Records of the State Patrol and State Sheriff’s Office

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Historical Note

TIMELINE
1917: Prohibition Act made Governor responsible for enforcement. The Governor appointed an enforcement officer to have active charge of the work of the enforcement of automobile theft and liquor laws.

1927: Office of the State Sheriff created to assist Governor in enforcing criminal laws.

1933: Enforcement of traffic control laws added to duties

1937: Nebraska Safety Patrol created as division of the Department of Roads and Irrigation with the State Sheriff as its chief officer.

1941: State Sheriff dropped as chief officer of the division. Chief officer became “superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety.”

1969: Nebraska Safety Patrol renamed as Nebraska State Patrol.

Scope and Content

The record group consists of records as follows(organized as series):
1) Investigation Files, 1923-1938
2) Day Books, 1928, 1931-1933
3) Arrest Record Books, 2 vols., 1937-1939
4) County Reports, 1937-1938
6) Correspondence

The investigation files contain reports of deputy state sheriffs and correspondence relating to the search for evidence and participants in the events being investigated. The investigation files were received from the Board of Paroles February 1, 1983. The day books contain annual, monthly, and daily reports of crimes reported and arrests made. The origin of the daybooks is uncertain. The arrest record books consist of 2 small ledger volumes that list the crime/charge, date of arrest, sentence, and extraditions. The publications and reports series consist of copies of the Nebraska Safety Patrol newsletter, Pro Bono Publico (1948-1956); Annual Reports of the
Nebraska State Patrol (1969-1973); County Reports, 1937-1938. The correspondence consists of two boxes from State Patrol administrative officials to the Governor (1987-1991) that pertain to upcoming legislation (statutes/laws) and proposed policy changes.

**Series One: Investigation Files, 1923-1938**

**Box 1**

**Folder 1** Bank Robbery, Fairfield, Clay County, Nov. 16, 1938
1. Proposed Bank Robbery, Elsie, Nebr., March 14, 1933
4. Bank Robbery, State Bank of Harbine, Feb. 11, 1932
5. Bank Robbery, Farmer’s State Bank, Brule, Nebr., Aug. 26, 1931
6. Attempted Bank Robbery, Chambers State Bank, Chambers, Nebr., Feb. 1, 1933
7. Bank Robbery, Home State Bank, Humboldt, Nebr., Nov. 1933
9. Robbery, Herman Peterson, Seward County, June 8, 1925
10. Suicide, Harry Whiteside and John Marten, Beatrice, Nebr., Dec. 29, 1931
15. Attempted Bank Robbery, First National Bank, Amherst, Nebr., June 9, 1931
17. Bank Robbers, Information on (n.d.)
18. Bank Robberies, Information on South Dakota (n.d.)
19. Hanging, Lens Kacherscherdt, Sweetwater, Nebraska, suicide by hanging in Loup City Jail, May 18, 1932
20. Murder, Chester Mason, Federal Agent, killed Nov. 12, 1932; Bryan Kennedy wounded, shot by Ted Wells, Beatrice
22. Death, Frederick Patterson Investigation, found shot dead, Sept. 13, 1931
24. Murder-Suicide, Lloyd Bowers, Odessa, May 23, 1931
27. Murder, Clarence Stainbrook, Daykin, Nebr., Oct. 13, 1932 by Dr. William Franz
28. Murder Cases, Misc., 1932, Mrs. E. L. Hoaq, Omaha, Jan. 29, 1932

**BOX 2**

29. Murder, Robert Runyan, Falls City, Nebr., 1925
30. Death, Leo Skalowsky, Ashland, Nebr., Feb. 24, 1932
32. Death, Leo Skalowsky, Ashland, Nebr., Feb. 24, 1932
33. Death, Grover Hollister, Wymore, Nebr., Feb. 21, 1932
poisoned liquor

