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Records: 1877-1976

Cubic ft.: 21

No. of Items: 63 vols. and 26 vols. on
9 reels of 35mm microfilm

HISTORICAL NOTE

Phelps County, located in south central Nebraska, encompasses an area of 540 square miles of excellent farming land due to the abundant underground water supply. It is bounded on the north by the Platte River, on the south by Harlan County, on the east by Kearney County, and the west by Gosper County.

Peak population occurred in the early 1900's as the Burlington Railroad enhanced settlement with their construction of railroad and platting of towns in the county in the 1880s. Some of the towns layed out by the railroad included Atlanta, Bertrand, Loomis, and Holdrege. At its organization in April of 1873, most of the land belonged to the government or the state. Homesteading, preemption, timber culture, and sales from the Lincoln Land Company (organized by officials of the Burlington Railroad) were the methods by which settlers secured land titles. Population has remained pretty steady since 1920 and today (1990) is registered at 9,715.

The counties history goes back to 1850 when stage stations and trading posts dotted the criss-crossing pioneer trails through the county. The Plum Creek massacre which took place in the county began the Indian War of 1864. The first county seat was Williamsburg located near the Oregon Trail and the northern border of the county. Subsequent county seats were Phelps Center in 1879 and finally Holdrege in 1883. Holdrege had been named after a Burlington Railroad official, George Ward Holdrege.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of records of marriages and court dockets of Phelps County, Nebraska, arranged into nine subgroups: 1) Assessor (no records); 2) Treasurer (no records); 3) County Board of Commissioners (no records); 4) County Clerk, 1877-1976; 5) Register of Deeds (no records); 6) County Court, 1882-1959; 7) District Court (no records); 8) Superintendent of Schools (no records); and 9) School District Records (no records).

Records exist for subgroups four and six only. The records of the county clerk are the marriage dockets of Phelps County, 1877-1976, microfilmed by the

Genealogical Society of Utah in 1994 with the cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society and the county clerk.

Subgroup six is divided into four series: 1) Judge's Dockets, 1882-1908; 2) Civil Dockets, 1884-1910; 3) Probate Records, 1886-1959; and 4) Criminal Dockets, 1884-1949. Series Three and Four are stored at the Alvin T. Ryan Library, University of Nebraska at Kearney. Arrangements are being made to transfer these records to our facility.

Series Two and Three exist on 35mm microfilm in the James C. Olson Reference Room of the Historical Society. Series One consists of Judge's Dockets A thru D, and Civil Dockets, B-D of the county court.

No records have been accessioned for the remainder of the subgroups of this collection.

DESCRIPTION

SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR

The State Archives has not accessioned the Real Estate or Personal Assessment Schedules of Phelps County.

SUBGROUP TWO TREASURER

The State Archives has not accessioned the taxation records of Phelps County.

SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The State Archives does not hold the board minutes or correspondence of the County Board of Phelps County.

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1877-1976

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1877-1976

V.1 Court Docket A
Index A-Z (marriages) by Groom only
pp.1-7 Marriages, 3/21/1877-7/13/1878

pp.8-19
pp.20-21

Estate of A. R. Boice (Oct. 1878)
Missing

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS (cont)

