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FOREWORD

South Dakota inaugurated a vital statistics law in 1905. The records were under the jurisdiction of the State Historical Society until July 1, 1920, at which time the keeping and preservation of the records were transferred to the State Board of Health, where they have remained to this day.

In the early days it was difficult to convince the general public of the importance of keeping public records of births, deaths, marriages, and divorces, and of preserving such records as they were filed. For some time there was a limited usage of the records and their importance became known only as individuals felt need for copies of their records.

Until recent years very few people realized that the statutes provided for the registration of births, deaths, marriages, and divorces with local registrars and the State Board of Health, and since 1931 have provided a method of filing belated record of the facts of birth and death, based on a sworn oath of these facts.

In the last five years ever mounting importance has been placed upon the keeping of vital statistics records. Many people were awakened to the importance of these records when they were called upon to produce them for legal purposes; i.e., evidence to establish:

- A. Proof of citizenship and age
- B. The right of admission to many professions and public offices
- C. Proof of right to inherit property by descent
- D. Citizenship for government employ
- E. Legal age to vote
- F. Legal age to marry
- G. The right to or exemption from military service
- H. Administration of estates and settlement of insurance pensions.

In 1937, the Social Security Act became effective. Persons 65 years of age or older, in order to be eligible for pensions, were required to prove their age. The records had been used for many purposes up to 1937, however, this was the first real awakening on the part of the public, to the fact that public birth records were of practical use.

With the initiation of the national defense program, sailors, aviators, soldiers, marines, mechanics, workers in industries, and thousands of other people were suddenly confronted

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with the need for their birth certificates. It then became generally known that copies of the required records, which had been filed as required by law from 1905 to date, were available from the State Board of Health office at Pierre, South Dakota, and that local registrars had information concerning vital statistics records.

This publication by the South Dakota Historical Records Survey of the Work Projects Administration, is designed to present for the use of searchers for vital statistics information, an index of existing records, available in South Dakota.

The State Board of Health wishes to acknowledge this worth while contribution by the Historical Records Survey, which is presented with the hope that it will be of value to the public in using the vital statistics records.

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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was initiated in South Dakota as part of a nation-wide Work Projects Administration in March 1936, under the administrative supervision of the Division of Womens' and Professional Projects. The federally sponsored project was discontinued August 31, 1939, to be superseded by a State project sponsored by the History Department of the University of South Dakota, and operated by the Work Projects Administration.

In a communication dated September 3, 1940, known as Professional and Service Letter No. 75 the Washington office of the Work Projects Administration requested that projects in the various States make an inventory of vital statistics records. This inventory includes a brief check list of existing State and county records of birth, death, marriage, and divorce, with abstracts of legislation requiring or affecting the maintenance of these records.

The requested data were assembled and transmitted to the Washington office of the Historical Records Survey during September and October 1941. While the task was undertaken primarily in order to facilitate providing proofs of age and citizenship to selective registrants, workers on national defense jobs, and others affected by the defense program, the reports will be of value also to social work agencies, life insurance companies, vital statisticians, historians, sociologists, genealogists, and various governmental agencies.

Although the data on birth records are being printed by the Bureau of the Census in abbreviated form, the publication was compiled as a more comprehensive inventory of these records in South Dakota for the use of individuals or agencies most in need of the information. No attempt has been made to inventory church records, and, therefore, only public vital statistics records have been reported.

An attempt has been made to include all that is deemed useful for anyone needing information contained in the records. The abstracts of the laws have been compiled in essay form and precede the entries. Records are described in entries whose style is formalized to reveal the following information: Governmental unit involved, nature of the record, whether duplicate or original, inclusive dates, number of volumes or containers, manner of indexing, method of arrangement, title and address of the custodian, and whenever possible, the cost of certified copies. A general history and/or development of public vital statistics records in South Dakota has been traced in the introduction.

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The report was prepared for publication by the personnel of the editorial section of the Historical Records Survey office at Mitchell. Those who assisted in compiling materials were: Lola I. Powell, project technician; Hugo D. Chilman, editor-in-chief; Melvin Clark, research editor; and Marie Reichert and Neva Breck, assistants to the editor. In addition, too much credit cannot be given to field workers and other members of the editorial and typing staffs for their diligent cooperation in the compilation of this report.

The State staff has profited in all phases of the work as a result of constructive advice and criticisms received from the central office of the Survey. The report in final manuscript form was edited in the central office by Don Farran, Assistant Director.

Grateful acknowledgment is hereby made to Dr. G. J. Van Heuvelen, Assistant Health officer with the State Board of Health, who edited the manuscript in final draft form. The Survey is especially indebted to its sponsor representative, Dr. Herbert S. Schell, Professor of American History and Director of the Graduate School at the University of South Dakota, and Mr. Bob Butts, Chief, Research and Records Section of the Work Projects Administration, Mitchell, South Dakota. Their splendid cooperation, advice, and assistance at all times have made this publication possible. Almost without exception the Survey has received the cooperation of the numerous custodians of vital statistics records throughout the State. For the cover design we are indebted to the South Dakota Art Project.

Publications are distributed gratis by the Historical Records Survey of the Work Projects Administration. Requests for additional copies of this publication, with criticisms and comments, may be addressed to Mr. M. A. Kennedy, State Administrator, Work Projects Administration, City Hall, Mitchell, South Dakota. A complete list of the Survey's publications appears on page 81.

Mitchell, South Dakota
January 1942

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

alph.	alphabetical(ly)
arr.	arranged, arrangement
ch.	chapter
chron.	chronological(ly)
f.b.	file box(es)
f.d.	file drawer(s)
ibid.	ibidem (the same reference)
numer.	numerically(ly)
off.	office
p., pp.	page, pages
Pol. C.	Political Code
Rev. C.	Revised Code
SDC.	South Dakota Code
sec.	section(s)
vol., vols.	volume(s)

In legal citations the word Laws is used for all session laws from 1862 to date.

In this publication the four different classes of records (birth, death, marriage, divorce) are segregated in order to facilitate the accessibility of each division. Birth records are listed first and are grouped by State and county. Death, marriage, and divorce records are handled in a similar manner. The counties are arranged alphabetically.

South Dakota was the forty-seventh State in the Union to be admitted to the Federal Registration Area. For admittance, as required by the United States Bureau of Census, a State must have at least 90 percent complete registration of births and deaths, and must adopt a uniform vital statistics law.(4)

1. York Sampson, Editor, South Dakota, Fifty Years of Progress, 1859-1909, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 1909, p. 19.
2. Doane Robinson, Encyclopedia of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, 1905, p. 69.
3. Laws, 1859, ch. 5.
4. F. W. Covington, M.D., Rockefeller Foundation, Public Health Administration in South Dakota, 1939, p. 62.

INTRODUCTION

Recently the general public has become aware that vital statistics are of prime importance. The enactment of the Social Security Act, requiring proof of age, and employer's demands for birth certificates from those seeking national defense jobs have stimulated their significance. Vital statistics records have, however, always been necessary for legal proof of nativity, death, marriage, divorce, and naturalization. While the production of this guide was undertaken primarily in order to facilitate the tremendous job of providing proofs of age and citizenship to selective service registrants, workers on national defense jobs and others affected by the defense program, the reports will be of value also to social work agencies, life insurance companies, vital statisticians, historians, socialologists, genealogists and various governmental agencies.

Many of the first churches undoubtedly maintained birth, death, and marriage records. However, these first records were not always systematically maintained, consequently many of them became lost or destroyed. The first recorded marriage occurred at Vermillion, Dakota Territory, in January, 1860. Mr. Charles D. Martin, a Protestant minister, performed the ceremony uniting in marriage Jacob Deuel and a Miss Robinson.(1)

The first record of a white child's birth in what is now South Dakota was that of Mary Houston Atkinson, born at Ft. Pierre, on January 8, 1857.(2)

The first divorce was granted by the Territorial Legislative Assembly in 1862. It was the third bill introduced and granted a divorce to Minnie Omeg from her husband, C. Omeg.(3)

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1. York Sampson, Editor, South Dakota, Fifty Years of Progress, 1889-1939, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 1939, p. 19.
 2. Doane Robinson, Encyclopedia of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, 1925, p. 49.
 3. Laws, 1862, ch. 5.
 4. P. W. Covington, M.D., Rockefeller Foundation, Public Health Administration in South Dakota, 1939, p. 62.

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The Organic Act approved in 1861, the Enabling Act of 1889, and the State Constitution, adopted in 1889, all failed to include any provision pertaining to vital statistics. It was not until 1905 that South Dakota adopted a uniform vital statistics law.

