is wishing that he and his predecessors had been much more careful. The volumes prepared in the past are not able to meet the needs of today. Since no adequate system of indexing has been established, it sometimes requires hours of record searching in order to prepare a certificate of recording which may mean a job or citizenship to the applicant. Careless storage of birth record books have caused them to be weakened in the spines, the glue has become dry and the pages brittle. Now that these volumes are being used many times each day they are rapidly falling to pieces. The clerks find that their staffs are so busy preparing certificates that they cannot attempt to recopy or rebind these volumes. While there are a few counties in West Virginia in which the records have been well cared for, have been recopied and adequate indices prepared, it is certainly the exception rather than the rule to find the records in condition to meet the demands of today. Fortunately our marriage records have been more frequently used in the past and are thus in very much better condition.

Development of Records. Keeping of records of marriages, births, and deaths began as the duty of the Church. The colony of Virginia followed this system and in 1659-60 the Assembly delegated the duty to the various vestries of the Episcopal Church. This enactment authorized each parish vestry to appoint officers who were to record the births, marriages, and burials in their parish.¹ In 1780 the Assembly designated the clerk of the county court as custodian of the marriage records² and with various changes throughout the years he has remained as such.

However, as the act designating the appointment by the Episcopal Church vestry of a custodian of births and burials was never rescinded, it can be said that this organization remained the official registrar until the enactment of the Vital Sta-

1. HENING, P. 542.
2. HENING, P. 362.
General Introduction

Statistics Law as a part of the Virginia Constitution of 1851 placed this duty in the hands of the clerk of the county court. Unfortunately the Protestant Episcopal Church suffered heavily in Virginia after the American Revolution and the records which should be extant too often were destroyed by fire, or lost through carelessness of individual custodians. That it remained one of the smallest denominations meant that even had the Church continued as custodian of the birth and death records, many counties and communities would have been omitted due to the fact that no church or vestry was ever established there. This is especially true of the Church west of the mountains. Today the oldest known record of births, deaths, and marriages is that of Christ Church of Clarksburg, whose records date from 1821; but it is doubtful if these cover other than the communicant families of the parish. Details as to records maintained by the various churches can be obtained by addressing the Rt. Rev. R. E. L. Strider, Bishop of West Virginia, 1300 Market Street, Wheeling, West Virginia, or consulting the Inventory of the Church Archives of West Virginia: The Protestant Episcopal Church, published by the West Virginia Historical Records Survey, 1939.

Other denominations active in mission work in the western Virginia counties have maintained better records than those of the Episcopal Church. However, these records are usually lists of memberships and baptisms of individual churches. Many of these maintain their marriage, burial, and baptismal records as private records of the minister and thus records of a church may be moved as the pastor moves and upon his death, these records fall to the hands of private individuals and are too often lost. The Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist denominations, who lead in the missionary work, have adequate membership and business records, but few of those kept as vital statistics records.

Suggestions for Users

Since the establishment of the Bureau of Vital Statistics as a part of the State Department of Health in 1921, a state file of birth and death records has been maintained and certificates can be obtained from that department (see p. 14). A short report of all marriages is made annually by the clerks of the county courts and from these records a verification of marriage can be made, but a complete certificate must be obtained from the county official. The bureau of vital statistics is adequately staffed and mail service for certificates can usually be given within a week, however in the case of unusually heavy demands this time limit cannot always be held. The records themselves are not available to individuals and records must be searched by employees of the department.

General Introduction

All records prior to those of 1921, except for cases of delayed registrations which are recorded by the Department of Health, are in the custody of the clerks of the county courts. In practically all counties these records extend from 1853, or if the county was formed at a later date, from the date of formation. Marriage records begin with the formation date of the county. These statements are true except in counties where fires have destroyed the records.

The condition of county records has, to some extent, been set forth. The present rush of requests for certificates, makes the use of these record books by individuals impractical and many clerks have suggested that genealogists, or others not needing immediate information, delay their research until a later date.

A copy of the birth, death, and marriage records of many West Virginia counties was prepared by the Historical Markers Commission, a Work Projects Administration project under the direction of Ross B. Johnston. Copies were placed in the Department of Archives and History at Charleston, in West Virginia University at Morgantown, and in the Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington, D.C. These copies, bound in loose leaf folders, are available to users of the libraries.

Other unrecorded vital statistics may be found in the cemetery stone readings now being published by the West Virginia Historical Records Survey. Information regarding these publications may be obtained from the State Supervisor, 210 Smallridge Building, Charleston.
General Information

All research projects on space of IBS are conducted by the Department of
Geosciences Research, with the support of the College of
Earth and Environment. The program is a joint effort between the
College and College of Arts, Sciences and Letters. The program,
which is funded by the National Aeronautics and Space
Administration, focuses on research in the areas of

Earth's Climate Change.

The composition of Earth's climate can be affected by

set forth. The physical basis of climate for centuries,

makes the use of space research more of interest for

improving our understanding of climate and how

many factors have contributed to our current climate.

A copy of the report was distributed to the

members of the National Academy of

Science, the American Geophysical Union, and the

International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics.

The report recommends further study of

space climate research and the need for

further research in the area.

Copies of the report are available at

http://www.nationalacademies.org/RSIS.

Information for projects

Contact information

Small

high differences, differences.
II. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

County Registration

As mentioned in the General Introduction the Protestant Episcopal Church was the first official custodian of the records of births. With the abolishment of the Protestant Episcopal Church as a State establishment the keeping of birth records, to a large extent, ceased. While the act placing responsibility for birth records upon the church was never repealed, the Episcopal Church, through custom, began to keep birth and baptismal records of communicants of the parish rather than of the community or county as a whole. Thus official birth records in Virginia were not established until the Constitution of 1851. This law, which became effective January 1, 1854, required that the clerk of each county court keep a book entitled Registration of Births. The actual registrar was the commissioner of revenue, today known as the assessor, who when he made assessments inquired if any births had occurred in the family since the last assessment. He was required to keep a record of such births reported to him and to turn these records over to the clerk, who compiled his records from these reports. An enactment of 1854 further required that the clerk furnish a copy of his record to the Auditor of Virginia and thus we find scattered birth records in the Virginia State Library.

This system of recordkeeping was retained when the constitution of West Virginia was adopted in 1863, with the assessor designated as the registrar. The recorder, an officer who partially replaced the clerk of the county court, became the official custodian and served until the office was abolished by the Constitution of 1872 when the clerk again became the official custodian.

In 1887 the Legislature put the supervision of the State system of registration of births in the hands of the State Department of Health. This board furnished all forms and recommended legislation for the registration of births. The secretary of the board served as State Registrar of Vital Statistics. Every physician and accoucheur was required to register with and report all births to the county court. The clerk of the county court was required to transmit annually to the
Registration of Births

Registrar of Vital Statistics a report of births happening within the year and such reports were kept in the office of the Registrar of Vital Statistics.¹

The law was somewhat altered in 1904, when the Legislature required the county clerk to furnish annually to the assessor of his county a copy of the index of births. These indexes were compiled by the county clerk from the record in his office. The assessor was to inquire of the persons assessed by him whether any births had taken place within the county for that year which did not appear in the said books.²

Since 1921 the State has been divided into registration districts. Each city, incorporated town, and magisterial district constitutes a primary registration district for births and deaths. The State Department of Health may alter such districts. The State Registrar of Vital Statistics appoints in each district a local registrar of vital statistics. The registrar supplies blank forms of certificates to such persons as require them. He examines carefully each certificate when presented to him for recordation. The local registrar makes a complete copy of each birth certificate and transmits each month to the State Registrar all original certificates registered by him for the preceding month and the copies of such certificates as compiled by him. In order that the county may have a complete record of the births occurring within the county the State Registrar transmits each month to the county clerk, the copies of the local registrar's compilation from which the county clerk makes a record of births. It has become customary for the county clerks to destroy these copies when the record is made.

Each local registrar appoints a deputy whose duty it is to act in his stead in case of absence or disability. He may also appoint one or more suitable persons as assistants.

When a physician, midwife, or person acting as midwife was in attendance upon the birth it is the duty of such person to file a certificate of birth. If no such attendant was present it is the duty of the father or mother of the child or the manager of the institution where the birth occurred, each in the order named, within 10 days after the date of the birth to report to the local registrar the fact of such birth.³

No changes have been made in the law concerning the registration of births since the act of 1921.⁴

---

¹ W. Va. Acts, 1887, ch. 64, secs. 23-25.
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, ss:

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Kanawha County

I, Paul E. Wehrle, Clerk of the County Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, and

as such Clerk having care and custody of the records of births of said county, do certify that the said records show that ........................................... was born at .................................................., Kanawha County, W. Va., on the ............. day of ..............................................

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Father's Name</th>
<th>Occupation</th>
<th>Address</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mother's Maiden Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Information returned by ............................................, a (physician, mid-wife, etc.)

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at the City of Charleston, this the ............. day of .............................................., 19...

Clerk of the County Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia
STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY COURT OF KALAMAY COUNTY

Plaintiff, Plaintiff,

vs.

Defendant, Defendant.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY COURT OF KALAMAY COUNTY

Plaintiff, Plaintiff,

vs.

