ARCHIVES RECORD

RG226 Kearney County, Nebraska & film Records: 1872-1993 Cubic ft.: 5 No. of Items: 6 casefiles (1 box), and 53 vols & 1 box on 15 reels of 35mm microfilm

HISTORICAL NOTE

Kearney County is located south of the Platte River, which is it's northern boundary, in south central Nebraska, about 24 miles from the Kansas state line. The county's early history began near the time of the establishment of Fort Kearny in 1848. It was formally organized by the Territorial Legislature in 1860 and included the present-day counties of Kearney, Franklin, Harlan, and Phelps. Kearney City (now extinct) became the county seat. After the Union Pacific Railroad was completed in 1866, this town disappeared and when Fort Kearny was abandoned in 1871 nearly all the old settlers left the county. This early settlement was concentrated in the northern part of the county near Fort Kearny and the Oregon Trail. Kearney county was named for this fort.

In 1871 the legislature redefined the boundaries and divided Kearney County into the four counties listed above. Settlers began arriving again and in 1872 an election was held to locate the county seat and to elect county officials. Lowell, the oldest town in the county located in the northeastern part and on the line of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad, was chosen as the county seat. However, in November of 1876 the citizens voted to move it to the more centrally located "Minden." At that time, Minden was open land without a building or a residence. This move was halted by an injunction until 1878.

By 1882, Minden's population had grown to almost 300 and today has a population of nearly 3000. This town is also famous for its Christmas lights on the courthouse since 1915 and has been dubbed "Christmas City" for many years. It is also the location of Harold Warp's famous "Pioneer Village" established in 1952 and covering 20 acres with about 30,000 historic items housed in 25 building including the personal collection of Senator Carl Curtis, to which the Nebraska State Historical Society was a contributor.

When settlers first began to move through the area, the eastern farmers thought the land was worthless for agricultural purposes. They were more interested in hunting gold. Today, the area has been almost completely devoted to farming and stock

ADDED ENTRIES:

COUNTY COURTS--NEBRASKA--KEARNEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS--NEBRASKA--KEARNEY COUNTY MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--KEARNEY COUNTY NATURALIZATIONS--NEBRASKA--KEARNEY COUNTY School District #11 (Kearney County, Neb.) School District #62 (Kearney County, Neb.) raising. The Kearney County Canal, built for power and irrigation purposes grew into the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains records of Kearney County for the following Subgroups: 1) Assessor (no records); 2) Treasurer (no records); 3) County Board of Commissioners (no records); 4) County Clerk, 1872-1968; 5) Register of Deeds (no records); 6) County Court, 1873-1917; 7) District Court, 1872-1982; 8) Superintendent of Schools (no records); and 9) School District Records, 1879-1925. Records have not yet been transferred to the State Archives for those subgroups listing no records. For records not listed in this inventory patrons should contact the county courthouse at Minden, Nebraska

Subgroup Four, County Clerk, contains microfilm of the marriage dockets of Kearney County, Nebraska, 1872-1968. Dockets for the years 1969-1986 contain confidential records and have been removed from the reference copies of the microfilm. 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, is arranged in one series: 1) Probate Records, 1873-1917. This series includes two probate entry books for the years mentioned. These two volumes were transferred to the State Archives in July of 1973 and microfilmed by the Historical Society in 1982.

Subgroup Seven, District Court, is divided into two series: 1) Naturalization Records, 1872-1929 and 2) Bills of Exception, 1915-1982. Series One, Naturalization Records, were loaned to the State Archives August 27, 1990 for the purpose of microfilming. There is a card index available on 16mm microfilm. Series Two, Bills of Exception, 1915-1982 contain miscellaneous exhibits and testimony for selected cases tried in the Kearney County District Court. All case files remain with the court and you must contact them for this record.

Subgroup Nine, School District Records, is divided into two series: 1) School District #11, 1879-1923; and 2) School District #62, 1907-1925. School District #11 records were a gift of W. H. Lebar of Lincoln, Nebraska in 1940 and were microfilmed by the Historical Society in 1982. The records of School District #16 were loaned for microfilming in April of 1974.

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DESCRIPTION

NOTE: Reorganization of this collection after certain records were microfilmed changes old series numbers as targeted on these rolls. Patrons are requested to ignore Series numbers on the rolls and refer to the inventory for accurate citations.

SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSMENT RECORDS

No available records for this subgroup at the State Archives at this time. Patrons should contact the Kearney County Assessor's Office at Minden.

SUBGROUP TWO TREASURER'S RECORDS

No available records for this subgroup at the State Archives at this time. Patrons should contact the Kearney County Treasurer's Office at Minden.

SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

No available records for this subgroup at the State Archives at this time. Patrons should contact the Kearney County Clerk's Office at Minden.

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK'S RECORDS

- film
- SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1872-1968
 - Vol. #1 Marriage Docket, Vol. #1 (indexed) p.1 (Workman-Scott), Oct. 11, 1872 thru p.446 (Plummer-Hurst), May 30, 1885
 - Vol. #2 Marriage Docket, Vol. #2 (indexed) p.1 (Anderson-Olson), November 4, 1885 thru p.476 (Peterson-Holst), Feb. 27, 1892
 - Vol. #3 Marriage Docket, Vol. #3 (indexed) p.1 (?), March 18, 1892 thru p.420 (Holsten-Oberg), Dec. 17, 1897

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SUBGROUP FOUR	COUNTY	CLERK	
film SERIES ON	E MARR	IAGE RECORDS (c	ont)
Vol.	#4	p.1 (Green- thru	t, Vol. #4 (indexed) Rapp), Dec. 17, 1897 ow-Miller), Jan. 12, 1904
Vol.	#5	p.1 (Blakem thru	t, Vol. #4 (ibid), indexed an-Ayers), June 21, 1902 en-Bjork), May 8, 1907
Vol.	#6	Marriage Docke p.1 (Wendel thru	t, Vol. #5 (indexed) l-Holfeldt), May 20, 1907 ell-Anderson), Oct. 14, 1912
Vol.	#7	p.1 (Nash-M thru	t, Vol. #6 (indexed) Tiller), Oct. 16, 1912 Ters-Moone), Sept 23, 1919
Vol.	#8	p.1 (Olson- thru	t, Vol. #7 (indexed) Rodine), Sept. 23, 1919 on-Pettit), Aug. 1, 1923
Vol.	#9	p.1 (Brooks thru	t, Vol. #8 (indexed) -Pedler), Aug. 11, 1923 as-Rosso), Jan. 15, 1934
Vol.	#10	p.1 (Sander thru	t, Vol.#9 (indexed) -Svendsen), Jan. 18, 1934 ison-Spargo), June 3, 1943
Vol.	#11	p.1 (Stegem thru	t, Vol. #10 (indexed) ann-Kujath), June 7, 1943 esen-Anderson), Nov. 25, 1956
Vol.	#12	p.1 (Thomps thru	t, Vol. #11 (indexed) on-Podewitz), Nov. 17, 1956 -Armstrong), Dec. 28, 1968

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SUBGROUP	FOUR COUNTY	CLERK				
	film SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS (cont)					
* *	Vol. #13	Marriage Docket, Vol. #12 (p.1 (Pierce-Cole), Janua thru p.620 (Carmoney-Hedstrom	ry 2, 1969			
**	Vol. #14	Marriage Docket, Vol. #13 (p.1 (Custer-Dannull), Se thru p.160 (Flynn-Madsen), Mar	indexed) pt. 10, 1980			
	Vol. #15	Index to Marriages, 1987-19	94			
	Vol. #16	Marriage Docket, Vol. #14 (p.1 (52-87-00001), Janua thru p.309 (52-93-00036), Dec	ry 19, 1987			
film SERI		IAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM REC	ORD MP4219			
NOTE: This microfilm was produced by the Genealogical Society of Utah in the spring of 1994 with the cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society and the county clerk.						
	Roll #1 637 pp. 475 shots GSU Project #26,318	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Index & p.1 (October 11, thru Item #2 - Marriage Docket, p.191 (Smith-Wertz), Jun	1872) Vol. #2			
		<pre>NOTE: Vol. #1, pp. 384 & 3 missing from original vo time of filming. NOTE: Illegible or poor co microfilm: Original reco housed with the County C</pre>	lume at opies on ords are			

** Volume is restricted by Section 71-612, R.R.S. Nebraska as it contains confidential material restricted from public view or duplication. Contact County Clerk or Nebraska. Bureau of Vital Statistics for information. Kearney County, Nebraska

