Up to 1872 the prosecuting attorney was called the circuit attorney, and his circuit was the same as that of the judge. When the Eleventh Circuit was formed James A. Clark was appointed circuit attorney. Upon the death of Judge Birch Mr. Clark was appointed circuit judge and Benjamin F. Stringfellow, of Chariton County, was appointed circuit attorney.

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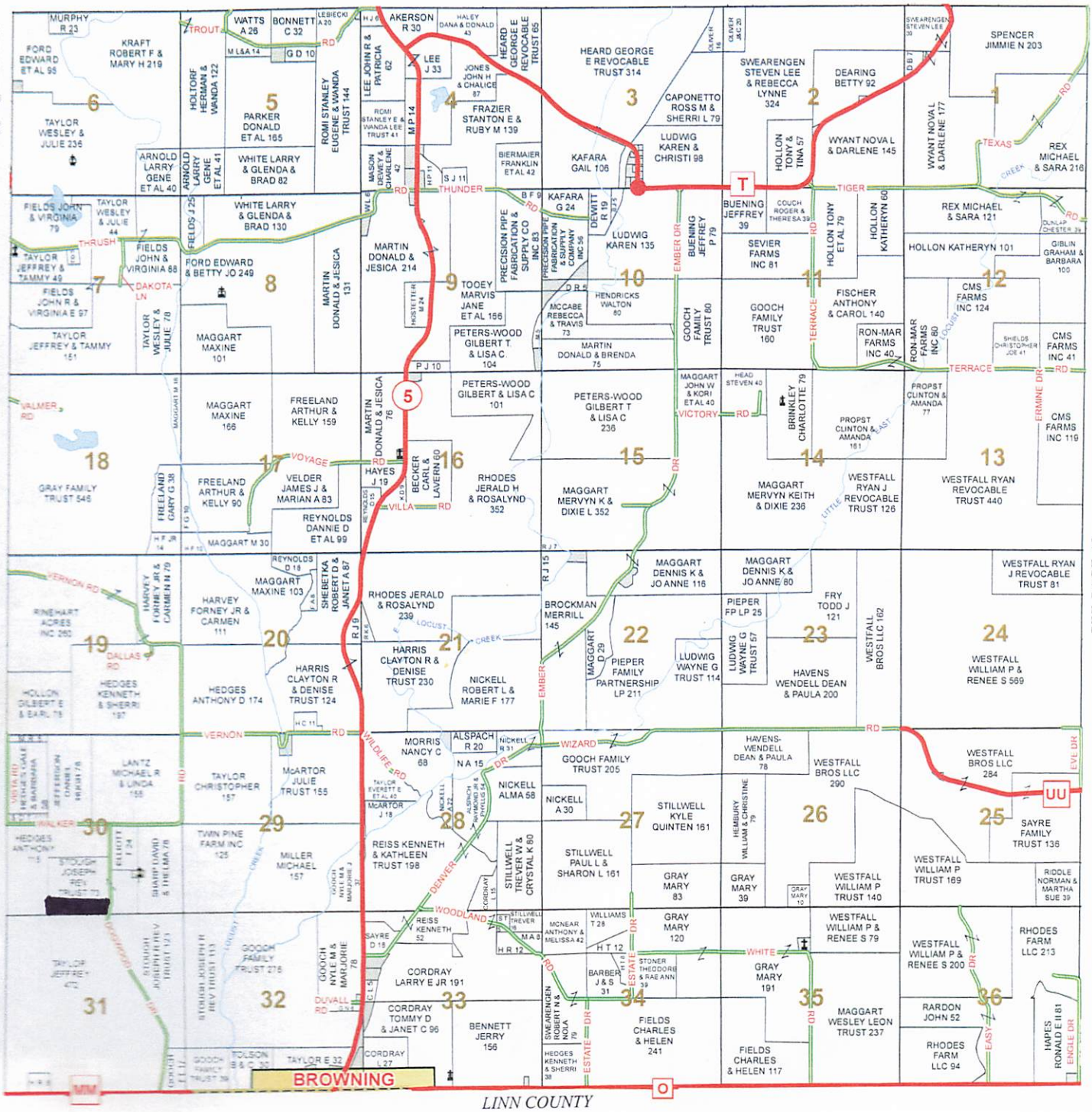

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