

Brand Commission, Nebraska

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Nebraska. Brand Commission

Records: 1855-1995

Cubic ft.: 12

Approx. # of Items: 13 boxes, 47 vols.,
and 128 reels of microfilm

HISTORICAL NOTE

Brands have been recorded in Nebraska as early as 1855 in Cass County to identify farmers livestock in case of theft or loss. Brand recordings were made by the county clerks of each county, and later, 1899, administered by the office of the Secretary of State, Brand Committee.

The 1941 Legislature created the Nebraska Brand Committee to protect Nebraska brand and livestock owners from livestock theft through a brand recording, brand inspection and livestock theft investigation staff. The committee records all new brands, brand transfers and brand renewals, and keeps a recorded brand book. Investigative staff report thefts or missing livestock and identify owners of strays or cattle with an unknown owner.

A regularly updated index and brand book are published by the Brand Committee and these volumes are available in the Nebraska State Historical Society library.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of the correspondence and records of the Nebraska Brand Committee and predecessors, 1855-1989, arranged into ten subgroups: 1) Correspondence, 1953-1967; 2) Topical Files, 1967-1980; 3) Minutes, 1941-1971; 4) Brand Indexes, 1855-1933; 5) Brand Applications and Transfers, 1899-1956; 6) Historical Brand Registers, 1855-1941; 7) Annual and Monthly Reports, 1948-1993; 8) Inspections and Legal Cases, 1942-1970; 9) Financial Records, 1941-1989; and 10) Miscellaneous, 1943-1949.

Topical correspondence includes agreements and brand conference records, brand inspectors correspondence and personnel data. The minutes of Subgroup Three exist only on security microfilm at this time. Copies of this microfilm can be made at patron's request and expense. Brand Indexes include one volume indexing brands prior to 1899 and brand indexes on microfilm thru

ADDED ENTRIES:

Alliance (Neb.)--History
American National Cattlemen's Association
CATTLE BRANDS--LAW AND LEGISLATION--NEBRASKA
CATTLE BRANDS--REGISTRATION--NEBRASKA
CATTLE--MARKING
CODY, WILLIAM FREDERICK, 1846-1917
Five-State Brand Conference
LIVESTOCK BRANDS
National Livestock Brand Conference
Nebraska. Secretary of State
Nebraska Stockgrowers Association
Packers and Stockyards Advisory Committee

1933. Brand applications are on microfilm and begin with volume A (1899-1907), and end with volume 146, #57805 (1956). The Historical Brand Registers of Subgroup Six include separate county registers compiled by the Brand Commission in 1980 and microfilmed for security. Some original volumes are in storage at the Archives for individual counties.

Subgroup Eight, Inspections and Legal Cases, includes case reports, 1942-1970, clippings and miscellaneous. Miscellaneous Subgroup Nine consists of a record of former employees, 1943-1949.

Records of the Brand Commission were transferred to the Archives in 1977 after microfilming by the Secretary of State, Records Management Division. Master negatives of a previous filming project were opened to the public upon receiving the master negatives for the 1977 project.

Check individual county records for additional brand registers.

DESCRIPTION

SUBGROUP ONE CORRESPONDENCE, 1953-1967

B.1 1953-1964
B.2 1965-1966

SUBGROUP TWO TOPICAL FILES, 1946-1980

B.1 Administrative Services, 1967
 Agreements:
 Out of state travel, 1967
 Guardian State Bank, Alliance, 1967
 Brand Committee and City of Alliance, 1967
 Brand Committee & Dakota stockgrowers, 1967-1968
 Automobiles, 1967
 Brand Legislation, 1967
 Cody Brand, 1967

SUBGROUP TWO TOPICAL FILES (cont)

- B.1 1967, cont.:
- Five-State Brand Committee, 1967
 - Brand Committee History, 1967
 - National Livestock Brand Conference, 1967
 - Packers & Stockyards Advisory Comm., 1965-1967
 - Packers & Stockyards Advisory Comm.-printed matter
 - Brand Inspection correspondence, 1967
 - Brand Inspectors - application, 1967
 - Brand Inspectors - Retirement, Discharges,
and Deaths, 1967
- B.2 Topical Files, 1968-1970
- Correspondence, 1968
 - Amer. National Cattlemen's Assn., 1968
 - Brand Insurance, 1968
 - Five-State Brand Conference, 1968
 - National Livestock Brand Conference, 1968
 - Nebr. Stockgrowers Assn., 1968
 - Packers & Stockyards Livestock Comm., 1968
 - Inspectors-Applications, 1968
 - Inspectors-Correspondence, 1968
 - Correspondence, 1969
 - Amer. National Cattlemen's Assn., 1969
 - Automobiles, 1967-1969
 - Five-State Brand Conference, 1969
 - International Livestock Brand Conf., 1969
 - Legislation, 1969
 - Nebr. Stockgrowers Assn., 1969
 - Packers & Stockyards Livestock Comm., 1969
 - Inspectors-Correspondence re, 1969
 - Inspectors-Applications, 1969
- Correspondence, 1970
- Administrative Services, 1968-1970
 - Amer. National Cattlemen's Assn., 1970
 - Automobiles, 1968-1970