In 1905, the State Legislature enacted a statute entitled the "Census Law". It provided that the secretary of the State Historical Society should be ex-officio superintendent of the census and vital statistics. The duties of the superintendent are to collect and preserve all vital statistics records pertaining to births, death, marriages, divorces, and naturalization.(5)

The Bureau of Vital Statistics, maintained since 1905 by the State Historical Society, was transferred to the State Board of Health, July 1, 1920.(6)

The State Board of Health was created in 1891. The first members were Doctors C. B. Alford, W. C. Fowler, and D. W. Robinson. The initial meeting of the State Board of Health was held in Aberdeen, July 9, 1891. At this meeting the various county boards of health were organized. In 1901, the board was increased from 3 to 5.(7)

The Superintendent of the State Board of Health is ex-officio Secretary of this board and is also Director of Vital Statistics. He is responsible for the collecting, sorting, summarizing, and the tabulating of vital statistics for the State of South Dakota.

Each organized county constitutes a registration district for vital statistics, with the clerk of courts serving as local registrar for each district.(8) All death certificates are filed in the clerk of courts office by the undertaker or persons acting as undertaker. Births are registered in the

5. Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9884.

6. Laws, 1920, ch. 92, sec. 1.

7. P. W. Convington, M.D., Rockefeller Foundation, Public Health Administration in South Dakota, 1939, p. 58.

8. SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0203.

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clerk of courts office by local physicians or midwives attending the cases.

The clerk of courts for each county transmits monthly to the director, originals of all births and death certificates, abstracts of the records of all marriages, decrees of divorces, and naturalizations which have been filed in his office during the preceding month.(9)

The cost of maintaining the division of vital statistics during the fiscal year of 1937-38 was \$6,451.25. This represented 8.1 percent of the State's cost of operating the State Health Board during the year. The usual cost is from eight to twenty percent of the total State's budget for the department. No field agents are employed to stimulate registration.(10)

The State Director of the State Health Board will, upon request, furnish any applicant with a certified copy of the record of any marriage, birth, death, divorce, or naturalization registered in his office. The fee is one dollar per certificate.

Inquiries concerning vital statistics records should be addressed to the Director of Vital Statistics, State Department of Vital Statistics, State Department of Health, Pierre, South Dakota.

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9. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 15; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9905.
 10. P. W. Covington, M.D., Rockefeller Foundation, Public Health Administration in South Dakota, 1939, p. 80.

BIRTHS

The Organic Act approved in 1861, the Enabling Act of 1889, and the State Constitution adopted in 1889, all failed to embrace any provision pertaining to vital statistics. The initial act affecting the keeping of State, county, and local birth records in South Dakota was known as the "Census Law". It was passed by the State Legislature in 1905.

The Census Law provided for the collection and preservation of birth records by the Secretary of the State Historical Society, who was also designated ex officio superintendent of the census and vital statistics. The law stated that every physician, nurse, or head of family attending the birth of a child, shall within ten days, record the facts upon blanks provided by the State for that purpose. This form includes the name and sex of the child, date and place of birth, name, age, nationality, place of birth, color, occupation, and residence of each parent, and the number of children previously born to the mother, if any. It is imperative that the primary record be immediately transmitted to the clerk of courts of the county in which the birth occurred.(1)

The clerk of courts receives the birth certificates and enters them in volumes, provided by the State for that purpose. These records constitute a comprehensive abstract of all essential information contained in each certificate. The original certificates are transmitted to the superintendent of census and vital statistics on or before the fifteenth of each month.(2)

In 1907, the vital statistics law was amended and the clerks of courts in the several counties were designated as county superintendents of vital statistics, and were authorized to enforce the provisions of the 1905 session laws concerning the filing of birth records.(3)

In 1920, the vital statistics law was again amended, this time transferring the supervision and registration of birth certificates from the Secretary of the State Historical Society to the State Board of Health. The Superintendent of the State Board of Health was designated as Director of Vital Statistics and as the administering officer of the State for the collection, recordation, and preservation of birth records. All records were to be housed at the State Capitol in fire-proof vaults and filing cases.(4) Because of inadequate facil-

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1. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 1, 16; Laws, 1915, ch. 109, sec. 1; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9884.
 2. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 21; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9905.
 3. Laws, 1907, ch. 246, sec. 1; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9906.
 4. Laws, 1920, sec. 1, 2; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0202.

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ities the vital statistics records were, however, maintained at Waubay, South Dakota, from 1920 to 1933 when they were conveyed in toto to the State Capitol building in Pierre, South Dakota.

It is the duty of the State Board of Health to prepare and furnish suitable blank forms and books in which to keep birth records, and to supply forms for the various officials required to compile and file reports.(5)

In 1931 the vital statistics law was again revised. Under the law passed at that time the State Director, with the approval of the State Board of Health, divided the State into registration districts, with each organized county constituting a separate district. The clerk of courts was appointed local registrar of vital statistics for a term of two years.(6)

The State Board of Health has jurisdiction of the registrations of births and prepares the necessary instructions, forms, and blanks for obtaining and preserving these records. It is further charged with the uniform and thorough enforcement of the law throughout the State, and may from time to time institute such rules or regulations, not inconsistent with the laws of the State, as may be necessary to carry out the express purpose of the Act.(7)

Any person having knowledge of facts pertaining to the birth of any child, which occurred in South Dakota, or Dakota Territory, and which has not already been reported and recorded, may prepare a report of the same in the form prescribed for reporting births in this State. After verification by oath before some qualified officer, it is delivered to the local registrar in the registration district in which the birth occurred, and the local registrar after receiving the certificate is required to record the same and forward the report to the State Director of Vital Statistics.(8)

Each local registrar supplies blank forms of certificates of births to such persons as request them. When a certificate of birth is presented for record, the registrar carefully examines it to ascertain whether or not it has been compiled in

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5. Laws, 1920, sec. 3; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0202.
 6. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 3; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0203.
 7. Laws, 1920, ch. 92, sec. 1.
 8. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 16; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0216.

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accordance with the provisions of the act and instructions of the State Director of Vital Statistics. All certificates of birth should be written legibly, in durable black ink, and no certificate is deemed complete and correct that does not supply all the items of information requested or satisfactorily account for their omission. If a certificate of birth is incomplete, the local registrar immediately notifies the informant, requesting him to supply the missing items. The certificates of birth in a series of records are numbered consecutively beginning with number one for the first birth. The registrar is required to sign his name in attest of the date of filing in his office. He is also required to compile a complete and accurate copy of each birth certificate in a record book to be preserved permanently in his office as the local record. On the tenth day of each month, the registrar transmits all original certificates registered by him for the preceding month, to the State Director of Vital Statistics. If no births occurred in any month, he reports the fact to the State Director.(9)

The State Director of Vital Statistics is directed to arrange, bind, and permanently preserve the original birth certificates in a systematic manner. He is further required to prepare and maintain a comprehensive and continuous card index to all births registered.(10)

The State Director, upon request and the payment of a fee of one dollar, will supply any applicant with a certified copy of the birth record registered with him. The director shall also upon request of any parent or guardian, supply without fee a certificate, limited to a statement as to the birth of any child, when it is necessary for admission to school or for the purpose of securing employment. The United State Bureau of Census, widows or soldiers of the Civil or Spanish American War, or dependents from any agency of the United States, may obtain without charge, certified copies of birth certificates from the Director of Vital Statistics. These certified copies are regarded as prima facie evidence in all courts.(11)

The issuance of new birth certificates in case of legitimization, adoption, or establishment of paternity of an illegitimate child by the judgment of a court of competent juris-

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9. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 18; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0217.
 10. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 23; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0218.
 11. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 20; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0220.

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dition, was authorized in 1939. It is the duty of the State Director of Vital Statistics to substitute new certificates in such instances. The original certificates, with all papers relating to the case are placed under seal, not to be broken, except by a court order or at the request of the person whose birth is the subject of the certificate. When a certified copy of the birth certificate for the person is issued, it must be a copy of the new certificate, except when otherwise ordered by the court or requested by the person whose birth the certificate attests.(12)

COUNTY RECORDS

The clerk of courts of each county makes a charge ranging from 50¢ to \$1.00 for a statement as to record of births, which is not a certified copy of the birth certificate. State Board of Health office in Florida is the only place where a certified copy of birth certificate can be obtained.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

This county is unorganized and is attached to Stanley County; all births are recorded in Stanley County birth records volumes. Clerk of courts, Fort Pierce.

AURORA COUNTY

1905-- Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Flossinton.

BADGE COUNTY

1905-- Record of births. 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Flossinton.

12. Laws, 1939, ch. 36.

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The State Board of Health, Pierre, South Dakota makes a charge of \$1.00 for certified copies of birth certificates, and 50¢ per hour or fractional part of an hour for searching the records.

1905--. (Birth certificates). 1,039 vols. Arr. numer. by certificate number; separate card index, 27 f. d. 1905--, by family name. No titles shown on volumes or file drawers. State Board of Health off., Pierre.