Defendant, Defendant.
Registration of Births

The clerk of the county court, under the present statute, has no authority to issue a birth certificate by use of D.V.S. Form No. 1. These can be issued only by the State Registrar. The clerk can and does issue, as custodian of county records, a certificate stating that the record is to be found in his office. Although commonly known as a birth certificate, it is actually a certificate of recording and is acceptable as legal proof of birth.

Although the charge for the issuance of a birth certificate has been definitely set by statute for the Department of Health, no fixed charge has been set for county records. Costs of certificates of recording vary with counties and may range from $.25 to $1. The fee charged is shown at the end of each county record. It has become customary for the clerks to provide free certificates to the Department of Public Assistance and in many counties no charge is made to war veterans.

State Registration

The first establishment of the State Vital Statistics Registrar was incorporated into the legislative enactment of 1887 when provision was made for such an officer. He worked under the supervision of the State Board of Health, serving that body as secretary and as such, in the ex officio capacity of vital statistics registrar. This enactment required that every physician and midwife make a monthly report of all births to the clerk of the county court and that the clerks maintain separate records for births and make an annual report to the registrar of vital statistics, receiving as compensation for this service, two cents for each name reported by him with the penalty of a fine of $100 for failure to make this report.

While the act of 1887 indicates that an attempt was made to establish a centralized system of vital statistics it is difficult to determine to just what extent it was carried out. The minute book of the Board of Health indicates that a salary was provided for the registrar, specifying that out of the appropriated $500 the registrar was to employ a "stenographer and typewriter." The secretary, as vital statistics registrar, made an annual report which is incorporated into the biennial reports of the Board of Health in the form of statistical tables. That he had difficulty in securing cooperation of the county clerks, who may have felt that vital statistics registration was their sole right, is evidenced in his frequent complaints in his reports to the board, that the clerks did not make reports to him. An attempt was made in 1891 to "put

1. W. Va. Acts, 1887, Ch. 64, Sec. 23; Code of W. Va., Harth, 1899, Ch. 150, Sec. 23; W. Va. Annotated Code, 1906, Ch. 150, Sec. 23; Code of W. Va., Hogg, 1913, Ch. 150, Sec. 23; Code of W. Va., Barnes, 1918, Ch. 150, Sec. 23.
Registration of Births

teeth in the law" and an enactment by the Legislature in that year made the clerk's surety liable for payment of the already established fine.1 In the report to the Board of Health in 1893-942 the registrar complained that the clerks refused to furnish the necessary information for his report.

Just how this act of 1887 was interpreted cannot be determined. The payment of two cents for every name reported by the clerk indicates that it was meant to be more than a statistical report but if it was established as such no records exist today.

About 1915 a movement was instituted to establish a more complete system for recording vital statistics. A bill was prepared and presented to the State Legislature in 1917. It passed the House of Delegates but failed to pass the Senate. Again in 1919 the bill was presented but the House and Senate were involved in the Virginia Debt legislation and the vital statistics bill was laid aside. It was not until the Legislature met again in 1921 that the bill was passed.

In the meantime, the Board of Health, apparently in an attempt to speed up action in the establishment of the state records of vital statistics, reverted to the Act of 1887 and a vital statistics registrar was appointed. It may be that a ruling of the Attorney General interpreted the early act to provide for the centralization of copies of birth and death certificates but as the opinions of the Attorney General for this period were lost in the capitol fire in 1921 a copy is not now available. However, the vital statistics registrar functioned with the county court clerks sending copies of all birth and death registrations to the state office until 1921 when the legislative enactment established local registrars appointed by the state office and the certificates became state records.

The 1921 enactment provided that the State Department of Health have charge of the registration of births, deaths, and marriages; that the department prepare instructions, forms and blanks, and supervise the registration; that duplicate copies of all birth and death records be sent to the clerks of the various counties and that the department "shall be charged with the uniform and thorough enforcement of the law throughout the state."3 The State Registrar is appointed, by this act, by the State Commissioner of Health and is required to be

Registration of Births

a medical practitioner with 5 years practice in his profession and a competent vital statistician. He holds office for four years.¹

Each city, incorporated town, and each magisterial district constitutes a primary registration district for births and deaths, and one local registrar is appointed by the State Registrar for each district.² Each birth, or stillbirth, must be registered with the local registrar who prepares the certificate and sends it to the State Registrar³ (for contents of birth certificate see p. 14a). These certificates are filed in loose leaf binders for each month and an adequate alphabetical index is prepared thereto.⁴ A complete copy of the original certificate is prepared and sent to the clerk of the county court in which county the birth occurs.⁵ Birth certificates are only issued by this department,⁶ the clerks of county courts issuing certificates of recording.

State Records


1917— Birth Certificates. 1,924 vols. Arr. by months in groups of 500; separate general index arr. alph. by first two letters of name of child. State Registrar.

1923— Delayed Stillbirth Certificates. 17 vols. Arr. by months in groups of 500; indexed alph. in General Index. State Registrar.

1923— Stillbirth Certificates. 57 vols. Arr. by months in groups of 500; indexed alph. in General Index. State Registrar.

County Records

BARBOUR COUNTY (FORMED 1843)


² Ibid., secs. 3, 4.
³ Ibid., secs. 12, 13, 14.
⁴ Ibid., sec. 17.
⁵ Ibid., sec. 18.
⁶ Certified copies are prepared at a cost of 50 cents except for copies needed for veteran's pension applications and by the Department of Public Assistance which are provided free of charge.
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS


BERKELEY COUNTY (FORMED 1772)


1865— Register of Births (orig.). 22 vols. Prior records may have been destroyed during Civil War. Arr. chron.; indexed Alph. Clerk of County Court, Martinsburg, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).


1853— Birth certificates. 18 file boxes (scattered certificates). 1853-1921, orig.; 1921-, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. (No copies available).

BOONE COUNTY (FORMED 1847)


BRAXTON COUNTY (FORMED 1836)

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS


1853- Birth Record. 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Sutton, Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).


1887-1908, Birth certificates. 6 file boxes. 1887-1908, orig.; 1927--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

BROOKE COUNTY (Formed 1796)


1853- Register of Births. 5 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Wellsburg, Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

1853- Birth certificates. 15 boxes. 1893-1913 also in file labeled Births and Deaths. 1893-1921, orig.; 1921--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

CABELL COUNTY (Formed 1809)


CALHOUN COUNTY (Formed 1856)


1889-99, Birth certificates. 6 file boxes. Labeled Births and Deaths. 1889-1921, orig.; 1921--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

CLAY COUNTY (FORMED 1858)


1858- Birth Record. 7 vols. Labeled Births and Deaths, 1858-1926; Birth Record, 1927–. Arr. alph.; no index. Clerk of County Court, Clay, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).


DODDRIE COUNTY (FORMED 1845)


1853- Birth Register. 7 vols. Arr. by yrs. and alph. thereafter, no index. 1853-1924; Arr. chron., and indexed alph., 1924–. Clerk of County Court, West Union, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

FAYETTE COUNTY (FORMED 1831)


1866-- Birth Record. 6 vols. Prior records probably destroyed when courthouse was burned during Civil War. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Fayetteville, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 85 cents).


1911-13 Birth certificates. 10 bdls. 1911-13, orig.; 1923–, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. 1923–. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

GILMER COUNTY (FORMED 1845)

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS


1871-- Register of Births. 6 vols. Arr. alph.; no index. Clerk of County Court, Glenville, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

1826-- Birth certificates. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

Grant County (formed 1866)

1866-- Register of Births. 3 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Petersburg, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

1926-- Birth certificates. In file labeled Papers-County Court. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

Greenbrier County (formed 1866)


Hampshire County (formed 1753)


1884-- Register of Births. 5 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Romney, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

1921-- Birth certificates, 2 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

Hancock County (formed 1848)


1853-- Register of Births. 6 vols. Arr. alph. by yrs.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, New Cumberland, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

1922-- Birth certificates. 9 file drawers and 6 binders. Arr. chron.; indexed. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

HARDY COUNTY (FORMED 1785)


1866-1911 Register of Births and Deaths (Assessor's List). 41 vols. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

1887-1918 Birth certificates. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

HARRISON COUNTY (FORMED 1784)


1853-- Register of Births. 18 vols. Arr. alph.; separate alph. index. Clerk of County Court, Clarksburg, W. Va. (Certificate of recording or photocopy, 50 cents).

1914-- Birth certificates. 1 bundle. 1914-21, orig.; 1921--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

JACKSON COUNTY (FORMED 1831)


1853-- Register of Births. 3 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Ripley, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

1910-17 Birth certificates. 2 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

JEFFERSON COUNTY (FORMED 1801)


REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

KANAWHA COUNTY (FORMED 1788)


1853-- Register of Births. 7 vols. Arr. chron.; separate alph. index. Clerk of County Court, Charleston, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

LEWIS COUNTY (FORMED 1816)


1853-- Birth certificates. 5 file boxes and 42 folders. 1853-1921, orig.; 1921--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

LINCOLN COUNTY (FORMED 1867)


1909-16 Birth certificates. 3 file boxes. 1909-21, orig.; 1921--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1926--

LOGAN COUNTY (FORMED 1824)


1853-- Register of Births, W.V. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Logan, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

MARION COUNTY (FORMED 1842)


REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS


1922 Birth certificates. 1 file box and 5 cardboard boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

MARSHALL COUNTY (FORMED 1835)


MASON COUNTY (FORMED 1804)


1853-- Register of Births. 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Point Pleasant, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 75 cents).


