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RE: Inventory of recently discovered Documents, Loose Papers, Books and Ledgers found in the Franklin County, NC Courthouse basement in May of 2013

Mrs. Chastain:

As requested by your office and the NC Archives, attached please find an overview of the initial inventory of the items recently discovered in storage in the basement of the Franklin County Courthouse. In this preliminary inventory, the goal was to establish a generalized accounting regarding the overall nature of the content and date range of the items discovered. At this point we do feel confident that we are able to assess and define the majority of the records.

While not every book, ledger and document has yet been opened and reviewed, we have accomplished the task of gathering all loose papers, organizing like items together, sorting through all boxes and determining what is salvageable and what is no longer legible or useful.

The majority of the boxes opened are of a financial nature pertaining to either the court system, the county or the register of deeds. Many were cancelled checks, tax receipts, court docket receipts and register of deeds fee books. There are also copies of audit records, tax ledgers and county expense receipts.

Of a non-financial nature were some poll books, rabies vaccination receipts, beer and liquor license receipts, marriage license receipts, change of address/name and circumstance forms, copies of real estate transfer books, bonds and many other miscellaneous loose papers. Books include many yet unopened large ledgers and numerous law books. Approximately one third of the books are damaged beyond repair.

The date range of the records span from the mid to late 1800's to 1969, the majority covering the 1940's, 50's and 60's. Nothing was found dated after 1969.

Once these records can be released by your office a more detailed inventory can be conducted by the Heritage Society. Due to the number of books and ledgers present this will require much more time and the expertise of our membership to accomplish a complete and thorough accounting. The Heritage Society appreciates the courts continued confidence in our membership. It is our hope that together we can work to preserve these treasured records and Franklin County's heritage.

Thank you,

Diane Taylor Torrent
Genealogist/Historian/Researcher

FINANCE

Box

- 1) Cancelled Checks 1960's
 - 2) Cancelled Checks 1950's
 - 3) Tax Receipts 1958-1959
 - 4) Cancelled Checks 1959
 - 5) Cancelled Checks 1960's (molded)
 - 6) Deposit Receipts 1930's
 - 7) Check Register Sheets from Welfare Dept 1960's
 - 8) Cancelled Checks - Court 1950
 - 9) Cancelled Checks - Court 1949
 - 10) Cancelled Checks - Court 1951
 - 11) Cancelled Checks - Court 1945
 - 12) Cancelled Checks - County 1949-51
 - 13) Cancelled Checks - 1960's
 - 14) Cancelled Checks Registers -1960's
 - 15) Cancelled Checks 1950's
 - 16) Register Sheets Dept of Welfare 1959-63
 - 17) Cancelled Checks - County 1940's
 - 18) Cancelled Checks - County 1940's
 - 19) Cancelled Checks - 1960's
 - 20) Cancelled Checks - 1961-62
 - 21) Cancelled Checks - 1950's
 - 22) Cancelled Checks - Old Age Fund - 1940's
 - 23) Cancelled Checks - County 1940's
 - 24) Cancelled Checks - County 1950's
 - 25) Cancelled Checks - County 1962-63
 - 26) Tax Receipts 1950
 - 27) Cancelled Checks - 1959-63
 - 28) Cancelled Checks - 1963
 - 29) Cancelled Checks - 1965
 - 30) Tax Receipts - 1963-64
 - 31) Cancelled Checks - County 1964
 - 32) Cancelled Checks - County 1959
 - 33) Cancelled Checks - County 1950's
 - 34) Cancelled Checks - Old Age Fund 1957 (molded)
 - 35) Cancelled Checks - County 1960 (molded)
 - 36) Cancelled Checks - County 1953 (molded)
 - 37) Cancelled Checks - County 1962 (molded)
 - 38) Cancelled Checks - (molded)
 - 39) Cancelled Checks - (molded)
 - 40) Cancelled Checks - (molded)
- 50 + Cancelled Check Ledgers 1930's to 1960's
20 + Accordian Folders of Cancelled Checks - County

COURT

12 Boxes of Court Dockets - 1890 to 1960

(lien dockets)

verify no gap in chain recorded held at NC SA

35 Ledgers of Probate/Court Docket Logs - 1890 to 1960

10 Boxes of Court Receipts and Ledger Receipt Books

3 Boxes of Tax Receipts - 1940's to 1960's

Large Tax Ledger - 1926, 1930, 1940

1 Box of County Welfare Department change of address forms - 1937 to 1949

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Confidential Period NOT PUBLIC RECORD PER NC STATE

3 Ledgers Sale of Real Estate Receipts - 1950's

3 Register of Deeds Fee Book Ledgers - 1940's

Copies of Audits ranging from 1937 to 1963

1 box of Audit Receipts - 1930's

1 box of County Bills - 1961 - 62

Numerous Blank Real Estate Ledgers

2 Boxes of road, school and bridge bonds

2 boxes of bonds (molded)

5 boxes of loose file folders - bills, receipts

15+ Large Township Tax Books - 1940's

20+ Poll Books - 1900's-1960's

no id info/age/residential (local) NOT VITAL REG (TICKETS)

Please note that this is a list of records presently still in the basement and does not include items that were removed by the county, NC Archives, register of deeds, elections board and welfare department prior to beginning the inventory. Please see these individual departments for an accounting of those items taken.

Also, please be aware that all numbers and dates are approximations and in no case do the records contained within the boxes reflect a complete and accurate picture of the date range. Many records are missing, damaged or incomplete. Water and time have degraded many to the point that their subjects are unrecognizable.