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)
Logan Precinct-Lands, p. 4 S12-T2-R31 (1933-1935)

Roll #2 (#19,644)
Assessment Record, Real Estate-Lands and Lots
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)
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)
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.)
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)
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 Commision, 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
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.