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Gosper County, Nebraska

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### **ARCHIVES RECORD**

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Gosper County, Nebraska

Records: 1873-1991

Cubic ft.: 1

No. of Items: 35 volumes on 10 reels of  
35mm microfilm and probate files on  
7 reels of 16mm microfilm

### **HISTORICAL NOTE**

Settlement in the area which now comprises Gosper County, in south central Nebraska, began in 1872. A year later on August 29, 1873, the county was organized and named after John J. Gosper, Secretary of State. Gosper County encompasses 461 square miles measuring 24 miles north and south and 18 miles east and west. It is bordered on the north by Dawson County, by Phelps County on the east, Furnas County on the south, and Frontier County on the west.

No towns had been laid out by 1882. Danesville P.O., established November 26, 1873, served as the first county seat. At first the county records were kept in the homes of elected officials. Homerville, which had been established in the county as Vaughn P.O. in 1883, won the title of county seat in an election in 1882 and the first county buildings were constructed. Elwood, established in 1884 as Mick P.O. and platted by the Lincoln Land Company in 1885, won the county seat title in an election battle with Homerville in 1888. The county seat buildings were moved from the latter to Elwood in 1889. The courthouse burned in 1895 and was replaced the next year. In 1939 a new courthouse was constructed which is listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

Andreas' in 1882 ("History of the State of Nebraska") stated that the county population would never be much as crop and stock raising had to be its main industries for all time to come. The population, estimated in 1874 at 100, rose to its all-time high of 5,301 persons in 1900. Today, the county has a population of 1,928 (1990). The eastern part of the county was conducive to farming and was the most populated. During the years 1874-1876, however, the grasshopper plague destroyed nearly all of the crops.

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ADDED ENTRIES:

MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--GOSPER COUNTY  
DEED RECORDS--NEBRASKA--GOSPER COUNTY  
DISTRICT COURTS--NEBRASKA--GOSPER COUNTY  
PROBATE RECORDS--NEBRASKA--GOSPER COUNTY

Schools consisted of sod and frame structures at the time of county organization. The Union Pacific Railroad ran to Plum Creek P.O. and the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska to Arapahoe, the main business centers of the county. In 1935, the PWA began construction on the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (Tri-County Project), building water facilities for agriculture. Johnson Lake in Gosper County, a popular fishing spot, is the result of this project.

#### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection consists of records of Gosper County, Nebraska, arranged into nine subgroups: 1) Assessor (no records); 2) Treasurer (no records); 3) County Board of Commissioners (no records); 4) County Clerk, 1891-1986; 5) Register of Deeds, 1875-1991; 6) County Court, 1876-1981; 7) District Court, 1877-1991; 8) Superintendent of Schools (no records); and 9) School District Records consist of one record book for Gosper County School District #41, 1886-1895.

Records stored in the State Archives exist in subgroups four through seven only.

Subgroup Four, County Clerk, consists of the marriage docket of the county, 1891-1986. These records were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in the spring of 1994, with the cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society and the County Clerk. The records, 1987-1994, are restricted from patrons use by section 71-612, R.R.S. Nebraska.

Subgroup Five, Register of Deeds, includes Numerical Indices for land transactions, 1875-1991; the General Index and Deed Record Books for Gosper County, 1875-1991; and a General Index to the Miscellaneous Record books, 1875-1991. This film was produced for the county and was copied from security microfilm held by the State Archives, with the permission of the Register of Deeds.

Subgroup Six, County Court, consists of seven reels of 16mm Diazo negative microfilm which contains the probate files (not dockets) of Gosper County, 1876-1926, arranged in alphabetical order. An index to this film appears as Appendix A of this inventory. This film was also copied from security microfilm with the permission of the Clerk Magistrate of the county court. Also included are records recently received including the Delayed Birth Dockets, 1941-1981, and two volumes relating to early probate, 1883-1901.

Subgroup Seven, District Court, contains one Judgement Docket for Gosper County, 1877-1991, on one reel of microfilm. This film also is a security microfilm copy produced by the county.

## DESCRIPTION

### SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR

The State Archives holds no records for this office of Gosper County, including Real & Personal Property Assessments.