1906-20 Birth certificates. 2 file draws. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

MCDOWELL COUNTY (FORMED 1850)


MERCE COUNTY (FORMED 1837)


REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

MINERAL COUNTY (FORMED 1866)


1866-- Register of Births. 4 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed Alph. Clerk of County Court, Keyser, W. Va. (Certificate of recording or photostat, 50 cents).


MINGO COUNTY (FORMED 1895)


1921-22 1937--

MONONGALIA COUNTY (FORMED 1776)


MONROE COUNTY (FORMED 1799)


REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS


MORGAN COUNTY (FORMED 1820)


1887-- Birth certificates. 1 file box and 1 file drw. 1887-1921, orig.; 1921--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

NICHOLAS COUNTY (FORMED 1818)


1905-- Register of Births. 5 vols. Arr. alph. by yrs.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Summersville, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).


1886-1916 Birth certificates. 2 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

OHIO COUNTY (FORMED 1776)


1881 Register of Births. 1 vol. Orig. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, W. Va. (No copies available).

1853-- Register of Births. 60 vols. 1881 copied from preceding entry. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Wheeling, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, $1).
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

PENDLETON COUNTY (FORMED 1788)


1853-61 Register of Births (copies). Labeled Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Arr. chron.; no index. State Archivist, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va. (No copies available.)

1853-1917 Birth certificates. In file labeled County Court Papers. No arr.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

PLEASANTS COUNTY (FORMED 1851)


1901 Birth certificates. 4 file boxes. 1901, orig.; 1921--; copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

1921--

POCAHONTAS COUNTY (FORMED 1821)


1907-17 Register of Births and Deaths (Assessor's List). 8 vols. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

1917- Birth certificates. 16 bundles. 1917-21, orig.; 1921--; copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

PRESTON COUNTY (Formed 1818)


1869-1902 Birth certificates. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

PUTNAM COUNTY (Formed 1848)


1892-90 Birth certificates. 5 file boxes. 1892-1921, orig.; 1921—, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

RALEIGH COUNTY (Formed 1850)


RANDOLPH COUNTY (Formed 1787)

### Registration of Births

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1853-62</td>
<td>Register of Births. 8 vols. Arr. alph. by yrs.; no index. Clerk of County Court, Elkins, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents; certified copy of record, §1).</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Ritchie County (formed 1843)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

#### Roane County (formed 1856)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

#### Summers County (formed 1871)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

#### Taylor County (formed 1844)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Notes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS


1853-- Birth certificates. 5 file boxes. 1934-- also in files labeled County Court papers. 1853-1921, orig.; 1921--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

TUCKER COUNTY (Formed 1856)


1856-- Register of Births. 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Parsons, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

1889-- Birth certificates. 11 file boxes and 4 envelopes. 1889-1921, orig.; 1921--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

TYLER COUNTY (Formed 1814)


UPSHUR COUNTY (Formed 1851)


1853-- Register of Births. 6 vols. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court, Buckhannon, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).


1870-- Birth certificates. 4 file boxes. 1870-1921, orig.; 1921--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).
REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS

WAYNE COUNTY (FORMED 1842)


1854-- Register of Births. 7 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Wayne, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, $1).


WEBSTER COUNTY (FORMED 1860)


WETZEL COUNTY (FORMED 1846)


1890-- Birth certificates. 25 file boxes. 1890-1921, orig.; 1921--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

VIRT COUNTY (FORMED 1848)


1870-- Record of Births. 3 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Elizabeth, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

1900-1909 Birth certificates. 4 envelopes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).
WOOD COUNTY (FORMED 1798)


WYOMING COUNTY (FORMED 1850)


III. REGISTRATION OF DEATHS

County Registration

The clerk of the county court served as registrar of deaths until 1921 when the Vital Statistics Law was passed by the West Virginia Legislature. All enactments relating to the keeping of birth records also related to death records. For detailed essay and documentation see Registration of Births, p. 11.

The State Registrar of Vital Statistics today receives death certificates from the local registrar and forwards a copy to the clerk in the county in which the death occurred. These certificates are recorded in the record provided and it is becoming a custom for the clerk to destroy the copy which he received from the State Registrar. This is largely due to the lack of sufficient filing space in a large number of courthouses. Any certificates issued are based on the recorded certificate, not on the certificate itself. As in births the clerk issues a simple statement of the recording of the record with his certification rather than a copy of the record itself (see sample form), the standard Bureau of Census certificate being issued only by the State Registrar. The charge made varies with the counties.

State Registration

The laws which established the keeping of births also established the keeping of death records and the essay on Registration of Births should be consulted for details and citations. Complete death certificates are filed at the State Registrar's office, where the original certificates are bound in monthly groups of 500 and are indexed in a general alphabetical index. Certified copies of the certificates are issued on standard Bureau of Census forms. A charge of 50 cents is made for this service except to the Department of Public Assistance, The United States Census Bureau, and veterans making application for pensions or hospitalization, when no charge is made.

State Records


Registration of Deaths

BARBOUR COUNTY (formed 1843)


BERKELEY COUNTY (formed 1772)


1853-99 Death certificates. 16 file boxes. Labeled Births and Deaths. 1853-1921, orig.; 1921- on, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

BOONE COUNTY (formed 1847)


BRAXTON COUNTY (formed 1836)

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, ss:

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Kanawha County

I, ........................................................................................................................., Clerk of the County Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia, and as such Clerk having care and custody of the records of deaths of said county, do certify that the said records show that ................................................................. died at ................................................................................................................................., on the ........ day of ............., 19........ as shown by the certificate of death returned by ................................................................................................................................., A ................................................................................................................................., of said County.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at the City of Charleston, this the .................................................................................................................. day of .........................................................................................................................., 19........

..............................................................................................................................

Clerk of the County Court of Kanawha County, West Virginia
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
WEST VIRGINIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  

1. Place of Death:
   (a) County
   (b) Magisterial District
   (c) City or town
      (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL and give town)
   (d) Address
      (Street address, hospital, or institution)
   (e) Length of stay in hospital or inst. (yrs., mos., or days)
   (f) Length of stay in this community (yrs., mos., or days)

2. Home (Usual Residence) of Deceased:
   (a) State
   (b) County
   (c) City or town
      (If outside city or town limits, write RURAL and give town)
   (d) Street No
      (If rural give location)
   (e) If foreign born, how long in U. S. A.? —— years.

3. Full Name
   (a) If veteran, name war
   (b) Social Security No.

4. Sex

5. Color or race

6. (a) Single, married, widowed, or divorced.
   (b) Name of husband or wife
   (c) If alive, give age — years

7. Birth date of deceased (mo., day, yr.)

8. Age Years Months Days If less than one day
   hr. min.

9. Birthplace (Town, county, and state)

10. Usual occupation

11. Industry or business

12. Name

13. Birthplace

14. Maiden Name

15. Birthplace

16. (a) Informant’s signature
   (b) Address

17. (a) Date thereof
      (Burial, cremation, or removal) (month) (day) (year)
   (b) Date thereof

18. (a) Funeral director (signature)
   (b) Address
      Fr. Dir. License No. Embalmers No.

19. Filed 19 —
   Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

20. Date of death — 19 —, at — M.

21. I certify that death occurred on the date above stated; that I
    attended deceased from — 19 —, to — 19 —,
    and that I last saw him alive on — 19 —.

Immediate cause of death

Due to

Due to

Other conditions

(Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)

Major findings:

Of operations

Of autopsy

22. If external causes contributed to the death fill in the following:
   (a) Accident, suicide, or homicide
   (b) Date of occurrence
   (c) Where did injury occur? (City or town) (County) (State)
   (d) Did injury occur about home, on farm, industrial place, in
      public place? While at work?
      (Specify type of place)
   (e) Means of injury

23. Signature
   M. D. or other
   Date signed
Registration of Deaths

COPIES OF RECORD AT WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, MORGANTOWN, W. VA., AND LIBRARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

1853-61

1853--

1853-86
Index to Deaths (Assessor’s List). 1 vol. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1887-1908
Death certificates. 6 file boxes. 1887-1908, orig.; 1927-33, copies. Arr. chron.; 1927-33, no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

BROOKE COUNTY (Formed 1796)

1853-99

1853-61

1853--

1889-1913
Death certificates. 1 file box. 1889-1913 in file labeled Births and Deaths. 1889-1913, orig.; 1921--1913, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

CABELL COUNTY (Formed 1809)

1853-99

1853-61

1853--

1901-1B

CALHOUN COUNTY (Formed 1856)

1856-99
REGISTRATION OF DEATHS


1855-81 Death Record. 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Grantsville, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).


