



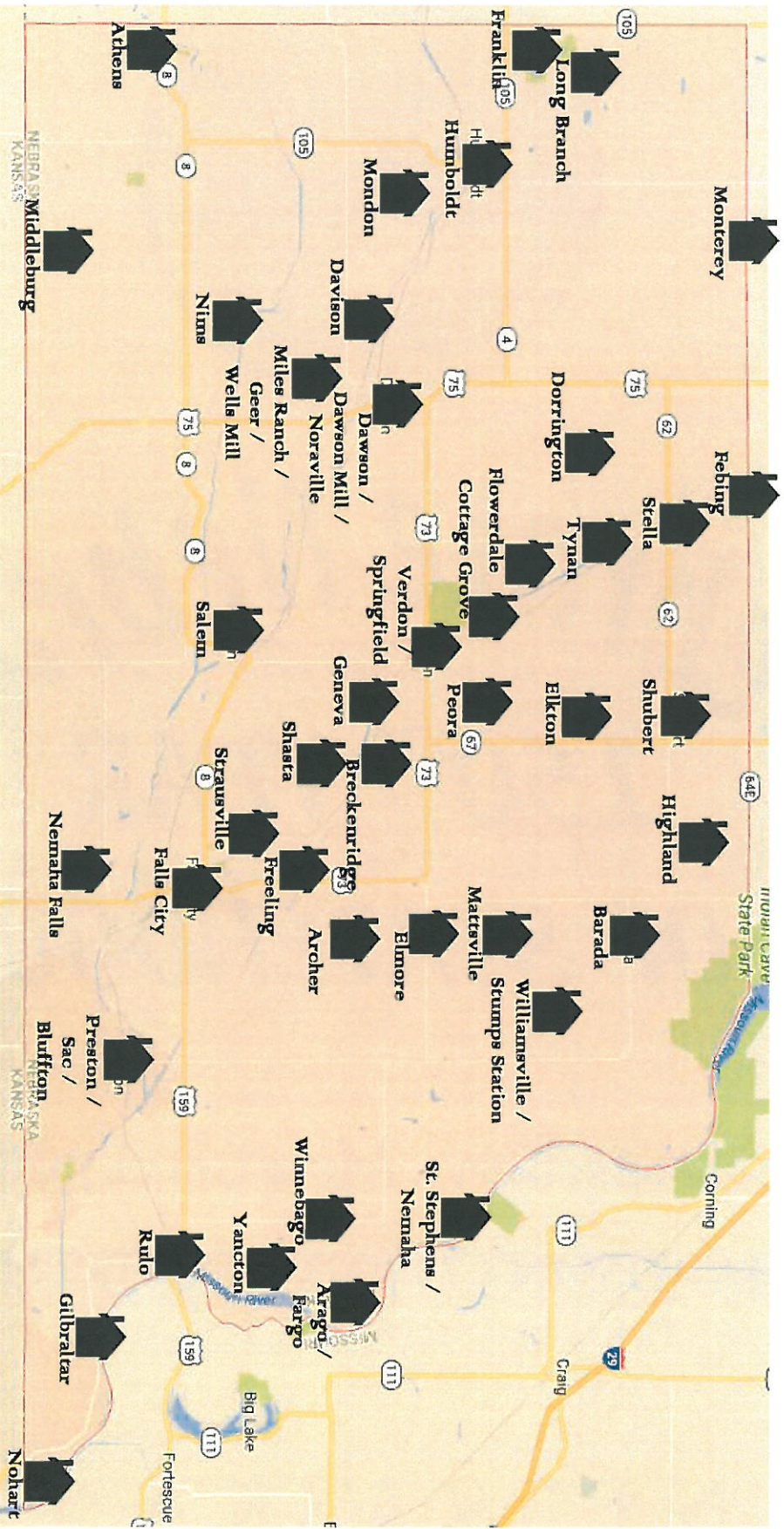
Celebrate Nebraska **150TH YEAR** ***OF STATEHOOD***

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

RICHARDSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE



NEBRASKA
STATEHOOD 150



This is an artistic representation of existing towns, once existing towns, and platted towns in Richardson County. Houses represent a town and its approximate location. The name of the town is listed below the house icon. A town name followed by a slash means the town has had multiple names, and those names are listed below the first instance. Towns not listed on the map due to insufficient information are as follows: Chasta, Forney, Genou, Iowa Ford Mills, Munson, Padonia, Pawneeville, Porter, Poteet, Spezer, and West Archer. More towns may have been platted, but supporting documentation was not found.

