

Bedford County Locality Guide (24 June 2022)

Geographic Area

Bedford County is a county located in the U.S. state of Tennessee as of the 2020 census, the population was 50,237. Its county seat is Shelbyville. The county was created in 1807 when the citizens of Rutherford County living south of the Duck River and the Stones River successfully petitioned the governor to split Rutherford County in two. The new county was named after American Revolutionary War officer and large landowner in the area, Thomas Bedford.



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Once the state's largest and most populous county, Bedford County's size (in terms of area) has been steadily reduced since 1809 to form Coffee County, Moore County, Lincoln County, and Marshall County.

The county was pro-Confederate during the Civil War, but Shelbyville was mostly loyal to the Union.

Confederate general Nathan Bedford Forrest was born in 1821 in Chapel Hill (now in Marshall County) and has no connection to naming of Bedford County. It was named after the Revolutionary War officer Thomas Bedford.^[6]

Texas pioneer William Whitaker Reed was born in Bedford County in 1816.^[7]

According to the [U.S. Census Bureau](#), the county has a total area of 475 square miles (1,230 km²), of which 474 square miles (1,230 km²) is land and 1.2 square miles (3.1 km²) (0.2%) is water.

([Wikipedia](#))

History

The Tennessee General Assembly established Bedford County on December 7, 1807, from land taken from Rutherford County. The first court met at the home of the widow Ann Payne in what is now Moore County. Settlement of the area progressed slowly after an initial expedition in 1783 led by Alexander Greer, who later settled at Greer's Lick on land he marked during the expedition. Samuel Barton and the Edmiston Land Company carried out other early expeditions. Few settlers arrived until after 1806. Some brought Revolutionary War grants from North Carolina; others came with Tennessee grants, awarded from 1800 to 1810. In 1808 Andrew Erwin purchased fifty-five thousand acres from Norton Pryor. A bitter title dispute arose between Andrew Jackson, who served as Pryor's agent, and Erwin. Litigation continued until 1824, when a compromise settlement was reached.

Shelbyville, the county seat, was established in 1810 from land donated by Clement Cannon, an early resident and the operator of the first grist mill. Shelbyville was ideally suited as a trading center, with fords on the southern and eastern ends of the town. In 1852 the commercial value of the town increased with the construction of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad. In the antebellum period, Shelbyville experienced its share of tragedy. A tornado swept through the town on May 31, 1830, destroying the courthouse and inflicting five casualties. Three years later an Asiatic cholera epidemic caused great panic and many deaths. Cholera outbreaks would recur in 1866 and 1873 with similar results. In 1934 the Bedford County Courthouse was destroyed a second time when a lynch mob burned it. Several days of threatened violence preceded the act of

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arson. One hundred national guardsmen were called to the scene to protect a young black man, E. K. Harris, accused of assault. Disguised as a guardsman, the accused man was removed from the jail and sent to Nashville for safekeeping. The mob burned the courthouse in retaliation for the removal of Harris.

In the early twentieth century, Shelbyville was a thriving industrial center. In 1923 Shelbyville had a population of 2,912 and boasted an electric light plant, water works, a textile factory, a hub and spoke factory, a foundry, saw mills, and planing mills, in addition to banks, churches, schools, and two newspapers. Shelbyville Mills was a large textile factory and company town, complete with a school and church. The Musgrave Pencil Company is one of the world's largest pencil manufacturers. On the factory grounds is the historic Turner Institute Building, a former African American private school designed by Nashville architect Moses McKissack. Shelbyville achieved worldwide prominence in the twentieth century through the promotion of the Tennessee Walker. In 1939 Shelbyville became the home of the Walking Horse National Celebration, earning the designation as the "Walking Horse Capital of the World."

Bedford County has furnished soldiers for every war since the War of 1812. During the Civil War Bedford County was divided in its loyalties and supplied nearly equal numbers of troops to the armies of both the North and the South. Though the pro-Union stance of Shelbyville earned that city the title of "Little Boston," one of the Confederacy's best-known generals, Nathan Bedford Forrest, was born in Bedford County in 1821 and took his middle name from his birthplace. ([Tennessee Encyclopedia](#))

Record Loss – (Family Search)

1830 Courthouse was seriously damaged by tornado with much record loss.^[1]

1863 and 1934 Courthouse burned and many records were damaged.

