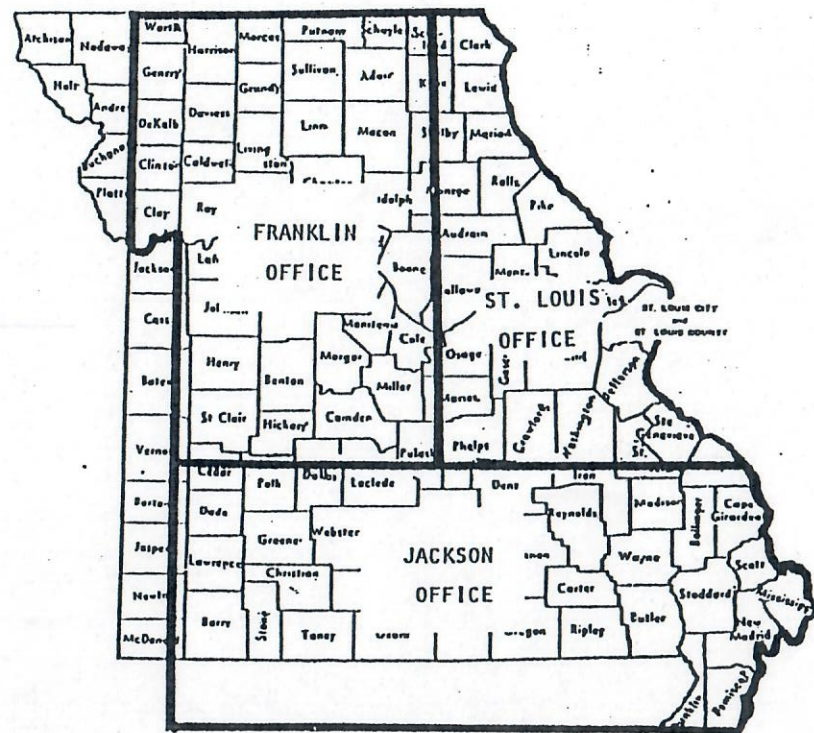


1 FEB 1842-28 FEB 1847	7	9-13; 72-77; 308-317; 388-397; 442-450
1 MAR 1847-28 FEB 1849	8	136-151; 569-590
1 MAR 1849-28 FEB 1850	9	131-150
1 MAR 1850-28 FEB 1851	18	39-56
1 MAR 1851-28 FEB 1852	13	394-414
1 MAR 1852-10 JUN 1852	18	169-350
10 JUN 1852-31 JAN 1853	8	152-170
1 JAN 1853-15 NOV 1853	10	270-319
16 NOV 1853-31 DEC 1853	9	12-18
1 JAN 1854-15 NOV 1854	10	373-448
15 NOV 1854-14 NOV 1855	12	68-236
15 NOV 1855-15 NOV 1856	13	414-495
	14	1-22
15 NOV 1856-15 NOV 1857	18	169-350
	19	1-67
16 NOV 1857-15 NOV 1858	17	481-498
	18	351-495
16 NOV 1858-15 NOV 1859		NO RECORD
16 NOV 1859-15 NOV 1860	19	235-285
16 NOV 1860-30 JUN 1861	19	470-493

NOTE: No record of sales after November 15, 1860. Sales for March 1-June 10, 1852 and November 15, 1856-November 15, 1857 were recorded together and cannot be distinguished.



LAND OFFICE DISTRICTS, 1818

Lexington Office

Authorized by an Act of Congress approved March 3, 1823, this office began operation on May 17, 1824. On July 3, 1843, the office and records were moved to Clinton.

Date of Sales	Volume	Pages
17 MAY 1824-14 MAR 1827		NO RECORD
15 MAR 1827-1 JAN 1831	2	76-97
1 JAN 1831-1 JAN 1836	3	1-61; 243-303
2 JAN 1836-1 FEB 1837	4	462-588
	5	1-7
2 FEB 1837-31 JAN 1839	5	287-364; 537-597
1 FEB 1839-31 JAN 1842	6	161-258; 342-385; 483-508
1 FEB 1842-31 JAN 1843	7	31-46

No record of sales after January 31, 1843.

