

Nance, Albinus

RG1 Nebraska. Governor

SG12 Nance, Albinus , 1848-1911

Papers, etc. : 1879-1882

State Governor: Lafayette , ILL.; Osceola, Nebr.

Cubic Feet: 3

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Albinus Nance, was only thirty year sold when elected, the youngest man ever to be chosen as the state' s chief executive, although Thomas B. Cuming and 3. Sterling Morton, acting governors of the territory were mere boys of 26 when first appointed. Lafayette, Illinois, was the birth place of Governor Nance, on March 30, 1848. He enlisted in the 9th Ill. Cavalry, when only 16 years of age and fought with the regiment in numerous Civil War battles. After the war, he began the study of law at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., and though he left before securing his degree, he was admitted to the bar of Illinois in 1870 at the age of 22. Moving to Nebraska in 1871 he attempted to homestead in Polk County and practice law at the same time . His legal work prospered to such a degree that he decided to give it his full time and moved to Osceola to open an office. Indicative of the rapidity with which Nance established himself in his new home was his election to the state house of representatives in 1874, despite the fact that he had been in the state only three years and was only 26 years old. In 1876, he was re-elected and chosen speaker of the House of Representatives. Also during 1876 he served as Chairman of the Nebraska delegation to the Republican National Convention in Cincinnati. Next, the Republican Party nominated him for the governorship in 1878. He defeated W. H. Webster, the Democratic nominee, by better than a two to one majority. He was renominated by acclamation in 1880, defeating former Senator Thomas W. Tipton in the general election. A t the expiration of his second term, Governor Nance, still not 35 years old, "retired" to his law practice at Osceola. A few years later he moved to Lincoln, and then to Chicago where he engaged in handling railroad stocks and bonds. He died December 7th 1911.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This subgroup consists of 6 boxes of the papers of Governor Albinus Nance, arranged in four series : (1) General Correspondence, 1879-1882; (2) Applications for Commissioner of Deeds, 1879-1882; (3) Petitions and Proclamations, 1879-1882; and (4) Miscellany.

These papers relate to the affairs of the Governor's office during the administration of Albinus Nance, 1879-1882. The bulk of the material consists of incoming correspondence of the Governor's office relating to such matters as county organization, crime, immigration, military affairs: elections, appointments and politics. Of special interest are numerous letters and documents relating to the activities of David "Doc" Middleton in the Halt Co., Nebraska area. Additional material deals with the Olive Murder trial at Hastinqs, Nebraska. Also included within the correspondence are letters by Phineas W. Hitchcock and Algernon S. Paddock regarding State and National politics.

DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1879-1882

Box One

- Folder 1. Feb 4, 1879-Mar 31, 1879
- Folder 2. Apr 1, 1879-May 31, 1879
- Folder 3. June 2, 1879-July 31, 1879
- Folder 4. Aug 4, 1879-Aug 30, 1879
- Folder 5. Sept 1, 1879-Sept 30, 1879
- Folder 6. Oct 1, 1879-Oct 30, 1879
- Folder 7. Nov 1, 1879-Nov 30, 1879
- Folder 8. Dec 1, 1879-Dec 30, 1879
- Folder 9. Jan 1, 1880-Jan 30, 1880
- Folder 10. Feb 1, 1880-Feb 15, 1880
- Folder 11. Feb 16, 1880-Feb 27, 1880

Box Two

- Folder 12. Mar 1, 1880-Mar 31, 1880
- Folder 13. Apr 1, 1880-Apr 30, 1880
- Folder 14. May 1, 1880-May 30, 1880
- Folder 15. June 1, 1880-June 30, 1880
- Folder 16. July 1, 1880-July 31, 1880
- Folder 17. Aug 1, 1880-Aug 31, 1880
- Folder 18. Sept 1, 1880-Sept 30, 1880
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- Folder 20. Nov 1, 1880-Nov 30, 1880
- Folder 21. Dec 1, 1880-Dec 31, 1880

Box Three

- Folder 22. Jan 3, 1881-Jan 31, 1881
- Folder 23. Feb 1, 1881-Feb 28, 1881
- Folder 24. Mar 1, 1881-Mar 30, 1881
- Folder 25. Apr 4, 1881-Apr 27, 1881
- Folder 26. May 1, 1881-May 31, 1881
- Folder 27. June 1, 1881-June 30, 1881
- Folder 28. July 5, 1881-July 30, 1881
- Folder 29. Aug. 1, 1881-Aug 31, 1881
- Folder 30. Sept 1, 1881-Sept 30, 1881
- Folder 31. Oct 1, 1881-Oct 31, 1881
- Folder 32. Nov 2, 1881-Nov 30, 1881
- Folder 33. Dec 2, 1881-Dec 30, 1881
- Folder 34. Jan 1, 1882-Jan 30, 1882

Box Four

- Folder 35. Feb 1, 1882-Feb 28, 1882
- Folder 36. Mar 1, 1882-Mar 30, 1882
- Folder 37. Apr 1, 1882-Apr 29, 1882

Folder 38. May 1, 1882-June 30, 1882
Folder 39. July 1, 1882-Aug 28, 1882
Folder 40. Sept 1, 1882-Sept 30, 1882
Folder 41. Oct 1, 1882-Oct 31, 1882
Folder 42. Nov 1, 1882-Nov 30, 1882
Folder 43. Dec 1, 1882-Dec 29, 1882
Folder 44. Not Dated

Box Five

Vol 1. Outgoing Correspondence. (Letterpress) 1879-1880
Vol 2. Outgoing Correspondence. (Letterpress) 1881
Vol 3. Outgoing Correspondence. (Letterpress) 1881-1883

SERIES TWO APPLICATIONS FOR COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS, 1879-1883

Box Six

Folder 1. Applications, 1879-1883

SERIES THREE PETITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS, 1879-1883

Folder 1. Proclamations
Folder 2-4. Petitions

SERIES FOUR MISCELLANY

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Folder 1. Includes Land Records of TWPS 25-35, Ranges 21-31; Congressional Bills;
and Transcript of State vs. Muar, 1880
Folder 2 Messages; 1881-1882

ADDED ENTRIES:

MIDDLETOE, DAVID C , 185 -1913
OLIVE, ISOM PRENTICE, 1839?-1886
Crook, George, 1828-1890
Hitchcock, Phineas Warrenner, 1831-1881
NEGROES. NEBRASKA
ELECTIONS. NEBRASKA, 1 8 7 9 - 1 8 8 2
Slaughter, Bradner D, 1849-1909
Paddock, Algernon Sidney, 1830-1897
SIMMERMAN, MATHIAS
TIMBER CULTURE ACT
COUNTY GOVERNMENT. ORGAIGIZATION
HOLT COUNTY, NEBRASKA. HISTORY
CRIME AND CRIMINALS. NEBRASKA