

## **Box Butte County, Nebraska**

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Records: 1887-1983

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32 vols. on 13 reels of microfilm

### **HISTORICAL NOTE**

In July 1885 the north half of the Nebraska Panhandle was divided into three counties; Sioux, Dawes, and Sheridan. The next year petitioners were successful in forming a new county, Box Butte, out of the lower portion of Dawes County in November 1886. The county contains 1,080 square miles and is located in the north-west portion of the state.

The county was officially organized on March 7, 1887, and the village of Nonpareil was fixed as the seat of government. The first county courthouse was completed in June of 1887. At the same time, the Burlington Railroad's townsite company, the Lincoln Land Company, had established itself in the town and made plans for railroad shops and tracks. By 1888 the railroad had reached Alliance and bypassed Nonpareil and the county seat issue was raised in 1890. The contest was between Nonpareil, Hemingford, and Alliance. Hemingford received the deciding votes. There were suspicions concerning that election but the matter stood for two years until it was reopened in 1898. After several lawsuits, disagreements, and delays, the matter came before the State Supreme Court on January 4, 1899. As a result, Alliance was designated as the county seat and the records were ordered moved. Even the courthouse was moved to Alliance by train. In 1913 the old courthouse was replaced and a new one dedicated in December of 1914. This building is still in use today.

The county was first settled through the efforts of the railroads to populate this portion of Nebraska. The homestead laws were also instrumental in developing the area. In 1890 the population of Box Butte County was 5,494. In 1980 it was 13,696. Today Alliance remains the heart of the main coal train route from Wyoming on the Burlington Route and the railroad remains as one of the major employers in the county.

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ADDED ENTRIES:

COUNTY GOVERNMENT--RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE  
MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--BOX BUTTE COUNTY  
ELECTIONS--NEBRASKA--BOX BUTTE COUNTY  
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE--NEBRASKA--BOX BUTTE COUNTY  
PERSONAL PROPERTY--NEBRASKA--BOX BUTTE COUNTY  
TAXATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY--NEBRASKA--BOX BUTTE COUNTY

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This record group consists of the records of Box Butte County, Nebraska arranged into nine subgroups: 1) Assessor's Records, 1896-1983; (2) County Treasurer (no records); 3) County Board of Commissioners, 1887-1966; and 4) County Clerk, 1887-1976; 5) Register of Deeds; 6) County Court, 1887-1940; 7) District Court; 8) Superintendent of Schools (no records); & 9) School District Records (no records).

The bulk of the collection consists of Personal Assessment Schedules for Box Butte County, 1896, and 1953-1983, described in Subgroup One. The majority of the rest of this collection can be found in microfilm format shelved in the East Reference Room. Subgroup Three, County Board proceedings, 1887-1966; Subgroup Four, County Clerk, elections and marriage records, 1887-1976; Subgroup Six, County Court, 1887-1940 contains Justice Dockets, 1887-1920, 1939-1940. We do not have probate records for Box Butte County. The five justice dockets are shelved in their original format. They cover the years 1887-1920 and there are miscellaneous case files for the year 1940. The microfilm for the marriage records is filed with other marriage record microfilm in the East Reference Room.

Subgroup One, Assessor, includes personal assessment schedules for the year 1896 and the years 1953-1983 inclusive. No records can be found as to what happened to early Box Butte County Assessment Records. These are the only volumes the Archives found on their accession trip in May of 1990.

Subgroup Three consists of the proceedings of the county Board of Commissioners, March 23, 1887 thru April 25, 1966. This subgroup is on microfilm and shelved in the West Room under RG252.

Marriage Records of the county exist on microfilm in Subgroup Four, County Clerk, 1887-1976. These records were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1996. The Election Records, 1887-1972, also on microfilm, consist of Abstracts of Votes Cast at general elections, November 1887 - November 1970 and at primary elections, September 1907 - May 1972.

The Election and County Board records were microfilmed by the Historical Society in 1973 and returned to the county clerk. The justice dockets were transferred to the Archives with Alliance Police Court Dockets, April 3, 1985 and transferred to this record group.

