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Dear Customer;

The enclosed is a complete description of the files which the Hamilton County Back Tax Office has made available to you. The information following the file layouts is a District Table, it describes what each of the district codes means. The file is stored in a self-extracting archive file called CBTXDELQ.EXE. To extract these files, run the program by double clicking it in windows explorer or by typing the name and pressing enter at the DOS prompt. Once extracted, these files will require about 16mb of hard drive space. Below is a name and brief description of each file.

OBTXMST.TXT = Back Tax Master file – This file contains owner information, descriptions, assessment, county rate, municipal rate, county tax amount, and municipal tax amount.

OBTXHIS.TXT = Back Tax History file - This file contains date paid, date posted, assessment, county tax amount, county interest and penalty, municipal tax amount, municipal interest and penalty, court costs and attorney fees for each transaction posted against a master record.

If I can be of any further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
David Murphy  
Systems Analyst

Changes to the file include a new fee called Clerk Commission. It is at the end of both files. There has also been one character added to the front of each value that can go negative which would show a minus sign should that value actually be negative. In the conversion from our mainframe to the PC system, we have been losing this information.

LAYOUT FOR OBTXMST FILE – BACK TAX MASTER FILE  
record length = 441

Field	Beg. Column	Length	Type	Dec.
Date paid	001	008	N	
Map	009	005	A	
Group	014	003	A	
Parcel	017	010	A	
Owner Name 1	027	035	A	
Back Tax Year	062	004	N	
Back Tax Item Number	066	005	A	
Back Tax suffix	072	001	A	
Co-owner	073	035	A	
Address 1	108	035	A	
Address 2	143	035	A	
Legal Description 1	178	030	A	
Legal Description 2	208	030	A	
Legal Description 3	238	030	A	
Legal Description 4	268	030	A	
District	298	003	A	
District-9	301	002	N	
Assessment	303	009	N	
Municipal Rate	312	005	N	2
Municipal Amount	317	009	N	2
Municipal IntPen	326	009	N	2
County Rate	335	005	N	2
County Amount	340	009	N	2
County IntPen	349	009	N	2
Court Costs Sign	358	001	A	
Court Costs	359	009	N	2
Attorney Fee Sign	368	001	A	
Attorney Fees	369	009	N	2
Total Tax Due Sign	378	001	A	
Total Tax Owed	379	009	N	2
Paid Flag	388	001	A	
Comments 1	389	020	A	
Comments 2	409	020	A	
Btx Comm grid	429	001	A	
Btx Comm Owner	430	001	A	
Btx bankrupt	431	001	A	
Clerk Commission Sign	432	001	A	
Clerk Commission	433	009	N	2

LAYOUT FOR OBTXHIS FILE – BACK TAX HISTORY FILE  
record length = 121

Field	Beg. Column	Length	Type	Dec.
Back Tax Year	001	004	N	
Item Number	005	005	N	
Suffix	010	001	A	
Sequence Number	011	003	N	
Transaction Code	014	002	N	
Date Paid	016	008	N	
Date Posted	024	008	N	
Paid Flag (p or e or blank)	032	001	A	
Assessment	033	009	N	
County Base Tax Sign	042	001	A	
County Base Tax	043	009	N	2
County Interest and Penalty Sign	052	001	A	
County Interest and Penalty	053	009	N	2
Municipal Base Tax Sign	062	001	A	
Municipal Base Tax	063	009	N	2
Municipal Interest and Penalty Sign	072	001	A	
Municipal Interest and Penalty	073	009	N	2
Court Cost Sign	082	001	A	
Court Cost	083	009	N	2
Attorney Fee Sign	092	001	A	
Attorney Fees	093	009	N	2
ER Number	102	006	A	
Operator ID	108	002	A	
Accumulate Monthly	110	001	A	
Clerk Commission Sign	111	001	A	
Clerk Commission	112	009	N	2

Types are A=Alpha, N=Numeric.

DISTRICT NAMES  
TABLE

1	City
2	County
3	County
2c	Collegedale
2E	East Ridge
2R	Ridgeside
3L	Lookout Mountain
3LS	Lakesite
3R	Red Bank
3S	Signal Mountain
3SD	Soddy Daisy
3W	Walden

TRANSACTION CODES TABLE

02	ERROR AND RELEASE
12	E & R REVERSAL
03	REFUND
13	REFUND REVERSAL
06	PAYMENT
16	PAYMENT REVERSAL
99	PICKUP