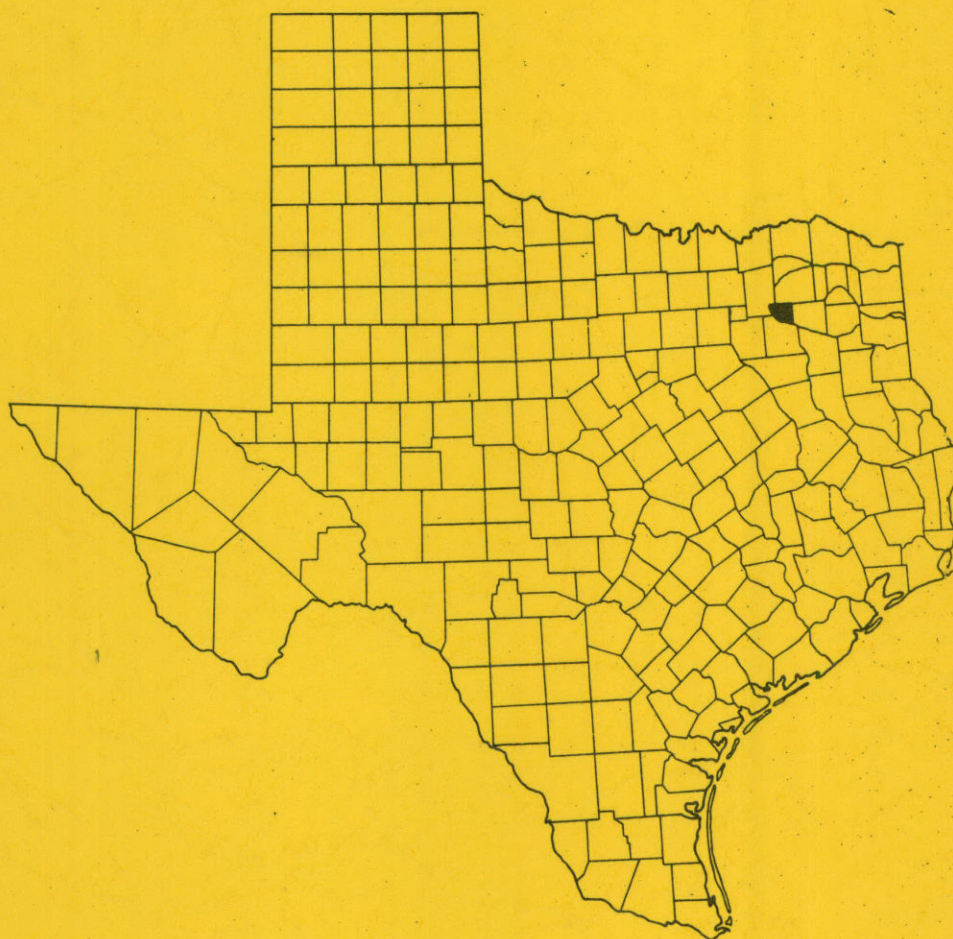


INVENTORY OF COUNTY RECORDS RAINS COUNTY



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PREFACE

This inventory of the Rains County records is part of a statewide project being carried out by the University Center for Community Services of North Texas State University in conjunction with the Regional Historical Resource Depository program of the Texas State Library. The County Records Inventory Project will provide a comprehensive picture of county records across the state with the eventual goal of enabling the State Library to assist local county officials in setting up a records management system for county government. This system will not only streamline record keeping at the county level but will also preserve and make available for researchers much material that is at present time inaccessible to them in the basements and attics of county courthouses.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

All entries are divided according to office, with each entry representing a separate record. The heading indicates the title (punctuation or wording has not been changed unless absolutely necessary for clarity), the dates for which the record exists, and the volume (shown by the number and dimensions for bound volumes, unbound documents, boxes, and permafiles; or by the number of cubic feet for narrow file drawers and filing cabinet drawers). A brief description of the record follows: what information it contains, how the record is arranged, and whether it is indexed. The abbreviation SPF indicates that the record is kept on a standard printed form. A further indication follows as to whether this information is handwritten or typed onto the form. Condition of all records in the inventory is good unless otherwise indicated. In cases where there is a cross-reference to another entry, the title of the entry referred to is shown in capitals with the entry number in parentheses.

INTRODUCTION

Rains County is in upper East Texas, on the eastern shore of Lake Tawakoni. The area was first settled in the late 1840's and was originally a part of the Nacogdoches Land District. In 1870, Rains County was created from land annexed from Hopkins, Hunt, Wood, and Van Zandt counties. The first Rains County government was organized by an experienced county clerk, Ambrose Fitzgerald, who had also been the first county clerk of Van Zandt and Wood counties. Despite this broad range of service, Fitzgerald never moved from his original homestead, and yet he lived in every county he served.

Rains County was named in honor of Emory Rains, an early Texas leader who served as a Senator in the Second and Third Congresses of the Republic of Texas. Rains was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1845, and he later served in both the House and Senate of the State Legislature. Emory, the county seat, is also named in his honor, and it has been the only center of government in the 105-year history of the county.

Rains County has had two of its four county courthouses razed by fire. The first fire occurred in 1879, and virtually all the county records were lost. The courthouse was again destroyed by fire in 1908, but the county records had been

housed in a steel vault and thus were saved.

Today Rains County is a diversified farming and stock raising area. Chief crops are vegetables, cotton, and watermelon; stock raised includes cattle and hogs. Population of the county has risen slightly in recent years from 3,752 in the late sixties to a 1972 estimated population of 4,100. The county seat has an estimated 1972 population of 728.

Rains County operates under the Constitution of 1876 which outlines the major offices of county government and their functions.

COUNTY CLERK

There shall be elected for each county, by the qualified voters, a County Clerk, who shall hold his office for four years, who shall be clerk of the County and Commissioners Courts and recorder of the county, whose duties, perquisites and fees of office shall be prescribed by the Legislature, and a vacancy in whose office shall be filled by the Commissioners Court until the next general election; provided that in counties having a population of less than 8,000 persons there may be an election of a single Clerk, who shall perform the duties of District and County Clerks.¹

In the process of being "clerk of the County and Commissioners Courts and recorder of the county,"² the County Clerk is responsible for a diverse number of functions. The largest of these tasks in terms of volume of paper handled is that of county recorder. In this area, the Clerk is responsible for receiving, filing, indexing, and maintaining all types of instruments, including deed records, deeds of trust, liens, abstracts, vital statistics, bonds, and licenses, as well

as a multifarious collection of odd and obsolete records found in each county courthouse.

The Clerk has the responsibility of recording all proceedings of the County Court and preserving this material in an orderly manner. The County Court is charged by the State Constitution with jurisdiction for misdemeanors, civil cases of value between \$200 and \$500, probate, and the protection and guardianship of minors, lunatics, idiots, and drunkards. Thus, any material handled by the County Court on these cases is therefore the responsibility of the Clerk.

The final broad area of responsibility of the Clerk is in support of the Commissioners' Court. This support includes attending all Commissioners' meetings, posting notices of such meetings, preparing the agenda for each meeting, taking minutes, and indexing and maintaining these records.

DISTRICT CLERK

There shall be a Clerk for the District Court of each county, who shall be elected by the qualified voters for the state and county officers, and who shall hold his office for four years, subject to removal by information, or by indictment of a grand jury and conviction by a petit jury. In case of vacancy the judge of a District Court shall have the power to appoint a Clerk, who shall hold until the office can be filled by election.³

The District Clerk has the responsibility for recording and preserving all material created by the District Court. This responsibility encompasses all aspects of the District Court's jurisdiction which is defined by the Constitution as

all criminal cases of the grade of felony; in all suits in behalf of the State to recover penalties, forfeitures and escheats; of all cases of divorce; of all misdemeanors involving official misconduct; of all suits to recover damages for slander or defamation of character; of all suits for trial of title of land and for the enforcement of liens thereon; of all suits for the trial of the right of property levied upon by virtue of any writ of execution, sequestration or attachment when the property levied on shall be equal to or exceed in value \$500; of all suits, complaints or pleas whatever, without regard to any distinction between law and equity, when the matter in controversy shall be valued at or amount to \$500, exclusive of interest; of contested elections; and said court and the judges thereof shall have power to issue writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, injunction and certiorari, and all writs necessary to enforce their jurisdiction.⁴

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The office of the Justice of the Peace can trace its beginnings to the Constitution of the Republic of Texas and has been included in every constitution since that time.

Charged by the present Constitution with

jurisdiction in criminal matters of all cases where the penalty or fine to be imposed by law may not be more than for \$200, and in civil matters of all cases where the amount in controversy is \$200 or less,⁵

the Justice of the Peace Court is often referred to as the poor man's court.

The Justice of the Peace is also empowered to issue writs, warrants, processes, arraign prisoners, and hold preliminary hearings. In counties with fewer than 120,000 people, the Justice of the Peace may also serve as coroner, as well as act as registrar of vital statistics in unincorporated towns of less than 2,500 people.

SHERIFF

The office of Sheriff is an old one in American local government, tracing its roots back to the Anglo-Saxon heritage of the English-speaking people. In Texas, the office has been provided for in every constitution of the Republic and of the State. The present Constitution provides that

there shall be elected by the qualified voters of each county a Sheriff, who shall hold his office for the term of four years, whose duties and perquisites and fees of office shall be prescribed by the Legislature, and vacancies in whose office shall be filled by the Commissioners Court until the next general election.⁶

Chief among these duties is that of peace officer of the county, but the Sheriff is also an officer of both the county and the district courts in which he is responsible for the service of writs and processes. In addition to these duties, the Sheriff is also charged with the maintenance of the county jail and the supervision of its prisoners.

TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

The duties of the Tax Assessor-Collector are outlined by the Constitution in the following manner:

there shall be elected by the qualified electors of each county an Assessor and Collector of Taxes, who shall hold his office for four years and until his successor is elected and qualified; and such Assessor and Collector of Taxes shall perform all the duties with respect to assessing property for the purpose of taxation and of collecting taxes as may be prescribed by the Legislature.⁷

In counties with less than 10,000 population the offices of

Sheriff and Tax Assessor-Collector are combined into one office, although the electorate has the option of making the two offices separate.

COUNTY TREASURER

The responsibility for receiving and disbursing county funds belongs to the County Treasurer. Elected for a four-year term, the Treasurer is accountable to the County Commissioners for the manner in which the funds are handled. Under the Republic of Texas the office was an appointive one, but in 1850 it became an elective office and has remained so until the present.

FOOTNOTES

¹Constitution of Texas, Article V, Section 20.

²Ibid.

³Ibid., Section 9.

⁴Ibid., Section 8.

⁵Ibid., Section 19.

⁶Ibid., Section 23.

⁷Ibid., Article VIII, Section 14.

INVENTORY OF RAINS COUNTY RECORDS

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY CLERK AS RECORDER

Land Records

1. DEED RECORD. 1879-current. 173 vols., 18 1/2" x 12" x 3"; 12 vols., 14 1/2" x 9 1/2" x 3".

Recorded copies of deeds, conveyances, and other muniments of title affecting title to real and personal property, showing number of instrument, name of grantor, name of grantee, amount of principal, amount of interest, description of property, date filed, date recorded, notarization, and signature of county clerk. Contains copies of sheriffs' deeds, administrators' deeds, bonds for title and executory contracts for sale of land, judgments affecting land titles, and powers of attorney. Also includes record of oil and gas leases in Rains County, showing assignments, designations of units, conveyances of oil and gas properties, reservation of production payments, defined terms, subordination agreements, leases between what persons, date, amount paid, description of land leased, signature of individual, date filed for record, and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. Handwritten; typed. Indexed in GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS (2.).

2. GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS. 1880-current. 19 vols., 18" x 12 1/2" x 3".

Direct and reverse indexes to DEED RECORD (1.), showing kind of instrument, date filed, and book and page number where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by names of both grantor and grantee. SPF-handwritten.

3. INSTRUMENTS. Unknown-1920; 1932-1947. 7 narrow file drawers, 3 1/2 cubic feet.

Original deeds and releases filed for record and not called for or returned to owners. Includes warranty deeds, releases of deeds of trust, vendor's releases, and quit claim deeds. Deeds show names of persons concerned, date filed, description of property, signatures of parties, and date recorded by clerk. Releases show amount paid, type of lien, by whom executed, to whom paid, date, description of land lien on, date witnessed, signature of witness, and signature of party holding lien. Arranged chronologically by date filed. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

4. INSTRUMENTS FILED AND RECORDED TO BE PROOF READ AND INDEXED. 1951-1963. 1 narrow file drawer, 1/2 cubic foot.

Quit claim deeds, warranty deeds, tax liens, releases of liens, and other miscellaneous instruments filed for record awaiting proofreading and indexing. Deeds and releases show same information as summarized in INSTRUMENTS (3.). Tax liens show same information as summarized in FEDERAL TAX LIENS (23.) and STATE TAX LIENS (25.). No obvious arrangement. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

5. UNRECORDED INSTRUMENTS - INSTRUMENTS WILL CALL. Dates vary. 1 narrow file drawer, 1/2 cubic foot.

Original papers to be recorded and returned to individual, including same types of instruments and information as summarized in INSTRUMENTS (3.). No obvious arrangement. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

6. PURCHASER'S RECORD. 1957-1958. 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 11" x 1".

Record of applications to purchase or lease unsurveyed school lands, showing whether purchase or lease, location and description of land, name of claimant, signature of applicant, date of notarization, date filed, and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date filed. SPF-typed. Not indexed.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR HOMESTEAD. 1893-1894. 1 vol., 14 1/2" x 9 1/2" x 1".

Copies of applications made by individuals to purchase and settle on public lands with proof of right to homesteads, showing name and residence of applicant, date of

application, name of surveyor, name of county, description of property, notarization, signature of applicant, and small plat of property. Arranged by date of application. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

8. RECORD OF UNSOLD LANDS. 1902-1905. 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 1 1/2".

Record of classification, appraisalment, and sale of public free school lands, showing section, block and certificate numbers, name and address of original grantee, signature of applicant, filing date and recording date of application to purchase, number of acres and price per acre, amount paid, notarization, and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date of filing. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

9. PLAT BOOK. Undated. 1 vol., 20" x 15" x 4"; 1 vol., 20" x 15" x 1 1/2".

Maps and plats of Rains County lands filed in the county clerk's office, including township plats and additions to towns and cities, showing addition, location, section, block number, owners of land, and reference to volume and page number where recorded in DEED RECORD (1.) Arranged chronologically by date received. Photocopied. Not indexed.

Mortgages and Liens

10. DEED OF TRUST RECORD. 1879-current. 34 vols., 18 1/2" x 12 1/2" x 3"; 5 vols., 15" x 9 1/2" x 3".

Recorded copies of deeds of trust which are used as mortgages or liens on real estate or improvements to real estate. Shows date and place of execution, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property involved, amount and terms of contract, signature of mortgagor, certificate of acknowledgment, and certificate of recordation, showing filing date, recording date, and signature of county clerk or deputy. In addition, it shows agreement that third party, named trustee, may, in case of default, advertise and sell the land encumbered to the highest bidder, and apply proceeds to liquidation of lien. Arranged chronologically by date of filing. Handwritten; typed; photocopied. Indexed in INDEX TO DEEDS OF TRUST (11.).

11. INDEX TO DEEDS OF TRUST. 1879-current. 2 vols., 19" x 12 1/2" x 3".

Direct and reverse indexes to DEED OF TRUST RECORD (10.), showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, and book and page number where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by names of both mortgagor and mortgagee. SPF-typed.

12. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. 1966-current. 10 narrow file drawers, 5 cubic feet.

Notices filed with the county clerk that a debtor and secured party intend to engage in secured transactions to define ownership and interest in property using a specific collateral (farm-connected collateral, consumer goods, crops, or fixtures). Shows name and address of debtor, name and address of secured party, maturity date, date and time filed, officer's name and number, type of collateral, name and address of assignee of secured party, and signatures of debtor and secured party. Files also contain notice of financing statement change: whether continuation, assignment (showing name of person to whom secured party of record has assigned his interest in collateral), termination (showing that secured party no longer claims a security interest under the financing statement), partial release (showing collateral released), or amendment to financing statement. Also included are requests for information or copies, showing name and address of debtor, name of party requesting copies or information, whether for information or copies, file number, date and hour of filing, name and address of secured party, and attestation by filing officer as to correctness of information or copies. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS replaced CHATTEL MORTGAGES (16.) in 1966. Arranged numerically by file number. SPF-typed. Indexed in INDEX TO FINANCING STATEMENTS (13.).

13. INDEX TO FINANCING STATEMENTS. 1966-current. 1 vol., 18 1/2" x 16" x 3".

Index to FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (12.), showing name and address of debtor, name and address of secured party, file number, date filed, name and address of party assigned to, and remarks. Arranged alphabetically by name of debtor. SPF-handwritten.

14. SPECIAL INDEX TO AFTER ACQUIRED PROPERTY (formerly titled "Chattel Mortgage Record on Realty"). 1936-1970. 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 1".

Index and register of after acquired property provisions filed with the county clerk in FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (12.), showing instrument number, time of reception, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date of instrument, amount secured, date due, machinery or property mortgaged, description of real estate upon which article situated, and remarks. Prior to 1967 this volume was used as a register of chattel mortgages and liens on machinery and other manufactured articles situated on real property. Arranged alphabetically by name of mortgagor. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

15. DEBTOR-OWNER INDEX TO SECURITY INTEREST IN FIXTURES. 1969-current. 1 vol., 15" x 10 1/2" x 1 1/2".

Index to security interest in fixtures agreements filed with the county clerk in FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (12.), showing name and address of debtor, name and address of secured party, file number, date filed, and location where filed. Arranged alphabetically by name of debtor. SPF-handwritten.

16. CHATTEL MORTGAGES. 1963-1966. 4 narrow file drawers, 2 cubic feet.

Promissory notes and conditional sales contracts assigning mortgaged title, showing file number, name of mortgagor, name of mortgagee, registration date, description of property, amount of mortgage, conditions of mortgage, date of mortgage, and signature of county clerk. Arranged numerically by file number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

17. INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES. Undated. 1 vol., 15" x 9" x 1 1/2".

Index to destroyed chattel mortgage record, showing name of mortgagor, name of mortgagee or trustee, and volume and page number where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by names of both mortgagor and mortgagee. SPF-handwritten.

18. LIS PENDENS. 1906-current. 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 12" x 3".

Clerk's record of lis pendens notices filed in suits involving real estate to prevent transfer of title pending settlement of suit. Includes case number, name of plaintiff, name of defendant, court pending, kind of suit, description of land affected, final disposition, names of attorneys, dates filed and recorded, instrument

number, person original returned to, and signature of clerk. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

19. JUDGMENT RECORD. 1880-current. 2 vols., 14" x 9 1/2" x 1 1/2"; 1 vol., 17" x 11 1/2" x 2 1/2".

Record of notice that judgment against a person has been rendered by the various courts of the county and other counties and that said judgment may be enforced against property, showing name of court and county, term of court, case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, date and amount of judgment, amount of court costs, rate of interest, certificate of clerk issuing judgment, date filed, date recorded, and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. Handwritten; SPF-handwritten and typed; photocopied. Indexed in INDEX TO JUDGMENT RECORD (20.).

20. INDEX TO JUDGMENT RECORD. Undated. 1 vol., 14 1/2" x 9 1/2" x 1 1/2".

Direct and reverse indexes to JUDGMENT RECORD (19.), showing name of plaintiff, name of defendant, and book and page number where judgment recorded. Arranged alphabetically by names of both plaintiff and defendant. SPF-handwritten.

