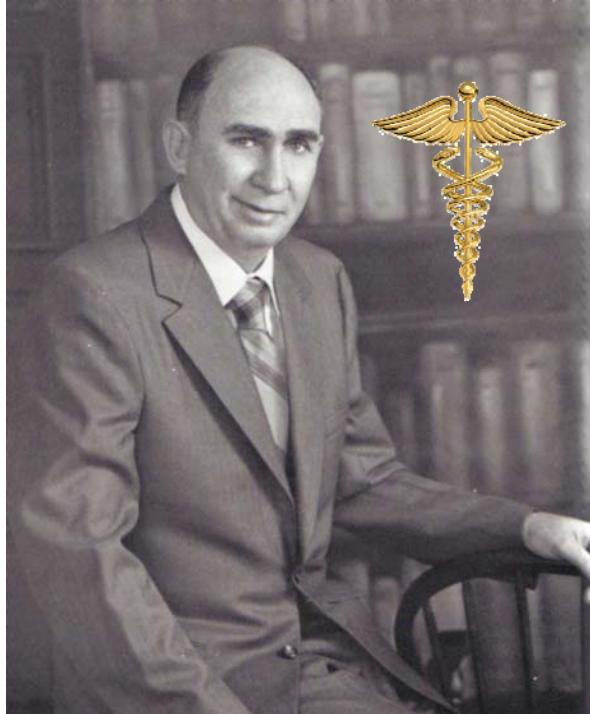


The Winston County Archives held an open house on January 25, 2008. The Archives was open to the public on June 29, 2009.

The exact spot where the Archives now sits, across Highway 195 from the courthouse in Double Springs, was the location of Dr. Thomas Malcolm Blake's office, which was torn down January 18, 2006. Dr. Blake practiced medicine in Double Springs from July 1, 1943 until August 26, 1989. It was estimated he delivered more than 7,000 babies in the Winston County area.

To honor Dr. Blake's service to the community, the Winston County Archives has dedicated a museum to his memory. It contains original items from his decades of medical practice.



The Archives features two Internet-ready computers, and a state-of-the-art digital camera.



The archives houses all the material from the Winston County Genealogical Society (founded in 1998). Items include:

- Winston County Family Files
- Over 200 family / surname books
- Heritage Books for ALL 67 Alabama Counties
- Winston County Cemetery Books
- Magazines such as American Genealogies
- The original Winston County marriage book dating back to 1891
- Census Indices
- Vital Records CDs
- Pre-1900 Plat Book
- Estate Files
- Military Files
- Church Files
- Back Issues of the "Trail Tracker" – the WCGS Newsletter
- More items are constantly added



The archives houses materials from the Winston County probate office as well, featuring some of the records listed below:

- Winston County Newspapers (1908 – 2007) (some years missing)
- Mortgage Tax Records
- Delinquent Tax Records (1892 – 1918)
- List of Lands Assessed (1903 – 1919)
- Tax Receipt Books (1897 – 1939)
- Tax Return Lists (1925, 1929)
- List of Lands Redeemed (1891 – 1925)
- Lot Books (1912 – 1918)
- Register of Voters and Poll Tax Books (1901 – 1965)
- Jury Rolls (1913 – 1924)
- Lands Redeemed (1935 – 1942)
- Miscellaneous Court Books
- Application of Pensions of Confederate Soldiers and Widows
- Probate Feed Book Beginning 1891
- Probate General Record (1891 – 1899)
- Pre-1900 Plat Books (3)
- County Jail Books (1892, 1907 – 1914, 1927 – 1931, 1937)
- Report of Privilege License (1947)
- Original 1907 Census of Confederate Soldiers



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