### DESCRIPTION

**SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR'S RECORDS, 1896, 1953-1983****SERIES ONE PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS**

Vol. 1 1896 Personal  
Vols. 2-72 1953-1983 Personal

**SERIES TWO PERSONAL & REAL ESTATE TAX ROLLS**

Tax Rolls, 1990-2000 are available on microfiche  
contact Archives office for access.

**SUBGROUP TWO COUNTY TREASURER (no records)**

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**SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS, 1887-1966**

Roll #1 Proceedings, Vols. A-C  
#14,051 Mar 23, 1887-July 18, 1925

Roll #2 Proceedings, Vols. C-F  
#14,052 July 18, 1925-Jan 27, 1947

Roll #3 Proceedings, Vols. F-H  
#14,053 Feb 4, 1947-Jan 2, 1962

Roll #4 Proceedings, Vol. H cont.  
#14,054 January 9, 1962 thru April 25, 1966

positives rec. Jan. 23, 1974

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**SUBGROUP FOUR**

**COUNTY CLERK, 1887-1976**

**SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1887-1914**

- V.01 General Index to Marriages, 1887-1914
- V.02 General Index to Marriages, 1914-1934
- V.03 Marriage Docket, Vol. A (indexed)  
p.1 - (#1) Cherry-Sturm, Mar. 24, 1887  
thru  
p.461 - (#461) Bartlett-Roberts, Mar. 9, 1896
- V.04 Marriage Docket, Vol. B (indexed)  
p.1 - (#462) Brady-Whitton, Apr. 13, 1896  
thru  
p.422 - (#881) Barker-Phelan, Apr. 12, 1904
- V.05 Marriage Docket, Vol. C (indexed)  
p.1 - (#882) Marks-Phelan, Apr. 11, 1904  
thru  
p.480 - (#1361) Sperry-Monroe, Feb. 4, 1910
- V.06 Marriage Docket, Vol. D (indexed)  
p.1 - (#1362) King-Thomas, Feb. 5, 1910  
thru  
p.588 - (#1945) Meyer-Spacht, Aug. 12, 1914
- V.07 Marriage Docket, Vol. E (indexed)  
p.1 - (#1946) Sitzman-Priess, Aug. 14, 1914  
thru  
p.585 - (#2527) Spence-Test, Aug. 5, 1918
- V.08 Marriage Docket, Vol. F (indexed)  
p.1 - (#2528) Minge-Marble, Aug. 3, 1918  
thru  
p.644 - (#3170) Case-Bowers, Aug. 7, 1922
- V.09 Marriage Docket, Vol. G (indexed)  
p.1 - (3171) Harrington-Moon, Aug. 8, 1922  
thru  
p.144 (#3314) Brown-Walker, July 31, 1923  
and p.145 (#3957) Spurlock-Gregory, 8/12/1929  
thru  
p.638 (#4451) Rockey-Plancnsky, 12/29/1933

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**SUBGROUP FOUR**

**COUNTY CLERK, 1887-1976**

**SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1887-1976**

- V.10 Marriage Docket, Vol. H (indexed)  
p.1 (#3315) Adamson-Keane, Aug. 18, 1923  
thru  
p.644 (#3956) Owens-Hays, Aug. 12, 1929
- V.11 Marriage Docket, Vol. I (indexed)  
p.1 (#4452) Anderson-Miller, Jan. 6, 1934  
thru  
p.636 (#5084), Brock-Bunce, Feb. 26, 1939
- V.12 Marriage Docket, Vol. J (indexed)  
p.1 (#5085) Ritterbush-Raymer, Mar 4, 1939  
thru  
p.704 (#5780) Cleary-Naab, May 25, 1943
- V.13 Marriage Docket, Vol. K (indexed)  
p.1 (#5781) Marking-Schmitt, May 26, 1943  
thru  
p.660 (#6434) Boggs-Stewart, Sept 18, 1946
- V.14 Marriage Docket, Vol. L (indexed)  
p.1 (#6435) Rusk-Taggart, Sept 20, 1946  
thru  
p.658 (#7087) Warthen-Peck, Sept 2, 1951
- V.15 Marriage Docket, Vol. M (indexed)  
p.1 (#7088) Johnson-Brooks, Sept 10, 1951  
thru  
p.648 (#7831) Hart-Piihl, June 15, 1958
- V.16 Marriage Docket, Vol. N (indexed)  
p.1 (#7832) Sherlock-Templeton, 6/13/1958  
thru  
p.644 (#8475) Loomis-Mundt, June 10, 1966
- V.17 Marriage Docket, Vol. O (indexed)  
p.1 (#8476) Flood-Red Shirt, June 9, 1966  
thru  
p.564 (#9106) Preble-Hashman, Feb. 2, 1973

