

ARCHIVES RECORD

RG202 Polk County, Nebraska
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Records: 1864-1966
Cubic ft.: 62
Approx. # of Items: 546 original volumes;
17 vols. On 8 reels of 35mm microfilm;
2 boxes, and 57 oversize items.

HISTORICAL NOTE

In 1856, Polk County was surveyed and defined from territory that had previously been part of Butler County. However, the county was not officially organized until the first election on August 6, 1870 and Osceola was proclaimed the county seat. The new county had a total population of 137.

Polk county, named after President James K. Polk, was located along a branch of the Oregon trail known as the Ox Bow Trail. Early settlers purchased land from the Union Pacific Railroad. The Union Pacific built a railroad through Polk County in 1866. The Omaha and Republican Valley Railroad built a line through Stromsburg in 1879, and the Kansas City and Omaha Railway Company also had a line in Polk County, built in 1887.

In 1879, Nebraska Wesleyan University was founded in Polk County, but the institution later moved to York and is currently located in Lincoln.

The courthouse burned down in January of 1881. It was replaced by a new one in 1882. The current courthouse was built in 1921.

As of 2000, Polk County covers an area of 439 square miles and has a population of approximately 5,600.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of the records of Polk County, Nebraska, arranged in the following subgroups: 1) Assessment Records, 1881-1955; 2) Treasurer (no records); 3) County Board of Commissioners, 1881-1966; 4) County Clerk, 1870-1951; 5) Register of Deeds, 1864-1891; 6) County Court, 1874-1898; 7) District Court

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ADDED ENTRIES:

CENSUS--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
CORPORATIONS--REGISTRATION--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT--RECORDS AND CORRESPONDENCE
DEEDS--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
DENTISTS--LICENSES--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
ELECTIONS--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
INCORPORATIONS--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
INSANE--COMMITMENT AND DETENTION--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
Kansas City and Omaha Railroad Company
LAND TITLES--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
LIVESTOCK BRANDS--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
MEDICAL CERTIFICATES--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
NURSES--LICENSES--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
PERSONAL PROPERTY--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
PHYSICIANS--LICENSES--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
RAILROADS--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
REAL PROPERTY--VALUATION--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
ROADS--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
Soldiers Relief Commission
TAXATION--NEBRASKA--POLK COUNTY
Union Pacific Railroad Company

no records); 8) Superintendent of Schools (no records); and 9) School District Records (no records).

Subgroup One, Assessment Records, consists of Real and Personal precinct assessment records, 1881-1905; Personal Property schedules by precinct, 1905-1955; Real Estate Assessment Records, 1907-1933; and Personal Recaps, 1909-1921.

Subgroup Two is reserved for the County Treasurer. The Polk County Courthouse has retained all of these records.

Subgroup Three, County Board of Commissioners, consists of County Board Proceedings, 1881-1966; and Supplemental Documents and Correspondence, 1873-1918.

Subgroup Four, County Clerk, consists of Marriage Records, 1871-1951; Abstract of Votes Cast, 1870-1962; Election Proclamations, 1870-1898; Miscellaneous Election Documents 1898-1900; Officials Bonds, 1888-1891; Professional Registers, 1881-1920; Brand and Estray Records, 1881-1928; Incorporation Records; 1884; Soldiers Relief Commission Reports, 1890-1947; Precinct Assessment Records, 1883; Ex Soldiers and Sailors lists, 1887-1899; and Miscellaneous Documents, 1881-1898.

Subgroup Five, Register of Deeds, Consists of Abstracts of Original Entries, 1864-1889; Homestead Certificates, 1874-1885; Timber Culture Certificates, 1883-1897; Land Grand Certificates, 1873; Railroad Deeds, 1881-1889; and Assessor's Mortgage Index, 1907-1912.

Subgroup Six, County Court, consists of a Justice's Docket, 1874-1898.

