

## ARCHIVES RECORD

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Colfax County, Nebraska

Records: 1860-1972

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Approx. # of Items: 234 vols. on 72 reels of  
microfilm and 9 court dockets.

## HISTORICAL NOTE

When Nebraska reached territorial status in 1854, present-day Colfax County was included in the vast Burt County area. A year later the county was placed within Dodge County boundaries by an act of the territorial legislature. The county seat was then at Fontanelle, Nebraska Territory. In 1857 Dodge County was subdivided making Colfax a part of the newly formed Loup (later Platte) County. Although there were various attempts to separate the area now comprising Colfax County from Platte County, the situation remained unchanged until March 15, 1869, when the Nebraska State Legislature created Colfax County. A supplementary act designated Schuyler (formerly Shell Creek Station) as the county seat.

The original courthouse of Colfax County was completed in 1872 and was not replaced until 1922. Schuyler was incorporated as a city in 1870. The first meeting of the county commissioners was held on March 20, 1869.

Colfax County was named in honor of Schuyler Colfax who was Vice President of the United States at the time of the county's organization.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This record group consists of the records of Colfax County, Nebraska arranged into eight subgroups: 1) Tax Lists, 1860-1961; 2) County Court, 1872-1904; 3) Abstracts of Election, 1880-1972; 4) Commissioners Proceedings, 1869-1967; 5) Register of Deeds, 1925-1956; 6) District Court, 1873-1999 that includes General Indexes, Naturalization Index, Appearance Dockets, Journals, Complete Records, and Coroner Inquest case file reports, 1873-1893, See series listings ; 7) Naturalizations; and 8) County Clerk, Misc. Records, 1872-1924, and Marriage Records, ca. 1869-Jan. 1994 .

The bulk of the collection is included in Subgroup One, Tax Lists, 1860-1961. Included are real and personal tax lists, 1860-

1951; Personal Tax Lists, 1952-1961; Motor Vehicle Tax Lists, 1935-1952; Delinquent Tax Lists, 1861-1901. These records were microfilmed by the Historical Society in 1987.

Subgroup Two, County Court, consists of Justice Dockets of the county and certain precincts, 1872-1926, Series One, and County Court Judge's Dockets, 1889-1907.

ADDED ENTRIES:\*\*

TAXATION--NEBRASKA--COLFAX COUNTY  
MOTOR VEHICLES--VALUATION--NEBRASKA--COLFAX COUNTY  
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE--NEBRASKA--COLFAX COUNTY  
ELECTIONS--NEBRASKA--COLFAX COUNTY  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT--RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE  
LAND SUBDIVISION--NEBRASKA--COLFAX COUNTY  
Thomas, George H.,  
Allen, S. B. (Allen Sanford), 1845-1926  
Walling, W. I. (Washington Irving), 1838-1911  
Thompson, James A.,  
Taylor, G. D.,  
Carleton, W. H.,  
Metzger, John, 1864-1940  
Witt, John H., 1898-1966  
Olson, Raymond H., 1883-1968  
Broglar, Franz A.,  
Chronological Index - 10

Subgroup Three includes Abstracts of Votes Cast for both general elections, 1880-1972, and primary elections, 1907-1928 and 1954-1972, of Colfax County on microfilm.

Subgroup Four, County Board of Commissioners Proceedings, 1869-1967, are also microfilmed and located in the West Reference Room under RG208. Subgroup Five consists of numerical indexes for the cities of Schuyler and Clarkson, Nebraska, 1925-1956, on microfilm. Subgroup Six, District Court consists of General Indexes, Naturalization Index, Appearance Dockets, Daily Journals, Complete Records,, Bills of Exception and early Coroner Inquest files.

The tax lists were transferred to the State Archives in June of 1973 and the court dockets in May of 1973. The Abstracts of Elections were borrowed by the Historical Society for microfilming in July of 1973. The Commissioners Proceedings, 1869-1967, and Numerical Indexes, 1925-1956, on microfilm were copied from county security microfilm stored in the State Archives.