21. ATTACHMENT LIEN RECORD. 1890-current (dates vary). 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 2".

Clerk's record of attachment liens against real or personal property, showing name of plaintiff, name of defendant, amount of debt, from what court issued, date of attachment, description of property, sheriff's return, signature of sheriff, date filed, date recorded, and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten. Record for years 1890-1945 indexed in INDEX TO ATTACHMENT LIEN RECORD (22.); remaining years not indexed.

22. INDEX TO ATTACHMENT LIEN RECORD. 1890-1945. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 1".

Partial index to ATTACHMENT LIEN RECORD (21.), showing name of plaintiff, name of defendant, decision of court, and book and page number where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by names of both plaintiff and defendant. SPF-handwritten.

23. FEDERAL TAX LIENS. 1971-current. 1 narrow file drawer, 1/2 cubic foot.

Notices of federal tax liens under internal revenue laws, showing number of instrument, district, name and address of delinquent taxpayer, nature of tax, account number, year or taxable period, amount of assessment, date of notice, filing date, recording date, place recorded, signature of county clerk, and copy of certificate of release. Arranged chronologically by date filed. SPF-typed. Not indexed.

24. FEDERAL TAX LIEN RECORD. 1971-current. 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 3".

Recorded copies of notices of federal tax liens under internal revenue laws which were returned to the district director, showing same information as summarized in FEDERAL TAX LIENS (23.). Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-typed. Indexed.

25. STATE TAX LIENS. 1971-current. 1 narrow file drawer, 1/2 cubic foot.

Original notices of state tax liens under state revenue laws, provisions of Article 1.07, Title 122A, Revised Civil Statutes. Liens, in favor of the State of Texas, show name and address of delinquent taxpayer, nature of tax, assessment date, amount of assessment, date of credit, credits, balance, filing date, date recorded, date lien released, signature of county clerk, and copy of certificate of release. Arranged chronologically by date filed. SPF-typed. Not indexed.

26. STATE TAX LIEN RECORD. 1967-current. 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 1 1/2".

Recorded copies of notices of state tax liens under state revenue laws, provisions of Article 1.07, Title 122A, Revised Civil Statutes. Liens, in favor of the State of Texas, show same information as summarized in STATE TAX LIENS (25.). Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

27. LABORERS LIEN. 1897-1973. 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 2".

Recorded copies of liens drawn in favor of laborers to insure payment for labor performed, showing lien number,

names of parties, description of labor performed, location and description of property on which lien taken, amount of lien, terms of contract, oath of truthfulness of claim, date filed, and date recorded. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten and typed. Indexed.

28. HOSPITAL LIEN DOCKET. 1962-1973. 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 11" x 1".

Record of claims to be paid by persons or firms liable for hospital bills, showing name of injured person, file number of claim, date of injury, name and address of hospital or clinic making claim, amount of claim, memorandum of payment or release, and date of release. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. Handwritten. Indexed.

29. RECORD OF LIENS ON PROGENY. 1890-1902. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 1".

Record of liens drawn in favor of stock breeders against owners of foaled animals, secured by expected progeny, to insure payment of stud fees, showing date and amount of lien, name of owner, names of persons entering agreement, description of animals, terms of contract, date of filing, and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date of filing. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

Vital Statistics

30. RECORD OF APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MARRY. 1929-1933. 2 vols., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 2".

Recorded copies of applications for marriage licenses giving three-days notice of intention to marry, showing file number, filing date of health certificate, names of contracting parties, date of notice, signature of applicant, and clerk's recording certificate, showing filing date, recording date, and signature of clerk. Arranged chronologically by date of notice. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

31. APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES and APPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH AND BLOOD TEST. 1947-1955; 1962-current. 4 narrow file drawers, 2 cubic feet; 12 boxes, 10" x 14" x 2".

Applications for marriage licenses and medical examination certificates and lab reports for couples prior to marriage, including doctor's certificate that both parties are free of disease. Arranged chronologically by date filed. SPF-typed. Not indexed. Use of file is restricted.

32. MARRIAGE LICENSE RECEIPTS (STUBS). 1906-1909; 1914-1940; 1944-current. 2 vols., 17" x 14 1/2" x 2 1/2"; 6 vols., 15" x 14" x 2 1/2"; 5 vols., 15" x 14" x 3 1/2".

Receipt stubs, sworn affidavits, and parental consents for marriage licenses. Marriage license receipts show receipt number, names of male and female, ages, name of physician issuing health certificate, date issued, and signature of clerk or deputy. Sworn affidavits show name of county, names of male and female, attestation as to age and legal obligations, date sworn, and name of clerk or deputy. Consent of parent or guardian (when applicable) shows name of county, name of parent, name and age of individual underage, name of intended, date sworn, signature of parent or guardian, and clerk's attestation. Arranged numerically by license number and thereunder chronologically by date issued. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

33. MARRIAGE LICENSES. 1900-1943. 44 boxes, 10" x 4" x 2".

Original marriage licenses not returned to individuals, showing name of couple, signatures of both, certification by person marrying couple, date married, signatures of witnesses, and signature of county clerk. No obvious arrangement. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

34. MARRIAGE RECORD. 1879-current. 6 vols., 16" x 11 1/2" x 2"; 1 vol., 18" x 12" x 2 1/2".

Recorded copies of marriage licenses which were returned to the individuals. Shows license number, county in which received, names of male and female, date issued, date of ceremony, name of minister or judge presiding, date license returned, and date recorded. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten and typed. Indexed.

35. BIRTH RECORD. 1903-current. 6 vols., 18" x 15" x 3".

Recorded copies of birth certificates filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, showing name of child; date of birth;

sex; whether legitimate; whether multiple birth; order of birth; name, age, birthplace, and occupation of each parent; certifying statement of doctor or midwife; date certificate filed; and name of registrar. Earlier volumes are registers of births, showing name, sex, race, and birth date of child; place of birth; whether legitimate; whether parents native or foreign; whether stillborn or alive; names and residence of parents; name and address of physician, accoucheur, or attendant; date filed; and by whom reported. Arranged chronologically by date filed or recorded. SPF-handwritten. Indexed. Use of file is restricted.

36. PROBATE COURT OF BIRTHS NOT PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED. 1888-current. 9 vols., 18" x 12" x 3"; 1 vol., 11" x 8" x 3".

Probate court record of births not previously registered, filed with the Bureau of Vital Statistics pursuant to H. B. 614, 46th Leg. R. S. 1939. Shows county; city; name, sex, and birth date of child; whether legitimate; full name, residence, race, age, trade, and number of other children of father; name, age, residence, race, trade, and number of other children of mother; certificate of birth signed by mother; affidavits of interested or knowledgeable individuals attesting to validity; date; and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-typed. Not indexed. Use of file is restricted.

37. DEATH CERTIFICATES (formerly titled "Death Record" and "Death Notices"). 1937-current. 2 narrow file drawers, 1 cubic foot.

Recorded copies of actual death certificates filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Austin, showing place of death; name and address of deceased; date of death; age, occupation, birthplace, sex, marital status, date of birth, and country of citizenship of deceased; names of parents; name of informant; cause of death; whether autopsy performed; type of injury; place of occurrence of death; date of burial; place of burial; funeral director; registrar's file number; name of registrar; and date filed. Arranged chronologically by date filed. SPF-typed. Not indexed. Use of file is restricted.

38. DEATH RECORD. 1903-current. 4 vols., 17" x 15" x 2".

Recorded copies of death certificates filed in the Bureau of Vital Statistics, showing place of death;

name and address of deceased; date of death; age, occupation, birthplace, date of birth, sex, marital status, and country of citizenship of deceased; names of parents; name of informant; cause of death; whether autopsy performed; type of injury; place of occurrence of injury; physician's certificate of death; time of death; date of burial; place of burial; name of funeral director; registrar's file number; name of registrar; date filed; and date recorded. Earlier volumes are registers of deaths, showing certificate number; date filed; place of death; name, sex, race, marital status, birth date, birthplace, age, and occupation of deceased; maiden name and birthplace of mother; name and birthplace of father; name and address of informant; date of death; cause of death; and place and date of burial. Arranged chronologically by date filed or recorded. Handwritten; typed; SPF-handwritten. Indexed. Use of file is restricted.

Livestock

39. ESTRAY RECORD. 1879-1909. 2 vols., 16" x 11" x 1 1/2".

Recorded copies of affidavits made by taker-up, affidavits made by appraisers, and bonds made by taker-up filed with county clerk, showing description of stock, date of affidavit, name of owner, signature of affiant, certificate of acknowledgment, and filing date; affidavits to appraise value of stock, showing date of affidavit, name of appraiser, appraised value, signature of appraiser, certificate of acknowledgment, and filing date; bonds made to guarantee compliance with requirements of estray laws, showing date and place of execution, names of principals and sureties, amount of bond, conditions of obligations, signatures of principals and sureties, certificate of acknowledgment, and date filed. Arranged chronologically by date filed. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

40. RECORD OF MARKS AND BRANDS. 1879-current. 2 vols., 16" x 11" x 1 1/2"; 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 12" x 2".

Register of livestock marks and brands, showing register number, name of owner, place of residence, kind of animal, marks, brands, location of mark or brand, date of registry, and remarks. Arranged alphabetically by name of owner. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Business and Professional Records

41. ASSUMED NAME RECORD. 1921-current. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 2"; 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 12" x 2 1/2".