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AURORA COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Plankinton.

BEADLE COUNTY

1905--. Record of births. 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Huron.

BENNETT COUNTY

1912--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child; also separate index, 2 f. d. 1923--., by family name. County created in 1909 and organized in 1912. 1905-9 part of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation; 1909-12 birth records in Fall River County. Clerk of courts, Martin.

BON HOMME COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Tyndall.

BROOKINGS COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Brookings.

BROWN COUNTY

1905--. Record of births. 9 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child; also separate card index, 16 f. d., 1905--., by name of child. Clerk of courts, Aberdeen.

BRULE COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 5 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Chamberlain.

BUFFALO COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Clerk of courts, Gann Valley.

BUTTE COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Also contains Harding County birth records, 1905-9; Perkins County birth records, 1905-9. Clerk of courts, Belle Fourche.

CAMPBELL COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Clerk of courts, Mound City.

CHARLES MIX COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 5 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. Indexed alph. by name of child; also separate index, 1 vol., 1905--, alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Lake Andes.

CLARK COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 4 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Clark.

CLAY COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Clerk of courts, Vermillion.

CODINGTON COUNTY

1905--. Record of births. 5 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Watertown.

CORSON COUNTY

1909--. Birth record. 7 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Prior to 1909 part of Standing Rock Indian Reservation; Corson County was created in 1909 and organized in 1909. Clerk of courts, McIntosh.

CUSTER COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Also contains Washabaugh County birth records, 1905-14, and Washington County birth records, 1905-18. Clerk of courts, Custer.

DAVISON COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Mitchell.

DAY COUNTY

1905--. Record of births. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Webster.

DEUEL COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Clear Lake.

DEWEY COUNTY

1910--. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Birth and death records in same volume, 1933--, titled Birth and Death record. Dewey County organized in 1910 and attached to Walworth County prior to 1910. Birth records, 1905-10 in Walworth County. Clerk of courts, Timber Lake.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child.
No index. Clerk of courts, Armour.

EDMUNDS COUNTY

1905--. Record of births. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of
filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk
of courts, Ipswich.

FALL RIVER COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child.
No index. Also contains Shannon County birth
records, 1905-21; Bennett County birth records,
1909-12. Clerk of courts, Hot Springs.

FAULK COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing.
Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts,
Faulkton.

GRANT COUNTY

1905--. Record of births. 5 vols. Arr. chron. by date of
filing. Indexed alph. by name of child; also
separate index, 1 vol., 1905-25, by name of child.
Clerk of courts, Milbank.

GREGORY COUNTY

1905--. Record of births. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of
child. No index. Also contains Todd County
birth records, 1905-9. Clerk of courts, Burke.

HAAKON COUNTY

1915--. Record of births. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County created in 1914, by division of Stanley County. It was organized in 1915. Birth records 1905-14 in Stanley County. Clerk of courts, Philip.

HAMLIN COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Hayti.

HAND COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Miller.

HANSON COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Clerk of courts, Alexandria.

HARDING COUNTY

1909--. Birth record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County organized in 1909. Attached to Butte County prior to 1909. Birth records 1905-9 in Butte County. Clerk of courts, Buffalo.

HUGHES COUNTY

1905--. Record of births. 1 vol. and 1 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Separate index, 1 vol., 1905--, by name of child. Card system used, 1935--, for recording births. Clerk of courts, Pierre.

HUTCHINSON COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Olivet.

HYDE COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. No index. Birth and death records in same volume 1930--, titled Birth and Death Record. Clerk of courts, Highmore.

JACKSON COUNTY

1915--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. County created in 1914 by division of Stanley County, and organized in 1915. Also contains Washabaugh County records, 1915-July 1929. Birth records, 1905-14 in Stanley County. Clerk of courts, Kadoka.

JERAULD COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Wessington Springs.

JONES COUNTY

1917--. Birth record. 2 files and 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. This county formerly called Pratt County, was attached to Lyman County prior to 1916. Birth records, 1905-16 in Lyman County. Clerk of courts, Murdo.

KINGSBURY COUNTY

1905--. Record of births. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, DeSmet.

LAKE COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child.
No index. Clerk of courts, Madison.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

1905---. Births. 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing.
Separate index, 1 vol., 1905--, by name of child.
Clerk of courts, Deadwood.

LINCOLN COUNTY

1905---. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child.
No index. Clerk of courts, Canton.

LYMAN COUNTY

1905---. Record of births. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of
child. No index. Also contains Jones County
birth records, 1905-16; Mellette County birth
records, 1909-11; Todd County birth records,
1909-22; Tripp County birth records, 1905-9.
Clerk of courts, Kennebec.

MARSHALL COUNTY

1905---. Birth record. 6 vols. Arr. chron. by date of
filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk
of courts, Britton.

MCCOOK COUNTY

1905---. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child.
No index. Clerk of courts, Salem.

MCPHERSON COUNTY

1905---. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child.
No index. Clerk of courts, Leola.

MEADE COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Sturgis.

MELLETTE COUNTY

1912--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. Indexed alph. by name of child. County created in 1909 and attached to Lyman County 1909 to 1911. 1905-9 part of the Rosebud Indian Reservation; birth records 1909-11 in Lyman County. Clerk of courts, White Lake.

MINER COUNTY

1905--. Record of births. 2 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Howard.

MINNEHAHA COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 6 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Clerk of courts, Sioux Falls.

MOODY COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Clerk of courts, Flandreau.

PENNINGTON COUNTY

1905--. Record of births. 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Also contains Washington County birth records, 1919-28. Clerk of courts, Rapid City.

PERKINS COUNTY

1909---. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County organized in 1909 and was attached to Butte County prior to 1909. Birth records 1905-9 in Butte County. Clerk of courts, Eison.

POTTER COUNTY

1905---. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Clerk of courts, Gettysburg.

ROBERTS COUNTY

1905---. Record of births. 8 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Sisseton.

SANBORN COUNTY

1905---. Record of births. 3 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Woonsocket.

SHANNON COUNTY

1922---. Birth record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. County unorganized and attached to Fall River County. Records 1905-21 in Fall River birth record volumes. Clerk of courts, Hot Springs.

SPINK COUNTY

1905---. Record of births. 5 vols. Arr. chron. by date of birth. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Redfield.

STANLEY COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child; also separate index, 1 vol., 1905-31, by name of child. Birth and death records kept in same volumes, 1931--., titled Death and Birth Record. Also contains Armstrong County records; Haakon County birth records, 1905-14; Jackson County birth records, 1905-14. Clerk of courts, Fort Pierre.

SULLY COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Clerk of courts, Onida.

TODD COUNTY

1923--. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Todd County unorganized, created in 1909. Attached to Gregory County, 1905-9; Lyman County, 1909-28, and Tripp County, 1929--. Birth records, 1905-9, Gregory County; 1909-23, Lyman County. Clerk of courts, Winner.

TRIPP COUNTY

1909--. Birth record. 8 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. Tripp County attached to Lyman County prior to 1909. Birth records, 1905-9 in Lyman County. Clerk of courts, Winner.

TURNER COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Clerk of courts, Parker.

UNION COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Clerk of courts, Elk Point.

WALWORTH COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Also contains Dewey County birth records, 1905-10. Clerk of courts, Selby.

WASHABAUGH COUNTY

1929--. Birth record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. This county is unorganized, created in 1883. Attached to Custer County 1883-1914, and attached to Jackson County, 1915--. Records from 1905-14 are in Custer County volumes, and from 1915-29 are in Jackson County birth records volumes. Clerk of courts, Kadoka.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

1929--. Record of births. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of child. County unorganized, attached to Custer County, 1883-1918, and attached to Pennington County, 1919--. Records, 1905-18 in Custer County birth record volumes, and records 1919-28 are in Pennington County birth record volumes. Clerk of courts, Rapid City.

YANKTON COUNTY

1905--. Birth record. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Clerk of courts, Yankton.

ZIEBACH COUNTY

1911--. Birth record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of child. No index. Birth and death record in same volumes, titled Birth and Death Record. County created and organized in 1911. Prior to 1911 part of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Clerk of courts, Dupree.

DEATHS

The legal provisions affecting the registration of deaths in South Dakota, and the agencies for effecting such registrations are, and have been, substantially the same as those for the registration of births.