#### DESCRIPTION

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SUBGROUP ONE TAX LISTS, 1860-1961

SERIES ONE TAX LISTS, 1860-1951

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|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Vols. 1-2     | 1860-1869          | Real & Personal                 |
| Vols. 3-4     | 1870-1871          | Real & Personal                 |
| Vols. 5-6     | 1872-1873          | Real & Personal                 |
| Vols. 7-12    | 1874-1876          | Real & Personal                 |
| Vols. 13-20   | 1877-1884          | Real & Personal                 |
| Vols. 21-84   | 1885-1916          | Real & Personal                 |
|               | (2 vols. per year) |                                 |
| Vols. 85-90   | 1917-1918          | Real & Personal, City & Village |
|               | (3 vols. per year) |                                 |
| Vols. 91-189  | 1919-1951          | Real & Personal                 |
|               | (3 vols. per year) |                                 |
| Vols. 190-199 | 1952-1961          | Personal only                   |

SERIES TWO DELINQUENT TAX LISTS, 1861-1901

NOTE: Vols. 200-202 on microfilm

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| Vol. 1 | 1861-1882 |
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| Vol. 3 | 1873-1874 |

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SERIES THREE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX LISTS, 1935-1952

NOTE: Vols. 203-219 on microfilm

Vols. 1-17 1935-1952 (one vol. per yr)

Tax List Inventory available upon request

SUBGROUP TWO COURT DOCKETS, 1872-1904

SERIES ONE JUSTICE DOCKETS, 1872-1926

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|--------|---|-----------|
| Vol. 1 | Justice Docket                          | 1872-1875 |
| Vol. 2 | Justice Docket - County Court           | 1877-1888 |
| Vol. 3 | Justice Docket - County Court           | 1888-1895 |
|        | George H. Thomas, Justice               |           |
|        | p.1 - #594 (9/4/1888) thru              |           |
|        | p.119 - #710 (1/7-6/26/1890)            |           |
|        | Sanford B. Allen, Justice               |           |
|        | p.120 - #711 (2/6/1889-9/8/1890) thru   |           |
|        | p.638 - #1404 (2/11/1895-12/28/1899)    |           |
| Vol. 4 | Justice Docket - County Court           | 1895-1904 |
| Vol. 5 | Justice Docket - Stanton Pct.           | 1886-1890 |
|        | W. I. Walling, Justice, pp. 1-229       |           |
|        | #1 (7/27/1886) thru #185 (11/2-6/1889)  |           |
|        | Geo. T. Vandermeuler, pp. 230-254       |           |
|        | #186 (11/26/1889-3/13/1890) thru        |           |
|        | #202 (7/9-12/1890)                      |           |
| Vol. 6 | Justice Docket - Stanton Pct.           | 1890-1926 |
|        | Geo. T. Vandermeuler, pp. 1-20          |           |
|        | #1 (7/10/1890-4/27/1891) thru           |           |
|        | #17 (3/26-31/1891)                      |           |
|        | C. H. Swallow, Justice, pp. 21-72       |           |
|        | #18 (10/17-21/1891) thru                |           |
|        | #52 (8/26-28/1895)                      |           |
|        | W. I. Walling, Justice, pp. 74-305      |           |
|        | #53 (2/12-21/1896) thru                 |           |
|        | #215 (8/18-23/1906)                     |           |
|        | James A. Thompson, Justice, pp. 306-319 |           |
|        | #216 (12/14/1906-1/22/1907) thru        |           |
|        | #225 (2/11-9/25/1907)                   |           |

SUBGROUP TWO COURT DOCKETS, 1872-1904

SERIES ONE JUSTICE DOCKETS, 1872-1926

V.06 (cont) G. D. Taylor, Justice, pp. 320-328  
#226 (7/29-8/12/1907) thru  
#230 (2/24-29/1908)  
W. H. Carleton, Justice, pp. 331-339  
Finka vs. Herbert (10/28-31/1911) thru  
Satjars vs. Wigington (8/29-10/14/1912)  
John Metzger, Justice, pp. 340-363  
Jindra vs. Fernor (2/9-22/1915) thru  
Broman vs. Johnson (7/29/1916)  
John Witt, Justice, pp. 364-366  
Pohl vs. Johnson (4/12-7/13/1920)  
Franz A. Brogler, Justice, pp. 367-368  
Sigman vs. Brockman (2/18-28/1922)  
R. H. Olson, Justice, pp. 370-384 (end)  
Wolken vs. Hild (8/4-14/1926) thru  
Arps vs. Hilbert et al (9/10/1926)  
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SERIES TWO COUNTY JUDGE'S DOCKETS, 1889-1907

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| Vol. 1 | Judge's Docket #2 | 1889-1892 |
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| Vol. 3 | Judge's Docket #4 | 1897-1907 |

SUBGROUP THREE ABSTRACTS OF ELECTIONS, 1880-1972

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| Vol. 1 | Abstracts - General Elections, 1880-1896                          |
| Vol. 2 | Abstracts - General Elections, 1897-1908                          |
| Vol. 3 | Abstracts - Primary Elections, 1907-1928                          |
| Vol. 4 | Abstracts - General Elections, 1909-1952                          |
| Vol. 5 | Abstracts of Votes Cast<br>General & Primary Elections, 1954-1972 |