DESCRIPTION

SUBGROUP ONE COUNTY ASSESSOR, 1881-1955

SERIES ONE PRECINCT ASSESSMENTS, 1881-1955

V.001-009	1881	Personal & Real Estate
V.010-019	1882	Personal & Real Estate
V.088-096	1890	Personal & Real Estate

SUBGROUP ONE COUNTY ASSESSOR (cont)

SERIES ONE	PRECINCT ASSESSMENTS, 1881-1955	
V.097-105	1891	Personal & Real Estate
V.106-113	1892	Personal & Real Estate
V.114-122	1893	Personal & Real Estate
V.123-131	1894	Personal & Real Estate
V.132-140	1895	Personal & Real Estate
V.141-159	1896	Personal & Real Estate
V.160-171	1897	Personal & Real Estate
V.172-180	1898	Personal & Real Estate
V.181-189	1899	Personal & Real Estate
V.190-198	1900	Personal & Real Estate
V.199-208	1901	Personal & Real Estate
V.209-226	1902	Personal & Real Estate
V.227-235	1903	Personal & Real Estate
V.236-251	1904	Personal & Real Estate
V.252-257	1905	Personal & Real Estate
V.257-262	1905	Personal
V.263-275	1906	Personal
V.276-288	1907	Personal
V.289-300	1907	Real Estate
V.301-312	1908	Personal
V.313-326	1908	Real Estate
V.327-339	1909	Personal
V.340	1909	Recaps
V.341-353	1910	Personal
V.354	1910	Recaps
V.355-367	1911	Personal
V.368	1911	Recaps
V.369-388	1912	Personal
V.389-398	1912-1913	Real Estate
V.399-411	1913	Personal
V.412	1913	Recaps
V.413-425	1914	Personal
V.426-438	1915	Personal
V.439	1915	Recaps
V.440-460	1916	Personal
V.461-465	1916	Real Estate
V.466-478	1917	Personal
V.479	1917	Recaps
V.480-492	1918	Personal
V.493	1919	Recaps

SUBGROUP ONE COUNTY ASSESSOR (cont)

SERIES ONE	PRECINCT ASSESSMENT RECORDS (cont)	
V.494-509	1920	Personal
V.510-518	1920	Real Estate
V.519	1921	Recaps
V.520	1922	Personal
V.521-534	1924-1925	Real Estate
V.535-547	1925	Personal
V.548-560	1930	Personal
V.561-571	1930-1933	Real Estate
V.572-582	1935	Personal
V.583-587	1940	Personal
V.588-592	1945	Personal
V.593-604	1950	Personal
V.605-617	1955	Personal
V.518-527	n.d.	Livestock Recaps

SUBGROUP TWO COUNTY TREASURER

The State Archives holds no records for the office of Polk County Treasurer.

SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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SERIES ONE	COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS, 1881-1966
V.01	Proceedings, Vol. A January 3, 1881 - January 8, 1890
V.02	Proceedings, Vol. B January 14, 1890 - February 18, 1899
V.03	Proceedings, Vol. C March 14, 1899 - April 9, 1907
V.04	Proceedings, Vol. D May 21, 1907 - April 1, 1914 Includes County Funds Statements, 1909-1913 loose documents at end of volume

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SERIES ONE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS, 1881-1966

- V.05 Proceedings, Vol. E
April 2, 1914 - January 2, 1929
Includes statement Road and Bridge Work, 1891-1917
at end of volume and news copy of proceedings
October 5, 1915 (3 pp)
- V.06 Proceedings, Vol. F
January 8, 1929 - January 9, 1940
front cover proceedings Jan. 4, 1927
- V.07 Proceedings, Vol. G
January 17, 1940 - March 17, 1953
- V.08 Proceedings, Vol. H
April 7, 1953 - December 6, 1966

film

SERIES ONE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS - MICROFILM RECORD

- Roll #1 County Board Proceedings, Vol. A
809 frames p.1 (January 3, 1881)
1569 pp. thru
#15,429 County Board Proceedings, Vol. C
p.493 (February 28, 1906)
- Roll #2 County Board Proceedings, Vol. C cont.
803 frames p.494 (March 1, 1906)
1554 pp. thru
#15,430 County Board Proceedings, Vol. F
p.50 (January 3, 1930)
- NOTE: Vol. C back cover is resolution re
Omaha & Nebraska Central RR, Jan. 11, 1907
Vol. D pp.162 & 163 missing at time of filming
Vol. D, end of volume are fund statements
1909-1913 (21 pp.)
Vol. E, end of volume is statement of Road
and bridge work, 1891-1917, and news
clippings for proceedings, Oct. 5, 1915

SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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SERIES ONE COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #3 County Board Proceedings, Vol. F cont.
810 frames p.51 - January 3, 1930
1590 pp. thru
#15,431 County Board Proceedings, Vol. H
p.254 - April 1, 1958

NOTE: Vol. G. pp. 203-204 missing (void)

Roll #4 County Board Proceedings, Vol. H cont.
227 frames p.255 - April 22, 1958
445 pp. thru
#15,432 County Board Proceedings, Vol. H
p.699 - December 6, 1966

SERIES TWO SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

OB115 1873 Act Creating Roads (Nebraska Legislature)
1881 Court House Bonds
1906 Road Maps

B.01 1878-1918

Agricultural Society 1887-1913
Appointments and Resignations 1881-1911
Bids 1887-1899
Board of Insanity 1881-1898
Bonds 1881
Bridge and Road Work 1882-1899
Bridge Petitions 1882-1890
Bridge Petitions 1891-1900
Burlington Missouri River Railroad 1878
Claims and Receipts 1882-1898
Coroners Inquests 1881-1883
Finance 1887-1899
Hubbert vs. Western Horse Cattle Co. 1886
Kansas City and Omaha Railroad 1882-1887
Nelson vs. Gustafson 1889
County Officer's Reports 1882-1885
County Officer's Reports 1886-1889

SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SERIES TWO SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

B.01 1878-1918 (cont)
County Officer's Reports 1890-1894
County Officer's Reports 1895-1899
County Officer's Reports 1901-1904
County Officer's Reports 1909
County Officer's Reports 1910
County Officer's Reports 1911

County Officer's Reports 1912
County Officer's Reports 1913
County Officer's Reports 1914
Omaha and Nebraska Central Railway 1906-1907
Osceola, Nebraska 1886-1904
Miscellaneous Petitions 1884
County Physician 1887-1898
Poor Farm 1883-1899
Printing Bids 1887-1888

Railroad and Utility Assessments 1881-1891
Railroad Bonds 1881-1890
Railroad Valuation 1904-1910
Railroad Valuation 1911-1912
Railroad Valuation 1913-1914
Railroad Valuation 1915
Railroad Valuation 1916
Railroad Valuation 1917-1918

Road Overseers Reports 1884
Road Overseers Reports 1885
Road Overseers Reports 1888
Road Overseers Reports 1889
Road Overseers Reports 1890
Road Overseers Reports 1891-1892
Road Petitions 1882-1885
Road Petitions 1886-1890
Road Petitions 1891-1899
Shelby Village 1885-1905
Stromsburg 1883
Tax Notices 1888
Taxes 1882-1911
Tax Sales and Redemption 1878-1892
Township Organization 1889
Transfer of Authority 1882

SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (cont)

SERIES TWO SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

B.02 1868-1895

f.1-2 County Treasurer 1880-1895
f.3 Union Pacific Railroad 1868-1901
f.4 Wolf Bounty Petitions 1885-1895

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1870-1951

film

SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1871-1951

v.1 Marriage Record Bk 1
Index A-Z, and
p.1 - Thomas-Crochett, Feb. 2, 1871

- thru
p.450 - Smith-Shay, Oct. 27, 1886
- v.2 Marriage Records Bk 2
Index A-Z, and
p.1 - #1 Weiseman-Houser, Dec. 8, 1886
thru
- v.3 p. 635 - #635 Gayhart-Dunn, Dec. 12, 1894
Marriage Records Bk 3
Index A-Z, and
p.1 - #1 Krusha-Kropatsch, Jan 2, 1895
thru
- v.4 p. 612 - #612 Willey-Jensen, Nov. 26, 1903
Marriage Records Bk 4
Index A-Z, and
p.1 - #1 Caster-Hoffer, Nov. 24, 1903
thru
- v.5 p.594 - #594 Larsen-Hollister, Mar. 6, 1912
Marriage Records Bk 5
Index A-Z, and
p.1 - #595, Johnson-Gustafson, Mar. 13, 1912
thru
p.640 - #1230, Corbett-Barr, Oct. 12, 1922

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK (cont)

film

SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS (cont.)