Between 1905 and 1920 the reports of deaths were handled by the Secretary of the State Historical Society, who was designated ex officio superintendent of census and vital statistics was required to furnish suitable books and blank forms for officials required to compile and maintain these records.(1)

In accordance with census law passed in 1905, it is the duty of the physician who cared for the deceased person, to compile a primary death certificate. This report included the name, nativity, age, date of death, and place of residence of the deceased. If the deceased person was an infant, the name and residence of its parents, the length of time the deceased resided in the State, together with the cause of death, were also included.(2) This primary death certificate was transmitted to a justice of the peace in the county where the death occurred. The justice of the peace was required to enter it in his docket, and then issue in exchange a burial or transportation permit. The justice of the peace then transmitted the primary death certificate to the county clerk of courts.(3)

It is unlawful to bury the corpse of any person dying within the State, or to remove the same therefrom, without first obtaining a death certificate and a burial or transportation permit.(4)

In cases of accidental death, or where no physician or other authorized person is present when death occurs, the next of kin of the deceased, or any citizen cognizant of the facts, is required to appear before a justice of the peace of the county where death occurs. If the justice determines that the death resulted from natural causes a primary death certificate is issued. However, if the justice is not satisfied that the death resulted from natural causes he is obliged to notify the coroner of the county, who subsequent to his investigation of the facts,

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1. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 15; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9898.
 2. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 18; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9901.
 3. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 19; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9902.
 4. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 17; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9900.

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issues the primary death certificate. This certificate is filed with the clerk of courts.(5)

The clerk of courts is the recipient of primary death certificates, and enters them in volumes provided by the State. All death certificates received during the previous calendar month are transmitted to the superintendent of the census and vital statistics.(6)

Upon receiving the primary certificates of deaths from the clerks of courts throughout the State, the director is charged with entering a complete abstract of them in permanent volumes. At the close of each fiscal year, the superintendent of the census compiles a comprehensive report for the Governor on information received.(7)

In 1907 a law was passed whereby the clerks of courts in the several counties of the State were designated as county superintendents of vital statistics for their respective districts.(8)

In 1920 the legislature passed a law entitled "An Act to Provide for the Collection, Recording, and Preservation of Vital Statistics Under the Supervision and Direction of the State Board of Health." This law stated that all vital statistics records could be utilized as prima facie evidence in every court in the State.

The State Board of Health has charge and supervision of the registration of deaths, and may enforce rules and regulations necessary for carrying out the registrations, which are not inconsistent with the laws of the State. The Superintendent of the State Board of Health is designated Director of Vital Statistics and administering officer for the State. He is charged with enforcing the provisions of the laws and regulations of the State Board of Health relating to the collection, recordation, and preservation of death statistics.(9)

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5. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 20; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9903.
 6. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 21; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9905.
 7. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 22; Laws, 1915, ch. 109, sec. 22; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9906.
 8. Laws, 1907, ch. 246, sec. 1; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9904.
 9. Laws, 1920, sec. 1; Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 1; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0201, 27.0202.

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In 1931 the vital statistics laws were again amended. The revised law states that the Superintendent of the State Board of Health shall have supervision over the central bureau of vital statistics which was subsequently established by the State Board. He is required to supply all registrars with blanks and forms used in registering the reports and returns. It is also necessary that he issue detailed instructions to procure the uniform observance of a systematic registration. No blanks shall be used other than those supplied by the State Director. The director's office is located in the State capitol building and is properly equipped with fire-proof vaults and filing cases for the preservation and safe-keeping of official records.(10)

Each organized county in the State constitutes a separate registration district, and no smaller district may be formed. The clerk of courts is local registrar of vital statistics for each registration district. However, when it appears necessary for the convenience of inhabitants in any rural district, the local registrar may, with the approval of the director, appoint one or more suitable persons to act as sub-registrars. These persons are authorized to receive certificates and to issue burial or removal permits in and for such portions of the district as may be designated. Each sub-registrar notes the date of filing over his signature on each death certificate and is required to forward all certificates to the local registrar of the district within ten days.(11)

Wherever death has occurred without the presence of a licensed physician, it is the duty of the undertaker to notify the local registrar of the death. The registrar compiles the medical certificates and returns from facts obtained through the medium of relatives or other persons having adequate knowledge of the facts. If the local registrar has reason to believe that the death may have been due to other than natural causes, it is his duty to refer the case to the coroner or other proper officer.(12)

The physician, if any, last in attendance on the deceased, shall sign a medical certificate which shows time in attendance, the time he last saw the deceased alive, and the hour of the day at which death occurred. Such certificate shall further state the cause of death, so as to show the course of disease

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10. Laws, 1931, sec. 2, 17; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0202.
 11. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 3; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0203.
 12. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 6; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0209.

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or sequence of causes resulting in death. Causes of death which may be the result of violence shall be carefully defined by the attending physician.(13)

It is the duty of the undertaker to file the certificate of death with the registrar of the district in which the death occurred, and to obtain a burial or removal permit prior to the disposition of the body. He obtains the required personal and statistical particulars from the person best qualified to supply them, and then presents the certificate to the attending physician, health officer, or coroner. In order to obtain a permit for burial or removal, the undertaker is required to disclose all facts concerning the date and place of burial or removal, and to present the completed certificate to the registrar.(14)

Any person cognizant of facts pertaining to any death which occurred in South Dakota or Dakota Territory which has not been duly reported and recorded, may make a death report or certificate. After verification the certificate is delivered to the local registrar in the registration district where the death occurred. The local registrar records these certificates in his record of deaths and forwards the report or certificate to the Director of Vital Statistics. This type of certificate is not included in the report of deaths for the current year.(15)

Each local registrar supplies blank forms of certificates to persons requiring them, and when presented for record he must examine them for correctness. If any certificate of death is incomplete it shall be the registrar's duty to withhold the burial or removal permit until all defects are corrected. All certificates are to be written legibly in durable black ink and none is complete or correct that does not supply all items of information requested. If the certificate of death is properly executed the local registrar then issues a burial or removal permit to the undertaker. If the death occurred from an infectious, contagious, or communicable disease, permission for the removal or disposition of the body may be issued only under conditions prescribed by the State Board of Health. The local

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13. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 6; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0208.
 14. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 8; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0210.
 15. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 16; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0216.

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The State Board of Health, Pierre, South Dakota

registrar numbers all death certificates consecutively in a separate series, beginning with number one for the first death. It is required that he sign his name as registrar and make a copy of each death certificate filed by him.(16)

The Director of Vital Statistics carefully examines all certificates or reports received monthly from the local registrars. If any are incomplete, he may request additional information. All physicians, informants, or undertakers are required to enter the necessary information on standard blanks or original certificates. The Director of Vital Statistics is required to arrange and preserve all certificates in a systematic manner. He also prepares and maintains a continuous card index to all death records. This index is arranged alphabetically by the name of the decedent.(17)

making from \$5.00 to \$1.00 for a statement as to record of deaths, which is not a certified copy of the death certificate. State Board of Health office in Pierre is the only place where a certified copy of death certificate can be obtained.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

This county is unorganized and attached to Stanley County. All deaths are recorded in Stanley County death record volumes. Clerk of courts, Fort Pierre.

AURORA COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of decedent. Clerk of courts, Plankinton.

BEADLE COUNTY

1904--. Record of deaths. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by registration number. Indexed alph. by name of decedent. Clerk of courts, Huron.

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16. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 18; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0217.
 17. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 17, 23; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0218.

STATE RECORDS

The State Board of Health, Pierre, South Dakota makes a charge of \$1.00 for certified copies of death certificates, and 50¢ per hour or fractional part of an hour for searching the records.

1905--. (Death certificates). 390 vols. Arr. numer. by certificate number; separate card index, 51 f. d. 1905--., by name of deceased. No title shown on volumes or file drawers. State Board of Health off., Pierre.

COUNTY RECORDS

The clerk of courts of each county makes a charge ranging from 50¢ to \$1.00 for a statement as to record of deaths, which is not a certified copy of the death certificate. State Board of Health office in Pierre is the only place where a certified copy of death certificate can be obtained.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

This county is unorganized and attached to Stanley County. All deaths are recorded in Stanley County death record volumes. Clerk of courts, Fort Pierre.

AURORA COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Plankinton.

BEADLE COUNTY

1905--. Record of deaths. 2 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Huron.

BENNETT COUNTY

1912---. Death records. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County created in 1909 and organized in 1912. 1905-9 part of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation; 1909-12 death records in Fall River County. Clerk of courts, Martin.

BON HOMME COUNTY

1905- Death records. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Tyndall.

BROOKINGS COUNTY

1905---. Death record. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Brookings.

BROWN COUNTY

1905---. Record of deaths. 6 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Aberdeen.

BRULE COUNTY

1905---. Death record. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Chamberlain.

BUFFALO COUNTY

1905---. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Gann Valley.

CORSON COUNTY

1909---. Death record. 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Corson County created and organized in 1909. Prior to 1909 part of Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Clerk of courts, McIntosh.

