

ARCHIVES RECORD

RG19 Nebraska State Planning Board

Records: 1936-1945
Approx. no. of items: 5,000
Cubic ft.: 5

HISTORICAL RECORD

While the State Legislature gave the State Planning Board statutory existence in 1937, a planning board had been appointed in January, 1935 by Governor R. L. Cochran. The 1935 Legislature appropriated some \$15,000 for the board's use. The activities of the board were discontinued in 1941. Mr. A. C. Tilley of Lincoln, Nebr., the State Engineer, served as the Board's chairman from 1935-1941. Throughout its existence, it cooperated with the State Legislature Council in order to avoid duplication of efforts.

Among the Board's duties and powers were to make a complete and thorough survey and study of the lands, buildings and equipment owned or controlled by the state of Nebraska and operated by the normal school board, board of control and the University of Nebraska. Various studies surveys and investigations of the natural, social and economic resources of the state deemed in the public's interest were undertaken by the Board. In addition, the Planning Board cooperated with the National Resources Committee and other governmental agencies where necessary in order to accomplish the purposes of the board and reported biennially to the governor its findings together with a recommended ten year program of needed repairs, replacements, new construction, or expansion, and a recommended plan for financing.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of 11 boxes of records of the Nebraska State Planning Board, arranged in six series: (1) Correspondence, 1936-1946; (2) Nebraska State Planning Reports: Building Survey, 1937-1941 and undated; (3) Nebraska State Planning Board: Geodetic Survey of Nebraska, undated; (4) Nebraska State Planning Board: Survey of Nebraska's Natural Resources, 1936-1939; (5) Minutes of the Nebraska State Planning Board, 1937-1940; and (6) Miscellaneous Reports, 1936-1939, and undated.

This collection relates to the operations of the Nebraska State Planning Board, 1937-1941. The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence relating to the Board's efforts to secure information for various study projects as well as inquiries from various individuals and organizations about the objectives and activities of the Board.

Of significance are the Minutes of the Planning Board, September 1937-December 1940. The remainder of the collection consists of primarily unpublished data of the Board, sub-committees as well as other governmental agencies relating to various aspects of the projects undertaken. A small amount of the published material is included. Many of the published reports of the Nebraska State Planning Board may be found in the library of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE CORRESPONDENCE, 1936-1946

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SERIES TWO NEBRASKA STATE PLANNING REPORTS: BUILDING SURVEY

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- Folder 1. Recommendation of the Board of Control to the Nebraska State Planning Board for a Ten Year Building Program in the Eighteen Nebraska State Institutions, undated, prepared by the State Board of Control.
- Folder 2. "Institutions," by the State Board of Control, undated.
- Folder 3. Per Cent of Inmates Sleeping Quarters Capacity Used by State Institutions Under the Board of Control, 1937, prepared by the State Board of Control.
- Folder 4. General Institutional Survey, 1937-1941, (spare feet of floor space by type of construction, etc.)
- Folder 5. State Medical Hospitals (Statistical Studies), undated.
- Folder 6. Penal Institution (Statistical Studies) undated.
- Folder 7. Soldiers' and Sailors' Home (Statistical Studies), undated.
- Folder 8. State Schools (Statistical Studies), undated.
- Folder 9. State Capitol, (Statistical Studies), undated.

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- Folder 10. State Mental Hospitals (Statistical Studies), undated.
- Folder 11. Children's Institutions (Statistical Studies), undated.
- Folder 12. Report of the State Planning Board Committee for the Board of Control Institutions to the Planning Board Coordinating Committee, undated.
- Folder 13. Miscellaneous Charts of State Institutions, undated.
- Folder 14. Nebraska State Institutions with Reference to Statutory Laws and Commitment, by Charles G. Bloah, undated.

