



One Hundred Years of Living

Indianola, Nebraska



1873 - 1973



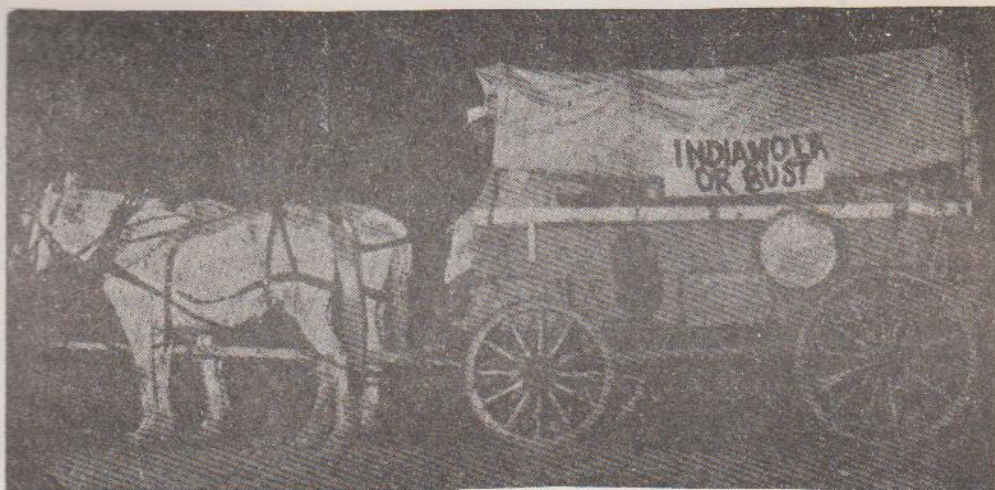


THIS SOUVENIR BOOKLET IS DEDICATED

TO

THE OLD SETTLERS

God Bless Them



# Red Willow County Legally Conceived One Century Ago

One hundred years ago, today, Gov. Robert W. Furnas signed his name to a proclamation calling an election in the then-unorganized county of Red Willow. In commemoration of the occasion's centennial, the GAZETTE is reprinting the original proclamation in its entirety. The words, recorded March 27, 1873, follow:

## PROCLAMATION

*Whereas, a number of the citizens of the unorganized County of Red Willow have united in a petition asking that an election be called for the purpose of choosing County officers preliminary to the organization of said County.*

*Therefore, I, Robert W. Furnas, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority in me vested do hereby order an election be held in said County at Red Willow at such store or residence as the Judges of election herein named shall designate, on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of May, A. D. 1873, for the purpose of choosing three (3) County Commissioners, One (1) County Clerk, One (1) County Treasurer, One (1) Sheriff, One (1) Probate Judge, One (1) Surveyor, One (1) County Superintendent of Schools, One (1) Coroner, three (3) Judges of Election and two (2) Clerks of Election.*

*And I do further designate and appoint Washington M. Hinman, Edward S. Hill and Leslie H. Lawton as Judges, John Byfield and Joseph Berger as Clerks to conduct said election in accordance with "An act for the organization of Counties" approved June 24th, 1867 and the election laws of this state.*

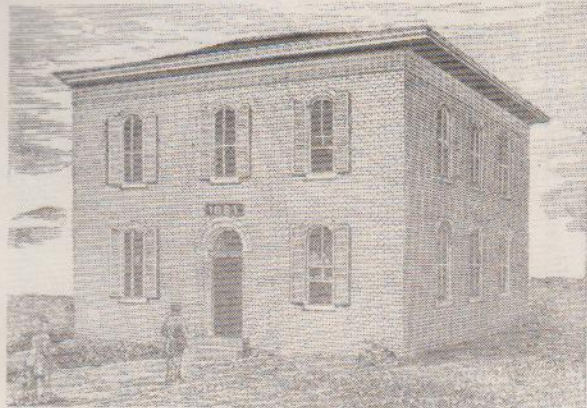
*In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska, Done at Lincoln this twenty-seventh day of March, A.D. 1873.*

*Robert W. Furnas,  
Governor*





The home of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Harrison and Ida Harrison, this building once served as Red Willow's County Jail. It has been a residence since the county seat was moved to McCook. The present structure has weathered the years and still carries a strong resemblance to the original jail.



In 1881, the brick court house was built at the foot of the hill to replace the original frame structure on main street. No longer needed as a public office, the top story was removed and the brick used to build the home directly east of it.

The court's final decision to move the County government from Indianola to McCook, was handed down on April 15, 1896. The commissioners met on April 20 for a final session at Indianola, and adjourned

On the 23rd, the board met and entered into an 18-months lease for rooms in the C. W. Meeker building for temporary county use. Here the county records and the offices remained for about two years, until the new building promised by McCook could be built.



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

CERTIFICATE  
No. 41

**Wherras** John H. Holborn of Red Willow County Nebraska according  
has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE of the REGISTER of the LAND OFFICE at North Platte Nebraska  
whereby it appears that FULL PAYMENT has been made by the said John H. Holborn

to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the north west quarter of the north west quarter of Section thirty four, the north half of the north west quarter, and the north east quarter of the north west quarter of Section four teen in Township three north of Range twenty seven west, in the district of lands subject to sale at North Platte Nebraska containing one hundred and fifty nine acres and ninety hundredths of an acre.

according to the OFFICIAL PLAN of the Survey of the said lands, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said Tract has been purchased by the said John H. Holborn

**Now, know ye**, That the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said

and to his heirs, the said Tract above described, to have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said John H. Holborn and to his heirs and assigns forever.



**In testimony whereof**, J. Pulyses Grant, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the 10th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy five, and of the Independence of the United States the thirty ninth

BY THE PRESIDENT: W. Grant  
By J. A. Holborn Secretary