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**SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1887-1976**

**SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1887-1976**

V.18 Marriage Docket, Vol. P (indexed)  
#9105, Girard-Bolek, Feb. 5, 1973  
thru  
#9412, Fitzgerald-Bowen, July 24, 1976

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**SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD**

Roll #1 Item #1 - General Index to Marriages V.1  
837 pages A-Z (1887-1914)  
822 frames thru  
GSU Project Item #4 - Marriage Docket, Vol. C  
#27,102 p.305 (#1186) Winten-Annen, 6/23/1908

Roll #2 Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. C (cont)  
1462 pages p.304 (#1185) Tuttle-Austin, 6/18/1908  
773 frames thru  
GSU Project Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. E  
#27,103 p.585 (#2527) Spence-Test, Aug. 5, 1918

Roll #3 Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. F  
1629 pages Index & p.1 (#2528), Minge-Marble  
965 frames August 3, 1918  
GSU Project thru  
#27,104 Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. H  
p.180 (#3492), Guffey-Guffey, 8/3/1925

NOTE: Docket G, pp. 145-638 follow in order  
after Docket H, p.464 (#3957-#4451)

Roll #4 Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. H cont.  
1720 pages p.180 (#3492), Guffey-Guffey, 8/3/1925  
1574 frames thru  
GSU Project Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. J  
#27,105 p.320 (#5399) Stone-Farmer, Mar 9, 1941

NOTE: Vol. H, #3957-#4451 documented in  
Vol. G, pp. 145-638

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**SUBGROUP FOUR**

**COUNTY CLERK, 1887-1976**

**SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD**

Roll #5                   Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. J cont.  
1536 pages               p.320 (#5399) Stone-Farmer, Mar 9, 1941  
1576 frames thru  
GSU Project Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. L  
#27,106                   p.380 (#6810) Moeller-Miller, 6/2/1949

Roll #6                   Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. L cont  
1540 pages               p.380 (#6810) Moeller-Miller, 6/2/1949  
1574 frames thru  
GSU Project Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. N  
#27,107                   p.505 (#8336) Metz-Bright, June 21, 1964

Roll #7                   Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. N cont.  
1125 pages               p.505 (#8336) Metz-Bright, June 21, 1964  
1235 frames thru  
GSU Project Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. P  
#27,108                   #9412 (Fitzgerald-Bowen), July 24, 1976

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**SERIES TWO ELECTION RECORDS, 1887-1972**

Roll #1                   Abstract of Votes Cast at General Elections  
#14,055                   Vols. 1-3, Nov. 10, 1887 - Nov. 5, 1970  
                              Abstract of Votes Cast at Primary Elections  
                              Vol. 1, Sept. 3, 1907 - Apr. 8, 1924

Roll #2                   Abstract of Votes Cast at Primary Elections  
#14,056                   Vols. 1-2, Apr. 8, 1924 - May 9, 1972

positives received January 23, 1974

NOTE: Other records of the County Clerk exist on security  
microfilm including officials bonds and incorporations, 1896-current.