CLAY COUNTY (Formed 1858)


1897-1916 Death certificates. 1 file box. No obvious arr.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

GOODRIDGE COUNTY (Formed 1845)


1853-- Register of Deaths. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by yrs.; no index. Clerk of County Court, West Union, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

FAYETTE COUNTY (Formed 1831)


REGISTRATION OF DEATHS


1911-13,  Death certificates. 5 bundles. 1911-13, orig.; 1923--. copies. Arr. chron.; no index. 1923-- Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

GILMER COUNTY (Formed 1845)


1853--  Death Record. 3 vols. Arr. alph.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Glenville, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

1926--  Death certificates. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

GRANT COUNTY (Formed 1866)


1866--  Register of Deaths. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by yrs.; no index. Clerk of County Court, Petersburg, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

1926--  Death certificates. 2 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

GREENBRIER COUNTY (Formed 1778)


1853--  Register of Deaths. 6 vols. Arr. alph. by yrs.; no index. Clerk of County Court, Lewisburg, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).


HAMPDEN COUNTY (Formed 1753)

REGISTRATION OF DEATHS


1921-- Death certificates. 2 file boxes and 20 bundles. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

HANCOCK COUNTY (Formed 1848)


1908

1824-- Death certificates. 9 file boxes and 6 bundles. Labeled Births and Deaths. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

HARDY COUNTY (Formed 1783)


1887-1918 Death certificates. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

HARRISON COUNTY (Formed 1784)


### Registration of Deaths

**Jackson County (Formed 1831)**

**Jefferson County (Formed 1801)**

**Kanawha County (Formed 1788)**
- 1854-83 *Index to Deaths (Assessor's List).* 1 vol. Labeled Index to Births, Deaths and Marriages. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

**Lewis County (Formed 1816)**
- 1853-- *Death certificates.* 5 file boxes and 42 bundles. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).
LINCOLN COUNTY (FORMED 1867)


1929—Death certificates. 1 file box. No obvious arr.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

LOGAN COUNTY (FORMED 1824)


MARION COUNTY (FORMED 1842)


1922—Death certificates. 1 file box and 5 cardboard boxes. Arr. Chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

MARSHALL COUNTY (FORMED 1835)


MASON COUNTY (FORMED 1804)

REGISTRATION OF DEATHS


1866-86 Deaths (Assessor's List), 40 vols. Labeled Births and Deaths, Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

1906-20 Death certificates, 2 file drws. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

MCDOWELL COUNTY (FORMED 1858)


1858-- Register of Deaths, 10 vols. Arr. alph.; no index. Clerk of County Court, Welch, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).

MERCER COUNTY (FORMED 1837)


MINERAL COUNTY (FORMED 1866)


1887-1905 Death Record (Assessor's List), 1 vol. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

1910-18 Death certificates, 2 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

MINGO COUNTY (FORMED 1895)


MONONGALIA COUNTY (FORMED 1776)


1853-61 Register of Deaths (copies), Labeled Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Arr. chron.; no index. State Archivist, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va. (No copies available).
REGISTRATION OF DEATHS


1897-1919 Death certificates. 2 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

MONROE COUNTY (Formed 1799)


1853-1920 Death certificates. 3 file boxes. 1853-1920, orig. 1932—, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

MORGAN COUNTY (Formed 1820)


1887-1919 Death certificates. 1 file box and 1 file dwn. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

MORGAN COUNTY (Formed 1820)

NICHOLAS COUNTY (Formed 1818)


1853—— Register of Deaths. 3 vols. Arr. alpha. by yrs.; no index. Clerk of County Court, Summersville, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents).


1886-1916 Death certificates. 2 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

OHIO COUNTY (Formed 1776)

Registration of Deaths

COPIES OF RECORD AT WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, MORGANTOWN, W. VA., AND LIBRARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

1853-61 REGISTER OF DEATHS (COPIES). LABELED REGISTER OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. STATE ARCHIVIST, VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY, RICHMOND, VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

1853-- RECORD OF DEATHS. 77 VOLS. ARR. ALPH. BY YRS.; SEPARATE ALPH. INDEX. CLERK OF COUNTY COURT, WHEELING, W. VA. (CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING, $1).

1881 REGISTER OF DEATHS. 1 VOL. ARR. CHRON.; INDEXED ALPH. WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, MORGANTOWN, W. VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

PENDLETON COUNTY (FORMED 1788)

1853-94 DEATH RECORDS (COPY). PART OF 1 VOL. ARR. ALPH.; NO INDEX. STATE ARCHIVIST, DEPT. OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, STATE CAPITOL, CHARLESTON, W. VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE). Duplicates of record at WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, MORGANTOWN, W. VA., AND LIBRARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

1853-61 REGISTER OF DEATHS (COPIES). LABELED REGISTER OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. STATE ARCHIVIST, VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY, RICHMOND, VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

1853-- REGISTER OF DEATHS. 2 VOLS. VOL. 1, ARR. ALPH.; VOL. 2, ARR. CHRON.; INDEXED ALPH. CLERK OF COUNTY COURT, FRANKLIN, W. VA. (CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING, 50 CENTS).

1853-1917 DEATH CERTIFICATES. 1853-1914 IN COUNTY COURT PAPERS; 1914-17 IN BIRTHS AND DEATHS. NO ARR.; NO INDEX. CLERK OF COUNTY COURT. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

PLEASANTS COUNTY (FORMED 1851)

1853-99 DEATH RECORDS (COPY). 1 VOL. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. STATE ARCHIVIST, DEPT. OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, STATE CAPITOL, CHARLESTON, W. VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE). Duplicates of record at WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, MORGANTOWN, W. VA., AND LIBRARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

1853-61 REGISTER OF DEATHS (COPIES). LABELED REGISTER OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. STATE ARCHIVIST, VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY, RICHMOND, VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

1853-- REGISTER OF DEATHS. 2 VOLS. ARR. CHRON.; INDEXED ALPH. CLERK OF COUNTY COURT, ST. MARYS, W. VA. (CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING, 50 CENTS).

1860, 1870 REGISTER OF DEATHS. 1 VOL. (OBSOLETE). ARR. CHRON.; INDEXED ALPH. CLERK OF COUNTY COURT. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

1901, 1909, 1920, ORIG.; 1921-- COPIES. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. CLERK OF COUNTY COURT. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

POCAHONTAS COUNTY (FORMED 1821)

1854-99 DEATH RECORDS (COPY). 1 VOL. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. STATE ARCHIVIST, DEPT. OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, STATE CAPITOL, CHARLESTON, W. VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE). Duplicates of record at WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, MORGANTOWN, W. VA., AND LIBRARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Registration of Deaths


1918--  Birth certificates. 11 bundles. 1918-21, orig.; 1921--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

PRESUM COUNTY (Formed 1818)


1918--  Death certificates. 11 bundles. 1918-21, orig.; 1921--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

PUTNAM COUNTY (Formed 1848)


1892-1915, Death certificates. 3 file boxes. 1892-1915, orig.; 1923--, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

RALEIGH COUNTY (Formed 1850)


REGISTRATION OF DEATHS


RANDOLPH COUNTY (Formed 1787)


1853-- Register of Deaths. 5 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of County Court, Elkens, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents; certified copy, $1).


1906-- Death certificates. Labeled Births and Deaths. 1906-21, orig.; 1921-6, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

RITCHIE COUNTY (Formed 1843)


ROANE COUNTY (Formed 1856)


1886-1908, 1932-- Death certificates. 8 file boxes. 1886-1908, orig.; 1932-6, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).
REGISTRATION OF DEATHS

SUMMERS COUNTY (FORMED 1871)


1903-16 Death certificates. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court, (No copies available).

TAYLOR COUNTY (FORMED 1844)


1853-51 Death certificates. 5 file boxes. 1853-1851, orig.; 1851-1859, copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court, (No copies available).

TUCKER COUNTY (FORMED 1856)


1889-89 Death certificates. 11 file boxes and 6 envelopes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

TYLER COUNTY (FORMED 1814)


REGISTRATION OF DEATHS


UPSHUR COUNTY (FORMED 1851)


1887-93 Death certificates. 2 file boxes and 1 envelope. 1887-1916, orig.; 1921--, copies. 1921-25. 1930--

WAYNE COUNTY (FORMED 1842)


1887-1916 Death certificates. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. (No copies available).