The Richardson County Officials and employees welcome you all to tour the Courthouse and review the special displays in the hallways and inside the offices. You may even meet a few of our very special guests today:

Third Territorial Governor, William A. Richardson (Gayle A. Swisegood)

J. Sterling Morton (Bruce Walker)

Tribal members from the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska

Square Dancers (Bill and Barb Ely and Nellie Ann Pfister)

Prisoners not yet released from jail (James Sefried and Billy Stevicks)

A few "old timers" from the homesteader days

As you tour, remember that the elevator is available to move to each floor. As you get to the third floor, you will find refreshments for all and some special entertainment.

**1:10 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome,
Richardson County Board of Commissioners**

**1:15 p.m. 4th grade students from Sacred Heart,
instructor Jeff Barker**

**1:45 p.m. 4th grade students from Falls City Public Schools,
instructors Danitra Dill, Tammi DiGiacomo,
Phil Janssen and Allison Mullins**

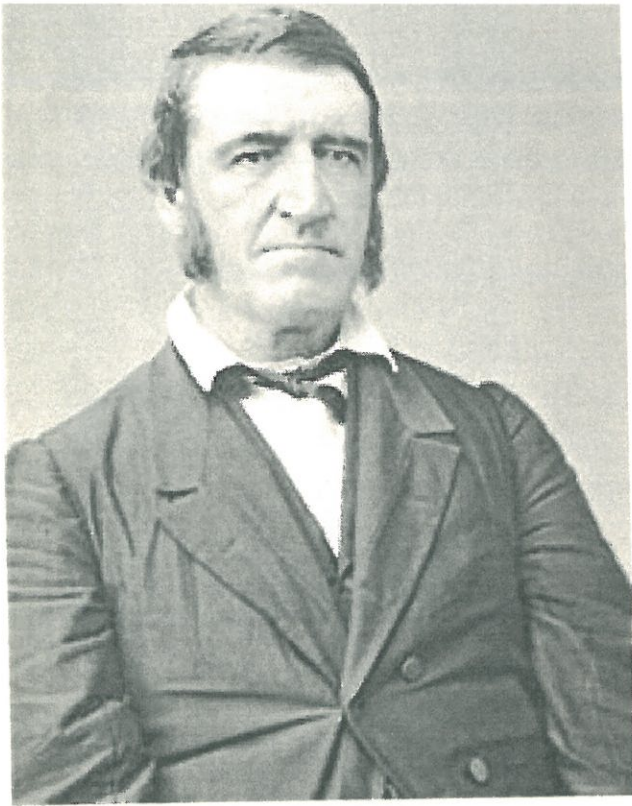
Brief history of the Courthouse

Richardson County was created in 1854 and then reorganized in 1855 by the first territorial legislature. The County takes its name from William A. Richardson who held a commission from President Buchanan as the third territorial governor.

The first Courthouse located at this site was built in 1863 at a cost of \$3,000.00. A second Courthouse was built in 1873 and burned on May 7, 1919. The present Courthouse was designed and built during 1922 through 1925 and the first Commissioner Meeting was held here on March 23, 1925. The Courthouse was accepted on April 24, 1925 and it was noted in the records that the American Legion Post had complete charge of the dedication services for the new Courthouse.

The Courthouse was designed by an architectural firm as a fireproof structure which is very evident by the amount of marble used.

The cost of the Courthouse in 1925 was \$210,235.83 plus another \$10,000 for the furnishings. The last appraisal of the Courthouse was done in 2007 and replacement value at that time was \$4,900,100.00.



