

Court of Condemnation for the Ascertainment and Finding of the value of the Property and Rights of the Omaha Gas Company, Nebraska

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Nebraska. Court of Condemnation for the Ascertainment and Finding of the value of the Property and Rights of the Omaha Gas Company

Records: 1909-1919

Cubic ft.: 3

No. of Items: 11 folders in one box and 15 volumes in five boxes.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Pursuant to an act of the Nebraska Legislature, approved April 24, 1917, the city of Omaha passed an ordinance on December 19, 1917, providing for submission to the voters of the city the question of acquiring, under eminent domain proceedings, the property and plant of the Omaha Gas Company. At the general city election on May 7, 1918, the voters approved this acquisition.

On May 24, 1918, the Nebraska Supreme Court directed that a Court of Condemnation convene in Omaha on June 18th to determine the value of the property and rights of the Omaha Gas Company. District Court judges from three of the judicial districts of the state were appointed to constitute the court: Judge William V. Allen of Madison, chairman; Judge George A. Day of Omaha; and Judge Edward E. Good of Wahoo.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This body of records of the Court of Condemnation for the Ascertainment and Finding of the Value of the Property and Rights of the Omaha Gas Company sitting at Omaha, Nebraska, is contained in three boxes and is arranged in three series: 1) Briefs, 1918; 2) Testimony & Exhibits, 1909-1918; and 3) Appraisal and Inventory, 1910-1919.

Series One contains a printed copy of the brief of the city of Omaha in the Court of Condemnation and a printed Bill of Complaint (in Equity), Omaha Gas Co. et al v. City of Omaha in U.S. District Court-Nebraska, Omaha Division, n.d.

ADDED ENTRIES:**

Court of Condemnation for the Ascertainment and Finding
of the Value of the Property and Rights of the
Omaha Gas Company Sitting at Omaha, Nebraska.

OMAHA GAS COMPANY (OMAHA NEB.)

OMAHA (NEB.)--HISTORY

Omaha Gas Company et al vs. City of Omaha

PUBLIC UTILITIES--NEBRASKA

PERSONAL PROPERTY--NEBRASKA--DOUGLAS COUNTY

United States. District Court. Nebraska. Omaha Division

Cooley, M. E. (Mortimer Elwyn), 1855-1944

Anderson, H. C. (Henry Clay), 1872-1939

Taylor, William H., M.E.

Baehr, William A., C.E. (Chicago, Ill.)

Good, Edward E. (Edward Ellsworth), 1862-1937

PHOTOGRAPHS (OMAHA NEB.)

OMAHA (NEB.)--PHOTOGRAPHS (1909-1918)

MAPS--PUBLIC UTILITIES--NEBRASKA--DOUGLAS COUNTY

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Series Two contains part of the exhibits presented at the hearing, #43 thru 70 (non-inclusive) and Testimony, pp. 285-1498 (pp. 1-284 missing).

Included in Series Three are inventories, 1911 & 1918, of the buildings, equipment and property owned by the Gas Company, 1909-1918. These include photographs (indexed by the Historical Society Photograph Department), specifications, calculations, and diagrams. Also included in this series are various appraisals of property by four different engineering firms: M. E. Cooley, consulting engineer, and his associate, H. C. Anderson, June 1918 [Mortimer Cooley was a professor and dean emeritus of mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan. He was also in charge of appraisals of hydro and steam electric companies and railways for the Michigan RR and Utilities Commission, 1910-1921, and a special investigator for public utilities properties. His partner, Henry Clay Anderson was a professor and dean of engineering at the University of Michigan, and a consulting engineer of steam and electric railways and a special engineering investigator]; valuation by Burns and McDonnell, Consulting Engineers, Kansas City, Missouri, 1918-1919; Appraisal by William H. Taylor, M.E.; and reports of value of property and business of the Omaha Gas Company by William A. Baehr, Consulting Engineer, Chicago, Illinois.