V.1	pp.22-29	Estate of Joseph Golliday (Apr. 1879)
	pp.31-34	Estate of Carl J. Anderson (d. 6/16/1879)
	p.34	Estate of Andrew Olson (Sept. 1879)
	p.35	Estate of Joseph Golliday & Carl Anderson
	pp.36-45	Marriages, May - Sept. 1879
	p.46	License to Sell Tobacco - Denton and Allen, Highland, Jan. 1880
	pp.47-48	Estate of Carl J. Anderson cont.
	pp.50-51	Adoption (March 1880) - removed
	p.53	Estate of A. R. Boice (3/1/1880)
	pp.54-56	Estate of Carl J. Anderson (Jan. 1880)
	pp.57-60	Marriages, 1880 (Mar-June)
	p.61	Estate of Philip Betr (?) d. 4/23/1880
	pp.62-67	Marriages, Apr. 1880 - June 1881
	pp.68-71	Estate of John S. Sundbloom (1881)
	pp.72-73	Missing
	pp.74-76	Adoption (Dec. 1881) - removed
	p. 77	Marriages (lost in splicing) Gust Akerson-Hattie L. Fourson (1881) J. W. Benedict=Carrie L. Slack (1881) (see copy, next page)
	pp.77-82	Marriages, Feb. 1881 - Dec. 1882
	pp.83-84	Blank
	pp.85-92	Estate of F. N. Johnson (d. 2/11/1882)
	pp.95-103	Estate of Daniel Ryman (Apr. 1882)
	p. 104	Marriage, Pearson-Seven (3/13/1882)
	p. 105	Marriage, Chareston-Chareston (5/31/1882)
	pp.106-107	Estate of Daniel Ryman cont.
	p. 108	Blank
	pp.109-110	Guardianship - Gordon minors (Sept. 1882)
	p. 111	Marriage, Sukecort-Skiles (Sept 1882) Marriage, Gorton-MacNew (June 1882)
	pp.112-120	Estate of Samuel Olson (July 17, 1882)
	pp.121-123	Blank
	pp.124-138	Estate of Hans J. Markward (Nov. 1882)
	p. 139	Blank
	p. 140	Estate of Carl J. Anderson (Mar. 1883)
	p. 141	Blank

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pp.142-147 Estate of Swan Gustaf Ryman (Nov. 1883)
pp.148-149 Blank
pp.150-151 Estate of Benjamin Clay (Apr. 1883)
pp.152-173 Blank
pp.174-176 Estate of Andrew Anderson (May 1883)
pp.177-297 Blank

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS (cont)

- V.1 Probate & Marriage Docket A, 1877-1883
pp.298-314 Marriages, Feb. 1882 - Dec. 1883
pp.315-317 Blank
- V.2 Marriage Docket B (indexed)
p.1 Wetterberg-Molin (Feb. 4, 1884) thru
p.460 Garrison-Loew (Mar. 10, 1890)
- V.3 Marriage Docket C (indexed)
p.1 Forsling-Johnson (Mar. 11, 1890) thru
p.473 Edlund-Stadig (Aug. 21, 1901)
p.474 Blank
- V.4 Marriage Docket D (indexed)
p.1 Holmes-Nelson (Sept 11, 1896) thru
p.478 Fuqua-Anderson (Lee), Mar. 31, 1903
- V.5 Marriage Docket E (indexed)
p.1 Stragey-Johnson (Apr. 7, 1903) thru
p.611 Burman-Hassig (July 7, 1903)
p.612 Blank
- V.6 Marriage Docket F (indexed)
p.1 Davis-Leigh (#82), Aug. 28, 1908 thru
p.610 Dworak-Bryan (#784), Sept 8, 1914
- V.7 Marriage Docket G (indexed)
p.1 Hergenrother-Daniels (#785), 9/3/1914
thru
p.581 Vikman-Carlson (#1363), May 1, 1920
p.582 Blank
- V.8 Marriage Docket H (indexed)
p.1 Williams-Kates (#1364), May 8, 1920 thru
p.320 Ford-Cochran (#1678), Aug. 21, 1923
pp.321-588 are blank

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Marriage Docket I (indexed)

p.1 Mohr-Johnson (#1679), Aug. 1, 1923 thru
p.509 Williams-Lambert (#2183), Dec. 27, 1930
pp.510-574 are blank

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS (cont)

