

## Thomas County, Nebraska

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Records: 1887-1993

Cubic ft.: fr. 50

No. of Items: 264 volumes; and 3 volumes on 1 reel of  
35mm microfilm

### HISTORICAL NOTE

Originally the hunting grounds of the Pawnee and Sioux Indian tribes, a treaty in 1876 opened up the area of Thomas County to settlement. The first homestead claim was filed in 1880. Located in the Nebraska Sandhills, the county was formed in March of 1887. The first officers were appointed by the Governor until the county could get organized. The county is bordered by Cherry, Hooker, McPherson, Logan and Blaine counties.

Further settlement was promoted by the passage of the Kinkaid Act of 1904. The Thedford Livestock Association and Moses P. Kinkaid, representative for the county, 1904-1922, were instrumental in passage of this act which enlarged the acreage claimed on homestead entries.

Instrumental in the growth of the county was the construction of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska through the county in the late 1880s. The important towns of the county were located along this line. Townsites were initiated by and land available from the Lincoln Land Company and the railroad. Thedford was established by the Lincoln Land Company and the Burlington railroad. This town became the county seat at the time of the county's organization. Seneca, another railroad town originating in 1888, vied for the position of county seat in 1920 when the courthouse at Thedford was destroyed by fire. Thedford remained the county seat and a new courthouse was constructed in 1920.



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ADDED ENTRIES:

PERSONAL PROPERTY--VALUATION--THOMAS COUNTY  
MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--THOMAS COUNTY  
REAL ESTATE--VALUATIONS--THOMAS COUNTY  
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS--THOMAS COUNTY (NEB.)  
VOTER REGISTRATIONS--THOMAS COUNTY (NEB.)

Thomas County was the site chosen by Charles Edwin Bessey, a prominent botanist, to experiment with tree growth in the area. This became the Bessey division of the Nebraska National Forest in 1902. Cattle raising is the prevalent industry in the county.

The county was named for Major General H. Thomas of Civil War fame.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Assessment Records were accessioned in 2006 comprising 374 volumes. These are described in Subgroup One, Assessor, 1889-1966. Other records for Thomas County include three volumes of marriage records on microfilm, listed in Subgroup Four, Series One. The collection is divided into the following subgroups: 1) Assessor, 1889-1966; 2) Treasurer (no records); 3) County Board of Commissioners (no records); 4) County Clerk, 1887-1993; 5) Register of Deeds (no records); 6) County Court (no records); 7) District Court (no records); 8) Superintendent of Schools (no records); and 9) School District Records (no records).

The Marriage Records of Thomas County were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1995 with the cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society and the county officials. All other records for the county are at the courthouse in Thedford.

### DESCRIPTION

#### SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR

##### SERIES ONE PRECINCT ASSESSMENT RECORDS, 1889-1937

V.01-02	1888	Natick & Thedford precincts
V.03-05	1889	Norway, Natick & Thedford precincts
V.06-09	1890	Norway, Natick, Thedford and Seneca
V.10-13	1891	Norway, Natick, Thedford and Seneca
V.14-17	1892	same as above (4 pcts)
V.18-21	1893	same as above (4 pcts)
V.22-25	1894	same as above (4 pcts)
V.26-29	1895	same as above (4 pcts)
V.30-33	1896	same as above
V.34-37	1897	same as above
V.38-41	1898	same as above
V.42-45	1899	same as above

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V.46-49	1900	Norway, Natick, Thedford and Seneca
V.50-53	1901	same as above
V.54-59	1902	Corner, Dismal, Natick, Norway, Seneca and Thedford
V.60-65	1903	same as 1902
V.66-68	1904	Thedford and Dismal Norway and Seneca Corner and Natick

NOTE: 1904 (mold, loose damaged volumes)

