

Buffalo County (Neb.)

Identifier: RG221
Date: 1871-1994
Extent: 100.6 cubic feet
Approx. 11 archival boxes, 80 record center boxes, 76 volumes, 1 oversize box, 1 envelope, and 23 reels of 35mm and 5 reels of 16mm microfilm

Historical Note

Buffalo County, named for the numerous buffalo herds in the area, is located in what was once Pawnee Indian Territory. This land was ceded to the Government in general October 9, 1833. By treaty of Table Creek, September 24, 1857, most of the land north of the Platte was assigned to the government. The remainder was ceded in 1876 when the Pawnee were removed to Oklahoma. Fort Kearny was established in what is now Buffalo county in May of 1848. This fort was abandoned in 1871.

The boundaries of Buffalo county were defined by the Nebraska Legislature March 14, 1855. After this act Nebraska Center was chosen as the county seat. The first post office was established at Wood River in 1860 and the county seat located here until formal organization and election appointed a permanent county seat. The boundaries were redefined by the legislature in 1873. The county occupies an area of 946 square miles. It is bounded on the north by Sherman county, on the east by Hall county, on the west by Dawson county and to the south lie Phelps and Kearney counties.

Prior to 1870, the boundaries of Buffalo county had been defined and an election of officers held but it was attached to Hall county for judicial and revenue purposes. One of the early elected officials of Buffalo County connected with Fort Kearny and later transferred to Fort Omaha instigated official organization of the county in 1870 by writing the governor. In February of that year, Governor Butler proclaimed Buffalo County to be duly organized and ordered the election of officials. This election took place in October of that same year.

The first settlers in the county were Mormons who made a settlement at Wood River in 1858. However, Boyd's Ranch, operated by James E. Boyd, later governor of Nebraska 1891-1892, had been established one mile east of Gibbon in 1846. The ranch served as a stage station for the Western Stage Company and a stop-over place for workers on the Union Pacific Railroad during construction. James E. Boyd was also a contractor for the building of the Union Pacific railroad. The Mormon settlement at Wood River became a stop-over and resting place for the Mormons on their way to Utah. The first settler, Joe E. Johnson, also started a newspaper in 1858 called the "Huntsman Echo" which continued about two years until he left

for Utah. When the Indian war between the Cheyenne and Sioux broke out in 1864, nearly all Wood River settlers left the area. Farmers began resettling the area after the completion of the Union Pacific Railroad in 1866. After Buffalo county reorganized in 1870, a large colony of settlers from Ohio arrived in April of 1871 and laid out the town of Gibbon, Nebraska. The Burlington and Missouri River Railroad joined the Union Pacific near Fort Kearny in the fall of 1872 and a town named Kearney Junction was laid out.

Prior to this time there was no official county seat. The first meeting of the Commissioners was at Nebraska Center, two miles from present Gibbon, Nebraska on February 26, 1870. The meetings moved around for that first year after organization. In 1872 Gibbon and Kearney Junction vied for the honor of being named county seat. At an election held in October, 1871, Gibbon was chosen. The contract to construct the courthouse was awarded in July of 1872 and was completed at Gibbon in 1873. The county seat fight had already begun, however, and in August, 1874 the commissioners declared the new courthouse to be unsafe and no further meetings were held there. On October 13, 1874, a special election for the relocation of the county seat resulted in its removal to Kearney. The county offices moved around at first until the South Platte Land Company and the Union Pacific Railroad came through with their offer to donate land and build a courthouse for removing the county seat to Kearney. A cheap building was erected in 1875 at Kearney and used as the courthouse until the permanent courthouse was erected in 1886. Today Kearney is a first class city with over 22,000 population.

The first school district was organized while Buffalo County was still a part of Hall County in 1869. After Buffalo County reorganized, eight other districts were organized from October 1871 through March 1872. There are now twenty three school districts in the county. The county as a whole has steadily continued to grow from a population of 193 in 1870 to 34,797 by the 1980 census.

Scope and Content Note

Most of the early records of Buffalo County were destroyed by the county around 1958 before Records Management in Nebraska was established in 1969. For this reason, different types of records have been compiled to try to compensate for missing original documentation. Buffalo County Historical Society holds many of the early records.

This record group has been divided into subgroups and series based on record creator and record type:

- Subgroup One Assessor, 1875-1920
 - Series One Assessment schedules, 1875-1882
 - Unprocessed assessor records, 1870-1932
- Subgroup Two Treasurer, 1867-1911
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- Series Ten Encumbrance Record, 1892-1971
- Series Eleven Miscellaneous, 1880-1960
- Series Twelve Mental Health Board, 1950s-1960s
- Subgroup Eight Superintendent of Schools, 1902-1925
 - Series One School Census, 1902-1904
 - Series Two Correspondence, 1913-1932
- Subgroup Nine School District Records, n.d.

