

## Alliance, Box Butte, Nebraska

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Records: 1888-1971

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and 5 reels of 16mm microfilm

### HISTORICAL NOTE

Box Butte County was organized in March of 1887. The village of Nonpareil was chosen as the first county seat and a new court house erected there in that same year. After several movements and a heated county seat battle, the courthouse and title settled at Alliance, Nebraska, in June of 1899. A new courthouse was erected there in 1914.

With the building of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad through Box Butte County, a makeshift town by the name of Grand Lake appeared along the route of this road in 1887 near property belonging to the Lincoln Land Company which was owned by officials of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co. A year later, a post office was established at Alliance, just opposite Grand Lake, on February 23, 1888. Lots for this new town were sold by the Lincoln Land Co. at Grand Lake on February 25, 1888. Many buildings erected at Grand Lake were moved across the way to the new town Alliance and the former ceased to exist.

Alliance was incorporated March 28, 1888. Due to its rapid growth in area and population, it was incorporated as a second class city on April 8, 1893. The population in 1980 was 9,920 persons, about the same as near the time of Alliance's second incorporation. During the period 1950-1970, the population of Alliance and Box Butte County declined. Alliance became the center for supplies to the settlers in this area of the county. It also became a cattle center with large stockyards. The town was once the headquarters of the Nebraska Stockgrowers Association.

The Burlington Railroad reached Alliance in 1888. Since that time Alliance has become an important town along the route of this road through Box Butte County. It is the main line for the coal business from Wyoming, and an important cattle shipping center. Alliance became the headquarters for the Wyoming Division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR Co.

One source states that the town of Alliance was named by an Engineer of the Burlington road, J. N. Paul, after his home town of Alliance, Ohio. Perkey's Nebraska Place Names says that the road was named by the superintendent of this road, George W. Holdrege.



ADDED ENTRIES:

POLICE MAGISTRATES (ALLIANCE, NEB.)  
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT--RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT--NEBRASKA--BOX BUTTE COUNTY  
MUNICIPAL COURTS (ALLIANCE, NEB.)  
City Council (Alliance, Neb.)  
ALLIANCE (NEB.)--MAPS  
CHICAGO, BURLINGTON & QUINCY RAILROAD COMPANY  
BURLINGTON & MISSOURI RIVER RAILROAD IN NEBRASKA  
BOX BUTTE COUNTY (NEB.)--HISTORY  
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE--NEBRASKA--BOX BUTTE COUNTY  
CRIMINALS--IDENTIFICATION--NEBRASKA--BOX BUTTE COUNTY  
JAILS (ALLIANCE, NEB.)  
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### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of records of the city of Alliance, Nebraska, arranged in the following subgroups: 1) City Council Proceedings, 1888-1971; 2) Police Judges' Dockets, 1893-1933; and 3) Alliance Police Department, 1923-1950.

Subgroup One is recorded on five reels of 16mm microfilm, copied from security microfilm held by the State Archives, with permission of the Alliance City Council. By oversight, volume three does not appear on the microfilm copied for reference. Volume three, missed in original filming, was microfilmed on a later reel. Volume three registers minutes of the city council for April 1919 thru December 1921. This volume will be added to the reference copies at a later date. Included in Subgroup One is a layout map of Alliance, n.d., shelved with oversize documents.

Subgroups Two and Three include dockets and registers of the Alliance Police Department. Subgroup Two contains dockets from the Alliance Police or Municipal Court, 1893-1933. Subgroup Three includes two day books or "Blotters" kept by the Police Chief. One Police Register, 1934-1947, lists names of prisoners, offense, and description. These dockets and registers were transferred to the State Archives April 3, 1985.

### DESCRIPTION

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SUBGROUP ONE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS, 1888-1971

NOTE: Microfilmed by SandHills Industries of North Platte, Nebraska, for the city of Alliance, under MP3822, March 18, 1985. Copied for the reference room by the State Archives in 1986.

