

Logan County organization records

In order for an unorganized county to be recognized by the state of Kansas, a certain number of householders/legal electors had to petition the governor. The governor would appoint a census taker. Initially, unorganized counties were required to document that they had at least 600 inhabitants in order to be recognized as a county by the state legislature. Over time the number of residents needed to organize a county changed to 1500 and later to 2500 residents. The census was submitted to the governor who then issued a proclamation indicating that the requirements had been met, appointing county commissioners and a county clerk, and naming a county seat. Not all of these documents are available for each county.

Included in this file are two proclamations from the governor. One asking for a census be taken for Logan County and the other appointing county officials and designating Russell Springs as the temporary county seat.

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GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

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STATE OF KANSAS,
Executive Department,
Topeka, July 12, 1887

WHEREAS, A memorial, authenticated by affidavit as required by law, signed by over four hundred householders, and legal electors of the county of Logan, the same being an unorganized county of the State of Kansas, setting forth that there are two thousand five hundred bona fide inhabitants in said county, four hundred of whom are householders, and praying for the organization of said county, was presented to me on the 1st day of July, 1887.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN A. MARTIN, Governor of the State of Kansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby appoint J. H. Downing, a bona fide resident of the county of Ellis, to take the census of the unorganized county of Logan, and ascertain the number of bona fide inhabitants therein, and to do and perform each and every duty under such appointment, as required by the statute in such cases made and provided.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto
subscribed my name, and caused
to be affixed the Great Seal of
the State. Done at the City of
Topeka, on the day and year first
above written.

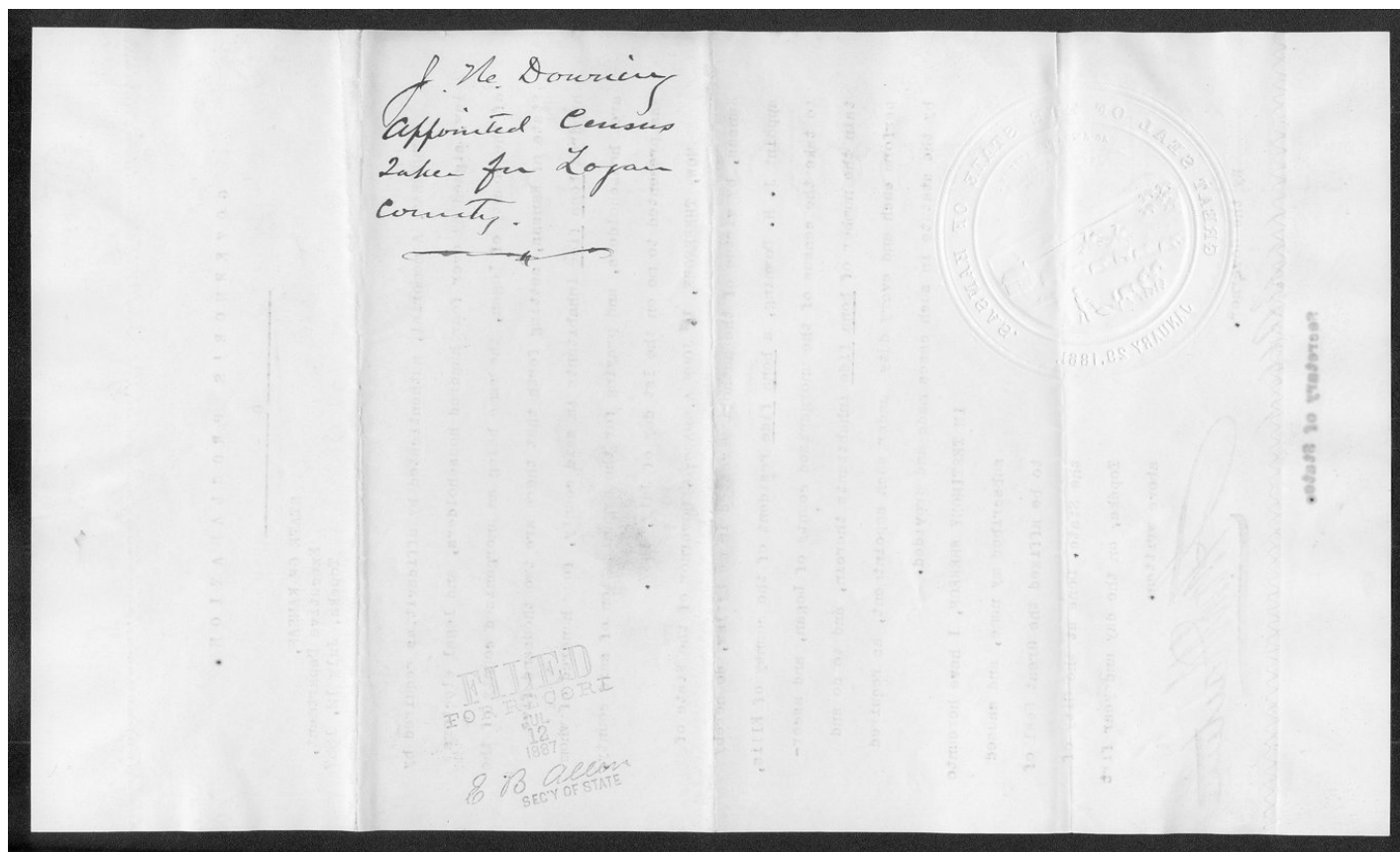


By the Governor.

Secretary of State.

By *W. B. Cowan*
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Recd. Sec'y of State.

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GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

Appointing County Officers, and Designating the Temporary County-
Seat of Logan County.

STATE OF KANSAS,
Executive Department,
Topeka, Sept., 17, 1887

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of July, 1887, in compliance with a memorial, signed and authenticated, as required by law, J. H. Downing was appointed to take the census, ascertain the number of bona fide inhabitants, and make an assessment of the taxable property of the unorganized county of Logan; and

WHEREAS, the census taker appointed aforesaid, did on the 2d day of Sept., 1887, make his returns, in schedule, in duplicate, to the Governor, signed and sworn to before the clerk of the Supreme Court, in the manner provided by law; and

WHEREAS, it appears from such returns that there are in said county of Logan, 3,112 bona fide inhabitants, and that 1,358 of them are householders, and that there is \$ 447,534 worth of taxable property, in excess of legal exemption, exclusive of railroad property, of which \$123,505 is real estate; and

WHEREAS, it further appears from said returns that Russell Springs is the place chosen by the greater number of legal voters to be the temporary county seat; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN A. MARTIN, Governor of the State of Kansas, by virtue of authority vested in me by law, do hereby appoint J. W. Kerns, N. C. Phinney and R. P. McKnight to act as County Commissioners, and Joseph Jones to act as County Clerk, and N. G. Perryman to act as Sheriff of said County,



and do hereby designate and declare Russell Springs to be the temporary county seat of said county.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have

hereunto subscribed my
name, and caused to be
affixed the Great Seal
of the State. Done at the
city of Topeka, this,
the 17th day of Sept.,
A. D. 1887.

By the Governor.

E. B. Allen

Secretary Of State,

John W. Hunter

