

RECORD GROUP 3
CIRCUIT COURT CASE FILES GUIDE
1960 – 1969

RG3.2: Circuit Court Records
Series A: Case Files, 1808-1956 and undated

Circuit Court handles both civil and criminal cases. Until 1891, all cases were heard in Jonesborough. In 1891, a sub-division of the court was opened to hear civil cases in Johnson City, helping take some of the case load off the Jonesborough court. Known as the Johnson City Law Court, this court functioned until 2007, when, with the opening of the new Justice Center, all court activities were moved once again to Jonesborough. For Law Court case files, see Record Group Series 3.6.

Records in this series are particularly useful in helping provide a picture of a society/community at a given period of history. Non-trial records include citizenship papers for both those seeking to become American citizens, as well as for a convicted felon to have citizenship rights restored. Among the types of cases found are those involving assault and battery, damages, debt, divorce, embezzlement, forgery land disputes, larceny, lewdness and adultery, murder, rape, robbery, tippling, and transporting liquor, among many other civil disputes and criminal actions. Among the types of documents found in the case files are bonds, correspondence, petitions, notices, bills, injunctions, complaints, subpoenas, depositions, exhibits, and writs.

Case files are arranged chronologically by year and then alphabetically by the plaintiff's surname. Case files are permanent records.

NOTE: Names in the earliest case files were often misspelled. We have left the spelling in most cases, as it was found in the record. When searching, be sure to try spelling variations.

1960

CASE YEAR	CASE NAME	DATE SPAN	BOX/ FOLDER	NOTES	ROW/ SHELF	
1960	Garst, Barbara Ann Hawk vs. Jerry Lee Garst	1960	535	Restraining order		
1960	Price, James Willian vs. Norma Jean Whittaker Price	1960	535	Divorce; #770		
1960	Department of Public Welfare vs. J. D. Ryans	1960	535	#774		
1960	State vs. Charles Edward Sexton	1960	535	Bigamy		

1961						
CASE YEAR	CASE NAME	DATE SPAN	BOX/ FOLDER	NOTES	ROW/ SHELF	
1961	NO CASES					
1962						
CASE YEAR	CASE NAME	DATE SPAN	BOX/ FOLDER	NOTES	ROW/ SHELF	
1962	Barnes, Norma vs. Kenneth Barnes	1962	535	Divorce; #928 Part 1 of 2		
1962	Barnes, Norma vs. Kenneth Barnes	1962	535	Divorce; #928 Part 2 of 2		
1962	Usary vs. Usary	1962 – 1963		No case file; letter from attorney only. May possibly be John Usary vs. Brenda Usary.		
1963						
CASE YEAR	CASE NAME	DATE SPAN	BOX/ FOLDER	NOTES	ROW/ SHELF	
1963	NO CASES					
1964						
CASE YEAR	CASE NAME	DATE SPAN	BOX/ FOLDER	NOTES	ROW/ SHELF	
1964	NO CASES					
1965						
CASE YEAR	CASE NAME	DATE SPAN	BOX/ FOLDER	NOTES	ROW/ SHELF	
1965	Faircloth, Clifford Clark vs. Roy E. Faircloth and John C. Faircloth, et al, executors of the estate of Roy E. Faircloth, deceased	1965	535			
1966						
CASE YEAR	CASE NAME	DATE SPAN	BOX/ FOLDER	NOTES	ROW/ SHELF	
1966	NO CASES					

1967					
CASE YEAR	CASE NAME	DATE SPAN	BOX/ FOLDER	NOTES	ROW/ SHELF
1967	NO CASES				

1968					
CASE YEAR	CASE NAME	DATE SPAN	BOX/ FOLDER	NOTES	ROW/ SHELF
1968	NO CASES				

1969					
CASE YEAR	CASE NAME	DATE SPAN	BOX/ FOLDER	NOTES	ROW/ SHELF
1969	NO CASES				

UNDATED				
CASE YEAR	CASE NAME	BOX/ FOLDER	NOTES	ROW/ SHELF
Undated	Furchess, James E. vs. Paul Peterson, et al	535	Damages for automobile accident	
Undated	State vs. John [?]	535		
Undated	State vs. Fin Bailey	535		
Undated	State vs. C. A. Galligher	535		