Register of certificates filed by owners of incorporated businesses, showing certificate number, date filed, name and address of firm or business, names and addresses of individuals filing, date of instrument, names and addresses of individuals withdrawing from firm or business, remarks, and date of withdrawal certificate. Arranged chronologically by date filed. Typed; SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

42. MEDICAL REGISTER. 1908-current (dates vary). 1 vol., 16" x 12" x 2".

Recorded copies of certificates issued to practicing physicians and nurses, showing license or certificate number, name and address of physician or nurse, date of license or certificate, name of school from which graduated, names of examining board members, date filed, date recorded, and signature of clerk or deputy. Volume also contains register of physicians and embalmers, showing name of physician or embalmer, date of certificate, grantor of certificate, date filed, date of registry, and signature of clerk or deputy. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten; photocopied. Indexed.

43. DISCHARGE RECORD. 1918-current. 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 12" x 1 1/2"; 2 vols., 18" x 12" x 2 1/2".

Recorded copies of discharge papers, showing name, unit of service, where born, date of enlistment, age at enlistment, description, occupation, company, where enlisted, battles participated in, physical condition, marital status, character, pay, medals, discharge data, VA and employment service information, remarks, date filed, date recorded, and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date filed. SPF-handwritten and typed. Indexed.

44. RECORD OF DRUMMERS LICENSES. 1881-1882. 1 vol., 16" x 10" x 1".

Recorded copies of commercial travelers' special occupational tax receipts issued by state comptroller as licenses, showing receipt number, name of drummer, length of time for which payment applies, date issued,

signatures of comptroller and clerk, and certificate of recordation, showing date filed, date recorded, and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date of receipt. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Bonds and Deputations

45. OFFICIAL BONDS. 1971-current. 1 narrow file drawer, 1/2 cubic foot.

Original bonds and qualifying oaths for county officials in Rains County, showing name of principal, names of sureties, date and amount of bond, conditions of bond, notarization, signatures of principal and sureties, oath of office, date filed, date recorded, and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

46. OFFICIAL BOND RECORDS (formerly titled "Record of Official Bonds"). 1879-1884; 1892-current. 2 vols., 17" x 12 1/2" x 2"; 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 12" x 2 1/2"; 2 vols., 18" x 15" x 3".

Recorded copies of bonds and qualifying oaths for county officials in Rains County, showing name of principal, names of sureties, date and amount of bond, conditions of bond, notarization, oath of office, date filed, date recorded, and signature of county clerk. Volumes 4 and 5 also contain bonds to pay liens or claims, which are recorded copies of bonds to construct and improve buildings under the Hardeman Act, Statutory Payment Bond, Article 5472d, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes. Shows name of contractor, name of owner, amount of bond, date of contract, type of improvement, date of instrument, signatures of contractor and owner, date bond approved, power of attorney, certification, date filed, date recorded, and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten and typed. Volume 1 not indexed; volumes 2-5 indexed.

47. DEPUTATION RECORD. 1904-1936. 1 vol., 18 1/2" x 12 1/2" x 2".

Recorded copies of appointments of deputies to perform duties of county officials in place of officeholder, showing name of officeholder; name of deputy; date of appointment; date, place, and notarization of oath of office; date filed; date recorded; and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

48. NOTARY BONDS (also titled OFFICIAL NOTARY BONDS). 1955; 1971-current (dates vary). 2 narrow file drawers, 1 cubic foot.

Original bonds for notaries public, showing name of principal; names of sureties; name of governor to whom bound; date, amount, and conditions of bond; signatures of principal and witnesses; and affidavit of assent by notary. Arranged chronologically by date filed. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

49. NOTARY BOND RECORD. 1884-1893; 1921-1937; 1939-1942. 1 vol., 18 1/2" x 13" x 2"; 2 vols., 16" x 11" x 1 1/4"; 1 vol., 15" x 11" x 1".

Recorded copies of notary public bonds, showing name of principal, names of sureties, name of governor to whom bound, amount of bond, name of notary, county, signatures of principal and witnesses, and affidavit of assent by notary. Also contains oath of office, showing name, date, signature of notary, date filed, date recorded, and signature of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

Acknowledgments and Fees

50. RECORD OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT. 1886-1934. 2 vols., 16" x 11 1/2" x 1 1/2".

Record of acknowledgment of an instrument being filed by the county clerk, showing kind of instrument, date of instrument, location of land, name of original grantee, name and residence of grantor, whether grantor known or name and residence of introducer, date of acknowledgment, name and residence of grantee, and name and style of officer taking acknowledgment. Arranged chronologically by date of acknowledgment. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

51. GENERAL FEE BOOK. 1921-1934; 1939-1950; 1962-1972. 2 vols., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 2"; 4 vols., 17 1/2" x 15" x 2"; 1 vol., 17 1/2" x 15 1/2" x 3".

County clerk's record of fees for services performed, showing date, amount of fees, kind of fee, name of person paying, to whom paid, date paid, and details of disbursements. Arranged chronologically by date of entry. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Miscellaneous

52. MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS. Dates vary. 17 narrow file drawers, 8 1/2 cubic feet.

Files contain miscellaneous documents, including warranty deeds, vendor's liens, insurance policies, affidavits, mandates, subpoenas, patents, deeds, witness attendance, indictments by grand jury, official bonds, witness bonds, and appearance bonds. No obvious arrangement. Handwritten; typed; SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

53. AUTOMOBILE REGISTER. 1909-1917. 1 vol., 17" x 12" x 2".

Record of automobiles registered in Rains County, showing registration number, name and address of owner, kind of vehicle, date of registration, and name of county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date of entry. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

54. TAX RECEIPT RECORD. 1915-1957. 1 vol., 18 1/2" x 13" x 3".

Clerk's register of taxes paid, showing roll, page, and line numbers; date paid; amount of taxes paid; name of taxpayer; abstract number; certificate number; name of original grantee; value of property; itemization of type of taxes and amount; total taxes; date filed; and signatures of tax assessor-collector and county clerk. Arranged chronologically by date paid. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

Registry

55. REGISTER OF INSTRUMENTS FILED FOR RECORD. 1920-1924; 1928-1932; 1935-1940; 1965-current. 3 vols., 19" x 12 1/2" x 3"; 4 vols., 16 1/2" x 12" x 2".

Register of instruments filed for record, showing file number, type and number of instrument, name of grantor, name of grantee, amount of filing fees, dates filed and delivered, date of payment of fees, and book and page number where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of grantor and thereunder chronologically by date filed. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

COUNTY COURT RECORDS

Civil

56. CIVIL (formerly titled "County Court Civil Jackets"). Unknown-1949-current. 31 narrow file drawers, 15 1/2 cubic feet.

Original papers of both retired and pending civil cases, including plaintiff's petitions, defendant's answers to petitions, citations, jury choices, subpoenas, motions, bonds, depositions, court orders, and bills of cost. Information for retired cases also includes judgments. Early files arranged alphabetically by name of plaintiff; records dated 1949-current arranged numerically by case number. Handwritten; typed; SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

57. CIVIL MINUTES. 1891-current. 2 vols., 16 1/2" x 11" x 2"; 2 vols., 18 1/2" x 12 1/2" x 3".

Record of proceedings of civil cases in county court, showing term of court, case number, style of case, date of trial, names of attorneys, orders and judgments of the court, signatures of presiding judge and attorneys, and clerk's attestation and recording certificate. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. Handwritten; SPF-handwritten and typed. Indexed in INDEX TO MINUTES - CIVIL (58.).

58. INDEX TO MINUTES - CIVIL. Undated. 1 vol., 18 1/2" x 12 1/2" x 2".

Direct and reverse indexes to CIVIL MINUTES (57.), showing name of plaintiff, name of defendant, and book and page number where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by names of plaintiff and defendant. SPF-handwritten.

59. CLERK'S FILE DOCKET - CIVIL. 1880-1885; 1969-current. 2 vols., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 2".

Clerk's master reference to all instruments filed for record in civil cases filed in county court, showing file or docket number, names of attorneys, style of case, date of filing, object of suit, returns on processes, and proceedings had in case. Arranged numerically by file number. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

60. CIVIL FEE BOOK. 1914-1928; 1939-current. 4 vols., 16 1/2" x 12" x 2".

Clerk's record of fees paid for civil cases in county court, showing name of plaintiff, name of defendant, case number, type of action, date fees assessed, items for which fees paid, clerk's fees, sheriff's fees, name of county, names of officers, judge's fees, names of witnesses, amount of witness fees, total costs, and file number. Arranged numerically by file number. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

Criminal

61. CRIMINAL (formerly titled "County Court Criminal Jackets"). Unknown-1935-current. 42 narrow file drawers, 21 cubic feet.

Original papers of criminal cases, retired and pending, filed in county court, including complaints, petitions, indictments, bail bonds, information papers, mandates, writs, and capiases. Information for retired cases also includes verdicts and dismissals. Papers dated before 1935 arranged alphabetically by name of defendant; papers dated after 1935 arranged numerically by case number. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

62. CRIMINAL MINUTES. 1891-current. 1 vol., 15 1/2" x 11" x 1 1/2"; 2 vols., 16 1/2" x 12" x 2"; 1 vol., 18 1/2" x 12 1/2" x 3"; 1 vol., 15" x 10" x 3".

Clerk's record of proceedings of county court in criminal cases, showing case number, names of defendant and attorney, charge or offense, motions, orders, verdict of guilty or not guilty, and sentence or acquittal. Minutes for each term show date and kind of term, court officers present, and signatures of county clerk and county judge at close of term. Arranged numerically by case number. Handwritten; typed; photocopied. Indexed in INDEX TO MINUTES - CRIMINAL (63.)

63. INDEX TO MINUTES - CRIMINAL. Undated. 1 vol., 18 1/2" x 12 1/2" x 2".

Index to CRIMINAL MINUTES (62.), showing case number, name of defendant, style of case, and volume and page number where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of defendant. SPF-handwritten.