- v.6 Marriage Records Bk 6
Index A-Z, and
p.1 - #1231, Hastert-Gabriel, Oct. 19, 1922
thru
p.61 - #14, Aman-Timm, Feb. 15, 1927
- v.7 Marriage Records Bk 7
Index A-Z, and
p.1 - #1274, Fusby-Peterson, Sept. 14, 1923
thru
p.96 - #2, Nordstrom-Malmen, Sept. 6, 1926
- v.8 Marriage Records Bk 8
Index A-Z, and
p.1 - #1, Nordstrom-Malmen, Sept. 7, 1926
thru
p.600 - #600, Olson-Oberg, May 23, 1939
- v.9 Marriage Records Bk 9
Index A-Z, and
p.1 - #1, Bradley-Myers, May 27, 1939
thru
p.600 - Courtier-Stever, June 14, 1951

film

SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD MP4219

- Reel #1 General Index to Marriages Bk #1
1007 frames Grooms (1871-1997)
1458 pp. thru
GSU Project Item #4 Marriages, Bk #2
#29,003 p.505 (Dearborn-Dille), Feb. 14, 1893
- CORRECTION: Roll #1, retakes, start of reel
Item #2, index to Grooms A-B
Item #4, index to Grooms A-B
NOTE: Marriages, Bk #1, p.2 is 11/13/1886

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK (cont)

film

SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD

Reel #2 Item #1 - Marriages, Bk #2 (cont.)
756 frames p.504 (Beachler-Lowe), Jan. 30, 1893
1363 pp. thru
GSU Project Item #3 - Marriages, Bk #4
#29,004 p.594 (Larsen-Hollister), March 6, 1912

NOTE: Marriages, Bk #2, pp. 636-666 were
blank and not microfilmed.

Reel #3 Item #1 - Marriages, Bk #5,
1136 frames Index (A-Z), and
1520 pp. p.1 #595 (Johnson-Gustafson), March 13, 1912
GSU Project thru
#29,005 Item #4 - Marriages, Bk #8
 p.511 (Ekdahl-Ang), May 1, 1937

Reel #4 Item #1 - Marriage Records, Bk #8 (cont.)
871 frames p.511 (Ekdahl-Ang), May 1, 1937
744 pp. thru
GSU Project Item #2 - Marriages, Bk #9
#29,006 p.600 (Courier-Stever), June 14, 1951

SERIES TWO ELECTION RECORDS, 1870-1962

V.1 Abstract of Votes Cast, 1870-1895
V.2 Abstract of Votes Cast, 1899-1911
V.3 Abstract of Votes Cast, 1911-1919
V.4 Abstract of Votes Cast, 1924-1940
V.5 Abstract of Votes Cast, 1940-1962

B.02 1870-1898

f.5 Election Proclamations 1870-1890
f.6 Election Miscellaneous 1898-1900
f.7 Voter Lists 1898

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK

SERIES THREE BOND RECORDS, 1888-1891

B.02
f.8 Officials Bonds 1888-1891

SERIES FOUR PROFESSIONAL REGISTERS, 1881-1920

V.01	Physician Register (A)	1881-1894
V.02	Physician Register (B)	1891-1932
V.03	Dentist Register	1887-1894
V.04	Dentist Register, Vol. A	1895-1899
V.05	Embalmer's Register	1899-1920
V.06	Optometry Record	1908-1915
V.07	Physician and Veterinary Register, 1908-1918	
V.08	Nurse's Register	1918

