

Gosper County, Nebraska

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Records: 1873-1991

Cubic ft.: 1

No. of Items: 29 volumes on 10 reels of
35mm microfilm and probate files on
7 reels of 16mm microfilm

HISTORICAL NOTE

Settlement in the area which now comprises Gosper County, in south central Nebraska, began in 1872. A year later on August 29, 1873, the county was organized and named after John J. Gosper, Secretary of State. Gosper County encompasses 461 square miles measuring 24 miles north and south and 18 miles east and west. It is bordered on the north by Dawson County, by Phelps County on the east, Furnas County on the south, and Frontier County on the west.

No towns had been laid out by 1882. Danesville P.O., established November 26, 1873, served as the first county seat. At first the county records were kept in the homes of elected officials. Homerville, which had been established in the county as Vaughn P.O. in 1883, won the title of county seat in an election in 1882 and the first county buildings were constructed. Elwood, established in 1884 as Mick P.O. and platted by the Lincoln Land Company in 1885, won the county seat title in an election battle with Homerville in 1888. The county seat buildings were moved from the latter to Elwood in 1889. The courthouse burned in 1895 and was replaced the next year. In 1939 a new courthouse was constructed which is listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

Andreas' in 1882 ("History of the State of Nebraska") stated that the county population would never be much as crop and stock raising had to be its main industries for all time to come. The population, estimated in 1874 at 100, rose to its all-time high of 5,301 persons in 1900. Today, the county has a population of 1,928 (1990). The eastern part of the county was conducive to farming and was the most populated. During the years 1874-1876, however, the grasshopper plague destroyed nearly all of the crops.

Schools consisted of sod and frame structures at the time of county organization. The Union Pacific Railroad ran to Plum Creek P.O. and the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad in Nebraska to Arapahoe, the main business centers of the county. In 1935, the PWA began construction on the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District (Tri-County Project), building water facilities for agriculture. Johnson Lake in

Gosper County, a popular fishing spot, is the result of this project.

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ADDED ENTRIES:

MARRIAGES--NEBRASKA--GOSPER COUNTY
DEED RECORDS--NEBRASKA--GOSPER COUNTY
DISTRICT COURTS--NEBRASKA--GOSPER COUNTY
PROBATE RECORDS--NEBRASKA--GOSPER COUNTY

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of records of Gosper County, Nebraska, arranged into nine subgroups: 1) Assessor (no records); 2) Treasurer (no records); 3) County Board of Commissioners (no records); 4) County Clerk, 1891-1986; 5) Register of Deeds, 1875-1991; 6) County Court, 1876-1926; 7) District Court, 1877-1991; 8) Superintendent of Schools (no records); and 9) School District Records (no records).

Records stored in the State Archives exist in subgroups four through seven only.

Subgroup Four, County Clerk, consists of the marriage docket of the county, 1891-1986. These records were microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah in the spring of 1994, with the cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society and the County Clerk. The records, 1987-1994, are restricted from patrons use by section 71-612, R.R.S. Nebraska.

Subgroup Five, Register of Deeds, includes Numerical Indices for land transactions, 1875-1991; the General Index and Deed Record Books for Gosper County, 1875-1991; and a General Index to the Miscellaneous Record books, 1875-1991. This film was produced for the county and was copied from security microfilm held by the State Archives, with the permission of the Register of Deeds.

Subgroup Six, County Court, consists of seven reels of 16mm Diazo negative microfilm which contains the probate files (not dockets) of Gosper County, 1876-1926, arranged in alphabetical order. An index to this film appears as Appendix A of this inventory. This film was also copied from security microfilm with the permission of the Clerk Magistrate of the county court.

Subgroup Seven, District Court, contains one Judgement Docket for Gosper County, 1877-1991, on one reel of microfilm. This film also is a security microfilm copy produced by the county.

DESCRIPTION

SUBGROUP ONE ASSESSOR

The State Archives holds no records for this office of Gosper County, including Real & Personal Property Assessments.