WEBSTER COUNTY (FORMED 1860)


WETZEL COUNTY (FORMED 1846)


1890-- Death certificates. 14 file drws. 1850-1921, orig.; 1921--., copies. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

Wirt County (formed 1848)


1905-10 Death certificates. 5 envelopes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

Wood County (formed 1798)


Wyoming County (formed 1850)


1921-27 Death certificates. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).
The earliest Virginia laws relating to the performance of marriage ceremonies and the keeping of records placed much of the duty in the hands of the officers of the Episcopal Church. In 1631-32 the minister or church warden was the recording officer and was required to make an annual report to the quarterly court of the marriages performed in his parish. In 1642-43 an enactment changed this time of reporting to each monthly meeting but it was not until 1659-60 that a definite county record was established. The latter enactment required that the parish clerk report his list of marriages annually to the county clerk and "that the same shall remain on record forever." The following year the duty of keeping the marriage register seems to have been placed in the hands of the minister. In 1696 an act of the Assembly required the clerk of the county court to have a parent's consent, signed by two witnesses before issuance of a marriage license. In 1705 the clerk was required to report annually to the Governor, a list of licenses so issued by him and to place in the hands of the sheriff the fees from such licenses which were due the Governor. The same act empowered the justice of the peace to sign and direct the license if the parties were under legal age. An act in 1748 made it necessary to procure a license or have banns published three times before a marriage could take place and the clerk was designated as the issuing officer for the license. The act further specified that the clerk deliver annually to the Governor a list of the marriages and fees due him from these licenses. The banns mentioned could be published by the clerk of the parish in absence of a priest and, upon publication the clerk issued a certificate, and this, together with a certificate issued by a justice of the peace showing that the woman had been a resident of the parish for a period of 30 days constituted permission for marriage. Slaves were required to have a certificate from the masters before a marriage could take place. The varied use of the words license and certificate used throughout the old statutes tends to confuse the researcher as it is not clear just what constituted these licenses and whether or not a license and a certificate were the same.

2. *Ibid., p. 241.*
4. *2 Hening, p. 54.*
5. *3 Hening, p. 150.*
7. *Ibid., p. 443.*
8. *5 Hening, p. 81.*
9. *Ibid., p. 82.*
10. *Ibid., p. 84.*
11. *Ibid., pp. 82-84.*
Registration of Marriages

In 1736 the privilege of performing marriage ceremonies was extended to clergy of all denominations and definite provisions were made for the maintenance of a county record. It was required that a certificate of every marriage must be signed by the officiating clergyman and sent to the clerk of the county court. These certificates must be sent at least every three months "to be entered upon record by such clerk, in a book to be kept by him for such purpose."1

The certificates issued by ministers in compliance with this law are still to be found in many counties and usually consist of a simple list of the marriages performed, with the signature of the minister and the date of the report. In many of the old records it appears that the minister entered his marriages on the marriage record whenever he visited the county town. From these reports grew the term often seen in the records of the older counties and used as a label for the marriage record, "Minister's Returns." Sometime during this period the marriage bond came into use. This was a bond given by the groom and signed by at least one bondsman. The bond was given to the Governor of Virginia for the sum of $150 and later for $150 saying that a marriage was about to be consummated. Whether or not these bonds constituted a legal marriage cannot be determined but it is certain that it was considered so in the western counties where ministers were few.

In 1784 an enactment required that a certificate of marriages be signed by the minister and returned to the clerk every 12 months.2

The scarcity of ministers in the western counties had created a serious legal situation and by the Virginia Code of 1819 all marriages having taken place prior to that date were legalized. The same Code continued the annual reports of marriages by ministers and the maintenance of a county Marriage Record.3 The use of bonds continued until the Code of 1849 when it was ordered that licenses be issued by the clerk of the county court and the minister's report must be made within three months after the marriage.4 The Code further specified that an index be prepared to the marriage record.

A legislative enactment in 1852 established the marriage license in use today. The clerk was required to issue a license and the minister to make immediate return thereon, recording being required within 20 days after receipt of the certificate. The record was required to show the names of

1. 10 HENING, p. 362.
2. 11 HENING, p. 505.
4. ibid., 1849, ch. 108.
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE
are held and firmly bound unto......................Esquire,
Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, for the time being,
and his successors, for the use of the said Commonwealth, in
the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars; to which payment
well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our, and each
of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and
severely, by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated
this...........day of......................18........

WHEREAS, a Marriage is suddenly intended to be had and
solemnized between

NOW the condition of the above obligation is such, that
if there be no lawful cause, of just impediment to obstruct
the said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, else
to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed and acknowledged ) ......................(Seal)
 in the presence of ) ......................(Seal)
)

MARRIAGE BOND - ABOLISHED
By Virginia Code, 1849
KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT

the said and usually used mark or

designation of the community of Alltech, for the time being,

and the successors, for the use of the said community, in

the said or the naming any filling parties to which the

said or any other to be made, and any name, and, the said

name or names, &c., and any modifications thereof, jointly

several, or, if necessary, separate with any name, may lawfully

be used in all and any of

and

WHEREAS, a warrant to enable the parties to enter

and

solicit or seek

Now the condition of the above application as such, that

If there be no lawful cause, or that it is impracticable or impracticable to do any other

the said parties enter the said application for any other

to remain in full force and effect

(See)...........................................

(See)...........................................

(See)...........................................

The presence of

MARTINEZ POPOC - ALTERED

El Almacen

Cave, Tex
Registration of Marriages

the parties, ages and condition before marriage, place of their birth and residence, occupation of the male, and names of parents of both parties. Annual returns of marriages were to be made by the clerk to the State Auditor.

With the formation of West Virginia the county clerk was replaced by the recorder who became the official custodian of the marriage record. The first code of the new state specified the form of license to be issued being much the same as that in use today (see p. 50b) and ordered that the recorder, in issuing such license, should enter in a record book all the facts ascertained by him, constituting the same information required by the Virginia enactment of 1852. Following the marriage the license was to be returned, together with the attached certificate signed by the minister, and the return noted in the marriage record.

By a legislative enactment in 1866 negro marriages were legalized and a Register of Negro Marriages established. In some counties this record was never in use and today negro marriages are incorporated into the Marriage Register.

Following the Constitution of 1872, and the restoration of the county clerk, the marriage law was reenacted changing the recording official to the clerk in place of the recorder and few changes have been made since that time. The act of 1887 which established the State Registrar of Vital Statistics required that the clerk transmit an annual report of all marriages to this officer and this same requirement was incorporated into the Vital Statistics Act of 1921, the only change being that the clerk submit monthly reports. In addition to this it was required that the State registrar preserve such reports and prepare an index thereto.

A legislative enactment in 1937 required a three day notice before issuance of marriage license. This application is made by one or both parties to the clerk of the county court and sets forth the date of application, names and residences of parties, (see p. 50a) and is usually filed with the license. A notation is required to be made in the marriage record showing the date of application.

In 1939 a further change was made when an act of the legislature required that each applicant for a license must

---

4. ibid., 1887, ch. 64, secs. 25-29.
5. ibid., 1921, ch. 137, sec. 21.
6. ibid., 1937, ch. 124.
Registration of Marriages

... present a physician's report upon making application for license. The certificate may be issued by "any physician duly licensed by the state, stating that each party thereto had been given such examination, including a standard serological test, as may be necessary for the discovery of syphilis, made within thirty days prior to the date of such application, and stating that in the opinion of the physician the person therein named either is not infected with syphilis or, if so infected, is not in the state of the disease which is or may later become communicable."

These reports are filed with the license.

The issuance of marriage certificates is left to the officiating clergyman who, as a courtesy, usually provides such certificate showing the names of the parties, date and place of marriage, together with his signature and that of the witnesses. The county provides a certificate with the license which can be used if the minister desires. A certified statement of recording is sometimes known as a marriage certificate.

As in birth and death records, certified copies of marriages are based on the marriage record. Although original licenses are filed, in most counties the files are arranged chronologically and location of the license requires so much time that they are seldom used. As a rule marriage records are well indexed, many of the counties having established Work Projects Administration indexing projects to prepare indices to the names of males and females.

The State Vital Statistics Registrar can verify a marriage if within the limiting dates of his records, and can refer the interested person to the county in which it was issued but only the clerk of the county court can issue a certified copy.

Marriage licenses are filed in the county in which the woman resides although certificates of out-of-state marriages may be filed in either the man or woman's home county. The ceremony does not necessarily have to be performed in the county in which the license was issued but the requirement is that the minister so performing the ceremony must be licensed by the county court of the county in which the ceremony is performed.

---

TO THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA:

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY MAKES APPLICATION FOR A MARRIAGE LICENSE FOR

..........................................., WHOSE AGE IS ........... YEARS, ..........................................

(State if single, widowed or divorced)

AND WHOSE BIRTHPLACE WAS ..........................................

AND WHO IS NOW A RESIDENT OF ..........................................

AND

..........................................., WHOSE AGE IS ........... YEARS,

(State if single, widowed or divorced) AND WHOSE BIRTHPLACE WAS

............................................. AND WHO IS NOW A RESIDENT OF .............................................

THE PARTIES ARE NOT RELATED EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS: ..........................................

THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

..........................................

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY THIS ........... DAY OF ....... ........., 19...

AUG 1 1941

..........................................

Clerk Kanawha County Court.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
OF UTAH
23650
MINISTER'S RETURN OR ENDORSEMENT

I, ____________________________, a ____________________________,
do certify that on the ______ day of ______ 193__________ at__________________________

I united in marriage the above named and described parties under authority of the foregoing license.

__________________________ Pastor

__________________________ Church

To the Party Officiating:

Please fill out the blank on back.

INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE 1. The minister or person officiating at any marriage, must make return in compliance with the following law:

"Every person solemnizing a marriage shall take up the license authorizing such marriage, and on or before the fifth of each month shall forward to the County Clerk issuing such license, all such licenses in his possession, with an endorsement thereon of the facts of such marriage and the time and place of celebrating the same." Section 21, Chapter 137, 1920.