64. CRIMINAL DOCKET (formerly titled "Disposed Criminal Docket County Court"). 1930-current. 3 vols., 14" x 8" x 6".

Docket sheets setting criminal cases, closed and pending, in county court, showing case number, style of case, names of attorneys, nature of offense, whether indictment or information, date of filing, volume and page number of fee book, and volume and page number where recorded in minutes. Arranged numerically by case number. SPF-typed. Not indexed.

65. CRIMINAL DOCKET. 1892-1898. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 2".

Docket book recording criminal cases tried in county court, showing docket number, names of attorneys, name of defendant, offense, date of filing, names of witnesses, orders previous term, and orders present term. Arranged numerically by docket number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

66. CRIMINAL FEE BOOK. 1894-current. 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 2"; 6 vols., 16 1/2" x 12" x 1 1/2".

Clerk's record of fees assessed for criminal cases in county court, showing case number, name of defendant, offense, date, items of costs, and amount of costs. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

Probate

67. PROBATE. Unknown-current. 62 narrow file drawers, 31 cubic feet.

Original documents relating to cases probated in county court, showing case number, style of case, and date filed. Includes oaths and bonds of guardians; court orders and judgments; waivers; copies of wills; applications for probate, for guardians, for allowances, for orders authorizing the sale of real estate, and for letters testamentary; inventories; appraisements; lists of claims; notices; complaints contesting the probate of wills and the appointment of executors, administrators, or guardians; and application authorizing final disposition of estate and the discharge of the executor, administrator, or guardian and their bondsmen. Early papers arranged alphabetically by name of estate; later papers arranged numerically by case number. SPF-handwritten and typed. Indexed in INDEX TO PROBATE MINUTES (71.).

68. MENTAL ILLNESS BEGINNING 1971. 1971-current. 1 narrow file drawer, 1/2 cubic foot.

Papers pertaining to lunacy cases in the county court, showing case number, name of person being committed, type of commitment, and place of commitment. Arranged numerically by case number. SPF-typed. Not indexed.

69. MENTAL ILLNESS RECORD. 1971-current. 1 vol., 15" x 9 1/2" x 3 1/2".

Minutes of lunacy cases heard in probate court, showing date of case, name of ex parte, case number, name of judge, judgment of court, and record of observations of judge and commission of doctors. Also shows amount of fees and to whom custody of individual is given. Arranged chronologically. SPF-handwritten and typed; photocopied. Indexed in INDEX TO PROBATE MINUTES (71.).

70. PROBATE MINUTES. 1880-current. 2 vols., 15 1/2" x 11" x 1 1/2"; 13 vols., 18 1/2" x 12" x 3"; 2 vols., 15" x 9 1/2" x 3".

Recorded copies of orders, judgments, decrees, and proceedings of the county court sitting as a probate court in cases involving estates of deceased and guardianship of minors, idiots, and lunatics. Shows estate, names of parties involved, case number, court term, date, copies of documents filed in case, and name of presiding judge. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. Handwritten; typed; photocopied. Indexed in INDEX TO PROBATE MINUTES (71.).

71. INDEX TO PROBATE MINUTES. Undated. 1 vol., 14 1/2" x 9 1/2" x 1 1/2"; 1 vol., 18" x 12" x 2 1/2".

Direct and reverse indexes to PROBATE MINUTES (70.), MENTAL ILLNESS RECORD (69.), and PROBATE (67.), showing name of estate; name of administrator, executor, or guardian; box number; and volume and page number where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by name of administrator, executor, or guardian and by name of deceased or minor. SPF-handwritten and typed.

72. PROBATE DOCKET. 1924-current. 4 vols., 15" x 9" x 6".

Docket sheets setting probate cases in county court, showing case number; name of estate; names of attorneys;

nature of application, petition, or exhibit; date filed; orders of the court; and minute book volume and page number where case recorded. Arranged numerically by case number. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

73. PROBATE DOCKET. 1882-1911. 3 vols., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 2".

Docket book recording probate cases filed in county court, showing docket number; names of attorneys; name of deceased; name of executor, administrator, or applicant for letters; date filed; date of appointment; kind of appointment; date of citation; and actions of the court. Arranged numerically by docket number. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

74. CLAIM DOCKET - PROBATE COURT. 1878-current. 2 vols., 17" x 11" x 1 1/2".

Probate docket book of claims on estates of deceased, showing name of deceased, name of executor or administrator of estate, name of claimant, amount of claim, date of claim, rate of interest, date of filing or rejection, amount approved, and type of claim allowed. No obvious arrangement. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

75. FEE BOOK - PROBATE COURT (formerly titled "Probate Fees"). 1880-current. 4 vols., 16" x 11" x 1 1/2"; 1 vol., 16" x 12" x 2".

Record of fees for probate cases, showing names of attorneys; date filed; disposition of case; case number; name of estate; items of fees; date; fees for clerk, judge, and sheriff; total fees; and credits. Arranged chronologically by date filed. Handwritten; SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

Multi-Court Records

76. RECORD OF MINUTES (CIVIL AND CRIMINAL). 1879-1890. 2 vols., 15 1/2" x 11" x 1 1/2".

Record of proceedings had in civil and criminal cases in county court. Civil minutes show same information as summarized in CIVIL MINUTES (57.). Criminal minutes show same information as summarized in CRIMINAL MINUTES (62.). Arranged numerically by case number. Handwritten. Indexed in INDEX TO MINUTES - CIVIL (58.) and INDEX TO MINUTES - CRIMINAL (63.).

77. FEE BOOK. 1879-1892. 1 vol., 15" x 11" x 1".

Record of fees incurred in both civil and criminal cases in county court, including fees for issuing subpoenas, fees for entering affidavits, sheriff's costs, arrest mileage, county attorney's fees, fines, court fees, and jury fees. Arranged numerically by case number. Handwritten. Indexed.

78. EXECUTION DOCKET. 1880-1947. 2 vols., 16" x 11" x 1 1/2".

Clerk's record of executions issued to collect a judgment against a defendant, showing name of defendant, amount of fee, amount of judgment, interest rate, court costs, payments made, case number, style of case, date of issuance, sheriff's return, and amount collected. Arranged numerically by case number. Typed; SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

79. MOTION DOCKET. 1880-1902. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 1".

Docket of all motions filed in county court, showing case number, names of parties, names of attorneys, date, nature of motion, and disposition of motion. Arranged numerically by docket number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

80. INDEX TO JUDGMENTS AND PAPERS. Undated. 1 vol., 14" x 9 1/2" x 2".

Partial index to judgments recorded in CIVIL MINUTES (57.), and CRIMINAL MINUTES (62.), and original papers in CIVIL JACKETS (56.) and CRIMINAL JACKETS (61.). Shows name of plaintiff, name of defendant, box number, and volume and page number where recorded. Arranged alphabetically by names of plaintiff and defendant. SPF-handwritten.

Miscellaneous

81. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S DOCKET. 1904-1923. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 2".

Docket book of cases filed in county court for use by county attorney. Shows case number, style of case, in what court, offense, date of commission, names of state witnesses, and remarks. Arranged chronologically. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT RECORDS

Proceedings

82. COMMISSIONERS' COURT PAPERS. 1938-1956. 150 boxes, 10" x 4" x 2"; 2 boxes, 10" x 4" x 4".

Original papers filed with commissioners' court, including petitions and claims. Petitions show name of petitioner, date and nature of petition, signatures of individuals petitioning, and date filed. Claims show name of claimant, goods or services rendered, and date and amount of claim, including also itemized statement. Boxes also contain loose sheets of accounts allowed, showing same information as summarized in MINUTES OF ACCOUNTS ALLOWED (88.). Arranged chronologically. SPF-typed. Not indexed.

83. COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES. 1879-current. 1 vol., 15" x 9 1/2" x 3"; 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 11" x 2"; 12 vols., 18" x 12" x 3".

Recorded copies of proceedings of county administrative court, showing date of meeting; meeting called to order; minutes of previous meeting read and approved; nature of business; time meeting adjourned; and approval and signatures of county judge, county clerk, and county auditor. Business transacted includes classification and expenditure of county funds, approval of claims, levy of taxes, care of paupers, construction and maintenance of public buildings and roads, management of other county works, calling of bids and letting of contracts, designation of election precincts, appointments of election judges, calling of elections, and approval of bonds of county officials. Arranged chronologically by term of court. Handwritten; typed; photocopied. Indexed in INDEX TO COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES (84.).

84. INDEX TO COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES. 1879-current. 2 vols., 18" x 13" x 3".

Index to COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES (83.), showing date of proceedings, names of interested parties, nature of proceedings, book and page number where recorded, and date acted upon. Arranged alphabetically by name of subject. SPF-handwritten and typed.

Road

85. ROAD MINUTES. 1899-1910; 1919-1924; 1929-1930. 4 vols., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 2".

Minutes of the commissioners' court pertaining to appointments of individuals to serve as interim until a regular appointment can be named. Includes road district, description of district, list of men who work under appointee, date, and signature of judge. Also contains record of action taken by commissioners' court on road business, including appointments of juries of view, approvals of juries of view, orders establishing new roads, reports of conditional commissioners, road commissioners' quarterly reports, reports of road supervisors, and miscellaneous road business. Shows term of court, date of action, names of parties involved, subject considered, description of road, signatures of commissioners and presiding officer, and clerk's attestation. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Elections

86. REGISTER OF ELECTION RETURNS. Dates unknown; 1967-current. 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 12" x 1 1/2"; undetermined volume.

