

SECRETARY TRE HARGETT TOURS ARCHIVES



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Photo by Tom Pardue

We were pleased to welcome Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett to the Washington County Archives on Monday, September 14th, 2020. Hargett, accompanied by County Mayor Joe Grandy, toured the facility and examined several historic documents, including items related to the state of Franklin and future U. S. President Andrew Jackson. Archives staff presented Secretary Hargett with a copy of a 1799 court document involving a man sentenced to the public pillory for perjury.

A native of Ripley, Tennessee, Hargett has served as Secretary of State since 2009. In this position, he oversees state elections and the Tennessee State Library and Archives, among many other responsibilities. Prior to his election as Secretary, he served for ten years in the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Twice his office has awarded grants to the department. We believe Secretary Hargett was pleased with the progress the department has made in preserving Tennessee's oldest public records.