

national cemetery, the Fort Marcy Reservation, and Indian schools; and also reserving therefrom any private land grants that may have been, or may hereafter be confirmed by the Court of Private Land Claims or other authority of the United States.

SEC. 2. That it is hereby made the duty of the mayor and clerk of said city, and of their successors in office, to execute proper deeds of quitclaim, etc. to the persons entitled thereto under this Act for their respective holdings of real estate upon such claimants applying therefor and presenting proper deeds for the signatures of such officers, without any expense to the said applicants, and such deeds when executed shall be taken in all courts and places as a relinquishment of any claim or title to the lands therein described on the part of the United States.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Effect.

Approved, April 9, 1900.

**CHAP. 183.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patent to the city of Elreno, Oklahoma, for cemetery purposes. April 9, 1900.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue a patent to the city of Elreno, Oklahoma, for cemetery purposes, to the following-described land, to wit: The east half of the northeast quarter of section sixteen, township twelve, range seven, in Canadian County, Oklahoma: *Provided,* That said city pay one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre therefor, which sum shall be paid over to the Territorial school fund. Elreno, Okla. Patent to, for certain land. *Proviso.* Payment per acre.

Approved, April 9, 1900.

**CHAP. 184.**—An Act Ratifying an appropriation by the legislature of Oklahoma, out of the Morrill fund, for the use of the university at Langston for colored students. April 9, 1900.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the appropriation made by the territorial legislature of the Territory of Oklahoma, by section five of an act approved March tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, entitled "An Act making appropriations for erecting, maintaining, and supporting the educational institutions of the Territory of Oklahoma for the years eighteen hundred and ninety-nine and nineteen hundred," be, and the same is hereby, ratified and confirmed. Oklahoma Territory. Appropriation by legislature for Langston University ratified.

Approved, April 9, 1900.

**CHAP. 185.**—An Act To create the northwestern division of the northern district of Georgia for judicial purposes and to fix the time and place for holding court therein. April 12, 1900.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the counties of Dade, Walker, Catoosa, Whitfield, Murray, Chattooga, Gordon, Floyd, Bartow, Polk, Paulding, Haralson, and Carroll, in the State of Georgia, shall constitute the northwestern division of the northern judicial district of Georgia, and a term of the circuit and district courts for said district shall be held in said division hereby created at the city of Rome on the third Monday of May and the third Monday of November. Northern judicial district of Georgia. Northwestern division created. Term of courts at Rome.

*Proviso.*  
—court accommodations.

Suits against residents of different divisions, etc.

of each year: *Provided, however,* That suitable rooms and accommodations are furnished for the holding of said courts free of expense to the Government of the United States.

SEC. 2. That all civil suits which shall hereafter be brought against a defendant or defendants who reside in said northwestern division of said district shall be brought in said northwestern division; but if there are two or more defendants residing in different divisions of said district, such suit may be brought in either division of said district in which any defendant or defendants reside, and all mesne and final process subject to the provisions of this Act issued in either of the divisions of the northern district of Georgia may be served and executed in either or all of the divisions.

Prosecution of crimes.

*Proviso.*  
—pending cases.

SEC. 3. That all crimes and offenses against the laws of the United States committed within the counties comprising the northwestern division of said district shall be prosecuted, tried, and determined at the terms of the circuit and district courts herein provided for: *Provided, however,* That all prosecutions begun and pending at the taking effect of this Act shall be proceeded with and finally determined as if this Act were not passed.

Appointment of deputy clerks at Rome.

*Proviso.*  
—approval of, etc.

SEC. 4. That the clerks of the circuit and district courts for said northern district shall each appoint a deputy, who shall reside and maintain an office at the city of Rome, each of whom, in the absence of the clerks, shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of his principal within the division for which he shall be appointed: *Provided,* That the appointment of such deputies shall be approved by the court for which they shall be respectively appointed, and they may be removed by such court at pleasure.

Jurors

SEC. 5. That all the grand jurors and all jurors for the trial of civil and criminal causes in the division hereby created shall be selected from citizens residing in the division created by this Act.

Effect.

Repeal.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall take effect from and after the thirtieth day of June, anno Domini nineteen hundred, and all Acts and parts of Acts so far as inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, April 12, 1900.

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**CHAP. 186.**—An Act To attach the county of Foard, in the State of Texas, to the Fort Worth division of the northern district of Texas, and providing that all process issued against defendants residing in said county shall be returned to Fort Worth.

Texas northern judicial district.  
Foard county attached to Fort Worth division of.—process.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the county of Foard, in the State of Texas, be, and the same is hereby, assigned to the Fort Worth division of the northern judicial district of the State of Texas, and that all process issued against defendants residing in the said county of Foard shall be returned to Fort Worth.

Approved, April 12, 1900.

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**CHAP. 187.**—An Act Declaring certain trestles of the Washington County Railroad Company to be lawful structures.

Washington County Railroad.  
Certain trestles belonging to, declared lawful structures.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the trestle on the Eastport Branch of the Washington County Railroad, being the property of the Washington County Railroad Company, and running from the extreme point of land south of Pleasant Point, in the town of Perry, county of Washington and State of Maine, to the extreme northern end of Carlows Island, in the town of Eastport, in said county and State; and a certain other trestle, also the property of said railroad