- V.10 Marriage Docket J (indexed)
p.1 Montgomery-Karsten (#2184), Jan. 7, 1931
thru
p.650 Jacobsen-Carlson (#2833), Mar. 2, 1940
- V.11 Marriage Docket K (indexed)
p.1 Batty-Miller (#2834), Mar. 20, 1940 thru
p.705 Johnson-Johnson (#3538), Dec. 31, 1949
- V.12 Marriage Docket L (indexed)
p.1 Anderson-Holmes (#3539), Jan.18, 1950
thru
p.716 Johnson-Leach (#4254), Oct. 25, 1959
- V.13 Marriage Docket M (indexed)
p.1 Lobdell-Hughbanks (#4255), Oct. 24, 1959
thru
p.694 Hollertz-Smith (#4947), August 1969
- V.14 Marriage Docket N (indexed)
p.1 Baker-Anderson (#4948), Aug. 22, 1969
thru
p.557 Peterson-Greenwalt (#5484), May 29, 1976

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD

MP4219

Roll #1 Item #1 - Probate & Marriage Docket A
1524 pp. Index to Marriages A-Z (1877-1883)
876 Expos. thru
GSU Project Item #2 - Marriage Docket D (1896-1903)
#26,384 p.112 (Marshall-Gale), Apr. 13, 1898

NOTE: Docket A was used for Probate, Guardian-
ships, Adoptions, and Marriages. See
inventory for records removed from reference
copy.

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Roll #2
1312 pp.
801 Expos.
GSU Project
#26,385

Item #1 - Marriage Docket D cont.
p.112 (Marshall-Gale), Apr. 13, 1898
thru
Item #3 - Marriage Docket F (1908-1914)
p.231 (#311), Driefholt-Gifford, Sept 14, 1910

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK (cont)

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD (cont) MP4219

Roll #3
1369 pp.
855 Expos.
GSU Project
#26,386

Item #1 - Marriage Docket F cont.
p.230 (#310), Bergstrom-Carlson, Sept 14, 1910
thru
Item #3 - Marriage Docket H (1920-1923)
p.299 (#1658), Page-Schmitz, June 6, 1923

Roll #4
1460 pp.
1297 Expos.
GSU Project
#26,387

Item #1 - Marriage Docket H cont.
p.300 (#1659), Sherman-Bergland, July 11, 1923
thru
Item #4 - Marriage Docket K (1940-1949)
Index (A-Z)

NOTE: Vol. H, pp.321-588 were blank and not
microfilmed.

NOTE: Vol. I, pp. 510-574 were blank and not
microfilmed.

NOTE: Vol. K - Index repeated following first
filming of Index and pp.1-87 of volume. Index
"Z" and pp.1-87 repeated on roll #5

Roll #5
1487 pp.
1529 Expos.
GSU Project
#26,388

Item #1 - Marriage Docket K cont.
Index - Zillinger, Ruth (1 page)
thru
Item #2 - Marriage Docket L (1950-1959)
p.716 (#4254), Johnson-Leach, Oct. 25, 1959

Roll #6
1363 pp.
1409 Expos.
GSU Project
#26,389

Item #1 - Marriage Docket M (1959-1969)
Index A-Z and p.1 (#4255), Oct. 24, 1959
thru
Item #2 - Marriage Docket N (1969-1976)
p.557 (#5484), Peterson-Greenwalt, May 29, 1976

SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS

The State Archives holds no records for the Register of Deeds
office.

SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT (cont)

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS

V.15 Marriage Docket O (indexed)
p.1 (#1), Johnson-Gotchall, May 13, 1976
thru
p.146 (#146), Mason-Bennett, Mar. 11, 1978
p. 147 begins Confidential format
p.147 (#147), Tightmeyer-Brand, Mar. 13, 1978
thru
p.698 (#6181), Larsen-Olson, Aug. 20, 1983

V.16 Marriage Docket P (indexed)
p.1 (#6182), Wickham-Jones, Aug. 15, 1983
thru
p.276 (#6457), Carlson-Dinges), Dec. 27, 1986

