

ARCHIVES RECORD

Film
RG325 Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Records: 1890-1938
Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska: Court Dockets
No. of items: 13 volumes on 6 rolls of microfilm

HISTORICAL NOTE

The boundaries of Cass County were defined by an act of the legislature on March 7, 1855 and redefined on January 26, 1856. Plattsmouth, the county seat, is located on the west bank of the Missouri River, a few miles below the mouth of the Platte.

Plattsmouth's first settler was Samuel Martin who, under a special permit from the Secretary of War, crossed the Missouri River early in the spring of 1853 for the purpose of establishing a trading post below the mouth of the Platte. He erected a two-story building within the present town site.

The Plattsmouth Town Company was organized on October 26, 1854. The town was laid out and plotted in November, 1854 by O. N. Tyson. The March 14, 1855 act defining the boundaries of Cass County also incorporated the city of Plattsmouth. On December 29, 1856 Wheatley Mickelwait was elected mayor and three aldermen were chosen. The council proceeded to business on January 29, 1857. Its first ordinance, passed on March 2, 1857, levied a tax of one-half of one per cent on all taxable property within the corporate limits of the city. This money was used to improve streets, alleys, and steamboat landings.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of thirteen volumes on six rolls of microfilm, arranged in two series: (1) Justice Dockets, 1890-1914; and (2) Police Court Dockets, 1893-1938.

These records relate to court proceedings in Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Series 1 consists of seven volumes (B-H) of Justice Dockets, 1890-1914. Entries show the justice of the peace, plaintiff and defendant, sheriff's fees, defendant's costs, and the case proceedings, from the filing of the petition or the bill of particulars by the plaintiff to the completion of the case. Witnesses and jurors are sometimes listed. Alphabetical indexes of plaintiffs and defendants are provided in each volume. Volumes are arranged chronologically by date of filing.

The Police Court Dockets of Series 2 consist of six volumes (A-F) covering the years 1893-1938. These volumes are arranged chronologically by date complaint was filed. Information includes the defendant's name, date the complaint was filed, charge against the defendant, arresting officer, how the defendant pled, case proceedings, judge's name, amount of fine and fees, and, sometimes, witnesses. An alphabetical index of defendants is provided in each volume.

Records filmed by the Nebraska State Historical Society in August, 1977.

	DESCRIPTION
film SERIES ONE	JUSTICE DOCKETS, 1890-1914
Roll 1	Vol. B December 18, 1890-August, 1891 Vol. C August 6, 1891-February 4, 1892 Vol. D February 9, 1892-June 25, 1894 (through p. 625)
Roll 2	Vol. D (begins with p. 626) June 29, 1894-July 28, 1894 Vol. E July 27, 1894-February 16, 1898 Vol. F May 3, 1898-October 26, 1903 Vol. G February 24, 1904-August 27, 1904 (through p. 69)
Roll 3	Vol. G (begins with p. 70) August 27, 1904-August 20, 1908 Vol. H August 20, 1908-December 30, 1914
film SERIES TWO	POLICE COURT DOCKETS, 1893-1938
Roll 3(cont'd)	Vol. A May 13, 1893-June 12, 1894 (through p. 148)
Roll 4	Vol. A (begins with p. 149) June 14, 1894-May 31, 1899 Vol. B June 1, 1899-July 17, 1903 Vol. C August 1, 1903-August 30, 1907 (through p. 445)
Roll 5	Vol. C (begins with p. 446) September 2, 1907-October 12, 1908 Vol. D October 16, 1908-November 16, 1914 Vol. E November 21, 1914-July 30, 1924 (through p. 619)
Roll 6	Vol. E (begins with p. 620) August 11, 1924-December 8, 1924 Vol. F December 24, 1924-November 3, 1938

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
RECORDS

JUSTICE DOCKETS: B-H 1890-1914
POLICE COURT DOCKETS: A-F 1893-1938

N.S.H.S. HAS ON MICROFILM:

Reel 1 Justice Dockets, Volume B, 1890
593 shots thru
1186 pgs. Justice Dockets, Volume D, pg. 625, June 25, 1894
(#17,045) NOTE:
Vol.C-Justice Dockets, starts with pages "Q, R".
Volume C-Justice Dockets, skips pages 161 and 162.
Volume D-Justice Dockets, pages 564, 565, 566 retaken
and spliced on end of reel.

Reel 2 Justice Dockets, Volume D, page 626, June 29, 1894
762 shots thru
1324 pgs. Justice Dockets, Volume G, page 69, Aug.25, 1904
(#17,037)

Reel 3 Justice Dockets, Volume G, pg. 70, Aug.27, 1904
771 shots thru
1542 pgs. Justice Dockets, Volume H, complete, 1914.
(#17,038) Police Court Dockets, Volume A, 1893
thru
Police Court Dockets, Volume A, pg. 148, June 12, 1894.
NOTE:
Volume G, Justice Dockets, skips pages 609 & 610.

Reel 4 Police Court Dockets, Volume A, pg. 149, June 14, 1894
813 shots thru
1626 pgs. Police Court Dockets, Volume C, pg. 445, Aug.30, 1907
(#17,039)

Reel 5 Police Court Dockets, Volume C, pg. 446, Sept.2, 1907
778 shots thru
1556 pgs. Police Court Dockets, Volume E, pg. 619, July 30, 1924
(#17,040) NOTE:
Volume D, Police Court Dockets, pg. 182 is blurred,
retaken following frame.
Volume E, Police Court Dockets, pg. 133 blurred,
retaken following frame.