Related Records

Many records are housed at the Buffalo County Historical Society.

For additional material relating to settlement and organization of Buffalo County, see the manuscript collections **RG3761 Union Pacific Railroad Company** and **RG5698.AM Lincoln Land Company**.

For information relating to the early records of Buffalo county, 1858-1870, see record group **RG260 Hall County (Neb.)**.

The records of Fort Kearny can be found in record group **RG505 Fort Kearny, Nebraska**.

Description

Subgroup One Assessor, 1875-1920

Scope and content: This subgroup includes personal and real property assessments 1875-1877, 1880, and 1893. Also included are notices of Improvements to Real Estate, 1905-1920 and one box of correspondence, 1904-1908.

Related records: Additional Assessment Records are housed at the Buffalo County Historical Society. For assessment records relating to Buffalo County prior to 1871, see Hall County records.

Series One Assessment schedules, 1875-1882

Oversize Box 1, 1875-1893

1875-1876, Crowelton Precinct

1880-Personal Property, Schneider Precinct

1890-Personal Property, Shelton

1893-Personal Property, Gibbon

Bound Volumes

Vol. 1-3, Kearney, Real & Personal, 1876-1879

Unprocessed assessor records, 1870-1932

Scope and content: These records are unprocessed. Rough inventory of boxes is provided.

Assessment Records, 1913-1917

Assessments: Real Estate and Notes on Improvement, 1924-1932

Assessment, Annual Reports, 1909-1913

Assessments, Real Estate and Improvements, 1888-1919

Assessor, Misc. Records, 1870-1900

Assessor, Misc. Correspondence, 1904-1906

Subgroup Two Treasurer, 1867-1911

Related records: Highway and Road Ledgers and Tax Lists from 1915 can be found at the Buffalo County Historical Society. Taxes were registered in Hall County prior to 1871.

Series One Tax Lists, 1867-1874

Vol. 1	Tax List, 1874 - Kearney
Vol. 2	Personal Tax Lists, 1867-1869

Subgroup Three County Board of Commissioners, 1870-1989

Scope and content: Subgroup Three contains miscellaneous records of the County Commissioners in series two including county officer's reports, 1900-1917; annual statistical reports, 1909-1917.

Series One County Board Proceedings, 1870-1989

Existence and Location of Originals: History Nebraska only possesses these volumes as microfilm. Security microfilm of the county board proceedings, 1870-1989, was copied in 1995 and is available in the reference room. Security microfilm was produced for the county by Microfilm Service Bureau of Kearney in 1992. Refilmed by county in 2002 and master negatives given to Historical Society. Microfilm project number MP4167.

Roll #1	Proceedings, Vol. #1
643 frames	p.3 (Meeting to Organize), Feb. 26, 1870
1267 pp.	thru
AR#92-01	Proceedings, Vol. #2
35mm (20:1)	p.636 (December 21, 1888)

NOTE: No targets between volumes (use page numbers as guide). Also no frame counters

Roll #2	Proceedings, Vol. #3
629 frames	p.2 (January 8, 1889)
1239 pp.	thru
AR#92-02	Proceedings, Vol. #4
35mm (20:1)	p.619 (January 8, 1898)

NOTE: No targets between volumes (use page numbers as guide). Also no frame counters.

Roll #3	Proceedings, Vol. #5
512 frames	p.1 (January 11, 1898)
1003 pp.	thru
AR#92-03	Proceedings, Vol. #6
35mm (20:1)	p.368 (December 19, 1906)

NOTE: No targets between volumes (use page numbers as guide). Also no frame counters

Roll #4	Proceedings, Vol. #7
2833 frames	p.1 (January 8, 1907)
2819 pp.	thru
AR#92-04	Proceedings, Vol.#11
16mm (34:1)	p.320 (July 11, 1933)

NOTE:
Vol. #8 begins at frame #0594
Vol. #9 begins at frame #1227
Vol. #10 begins at frame #1873
Vol. #11 begins at frame #2509

NOTE: No targets identifying individual volumes.
Divider target only between volumes.