### SUBGROUP TWO TREASURER

The State Archives holds no records for this office of Gosper County, including Real Estate & Personal Tax Lists, Motor Vehicle Tax Lists, Delinquent Tax lists, Tax Sale Records, School Land Records, or Special Assessments.

### SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The State Archives does not have the correspondence of the county board of commissioners or the minutes of that board.

### SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1891-1986

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SERIES ONE

MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1891-1986

Vol. #1                   Marriage Docket, 1873-1891 - MISSING  
Vol. #2                   Marriage Docket, Vol. #2  
                              p.1 (#337), December 22, 1891  
                              thru  
                              p.581 (#932), July 8, 1907

NOTE: Pages 582-583 are blank

**SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1891-1986**

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**SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1891-1986**

- Vol. #3           Marriage Docket, Vol. #3  
                  p.1 (#933), July 9, 1907  
                  thru  
                  p.586 (November 26, 1925)
- pp.587-589 are blank  
                  p.590 (Skallberg-Hedlund), July 23, 1924  
                  pp.591-593 are blank  
                  p.594-596 delayed registration  
                  (Fastenau-Halthus), Sept. 29, 1920  
                  pp.596-610 are blank  
                  p.611 (Pledger-Knapple), July 26, 1914
- Vol. #4           Marriage Docket, Vol. #4  
                  p.1 (no #), February 5, 1926  
                  thru  
                  p.600 (#600), July 16, 1948
- Vol. #5           Marriage Docket, Vol. #5  
                  p.1 (#601), August 18, 1948  
                  thru  
                  p.677 (5-668), November 22, 1986
- \*           Vol. #6           Marriage Licenses & Certificates (loose)  
                  Index, A-Z, 1987-1994  
                  p.1 (5/13/1987) thru 73-94-3 (2/15/1994)

NOTE: Vol. #6 is restricted from patron use due to the presence of confidential material protected by section 71-612 and 84-712.05 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

NOTE: Microfilm Record begins on next page

## SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1891-1986

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SERIES ONE

MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD

MP4219

NOTE: This microfilm was produced by the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1994 with the cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society and the county.

Roll #1	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #2
1245 pp.	Index, A-Z (1891-1907)
692 Exp.	p.1 (#337), Selby-Welland (Dec. 22, 1891)
GSU Project	thru
#26,310	Item #2 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #3
	p.612 (November 11, 1909)

NOTE: Vol. #3, consecutive dates end p.586 (Brodue-Shelden), November 26, 1925

NOTE: Vol. #1 was missing at time of filming

NOTE: Vol. #3, see inventory for order and dates of pp. 587-612.

NOTE: Illegible & hard to copy documents, patrons should contact county clerk for copies from original record.

Roll #2	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #4
1329 pp.	Index, A-Z (1926-1948)
1451 Exp.	thru
GSU Project	Item #2 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #5
#26,311	p.677 (5-668), Houlden-Schwartz
	November 22, 1986

NOTE: Vol. #5, pp. 678-680 are blank

* Roll #3	Item #1 - Marriage Licenses & Certificates
296 Exp.	Index (1987-1994), 2 pp.
GSU Project	thru
#26,312	Item #1 - Marriage Licenses & Certificates
	73-94-3 (Lammers-Moore), Feb. 15, 1994

NOTE: Roll is restricted from public use due to the presence of confidential material protected by sections 71-612 & 84-712.05 of Nebraska Revised Statutes.

## SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS, 1875-1991

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**SERIES ONE GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS, 1875-1991**

Vol. #1	General Index, Book #1 (1875-1889)	A-Z
Vol. #2	General Index, Book #2 (1889-1893)	A-Z
Vol. #3	General Index, Book #3 (1894-1910)	A-Z
Vol. #4	General Index, Book #4 (1911-1991)	A-Z

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**SERIES ONE GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS - MICROFILM RECORD MP4106**

NOTE: Microfilm was produced by Gosper County in 1991.  
Microfilm is copied from security microfilm stored  
at the State Archives.