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SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK film MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD SERIES ONE MP4219 Roll #2 Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. 2 cont. 1194 pp. p.190 (Broderson-Thorsen), June 11, 1888 827 shots thru GSU Project Item #4 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #4-2 p.51 (Emmerson-Lyden), Feb. 19, 1903 #26,351 NOTE: Some documents on microfilm may be illegible or will make poor copies. For original record, contact County Clerk. NOTE: Vol. #3, p.1 - Splattstosen-??, several different names appear for the bride - Schoen, Chan, Gramm (1892) NOTE: Vol. #4-1, pp. 356-480 were blank and not microfilmed. Roll #3 Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #4-2 cont. p.50 (Bang-Wise), February 17, 1903 1184 pp. 838 shots thru GSU Project Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #6 p.391 (Johnson-Rasmussen), May 1, 1918 #26,319 NOTE: Vol. #4-2 may contain illegible or hard to copy documents. For original record contact the County Clerk. Roll #4 Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #6 cont. 895 pp. p.390 (April 29, 1918) 806 shots thru Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #8 GSU Project #26,320 p.513 (Faber-Henry), June 1, 1932 NOTE: Vol. #7, pp. 294-480 were blank and not microfilmed. Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #8 cont. Roll #5 947 pp. p.512 (Peterson-Olson), May 6, 1932 828 shots thru GSU Project Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #10 #26,321 p.191 (Jorgenson-Clabaugh), Feb. 8, 1948

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK film SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD MP4219 Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #10 cont. Roll #6 595 pp. p.190 (Fritson-Barry), Feb. 5, 1948 924 shots thru GSU Project Item #2 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #11 p.117 (Jones-Holst), June 7, 1959 #26,322 Roll #7 Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #11 cont. p.117 (Jones-Holst), June 3, 1959 519 pp. 559 shots thru Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #11 GSU Project #26,323 p.636 (Kort-Armstrong), Dec. 28, 1968 film SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - RESTRICTED RECORDS NOTE: The following two reels of Marriage Records is restricted from public use by Section 17-612, R.R.S. Nebraska, because of the presence of confidential material. Roll #7 Item #2 - Marriage Record, Vol.#12 p.1 (Pierce-Cole), Jan. 2, 1969 780 pp. 954 shots thru GSU Project Item #3 - Marriage Record, Vol. #13 #26,323 p.160 (Flynn-Madsen), May 28, 1983 NOTE: Vol. #11, pp. 637-644 were blank and not microfilmed. Roll #8 Item #1 - Marriage Record, Vol. #13 cont. 554 pp. p.160 (Flynn-Madsen), May 4, 1983 618 shots thru #26,324 Item #3 - Marriage Record, Vol.#14 p.309 (52-93-00036), Dec. 20, 1993 NOTE: Vol. #13, pp. 321-602 were blank and not microfilmed.

SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS

No available records for this subgroup at the State Archives at this time. Patrons should contact the Kearney County Clerk's office at Minden.

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SUBGROUP SIX RECORDS OF THE COUNTY COURT, 1873-1917

film

SERIES ONE PROBATE RECORDS, 1873-1917 (MP3473)

Roll #1	(Old Series Two)
363 shots	Vol. 1 Entry Book #1
726 pp.	June 28, 1873 - May 10, 1895
#20,251	thru

Vol. 2 Entry Book #2 Dec. 9, 1891 - Nov. 14, 1917

SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT RECORDS

SERIES ONE NATURALIZATION RECORDS, 1872-1929

NOTE: A card index is available on 16mm microfilm, roll #1. Also, an index appears at the beginning of each vol. The clerks registering Naturalizations in Kearney County at certain times were inaccurate in writing names of individuals. Names can change numerous times on one document. Original signatures of individuals appear on Declarations of Intention and Petitions for Naturalization. Patrons are advised to check different variations of the surname they are searching for to be sure that ancestors are not missed. These records were loaned to the Historical Society for microfilming, August 27, 1990.

