

McPherson County organization records

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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 an 1870 county census, the memorial to the governor, and the proclamation naming Sweadal the temporary county seat.

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| | | | | Age | Sex | Color | Maiden or Single |
|-----|----|----|-------------------|-----|-----|-------|------------------------|
| 122 | | | Gonas Weck | 28 | M | " | M |
| 123 | | | Emma | 17 | F | " | " |
| 124 | 42 | 42 | Andrew Hagberg | 36 | M | " | " |
| 125 | | | Sten Cora | 41 | F | " | " |
| 126 | | | Agasta | 12 | " | " | S |
| 127 | | | Hilda | 8 | " | " | " |
| 128 | | | Emma | 5 | " | " | " |
| 129 | 43 | 43 | John Dary | 55 | M | " | M |
| 130 | | | Christena | 41 | F | " | " |
| 131 | | | Carlina | 14 | " | " | S |
| 132 | | | John | 12 | M | " | " |
| 133 | | | Andrew | 10 | " | " | " |
| 134 | 44 | 44 | Chas. Saderholm | 32 | " | " | S |
| 135 | | | Charley Saderholm | 40 | " | " | M |
| 136 | | | Louise | 39 | F | " | " |
| 137 | | | Charley | 8 | M | " | S |
| 138 | | | Andrew | 6 | " | " | " |
| 139 | | | Gustava | 4 | F | " | " |
| 140 | | | Emily | 1 | " | " | " |
| 141 | | | Gas Stromquist | 23 | M | " | S |
| 142 | 45 | 45 | C. E. Longquist | 33 | " | " | M |
| 143 | | | Olof Longquist | 20 | " | " | S |
| 144 | | | Olof Rindson | 35 | " | " | " |
| 145 | | | Dota Herling | 45 | F | " | M. |
| 146 | | | Christena | 6 | " | " | " |
| 147 | | | Gerry | 4 | " | " | " |
| 148 | | | Charles Carlson | 20 | M | " | S |

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Sworn and subscribed before
me L. O. Holmberg a justice
of the Peace in and for McPherson
County this 21st day of February
A.D. 1870

L. O. Holmberg





Lindsbury Feb 7/77

Secretary of State
Topeka Kansas

please
accept the enclosed

The delay was
not on my part but the special
county clk who failed to report
and as I was not aware of
the neglect until informed by
Mr O. Olson "member of House"

Respectfully

J. D. Barker

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This is to certify that (Lindsburg) sec 17 Range 3 West
was duly declared county seat as per canvass of
the votes cast in a Special Election held on May
2nd 1870. The above named sec. &c having a majority
of votes over all others voted for

In witness whereof I hereunto
set my hand and affix the seal of the County this
seventh day of February A.D. 1871



J. R. Lister
County Clerk
McPherson County
Kansas

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State of Kansas
County of McPherson To Secretary of State