William A. Richardson
Third Territorial Governor of Nebraska
1857-1859
Richardson County was named after him

NEBRASKA GOVERNORS WHO RESIDED WITHIN RICHARSON COUNTY



John H. Morehead
17th Governor of Nebraska
January 13, 1913 -- January, 1917



Arthur J. Weaver
23rd Governor of Nebraska
January 3, 1929 -- January 8, 1931



Dave Heineman
39th Governor of Nebraska
January 20, 2005 -- January 8, 2015

Richardson County Officials

() indicates county employee total number of years of service to Richardson County

Board of Commissioners

David D. Sickel, Chairman, District 2 (8)

Myron J. Davidson, District 1 (6)

Terry Frank, District 3

Assessor

Pamela Vice (18)

Attorney

Douglas Merz (38)

Clerk-Register of Deeds

Mary L. Eickhoff (35)

Clerk of District Court

Pamela Scott (35)

Sheriff

Donald Pounds (2)

Surveyor

Robert Tichy (5)

Treasurer

Austin Duerfeldt (4)

Highway Superintendent

Scott Huppert (23)

Emergency Management Director

Brian Kirkendall (1)

Veterans Service Officer

Mona Godemann (17)

Noxious Weed Superintendent

Joseph Wittwer (5)

State Office Officials

County Court

Honorable Judge, Curtis J. Maschman

Nancy DeKlotz, Clerk Magistrate

Probation Office

Michael Pemberton

Cooperative Extension Service

Kaytlyn Kennedy, Extension Educator

Jamie Ankrom, 4-H

NE Dept. of Health & Human Serv.

Colleen Fiegenger

County Employees

County Assessor Office: Michelle Kreifels (32), Deputy; Gracie Deckinger (27) and Kimberly Riggs (1)

County Treasurer Office: Amanda Young (4), Deputy; Susan Leafly (10) and Donna Arnold

County Clerk Office: Patty Brown (19), Deputy of Elections; Deb Ebel (11), Deputy Clerk and Robert Gulland (3), Deputy Reg of Deeds

Clerk of District Court Office: Barbara Ebel (26), Deputy

County Attorney Office: Zach Blackman (3), Deputy; Beth Taylor (23), Nellie Ann Inks (36) and Kristi Schawang

Veteran's Service Office: Steve Sherrow (3)

Emergency Management Agency: Tylen Windle (3) and Emily Scribner (2)

County Building Maintenance: Tyler Cooper and Tammie Beckner (25)

Cooperative Extension Service: Elizabeth Williams

Law Enforcement Center: Deputies—Jeff Frederick (14), Roland Merwin (16), Clinton Stonebarger (5), Jonathan Kirkendall (1), Lyle McMann (1), Kirby Robidoux (1), Steve Gill (1); **Jail Administrator**—Michael Dougherty (1); **Staff Members**—Christi Chestnut (1), Crystal Johansen (2), Clayton Hardenberger (2), Christopher Simon (1), Marcia Hocker (2), Terri Jo Ansel-Clary (1), Brigitte Robidoux, Julie Shafer, Katrina Pierce, Bobbie Newman, Sondra Selle, Marissa Buckminster and Terry Stradtman

Road and Bridge Department: Foremen—Doug Workman (25), Roger Lee (37) and Pat Kelly (27);

Administrative Assistant—Julie Vollmer (27); **Employees**—David Bauman (28), (Mitch Bletscher (11), Ronald Buchner (1), James Coonce (6), (Steve Darveau (39), Steve Darveau, Jr. (3), Bryan Dettmann (9), David Feek (18), Randy Gilsdorf (26), Roger Glathar (12), Donald Goff, Jr. (5), Josh Holmes, Harold Hunzeker (23), Gerald Kuker (26), Wyatt Martin (1), James Olberding (33), Ronald Ramer (2), Sean Ramsey (3), Ivan Schuetz (15), Larry Schuetz (26), Jesse Vollmer (1) and Dennis Wamsley (30)

State Office Employees

County Court: Bethany Godemann

Probation Office: Karey Speers, Michael Pemberton, Kathy Neubauer, Shad Slater, Carra Thompson, Samantha Truka-Vesely, Robert Bednar, Tammie Kelch

NE Dept of Health and Human Services: Angie Lewis, Debbie Scholl, Kerry Fritz, Cathy Liberty, Kate Vonderschmidt, Geri Kean and Diane Younker