- Vol. 2 Declarations of Intention Vol. 2: p.1 (8/19/1886) - p.199 (11/9/1903) pp.200-640 Blank

pp. 96-206 Blank

SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT (cont)

SERIES ONE NATURALIZATIONS (cont)

- Vol. 4 Declarations of Intention Vol. 3: p.1 (1/4/1904) thru p.40 (9/26/1906) p.41 void pp. 42-318 Blank
- Vol. 5 Declarations of Intention Vol. 4: #1 (10/27/1906) thru #300 (2/28/1923)
- Vol. 6 Declarations of Intention Vol. 5: #301 (3/23/1923) thru #328 (4/20/1929)
- Vol. 7 Declarations of Intention Vol. 6: #329 (2/21/1931) thru #350 (8/13/1942)
- Vol. 8 Declarations of Intention Kearney County (loose) A-W (no X-Z), 1874-1885
- Vol. 9 Declarations of Intention Kearney County (loose) A-E (no X-Z), 1886-1900
- Vol. 10 In re Naturalizations of Kearney County, 1906-1942 (includes correspondence & legal papers involving certain naturalizations taken out in Kearney County. See index for names appearing in this volume of loose documents.
- Vol. 11 Declarations of Intention Not Kearney County A-Z 1855-1885 (loose) NOTE: These declarations are from other Nebraska counties or other states and are meant to accompany the petition for naturalization or declarations of intention.
- Vol. 12 Declarations of Intention Not Kearney County A-V (No w-z), 1886-1900 NOTE: same as for above volume
- Vol. 13 In re Naturalizations not Kearney County Ferdinand Christensen, Franklin Co., 1941
- Vol. 14 Naturalization Record #2 p.1 (11/14/1893) thru p.96 (11/8/1905) p.97, Peter C. Engaard, 1888 pp. 98-610 Blank

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- SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT (cont)
 - SERIES ONE NATURALIZATIONS (cont)
 - Vol. 15 Naturalization Record #4 (# changed from 3) p.1 (11/23/1903) thru p.90 (9/21/1906) p.91 Blank pp. 92-108 (9/22/1906) pp. 109-240 Blank
 - Vol. 16 Petition and Record Vol. 5: #1 (11/5/1906) thru #149 (11/25/1914)
 - Vol. 17 Petition and Record Vol. 6: #150 (1/12/1915) thru #250 (6/3/1925)
 - Vol. 18 Petition and Record Vol. 7: #251 (6/3/1925) thru #269 (6/25/1929)
 - Vol. 19 Petition and Record Vol. 8: #270 (7/16/1930) thru #274 (4/20/1937)
 - Vol. 20 Certificates of Naturalization, Vol. 1 Vol. 914, Dept of Commerce and Labor #9131 (2/25/1907) thru #9140 (9/23/1907)
 - Vol. 21 Certificates of Naturalization, Vol. 2 Vol. 3138, Dept of Commerce and Labor #33426 (9/23/1907) thru #33450 (9/17/1908)
 - Vol. 22 Certificates of Naturalization, Vol. 3 Vol. 3400, Dept of Commerce and Labor #39976 (9/17/1908) thru #40000 (9/16/1909)
 - Vol. 23 Certificates of Naturalization, Vol. 4 Vol. 3590, Dept of Commerce and Labor #44726 (9/16/1909) thru #44750 (9/18/1911)
 - Vol. 24 Certificates of Naturalization, Vol. 5 Vol. 9154, Dept of Commerce and Labor #232826 (9/18/1911) thru #232850 (2/16/1914)
 - Vol. 25 Certificates of Naturalization, Vol. 6 Vol. 13987, Dept of Labor #434801 (2/16/1914) thru #434850 (12/4/1916)
 - Vol. 26 Certificates of Naturalization, Vol. 7 No Cover #702801 (12/4/1916) thru #702850 (10/11/1923)

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- SERIES ONE NATURALIZATION RECORDS (cont)
 - Vol. 27 Certificates of Naturalization, Vol. 8 Vol. 47383, U.S. Dept of Labor #1975101 (10/11/1923) thru #1975130 (12/26/1928) #1975131 thru 1975150 (not used)
 - Vol. 28 Hearings, Petitions Granted, and miscellaneous certificates, 1882-1941
 - Vol. 29 General Correspondence (Administrative), 1906-1941

film

SERIES ONE	NATURALIZATION	RECORDS	-	MICROFILM	RECORD	MP4092

Roll #1 2504 shots 16mm Diazo 91-8-81 #24,307	Aabel, Barthoudt S. thru Index to Naturalizations, "Z"
Roll #2 708 shots 1416 pp. #24,361	-
	Vol. #2 Index begins at frame #282 Vol. #3 Index begins at frame #412 Vol. #4 Index begins at frame #470 Vol. #5 Index begins at frame #506
	NOTE: Vol. #3, documents are light on microfilm and may not make good copies. For original

record, contact the County District Court.