Roll #5	Proceedings, Vol. #11 cont.
2830 frames	p.321 (July 18, 1933)
2818 pp.	thru
AR#92-05	Proceedings, Vol. #15
16mm (34:1)	p.380 (August 18, 1955)

NOTE:
Vol. #12 begins at frame #0373
Vol. #13 begins at frame #1079
Vol. #14 begins at frame #1750
Vol. #15 begins at frame #2447

Roll #6	Proceedings, Vol. #15 cont.
2720 frames	p.381 (August 18, 1955)
2696 pp.	thru
AR#92-06	Proceedings, Vol.#19
16mm (34:1)	fr. #2715 (June 20, 1978)

NOTE:
Vol. #16 begins at frame #0334
Vol. #17 begins at frame #1039
Vol. #18 begins at frame #1740
Vol. #19 begins at frame #2444

Roll#7	Proceedings, Vol.#19 cont.
2484 frames	fr. #0011 (June 22, 1978)
2466 pp.	thru
AR#92-07	Proceedings, Vol. #22
16mm (34:1)	fr. #2479 (December 19, 1989)

NOTE:

Vol. #20 begins at frame #0298

Vol. #21 begins at frame #1030

Vol. #22 begins at frame #1776

Series Two Annual Reports, 1881-1917

Box 1 Annual Reports of County Officials, ca. 1881-1917

Subgroup Four County Clerk, 1872-1994

Series One Marriage Records, 1872-1994

Existence and Location of Originals: The original volumes for these marriages remain at the county clerk's office.

Custodial History: History Nebraska does not have the original records physically in our holdings; we have copies of the records on microfilm in our reference room. The microfilm was produced in 1994 by the Genealogical Society of Utah in conjunction with the Historical Society and with the permission of the county clerk. Project number MP4219.

Access restriction: Marriage Dockets after 1986 are restricted from public use due to the presence of confidential information as described in Nebraska Revised Statute 71-602.

Inventory of microfilm reels

Reel #1	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.1
1280 pp.	Index & p.1 (#1) 1872
772 Exp.	Thru
#26,297	Item #3 - Marriage Docket, v.3
GSU Roll #40	p.459 (#1279) February 20, 1888

NOTE: Item #2, target states Marriage Records, 1879-1885 and Roll #2.

Should read 1879-1885 & Roll #1

NOTE: Item #3, target states Roll #3

Should read Vol. #3, not Roll #3

Reel #2
1403 pp.
903 Exp.
#26,298
GSU Roll #41

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.3 cont.
p.458 (#1277), February 18, 1888
thru
Item #3 - Marriage Docket, v.5
p.638 (#2673), December 30, 1896

NOTE: Target board missing for Item #2

Reel #3
1251 pp.
724 shots
#26,381
GSU Roll #42

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.6
Index & p.1 (#2674), Dec. 30, 1896
thru
Item #2 - Marriage Docket, v.7
p.561 (#3869), Mar. 6, 1904

NOTE: Retakes, Vol. #7, start of reel
Vol. 7, pp. 10-21 & 492-493

Reel #4
1359 pp.
792 Exp.
#26,299
GSU Roll #43

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.7 cont.
p.560 (#3868), March 5, 1904
thru
Item #3 - Marriage Docket, v.9
p.640 (#5244), October 15, 1910

Reel #4B
1323 pp.
830 Exp.
#26,300
GSU Roll #44

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.10
Index & p.1 (#5245), October 15, 1910
thru
Item #3 - Marriage Docket, v.12
p.43 (#6565), September 23, 1916

Reel #5
1474 pp.
1027 Exp.
#26,301
GSU Roll #45

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.12 cont.
p.43 (#6565), September 23, 1916
thru
Item #3 - Marriage Docket, v.14
p.237 (#8039), June 8, 1922

Reel #6
1488 pp.
1611 Exp.
#26,302
GSU Roll #46

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.14 cont.
p.237 (#8039), June 8, 1922
thru
Item #3 - Marriage Docket, v.16
p.600 (#9526), August 10, 1930

NOTE: No Item Target for Vol. #15

Reel #7 1429 pp. 1591 Exp. #26,303 GSU Roll #47	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.16 cont. p.600 (#9526), August 9, 1930 thru Item #3 - Marriage Docket, v.18 p.630 (#10955), June 2, 1937
Reel #8 1471 pp. 1611 Exp. #26,304 GSU Roll #48	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.19 p.630 (#10955), June 2, 1937 thru Item #3 - Marriage Docket, v.20 p.700 (#12425), November 2, 1943
Reel #9 1400 pp. 1496 Exp. #26,305 GSU Roll #49	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.21 Index & p.1 (#12426), November 2, 1943 thru Item #2 - Marriage Docket, v.22 p.700 (#13825), October 26, 1949
Reel #10 1428 pp. 1543 Exp. #26,306 GSU Roll #50	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.23 Index & p.1 (#13826), Oct. 28, 1949 thru Item #2 - Marriage Docket, v.24 p.700 (#15253), June 29, 1957
Reel #11 1370 pp. 1496 Exp. #26,307 GSU Roll #51	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.25 Index & p.1 (#15254), June 28, 1957 thru Item #2 - Marriage Docket, v.26 p.670 (#16623), Nov. 22, 1964
Reel #12 1430 pp. 1567 Exp. #26,288 GSU Roll #52	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.26 cont. p.670 (#16623), Nov. 20, 1964 thru Item #3 - Marriage Docket, v.28 p.700 (#18053), June 14, 1970
Roll #13 1400 pp. 1573 Exp. #26,289 GSU Roll #53	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.29 Index & p.1 (#18054), June 4, 1970 thru Item #2 - Marriage Docket, v.30 p.700 (#19453), May 11, 1974

NOTE: Vol. #30, pp. 699-700 filmed
out of order following p.696.
Pages 697-698 follow p.700.

