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Records: 1857-1899

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Fort Calhoun is located near the site of old Fort Atkinson, a large military outpost that was active from 1819-1827 in what is now Washington County, Nebraska. The town was named for John C. Calhoun, the famed statesman from South Carolina who was serving as Secretary of War in 1854 when the Territory of Nebraska was created.

The site of Fort Calhoun was claimed in 1854 by John Goss, an Iowa farmer. Goss gave his land to the Fort Calhoun Townsite Company in exchange for two shares of the company. The town was surveyed and platted in 1855 and incorporated by the Territorial Legislature the following year. The first elections were held in March 1857.

The county seat of Washington County was originally located in Fort Calhoun in 1855. It was removed to DeSoto in 1858 and returned to Fort Calhoun in 1861 by a vote of the people of Washington County. In 1869 the county seat was again moved to its present location at Blair, Nebraska.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of the municipal records of Fort Calhoun arranged in two series: 1) Minutes of the Fort Calhoun City Council, 1867-1899; and 2) Calhoun City Company, 1857.

The collection relates to the municipal affairs and organization of the town, 1857-1899. These records were loaned for microfilming by the Washington County Historical Society in 1970.

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DESCRIPTION

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SERIES ONE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, 1867-1899

V.01 Fort Calhoun Council minutes, 1867-1899

V.02 Calhoun City Company Incorporation, 1857

Roll #1 V.1, Fort Calhoun Council minutes, 1867

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