

Lawrence Kansas Sept. 8th 1874

The Board of Commissioners of Douglas County met at the County Clerk's office, pursuant to adjournment, there were present Commissioners Deskins, Clark, and Zimmerman, and the County Clerk, T. B. Smith.

The Committee appointed to investigate Books, Records, and financial Condition of the County made a partial report, of their proceedings, which was examined by the Board, accepted, and Ordered that said report be spread upon the Commissioners records, as follow

To the Honorable Board of
County Commissioners of
Douglas County, Kansas
Gentlemen

In accordance with your request for a statement of our progress in that portion of the investigation of County affairs, upon which the undersigned have been engaged, we herewith submit for your consideration, a report which though partial in relation to the investigation we have made, and are making, is we trust, complete and final as to matters therein treated.

Your Committee regret that ~~there~~ there is only one portion of their work upon which a complete report can be made at this time, but many difficulties have confronted us which required much time and the exercise of all our patience to overcome, and though we have made considerable progress in the general examination we have only completed that portion of our investigation of which we treat in this report.

The problem which your Committee have to solve, is "Have the several County Treasurers collected all the monies which the law requires them to collect and fairly and honestly accounted for the same?" This problem though simple enough in its statement is tedious and difficult in its solution, and our answer, we doubt not, seems to your honorable Board, exceedingly long delayed.

Our examination begins with the first County Sale for taxes in September 1859 for the taxes of 1858 and this report ends with the second term of James Blood, County Treasurer July 12th and 1868; this period constitutes the largest and most difficult portion of the examination.

The assessment rolls prior to 1863 were destroyed in