

## Haskell County organization records

In order for an unorganized county to be recognized by the state of Kansas, a certain number of householders/legal electors had to petition the governor. The governor would appoint a census taker. Initially, unorganized counties were required to document that they had at least 600 inhabitants in order to be recognized as a county by the state legislature. Over time the number of residents needed to organize a county changed to 1500 and later to 2500 residents. The census was submitted to the governor who then issued a proclamation indicating that the requirements had been met, appointing county commissioners and a county clerk, and naming a county seat. Not all of these documents are available for each county.

Included in this file is a proclamation from the governor asking for a census to be taken for Haskell County as well as a proclamation appointing county officers and designating Santa Fe as the temporary county seat.

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GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

STATE OF KANSAS,  
Executive Department,  
Topeka, March 31, 1887.

WHEREAS, A memorial, authenticated by affidavit as required by law, signed by over four hundred house-holders, and legal electors of the county of Haskell, the same being an unorganized county of the State of Kansas, setting forth that there are two thousand five hundred bona fide inhabitants in said county, four hundred of whom are house-holders, and praying for the organization of said county, has been presented to me;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN A. MARTIN, Governor of the State of Kansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby appoint Charles A. Stauber, a bona fide resident of the county of Neosho to take the census of the unorganized county of Haskell, and ascertain the number of bona fide inhabitants therein, and to do and perform each and every duty under this appointment, as required by the statute in such cases made and provided.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State, at Topeka, the day and year first above written.

By the Governor.

Secretary of State.









GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION,  
Appointing County Officers, and Designating the Temporary County-  
Seat of Haskell County.

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STATE OF KANSAS.  
Executive Department,  
Topeka, July 1st, 1887.

Whereas, On the 31st day of March, A. D. 1887, in compliance with a memorial, signed and authenticated, as required by law, Charles A. Stauber was appointed to take the census, ascertain the number of bona fide inhabitants, and make an assessment of the taxable property of the unorganized county of Haskell;

And, whereas, The census taker appointed as aforesaid, did, on the 27th day of June, A. D. 1887, make his returns in schedule, in duplicate, to the Governor, signed and sworn to before the Clerk of the Supreme Court, in the manner provided by law;

And, whereas, It appears from such returns that there are in said county of Haskell 2,341 bona fide inhabitants, and that 556 of them are householders, and that there is \$850,119 worth of taxable property in excess of legal exemptions, exclusive of railroad property, of which \$577,683 worth is real estate;

And, whereas, It further appears from said returns that Santa Fe is the place chosen by the greatest number of legal voters to be the temporary county-seat of said county;

Now, therefore, I, JOHN A. MARTIN, Governor of the State of Kansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby appoint James E. Marlow, Joseph Comes and C. H. Muntington to act as County Commissioners, and Lowry G. Gilmore to act as County



Clerk, and J. B. Shumaker to act as Sheriff of said county, and do hereby designate and declare Santa Fe to be the temporary county-seat of said county.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have here-

unto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State.

Done at the city of Topeka, this the first day of July,

A. D. 1887.

By the Governor:

*E. B. Allen*

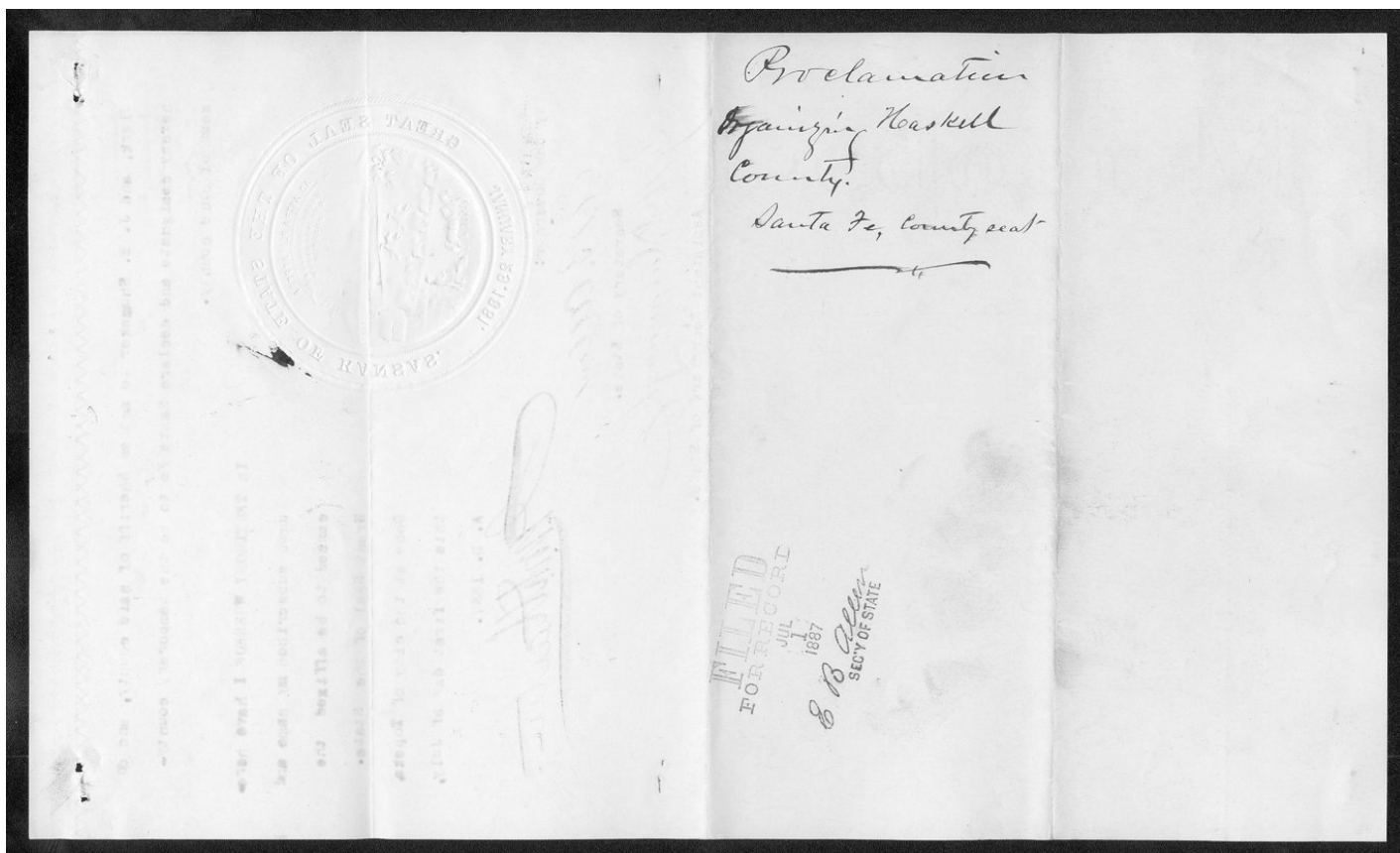
Secretary of State.

*By M. D. Harlan*

Assistant Secretary of State.

*W. H. Bartlett*

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Wardell County, Kansas

