

The Court Record (1897) on Rutherford as Judge

Wednesday Morning February 17<sup>th</sup> 1897.

The Circuit Court of Cooper County having adjourned to Tuesday and Hon. D. M. Shackleford, the regular Judge of this Court being still absent from his county and unable to hold a part of this term and having failed to secure another judge to hold said part of this term the attorneys of this court who were present to wit, C D Leorum, George Zollinger, Jasper McDaniel, J. W. Jacobson, W. V. Draffen, T. R. Harrison, and J. F. Rutherford and being more than five in number proceed in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and proved to elect one of the number of the bar in attendance to hold court for the occasion and said election is now held by the Clerk and thereupon Hon. J. F. Rutherford, a member of the bar of the Circuit Court of Cooper County, Missouri, and now in attendance, and having the qualifications of a Circuit Judge, and having received a majority of the votes cast by said attorneys at said election is by the Clerk declared to be elected such special Judge for this term of Court. And the said J. F. Rutherford thereupon takes and subscribes to the same oath as is required by law to be taken by Circuit Judges and filed the same with the Clerk of the Court.

Court was opened by proclamation of the sheriff at the Court House door. Officers present: Hon. J. F. Rutherford, Special Judge, J. M. Ryurel, for F. G. Hollman, Clerk.

[ORIGINAL DOCUMENT SCAN attached]

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Court was opened by proclamation of the Sheriff at the Court House and the Officers present: Hon. J. F. Rutherford, Special Judge, J. M. Ryan, Sheriff, J. G. Holliman, Clerk.