Lost censuses: 1810

Lost deed book: 1852-1861, but a reconstructed index survives

All records before 1837, except deeds.

Some record loss between 1837 and 1865 due to fire and a tornado in 1830

[FamilySearch Wiki – Bedford County](#)

[FamilySearch – Bedford County Catalog](#)

TnGenWeb Project – [Bedford County](#)

Contact – [Charles Reeves, Jr](#)

Record Location Table

| Record Type | Location | Record Notes |
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| Birth | County Clerk Office | County Registrations began 1908 |
| | Tennessee Vital Records Office | Keeps for 100 years then they are sent to TSLA |

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| | FamilySearch | ER Series (1908-1912) |
| | FamilySearch | TN Births & Christenings 1828-1939 |
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| Marriages | County Clerk Office | County Registrations began 1863 |
| | Tennessee Vital Records Office | Keeps for 50 years then they are sent to TSLA |
| | FamilySearch | Bedford Co. Marriages 1790-1950 |
| | FamilySearch | Bedford Co. Marriages 1796-1950 |
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| Divorce | Circuit Court Clerk | |
| | Tennessee Vital Records Office | TSLA - 1796-1850 Acts of Tennessee 1796-1850 |
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| Deaths | County Clerk Office | County Registrations began 1908 |
| | Tennessee Vital Records Office | Keeps for 50 years then they are sent to TSLA |
| | | TN Death Records 1908-1912 |
| | | TN Death Records 1914-1933 |
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| Land Deeds | County Register of Deeds | County Registrations began 1808 |
| | FamilySearch | Land Records Vol. A: 1808-1809 |
| | FamilySearch | Land Records Vol. B: 1809-1811 |
| | FamilySearch (Burned Vols.) | Deed books and index, 1808-1966 |
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| List of Microfilmed Bedford County Records | TSLA-PDF | |
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| Pension Applications | Tennessee State Archives & Library – Bedford County | County Index to Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications |
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| Probate Records | County Court | County Registrations began 1861 |
| | TNGenWeb | 1847-1890 Index |
| | TNGenWeb | 1890-1896 Index |
| | FamilySearch | TN Probate Court Bks 1795-1927 |
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| Tennessee Enumeration of Male Voters | Ancestry.com (\$) | Tennessee Enumeration of Male Voters |

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| World War I Veterans | Tennessee State Archives & Library | Research Collection |
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County Repositories

[Shelbyville - Bedford County Public Library](#)
[Bedford County Historical Society](#)
[Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society](#)

Current Area Information

[Bedford County Chamber of Commerce](#)
[Bedford County Government](#)

Resources

General

[Tennessee County Database \(TNGS\) - Bedford County](#)
[Bedford County Wiki \(Family Search\)](#)
[Linkpendium - Bedford County](#)
[Tennessee State Library & Archives - Bedford County Facts Sheet](#)
[TNGenWeb - Bedford County](#)
[USGenWeb Archives - Bedford County Tennessee](#)
[Bedford County Archives](#)

Newspapers

Tennessee State Archives & Library

[Check Online Catalog for Bedford Newspaper Details & Dates Held.](#) We do not necessarily hold all published issues of the newspapers.

Newspaper.com - No newspapers from Benton County

Genealogybank.com - Tennessee Herald (Shelbyville, Tennessee) Newspaper Archives (1817 - 1820)

Maps

[TDOT Map of Bedford County](#)
[Civil District Map 1835](#)
[Bedford County - 1878](#)
[Bedford County - 1888](#)

Cemeteries

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[Bedford County Cemeteries - Find-a-Grave](#)

[Bedford County Cemeteries - USGenWeb](#)

[Bedford County Cemeteries - TNGenWeb](#)

Funeral Home Records (Tennessee State Archives & Library)

H.F. Hoover Funeral Home Records. Bedford County, 1904-1941.

Records of the H.F. Hoover Funeral Home in Shelbyville, including the deceased's age, death, burial date, cause of death, and place of burial.

