

## Garfield County, Nebraska

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RG286

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Records: 1874-1983

Cubic ft.: .25

No. of Items: 48 volumes on 16 reels of  
35mm microfilm

### HISTORICAL NOTE

The first homestead in the Garfield County area was taken in September of 1873 for a part of S25-T21N-R16W. The county at that time was a part of Colton and Taylor counties. These two counties later became Wheeler County from which Garfield County was formed in 1881. A portion of the early records of Garfield County are related to Wheeler County. Governor Dawes issued a proclamation October 4, 1884 calling for the first election in the county.

The major municipality of Burwell was first a post office in Valley County by the name of The Forks, established in 1875. Burwell was incorporated as a village and the name changed January 21, 1884. In a close election, Willow Springs was named the county seat of Garfield County. Despite additional elections, it remained the authorized county seat.

The Lincoln and Black Hills Railroad (C.B.&Q.) extended from Ord to Burwell in 1887. Consequently Burwell became the transportation contact and Willow Springs was eventually absorbed into Burwell. Willow Springs post office was discontinued in 1892. County Commissioners have been meeting at Burwell since June 1890.

The first courthouse was located in a building which had been donated to the county in November of 1890. This was replaced in 1963. The population of the county in 1890 was 1,659 and today (1993) it is 2,141.



ADDED ENTRIES:

COUNTY COURTS--NEBRASKA--GARFIELD COUNTY

DISTRICT COURTS--NEBRASKA--GARFIELD COUNTY

LAND TITLES--NEBRASKA--GARFIELD COUNTY

LAND TITLES--REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER--NEBRASKA--GARFIELD COUNTY

LAND TITLES--REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER--NEBRASKA--WHEELER COUNTY

DEEDS--NEBRASKA--GARFIELD COUNTY

COUNTY GOVERNMENT--RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE

SURVEYS--NEBRASKA--GARFIELD COUNTY

MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--GARFIELD COUNTY

NATURALIZATIONS--NEBRASKA--GARFIELD COUNTY

The county became an important area for cattle ranching. The Burwell Rodeo, formed in 1921, became Nebraska's biggest rodeo attraction.

The county was named in honor of President James A. Garfield who died in 1881, just prior to the formation of the county.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The bulk of the collection consists of twelve reels of 35mm microfilm containing various records of Garfield County, 1877-1983. The microfilm was produced for the county in 1984 and copied by the Archives for reference in 1990.

The microfilm contains records for subgroups three through seven of this collection. Since there is no order of appearance on the film for the different offices and because of the scattered order of different records for one office, this microfilm is numbered Rolls 1 thru 12. Roll numbers in the difference subgroups follow no roll number order. One exception is the film for SG4, S1, Marriages and SG7, S1, Naturalizations. Roll numbers 1 thru 3 (SG4, S1) were filmed and added to the collection in 2001, as was Roll #1 (GSU Roll #4) for Naturalization Records of SG7, S1.

This record group is divided into ten subgroups: 1) Assessment Schedules (no records); 2) Treasurer (no records); County Board of Commissioners, 1884-1920; 4) County Clerk, 1884-1971; 5) Register of Deeds, 1874-1979; 6) Surveyor, 1885-1983; 7) District Court, 1884-1929; 8) County Court (Security Microfilm only); 9) Superintendent of Schools (no records); and 10) School District Records (no records).

There are no records in storage for Subgroups One and Two, county Assessor and Treasurer.

Subgroup Three, County Board of Commissioners, consists of the minutes of the county board meetings., 1884-1920, and can be found on roll #10 (37257) of microfilm produced by the county.

Subgroup Four, County Clerk, includes five volumes of Garfield County marriages, 1884-1971, on three reels of microfilm, with a card index on reels 1 & 2. This microfilm was produced by the Genealogical Society of Utah in cooperation with the Historical Society and the local officials. Original records remain at the county courthouse and patrons should contact the agency if microfilm does not produce legible copies.

Subgroup Five, Register of Deeds, is divided into six series: 1) General Index to Deeds, 1874-1928; 2) Deed Books, 1884-1912; 3) General Index to Miscellaneous, 1885-1917; 4) Miscellaneous Record Books, 1884-1913; 5) Numerical Index-Lands,

1877-1938; and 6) Mechanics Liens, 1885-1979. Records of this subgroup can be found on rolls 1 thru 5, and 9 thru 12.

Subgroup Six, County Surveyor, consists of one Surveyor's Record for Garfield County, 1885-1983 (2/maps and plats).