NOTE 2. The Clerk of the County Court is under penalty to make monthly reports to the Register of Vital Statistics, of all marriages performed in his County, and it will be his duty to see that every minister or person celebrating marriages, makes return in compliance with above law, otherwise the Clerk cannot make his reports. Parties failing to make returns as provided for above will be subject to the penalty of having his or her bond forfeited.
MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,
KANAWHA COUNTY, ss.

To Any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of your Church or Religious Denominations, and the laws of the State of West Virginia:

--and--

Given under my hand as Clerk of the County Court of Kanawha, this________________________day of__________________, 193__

__________________ Clerk
Kanawha County Court.
MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF WASHINGTON
KITSAP COUNTY

To any person licensed to celebrate marriages.

Your presence is respectfully invited to join in the
Holy Rites of Matrimony according to the Rites and
Ceremonies of your Church or Religious Denomination,

and the laws of the State of Washington.

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

Said under my hand as Clerk of the County Court, at

...
KANAWHA COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

State of West Virginia, County of Kanawha, To-wit:

I, PAUL E. WEHRLE, Clerk of the County Court of Kanawha County, in the State of West Virginia DO CERTIFY, that on examination of the Marriage Register of said County, of which, by law, I am legal custodian, I find that _________ and _________ were married in said County on the______ day of __________, by ____________________________.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of the said Court, this____ day of _______________ A.D. 19____, and in the________ year of the State.

___________________________, Clerk
Kanawha County Court
KANAWHA COUNTY CLERK OF COURT

State of West Virginia, County of Kanawha

I, JAMES M. MILEY, Clerk of the County Court of Kanawha County, in the State of West Virginia, do hereby certify that the examination of the parties hereto or any of them, which by law I am legally authorized to hold and conduct, were held in said county on the day of

[Signature]

Kanawha County Clerk

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and

[Signature]

[Name]

Kanawha County Clerk

[Signature]
COUNTY CLERK'S MONTHLY RETURN OF MARRIAGES TO STATE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

I, ........................................ County Clerk of .........................
County, W. Va., do hereby certify that the following facts as gathered from
marriage returns recorded in my office during the month of .........................,
19........, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed by ........................................
County Clerk

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LINE</th>
<th>SEX</th>
<th>NAME OF CONTRACTING PARTIES</th>
<th>COLOR</th>
<th>AGE</th>
<th>RESIDING AT</th>
<th>WERE MARRIED AT</th>
<th>DATE</th>
<th>NAME OF PERSON SOLEMNIZING THE MARRIAGE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>M</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>F</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>M</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>F</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>M</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>F</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>M</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>F</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td>M</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>F</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>M</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>F</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>M</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>F</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>M</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td>F</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COUNTY CLEVER'S MONTHLY RETURN OF MARRIAGES IN STATE REGISTRATION DIVISION</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>--</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COUNTY CLEVER OF ( ) DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING BACHELOR AND MARRIED REGISTERS RECEIVED IN MY OFFICE DURING THE MONTH OF ( ) PERIOD TO THE DATE OF MY RECEIPT AND REGISTRATION.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SIGNED BY ( ) COUNTY CLEVER</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>#</th>
<th>NAME OF CONTRACTING PARTIES</th>
<th>DATE OF CONTRACT</th>
<th>CONTRACT LIFE</th>
<th>COLOR</th>
<th>ORDER OF CONTRACTING PARTIES</th>
<th>EXPIRATION DATE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Registration of Marriages

State Records

1917-- Marriages. 19 vols. Arr. chron.; separate indexes to males and females. State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Dept. of Health, State Capitol, Charleston, W. Va. (No certificates are issued but marriage may be verified from records with referral to proper county, charge, 50 cents).

County Records

BARBOUR COUNTY (Formed 1843)


1843-- Register of Marriages. 33 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alpH. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Philippi, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).


1843-- Marriage License. 20 file boxes and 1 cardboard box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Reports. Filed with license.

1900-- Consent to Wed. 2 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

BERKELEY COUNTY (Formed 1772)


1772-99 Marriage Bonds. 12 bundles. Arr. alpH. by names of grooms; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1854-- Marriage Licenses. 16 file boxes and 1 wood box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.
1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

BOONE COUNTY (FORMED 1847)


1866-- Marriage Licenses. 13 file boxes. No arr.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1837-- Application for License. Filed with license.
1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

BRAXTON COUNTY (FORMED 1836)


1836-- Marriage Record. n.v. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Sutton, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).

1836-47 Minister's Returns of Marriages. 1 file box. Labeled Old Court Records. No arr.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1836-49 Marriage Bonds. Filed with licenses.

1849-- Marriage Licenses. 36 file boxes and 1 file draw. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1926-- Parent's Consent to Wed. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.
1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

BROOKE COUNTY (FORMED 1796)

REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES


1797-- Marriage Record. 83 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alphabet by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Wellsburg, W. Va. (Certified copy, $1).


1909-37 Colored Marriage Record. 3 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alphabet by names of males and females. Clerk of county court. (Certified copy, $1).

1853-59, Marriage Licenses. 21 file boxes, 2 file drawers, 300 bundles, and 1 box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1883-- Marriage Application. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

CABELL COUNTY (Formed 1809)


1809-- Register of Marriages. 7 vols. 1809-91 arr. chron.; 1891- arr. alphabet; indexed alphabet by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Huntington, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).


1809-49 Marriage Bonds. Filed with licenses.

1850-- Marriage Licenses. 63 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.


CALHOUN COUNTY (Formed 1856)


Marriage Register. 10 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females.
Clerk of County Court, Grantsville, W. Va. (Certified copy, $1).

Parent's Consent to Wed. In file Old Bonds, Old Levies.

Marriage Licenses. 9 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

Application for License. Filed with license.

Physician's Report. Filed with license.

Clay County (Formed 1858)


Marriage Records. 14 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females.
Clerk of County Court, Clay, V. A. (Certified copy, $1).

chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

Parent's Consent to Wed. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court.
(No copies available).

Marriage Licenses. 15 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court.
(No copies available).

Application for License. Filed with license.

Physician's Report. Filed with license.

Returns of Marriages to State Registrar. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

Ooouridge County (Formed 1845)


Marriage Records. 12 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females.
Clerk of County Court, West Union, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).

Marriage Licenses. 23 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

Marriage Bonds. Filed with licenses.
### Registration of Marriages

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Fayette County (Formed 1831)</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Gilmer County (Formed 1845)</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Grant County (Formed 1866)</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

1866-- Marriage Licenses. 5 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

GREENBRIER COUNTY (Formed 1778)


1780-- Marriage Record. 16 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alphabetically by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Lewisburg, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).

1856-- Marriage Licenses. 28 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

HAMPShIRE COUNTY (Formed 1753)


1766-- Register of Marriages. 5 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alphabetically by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Romney, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).

1824-28 Marriage Bonds (Minister's Returns). 1 vol. Arr. chron. by dates of reports of marriages made by ministers; indexed alphabetically by names of males and females. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1873-- Marriage Licenses. 5 file boxes and 3 bundles. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

HANCOCK COUNTY (Formed 1846)


REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES


1865-- Marriage Licenses. 23 file draws. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).


1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

HARDY COUNTY (Formed 1785)


1879-- Parent's Consent to Wed. 19 bundles. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

HARRISON COUNTY (Formed 1784)


1879-- Parent's Consent to Wed. 19 bundles. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.
1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

JACKSON COUNTY (FORMED 1831)

JEFFERSON COUNTY (FORMED 1801)
1801-- Marriage Record. 9 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Charles Town, W. Va. (Certified copy, $1).

KANAWHA COUNTY (FORMED 1788)
1791-1843, Register of Marriages. 14 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Charleston, W. Va. (Certified or photostatic copy, 50 cents).
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES


1930-- Parent's Consent to Wed. Filed with license.

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

LEWIS COUNTY (Formed 1816)


1817-- Marriage Record. 20 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Weston, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents; certified copy, $1).

1817-- Marriage Bonds and License. 34 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

LINCOLN COUNTY (Formed 1867)


1909-26 Marriage License Record. 5 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1910-- Parent's Consent to Wed. 3 file boxes. Arr. alph. by names of authority; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1909-- Marriage Licenses. 6 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

LOGAN COUNTY (Formed 1824)


Registration of Marriages


Marion County (Formed 1842)


1842—Marriage Record. 33 vols. Arr. Chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Fairmont, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents; certified copy, 1). 

1902—Marriage Licenses. 16 file boxes and 6 cardboard boxes. Arr. Chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

1920—Parent's Consent to Wed. 1 file box. Arr. Chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

1937—Application for License. Filed with license.

1939—Physician's Report. Filed with license.

Marshall County (Formed 1835)


1939—Physician's Report. Filed with application.

Mason County (Formed 1804)

REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES


1806-- Marriage Record. 32 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Point Pleasant, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents; certified copy, $1).


1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

MCDOWELL COUNTY (Formed 1858)


1858-- Marriage Record. 74 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Welch, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).

