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The County Clerk's Office



THE County Clerk's office is one that has probably the most detailed work of any office in the County because of the fact that we have connections with each Court, with each Road Commission, with the Board of Auditors, and with several offices having their separate duties which in the last few years have become very much expanded. Each Circuit Court's records are kept in this office and are compiled by a deputy clerk. This office handles the births, deaths, marriages, all chancery and law matters, redemption of taxes, hunting licenses, fishing licenses, elections and many other smaller matters too numerous to mention.

By comparison of the duties of the office with those of previous years it is plain to be seen that the increase is tremendous. I might cite for instance the amount of alimony collected by this office in 1924 was \$42,403.17, in 1925, \$69,000.00, and from January 1st to July 31st of 1926, \$52,046.55. We have at the present date 363 active accounts. We also handle upwards of \$100,000.00 deposited in this office pending the settlement of cases in Court. The handling of the finances in this office is becoming a problem and an adequate bookkeeping system and bookkeeper should be supplied for this purpose. The several alimony accounts have been consolidated from several different books into one large book which is a time-saver. The Articles of Association which were in records have been indexed under one record, making a time saving. The same thing has been done with the Certificates of Co-partnership.

It would be unnecessary to enumerate the number of chancery, law and criminal cases filed and disposed of by this office because this information is comprised in the Report of the Circuit Court. The number of births, deaths for the years 1923, 1924 and 1925 are set up mainly to show the increase because the last two months of 1926 on account of vacations are not complete.

	BIRTHS	DEATHS	MARRIAGES	1ST PAPERS	PETITIONS
1923	2770	1389	938	849	90
1924	3268	1601	1131	966	161
1925	4596	1719	1271	442	94

This office is concerned with the naturalization of those wishing to become citizens of this Country and there has been a material increase in the last two years of the naturalization work.

The preparation of supplies for election is becoming a problem because the number of ballots has increased from 25,000 in 1920 to 60,000 in 1926, and the precincts from 50 to 77, practically doubling the work that election will entail.

As is apparent in all the offices in the County, so it is in this office, that there is becoming a shortage of space. We have vault room for approximately one more year's filing that might be extended a trifle if temporary vault space for some of the older and less used records might be supplied.

This office appreciates the courtesies extended and the co-operation granted by the various departments in the County and is desirous of conducting and maintaining an office which is a credit to the County and can render service to the people.

BURTON P. DAUGHERTY.