34 Murder, Norman Fowler, body found at Ames, Nebr., Oct. 1932
35 Death, J. C. Wampler, investigated June 15, 1934
36 Murder, Russell Goodwin, Genoa, Nebr., shot by Harold Malmberg, Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 6, 1934
37 Murder, Homer McCue, Tecumseh, Nebr., Jan. 1933
38 Murder, J. B. Kelley, Missouri Pacific special agent, Atchinson, KS, killed near Salem, Nebr., March 11, 1932 by copper wire thieves
39 Murder, Mrs. Earl Pebley, Frank McIntosh’s statement in regards to, Aug. 19, 1931, conducted at 8:30PM
40 Bank Robbery ($7,000), Bank of Gretna, Aug. 14, 1930
41 Murder, Ludwig F. C. Hansen, 515 Briggs Ave., Hastings, Nebr., April 3, 1932
42 Bank Robbery, Bank of Bellwood, Dec. 29, 1929
43 Olonzo H. Bacon, statement taken Sept. 7, 1932 by J.C. Peters
44 William Pabst, Glenn Herrald, Earl Keeling, James C. Brack statements 1928
45 Bank Robbery, Hubbard State Bank., Hubbard, Nebr., Aug. 27, 1930
46 Disappearance of Ernest Vernard Vater, Thedford, Nebr., Feb. 22, 1926
47 Death, John Greigitis, May 7, 1934
48 Death, Fred Templemeyer, Alliance, Nebr., found shot in head, May 28, 1927
49 Shooting, William Schwartz, Gretna, Nebr., Sept. 25, 1931
50 Copper wire thieves, 1931, Ambrose Piersch alias Ed McCusker
51 Murder, Joe Hruza, Oct. 2, 1930, by Frank Divis
52 Bank Robbery, Carroll State Bank, Carroll, Nebr., April 3, 1933
53 Murder, Lawrence Atkinson, Lincoln County, Dec. 13, 1930
55 Bank Robbery, Farmers State Bank, Newman Grove, Nebr., Aug. 6, 1928

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56 Bank Robbery, Auburn State Bank, July 12, 1932
57 Bank Robbery, Benson, Nov. 14, 1929
58 Bank Robbery, Denton State Bank, Denton, Nebr., Jan. 13, 1930
59 Bank Robbery, Nebraska State Bank, Milford, Nebr., Sept. 27, 1927
60 Bank Robbery, First National Bank, Aurora, Nebr., Oct. 10, 1927
61 Bank Robbery, Nebraska City National Bank, Dec. 19, 1927
62 Bank Robbery, National Bank and Trust Co., Lincoln, Nebr., Sept. 17, 1930
63 Murder, Harry Lapidus, Omaha, Nebr., December 22, 1931
64 Bank Robbery, Oketo, Kansas, May 16, 1931
65 Bank Robbery, South Omaha Savings Bank, Sept. 17, 1931
66 Bank Robbery, Petersburg State Bank, Boone County, Dec. 9, 1931
67 Death, Anna E. Stevens, Coroners Jury, 1923
68 Bootlegging, Statements of the Nissons, 1929, re: operation of still
69 Misc., Statements 1928
  --Mrs. Martha Klug (disappearance of husband)
  --Harry G. Sandy (burning of Barn near Gretna, Nebr.)
70 Correspondence, 1932/1933 regarding efforts to locate bank robbers
71 Special Reports by Mr. Clark, 1932
72 Death, Frank Mylander, near North Platte, Nebr. investigation, 1932

**Series Two: Daybooks, 1928, 1931-1932**

BOX 4
- Folder 1 July thru December 1928
- Folder 2 January thru June 1931
- Folder 3 July thru December 1931
- Folder 4 January thru June 1932
- Folder 5 July thru December 1932

BOX 5
- Folder 6 January thru June 1933
- Folder 7 July thru December 1933

**Series Three: Arrest Record Books, 1931-1939**

---2 ledger volumes
- Vol. 1, 1931-1936
- Vol. 2, 1937-1939

**Series Four: County Reports, 1937-1938**

BOX 1 County Reports: Adams thru Dakota, 1937-1938
BOX 2 County Reports: Dawson thru Otoe, 1937-1938
BOX 3 County Reports: Pawnee thru York, 1937-1938

**Series Five: Publications & Reports, 1948-1976**

BOX 1
- Annual Reports, Nebraska State Patrol, 1969-1973

OVERSIZE ENVELOPE
- Report to Judiciary Committee: Allegations of Abuses in Drug Investigations, 1974-1976

**Series Six: Correspondence (To Governor), 1987-1991**

BOX 1, 1987-1988
BOX 2, 1989-1991

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