

# Records of the State Patrol and State Sheriff's Office

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## Historical Note

### TIMELINE

1917: Prohibition Act made Governor responsible for enforcement. The Governor appointed an enforcement officer to have active charge of the work of the enforcement of automobile theft and liquor laws.

1927: Office of the State Sheriff created to assist Governor in enforcing criminal laws.

1933: Enforcement of traffic control laws added to duties

1937: Nebraska Safety Patrol created as division of the Department of Roads and Irrigation with the State Sheriff as its chief officer.

1941: State Sheriff dropped as chief officer of the division. Chief officer became "superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety."

1969: Nebraska Safety Patrol renamed as Nebraska State Patrol.

## Scope and Content

The record group consists of records as follows(organized as series):

- 1) Investigation Files, 1923-1938
- 2) Day Books, 1928, 1931-1933
- 3) Arrest Record Books, 2 vols., 1937-1939
- 4) County Reports, 1937-1938
- 5) Publications: Newsletter-*Pro Bono Publico*, Annual Report, Report/Studies
- 6) Correspondence

The investigation files contain reports of deputy state sheriffs and correspondence relating to the search for evidence and participants in the events being investigated. The investigation files were received from the Board of Paroles February 1, 1983. The day books contain annual, monthly, and daily reports of crimes reported and arrests made. The origin of the daybooks is uncertain. The arrest record books consist of 2 small ledger volumes that list the crime/charge, date of arrest, sentence, and extraditions. The publications and reports series consist of copies of the Nebraska Safety Patrol newsletter, *Pro Bono Publico* (1948-1956); Annual Reports of the

Nebraska State Patrol (1969-1973); County Reports, 1937-1938. The correspondence consists of two boxes from State Patrol administrative officials to the Governor (1987-1991) that pertain to upcoming legislation (statutes/laws) and proposed policy changes.

### **Series One: Investigation Files, 1923-1938**

#### Box 1

- Folder 1 Bank Robbery, Fairfield, Clay County, Nov. 16, 1938
- 2 Proposed Bank Robbery, Elsie, Nebr., March 14, 1933
- 3 Attempted Bank Robbery, Venango, Nebr., Dec. 26, 1932
- 4 Bank Robbery, First National Bank, Morrill, Nebr., March 21, 1932
- 5 Bank Robbery, State Bank of Harbine, Feb. 11, 1932
- 6 Bank Robbery, Farmer's State Bank, Brule, Nebr., Aug. 26, 1931
- 7 Attempted Bank Robbery, Chambers State Bank, Chambers, Nebr., Feb. 1, 1933
- 8 Bank Robbery, Home State Bank, Humboldt, Nebr., Nov. 1933
- 9 Bank Robbery, Bank of Nemaha, Nemaha, Nebr., Oct. 15, 1930
- 10 Robbery, Herman Peterson, Seward County, June 8, 1925
- 11 Suicide, Harry Whiteside and John Marten, Beatrice, Nebr., Dec. 29, 1931
- 12 Attempted Bank Robbery, Taylor, Nebr., Aug. 17, 1927
- 13 Bank Robbery, First National Bank, Hay Springs, Nebr., Sept., 18, 1930
- 14 Bank Robbery, Bank of Salem, Nebr., Aug. 28, 1928
- 15 Bank Robbery, Banking House of Folda, Schulyer, Nebr., April 11, 1930
- 17 Attempted Bank Robbery, First National Bank, Amherst, Nebr., June 9, 1931
- 18 Bank Robbery, Nebraska National Bank, Grand Island, Nebr., Oct. 13, 1932
- 19 Bank Robbers, Information on (n.d.)
- 20 Bank Robberies, Information on South Dakota (n.d.)
- 21 Hanging, Lens Kacherscherdt, Sweetwater, Nebraska, suicide by hanging in Loup City Jail, May 18, 1932
- 22 Murder, Chester Mason, Federal Agent, killed Nov. 12, 1932; Bryan Kennedy wounded, shot by Ted Wells, Beatrice
- 23 Death, Alfred Peter Thull, found dead in bed, Dec. 12, 1930 near Madison, Nebr.
- 24 Death, Frederick Patterson Investigation, found shot dead, Sept. 13, 1931
- 25 Death, Will T. Price, salesman for Chicago Tribune, died at Grand Island, Nebr., from gun shot wound, May 23, 1931
- 26 Murder-Suicide, Lloyd Bowers, Odessa, May 23, 1931
- 27 Murder, Reuben Lemon, Gering, Nebr., Jan. 23, 1923
- 28 Murder, Albert Suverkrubbe, Marshal, shot Dec. 5 and died Dec. 15, 1932, Ft. Calhoun
- 29 Murder, Clarence Stainbrook, Daykin, Nebr., Oct. 13, 1932 by Dr. William Franz
- 30 Murder Cases, Misc., 1932, Mrs. E. L. Hoag, Omaha, Jan. 29, 1932

#### BOX 2

- 31 Murder, Robert Runyan, Falls City, Nebr., 1925
- 32 Death, Leo Skalowsky, Ashland, Nebr., Feb. 24, 1932
- 33 Death, Grover Hollister, Wymore, Nebr., Feb. 21, 1932 from