MERcer COUNTY (Formed 1837)


1837-- Register of Marriages. 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Princeton, W. Va. (Certified copy, $1).

1854-- Marriage Licenses. 70 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1837-- Parent's Consent to Wed. 6 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1938-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

MINERAL COUNTY (Formed 1866)

### Registration of Marriages

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1866</td>
<td>Marriage Register</td>
<td>5 vols. Arr. alph. by names of males; no index. Clerk of County Court, Keyser, W. Va. (Certified or photostatic copy, 50 cents).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1866</td>
<td>Marriage License</td>
<td>15 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1921</td>
<td>Parent's Consent to Wed</td>
<td>1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1937</td>
<td>Application for License</td>
<td>Filed with license.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1939</td>
<td>Physician's Report</td>
<td>Filed with license.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Mingo County (Formed 1895)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1918</td>
<td>Marriage License</td>
<td>87 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1918</td>
<td>Parent's Consent to Wed</td>
<td>1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1937</td>
<td>Application for License</td>
<td>Filed with license.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1939</td>
<td>Physician's Report</td>
<td>Filed with license.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Monongalia County (Formed 1776)**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1794</td>
<td>Marriage License Record</td>
<td>25 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Morgantown, W. Va. (Certified or photostatic copies, 50 cents).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1794</td>
<td>Parent's Consent to Wed</td>
<td>Filed with licenses.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1937</td>
<td>Application for License</td>
<td>Filed with license.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1939</td>
<td>Physician's Report</td>
<td>Filed with license.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
MONROE COUNTY (Formed 1799)


1799-- Register of Marriages. 7 vols. 1850-60 also in Will Books; 1861-65 also in Deed Books. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Union, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).

1799-1850 Marriage Bonds. 8 file boxes and 3 bundles. No arr.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

1799-1850 Marriage Bonds (copies). 1 vol. Arr. chron.; no index. Historical Records Survey, 210 Smallridge Bldg., Charleston, W. Va. (No copies available, may be used by research workers).

1850-- Marriage Licenses. 23 file boxes and 3 bundles. 1850-59 in file box labeled Promiscuous Papers; 1861-63 also in file of Births, Deaths and Marriages. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1850-60 Parents Consent to Wed. 1 bundle. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1799-50 Parents Consent to Wed. 1799-50 filed with Marriage Bonds; 1861-- filed with Marriage License. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1799-1852 Minister's Lists of Marriages. 1 file box. Arr. alph. by names of ministers; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with License.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with License.

MORGAN COUNTY (Formed 1820)


1863-- Marriage Licenses. 9 file boxes and 10 file drawers. Arr. to correspond with record; record index serves. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with License.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with License.
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

NICHOLAS COUNTY (FORMED 1818)

1855-99 MARRIAGE RECORDS (COPY). 1 VOL. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. STATE ARCHIVIST, DEPT. OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, STATE CAPITOL, CHARLESTON, W. VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

DUPPLICATE COPIES OF RECORD AT WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, MORGANTOWN, W. VA., AND LIBRARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

1853-61 REGISTER OF MARRIAGES (COPIES). LABELED REGISTER OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. STATE ARCHIVIST, VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY, RICHMOND, VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

1823-- MARRIAGE RECORDS. 16 VOLS. ARR. CHRON.; INDEXED ALPH. BY NAMES OF MALES AND FEMALES. CLERK OF COUNTY COURT, SUMMERSVILLE, W. VA. (CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING, 50 CENTS; CERTIFIED COPY, $1).

1818-- MARRIAGE BONDS AND LICENSES. 24 FILE BOXES. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. CLERK OF COUNTY COURT. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

1873-- PARENT'S CONSENT TO WED. 10 FILE BOXES. LABELED APPLICATION FOR LICENSE. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. CLERK OF COUNTY COURT. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

1937-- APPLICATION FOR LICENSE. FILED IN PARENT'S CONSENT TO WED.

1939-- PHYSICIAN'S REPORT. FILED WITH LICENSE.

OHIO COUNTY (FORMED 1776)

1790-1900 MARRIAGE RECORDS (COPY). 3 VOLS. ARR. ALPH. BY NAMES OF MALES; NO INDEX. STATE ARCHIVIST, DEPT. OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, STATE CAPITOL, CHARLESTON, W. VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

DUPPLICATE COPIES OF RECORD AT WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, MORGANTOWN, W. VA., AND LIBRARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

1853-61 REGISTER OF MARRIAGES (COPIES). LABELED REGISTER OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. STATE ARCHIVIST, VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY, RICHMOND, VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

1790-1827 COUNTY COURT MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES (BONDS). 1 VOL. ARR. CHRON.; INDEXED ALPH. BY NAMES OF MALES AND FEMALES. CLERK OF COUNTY COURT, WHEELING, W. VA. (CERTIFIED COPY, $1).

PENDLETON COUNTY (FORMED 1788)

1843-99 MARRIAGE RECORDS (COPY). 1 VOL. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. STATE ARCHIVIST, DEPT. OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, STATE CAPITOL, CHARLESTON, W. VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).

DUPPLICATE COPIES OF RECORD AT WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, MORGANTOWN, W. VA., AND LIBRARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

1853-61 REGISTER OF MARRIAGES (COPIES). LABELED REGISTER OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES. ARR. CHRON.; NO INDEX. STATE ARCHIVIST, VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY, RICHMOND, VA. (NO COPIES AVAILABLE).
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

1800-- Register of Marriages. 3 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males. Clerk of County Court, Franklin, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents; certified copy, $1).

1799-1803 Record of Marriages. In Minutes of Court of Inquiry. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1797-1842 Marriage Bonds. Filed with Deeds. No arr.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1859-60, 1912-- Marriage Licenses. 8 file boxes and 6 bundles. No arr.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1890-- Parent's Consent to Wed. 1 bundle. 1890-1826 in County Court Papers file. No arr.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

1924-- License Reports to State Registrar. 9 bundles. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

PLEASANTS COUNTY (FORMED 1851)


1851-- Marriage License Record. 22 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, St. Marys, W. Va. (Certified copy, $1).


1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

POCAHONTAS COUNTY (FORMED 1821)


1822-- Marriage Record. 6 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Marlinton, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).


1865-1913 Marriages of Negroes. 1 vol. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (Certified copy, 50 cents).
**Registration of Marriages**

1822-49  **Marriage Bonds.** 2 file boxes. Also in Miscellaneous file. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).


1853-54  **Parent's Consent to Wed.** 1 file box. No arr.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1897  **Application for License.** Filed with license.

1915  **Physician's Report.** Filed with license.

Preston County (Formed 1818)


1904  **Marriage Licenses.** 15 file boxes and 2 file drawers. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1897-1901  **Parent's Consent to Wed.** 1 bundle, 1902-1912 in Marriage License. No arr.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937  **Application for License.** Filed with license.

1939  **Physician's Report.** Filed with license.

Putnam County (Formed 1848)


1848  **Marriage Record.** 22 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alpha. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Winfield, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).


1904-14  **Marriage Bonds and License.** 41 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1916  **Parent's Consent to Wed.** 2 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

RALEIGH COUNTY (Formed 1850)


1886-- Marriage Licenses. 15 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).


1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

RANDOLPH COUNTY (Formed 1786)


1862-- Marriage License. 30 file boxes. 1891-1927 also in judgments docketed. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1938-14, Parent's Consent to Wed. 2 file boxes. Labeled Authority for License. 1921-- filed with license. No arr.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

RITCHIE COUNTY (Formed 1843)

REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

1853-61
Register of Marriages (copies). Labeled Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
Arr. chron.; no index. State Archivist, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va. (No copies available).

1843--
Marriage Record. 13 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alp. by names of males and females.
Clerk of County Court, Harrisville, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents; certified copy, 31).

1843--
Marriage Bonds and Licenses; 23 file boxes. No arr.; no index. Clerk of county court.
(No copies available).

1843--
Parent's Consent to Wed. Filed with license.

1937--
Application for License. Filed with license.

1939--
Physician's Report. Filed with license.

ROANE COUNTY (Formed 1856)

1856-99
Duplicate copies of record at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, W. Va., and Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.

1856-61
Register of Marriages (copies). Labeled Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages.
Arr. chron.; no index. State Archivist, Virginia State Library, Richmond, Va. (No copies available).

1856--
Register of Marriages. 21 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alp. by names of males and females.
Clerk of County Court, Spencer, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).

1856-97
Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1888--
Marriage Licenses. 7 file boxes and 18 cartons. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court.
(No copies available).

1888--
Parent's Consent to Wed. Filed with license.

1937--
Application for License. Filed with license.

1939--
Physician's Report. Filed with license.

SUMMERS COUNTY (Formed 1871)

1871-99
Duplicate copies of record at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, W. Va., and Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.

1871--
Marriage License Record. 4 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alp. by names of males and females.
Clerk of County Court, Hinton, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).

1871--
Marriage License. 42 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court.
(No copies available).

1898--
Parent's Consent to Wed. 1 file box. 1908-- filed with license. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).
Registration of Marriages

1937— Application for License. Filed with license.