BUTTE COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Also contains Harding County death records, 1905-9; Perkins County death records, 1905-9. Clerk of courts, Belle Fourche.

CAMPBELL COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Mound City.

CHARLES MIX COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Lake Andes.

CLARK COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Clark.

CLAY COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Vermillion.

CODINGTON COUNTY

1905--. Record of deaths. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Watertown.

CORSON COUNTY

1909--. Death record. 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Corson County created and organized in 1909. Prior to 1909 part of Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Clerk of courts, McIntosh.

CUSTER COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Also contains Washabaugh County death records, 1905-14; Washington County death records, 1905-18. Clerk of courts, Custer.

DAVISON COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Mitchell.

DAY COUNTY

1905--. Record of deaths. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Webster.

DEUEL COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Clear Lake.

DEWEY COUNTY

1910--. Death record. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Birth and death records in same volume, 1933--. Dewey County organized in 1910 and attached to Walworth County prior to 1910. Death records, 1905-10 in Walworth County death records. Clerk of courts, Timber Lake.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Armour.

EDMUNDS COUNTY

1905--. Record of deaths. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Ipswich.

FALL RIVER COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Also contains Shannon County death records, 1905-21; Bennett County death records, 1909-12. Clerk of courts, Hot Springs.

FAULK COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Faulkton.

GRANT COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Milbank.

GREGORY COUNTY

1905--. Record of deaths. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Also contains Todd County death records, 1905-9. Clerk of courts, Burke.

HAAKON COUNTY

1905--. Record of deaths. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County created in 1914 by division of Stanley County. Death records 1905-14 in Stanley County. Clerk of courts, Philip.

HAMLIN COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Hayti.

HAND COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Miller.

HANSON COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Alexandria.

HARDING COUNTY

1909--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. County organized in 1909. Attached to Butte County prior to 1909. Death records 1905-9 in Butte County. Clerk of courts, Buffalo.

HUGHES COUNTY

1905--. Record of deaths. 1 vol. and 1 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Separate index, 1 vol., 1905--, by name of deceased. Card system used 1935--, for recording deaths. Clerk of courts, Pierre.

HUTCHINSON COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Olivet.

HYDE COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. No index. Birth and death records kept in same volume 1930--, titled Birth and Death Record. Clerk of courts, Highmore.

JACKSON COUNTY

1915--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County created in 1914, by division of Stanley County. Also contains Washabaugh County records, 1915-July 1929. Death records, 1905-14 in Stanley County. Clerk of courts, Kadoka.

JERAULD COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Wessington Springs.

JONES COUNTY

1917--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Jones County formerly called Pratt County. Attached to Lyman County prior to 1916. Death records, 1905-16 in Lyman County. Clerk of courts, Murdo.

KINGSBURY COUNTY

1905--. Record of deaths. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, DeSmet.

LAKE COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Madison.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

1905--. Deaths. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Separate index, 1 vol., 1905--, by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Deadwood.

LINCOLN COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Canton.

LYMAN COUNTY

1905--. Record of deaths. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Also contains Todd County death records, 1909-18; Jones County death records, 1905-16; Mellette County death records, 1909-11; Tripp County death records, 1905-9. Clerk of courts, Kennebec.

MARSHALL COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Britton.

McCOOK COUNTY

1905--. Record of deaths. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Salem.

McPHERSON COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Leola.

MEADE COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Sturgis.

MELLETTE COUNTY

1912--. Record of deaths. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Created in 1909 and attached to Lyman County from 1909 until 1911. 1905-9 part of Rose Bud Indian Reservation; death records, 1909-11 in Lyman County death records. Clerk of courts, White River.

MINER COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. Indexed alph. by name of deceased; also separate index, 1 vol., 1905-31, by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Howard.

MINNEHAHA COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 5 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Sioux Falls.

MOODY COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Flandreau.

PENNINGTON COUNTY

1905--. Record of deaths. 3 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Also contains Washington County death records, 1912-29. Clerk of courts, Rapid City.

PERKINS COUNTY

1909--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. County organized in 1909. Attached to Butte County prior to 1909. Death records, 1905-9 in Butte County. Clerk of courts, Bison.

POTTER COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Gettysburg.

ROBERTS COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Sisseton.

SANBORN COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Woonsocket.

SHANNON COUNTY

1922--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Shannon County unorganized and attached to Fall River County. Records 1905-21 in Fall River County records volumes. Clerk of courts, Hot Springs.

SPINK COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Redfield.

STANLEY COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased; also separate index, 1 vol., 1905-31, by name of deceased. Birth and death records in same volumes, 1931--., titled Death and Birth Record. Also contains Armstrong County records; Haakon County death records, 1905-14; Jackson County death records, 1905-14. Clerk of courts, Fort Pierre.

SULLY COUNTY

1909--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Clerk of courts, Onida.

TODD COUNTY

1918--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Todd County unorganized, created in 1909. Attached to Gregory County, 1905-9; Lyman County, 1909-28; Tripp County, 1929--. Death records, 1905-9 in Gregory County; 1909-18 in Lyman County. Clerk of courts, Winner.

TRIPP COUNTY

1909--. Death record. 4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Tripp County attached to Lyman County prior to 1909. Death records, 1905-9 in Lyman County. Clerk of courts, Winner.

TURNER COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Parker.

UNION COUNTY

1876--. Death record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Elk Point.

WALWORTH COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 2 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Also contains Dewey County death records, 1905-10. Clerk of courts, Selby.

WASHABAUGH COUNTY

1929--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. This county is unorganized. Created in 1883. Attached to Custer County, 1883-1914; Jackson County, 1915--. Records from 1905-14 in Custer County death record volumes; 1915-29 in Jackson County death record volumes. Clerk of courts, Kadoka.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

1929--. Death record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. This county is unorganized. Attached to Custer County, 1883-1918; attached to Pennington County, 1919--. Records 1905-18 are in Custer County death record volumes, and records 1919-29 are in Pennington County death record volumes. Clerk of courts, Rapid City.

YANKTON COUNTY

1905--. Death record. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Clerk of courts, Yankton.

ZIEBACH COUNTY

1911--. Death record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Birth and death records in same volume, titled Birth and Death Record. County created and organized in 1911. Prior to 1911 part of Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Clerk of courts, Dupree.

MARRIAGES

There are no provisions in the State Constitution requiring or affecting the keeping of State, county, or local marriage records.

All marriages performed within Dakota Territory by ministers, justices of the peace, and judges, subsequent to the creation of the territory, were declared legal by the Territorial Legislative Assembly in 1862.(1)

The first Territorial Legislative Assembly also enacted the following legislation pertaining to marriages: Persons desiring to contract marriage in Dakota Territory were required to secure a license. Such licenses were issued by the clerk of the board of county commissioners. It was the clerk's duty to enter the application for the issuance of the license on the marriage records. The clerk was also required to state that he was acquainted with the parties, knowing them to be of competent age and condition, or that requisite proof of such facts was made to the clerk by one or more witnesses.(2) However, if either party was a minor, the written consent of the parent or guardian was required to be filed in the office of the clerk of the board of county commissioners. These documents were entered upon the marriage record by the clerk.(3)

The marriage record which was maintained by the clerk of the board of county commissioners contained the names of parties, date of marriage, and the name of the person who solemnized the marriage. It was receivable in all courts and places as evidence of marriage.(4)

The Territorial law further required the person solemnizing a marriage to enter the facts in a book maintained for that purpose. Upon request he was compelled to furnish either party with a certificate.(5) Six months after the ceremony the

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1. Laws, 1862, ch. 58.
 2. Laws, 1862, ch. 59, sec. 6.
 3. Laws, 1862, ch. 59, sec. 7.
 4. Laws, 1862, ch. 59, sec. 14.
 5. Pol. C., 1877, sec. 48, 49; Compiled Laws, 1887, sec. 2547; Laws, 1890, ch. 109, sec. 8; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 121, 122, 124; SDC., 1939, sec. 14.0116-18.