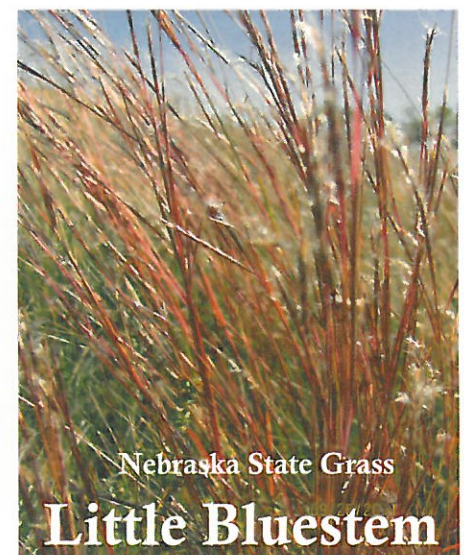
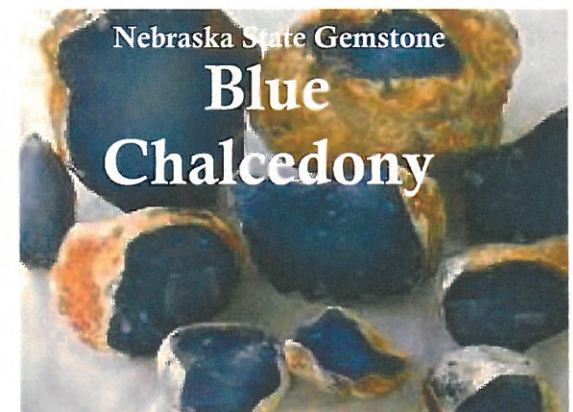
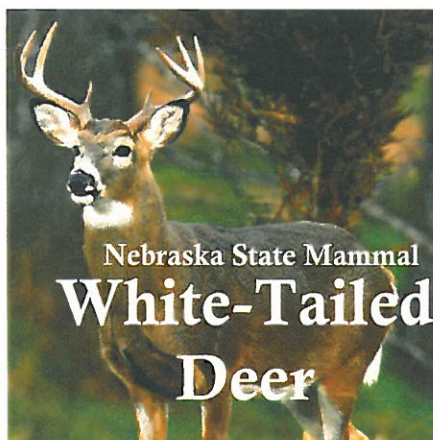
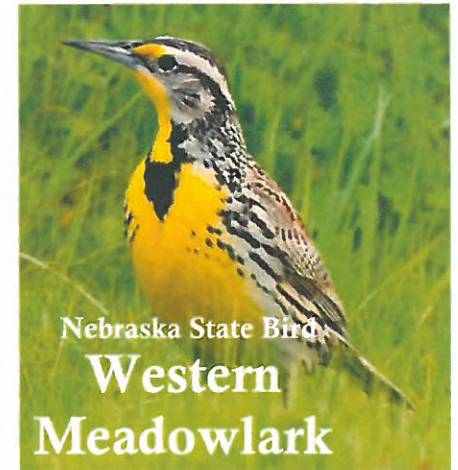
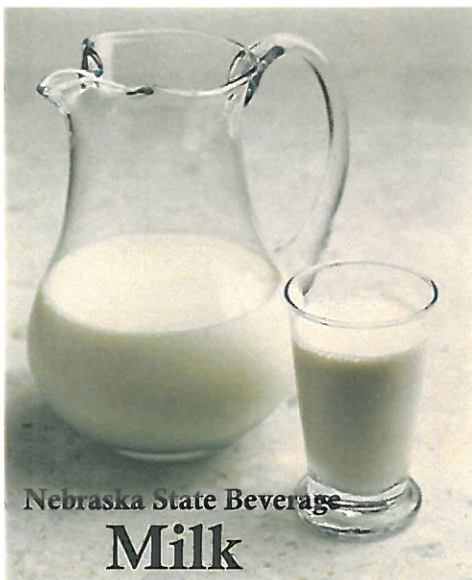
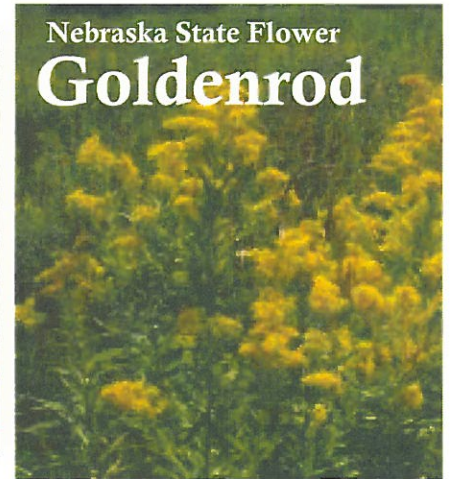
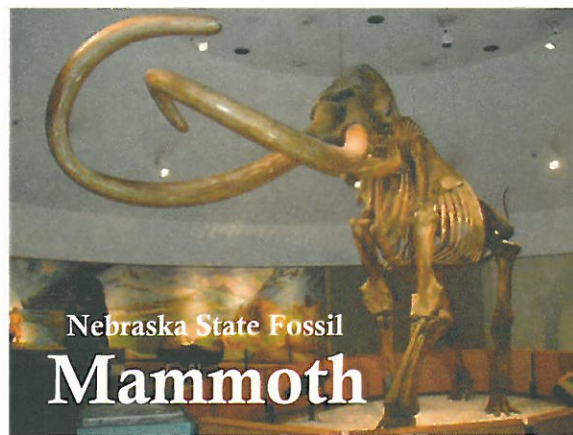
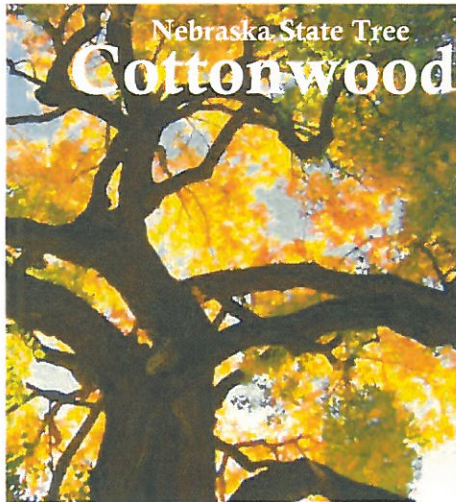
Above: 2nd Courthouse of Richardson County
Built in 1873 and destroyed by fire in 1919.