B. 02
f.9 Professional Certificates 1884-1890

SERIES FIVE BRAND AND ESTRAY RECORDS, 1881-1928

V.01 Brand Record 1881-1928

SERIES SIX INCORPORATIONS, 1884-1907

B.02
f.10 Incorporation list, 1884

V.01 Certificates of Association, 1888-1907

SERIES SEVEN SOLDIERS RELIEF COMMISSION

B.02
f.11 Soldiers Relief Commission Reports 1890-1918
f.12 Soldiers Relief Commission Reports 1891-1900
f.13 Soldiers Relief Commission Reports 1901-1947

V.01 Soldiers Relief Commission Record A, 1890-1947

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK (cont)

SERIES EIGHT CENSUS RECORDS, 1883-1899

B.02

f.14	Clear Creek Precinct	1883
f.15	Hackberry Precinct	1883
f.16	Osceola Precinct	1883
f.17	Platte Precinct	1883
f.18	Pleasant Home Pct	1883
f.19	Stromsburg Precinct	1883
f.20	Rural Census Statistics	1883
f.21	Ex Soldiers and Sailors	1887-1899

SERIES NINE MISCELLANY, 1880-1898

B.02

f.22	Agricultural Statistics c.1898
f.23	Attachments and Liens 1881-1887
f.24	Jury Lists 1888
f.25	Power of Attorney 1880-1883

SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS, 1864-1912

SERIES ONE PATENT RECORDS, 1864-1891

B.02

f.26	Abstracts of Original Entries 1874-1891
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V.01 Abstracts of Original Entries 1864-1889

OB 115 Homestead Certificates #1362-#10890, 1874-1885
Akerblas, Swan Isaac
Brown, James J.
Christ, Von Eimeren
Coleman, Charles E.
Church, Enoch Levi
Curren, Robert
Cursen, James E.
Darrow, James L.
Davis, Samuel C.
Davis, Samuel C.

SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS (cont)

OB115 (cont) Homestead Certificates
Hartman, John
Hartman, John H.
Heald, Caleb M.
Hodgkinsin, Frank D.
Hodgkinson, Geo F.
Hermann, John M.
Honeycutt, John A.
Johnson, Charles G.
Johnson, John P.
Kirbik, Joseph
Kunkel, David H.
Lohr, Franklin
Lutz, Isaiah
Mcgemsey, Jasper N.
McNeely, W.S.
Nelsen, Andrew
Oakes, Amanda H.
Peter, Andrew
Pichett, Nancy
Query, John W.
Stewart, James
Stewart, John R.
Trapp, Mathias
Wilson, John
Wilson, Milton L.

OB115 Timber Culture Certificates #1-664 (1883-1897)
Bell, James
Grossnicklaus, Edw.
Humprey, Chester C.
Mapes, Franklin
Thesing, Richard

OB115 Land Certificate #3068 Marty, Henry, 1873
Land Grant to State of Mississippi for college, 1873

SERIES TWO NUMERICAL INDEXES

(no records)

SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS (cont)

SERIES THREE ABSTRACT OF LANDS

(no records)

SERIES FOUR GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS

B.02

f.27 Land Owners lists, n.d.

SERIES FIVE DEED RECORDS

OB 115

Union Pacific Railroad Deeds #3554-15816, 1881-1889

Bill, C.C.

Conner, Rodney

Croft, John

Gibbens, Theodore

Gushee, Mary L.

Konig, Joseph

Lundbloom, John A.

Maxwell, R.T.

McMullen, John H.

Nelson, Nuls P.

Tolen, Johnna

CB&Q RR Land Deed #6711 Roe, Geo. W., 1883

SERIES SIX GENERAL INDEX TO MORTGAGES

V.01 Assessor's Mortgage Index 1907-1912

SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT

SERIES ONE CALENDARS & GENERAL INDEXES

(no records)

SERIES TWO ENTRY AND ESTATE BOOKS

(no records)

SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT (cont)

SERIES THREE PROBATE DOCKETS

(no records)

SERIES FOUR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, 1874-1898

V.01 Justice Docket 1874-1898

B.02

f.28 Blank forms, n.d.

SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT

The State Archives holds no records for the office
of District Court of Polk County

SUBGROUP EIGHT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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SUBGROUP NINE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS

Envelope

-School District #1, School Census Records Book, June 1877-April 1899

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