

**NOTARIES PUBLIC AND NOTARIES PUBLIC AT LARGE
1871-1978
RECORD GROUP 288**

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INTRODUCTION

Record Group 288, Notaries Public and Notaries Public at Large, 1871-1978, contains the records of commissions issued to individuals who fulfilled the requirements and were elected to the office of Notary Public. These records measure about 20 linear feet and are recorded in 83 volumes. These records were maintained by the Secretary of State and were found to be in good condition. They were received directly from the Secretary of State's office and the Records Center on a continuous basis throughout the history of the Tennessee State Library and Archives. There are no restrictions on the use of these records. The volumes have been arranged chronologically and contain a name index in the front of each book. These volumes have been microfilmed and the originals disposed of according to RDA #2160.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Notaries Public and Notaries Public at Large, 1871-1978, record the names of individuals qualified to hold the office of Notary Public and Notary Public at Large in Tennessee. The function of a Notary Public is to attest and certify certain classes of documents in order to give them credit and authenticity. In general, the office is ministerial and not judicial, meaning the office has no inherent authority and demands no special judgement or skill. Notaries are elected by county commissions and commissioned by the governor. The process is carried out through the county clerk and the Secretary of State. Each notary operates in the county in which they are appointed. A Notary Public at Large is empowered to act in all counties in Tennessee after posting an additional bond to the bond executed on being commissioned as a notary.

Three gaps exist in these records. The first gap is between volumes 53 and 54. Volume 53 ends with January 18, 1963 and volume 54 begins with June 27, 1966. The second gap is between volumes 56 and 57. Volume 56 ends with August 11, 1967 and volume 57 begins with January 26, 1971. The third gap is between volumes 71 and 72. Volume 71 ends with September 26, 1974 and volume 72 begins with April 19, 1977. The Records Center reported that they did not have any additional records to fill these gaps.

Additional Notaries Public can be found in Record Group 195, Tennessee Civil and Military Commissions, 1796-1976. A complete description of the duties and responsibilities of a Notary Public and Notary Public at Large can be found in a publication by William R. Snodgrass, former Comptroller of the Tennessee Treasury, entitled *The Notary Public in Tennessee*.

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MICROFILM ROLL # 1

VOLUME #: **NOTARIES PUBLIC**

1-A. October 11, 1871-October 7, 1875. John C. Brown and James D. Porter, Governor.

1. October 8, 1875 - January 24, 1883. James D. Porter, Albert S. Marks, Alvin Hawkins, and William B. Bate, Governor.

2. February 8, 1883 - July 29, 1889. William B. Bate and Robert L. Taylor, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 2

3. January 22, 1887 - July 16, 1881. Robert L. Taylor, Governor.

4. July 19, 1888 - July 25, 1890. Robert L. Taylor, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 3

5. July 26, 1890 - May 23, 1891. Robert L. Taylor and John P. Buchanan, Governor.

6. June 9, 1891 - July 18, 1892. John P. Buchanan, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 4

7. July 18, 1892 - January 26, 1893. John P. Buchanan and Peter Turney, Governor.

8. January 31, 1893 - January 13, 1894. Peter Turney, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 5

9. January 12, 1894 - October 10, 1894. Peter Turney, Governor.

10. October 10, 1894 - April 8, 1895. Peter Turney, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 6

11. April 5, 1895 - January 21, 1896. Peter Turney, Governor.

12. January 22, 1896 - January 13, 1897. Peter Turney, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 7

13. January 14, 1897 - October 15, 1897. Peter Turney and Robert L. Taylor, Governor.

14. October 14, 1897 - April 21, 1898. Robert L. Taylor, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 8

15. April 30, 1898 - January 6, 1899. Robert L. Taylor, Governor.

16. January 6, 1899 - July 11, 1899. Robert L. Taylor and Benton McMillin, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 9

17. July 12, 1899 - April 7, 1900. Benton McMillin, Governor.

18. May 7, 1900 - February 5, 1901. Benton McMillin, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 10

19. Feb 6, 1901 - October 28, 1901. Benton McMillin, Governor.

20. October 28, 1901 - July 10, 1902. Benton McMillin, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 11

21. July 10, 1902 - November 12, 1903. Benton McMillin, Governor.

22. January 20, 1903 - March 14, 1903. James B. Fraizer, Governor.

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23. July 21, 1903 - February 17, 1904. James B. Fraizer, Governor.