SUBGROUP TWO TREASURER

The State Archives holds no records for this office of Gosper County, including Real Estate & Personal Tax Lists, Motor Vehicle Tax Lists, Delinquent Tax lists, Tax Sale Records, School Land Records, or Special Assessments.

SUBGROUP THREE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The State Archives does not have the correspondence of the county board of commissioners or the minutes of that board.

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK, 1891-1986

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1891-1986

Vol. #1 Marriage Docket, 1873-1891 - MISSING
Vol. #2 Marriage Docket, Vol. #2
 p.1 (#337), December 22, 1891
 thru
 p.581 (#932), July 8, 1907

NOTE: Pages 582-583 are blank

Vol. #3 Marriage Docket, Vol. #3
 p.1 (#933), July 9, 1907
 thru
 p.586 (November 26, 1925)

 pp.587-589 are blank
 p.590 (Skallberg-Hedlund), July 23, 1924
 pp.591-593 are blank
 p.594-596 delayed registration
 (Fastenau-Halthus), Sept. 29, 1920
 pp.596-610 are blank
 p.611 (Pledger-Knapple), July 26, 1914

Vol. #4 Marriage Docket, Vol. #4
 p.1 (no #), February 5, 1926
 thru

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p.600 (#600), July 16, 1948

Vol. #5

Marriage Docket, Vol. #5

p.1 (#601), August 18, 1948

thru

p.677 (5-668), November 22, 1986

SUBGROUP FOUR COUNTY CLERK

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS (cont)

* Vol. #6 Marriage Licenses & Certificates (loose)
Index, A-Z, 1987-1994
p.1 (5/13/1987) thru 73-94-3 (2/15/1994)

NOTE: Vol. #6 is restricted from patron use due to the presence of confidential material protected by section 71-612 and 84-712.05 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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SERIES ONE MARRIAGE RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD
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NOTE: This microfilm was produced by the Genealogical Society of Utah in 1994 with the cooperation of the Nebraska State Historical Society and the county.

Roll #1 Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #2
1245 pp. Index, A-Z (1891-1907)
692 Exp. p.1 (#337), Selby-Welland (Dec. 22, 1891)
GSU Project thru
#26,310 Item #2 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #3
p.612 (November 11, 1909)

NOTE: Vol. #3, consecutive dates end p.586 (Brodue-Shelden), November 26, 1925

NOTE: Vol. #1 was missing at time of filming

NOTE: Vol. #3, see inventory for order and dates of pp. 587-612.

NOTE: Illegible & hard to copy documents, patrons should contact county clerk for copies from original record.

Roll #2 Item #1 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #4
1329 pp. Index, A-Z (1926-1948)
1451 Exp. thru
GSU Project Item #2 - Marriage Docket, Vol. #5
#26,311 p.677 (5-668), Houlden-Schwartz
November 22, 1986

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NOTE: Vol. #5, pp. 678-680 are blank

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* Roll #3 Item #1 - Marriage Licenses & Certificates
296 Exp. Index (1987-1994), 2 pp.
GSU Project thru
#26,312 Item #1 - Marriage Licenses & Certificates
73-94-3 (Lammers-Moore), Feb. 15, 1994

NOTE: Roll is restricted from public use
due to the presence of confidential material
protected by sections 71-612 & 84-712.05 of
Nebraska Revised Statutes.

SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS, 1875-1991

film
SERIES ONE GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS, 1875-1991

Vol. #1 General Index, Book #1 (1875-1889) A-Z
Vol. #2 General Index, Book #2 (1889-1893) A-Z
Vol. #3 General Index, Book #3 (1894-1910) A-Z
Vol. #4 General Index, Book #4 (1911-1991) A-Z

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SERIES ONE GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS - MICROFILM RECORD MP4106

NOTE: Microfilm was produced by Gosper County in 1991.
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at the State Archives.

Roll #1 Deeds, Books 28-29 (1985-1991)
3076 pp. General Index to Deeds, Book #1 (1876-1889)
1988 Exp. thru
AR #11 General Index to Deeds, Book #4,
SF30486 p.58 "D" (1911-1991)

NOTE: Vol.#4, pp. 59-63 are blank

Roll #2 General Index to Deeds, Book #4 cont.

