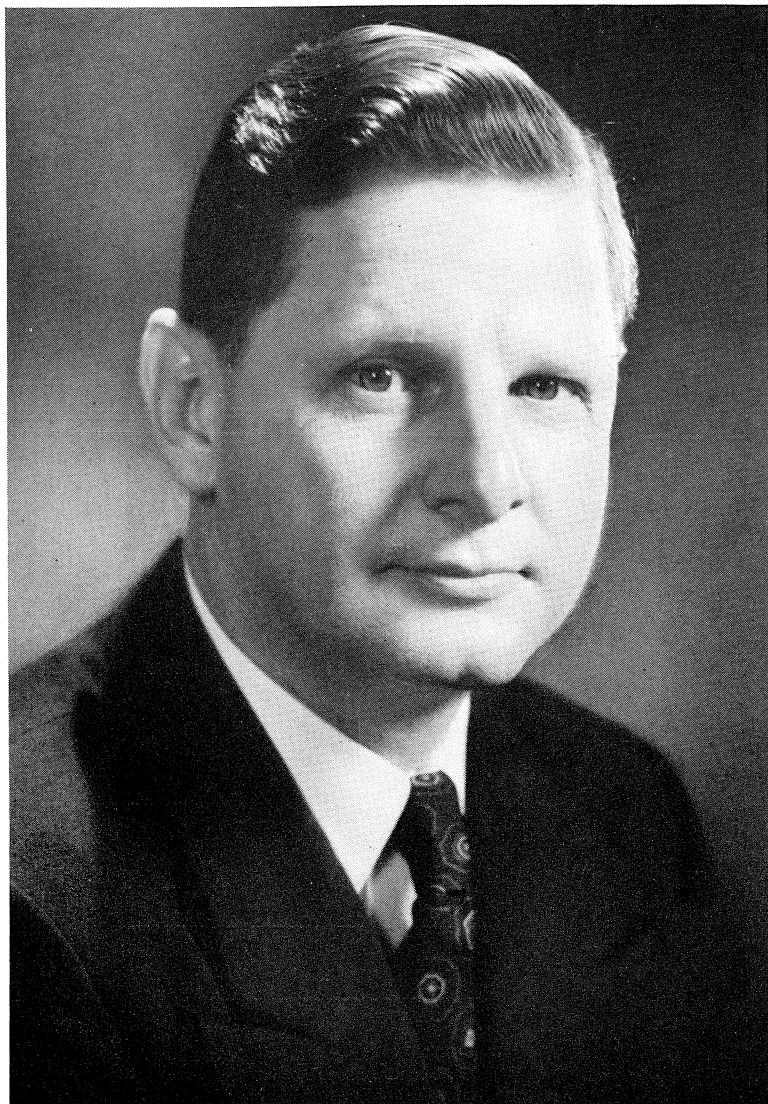


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FOREWORD

Albert M. Cole of Holton is an able Kansas lawyer who has distinguished himself in the legislative field. After four years service in the Kansas legislature, Mr. Cole was elected in 1944 as representative in Congress from the first Kansas district, which position he holds at this time. We are glad to print in this issue an article by Congressman Cole entitled "The Kansas Legislature and Congress—A Study in Contrasts," on which subject he is eminently qualified to write by his experience as a lawyer, legislator and congressman.

The remainder of this issue is confined to the statistical tables, showing the business transacted in the various courts of the state during the year ended June 30, 1952. We are glad to be able to print all of these tables in the October BULLETIN as usual. (Last year printing of the probate statistics was delayed until December by the flood.) The tables are in the same form as 1951, with the exception that we have included the yearly summary of the work of the Supreme Court as well as the twenty-five year summary.

Beryl R. Johnson, Judge of the District Court of Shawnee County (First Division), was elected president of the Bar Association of the State of Kansas at its annual meeting this year. We hope to have an article by Judge Johnson for publication in the BULLETIN at some time during his term of office.

The Kansas Legislature and Congress— A Study in Contrasts

Representative ALBERT M. COLE

Early one Sunday morning the insistent ringing of my Washington apartment phone awakened me. Rubbing the sleep from my eyes, I stumbled to the instrument of torture to hear a woman's voice:

"Congressman, I have a sore fanny."

"What did you say?"

"I injured my spine while traveling to Washington," she said, "and I want you to recommend a first-class orthopedic."

The constituent's request was duly noted, expedited and processed. I later learned that the good lady was cured and returned happily to Kansas.

This typical constituent—I did not make her acquaintance—quite naturally thought of her congressman when she was in Washington and needed help. Acting as a liaison officer between the folks in his district and government agencies is an important and time-consuming part of every congressman's job. Every mail brings its quota of "chores," although the telegraph and telephone carry more urgent appeals. The requests are as varied and complex as the range of human desires and distress.

In the state legislature, we had requests for assistance, but the problems of a congressman's constituents are a far more significant feature of his job, than are similar activities on the part of a state senator or representative.

Not only am I a legislator, but ambassador to those in high places, counselor, solicitor, psychiatrist, and male Dorothy Dix.

Seriously, of course, these liaison activities are valuable and important services rendered to the district.

A marked contrast exists between our Kansas legislature and Congress in attendance on the "floor" while in session. Kansas legislators are in their seats unless for some urgent reason that requires them to be elsewhere. The reverse is true in Congress. Members are not "on the floor" unless there is some fairly urgent reason. Visitors to the galleries are often shocked and pained to discover a senator or representative tearing his heart out on an important issue, speaking to an inattentive audience of four or five of his colleagues.

The reasons for this apparent indifference are fairly familiar. The legislation under discussion may be a much debated issue. An example is the bill to deny states the right to collect a poll tax. Without exception, nearly every member has decided how he will vote on this measure. On the other hand, a number of members want to be "on the record" and that is right and proper. In the meantime, committees can meet, congressmen can be in their offices answering mail, studying other legislation, doing the hundred and one chores for constituents which are begging for action.

In Washington, we believe the guy has a right to speak, but that he does not have the right to force me to listen if it wastes my time.

An ancient parliamentary rule accepts as correct procedure the method of closing debate by inattention. Congress uses this unwritten rule—I have learned to my sorrow! The members are practical—they listen when they believe it worth while—or if the speaker is good enough to demand attention. This is a little rough, but it works.

This highlights another contrast between my Kansas and Washington experience. When a quorum is absent in the legislature the sergeant at arms is instructed to, and does, bring in the members. In Congress, the same authority exists, but in practice it is not used. It is tacitly assumed that the members are responsible men. They are involved in a tremendous, complex job concerning every phase of the lives of our people, as well as the peace and security of the world. It would be impossible to direct, by rule and regulation, the manner in which each member must use his time in this service.

Abuses do occur, of course, for some members take advantage of the situation. A few show up in Washington only to vote on major issues. But the congressman has no boss in Washington. His bosses are the people at home (good bosses—good congressmen; poor bosses—poor congressmen).

During the session of the Kansas legislature we all live as one family in a couple of hotels. We are together day and night. The fraternal spirit rules, even among those with whom we disagree. Party politics are vague, and almost indistinguishable theories.

In Washington, we live scattered about over the city. In the morning I drive down "to the office." On many days, I do not leave the office. On others, I attend committee meetings, and it is a rare day that a member of Congress spends the entire time "on the floor of the House."

The state legislative spirit of comradeship is missing, and one makes friends slowly. Party politics create sharper differences. Unless the member is involved in some work of mutual interest with a colleague of the opposite party, his acquaintances and friends are probably limited to those on his own side of the aisle. Not infrequently a member will rise and speak during a (more or less audible) whispered inquiry among his colleagues: "Who is that?"

The honorable member may be serving his fifth term.

Seniority in Washington is a sacred cow. This "ancestor worship" is not unknown to state legislatures, but Congress makes a fetish of it. Chairmen of the committees are selected entirely by seniority. The other members of the committee are assigned seats at the committee table by the same method. The "freshmen" often find themselves at a sort of "second table" arrangement. Seniority rules the committee hearings. Witnesses are questioned first by the senior members.

In debate on the floor of the House, it is the general rule that the newcomers must wait in frustrated silence until their elders in point of service have spoken. The new congressman is determined and versatile indeed, if he has any questions to ask, or new points to debate after seniority has had its say.

The system has many advantages, but does waste much intelligent and active manpower. As I grow older in the service, however, I wonder if my criticism becomes a little less sharp.

When a committee in the Kansas legislature meets to consider legislation, its sessions are just as brief and pointed as possible. It is a gross understatement to say Washington hearings are different, but, antics of some committees to the contrary, it is a fact that most of the Congressional committees do a thorough, workmanlike job on pending legislation. The lure of kleig television lights, the radio beamed into millions of homes, the hum of news presses have, on too many occasions, created a circus atmosphere. The use of committee

hearings as a sounding board for propaganda by members of Congress and witnesses is too well known to discuss.

But wise members know that, like cross-examination, the process is a two-edged sword. Every word spoken by members and witnesses is printed. Cautious folk freely use the "revise and extend" privilege, and carefully blue pencil the reporter's transcript before it reaches the press.

