

Streams flowing through the county of Howard, are, branches of Wyaconda and of Salt river, and branches of the Missouri; such as Cedar creek, Roche Peré, Mari-teau creek, having many licks and springs of salt water; Bonne Femme, navigable several leagues; Hurricane, between which and the latter are Boon's saltworks; First Charitan, navigable 50 miles, from the northeast; Second Charitan, from the same point, navigable 100 miles. Grand river, navigable for 600 miles, empties from the northeast; Moreau from the southwest; Mine river, navigable 40 miles, from the southwest. A branch of this river, strongly saturated with salt, is navigable for boats through the county. Lead ore is abundant on this river. Several other smaller streams intersect the country, as yet but imperfectly explored.

In 1818, Missouri territory, exclusive of Arkansaw and Lawrence, embraced seven counties, which, with their respective chief towns, being seats of justice, are exhibited in the following table:

<i>Counties.</i>	<i>Chief towns.</i>
New-Madrid	Winchester
Cape Girardeau	Jackson
St. Genevieve	St. Genevieve
Washington	Potosi
St. Louis	St. Louis
St. Charles	St. Charles
Howard	Franklin

The present population is estimated at about 50,000.

New-Madrid is 35 miles south of Cape Girardeau, and 148 south of St. Louis. Winchester is 22 miles north of New-Madrid. Cape Girardeau is 93 miles south of St. Louis, and 20 above the mouth of Ohio. Jackson, 12 miles northwest from Cape Girardeau, and 102 from St.