Microfilm: #1166. 12 vols., 2 reels. 35mm. (Available for [interlibrary loan](#))

Tax Records (Tennessee State Archives & Library)

Tax Years on Microfilm (Pre 1900) : 1812, 1814, 1836-1839, 1875-1900

Published Indexes: none

Reels Available for Interlibrary Loan:

Early TN Tax Lists > Reel 1 (Bedford County 1812, 1836-1839);
Reel 11 (Bedford County 1812)

[GSC Assoc Historical Record Products](#)

Bedford County Early Tax Lists, 1812-1839

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Selected Published County Histories

Tennessee State Archives & Library

- Bedford County, Tennessee: Family History Book (Bedford County Historical Society, 2002) [name index]
- Centennial Celebration, 4th of July, 1876, at Shelbyville, Bedford County, Tennessee (Cooper, 1877)
- Comin's and Goin's of Flat Creek Boys: The Way Some Country Folks Lived and the Chain of Ownership of the Businesses of Flat Creek, Tennessee (Hix, 1988)
- Duck River Valley in Tennessee and Its Pioneers (Jacobs, 1968) [name index]
- Early History of Bedford County Tennessee: Two Hundred Years Along the Three Forks of Duck River (Marsh, Marsh & King, 2007?) [name index]
- Families of Flat Creek, Tennessee: With Special Emphasis on the Twenties and Thirties (Hix, 1990)
- Historic Normandy, Bedford County, Tennessee (Cook, 1976) [name index]
- History of Rover and the 10th District of Bedford County: Lest We Forget the People and Things in our Corner of the World [2 vols.] (Rover Historical Society, 1999-2000) [surname index]
- History of Tennessee from the Earliest Time to the Present: Together with a Historical and a Biographical Sketch of Maury, Williamson, Rutherford, Wilson, Bedford (Goodspeed, 1988) [name index]
- Homecoming 86 History of Wheel and the 18th District (Wheel Homecoming Committee, 1986) [name index in a separate volume]
- Liberty Gap (Fults, 1996)
- Old Times in Bedford County, Tenn. (Hutson, 197?)
- On Thompson Creek (Whitney, 2004)
- Silhouettes from Walking Horse Country (Poplin, 1969)

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- Who, When, and What: Bedford County (Ferguson, 199?)

Selected Manuscripts Material

Tennessee State Archives & Library

- A.H. Riddle and Company General Store (Bedford Co) Account Books, 1905-1951 (Microfilm Manuscript #1614, 1 reel)
- Austin Shofner School Books. Bedford County, 1819? (Microfilm Manuscript #983, 1 reel)
- Bedford and Rutherford County Scrapbooks, 1900-1968 (Microfilm Manuscript #266, 1 reel)
- Bethbirei Presbyterian Church Records. Marshall County, 1827-1910 (Microfilm Manuscript #24, 1 reel)
- Church of the Redeemer Records. Shelbyville, 1867-1969 (Microfilm Manuscript #480, 1 reel)
- Cooper Family Papers, 1840-1913 (Microfilm Manuscript #1896, 4 reels)
- Enon Primitive Baptist Church Records, Shelbyville, Tenn., 1821-2008 (Microfilm Manuscript #1999, 1 reel)
- First Presbyterian Church Records. Shelbyville, 1827-1956 (Microfilm Manuscript #478, 2 reels)
- Flat Creek Baptist Church of Christ Records (Williamson County) 1830-1848; Spring Creek Baptist Church Records (Bedford County) 1819-1830 (Microfilm Manuscript #915, 1 reel)
- H.F. Hoover Funeral Home Records. Bedford County, 1904-1941 (Microfilm Manuscript #1166, 2 reels)
- Jennings-Phillips Collection of Early Bedford County Records (Microfilm Manuscript #1571, 3 reels)
- Leonard F. Chapman Family Papers, 1786-1959 (Microfilm Manuscript #1210, 1 reel)
- Liberty Baptist Church (Bell Buckle, Tenn.) Minute Book, 1831-1870 (Microfilm Manuscript #1626, 1 reel)
- Mount Pisgah Primitive Baptist Church Ledger, Bedford County, 1834-1923 (Microfilm Manuscript #1763, 1 reel)
- New Hope Baptist Church Records. Bedford County, 1809-1912 (Microfilm Manuscript #1480, 1 reel)
- Normandy Presbyterian Church Records. Normandy, 1870-1956 (Microfilm Manuscript #492, 1 reel)
- William Burdette Papers, 1810-1964 (Microfilm Manuscript #1053, 3 reels)
- Winchester and Erwin Family Papers, 1825-1907 (Microfilm Manuscript #908, 1 reel)
- Wright W. Frost Collection, 1701-1983 Addition (Microfilm Manuscript #1110, 1 reel)