Reel #1 (37314) #22,604sf	City Council Proceedings Book #1, pp. 1-630 March 28, 1888 thru December 4, 1906 Ordinances #1 (July 1888) - #114 (Oct. 1906)  pp.631-634, blank (not filmed) p.635 Memoranda re City Hall, 1904 pp.636-638 Ordinances #24 (1893) - #34 (1894)
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Book #2, pp. 1-468

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January 2, 1907 - March 14, 1916  
Ordinances #115 (May 1907) - #216 (Mar. 1916)

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Reel #2  
(37315)  
#22,605sf

City Council Proceedings  
Book #2, pp. 460-535  
March 14, 1916 - April 8, 1919

pp. 536-595, Blank (not filmed)  
pp. 596-597, Officials Bonds, 1913  
pp.598-599, Blank  
p.600 - List of Members of Library Board, 1912  
Report of Police Magistrate, 1919

Retakes spliced after end of reel target:  
Book 2, pp. 480-484, 487, 490-492, 513-514,  
pp.521, 527, 528, and 531

NOTE: Book #3 will be copied at a later date and will appear as  
reel #6 of this subgroup.

Reel #3  
(37316)  
#22,606sf

City Council Proceedings  
Book #4, pp.1-286  
January 5, 1922 - April 12, 1926  
Ordinances #324 (Jan. 1922) - #376 (Apr 1926)

Book #5, pp. 1-496  
May 6, 1926 - December 28, 1931  
Ordinances #377 (May 1926) - #498 (Dec. 1931)

Book #6, pp. 497-958  
December 28, 1931 cont. - April 12, 1937  
Ordinances #498 cont thru #560 (Apr 1937)

Book #7, pp. 959-1394  
April 12, 1937 - January 23, 1941  
Ordinances #560 cont thru #626 (Jan. 1941)

Book #8, pp. 1395-1569  
February 6, 1941 - May 29, 1942  
Ordinances #627 (Feb. 1941) - #651 (May 1942)

Reel #4  
(37317)

City Council Proceedings  
Book #8 cont., pp. 1570-1906

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May 29, 1942 cont. - May 24, 1945  
Ordinances #652 (May 1945) - #690 (May 1945)

Book #9, pp. 1907-2401  
June 21, 1945 - December 30, 1948  
Ordinances #691 (July 1945) - #773 (Dec. 1948)

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SUBGROUP ONE ALLIANCE CITY COUNCIL (cont)

Reel #4 (cont) City Council Proceedings  
Book #10, pp. 2403-2916  
January 13, 1949 - June 12, 1952  
Ordinances #774 (Jan 1949) - #865 (May 1952)

Book #11, pp. 2911-3354  
June 26, 1952 - November 30, 1955  
Ordinances #866 (July 1952) - #952 (Nov. 1955)

Reel #5 City Council Proceedings  
(37318) Book #11 cont., pp. 3355-3410  
#22,608sf November 30, 1955 cont. - April 26, 1956  
Ordinances, #952 cont. thru #961 (Apr. 1956)

Book #12, pp. 3411-3878  
April 26, 1956 cont. - June 30, 1960  
Ordinances #962 (Apr 1956) - #1020 (June 1960)

Book #13, pp. 3879-4409  
June 30, 1960 cont. - October 29, 1964  
Ord. #1021 (6/30/1960) - #1099 (10/29/1964)

Book #14, pp. 4411-4926  
November 12, 1964 - March 27, 1969  
Ord. #1100 (12/22/1964) - #1160 (3/27/1969)  
pp. 4924-4926 (void)

Book #15, pp. 4927-5491  
April 7, 1969 - July 1, 1971  
Ord. #1158 (Apr 1969) - 1190 (4/22/1971)

Item #1 City Plat - Blank Layout Map, by N. L. Saxton,  
OD 017 n.d., revised February 8, 1954

SUBGROUP TWO ALLIANCE POLICE JUDGES' DOCKETS, 1893-1933

Vol. 1 #1 (May 9, 1893) thru #305 (Nov. 21, 1895)  
Vol. 2 #306 (Nov. 25, 1895) thru #603 (Feb. 14, 1898)  
Vol. 3 #604 (Feb. 18, 1898) thru #910 (Aug. 30, 1899)