Roll #14
1387 pp.
1546 Exp.
#26,290
GSU Roll #54

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, v.31
Index & p.1 (#19454), May 11, 1974
thru
Item #2 - Marriage Docket, v.32
p.687 (#20840), Jan. 1, 1978

Roll #15
1300 pp.
1543 images
GSU Project
GSU Roll #55
#26,291

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #33
Index & p.1 (#20841), January 5, 1978
thru
Item #2 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #34
p.600 (#22100), June 10, 1981

Roll #16
820 pp.
989 images
GSU Project
GSU Roll #56
#26,292

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #34 cont.
p.600 (#22100), June 10, 1981
thru
Item #2 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #35
p.720 (#22920), June 12, 1983

Roll #17
1323 pp.
1570 images
GSU Project
GSU Roll #57
#26,293

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #36
Index & p.1 (#22921), June 12, 1983
thru
Item #2 - Marriage Docket, Vol.#37
p.683 (#24243), December 31, 1986

Roll #18
2851 images
GSU Project
GSU Roll #58
#26,294

Item #1 - Index to Marriages, 1987-1990
Index to Grooms "A"
thru
Item #2 - Index to Marriages, 1991-1994
Index to Grooms "T"

NOTE: "P" (1987-1990) is corrected
following "Z" (1987-1990), Item #1 on
this reel.

Roll #19
2907 images

Item #1 - Index to Marriages, 1991-1994
Index to Grooms "U"

GSU Project thru
GSU Roll #59 Item #3 - Index to Marriages, 1991-1994
#26,382 Index to Brides "Y"

Roll #20 Item #1 - Marriage Licenses & Certs. (1987)
1627 images 09-87-00001 (January 5, 1987)
GSU Project thru
GSU Roll #60 Item #4 - Marriage Licenses & Certs. (1990)
#26,383 09-90-00380 (December 31, 1990)

NOTE: Retakes, start of reel:
09-87-00221 thru 09-87-00223 (Aug. 1987)
09-88-00007 (January 14, 1988)

Roll #21 Item #1 - Marriage Licenses & Certs. (1991)
1269 pp. #09-91-00001 (January 2, 1991)
1283 images thru
GSU Project Item #3 - Marriage Licenses & Certs. (1993)
GSU Roll #61 #09-93-00426 (December 30, 1993)

Inventory of volumes on reels

Vol. 1 Marriage Docket, 1872-1879 (indexed)
p.1 (#1) 1872
thru p.183 (#183), Jan. 29, 1879

Vol. 2 Marriage Docket, 1879-1885 (indexed)
p.1 (#184) February 4, 1879
thru p.638 (#821) April 14, 1885

Vol. 3 Marriage Docket, 1885-1889 (indexed)
p.1 (#822) April 9, 1885
thru p.584 (#1402) January 13, 1889

Vol. 4 Marriage Docket, 1889-1892 (indexed)
p.1 (#1403) January 11, 1889
thru p.638 (#2040) September 15, 1892

Vol. 5 Marriage Docket, 1892-1896 (indexed)
p.1 (#2041) September 15, 1892
thru p.638 (#2673) December 30, 1896

- Vol. 6 Marriage Docket, 1896-1900 (indexed)
p.1 (#2674) December 30, 1896
thru p.638 (#3308) December 12, 1900
- Vol. 7 Marriage Docket, 1900-1904 (indexed)
p.1 (#3309) November 13, 1900
thru p.638 (#3946) July 28, 1904
- Vol. 8 Marriage Docket, 1904-1907 (indexed)
p.1 (#3947) August 10, 1904
thru
p.640 (#4604) December 24, 1907
- Vol. 9 Marriage Docket, 1907-1910 (indexed)
p.1 (#4605) December 24, 1907
thru
p.640 (#5244) October 15, 1910
- Vol. 10 Marriage Docket, 1910-1913 (indexed)
p.1 (#5245) October 15, 1910
thru
p.640 (#5883) October 13, 1913
- Vol. 11 Marriage Docket, 1913-1916 (indexed)
p.1 (#5884) October 15, 1913
thru
p.640 (#6522) January 20, 1916
- Vol. 12 Marriage Docket, 1916-1919 (indexed)
p.1 (#6523) July 19, 1916
thru
p.640 (#7162) March 12, 1919
- Vol. 13 Marriage Docket, 1919-1921 (indexed)
p.1 (#7163) March 11, 1919
thru
p.640 (#7802) June 15, 1921
- Vol. 14 Marriage Docket, 1921-1924 (indexed)
p.1 (#7803) June 14, 1921
thru
p.643 (#8445) September 10, 1924