Roll #1	Deeds, Books 28-29 (1985-1991)
3076 pp.	General Index to Deeds, Book #1 (1876-1889)
1988 Exp.	thru
AR #11	General Index to Deeds, Book #4,
SF30486	p.58 "D" (1911-1991)

NOTE: Vol.#4, pp. 59-63 are blank

Roll #2	General Index to Deeds, Book #4 cont.
576 pp.	p.64 "E" (1911-1991)
288 Exp.	thru
AR #12	General Index to Deeds, Book #4
SF30487	p.638, continuation of "Z" (1911-1991)

NOTE: pp. 322-638 contain continuations  
of "A-Z" for this volume.

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**SERIES TWO NUMERICAL INDICES, 1875-1991**

NOTE: Not all volumes were copied for reference,  
Volume numbering by the Archives does not reflect  
the number of volumes remaining at the courthouse.

Vol. #1	Numerical Index - Lands (1876-1894)
	S3-T5-R24 (1878) thru
	S36-T8-R21 (1893)

## SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS, 1875-1991

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**SERIES TWO**                      **NUMERICAL INDICES, 1875-1991**

- Vol. #2                      Numerical Index - Lands (Twnshp 5), 1875-1946  
                                    S1-T5-R21 (1886) thru  
                                    S21-T5-R24 (1946)  
                                    (incomplete)  
                                    NOTE: The remainder of Vol. #2 and Indices for  
    Twnshps 6 & 7 were not copied for reference
- Vol. #3                      Numerical Index - Lands (T8-1), 1885-1927  
                                    p.9, S7-T8-R21 (1886-1925)  
                                    thru  
                                    p.173, S36-T8-R23 (1885-1925)  
  
                                    NOTE: pp.1-8 were not copied for reference  
                                    NOTE: pp.174-238 are blank
- Vol. #4                      Numerical Index - Lands (8-2), 1928-1991  
                                    S1-T8-R21 (1929-1975)  
                                    thru  
                                    p.413, S36-T8-R23 (1934-1991)  
                                    pp. 414-478 are blank  
                                    p. 479, S4-T8-R22 (1977-1986)  
                                    p.480, S4-T8-R22 (1986-1991)
- Vol. #5                      Numerical Index - Lots #1 (1875-1928)  
                                    p.1, West Bertrand (1886-1922)  
                                    thru  
                                    p. 263, Highland Cemetery, Plat 1922  
                                    pp.264-265 (continuations)  
                                    pp. 266-320 are blank
- Vol. #6                      Numerical Index - Lots #2 (1928-1991)  
                                    p.1, Original Elwood, Block 8  
                                    thru  
                                    p.249, Smithfield, Block 3  
                                    pp. 195-250 are blank  
                                    pp.250-314, Additions to Elwood  
                                    pp.315-321 are blank





- Vol. #5            Deed Record, Vol.#5  
                    p.1 (June 8, 1891) thru  
                    p.640 (February 6, 1893)
- Vol. #6            Deed Record, Vol. #6  
                    pp.1-148 Union Pacific Railway Co. contracts  
                    p.1 (March 3, 1892) thru  
                    p.148 (September 15, 1955)

NOTE: p.147 ends (June 18, 1907), extended  
dates are changes in original contract  
dates after satisfaction. p.148 (1955)  
original date of contract was 10/21/1890

pp.149-200 are blank  
pp.201-480 Land Patents, 1892-1899  
p.201, Homestead, Feb. 13, 1892 thru  
p.480, Homestead, September 28, 1899

NOTE: Second half of Vol. #6 records land  
patents issued by U.S. including military,  
homesteads, and timber cultures.

- Vol. #7            Deed Record, Vol. #7  
                    p.1 (February 8, 1893) thru  
                    p.640 (March 9, 1895)
- Vol. #8            Deed Record, Vol. #8  
                    p.1 (March 9, 1895) thru  
                    p.635 (March 19, 1898)
- Vol. #9            Deed Record, Vol. #9 (incomplete)  
                    p.1 (March 9, 1898) thru  
                    p.335 (March 25, 1899)

NOTE: pp.336-640, microfilmed on agency  
roll #4 were not copied for reference.

NOTE: Film record for Series Three begins on next page.

## SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS

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SERIES THREE

DEED RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD

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NOTE: Microfilm was produced by Gosper County in 1991.  
Reference copies were made from security microfilm  
accessioned by the State Archives. Original records  
remain at the Gosper County courthouse.

Roll #4	Vol. #1 - Deed Record, Vol.#1 (1875-1886)
1652 pp.	p.1 (January 26, 1875)
844 Exp.	thru
AR #1	Vol. #3 - Deed Record, Vol. #3 (1887-1888)
SF30476	p.373, UPRY Co. to Michael Yoder December 14, 1888

NOTE: Illegible or hard to copy documents.  
Contact county Register of Deeds for  
copies from original record.

Roll #5	Vol. #3 - Deed Record, Vol. #3 cont.
2208 pp.	p.372, UPRY Co. to Michael Yoder
1121 Exp.	thru
AR #2	Vol. #6 - Deed Record, Vol.#6 (1892-1955)
SF30477	p.291, U.S. to Christian M. Prutsman February 11, 1893

NOTE: pp.1-148 are UPRY Co. Contracts  
pp.149-291 are U.S. Land patents.  
See Note at vol. #6 on inventory.

NOTE: Illegible or hard to copy documents.  
Contact county Register of Deeds for  
copies from original record.

## SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS

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**SERIES THREE**

**DEED RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD**

**MP4106**

Roll #6  
1798 pp.  
917 Exp.  
AR #3  
SF30478

Vol. #6 - Deed Record, Vol. #6 cont.  
p.292, U.S. to Jay W. Tracy  
thru  
Vol. #9 - Deed Record, Vol. #9 (1898-1899)  
p.335 (March 25, 1899)

NOTE: Vol. #9, pp. 336-640, microfilmed  
on Agency Roll #4, were not copied for  
reference.

NOTE: Illegible or hard to copy documents,  
contact county Register of Deeds for  
copies from original record.

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**SERIES FOUR**

**MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1875-1960**

NOTE: The Miscellaneous Record of the counties contain  
entries for articles of incorporation, bonds,  
bills of sale, assignments, court orders and  
decess, powers of atty, agreements & contracts, etc.

Vol. #1            General Index to Miscellaneous  
                  Vol. #1 (1875-1918)  
                  Ackley, George W. - Zike, E. M.

Vol. #2            General Index to Miscellaneous  
                  Vol. #2 (1916-1960)  
                  Grantee-Grantor Index, A-Z  
                  Aabel, Moritz - Zike, William A.  
                  Grantor-Grantee Index, A-Mc  
                  Abraham, Delia - McWilliams, Robert

NOTE: Vol. #2, Grantor-Grantee Index, M-Z  
microfilmed on agency roll #16, was  
not copied for reference. See Grantee-  
Grantor Index in first half of volume.



## SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT, 1883-1935

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**SERIES ONE**

**PROBATE FILES, 1883-1935**

Roll #2                    Probate Files (1887-1929)  
Diaz Neg.                    C-25 (Jane A. Curtis)  
16mm, 34:1                thru  
AR #92-2                    Probate Files (1887-1929)  
SF33066                    H-17 (Henry J. Hart)

NOTE: Cases, D-3 & D-4, William F. Elliott, probate and Elliott minors Guardianship are intermixed.

NOTE: Retake, H-10 (Nels Halker), pp.22-23, spliced to start of reel

NOTE: Dates of death are 1887-1925  
Includes Guardianship Files C-H

NOTE: Case #C-24 was missing at time of filming.

Roll #3                    Probate Files (1893-1933)  
Diaz Neg.                    H-18 (William John Hamer)  
16mm, 34:1                thru  
AR #92-3                    Probate Files (1893-1933)  
SF33067                    L-10 (Lucinda H. Lord)

NOTE: includes Guardianships H-L (1894-1933)

Roll #4                    Probate Files (1883-1935)  
Diaz Neg.                    L-11 (Sena P. F. Lawrence)  
16mm, 34:1                thru  
AR #92-4                    Probate Files (1883-1935)  
SF33068                    P-8 (Henry Pargman)

