

[PUBLIC—No. 102.]

An Act Providing for record of deeds and other conveyances and instruments of writing in Indian Territory, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That chapter twenty-seven of the Digest of the Statutes of Arkansas, known as Mansfield's Digest of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, is hereby extended to the Indian Territory, so far as the same may be applicable and not inconsistent with any law of Congress: *Provided,* That the clerk or deputy clerk of the United States court of each of the courts of said Territory shall be ex officio recorder for his district and perform the duties required of recorder in the chapter aforesaid, and use the seal of such court in cases requiring a seal, and keep the records of such office at the office of said clerk or deputy clerk.

It shall be the duty of each clerk or deputy clerk of such court to record in the books provided for his office all deeds, mortgages, deeds of trust, bonds, leases, covenants, defeasances, bills of sale, and other instruments of writing of or concerning lands, tenements, goods, or chattels; and where such instruments are for a period of time limited on the face of the instrument they shall be filed and indexed, if desired by the holder thereof, and such filing for the period of twelve months from the filing thereof shall have the same effect in law as if recorded at length. The fees for filing, indexing, and cross indexing such instruments shall be twenty-five cents, and for recording shall be as set forth in section thirty-two hundred and forty-three of Mansfield's Digest of eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

That the said clerk or deputy clerk of such court shall receive as compensation as such ex officio recorder for his district all fees received by him for recording instruments provided for in this Act, amounting to one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum or less; and all fees so received by him as aforesaid amounting to more than the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum shall be accounted to the Department of Justice, to be applied to the permanent school fund of the district in which said court is located.

Such instruments heretofore recorded with the clerk of any United States court in Indian Territory shall not be required to be again recorded under this provision, but shall be transferred to the indexes without further cost, and such records heretofore made shall be of full force and effect, the same as if made under this statute.

That wherever in said chapter the word "county" occurs there shall be substituted therefor the word "district," and wherever the words "State" or "State of Arkansas" occur there shall be substituted therefor the words "Indian Territory," and wherever the words "clerk" or "recorder" occur there shall be substituted the words "clerk or deputy clerk of the United States court."

All acknowledgments of deeds of conveyance taken within the Indian Territory shall be taken before a clerk or deputy clerk of any of the courts in said Territory, a United States commissioner, or a notary public appointed in and for said Territory.

All instruments of writing the filing of which is provided for by law shall be recorded or filed in the office of the clerk or deputy clerk at the place of holding court in the recording district where said property may be located, and which said recording districts are bounded as follows:

District numbered one shall comprise all of the reservations heretofore existing under the Quapaw Agency, and the place of record shall be at Miami, as provided in the Indian appropriation Act for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three.

District numbered two shall begin at a point where the northern boundary line of the Indian Territory intersects with the western boundary line of the Quapaw Agency, thence in a southerly and easterly direction, following the western and southern boundaries of the Quapaw Agency to the west line of the State of Missouri; thence south along said boundary line to the dividing line between townships twenty-three and twenty-four north; thence west along said line to the dividing line between ranges seventeen and eighteen east; thence north along said dividing line to the northern boundary line of the Indian Territory; thence east along said boundary line to place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered two shall be Vinita.

District numbered three. Beginning at a point where the range line between ranges seventeen and eighteen east crosses the northern boundary line of the Indian Territory, thence south on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-four and twenty-five north; thence west on said township line to the western boundary line of the Indian Territory; thence north along said western boundary line to the northern boundary line of the Indian Territory; thence east to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered three shall be Nowata.

District numbered four. Beginning at a point on the western boundary line of the Indian Territory where same is crossed by the township line between townships twenty-four and twenty-five north; thence south along said western boundary line to the township line between townships nineteen and twenty north; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges seventeen and eighteen east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-four and twenty-five north; thence west to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered four shall be Claremore.

District numbered five. Beginning at a point on the eastern boundary line of the Indian Territory where same is crossed by the township line between townships twenty-three and twenty-four north; thence south along said eastern boundary line to the township line between townships nineteen and twenty north; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges seventeen and eighteen east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships twenty-three and twenty-four north; thence east on said township line to place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered five shall be Pryor Creek.

