

# HISTORICAL LIST OF BAXTER COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS

## Baxter County Judge

1874-1880	John S. Russell	1927-1928	Robert H. Hudson
1880-1882	James H. Linn	1929-1936	Roderick M. Ruthven
1882-1886	John W. Cypert	1937-1938	Randolph C. Love
1886-1888	Samuel J. Megee	1939-1940	Roderick M. Ruthven
1888-1890	John S. Russell	1941-1944	Jim Martin
1890-1896	John W. Cypert	1945-1952	William Faye Nelson
1896-1904	Randolph C. Love	1953-1960	Isaac W. Thomas
1904-1908	James T. Jones	1961-1980	James H. Baker
1908-1912	George W. Walker	1981-1993	Joe Dillard <sup>1</sup>
1912-1914	Edgar Douglass	1993-1994	<b>Robert L. Cohee</b>
1914-1918	Lee Jones	1995-2004	Joe Bodenhamer <sup>2</sup>
1919-1920	J.M. Horton	2004	Sue Newton
1921-1922	<b>Edgar Morris</b>	2005-2008	Dan Hall
1923-1924	James T. Jones	2009-2012	Joe Bodenhamer
1925-1926.	M.E. Mack Curlee	2013-	<b>Mickey Pendergrass</b>

1 Resigned; Robert L. Cohee appointed 1993.

2 Resigned; Sue Newton appointed 2004.

## Baxter County Sheriff

1873-1884	Abraham G. Byler	1928-1940	Jim Martin
1884-1890	Jacob H. Wolf	1941-1944	Harvey S. Powell
1890-1892	Abraham G. Byler <sup>1</sup>	1945-1950	Ernie Gentry
1892	Clem A. Eatman	1951-1956	J.D. King, Jr.
1892-1893	Samuel Livingston	1957-1962	Jack Gregory
1893-1894	William F. Eatman <sup>2</sup>	1963-1968	Emmett Edmonds <sup>5</sup>
1894-1896	Robert M. Hancock	1968	Pauline Edmonds
1896-1900	G.W. Foster	1969-1970	<b>Don C. Cockrum</b>
1900-1904	Robert H. Hudson	1971-1978	Jack Gregory
1904-1907	Eugene W. Mooney <sup>3</sup>	1979-1995	Joe H. Edmonds <sup>6</sup>
1907-1912	Leon Mooney	1995-1996	Benny Magness
1912-1921	Robert S. Hurst	1997-1998	Charlie Garrison
1921-1925	Jim Martin	1999-2004	Joe H. Edmonds
1925-1928	Robert S. Hurst <sup>4</sup>	2005-	<b>John Montgomery</b>

1 Byler killed; C.A. Eatman appointed June 1892.

2 Livingston died; W.F. Eatman appointed 1893.

3 E.W. Mooney killed; Leon Mooney appointed Oct. 11, 1907.

4 Hurst died; Jim Martin appointed April 10, 1928.

5 Emmett Edmonds killed; Pauline Edmonds appointed to fill vacancy May 7, 1968.

6 Resigned April 13, 1995; Benny Magness appointed to fill vacancy April 26, 1995.

## Baxter County Clerk/Circuit Clerk Baxter County Treasurer

1873-1886	Clem A. Eatman	1873	William Denton
1886-1894	Robert M. Hancock	1873-1875	John W. Haley <sup>1</sup>
1894-1912	William F. Eatman	1875-1876	Miles G. Anglin <sup>2</sup>
1912-1930	Henry B. Aylor	1876-1880	P. Henderson
1931-1938	Nellie Cooper	1880	J.P. Crownover <sup>3</sup>
1939-1946	Joseph D. Alley	1881-1888	John S. Howard
1947-1956	Quinby Smith	1888-1896	William Drew Henderson
1957-1970	Edward J. Pinkston	1896-1898	John W. Baker
1971-1987	Arnold Knight <sup>1</sup>	1898-1902	Alexander A. Wolf
1987-1988	Linda K. Thrasher	1902-1906	John W. Baker
1989-2012	Rhonda J. Porter	1906-1916	Alexander A. Wolf
2013-	<b>Canda Reese</b>	1916-1926	Joseph Edward Lee Cooper
		1927-1928	Rudolph Bodenhamer
		1929-1932	Jesse Coffee
		1933-1936	Charlie Howard, Jr.
		1937	William Faye Nelson <sup>4</sup>
		1937-1940	Ward Hackler
		1941-1946	Ben Tilley
		1947-1958	Robert Tipton
		1959-1964	Vada Sheid
		1965-1968	<b>Don C. Cockrum</b>
		1969-1972	<b>Ray M. Crawford</b>
		1973-1996	Nancy Green (Rorie)
		1997-2012	<b>Nelda Speaks</b>
		2013 -	<b>Jenay Mize</b>

<sup>1</sup> Resigned September 1, 1987; Linda K. Thrasher appointed to fill vacancy September 1, 1987.

