



## Washington County, Missouri Court Records (R0633)

**Collection Number:** R0633

**Collection Title:** Washington County, Missouri Court Records

**Dates:** 1822-1839

**Creator:** Washington County Court (Washington County, Mo.)

**Abstract:** The Washington County, Missouri Court Records contain a microfilm copy of a record book of the Washington County Court beginning on November 11, 1822 and continuing through July 8, 1839. Court business generally included appointments of local officials, certifications of elections, assessments, and road matters.

**Collection Size:** (1 roll of microfilm)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Washington County, Missouri Court Records can be found in the following collections:

*Washington County, Missouri Probate Records* (R0632)

**Processed by:** Processed by John F. Bradbury, June 18, 1998. Revised by Aaron Schmidt, April 2020.

### Historical Note:

Washington County was organized in 1813, and the village of Mine au Breton was designated the county seat. Moses Austin donated most of the land for the seat of government, which later became the town of Potosi. Construction of a courthouse began in 1814.

### Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

### Scope and Content Note:

The records in this volume begin on November 11, 1822 and continue through July 8, 1839. John C. Brickey was county clerk for the entire time represented by the records, except during the period when he served as presiding judge. The judges (now called commissioners) included Abraham Brinker, Daniel Dunklin, Thompson H. Ficklin, Andrew Goforth, John Perry, Jr., Risdon H. Price, Henry Shields, and James M. White. Routine business included appointments of constables, justices of the peace and patrollers, certifications of elections, laying out roads, establishing road districts, appointing road overseers, the relief of paupers, and appointments of guardians. Financial matters and county revenues, such as assessments, the sales of school lands and tavern licenses, were also frequent items of business. In 1823, Robert M. Stevenson, John Brickey, Samuel Perry, and Robert C. Bruffey, were appointed commissioners to fix the permanent seat of justice and plan a new courthouse and jail, which were said to be “decaying” and “insufficient.” Conditions in the courthouse were so inhospitable that in November 1823 the court convened at the residence of William Ficklin, but the court finally agreed only to repair the structure. On May 2, 1826, the Court granted the petition to incorporate the town of Potosi. Other matters taken up by the court included the erection of a stray pen and payments for militia service.

The records also include affidavits of Revolutionary War veterans who were applying for benefits based on military service. Recorded are affidavits of Peter Pinnell, Elijah Baker, David Weger, James Johnson, and Edward Thomas. The court also certified Adam House, and David Bailey as veterans of the Revolution.

### Container List:

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### Index:

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Bailey, David, 1755-	v. 1
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Brickey, John C., 1782-1864	v. 1
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Index Term	Medium
Johnson, James, 1759-	v. 1
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