

**RG116****Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission (Nebraska 150)****Span Dates: 2014-2018****Total: 1.10 cubic feet****Scope and Overview**

Nebraska was granted statehood on March 1, 1867. The state began commemorating its Sesquicentennial on January 1, 2017, with a yearlong celebration involving a wide variety of programs and projects across the state. The 150th birthday provided a unique opportunity in time to honor our heritage, celebrate its growth, diversity, and plan for the future.

The 150 celebration served as a catalyst for a movement involving a strategic initiative that promoted a spirit of pride, growth, engagement, and connection within Nebraska by:

- Bridging Nebraskans across different communities, perspectives and cultures.
- Building a connection with every Nebraskan to the celebration and the state.
- Instilling in every citizen an even greater sense of pride.

Planning for the Nebraska 150 Celebration began in 2012 when a group of active citizens from across the state formed the Friends of the Nebraska 150 Foundation. In 2014, the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission was established by the state Legislature, and seventeen members from across the state were appointed by the Governor to lead the initiative. In 2015, the Celebrating Nebraska Statehood Foundation was established to help coordinate efforts and direct everyone toward collective success.

**Collection Overview**

This collection involves the meetings, activities, and events of the commission members who were appointed by the governor.

The collection (RG116) consists of two series: Series 1) Folders arranged by subject and topic; and, Series 2) U. S. Senate Proclamations, Oversize

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- 2) Agencies, Contact List and Correspondence
- 3) Agreement, Bailey Lauerman & Associates, 2015
- 4) Agreement, Painting the Legacy of Nebraska, Artist Todd A. Williams
- 5) Arts and Culture Subcommittee
- 6) Blue Book, Commission Members
- 7) Brand for Commission
- 8) Budget
- 9) Business Plan Overview, 2015-2017
- 10) By-laws
- 11) Commission Members
- 12) Committees and Subcommittee Members
- 13) Communications Subcommittee
- 14) Coordinating Subcommittee
- 15) Educations Subcommittee
- 16) Elections of President, Vice-President, and Committee Chairs
- 17) Election of Vice-President of Ad Hoc Committee
- 18) Government Subcommittee
- 19) Governor's Planning Workshop, April 22, 2015
- 20) Grants
- 21) History and Powers of the Commission
- 22) Homestead National Monument Quarter with Resolution, Feb. 2015
- 23) Joint Working Subcommittee
- 24) Legislative Bill, LB200 (Dec. 2014), Motor Vehicle License Plates
- 25) Legislative Bill, LB562 (Feb. 2015), Nebraska Treasures and Tourism
- 26) Legislative Bill, LB744 and LB744A, Creation of Sesquicentennial Commission  
(January 2014)
- 27) Logo/Seal
- 28) Meeting Minutes, 2014
- 29) Meeting Minutes, 2015
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38) Press Releases, 2015

39) Press Releases, 2016

40) Press Releases, 2017

41) Publication, *Nebraska Statehood, 1867-2017, Reflections: Nebraska's Sesquicentennial Final Report, 2017*

42) Purchase Authority

43) Report: Nebraska State Historical Society (NSHS) and Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission, Sept. 2014

44) Request for Information (RFI)

45) Sesquicentennial Commission Members, Appointments and Oath of Office, Sept. 2014

46) Staffing

47) Statutes

48) Strategic Plan Overview

49) Strategic and Operational Plan, Nov. 2015

50) Steering Subcommittee

51) Teaching Resources Brochure

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54) Centennial Plan, Arizona

55) Sesquicentennial Commission, Nevada

56) 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Statehood, Wyoming

Series Two

Box 2

Oversize, United States Senate (total of 4)

*Congressional Record*, Senate, March 1, 2017

Congratulating the State of Nebraska on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Admission of that State into the United States