Subgroup Seven, District Court, is divided into five series: 1) Naturalization Records, 1884-1929; 2) General Index (no record); 3) Appearance Dockets (security microfilm, 1885-1984); 4) Daily Journals, 1884-1921; and 5) Complete Record, 1884-c.1915. Records for this subgroup can be found on rolls 5 thru 9 of film produced by the county and on roll #1, Series 1, Naturalization Records, 1884-1929. This roll was filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah when the marriages were filmed at the county. The original records remain at the county courthouse.

There are currently no records in storage at the Archives for Subgroups Eight through Ten. For Subgroup Eight, county court, there is security microfilm of probate records, 1888-current.

Related Collection, RG292, Wheeler County, Nebraska

## **DESCRIPTION**

### **SUBGROUP ONE COUNTY ASSESSOR**

There are currently no assessment records for Garfield County in storage at the State Archives. Patrons are referred to the Garfield County assessor at Burwell, Nebraska.

## **SUBGROUP TWO COUNTY TREASURER**

There are currently no records in storage at the State Archives for the office of Garfield County Treasurer. Patrons are referred to the Garfield County Treasurer's office at Burwell, Nebraska.

## **SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 1884-1920**

### **film**

#### **SERIES ONE COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS, 1884-1920**

Roll #10	Items #2-4:
SF copy	Commissioners Record Book #1
AR37257	p.1 (Dec. 1, 1884 - p.480A (1/14/1896)
SF22011	Commissioners Record Book #2
	p.1, Road Petition, Oct. 5, 1896
	p.2 (June 9, 1896) - p.628 (1/2/1907)
	Commissioners Record Book #3
	p.1 (Jan. 3, 1907) - p.111 (June 4, 1908)

Roll #11 Item #1	
SF copy	Commissioners Record Book #3 cont.
AR37258	p.112 (June 4, 1908)
SF22012	thru
	Commissioners Record Book #3
	p.494, Road Map, 1917, and
	thru
	p.575 (January 12, 1920)

## **SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1884-1971**

### **film**

#### **SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1884-1971**

V.1	Card Index to Marriages, 1884-1957
	Brides, A-Z, and
	Grooms, A-Z
V.2	Marriage Record Book #1 (indexed)
	Dec. 16, 1884 - Sept 8, 1903
V.3	Marriage Record Book #2 (indexed)
	Sept. 16, 1903 - Nov. 24, 1913

**SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK (cont)**

**film**

**SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS (cont)**

- V.4 Marriage Record Book #3 (indexed)  
Nov. 25, 1913 - Aug. 1, 1923
- V.5 Marriage Record Book #4 (indexed)  
Sept 4, 1923 - Nov. 24, 1948
- V.6 Marriage Record Book #5 (indexed)  
Dec. 4, 1948 - Aug. 21, 1971

**film**

**SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD**

**MP4219**

NOTE TO PATRONS: Original records remain at the county courthouse. If legible copies cannot be made from the microfilm, contact the county clerk at Burwell, NE

Roll #1                    Item #1 - Marriages, Card Index, Brides  
2331 expos.    A (1884-1957)  
GSU Project thru  
35mm pos.            Item #1 - Marriages, Card Index, Grooms  
#27,694                    G (1884-1957), Grady

Roll #2                    Item #1 - Marriages, Card Index, Grooms cont.  
1561 expos.            G (1884-1957), Grady, Frank D.  
1138 cards thru  
797 pp.            Item #4 - Marriages, Book #3  
GSU Project                    p.80 (Viner-Zabloudil), Aug. 14, 1915  
#28,978

**ORDER OF FILMING:**

- V.1 begins at frame #1154
- V.2 begins at frame #1331
- V.3 begins at frame #1507

**CORRECTION:**

Retake, Index-Grooms, Shields, C. R. thru  
Smith, L. Clifton at start of reel

**SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK (cont)**

**film**

**SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD (cont)**

Roll #3	Item #1 - Marriages, Book #3 cont.
1439 frames	p.80 (Viner-Zabloudil), Aug. 14, 1915
1585 pp.	thru
GSU Project	Item #3 - Marriages, Book #5
35mm pos.	p.544 (Smith-Simpson), Aug. 21, 1971
#28,980	

CORRECTION: Item #2, Marriages, Bk #4  
General Index retaken at start of reel

CORRECTION: End of Vol. #5 which appears at  
start of Reel #4 (master), has been spliced  
from start of reel #4 (reference copy), and  
added to end of this reel. Remainder of  
reel #4 is described under naturalizations.