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certificate was filed with the clerk of the municipality or town where the marriage was solemnized, or the county register of deeds, who was ex officio county clerk. After the document was filed, the proper official was required to enter it in alphabetical order by name of each party. The records specified the name and residence of each party, time and place of marriage, name and official station of the person signing the certificate, and the time of filing.(6)

In 1887 Congress enacted the "Organic Law", relating to marriages performed in any of the territories of the United States. This law provided that every marriage ceremony, in any of the territories of the United States, should be certified by a document stating the facts and nature of such ceremony. The certificate showed the full names of the parties concerned, the name of the official performing the ceremony, and signatures of the official and parties involved. This record was filed in the office of probate court, and was at all times subject to public inspection. The certificate or record, or a certified copy of the record was regarded as prima facie evidence of the facts.(7)

The 1890 legislature repealed all prior acts concerning marriage which were in conflict with legislation passed at that time.(8) That year laws were enacted providing that prior to any marriage within the State, a license for that purpose must be obtained from the clerk of the circuit court of the county where the marriage was to be solemnized. No license was to be granted where either party was under age without previous consent of the parent or guardian.(9)

Unless the clerk of courts was acquainted with the age and condition of the parties to be married, he was required to receive testimony from competent and disinterested witnesses, and obliged to enter an application for license in a book procured for that purpose.(10)

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6. Pol. C., 1877, sec. 48, 49; Compiled Laws, 1887, sec. 2549.
 7. Compiled Laws, 1887, (Organic Laws, sec. 129).
 8. Laws, 1890, ch. 109, sec. 13.
 9. Laws, 1890, ch. 109, sec. 1, 2; Rev. Civil Code, 1903, sec. 46.
 10. Laws, 1890, ch. 109, sec. 3, 4; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 116, 117; SDC., 1939, sec. 14.0114, 14.0115.

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The clerk was required to maintain a register wherein he recorded alphabetically the names of the parties, their places of residence, the time and place of marriage, the name and title of the person solemnizing the marriage, and the names of witnesses present.(11)

The first State statute requiring or affecting the keeping of State marriage records was the Act passed in 1905 concerning the census.(12) The Census law provided that the clerk of courts, on or before the fifteenth day of each month, transmit a record of all marriages performed in his county to the superintendent of census and vital statistics.(13) After receiving these documents, the superintendent was required to enter a full and accurate abstract in permanent and substantial books, housed in his office at the State capitol building.(14)

In 1915, the legislature adopted a standard printed form concerning marriages, which included the license, certificate of marriage, and the marriage certificate and return. The blank certificate of marriage is attached to the license, and filled in by the person solemnizing the marriage. It was returned to the clerk of courts after being properly compiled.(15)

In 1920 the legislature passed a law transferring the custody and supervision of marriage records to the State Board of Health. The superintendent of the State Board of Health was designated as the Director of Vital Statistics and administering officer for the State. He was charged with enforcing the provisions of laws, rules and regulations relating to the collection, recordation, and preservation of marriage statistics.(16) The law further provided that the Director of Vital Statistics maintain an office in the State capitol properly equipped with fireproof vaults and filing cases for the preservation of official records and papers.(17)

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11. Laws, 1890, ch. 109, sec. 9; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 127; SDC., 1939, sec. 14.0113.
 12. Laws, 1906, ch. 63, sec. 15; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9898.
 13. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 21; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9905.
 14. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 22; Laws, 1915, ch. 109, sec. 2; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9907.
 15. Laws, 1915, ch. 247, sec. 1; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 114; SDC., 1939, sec. 14.0111, 14.0117.
 16. Laws, 1920, sec. 1; Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 1; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0201.
 17. Laws, 1920, sec. 2; Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 2; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0202.

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It is the duty of the director to arrange, bind, and preserve all records in a systematic manner. He is also charged with preparing and maintaining a comprehensive and continuous card index of marriages, arranged alphabetically by names of the parties involved.(18)

The Director of Vital Statistics will, upon request, supply any applicant with a certified copy of the record of any marriage registered in accordance with the law. The applicant is required to pay a fee of one dollar for this service. Any copy, when properly certified by the director is regarded as prima facie evidence in all courts. For any investigation or search of the files and records the State Director is entitled to a compensation of fifty cents for each hour or fractional part of an hour. This fee is paid by the applicant. No charge is to be exacted for certified copies of marriage records when requested or required to substantiate pension claims of widows or soldiers of the Civil and Spanish-American Wars, or compensation and insurance claims of widows and soldiers of the World War.(19)

In 1939 the legislature again enacted legislation affecting the issuance of marriage licenses. This legislation requires that all persons making application for a marriage license shall within twenty days prior to such application, be examined by a licensed physician as to the existence of, or freedom from syphilis. Therefore, it is unlawful for any clerk of courts to issue a marriage license to any person who fails to present a certificate signed by a physician, stating that persons to the proposed marriage are either free from disease, or that the disease is not in a communicable stage. The certificate of negative findings for each party is filed with the clerk of courts in the county wherein the marriage is to be solemnized. The marriage certificate is declared void unless the marriage is solemnized within twenty days following the issuance of the license.(20)

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18. Laws, 1920, sec. 5; Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 17; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0202.
 19. Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 20; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0220.
 20. Laws, 1939, ch. 36, sec. 1.

STATE RECORDS

- 1905---. Record of marriages. 302 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. Separate card index, 123 f. d. 1905--, by names of bride and groom. No titles shown on file drawers and 298 volumes. State Board of Health off., Pierre. (50¢ per hour or fractional part of an hour for searching records; \$1.00 for making and certification of copy of record).

COUNTY RECORDS

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

This county unorganized and attached to Stanley County. All records and files kept in Stanley County records and files. Clerk of courts, Fort Pierre.

AURORA COUNTY

- 1886---. Marriage record. 8 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Plankinton. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1883---. Marriage certificates. 2 f. d., 1 f. b. Arr. numer. by certificate number. Clerk of courts, Plankinton. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

BEADLE COUNTY

- 1883---. Marriage record. 23 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Huron. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1890-1913
Affidavit for marriage licenses. 5 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Affidavits in marriage record volumes prior to 1890 and subsequent to 1913. Clerk of courts, Huron.
- 1881---. Marriage license. 7 f. b. Arr. numer. by license number. Separate index, 1883-89, 1 vol. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Huron. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

BENNETT COUNTY

- 1913--. Marriage record. 7 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Martin. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1913--. Marriage license. 6 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Bennett County created in 1909, organized in 1912. Attached to Fall River County, 1909-12. Clerk of courts, Martin. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

BON HOMME COUNTY

- 1869--. Marriage record. 12 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Tyndall. (Certified copy, \$1.00).
- 1869--. Marriage license. 6 f. b. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Tyndall. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

BROOKINGS COUNTY

- 1871--. Marriage record. 25 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Brookings. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1884--. Marriage certificates. 17 f. b. Arr. numer. by license number. No index. Clerk of courts, Brookings. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

BROWN COUNTY

- 1884--. Marriage record. 36 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Separate index, 2 vols., 1883-- by names of contracting parties. Return certificates are also kept in these volumes. Clerk of courts, Aberdeen. (Certified copy, \$1.00; certified statement as to record, 25¢).

BRULE COUNTY

- 1881--. Marriage record. 12 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Chamberlain. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

BRULE COUNTY (continued)

1881--. Marriage certificates. 15 f. b., 1 f. d. Arr. numer. by certificate number. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Chamberlain. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

BUFFALO COUNTY

1887--. Marriage record. 7 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Gann Valley. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

BUTTE COUNTY

1887--. Marriage record. 13 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Also contains Perkins County records prior to 1909. Clerk of courts, Belle Fourche. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

CAMPBELL COUNTY

1884--. Marriage record. 13 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Mound City. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

1884--. Marriage license. 6 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Mound City. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

CHARLES MIX COUNTY

1883--. Marriage record. 14 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Lake Andes. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

1889--. Marriage returns. 28 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Lake Andes. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

CLARK COUNTY

- 1883--. Marriage record. 16 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Clark. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1887--. Marriage license. 6 f. b. Arr. numer. by license number. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Clark. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

CLAY COUNTY

- 1862--. Marriage record. 12 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Vermillion. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1891--. Marriage license. 9 f. d. Arr. numer. by license number. No index. Clerk of courts, Vermillion. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

CODINGTON COUNTY

- 1887--. Marriage record. 28 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Watertown. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1887--. Marriage license. 20 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Watertown. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

CORSON COUNTY

- 1909--. Marriage record. 6 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Corson County created and organized in 1909, by division of two unorganized counties which were attached to Campbell and Walworth Counties. Clerk of courts, McIntosh. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1910--. Marriage license. 3 f. b. Arr. numer. by license number. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, McIntosh. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

CUSTER COUNTY

1887--. Marriage record. 9 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Custer. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

1890--. Marriage license, 7 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Custer. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

DAVISON COUNTY

1887--. Marriage record. 23 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Mitchell. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

1887-1903,
1913--. Marriage license. 26 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Mitchell. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

1890-1908.
Application for license. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Application record kept separate, 1890-1908. Prior and subsequent records kept in Marriage Record volumes. Clerk of courts, Mitchell

DAY COUNTY

1887--. Marriage record. 20 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Webster. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

1887--. Marriage returns. 6 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Webster. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

DEUEL COUNTY

1879--. Marriage record. 13 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Clear Lake. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

