Brand Commission, Nebraska

RG047 Nebraska. Brand Commission
& film

Records: 1855-1995
Cubic ft.: 12
Approx. # of Items: 13 boxes, 47 vols.,
and 128 reels of microfilm

HISTORICAL NOTE

Brands have been recorded in Nebraska as early as 1855 in Cass County to identify farmers livestock in case of theft or loss. Brand recordings were made by the county clerks of each county, and later, 1899, administered by the office of the Secretary of State, Brand Committee.

The 1941 Legislature created the Nebraska Brand Committee to protect Nebraska brand and livestock owners from livestock theft through a brand recording, brand inspection and livestock theft investigation staff. The committee records all new brands, brand transfers and brand renewals, and keeps a recorded brand book. Investigative staff report thefts or missing livestock and identify owners of strays or cattle with an unknown owner.

A regularly updated index and brand book are published by the Brand Committee and these volumes are available in the Nebraska State Historical Society library.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE


Topical correspondence includes agreements and brand conference records, brand inspectors correspondence and personnel data. The minutes of Subgroup Three exist only on security microfilm at this time. Copies of this microfilm can be made at patron’s request and expense. Brand Indexes include one volume indexing brands prior to 1899 and brand indexes on microfilm thru
ADDED ENTRIES:

Alliance (Neb.)--History
American National Cattlemen’s Association
CATTLE BRANDS--LAW AND LEGISLATION--NEBRASKA
CATTLE BRANDS--REGISTRATION--NEBRASKA
CATTLE--MARKING
CODY, WILLIAM FREDERICK, 1846-1917
Five-State Brand Conference
LIVESTOCK BRANDS
National Livestock Brand Conference
Nebraska. Secretary of State
Nebraska Stockgrowers Association
Packers and Stockyards Advisory Committee
1933. Brand applications are on microfilm and begin with volume A (1899-1907), and end with volume 146, #57805 (1956). The Historical Brand Registers of Subgroup Six include separate county registers compiled by the Brand Commission in 1980 and microfilmed for security. Some original volumes are in storage at the Archives for individual counties.


Records of the Brand Commission were transferred to the Archives in 1977 after microfilming by the Secretary of State, Records Management Division. Master negatives of a previous filming project were opened to the public upon receiving the master negatives for the 1977 project.

Check individual county records for additional brand registers.

**DESCRIPTION**

**SUBGROUP ONE  CORRESPONDENCE, 1953-1967**

B.1 1953-1964
B.2 1965-1966

**SUBGROUP TWO  TOPICAL FILES, 1946-1980**

B.1 Administrative Services, 1967
   Agreements:
   Out of state travel, 1967
   Guardian State Bank, Alliance, 1967
   Brand Committee and City of Alliance, 1967
   Brand Committee & Dakota stockgrowers, 1967-1968
   Automobiles, 1967
   Brand Legislation, 1967
   Cody Brand, 1967
SUBGROUP TWO  TOPICAL FILES (cont)

B.1  1967, cont.:
Five-State Brand Committee, 1967
Brand Committee History, 1967
National Livestock Brand Conference, 1967
Packers & Stockyards Advisory Comm., 1965-1967
Packers & Stockyards Advisory Comm.-printed matter
Brand Inspection correspondence, 1967
Brand Inspectors - application, 1967
Brand Inspectors - Retirement, Discharges, and Deaths, 1967

B.2  Topical Files, 1968-1970
Correspondence, 1968
Amer. National Cattlemen’s Assn., 1968
Brand Insurance, 1968
Five-State Brand Conference, 1968
National Livestock Brand Conference, 1968
Nebr. Stockgrowers Assn., 1968
Packers & Stockyards Livestock Comm., 1968
Inspectors-Applications, 1968
Inspectors-Correspondence, 1968
Correspondence, 1969
Amer. National Cattlemen’s Assn., 1969
Automobiles, 1967-1969
Five-State Brand Conference, 1969
International Livestock Brand Conf., 1969
Legislation, 1969
Nebr. Stockgrowers Assn., 1969
Packers & Stockyards Livestock Comm., 1969
Inspectors-Correspondence re, 1969
Inspectors-Applications, 1969

Correspondence, 1970
Administrative Services, 1968-1970
Amer. National Cattlemen’s Assn., 1970
Automobiles, 1968-1970
### SUBGROUP TWO  TOPICAL FILES (cont)