NOTE: The Lexington office also handled the initial sales of the so-called "Kansas School Lands". Under a treaty with the Kansas tribe on December 30, 1825, a portion of ceded lands to be sold for support of Indian schools.

DISTRICT LAND OFFICES IN MISSOURI

Location	When established	Date discontinued or removed
St. Louis	Act March 3, 1811	To Boonville, September 1, 1861
Franklin	Act February 17, 1818	To Fayette, July 5, 1832
Jackson	Act February 17, 1818	To Ironton, July 8, 1861
Lexington	Act March 3, 1823	To Clinton, July 3, 1843
Palmyra	Act May 26, 1824	To Boonville, August 24, 1858
Fayette	July 5, 1832	To Boonville, May 18, 1857
Springfield	Act June 26, 1834	To Boonville, March 25, 1863; reestablished May 19, 1866 and closed May 24, 1922
Plattsburg	Act August 29, 1842	To Boonville, March 31, 1859
Clinton	July 3, 1843	To Warsaw, July 18, 1865
Milan	Act February 26, 1849	To Boonville, March 31, 1859
Warsaw	July 18, 1865	To Calhoun, July 26, 1861
Boonville	Act August 1, 1857	To Springfield, June 30, 1905
Calhoun	July 26, 1861	February 12, 1863
Ironton	July 8, 1861	To Springfield, June 30, 1905

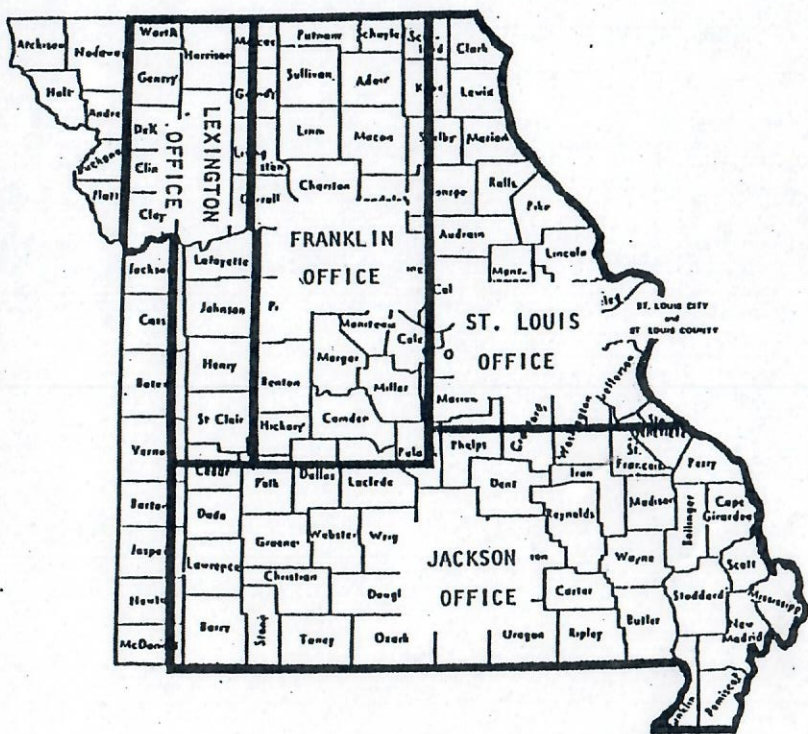
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Date of Sales	Volume	Pages
31 DEC 1826-1 JAN 1831	2	97
1 JAN 1831-1 JAN 1834	3	61
1836	4	8

