

Information below taken from the book- History of Southeast Missouri.

Bollinger County was organized March 1, 1851.
 Named in honor of Major Geo. F. Bollinger
 Highest point in County is called "Turkey Hill."

(Note: Personal knowledge-- "Turkey Hill" is just North of Marble Hill)

Information below is my personal knowledge which I have acquired from the records on file in the County Courthouse.

Immediately after the passage of Act for Organization of Bollinger County, Thomas Hamilton on May 20, 1851 acquired 19.94 acres of land in Bollinger County from Mary Slagle and Alfred Slagle, her husband; Joab Slagle and Rebecca Slagle, his wife.

On June 6, 1851, he platted the town of "New California" out of the above described property intending for the town to be the County Seat of Bollinger County.

This Plat is filed in the Recorder's Office of Bollinger County Record Book A, page 12.

Information below was acquired from the records of Recorder of Deeds, Bollinger County, Mo. Book A, pages 42 to 47.

In order to select a permanent Seat of Justice for said County of Bollinger, David Ramsey, J. J. Daugherty, and I. N. Sheppard were appointed Commissioners to select the site.

On April 28, 1851 they met at the house of John Stevens in said Co. of Bollinger at which time and place they did severally take an oath that they would faithfully discharge their duties as said Commissioners.

That in obedience to said appointments, advertisements, and oaths, they did proceed to view and examine the country around the center of said Co.

Failing to obtain title to the first selection of property they met a second time on the 22nd day of December, 1851 at the house of John Stevens.

After taking a second view of the Country they located the permanent Seat of Justice of said County. The town of "New California" was included in this site.

They then proceeded to obtain titles and all things necessary for the establishment of the permanent Seat of Justice.

The following people passed title to the County of Bollinger for the permanent Seat of Justice on December 26, 1851.

Joseph Baker & Elizabeth, his wife -----	17.34 acres
Jacob Lutes & Sophia, his wife -----	10.08 acres
Daniel Crader & Mary E., his wife -----	9.97 acres
Thomas Hamilton & Mary, his wife -----	12.66 acres

The Commissioners then gave the new town the name of "Dallas"

Information below taken from the book -- History of Southeast Missouri.

1st Courthouse-- 30' square and 2 stories high.

(Note: No personal knowledge of dates when built, when burned, or what type of building.)

Information below acquired from County Court Records of Bollinger County, Mo. Book 2, page 90

At the May Term, 1868, of the County Court of Bollinger County a petition was filed to make an order changing the name of the County Seat from that of Dallas to Marble Hill.

It being proved to the Court that 2/3rds of the citizens of Dallas as aforesaid had signed said petition and due notice of the filing of said petition had been given by publication in the Bollinger County Standard, a newspaper printed in said County, it was ordered that the name of the County Seat be changed from Dallas to Marble Hill.

Also at that time John J. Duffy was appointed Commissioner of the Seat of Justice in the town of Marble Hill for a term of two years.

Information below taken from the book ---- History of Southeast Missouri.

2nd Courthouse----- Burned March, 1884.

(Note: No personal knowledge of date when built or type of building.)

Information below taken directly from stone over door of Courthouse.

3rd Courthouse----- Built 1885.

(Note: personal knowledge----- 2 stories high--brick)

Personal Knowledge: Back part of the present Courthouse was built in approximately 1912. The present offices in that section are:

1st floor- County Clerk's Office
Circuit Clerk & Recorder's Office
2nd floor- Court Room
Extension Offices

Personal Footnote-- ~~NOT FOR PUBLICATION~~--- The house where I live is situated on part of the property that was known in 1851 as the "Public Square of New California"-----and the alley that runs below my block is part of the Old Military Road.

Also- Jacob Lutes & Sophia, his wife, one of the original four couples who gave land to Bollinger County in 1851 for the County Seat are my Great-Great Grandfather and Grandmother.