

# Franklin County, Nebraska

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Records: 1872-1994

Cubic ft.: 4.25

No. of Items: 17 volumes on 8 reels of microfilm  
and 4 boxes of Real Estate Ledger Cards

### HISTORICAL NOTE

Franklin County, located 175 west of the Missouri River on the southern border of Nebraska, contained an area of 24 square miles in 1882. The area was prime hunting grounds for the Indians. Many settlements prior to 1870 were abandoned due to Indian hostilities. In 1870 J. W. Thompson led a colony to the Republican Valley and settled on Thompson's Creek. The first actual settlers, however, were members of the Rankin colony who came to the area about the same time. The population of Franklin County in 1870 was listed at 26 persons.

On February 14, 1871, Gov. David Butler issued a proclamation calling for an election of county officers to be held on March 3rd and on March 9th the county was officially organized by the Legislature. The first post office was established at the first Franklin city in May of that year, and the county commissioners first met on June 21, 1871.

The county records were located at Franklin (Waterloo) in 1872. As a result of an election held in 1874, Bloomington won the county seat fight and the first Franklin decreased in population. In 1879-1880 the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad extended its lines through the county. After the railroad reached its point in Franklin county, a new Franklin emerged and was incorporated as a village in 1883.

Franklin tried for the county seat honor on several occasions. The try of 1911 resulted in a conflict that went to the Supreme Court for clarification. The court decided to leave the county seat at Bloomington although Franklin supposedly won that election. The fight continued through the years and in 1920 Franklin was successful in obtaining the title from Bloomington. Courthouse construction was begun August 12, 1925.



ADDED ENTRIES:

COUNTY COURTS--NEBRASKA--FRANKLIN COUNTY  
MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--FRANKLIN COUNTY  
REAL PROPERTY--VALUATION--FRANKLIN COUNTY

Franklin County reached its peak population in 1910 at 10,303. Currently the county encompasses an area of 576 square miles and has a population (1990) of 3,938 persons. The county is bounded on the north by Kearney County, the east by Webster County, on the west by Harlan County, and lies on the southern border of the state. Franklin County was named for Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790).

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The bulk of records for Franklin County still remain at the county courthouse. The State Archives holds records for the county court only. This collection is divided into Nine Subgroups: 1) Assessor, c.1956-1970; 2) Treasurer (no records); 3) County Board of Commissioners (no records); 4) County Clerk, 1872-1994; 5) Register of Deeds (no records); 6) County Court, 1886-1905; 7) District Court (no records); 8) Superintendent of Schools (no records); and 9) School Districts (no records).

Real Estate Assessments from Franklin County were microfilmed by the county in 1999. The State Archives holds original real estate ledger cards for the county, 1956-1970.

At present records exist in our storage for Subgroup Four, County Clerk, and Six, County Court civil dockets, 1886-1905. The marriage dockets were microfilm by the Genealogical Society of Utah at the courthouse in April of 1994. This project was done with the cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society and by permission of the county clerk.

The court dockets were transferred to the State Archives September 5, 1973 and were microfilmed by the Historical Society in May of 1983.

### DESCRIPTION

#### SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR

##### SERIES TWO REAL ESTATE LEDGER CARDS, 1956-1970

B.01 S01-T01-R13 (Washington Pct) thru  
S36-T01-R15 (Oak Grove Pct)

## SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR

## SERIES TWO REAL ESTATE LEDGER CARDS, 1956-1970

- B.02 S01-T02-R15 (Bloomington rural) thru  
City of Franklin, Blk 12, Lots 18-22
- B.03 City of Franklin, Peoples Add., Lots 1-3  
thru  
Campbell, Non-Descript  
KS-Neb Natural Gas Co., 24-4-13
- B.04 Bloomington, Blk 1, Lots 1-2 thru  
Non-Descript, Upland Village, 16-4-14

## SUBGROUP TWO TREASURER

There are currently no records in the State Archives  
from the Franklin County Treasurer's Office.

## SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

There are currently no records in the State Archives  
from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners  
of Franklin County

## SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1872-1967

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## SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1872-1967

- Vol. #1 Marriage Docket, Vol. #1 (Indexed)  
p.1 (#1), December 13, 1872  
thru  
p.444 (April 14, 1885)
- Vol. #2 Marriage Docket, Vol. #2 (indexed)  
inserts: Affidavits, 1891  
Bush-Fox; Dideriksen-Anderson;  
Sutton-Hughes  
p.1 (Mar. 20, 1885) - p.419 (Mar. 9, 1890)

## SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1872-1967

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## SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1872-1967