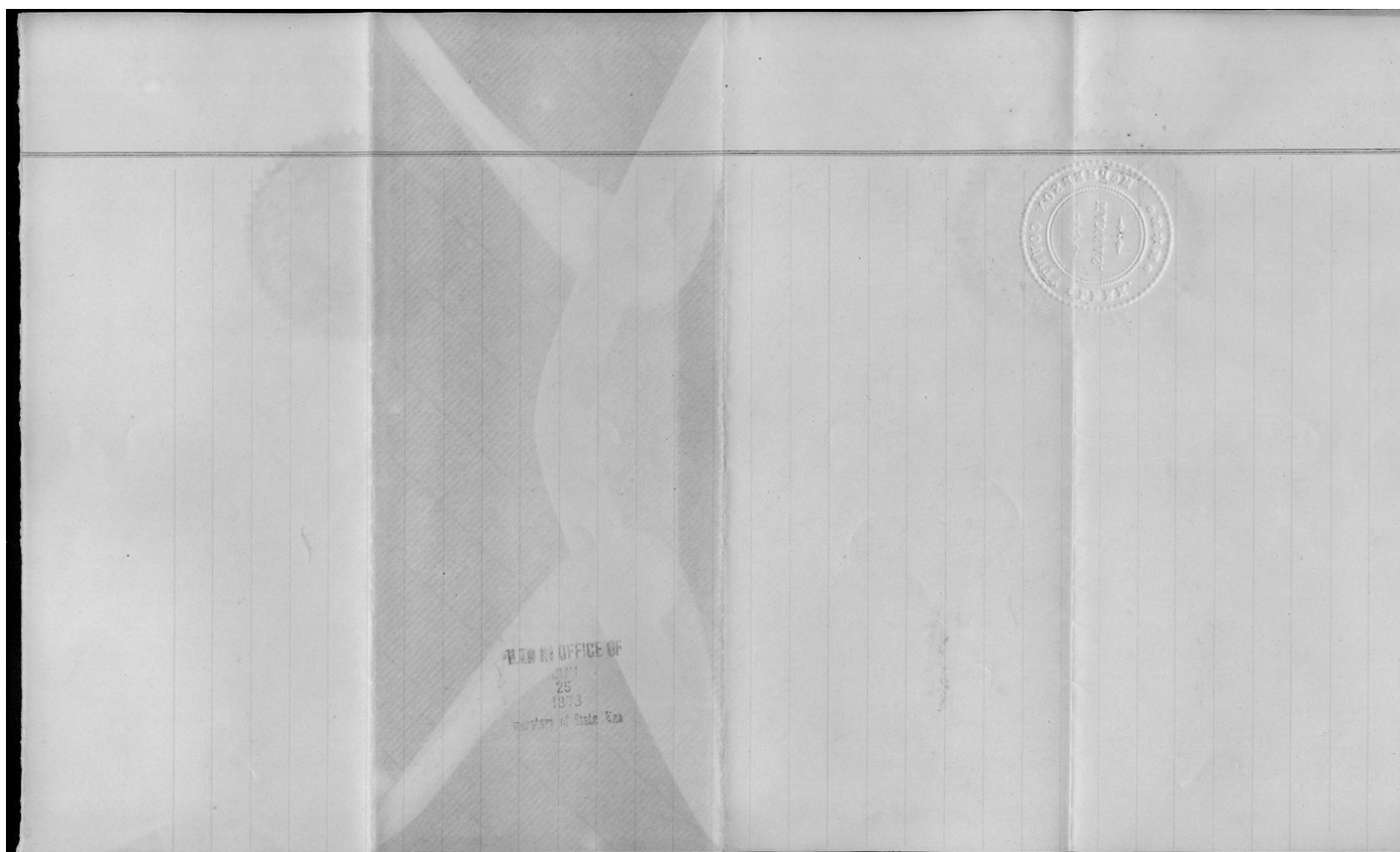
This is to certify
that at an election held June 10th 1873
for the purpose of re-locating the County
Seat of McPherson County - duly canvassed
by the Board of Canvassers, on Saturday
June 14th and the result then proclaimed
by said Board that on and after June 14th
1873, "McPherson" (located on the south 1/2
of section No. 28 & the East 1/2 of section No. 29
in Township No. 19 South of Range No. 3
West) be and is hereby declared the per-
manent County Seat of McPherson County
Kansas.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto sub-
scribed my name and official seal of my office
at McPherson this 20th day of June A.D. 1873



J. R. Fisher
County Clerk

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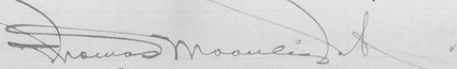
Whereas: It appears from the records in the office of the Secretary of State, that a census of McPherson County has been taken according to law, properly sworn to by three resident freeholders of said County, showing a population of over six hundred inhabitants, Citizens of the United States and -

Whereas: More than twenty inhabitants, freeholders in McPherson County, have petitioned for the appointment of three Special County Commissioners and one Special County clerk; and have selected and named a place as the temporary County seat of said county: Now therefore by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I, James M. Harvey, have appointed and commissioned the special County Commissioners and clerk asked for in that petition, and do hereby declare Stradall Sec. (30) Town (17) Range (3) the temporary County seat of McPherson County.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto subscribed my name, and caused to be affixed the Great seal of the State -

Done at Topeka, Kansas, this first (1st) day of March A.D. 1870.

James M. Harvey

attest. 
Secy. of State.