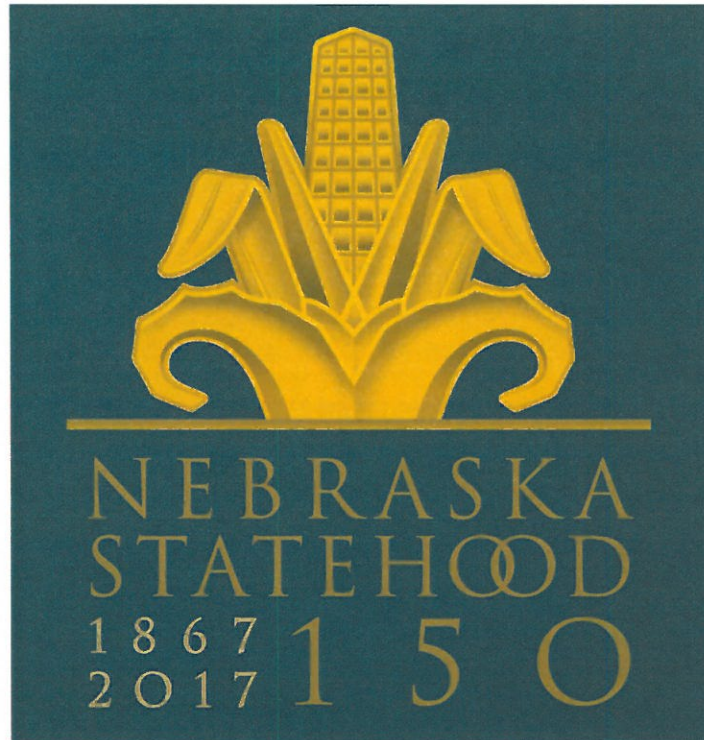


Right: Courtesy of Doris Weaver. Back
row, far left is P. B. Weaver who served
as County Commissioner when current
County Courthouse was being built,
1922-1925.



Richardson County Courthouse
Accepted and dedicated
April 24, 1925

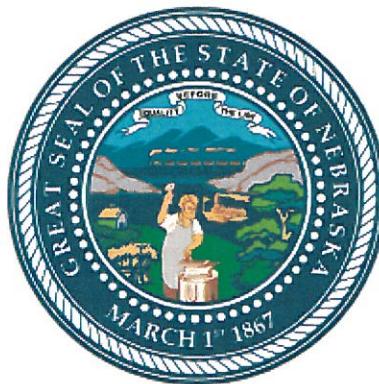




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