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F B Ashby	19	18	17	17
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A N Brown	29	27	26	26
D J Waters	22			
CENTERTOWN DISTRICT—No. 3.				
A T Gulliam	26	24	—	24
W P Gentry	27			
HARTFORD DISTRICT—No. 4.				
John Holbrook	14	13	12	12
S Westwood	13			
SOROSVILLE DISTRICT—No. 5.				
J L Barnes	4	4	3	3
C S Hulsey	8			
RALLY DISTRICT—No. 6.				
C S Mallory	8			
James Miller	7	6	5	5
HARTFORD DISTRICT—No. 7.				
A H Bennett	11	10	8	8
John F Cooper	25	23	23	23
CROMWELL DISTRICT—No. 8.				
Malvin Taylor	22	21	21	20
Samuel Austin	21	20	19	18
HARTFORD DISTRICT—No. 9.				
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T L Allen	11			
SOUTHERN STATION DISTRICT—No. 10.				
John A Barnett	17	15	13	12
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Report of the Register of the Land Office for the Years 1876 and 1877.—T. D. Marcum, Register.

[The following is the principal part of the report of Hon T. D. Marcum, Register of the Land Office of this State, made December 1877. It is well worth a perusal.—ED.]

STATE OF KENTUCKY,
LAND OFFICE,
FRANKFORT, Dec. 1st, 1878.

On the 6th of September, 1875, when I took charge of the office there were 2,886 plats and surveys on file to be registered, from which patents were to be issued. There were over 4,500 patents that had been issued (as shown by the indorsement on the surveys), and sent out of the office, which were not recorded in the Grant Books, and a great many of these patents were issued before the surveys were entered on the Register. There had been no indices made to the patents issued since the early part of the year 1869. There had been no indices made to the 16,121 plats and surveys, founded on "Kentucky Land Warrants," that were made and recorded from the year 1715 to 1832, nor to the 16,602 Head Right Surveys made from 1796 to 1832. There were no cross indices to the "Kentucky Land Warrant" surveys; none to the surveys south of Walker's line; none to the Tellico surveys, and none to the surveys made on county court orders. I found that the indices to the grants west of the Tennessee river, and to the grants for land south of Walker's line, were so imperfect that new indices would have to be made. The office was not supplied with suitable book-cases and presses to protect and to preserve the books and papers. The plats and surveys were put up in bundles, in paper wrappers, and exposed to the dust and the ravages of rats and mice; and some of the bundles are so badly cut to pieces that they are not legible; while some of them were destroyed, or have been lost out of the office. There are some of the record books which need re-binding, and some that, from long use, have become so much worn, and the writing so dim, that the transcribing of their contents into new books has become an absolute necessity.

WORK DONE SINCE SEPTEMBER 6, 1875.

Since I have been in the office, I have had the 2,886 surveys; heretofore referred to, registered; have issued patents thereon, and have had the patents recorded. I have also had recorded, in the proper books, over 4,500 patents that had been issued and sent out of the office by my predecessors, before they were recorded. This recording had to be done from the surveys upon which the patents were issued. I have made indices to the grants issued from 1869 to December 1st, 1877, beginning with Grant Book No. 75, and ending with Grant Book No. 97—in all, twenty-two books of over 500 pages each; and I have made an index to the Register of Surveys from February, 1875, to December 1st, 1877. I have also made a new index to the grants for lands south of Walker's line, and have commenced new indices to the grants west of the Tennessee river. Since September 6th, 1875, I have received and registered 782 plats and surveys, and issued 668 patents from these surveys, leaving 114 on which patents are to be issued. But few of these have been registered long enough to allow the patents to issue. I have had these patents all recorded, except about two hundred, which have not been signed; and if they are over signed and recorded, it will not be until the case, now pending in the Franklin Circuit Court, of *Johnson vs. the Register*, is decided.

This statement shows that, since September 6, 1875, I have issued 3,554 patents, and that during this time there were over 7,800 patents, recorded in the Grant Books of the office. I have had the office supplied with suitable book-cases and presses for the safe keeping of the books and papers, and have had all the surveys put in file-boxes, to keep them from being destroyed by dust and mice.

WORK TO BE DONE.

I referred, in my report two years ago, to the fact that there were 38,797 plats and surveys on file in the office, which were not recorded in the Survey Books; to these may be added 3,554 plats and surveys upon which patents have been issued since September, 1875, which makes a total of 42,351 plats and surveys on file to be recorded. They consist of 2,957 surveys, on "Kentucky Land Warrants," issued from the year 1815 to 1835; of 3,012 surveys for land south of Walker's line, made from the year 1829 to 1877; and of 29,382 plats and surveys, made on orders from the county courts, issued from the year 1835 to 1877. These surveys are for land located in every county in the State, and are the original evidences of title to those holding the lands under the patents issued from said surveys. Therefore, argument is not necessary to suggest the necessity for preserving and perpetuating these important evidences of title to lands.

The indices, commenced to the Grant Books for lands west of the Tennessee river, is to be completed, and indices will have to be made to the "Head Right" Survey Books; also an index to the "Kentucky Land Warrants" surveys that are recorded; an index to the Tellico surveys, and an index to the county court order surveys that are recorded. There will also have to be made indices to the unrecorded plats and surveys, when they are recorded. These indices are all very much needed to expedite the business of the office. There are but few days that pass without an examination of some of these surveys from causes incidental to the business of the office, and in many instances it is very difficult to find some of them, for want of indices to the Service Books. These indices are to the Register, in the transaction of the business of this office, what the indices to the record of deeds in a county, or to the orders of the county court, are to the clerk of the county in the performance of his duties. I would have had some of these indices made, had not my time and that of my assistants been full employed in doing other work, more urgent to be done. Some of the indices to the Grant Books are falling to pieces so much from use and age that new ones will have to be made.

