Furnas County, in south-central Nebraska, is bounded on the north by Frontier and Gosper Counties, on the east by Harlan County, on the south by the state line, and on the west by Red Willow County.

The first settler to arrive in the area was Benjamin Burton in 1870. He had a place about six miles from the present city of Arapahoe. Other settlers started coming in the fall of that year and continued to occupy the territory. The first homestead was taken out by John Nelson in 1871. In the spring of that year a town company was formed at Plattsmouth, Cass County, to locate a town which is now Arapahoe, Furnas County. The town was surveyed on July 18, 1871. Arapahoe is also the location of the first post office established in 1872. A rival town of Beaver City was located on October 9, 1872. This town later became the county seat at an election held October 1873.

The boundaries of Furnas County were fixed by the Legislature on February 27, 1873 and the county named in honor of Governor Robert W. Furnas. A proclamation of the Governor called for county organization March 3, 1873 and Arapahoe was designated the county seat. After much contesting and many court cases, Beaver City became the permanent county seat in 1876.

The county agricultural society was formed in 1875. Furnas County was considered good for grain crops but stock-raising was considered the principal resource of the county. In the 1880's the Denver Extension of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad was completed and enhanced shipping and marketing of farm products. A grasshopper plague from 1874-1876 destroyed all crops and many settlers left the county. A huge relief effort was established to help the settlers who remained.
ADDED ENTRIES:

MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--FURNAS COUNTY
DEED RECORDS--INDEXES--NEBRASKA--FURNAS COUNTY
NATURALIZATIONS--NEBRASKA--FURNAS COUNTY
The first county offices were moved around to different quarters until a little frame building in Beaver City was used for quarters. The present county courthouse was dedicated May 4, 1951.

The population in 1882 was about 7,000 with 500 in Beaver City and 600 in Arapahoe. The population in 1990 was 5,553.

George W. Norris, a noted Nebraskan, came to Beaver City, Furnas County in the 1890s as a lawyer.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The records in the State Archives were filmed in 1997 by the Genealogical Society of Utah in cooperation with the Nebraska State Historical Society as a part of the project to put essential early records of Nebraska on microfilm.

There are no records for Subgroups One, Assessor and Three, County Board of Commissioners.

Subgroup Two, County Treasurer, consists of 102 oversize bound volumes of Real Estate Tax Lists, 1873-1939

Subgroup Four, County Clerk, contains the marriage records of Furnas county, 1876-1961 on four reels of microfilm. An index for books A thru 11 is included on reel number one, Series One. Series Two include Election Records that consist of Poll Books, Tally Lists of Votes Cast, and Votes Cast, 1893-1934.

Subgroup Five, Register of Deeds, consists of two series: 1) General Index to Deeds, 1873-1919; and 2) Deeds, 1873-1919.

Subgroup Six, County Court, includes 6 volumes of Delayed Birth Registration Books, 1878-1943

Subgroup Seven, District Court, contains the records of Furnas County naturalizations, 1874-1938, on two reels of microfilm.
DESCRIPTION

SUBGROUP ONE COUNTY ASSESSOR (no records)

SUBGROUP TWO COUNTY TREASURER

SERIES ONE Tax Lists: Real Estate
Volume 1 thru Volume 102, 1873-1939
(tax lists are arranged in chronological order, by year)

SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(NO RECORDS)

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1876-1961

film SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1876-1961

V.A General Index to Marriages (Transcript)
Grooms only, Bks A-8 (1876-1949)

V.B General Index to Marriages
Books A-11 (1876-1980)

V.1 Marriages Bk #1 (indexed)
pp. 1-29 are blank
p.30 (Asky-Thomas), Mar. 30, 1876
thru p.426 (Kimbell-Copeland), Oct. 25, 1886

V.2 Marriages, Bk #2 (no index)
p.1 (Whitehead-Littler), Oct. 25, 1886
thru p.617 (Leroy-Dahm), Jan. 29, 1902

V.3 Marriages, Bk #3 (no index)
p.1 (#1), Brizendine-O=Brien, Apr. 1, 1901
thru p.637 (#53), Haxton-hardenbrook, June 12, 1907

V.4 Marriages, Bk #4 (no index)
p.1 (#54), Bard-Janett, June 19, 1907
thru p.492 (#240), Crudden-Herren, Apr. 15, 1913
p.493, blank
p.494, Lambert-Heidloff (Mar. 23, 1913)
film
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SUBGROUP FOUR    COUNTY CLERK

film
SERIES ONE    MARRIAGE RECORDS (cont)

V.5  Marriages, Bk 5 (3A), no index
    p.1 (#1), Aldrich-Herhahn, Apr. 26, 1913
    thru p.484 (#479), McKenna-Ruehle, Feb. 15, 1919