NOTE: Retake, M-6 (Samuel McBride), p.23 is spliced to start of reel

NOTE: Dates of death are 1883-1924

NOTE: Includes Guardianship Files, L-P, 1895-1935

## SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT, 1883-1935

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**SERIES ONE**

**PROBATE FILES, 1883-1935**

Roll #5                    Probate Files (1887-1924)  
Diazo Neg.                P-9 (Harry R. Phillips)  
16mm, 34:1                thru  
AR #92-5                  Probate Files (1887-1924)  
SF33069                    S-34 (William A. Seales)

NOTE: Retake, R-8 (William Ross), p.12  
spliced to start of reel

NOTE: Retake, S-3 (Fred H. Schroeder)  
p.30, spliced to start of reel

NOTE: Dates of death are 1887-1924

NOTE: Includes Guardianship Files P-S  
(1899-1919)

Roll #6                    Probate Files (1883-1924)  
Diazo Neg.                S-35 (Margaret Schanck)  
16mm, 34:1                thru  
AR #92-6                  Probate Files (1883-1924)  
SF33070                    Y-4 (Abraham Yoder), Gdn.

Roll #7                    Probate Files (1888-1939)  
Diazo Neg.                Z-001 (Ziems, Charley)  
16mm, 34:1                thru  
AR #92-7                  Probate Files (1888-1939)  
SF33071                    1-049 (March 1, 1927)

NOTE: Roll has scattered entries for  
probate & deaths, 1928-1939

NOTE: Dates of death are 1883-1939

NOTE: Includes Guardianship Files, 1919-1927

## **SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT**

### **SERIES ONE PROBATE RECORDS NOT MICROFILMED**

- V.01 Claim Register, 4/25/1883 - 6/29/1901  
Probate Estates
- V.02 Settlement Record, 1885-1895  
Estate of Asher Anson thru  
p.74, Estate of Melvin Cracrat (1895)

### **SERIES TWO DELAYED BIRTH RECORDS, 1941-1981**

- V.01-04 #1 (3/17/1941) thru #4-301 (8/3/1981)

## **SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT**

### **SERIES ONE GENERAL INDEX TO DISTRICT COURT**

The General Index remains at the Dist. Court of Gosper County

### **SERIES TWO APPEARANCE DOCKETS**

These dockets are not in storage at the Archives

### **SERIES THREE DAILY JOURNAL**

The Daily Journal is not in storage at the Archives

### **SERIES FOUR COMPLETE RECORD**

The Complete Record dockets are not in storage at the Archives

### **SERIES FIVE CIVIL & CRIMINAL CASE FILES**

The State Archives does not have any of the civil or criminal case files of the district court in storage.

### **SERIES SIX BILLS OF EXCEPTION**

There are no bills of exception in storage at the Archives



## **SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT**

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**SERIES SEVEN JUDGEMENT & EXECUTION DOCKETS, 1878-1991**

Vol. #1 Judgement Docket, 1878-1991  
A (A.B.C. Storage & Cartage Co., Inc.)  
thru  
Z (Zogg, Randy D.)

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NOTE: Microfilm was produced by Fountaines' Microfilming for the county district court in 1991. This reel was copied from security microfilm stored at the State Archives with the permission of the district court.

Roll #1 Judgement Docket #1  
240 pp. p.1 "A"  
& inserts thru  
AR #4107-1 Judgement Docket #1  
SF30385 p.240 (inserts), 1909

Roll #1 NOTE: pp.190-191 are partially obscured  
by insert documents  
NOTE: pp.210-221 were blank and not  
microfilmed  
NOTE: p.238 ends, "Z"  
NOTE: p.239 (Pothast, Catherine v. David)  
NOTE: p.240 (opp), McCormick Harvesting  
Machine Co. vs. M. G. Barnes, 1893  
NOTE: p.240, Storz Brewing Co. vs. Phillips

## **SUBGROUP EIGHT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The State Archives holds no records from the Superintendent of Schools office in Gosper County.

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## **SUBGROUP NINE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS**

SERIES ONE: School District #41  
Volume 1, Record Book, ca. 1886-1895

END OF INVENTORY  
SRW/PMC/GSU 9/22/1994  
PMC WORD 2007  
GMK 2/13/2013