Published Local Records

Tennessee State Archives & Library

- 1820 Census of Bedford County, Tennessee (Porch, 1968)
- 1850 Census of Bedford County, Tennessee (Porch, 1968)*
- 1880 Census, Tennessee, Transcription for Bedford County (Sistler, 1978?)
- Bedford County, Tennessee, Bible Records [2 vols.] (Marsh, 1977-) [name index]
- Bedford County, Tennessee, Bible, Family and Tombstone Records (WPA, 1938) [name index]
- Bedford County, Tennessee, Chancery Court Minutes, 1837-1845 (WPA, 1937) [name index]
- Bedford County, Tennessee, County Court Minutes, 1852-1855 (WPA, 1937) [name index]
- Bedford County, Tennessee, General Index to Deeds [1808-1840] (WPA, 1940) [name index]

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- Bedford County, Tennessee, New Hope Lutheran Church Records, 1805-1836 (WPA, 1938) [name index]
- Bedford County, Tennessee, Will Book (WPA, 1936) [name index]
- Bedford County, Tennessee, Wills & Vital Records From Newspapers (Marsh, 1996) [name index]*
- Bedford County, Tn., Wills [1853-1910] (Marsh, 1984) [name index]*
- Burned Deed Index, 1852-1861, Bedford County, Tennessee (Marsh, 1999) [alphabetical listing]*
- Cemetery Records of Bedford County, Tennessee (Marsh, 1985) [surname index]*
- Chancery Court of Records of Bedford County, Tennessee (1988) [surname index]*
- Clipped Obituaries, Shelbyville Times-Gazette (Fulcher, 1979)
- Coffee, Franklin & Bedford Counties, TN, Polk City Directory [2004-2007, 2009-2015, 2017-2020] [alphabetical listing]
- Couch-Patton Cemetery: A Project (East Middle School [Tullahoma, Tenn.], Eighth Grade Class, 1992?) [name index]
- Death Records of Bedford County, Tennessee (Lynch, 1984) [surname index]*
- Earliest County Court Records of Bedford County, Tennessee (Marsh, 1986) [surname index]*
- Family Graveyards: The Cook Family Cemetery and the Crowell Family Cemetery in the 18th Civil District of Bedford County, Tennessee (Cook, 2011) [name index]
- Frosts and Related Families of Bedford County, Tennessee (Frost, 1962) [name index]
- Generations of Francis Brothers (1779-1845) : A History of Francis Brothers who Settled in Rutherford County, Tennessee About 1815, and his Descendants [Bedford County cemeteries] (Brothers, 1986)
- Historical Summary and Church Directory of First Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Tennessee from 1843-1928 (First Baptist Church, 1928)
- Hoover Funeral and Burial Records of Bedford County, Tennessee (Marsh, 1989) [surname index]*
- Jennings-Phillips Collection of Early Bedford County, Tennessee Records (Phillips & Jackson, 1998)
- Keller Cemetery of Bedford County (East Middle School [Tullahoma, Tenn.], Eighth Grade Class, 1994) [name index]
- Land Deed Genealogy of Bedford County, Tennessee, 1807-1852 (Marsh, 1998) [name index]*
- Minutes of Wm. Frierson Bivouac, no.8, Shelbyville, Tenn. (United Confederate Veterans, Tennessee Division, William Frierson Bivouac, 1974) [name index]*
- New Providence Presbyterian Church Minutes of Bedford County, Tennessee, 1826-1860 (Crouthers, 1997)*
- Newspaper Vital Records of Bedford County, Tennessee (Marsh, 1984) [surname index]
- *Obituaries of our Ancestors as Transcribed from the Shelbyville Gazette, Bedford County, Tennessee (Cook, 1990) [name index]
- Official Marriages of Bedford County, Tennessee [vol. 1 1861-1880; vol. 2 1880-1898] (Marsh, 1996) [name index]*
- One Hundredth Anniversary of the Thompson Creek Baptist Church House, 1889-1989 (Stephens, 1989)
- Records of the Church of Christ at Flat Creek, Bedford County, Tennessee, 1868-1981 (1981)
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- Soldiers of the Revolution in Bedford County, TN. (Marsh, 1989) [surname index]*

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