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Hitchcock County
Nebraska State Historical Society
Records: 1871-1945
Cubic Feet: 4.50 cubic ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Hitchcock County, Nebraska was organized in 1873 by a proclamation of Governor Furnas, and its boundaries were defined by an act of the State Legislature approved February 27, 1873. Culbertson, the first organized town in the county, was selected as the county seat in 1873; however, Trenton, founded in 1883, challenged Culbertson's position. A bitter rivalry between residents of the two towns ensued, with Trenton securing the courthouse in 1894.

Since the county's climate and terrain were extremely conducive to raising livestock, cattlemen began to move their herds into the area in the early 1870's. In 1875, a Secretary of State's report indicated that 75 people were located in Hitchcock County. This number increased significantly with the influx of farmers in the late 1870s and throughout the 1880s. By 1890, the census revealed a total population of 5,799. The county reached its densest population in 1930, when 7,269 people were recorded as residents. Since then, however, the population has steadily decreased, and by the 1990 census, there was a total county population of 3,750.

The county was named in honor of Phineas W. Hitchcock, who at the time of its organization, was a United States Senator from Nebraska and has earlier been a delegate to Congress from the Nebraska Territory.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This record group consists of the following (arranged into the following subgroups):

- 1) Assessor, 1930-1960
- 2) Treasurer, 1871-1913
- 3) County Board of Commissioners, 1892-1925
- 4) County Clerk, 1873-1994
- 5) Register of Deeds (no records)
- 6) County Clerk, 1873-1994
- 7) District Court (no records)
- 8) Superintendent of Schools, 1900-1945
- 9) School District Records, (no records)

SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR, 1930-1960
SERIES ONE,
Assessment Schedules
Microfilm (reference copies)

Roll #1 (#19,643)
Assessment Record, Real Estate-Lands and Lots
Beverly Precinct-Lands, p. 1, S1-T4-R33 (1930-1933)
thru
Logan Precinct-Lands, p. 4 S12-T2-R31 (1933-1935)

Roll #2 (#19,644)
Assessment Record, Real Estate-Lands and Lots
Logan Precinct-Lands, p. 5, S15-Ts-R31 (1933-1935)
Thru
Stratton Village-Lots, pg. 1, Blk 1, Lot 6 (1936-1937)

Roll #3 (#19,645)
Assessment Record, Real Estate-Lands and Lots
Stratton Village-Lots, p. 2, Blk 2, Lot 7 (1936-1937)
Thru
Trenton Precinct –Lands, p. 7 S35-T2-R33 (1938-1939)

Roll #4 (#19,646)
Assessment Record, Real Estate-Lands and Lots
Trenton Village-Lots, pg. 1, Blk 12, Lot 1 (1938-1939)
Thru
Webster Precinct-Lands, p. 11, S23-T3-R35 (1940-1941)

Roll #5 (#19,647)
Assessment Record, Real Estate-Lands and Lots
Webster Precinct-Lands, p. 11, S23-T3-R35 (1940-1941 cont.)
Thru
Classification Record, Real Estate-Lands, p. 109
S1, 2-T2-R32 (1946)

Roll #6 (#19,648)
Classification Record, Real Estate-Lands and Lots
Lands, p. 110 S3, 4-Ts-R32 (1946)
Thru
Culbertson Village, Lands, p. 58, S16-T3-R31 (1945-1951)

SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR, 1930-1960
SERIES ONE,
Assessment Schedules Continued
Microfilm (reference copies)

Roll #7 (#19,649)
Assessment Record, Real Estate-Lands and Lots
Upper Driftwood Precinct, Lands, p. 1, S1-T1-R33 (1945-1951)
Thru
Trenton Precinct-Lands, p. 221, S33-T2-R33 (1945-1951)

Roll #8 (#19,650)
Assessment Record, Real Estate-Lands and Lots
Trenton Village-Lots, p. 1, Block 12, Lot 1 (1945-1951)
Thru
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
Riverside Precinct, ("B"), 1930

Roll #9 (#19,651)
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
Riverside Precinct ("B"), 1930 cont.
Thru
Assessment Forms, Intangible Personal Property
Palisade Precinct ("B"), 1930

Roll #10 (#19,652)
Assessment Forms, Intangible Personal Property
Palisade Precinct ("A"), 1930 cont.
Thru
Assessment Record, Personal Property
Webster Precinct, 1932
Note: The first four assessment forms on this roll were also filmed
at the end of Roll #9

Roll #11 (#19,653)
Assessment Record, Personal Property
Beverly Precinct, 1933
Thru
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
Ridnour Precinct, 1935

SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR, 1930-1960
SERIES ONE,
Assessment Schedules Continued
Microfilm (reference copies)

Roll #12 (#19,654)
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
Riverside Precinct, 1935
Thru
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
Trenton Village ("P"), 1935

Roll #13 (#19,655)
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
Trenton Village ("P"), 1935 cont.
Thru
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
Trenton Precinct, 1940

Roll #14 (#19,656)
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
Union Precinct, 1940
Thru
Palisade Precinct, 1945

Roll #15 (#19, 657)
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
Pleasant Hill Precinct, 1945
Thru
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
Culbertson Precinct, 1946

Roll #16 (#19, 658)
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
Driftwood Precinct, 1946
Thru
Assessment Forms, Personal and Business Property
Trenton Village, 1950

Note: Some vehicle registration forms were filmed beside or beneath
the corresponding assessment forms.

SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR, 1930-1960
 SERIES ONE,
 Assessment Schedules Continued
 Microfilm (reference copies)

Roll #17 (#19,659)
 Assessment Forms, Personal and Business Property
 Culbertson Village, 1950
 Thru
 Assessment Forms Personal and Business Property
 Trenton Village ("D"), 1950

Note: Some vehicle registration forms were filmed beside or beneath the corresponding assessment forms.

Roll #18 (#19,660)
 Assessment Forms, Personal and Business Property
 Trenton Village ("D"), 1950 cont.
 Thru
 Assessment Forms, Personal and Business Property
 School District #27 (Starkey), 1950

Roll #19 (#19,661)
 Assessment Forms, Personal and Business Property
 School District #28 (Trenton & Pleasant View), 1950
 Thru
 Assessment Forms, Personal Property
 1st Commissioner's District, School District #2,
 Culbertson Village, 1955

Note: Some vehicle registration forms were filmed beside or beneath the corresponding assessment forms.

Roll #20 (#19,662)
 Assessment Forms, Personal Property
 1st Commissioner's District, School District #1
 Culbertson Village, 1955
 Thru
 Assessment Forms, Personal Property
 2nd Commissioner's District, School District #11
 Trenton Village ("M"), 1955 cont.

SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR, 1930-1960
SERIES ONE,
Assessment Schedules Continued
Microfilm (reference copies)

Roll #21 (#19,663)
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
2nd Commissioner's District, School District #11
Trenton Village ("M"), 1955 cont.
Thru
Assessment Forms, Business
Palisade Precinct, 1956

Roll #22 (#19,664)
Assessment Forms, Business
Stratton Precinct, 1956
Thru
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
2nd Commissioner's District, School District #T-11
Trenton Village ("P"), 1960

Roll #23 (#19,665)
Assessment Forms, Personal Property
2nd Commissioner's District, School District #T-11
Trenton Village ("Q"), 1960 cont.
Thru
Assessment Forms, Business
Palisade Precinct, 1960

Roll #24 (#19,666)
Assessment Forms, Business
Stratton Precinct, 1960
Thru
Personal Property Tax List Correction Journal, 1951-1957

One Bound Volume:
Real Estate Assessment Record, Riverside Precinct, 1930-1933

SUBGROUP TWO COUNTY TREASURER, 1871-1910

SERIES ONE

Tax Lists, 1871-1910

Volume 1 1871-1880

Volume 2 1875-1880

Includes duplicate tax lists for 1871-1880 and delinquent tax list for 1881

Volume 3 1881-1885

Includes delinquent tax lists

Volume 4 1881-1885

Includes delinquent tax lists

SUBGROUP TWO COUNTY TREASURER, 1871-1910

SERIES ONE Continued

Tax Lists, 1871-1910

Volume 5 1886

Volume 6 1887

Volume 7 1888

Volume 8 1888-1893 (includes tax register)

Volume 9 1890

Volume 10 1890

Volume 11 1890 continued

Volume 12 1891

Volume 13 1892

Volume 14 1893

Volume 15 1894

Volume 16 1895

Volume 17 1896

Volume 18 1897

Volume 19 1898

Volume 20 1899

Volume 21 1900

Volume 22 1900 continued

Volume 23 1901

Volume 24 1902

Volume 25 1903

Volume 26 1904

Volume 27 1905

Volume 28 1906

Volume 29 1908

Volume 30 1909

Volume 31 1909-1910

Volume 32, Tax Register Book, 1888-1892

SERIES TWO SCHOOL BOND AND LAND RECORDS, 1882-1899

Volume 1 School Bonds, 1882-1892

Volume 2 School Bonds, 1894-1899

SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 1892-1925

SERIES ONE

County Board Proceedings (no records)

SERIES TWO

Supplemental Documents & Correspondence, (no records)

SERIES THREE

Soldiers' Relief Commission, 1892-1925

Volume 1 Minutes, 1892-1925

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1873-1994

SERIES ONE

Marriage Records (Microfilm, Reference Room)

NOTE: Vol. 1 of Hitchcock County marriage records was missing as time of filming by Genealogical Society of Utah, GSU. Records were microfilmed at the Hitchcock County Courthouse and original records remain at the courthouse.