V.6  Marriages, Bk 6 (indexed)
    p.1 (#480), Schultz-Huff, Mar. 19, 1919
    thru p.451 (#928), Shafer-Sevier, Aug. 1, 1923

V.7  Marriages, Bk 7 (indexed)
    p.1 (#929), Trowbridge-Hardin, Aug. 7, 1923
    thru p.634 (#1546), Hilker-Redpath, Nov. 10, 1935

V.8  Marriages, Bk #8 (no index)
    p.1 (#1547), Hays-Lambert, Nov. 26, 1935
    thru p.640 (#1795), Ratliff-Mercure), May 3, 1941

V.9  Marriages, Bk #9
    p.1 (Pleas-Deselms), Apr. 26, 1949

film
SERIES ONE    MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #1  Item #1 - General Index to Marriage (1896-1949)
GSU  Transcript-Grooms only
1556 pp.  thru
862 frames  Item #4 - Marriages, Bk #2 (indexed)
Silver pos.  p.617 (LeRoy-Dahm), Jan. 29, 1902
#27,693

NOTE: General Index, V.2 begins frame #125
    Marriages Bk #1 begins frame #298
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NOTE: Marriages, Bk #9 begins frame #386
SERIES TWO  ELECTION RECORDS, 1893-1934

Box 1
Poll Books, 1893-1919

Box 2
1) Poll Books, 1920-1932
2) Tally List of Votes Casts: 1916, 1926, 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934
3) List of Voters, 1912, 1914, 1916, 1918, 1919 (Special Election), 1920

****Note: Many of these books received extensive water damage, making the paper very fragile. Use extreme care when using these records
SUBGROUP FIVE  REGISTER OF DEEDS, 1873-1919

SERIES ONE  NUMERICAL INDEX (no records)

SERIES TWO  GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS, 1873-1919

V.01  General Index to Deeds, Bk A, 1873 - June 1885
V.02  General Index to Deeds, Bk B, June 1885 - Feb. 1889
V.03  General Index to Deeds, Bk C, Feb. 1889 - Jan. 1895
V.04  General Index to Deeds, Bk D, Jan. 1895 - Mar. 1902
V.05  General Index to Deeds, Bk E, Mar. 1902 - Dec. 1906
V.06  General Index to Deeds, Bk F, Jan. 1907 - Dec. 1909
V.06  General Index to Deeds, Bk G, Jan. 1910 - Dec. 1919

SERIES TWO  GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #1  Item #1, Deeds Index Vol. A (1873-1885)
GSU  thru
1454 pp.  Item #4 - General Index to Deeds, Bk D
747 frames  (1895-1902), A-H
Silver Pos.  AR #5
#28,039  NOTE: Index, V.B begins at frame #186
      Index, V.C begins at frame #377
      Index, V.D begins at frame #647

Roll #2  Item #1 - General Index to Deeds, Bk D cont.
GSU  thru
1987 pp.  Item #4 - General Index to Deeds, Bk G
994 frames  A-K (1910-1919)
Silver pos.  AR # 6
#28,040

Roll #3  Item #1 - General Index to Deeds, Bk G cont.
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640 pp.  Item #1 - General Index to Deeds, Bk G
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| GSU  |      | 1411 pp. | thru |
| 750 frames | Item #3 - Deeds, Bk 3 1882-1883 | p.640 (Oct. 16, 1883) |
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SUBGROUP FIVE  REGISTER OF DEEDS (cont)

Roll #21  Item #1 - Deeds, Bk 44 (1913-1918)
GSU 
1453 pp.  thru
1090 frames  Item #3 - Deeds, Bk 46 (1916-1919)
Silver pos.  p.169 (Mar. 10, 1919)
Agency Roll #25

NOTE: Deeds, Bk 45 begins at frame #661
Deeds, Bk 46 begins at frame #998

SUBGROUP SIX  COUNTY COURT, 1878-1943
SERIES ONE  Delayed Birth Registration Docket Books
Vols. 1-6, 1878-1943

SUBGROUP SEVEN  DISTRICT COURT, 1874-1938

V. A  Naturalization Index Cards A-Y

V. 1  Naturalization Record, V.1
       Declarations, pp. 1-88
       July 10, 1874 - April 22, 1905
       Final Papers, pp. 1-116
       June 22, 1877 - March 15, 1905

V.02  Petition & Record V.1 (indexed)
       #1 (9/23/1907) - #50 (3/11/1920)

V.03  Petition & Record V.2 (indexed)
       #51 (6/4/1920) - #83 (9/29/1928)

V.04  Naturalization Record, V.3 (Final Papers)
       p.1 (12/11/1905) - p.3 (3/15/1905)

V.05  Naturalization Record, V.4 (Declarations)

V.06  Declarations of Intention (Dept of Labor), V.1
       #1 (4/25/1906) - #96 (12/21/1926)

V.07  Declarations of Intention (Dept of Labor), V.2
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