These records, originally in the possession of Judge Edward E. Good of Wahoo, were transferred to the State Archives from the Saunders County courthouse in July 1975 and February 1991.

DESCRIPTION

SERIES ONE BRIEFS, 1918 & n.d.

Box 1

f.1

- v.1 Printed Brief of the City of Omaha in proceedings to ascertain the value of Omaha Gas Co. property, c.1918.
- v.2 Printed Bill of Complaint (in Equity), Omaha Gas Co. et al v. City of Omaha, U.S. District Court-Nebraska, Omaha Division, n.d.

SERIES TWO TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS, 1909-1918

- B.1
f.2 Depreciation Brief, n.d. - Court of Condemnations
f.3 Testimony, pp. 285-542
f.4 Testimony, pp. 544-942
f.5 Testimony, pp. 901-909 & 942-B
(additions and corrections)
f.6 Testimony, pp. 943-1461
f.7 Testimony, pp. 1462-1498
- B.2
f.8 Exhibits 47-60 (non-inclusive) and Detailed
Statement of Occupation Tax
f.9 Exhibits 43-70 (non-inclusive)
f.10 Inventory & Appraisal Expenses to Dec. 31, 1919
f.11 Exhibit #35 - Statistical and Financial Data,
1909-1917

SERIES THREE INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL, 1909-1918

NOTE: Volumes 3 thru 9 below each include photographs,
specifications, calculations, and diagrams.
Photographs in volumes have been indexed by
the Historical Society Photograph Department.

- Box 2
v.3 Omaha Gas Company Inventory, September 1911
Vol. I - Buildings
- Box 3
v.4 Omaha Gas Company Inventory, September 1911
Vol. II - Apparatus, Yard Structures, Office
v.5 Omaha Gas Company Inventory, September 1911
Vol. III - Distribution System Maps
v.6 Omaha Gas Company Supplementary Inventory,
June 1918 - Buildings
v.7 Omaha Gas Company Supplementary Inventory,
June 1918 - Apparatus, yard structures, office

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SERIES THREE INVENTORY AND APPRAISAL, 1909-1918

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- v.8 Omaha Gas Company Supplementary Inventory,
June 1918 - Distribution System Maps
- v.9 Exhibit #8, 1918 - Valuation of Omaha Gas Co.
property by Burns & McDonnell, Consulting
Engineers, Kansas City, Missouri, 1918-1919
- v.10 Exhibit #28 - Appraisal of property registered in
inventory vols. 1-3, June 1918, based on prices
as of June 18, 1918, by William H. Taylor, M.E.

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- v.11 Exhibit #33 - Appraisal of property registered in
inventory vols. 1-3, June 1918, based on average
prices August 1, 1910 thru August 1, 1918, by
William H. Taylor, M.E.

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- v.12 Exhibit #36 - Appraisal of property registered in
inventory vols. 1-3, June 1918, based on prices
January thru June 1918, by M. E. Cooley and H. C.
Anderson, 1918

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- v.13 Exhibit #38 - Appraisal of property registered in
inventory vols. 1-3, June 1918, based on prices
1910-1918, by Cooley and Anderson, 1918
- v.14 Exhibit #39 - Appraisal of property registered in
inventory vols. 1-3, June 1918, bases on average
prices 1914-1917, by Cooley and Anderson.
- v.15 Exhibit #40 - Report on Value of Property and
Business of the Omaha Gas Company as of June 18,
1918, on a current price bases, by William A.
Baehr, CE, Chicago, IL.
- v.16 Exhibit #41 - Report on Value of Property and
Business of the Omaha Gas Company as of June 18,

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1918, on an 8-yr average price basis, by William
A. Baehr, CE, Chicago, IL.

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v.17 Exhibit #42 - Report on Value of Property and
Business of the Omaha Gas Company as of June 18,
1918, on a War Price Basis, by William A. Baehr,
CE, Chicago, IL.

END OF INVENTORY
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