There are needed in the office *carefully made* cross-indices to the surveys made on "Kentucky Land Warrants," to the surveys made south of Walker's line, to the Tellico surveys, and to the surveys made on county court orders. It will take six books of five quires each to make these cross-indices, and the time and labor required to make them will be much greater than those who have not done such work would concede to be necessary; and they are not the most needed of any of the indices yet to be made except those to the grants.

The indices to the records of this office ought to be so perfect that any business man can find anything that is of record in it; but, on the contrary, it is a fact well known by all who have had to make examinations of these records, that the indices are so imperfect and incomplete, that there are hundreds of grants, surveys, and entries of record in the office, which can only be found by persons who understand all the details of the records connected with the office. I will do no man an injustice when I say that there is but one person living who has acquired such knowledge, and his information has been acquired by having served as a clerk in the office for more than thirty years. I have applied myself closely for over two years in the discharge of the duties connected with the office; I have tried to learn all the details of the records; during that time I have had the benefit of Mr. Sharp's advice and instructions; but in making examinations for some of the records, or for information wanted, I frequently find it necessary to call him to my assistance.

Such a state of facts, in one of the departments of the State government, and in an office, the records of which are of so much importance to the people, should not exist. The cause of it, or who is responsible therefor, are questions not necessary to be considered. The ascertainment of one or both would not change an evil that can only be remedied by years of labor. The incomplete condition of the records should not be attributed to the administration of any particular Register; each one who has served within the last forty years should share a part of the responsibility; for the records show that each of them have left to his successor more work to be done than he found to do when he took charge of the office. The records show that the amount of work performed by each Register during that period to have been about the same.

It may be a matter of interest to you, and to the Legislature, to know the amount of work done by more than one Register during his term of office, that you may be the better prepared to judge whether the clerical force allowed to the office is adequate to perform the work that is to be done. Therefore, I submit the following statement of work done for four terms, or for sixteen years, preceding the 1st of September, 1875:

During the four years preceding Sep. 1s, 1863, there were 4,640 patents issued and recorded, and the necessary indices were made to the Grant Books and to the Register of Surveys, and a cross-index to the "Head Right Surveys"—making an average of a fraction less than 97 patents issued and recorded per month. From September 1st, 1863, to September 1st, 1871, there were issued 9,871 patents, and about 3,300 were recorded—making an average of a fraction less than 103 patents issued per month, and an average of about 36 recorded. An index to the Register of the Surveys was made, also indices to the grants, so as to include a part of the year 1869.—From September 1st, 1871, to September 1st, 1875, there were issued 4,427 patents. Of these patents, about 1,000 were recorded. The average number of patents issued was a fraction less than 93 per month, and about 20 recorded; and no indicies were made, except to the Register of Surveys, up to February, 1872. From September 6th, 1875 to December 1st, 1877, there were issued 3,554 patents—an average of a fraction les than 132 per month—and there were recorded during the time over 7,800 patents—an average of about 290 per month. To this may be added the making of the indices and the miscellaneous work heretofore referred to, that have been done since September, 1875. During these eighteen years there has been no change in the number of clerks allowed the office; and the difference that appears in the amount of work done during this period can only be attributed to the manner in which the time has been employed by those connected with the office. It is to be presumed that the Registers and those in their employ did their duty during the sixteen years referred to; and I know that the time and energies of myself and assistants have been fully taxed to perform the amount of work shown to have been done in this office within the last twenty-seven months; and I know, from experience, that it will require many years for the force now allowed the office to do the labor necessary to be done, and attend to the regular business connected with the office.

LANDS WEST OF THE TENNESSEE RIVER.

In my report two years ago I referred to the provisions of chapter 65 of the General Statutes concerning vacant lands west of the Tennessee river. Section 1st of said chapter abolishes the office of Receiver of Public Money for said lands, and section 2 prescribes ther Receiver's duty in the disposition of the maps, plats, books, and papers pertaining to the office; and, under sections 3, 4, and 5 of said chapter, the duties theretofore performed by the Receiver are to be done by the Register of the Land Office. But the Receiver not having complied with the requirments of said chapter, the Legislature passed an act to repeal the same, and to re-establish the office of Receiver of Public Money for said lands, and to re-enact all laws pertaining thereto in force when the general Statutes were adopted. (See chapter 818, Acts December Session, 1875.

There has been no Receiver appointed under the act referred to; nor has the late Receiver complied with the provisons of chapter 65 of the General Statutes. If the act referred to is not sufficient to accomplish the purpose for which it was intended, the Legislature should make such amendments there as are necessary to give it effect; or otherwise, it should repeal said act, and re-enact chapter 65 of the General Statutes. If it does the latter, it should be with such amendments as to allow the late Receiver a reasonable compensation for the labor which he would be required to perform under the provisions of said chapter. But, from the information I have received, an act repealed said chapter, and re-establishing said office, and re-enacting all laws pertaining thereto in force when the General Statutes were adopted, are preferable to the people west of the Tennessee river; and if this be true, the question being one affecting alone the citizens of that particular section of the State, their wishes should be consulted where the public interest is not affected thereby. Very respectfully,

T. D. MARCUM, *Register.*

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Scholars should be kept busy, and, in order to keep them busy, teachers should anticipate and prepare before hand. Being hasty is a grievous fault. Some hastily teacher take a position from which they are compelled to back down, and thereby lose their authority. Do not think I disapprove of the use of the rod, for I do not. But try the full measure of love first, and get the parents to co-operate with you. You can gain the parents to your side by showing that you are sincere. This plan, if pursued with honest feelings instigated by love, can scarcely fail to win the pupil and avoid the disagreeable necessity of using corporal punishment.—[Pennsylvania School Journal.

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