### Baxter County Collector

1975-1986	Vaniece Hinesley
1987-2011	Willa Mae Tilley
2011 -	<b>Teresa Smith</b>

- 1 Haley declared elected by Board of of Supervisors, 1873, vice Denton.
- 2 Anglin elected May 15, 1875, vice Haley.
- 3 Died before taking office; Howard elected July, 1881.
- 4 Resigned; Ward Hackler appointed August 10, 1937.

## Baxter County Assessor

1873-1876	Van Buren Tate
1876-1878	E.H. Messick
1878-1882	W.A. Collis
1882-1886	J.A. Carter
1886-1888	W.A. Collis
1888-1892	J.B. Schoggen
1892-1896	H.T. Patterson
1896-1898	Robert H. Hudson
1898-1902	J.H. Gorkin
1902-1906	Jackson V. Thrasher
1906-1910	J.A. Carter
1910-1912	W.L. Loman
1912-1914	J.W. Wolf
1916-1921	M.E. Mack Curlee
1921-1925	Leffel Smith
1925-1928	Jesse Coffee
1929-1932	Charles A. Howard
1933-1936	G. Hardy Hand
1937-1940	James B. "Ben" Tilley
1941-1956	Charles A. Howard
1957-1960	Warren H. Goforth
1961-1970	Kenneth Jackson
1971-1974	Ed Gilbert
1975-1978	June Hall
1979-2000	Gwen Hall
2001-2010	Elaine Quick
2011-2012	<b>Barry Bossier</b>
2013-	<b>Jayme Nicholson</b>

1 Did not qualify for the 1927 term.

2 Resigned; Dr. Gerald Pierce appointed Nov. 19, 1949.

3 Resigned; Dr. J.A. Van Beber appointed Sept. 24, 1951.

4 Resigned; Wayne N. Foster appointed March 24, 1954.

5 Resigned; Leon A. Drew appointed July 22, 1955.

6 Resigned; L.F. Crawford appointed Feb. 21, 1963.

7 Resigned; David LaFevers appointed June 15, 1978.

## Baxter County Coroner

1873-1876	James M. Wolf
1876-1878	S.H. Talburt
1878-1882	Jacob H. Wolf
1882-1890	J.L. Elliott
1890-1892	William H. Conditt
1893-1894	Clem A. Eatman
1894-1896	Robert H. Wolf
1896-1898	L.B. Mangrum
1898-1900	George W. Walker
1900-1902	James Milburn
1902-1904	Albert Gower
1904-1910	M.D. Foster
1910-1912	W.K. Gray
1912-1916	G.W. Foster
1916-1921	D.C. Brewer
1921-1925	W.S. Baldwin
1925-1927	Charles S. Skiver <sup>1</sup>
1931-1932	J.T. Tipton
1935-1936	Scott Appleby
1937	Dr. R. Hedrick
1937-1940	Dr. M. Leon Mooney
1941-1944	Mrs. Joe Adams
1945-1946	Virgie McClure
1947-1949	Denver Roller <sup>2</sup>
1949-1950	Dr. Gerald Pierce
1951	John M. Davis <sup>3</sup>
1951-1952	Dr. J.A. Van Beber
1953-1954	Denver Roller <sup>4</sup>
1954-1955	Wayne N. Foster <sup>5</sup>
1955-1956	Leon A. Drew
1957-1963	Dr. Walter S. Guinee <sup>6</sup>
1963-1964	L.F. Crawford
1965-1970	<b>Dr. William R. Snow</b>
1971-1974	<b>Dr. Jack C. Wilson</b>
1975-1976	Elton Kirby
1977-1978	Dr. M.L. Gordon <sup>7</sup>
1978	David LaFevers
1979-1980	Elton Kirby
1981-1986	<b>Dr. William R. Snow</b>
1987-1992	Elton Kirby
1993-1994	Steve Douglas
1995-2014	<b>Dr. William R. Snow</b>
2015 -	Brad Hays

## Baxter County Surveyor

1873- 1874 John Jordan  
1874- 1878 W.P. Hargrave  
1878-1884 Robert E. Hurst  
1884-1886 E.N. Osborne  
1886-1894 Thomas B. Goforth  
1894-1896 E.N. Galespie  
1896-1902 Thomas B. Goforth  
1902-1906 E.N. Osborne  
1906-1914 Charles Christian  
1914-1919 J.E. Goforth  
1919-1925 Warren H. Messick  
1925-1940 J.E. Goforth  
1941-1944 J.S. Wedgeworth  
1945-1952 Vance O. Smith  
1953-1956 Warren H. Goforth  
1957-1960 Vance O. Smith  
1961-1968 Charles E. Haskin  
1969-1971 Arvie A. Moore <sup>1</sup>  
1971-1978 Warren H. Goforth  
1978 Mike Cantrell  
1979-1984 John Ed Isbell  
1985-2002 Charles L. Slater, Sr.  
2003- Charles L. Slater, Jr.