Record of returns for county, state, and national elections, showing name of candidate, amendment being voted on, type of election, location and number of election precincts, total number of votes cast, and number of votes in each precinct received by each candidate or amendment. Arranged chronologically by date of election. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Finances

87. FINANCE LEDGER. 1879-1884; 1892-1922; 1929-current. 6 vols., 18 1/2" x 13 1/2" x 3".

Recorded copies of reports of receipts and disbursements of various county officials submitted for approval to commissioners' court. Subdivision entitled "Collector Assessment" shows date of entry; charge; amount; date of credit entry; nature of receipt, voucher, or credit; date of order of credit or voucher; and amount of credit. Subdivision entitled "Collector - Occupation Tax Account" shows entry date, to whom license issued, character of

occupation, date of receipt, amount of tax due county, credit entry date, character of credit allowed, and amount of credit. Subdivision entitled "County Treasurer" shows entry date, by whom paid, from what source, amount, credit date, purpose for credit, term approved, and amount. Subdivision entitled "Indebtedness" shows entry date, debit, treasurer's report date, amount registered, date of credit entry, and amount of credit reported. Subdivision entitled "Sheriff" shows entry date; type of fine, forfeiture, or penalty; against whom; court; term; amount; credit date; in what case allowed; indebtedness; how discharged; date of court order or treasurer's receipt; and amount. Subdivision entitled "J.P." shows entry date; docket number; style of case; fine, judgment, or jury fee; against whom rendered; by whom paid; amount; date of credit; type of credit; treasurer's receipt or court order; date of receipt of order; and amount. Subdivision entitled "Estray" shows application date, name of individual selling stock, description of stock, amount due county from sale, date of credit, payee, description of stock sold, treasurer's receipt date, and amount. Arranged by office or account and thereunder chronologically by date of entry. Later volumes show date of entry; type of expenditure; amount; purpose; date of entry of credit; nature of receipt, voucher, or credit; and amount. Arranged by fund and thereunder chronologically by date of entry. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

88. MINUTES OF ACCOUNTS ALLOWED. 1893-current. 2 vols., 16 1/2" x 12" x 2"; 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 1"; 2 vols., 16 1/2" x 12" x 3"; 2 vols., 19" x 13" x 3"; 1 vol., 17" x 13" x 2"; 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 1 1/2".

Record of accounts allowed by commissioners' court, showing claim number, name of claimant, purpose, amount of claim, date acted upon, amount allowed, on what fund, warrant number, and remarks. Arranged chronologically by date acted upon. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

89. WARRANT BONDS. 1948. 1 vol., 17" x 14" x 1".

Stubs of warrants issued from the various county funds, showing date issued, warrant number, amount of warrant, to whom issued, and purpose of warrant. Arranged numerically by warrant number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

90. WARRANT RECEIPTS (formerly titled "County Warrants").
1957-current. 2 vols., 17" x 14" x 1".

Warrant receipts issued for services rendered, showing warrant number, amount of warrant, date issued, fund from which issued, and date allowed by commissioners' court. Arranged chronologically by date issued. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

DISTRICT CLERK

*RECORDS OF THE 8TH DISTRICT COURT

Civil

91. CIVIL. Unknown-1942-current. 127 narrow file drawers, 63 1/2 cubic feet; 2 filing cabinet drawers, 6 cubic feet.

Original documents relating to civil cases, closed and pending, in district court, including court orders, plaintiff's petition, defendant's answer, bills of cost, judge's fiat, orders of dismissal, motions, jury chosen, witness depositions, and citations. Information includes dates of instruments, complaints, circumstances surrounding complaint, style of case, and name of judge. Papers dated prior to 1942 arranged alphabetically by name of defendant; those dated 1942-current arranged numerically by case number. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

92. CIVIL MINUTES DISTRICT COURT. 1926-current. 3 vols., 19" x 13" x 3 1/2"; 1 vol., 15" x 10" x 3 1/2".

Record of proceedings in civil cases heard in district court, showing term of court; names of presiding judge, district attorney, sheriff, deputy sheriff, court bailiff, district clerk, and court reporter; case number; date; style of case; copies of court orders and judgments; and signatures of presiding judge, plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. Typed; photocopied. Indexed in INDEX TO DISTRICT COURT MINUTES (107.).

*Judicial districts of Rains County: 9th, 1870-1875; 7th, 1875-1876; 8th, 1876-1884; 7th, 1884-1885; and 8th, 1885-present.

93. CIVIL DOCKET (formerly titled "Disposed Civil Docket - District Court"). 1920-current. 2 vols., 15" x 10" x 9"; 3 vols., 14" x 8" x 6".

Docket sheets setting civil cases, closed and pending, in district court, showing case number, style of case, names of attorneys, date filed, object of suit, volume and page number of fee book, date of orders, orders of the court, and volume and page number of minutes. Arranged chronologically. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

94. CIVIL DOCKET. 1880-1897. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 2".

Docket book recording civil cases filed in district court, showing docket number, style of case, names of attorneys, kind of action, date of filing, orders previous term, and orders present term. Arranged numerically by docket number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

95. CLERK'S FILE DOCKET - CIVIL. 1876-1887. 1 vol., 16 1/2" x 11" x 2".

Clerk's master reference to all instruments filed for record in civil cases, showing docket number, names of attorneys, style of case, date of filing, object of suit, return of process, proceedings in case, and book and page number where recorded in minutes. Arranged numerically by docket number. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

96. CIVIL FEE BOOK. 1912-1926; 1934-current. 9 vols., 16 1/2" x 12" x 2".

Clerk's record of fees paid for civil cases in district court, showing name of plaintiff, name of defendant, case number, type of action, date fees assessed, items for which fees paid, clerk's fees, sheriff's fees, judge's fees, name of county, names of officers, names of witnesses, amount of witness fees, total costs, and file number. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Tax

97. DELINQUENT TAX MINUTES. 1927-1931. 1 vol., 19" x 12" x 3".

Record of proceedings in district court pertaining to suits filed to recover delinquent taxes, showing name of defendant, case number, name of judge, date, period of delinquent taxes, description of property, amount of taxes, amount of penalty, orders of court, and signature of presiding judge. Current tax judgments recorded in CIVIL MINUTES DISTRICT COURT (92.). Arranged numerically by case number. SPF-typed. Not indexed.

98. CIVIL FEE BOOK AND FILE DOCKET DELINQUENT TAXES. 1927-current. 2 vols., 18 1/2" x 13" x 3".

Clerk's docket for delinquent tax cases and fees assessed, showing case number, name of defendant, date, officer's fees, trial fees, receipts, and orders of court. Arranged numerically by case number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

99. CIVIL DOCKET TAX SUITS. 1898. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 1".

Docket recording cases filed to collect delinquent taxes, showing case number, names of attorneys, name of defendant, kind of action, date filed, orders previous term, and orders present term. Arranged numerically by case number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Domestic Relations - Juvenile

100. ADOPTION PAPERS. Dates undetermined. 1 box, 17" x 12" x 6".

Sealed papers concerning adoptions in Rains County. May include orders of court, judgments, authorization of adoption, and orders of dismissal, showing case number, court and county, date of instrument, name of child, name of adoptive parents, and signature of county judge. Arrangement undetermined. Handwritten; typed; SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed. Use of file is restricted.

Criminal

101. CRIMINAL. Unknown-1950-current. 91 narrow file drawers, 45 1/2 cubic feet; 3 filing cabinet drawers, 9 cubic feet.

Original documents relating to criminal cases filed in district court, including grand jury indictments, warrants

for arrest, judgments, court orders, appointments of attorneys, copies of sentences, orders of dismissal, and parole papers. Shows name of defendant, nature of offense, names of attorneys, name of presiding judge, pleas, and dates of instruments. Arranged alphabetically by name of defendant. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

102. CRIMINAL MINUTES. 1923-current. 4 vols., 18 1/2" x 13" x 3"; 1 vol., 14 1/2" x 10" x 3 1/2".

Recorded copies of documents filed in criminal cases tried in district court, including orders of dismissal, sentences, and judgments. Shows case number, court, term of court, name of defendant, and offense. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten. Indexed in INDEX TO DISTRICT COURT MINUTES (107.).

103. CRIMINAL DOCKET. 1920-1936; 1971-current. 1 vol., 15" x 9" x 6"; 2 vols., 15" x 9" x 1 1/2".

Docket sheets setting criminal cases, closed and pending, in district court, showing case number, name of defendant, names of attorneys, offense, date of filing, orders of court, date of orders, and book and page number where recorded in minute book. Arranged chronologically by date filed. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

104. CRIMINAL DOCKET EXAMINING TRIALS. 1927-1931. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 1".

Docket recording examining trials filed with the district clerk, showing date of trial, number and style of case, name of complainant, kind of processes issued, items of fees, court orders, and disposition of case. Arranged numerically by case number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

105. BAIL BONDS DISTRICT COURT. 1974. 2 narrow file drawers, 1 cubic foot.

Original bail bonds filed with district clerk to insure appearance in court, showing name of person released on bond, amount of bond, to be paid by whom, and date of appearance in court. No obvious arrangement. SPF-typed. Not indexed.

Multi-Court Records

106. MINUTES DISTRICT COURT. 1880-1926. 6 vols., 19" x 13" x 3 1/2".

Record of proceedings in civil and criminal cases heard in district court. Civil minutes include copies of court orders and judgments and show term of court; names of presiding judge, district attorney, sheriff, deputy sheriff, court bailiff, district clerk, and court reporter; case number; date; style of case; and signatures of presiding judge, plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys. Criminal minutes include orders of dismissal, sentences, and judgments, and show case number, term of court, name of defendant, offense, and court. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. Handwritten; typed. Indexed in INDEX TO DISTRICT COURT MINUTES (107.).

107. INDEX TO DISTRICT COURT MINUTES. Undated-1908-current. 1 vol., 14" x 9 1/2" x 2"; 2 vols., 18 1/2" x 13" x 3".

Direct and reverse indexes to MINUTES DISTRICT COURT (106.), CIVIL MINUTES DISTRICT COURT (92.), and CRIMINAL MINUTES (102.), showing names of plaintiff and defendant, and volume and page number where recorded. Volumes dated 1908-current also show date of judgment. Arranged alphabetically by names of both plaintiff and defendant. SPF-handwritten.