DEWEY COUNTY

- 1910--. Marriage record. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. County organized in 1910. Attached to Walworth County prior to 1910. Clerk of courts, Timber Lake. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1911--. Marriage license. 14 f. b. Arr. numer. by certificate number. No index. Clerk of courts, Timber Lake. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

DOUGLAS COUNTY

- 1887--. Marriage record. 14 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Armour. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1887--. Marriage license. 5 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Armour. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

EDMUNDS COUNTY

- 1887--. Marriage record. 8 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Ipswich. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1890--. Marriage license. 6 f. b. Arr. numer. by certificate number. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Ipswich. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

FALL RIVER COUNTY

- 1888--. Marriage record. 12 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Hot Springs. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1885--. Marriage license. 4 f. b. Arr. numer. by license number. No index. Clerk of courts, Hot Springs. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

FAULK COUNTY

1885--. Marriage record. 9 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Faulkton. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

1900--. Marriage certificates and return. 1 f. b., 2 bundles. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. File box titled, Marriage certificates and returns; bundles titled, Marriage certificates. Clerk of courts, Faulkton. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

GRANT COUNTY

1878--. Marriage record. 27 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Milbank. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

1889--. Marriage certificates. 15 f. b. Arr. numer. by certificate number. No index. Clerk of courts, Milbank. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

GREGORY COUNTY

1898--. Marriage record. 15 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Burke. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

1898--. Marriage license. 6 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Clerk of courts, Burke. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

HAakon COUNTY

1915--. Marriage record. 3 vols. Arr. numer. by license number. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. County created in 1914, by division of Stanley County, and was organized in 1915. Clerk of courts, Philip. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

HAMLIN COUNTY

- 1879--. Marriage record. 12 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Hayti. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1879--. Marriage license. 2 f. b. Arr. numer. by certificate number. No index. Clerk of courts, Hayti. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

HAND COUNTY

- 1883--. Marriage record. 10 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Miller. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1883--. Marriage license. 2 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Miller. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

HANSON COUNTY

- 1901--. Marriage record. 8 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Alexandria. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

HARDING COUNTY

- 1909--. Marriage record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. County unorganized and attached to Butte County prior to 1909. Clerk of courts, Buffalo. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

HUGHES COUNTY

- 1882--. Marriage record. 16 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Separate index, 2 vols., 1882--., by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Pierre. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1882--. Marriage returns. 5 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Separate index, 2 vols., 1882--., by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Pierre. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

HUTCHINSON COUNTY

- 1887--. Marriage record. 14 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Olivet. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1887--. Marriage records. 25 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Clerk of courts, Olivet. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

HYDE COUNTY

- 1885--. Marriage record. 7 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Highmore. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1885--. Marriage certificates. 3 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Clerk of courts, Highmore. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

JACKSON COUNTY

- 1915--. Marriage record. 7 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Also contains Washabaugh County records 1915-July 1929. Clerk of courts, Kadoka. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1915--. Marriage return certificates. In 19 f. b. titled "Miscellaneous." Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index, 1915-24, 1937--; separate index, 1925-36, 1 vol. Jackson County created in 1914, by division of Stanley County and organized in 1915. Also contains Washabaugh County return certificates, 1915--. Clerk of courts, Kadoka. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

JERAULD COUNTY

- 1884--. Marriage record. 8 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Wessington Springs. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

JERAULD COUNTY (continued)

- 1884---. Marriage license. 3 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Wessington Springs. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

JONES COUNTY

- 1917---. Marriage record. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Murdo. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1917---. Marriage license. 2 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Jones County formerly called Pratt County, was attached to Lyman County prior to 1917. Clerk of courts, Murdo. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

KINGSBURY COUNTY

- 1887---. Marriage record. 13 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, DeSmet. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1889---. Marriage certificates and returns. 4 f. b. Arr. numer. by certificate number. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, DeSmet. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

LAKE COUNTY

- 1887---. Marriage record. 20 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Madison. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

LAWRENCE COUNTY

- 1877---. Marriages. 32 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Deadwood. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

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- 1884--. Marriage license. 3 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Wessington Springs. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

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LINCOLN COUNTY

- 1888---. Marriage record. 24 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Separate index, 2 vols., 1888---, by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Canton. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1888---. Marriage license. 56 f. b. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Canton. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

LYMAN COUNTY

- 1893---. Marriage record. 7 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Kennebec. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1906---. Marriage license. 3 f. b. Arr. numer. by license number. No index. Clerk of courts, Kennebec. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

MARSHALL COUNTY

- 1887---. Marriage record. 14 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Britton. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1888---. Marriage license. 5 f. d. Arr. numer. by license number. No index. Clerk of courts, Britton. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

McCOOK COUNTY

- 1882---. Marriage record. 15 vols. Arr. numer. by license number. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Salem. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1882---. Marriage license. 14 f. b. Arr. numer. by license number. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Salem. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

McPHERSON COUNTY

- 1887--. Marriage record. 11 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Leola. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1887--. Marriage license. 7 f. b. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Leola. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

MEADE COUNTY

- 1889--. Marriage record. 16 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Sturgis. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1889--. Marriage license. 6 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Sturgis. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

MELLETT COUNTY

- 1911--. Marriage record. 4 vols. Arr. numer. by license number. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, White River. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1916--. Marriage returns. 1 f. d. Arr. numer. by license number. No index. Clerk of courts, White River. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

MINER COUNTY

- 1882--. Marriage record. 9 vols. Arr. numer. by license number. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Howard. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1890--. Affidavits of marriage. 5 vols. Arr. numer. by license number. No index. Clerk of courts, Howard.
- 1882--. Marriage return certificates. 1 f. d. Arr. numer. by license number. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Howard. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

MINNEHAHA COUNTY

- 1873--. Marriage record. 57 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Sioux Falls. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1873--. Marriage license. 29 f. d. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Sioux Falls. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

MOODY COUNTY

- 1873--. Marriage record. 8 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Flandreau. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1873--. Marriage license. 54 f. d. Arr. numer. by certificate number. No index. Clerk of courts, Flandreau. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

PENNINGTON COUNTY

- 1887--. Marriage record. 29 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Also contains Washington County records, 1919--. Clerk of courts, Rapid City. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1924--. Marriage records. 5 f. b., 2 f. d. Arr. numer. by license number. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Rapid City. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

PERKINS COUNTY

- 1909--. Marriage record. 9 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. County unorganized and attached to Butte County prior to 1909. Clerk of courts, Bison. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1912-33. Marriage returns. 2 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Clerk of courts, Bison. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

POTTER COUNTY

1887--. Marriage record. 9 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Gettysburg. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢)

ROBERTS COUNTY

1887--. Marriage record. 20 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Sisseton. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

1887--. Marriage license. 13 f. d. Arr. numer. by license number. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Sisseton. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

SANBORN COUNTY

1887--. Marriage record. 9 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Woonsocket. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

1889--. Marriage license. 2 f. b., 7 packages. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Woonsocket. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

SHANNON COUNTY

Created in 1875. Unorganized and attached to Fall River County. All marriage records and files kept in Fall River County volumes and files. Clerk of courts, Hot Springs.

SPINK COUNTY

1887--. Marriage record. 19 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Redfield. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢)

SPINK COUNTY (continued)

- 1887--. Marriage returns. 10 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Redfield. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

STANLEY COUNTY

- 1890--. Marriage record. 8 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Fort Pierre. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1890--. Marriage license. 2 f. b. Arr. numer. by license number. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Fort Pierre. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

SULLY COUNTY

- 1888--. Marriage record. 6 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Onida. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1891--. Marriage returns. 1 f. d. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Marriage record serves as an index to this file. Clerk of courts, Onida. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

TODD COUNTY

Created in 1909. Unorganized and attached to Lyman County, 1909-28, and attached to Tripp County, 1929--. All marriage records and files, 1909-28 in Lyman County volumes and files, and 1929-- in Tripp County volumes and files.

TRIPP COUNTY

- 1909--. Marriage record. 10 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Winner. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

TRIPP COUNTY (continued)

- 1909--. Marriage license. 4 f. b. Arr. numer. by license number. Marriage record serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Winner. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

TURNER COUNTY

- 1892--. Marriage record. 20 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Parker. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).
- 1892--. Marriage license. 13 f. b. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Clerk of courts, Parker. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

UNION COUNTY

- 1883--. Marriage record. 29 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Elk Point. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

WALWORTH COUNTY

- 1890--. Marriage record. 10 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Also contains Dewey County records prior to 1910. Clerk of courts, Selby. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

WASHABAUGH COUNTY

- 1929--. Marriage record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Washabaugh County unorganized and attached to Jackson County. All records, 1915-July 1929, and marriage return certificates, 1915--, kept in Jackson County volumes and files. Clerk of courts, Kadoka. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Created in 1883. Unorganized and attached to Custer County, 1883-1918, and to Pennington County, 1919--. All records and files, 1883-1918 in Custer County volumes and files and 1919-- in Pennington County volumes and files. Clerk of courts, Rapid City.