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576 pp.
288 Exp.
AR #12
SF30487

p.64 "E" (1911-1991)
thru
General Index to Deeds, Book #4
p.638, continuation of "Z" (1911-1991)

NOTE: pp. 322-638 contain continuations
of "A-Z" for this volume.

SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS

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SERIES TWO NUMERICAL INDICES, 1875-1991

NOTE: Not all volumes were copied for reference,
Volume numbering by the Archives does not reflect
the number of volumes remaining at the courthouse.

Vol. #1 Numerical Index - Lands (1876-1894)
S3-T5-R24 (1878) thru
S36-T8-R21 (1893)

Vol. #2 Numerical Index - Lands (Twnshp 5), 1875-1946
S1-T5-R21 (1886) thru
S21-T5-R24 (1946)
(incomplete)

NOTE: The remainder of Vol. #2 and Indices for
Twnshps 6 & 7 were not copied for reference

Vol. #3 Numerical Index - Lands (T8-1), 1885-1927
p.9, S7-T8-R21 (1886-1925)
thru
p.173, S36-T8-R23 (1885-1925)

NOTE: pp.1-8 were not copied for reference

NOTE: pp.174-238 are blank

Vol. #4 Numerical Index - Lands (8-2), 1928-1991
S1-T8-R21 (1929-1975)
thru
p.413, S36-T8-R23 (1934-1991)
pp. 414-478 are blank
p. 479, S4-T8-R22 (1977-1986)
p.480, S4-T8-R22 (1986-1991)

Vol. #5 Numerical Index - Lots #1 (1875-1928)
p.1, West Bertrand (1886-1922)
thru
p. 263, Highland Cemetery, Plat 1922
pp.264-265 (continuations)
pp. 266-320 are blank

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Numerical Index - Lots #2 (1928-1991)

p.1, Original Elwood, Block 8

thru

p.249, Smithfield, Block 3

pp. 195-250 are blank

pp.250-314, Additions to Elwood

pp.315-321 are blank

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SERIES TWO NUMERICAL INDEXES - MICROFILM RECORD MP4106

Roll #2 following General Index, Vol. #4
1082 pp. Vol. #1 - Numerical Index-Lands (1875-1894)
515 Exp. S3-T5-R24 (1878-1893)
AR #12 thru
SF30487 Vol. #2 - Numerical Index-Lands T5 (1875-1946)
S21-T5-R24 (1946)

NOTE: Vol. #2 ends with S21. Sections 22-36
Townshp 5, microfilmed on Agency Roll #13
were not copied for reference

Roll #3 Vol. #3 - Numerical Index-Lands (T8-1)
1613 pp. p.9, S7-T8-R21 (1886-1925)
810 Exp. thru
AR #14 Vol. #6 - Numerical Index-Lots (1928-1991)
SF30489 p.314, Additions to Elwood

NOTE: Vol. #3, pp. 1-8, sections 1-6,
Township 8, microfilmed on Agency Roll
#13, were not copied for reference.

NOTE: Vol. #4 (T8-2), p.480 (light original)
will not copy. Original records remain
at the county courthouse.

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SERIES THREE DEED RECORDS, 1875-1899

Vol. #1 Deed Record, Vol. #1
p.1 (January 26, 1875) thru
p.640 (February 17, 1886)

Vol. #2 Deed Record, Vol. #2
p.1 (February 4, 1886) thru
p.639 (March 26, 1888)

Vol. #3 Deed Record, Vol. #3
p.1 (September 30, 1887) thru

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p.639 (January 16, 1890)

Vol. #4

Deed Record, Vol. #4
p.1 (March 21, 1889) thru
p.638 (August 26, 1891)

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SERIES THREE DEED RECORDS (cont)

Vol. #5 Deed Record, Vol.#5
p.1 (June 8, 1891) thru
p.640 (February 6, 1893)

Vol. #6 Deed Record, Vol. #6
pp.1-148 Union Pacific Railway Co. contracts
p.1 (March 3, 1892) thru
p.148 (September 15, 1955)

NOTE: p.147 ends (June 18, 1907), extended
dates are changes in original contract
dates after satisfaction. p.148 (1955)
original date of contract was 10/21/1890

pp.149-200 are blank
pp.201-480 Land Patents, 1892-1899
p.201, Homestead, Feb. 13, 1892 thru
p.480, Homestead, September 28, 1899

NOTE: Second half of Vol. #6 records land
patents issued by U.S. including military,
homesteads, and timber cultures.