The debates and colloquy occurring in the state legislative committees are not recorded. I have often thought that Congress could revise its methods to permit more "off the record" discussions. Many times a member fails to ask questions of a probing nature, fearful of appearing ignorant. (One inquiring New York City Congressman asked a cattleman why he did not produce two calves per year from each cow. The question was "revised" from the permanent record.) True scientific investigation must be based on naive search for the truth.

Many Congressional hearings are a frightful waste of time, energy and money. On the credit side are volumes of material expertly prepared by competent technicians, providing credible sources for research on the widest possible range of subjects.

The tough traffic cop of Congress is the House Rules Committee, similar in responsibility to the Kansas Legislature's Calendar Committee, which flashes red and green lights on the legislative traffic. Hundreds of bills are approved by committees each session. It is the responsibility of the Rules Committee to decide which have priority for action by the House. This jurisdiction places great power in the hands of "Rules." It may pronounce the death sentence on important legislation—and it has done just that very thing.

Its powerful club has been weakened, however, and some of the brightness of its star has diminished. Recent relaxation of House rules have provided easier methods of "jumping the red light" flashed by the Rules Committee against a bill, although the traffic cop still has great power, and will always remain as a check on ill-advised, hasty legislation.

In the state legislature, bills of major and of minor importance appear on the calendar, and are presented to the floor for debate. This is a marked contrast with Congressional procedure, where the usual custom is to debate only measures of a major nature. Most other bills must be passed on the "Consent" Calendar, or not at all.

Finally, one more contrast between Congress and the legislature.

A Kansas state senator introducing a bill expects that it will be acted upon as his proposal. In Congress, all major and much of the minor legislation is presented to the floor in the name of the chairman of the committee. Assuming that Representative Joe Doakes has introduced a bill which is important, and acceptable to Congress. Old Joe's bill, word for word, may be approved by the Committee for House action, but the odds are that it will carry the chairman's name, not that of Joe Doakes. This petty larceny is an accepted, but frustrating practice which is more or less patiently endured by seniority-less members.

Frequently we hear great gnashing of dentures, wailing and breast-pounding about how small, willful minorities in the Congress defeat the will of the people. Filibusters, Rules Committee, this and that "bloc," the small clique of leaders in both parties, all come in for their share of this vocal indictment. The simple truth is that there is no justice in these protests.

Congress is truly representative of the people, and, in my opinion, highly sensitive to their will. A case history of legislation approved and defeated will establish this fact.

Congress also has the duty to lead as well as follow. The rules of this greatest parliamentary body in the world are broad and flexible enough to accomplish this dual purpose.

I like Congress!

Comment on Statistical Tables

By RANDAL C. HARVEY

In this issue, we print the statistical tables showing the work of the various courts for the year ended June 30, 1952, which are collected by the Judicial Council in accordance with G. S. 20-2203. Generally speaking, these tables show about the same volume of business for the state as a whole as in recent years since World War II. The variations in the different courts are discussed below.

SUPREME COURT

There has been a decline in the total number of cases submitted to the court from 266 in 1951 to 219 in 1952. This decline has been in appealed civil cases. The number of appeals in criminal cases has increased, and the number of original cases is about the same. Notwithstanding this decline from last year's totals, the total number of cases is larger than that of any year from 1944 to 1948, inclusive.

DISTRICT COURTS

There was a slight increase in the number of civil cases commenced as well as in civil cases terminated. This increase was largely in divorce cases. There were 8,656 divorce cases commenced, compared to 7,722 in the previous year, and 5,035 divorces were granted, compared with 4,697 in the previous year. The total of other civil cases is about the same as 1951. There are only slight variations in the types of cases as shown by Table A-5.

Criminal cases commenced in the district courts have increased from 2,248 to 2,262, and the number disposed of increased from 2,460 to 2,750. The number of trials in criminal cases was 238, compared with 191 in 1951. The number of jury trials in civil cases declined from 270 to 199.

PROBATE COURTS

There was an increase in the number of estates opened during the year, from 4,298 in 1951 to 4,514 in 1952. For some reason, however, there was a decline in the number of estates closed, from 4,317 to 4,066. There was no marked change in the number of guardianships opened and closed from the previous year. There was a slight increase in the number of trusts under supervision, and a slight decline in juvenile cases. There was also a slight increase in adoption proceedings and in insanity hearings. There was also an increase from 2,501 proceedings for determination of descent in 1951 to 2,770 in 1952.

The tables showing the details of estates and guardianships (Tables C-2 and C-3), which were published in our reports for 1950 and prior years, were

necessarily omitted from publication this year and last, on account of limited printing appropriation, but such tables have been compiled as usual and are on file in the office of the Judicial Council.

COUNTY COURTS

We now have sixty-three county courts which report to the Judicial Council. The county courts of Cheyenne, Ellis, Pratt and Riley counties have been established since our last report. However, the total number of civil cases in all county courts shows a slight decline, but the number of criminal cases shows an increase of almost ten percent.

CITY COURTS

There have been no changes during the year in the number of city courts, with which we include the magistrate court of Johnson County. However, the total number of civil cases in city courts shows a moderate increase, and the number of criminal cases shows a substantial increase, from 7,504 in 1951 to 9,369 in 1952.

Summary of the Work of the Supreme Court

The following is a summary of the work of the Supreme Court for the year ended June 30, 1952, and of cases pending July 1, 1952.

There were 243 appealed civil cases disposed of within the year ended June 30, 1952. Of these 57 were dismissed without having been presented on the merits and 186 were submitted on the merits. Of these cases, 110 were affirmed, 54 reversed, 6 affirmed in part and reversed in part; 4 were affirmed in part and modified in part and in 2 cases the former opinion was adhered to; 7 were dismissed, 1 modified, and 2 remanded.

The court also disposed of 42 appealed criminal cases. Of this number 17 were dismissed without having been presented on the merits and 25 were submitted on the merits, and of these cases, 13 were affirmed, 9 reversed, 2 dismissed and 1 modified. There were none denied.

The court also disposed of 11 original cases. Of this number 4 were dismissed before having been presented on the merits, and 7 cases were submitted on the merits and written opinions filed, resulting in judgment for the plaintiff in 2 cases and for the defendant in 5 cases.

This makes a total of 296 cases disposed of by the Supreme Court, of which 77 were dismissed without having been presented on the merits and 219 decided on the merits.

The cases pending July 1, 1952, were as follows: 175 appealed civil cases, 27 appealed criminal cases and 21 original cases, making a total of 223 cases pending.

Of the 219 cases submitted to the Supreme Court on the merits, in 6 cases the opinions were filed before the regular opinion day, in 198 cases on the first regular opinion day, in 13 cases on the second regular opinion day, in 2 cases on the third regular opinion day.

The regular opinion day ordinarily is a month after the case is submitted; more accurately it is Saturday of the week hearings are had the next month after the case is submitted.

In 186 appealed civil cases in which opinions were filed within the year ended June 30, 1952, the time between the date notice of appeal was filed in this court and the date the case was submitted on its merits is as follows: Within 3 months, 11 cases; in 3 to 4 months, 8 cases; in 4 to 5 months, 31 cases; in 5 to 6 months, 34 cases; in 6 to 7 months, 38 cases; in 7 to 8 months, 26 cases; in 8 to 9 months, 7 cases; in 9 to 12 months, 28 cases; and over 12 months, 3 cases.

In 25 appealed criminal cases in which opinions were filed within the year ended June 30, 1952, the time between the date of notice of appeal was filed in the Supreme Court and the date of the case was submitted on its merits is as follows: Within 3 months, 3 cases; in 3 to 4 months, 2 cases; in 4 to 5 months, 1 case; in 5 to 6 months, 6 cases; in 6 to 7 months, 7 cases; in 7 to 8 months, 1 case; in 8 to 9 months, 2 cases; in 9 to 12 months, 2 cases; over 12 months, 1 case.

There were pending in the Supreme Court July 1, 1952, a total of 223 cases compared to 99 on the same date in 1951, 189 on the same date in 1950, 166 cases on the same date in 1949, 208 cases in 1948, 167 cases in 1947, 119 cases in 1946, 123 cases in 1945, 99 cases in 1944, 109 cases in 1943, 175 cases in 1942, 144 cases in 1941, 192 cases in 1940, 249 cases in 1939, 244 cases in 1938, 210 cases in 1937, 268 cases in 1936, 291 cases in 1935, 366 cases in 1934, 333 cases in 1933, 357 cases in 1932, 393 cases in 1931, 397 cases in 1930, 376 cases in 1929 and 341 cases in 1928.

In the 25 years the clerk of the Supreme Court has furnished us detailed information of the work of the court, it has disposed of 11,074 cases, of which 3,468 were dismissed before final submission, and 7,606 were submitted on the merits and written opinions filed.

