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Records: 1855-1911

Cubic ft.: .5

Approx. No. of Items: 300

HISTORICAL NOTE

The site of Florence, Nebraska was first settled in the late 1840's as the winter quarters for the Mormons on their journey westward. The site was abandoned by the Mormons by 1850 and remained so until it was re-settled in 1853 by James C. Mitchell. Hew was followed in the spring of 1854 by Philip Chapman, J. B. Stutzman, and B. R. Pegram. These men, joined by A. B. Malcolm and A. J. Smith formed the Nebraska Winter Quarters Company in 1854 which became the Florence Land Company in 1855. By the fall of 1854 the surveying of the site had been completed and the plans for the village layout drawn up. This same fall J. M. Parker of the firm of Cook, Sargent and Parker established the Bank of Florence.

The town began to grow rapidly in 1856 and by 1857 there were one hundred residents, four stores, a hotel, post office and newspaper in Florence. After 1857 the growth of Florence declined steadily as Omaha became the dominant city in the area. Florence received its name from Mrs. James C. Mitchell, who named the town after her niece. Florence was made a station of Omaha in 1919.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This record group is arranged into four series: 1) Municipal Records, 1898-1900; 2) Florence Land Company Records, 1855-1884; 3) Florence Bridge Company, 1857; and 4) Miscellaneous, 1855-1860.

The bulk of the collection consists of the records of the Florence Land Company dealing with the establishment of the town and includes articles of incorporation, deeds, and minutes of the company.

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

MS555 (old #) Cook, Sargent and Parker. Florence, Neb.

DESCRIPTION

Box 1

SERIES ONE MUNICIPAL RECORDS, 1898-1911

- f.1 Warrant Register, 1898-1911 (100 pp)
- f.2 Board of Park Commissioners, 1906-1909 (6 pp)

SERIES TWO FLORENCE LAND COMPANY, 1855-1884

- f.1 Nebraska Winter Quarter Claim, 1854
- f.2 Nebraska Winter Quarters Co minutes, 1854-1860
- f.3 Florence Land Co. articles of incorporation, 1855
- f.5 Quit claim deeds, warranty deeds and mortgages
1856-1884
- f.6 Stock certificates, 1855

SERIES THREE FLORENCE BRIDGE COMPANY, 1857

- f.1 Ledger, 1857 containing financial records and
incorporation papers.

SERIES FOUR MISCELLANEOUS, 1855-1860

- OV V.1 Stock and Order register, 1855-1860

END OF INVENTORY

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