ARCHIVES RECORD

film
RG256  Franklin County, Nebraska

Records: 1872-1994
Cubic ft.: 6.25
No. of Items: 17 volumes on 8 reels of microfilm
and 4 boxes of Real Estate Ledger Cards

HISTORICAL NOTE

Franklin County, located 175 west of the Missouri River on the southern border of Nebraska, contained an area of 24 square miles in 1882. The area was prime hunting grounds for the Indians. Many settlements prior to 1870 were abandoned due to Indian hostilities.

In 1870 J. W. Thompson led a colony to the Republican Valley and settled on Thompson's Creek. The first actual settlers, however, were members of the Rankin colony who came to the area about the same time. The population of Franklin County in 1870 was listed at 26 persons.

On February 14, 1871, Gov. David Butler issued a proclamation calling for an election of county officers to be held on March 3rd and on March 9th the county was officially organized by the Legislature. The first post office was established at the first Franklin city in May of that year, and the county commissioners first met on June 21, 1871.

The county records were located at Franklin (Waterloo) in 1872. As a result of an election held in 1874, Bloomington won the county seat fight and the first Franklin decreased in population. In 1879-1880 the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad extended its lines through the county. After the railroad reached it's point in Franklin county, a new Franklin emerged and was incorporated as a village in 1883.

Franklin tried for the county seat honor on several occasions. The try of 1911 resulted in a conflict that went to the Supreme Court for clarification. The court decided to leave the county seat at Bloomington although Franklin supposedly won that election. The fight continued through the years and in 1920 Franklin was successful in obtaining the title from Bloomington. Courthouse construction was begun August 12, 1925.
ADDED ENTRIES:

COUNTY COURTS--NEBRASKA--FRANKLIN COUNTY
MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--FRANKLIN COUNTY
REAL PROPERTY--VALUATION--FRANKLIN COUNTY
Franklin County reached its peak population in 1910 at 10,303. Currently the county encompasses an area of 576 square miles and has a population (1990) of 3,938 persons. The county is bounded on the north by Kearney County, the east by Webster County, on the west by Harlan County, and lies on the southern border of the state. Franklin County was named for Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790).

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The bulk of records for Franklin County still remain at the county courthouse. The State Archives holds records for the county court only. This collection is divided into Nine Subgroups: 1) Assessor, c.1956-1970; 2) Treasurer (no records); 3) County Board of Commissioners (no records); 4) County Clerk, 1872-1994; 5) Register of Deeds (no records); 6) County Court, 1886-1905; 7) District Court (no records); 8) Superintendent of Schools (no records); and 9) School Districts (no records).

Real Estate Assessments from Franklin County were microfilmed by the county in 1999. The State Archives holds original real estate ledger cards for the county, 1956-1970.

At present records exist in our storage for Subgroup Four, County Clerk, and Six, County Court civil dockets, 1886-1905. The marriage dockets were microfilm by the Genealogical Society of Utah at the courthouse in April of 1994. This project was done with the cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society and by permission of the county clerk.

The court dockets were transferred to the State Archives September 5, 1973 and were microfilmed by the Historical Society in May of 1983.

**DESCRIPTION**

**SUBGROUP ONE  ASSESSOR**

**SERIES TWO  REAL ESTATE LEDGER CARDS, 1956-1970**

B.01 S01-T01-R13 (Washington Pct) thru S36-T01-R15 (Oak Grove Pct)
SUBGROUP ONE  ASSESSOR

SERIES TWO  REAL ESTATE LEDGER CARDS, 1956-1970

B.02  S01-T02-R15 (Bloomington rural) thru
      City of Franklin, Blk 12, Lots 18-22

B.03  City of Franklin, Peoples Add., Lots 1-3
      thru
      Campbell, Non-Descript
      KS-Neb Natural Gas Co., 24-4-13

B.04  Bloomington, Blk 1, Lots 1-2 thru
      Non-Descript, Upland Village, 16-4-14

SUBGROUP TWO  TREASURER

There are currently no records in the State Archives
from the Franklin County Treasurer's Office.

SUBGROUP THREE  COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

There are currently no records in the State Archives
from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners
of Franklin County

SUBGROUP FOUR  COUNTY CLERK, 1872-1967

film

SERIES ONE  MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1872-1967

Vol. #1  Marriage Docket, Vol. #1 (Indexed)
        p.1 (#1), December 13, 1872
        thru
        p.444 (April 14, 1885)

Vol. #2  Marriage Docket, Vol. #2 (indexed)
        inserts: Affidavits, 1891
        Bush-Fox; Dideriken-Anderson;
        Sutton-Hughes
        p.1 (Mar. 20, 1885) - p.419 (Mar. 9, 1890)
SUBGROUP FOUR  COUNTY CLERK, 1872-1967

film
SERIES ONE  MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1872-1967

Vol. #3  Marriage Docket, Vol. #3 (indexed)
pp.1-4 are blank
p.5 (#1), January 17, 1892
thru
p.478 (#100), March 2, 1899

