

Historical Resources on Microfilm:
Henry County, Tennessee

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Henry County

Land west of the Tennessee River remained under the jurisdiction of Stewart County between the 1818 Chickasaw Cession and the creation of Henry County in 1821. On 1821 Nov 7 the state legislature created Henry County, so named for Patrick Henry. The organic provisions included its effective jurisdiction over the area of two prospective counties to the west. Thus, the very earliest legal records for residents of what is now Weakley, Obion, and Lake counties may be found among Henry County record books. Both counties were created in October, 1823. Obion was divided in 1870 to create Lake County. Paris, the county seat, was established shortly after the county was organized.

Henry County boundaries changed only once. Between 1880 and 1890 the boundary that originally dividing Henry and Humphreys counties, which had remained fixed when Benton County was divided from Humphreys, was redrawn to follow the course of the Big Sandy River, which contributed a substantial portion of Henry to Benton County. During the twentieth century county boundaries did not move.

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WTHSC Film reel	Contents
<u>Federal census</u> ¹	
474	1840 census
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525	1850 census, slave schedule
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573	1860 census, slave schedule
602	1870 census
655–656	1880 census
684	1890 census, Union veterans and widows schedules
706	1900 census
750	1910 census
791	1920 census
838	1930 census

Newspapers

Those seeking to find things in early local newspapers face several challenges. First, almost all newspapers were issued weekly, not daily, so the likelihood that a report of an event was made near the time it happened is not high. Second, until the twentieth century there were no reporters so an event appeared only if the editor was notified, and then only if there was space to print a notice *and* if the editor chose to do so. Finally, though newspapers began being published in Paris as early as 1827, only a few scattered issues have survived; with one exception there are no complete files extant.

Newspaper titles and issues are listed below in the order they appear on the film. If a sequential run is available, then the range of dates is given by noting the first and last issues using a hyphen rather than listing each individually. In the accompanying lists, the newspaper masthead (title) is given first, followed by the volume and issue number separated by a colon, as “1:24,” and then the date.

102	<i>West Tennessean</i> 1:38 1827 Nov 19 2:6 1828 Apr 25 <i>Western District Herald</i> , 1:1 1829 Jun 6 only <i>West Tennessean</i> 1:17 1835 May 16 1:19 1835 May 30
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¹ County boundaries changed dramatically between nineteenth census enumerations. Researchers can follow changes graphically in William Thorndale and William Dollarhide’s *Map Guide to the U. S. Federal Censuses, 1790–1920* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1987).

1:33 1835 Sep 5 – 1:35 1835 Sep 19
3:11 1837 Mar 10
3:25 1837 Jun 16
3:40 1837 Oct 13 – 3:42 1837 Oct 27
4:19 1837 Jun 29 – 4:22 1837 Jul 20
4:36 1837 Oct 26
4:38 1837 Nov 30
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5:2 1839 Mar 29
5:4 1839 Apr 12
5:6 1839 Apr 26
5:17 1839 Jul 12
5:19 1839 Jul 26
5:33 1839 Nov 1

Paris Bee, 2:42 1846 Oct 30 – 2:50 1846 Dec 25
Analysis, 1:2 1847 Mar 19 – 1:5 1847 Apr 9
Weekly Register, 1:3 1848 Apr 1 – 1:17 1848 Jul 8
Gazeteer, 1:30 1849 Feb 23 only
Republic, 1:18 1850 Jan 11 – 2:40 1851 Sep t
Paris Republic, 3:10 1853 Jun 24 – 5:24 1854 Nov 10
Paris Weekly Patriot, 1:49 1856 Sep 4 only

(widely scattered issues for the following titles)

Paris Sentinel, 1:35 1857 Mar 13 – 5:38 1861 Jun 19
Paris Gazette, 6:35 1877 Dec 19 – 7:48 1879 Apr 17
Paris Tribune, 1:5 1886 Oct 28 – 1:10 1886 Dec 2
Paris Press, 3:43 1898 Feb 25 – 6:37 1901 Jan 4
Paris Post, 8[old series]:22 1879 Nov 21 – 10:28 1881 May 6
Paris Post, 9:4 1881 Nov 18 – 13:30 1884 May 6

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Paris Tribune, 1:25 1887 Mar 17 (first page only)
Henry County Herald, 1:26 1897 Nov 17 (first page only)
Henry Progress, 2:31 1911 Jan 27 only
Weekly Register, 1:11 1848 May 27 only
Paris Press, 3:19 1897 Sep 10 only
Paris Weekly Patriot, 1:25 1856 Mar 20 only
Paris Post
11:28 1882 May 5 (first page only)
12:37 1883 Jul 6
Paris Post-Intelligencer
3:2 1886 Oct 22
3:9 1886 Dec 10–3:10 1886 Dec 17
Daily Post-Intelligencer
1:4 1888 Nov 10 (first page only)
1:6 1888 Nov 13
Paris Post-Intelligencer
12:48 1896 Sep 11

18:49 1902 Jun 27
19:39 1903 Mar 6
25:26 1908 Oct 23
Undated “women’s edition”
53:27 1918 Oct 18
?:? 1923 Sep 21 (partial only)
62:33 1927 Nov 25

Weekly Intelligencer

1:8 1866 May 18
1:25 1866 Sep 14
1:37 1866 Dec 5
1:12 1867 Jan 26
1:57 1867 Apr 13
9:35 1875 Feb 4
10:29 1875 Dec 29
11:27 1876 Nov 30
16:19 1881 May 12
17:3 1882 Feb 28
18:36 1883 Sep 6
19:29 1884 Jul 29

Ex-Confederate, 1:1 1898 Oct only

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West Tennessean

4:35 1838 Oct 19 – 4:36 1838 Oct 26
4:30 1839 Mar 1

West Tennessee Whig, 1:7 1840 Aug 28 only

Weekly Intelligencer

1:4 1866 Apr 20 – 1:5 1866 Apr 27
1:14 1866 Jun 29 – 1:15 1866 Jul 6
1:21 1866 Aug 17
1:23 1866 Aug 31 – 1:24 1866 Sep 7
1:30 1866 Oct 20
1:35 1866 Nov 24 – 1:36 1866 Dec 1
1:38 1866 Dec 22
1:41 1867 Jan 19
1:45 1867 Feb 16 – 1:46 1867 Feb 23
1:48 1867 Mar 16
2:1 1867 Apr 20
2:4 1867 May 11
2:11 1867 Jun 29 – 2:12 1867 Jul 6
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2:20 1867 Aug 31 – 2:21 1867 Sep 7
2:28 1867 Oct 26
2:34 1867 Dec 7
2:38 1868 Jan 11
2:41 1868 Feb 1

8:31 1873 Dec 18

Manuscripts

Church Records

- 190 Oak Hill Union Church records
191–192 Walnut Fork Primitive Baptist Church records, 1821–1966
199 Thompson Creek Baptist Church (Como, Tenn.) records, 1831–1982
204–205 North Fork Baptist Church (Henry County, Tenn.) records, 1827-1976
206 Caledonia Missionary Baptist Church (Henry County, Tenn.) records,
1940-1976
210–211 First Baptist Church (Paris, Tenn.) records, 1833–1983
214 Blood River Church of Christ (Buchanan, Tenn.) records, 1867–1900

Other Manuscripts

- 394 Daniel Montgomery papers, 1788–1964

Maps

- 410 Sanborn Fire Insurance maps (Paris)

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