

## Trego 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 officers and designating Wakeeney as the temporary county seat. A complete transcription is available by clicking "Text Version" below.

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GEO. O. WILMARTH  
STATIONER,  
TOPEKA, KANSAS.

### Proclamation

Organizing the County of Trego and locating  
the temporary County Seat,

Whereas: a memorial, signed by two =  
hundred and fifty householders, residents  
of Trego County, Kansas and legal electors  
of the State, whose signatures have been  
duly attested by the affidavits of three  
householders thereof, showing that  
said County had fifteen hundred inhab-  
itants, and praying for the organization of  
the same; said affidavits setting forth  
that they had reason to, and did believe  
said memorial to be true, and

Whereas, it appears from actual enumer-  
ation by Census Returns duly made  
and certified according to law, by an officer  
regularly appointed, commissioned and  
qualified, that there are fifteen hundred  
bona fide inhabitants in said County  
of Trego,

Now, Therefore, Know Ye, That I  
John P. St John, Governor of the State of Kansas  
by authority of law vested in me,  
have appointed and commissioned W. Miller,  
H. C. Bryant, and W. H. Wilson County Commis-  
sioners, and George Pinkham as County Clerk,  
for said County of Trego, and do hereby  
designate and declare the town of Wakeeney  
to be the temporary County Seat.



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GEO. O. WILMARTH,  
STATIONER,  
TOPEKA, KANSAS.

In testimony whereof I  
have hereunto subscribed  
my name and affixed  
the Great Seal of the State,  
Done at the City of Topeka  
the twenty first day of  
June A.D. 1879.

John P. McGowan  
Governor

By the Governor  
James Smith  
Secretary of State