24. February 18, 1904 - October 7, 1904. James. B. Fraizer, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 13

25. October 7, 1904 - April 10, 1905. James B. Fraizer and John I. Cox, Governor.

26. April 10, 1905 - October 7, 1905. John I. Cox, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 14

27. October 7, 1905 - April 5, 1906. John I. Cox, Governor.

28. April 4, 1906 - October 4, 1906. John I. Cox, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 15

29. October 4, 1906 - January 16, 1907. John I. Cox, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 16

30. January 18, 1907 - January 9, 1908. Malcolm R. Patterson, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 17

31. January 9, 1908 - February 12, 1909. Malcolm R. Patterson, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 18

32. January 5, 1909 - October 25, 1909. Malcolm R. Patterson, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 19

33. October 25, 1909 - September 29, 1910. Malcolm R. Patterson, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 20

34. October 4, 1910 - January 24, 1911. Malcolm R. Patterson, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 21

35. January 20, 1911 - October 24, 1911. Ben W. Hooper, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 22

36. October 24, 1911 - July 30, 1912. Ben W. Hooper, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 23

37. July 30, 1912 - August 21, 1913. Ben W. Hooper, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 24

38. March 3, 1913 - January 7, 1914. Ben. W. Hooper, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 25

39. January 7, 1914 - July 15, 1914. Ben W. Hooper, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 26

40. April 6, 1915 - January 13, 1916. Tom C. Rye, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 27

41. July 15, 1914 - June 29, 1915. Ben W. Hooper and Tom C. Rye, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 28

42. January 10, 1916 - October 4, 1916. Tom C. Rye, Governor.

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43. October 4, 1916 - April 9, 1917. Tom C. Rye, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 30

44. April 9, 1917 - October 16, 1917. Tom C. Rye, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 31

45. October 16, 1917 - April 8, 1918, Tom C. Rye, Governor.

MICROFILM ROLL # 32

46. June 4, 1949 - December 29, 1953.

47. January 2, 1954 - December 19, 1955.

48. November 25, 1955 - December 13, 1957.

49. January 3, 1958 - July 16, 1959.

50. July 25, 1959 - July 27, 1960.

51. July 22, 1960 - July 21, 1961.

52. July 31, 1961 - May 7, 1962.

MICROFILM ROLL # 33

53. April 18, 1962 - January 18, 1963.

54. June 27, 1966 - December 19, 1966.

55. December 17, 1966 - April 28, 1967.

56. April 28, 1967 - August 11, 1967.

57. January 26, 1971 - April 29, 1971.

58. May 3, 1971 - June 29, 1971.

59. June 15, 1971 - August 30, 1971.

MICROFILM ROLL # 34

60. August 30, 1972 - November 8, 1972.

61. November 7, 1972 - January 26, 1973.

62. January 27, 1973 - March 22, 1973.

63. May 10, 1973 - July 16, 1973.

64. March 30, 1973 - May 9, 1973.

65. July 23, 1973 - September 24, 1973.

66. September 28, 1973 - November 19, 1973.

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67. November 17, 1973 - January 24, 1974.

68. January 18, 1974 - March 26, 1974.

69. March 29, 1974 - May 30, 1974.

70. May 31, 1974 - July 30, 1974.

71. July 30, 1974 - September 26, 1974.

72. April 19, 1977 - May 17, 1977.

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VOLUME #: **NOTARIES PUBLIC**

73. May 20, 1977 - July 15, 1977.

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74. July 12, 1977 - August 15, 1977.

75. July 22, 1977 - October 3, 1977.

76. October 3, 1977 - November 4, 1977.

77. November 15, 1977 - November 30, 1977.

78. December 1, 1977 - January 18, 1978.

MICROFILM ROLL # 37

79. February 3, 1978 - March 29, 1978.

80. March 16, 1978 - April 18, 1978.

81. April 10, 1978 - May 15, 1978.

82. May 19, 1978 - June 19, 1978.