## **SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS (no records)**

Records of the Register of Deeds have been microfilmed by the county and exist on security microfilm including

Deed Records, 1887-current; Mtgs, 1887-current;  
Misc. Record, 1887-current; Patent Books, 1887-current

## **SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT, 1887-1940**

### **SERIES ONE PROBATE RECORDS (no records)**

Probate Dockets of the county court exist on security microfilm only and include

General Indexes to Probate, 1894-1974  
Probate Dockets A-Z (1888-1952)  
Probate Dockets #1 - #20 (1951-1971)

### **SERIES TWO JUSTICE DOCKETS, 1887-1920, 1939-1940**

Vol. 1 Dawes/Box Butte Co., 1887-1909  
pp.1-2, L. C. Thompson, Justice  
Box Butte Precinct  
State vs. Jay et al, 3/2-5/1887  
pp.3-4, B. E. Crandall, Justice Box Butte Pct  
Rogers vs. Johnson & Johnson  
February 13 thru March 24, 1888  
pp.5-16, Clark Olds, Justice Dorsey Precinct  
Davik vs. Lally, 2/12-3/3/1896 thru  
Alex vs. Sparks, 7/19-23/1897  
p.17, Frank Rook, Justice, Dorsey Pct.  
Hollinrake Estray Notice  
July 6 thru September 16, 1898  
pp.18-46, D. W. Butler, Justice  
Alliance Pct, 1st Ward  
Koons vs. Reynolds, 2/12-3/13/1902  
thru Becker vs. Witmer  
June 20 thru July 8, 1906  
pp.48-121, H. M. Bullock, Justice  
Alliance Pct, 2d Ward  
State vs. Green, Mar 3, 1907 thru  
Watkins vs. Grinstead, Mar 8, 1909

**SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT, 1887-1940**

**SERIES TWO JUSTICE DOCKETS, 1887-1920, 1939-1940**

- Vol. 2 May 31, 1890 thru December 18, 1905  
pp.1-6, Peter H. Renswold, Justice  
Liberty Precinct  
Brandel vs. Bundy & Tynan  
May 31 thru June 5, 1890  
p.8, Edgar Swezey, Justice, Liberty Precinct  
State vs. Staiger, Mar 2, 1892  
pp.9-25 (end), W. S. Ridgell, Justice  
Alliance Pct., 2d Ward  
Hansson vs. Hague, 6/20-7/10/1905  
thru Reeves vs. Clough, 9/1-20/1905  
p.25 cont. from p.16, 12/1-18/1905
- Vol. 3 Alliance Pct, 2d Ward, Gregory Zurn, JP  
August 14, 1909 thru December 23, 1913
- Vol. 4 Alliance Pct, 2d Ward, W. S. Ridgell, JP  
Alden Mercantile vs. Jaenisch  
December 19, 1911 - Jan. 6, 1912  
thru Romer vs. Hollinrake, 12/13/1912  
p.83, State vs. Beal, 6/19-20/1913  
p.84, Finnell vs. Burton  
December 8, 1939 - Jan. 31, 1940  
p.85, Alliance Drug Co. vs. Ross  
February 23, 1940
- Vol. 5 Alliance Pct, 2d Ward  
pp.1-25, Gregory Zurn, Justice  
State vs. Rea, Feb. 7, 1914 thru  
Moser vs. Sildy, 9/17-23/1914  
pp.27-646, T. D. Roberts, Justice  
Walbridge vs. Ball, 1/7-16/1915  
thru Roberts vs. Douglas  
July 8 thru 17, 1920

**SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT (no records)**

Records of the District Court have been microfilmed  
by the county and exist on security microfilm including  
Appearance Dockets, 1887-current  
Complete Record, Bks A-Z (1887-1982)  
Complete Record, Bks 1 - current (1982-current)  
Trial Dockets, 1942-1983  
General Indexes  
Daily Journal thru Apr 1995

**SUBGROUP EIGHT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (no records)**

**SUBGROUP NINE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS (no records)**

END OF INVENTORY

DJJ/ht 1/16/1974

PMC/wp50 10/11/1989

PMC/wp50 6/29/1990

PMC WP6.1 12/22/2003