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Acts of Tennessee 1796 - 1850 : Index to Names

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From the time Tennessee was a territory of the United States (1790 - 1796), its legislature has passed laws affecting the lives of its citizens. From acts legitimizing children to those granting divorces, from authorizing turnpikes & ferries to compensating a citizen for services rendered the government, the legislature has touched the lives of citizens in thousands of ways in its 200-plus years.

This name index to the Acts passed by the Tennessee legislature is intended to help provide access to this vast source of early Tennessee history & genealogy. Used in conjunction with the journals of proceedings of the Tennessee House and Senate, and the petitions of citizens to the legislature, the index can provide the means to interpret some of Tennessee's richest source material.

The index covers names in the first 50 volumes of the published Acts. The names of members of the legislature were not indexed.

The Acts, journals & petitions are on file at TSLA (Tennessee State Library & Archives). A copy of an act can be obtained upon request; please see our webpage for [requesting copies of legislative acts and petitions by mail](#).

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Last Name	First Name	Year	Serial	Chapter & Section	Description
Willeby	Matthew	1824	29	120.1	Hawkins County - land owner
Willoughby	M. A. W. (Dr.)	1849	50	80.2	Sullivan County - commissioner
Willoughby	Vincent	1833	38	48.1	Hardeman County - commissioner of turnpike road