- Vol. #3 Marriage Docket, Vol. #3 (indexed)  
pp.1-4 are blank  
p.5 (#1), January 17, 1892  
thru  
p.478 (#100), March 2, 1899
- Vol. #4 Marriage Docket, Vol. #4 (indexed)  
p.1 (#101), February 25, 1899  
thru  
p.596 (#696), September 19, 1906
- Vol. #5 Marriage Docket, Vol. #5 (indexed)  
p.1 (#1), September 25, 1906  
thru  
p.462 (December 27, 1911)
- Vol. #6 Marriage Docket, Vol. #6 (indexed)  
p.1 (January 4, 1912)  
thru  
p.636 (#49), June 2, 1920
- Vol. #7 Marriage Docket, Vol. #7 (indexed)  
p.1 (#50), May 29, 1920  
thru  
p.255 (#39), August 1, 1923
- Vol. #8 Marriage Docket, Vol. #8 (indexed)  
p.1 (#40), September 3, 1923  
thru  
p.614 (60-1935), January 1, 1936
- Vol. #9 Marriage Docket, Vol. #9 (indexed)  
p.1 (1-1936), January 6, 1936  
thru  
p.9-738 (January 2, 1951)
- Vol. #10 Marriage Docket, Vol. #10 (indexed)  
p.10-1 (January 15, 1951)

thru  
p.10-724 (October 12, 1967)

Vol. #11           Marriage Docket, Vol. #11 (indexed)  
p.11-1 (October 13, 1967)  
thru  
p.11-529 (December 31, 1986)

Vol. #12           Marriage Docket, Vol. #12 (indexed)  
#1 (Jan. 12, 1987) - #85 (Apr. 8, 1994)

SUBGROUP FOUR   COUNTY CLERK, 1872-1967

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SERIES ONE   MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1872-1967

NSHS HAS ON MICROFILM:

NOTE: Microfilm was produced by the Genealogical Society of Utah in conjunction with the Nebraska State Historical Society, and with permission of the county clerk. The project took place in the spring of 1994.

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SERIES ONE   MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD           MP4219

Roll #1           Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #1  
694 pp.           Index & p.1 (December 13, 1872)  
417 shots       thru  
GSU Project     Item #2 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #2  
#26,325         p.141 (April 4, 1887)

NOTE: Vol. #2 starts with inserts  
of Affidavits for 1891 marriages  
(see inventory)

Roll #2           Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #2 cont.  
1590 pp.         p.140 (March 18, 1887)  
875 shots       thru  
GSU Project     Item #4 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #5  
#26,326         p.81 (June 4, 1907)

Roll #3	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #5 cont.
1526 pp.	p.80 (June 3, 1907)
910 shots	thru
GSU Project	Item #4 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #8
#26,327	p.97 (#11), February 14, 1926)
Roll #4	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #8 cont.
1407 pp.	p.97 (11-1926), February 11, 1926
1533 shots	thru
GSU Project	Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #10
#26,328	p.100 (September 28, 1952)
Roll #5	Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #10 cont.
1338 pp.	p.100 (September 28, 1952)
1467 shots	thru
GSU Project	Item #3 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #12
#26,329	#85 - April 8, 1994

NOTE: Vol. #11, index, B continues following "W", "S" follows "Z".

## SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK

## SERIES TWO ELECTION RECORDS, 1895-1896

Vols. 1-2

Poll Books, Antelope Precinct, 1895-1896

## SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS

There are currently no records in the State Archives  
from the Franklin County Register of Deeds.

## SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT, 1886-1905

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## SERIES ONE CIVIL DOCKETS, 1886-1905

Vol. 1	Docket B	Nov. 04, 1886 - Aug. 04, 1888
Vol. 2	Docket C	Aug. 06, 1888 - Oct. 06, 1890
Vol. 3	Docket D	Oct. 04, 1890 - Aug. 16, 1894
Vol. 4	Docket E	Aug. 21, 1894 - Nov. 16, 1898
Vol. 5	Docket F	Dec. 02, 1898 - Apr. 12, 1905

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SERIES ONE  
MP3520

## CIVIL DOCKETS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #1  
813 shots  
1626 pp.  
#01703

Vol. #1, Docket B, Index  
p.1 (11/4/1886) - Civil Docket  
thru  
Vol. #3, Docket D, p.53  
Feb. 07, 1891 - Civil Docket  
White Lake Lumber Co. vs. Sidney Horton

## NOTE:

Vol. #2 begins at Frame #345  
Vol. #3 begins at Frame #727

Roll #2  
813 shots  
1626 pp.  
#01704

Vol. #3, Docket D (cont), p.54  
Feb. 12, 1891 - Civil Docket  
Galeva Axle Grease Co. vs. J. V. Smith  
thru

Vol. #5, Docket F, p.183  
Dec. 18, 1901 - Civil Docket  
Hog Raiser Mutual Ins. Co.

NOTE:

Vol. #4 begins at Frame #290  
Vol. #5 begins at Frame #601

## SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT, 1886-1905

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SERIES ONE  
MP3520

CIVIL DOCKETS - MICROFILM RECORD

Roll #3  
153 shots  
306 pp.  
#01705Vol. #5, Docket F (cont), p.184  
Oct. 22, 1901 - Civil Docket  
Blooming State Bank vs. Willey H. Miller  
thru  
Vol. #5, Docket F complete  
April 12, 1905 - Civil Docket  
Moise, Haywood & Co v. Neville & Upright

## SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT

There are currently no records in the State Archives from the Franklin County District Court, including Franklin County Naturalization Records.

## SUBGROUP EIGHT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

There are currently no records in the State Archives from the Franklin County Supt. of Schools.

## SUBGROUP NINE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

There are currently no school district records in storage at the State Archives.

END OF INVENTORY  
PMC/WP51 3/11/1992  
PMC/GSU 9/14/1994  
PMC/WP51 9/16/2005