

Osage 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 letter declaring Burlingame the county seat of Osage County.

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To all whom it may concern,

Whereas, at an election held in Osage County, Kansas, on the 24th day of March A. D. 1869, for the purpose of selecting a place for the temporary location for the County Seat for said County, the entire number of votes cast for said location was Two hundred and thirteen, of which the town of Burlingame of said Co. received One hundred and thirty eight votes, Versailles Seventy four and Havana one;

Now, therefore, the town of Burlingame having received a majority of all the votes cast is hereby declared to be the legal County Seat of said County.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto signed our names and affixed the Seal of the County this first day of April A. D. 1869.

J. S. Cleland Co. Clks }
By S. A. Fairchild Depy } Wm Lord Chairman
of Board of Commissioners





*Temporary Toleration of
the County seat of
Osage County,*

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