Vol. #4  Marriage Docket, Vol. #4 (indexed)
p.1 (#101), February 25, 1899
thru
p.596 (#696), September 19, 1906

Vol. #5  Marriage Docket, Vol. #5 (indexed)
p.1 (#1), September 25, 1906
thru
p.462 (December 27, 1911)

Vol. #6  Marriage Docket, Vol. #6 (indexed)
p.1 (January 4, 1912)
thru
p.636 (#49), June 2, 1920

Vol. #7  Marriage Docket, Vol. #7 (indexed)
p.1 (#50), May 29, 1920
thru
p.255 (#39), August 1, 1923

Vol. #8  Marriage Docket, Vol. #8 (indexed)
p.1 (#40), September 3, 1923
thru
p.614 (60-1935), January 1, 1936

Vol. #9  Marriage Docket, Vol. #9 (indexed)
p.1 (1-1936), January 6, 1936
thru
p.9-738 (January 2, 1951)

Vol. #10  Marriage Docket, Vol. #10 (indexed)
p.10-1 (January 15, 1951)
thru
p.10-724 (October 12, 1967)

Vol. #11  Marriage Docket, Vol. #11 (indexed)
p.11-1 (October 13, 1967)
thru
p.11-529 (December 31, 1986)

Vol. #12  Marriage Docket, Vol. #12 (indexed)
#1 (Jan. 12, 1987) - #85 (Apr. 8, 1994)
**NSHS HAS ON MICROFILM:**

NOTE: Microfilm was produced by the Genealogical Society of Utah in conjunction with the Nebraska State Historical Society, and with permission of the county clerk. The project took place in the spring of 1994.

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GSU Project #26,329 Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #12 #85 - April 8, 1994

NOTE: Vol. #11, index, B continues following "W", "S" follows "Z".
SUBGROUP FOUR  COUNTY CLERK

SERIES TWO  ELECTION RECORDS, 1895-1896


SERIES THREE MILITIA ROLLS AND ROSTERS

Box 1
Folder 1  1895
   Folder 2  1904-1905
Folder 3  1906
Folder 4  1907-1908
Folder 5  1909
Folder 6  1910
Folder 7  1914
Folder 8  1915-1916
Folder 9  1917
Folder 10  1918
Folder 11  1920
Folder 12  1922
   Folder 13  1924
   Folder 14  1925
Folder 15  1927-1929 & 1932-1933

SUBGROUP FIVE  REGISTER OF DEEDS

There are currently no records in the State Archives from the Franklin County Register of Deeds.

SUBGROUP SIX  COUNTY COURT, 1886-1905

film  SERIES ONE  CIVIL DOCKETS, 1886-1905

Vol. 1  Docket B  Nov. 04, 1886 - Aug. 04, 1888
Vol. 2  Docket C  Aug. 06, 1888 - Oct. 06, 1890
Vol. 3  Docket D  Oct. 04, 1890 - Aug. 16, 1894
Vol. 4  Docket E  Aug. 21, 1894 - Nov. 16, 1898
Vol. 5  Docket F  Dec. 02, 1898 - Apr. 12, 1905

film  SERIES ONE  CIVIL DOCKETS - MICROFILM RECORD  MP3520
Roll #1
813 shots
1626 pp.
#01703
Vol. #1, Docket B, Index
p. 1 (11/4/1886) - Civil Docket
thru
Vol. #3, Docket D, p.53
Feb. 07, 1891 - Civil Docket
White Lake Lumber Co. vs. Sidney Horton
NOTE:
Vol. #2 begins at Frame #345
Vol. #3 begins at Frame #727

Roll #2
813 shots
1626 pp.
#01704
Vol. #3, Docket D (cont), p.54
Feb. 12, 1891 - Civil Docket
Galeva Axle Grease Co. vs. J. V. Smith
thru
Vol. #5, Docket F, p.183
Dec. 18, 1901 - Civil Docket
Hog Raiser Mutual Ins. Co.
NOTE:
Vol. #4 begins at Frame #290
Vol. #5 begins at Frame #601
SUBGROUP SIX  COUNTY COURT, 1886-1905

film
SERIES ONE  CIVIL DOCKETS - MICROFILM RECORD  MP3520

Roll #3  Vol. #5, Docket F (cont), p.184
153 shots  Oct. 22, 1901 - Civil Docket
306 pp.  Blooming State Bank vs. Willey H. Miller
#01705  thru
Vol. #5, Docket F complete
April 12, 1905 - Civil Docket
Moise, Haywood & Co v. Neville & Upright

SUBGROUP SEVEN  DISTRICT COURT

There are currently no records in the State Archives from the Franklin County District Court, including Franklin County Naturalization Records.

SUBGROUP EIGHT  SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

There are currently no records in the State Archives from the Franklin County Supt. of Schools.

SUBGROUP NINE  SCHOOL DISTRICTS

There are currently no school district records in storage at the State Archives.

END OF INVENTORY
PMC/WP51  3/11/1992
PMC/GSU  9/14/1994
PMC/WP51  9/16/2005