ARCHIVES RECORD

film RG290

McPherson County, Nebraska

Records: 1890-1994 Cubic ft.: fr. No. of Items: 2 volumes on 1 reel of 35mm microfilm

HISTORICAL NOTE

Ranching is the principal industry of the sand hills county. The first settlers were cattle ranchers. Noted among them were ABuffalo Bill[®] Cody and the North Brothers in 1877. The first homestead was filed in what was to become McPherson County in 1872. The county boundaries were set by the Legislature in 1887.

McPherson County was officially organized in 1890. County business prior to that time was seated in Logan County. Arthur county was not as yet organized and in 1891 Arthur and McPherson counties were combined with the former becoming Arthur Precinct. The two counties were separated in 1914. The split between the counties was partially due to the location of the county seat in relation to Arthur Precinct.

The first courthouse at McPherson (later Tryon), the county seat, was constructed of sod and was the social center of the town. The first meeting of the Board of Commissioners took place on January 28, 1890. It was not until 1925 that a new court-house, dedicated August 5, 1926, replaced this structure.

The town of Tryon began to improve after the passage of the Kinkaid Act of 1904. The population of the county jumped from 517 in 1900 to 2,470 in 1910. The population of 1990 was 546.

The county was named for the civil war general, James B. McPherson.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The only records for this county at the State Archives are the marriage records of the county, 1887-1994, microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1995 with the cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society and the county officials.

The collection is arranged into nine subgroups as follows: 1) Assessor (no records); 2) Treasurer (no records); 3) County Board of Commissioners (no records); 4) County Clerk, 1890-1994; 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).

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ADDED ENTRIES:

MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--MCPHERSON COUNTY

SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR

The Archives has no records for this office.

SUBGROUP TWO TREASURER

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, 1890-1994

film SERIES ONE	MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1890-1994
Vol. #1	Marriages, Vol. #1 (indexed) p.1 (Hazelbaken-Gibson), 12/23/1890 thru p.100 (Redmond-Conroy), Jan. 10, 1923
Vol. #2	Marriages, Vol. #2 (indexed) pp.1-2 blank p.3 (Childerston-Heldenbranch), 11/25/1924 thru p.332 (Connell-Fletcher), #90-332, 11/24/1993
film SERIES ONE	MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD MP4219
Roll #1 571 expos. 567 pp. GSU Project #26,726	Marriages, Vol. #1 Index, A-Z (1890-1923) p.1 (Hazelbaken-Gibson), Dec. 23, 1890 thru Marriages, Vol. #2 (indexed) p.332 (#90-332), Connell-Fletcher November 24, 1993

SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS

The Archives has no records for this office. For early homesteads in the area, see RG509, U.S. General Land Office.

SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT

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The Archives has no records for this office.

SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT Series One: Bills of Exception (BOE) Folder: Schick v. Trego, 1953 (Schick Lake) -includes 3 photographs, ca. 1910-1918 and maps

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 district of McPherson County.

END OF INVENTORY

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