- Vol. 15 Marriage Docket, 1924-1927 (indexed)
 p.1 (#8446) September 6, 1924
 thru
 p.482 (#8927) June 29, 1927
- Vol. 16 Marriage Docket, 1927-1931 (indexed)
 p.1 (#8928) June 20, 1927
 thru
 p.698 (#9624) January 2, 1931
- Vol. 17 Marriage Docket, 1931-1934 (indexed)
 p.1 (#9625) January 3, 1931
 thru
 p.700 (#10325) August 1, 1934
- Vol. 18 Marriage Docket, 1934-1937 (indexed)
 p.1 (#10326) August 3, 1934
 thru
 p.700 (#11025) August 29, 1937
- Vol. 19 Marriage Docket, 1937-1941 (indexed)
 p.1 (#11026) August 30, 1937
 thru
 p.700 (#11725) April 5, 1941
- Vol. 20 Marriage Docket, 1941-1943 (indexed)
 p.1 (#11726) April 9, 1941
 thru
 p.700 (#12425) November 2, 1943
- Vol. 21 Marriage Docket, 1943-1947 (indexed)
 p.1 (#12426) November 4, 1943
 thru
 p.700 (#13125) May 4, 1947
- Vol. 22 Marriage Docket, 1947-1949 (indexed)
 p.1 (#13126) April 28, 1947
 thru
 p.700 (#13825) October 26, 1949
- Vol. 23 Marriage Docket, 1949-1953 (indexed)
 p.1 (#13826) October 28, 1949
 thru

- p.728 (#14553) July 25, 1953
- Vol. 24 Marriage Docket, 1953-1957 (indexed)
 p.1 (#14554) July 28, 1953
 thru
 p.700 (#15253) June 29, 1957
- Vol. 25 Marriage Docket, 1957-1961 (indexed)
 p.1 (#15254) June 28, 1957
 thru
 p.700 (#15953) August 6, 1961
- Vol. 26 Marriage Docket, 1961-1965 (indexed)
 p.1 (#15954) July 27, 1961
 thru
 p.700 (#16653) January 9, 1965
- Vol. 27 Marriage Docket, 1965-1967 (indexed)
 p.1 (#16654) January 19, 1965
 thru
 p.700 (#17353) December 20, 1967
- Vol. 28 Marriage Docket, 1967-1970 (indexed)
 p.1 (#17354) December 21, 1967
 thru
 p.700 (#18053) June 14, 1970
- Vol. 29 Marriage Docket, 1970-1972 (indexed)
 p.1 (#18054) June 4, 1970
 thru
 p.700 (#18753) June 3, 1972
- Vol. 30 Marriage Docket, 1972-1974 (indexed)
 p.1 (#18754) May 27, 1972
 thru
 p.700 (#19453) May 11, 1974
- Vol. 31 Marriage Docket, 1974-1976 (indexed)
 p.1 (#19454) May 11, 1974
 thru
 p.700 (#20153) April 28, 1976
- Vol. 32 Marriage Docket, 1976-1978 (indexed)

- p.1 (#20154) April 28, 1976
thru
p.687 (#20840) January 1, 1978
- Vol. 33 Marriage Docket, 1978-1979 (indexed)
 p.1 (#20841), January 5, 1978
 thru
 p.700 (#21540), October 19, 1979
- Vol. 34 Marriage Docket, 1979-1981 (indexed)
 p.1 (#21541), October 20, 1979
 thru
 p.700 (#22200), August 7, 1981
- Vol. 35 Marriage Docket, 1981-1983 (indexed)
 p.1 (#22201), August 10, 1981
 thru
 p.720 (#22920), June 12, 1983
- Vol. 36 Marriage Docket, 1983-1985 (indexed)
 p.1 (#22921), June 12, 1983
 thru
 p.683 (#24243), December 31, 1986
- Vol. 37 Marriage Licenses & Certificates (Loose)
 #09-87-00001 (January 5, 1987)
 thru
 #09-87-00323 (December 31, 1987)
- Item 1 Index Cards - Index to Marriages, 1987-1990
 Index to Grooms, A-Z
- Item 2 Index Cards - Index to Marriages, 1991-1994
 Index to Grooms, A-Z
- Item 3 Index Cards - Index to Marriages, 1987-1990
 Index to Brides, A-Z
- Item 4 Index Cards - Index to Marriages, 1991-1994
 Index to Brides, A-Z

Subgroup Five Register of Deeds, 1968

Scope and content: Only one item in our holdings from this subgroup.