District numbered six. Beginning at a point on the eastern boundary line of the Indian Territory where same is crossed by the township line between townships nineteen and twenty north; thence south on said eastern boundary line to the township line between townships fourteen and fifteen north; thence west on said township line to the meridian line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east; thence north

on said meridian line to the township line between townships nineteen and twenty north; thence east on said township line to place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered six shall be Tahlequah.

District numbered seven. Beginning at a point where the meridian line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east crosses the township line between townships nineteen and twenty north; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges thirteen and fourteen east; thence south along said range line to the township line between townships fifteen and sixteen north; thence east along said township line to the meridian line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east; thence north along said meridian line to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered seven shall be Wagoner.

District numbered eight. Beginning at a point on the range line between ranges thirteen and fourteen east where same is crossed by the township line between townships nineteen and twenty north; thence west on said township line to the western boundary line of the Indian Territory; thence south along said western boundary line to the township line between townships fifteen and sixteen north; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges thirteen and fourteen east; thence north along said range line to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered eight shall be Sapulpa.

District numbered nine. Beginning at a point on the western boundary line of the Indian Territory where the same is crossed by the township line between townships fifteen and sixteen north; thence south along said western boundary line to the northern boundary line of the Seminole Nation; thence eastwardly along said boundary line of the said Seminole Nation to the northeast corner of the Seminole Nation; thence south along said eastern boundary line of said Seminole Nation to the township line between townships ten and eleven north; thence east along said township line to the range line between ranges thirteen and fourteen east; thence north along said range line to the township line between townships fifteen and sixteen north; thence west along said township line to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered nine shall be Okmulgee.

District numbered ten. Beginning at a point where the range line between ranges thirteen and fourteen east intersects the township line between townships fifteen and sixteen north; thence south on the said range line to the township line between townships eleven and twelve north; thence east along said township line to the Arkansas River; thence up said Arkansas River to the intersection of said river with the meridian line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east; thence north along said meridian line to the township line between townships fifteen and sixteen north; thence west to the point of beginning. The place of record for district numbered ten shall be Muscogee.

District numbered eleven. Beginning at a point on the eastern boundary line of the Indian Territory where same is crossed by the township line between townships fourteen and fifteen north; thence south along said eastern boundary line to the Arkansas River; thence up said Arkansas River to its intersection with the meridian line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east; thence north along said meridian line to the township line between townships fourteen and fifteen north; thence east to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered eleven shall be Sallisaw.

District numbered twelve. Beginning at a point where the town-

ship line between townships eleven and twelve north intersects with the Arkansas River; thence down said Arkansas River to the mouth of the Canadian River; thence up said Canadian River to its intersection with the meridian line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east; thence south on said line to its intersection with the township line between townships seven and eight north; thence west along said township line to the range line between ranges eleven and twelve east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships ten and eleven north; thence east on said township line to the range line between ranges thirteen and fourteen east; thence north on said range line to the township line between townships eleven and twelve north; thence east on the said township line to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered twelve shall be Eufala.

District numbered thirteen. Beginning at a point where the range line between ranges eleven and twelve east intersects the township line between townships ten and eleven north; thence south to the township line between townships seven and eight north; thence east on said township line to the Canadian River; thence up said Canadian River, following the meanderings thereof, to the western boundary line of the Seminole Nation; thence north along said western boundary line to the northern boundary line of the said Seminole Nation; thence eastwardly along said northern boundary line to the northeast corner of said nation; thence south along the eastern boundary line of the said nation to the township line between townships ten and eleven north; thence east along said township line to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered thirteen shall be Wewoka.

District numbered fourteen. Beginning at a point on the eastern boundary line of the Indian Territory where same is crossed by the Arkansas River; thence south along said eastern boundary line of the Indian Territory to the base line; thence west along said base line to the meridian line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east; thence north on said meridian line to the Canadian River; thence down said Canadian River to its confluence with the Arkansas River; thence down said Arkansas River to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered fourteen shall be Poteau.

District numbered fifteen. Beginning at a point where the meridian line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east crosses the township line between townships seven and eight north; thence south on said meridian line to the township line between townships two and three north; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges eighteen and nineteen east; thence south along said range line to the line between townships one and two north; thence west along said township line to the western boundary line of the Choctaw Nation; thence north on said boundary line to the South Canadian River; thence down said river to the point where the dividing line between townships seven and eight north intersects said river; thence east along said township line to the point of beginning. The place of record for district numbered fifteen shall be South McAlester.