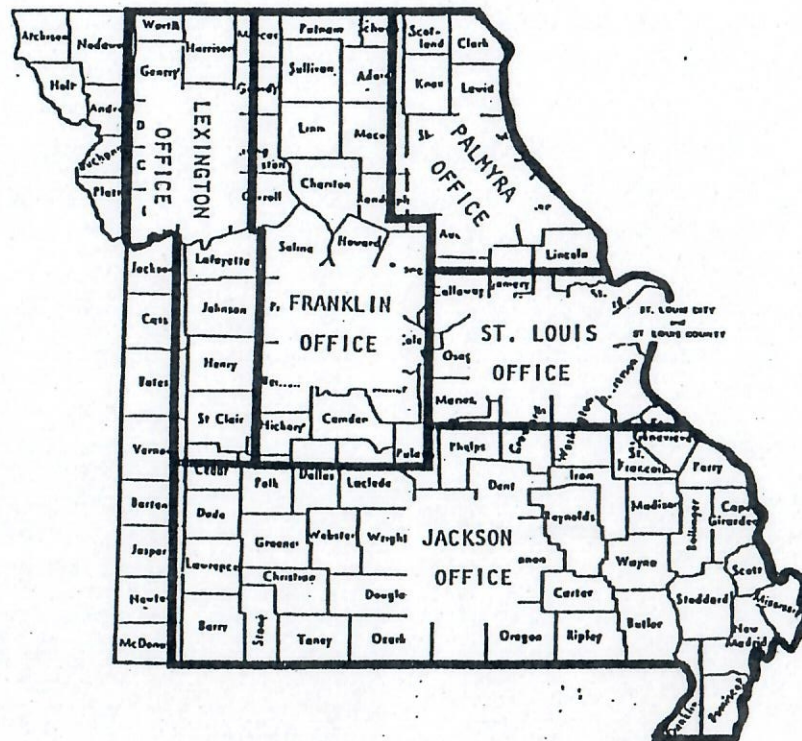
Palmyra Office

Authorized by an Act of Congress on May 26, 1824, the Palmyra office operated until September 14, 1858 when the office was discontinued. The records were moved to the Boonville office and officially closed March 2, 1859.

Date of Sales	Volume	Pages
77 1824-31 DEC 1826		NO RECORD
1 JAN 1827-1 JAN 1834	2	34-71; 111-166
2 JAN 1834-31 DEC 1834		NO RECORD
1 JAN 1835-1 JAN 1836	3	303-416
2 JAN 1836-1 FEB 1837	4	6-269
2 FEB 1837-1 FEB 1839	5	185-246; 435-475
2 FEB 1839-31 JAN 1842	6	133-160; 386-405; 510-520
1 FEB 1842-28 FEB 1847	7	48-52; 68-71; 318-324; 382-387; 414-418
1 MAR 1847-28 FEB 1849	8	292-300; 449-460
	9	1-11



LAND OFFICE DISTRICTS, 1823



LAND OFFICE DISTRICTS, 1824

1 MAR 1849-28 FEB 1850	9	151-172
1 MAR 1850-28 FEB 1851	18	10-38
1 MAR 1851-28 FEB 1852	13	304-353
1 MAR 1852-10 JUN 1852	18	150-168
10 JUN 1852-28 FEB 1853	8	460-504
1 MAR 1853-1 JAN 1854	10	320-372
1 JAN 1854-15 NOV 1854	9	173-197
15 NOV 1854-1 NOV 1855	12	290-377
1 NOV 1855-15 NOV 1856	13	353-394
16 NOV 1856-14 NOV 1857		NO RECORD
15 NOV 1857-14 SEP 1858	17	197-200

Fayette Office

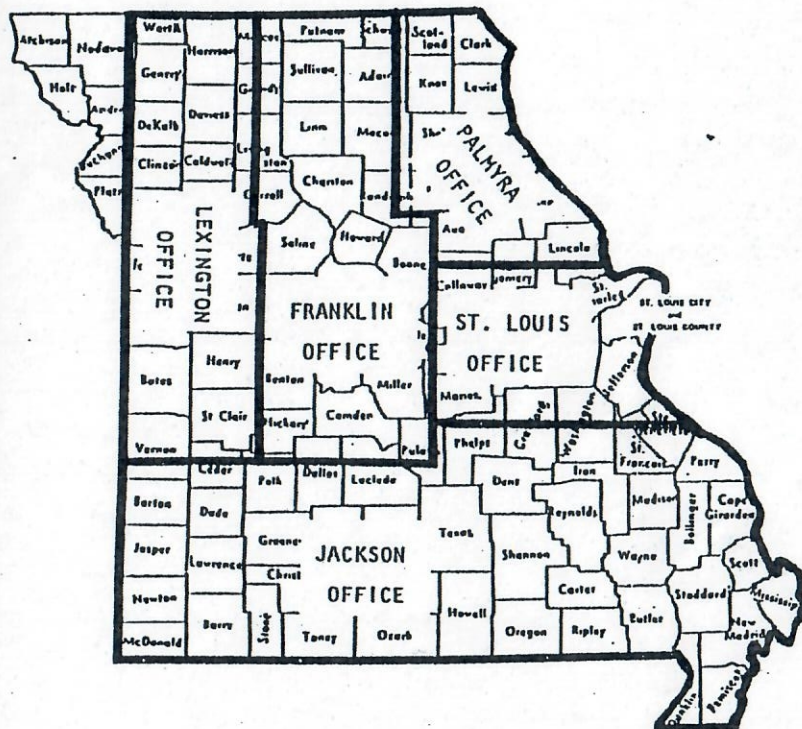
The Franklin office was relocated to Fayette and began operation on July 5, 1832. Sales ceased on November 15, 1857 and the office was removed to Boonville. The Franklin-Fayette records overlap for the period January 1, 1831 to July 5, 1832 and are not separated by office.

