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RG252 & film

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Records: 1887-1983
Cubic ft.: 21.75
No. of Items: 77 vols. and 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 northwest 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.
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)

film

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

#14,054  January 9, 1962 thru April 25, 1966

positives rec. Jan. 23, 1974
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)
      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)
      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
Marriage Docket, Vol. H (indexed)
  p.1 (#3315) Adamson-Keane, Aug. 18, 1923
  thru
  p.644 (#3956) Owens-Hays, Aug. 12, 1929

Marriage Docket, Vol. I (indexed)
  p.1 (#4452) Anderson-Miller, Jan. 6, 1934
  thru
  p.636 (#5084), Brock-Bunce, Feb. 26, 1939

Marriage Docket, Vol. J (indexed)
  p.1 (#5085) Ritterbush-Raymer, Mar 4, 1939
  thru
  p.704 (#5780) Cleary-Naab, May 25, 1943

Marriage Docket, Vol. K (indexed)
  p.1 (#5781) Marking-Schmitt, May 26, 1943
  thru
  p.660 (#6434) Boggs-Stewart, Sept 18, 1946

Marriage Docket, Vol. L (indexed)
  p.1 (#6435) Rusk-Taggart, Sept 20, 1946
  thru
  p.658 (#7087) Warthen-Peck, Sept 2, 1951

Marriage Docket, Vol. M (indexed)
  p.1 (#7088) Johnson-Brooks, Sept 10, 1951
  thru
  p.648 (#7831) Hart-Piihl, June 15, 1958

Marriage Docket, Vol. N (indexed)
  p.1 (#7832) Sherlock-Templeton, 6/13/1958
  thru
  p.644 (#8475) Loomis-Mundt, June 10, 1966

Marriage Docket, Vol. O (indexed)
  p.1 (#8476) Flood-Red Shirt, June 9, 1966
  thru
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

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)

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
SERIES ONE  MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD

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

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 Zum, 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