Supreme Court—Twenty-five-year Summary

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30	Cases	Disposed of	Dismissed	Submitted
1928.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	529 101 46	143 44 13	386 57 33
	Totals.....	676	200	476
1929.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	475 72 36	128 29 18	347 43 18
	Totals.....	583	175	408
1930.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	504 77 52	143 37 16	351 40 36
	Totals.....	633	196	437
1931.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	490 63 38	131 29 13	359 34 25
	Totals.....	591	173	418
1932.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	522 74 32	159 45 6	363 29 26
	Totals.....	628	210	418
1933.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	459 66 23	135 35 5	324 31 18
	Totals.....	548	175	373
1934.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	427 52 42	149 30 11	278 22 31
	Totals.....	521	190	331
1935.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	506 58 25	167 26 11	339 32 14
	Totals.....	589	204	385
1936.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	475 66 39	156 31 19	319 35 20
	Totals.....	580	206	374
1937.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	397 56 33	103 27 9	294 29 24
	Totals.....	486	139	347
1938.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	388 41 32	131 25 6	257 16 26
	Totals.....	461	162	299
1939.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	397 32 15	114 17 4	283 15 11
	Totals.....	444	135	309
1940.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	426 31 39	117 10 20	309 21 19
	Totals.....	496	147	349

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SUPREME COURT SUMMARY—CONCLUDED

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30	Cases	Disposed of	Dismissed	Submitted
1941.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	314 31 64	103 14 39	211 17 25
	Totals.....	409	156	253
1942.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	293 23 27	82 4 6	211 19 21
	Totals.....	343	92	251
1943.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	290 28 35	72 14 17	218 14 18
	Totals.....	353	103	250
1944.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	216 17 16	59 7 5	157 10 11
	Totals.....	249	71	178
1945.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	186 9 15	51 8 6	135 1 9
	Totals.....	210	65	145
1946.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	178 19 43	44 6 15	134 13 28
	Totals.....	240	65	175
1947.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	180 13 59	55 4 19	134 9 40
	Totals.....	261	78	183
1948.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	244 23 93	63 8 73	181 15 20
	Totals.....	360	144	216
1949.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	284 22 96	54 8 31	230 14 65
	Totals.....	402	93	309
1950.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	304 17 19	91 4 8	213 13 11
	Totals.....	340	103	237
1951.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	327 22 26	83 8 18	244 14 8
	Totals.....	375	109	266
1952.....	Appealed, civil..... Appealed, criminal..... Original.....	244 42 10	57 17 3	187 25 7
	Totals.....	296	77	219
	Grand totals....	11,074	3,468	7,606

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TABLE A-1.—ROSTER OF JUDICIAL OFFICIALS AS OF JULY 1, 1952

COUNTY	Jud. Dist.	District judge	Clerk of court	Probate judge
Allen.....	37	Spencer A. Gard.....	Ina F. West.....	A. M. Dunlap*
Anderson.....	4	Hugh Means.....	Nell Riley.....	Dean L. Smith*
Atchison.....	2	Lawrence F. Day.....	Hal Waisner.....	Frank Hunn
Barber.....	24	Clark A. Wallace.....	Edith Myers.....	John C. Hilkey*
Barton.....	20	Roy J. McMullen.....	Geneva Steincamp.....	Leonard Birzer*
Bourbon.....	6	Harry W. Fisher.....	Amy Armstrong.....	Frank Welch
Brown.....	22	John L. Gernon.....	Edna Boicourt.....	Richard W. Shaw*
Butler.....	Div. 1	Carl Ackerman.....	Harry R. Martin.....	Ralph B. Ralston*
	Div. 2	W. N. Calkins.....		
Chase.....	5	Jay Sullivan.....	Mrs. Mildred Speer.....	C. A. Blackburn
Chautauqua.....	Div. 1	Carl Ackerman.....	Edith K. Ross.....	Ima L. Raybourn
	Div. 2	W. N. Calkins.....		
Cherokee.....	11	Jerome Harmon.....	Julia Wantiez.....	Millard Knock
Cheyenne.....	17	Robert W. Hemphill.....	Charles N. Roberts.....	A. A. Gillispie*
Clark.....	31	Karl Miller.....	Hope Grimes.....	George M. Pike*
Clay.....	21	Lewis L. McLaughlin.....	Hazel K. Chestnut.....	Walter O. Curtis*
Cloud.....	12	Marvin O. Brummett.....	Hazel Champlin.....	Harry C. Davis*
Coffey.....	5	Jay Sullivan.....	Mrs. Ruth H. Johnson.....	Robert S. Luke, Sr.*
Comanche.....	31	Karl Miller.....	Mabel Chammess.....	Earl Martin*
Cowley.....	19	Albert Faulconer.....	Sallie Smith.....	Sallie O. Athearn
Crawford.....	38	Perry Owslay.....	Grace Webb.....	Robert W. Colborn
Decatur.....	17	Robert W. Hemphill.....	Mrs. Alice J. Vernon.....	George Nellans*
Dickinson.....	8	James P. Coleman.....	Seth Barter, Jr.....	John P. Dieter*
Doniphan.....	22	John L. Gernon.....	Virgil Begesse.....	John R. Bell*
Douglas.....	4	Hugh Means.....	Mrs. Mary E. Simmons.....	Frank R. Gray*
Edwards.....	33	Lorin T. Peters.....	John Stoner.....	L. L. Anderson*
Elk.....	Div. 1	Carl Ackerman.....	Frank A. Force.....	Mrs. Miriam O. Beatty
	Div. 2	W. N. Calkins.....		
Ellis.....	23	C. A. Spencer.....	Julius T. Stroemel.....	Robert F. Glassman*
Ellsworth.....	30	A. R. Buzick.....	James M. Wilson.....	Gerhard Haase*
Finney.....	32	Ray H. Calihan.....	G. May Purdy.....	Midward C. Schrader*
Ford.....	31	Karl Miller.....	Eltia J. Riley.....	George F. Turner*
Franklin.....	4	Hugh Means.....	Christina Woke.....	Floyd H. Coffman*
Geary.....	8	James P. Coleman.....	C. W. Marston.....	Jess W. Filby*
Gove.....	23	C. A. Spencer.....	Mrs. Louise Brown.....	V. J. Smith*
Graham.....	34	W. K. Skinner.....	Cora A. Roberts.....	E. L. McClure*
Grant.....	39	L. L. Morgan.....	Mrs. Juanita Barber.....	Veris J. Kinsman
Gray.....	31	Karl Miller.....	Mrs. Tressie Johnson.....	Grace H. Truax
Greeley.....	32	Ray H. Calihan.....	Laura M. Holmes.....	Hope Owen
Greenwood.....	Div. 1	Carl Ackerman.....	Mrs. Alma Long.....	B. M. Beyer*
	Div. 2	W. N. Calkins.....		
Hamilton.....	32	Ray H. Calihan.....	Amelia J. Minor.....	A. C. Bostwick
Harper.....	24	Clark A. Wallace.....	Helen Pearl.....	Myrtle Youngberg*
Harvey.....	9	George L. Allison.....	Mrs. Mabel McMullen.....	Alfred G. Schroeder*
Haskell.....	39	L. L. Morgan.....	Mrs. Evelyn Yount.....	E. D. Bolinger
Hodgeman.....	33	Lorin T. Peters.....	F. S. Hauin.....	Thomas Dunn*
Jackson.....	36	Robert H. Kaul.....	Checlia Shelby.....	Lawrence E. Hay*
Jefferson.....	36	Robert H. Kaul.....	Mrs. Myrtle Kimmel.....	Walter E. Ferris
Jewell.....	15	Donald J. Magaw.....	Bernice Howard.....	James McCormick*
Johnson.....	10	John L. Kirkpatrick.....	Mrs. Gertrude S. Hedberg.....	Harley V. Haskin
Kearny.....	32	Ray H. Calihan.....	Bertha Adams.....	Mrs. Delta M. Brachett*
Kingman.....	24	Clark A. Wallace.....	Mrs. Nell H. Walter.....	W. H. White
Kiowa.....	31	Karl Miller.....	Eunice E. Rich.....	Harry Paxton
Labette.....	16	Hal Hyler.....	Quincy B. Greer.....	Dan R. Aul
Lane.....	32	Ray H. Calihan.....	Mrs. Eva Cramer.....	A. J. Myers
Leavenworth.....	1	Joseph J. Dawes.....	Dorothy Harrison.....	Kenneth Harmon
Lincoln.....	30	A. R. Buzick.....	Wilbur Powers.....	R. W. Greene
Linn.....	6	Harry W. Fisher.....	Will H. Bayless.....	George A. Kerr
Logan.....	23	C. A. Spencer.....	Mrs. Ada F. Rogge.....	Nell C. Potter
Lyon.....	5	Jay Sullivan.....	Mrs. Roe G. Collins.....	W. W. Parker
Marion.....	8	James P. Coleman.....	Virgil M. Wiebe.....	Jay E. Hargett*
Marshall.....	21	Lewis L. McLaughlin.....	W. J. Koppes.....	Percy R. Puleine*
McPherson.....	9	George L. Allison.....	Donald S. Clark.....	J. J. Heidebrecht
Meade.....	31	Karl Miller.....	Ethel R. Copenhagen.....	Florilla DeCow