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- Folder 15. Nebraska State Teacher's Colleges; Peru, Kearney, Wayne, Chadron--Preliminary Data, prepared by the Nebraska State Planning Board, 1939.
- Folder 16. Imperative, Necessary and Desirable Building Program State Teachers Colleges, Nebraska, undated, preparer unknown.
- Folder 17. Summary Sheets--Square Feet Capacities, Nebraska State Teachers Colleges, undated, preparer unknown.
- Folder 18. Imperative, Necessary and Desirable Building Program, State Teachers Colleges, Nebraska, undated (c. 1938) preparer unknown.
- Folder 19. Information as per Questionnaire, submitted by the Engineer for the State Planning Board to the University of Nebraska, undated.

SERIES THREE NEBRASKA STATE PLANNING BOARD: GEODETIC SURVEYS

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- Folder 1-6. Miscellaneous Geodetic Surveys of Nebraska.
- Folder 7. Miscellaneous Blank Maps and Charts..

SERIES FOUR NEBRASKA STATE PLANNING BOARD: SURVEY OF NEBRASKA'S NATURAL RESOURCES

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- Folder 1. The Bridgeport Irrigation District: A Report Relative to the Engineering Features, prepared by the State Agricultural Advisory Council, May 22, 1939.

- Folder 2. The Bridgeport Irrigation District: A Report in Resources and Economic Conditions Including an Analysis Indebtedness and Ability to Pay, April 22, 1939, prepared by the State Agricultural Advisory Council.
- Folder 3. Douglas Soil Conservation District Water Program, prepared by the Soil Conservation Service, undated.
- Folder 4. "A Water Conservation Program for Nebraska," prepared by the State Planning Board, undated.
- Folder 5. Nebraska Agricultural Conditions, prepared by the National Emergency Council, undated.
- Folder 6. Landlord-Tenant Report, prepared by the Nebraska Advisory, 1939.
- Folder 7. A list of personnel and maps showing district and area Organizations of Agencies represented on the Nebraska State Advisory Council, 1939.
- Folder 8. A brief Summary of Nebraska's Resources, prepared by the Nebraska State Planning Board, undated.
- Folder 9. Loup River Basin, prepared by the Nebraska State Planning Board, undated.
- Folder 10. Republican River Basin, prepared by the Nebraska State Planning Board, undated.
- Folder 11. "A look at the little TVA" an article by L. W. W. Morrow in the Electrical World, December 2, 1939.
- Folder 12. "What is the National Resources Committee," prepared by the Nebraska State Planning Board, June 15, 1936.
- Folder 13. Republican River Drainage Basin Report, prepared by the Kansas State Planning Board, 1936.
- Folder 14. Miscellaneous data on National Resources, 1939.

SERIES FIVE MINUTES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE PLANNING BOARD,
1937-1940.

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- Folder 1. Minutes of Planning Board, September, 1937-December, 1940.

SERIES SIX MISCELLANEOUS STUDIES, 1936-1939

- Folder 1. "State Planning" prepared by A. C. Tilley of the Nebr. State Planning Board, April 1, 1939.

- Folder 2. Nebraska State Planning Board Project Assignment Chart (WPA Project #1615).
- Folder 3. A Treatise of the General Rules Applying in the Acquisition of Land for Public Parks and Recreational Facilities, prepared by George A. Piper, undated.
- Folder 4. Summary Report of Findings and Recommendations of the Nebraska Educational Survey, prepared by the Nebraska State Planning Board, undated.
- Folder 5. The Cost of Tuberculosis in Lincoln, Nebraska to the Individual and the Community, prepared by the John O. Drake, M.A. Thesis, U. of Nebraska.
- Folder 6. Chronological Development of Educational Survey, prepared unknown, undated.
- Folder 7. "Youth Organization in Nebraska," prepared by Nebr. State Planning Board, undated.
- Folder 8. Miscellaneous data on Youth Organizations in Nebraska.
- Folder 9. CCC Operations in Region #7, 1939.
- Folder 10. Report to the Editor of the Journal of Educational Sociology, an Educational Survey, prepared by the Nebraska State Planning Board, May, 1939.
- Folder 11. Study of Office Space Requirements for State Departments at Seat of Government, Jefferson City, Mo., prepared by the Missouri State Planning Board, 1937.
- Folder 12. Miscellaneous..