SUBGROUP SIX

DISTRICT COURT

Series One Coroner Inquest Case Files, 1873-1893  
Box 1  
Bogner, Elias, died from injuries sustained from moving train,  
Bridge east of Howells, NE 20 June 1888  
Bosh, Anton, died from complications due to extreme  
alcohol consumption (whiskey), 31 January 1884  
Degman, John S. Death at the hands of Wenzel Lapour, warrant  
issued for Lapour's arrest, 12 January 1886  
Ellis, Clifford G., accidental death, muzzleloader, gunshot by  
brother (Charles), 27 February 1882  
Fajman, Anthony, suicide by poison, 6 June 1891  
Fiala, Lucy, suicide by strychnine, 18 November 1890  
Flannery, Michael, run over by Union Pacific railway car one  
mile west of Schuyler, 1 April 1870  
Gibbard, Albert Edward, accidental discharge of shotgun by  
his own hand, 30 November 1889  
Glinskie, John, accidental death by drowning in Shell Creek,  
21 June 1880  
Hagermann, George, blunt force trauma to the head by parties  
unknown, 19 February 1889  
Hanson, Martin, hanging in barn by rope, 5 February 1889  
Hartley, William, accidental death, fell off freight train  
car, 30 November 1887  
Henn, William, heatstroke, 29 June 1881  
Irvin, Frank, accidental shooting (pistol) fired by Charles  
Edgar, 16 July 1889  
Kierstead, George, age 19, from Burnett, NE, accidental  
shooting by Edgar Butts, 17 October 1886  
Kubik, Anton, suicide by hanging, 12 February 1888  
Kucera, Vaclav, suicide by strychnine, 19 June 1906  
Lapour, Wenzel, hanged in tree by courthouse by parties  
unknown, 12 January 1886  
Montfort, G., overdose by morphine, 8 July 1887  
Richmond, Lee, accidental drowning, 27 June 1881  
Rousek, Frank—House of (multiple deaths), found  
committed by Joseph Heraledsky, 20 September 1887  
--Rousek, Franziska, gunshot to temple and  
hatchet wounds to skull  
--Heraledsky, Maria, strangulation/choking  
Schultz, John, suicide by gunshot, 6 January 1882  
Schmidt, Rienhold, struck by train one-half mile west of  
Schuyler, 29 August 1888  
Semmerad, James, accidental death when load of lumber  
fell on him, 30 September 1891

SUBGROUP SIX DISTRICT COURT

Series One Coroner Inquest Case Files, 1873-1893

Box 1 Continued

Toulvey, Michael, Death by son, Thomas, blunt force  
trauma to head with a club, 30 September 1873

Unknown Male, Wilson Precinct, slit throat inflicted  
by razor, suspected suicide, 6 October 1873

Vybral, John, suicide, 10 July 1893

Whitehall, George Washington, death by jumping from a  
moving train resulting in fractured skull and  
ribs on railroad switch near Schulyer depot,  
11 March 1892

Series Two, District Court

General Indexes to District Court, Level 2 (Main Headquarters Bld.)

Volume 1, Index to Naturalizations

Volumes 1 and 2, General Index to District Court (general index only  
goes through Appearance Docket, Volume 8, April 1918); Contact Colfax  
County District Court for later indexes and case files after April 1918

Series Three, District Court

Appearance Docket

Volume 1 (Jan. 1871) thru Volume 8 (April 1918)

NOTE: Alpha. indexes in front of volume 1, Volume 6, Volume 7,  
and Volume 8

Series Four, District Court

Journal

Volume 2 (Jan. 1881) thru Volume 7 (Sept. 1909)

NOTE: No alpha. indexes in the front of these volumes

Series Five, District Court

Complete Record

Volume 1 (Feb. 1870) thru Volume 28 (August 1975)

NOTE: Only Volume 1 has alpha. index in front of the volume

Volume A (Jan. 1900) thru Volume H (May 1916)

NOTE: Alpha indexes in front of volumes A, B, C, D, and E only  
Contain cases related to estate/probate disputes and  
offenses committed by minors

| Series Ten    | Bills of Exception   |                  |
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| No. 6906      | Glenn Botsch vs Leigh Land Co.,                                      | 1979 44021       |
| Cr. 408       | State vs Alexius L. Bideaux  | 84-172           |
| No. 8228      | In the Matter of Trust Created by<br>Last Will of Lloyd L. Pospishil | 89-317           |
| Cr. 551       | State vs David A. Meyers   | 90-1239          |
| Cr. 450       | State vs Richard Aldrich   | 86-826           |
| Cr. 497       | State vs Loren Ball  | 88-407           |
| Cr. 470-471   | State vs James Hodyc & Arlyn Cech                                    | 87-617<br>87-734 |
| No. 7534      | Cheryl Evert vs Gordon Evert   | 85-599           |
| Cr. 520       | State vs Diane M. Wilmart aka<br>Diane M. Cunningham                 | 89-1358          |
| Cr. 403 & 406 | State vs Alva L. Carlson   | 83-609           |