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TABLE A-1.—CONCLUDED. Roster of Judicial Officials as of July 1, 1952

COUNTY	Jud. Dist.	District judge	Clerk of court	Probate judge
Miami.....	6	Harry W. Fisher.....	Ethel J. Hunt.....	A. H. Kraft
Mitchell.....	15	Donald J. Magaw.....	Ida B. Jamison.....	J. S. Waggoner*
Montgomery.....	14	Warren B. Grant.....	M. D. Smith.....	John Wright
Morris.....	8	James P. Coleman.....	Mrs. Virginia Scholes.....	A. R. Carpenter*
Morton.....	39	L. L. Morgan.....	Irene Kuder.....	Eula B. Sweene
Nemaha.....	22	John L. Gernon.....	Ruth Shaffer.....	Robert C. Randel
Neosho.....	7	B. M. Dunham.....	Merle Estes.....	J. L. Naff
Ness.....	33	Lorin T. Peters.....	Gladys K. Bondurant.....	Blair Ebert*
Norton.....	17	Robert W. Hemphill.....	Arthur V. Poage.....	Jean W. Kissell*
Osage.....	35	A. K. Stavely.....	Edith Lindsay.....	T. L. Tiffany*
Osborne.....	15	Donald J. Magaw.....	Elma McColl.....	James W. Bell*
Ottawa.....	30	A. R. Buzick.....	A. H. Finley.....	Walter D. Lancaster
Pawnee.....	33	Lorin T. Peters.....	Rose Wood.....	Spencer Ackerman*
Phillips.....	17	Robert W. Hemphill.....	Gene Britt.....	G. A. Radefeld*
Pottawatomie.....	36	Robert H. Kaul.....	Lloyd W. Hope.....	Henry H. Holuba*
Pratt.....	24	Clark A. Wallace.....	Verna J. Barber.....	Edgar R. Barnes*
Rawlins.....	17	Robert W. Hemphill.....	Mrs. Louise Portschy.....	Herbert Howland*
Reno.....	40	Franklin C. Hettlinger.....	Glen R. Williams.....	James H. Rexroad
Republie.....	12	Marvin O. Brummett.....	Warren A. Scott.....	Henry Van Natta*
Rice.....	20	Roy J. McMullen.....	Laura Saint.....	H. G. Doddridge*
Riley.....	21	Lewis L. McLaughlin.....	Joseph F. Musil.....	Scott Pfuetze*
Rooks.....	34	W. K. Skinner.....	George F. Crane.....	G. M. James*
Rush.....	33	Lorin T. Peters.....	Esta Manahan.....	O. F. Showalter*
Russell.....	23	C. A. Spencer.....	George W. Brandt.....	J. D. Steinle*
Saline.....	30	A. R. Buzick.....	Robert H. Lively.....	Fred D. Joy
Scott.....	32	Ray H. Calihan.....	Nellie Scheuerman.....	Frank Wilson*
Sedgwick.....	Div. 1	Rose McCormick.....	L. D. Leland.....	B. Mack Brown
	Div. 2	Howard C. Kline.....		
	Div. 3	Clair E. Robb.....		
	Div. 4	George Austin Brown.....		
Seward.....	39	L. L. Morgan.....	Mary Lindley.....	E. S. Irwin
Shawnee.....	Div. 1	Beryl Johnson.....	Lucile M. Carter.....	Glenn D. Cogswell
	Div. 2	Paul H. Heinz.....		
	Div. 3	Dean McElhenney.....		
Sheridan.....	34	W. K. Skinner.....	Marjorie M. Hilburn.....	Wallace W. Cooper*
Sherman.....	34	W. K. Skinner.....	Sylvia Riley.....	Nora E. Beecham*
Smith.....	15	Donald J. Magaw.....	Lucille Figg.....	Miles Elson*
Stafford.....	20	Roy J. McMullen.....	Mrs. Wanda Tucker.....	L. L. Carleton*
Stanton.....	39	L. L. Morgan.....	Marjorie Harmon.....	Bessie Bradley
Stevens.....	39	L. L. Morgan.....	John F. Fulker.....	J. B. Porter*
Sumner.....	25	Wendell Ready.....	Laura McCormick.....	C. E. Russell
Thomas.....	34	W. K. Skinner.....	Winifred G. Van Horn.....	Henry H. Goetsch*
Trego.....	23	C. A. Spencer.....	Mrs. Albert H. Acree.....	Garland E. Wanker*
Wabaunsee.....	35	A. K. Stavely.....	Eva Dorman.....	Victor Hergenreter*
Wallace.....	23	C. A. Spencer.....	Mrs. Ida Ward.....	Virgil W. Dobson*
Washington.....	12	Marvin O. Brummett.....	Mrs. Alta Hennon.....	Bertha Pifer*
Wichita.....	32	Ray H. Calihan.....	Daisy Dickey.....	Maggie Gilmore
Wilson.....	7	B. M. Dunham.....	A. G. Green.....	Bess Schmidt
Woodson.....	37	Spencer A. Gard.....	Mrs. Maudie Beckett.....	Miles C. Cook*
Wyandotte.....	Div. 1	E. L. Fischer.....	George T. Groneman.....	O. Q. Clafin III
	Div. 2	Willard M. Benton.....		
	Div. 3	Harvey J. Emerson.....		
	Div. 4	William H. McHale.....		

* Also judge of county court.

TABLE A-2.—SUMMARY OF DISTRICT COURTS, BY DISTRICTS—
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Judicial dist.	County	Civil cases, including divorce				Criminal cases			
		Pend-ing July 1, 1951	Com-menced	Termin-ated	Pend-ing July 1, 1952	Pend-ing July 1, 1951	Com-menced	Termin-ated	Pend-ing July 1, 1952
1	Leavenworth.....	352	360	332	380	14	26	22	18
2	Atchison.....	96	152	119	129	7	22	20	9
3	Shawnee.....	346	1327	1276	397	50	234	213	71
4	Anderson.....	24	50	58	16	1	10	8	3
	Douglas.....	75	216	183	108	22	64	66	20
	Franklin.....	60	134	140	54	9	32	37	4
	Totals.....	159	400	381	178	32	106	111	27
5	Chase.....	9	24	20	13	0	4	4	0
	Coffey.....	15	72	69	18	0	7	6	1
	Lyon.....	73	210	186	97	1	17	17	1
	Totals.....	97	306	275	128	1	28	27	2
6	Bourbon.....	56	169	164	61	8	39	33	14
	Linn.....	20	73	65	28	4	21	17	8
	Miami.....	50	176	171	55	4	12	12	4
	Totals.....	126	418	400	144	16	72	62	26
7	Neosho.....	41	84	91	34	1	20	19	2
	Wilson.....	40	100	101	39	3	19	15	7
	Totals.....	81	184	192	73	4	39	34	9
8	Dickinson.....	31	127	123	35	6	15	16	5
	Geary.....	96	217	188	125	24	25	44	5
	Marion.....	31	71	66	36	2	17	19	0
	Morris.....	20	45	47	18	2	6	5	3
	Totals.....	178	460	424	214	34	63	84	13
9	Harvey.....	60	152	139	73	15	48	47	16
	McPherson.....	56	126	129	53	2	26	19	9
	Totals.....	116	278	268	126	17	74	66	25
10	Johnson.....	293	571	459	405	42	91	80	53
11	Cherokee.....	186	216	224	178	16	28	36	8
12	Cloud.....	22	93	82	33	1	3	3	1
	Republic.....	22	32	36	18	1	6	6	1
	Washington.....	19	70	74	15	0	7	3	4
	Totals.....	63	195	192	66	2	16	12	6
13	Butler.....	96	282	236	142	28	97	81	44
	Chautauqua.....	20	48	46	22	1	11	12	0
	Elk.....	20	58	53	25	3	2	4	1
	Greenwood.....	42	133	139	36	4	7	9	2
	Totals.....	178	521	474	225	36	117	106	47
14	Montgomery.....	123	385	362	146	16	90	82	24
15	Jewell.....	22	41	40	23	0	3	3	0
	Mitchell.....	27	40	48	19	2	7	6	3
	Osborne.....	11	55	49	17	0	2	2	0
	Smith.....	13	39	40	12	1	4	5	0
	Totals.....	73	175	177	71	3	16	16	3

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TABLE A-2.—CONTINUED. Summary of district courts, by districts—year ending June 30, 1952

