

Harlan County, Nebraska

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Records: 1873-1994

Cubic ft.: .25

No. of Items: 17 volumes on 8 reels of microfilm

HISTORICAL NOTE

One of the Republican Valley counties, Harlan County was officially organized by an act of the Nebraska Legislature June 3, 1871. Formed out of Lincoln County, it lies on the southern border of Nebraska bounded by Phelps, Franklin, and Furnas counties. In 1871 it encompassed an area of 24 square miles. A favorite hunting ground for the Indians, the area offered the richest of wild grasses, streams of clear running water, and abundant herds of buffalo and other wild game. A corps of U.S. surveyors were massacred in the area in 1869. The ensuing campaign against the perpetrators pretty much put an end to hostilities against the white settlers.

Forty men from eastern Nebraska camped near present-day Orleans in August of 1870 and began taking out homestead claims. A year later, a party from Cheyenne, Wyoming, led by Thomas Harlan, settled near Alma. The county seat was located here in 1871. The next year Melrose became the county seat by election. Due to conflicts over the county seat issue, Alma was declared the legal county seat in 1873. Although county seat fights continued through the years between Orleans and Alma, Alma is the present county seat of Harlan County.

By 1880 the population of Harlan County was at 6,086. Today (1991) Harlan County encompasses an area of 555 square miles with a population of 3,810. The county was named after Thomas Harlan who led the Wyoming settlers to the area.

The Kansas City District of the U. S. Corps of Engineers began construction of the Harlan County Dam and Reservoir near Alma in 1946 as a method of flood control and to provide soil and water conservation and aid in irrigation. This earth dam extends for two miles across the Republican River and rises one hundred and six feet above the surface. The project was developed jointly by the Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The dam and reservoir has provided a valuable recreation area and popular fishing spot in the county.

ADDED ENTRIES:

Bergquist, Peter (Peter P.), 1856-1914

Fulk, Martin A., 1854-1933

Johnson, Lewis, c.1864-

Jones, Eugene F. (Justice of the Peace)

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE--NEBRASKA--HARLAN COUNTY

Leet, William A. (Justice of the Peace)

MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--HARLAN COUNTY

School District #35 (Harlan County, Nebr.)

SCHOOLS--NEBRASKA--HARLAN COUNTY

Watson, A. C., c.1859-

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of official records for Harlan County remain at the county courthouse. The collection is divided into nine subgroups: 1) County Assessor; 2) Treasurer's Records; 3) County Board of Commissioners and Elections; 4) County Clerk, 1873-1994; 5) Register of Deeds; 6) County Court, 1876-1905; 7) District Court; 8) Superintendent of Schools; and 9) School Districts, 1877-1919.

The State Archives holds records for subgroups four, six and nine only. Subgroup Four, County Clerk, contains the marriage docket of the county, 1873-1994. This microfilm was produced by the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1994 with the cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society and the county clerk.

Subgroup Six, County Court, contains two Justice of the Peace dockets for Orleans and Albany precincts, 1876-1905. These dockets are on microfilm. One was loaned for microfilming by Eleanor Ebsen of Orleans, Nebraska, in 1958 and the other came to the Archives in 1965. The second volume was microfilmed by the Historical Society in November of 1982 and the film spliced to the end of the reel containing volume number one.

Subgroup Nine, School Districts, is divided into one series: 1) School District #35, Alma, 1877-1919. Included are three volumes of Director's Record which contain school board minutes, teachers contracts, lists of school officials, annual reports, and misc. fiscal records. Also included in volume #1 is a school census for this district, 1877-1890. The records came to the State Archives in May of 1965.

DESCRIPTION

SUBGROUP ONE COUNTY ASSESSOR

There are currently no records in storage at the State Archives for the office of County Assessor.

SUBGROUP TWO TREASURER'S RECORDS

There are currently no tax lists or treasurer's records in storage at the State Archives for the office of county Treasurer.

SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ELECTIONS

There are currently no election results for Harlan County or

records and minutes of the county Board of Commissioners in storage at the State Archives.