B.3 Topical Files, 1946-1980 cont.
- Five-State Brand Conference, 1970
- Internat'l Livestock Brand Conference, 1970
- Legislation, 1970
- Nebraska State Patrol, 1969-1970
- Nebraska Stockgrowers Assn., 1970
- Alliance Building, 1969-1971
- State Office Building, 1974-1980
- Clippings, 1946-1968

### SUBGROUP THREE  MINUTES, 1941-1971

- Roll 1 Brand Committee Minutes, 1941
- RM72-4-15 thru
- SF only Brand Committee Minutes, 1971
- Box 1 Brand Committee Minutes, 1966-1970

### SUBGROUP FOUR  BRAND INDEXES, 1899-1933

- V.A For Brand volumes 1-16, 1899-1906
- V.B Index of recordings prior to 1899
- V.1 Brand Index (vols. 17-34), 1907-1918
- V.2 Brand Index (vols. 35- ), 1917-1928
- V.3 Brand Index, 1928-1933
- V.4-7 Brandabetical Indexes, V.1-4

### SUBGROUP FOUR  BRAND INDEXES - MICROFILM RECORD  MP0115

- Roll #1 Item #2, Brand Index, V.A (1899-1906)
- MP0115 Brands (A)
- 326 expos. thru
- RM69-22-01 Item #2, Brand Index, V.A (1899-1906)
- Silver Neg. Brands (M), part

Retake, End of Roll:
Vol. A, pp. 86-87 are missing
SUBGROUP FOUR  BRAND INDEXES - MICROFILM RECORD  MP0115

Roll #2  Item #1, Brand Index, V.A cont.
MP0115  Brands (M-Z)
407 expos.  thru
RM69-22-02 Item #1, Brand Index, V.A (1899-1906)
Silver Neg.  Brands, Miscellaneous

SUBGROUP FIVE  BRAND APPLICATIONS AND TRANSFERS, 1899-1956

V.1  Brand Applications, V.1, #1
thru
V.12  Brand Applications, V.12 (#4800), 1903
V.13  Brand Applications, V.13 (#4801), 1903
thru
V.21  Brand Applications, V.21 (#8400), 1913
V.53  Brand Applications, V.53 (#23301-23800), 1932-1933

SUBGROUP FIVE  APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #1  Item #1, Brand Applications, 1899-1901
MP0115  p.1 - Chronological filings, 1899
417 expos.  thru
RM69-22-01 Item #1, Brand Applications, 1899-1901
Silver Neg.  p.505, Minutes, 1899-1901

ORDER OF FILMING:
pp.1-201, Chronological filings, 1899-1901
pp.202-399, Alpha brands, 1899-1901
pp.402-414, Fiscal Records, 1901
pp.501-505, Minutes, 1899-1901

Roll #2  Item #2, Applications, V.1
MP0115  #1 (July 1, 1899)
220 expos.  thru
RM69-22-02 Item #2, Applications, V.1
Silver Neg.  #110 (July 8, 1899)
SUBGROUP FIVE  BRAND APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS MICROFILM RECORD  MP0115

Rolls 3-4  Brand Applications, V.1, #111 (July 1899)
MP0115  thru
RM69-22-3&4  Brand Applications, V.4 (#1314), Dec. 16, 1899
Silver Neg.

Rolls 5-8  Brand Applications, V.4, #1315 (12/22/1899)
MP0115  thru
RM70-22-5  Brand Applications, V.10 (#3942), Oct. 11, 1901
 thru
RM70-22-8  Silver Neg.

Rolls 9-125  Brand Applications, V.10 (#3943), Oct. 11, 1901
MP0115  thru
RM70-22-16  Brand Applications, V.146 (#57805), 1/28/1956
 thru
RM70-22-144  Silver Neg.