Judicial dist.	COUNTY	Civil cases, including divorce				Criminal cases			
		Pending July 1, 1951	Commenced	Terminated	Pending July 1, 1952	Pending July 1, 1951	Commenced	Terminated	Pending July 1, 1952
16	Labette.....	81	242	222	101	0	37	30	7
17	Cheyenne.....	9	13	13	9	0	4	4	0
	Decatur.....	10	40	39	11	3	5	2	6
	Norton.....	14	52	44	22	1	9	8	2
	Phillips.....	14	46	44	16	0	6	6	0
	Rawlins.....	7	29	28	8	1	2	3	0
	Totals.....	54	180	168	66	5	26	23	8
18	Sedgwick.....	2,276	3,609	3,236	2,649	273	462	421	314
19	Cowley.....	114	264	264	114	14	28	36	6
20	Barton.....	115	288	266	137	11	72	72	11
	Rice.....	17	86	80	23	8	30	37	1
	Stafford.....	22	63	57	28	2	12	12	2
	Totals.....	154	437	403	188	21	114	121	14
	Clay.....	27	39	46	20	16	8	18	6
21	Marshall.....	24	82	75	31	2	12	11	3
	Riley.....	68	129	118	79	8	23	18	13
	Totals.....	119	250	239	130	26	43	47	22
22	Brown.....	34	64	66	32	2	6	8	0
	Doniphan.....	24	74	71	27	1	7	7	1
	Nemaha.....	22	38	39	21	0	3	2	1
	Totals.....	80	176	176	80	3	16	17	2
	Ellis.....	56	103	99	60	3	13	15	1
23	Gove.....	4	36	24	16	1	3	3	1
	Logan.....	10	30	33	7	0	4	4	0
	Russell.....	86	123	115	94	3	4	6	1
	Trego.....	4	38	30	12	1	1	2	0
	Wallace.....	11	14	21	4	2	4	6	0
	Totals.....	171	344	322	193	10	29	36	3
24	Barber.....	16	59	54	21	1	14	12	3
	Harper.....	14	69	68	15	2	19	17	4
	Kingman.....	13	69	58	24	0	4	3	1
	Pratt.....	25	94	87	32	2	19	20	1
	Totals.....	68	291	267	92	5	56	52	9
25	Sumner.....	82	180	182	80	1	5	4	2
29	Wyandotte.....	2,943	2,180	2,949	2,174	238	503	429	312
30	Ellsworth.....	14	47	48	13	0	2	1	1
	Lincoln.....	8	23	21	10	1	1	2	0
	Ottawa.....	19	28	28	19	0	1	1	0
	Saline.....	216	270	216	270	16	40	38	18
	Totals.....	257	368	313	312	17	44	42	19
31	Clark.....	11	21	20	12	0	1	1	0
	Comanche.....	5	13	8	10	0	2	1	1
	Ford.....	75	155	156	74	6	21	25	2
	Gray.....	4	40	25	19	0	4	1	3
	Kiowa.....	11	16	16	11	2	3	4	1
	Meade.....	16	25	33	8	0	3	3	0
	Totals.....	122	270	258	134	8	34	35	7

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TABLE A-2.—CONCLUDED. Summary of district courts, by districts—year ending June 30, 1952

Judi- cial dist.	COUNTY	Civil cases, including divorce				Criminal cases			
		Pend- ing July 1, 1951	Com- menced	Termin- ated	Pend- ing July 1, 1952	Pend- ing July 1, 1951	Com- menced	Termin- ated	Pend- ing July 1, 1952
32	Finney.....	104	118	152	70	22	49	59	12
	Greeley.....	11	24	22	13	0	6	3	3
	Hamilton.....	28	65	65	28	8	13	16	5
	Kearny.....	27	27	36	18	1	17	15	3
	Lane.....	14	31	30	15	5	6	7	4
	Scott.....	16	56	49	23	2	13	12	3
	Wichita.....	13	27	30	10	0	3	2	1
Totals.....		213	348	384	177	38	107	114	31
33	Edwards.....	11	41	43	9	4	8	9	3
	Hodgeman.....	14	22	23	13	1	4	3	2
	Ness.....	16	53	55	14	0	3	3	0
	Pawnee.....	27	66	62	31	4	9	9	4
	Rush.....	15	35	35	15	1	1	2	0
	Totals.....	83	217	218	82	10	25	26	9
34	Graham.....	17	39	37	19	0	16	13	3
	Rooks.....	24	82	61	45	4	16	16	4
	Sheridan.....	10	27	24	13	5	0	2	3
	Sherman.....	34	62	72	24	1	5	4	2
	Thomas.....	9	32	32	9	0	4	4	0
	Totals.....	94	242	226	110	10	41	39	12
35	Osage.....	24	104	89	39	2	16	16	2
	Wabaunsee.....	14	37	43	8	0	2	2	0
Totals.....		38	141	132	47	2	18	18	2
36	Jackson.....	23	60	54	29	3	10	10	3
	Jefferson.....	39	75	70	44	0	7	7	0
	Pottawatomie.....	18	54	52	20	1	3	2	2
	Totals.....	80	189	176	93	4	20	19	5
37	Allen.....	74	158	155	77	6	23	25	4
	Woodson.....	12	41	37	16	2	6	8	0
	Totals.....	86	199	192	93	8	29	33	4
38	Crawford.....	215	287	240	262	16	34	36	14
39	Grant.....	10	32	33	9	0	6	5	1
	Haskell.....	8	9	12	5	0	3	3	0
	Morton.....	7	30	22	15	1	5	2	4
	Seward.....	37	115	114	38	1	14	9	6
	Stanton.....	1	20	16	5	0	5	5	0
	Stevens.....	32	31	40	23	1	3	4	0
Totals.....		95	237	237	95	3	36	28	11
40	Reno.....	444	675	628	491	57	165	175	47
	Grand totals....	10,336	17,274	16,987	10,623	1,059	2,894	2,752	1,201

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SUMMARY OF DISTRICT COURTS—BY COUNTIES
TABLES A-3 AND A-4 COMBINED.—DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES, INCLUDING DIVORCE—YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1952

COUNTIES	Total number of cases	Foreign transcripts	Divorce cases					Other civil cases		
			Number	Dismissed	Denied	Granted to wife	Granted to husband	Emergency declared	Number	Dismissed
Allen.....	155	4	61	19	0	37	5	0	90	25
Anderson.....	58	0	24	5	0	11	8	4	34	6
Atchison.....	119	0	37	7	0	21	9	1	82	12
Barber.....	55*	0	26	7	0	14	5	1	28	8
Barton†.....	266	0	132	59	0	55	18	4	134	56
Bourbon.....	164	2	82	32	0	39	11	10	80	24
Brown.....	66	2	20	11	0	7	2	0	44	14
Butler.....	236	3	141	49	0	68	24	2	92	25
Chase.....	20	3	4	0	0	4	0	0	13	3
Chautauqua.....	46	2	12	3	0	6	3	0	32	2
Cherokee†.....	223	2	102	39	0	43	20	2	119	42
Cheyenne.....	13	0	5	2	0	2	1	0	8	2
Clark.....	20	0	7	0	0	4	3	0	13	5
Clay.....	46	0	18	6	0	9	3	2	28	2
Cloud.....	82	3	28	7	0	15	6	0	51	6
Coffey.....	69	0	20	11	0	8	1	0	49	5
Comanche.....	8	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	5	1
Cowley.....	264	0	159	72	0	67	20	3	105	32
Crawford.....	240	3	115	39	0	58	18	9	122	53
Decatur.....	39	0	17	3	0	11	3	0	22	4
Dickinson.....	123	0	49	12	0	23	14	2	74	17
Doniphan.....	71	1	45	6	0	6	3	1	55	16
Douglas.....	183	3	85	24	1	47	13	1	95	25
Edwards*.....	41	5	8	4	0	3	1	0	28	11
Elk.....	53	1	10	4	0	3	3	0	42	11

* Additional cases which were removed to the Federal Court: Cherokee County, 1; Edwards County, 2.

† One jury trial resulting in a mistrial in a case in which judgment was rendered later by the court.

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TABLES A-3 AND A-4.—CONTINUED. Disposition of civil cases, including divorce—year ending June 30, 1952

COUNTIES	Total number of cases	Foreign transcripts	Divorce cases				Other civil cases			
			Number	Dismissed	Denied	Granted to wife	Granted to husband	Emergency declared	Number	Dismissed
Ellis.....	99	5	20	6	0	6	8	1	74	37
Ellsworth†.....	48	3	16	4	0	7	5	1	29	8
Finnerty†.....	152	1	69	29	0	33	7	1	82	35
Ford.....	156	8	83	44	0	30	9	2	65	24
Franklin.....	140	0	69	18	0	43	8	1	71	25
Geary.....	188	2	112	33	0	50	29	9	74	25
Gove.....	24	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	23	5
Graham*.....	36	0	8	2	0	4	2	0	28	5
Grant.....	33	5	11	1	0	7	3	0	17	6
Gray.....	25	1	8	2	0	5	1	0	16	7
Greely.....	22	0	10	4	0	4	2	0	12	3
Greenwood.....	139	4	27	8	0	14	5	0	108	8
Hamilton.....	65	0	22	7	0	12	3	0	43	15
Harper.....	68	0	25	11	0	10	4	1	43	7
Harvey†.....	138	3	60	23	0	29	8	6	75	24
Haskell.....	12	1	5	3	0	1	1	0	6	2
Hodgeman.....	23	0	11	1	0	8	2	0	12	4
Jackson.....	54	2	20	6	0	13	1	0	32	6
Jefferson**.....	69	3	25	8	0	12	5	1	41	7
Jewell.....	40	2	12	4	0	5	3	0	26	5
Johnson†.....	459	36	185	47	0	115	23	1	238	77
Kearny.....	36	0	8	4	0	2	2	0	28	17
Kingman†.....	58	0	20	6	0	9	5	1	38	15
Kiowa.....	16	0	5	0	0	5	0	2	11	3
Laferte.....	222	0	130	50	2	60	18	2	92	17

* Additional cases which were removed to the Federal Court: Graham County, 1; Harvey County, 1.