108. JURY TRIAL DOCKET. 1889-1900. 1 vol., 13" x 9" x 1".

Docket of cases filed in district court for jury trial, showing file number, name of person demanding jury trial, names of parties involved, names of attorneys, date filed, former orders, and disposition of case. Arranged numerically by case number. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

109. MOTION DOCKET. 1880-1904. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 1".

Docket book recording motions filed before district court, showing case number, names of attorneys, names of parties, nature of motion, date of motion, and disposition of motion. Arranged numerically by docket number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

110. EXECUTION DOCKET. 1880-1928. 2 vols., 16 1/2" x 11 1/2" x 1 1/2".

Clerk's record of executions issued to collect a judgment against a defendant, showing name of defendant, amount of fee, amount of judgment, interest rate, court costs, payments made, case number, style of case, date of issuance, sheriff's return, and amount collected. Arranged numerically by case number. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

111. GENERAL FEE BOOK. 1931-1970. 1 vol., 17" x 15" x 1 1/2".

Clerk's record of receipts and expenditures of all fees due district clerk, showing date received, from what source, explanation of fee, docket or file number, itemization of type of fees and amount of each, total fees, date paid, to whom paid, explanation of payment, itemization of expenditures and amount of each, total amount of check, and check number. Arranged chronologically by date of entry. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

112. SUBPOENA RESIDENT WITNESS. 1927-1934. 2 vols., 14" x 8" x 1".

Stubs of subpoenas issued for witnesses in district court, showing name of defendant, date applied for, name and address of witness, date issued, date returnable, subpoenaed for whom, to whom delivered, and signature of district clerk. Arranged chronologically by date issued. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Grand Jury Records

113. MINUTES GRAND JURY. 1894-1918. 1 vol., 14 1/2" x 9 1/2" x 3".

Record of proceedings in cases heard by grand jury, showing name of plaintiff, name of defendant, offense, date of offense, names and residences of witnesses, remarks, and term of court. Arranged chronologically by term of court. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed. Use of file is restricted.

114. APPEARANCE BONDS IN DISTRICT GRAND JUROR. 1969. 1 narrow file drawer, 1/2 cubic foot.

Original appearance bonds filed with district clerk, showing name of principal, names of sureties, amount of bond, conditions of bond, date, charge, date filed, and signatures of principal and sureties. Arranged chronologically. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

Finances

115. JURY CERTIFICATE BOOK. 1936-1946. 1 vol., 17" x 14" x 1 1/2".

Stubs of certificates issued for payment of jury service in district court cases, showing certificate number, amount, date issued, to whom issued, for what service, and term of court. Arranged numerically by certificate number and thereunder chronologically by date issued. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

116. SUBPOENAED WITNESS ACCOUNT AND CERTIFICATE. 1912-1922; 1924-1926. 2 vols., 14" x 10" x 1"; 1 vol., 14" x 9" x 1 1/2".

Carbon copies of certificates to pay non-resident witnesses for expenses incurred for appearance in district court cases, showing to whom paid, style of case, mileage to and from court, amount due for mileage, days absent from home, amount due per diem, total amount due, sworn statements signed by district clerk attesting that all laws have been complied with and that witness is entitled to payment, and sworn statements signed by district judge approving payment. Arranged numerically by certificate number and chronologically by date issued. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

117. MINUTES OF SHERIFF'S ACCOUNTS. 1902-1921. 2 vols., 16 1/2" x 11" x 1 1/2".

Minutes of sheriff's fee bills in felony cases in district court, showing case number, name of plaintiff, name of defendant, offense, mileage traveled to arrest, amount due for mileage, amount to summon witnesses, and totals. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

118. RECORD OF SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE. 1897-1907; 1922-1927. 3 vols., 16" x 12" x 1".

Record of payment to sheriff for services rendered to district court, showing name of sheriff, county, name of defendant, case number, type of service rendered, date service rendered, distance traveled, location traveled to, amount due sheriff, date of payment, and signature of district clerk. Arranged numerically by certificate number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Miscellaneous

119. INQUEST PROCEEDINGS. 1972-current. 1 narrow file drawer, 1/2 cubic foot.

Reports from justice of peace to district clerk on proceedings in inquests held in justice court, showing date, name of justice of peace, precinct number, date of inquest, name of deceased, cause of death, date filed, and signature of justice of peace. Arranged chronologically by date filed. Typed. Not indexed.

DISTRICT CLERK EX OFFICIO

120. DISTRICT CLERK'S RECORD OF TRUST FUND. 1966-current. 1 vol., 15" x 9" x 2".

Clerk's record of trust fund receipts and disbursements, showing case number, name of plaintiff, name of defendant, date received, from whom received, description of item, amount received, where deposited, date, disbursements, date paid, check number, total amounts, and whether open or closed. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

121. REGISTER OF PHYSICIANS DIPLOMAS. 1908-1950. 1 vol., 18" x 12" x 2".

Register of physicians' diplomas, showing name, birthplace, birth date, age, and address of physician; type of school attended; and signature of district clerk. Arranged chronologically. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

122. PHISICIANS (sic) LICENSE AND DIPLOMAS. 1902-1912. 1 vol., 18" x 12" x 1".

Recorded copies of licenses issued by the State Board of Medical Examiners to practice medicine in the State of Texas, showing license number, date of license, grantor of certificate, school from which graduated, name of applicant, date filed, and date recorded. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. Handwritten. Not indexed.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Court Records

123. JUSTICE'S CIVIL DOCKET (also titled JUSTICE DOCKET - CIVIL and CIVIL DOCKET). Precinct 1, 1972-current; Precinct 2, 1893-1925; Precinct not given, 1913-1917. 3 vols., 16" x 11" x 1".

Docket of civil cases filed in justice court with judgments and accounts of fees due thereon, showing case number, name of plaintiff, name of defendant, names of attorneys, court term, cause of action, filing date, account of fees earned, judgment of court, disposition of case, and signature of justice. Arranged numerically by case or docket number. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

124. JUSTICE CRIMINAL DOCKET (formerly titled "Criminal Docket J.P. Court," "Justice Docket," and "Criminal Docket"). Precinct 1, 1892-1915, 1918-1919, 1921-1925, 1927-1932, 1935-1944, 1966-current; Precinct 2, 1910-1914, 1917-1918, 1929-1936; Precinct not given, 1893-1895. 9 vols., 16" x 11 1/2" x 2"; 12 vols., 16" x 12" x 2 1/2"; 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 1 1/2"; 1 vol., 17" x 11" x 1 1/2"; 3 vols., 16" x 10" x 1 1/2".

Docket of criminal cases filed in justice court with judgments and accounts of fees due thereon, showing precinct number; county; name of justice; number and style of case; offense; date complaint filed; by whom complaint made; against whom; nature of charge; date warrant issued; judgment of guilty or not guilty; jury verdict; justice's signature; items and amounts of fees due constable; amounts of trial, county attorney, and jury fees; amount of fine; and total costs. Arranged numerically by case or docket number. SPF-handwritten. Partially indexed.

125. JUSTICE EXAMINING TRIAL DOCKET (formerly titled "J.P. Criminal Docket Examining Trials"). 1931-1933; 1936-1944; 1971-current. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 2"; 2 vols., 16" x 10" x 1".

Docket of examining trials heard before justice of the peace, showing name of defendant, docket number, names of attorneys, date of filing, name of person making charge, charge, itemization of costs for constable and justice of peace, judgment rendered, and signature of justice. Arranged numerically by docket number. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

126. SMALL CLAIMS COURT DOCKET. 1959-current. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 1".

Record of trials of small claims suits that have been held in justice court, precinct 1, showing docket number, style of case, names of attorneys, date filed, reason for suit, fees for justice of peace and constable, and signature of justice of peace. Arranged numerically by docket number. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

127. LIQUOR SEARCH WARRANTS - PRIVATE DWELLINGS. 1944-1946. 1 vol., 14" x 8 3/4" x 1 3/4".

Affidavits and warrants of search and seizure of liquor in private dwellings (LCB form) issued by justice of peace, showing county, accurate description of dwelling, name of owner of property, facts showing basis for belief of violation, and signature of justice of peace. Arranged chronologically by date issued. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

SHERIFF

Case Files and Reports

128. ARREST FILES. 1973-current. 2 narrow file drawers, 1 cubic foot.

Papers pertaining to individuals arrested, including photograph and fingerprints of person arrested. Shows name, address, social security number, driver's license number, age, race, sex, eye color, hair color, height, weight, date of birth, place of birth, and description of marks or scars of person arrested; offense; where arrested; where offense was committed; date of offense; name and address of complainant; details of arrest; names and addresses of witnesses; and name of arresting officer. Arranged numerically by file number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed. File is closed to the public.

129. BURGLARY AND THEFT REPORTS. 1974-current. 1 filing cabinet drawer, 3 cubic feet.

Reports of burglaries and thefts made to Rains County sheriff, showing name and address of complainant, nature of complaint, location, date, name of officer assigned, name of dispatcher, and details of complaint. Arranged chronologically by month complaint made. SPF-typed. Not indexed. File is closed to the public.

130. INFORMATION REQUEST LEDGER. 1973-current. 1 vol., 11 1/2" x 10" x 1 1/2".

Record of requests sent to Austin for record of suspect, showing date, request number, to whom and from whom sent, description of suspect, charge, description of stolen article, and type of information desired. Arranged numerically by request number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed. File is closed to the public.

131. RADIO LOGS. 1973-current. 1 filing cabinet drawer, 3 cubic feet.

Records of police radio calls, showing date, unit sending the call, time sent, code, purpose of call, and operator. Arranged chronologically by month. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed. File is closed to the public.

132. COUNTY JAIL LOG. 1974-current. 1 vol., 15" x 10" x 1".

Record of prisoners in county jail, showing name of prisoner, date and time of arrest, charge, date of birth, race, sex, and date and time released. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed. File is closed to the public.