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1873-1994

Vol. 1 Marriage Docket, Vol. #1 (1873-1884)

Index (typed) - names may be inaccurate

p.1 (Sansted-Johnson), March 10, 1873

thru

p.416 (Darrow-Keith), January 3, 1880

p.415 (Manley-Johnson), June 4, 1884

Vol. 2 Marriage Docket, Vol. A (1884-1888)

Index (typed) - names may be inaccurate

p.1 (#417), Nash-Tetters (May 14, 1884)

thru

p.322 (#744), Miles-Schlosser (Dec. 9, 1888)

Vol. 3 Marriage Docket, Vol. B (1888-1894), indexed

p.1 (#745), Lockwood-Marsh (Dec. 8, 1888)

thru

p.396 (#1153), Jarvis-Burt (May 24, 1894)

pp.397-400 (#1154-1155) are blank

Vol. 4 Marriage Docket, Vol. C (1894-1903), indexed

p.1 (#1156), Adams-Patnoe (May 26, 1894)

thru

p.636 (#1782), Sohus-Pate (Oct. 21, 1903)

Vol. 5 Marriage Docket, Vol. D (1903-1910), indexed

p.1 (#1791), Paulson-Carlisle (Oct. 21, 1903)

thru

p.638 (#2424), Thrasher-Gammel (June 29, 1910)

NOTE: No Licenses #1783-1790

Vol. 6 Marriage Docket, Vol. E (1910-1918), indexed

p.1 (#2425), Russell-McCollum (June 29, 1910)

thru

p.648 (#3139), Lethem-Stevenson (Mar. 24, 1918)

Vol. 7 Marriage Docket, Vol. F (1918-1923), indexed

p.1 (#3140), Townsend-McDoniel (Mar. 26, 1918)

thru

p.424 (#4316), Blanchard-Lantis (Aug. 2, 1923)
pp.425-640 are blank

Vol. 8 Marriage Docket, Vol. G (1923-1936), indexed
p.1 (#1), Peterson-Farlane (Aug. 4, 1923)
thru
p.575 (Rademacher-Silvey), December 25, 1936

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS (cont)

- Vol. 9 Marriage Docket, Vol. H (1937-1953), indexed
p.1 (#576), Linden-Helfrich (Jan. 23, 1937)
thru
p.697 (no #), Griffin-Roy (Dec. 31, 1953)
- Vol. 10 Marriage Docket, Vol. I (1954-1973), indexed
p.I-01 (Cook-Haussler), January 28, 1954
thru
p.I-715 (Arnold-Daniels), April 22, 1973
- Vol. 11 Marriage Docket, Vol. J (1973-1987), indexed
p.J-01 (Hammond-Howsden), April 30, 1973
thru
p.J-024-433 (December 30, 1986)
- Vol. 12 Index to Marriages, 1987-1994
"A" (Allen, Margaret Louise)
thru
"Z" (Zerr, Debra Elaine)
NOTE: Index is by brides and grooms
- Vol. 13 Marriage Licenses & Certificates (loose)
p.1 (51-87-00001), January 15, 1987
thru
p.136 (51-94-00136), March 11, 1994

NSHS HAS ON MICROFILM:

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD MP4219

NOTE: Microfilm was produced by the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1994 with cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society and the county clerk.

Roll #1	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #1
776 pp.	Index (typed) - names may be inaccurate
695 Exp.	p.1 (Sansted-Johnson), March 10, 1873
GSU Project	thru

#26,364

Item #2 - Marriage Docket, Vol. A
p.322 (#744), Miles-Schlosser, Dec. 9, 1888

NOTE: Illegible & poor copy documents on
microfilm - Contact the county clerk for
copies from the original record.

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD MP4219

Roll #2
1561 pp.
864 Exp.
GSU Project
#26,365

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. B
Index (A-Z), and
p.1 (#745), Lockwood-Marsh (Dec. 8, 1888)
thru
Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. D
p.371 (#2157), Jones-Case (June 12, 1907)

NOTE: Vol. B, pp. 397-400 (#1154-55) void
NOTE: No Licenses or Certificates, #1783-1790

Roll #3
968 pp.
374 Exp.
GSU Project
#26,366

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. D cont.
p.370 (#2156), Farrar-Payne (June 10, 1907)
thru
Item #2 - Marriage Docket, Vol. E
p.648 (#3139), Lethem-Stevenson (3/24/1918)

NOTE: Illegible or poor copy documents on
microfilm - Contact the county clerk for
copies from the original record.

Roll #4
1448 pp.
1006 Exp.
GSU Project
#26,367

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. F
Index (A-Z), and
p.1 (#3140), Townsend-McDoniel, (3/26/1918)
thru
Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. H
p.290 (#290), Mussman-Knipchild (7/11/1943)

NOTE: Vol. F, pp. 425-640 were blank
and not microfilmed.
NOTE: Vol. G, p.576 is blank

Roll #5
1446 pp.
1583 Exp.
GSU Project
#26,368

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. H cont.
p.290 (#290), Mussman-Knipchild (7/11/1943)
thru
Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. J
p.J-220 (Skiles-Bertrand), Dec. 29, 1979

Roll #6
939 pp.

Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. J cont.
p.J-220 (Skiles-Bertrand), Dec. 29, 1979

555 Exp.
GSU Project
#26,369

thru
Item #3 - Marriage Licenses & Certificates
51-94-00136 (March 11, 1994)

NOTE: Item #2 - Index to Marriages, 1987-1994
retaken immediately following first filming
to include missed pages & correct dates.

SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS

There are currently no records in storage at the State Archives
for the office of Harlan County Register of Deeds.

SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT, 1876-1905

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SERIES ONE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKETS, 1876-1905

v.1 Justice Docket - Molaley/Orleans pct, 1876-1887

Index, A-Z, Civil and Criminal cases

p.1 - Marriage Register, July 1877 - Dec. 1886

pp.2-4 BLANK

p.5 - Estray Register, 1880

pp.6-24 BLANK

p.25 - A. C. Watson, Justice

M.E. Church, Republican City v. John M. Roberts

January 20, 1876

thru

p.37 - Hastings v. Meridon, Oct. 15, 1879

p.38, Orleans Precinct, Eugene F. Jones, Justice

November 9, 1885

thru

p.103 - Hartsough v. Banks, November 9, 1886

p.104 - William A. Leet, Justice

Robinson v. Gaudie, December 7, 1886

thru

p.117 - State v. John Doe, January 8, 1887

v.2 Justice Docket - Albany precinct, 1888-1905

p.1 - Martin A. Fulk, Justice, Nov. 23, 1888

thru

p.27 - December 28, 1892

NOTE: See also loose documents at end of reel

LOOSE DOCUMENTS:

November 1888, Glazier v. Reedy, Fulk JP

July 1900 - Lewis Johnson, JP

Feb.-Mar. 1905 - Peter Bergquist, JP

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SERIES ONE JUSTICE DOCKETS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #1	Vol. #1, Justice Docket - Orleans pct.
269 pp.	Index, and p.1 - Marriage Register, 1877-1886
140 shots	thru
9/30/1974	Vol. #2, Justice Docket - Albany pct.
#15,362	Loose documents, Feb.-March 1905

SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT

There are currently no records (including Naturalizations) in storage at the State Archives for Harlan County District Court.

SUBGROUP EIGHT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

There are currently no records in storage at the State Archives for the office of Harlan County Supt. of Schools.

SUBGROUP NINE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, 1877-1919

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SERIES ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT #35, Alma, 1877-1919

- v.1 Director's Record, June 1883 - May 1908
 - Annual Minutes, Apr. 2, 1877 - Nov. 27, 1893
 - School Officials list, Apr. 1877 - June 1895
 - Treasurer's Bonds, 1880-1895
 - School Brd Minutes, 1883
 - Annual Minutes, June 24, 1895 - June 1898
 - Teachers' Contracts, 1878-1887, 1892
 - Book Lists, 1885
 - Fiscal Records, Apr. 1879 - Oct. 1893
 - School Bonds, 1877-1889
 - Orders Drawn, 1879 - May 1908
 - Annual Reports, 1877-1884
 - School Census, 1877-1890

- v.2 Director's Record, 1898 - June 1908
 - Map & History, 1898
 - Annual Minutes, June 1899 - June 1908
 - School Officials list, 1902-1908
 - Teachers' Contracts, 1899-1904
 - Orders Drawn, 1898 - June 1907
 - Treasurer's Report, 1903 - June 1907
 - Annual Reports, 1900-1903

- v.3 Director's Record, 1908-1919
 - Annual Minutes, 1908 - June 1914
 - School Officials list, 1908-1909
 - Annual Minutes, June 1915 - June 1919

Special Board Meeting, Nov. 19, 1909 (p.37)
Teachers' Contracts, 1908-1913
Teachers' Register, 1908-1912
Fiscal Records, Sept. 1908 - Apr. 1914
Orders Drawn, Sept. 1908 - Apr. 1917
Annual Reports, 1909-1916

SUBGROUP NINE SCHOOL DISTRICTS (cont)

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SERIES ONE SCHOOL DIST. #35 - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #1	School Dist. #35, Director's Record
298 pp.	vol. #1, p.1 Map of District, 1883
155 shots	thru
2/27/1974	School Dist. #35, Director's Record
#14,195	vol. #3, Annual Report, 1916

END OF INVENTORY

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JS/Film 1974

PMC/WP51 3/12/1992

PMC/GSU/WP51 9/16/1994