District boundaries were constructed by examining the data available at the Federal Judicial Center's "History of the Federal Judiciary" website:

http://www.fjc.gov/history/home.nsf/page/courts_district.html

This site lists each change in district boundaries and the relevant statute. When new counties came into being, they were assigned the district court of their parent counties. If necessary, these lists were cross-referenced with the relevant statutes to determine which counties belonged to which judicial districts.

Note: 100% checking was only done for decadal years (1900, 1910, etc). The "county-district crosswalk" file *should* be correct for other times, but has not been confirmed for the inter-decadal years in all cases.