**SERIES TWO BRAND & ESTRAY RECORDS, 1885-1898**

See RG047, Brand Commission for Brand Register of  
Garfield County, 1885-1898

NOTE: All other records of Garfield County clerk's office  
remain at the county courthouse.

**film**

**SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS, 1874-1979**

**film**

**SERIES ONE GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS, 1874-1928**

Roll #1	General Index to Deeds, Book #1 A-Z
SF copy	1874 - July 1894
AR37248	General Index to Deeds, Book #2 A-Z
SF22002	Nov. 1893 - Oct. 1909
	General Index to Deeds, Book #3 A-Z
	Sept. 1909 - Feb. 1928

NOTE: Book #3, watch pages each alpha  
for notes on continuations.

NOTE: Roll begins Mtgs, Bk 9, pp. 236-651



**film**  
**SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS (cont)**

**film**  
**SERIES TWO DEED REGISTERS, 1881-1912**

Roll #2 Deeds, Book #1  
SF copy pp.1-2, Homestead entries, 1881-1884  
AR37249 pp.3-145 (Wheeler County), 1881-1885  
SF22003 p.146 (Jan 6, 1885) - p.480 (Aug 26, 1887)

Deeds, Book #2  
p.1 (Aug. 24, 1887) - p.640 (Jan. 29, 1891)  
Deeds, Book #3  
p.1 (Jan. 30, 1891) - p.499 (Sept 12, 1893)

Roll #3 Deeds, Book #3 cont.  
SF copy p.500 (Sept 12, 1893) - p.640 (July 5, 1894)  
AR37250 Deeds, Book #4  
SF22004 p.1 (July 6, 1894) - p.640 (Nov. 12, 1897)  
Deeds, Book #5  
p.1 (Nov. 16, 1897) - p.640 (Oct. 11, 1900)  
Deeds, Book #6  
p.1 - Survey, Addition to Burwell Cemetery  
(w/ plat), Apr. 19, 1910-Oct. 4, 1913  
p.2 (Oct. 15, 1900) - p.217 (June 12, 1901)

NOTE: pp.218-219, end of reel are partially  
fogged and illegible. Retakes are not available

Roll #4 Deeds, Book #6 cont.  
SF copy p.220 (June 20, 1901) - p.640 (10/14/1902)  
AR37251 Deeds, Book #7  
SF22005 p.1 (Oct. 14, 1902) - p.640 (Dec. 3, 1904)  
Deeds, Book #8  
p.1 (Dec. 3, 1904) - p.600 (Mar. 21, 1906)

Roll #5 Deeds, Book #9  
SF copy p.1 (Mar 22, 1906) - p.640 (Jan 30, 1908)  
AR37252 Deeds, Book #10  
SF22006 p.1 (Jan 31, 1908) - p.630 (Apr 6, 1912)

**SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS (cont)**

**film**

**SERIES THREE INDEX TO MISCELLANEOUS, 1885-1917**

Roll #9	Item #3
SF copy	General Index to Miscellaneous, Bk #1
AR37256	1885 - January 1917
SF22010	

**film**

**SERIES FOUR MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1884-1913**

Roll #9	Items 4-5
cont.	Miscellaneous Book #1
	Election Notice, Dec. 4, 1884
	thru
	p.320, Power of Atty (Sept 9, 1902)
	Miscellaneous Book #2
	Power of Atty, Oct. 10, 1902
	thru
	p.9, School Dist. #15 bonds (1902)

Roll #10	Item #1
SF copy	Miscellaneous Book #2 cont.
AR37257	School Dist. #15 bonds, 6/20/1903
SF22011	thru
	p.309 - Mech. Lien, Nov. 22, 1913

**film**

**SERIES FIVE NUMERICAL INDEX-LANDS, 1877-1938**

Roll #11	Items 2-4
SF copy	Numerical Index-Lands (1877-1913)
AR37258	S01-T21N-R15W thru T24, R16W
SF22012	Numerical Index-Lands (1886-1913)
	T21N, Range 13W thru T24N, Range 14W
	Numerical Index-Lands (1914-1938)
	S01-T21N-R14W thru p.34 (S34-T21N-R14W)

Roll #12	Items 1-2
SF copy	Numerical Index-Lands (1914-1938)
AR37259	S35-T21N-R14W thru S36-T24N-R14W
SF22013	Numerical Index-Lands (1914-1938)
	S01-T21N-R15W thru S35-T24N-R15W

**SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS (cont)**

**SERIES SIX MECHANICS LIENS, 1885-1979**

Roll #12                      Items 4-5  
SF copy                      Mechanics Lien Index, Bk #1  
AR37259                      A-Z (1885-1979)  
SF22013                      thru  
   Mechanics Lien, Book #1  
   p.1 (Jan 2, 1885) - p.293 (9/16, 1977)

**film**

**SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY SURVEYOR, 1885-1983**

Roll #12                      Item #3  
SF copy                      Surveyor's Record, Book #1 (w/index)  
AR37259                      T21N-R16W (3/26/1885)  
SF22013                      thru  
   Surveyor's Record, Book #1  
   T21N-R16W (10/21/1983)

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**SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT, 1884-1929**

**film**

**SERIES ONE NATURALIZATION RECORDS, 1884-1929**

V.1                      Naturalization Record Vol. #1 (indexed)  
   Declarations of Intention  
   December 23, 1884 - Nov. 7, 1905

V.2                      Naturalization Record Vol. #2 (indexed)  
   p.1 - petition & record, December 10, 1903  
   thru  
   p.12 - petition & record, Sept 17, 1906  
   pp.13-34 are blank  
   p.35 - petition & record, Aug. 29, 1904  
   p.36 - petition & record, June 26, 1905

V.3                      Certificates of Naturalization  
   U.S. Dept of Commerce & Labor V.8411  
   #205101 (8/19/1911) - #205110 (5/5/1921)

**SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT (cont)**

**film**

**SERIES ONE NATURALIZATION RECORDS (cont)**

- V.4 Certificates of Naturalization  
U.S. Dept of Commerce & Labor  
#1614711 (4/15/1922) - #1614720 (11/11/1926)
- V.5 Declarations of Intention, 1907-1929 (indexed)  
U.S. Dept of Commerce & Labor  
#1 (Jan. 2, 1907) - #58 (June 21, 1929)
- V.6 Petition & Record, V.1 (indexed)  
#2 (Dec. 23, 1907) - #50 (#/11/1924)  
#1 (Oct. 10, 1906) is on p.23  
pp.15-22 are blank
- V.7 Petition & Record, V.2 (indexed)  
#51 (7/17/1924) - #64 (6/15/1929)

NOTE: Misc. loose documents filmed over pages  
at end of this volume for:  
Thomas Joseph Murray (Jan. 29, 1926)  
Mrs. Rosalia Krejsi  
Investigations, Anna Wivanovsky (#56)  
and Rosalie Kruml (#57)

**film**

**SERIES ONE NATURALIZATIONS - MICROFILM RECORD**

NOTE: Item #1, Marriage Record, V.5, was spliced from  
this reel and spliced to end of reel 3 (SG4, S1)

Roll #1 Item #2 - Naturalization Record, #1  
Item #2 Declaration of Intention, Dec. 23, 1884  
394 frames thru  
538 pp. Item #8 - Petition & Record, V.2 (indexed)  
GSU Project Loose Documents (see inventory)  
#28,980

NOTE: See volume inventory for out of order  
filings.

NOTES, Roll #1 continued next page

**SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT (cont)**

**film**

**SERIES ONE NATURALIZATION RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD**

Roll #1 NOTES (cont)

NOTE: Item #3, Vol. 2, pp. 13-34 were blank and not microfilmed

NOTE: Item #7, Vol. 6, pp. 15-22 were blank and not microfilmed.

CORRECTION: Item #7, Vol. 6, Petition #1 was filed out of order on page 23.

**SERIES TWO GENERAL INDEX**

The General Index to District Court cases remains at the county courthouse in Burwell.

**SERIES THREE APPEARANCE DOCKETS**

The Archives does not hold the original appearance dockets for the district court. However, there is security microfilm in storage for appearance dockets, v.1-9 (1885-1984)

**film**

**SERIES FOUR DAILY JOURNALS, 1884-1921**

Roll #5	Item #3
SF copy	District Court Journal #1
AR37252	Index A-Z, and
SF22006	p.1, Rules of Practice, Jan. 2, 1884
	thru
	District Court Journal #1
	p.219, Iowa Loan & Trust vs.
	Verley et al, Dec. 8, 1892

**SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT (cont)**

**film**

**SERIES FOUR DAILY JOURNALS - MICROFILM RECORD**

Roll #6	Items 1-3
SF copy	District Court Journal #1 (cont)
AR 37253	p.220 - Smith-Creveling vs.
SF22007	Hotchkiss et al, Dec. 8, 1892
	thru
	p.495, Term of Court, Jan. 1, 1896
	District Court Journal #2 (Index A-Z)
	p.2, Jan. 1, 1896
	thru
	pp.572-573, July 3, 1907
	p.574, Terms of Court, 1908
	pp.576-581 are blank
	pp.582-584, continuations of
	previous pages
	District Court Journal #3 (Index A-Z)
	p.1, Jan. 1, 1907
	thru
	p.640, June 11, 1921
	NOTE: filings to July 7, 1921

**film**

**SERIES FIVE COMPLETE RECORD, 1884-1915**

Roll #6	Item #4
cont.	Complete Record Book #1 (no index)
	Prentiss vs. Davis et al (pp.1-15)
	Aug. 24, 1889 - Nov. 13, 1890
	thru
	Complete Record Book #1
	Grieg vs. Bumpus et al (pp.37-41)
	Aug. 20, 1890 - Oct. 4, 1890

**SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT (cont)**

**film**

**SERIES FIVE COMPLETE RECORD - MICROFILM RECORD**

Roll #7  
SF copy  
AR37254

Items 1-3

Complete Record Book #1 cont.  
Grieg vs. Bumpus et al (pp.38-55)  
thru  
Smith-Creveling vs. Hotchkiss et al  
pp. 629-640 (Jan. 26, 1892-June 27, 1893)

Complete Record Book #2 (w/ index)  
Smith-Creveling vs. Hotchkiss et al  
pp.1-5 (June 27 - Sept 1, 1893)  
thru  
Prentiss vs. Harvey et al (pp.630-640)  
July 5, 1894 - Oct. 2, 1895

Complete Record Book #3 (w/index)  
Mooney vs. Pollack et al (pp.1-12)  
Jan. 29, 1895 - Jan. 17, 1896  
thru  
Conger vs. McIntyre & Mead Bond & Trust  
pp.353-369 (Feb. 2, 1894 - Mar. 30, 1896)

Roll #8  
SF copy  
AR 37255  
SF22009

Item 1

Complete Record Book #3 cont.  
Conger vs. McIntyre cont. (pp.372-379)  
Feb. 9 thru March 18, 1897  
thru  
Nooker vs. Schrier (pp.571-598)  
July 13, 1894 - July 10, 1895

Item 2

Complete Record Book #4 (w/index)  
Van Nostrand vs. Raes (pp.1-  
filed, April 3, 1893  
thru  
Iowa Loan & Trust vs. Anderson et al  
pp.633-640, Sept 30 - Oct. 28, 1899

**SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT (cont)**

**film**

Roll #8

Item #3 - Complete Record Book #5 (no index)  
Iowa Loan & Trust vs. Anderson et al cont.  
pp.1-13, Jan. 19, 1900 - June 20, 1902  
thru  
Ratcliff vs. NE, S24, 24-13 et al  
pp.598-640A, Mar 30, 1904 - Apr. 7, 1905  
cont. to V.6, pp. 69-108

Item #4 - Complete Record Book #6 (w/index)  
Higgins vs. Higgins (pp.1-4)  
January 5 thru April 20, 1904  
thru  
Burkley vs. Bickford et al (pp.20-49)  
June 1 - Nov. 3, 1904

NOTE: Roll #8, due to fog covering portions  
of documents, clear copies may be hindered.

Roll #9  
SF copy  
AR37256  
SF22010

Items 1-2  
Complete Record Book #6 cont.  
Burkley vs. Bickford et al (pp.50-68)  
June 1, 1904 - Feb. 7, 1905  
thru  
Estate of Thopmas McClimans (pp.633-640A)  
Oct. 7, 1908 - Feb. 11, 1909

Complete Record Book #7 (w/index)  
Schuyler vs. Schuyler et al (pp.2-18)  
January 2 - April 28, 1909  
thru  
Turner vs. Smith (pp.629-639)  
Aug. 27, 1913 - Apr. 24, 1914

NOTE: Roll #9, due to faded and soiled  
documents, clear copies my be difficult  
to make.

**SUBGROUP EIGHT COUNTY COURT**

The Archives holds no original records for Garfield County  
Court. Security microfilm is in storage for Probate  
records, 1888-current.



## **SUBGROUPS NINE & TEN**

There are no records in storage for Garfield County  
Supt of Schools or School Districts.

### **END OF INVENTORY**

PMC/WP5.1	5/10/1993
PMC/Word 7.0	5/10/2001