Roll #1

1265 p.p.

GSU Project #26,709

Marriage Record, Vol. 2 (indexed) thru Vol. 4 (indexed)

Pg. 1, Dec. 24, 1887 to Pg. 265, Sept. 19, 1917

Roll #2

1235 p.p.

GSU Project #26,710

Marriage Record, Vol. 4 cont. thru Vol. 7 (indexed)

Pg. 264, Sept. 1, 1917 thru Pg. 197, Feb. 19, 1949

Roll #3

1396 p.p.

GSU Project #26,711

Marriage Record, Vol. 7 cont. thru Vol. 9 (indexed)

Pg. 197, Feb. 19, 1949 thru Pg. 151, Jan. 22, 1994

SERIES TWO ELECTION RECORDS, 1873-1908

Volume 1 Abstracts of Election, 1873-1893

Volume 2 Abstracts of Election, 1894-1908

Volume 3 Election Board Records, 1897-1901 (Lists title of office, candidates, votes received by precinct)

SERIES THREE

Misc. Records, 1873-1908

Box 1

- f. 1 Abstract of Election, Nov. 4, 1884
- f. 2 Articles of Incorporation, Misc., 1891-1906, Trenton, Nebraska
- f. 3 Board of County Commissioners, Apportionment of Dundy Precinct/ County, 1888
- f. 4 Board of County Commissioners, Bond Vote to Pay off County Debts, 1886-1887
- f. 5 Board of Equalization, Complaint against Lincoln Land Company for over-assessment of real estate, 1893
- f. 6 Certificate for Organization/Duties of "The Goat Club" (literary club), June 3, 1901
- f. 7 Courthouse, Special Tax Petition for Construction, 1908
- f. 8 Courthouse, Specifications for Metal Equipment, Art Metal Construction Co., ca. 1908
- f. 9 Election-Poll Books, Culbertson Precinct, Special Election, June 17, 1890
- f. 10 Estate Application File, Yapp, William T. (1918)
- f. 11 Jury List, September Term, 1892
- f. 12 Petition to Re-locate County Seat, 1889
- f. 13 Petition to Re-locate County Seat, 1892
- f. 14 Petition to Re-locate County Seat, 1893
- f. 15 Petition to Oppose Change of County Seat, "excessive taxation," 1894?
- f. 16 Beverly Precinct, Schedules of Personal Property, 1890
- f. 17 Eden Precinct, Schedules of Personal Property, 1888
- f. 18 Palisade Precinct, Schedules of Personal Property, 1890
- f. 19 Trenton Precinct, Schedules of Personal Property, 1893

SUBGROUP FIVE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

No records on paper have been transferred to the State Archives for storage

SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT, 1888-1910

SERIES ONE

Justice of the Peace, 1889-1910

Volume 1 Justice Docket, Blackwood Township, 1889-1894

Volume 2 Justice Docket, Trenton Township, 1889-1893

Volume 3 Justice Docket, Trenton Township, 1893-1900

Volume 4 Palisade Precinct, 1893-1903

Volume 5 Undesignated Precinct, 1909-1910 (“Judge Knowles”)

Justice Docket #1 has been microfilmed and film is available in reference room.

Roll #1 (#5,959)

Justice Docket 1, Blackwood Township (indexed)

Civil and Criminal, John M. Williams, Justice

p. 1, Case #1 (Aug. 24, 1889) thru p. 37 Case #6 (Nov. 20, 1894)

NOTE: There are two different case number 5 in this court

SERIES TWO COURT DOCKETS, 1888-1896

Volume 2 Civil Docket Book, 1888-1892

SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT

No records on paper have been transferred to the State Archives for storage

SUBGROUP EIGHT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Teacher Examination Records, 1900-1945

(for certification to teach in county)

3 volumes (2 volumes, 1900-1915; one volume, 1941-1945)

SUBGROUP NINE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS

SERIES ONE

No records on paper have been transferred to the State Archives.