**SUBGROUP 7 NATURALIZATIONS**

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NATURALIZATION RECORDS, 1869-1943

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Volume 1 Declaration of Intention, indexed 7-13-1869 to 10-22-1903

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Volume 2 Declaration of Intention, indexed 12-23-1903 to 2-7-1907

Volume 3 Declaration of Intention, indexed 12-18-1906 to 12-29-1910

Volume 4 Declaration of Intention, indexed 1-30-1911 to 12-17-1917

Volume 5 Declaration of intention, indexed 12-17-1917 to 9-13-1921

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- Reel 2            Volume 5 Declaration of Intention, indexed 9-20-1921 to 6-28-1929  
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                  Volume 7 Petitions, indexed 6-11-1888 to 5-21-1903  
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- Reel 3            Volume 10 Petitions, indexed 2-23-1907 to 10-3-1917  
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SUBGROUP EIGHT, COUNTY CLERK

Series One, Misc. Materials, 1874-1924

Box One

- f. 1 Assessment and Taxes, School Lands Districts, 1894  
f. 2 Bid, Elevator Road Machines, Western Wheeled Scraper Co., 1903  
f. 3 Bonds to County, 1918 and 1922  
f. 4 Colfax County Courthouse, Bids For Erection and Construction,  
    A thru Z, 1921  
f. 5 Colfax County Courthouse, Bids for Electrical Wiring,  
    A thru Z, 1921  
f. 6 Colfax County Courthouse, Bids for Hardware, A thru Z, 1921  
f. 7 Colfax County Courthouse, Bids for Heating and Plumbing,  
    A thru Z, 1921  
f. 8 Contracts for Bridges and Culverts, 1918-1920  
f. 9 Contracts for Bridges and Culverts, 1921-1922  
f. 10 County Board of Commissioners, Insanity Hearing,  
    Ann Houghliting, June 1875,  
    \*\*Confidential Record per NE Rev. Stat. 71-961

SUBGROUP EIGHT, COUNTY CLERK  
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- f. 11 County Board of Commissioners, Insanity Hearing,  
Henry Lemke, Jan. 1874  
\*\*Confidential Record per NE Rev. Stat. 71-961
- f. 12 County Board of Commissioners, Insanity Rulings,  
A thru K, 1874-1913  
\*\*Confidential Record per NE Rev. Stat. 71-961  
NSHS staff will need to review record
- f. 13 County Board of Commissioners, Insanity Rulings,  
L thru Z, 1874-1913  
\*\*Confidential Record per NE Rev. Stat. 71-961  
NSHS staff will need to review record
- f. 14 County Coroner Charles D. Eby,  
Statement of Fees for Inquests Performed, 1908-1910
- f. 15 County Surveyor Certificate  
Lot 8, Section 5, Twn. 16, R. 3 washed away  
by Platte River, 1918
- f. 16 Election Sample Ballots, March/April 1924
- f. 17 Examiners (State) Report of County Treasurer, Audit, 1893 &  
1908
- f. 18 Incorporation of Richland Village, 1908
- f. 19 List of Able-Bodied Men, 1904

SUBGROUP EIGHT, COUNTY CLERK  
Series One, Misc. Materials, 1887-1924  
Box Two

- f. 1 Militia Enrollment List, 1906
- f. 2 Militia Enrollment List, 1909
- f. 3 Militia Enrollment List, 1911
- f. 4 Militia Enrollment List, 1912
- f. 5 Militia Enrollment List, 1912 (typed version)
- f. 6 Militia Enrollment List, 1913
- f. 7 Militia Enrollment List, 1913
- f. 8 Militia Enrollment List, 1914
- f. 9 Militia Enrollment List, 1915
- f. 10 Mother's Pension Renewal App., Kathryn Philbin, 1924
- f. 11 Reports of Justices of the Peace, 1876-1910
- f. 12 Soldiers and Sailors Lists, 1887-1896
- f. 13 Soldiers and Sailors Lists, 1897-1900
- f. 14 Soldiers Relief Commission, Settlements/Reports, 1896-1910

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