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### *Stewart County, Tennessee Circuit Court Minutes, Vols. 6B, 7 and 8, 1865-1881*

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**Description:** This 463-page publication contains an extract, and an every-name excerpt, of Stewart County, Tennessee, Circuit Court Minute Books "6B", 7 and 8, covering the period from July 1865 through August 1881.

Volume "6B", covering 1865-1871, was not found at the time that the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) microfilmed the other minute books in the 1960s. It was identified in 2013 at the Stewart County Archives, was microfilmed at that time by TSLA, and fits chronologically between what TSLA labeled as Minute Book 6 and Minute Book 7. Notable in Minute Books 6B and 7 are the large number of cases involving the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, which had been built through the southeast corner of the county, impacting many landowners. Also notable are the number of court cases that were transferred to newly-formed Houston County in 1871.

The Circuit Court heard both Civil cases (disputes between private citizens) and State cases (cases in which a crime had been committed, and the State was the plaintiff in the case). The steps taken in these cases were summarized by the Court Clerk into these Minute Books. Most of the details of these cases, including summons, pleadings and depositions, are contained in the Loose Papers of the case, most of which survive and are available at the Stewart County Archives in Dover.

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