Roll #7
1114 pp.
1160 Expos.
GSU Project
#26,390

Marriage Docket O (1976-1983)
Index A-Z & p.1 (#1), May 13, 1976
thru
Marriage Docket P (1983-1986)
p.276 (#6457), Carlson-Dinges, 12/27/1986

SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT, 1882-1959

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SERIES ONE JUSTICE DOCKETS, 1882-1908

- V.1 Justice Docket in County Court, Vol. A (indexed)
Charles J. Backman, County Judge
p.1 (John H. Compton v. Chas. Logsdon)
October 9, 1882 - September 4, 1895
thru
p.108 (Newman vs. Forstedt), January 1885
p.109, cont. from p.61 (July 1886)
- T. J. Carter, County Judge
p.110 (Kling v. Waumer), Sept. 1886 thru
p.117 (Adler v. Latta), November 2, 1886
- George P. Rhea, County Judge
p.118 (Maris vs. Adler), Nov. 9, 1886 thru
p.311 (Cheline vs. Walters & Hetrick cont.)
February 1888 - December 1889
- V.2 Justice Docket in County Court, Vol. B (indexed)
George P. Rhea, County Judge
p.1 (Peru Nat'l Bank (Ill.) vs. Hickman
January 12, 1888
thru
p.410 (Richardson Drug Co. vs. Cogswell)
January 24, 1890-December 3, 1891
p.412, cont. from p.48 (Dec. 1890 - 7/29/1892)
- V.3 Justice Docket in County Court, Vol. C (indexed)
George P. Rhea, County Judge
p.1 (Sandwich Enterprise Co. vs. Logan)
January 15, 1890
thru
p.203 (Bergquist vs. Lovell & Lovell)
December 30, 1891
- George W. Stover, County Judge
p.203 cont. (February 2, 1892) thru
p.254 (Tracy vs. Perry), December 30, 1893

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W. A. Garrett, County Judge
p.255 (Sundstrom vs. Bragg), Jan. 4, 1894
thru
p.478 (Roney & Berger vs. Snow et al)
July 19, 1895 - October 15, 1895

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SERIES ONE JUSTICE DOCKETS IN COUNTY COURT (cont)

- V.4 Justice Docket in County Court, Vol. D (indexed)
W. A. Garrett, County Judge
p.1 (Lenox Ins. Co., Brooklyn vs. Cobb), July 24, 1895
thru
p.439-441 (Youngers & Co. vs. Johnson)
May 16, 1908 - June 30, 1908

NOTE: See Microfilm Record Series One & Two following Series Two

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SERIES TWO CIVIL DOCKETS, 1884-1910

- V.1 Civil Docket A - MISSING
V.2 Civil Docket B (indexed)
Charles J. Backman, County Judge
p.1 (Phillips vs. J. B. Sands & Co.), Jan. 21, 1884
thru
p.150 (Clark vs. Scott), February 24, 1886

NOTE: Vol. includes right-of-way proceedings
for the Nebraska-Colorado Railroad Company.

T. J. Carter, County Judge
p.152 (Goodman, Boge & Sherwood Co. vs.
Stover & Cone), August 24, 1886
thru
p.166 (May vs. Richards), November 10, 1886

George P. Rhea, County Judge
p.166 cont. (December 6, 1886) thru
p.212-215 (Nebr. Manufacturing Co. vs.
Webster County Bank), Dec. 1887 - 5/25/1888
- V.3 Civil Docket C (indexed)
George P. Rhea, County Judge
p.1 (Hall vs. Harris), February 15, 1888
thru
p.139 (Samuelson vs. Gustafson)

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December 12, 1891 - January 5, 1892

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SERIES TWO CIVIL DOCKETS (cont)

V.3

Civil Docket C cont.

George W. Stover, County Judge

p.140 (Samuelson vs. Gustafson)

Jan. 7, 1892 - October 20, 1892

thru

p.212 (Holdrege Nat'l Bank vs. Hall & Roberts)

August 17 - October 5, 1893

W. A. Garrett, County Judge

p.212 (Holdrege Nat'l Bank vs. Hall & Roberts)

January 10, 1894

thru

pp.439-442 (1st Nat'l Bank of Holdrege vs.

