

August 30, 1967



Honorable Lowell McCuskey
Prosecuting Attorney
of Osage County
Linn, Missouri 65051

Dear Mr. McCuskey:

With respect to your inquiry about accreted lands, it would appear that the lands salable by the counties under Chapter 241 of the Revised Statutes 1959 are swamp lands and those "...formed by the abandonment of waters from the beds of lakes and rivers or by the formation of islands ..." (Sexton v. Dunklin County, 246 S.W. 195) True accretions belong to the owner of the lands to which they are accreted, Conran v. Girvin, 341 S.W. 2d 75.

The county court may sell the lands covered in Chapter 241 by private sale, Section 241.160 RSMo 1959.

Very truly yours,

NORMAN H. ANDERSON
Attorney General