ARCHIVES RECORD

RG331 Norfolk, Nebraska

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Norfolk, Madison County, Nebraska: Municipal Records
No. of Items: 23 volumes on rolls of microfilm

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Roll 1
777 shots
1554 pges.
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Police Court Docket,
Volume 1, page 1, July 22, 1886
thru
V.2 begins frame #252
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NOTE:
The Index for V.1, is at the End of the Vol.
page 470

Roll 2
272 shots
544 pges.
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thru
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