

The next extra-work-to-be-done in the Auditor's office was the making of about eight hundred Auditor's Tax Deeds, which was work for a typist. Mr. Scott and I agreed to employ Mrs. Whipperman, whose maiden name was E. Duncombe, to do this work. Mr. Scott exacted a portion of the remuneration for doing this work. Through a clerical error her name was presented to the County Commissioners as E. Duncan and approved that way. The reason for not putting her name on the payroll as Mrs. Whipperman was on account of the sentiment among politicians against having relatives doing extra work. About this time our attention was called to the fact that one of the other county officials was carrying a relative on the payroll under an assumed name. The amount paid for making these eight hundred Tax Deeds was about \$42.00 of which Mr. Scott retained I think \$10.00, the balance being paid to Mrs. Whipperman. The records in the County Recorder's office will verify the above work.

During the Month of March or the 1st part of April the different departments would put in their budgets for the year which were approved by the County Commissioners. When the Auditor's budget was framed, we asked for about \$400.00 less than the previous administration for doing the extra work connected with the office, and intended staying within our appropriation.

The next extra work to be done was recording the minutes on abatements of valuations allowed by the County Commissioners. This work was practically all done at our office in the Boston Building by A. Keddington, L. H. Bassett, and Wm. Langenbecker. Mr. Scott thought it advisable to carry Mr. Bassett on the payroll for this work as E. Duncan on account of the clash we had with Mr. Wirthlin; all three of the above names were approved by the County Commissioners through a letter from Mr. Scott as the records will show.

During this period it was discovered there were a number of uncalled for warrants in the files consisting mainly of Widow's Pension warrants. Mr. Scott had the clerical force of the office segregate these warrants and they were handed to him, he in turn placing them in his private desk, which was always locked in his absence. From time to time, Mr. Scott would notify Capt. Woods of the Poor Department by giving him a list of part of the warrants and would receive authority to cancel the warrants as listed by Mr. Scott. At one time, I told Mr. Scott that I thought it advisable to have all these warrants cancelled at one listing. Mr. Scott grew indignant at my interference and told me he was able to take care of these warrants and for me to mind my own business.

Around the first of June, 1921, the assessment rolls were turned over to the Auditor's office. It was the duty of the Auditor's office to figure and enter the taxes, as well as to balance the rolls, also to make the apportionment of taxes for each taxing unit. This work necessitated the employment of considerable extra help, working a day and a night shift. It had been the custom of previous administrations to have this work done by help recommended to the Auditor by Ward helpers and politicians, irrespective of their ability to do the work. This invariably caused the allowance made by the Auditor's budget for this work to be overdrawn. The 1920 Auditor's report will show this account overdrawn by about \$400.00. The old custom of the politicians was again brought into play, and incompetent help was recommended for this work. Mr. Scott caused considerable hard feelings by