Peterson et al, March 11 - Aug. 24, 1896

V.4

Civil Docket D (indexed)

W. A. Garrett, County Judge

p.1 (Receiver, Holdrege National Bank vs.

Swanson & Swanson, June 9, 1896

thru

p.212 (Roth vs. Ford), Jan. 7 - Feb. 4, 1902

E. W. Bightol, County Judge

p.214 (Johnson vs. Axelson et al), Jan. 28, 1902

thru

p.331 (Cornell Yale Co. vs. Summit Lumber Co.)

January 9-16, 1908

Lawrence C. Barr, County Judge

p.332 (Holdrege Auto Co. vs. Lindblom)

February 6, 1908

thru

pp.411-413 (Burnham-Hanna-Munger Co. vs. Hopkins)

April 13 - 29, 1910

NOTE: See Microfilm Record, Series One & Two next page

SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT (cont)

SERIES ONE & TWO - MICROFILM RECORD

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Microfilmed together in 1983. Reinventory has changed the volume numbers as they appear on the microfilm. Series Two appear as volumes 5-7 on microfilm. Also, disregard any inventory or series numbers on the film.

Roll #1 Series One, Justice Docket, Vol. A (1882-1888)
1646 pp. Index & p.1 (October 1882)
823 Expos. thru
#01,682 Series One, Justice Docket, Vol. D (1895-1908)
 p.214 (October 27, 1897)

NOTE: Series One, V.1 begins at frame #10
Series One, V.2 begins at frame #183
Series One, V.3 begins at frame #416
Series One, V.4 begins at frame #687

Roll #2 Series One, Judge's Docket, Vol. D cont.
1654 pp. p.215 (November 5, 1897)
827 shots thru
#01,683 Series Two, Civil Docket, Vol. D (1896-1910)
 p.331 (January 16, 1908)

NOTE: Series Two, Vol. B begins at frame #134
Series Two, Vol. C begins at frame #369
Series Two, Vol. D begins at frame #629

Roll #3 Series Two, Civil Docket, Vol. D cont.
120 pp. p.332 (March 3, 1908)
60 shots thru
#01,684 Series Two, Civil Docket, Vol. D (April 29, 1910)

Rolls 1-3, positives received, 10/28/1983

SERIES THREE PROBATE RECORDS, 1886-1959

V.1 Estate Record, Vol. A, 1884-1891
V.2-9 Probate Dockets A thru H, 1882-1909
V.10-56 Probate Dockets #1 thru #47, 1910-1959

NOTE: Probate, 1878-1883 (see Docket A filmed with marriage records above)

SERIES FOUR CRIMINAL DOCKETS, 1884-1949

V.1-7 Criminal Dockets, 1884-1949
(Stored at UNL, Kearney), not inventoried

SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT (cont)

RECORDS AVAILABLE AT PHELPS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Justice of the Peace Dockets E-F, 1902-1924
Civil Dockets E-J, 1910-1951
Civil & Criminal Case Files, 1908-1952
Court Calendar, 1898-1931
Stay Bond Record, 1894-1898
Mother's Pension Files, 1901-1946
Claim Register, 1922-1937
Official's Bonds, 1908-1962
General Correspondence, 1957-1960
Fiscal Records, 1884-1968 (incl. Fee Books, 1884-1968)

SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT

SERIES ONE GENERAL INDEX TO DISTRICT COURT

This record remains at Phelps County Dist. Ct.

SERIES TWO APPEARANCE DOCKETS

This record remains at Phelps County Dist. Ct.

SERIES THREE DAILY JOURNAL

This record remains at Phelps County Dist. Ct.

SERIES FOUR COMPLETE RECORD

This record remains at Phelps County Dist. Ct.