Date of Sales	Volume	Pages
1 JAN 1831-31 DEC 1835	3	64-137; 214-235; 442-491
1-31 JAN 1836		NO RECORD
1 FEB 1836-1 FEB 1837	4	270-452
2 FEB 1837-1 FEB 1840	5	95-184; 477-533; 739-795
	6	1-47

1 FEB 1840-31 JAN 1842	6	310-341; 461-481
1 FEB 1842-28 FEB 1847	7	23-30; 91-100; 273-288; 352-267; 451-463
1 MAR 1847-28 FEB 1849	8	171-188; 505-531
1 MAR 1849-28 FEB 1850	9	197-212
1 MAR 1850-28 FEB 1851	10	490-498
	18	1-9
1 MAR 1851-28 FEB 1852	13	1-20
1 MAR 1852-10 JUN 1852		NO RECORD
11 JUN 1852-15 NOV 1853	8	188-192; 531-560
16 NOV 1853-15 NOV 1854	9	212-286
16 NOV 1854-31 OCT 1855	11	85-182
1 NOV 1855-31 OCT 1856	13	23-61
16 NOV 1856-15 NOV 1857	18	103-148

Springfield Office

Initially authorized by an Act of Congress approved June 26, 1834, sales did not begin until June 13, 1835. The office closed March 25, 1863, but was restored on May 19, 1866 and continued to operate until terminated on May 24, 1922. During the period 1863 to 1866, the records were removed to the Boonville office. On June 30, 1905, the land offices at Boonville and Ironton were removed to Springfield making it the last operating land office in the State of Missouri.



LAND OFFICE DISTRICTS, 1826

Date of Sales	Volume	Pages
13 JUN 1835-1 FEB 1837	3	492-495
2 FEB 1837-1 FEB 1839	5	365-374; 653-695
1 FEB 1839-31 JAN 1842	6	48-99; 261-296; 443-469
1 FEB 1842-28 FEB 1846	7	1-8; 62-67; 298-306; 325-332
1 MAR 1846-29 FEB 1848	8	48-64; 248-269
1 MAR 1848-28 FEB 1850		NO RECORD
1 MAR 1850-28 FEB 1851	18	84-102
1 MAR 1851-28 FEB 1852		NO RECORD
1 MAR 1852-10 JUN 1852	15	66-80
10 JUN 1852-6 DEC 1852	8	269-271
6 DEC 1852-15 NOV 1853	8	414-449
16 NOV 1853-31 OCT 1854		NO RECORD
1 NOV 1854-1 NOV 1855	12	237-289
2 NOV 1855-15 NOV 1856	14	351-495
15 NOV 1856-15 NOV 1857	15	80-340
16 NOV 1857-15 NOV 1858	17	256-345
16 NOV 1858-15 NOV 1860	19	95-152; 187-212

No record of sales after November 15, 1860.

