Garfield County, Nebraska

film
RG286 Garfield County, Nebraska

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 Nebrask'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); abd 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
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.
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.
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p.1 (Aug. 24, 1887) - p.640 (Jan. 29, 1891)

Deeds, Book #3
p.1 (Jan. 30, 1891) - p.499 (Sept 12, 1893)

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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

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Deeds, Book #8
p.1 (Dec. 3, 1904) - p.600 (Mar. 21, 1906)

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SUBGROUP FIVE  REGISTER OF DEEDS (cont)

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SERIES THREE  INDEX TO MISCELLANEOUS, 1885-1917

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

film  
SERIES FOUR  MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1884-1913

Roll #9 cont.  
SF copy  
AR37257  
SF22011  
Items 4-5  
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  
SF copy  
AR37257  
SF22011  
Item #1  
Miscellaneous Book #2 cont.  
School Dist. #15 bonds, 6/20/1903  
thru  

film  
SERIES FIVE  NUMERICAL INDEX-LANDS, 1877-1938

Roll #11  
SF copy  
AR37258  
SF22012  
Items 2-4  
Numerical Index-Lands (1877-1913)  
S01-T21N-R15W thru T24, R16W  
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  
SF copy  
AR37259  
SF22013  
Items 1-2  
Numerical Index-Lands (1914-1938)  
S35-T21N-R14W thru S36-T24N-R14W  
Numerical Index-Lands (1914-1938)  
S01-T21N-R15W thru S35-T24N-R15W
**SUBGROUP FIVE**  
REGISTER OF DEEDS (cont)

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

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

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

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

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**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)

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

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**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)**

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**SERIES FOUR   DAILY JOURNALS - MICROFILM RECORD**

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

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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)
thru
Conger vs. McIntyre & Mead Bond & Trust

Roll #8
Item 1
SF copy
AR 37255
SF22009
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

- Items 1-2
- SF copy Complete Record Book #6 cont.
- AR37256 Burkley vs. Bickford et al (pp.50-68)
- SF22010 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