

Seward, Seward County, Nebraska

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Records: 1870-1990

Cubic ft.: .5

No. of Items: 1 volume and 10 vols. on
4 reels of microfilm

HISTORICAL NOTE

Seward, Nebraska, about 20 miles west of Lincoln, was founded in 1865 by Lewis Moffitt. The town was surveyed and platted in 1868 by Thomas Graham. Seward was incorporated in April of 1870. Seward was made county seat by a special election in 1867. The results were disputed, however, by Milford, a rival for this honor. The matter was resolved when Seward won an 1871 election by a landslide vote. Seward is the home of Concordia College, a private school founded in 1894 by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of Seward, Nebraska municipal records arranged in the following series: 1) City Council, 1870-1887; 2) Ordinances, 1872-1887; 3) Seward Cemetery Board, 1874-1990; and 4) City Clerk's records, 1874-1906.

The bulk of the collection is in microfilm format and shelved in the West Reference Room under RG310. This includes the records of Series One through Series Three. The one volume of the city clerk contains a license and permit record which includes later entries for receipts of fees for water and utilities and taxes received. All types of licenses and permits are recorded for the years 1874-1906.

Records of Series One include by-laws, ordinances, and proceedings of the City Council, 1870-1887. These records were loaned for microfilming by Dr. Thomas Langevin of Concordia College, Seward, Nebraska, in April of 1956.

Series Two contains an Ordinance Book for the Town of Seward, 1872-1887. This book was also loaned by Dr. Langevin.

Series Three includes the records of various cemetery associations, some defunct, in Seward, 1874-1966. Also included are the records of the present Seward Cemetery Board, 1948-1990. The other cemetery associations are Greenwood Cemetery Association, 1878-1966; Seward Cemetery Association, 1874-1990; and Anderson Cemetery Association minutes, 1883-1944. Burial records are

ADDED ENTRIES:**

CEMETERIES--NEBRASKA--SEWARD COUNTY

Greenwood Cemetery Association (Seward County, Neb.)

Seward Cemetery Association (Seward County, Neb.)

Seward Cemetery Board (Seward County, Neb.)

BURIAL--NEBRASKA--SEWARD COUNTY

LICENSES (SEWARD, NEB.)

DOGS--TAXATION

TAXATION (SEWARD, NEB.)

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT--RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE

SEWARD COUNTY (NEB.)--HISTORY

Chronological Index - 13

included for the Greenwood and Seward cemeteries. A lot ownership list is included in the records of Anderson cemetery. The last volume on the film contains maps of the three cemeteries documented in the collection.

The records of Series Three were loaned to the Historical Society for microfilming by Jane Graff of Seward on June 14, 1990. It appears that the records of Seward and Greenwood cemeteries were turned over to the city of Seward in 1948. The records of Anderson cemetery were given to Seward in 1951. The By-Laws and minutes of the Seward County Cemetery Association were formerly a manuscript collection in the reference room but were moved to this record group in January 1992. This reel was received by the Historical Society in 1968.

DESCRIPTION

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SERIES ONE TOWN COUNCIL, 1870-1887

Roll #1	Proceedings of the Town Council, 1870-1887
13,808	includes by-laws and ordinances of Seward, April 1871 and proceedings of the Council.

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SERIES TWO ORDINANCES, 1872-1887

Roll #1	Ordinance Book	May 1872 - April 1887
13,808	includes index at end of volume	

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SERIES THREE SEWARD CEMETERY BOARD, 1874-1900

NOTE: Film Record begins on Sheet 3

Vol. 1 Greenwood Cemetery
Record of Burials, c.1878-1966
Indexed and arranged by lot number
Map of cemetery in front of volume

Vol. 2 Greenwood Cemetery
Minutes, March 12, 1878 - April 19, 1946
Indexed, includes constitution and by-laws

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Sheet 3

also includes trust fund figures and a lot
register

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SERIES THREE SEWARD CEMETERY BOARD (cont)

Vol. 3 Seward Cemetery Ledger, 1923-1931

- pp.20-86 - Numerical List
- pp.90-199 - Blank
- pp.200-228 - Receipts & Disbursements, 1923-1931
- pp.229-249 - Blank
- pp.250-262 - Vouchers Issued, 1923-1931
- pp.263-299 - Blank
- pp.300-324 - Lot purchasers (alpha), A-G
- pp.325-349 - Blank
- p.350 - Graves opened, 1926
- p.351 - Upkeep, 1926
- pp.352-399 - Blank
- pp.400-422 - Upkeep Records (alpha by lot owner)
- pp.423-448 - Monument and marker accounts

Vol. 4 Seward Cemetery

- Record of Burials
- Arranged alphabetically - General Index of Burials through p.310; p.313 arranged by subdivision and lot. Map in front of volume.

Vol. 5 Anderson Cemetery

- Minutes, 1883-1914
- includes cemetery history (1 page) written in 1928; Constitution and By-Laws; and a lot ownership list.

Vol. 6 City of Seward Cemetery Board

- Minutes, 1948-1990 (May)

Vol. 6A Seward County Cemetery Association

- Minutes, 1874-1949
- includes minutes of the board of directors and stockholders, by-laws, and constitution.
- NOTE: Volume 6A appears on roll #3

Vol. 7 Maps - Seward, Greenwood, and Anderson cemeteries.

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SERIES THREE SEWARD CEMETERY BOARD (cont)

MICROFILM RECORD

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Roll 1 Vol. 1, Greenwood Cemetery, Record of Burials
652 shots Index. Page 1, Lot #1
1304 pp. thru
24153 Vol. 4, Seward Cemetery, Record of Burials, complete
NOTE:
Vol. 2, page numbering inconsistent
Vol. 3, pp. 82 & 83, Seward Cemetery, 3rd Add.
#234-244, Second subdivision of Streets,
Platted June 1, 1928, missed initial filming.
Retake spliced at end of roll.

Roll 2 Vol. 5, Anderson Cemetery, Minutes, 1883-1944
183 shots thru
266 pp. Vol. 7 (complete), Maps, Seward, Greenwood, and
24,155 Anderson Cemeteries.

Rolls 1 & 2 positive received, Aug. 29, 1990

Roll 3 Vol. 6A, Seward County Cemetery Association
251 pp. Constitution & By-Laws, Feb. 24, 1874
& inserts thru
#05026 Vol. 6A, Misc. minutes, legal documents, and
financial records, 1888-1925
NOTE: Plot Map on front cover followed by index.
NOTE: pp. 223-249 blank
NOTE: Minutes, April 8, 1948 denote transfer of
Greenwood and Seward cemeteries to City of
Seward, p.222.

SERIES FOUR CITY CLERK'S RECORDS, 1874-1906

Vol. 1 License Records, 1874-1906
Includes entries for liquor, dog, professional
licenses. Also includes taxes collected and
fees collection for water and utilities.

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END OF INVENTORY
JEP/TT/pmc 3/8/1971
SRW/pmc/WP50 7/15/1990
JS/pmc/WP51 1/14/1992