SUBGROUP TWO TOPICAL FILES (cont)

B.3 Topical Files, 1946-1980 cont.
Five-State Brand Conference, 1970
Internat'l Livestock Brand Conference, 1970
Legislation, 1970
Nebraska State Patrol, 1969-1970
Nebraska Stockgrowers Assn., 1970
Alliance Building, 1969-1971
State Office Building, 1974-1980
Clippings, 1946-1968

SUBGROUP THREE MINUTES, 1941-1971

Roll 1 Brand Committee Minutes, 1941
RM72-4-15 thru
SF only Brand Committee Minutes, 1971

Box 1 Brand Committee Minutes, 1966-1970

SUBGROUP FOUR BRAND INDEXES, 1899-1933

V.A For Brand volumes 1-16, 1899-1906
V.B Index of recordings prior to 1899
V.1 Brand Index (vols. 17-34), 1907-1918
V.2 Brand Index (vols. 35-), 1917-1928
V.3 Brand Index, 1928-1933
V.4-7 Brandabetical Indexes, V.1-4

SUBGROUP FOUR BRAND INDEXES - MICROFILM RECORD MP0115

Roll #1 Item #2, Brand Index, V.A (1899-1906)
MP0115 Brands (A)
326 expos. thru
RM69-22-01 Item #2, Brand Index, V.A (1899-1906)
Silver Neg. Brands (M), part

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Vol. A, pp. 86-87 are missing

SUBGROUP FOUR BRAND INDEXES - MICROFILM RECORD MP0115

Roll #2 Item #1, Brand Index, V.A cont.
MP0115 Brands (M-Z)
407 expos. thru
RM69-22-02 Item #1, Brand Index, V.A (1899-1906)
Silver Neg. Brands, Miscellaneous

SUBGROUP FIVE BRAND APPLICATIONS AND TRANSFERS, 1899-1956

V.1 Brand Applications, V.1, #1
thru
V.12 Brand Applications, V.12 (#4800), 1903

V.13 Brand Applications, V.13 (#4801), 1903
thru
V.21 Brand Applications, V.21 (#8400), 1913

V.53 Brand Applications, V.53 (#23301-23800), 1932-1933

SUBGROUP FIVE APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #1 Item #1, Brand Applications, 1899-1901
MP0115 p.1 - Chronological filings, 1899
417 expos. thru
RM69-22-01 Item #1, Brand Applications, 1899-1901
Silver Neg. p.505, Minutes, 1899-1901

ORDER OF FILMING:

pp.1-201, Chronological filings, 1899-1901
pp.202-399, Alpha brands, 1899-1901
pp.402-414, Fiscal Records, 1901
pp.501-505, Minutes, 1899-1901

Roll #2 Item #2, Applications, V.1
MP0115 #1 (July 1, 1899)
220 expos. thru
RM69-22-02 Item #2, Applications, V.1
Silver Neg. #110 (July 8, 1899)

**SUBGROUP FIVE BRAND APPLICATIONS & TRANSFERS MICROFILM
RECORD MP0115**

Rolls 3-4 Brand Applications, V.1, #111 (July 1899)
MP0115 thru
RM69-22-3&4 Brand Applications, V.4 (#1314), Dec. 16, 1899
Silver Neg.

Rolls 5-8 Brand Applications, V.4, #1315 (12/22/1899)
MP0115 thru
RM70-22-5 Brand Applications, V.10 (#3942), Oct. 11, 1901
thru
RM70-22-8
Silver Neg.

Rolls 9-125 Brand Applications, V.10 (#3943), Oct. 11, 1901
MP0115 thru
RM70-22-16 Brand Applications, V.146 (#57805), 1/28/1956
thru
RM70-22-144
Silver Neg.