Oversize envelope Plat Map of Title (Property Ownership), 1968

Subgroup Six County Court, 1873-1906

Series One Justice of The Peace Dockets, 1873-1906

Scope and content note: This series consists of justice of the peace dockets and one index docket. Note that volumes 7, 8, 15, 18, 19 are not in our holdings.

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| Vol. 1 | Justice Docket, 1873-1875
J. W. Seline (Tilanele), JP
October 17, 1873 - December 7, 1875 |
| Vol. 2 | Justice Docket, 1875
J. W. Seline (Tilanele), JP
March 3, 1875 - p.19 (December 27, 1875)
pp. 20-132 are blank |
| Vol. 3 | Justice Docket, 1876-1877
Thomas S. Nightingale, JP
p.1 (Feb. 14, 1876) - p.419 (Apr. 10, 1877)
pp.420-427 continuations of previous cases
pp.445-446 (Fees collected) |
| Vol. 4 | Justice Docket, 1877
Thomas S. Nightingale, JP
April 16 - December 28, 1877 |
| Vol. 5 | Justice Docket, 1877-1879 |
| Vol. 6 | Justice Docket #6, 1878-1879
A. T. Cannon, JP
p.1 (Oct. 31, 1878) - p.95 (Dec. 16, 1879)
J. E. Gillespie, JP
p.95 (Jan. 13, 1880) - p.219 (Oct. 25, 1880) |
| Vol. 9 | 1884-1885 |
| Vol. 10 | 1885-1888 |
| Vol. 11 | 1888 |

Vol. 12	1888-1889
Vol. 13	1889-1890
Vol. 14	1890-1891
Vol. 16	Justice Docket #16, 1892-1894 Frank E. Breman, JP #115 (Aug. 30, 1892) - #470 (Aug. 30, 1894)
Vol. 17	Justice Docket #17, 1894-1898 Frank E. Breman, JP #475 (Sept 1, 1894) - p.101 (#573), 12/23/1895 John Hoge, JP p.102 (#574), 1/10/1896 thru p.275 (#837), 12/24/1897 Charles Reilly, JP p.276 (#838), 1/3/1898)
Vol. 20	Justice Docket, 1901-1906 Charles Reilly, JP p.1 (11/9/1901) - p.158 (6/6/1906)
Vol. 21	Index Docket 5, 1877?

Subgroup Seven District Court, 1871-1965

Scope and content: This subgroup has been divided into 12 series based on type of record.

Series One Naturalization Records, 1871-1965

Scope and content note: The Naturalization Records for Buffalo County are on microfilm and filed in the East Reference Room with other county naturalizations. There is also a card index to these naturalizations, 1871-1929, on microfilm and filed with the other records. Included in these records are Declarations of Intention, 1871-1964; Final Papers and Affidavits, 1873-1961; Petition and Record volumes, 1907-1961; and miscellaneous correspondence and reports, 1910-1977.

Custodial history: The Historical Society does not have the original records physically in our holdings; we have copies of the records on microfilm in our reference room. The naturalization records, transferred in June of 1990, were microfilmed by the Nebraska State Historical Society in July of that year.

Access note: A card index for naturalizations in Buffalo County, 1871-1961 is contained on roll "A". However, information for naturalizations 1930-1962 may not be complete on the index cards (ie, dates, information on final papers, etc). Patrons should use the indices at the beginning of volumes 14 through 17 for naturalizations, 1930-1964. After 1964, naturalizations for the county were handled by the Lincoln office.

Access note: Volumes six and seven are microfilmed in the following order: Petition, Certificate of Arrival, Declaration of Intention, supplemental documents, and certificates of Naturalization. Not every naturalization includes the above documents. See Declarations of Intention volume #3 microfilmed as volume #5 for additional information. The index to volume six is microfilmed as volume #13. Microfilm project number MP4077.