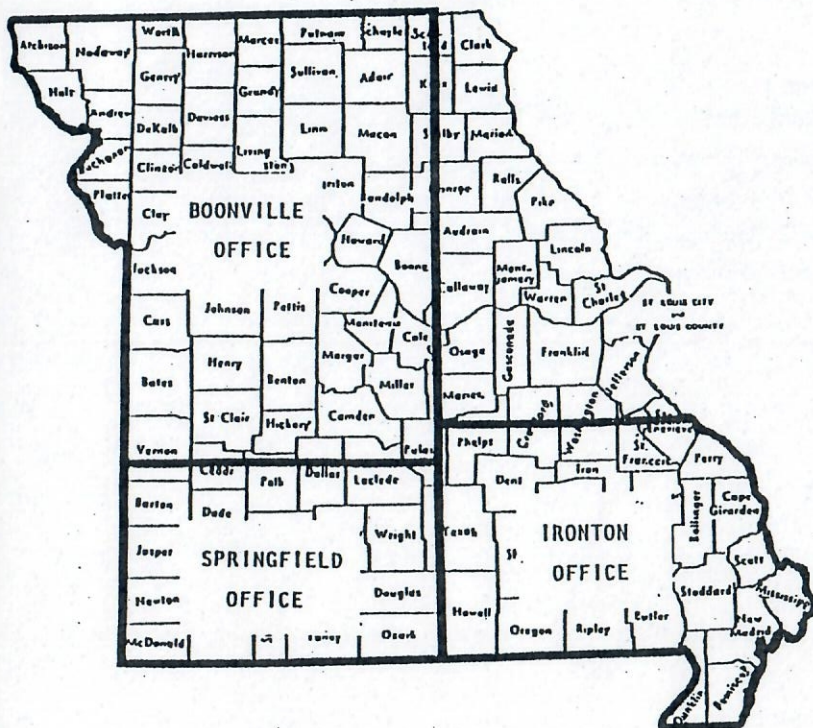
OFFICE DISCONTINUED MARCH 25, 1863 AND RESTORED MAY 19, 1866

No record of sales prior to July 1, 1866.

Date of Sales	Volume	Pages
1 JUL 1866-30 JUN 1867	20	22-34; 62-68
1 JUL 1867-30 JUN 1868	20	158-196
	24	1-58
1 JUL 1868-30 JUN 1871	20	400-428
1 JUL 1871-30 JUN 1874	20	500-535; 664-713; 734-751
	24	129-223
1 JUL 1874-31 MAY 1887	21	1-66; 95-117; 165-182; 204-210; 217-222; 230-235; 260-267; 292-303; 312-325; 358-372; 389-400; 422-438
	24	225-541
1 JUN 1887-31 MAY 1893	21	464-479; 506-527; 555-586; 617-653; 683-711; 735-757
	23	1-293
1 JUN 1893-31 MAY 1902	23	298-892
1 JUN 1902-31 MAY 1903	22	325-329
1 JUN 1903-31 MAY 1905	23	894-924
1 JUN 1905-31 MAY 1918		NO RECORD
		UNBOUND,
		PAGES NOT
		NUMBERED
		NO RECORD
		UNBOUND,
		PAGES NOT
		NUMBERED

No record of sales after May 31, 1921.

Date of Sales	Volume	Pages
No record of sales prior to February 1, 1864.		
1 FEB 1864-1 JUL 1868	20	1-6; 68-79; 103-146
	24	66-112
2 JUL 1868-30 JUN 1870	NO RECORD	
1 JUL 1870-30 JUN 1871	20	430-442
1 JUL 1871-30 JUN 1875	20	540-554; 600-626; 718-731; 762; 776-789
	25	1-83
1 JUN 1875-30 JUN 1879	21	67-78; 136-160; 183-197
	25	85-181
1 JUL 1879-31 MAY 1883	21	223-229; 242-259; 282-291
	25	188-261
1 JUN 1883-31 MAY 1887	21	326-339; 347-357; 379-388; 410-421
	25	267-353
1 JUN 1887-31 MAY 1890	21	439-452; 480-495; 537-554
	25	355-457
1 JUN 1890-31 MAY 1893	21	599-616; 664-682; 721-734
	25	459-571
1 JUN 1893-31 MAY 1903	22	1-308
1 JUN 1903-31 MAY 1905	NO RECORD	
1 JUN 1905-30 JUN 1905	UNROUND, PAGES NOT NUMBERED	



LAND OFFICE DISTRICTS, 1880

REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION AND RELOCATION OF LAND OFFICES

District land offices were often relocated, discontinued, divided or annexed to adjacent districts. Briefly the legal provisions regulating those changes were as follows:

