

An interesting history of Campbell County and Kentucky is contained in data obtained by Richard W. Phillips, Campbell Circuit Court clerk-elect, with the assistance of former Circuit Judge Otto Wolff and Postmaster John Meyers.

Phillips will be inducted into office next Monday in the Campbell Circuit courtroom, when appropriate ceremonies will be conducted.

The report explains that Kentucky, which originally was part of Virginia, became a State in 1792.

By an act of the Kentucky Legislature, in 1794, a large section of the State was named "Campbell County." Later Campbell was divided into four counties—Bracken, Boone, Pendleton and Kenton—which brought Campbell County to its present size. The data also explains how the circuit courts in Campbell County were to function, their locations at Newport and Alexandria, and the time for court sessions.

Criminal and chancery courts were established. The present constitution of Kentucky, adopted in 1891, provides only for circuit courts and the criminal and chancery courts were then abolished.

The first Circuit Court Judge, from 1893 to 1897, was C. J. Helm. He was followed by Judge John T. Hodge, from 1898 to 1903. Judge Hodge, Democrat, at the last election, opposed Judge A. M. Caldwell and was defeated. The names of the various Circuit judges then follows, until the present incumbent, Judge Caldwell. A similar list of commonwealth attorneys also are given. Lawrence J. Diskin, who was re-elected without opposition at the last election, has served in that capacity since 1917.

Richard W. Phillips will succeed William H. Newell as Circuit Court clerk, having defeated Newell at the last election. The list of Circuit Court clerks since the court was established is also contained in the report.

### REPORT MADE

The report is as follows: "By an act of Virginia Legislature of 1776, Kentucky was created a county of Virginia. By an act of Virginia Legislature, May, 1780, Kentucky County was divided into three counties, Jefferson, Fayette and Lincoln. Fayette was thus bounded. All that part of Kentucky County which lies north of the line beginning at the mouth of the Kentucky river and up the same to its middle fork to the head, and then southeast to Washington line, shall be one other distinct county, and called and known by the name of Fayette.

"In 1785 Bourbon was carved out.  
"In 1788 Mason was carved from Bourbon.  
"In 1788 Woodford was carved from Fayette.  
"In 1792 Scott was carved from Woodford.  
"In 1792 Clark was carved from Fayette and Bourbon.  
"In 1794 Franklin was carved from Woodford.  
"In 1795 Harrison was carved from Bourbon and Scott.  
"In the meantime, Kentucky be-

came a State in 1792. By an act of the Kentucky Legislature of 1794, chapter 19, page 27, we find: 'From and after the tenth day of May next, all those parts of the Counties of Harrison, Scott and Mason, within the following bounds, to-wit, beginning on the Ohio river at the mouth of Locust creek, on the lower side thereof, thence a direct line to the mouth of North Fork of Licking, thence by a direct line to the mouth of Crooked creek to the head of the main branch thereof, thence west to the dividing line between the Counties of Scott and Woodford, thence along that line to the mouth of Big Bone Lick creek on the Ohio river, thence up the Ohio river to the beginning, shall be one distinct county and be called and known by the name of Campbell.'

"From this, Bracken was carved in 1796.  
"Boone was carved in 1798.  
"Pendleton was carved in 1798.  
"Kenton was carved in 1840, which brought Campbell County to its present size.  
"An act of November 15, 1822, provides that Cave Johnson, Abner

Gaines, Willis Graves of the County of Boone; James King and Stephen Mullens of the County of Pendleton are appointed commissioners to meet at Newport, and from there proceed to explore said county, and fix on the most eligible situation, as near the center of said county as may be practicable, for the permanent seat of justice thereof, and to be certified to next County Court.

### HOLDING OF COURT

"An act of March 5, 1856, provides: 'That Circuit Courts shall be held, in the County of Campbell, at the courthouse in Alexandria, on the fourth Mondays in May and November, and in Newport, at the courthouse in the same county, on the second Mondays in February and August, and continue each twelve juridical days.'  
"Act of March 10, 1856 amending charter of city of Newport provides in its third section, That the public buildings of said city, viz; Court House, clerk's office and jail, may be used for County and Circuit Court purposes.  
"By an act of February 5, 1866, a Criminal Court was established in

Campbell, Kenton, Harrison, Bracken and Pendleton Counties, to which Roberston County was added by act of February 28, 1876.

"By act of March 20, 1871, a Chancery Court was established in Campbell, Kenton, Bracken and Pendleton Counties, to which Harrison County was added, by act of February 19, 1878 and Nicholas County by act of May 2, 1884.

"The present constitution of Kentucky, adopted in 1891, provided for Circuit Courts and provided that no other courts of like jurisdiction be established. This provision and the legislation passed to carry it out, abolished the Criminal and Chancery Courts, transferring all the pending litigation to the new Circuit Courts. These also made of Campbell County a separate judicial district, the seventeenth.

"At the time of the abolition of the Criminal and Chancery Courts, Judge Wm. Arthur was judge of the circuit, and Judge Geo. Perkins of the Criminal Court, while Chancellor J. W. Menzies presided in Chancery Court.  
"Judge C. J. Helm was the first judge presiding in the new Circuit Court, from 1893 to 1897. He was fol-

lowed by Judge J. T. Hodge, 1898 to 1903; Judge A. S. Berry, 1904 to 1908; Judge C. W. Yungblut, 1908 to 1915; Judge Otto Wolff, 1916 to 1921; Judge A. M. Caldwell, 1921 to the present time, entering on a new term of six years, January 1, 1928.

"Elected with Judge Helm in 1893 and serving through 1897, was Commonwealth Attorney Hon. M. R. Lockhart. He was followed by Hon. John P. Newmann in 1898 to 1903. Then Hon. Wm. A. Buskamp, twelve years, from 1904 to 1915, followed by Hon. Lawrence Disken, 1917 to the present time, entering on a new term of six years, January 1, 1928.

"John C. Schroll, for some eighteen years was clerk of the Circuit, Chancery and Criminal Courts. His deputy, A. L. Reuscher, became clerk of the new Circuit Court under Judge Helm and held the position for twelve years, being succeeded by Hubbard Schwartz, who held the office for a term of six years. He was followed by John Waterhouse, and upon his death, W. H. Newell became clerk and holds the position at the present time, but will be succeeded on January 1, 1928, by R. W. Phillips."