Vol. #7 Deed Record, Vol. #7
p.1 (February 8, 1893) thru
p.640 (March 9, 1895)

Vol. #8 Deed Record, Vol. #8
p.1 (March 9, 1895) thru
p.635 (March 19, 1898)

Vol. #9 Deed Record, Vol. #9 (incomplete)
p.1 (March 9, 1898) thru
p.335 (March 25, 1899)

NOTE: pp.336-640, microfilmed on agency
roll #4 were not copied for reference.

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NOTE: Film record for Series Three begins on next page.

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SERIES THREE DEED RECORDS - MICROFILM RECORD

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accessioned by the State Archives. Original records
remain at the Gosper County courthouse.

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| Roll #4 | Vol. #1 - Deed Record, Vol.#1 (1875-1886) |
| 1652 pp. | p.1 (January 26, 1875) |
| 844 Exp. | thru |
| AR #1 | Vol. #3 - Deed Record, Vol. #3 (1887-1888) |
| SF30476 | p.373, UPRY Co. to Michael Yoder December 14, 1888 |

NOTE: Illegible or hard to copy documents.
Contact county Register of Deeds for
copies from original record.

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| Roll #5 | Vol. #3 - Deed Record, Vol. #3 cont. |
| 2208 pp. | p.372, UPRY Co. to Michael Yoder |
| 1121 Exp. | thru |
| AR #2 | Vol. #6 - Deed Record, Vol.#6 (1892-1955) |
| SF30477 | p.291, U.S. to Christian M. Prutsman February 11, 1893 |

NOTE: pp.1-148 are UPRY Co. Contracts
pp.149-291 are U.S. Land patents.
See Note at vol. #6 on inventory.
NOTE: Illegible or hard to copy documents.
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copies from original record.

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| Roll #6 | Vol. #6 - Deed Record, Vol. #6 cont. |
| 1798 pp. | p.292, U.S. to Jay W. Tracy |
| 917 Exp. | thru |
| AR #3 | Vol. #9 - Deed Record, Vol. #9 (1898-1899) |
| SF30478 | p.335 (March 25, 1899) |

NOTE: Vol. #9, pp. 336-640, microfilmed
on Agency Roll #4, were not copied for

reference.

NOTE: Illegible or hard to copy documents,
contact county Register of Deeds for
copies from original record.

SUBGROUP FIVE REGISTER OF DEEDS

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SERIES FOUR MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1875-1960

NOTE: The Miscellaneous Record of the counties contain entries for articles of incorporation, bonds, bills of sale, assignments, court orders and decess, powers of atty, agreements & contracts, etc.

Vol. #1 General Index to Miscellaneous
 Vol. #1 (1875-1918)
 Ackley, George W. - Zike, E. M.

Vol. #2 General Index to Miscellaneous
 Vol. #2 (1916-1960)
 Grantee-Grantor Index, A-Z
 Aabel, Moritz - Zike, William A.
 Grantor-Grantee Index, A-Mc
 Abraham, Delia - McWilliams, Robert

NOTE: Vol. #2, Grantor-Grantee Index, M-Z microfilmed on agency roll #16, was not copied for reference. See Grantee-Grantor Index in first half of volume.

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Roll #7 General Index to Miscellaneous, Vol. #1
846 pp. Grantee-Grantor Index, p.1 "A"
570 Exp. thru
AR #15 General Index to Miscellaneous, Vol. #2
SF30490 Grantor-Grantee Index, p.449 (Mc)

NOTE: See notes, Series Four, above.

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SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT, 1883-1935

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SERIES ONE PROBATE FILES, 1883-1935

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of the Clerk Magistrate of the county court.

NOTE: See Appendix "A" for General Index.

