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.
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 dockets 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

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

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)

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

### 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.

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**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.

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

**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

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

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.

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.

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**

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

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SUBGROUP FIVE    REGISTER OF DEEDS

SERIES TWO     NUMERICAL INDEXES - MICROFILM RECORD    MP4106

Roll #2        following General Index, Vol. #4
1082 pp.       Vol. #1 - Numerical Index-Lands (1875-1894)
515 Exp.       S3-T5-R24 (1878-1893)
AR #12         thru
SF30487        Vol. #2 - Numerical Index-Lands T5 (1875-1946)
               S21-T5-R24 (1946)

NOTE: Vol. #2 ends with S21. Sections 22-36
      Twonship 5, were not copied for reference.

Roll #3        Vol. #3 - Numerical Index-Lands (T8-1)
1613 pp.       p.9, S7-T8-R21 (1886-1925)
810 Exp.       thru
AR #14         Vol. #6 - Numerical Index-Lots (1928-1991)
SF30489        p.314, Additions to Elwood

NOTE: Vol. #3, pp. 1-8, sections 1-6,
      Township 8, were not copied for reference.

NOTE: Vol. #4 (T8-2), p.480 (light original)
      will not copy. Original records remain
      at the county courthouse.

SERIES THREE     DEED RECORDS, 1875-1899

Vol. #1        Deed Record, Vol. #1
               p.1 (January 26, 1875) thru
               p.640 (February 17, 1886)

Vol. #2        Deed Record, Vol. #2
               p.1 (February 4, 1886) thru
               p.639 (March 26, 1888)

Vol. #3        Deed Record, Vol. #3
               p.1 (September 30, 1887) thru
               p.639 (January 16, 1890)

Vol. #4        Deed Record, Vol. #4
               p.1 (March 21, 1889) thru
               p.638 (August 26, 1891)
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.
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
1652 pp.  844 Exp.
AR #1
SF30476
Vol. #1 - Deed Record, Vol. #1 (1875-1886)
p.1 (January 26, 1875)

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

Roll #5
2208 pp.  1121 Exp.
AR #2
SF30477
Vol. #3 - Deed Record, Vol. #3 cont.
p.372, UPRY Co. to Michael Yoder
pp.1-148 are UPRY Co. Contracts
pp.149-291 are U.S. Land patents.
See Note at vol. #6 on inventory. Contact county Register of Deeds for copies from original record.
SUBGROUP FIVE   REGISTER OF DEEDS

SERIES THREE     DEED RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #6 Vol. #6 - Deed Record, Vol. #6 cont.
1798 pp. p.292, U.S. to Jay W. Tracy
917 Exp. thru
AR #3 Vol. #9 - Deed Record, Vol. #9 (1898-1899)
SF30478 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.

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 decrees, 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 FIVE    REGISTER OF DEEDS

SERIES FOUR     MISCELLANEOUS RECORD - MICROFILM RECORD     MP4106

Roll #7
846 pp.
570 Exp.
AR #15
SF30490

General Index to Miscellaneous, Vol. #1
Grantee-Grantor Index, p.1 "A"
thur
General Index to Miscellaneous, Vol. #2
Grantor-Grantee Index, p.449 (Mc)

NOTE:  See notes, Series Four, above.

SUBGROUP SIX    COUNTY COURT, 1883-1935

SERIES ONE     PROBATE FILES, 1883-1935

NOTE:  Microfilm was produced by Gosper County in 1992. Reference copies were made from security microfilm accessioned by the State Archives and with permission of the Clerk Magistrate of the county court.

NOTE:  See Appendix "A" for General Index.

Roll #1
Diaz Neg.
16mm, 34:1
AR #92-1
SF33065

Probate Files (1886-1924)
A-1 (Ackley, William G.)
thur
Probate Files (1886-1924)
C-23 (Olive M. Curtis)

NOTE:  Includes Guardianship Files A-C
NOTE:  Retake, B-30 (Frank Brinkman), pp.30-31, spliced to start of reel
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

SERIES ONE    PROBATE FILES, 1883-1935

Roll #5
Diazo Neg.  P-9 (Harry R. Phillips)
16mm, 34:1 thru
AR #92-5
SF33069

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
Diazo Neg.  S-35 (Margaret Schanck)
16mm, 34:1 thru
AR #92-6
SF33070

Roll #7
Diazo Neg.  Z-001 (Ziems, Charley)
16mm, 34:1 thru
AR #92-7
SF33071

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

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.)

NSHS HAS ON MICROFILM:

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.
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
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