

COPIAH COUNTY

COUNTY SEAT: Hazlehurst

ORIGIN OF NAME: Indian name, meaning
"calling panther"

ORGANIZED AS COUNTY: January 21, 1823

LAND AREA: 779 sq. miles

MEMORIAL NOTES: 18th Mississippi county to organize just 5 years after Mississippi was admitted to the Union. Walter Leake was Governor of Mississippi and James Monroe (author of Monroe Doctrine) was President of the United States. The song "Home Sweet Home" was written by Howard Payne during the year.

COUNTY POPULATION

Census Year	Total	White	Black & Other	Slaves
2006 est	29,223			
2005 est	28,932			
2004 est	28,998			
2003 est	28,954			
2002 est	28,747			
2001 est	28,847			
2000	28,757			
1990	27,592			
1980	26,503	13,642	12,861	
1970	24,764	12,306	12,458	
1960	27,051	12,992	14,059	
1950	30,493	14,210	16,283	
1940	33,974	16,107	17,867	
1930	31,614	16,001	15,613	
1920	28,672	13,567	15,105	
1910	35,914	15,927	19,987	
1900	34,395	16,355	18,040	
1890	30,233	14,632	15,601	
1880	27,552	13,101	14,451	
1870	20,608	10,217	10,391	
1860	15,398	7,432	7,966	7,965
1850	11,794	6,303	5,491	5,480
1840	8,954	5,161	3,793	3,786
1830	7,001	5,238	1,763	1,754

(Census Estimates Released July, 2007)