1939— Physician's Report. Filed with license.

Taylor County (Formed 1844)

Duplicate copies of record at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, W. Va., and Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.


1844— Register of Marriages. 8 vols. Arr. alph. by names of males; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Grafton, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).

1866-77 Register of Negro Marriages. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by names of males; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of county court. (Certified copy, 50 cents).

1844— Marriage Bonds and License. 12 file boxes. 1844-60 in Deeds file; 1861— also in Oaths of Office; 1934— also in County Court Papers. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1934— Parent's Consent to Wed. In County Court Papers file. Arr. alph. by names of males; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937— Application for License. Filed with license.

1939— Physician's Report. Filed with license.

Tucker County (Formed 1856)

Duplicate copies of record at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, W. Va., and Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.


1856— Register of Marriages. 13 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Parsons, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents; certified copy, $1).

1856— Marriage Licenses. 27 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937— Application for License. Filed with license.

1939— Physician's Report. Filed with license.

1921— License Reports to State Registrar. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

TYLER COUNTY (FORMED 1814)

Duplicate copies of record at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, W. Va., and Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.


1815-53 Marriage Records. 15 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Middlebourne, W. Va. (Certified copies, $1).

UPSHUR COUNTY (FORMED 1851)

Duplicate copies of record at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, W. Va., and Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.


1851- Register of Marriages. 22 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Buckhannon, W. Va. (Certified copy, $1).

1851- Marriage Licenses. 25 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of County Court. (No copies available).

1837- Parent's Consent to Wed. Filed with license.

1839- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

WAYNE COUNTY (FORMED 1842)

Duplicate copies of record at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, W. Va., and Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.


1854- Marriage Records. 18 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Wayne, W. Va. (Certified copy, $1).

1874- Marriage Licenses. 27 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1924- Parent's Consent to Wed. 1 file box. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939- Physician's Report. Filed with license.
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

WEBSTER COUNTY (FORMED 1860)

Duplicate copies of record at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, W. Va., and Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.


1902-- Marriage License. 7 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).


1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

WETZEL COUNTY (FORMED 1846)

Duplicate copies of record at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, W. Va., and Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.


1854-- Marriage Record. 25 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, New Martinsville, W. Va. (Certified copy, $1).

1855-- Marriage Licenses. 34 file drawers. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1904-- Parent's Consent to Wed. 6 file drawers. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- Application for License. Filed with license.

1939-- Physician's Report. Filed with license.

WIRT COUNTY (FORMED 1848)

Duplicate copies of record at West Virginia University Library, Morgantown, W. Va., and Library of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C.


1854-- Register of Marriages. 7 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alph. by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Elizabeth, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).
REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

1920-- **Marriage License.** 1 file box and 4 bundles. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1920-- **Parent's Consent to Wed.** Filed with license.

1937-- **Application for License.** Filed with license.

1939-- **Physician's Report.** Filed with license.

**Woods County (formed 1798)**


1801-- **Register of Marriages.** 42 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alphanumerically by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Parkersburg, W. Va. (Certificate of recording, 50 cents; certified copy, $1).

**Wyoming County (formed 1850)**


1854-- **Register of Marriages.** 18 vols. Arr. chron.; indexed alphabetically by names of males and females. Clerk of County Court, Pineville, W. Va. (Certified copy, 50 cents).

1854-- **Marriage License.** 16 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1914-- **Parent's Consent to Wed.** 2 file boxes. Arr. chron.; no index. Clerk of county court. (No copies available).

1937-- **Application for License.** Filed with license.

1939-- **Physician's Report.** Filed with license.
DIVORCES

No separate records are maintained in West Virginia for recording of divorces or orders relating thereto, nor is any centralization of such information maintained.

Divorce proceedings are chancery actions under the jurisdiction of the circuit court. Preliminary hearings and evidence are presented to the divorce commissioner who is appointed by the court and has authority to summon witnesses and take evidence. The evidence thus taken is presented to the judge of the circuit court, and any action which he may see fit to take is "heard in chambers."

Decrees and orders relating to divorces are entered on the chancery order book. Upon the final decree the clerk of the circuit court takes all transcripts of evidence, exhibits, and stenographer's notes of testimony and seals them in a package which cannot be opened without order of the court or the judge in vacation thereof. These papers are usually placed in the chancery files and it is seldom that even the file labels indicate the nature of the contents.

Inquiries relating to divorce records should be addressed to the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the divorce was obtained.

---

2. ibid., Michie, sec. 4724.
West Virginia Counties

Barbour formed 1843 from parts of Randolph, Harrison, and Lewis
Berkeley formed 1772 from Frederick (Va.)
Boone formed 1847 from parts of Kanawha, Cabell, and Logan
Braxton formed 1836 from parts of Kanawha, Kanawha, and Nicholas
Brooke formed 1796 from Ohio
Cabell formed 1809 from Kanawha
Calhoun formed 1856 from Gilmer
Clay formed 1858 from parts of Braxton and Nicholas
Doddridge formed 1845 from parts of Harrison, Tyler, Ritchie, and Lewis
Fayette formed 1831 from parts of Logan, Greenbrier, Nicholas, and Kanawha
Gilmer formed 1845 from parts of Lewis and Kanawha
Grant formed 1866 from Hardy
Greenbrier formed 1777 from parts of Botetourt (Va.), and Montgomery (Va.)
Hampshire formed 1753 from Frederick (Va.)
Hancock formed 1848 from Brooke
Hardy formed 1785 from Hampshire
Harrison formed 1784 from Monongalia
Jackson formed 1831 from parts of Kanawha, Mason, and Wood
Jefferson formed 1801 from Berkeley
Kanawha formed 1788 from parts of Greenbrier and Montgomery (Va.)
Lewis formed 1816 from Harrison
Lincoln formed 1867 from parts of Kanawha, Putnam, Cabell, and Boone
Logan formed 1824 from parts of Giles (Va.), Cabell, Tazewell (Va.), and Kanawha
Marion formed 1842 from parts of Monongalia and Harrison
Marshall formed 1835 from Ohio
Mason formed 1804 from Kanawha
McDowell formed 1858 from Tazewell (Va.)
Mercer formed 1837 from parts of Giles (Va.) and Tazewell (Va.)
Mineral formed 1866 from Hampshire
Mingo formed 1895 from Logan
Monongalia formed 1776 from District of West Augusta
Monroe formed 1799 from Greenbrier
Morgan formed 1820 from parts of Berkeley and Hampshire
Nicholas formed 1818 from parts of Greenbrier, Kanawha, and Randolph
Ohio formed 1776 from District of West Augusta
Pendleton formed 1787 from parts of Augusta (Va.), Hardy, and Rockingham (Va.)
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Appendix</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Pleasants</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Pocahontas</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Preston</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Putnam</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Randolph</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Raleigh</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Ritchie</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Roane</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Summers</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Taylor</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tucker</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Tyler</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Upshur</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wayne</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Webster</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wetzel</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wirt</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wood</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Wyoming</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Notes:
- formed 1860 from parts of Kanawha, Cabell, and Mason
- formed 1821 from parts of Bath (Va.), Randolph, and Pendleton
- formed 1848 from parts of Kanawha, Cabell, and Mason
West Virginia County Formations and Boundary Changes

Preliminary Bibliography of Material Relating to Churches in West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, and Southern Ohio

American Imprints Inventory:

Check List of West Virginia Imprints

Inventory of County Archives of West Virginia:

Grant County (Petersburg)
Lincoln County (Hamlin)
Marion County (Fairmont)
Mineral County (Keyser)
Monroe County (Union)
Pendleton County (Franklin)
Pocahontas County (Marlinton)
Randolph County (Elkins)
Ritchie County (Harristown)
Taylor County (Grafton)

Inventory of Federal Archives in West Virginia:

Agriculture Department
Navy Department
Treasury Department
War Department

Calendars of the Letters and Papers of:

Governor Arthur I. Boreman
Governor John J. Jacob
Governor Francis Harrison Pierpont
Governor William E. Stevenson

Inventory of the Archives of Churches in West Virginia:

Protestant Episcopal Church

Cemetery Readings in West Virginia:

Fairmont and Grant Districts, Marion County
Gideon District, Cabell County
Lincoln and Paw Paw Districts, Marion County
Briefly describe the context and purpose of this document.

Inventor of County President of West Virginia:
- Grant County (Innocent)
- Lincoln County (Humility)
- Logan County (Humility)
- Monongalia County (Mercy)
- Hampshire County (Hope)
- Pocahontas County (Humility)
- Randolph County (Humility)
- Preston County (Humility)
- Tucker County (Humility)
- Wetzel County (Humility)
- Marion County (Humility)

Development of Central Activity in West Virginia:
- Agriculture Department
- Water Department
- Forest Department

Certifications of the Auditor and Register of:
- Government Financial Office
- Government Financial Election Board
- Government Financial Employment
- Government Financial Revenue

Inventor of the President of Commerce in West Virginia:
- Commercial President Company
- Commercial President Company
- Commercial President Company
- Commercial President Company
- Commercial President Company
- Commercial President Company
- Commercial President Company
- Commercial President Company
- Commercial President Company
- Commercial President Company