Inventory of microfilm reels

Reel "A" 2529 images 16mm Diazo RM91-5-41 #24,417	Card Index - Buffalo County Naturalizations "A", Abbis, Christoph Heinrich thru Card Index - Buffalo County Naturalizations "Z", Zwirver, David
Reel #2 718 shots 1436 pgs #24,216	Volume 9, Petitions & Record (v.1) January 31, 1907 thru Volume 11, p.100, Petitions & Record (v.3) April 27, 1921 - #242 NOTE: Volume 10 begins fr. #149 Volume 11 begins fr. #448
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- Vol. 12 Petition and Record, vol. 4
 #243 (6/9/1921) thru #347 (2/27/1929)
 (6) pages of vol. 5 original added to
 end of this volume are
 #342 (11/16/1928) thru #347 (2/27/1929)
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 include final pages.
- Vol. 13 Index, 1930 thru #450 (5/1/1954)
- Vol. 14 Petition and Record, vol. 6
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- Vol. 16 Petition and Record, vol. 6
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 Alben, John (1911)
 Danielsen, Viola Valaria - Repatriation, 1944
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 Fink, Edward - query re 1955
 Hahn, John (1941-1942)
 Kappareliotes, Constantine P. (Gust Kappas)
 Certificate of Marriage, 11/13/1920
 Medina, Tony (1960)
 Paulson, John William (1957)
 Samway, Norman Arthur (1918)
 Schwarck, Mary Nelsen - Repatriation, 1955
 Sundet, Bjorn (1961-1962)
 Tiede, William August
 duplicate Dec. of Intention, 1910
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- Vol. 19 Citizenship Petitions Granted
 List #1 (9/11/1930) thru List #59 (9/4/1962)
- Vol. 20 Monthly Reports, Apr. 16, 1956 - Jan. 13, 1965
- Vol. 21 Administrative Correspondence
 Nov. 19, 1914 and 1943-1977

Series Two General Index to District Court

Currently no holdings from this series. Series being held open for future transfers.

Series Three Appearance Dockets

Currently no holdings from this series. Series being held open for future transfers.

Series Four Daily Journals, 1873-1909

Scope and content: This series consists of daily journals of the district court, volumes A-Z, 1873-1909.

Volumes A-Z, 1873-1909 (26 volumes)

Series Five Complete Record

Currently no holdings from this series. Series being held open for future transfers.

Series Six Judgment and Execution Dockets, 1873-1960

Scope and content: This series consists of Judgment Records, Nos. 1-5, 1873-1960 and Execution Dockets, Nos. 1-4, 1888-1957. Also included is one Execution Index, No. 2, ca. 1880s.

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| Vol. 1 | Judgment Record, No. 1 |
| Vol. 2 | Judgment Record, No. 2 |
| Vol. 3 | Judgment Record, No. 3 |
| Vol. 4 | Judgment Record, No. 4 |
| Vol. 5 | Judgment & Execution Docket, No. 5 |
| Vol. 6 | Execution Docket, No. 1 |
| Vol. 7 | Execution Docket, No. 2 |
| Vol. 8 | Execution Docket, No. 3 |
| Vol. 9 | Execution Docket, No. 4 |
| Vol. 10 | Execution Index, No. 2, ca. 1880s |

Series Seven Civil and Criminal Case Files, 1872-1940

Scope and content note: This series contains case files for civil and criminal district court cases.

Cases are arranged by case number. For cases missing from boxes 1-27, see boxes #28 and #29.

Custodial History: The case files of the District Court were transferred to the Archives in September of 1969 after they were microfilmed by the county.

Box 1	#0001 - #0100
Box 2	#0101 - #0200
Box 3	#0201 - #0350
Box 4	#0351 - #0475
Box 5	#0476 - #0575
Box 6	#0577 - #0674 No. 576 missing
Box 7	#0676 - #0800 No. 675 missing
Box 8	#0801 - #0950
Box 9	#0951 - #1025
Box 10	#1026 - #1150 #1051 - #1175 are missing
Box 11	#1176 - #1274
Box 12	#1275 - #1350
Box 13	#1351 - #1425
Box 14	#1426 - #1525
Box 15	#1526 - #1625
Box 16	#1626 - #1725
Box 17	#1726 - #1825
Box 18	#1826 - #1900
Box 19	#1901 - #2000
Box 20	#2001 - #2124
Box 21	#2125 - #2199
Box 22	#2200 - #2300
Box 23	#2301 - #2351 #2352 - #2376 are missing
Box 24	#2377 - #2475
Box 25	#2476 - #2562 #2563 - #2603 not in storage
Box 26	#2604 - #2675
Box 27	#2676 - #2725
Box 28	Misfiled cases, range of #177-#997: #177 (Civil), 1/9/1877 #185 (Civil - xerox), 1877 #226 - #250 (Civil & Cr), Nov. 1877 - Apr. 1878 Missing: 231 & 233 (includes #235 1/2) #401 - #424 (Civil & Cr), 1880

Missing: #410
#592 (Estate of Vance), 1882
#593 (Hawk v. Hawk), 1882
#700 (Estate of Samuel Savidge), 1-217 (1884)
#851 - #875 (1884-1885)
Missing: #855, #860, #863
#990 (Carson v. Seaman), 1885
#997 (Downing v. Dunham et al), 1885

Box 29

Misfiled cases, range of #1180-#2700:

#1180 (1886); 1262; 1414; 1515; 1629
#1752; #1841; 1855; 1879; 1913; 1915;
#2052; 2059; 2130; 2215; 2248;
#2263; 2307; 2333; 2455; 2483; 2499;
#2516; 2594; 2599; 2602; 2621;
#2671; #2674; #2700

