

## NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG4398.AM: Cook, Sargent and Parker (Florence, Neb.)

Florence, Douglas County, Neb.: Banking House  
Records: 1842-1916  
Size: 2.0 cu.ft.; 1 box + 6 oversized volumes

### HISTORICAL NOTE

The firm of Cook, Sargent and Parker established the Bank of Florence in 1854. The members of the firm were Ebenezer Cook, George B. Sargent, and James M. Parker. They had other offices in Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island, Illinois. The firm failed during the panic of 1857 and nothing further is known of them. The Bank of Florence was later re-established.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of the records of the firm of Cook, Sargent and Parker, Florence, Nebraska, arranged in five series: 1) Correspondence, 1848-1865; 2) Papers of Incorporation of Bank of Florence, 1853-1856; 3) Financial records, 1842-1916; 4) Miscellany, 1851-1856; and 5) Oversize Ledgers, 1855-1863. The bulk of the collection consists of financial materials relating to the foundation and the operation of the Bank of Florence, 1854-1855 by the firm of Cook, Sargent and Parker.

### DESCRIPTION

Series 1 - Correspondence, 1848-1865

Box 1

Folder

1. 1848, 1853 and 1854
2. 1855
3. 1856
4. 1857, 1860 and undated
5. 1861-1865

Series 2 - Bank of Florence incorporation papers, 1853-1856

6. Bank of Florence incorporation papers, 1853-1856

Series 3 - Financial records, 1842-1916

7. 1842
8. 1843
9. 1854
10. 1855

11. 1856
12. 1857
13. 1858
14. 1859
15. 1862, 1867, 1869 and 1916
16. Tax receipts, Scott County, Iowa, 1865-1877
17. Miscellaneous

Series 4 - Miscellany, 1851-1856

18. Account Book, 1851-1852
19. Memoranda Book, 1856
20. Newspaper clipping, bank histories, etc., 1930 and undated

Series 5 - Ledgers (Oversize), 1855-1863

Volume

1. Collection book, 1855-1863
2. Balance, 1856-1860
3. Discounts and premiums, 1856-1862
4. Journal, 1856-1867
5. Register of land warrants, 1857
6. Lots in Florence, land warrants received joint real estate account, 1860-1863

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