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Summary Information

Repository	Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives
Title	Lawrence County (Ark.) pistol permits
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Biographical/Historical Note

In 1923 the Arkansas General Assembly passed Act 430 that required gun owners to register their weapons. County Clerks were responsible for accepting permit applications. There was an annual \$1 fee for registering a gun that went to the school district in which the owner lived.

While there were no apparent restrictions on age, gender, or color, Act 430 did specify that the application must be approved by a board which included: the sheriff, county judge, and court clerk. The applicant needed to have good moral character in the opinion of the board.

The majority of licenses and applications in the collection are from white men age 21 and up. Among the documents are a few businesses, a handful of black men, and some white women.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes applications for permits and issued permits for pistols in Lawrence County from 1923-1925.

Information on the permits includes: name, age, race, town of residence, gun maker, caliber, serial number, school district, and occasionally the owner's occupation.

Administrative Information

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Collection Inventory

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