V.69-71	1905	same as 1904
V.72-74	1906	same as 1904
V.75-77	1907	same as 1904
V.78-82	1908	Personal (water and mold damage)
V.83-85	1908	Real Estate (water and mold damage) same as 1904
V.86-91	1909	Personal (water and mold damage)
V.92-97	1909	Real Estate
V.98-93	1910	Personal
V.94-99	1910	Real Estate
V.100-105	1911	Personal
V.106-111	1911	Real Estate
V.112-117	1912	Personal
V.118-123	1912	Real Estate - MISSING
V.124-129	1913	Personal
V.130-136	1913	Real Estate Banner, Corner, Dismal, Natick, Norway, Seneca and Thedford
V.137-143	1914	Personal
V.144-151	1915	Personal Banner, Corner, Dismal, Natick, Norway, Seneca, Thedford and Wells
V.152-158	1914-1915	Real Estate (no Wells precinct)
V.159-166	1916	Personal
V.167-175	1916	Livestock, Field Record
V.176-183	1917	Personal
V.184-191	1918	Personal
V.192-199	1919	Personal

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V.200-207	1916-1919	Real Estate (mold damage to covers)
V.208-215	1918	Livestock Field Record
V.216-223	1919	Livestock Field Record
V.224-231	1920	Personal
V.232-242	1920	Real Estate Banner, Corner, Dismal, Halsey Village, Natick,

Norway

		Seneca, Seneca Village, Thedford, Thedford Village, and Wells
V.243-251	1921	Personal and Recap
V.252-259	1921	Real Estate

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V.260-267	1922	Personal
V.268-277	1922-1923	Real Estate
V.278-284	1923	Personal (no Norway pct)
V.285-291	1924	Personal (no Corner pct)
V.292-298	1925	Personal (no Corner pct)
V.299-306	1924-1925	Real Estate (no Corner pct, includes Seneca Village and Thedford Village)
V.307-314	1926	Personal - MISSING
V.315-322	1927	Personal - MISSING
v.323-326	1928	Personal Banner, Natick, Seneca and Seneca Village
V.327-333	1929	Personal (no Corner or Wells pcts) includes Thedford and Thedford Village
V.334-342	1926-1929	Real Estate Natick & Wells including Village of Halsey Wells Precinct Thedford, Thedford Village Seneca, Seneca Village Norway, Dismal and Banner precincts
V.343-349	1930-1933	Real Estate Banner, Natick & Wells, Norway, Seneca, Seneca Village, Thedford, and Thedford Village
V.350-354	1933-1935	Real Estate Banner, Natick, Norway, Thedford, and Thedford Village
V.355-361	1936-1937	Real Estate Banner, Natick, Norway, Seneca, Seneca Village, Thedford, Thedford Village
V.362-364	1966	Real Estate Ranges 26-28; 29-30; and Halsey, Thedford and Seneca

**SUBGROUP TWO TREASURER**

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The Archives has no records for this office

**SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Archives has no records for this office



**SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1887-1993**

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**SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1887-1993**

- Vol. #1            Marriage Record, Vol. #1 (indexed)  
                         p.1 (Burton-Phipps), Nov. 28, 1887  
                         thru  
                         p.392 (Fowler-Lowe), July 28, 1923
- Vol. #2            Marriage Record, Vol. #2 (indexed)  
                         p.1 (Wiggins-Licking), Sept. 21, 1923  
                         thru  
                         p.446 (Pierson-Madron), Oct. 23, 1971
- Vol. #3            Marriage Record, Vol. #3 (indexed)  
                         p.1 (Collins-Wallinger), Nov. 26, 1971  
                         thru  
                         93-89-129 (Lorkovic-Vopata), Sept. 3, 1993

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**SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD MP4219**

- Roll #1            Item #1 - Marriage Record, Vol. #1  
702 expos.        Index, A-Z, and  
1200 pp.            p.1 (Burton-Phipps), Nov. 28, 1887  
GSU Project thru  
#26,725            Item #3 - Marriage Record, Vol. #3  
                         #93-89-129 (Lorkovic-Vopata)  
                         September 3, 1993

**SERIES TWO MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1891-1914**

- B.01                Roster of Soldiers and Sailors, 1891-1895  
                         Labor Statistics, 1898  
                         Voter Lists, Natick & Dismal pcts, 1914

**SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS**

The Archives has no records for this office. For land records of this area see RG509, U.S. General Land Office

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(homesteads); MS3648, Lincoln Land Company; and MS0466, records of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska Land Department.

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**SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT**

The Archives has no records for this office

**SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT**

The Archives has no records for this office

**SUBGROUP EIGHT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The Archives has no records for this office

**SUBGROUP NINE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS**

The Archives has no records for individual school districts of Thomas County

END OF INVENTORY

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