ARCHIVES RECORD

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OSCEOLA, NEBRASKA

Records: 1881-1973

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HISTORICAL NOTE

Osceola was the first town organized in Polk County, Nebraska. Located originally about three miles southwest of the present site in August, 1870, Osceola was soon removed to its present location near the geographical center of the county. The location was made permanent on October 19, 1871 although it was not surveyed and platted until June 1872. In 1871, Osceola became the county seat and the first building completed in the town was the courthouse in January 1872. A post office was established in June 1872. At this date, Osceola was a terminus of an overland mail route from Lincoln via Ulysses. The town was incorporated on August 26, 1881.

The community is named after Osceola, Iowa, which, in turn, is named after the chief of the Seminole Indian tribe in Florida.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This record group consists of the records of the municipality of Osceola, Nebraska arranged in three series: (1) City Council Proceedings, 1881-1973; (2) Police Records, 1907-1960; and (3) Justice Dockets, 1881-1914.

The bulk of this record group consists of City Council Proceedings, 1881-1973. These records which reflect the official decision effecting the developemnt of Osceola, Nebraska are complete except for the years 1928-1959. The Police Records reveal the activites of the Municipal police department. Listed are the case numbers, the names of the plaintiff and defendants, fees, proceedings and judgements. The Justice Dockets records cases before the Justice of the Peace. Included are the name of the plaintiff and defendants, docket number, fees, witnesses, and a record of the proceedings.

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DESCRIPTION

film SERIES ONE CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS 1881-1973

> Roll 1 Vol. 1 City Council Proceedings, August 1881-January 1902 Roll 1a Vol. 2 " " January 1902-April 1907

Roll 1 (cont'd)

Vol. 3 City Council Proceedings April 1907-April 1919

" " May 1919-July 1923

Roll 2 Vol. 4 " " July 1923-May 1928

coverage for 1928-1959 missing

Vol. 5 City Council Proceedings April 1959-April 1972
6 " " April 1972-June 1973

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SERIES TWO POLICE RECORDS 1907-1960

Vol. 1 Police Records August 1907-August 1960

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SERIES THREE JUSTICE DOCKETS 1881-1914

Vol. 1 Justice Dockets 1881-1914