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RG029 Nebraska. State Normal School
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HISTORICAL NOTE

On November 11, 1865, a group of citizens of Peru, Nebraska, met to discuss the need for an institute of higher learning. Such a school began under the "management and care" of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The institution was incorporated as Mount Vernon School on December 2, 1865. On February 12, 1866, the territorial legislature granted the charter in the name of the Peru Seminary and College. In June, 1867, presumably due to shortage of funds, the executive committee voted to deed the grounds and building to the State of Nebraska for use as a normal school.

The Nebraska State Normal School became the third school of its type west of the Missouri. It was also the major teacher college in Nebraska for nearly forty years. The programs were one and two years in length until 1921 when four year programs were instituted. In 1986, a masters degree program in education was incorporated into the curriculum.

Listed below are the name changes that occurred in 1921-1963.

1921 - Nebraska State Teachers College

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