† Additional jury trials resulting in mistrials in cases which are still pending and not terminated: Finney County, 1; Johnson County, 1.

** One additional jury trial resulting in a mistrial in a case which was later dismissed.

†† Additional jury trials in cases in which a new trial was granted: Ellsworth County, 1; Kingman County, 1.

○○ Three additional cases which were consolidated as one case and tried by jury.

TABLES A-3 AND A-4.—CONTINUED. Disposition of civil cases, including divorce—year ending June 30, 1952

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COUNTIES	Total number of cases	Foreign transcripts	Divorce cases					Other civil cases			
			Number	Dismissed	Denied	Granted to wife	Granted to husband	Emergency declared	Number	Dismissed	Tried to court
Lane.....	30	0	7	3	0	2	2	0	23	6	17
Leavenworth.....	332	3	132	20	0	84	28	1	197	73	124
Lincoln.....	21	0	8	2	0	4	2	0	13	1	1
Linn.....	65	6	16	3	0	6	7	0	43	9	34
Logan.....	33	1	8	0	0	5	3	0	24	4	20
Lyon.....	186	6	85	23	0	57	5	6	95	16	78
Marion.....	75	1	24	4	0	11	4	1	40	10	30
Marshall.....	66	2	39	12	0	15	5	0	50	16	31
McPherson.....	129	2	39	12	0	23	4	0	88	19	68
Meade.....	33	0	6	0	0	3	3	1	27	7	19
Miami.....	171	13	55	14	0	30	11	2	103	14	88
Mitchell.....	48	3	13	1	1	7	4	1	32	17	13
Montgomery†.....	362	0	217	74	0	113	30	7	145	37	102
Morris.....	47	2	17	6	0	9	2	1	28	5	23
Morton.....	22	0	8	5	0	3	0	0	14	5	8
Nemaha.....	39	0	13	7	0	5	1	0	26	6	19
Neosho.....	91	4	48	10	0	22	16	2	39	11	27
Ness.....	55	3	15	1	0	7	7	0	37	13	3
Norton.....	44	1	19	3	0	11	5	0	24	3	2
Osage.....	89	4	29	9	0	16	4	2	56	14	42
Osborne.....	49	2	12	1	0	7	4	0	35	4	31
Ottawa.....	28	0	6	1	0	3	2	0	22	8	14
Pawnee.....	62	0	28	9	0	16	3	0	34	6	28
Phillips.....	44	2	18	5	0	8	5	1	24	1	23
Pottawatomie†.....	52	0	12	3	0	4	5	0	40	3	37
Pratt.....	87	1	39	9	0	24	6	1	47	10	37
Ravinia.....	28	1	14	10	0	2	2	0	13	3	9
Reid.....	628	35	319	135	0	186	58	0	214	95	110
Reuben.....	36	5	33	7	0	20	6	0	25	5	18
Price.....	80	5	33	0	0	0	0	3	42	13	23

† One additional jury trial in a case in which judgment was rendered later by the court.

† Additional jury trials resulting in mistrials in cases which are still pending and not terminated: Pottawatomie County, 1; Reno County, 2.

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TABLES A-3 AND A-4.—CONCLUDED. Disposition of civil cases, including divorce—year ending June 30, 1952

Counties	Total number of cases	Foreign transcripts	Number	Divorce cases				Other civil cases			
				Dismissed	Denied	Granted to wife	Granted to husband	Emergency declared	Number	Dismissed	Tried to court
Riley.....	118	2	58	21	0	29	8	2	58	17	41
Roots.....	61	0	19	4	0	11	4	1	42	6	36
Rush.....	35	2	10	4	0	4	2	0	23	6	17
Russell*.....	114	0	40	23	0	0	5	2	74	40	48
Saline.....	216	0	115	34	0	67	14	3	101	40	61
Scott.....	49	6	11	4	0	6	1	0	32	8	24
Sedwick.....	3,236	0	2,142	1,043	0	884	214	93	1,094	568	494
Seward*.....	114	0	75	32	0	31	12	0	39	12	32
Shawnee*.....	1,274	0	792	303	0	361	128	36	482	233	26
Sheridan.....	24	1	3	1	0	2	0	0	20	1	19
Sherman.....	72	2	25	9	1	11	4	2	45	12	32
Smith.....	40	1	9	3	0	4	2	0	30	7	1
Stafford*.....	56	4	13	4	0	7	2	1	1	11	22
Stanton.....	16	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	13	2	0
Stevens.....	40	0	17	2	0	9	6	0	23	12	11
Sumner.....	182	30	72	28	0	28	16	0	80	30	48
Thomas.....	32	0	7	3	0	3	1	0	25	7	17
Trego.....	30	3	7	0	0	3	3	0	20	3	17
Wabunee.....	43	5	5	1	0	3	1	0	33	8	25
Wallace.....	21	1	7	4	0	1	2	0	13	4	9
Washington†.....	74	3	13	1	0	10	2	0	58	12	45
Wichita.....	30	2	9	1	0	6	2	1	19	7	12
Wilson.....	101	5	48	11	0	30	7	1	48	11	0
Woodson*.....	37	2	14	3	0	6	5	0	21	3	5
Wyandotte*.....	2,944	49	1,833	1,105	1	574	153	55	1,062	660	378
Totals.....	16,972	325	8,824	3,782	7	3,858	1,177	347	7,823	2,934	4,690
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* Additional cases which were removed to the Federal Court: Russell County, 1; Shawnee County, 2; Stafford County, 1; Wyandotte County, 5.

† One additional jury trial in a case in which judgment was rendered later by the court.

TABLE A-5.—DISTRICT COURTS
TYPES OF CIVIL CASES COMMENCED—STATE AS A WHOLE—COMPARED WITH 1946-1947-1948-1949-1950-1951 AND 1952

	Year ending June 30, 1946	Year ending June 30, 1947	Year ending June 30, 1948	Year ending June 30, 1949	Year ending June 30, 1950	Year ending June 30, 1951	Year ending June 30, 1952
Number of cases*	22,301	19,788	18,100	16,325	16,380	15,945	16,949
Recovery of money.....	966	1,230	1,559	1,709	1,861	1,971	2,064
Damages.....	806	1,013	998	1,018	1,192	1,000	1,075
Foreclosures.....	111	97	120	174	222	206	172
Quiet title.....	4,134	4,208	3,729	2,835	2,296	2,283	2,053
Divorce.....	13,476	10,247	8,716	7,809	8,002	7,722	8,656
Replevin.....	72	147	159	197	184	157	169
Ejectment.....	63	48	39	16	33	45	55
Injunction.....	274	248	264	213	262	230	253
Partition.....	496	454	404	362	324	314	310
Tax cases.....	97	110	73	65	60	37	33
Habeas corpus.....	55	73	95	78	94	79	89
Appeals—Probate.....	91	94	127	133	143	146	127
Other appeals.....	284	383	521	445	432	446	445
Miscellaneous.....	1,380	1,436	1,296	1,271	1,185	1,309	1,448

* Does not include 325 foreign transcripts included in total of 17,274 on Table A-2, June 30, 1952, or 596 foreign transcripts included in total of 16,541 on Table A-2, June 30, 1951, or 579 foreign transcripts included in total of 16,559 on Table A-2, June 30, 1950, or 486 foreign transcripts included in total of 16,811 on Table A-2, June 30, 1949, or 359 foreign transcripts included in total of 18,459 on Table A-2, June 30, 1948.

NOTE.—Personal tax warrants are not included as cases in any of these tables.