1. Whenever the quantity of public land remaining unsold in any land district is reduced to a number of acres less than one hundred thousand, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to discontinue the land office of such district; and if any land in any such district remains unsold at the time of discontinuance of a land office, the same shall be subject to sale at some one of the existing land offices most convenient to the district in which the land office has been discontinued, of which the Secretary of Interior shall give notice. (5 Stat. 385)
2. The Secretary of the Interior may continue any land district in which is situated the seat of government of any one of the States, and may continue the land office in such district, notwithstanding the quantity of land unsold in such district may not amount to one hundred thousand acres, when, in his opinion, such continuance is required by public convenience, or in order to close the land system in such State. (5 Stat. 455)
3. Whenever the cost of collecting the revenue from the sales of the public lands in any land district is as much as one-third of the whole amount of revenue collected in such district, it may be lawful for the President, if, in his opinion, not incompatible with the public interest, to discontinue the land office in such district, and to annex the same to some other adjoining land district. (10 Stat. 189, 194)
4. The President is authorized to change the location of the land offices in the several land districts established by law, and to relocate the same from time to time at such point in the district as he deems expedient. (10 Stat. 204, 244)
5. Upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, the President may order the discontinuance of any land office and the transfer of any of its business and archives to any other land office within the same State or Territory. (12 Stat. 409)
6. The President is authorized to change and re-establish the boundaries of land districts, whenever, in his opinion, the public interests will be subserved thereby . . . (14 Stat. 252)
7. In case of the division of existing land districts by the erection of new ones, or by a change of boundaries by the President, all business in such original districts shall be entertained and transacted without prejudice or change, until the offices in the new districts are duly opened by public

19 Jul 1820 -

"Ordinance, Declaring the assent of the people of the state of Missouri, by their representatives in convention assembled, to certain conditions and provisions in the act of congress of the sixth of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, entitled 'An act to authorise the people of Missouri territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the union on an equal footing with the original states, and to prohibit slavery in certain territories.'" (Laws, Vol. 1, 1824, pp. 632-634.)

"First, That section numbered sixteen in every township, and when such section has been sold or otherwise disposed of, other lands equivalent thereto, and as contiguous as may be, shall be granted to the state for the use of the inhabitants of such township for the use of schools. - Page 632.

6 Dec 1820 -

AN ACT to prevent waste on school lands.†

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| 1 County courts to appoint commissioners of school lands. | such lands. |
| 2 Commissioners to preserve such lands from waste—to rent and improve it. | 4 To settle with court and deliver all moneys arising from lands. |
| 3 Commissioners created a body corporate with powers—proviso, not to sell or alienate | 5 Further powers and duties of commissioners. |
| | 6 Trespasses on school lands, how punished. |
| | 7 Commissioners to take oath. |

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, [as follows:]

1. The tribunal or court for the transaction of county business shall at their first term after the passage of this act, and at their first term in every second year thereafter, appoint five respectable householders, commissioners of school lands in each respective county, to serve for two years, or until others shall be appointed; and vacancies, as often as they may happen, shall be filled by like appointments.
2. It shall be the duty of said commissioners to preserve from waste or damage all such lands as have been or hereafter may be granted by the United States for the use of schools, within each township of their respective counties, and to rent or lease the same for any term not exceeding five years, and to take effectual means, under the direction of the court, for the improvement of such lands, and for the improvement and permanent security of the funds and endowments, for the use of schools within their respective counties.
3. The said commissioners, in their respective counties shall be, and they are hereby constituted a body corporate, a majority of whom may act, with full powers to do all and singular those acts which may become necessary to effect the purposes of their appointment, and to sue and be sued, in as ample manner as they might or could were the complete titles to said lands vested in them; *provided, always,* that said commissioners shall have no power to sell or alienate said lands, or any part thereof.
4. The said commissioners shall settle and account with said court at the last term of every year, and the moneys which may be found in their hands at each settlement, shall be deposited by order of the court in the county treasury for safe keeping, to be appropriated for the use of schools, in such manner as the general assembly may hereafter order and direct.
5. The said commissioners shall form a board in each county, a majority of the members shall have at all times full power to act, shall keep records of their proceedings, and lay the same, or copies thereof, when required before the court of the proper county.
6. Any person or persons who shall knowingly commit any waste on any of the public lands, granted by the United States for the use of schools in this state, shall