SUBGROUP SIX HISTORICAL BRAND REGISTERS, 1855-1941

Roll #1 County Brand Registers, 1855-1941
MP0115 Banner County (1883-1906)
761 expos. thru
AR80-33-38 County Brand Registers, 1855-1941
Diazo Neg. Hooker County (1891-1933)

ORDER OF FILMING:

Flash 1:

Banner County, 1883-1906
& inserts, 1889-1898
Blaine County (indexed), 1887-1915
includes register of Prairie Grove Ranch
name in 1917
Boone County (indexed), 1878-1931
Boone County Estray Record, 1876-1907
Box Butte County (indexed), 1885-1899

SUBGROUP SIX HISTORICAL BRAND REGISTERS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #1 ORDER OF FILMING (cont):
Flash 2:
Boyd County (indexed), 1892-1901
Flash 2 (cont):
Brown County (indexed), 1878-1910
& inserts, 1898-1899
Cass County (indexed), 1855-1916
Flash 3:
Cheyenne County, 1874-1899
Custer County, 1877-1899
Flash 4:
Dawes County (indexed), 1885-1899
Deuel County (indexed), 1874-1899
Dodge County, 1879-1888
Dundy County (indexed), 1884-1917
Fillmore County, 1879-1899
Franklin County, 1877-1897
Garfield County, 1885-1899
Grant County (indexed), 1889-1910
Hayes County (indexed), 1894-1934
Holt County (indexed), 1878-1899
Hooker County, 1891-1933

Roll #2 Historical Brand Registers, 1855-1941
MP0115 Kearney County, 1875-1918
364 expos. thru
AR81-33-1 Historical Brand Registers, 1855-1941
Diaz Neg. Logan County, 1885-1906

ORDER OF FILMING:
Flash 1:
Kearney County, 1875-1918
Keith County, 1878-1900
Keith County Estray Book, 1885-1939
Keya Paha County, 1880-1920

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SUBGROUP SIX HISTORICAL BRAND REGISTERS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #2 ORDER OF FILMING (cont)
Flash 2:
 Kimball County, 1883-1914
 Knox County, 1891-1899
 Lancaster County, 1876-1900
 Lancaster County Estray Record, 1870-1941
 Logan County, 1885-1906

Roll #3 Historical Brand Registers, 1855-1941
MP0115 Madison County, 1889-1933
793 expos. thru
AR81-33-2 Historical Brand Registers, 1855-1941
Diazo Neg. Wayne County, 1880-1899

ORDER OF FILMING:
Flash 1:
 Madison County (indexed), 1889-1933
 Merrick County (indexed), 1880-1920
 Nance County, 1880-1929
 Nance County Estray Book, 1885-1963
 Nemaha County Estray Book, 1870-1917
Flash 2:
 Nuckolls County (poor orig.), 1881-1899
 Otoe County (indexed), 1875-1890
 Pawnee County, 1857-1934
Flash 3:
 Perkins County (indexed), 1888-1920
 Platte County, 1880-1927
 Platte County Estray Book, 1858-1878
Flash 4:
 Polk County (indexed), 1881-1918
 Sarpy County, 1879-1891
 Saunders County, 1879-1923
 Scotts Bluff County, 1889-1899
 Seward County, 1889-1904
 Thayer County, 1883-1926
 Thomas County (indexed), 1891-1899
 Thurston County, 1889-1907
 Wayne County, 1880-1899

SUBGROUP SEVEN ANNUAL AND MONTHLY REPORTS, 1940-1993

- B.1 Annual Reports, 1948-1956
 Annual Reports, 1975-1993
- B.2 Monthly Reports, June 1940 - 1967
- B.3 Monthly Reports, 1968-1970

SUBGROUP EIGHT INSPECTIONS AND LEGAL CASES, 1942-1970

- B.1 Case Reports, 1942-1947
- B.2 Case Reports, 1946-1948
 incl. clippings & misc., 1950's
- B.3 Case Reports, 1964-1970

SUBGROUP NINE FINANCIAL RECORDS, 1941-1995

- V.1-2 Brand Inspection & Theft Prevention Fund, 1941-1943
- V.3 Ledger, 1941-1944
- V.4 Ledger, 1943-1945
- V.5 Ledger, 1945-1949
- V.6 Ledger, 1949-1951
- V.7 Ledger, 1951-1954
- V.8 Ledger, 1954-1958
- OV V.9 Ledger, 1958-1963
- B.1 Audit Reports, 1941-1955
 Audit Reports, 1974-1989
 Audit Reports, 1993-1995
- Financial Statements, 1962-1970
- v.10-14 Fund Receipt Books, 1954-1964
- Brand Inspection Laws, 1964-1977

SUBGROUP TEN MISCELLANEOUS, 1943-1949

V.1 Record of Former Employees, 1943-1949

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