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT COURTS BY COUNTIES

TABLE B-1 (CONDENSED).—DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES—YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1952

COUNTIES	Number of cases	Dis- missed	Plea of guilty as charged	Plea of guilty of lesser offense	Trials			
					Con- victed of crime charged	Con- victed of lesser offense	Ac- quitted	Mis- trial
Allen*	24	6	11	4	0	0	3	0
Anderson	8	1	4	0	1	1	0	0
Atchison	20	4	9	7	0	0	0	0
Barber	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Barton	72	28	41	0	0	0	3	0
Bourbon	33	10	22	1	0	0	0	0
Brown	8	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
Butler	81	25	45	8	1	0	2	0
Chase	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Chautauqua	12	1	11	0	0	0	0	0
Cherokee	36	22	10	2	2	0	0	0
Cheyenne	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Clark	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Clay	18	11	7	0	0	0	0	0
Cloud	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Coffey	6	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Comanche	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cowley	36	20	10	3	1	1	1	0
Crawford	36	7	20	4	4	1	0	0
Decatur	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dickinson	16	4	4	3	1	0	4	0
Doniphan	7	0	2	2	1	1	0	0
Douglas	66	21	29	7	7	1	1	0
Edwards	9	3	6	0	0	0	0	0
Elk	4	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Ellis	15	4	8	1	1	0	1	0
Ellsworth	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finney	59	34	18	3	3	1	0	0
Ford	25	9	10	1	4	0	1	0
Franklin	37	16	12	6	1	1	1	0
Geary	44	8	30	2	1	1	2	0
Gove	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Graham	13	0	10	3	0	0	0	0
Grant	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gray	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Greeley	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Greenwood	9	5	1	0	2	0	1	0
Hamilton	16	11	5	0	0	0	0	0
Harper	17	3	7	6	0	1	0	0
Harvey	47	9	27	10	0	1	0	0
Haskell	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hodgeman	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	10	4	6	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	7	0	5	0	2	0	0	0
Jewell	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	80	22	24	10	13	2	9	3
Kearny	15	3	10	0	0	0	2	0
Kingman	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Kiowa	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
Labette	30	10	16	1	1	0	2	0
Lane	7	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
Leavenworth	22	7	9	3	2	0	1	0
Lincoln	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Linn	17	6	8	0	3	0	0	0
Logan	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0

* One additional case which was removed on change of venue.

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TABLE B-1 (Condensed).—CONCLUDED. Disposition of criminal cases—year ending June 30, 1952

COUNTIES	Number of cases	Dis- missed	Plea of guilty as charged	Plea of guilty of lesser offense	Trials			
					Con- victed of crime charged	Con- victed of lesser offense	Ac- quitted	Mis- trials
Lyon.....	17	6	10	0	1	0	0	0
Marion.....	19	5	13	0	0	0	0	1
Marshall.....	11	2	5	1	1	1	1	0
McPherson.....	19	3	16	0	0	0	0	0
Meade.....	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Miami.....	12	1	9	2	0	0	0	0
Mitchell.....	6	1	4	0	0	0	1	0
Montgomery.....	82	21	50	0	4	3	4	1
Morris.....	5	0	4	0	1	0	0	0
Morton.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Nemaha.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Neosho.....	19	6	11	1	0	0	1	0
Ness.....	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Norton.....	8	2	5	0	1	0	0	0
Osage.....	16	1	12	0	2	0	1	0
Osborne.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ottawa.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pawnee.....	9	4	5	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips.....	6	1	1	0	2	0	2	0
Pottawatomie.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pratt.....	20	2	14	2	0	0	2	0
Rawlins.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Reno.....	175	47	107	5	10	0	6	3
Republic.....	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Rice.....	37	5	28	0	3	0	1	0
Riley.....	18	3	10	3	2	0	0	0
Rooks.....	16	4	11	0	0	0	1	0
Rush.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Russell.....	6	0	3	0	2	0	1	0
Saline.....	38	25	6	4	0	1	2	0
Scott.....	12	4	8	0	0	0	0	0
Sedgwick.....	421	150	226	21	17	3	4	0
Seward.....	9	0	4	2	2	0	1	0
Shawnee.....	213	85	64	58	2	1	3	0
Sheridan.....	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Sherman.....	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Smith.....	5	1	3	0	0	1	0	0
Stafford.....	12	0	10	1	0	0	1	0
Stanton*.....	4	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Stevens.....	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Sumner.....	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Thomas.....	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Trego.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wabaunsee.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wallace.....	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Washington.....	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Wichita.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson.....	15	3	11	0	0	0	1	1
Woodson.....	8	0	6	0	1	0	0	0
Wyandotte.....	429	306	81	24	4	6	8	1
Totals.....	2,750	1,036	1,273	217	113	28	83	14

* One additional case which was transferred to Kearny County.

TABLE B-3.—NATURE OF CRIMES—STATE AS A WHOLE
(CRIMINAL CASES COMMENCED IN DISTRICT COURTS)

	1942	1943	1949	1950	1951	1952
Felonies:						
Murder.....	29	35	39	37	29	37
Manslaughter.....	13	12	11	24	28	34
Rape.....	53	52	57	63	56	82
Robbery.....	65	21	50	78	78	77
Felonious assault.....	69	45	71	98	85	90
Other crimes against person.....	26	11	54	46	61	40
Arson.....	16	13	17	14	15	12
Forgery.....	153	133	210	241	191	180
Grand larceny.....	303	194	246	298	325	277
Auto larceny.....	48	41	51	70	51	56
Embezzlement.....	24	17	21	30	22	19
Burglary.....	177	133	284	346	337	294
Other crimes against property.....	37	24	81	71	84	79
Desertion (wife or child).....	103	71	184	209	176	237
Narcotics.....	8	2	13	3	2	7
Liquor—persistent.....	86	15	1	0	0	0
Bad checks.....	50	22	183	212	191	174
Other felonies.....	61	111	38	67	46	67
Total felonies.....	1,321	952	1,611	1,907	1,777	1,762
Misdemeanors:						
Assault.....	41	71	60	38	46	34
Petty larceny.....	39	36	44	38	44	31
Liquor.....	535	339	286	185	239	287
Disturbing peace.....	23	12	20	23	20	9
Traffic offense.....	50	89	86	56	35	34
Bad checks.....	3	19	1	14	21	6
Other misdemeanors.....	93	121	262	55	66	99
Total misdemeanors.....	784	687	759	409	471	500
Total cases*.....	2,105	1,639	2,370	2,316	2,248	2,262

* Does not include 632 Police Court Appeals in the total of 2,262 cases June 30, 1952, or 440 Police Court Appeals in the total of 2,248 cases June 30, 1951, or 461 Police Court Appeals in the total of 2,316 cases June 30, 1950.

PROBATE COURTS

TABLE C-1.—SUMMARY OF BUSINESS HANDLED—YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1952

COUNTIES	Estates of decedents		Guardianships		Trusts under super-vision	Juvenile cases	Habeas corpus hearings	In-sanity hearings	Adop-tion pro-ceedings	Orders in absence of district judge	De-ter-mina-tion of descent	Miscel-laneous	Foreign trans-cripts
	Opened during year	Closed during year	Opened during year	Closed during year									
Allen.....	36	43	10	5	6	7	0	0	0	9	4	30	2
Anderson.....	35	45	17	1	3	3	0	0	0	6	8	16	8
Atchison.....	38	43	11	7	4	6	0	0	0	11	7	36	13
Barber.....	32	33	7	3	3	4	0	0	10	1	1	12	4
Barton.....	83	70	39	20	23	4	0	0	0	37	9	36	0
Bourbon.....	48	37	12	8	3	0	0	0	0	5	11	30	13
Brown.....	42	36	18	12	15	0	0	0	0	0	5	25	35
Butler.....	78	65	19	8	16	8	0	0	0	30	22	41	0
Chase.....	11	5	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	8	10
Chautauqua.....	31	17	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	13	0
Cherokee.....	33	42	15	11	11	0	1	0	0	19	18	39	0
Cheyenne.....	9	13	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	7	9
Clark.....	0	12	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	11	0
Clay.....	62	46	6	4	13	1	1	0	0	5	4	25	2
Cloud.....	52	46	10	4	14	1	0	4	0	14	18	16	0
Coffey.....	34	28	12	6	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	17	0
Comanche.....	21	11	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	15
Cowley.....	92	87	36	14	22	0	22	0	0	0	17	26	0
Crawford.....	65	64	17	21	8	0	0	0	0	14	22	81	16
Decatur.....	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	11	3
Dickinson.....	83	67	14	13	32	9	0	3	0	6	11	25	9
Doniphan.....	29	27	6	8	17	1	0	0	0	4	3	13	9
Douglas.....	62	54	14	11	23	5	0	0	0	17	21	52	0
Edwards.....	15	17	3	4	1	1	1	1	0	6	1	13	4
Elk.....	21	23	2	5	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	6	1

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TABLE C-1.—CONTINUED. Summary of business handled—year ending June 30, 1952

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TABLE C-1.—CONTINUED. Summary of business handled—year ending June 30, 1952