- poisoned liquor
- 34 Murder, Norman Fowler, body found at Ames, Nebr., Oct. 1932
  - 35 Death, J. C. Wampler, investigated June 15, 1934
  - 36 Murder. Russell Goodwin, Genoa, Nebr., shot by Harold Malmberg,  
Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 6, 1934
  - 37 Murder, Homer McCue, Tecumseh, Nebr., Jan. 1933
  - 38 Murder, J. B. Kelley, Missouri Pacific special agent, Atchinson, KS, killed  
Near Salem, Nebr., March 11, 1932 by copper wire thieves
  - 39 Murder, Mrs. Earl Pebley, Frank McIntosh's statement in regards to,  
Aug. 19. 1931, conducted at 8:30PM
  - 40 Bank Robbery (\$7,000), Bank of Gretna, Aug. 14, 1930
  - 41 Murder, Ludwig F. C. Hansen, 515 Briggs Ave., Hastings, Nebr.,  
April 3, 1932
  - 42 Bank Robbery, Bank of Bellwood, Dec. 29, 1929
  - 43 Olonzo H. Bacon, statement taken Sept., 7, 1932 by J.C. Peters
  - 44 William Pabst, Glenn Herrald, Earl Keeling, James C. Brack statements  
1928
  - 45 Bank Robbery, Hubbard State Bank., Hubbard, Nebr., Aug. 27. 1930
  - 46 Disappearance of Ernest Vernard Vater, Thedford, Nebr., Feb. 22, 1926
  - 47 Death, John Greigitis, May 7, 1934
  - 48 Death, Fred Templemeyer, Alliance, Nebr., found shot in head, May 28. 1927
  - 49 Shooting, William Schwartz, Gretna, Nebr., Sept. 25, 1931
  - 50 Copper wire thieves, 1931, Ambrose Piersch alias Ed McCusker
  - 51 Murder, Joe Hruza, Oct. 2, 1930, by Frank Divis
  - 52 Bank Robbery, Carroll State Bank, Carroll, Nebr., April 3, 1933
  - 53 Murder, Lawrence Atkinson, Lincoln County, Dec. 13, 1930
  - 55 Bank Robbery, Farmers State Bank, Newman Grove, Nebr., Aug. 6, 1928

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- 56 Bank Robbery, Auburn State Bank, July 12, 1932
- 57 Bank Robbery, Benson, Nov. 14, 1929
- 58 Bank Robbery, Denton State Bank, Denton, Nebr., Jan. 13, 1930
- 59 Bank Robbery, Nebraska State Bank, Milford, Nebr., Sept. 27, 1927
- 60 Bank Robbery, First National Bank, Aurora, Nebr., Oct. 10, 1927
- 61 Bank Robbery, Nebraska City National Bank, Dec. 19, 1927
- 62 Bank Robbery, National Bank and Trust Co., Lincoln, Nebr., Sept. 17, 1930
- 63 Murder, Harry Lapidus, Omaha, Nebr., December 22, 1931
- 64 Bank Robbery, Oketo, Kansas, May 16, 1931
- 65 Bank Robbery, South Omaha Savings Bank, Sept. 17, 1931
- 66 Bank Robbery, Petersburg State Bank, Boone County, Dec. 9, 1931
- 67 Death, Anna E. Stevens, Coroners Jury, 1923
- 68 Bootlegging, Statements of the Nissons, 1929, re: operation of still
- 69 Misc., Statements 1928
  - Mrs. Martha Klug (disappearance of husband)
  - Harry G. Sandy (burning of Barn near Gretna, Nebr.)

70 Correspondence, 1932/1933 regarding efforts to locate bank robbers  
71 Special Reports by Mr. Clark, 1932  
72 Death, Frank Mylander, near North Platte, Nebr. investigation, 1932

**Series Two: Daybooks, 1928, 1931-1932**

BOX 4

Folder 1 July thru December 1928  
Folder 2 January thru June 1931  
Folder 3 July thru December 1931  
Folder 4 January thru June 1932  
Folder 5 July thru December 1932

BOX 5

Folder 6 January thru June 1933  
Folder 7 July thru December 1933

**Series Three: Arrest Record Books, 1931-1939**

--2 ledger volumes  
Vol. 1, 1931-1936  
Vol. 2, 1937-1939

**Series Four: County Reports, 1937-1938**

BOX 1 County Reports: Adams thru Dakota, 1937-1938  
BOX 2 County Reports: Dawson thru Otoe, 1937-1938  
BOX 3 County Reports: Pawnee thru York, 1937-1938

**Series Five: Publications & Reports, 1948-1976**

BOX 1

Newsletter, Nebraska Safety Patrol, *Pro Bono Publico*, 1948-1956  
Annual Reports, Nebraska State Patrol, 1969-1973

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Report to Judiciary Committee: Allegations of Abuses in Drug Investigations, 1974-1976

**Series Six: Correspondence (To Governor), 1987-1991**

BOX 1, 1987-1988  
BOX 2, 1989-1991

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