

## **Brownville, Nemaha County, Nebraska**

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Records: 1859-1866

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### **HISTORICAL NOTE**

Brownville, Nebraska, located on the Missouri River in Nemaha County, was named after Richard Brown, the first white man to settle in the county. Brown settled the present site of Brownville in August of 1854. He became proprietor of the townsite along with Benjamin B. Frazier and Rev. Joel M. Wood. The town was incorporated in March 1855 and was platted in 1856. Brownville was the county seat until 1885 when Auburn took over that honor.

Brownville grew to a great extent from river steamboat travel, which reached its peak in the late 1850's. Brownville also was a stopping point for settlers and prospectors moving west. Brownville enjoyed a highly profitable period at that time.

During the 1880's Brownville started to decline. This was due partly to a number of financial crises and a period of extremely high taxation. Also, the decline of the steamboat transportation which had been such an important factor in Brownville's growth now contributed to its decline.

Today (1997), the Village of Brownville has a population of 148.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This record group consists of printed matter relating to the organization of Brownville and early town laws arranged into two Series: 1) Historical material, 1859; and 2) City Charter and Ordinances, 1866.

## DESCRIPTION

### **SERIES ONE    HISTORICAL MATERIAL, 1859**

B.01            Brownville and Nemaha County in 1859  
                 includes historical sketches of Brownville,  
                 a business directory, charters and ordinances  
                 in a presentation copy printed by Robert W.  
                 Furnas.

### **SERIES TWO    CITY CHARTER AND ORDINANCES, 1866**

B.01            f.1            City Charter and Ordinances; George W.  
   Hill and Co., 1866  
   f.2            City Charter and Ordinances  
   (3) copies, typewritten of the 1866  
   Hill & Co. booklet.

END OF INVENTORY

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DJJ/ht        11/8/1973  
PMC    WORD 2000    2/27/2007