SERIES FIVE JUDGEMENT AND EXECUTION DOCKETS

This record remains at Phelps County Dist. Ct.

SERIES SIX CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASE FILES

Only bills of exception of next series in storage

SERIES SEVEN BILLS OF EXCEPTION, 1893-1971

- B.1 V.1-2 U.S. Wind, Engine and Pump Co. vs.
First Nat=l Bank of Holdrege
12/30/1893 - 1/5/1895
- V.3-4 Lincoln Land Co. vs. Phelps Co.
Phelps Co. Brd of Equalization, June 11, 1896
District Court, July 20, 1897

SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT (cont)

SERIES SEVEN BILLS OF EXCEPTION (cont)

- B.1 V.5 John F. Wolfe vs. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR
Supreme Ct. Case #9338, 4/14/1897-6/21/1897
- V.6 State vs. Charles F. Peterson, Jan. 8, 1901
Supreme Ct. Case #12021, Apr. 26, 1901
- V.7 State vs. Hans J. Kerr, March 5, 1901
Supreme Ct. Case #12022, April 26, 1901
- V.8 William F. C. Malm vs. Modern Woodmen of America
District Court, December 16, 1902
Supreme Ct. Case #13143, March 3, 1903
- V.9 State vs. Fred Skiles, 6/16/1909
- V.10 State vs. Gus Freeburg, Nov. 10, 1911
Supreme Ct. Case #17529
- V.11 State ex rel Davis vs. Holdrege State Bank
Plaintiff=s Bill of Exception, Mar. 31, 1923
- V.12 State vs. John Nelson, #2911 (Sept. 16, 1926)
Supreme Ct. Case #25777, Dec. 22, 1926
- V.13 Manlius Lucas vs. Gustafson, #2566/2791 (2/25/1927)
Supreme Ct. Case #25943, Mar. 21, 1927
- V.14-15 State vs. Carl E. Pelander, #3002/3003, 9/11/1928
Supreme Ct. Case #26732, Oct. 3, 1928
- V.16 State vs. C. D. Ridenour, Jan. 3, 1930
Supreme Ct. Case #21259 (1930)
- V.17 State vs. Albert Freburg, #3124/3125, 5/23/1930
- V.18 State vs. C. D. Ridenour, #3085, Feb. 19, 1931
Supreme Ct. Case #27794 (1931)

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- V.19 State vs. W. H. Harding, #3217, Sept. 9, 1931
Supreme Ct. Case #28151 (1931)
- V.20 State vs. Oscar Nelson, #2912, June 21, 1932
Supreme Ct. Case #25778 (1932)
- V.21 State vs. Nellie K. Pelander, #2999, 6/21/1932
Supreme Ct. Case #26847 (1932)
- V.22 State vs. Lester Luke, #3249-50, June 21, 1932
Supreme Ct. Case #28236 (1932)

B.1-2 V.23-29 State vs. Robert Allen Coleman, #5709, Jan. 13, 1970
Supreme Ct. Case #37683, May 10, 1971
State vs. James D. Hainline, #5710, Jan. 13, 1970
Supreme Ct. Case #37684, May 10, 1971

SUBGROUP EIGHT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Archives holds no records for the Superintendent of Schools.

SUBGROUP NINE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS

The Archives has no individual school district records for Phelps County schools.

ADDED ENTRIES:

Backman, Charles J., 1853-
Barr, Lawrence C., 1845-1919
Bightol, E. W. [County Judge]
Carter, T. J. [County Judge]
COUNTY COURTS--NEBRASKA--PHELPS COUNTY
Garrett, W. A., dec. 1919
MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--PHELPS COUNTY
PROBATE RECORDS--NEBRASKA--PHELPS COUNTY
Rhea, George P., 1853-1917
Stover, George W. [County Judge]

END OF INVENTORY

DJJ/ht 7/25/1973
JEP/js 10/28/1983
PMC/GSU/WP51 10/12/1994
PMC/WP61 3/15/1996