- Vol. 4 #911 (Aug. 31, 1899) thru #1198 (Aug. 6, 1900)
- Vol. 5 #1199 (Aug. 11, 1900) thru #1303 (Aug. 6, 1901)
- Vol. 6 August 6, 1901 - October 1902 MISSING
- Vol. 7 #1593 (Oct. 13, 1902) thru #1795 (June 5, 1903)
- Vol. 8 #1796 (June 5, 1903) thru #2104 (Dec. 20, 1903)
- Vol. 9 #2105 (Dec. 20, 1903) thru #2317 (Sept 20, 1904)
- Vol. 10 #2318 (Sept 20, 1904) thru #2412 (May 18, 1905)

SUBGROUP TWO POLICE JUDGES' DOCKETS (cont)

- Vol. 11 #2413 (May 20, 1905) thru #2601 (Feb. 20, 1906)  
Vol. 12 #2602 (Feb. 20, 1906) thru #2883 (Nov. 11, 1906)  
ends, criminal unnumbered, Nov. 1906  
Vol. 13 #2887 (Nov. 4, 1906) thru #3118 (p.232), May 4, 1907  
ends, criminal (pp.233-290) unnumbered,  
May 9 thru July 20, 1907  
Vol. 14 No #s, May 20, 1907 thru December 12, 1907  
Vol. 15 No #s, Dec. 12, 1907 thru November 30, 1908  
Vol. 16 No #s, Dec. 1, 1908 thru October 9, 1909  
Vol. 17 No #s, Oct. 9, 1909 thru March 31, 1910  
Vol. 18 No #s, Apr. 2, 1910 thru September 24, 1910  
Vol. 19 No #s, Sept 26, 1910 thru April 21, 1911  
Vol. 20 No #s, Apr. 22, 1911 thru November 27, 1912  
Vol. 21 No #s, Nov. 27, 1912 thru August 28, 1914  
Vol. 22 No #s, pp. 1-25, Aug. 31, 1914 - Dec. 1914  
T. D. Roberts, pm - p.26 (#1), January 8, 1915  
thru  
p.264 (#240), November 20, 1916  
Vol. 23 #241 (Nov. 22, 1916) thru #399 (Dec. 30, 1918)  
Vol. 24 #400 (Jan. 7, 1919) - #520, p.132 (Apr. 27, 1920)  
#251, p.133 (5/8/1920) - #261, p.143 (5/24/1920)  
#162, p.144 (6/7/1920) - #244, p.244 (7/28/1921)  
Vol. 25 #245, p.1 (August 8, 1921)  
#1, p.2 (Sgt. Berg), August 11, 1921 thru  
#227, p.244 (September 4, 1923)  
Vol. 26 T. D. Roberts, pm  
#228, p.1 (9/4/1923) - #283, p.63 (2/18/1924)  
#64, p.64 (2/18/1924) - #264, p.264 (2/19/1926)  
Vol. 27 #1 (Feb. 28, 1926) thru #238 (June 21, 1927)  
Vol. 28 #239 (June 20, 1927) - #245, p.7 (July 23, 1927)  
pp. 8-9 blank  
p.10 (#10), October 17, 1927 thru  
p.160 (#160), July 28, 1928  
NOTE: Cases 7/23/1927-10/16/1927, not registered  
Vol. 29 L. M. Highland, police magistrate  
#161 (Aug. 1, 1928) thru #316 (June 17, 1929)  
Vol. 30 #317 (June 17, 1929) thru #473 (Feb. 17, 1930)  
Vol. 31 #474 (Feb. 24, 1930) thru #789 (May 15, 1931)  
Vol. 32 C. W. Jeffers, police magistrate  
#1 (July 10, 1931) thru #160 (Mar. 22, 1932)  
Vol. 33 #1 (March 21, 1932) thru #242 (December 18, 1933)

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SUBGROUP THREE ALLIANCE POLICE DEPARTMENT, 1923-1950

Vol. 1 Day Book, July 1, 1923 - November 30, 1923

Vol. 2 Day Book, March 15, 1935 - April 5, 1937

Vol. 3 Prisoner Register, January 1934 - April 1947

(includes index) and loose documents:

Record of fines, 1934-1935

Justice transcripts, Docket 1, pp. 395-423

November 1, 1950 - December 23, 1950

END OF INVENTORY  
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