

#### **Rawlins 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 the governor's proclamation appointing county officials and designating Atwood as the temporary county seat.

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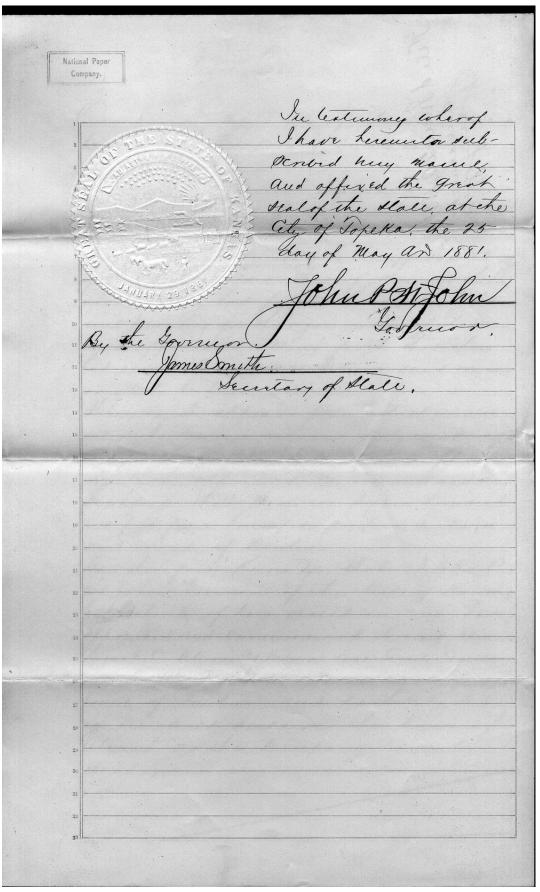


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Company.
Inganizing the County of Nawhurs and
Organizing the County of Rawlin's and locating the temporary county seat
Whereas a memorial signed by 265 house
halders, residents of Rawlies County, Lansas
and legal electors of the State, whose vignatures
have been duly acteded by the affedavets
of three householders thereof, showing that
said comity had feftere hundred whattents
and praying for the organization of the same,
said affedavits setting forth that chery
had reason to, and did believe said mmu-
oreal to be true, and.
Whereas, it appears from actual eccume-
ration by censer returns duly made and
certified according to law by an officer
regularly appointed, Commissioned and
qualified that there are fiften hundred
and fifty four bono fede xinhabetunts in
Said County of Rawlins,
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by auchority of law visced in new, have
officield and commissioned Lorence Demmer
august C. Blume, and Herman case Gunty Commes-
sioners and UM R, Shirley a County Clerk, for said
County of Rawhies and do hereby de -
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