133. JAIL CARDS. 1967-current. 1 narrow file drawer, 1/2 cubic foot.

Records of persons sentenced to terms in the county jail, showing name of prisoner; social security number; date and time of arrest; address, occupation, description of scars or marks, date of birth, place of birth, age, race, color of eyes, color of hair, sex, height, weight, and complexion of prisoner; name of arresting officer; offense; sentence; date of release; and name of releasing officer. Arranged alphabetically by name of prisoner. SPF-typed. Not indexed. File is closed to the public.

134. JAIL DOCKET. 1885-1904. 1 vol., 18" x 11" x 1 1/2".

Sheriff's record of prisoners held in county jail, including summary of case and description of prisoner. Shows case number, name of prisoner, date committed, by whom committed, charge, date released, whether convicted or acquitted, race, age, weight, hair color, color of eyes, height, marital status, occupation, and remarks. Arranged chronologically. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

Dockets and Fees

135. CRIMINAL DOCKET AND FEE BOOK (formerly titled "Sheriff's Criminal Docket and Fee Book"). 1909-1922. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 1 1/2"; 1 vol., 16" x 12" x 2".

Record of sheriff's fees arising from criminal cases in county court, showing case number, style of case, kind of process, name of officer executing, date received, date executed, date returned, items and amounts of fees, remarks, and receipts. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

136. SHERIFF'S FEE BOOK FELONY. 1893-1898. 1 vol., 16" x 11" x 1".

Docket recording services performed by sheriff in felony cases and fees due thereon, showing case number, defendant's name, process, name of officer executing process, date received, date executed, date returned, names of witnesses, items of cost, and total fees. Arranged numerically by case number. SPF-handwritten. Indexed.

TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR

Abstracts and Maps

137. ASSESSOR'S ABSTRACTS. 1895-1898; 1936-current. 1 vol., 18" x 13" x 3"; 7 vols., 18" x 15" x 3".

Assessor's abstract of surveys, showing abstract number; patent number, volume, to whom issued, date, and acres; certificate number, class, character, and to whom issued; year rendered; by whom rendered; acres; and value. Arranged numerically by abstract number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Assessments

138. ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY OWNED AND RENDERED FOR TAXATION (formerly titled "Tax Roll"). 1928; 1934; 1936-1938; 1963-current. 11 vols., 25 1/2" x 19" x 2 1/2"; 2 vols., 25" x 19" x 1 1/2".

Assessment of property rendered for taxation by owner or agents thereof, showing name and address of owner; abstract number; original grantee, city, or lot; acres rendered; value; whether designated homestead; state tax; county tax; total tax; date of payment; and receipt number. Arranged alphabetically by name of owner. SPF-typed. Partially indexed.

Tax Records

139. TAX RECEIPTS - STATE AND COUNTY. 1893; 1895-1905; 1908-1909; 1911-1915; 1918-1931; 1943-current. 182 vols., 19 1/2" x 12" x 2"; 71 vols., 19" x 12 1/2" x 1"; 23 vols., 18" x 12" x 1".

Copies of receipts issued for payment of state and county taxes, showing name of taxpayer, amount of taxes paid, itemization of type of tax with amount, total tax, roll number, page number, line number, receipt number, abstract number, and date. Receipts dated 1943-current arranged numerically by abstract number; other receipts arranged numerically by receipt number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

140. REGISTER OF STATE AND COUNTY TAXES COLLECTED. 1897.
1 vol., 18" x 12" x 1 1/2".

Register of taxes collected by county, showing receipt number, name of taxpayer, itemization of type of tax and amount, total taxes, and remarks. Arranged numerically by receipt number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Delinquent Tax Records

141. DELINQUENT TAX RECORD (formerly titled "Lists of Lands, Lots Returned Delinquent or Reported Sold to the State"). 1885-1912; 1939-current. 1 vol., 17" x 17" x 2"; 2 vols., 24" x 19" x 1"; 1 vol., 18" x 15" x 2".

Lists of lands reported delinquent or sold to the State of Texas, showing year reported delinquent or sold, name of owner, abstract number, name of original grantee, city or town, certificate number, addition or division, number of acres, class, itemization of type of taxes and amount, and total taxes. Arranged numerically by abstract number. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

142. DELINQUENT TAX NOTICES. 1928-1931. 7 vols., 19" x 12" x 1".

Copies of delinquent tax notices sent to taxpayers, showing name and address of taxpayer, location of property, years delinquent, itemization of type of tax and amount owed, and total taxes. Arranged numerically by abstract number or notice number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Voter Records

143. APPLICATIONS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES. 1971-current. 2 boxes, 12" x 8 1/2" x 6 1/2".

Applications for voter registration certificates, showing date, voting precinct, name and address of applicant, telephone number, social security number, date of arrival in county, city and state (if less than six months), and signature of applicant. Arranged alphabetically by name of applicant. SPF-handwritten and typed. Not indexed.

144. VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES. 1971-current. 27 vols., 17" x 9" x 1".

Tax assessor-collector's copies of certificates issued to qualified voters, showing name, address, and age of voter; date issued; and signature of tax assessor-collector or deputy. Arranged chronologically by date issued. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

145. POLL TAX RECEIPTS. 1905; 1921-1922; 1924; 1930-1931; 1933. 10 vols., 16 1/2" x 11" x 1".

Copies of receipts issued for payment of poll taxes, showing name, address, age, sex, and birth date of voter; voting box number; date issued; number of certificate; and party affiliation. Arranged numerically by receipt number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Motor Vehicle

146. MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RECEIPTS. 1973-current. 8 narrow file drawers, 4 cubic feet.

Copies of receipts for purchase of motor vehicle license plates not entailing a change in title, showing year, make, and style of vehicle; identification number; title number; weight; classification; fee; index number of vehicle; name and address of owner; and date registered. Arranged alphabetically by license number. SPF-typed. Not indexed.

TREASURER

Finances

147. TREASURER'S CLAIM REGISTER. 1906-1917; 1933-current. 12 vols., 16 1/2" x 12" x 2".

Record of claims presented for payment of services rendered, showing treasurer's number, date of registration, to what class belonging, name of payee, date of claim, amount of claim, issue number, by what authority issued, for what service issued, date of payment, and remarks. Arranged by fund and thereunder numerically by treasurer's number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

148. DETAIL LEDGER. 1945-1963; 1968-current. 6 vols., 18" x 14 1/2" x 3".

Treasurer's record of expenditures from the various county funds, showing date, claim number, itemization of amounts and purposes, warrant number, to whom warrant issued, and amount of warrant. Arranged by fund and thereunder numerically by claim number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

149. PAYROLL RECORD. 1955-current. 1 vol., 13" x 10 1/2" x 1 1/2".

Record of county employees' pay, showing fund drawn from; miscellaneous pay; total; income tax by month, total by quarter and semi-annually; social security; teacher retirement; hospital insurance; life insurance; total deductions; amount for each employee; and name, address, social security number, and exemptions for each employee. Arranged alphabetically by name of employee. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

150. FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT. 1973-current. 1 vol., 14" x 10" x 2".

Record of funds received and disbursed through the Federal Revenue Sharing Act, showing date, itemization of expenditure with purpose and amount, warrant number or check number, to whom issued, debit, remarks, and balance. Arranged chronologically by date recorded. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

151. CASH ACCOUNTS WITH AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND (formerly titled "County Treasurer's School Account Register"). 1896; 1902-1907. 1 vol., 16" x 14" x 1 1/2"; 1 vol., 12" x 10" x 2".

Treasurer's cash account book of the available school fund, showing balance brought forward; date of receipt; source from which money received; date of disbursement; to whom paid; amount of payment; name of county treasurer; and name of school district. Arranged chronologically by date of receipt or disbursement. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

Bonds and Warrants

152. BOND REGISTER. 1919-1934; 1938-current. 3 vols., 16 1/2" x 12" x 2"; 1 vol., 13" x 10" x 2"; 1 vol., 17 1/2" x 12 1/2" x 1/2".

Treasurer's record of bonds issued by the county, showing name of bond, number, date of interest, rate of interest, amount of bond, purpose of bond, coupon number, when due, to whom paid, amount of coupon, date cancelled, and remarks. Arranged chronologically by date issued. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

153. WARRANT RECEIPTS. 1890-1891; 1909-1912; 1931; 1937-1938; 1941-1970. 75 vols., 17 1/2" x 15" x 1".

Receipts for warrants issued from the various county funds, showing warrant number, amount, date issued, to whom issued, from which fund issued, purpose, date allowed, and date paid. Arranged numerically by warrant number. SPF-handwritten. Not indexed.

LISTING OF RAINS COUNTY RECORDS

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Financial Statements	1966-current
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Chattel Mortgages	1963-1966
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Acknowledgments and Fees

Record of Acknowledgment	1886-1934
General Fee Book	1921-1934; 1939-1950; 1962-1972

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous Papers	Dates vary
Automobile Register	1909-1917
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Registry

Register of Instruments Filed for Record	1920-1924; 1928-1932; 1935-1940; 1965-current
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Clerk's File Docket - Civil	1880-1885; 1969-current
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Criminal

Criminal	Unknown-1935-current
Criminal Minutes	1891-current
Index to Minutes - Criminal	Undated
Criminal Docket	1930-current
Criminal Docket	1892-1898
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Probate

Probate	Unknown-current
Mental Illness Beginning 1971	1971-current
Mental Illness Record	1971-current
Probate Minutes	1880-current
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Probate Docket	1924-current
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Record of Minutes (Civil and Criminal)	1879-1890
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Register of Election Returns Dates unknown; 1967-current

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Finance Ledger 1879-1884; 1892-1922;
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DISTRICT CLERK

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Miscellaneous

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DISTRICT CLERK EX OFFICIO

District Clerk's Record of Trust Fund	1966-current
Register of Physicians Diplomas	1908-1950
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