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SERIES ONE	NATURALIZATION RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD MP4092
Roll #3 917 shots 1834 pp. #24,364	#301 (March 23, 1923)
	<pre>Vol. #7 Index begins at frame #065 Vol. #8 Index begins at frame #123 Vol. #9 Index begins at frame #322 Vol. #10 Index begins at frame #435 Vol. #11 Index begins at frame #541 Vol. #12 Index begins at frame #738 Vol. #13 Index begins at frame #775 Vol. #14 Index begins at frame #777 Vol. #15 Index begins at frame #842</pre>
759 shots 1518 pp.	
	<pre>Vol. #17 Index begins at frame #561 NOTE: Operator's Certificate, end of roll, in error. Date of ending record should read February 11, 1921 not June 30, 1914.</pre>
Roll #5 541 shots 1082 pp. #24,390	thru
	<pre>Vol. #18 Index begins at frame #081 Vol. #19 Index begins at frame #157 Vol. #20 begins at frame #186 Vol. #21 begins at frame #198 Vol. #22 begins at frame #250 Vol. #23 begins at frame #301 Vol. #24 begins at frame #346 Vol. #25 begins at frame #360 Vol. #26 begins at frame #387 Vol. #27 begins at frame #413 Vol. #28 begins at frame #431</pre>

Vol. #29 begins at frame #452

SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT

SERIES TWO BILLS OF EXCEPTION, 1967-1981

Box 1

7091 (1977) Madsen vs. Forden Deposition of Joseph F. Gross Deposition of Phillip E. Getcher 7328, 44360(1981) Ralph Olson et al vs. Bonham et al 38452 (1972) Mathine v. Kansas-Nebr. Natural Gas Co. (1915) Bridget McNea v. Thomas Moran, et. al 38051 (1971) State of Nebr. v. Charles Eickmeier 36627 (1967) NE Dept. of Roads & Village of Axtell v. Nickel Grain Co.

SUBGROUP EIGHT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

There are no records for this subgroup in the State Archives at this time. Patrons should contact the Supt of Schools Office at Minden, Nebraska.

SUBGROUP NINE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS

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SERIES ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT #11, 1879-1923

NOTE: Microfilmed under MP3474, 1982, as Series One

Box 1

f.1	General	Correspondence,	1886-1914
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- f.2 School Census, 1881-1900 & n.d.
 - f.3 Director's Annual Report and
 - Classification Record, 1885-1895
 - f.4 Teacher's Contracts, 1879-1909
 - f.5 Free High School tuition and
 - Student Transfer Statements, 1896-1916
 - f.6-7 Receipts and contracts for school supplies, 1881-1914; 1895-1923
 - f.8 Insurance policies, deeds, 1878-1909
 - f.9 Miscellaneous printed matter

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SUBGROUP NINE SCHOOL DISTRICTS (cont)					
film SERIE	ES ONE SC	HOOL DIS	TRICT #11 - MICROFILM RE	CORD MP3474	
	Roll 1 158 shots 316 pp. #20,176	Folde thru Folde f. f. f. f. f. f. f.	District #11 r 1, General Corres., No 2 School Census - Frame 3 Annual Reports - Fram 4 Teacher's Contracts - 5 Tuition & Transfers - 6 Receipts/Contracts - 7 Receipts/Contracts - 8 Insurance/Deeds - Fra 9 Miscellany - Frame #1	ed Matter #25 he #36 Frame #51 Frame #70 Frame #75 Frame #88 hme #113	
film SERIE	ES TWO	SCHOOL	DISTRICT #62 (WILCOX), 1	.907-1925	
	Vol. 1	Inclu	District Record, 1907-19 des minutes, teachers cc l records		
	Vol. 2	School	District Record, 1916-19 as above	22	
	Vol. 3	School	District Record, 1923-19 des minutes and Director		
	film SERIES TWO	SCHOO	L DIST. #62 - MICROFILM	RECORD MP3474	
	NOTE: Micro	filmed,	1974, as Series Three		
	Roll 1 116 shots 232 pp. #14,349	Vol. thru	District #62, 1907-1925 1, School District Recor 3, School District Recor	-	

END OF INVENTORY SRW/pmc/cs/WP50 8/28/1990 PMC/GSU/WP51 9/15/1994