<sup>1</sup> Resigned; Warren H. Goforth appointed to fill vacancy June 29, 1971.

## State Representative

[Representing districts that included all most of Baxter County]

1874-1876 Randolph D. Casey  
1877-1884 Van Buren Tate  
1885-1888 Abraham G. Byler  
1889-1990 H.H. Hilton  
1891-1996 Jerry C. South  
1897-1898 William T. Hopper  
1899-1900 Thomas T. Jones  
1901-1902 James T. Jones  
1903-1906 Zephaniah M Horton  
1907-1910 Edward D. Smothers  
1911-1912 Thomas Harvey Hensley  
1913-1914 Jackson V. Thrasher  
1915-1916 Randolph C. Love  
1917-1920 Owen Kendrick  
1921-1924 Edward D. Smothers  
1925-1928 Randolph C. Love  
1929-1930 Kent K. Jackson  
1931 William U. McCabe <sup>1</sup>  
1933-1934 M.R. Pryor  
1935-1940 Claude Cowart  
1941-1944 Jack Hornbuckle  
1945-1946 Hugh A. Hackler  
1947-1948 Roderick M. Ruthven  
1949-1950 Jack Hornbuckle  
1951-1954 Joe Bill Hackler  
1955-1956 Hugh A. Hackler  
1957-1958 Robert B. Webb  
1959-1962 Sam Powell  
1963-1964 Hugh A. Hackler  
1965-1966 **Orville D. Pendergrass**  
1967-1976 Vada Sheid  
1977-1992 Ed Gilbert  
1993-1994 Vada Sheid  
1995-1998 **Joe Hudson**  
1999-2002 **Shawn Womack**  
2003-2008 **Johnny Key**  
2009-2014 **Karen Hopper**

<sup>1</sup> Died 1931, no replacement made.

## State Senator

[Representing districts that included all or most of Baxter County]

1874-1876	D.G. Hart	1933-1936	John C. Ashley
1877-1884	H.C. Tipton	1937-1938	H.A. Northcutt
1885-1888	Van Buren Tate	1939-1946	Roy W. Milum
1889-1896	W.E. Davidson	1947-1952	Ernest Nicholson
1897-1900	J.C. South	1953-1962	Roy W. Milum
1901-1904	Joseph L. Short	1963-1972	Ralph Hudson
1905-1908	Granville S. Rector	1973-1976	Dr. J. Lex Moore
1909-1912	James A. Watson	1977-1984	Vada Sheid
1913-1916	John C. Ashley	1985-1994	<b>Steve Luelf</b>
1917-1920	Elbert E. Godwin	1995-2002	<b>Gary ED. Hunter</b>
1921-1924	William U. McCabe	2003-2008	<b>Shawn Womack</b>
1925-1928	H.A. Northcutt	2009-	<b>Johnny Key</b>
1929-1932	William H.V. Wahlquist		

## Prosecuting Attorneys

[3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, 1873-1887; 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, 1887-1895; 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, 1895-1978; 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, 1979--]

1873-1874	William A. Inman	1927-1930	George M. Booth
1874-1878	J.L. Abernathy	1931-1938	Shelby C. Ferguson
1878-1882	Charles Coffin	1939-1942	Robert H. Wood
1882-1886	M.N. Dyer	1943-1944	Ernie Wright
1886-1887	W.B. Padgett	1945-1948	Harrell Simpson
1887-1890	Deroos Bailey	1949-1954	Carmack Sullivan
1890-1894	J.C. Floyd	1955-1958	James A. Robb
1894-1895	Frank Pace	1959-1964	W.E. Billingsley
1895-1896	J.B. Baker	1965-1970	Robert H. Dudley
1896-1902	R.B. Maxey	1971-1974	Terry M. Poynter
1902-1904	P.A. Crenshaw	1975-1978	John Crain
1904-1910	Thomas I. Herm	1979-2002	Gordon Webb
1910-1912	C.E. Elmore	2003-	Ron Kincade
1912-1916	H.A. Northcutt		
1916-1923	John C. Ashley		
1923-1927	Oscar E. Eillis		

Note: Republican office holders are indicated in bold. All other officeholders are Democrats or Independents.