SUBGROUP SIX  HISTORICAL BRAND REGISTERS, 1855-1941

Roll #1  County Brand Registers, 1855-1941
MP0115  Banner County (1883-1906)
761 expos.  thru
AR80-33-38  County Brand Registers, 1855-1941
Diazo Neg.  Hooker County (1891-1933)

ORDER OF FILMING:
Flash 1:
Banner County, 1883-1906
& inserts, 1889-1898
Blaine County (indexed), 1887-1915
includes register of Prairie Grove Ranch
name in 1917
Boone County (indexed), 1878-1931
Boone County Estray Record, 1876-1907
Box Butte County (indexed), 1885-1899
SUBGROUP SIX       HISTORICAL BRAND REGISTERS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #1
ORDER OF FILMING (cont):
Flash 2:
   Boyd County (indexed), 1892-1901
Flash 2 (cont):
   Brown County (indexed), 1878-1910
   & inserts, 1898-1899
   Cass County (indexed), 1855-1916
Flash 3:
   Cheyenne County, 1874-1899
   Custer County, 1877-1899
Flash 4:
   Dawes County (indexed), 1885-1899
   Deuel County (indexed), 1874-1899
   Dodge County, 1879-1888
   Dundy County (indexed), 1884-1917
   Fillmore County, 1879-1899
   Franklin County, 1877-1897
   Garfield County, 1885-1899
   Grant County (indexed), 1889-1910
   Hayes County (indexed), 1894-1934
   Holt County (indexed), 1878-1899
   Hooker County, 1891-1933

Roll #2
MP0115 Historical Brand Registers, 1855-1941
364 expos. thru
AR81-33-1 Historical Brand Registers, 1855-1941
Diazo Neg. Logan County, 1885-1906

ORDER OF FILMING:
Flash 1:
   Kearney County, 1875-1918
   Keith County, 1878-1900
   Keith County Estray Book, 1885-1939
   Keya Paha County, 1880-1920

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SUBGROUP SIX  HISTORICAL BRAND REGISTERS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #2
ORDER OF FILMING (cont)
Flash 2:
Kimball County, 1883-1914
Knox County, 1891-1899
Lancaster County, 1876-1900
Lancaster County Estray Record, 1870-1941
Logan County, 1885-1906

Roll #3
Historical Brand Registers, 1855-1941
MP0115  Madison County, 1889-1933
793 expos.  thru
AR81-33-2  Historical Brand Registers, 1855-1941
Diazo Neg.  Wayne County, 1880-1899

ORDER OF FILMING:
Flash 1:
Madison County (indexed), 1889-1933
Merrick County (indexed), 1880-1920
Nance County, 1880-1929
Nance County Estray Book, 1885-1963
Nemaha County Estray Book, 1870-1917
Flash 2:
Nuckolls County (poor orig.), 1881-1899
Otoe County (indexed), 1875-1890
Pawnee County, 1857-1934
Flash 3:
Perkins County (indexed), 1888-1920
Platte County, 1880-1927
Platte County Estray Book, 1858-1878
Flash 4:
Polk County (indexed), 1881-1918
Sarpy County, 1879-1891
Saunders County, 1879-1923
Scotts Bluff County, 1889-1899
Seward County, 1889-1904
Thayer County, 1883-1926
Thomas County (indexed), 1891-1899
Thurston County, 1889-1907
Wayne County, 1880-1899
SUBGROUP SEVEN    ANNUAL AND MONTHLY REPORTS, 1940-1993

B.1    Annual Reports, 1948-1956
       Annual Reports, 1975-1993

B.2    Monthly Reports, June 1940 - 1967
B.3    Monthly Reports, 1968-1970

SUBGROUP EIGHT    INSPECTIONS AND LEGAL CASES, 1942-1970

B.1    Case Reports, 1942-1947
B.2    Case Reports, 1946-1948
       incl. clippings & misc., 1950's
B.3    Case Reports, 1964-1970

SUBGROUP NINE    FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1941-1995

V.1-2   Brand Inspection & Theft Prevention Fund, 1941-1943
V.3     Ledger, 1941-1944
V.4     Ledger, 1943-1945
V.5     Ledger, 1945-1949
V.6     Ledger, 1949-1951
V.7     Ledger, 1951-1954
V.8     Ledger, 1954-1958

OV      V.9    Ledger, 1958-1963

B.1     Audit Reports, 1941-1955
       Audit Reports, 1974-1989
       Audit Reports, 1993-1995

       v.10-14 Fund Receipt Books, 1954-1964
       Brand Inspection Laws, 1964-1977
SUBGROUP TEN  MISCELLANEOUS, 1943-1949

V.1 Record of Former Employees, 1943-1949

END OF INVENTORY
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