



## HENRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE



BUILT IN 1896 – WEST TENNESSEE’S OLDEST WORKING COURTHOUSE

COURT – FIRST HELD IN PETER WALL’S HOME IN 1821. A LOG  
COURTHOUSE BUILT IN CLIFTY 1823. TWO STORY BRICK COURTHOUSE  
ERECTED ON THIS LAND IN 1825 AND REPLACED IN 1852.

THE COUNTY’S FIRST MURDER LED TO THE LANDMARK “*STATE vs. GRAINGER*”  
CASE (1830) THAT SET A PRECEDENT FOR SELF DEFENCE AS THE BASIS FOR APPEAL.

DURING THE CIVIL WAR, CONFEDERATE MILITARY UNITS WERE ORGANIZED  
HERE IN 1860 AND ALSO 1861. UNION FORCES OCCUPIED THE COURTHOUSE  
IN 1862. TROOPS WERE SENT FROM HERE IN WWI AND WWII.

SILVER DOLLARS DONATED BY CITIZENS ARE MELTED IN THE BELL IN THE TOWER.

IN WAR AND PEACE THIS COURTHOUSE IS THE CENTER OF THE COMMUNITY.

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