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| Roll #1 | Probate Files (1886-1924) |
| Diazo Neg. | A-1 (Ackley, William G.) |
| 16mm, 34:1 | thru |
| AR #92-1 | Probate Files (1886-1924) |
| SF33065 | C-23 (Olive M. Curtis) |

NOTE: Includes Guardianship Files A-C
NOTE: Retake, B-30 (Frank Brinkman),
pp.30-31, spliced to start of reel

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| Roll #2 | Probate Files (1887-1929) |
| Diazo Neg. | C-25 (Jane A. Curtis) |
| 16mm, 34:1 | thru |
| AR #92-2 | Probate Files (1887-1929) |
| SF33066 | H-17 (Henry J. Hart) |

NOTE: Cases, D-3 & D-4, William F.
Elliott, probate and Elliott minors
Guardianship are intermixed.
NOTE: Retake, H-10 (Nels Halker),
pp.22-23, spliced to start of reel

NOTE: Dates of death are 1887-1925
Includes Guardianship Files C-H

NOTE: Case #C-24 was missing at time
of filming.

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| Roll #3 | Probate Files (1893-1933) |
| Diazo Neg. | H-18 (William John Hamer) |
| 16mm, 34:1 | thru |
| AR #92-3 | Probate Files (1893-1933) |
| SF33067 | L-10 (Lucinda H. Lord) |

NOTE: includes Guardianships H-L (1894-1933)

SUBGROUP SIX COUNTY COURT

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SERIES ONE PROBATE FILES, 1883-1935

Roll #4 Probate Files (1883-1935)
Diaz Neg. L-11 (Sena P. F. Lawrence)
16mm, 34:1 thru
AR #92-4 Probate Files (1883-1935)
SF33068 P-8 (Henry Pargman)

NOTE: Retake, M-6 (Samuel McBride), p.23
is spliced to start of reel

NOTE: Dates of death are 1883-1924
NOTE: Includes Guardianship Files, L-P,
1895-1935

Roll #5 Probate Files (1887-1924)
Diaz Neg. P-9 (Harry R. Phillips)
16mm, 34:1 thru
AR #92-5 Probate Files (1887-1924)
SF33069 S-34 (William A. Seales)

NOTE: Retake, R-8 (William Ross), p.12
spliced to start of reel

NOTE: Retake, S-3 (Fred H. Schroeder)
p.30, spliced to start of reel

NOTE: Dates of death are 1887-1924
NOTE: Includes Guardianship Files P-S
(1899-1919)

Roll #6 Probate Files (1883-1924)
Diaz Neg. S-35 (Margaret Schanck)
16mm, 34:1 thru
AR #92-6 Probate Files (1883-1924)
SF33070 Y-4 (Abraham Yoder), Gdn.

Roll #7 Probate Files (1888-1939)
Diaz Neg. Z-001 (Ziems, Charley)
16mm, 34:1 thru
AR #92-7 Probate Files (1888-1939)

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1-049 (March 1, 1927)

NOTE: Roll has scattered entries for
probate & deaths, 1928-1939

NOTE: Dates of death are 1883-1939

NOTE: Includes Guardianship Files, 1919-1927

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240 pp.
& inserts
AR #4107-1
SF30385

p.1 "A"
thru
Judgement Docket #1
p.240 (inserts), 1909

See notes, roll #1, next page

SUBGROUP SEVEN DISTRICT COURT

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SERIES SEVEN JUDGEMENT & EXECUTION DOCKETS

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Roll #1

NOTE: pp.190-191 are partially obscured
by insert documents

NOTE: pp.210-221 were blank and not

microfilmed

NOTE: p.238 ends, "Z"

NOTE: p.239 (Pothast, Catherine v. David)

NOTE: p.240 (opp), McCormick Harvesting
Machine Co. vs. M. G. Barnes, 1893

NOTE: p.240, Storz Brewing Co. vs. Phillips

SUBGROUP EIGHT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The State Archives holds no records from the Superintendent
of Schools office in Gosper County.

SUBGROUP NINE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS

The State Archives has no individual school district records
for Gosper County

END OF INVENTORY
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