

## **Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska**

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Records: 1876-1906

Cubic ft.: 2.75

Approx. # of Items: 16 volumes

### **HISTORICAL NOTE**

In 1857 a group of speculators from Davenport, Iowa, decided to locate a town in the upper Platte River Valley. They made their decision after being assured that they would receive support from wealthy and influential parties, some of whom were members of the United States Congress, after it was certain that a railroad would go through the area. Some of these speculators even felt that the capital of the U.S. would be moved to the geographical center of the country and that a city in that area would be a likely site for the nation's capitol.

A town company consisting of A. N. Barrows, W.H.F. Gurley, and B. B. Woodward was formed. After proper preparation a group of German emigrants departed from Davenport in the middle of May 1857. The townsite was located near the Platte River and was named Grand Island after a large island in the river. The Union Pacific Railroad and Burlington & Missouri River Railroad opened their lines through the area by the early 1880s. The Union Pacific had been completed through Nebraska in 1867. In 1866 that railroad moved the townsite of Grand Island slightly north of the original settlement in order to be in a better position for a railroad junction. Because of its geographic position, the city became a railroad distribution point and a manufacturing center of some importance.

Grand Island was incorporated as a town in 1873. Currently (1993) it is a city of first class with a population of 39,386. It is the birthplace of actor Henry Fonda. The Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer is located near Grand Island.



ADDED ENTRIES:

HALL COUNTY (NEB.)--HISTORY

LAW ENFORCEMENT--NEBRASKA--HALL COUNTY

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**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This record group contains miscellaneous records for the town of Grand Island arranged in the following subgroups: 1) City Council; 2) City Clerk, 1891-1904; 3) City Treasurer, 1876-1898; and 4) Police Court, 1885-1906.

The records of Subgroup One, City Council, exist on security microfilm only. This film is not yet available to the general public. Copies of the microfilm containing the minutes and ordinances of the City of Grand Island will be copied at a later date for use in our reference department.

Subgroup Two, City Clerk, consists of one volume of officials' bonds, 1895-1900, and one volume entitled "License Record," registering all types of licenses & permits issued by the town clerk, 1891-1904.

Subgroup Three, City Treasurer, includes two assessment volumes for personal property (1876) and real estate assessments (1879); Registers for water rents and usage, 1886-1898; and a school district ledger, 1884-1897.

The majority of records is contained in SG4, Police Court. Included are nine consecutive volumes records case proceedings in the court, Nov. 1885 - May 1906.

**DESCRIPTION****SUBGROUP ONE GRAND ISLAND CITY COUNCIL, 1873-1992****SERIES ONE MINUTES AND RESOLUTIONS, 1911-1992**

SECURITY MICROFILM ONLY EXISTS FOR THIS SERIES

**SERIES TWO CITY ORDINANCES, 1873-1989**

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**SUBGROUP TWO CITY CLERK, 1891-1904****SERIES ONE OFFICIALS' BONDS, 1895-1900**

V.1 April 4, 1895 - June 7, 1900  
(label, old S2, v.12)

**SERIES TWO LICENSES AND PERMITS, 1891-1904**

V.1 May 1, 1891 - December 30, 1904  
(label, old S2, v.10)

**SUBGROUP THREE CITY TREASURER, 1876-1897****SERIES ONE ASSESSMENT RECORDS AND TAX LISTS, 1876-1879**

V.1 Personal Property Assessment, 1876  
V.2 Real Estate Assessment, 1879

**SERIES TWO CITY SERVICES AND UTILITY RECORDS, 1886-1898**

V.1 Water Register, 1886-1893  
V.2 Cash Book, 1893-1898  
pp.1-131, Water Rent, May 2, 1893 - May 2, 1898  
pp.200-231, Expense Acct, May 1893 - Dec. 1895  
pp.281-327, Service Accts, May 1895 - June 1898  
pp.380-393, Cash Account, May 1898 - June 1898

**SERIES THREE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS**

V.1 School District Ledger, April 1884 - July 1897

**SUBGROUP FOUR POLICE COURT DOCKETS, 1885-1906**

V.1	November 25, 1885 - September 26, 1887
V.2	October 1, 1887 - July 1, 1889
V.3	July 2, 1889 - May 29, 1891
V.4	June 1, 1891 - June 21, 1893
V.5	June 22, 1893 - June 18, 1896
V.6	June 20, 1896 - May 12, 1898
V.7	May 17, 1898 - July 17, 1901
V.8	July 18, 1901 - September 25, 1903
V.9	October 2, 1903 - May 4, 1906

END OF INVENTORY

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