Counties	Estates of decedents		Guardianships		Trusts under supervision	Juvenile cases	Habeas corpus hearings	Orders in absence of district judge	Adoption proceedings	Inanity hearings	Determination of descent	Miscellaneous	Foreign transcripts
	Opened during year	Closed during year	Opened during year	Closed during year									
Lyon...	14	52	10	2	7	0	0	0	14	3	56	0	7
Marion...	36	37	13	9	21	0	0	0	6	4	35	5	18
Marshall...	51	16	12	13	12	0	0	0	5	0	41	0	9
McPherson...	73	11	10	15	8	0	0	0	5	5	47	1	7
Meade...	8	11	1	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	10	0	9
Miami...	1	47	14	4	7	0	0	0	4	3	19	0	61
Mitchell...	48	26	17	5	2	0	0	0	5	0	23	0	9
Montgomery...	98	100	21	11	23	21	0	0	0	36	28	95	11
Morris...	26	8	9	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	13	0	10
Morton...	11	20	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	8	0	0
Nemaha...	43	46	5	7	6	0	0	0	8	3	5	14	0
Neosho...	49	38	22	10	7	8	0	0	11	12	38	12	8
Ness...	20	15	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	19
Norton...	24	3	3	2	2	1	0	0	6	7	18	6	18
Osage...	40	32	9	8	10	4	0	0	7	5	22	0	20
Osborne...	49	34	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	21
Ottawa...	25	0	9	5	4	2	0	0	0	4	0	13	0
Pawnee...	38	38	5	2	4	0	0	0	7	2	88	22	8
Phillips...	30	29	4	2	0	3	0	0	2	4	8	20	2
Pottawatomie...	56	46	16	5	5	0	0	0	4	8	18	0	19
Pratt...	53	40	9	4	0	2	0	0	18	0	10	0	3
Rawlins...	26	29	6	8	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	14
Reno...	150	145	39	21	28	39	0	0	70	7	29	83	14
Republic...	49	38	3	10	4	1	0	1	7	2	25	10	11
Rice...	56	42	17	6	7	4	0	0	12	11	2	17	8
Riley...	50	46	17	6	7	8	1	1	12	13	20	31	9
Rooks...	29	28	8	6	4	0	0	0	2	9	8	10	5
Rush...	29	14	3	2	3	5	0	0	3	1	12	2	18
Russell...	47	38	8	3	3	0	0	0	24	0	13	0	5
Saline...	47	38	8	11	0	14	0	0	0	0	33	0	15

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TABLE C-1.—CONCLUDED. Summary of business handled—year ending June 30, 1952

COUNTIES	Estates of decedents		Guardianships		Trusts under supervision	Juvenile cases	Habeas corpus hearings	Orders in absence of district judge	Adoption proceedings	Inanity hearings	Determination of descent	Miscellaneous	Foreign transcripts
	Opened during year	Closed during year	Opened during year	Closed during year									
Scott.....	15	15	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	0	167
Sedgewick.....	336	325	143	47	57	518	0	0	195	57	162	0	0
Seward.....	117	23	9	7	6	6	0	0	104	51	7	7	17
Shawnee.....	245	205	76	33	3	37	0	0	109	211	127	0	123
Sheridan.....	10	10	6	6	1	4	0	0	1	7	0	0	24
Sherman.....	18	10	7	6	1	0	1	0	14	2	11	0	16
Smith.....	29	23	6	5	4	0	0	0	1	2	23	0	13
Stafford.....	38	39	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	1	25
Stanton.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	7
Stevens.....	10	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	7	0	13	0	10
Sumner.....	63	81	18	15	22	20	0	0	20	12	46	11	53
Thomas.....	22	18	4	3	1	0	0	0	7	4	8	0	14
Trego.....	21	14	4	4	4	0	0	0	1	2	10	0	42
Wabaunsee.....	23	25	3	7	1	0	0	0	9	8	14	0	10
Wallace.....	2	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	13
Washington.....	62	40	9	11	2	0	1	0	3	4	23	0	5
Wichita.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson.....	35	28	9	11	8	12	0	3	9	13	31	6	13
Woodson.....	15	14	0	3	0	0	0	0	5	17	0	0	12
Wyandotte.....	233	224	63	33	26	98	0	0	198	145	279	15	33
Totals.....	4,514	4,066	1,189	688	804	1,065	9	217	1,449	1,188	2,770	284	1,830

TABLE D-1 (COMBINED WITH B-2).—COUNTY AND CITY COURTS
DISPOSITION OF CASES—YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1952

COUNTY COURTS	Number of cases	Civil cases			Criminal Cases			
		Number	Dis-missed	Trials	Number	Dis-missed	Pleas of guilty	Trials
Allen.....	154	55	10	45	99	6	87	6
Anderson.....	131	25	10	15	106	28	78	0
Barber.....	138	22	9	13	116	56	59	1
Barton.....	121	36	21	15	85	18	65	2
Brown.....	44	15	6	9	29	17	12	0
Butler.....	437	153	67	86	284	104	138	42
Cheyenne.....	9	0	0	0	9	1	8	
Clark.....	44	4	3	1	40	12	28	0
Clay.....	74	13	4	9	61	14	45	2
Cloud.....	95	33	5	28	62	5	57	0
Coffey.....	89	14	7	7	75	9	64	2
Comanche.....	41	13	0	13	28	1	27	0
Decatur.....	64	10	5	5	54	13	41	0
Dickinson.....	46	30	13	17	16	5	11	0
Doniphan.....	131	7	3	4	124	11	110	3
Douglas.....	556	86	36	50	470	68	385	17
Edwards.....	96	11	6	5	85	48	36	1
Ellis.....	266	31	7	24	235	149	81	5
Ellsworth.....	221	26	2	24	195	23	171	1
Finney.....	370	68	31	37	302	92	191	19
Ford.....	164	122	74	48	42	34	7	1
Franklin.....	209	30	9	21	179	25	152	2
Geary.....	131	60	18	42	71	51	14	6
Gove.....	20	3	1	2	17	1	14	2
Graham.....	107	6	4	2	101	1	100	0
Greenwood.....	151	39	3	36	112	21	87	4
Harper.....	87	17	6	11	70	18	47	5
Harvey.....	321	37	20	17	284	46	224	14
Hodgeman.....	38	8	6	2	30	6	24	0
Jackson.....	177	38	35	3	139	35	96	8
Jewell.....	73	14	6	8	59	12	45	2
Kearny.....	85	13	2	11	72	16	46	10
Marion.....	85	29	14	15	56	23	32	1
Marshall.....	202	29	15	14	173	54	114	5
Mitchell.....	94	13	5	8	81	10	68	3
Morris.....	36	12	12	0	24	2	22	0
Ness.....	32	13	10	3	19	3	16	0
Norton.....	109	14	7	7	95	15	80	0
Osage.....	201	42	21	21	159	29	129	1
Osborne.....	61	10	2	8	51	9	42	0
Pawnee.....	113	50	18	32	63	21	42	0
Phillips.....	119	15	0	15	104	33	70	1
Pottawatomie.....	63	18	4	14	45	2	36	7
Pratt.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rawlins.....	97	15	11	4	82	19	59	4
Republic.....	109	30	12	18	79	10	67	2
Rice.....	185	32	17	15	153	48	96	9
Riley.....	23	15	11	4	8	2	6	0
Rooks.....	71	20	8	12	51	21	22	8
Rush.....	123	24	23	1	99	65	34	0
Russell.....	24	12	5	7	12	0	12	0
Scott.....	35	11	4	7	24	1	20	3
Sheridan.....	53	7	2	5	46	2	44	0
Sherman.....	52	19	8	11	33	0	33	0
Smith.....	67	6	4	2	61	9	49	3

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TABLE D-1 (Combined with B-2).—CONCLUDED. Disposition of cases—year ending June 30, 1952

COUNTY COURTS	Number of cases	Civil cases			Criminal Cases			
		Number	Dismissed	Trials	Number	Dismissed	Pleas of guilty	Trials
Stafford.....	167	16	7	9	151	17	131	3
Stevens.....	167	9	6	3	158	51	107	0
Thomas.....	95	22	6	16	73	16	4	53
Trego.....	120	7	2	5	113	51	62	0
Wabaunsee.....	101	14	2	12	87	30	57	0
Wallace.....	56	1	0	1	55	17	35	3
Washington.....	82	21	20	1	61	22	39	0
Woodson.....	124	29	2	27	95	15	80	0
Totals.....	7,556	1,594	687	907	5,962	1,543	4,158	261

TABLE D-1 (Combined with B-2)—CONCLUDED. Disposition of cases—year ending June 30, 1952

CITY COURTS	Number of cases	Civil cases			Criminal cases			
		Number	Dismissed	Trials	Number	Dismissed	Pleas of guilty	Trials
Arkansas City.....	452	132	6	126	320	20	292	8
Atchison.....	554	396	50	346	158	14	139	5
Chanute.....	119	60	23	37	59	16	39	4
Coffeyville.....	1,264	1,055	62	993	209	25	153	31
Hutchinson.....	1,125	489	209	280	636	171	449	16
Independence.....	337	132	22	110	205	44	148	13
Johnson County (Magistrate).....	2,280	289	110	179	1,991	544	1,395	52
Kansas City.....	2,303	2,046	265	1,781	257	126	94	37
Leavenworth.....	309	93	41	52	216	51	137	28
Pittsburg.....	471	73	36	37	393	29	353	16
Salina.....	767	294	155	139	473	150	256	67
Topeka.....	3,031	1,537	530	1,007	1,494	414	886	194
Wichita.....	6,330	3,631	1,249	2,382	2,699	923	1,674	102
Winfield.....	353	99	30	69	254	59	184	11
Totals.....	19,695	10,326	2,788	7,538	9,369	2,586	6,199	584

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