New accessions:

#2727 (1891) - #2772
MISSING CASES: 2730, 2731, 2733-2736;
2739-2741; 2743-2752; 2755-2760; 2762;
2766-2771

Box 30	#2777 - #2979
Box 31	#2982 - #3130
Box 32	#3131 - #3250
Box 33	#3253 - #3374
Box 34	#3378 - #3552
Box 35	#3553 - #3718
Box 36	#3720 - #3935
Box 37	#3937 - #4084
Box 38	#4088 - #4222
Box 39	#4226 - #4400
Box 40	#4401 - #4491
Box 41	#4494 - #4657
Box 42	#4668 - #4813
Box 43	#4816 - #4954
Box 44	#4957 - #5139
Box 45	#5140 - #5289
Box 46	#5292 - #5416
Box 47	#5417 - #5519
Box 48	#5523 - #5713
Box 49	#5719 - #6046

Box 50	#6050 - #6494
Box 51	#6501 - #6975
Box 52	#6983 - #7489
Box 53	#7502 - #8048
Box 54	#8051 - #8522
Box 55	#8527 - #8778
Box 56	#8783 - #9190
Box 57	#9093 - #9646
Box 58	#9644 - #9904
Box 59	#9907 - #10283
Box 60	#10305 - #10767
Box 61	#10770 - #10998
Box 62	#11001 - #11307
Box 63	#11313 - #11599
Box 64	#11616 - #12655
Box 65	#12874 - #13967

Series Eight Bills of Exception, 1895-1968

Scope and content note: The Bills of Exception are for selected cases only and are not complete for each case.

Boxes 1-5 Selected Bills of Exception, Civil & Criminal, 1895-1968

Series Nine State Tax Suit, 1904-1906

Vol. 1	Confirmation Record
Vol. 2	Confirmation Record
Vol. 3	Confirmation Record
Vol. 4	Final Notice Record
Vol. 5	Final Notice Record
Vol. 6	Final Notice Record

Series Ten Encumbrance Record, 1892-1971

Vol. 1	Encumbrance Record (Sale Dockets-Taxes) 1895-1917
Vol. 2	Sale Docket, No. 2
Vol. 3	Sale Docket, No. 3
Vol. 4	Sale Docket, No. 4
Vol. 5	Sale Docket, No. 5

Series Eleven Miscellaneous, 1880-1960

Box 1	Jury Instructions, 1880-1960
Vol. 1	Juror and Talesman List, No. 1, 1889-1896
Vol. 2	Jury Book, No. 2, 1897-1922
Vol. 3	Jury Book, No. 3, 1922-1959
Vol. 4	Decree of Foreclosure, No. 1, 1890-1891

Series Twelve Mental Health Board, 1950s-1960s

Scope and content: These records are unprocessed. Rough inventory is provided.

Access restriction: These records are confidential per Nebraska Revised Statute 71-961 and access is restricted. Please contact our reference department for more information.

1 box of unprocessed mental health board records, including correspondence from state hospitals to the district court, a card catalog of state hospital patients which contains info about patients, their family relationships, and their dates of admittance and discharge, ca. 1950s and 1960s

Subgroup Eight Superintendent of Schools, 1902-1925

Scope and content: This subgroup contains records from the office of the superintendent of schools. It is arranged into two series based on record type.

Series One School Census, 1902-1904

Custodial History: These school census records were loaned to the Historical Society for microfilming by the County Supt. of Schools April 24, 1978. We do not retain the original records – only the microfilm.

Roll #1	School Census, 1902, Dist. #1
494 shots	
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#17,485	
	School Census, 1904, Dist. #120

Series Two Correspondence, 1913-1932

Vol. 1	State Superintendent Letters, 1913-1915
Vol. 2	State Superintendent Letters, 1918-1920
Vol. 3	State Superintendent Letters, 1920-1922
Vol. 4	State Superintendent Letters, 1924-1925
Vol. 5	Transfers of School Taxes and Transfer of School Privileges forms, 1931-1932

Subgroup Nine School District Records, n.d.

Box 1	Director's Records District 34, 1876-1917
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Box 2	Director's Records District 34, 1922-1949
Box 3	Director's Reports District 34 (Secretary's Records), 1950-1977
Box 4	Annual Reports & Census District 34, 1888-1935
Box 5	Annual Reports & Census District 34, 1936-1977
Box 6	Teacher's Records, Attendance/Grades, 1960-1978
Box 7	Teacher's Records, Attendance/Grades, 1879-1929
Box 8	Teacher Records, 1930-1959
Box 9	Contracts, Curriculum, Correspondence, Teacher's Records n.d.
Box 10	Annual Director's Report, School Census, 1937-1952
Box 11	Monetary Reports, Insurance Contracts, n.d.

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