District numbered sixteen. Beginning at a point where the South Canadian River intersects with the western boundary line of the Choctaw Nation; thence south on said boundary line to the township line between townships one and two south; thence west on said township line to the range line between ranges three and four east; thence north

along said range line to its intersection with the South Canadian River; thence down said South Canadian River, following the meanderings thereof, to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered sixteen shall be Ada.

District numbered seventeen. Beginning at a point where the township line between townships four and five north intersects the range line between ranges three and four east; thence south along said range line to the base line; thence west on said base line to the meridian line between ranges four and five west; thence north on said meridian line to the township line between townships four and five north; thence east on said township line to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered seventeen shall be Pauls Valley.

District numbered eighteen. Beginning at a point at the South Canadian River where the same intersects the range line between ranges three and four east; thence south on said range line to the township line between townships four and five north; thence west on said township line to the meridian line between ranges four and five west; thence north on said meridian line to the South Canadian River; thence down said South Canadian River, following the meanderings thereof, to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered eighteen shall be Purcell.

District numbered nineteen. Beginning at a point on the South Canadian River where the same intersects the meridian line between ranges four and five west; thence south along said meridian line to the base line; thence west on said base line to the western boundary line of the Indian Territory; thence north along said western boundary line to the Canadian River; thence down said Canadian River, following the meanderings thereof, to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered nineteen shall be Chickasha.

District numbered twenty. Beginning at a point on the western boundary line of the Indian Territory where same intersects the base line; thence south along said western boundary line to the Red River; thence down said Red River to its intersection with the range line between ranges two and three west; thence north along said range line to the base line; thence west on said base line to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered twenty shall be Ryan.

District numbered twenty-one. Beginning at a point where the range line between ranges two and three west intersects the base line; thence south on said range line to the Red River; thence east down said Red River, following the meanderings thereof, to the range line between ranges three and four east; thence north on said range line to the base line; thence west on said base line to the place of beginning. The place of record for district numbered twenty-one shall be Ardmore.

District numbered twenty-two. Beginning at a point where the range line between ranges three and four east intersects the township line between townships one and two south; thence south along said line to the Red River; thence down Red River, following the meanderings thereof, to the mouth of the Washita River; thence up the Washita River, following the meanderings thereof, to the mouth of Butcherpen Creek; thence north up said Butcherpen Creek to the township line between townships four and five south in range seven east; thence east along said township line to the boundary line between

the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations in range eight east; thence north along said line to the township line between townships one and two south; thence west along said line to the point of beginning. The place of record for district numbered twenty-two shall be Tishomingo.

District numbered twenty-three. Beginning at a point where the township line between townships one and two north intersects with the range line between ranges fifteen and sixteen east; thence south on that line to its intersection with the line between townships two and three south; thence west to intersection of the last-named line with the range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen east; thence south to the township line between townships three and four south; thence west to the western boundary line of the Choctaw Nation; thence north on said boundary line to intersection with the line between townships one and two north; thence east to point of beginning. The place of record for district numbered twenty-three shall be Atoka.

District numbered twenty-four. Beginning at a point where range line between ranges fifteen and sixteen east intersects the township line between townships one and two north; thence south along said line to its intersection with township line between townships two and three south; thence west along said line to range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen east; thence south on said line to the Red River; thence down Red River, following the meanderings thereof, to the eastern boundary of the Indian Territory; thence north along said eastern boundary line of the Indian Territory to intersection with the base line; thence west along said line to the meridian line between ranges twenty and twenty-one east; thence north to township line between townships two and three north; thence west along said line to range line between ranges eighteen and nineteen east; thence south on said line to township line between townships one and two north; thence west on said line to point of beginning. The place of record for district numbered twenty-four shall be Antlers.

District numbered twenty-five. Beginning at a point on the western boundary line of the Choctaw Nation where it intersects the township line between townships three and four south; thence east along said line to range line between ranges fourteen and fifteen east; thence south on said line to the Red River; thence up said Red River, following the meanderings thereof, to the mouth of the Washita River; thence up said Washita River to the mouth of Butcherpen Creek; thence north up said Butcherpen Creek to the township line between townships four and five south, in range seven east; thence east along said township line to the boundary line between the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations; thence north on said boundary line to the point of beginning. The place of record for district numbered twenty-five shall be Durant.

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