YANKTON COUNTY

1887--. Marriage record. 16 vols. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Yankton. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

1887--. Marriage license. 31 f. d. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. Clerk of courts, Yankton. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

ZIEBACH COUNTY

1911--. Marriage record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of contracting parties. Clerk of courts, Dupree. (Certified statement as to record, 25¢).

1911--. Marriage license. 3 f. d. Arr. alph. by names of contracting parties. No index. County created and organized in 1911 from two counties which were attached to Stanley and Walworth Counties prior to 1911. Clerk of courts, Dupree. (Certified copy, \$1.00).

DIVORCES

In the State of South Dakota the district or circuit court (1) has exclusive, original jurisdiction in all divorce and annulment proceedings.(2) The circuit court possesses chancery as well as common law jurisdiction in divorce and annulment cases.(3)

The statutes provide that there shall be but one form of action for the enforcement or protection of private rights or for the redress of private wrongs. This action is designated as a civil action and the complaining party shall be styled as the plaintiff and the adverse party the defendant.(4)

From 1905 to 1920 the Secretary of the State Historical Society was designated by the legislature as the superintendent of census and vital statistics,(5) and after 1920 the State Board of Health was given general charge and supervision of the vital statistics registrations.(6)

From 1905 to 1920 the clerk of courts of each county transmitted to the superintendent of census and vital statistics a report of divorces granted in his county,(7) and after 1920 the several clerks of courts in the State, transmitted on or before the tenth of each month a report of the decrees of divorces which may have been filed in their offices during the preceding month.(8)

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1. Circuit court was called district court prior to 1889; from 1889 to date it is known as circuit court.
 2. Compiled Laws, 1887, sec. 4825; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 2114; SDC., 1939, sec. 32.0904.
 3. Compiled Laws, 1887, sec. 4824; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 2113; SDC., 1939, sec. 32.0903.
 4. Civil Procedure, 1877, sec. 33, 34; Compiled Laws, 1887, sec. 4830; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 2260; SDC., 1939, sec. 33.0101-33.0401.
 5. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 1; Laws, 1915, ch. 109, sec. 1; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9884.
 6. Laws, 1920, sec. 1; Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 1; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0201.
 7. Laws, 1905, ch. 63, sec. 21; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 9905.
 8. Laws, 1920, sec. 4; Laws, 1931, ch. 267, sec. 4; SDC., 1939, sec. 27.0206.

Divorces

Records of divorce and annulment proceedings are located in the offices of the various clerks of courts, and are maintained as any other civil proceedings in circuit court. Every clerk of courts is required to keep a register of actions, in which he enters the title of each action, and indicates where each instrument is filed. The register of actions is alphabetically arranged by names of both plaintiff and defendant.(9)

9. Laws, 1890, ch. 81, sec. 5; Rev. C., 1919, sec. 6017; SDC., 1939, sec. 12.1403.

STATE RECORDS

1905--. Divorce, record of, 36 vols. Arr. numer. by registration number. Separate card index, 6 f. d., 1905--, by name of plaintiff. 35 vols., not titled, labeled by contained registration numbers. 6 f. d., not titled, labeled by contained letters of the alphabet. State Board of Health off., Pierre. (50¢ per hour for searching records; \$1.00 for making and certification of copy of record).

COUNTY RECORDS

ARMSTRONG COUNTY

This county unorganized and attached to Stanley County. All records and files kept with Stanley County records and files. Clerk of courts, Fort Pierre.

AURORA COUNTY

1883--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 5 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Plankinton.

1883--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 20 f. b., 53 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1883-1908, alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Register of Actions also serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Plankinton. (15¢ per folio).

BEADLE COUNTY

1882--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 16 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Huron.

1881--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 101 f. d., 216 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Huron. (15¢ per folio).

BENNETT COUNTY

- 1912--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions (Civil). 3 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1912--, by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Martin.
- 1912--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files, 15 f. b., 18 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1912--, by names of plaintiff and defendant. County organized in 1912; attached to Fall River County prior to 1912. Clerk of courts, Martin. (15¢ per folio).

BON HOMME COUNTY

- 1883--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 7 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Tyndall.
- 1870--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 157 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1871--, alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Tyndall. (15¢ per folio).

BROOKINGS COUNTY

- 1881--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions (Civil). 9 vols. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Brookings.
- 1880--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 179 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Brookings. (15¢ per folio).

BROWN COUNTY

- 1888--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Civil Actions. 21 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Aberdeen.
- 1884--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Action files. 282 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Aberdeen. (15¢ per folio).

BRULE COUNTY

- 1883--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Cases. 10 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1883--., alph. by name of defendant. Clerk of courts, Chamberlain.
- 1883--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case files. 108 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1883--., alph. by name of defendant. Clerk of courts, Chamberlain. (15¢ per folio).

BUFFALO COUNTY

- 1889--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Gann Valley.
- 1890--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 2 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Gann Valley. (15¢ per folio).

BUTTE COUNTY

- 1930--. Divorce record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Belle Fourche.
- 1893--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions (Circuit Court). 6 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Also contains Harding County records prior to 1909. Clerk of courts, Belle Fourche.

CAMPBELL COUNTY

- 1890--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Civil Actions. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Mound City.
- 1884--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Case files. 120 f. b., 12 f. d., 20 bundles. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Civil Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Mound City. (15¢ per folio).

CHARLES MIX COUNTY

- 1888--. Divorce record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Lake Andes.
- 1886--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 6 vols. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Clerk of courts, Lake Andes.
- 1886--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 119 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Lake Andes. (15¢ per folio).

CLARK COUNTY

- 1882--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 7 vols. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of courts, Clark.
- 1885--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 154 f. b., 3 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Clark. (15¢ per folio).

CLAY COUNTY

- 1900-1935.
Divorce record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Vermillion.
- 1883--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 8 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Vermillion.
- 1866--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 120 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1872--., alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Vermillion. (15¢ per folio).

CODINGTON COUNTY

- 1889--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 13 vols. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Watertown.
- 1887--. Divorce case papers. 19 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Watertown. (15¢ per folio).

CORSON COUNTY

- 1909--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 5 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, McIntosh.
- 1909--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 114 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. County created and organized in 1909 by division of two unorganized counties which were attached to Campbell and Walworth Counties. Clerk of courts, McIntosh. (15¢ per folio).

CUSTER COUNTY

- 1887--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 4 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Also contains Washington County records, 1887-1918. Clerk of courts, Custer.
- 1880--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 82 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Also contains Washington County case files, 1883-1918. Clerk of courts, Custer. (15¢ per folio).

DAVISON COUNTY

- 1882--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 12 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Mitchell.

DAVISON COUNTY (continued)

- 1882--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 219 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Mitchell. (15¢ per folio).

DAY COUNTY

- 1919--. Divorce. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Webster.
- 1885--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 7 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Webster.
- 1881--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit and County Court files. 127 f. d., 2 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Webster. (15¢ per folio).

DEUEL COUNTY

- 1879--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 6 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Clear Lake.

DEWEY COUNTY

- 1910--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Civil Actions. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Timber Lake.
- 1911--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Action files. 53 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Prior to 1910 Dewey County was unorganized and attached to Walworth County. Clerk of courts, Timber Lake. (15¢ per folio).

DOUGLAS COUNTY

- 1885--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions, Circuit Court. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Armour.
- 1885--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 106 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Armour. (15¢ per folio).

EDMUNDS COUNTY

- 1884--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Civil Actions. 8 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Ipswich.
- 1884--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 135 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Ipswich. (15¢ per folio).

FALL RIVER COUNTY

- 1888--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions, Circuit Court. 11 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Also contains Shannon County divorce records. Clerk of courts, Hot Springs.
- 1882--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 184 f. d. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Also contains divorce case papers of Bennett County prior to 1912; Shannon County divorce case papers. Clerk of courts, Hot Springs. (15¢ per folio).

FAULK COUNTY

- 1886--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Civil Actions. 9 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Faulkton.

FAULK COUNTY (continued)

- 1883--. Divorce case papers. In Documents in Civil Action files. 130 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Clerk of courts, Faulkton. (15¢ per folio).

GRANT COUNTY

- 1895--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 7 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Milbank.
- 1895--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 2 f. b., 105 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Milbank. (15¢ per folio).

GREGORY COUNTY

- 1899--. Divorce record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Burke.
- 1899--. Divorce case papers. In Court Record files. 157 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 7 vols., 1905--., alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Burke. (15¢ per folio).

HAAKON COUNTY

- 1915--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Philip.
- 1915--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 19 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Haakon County was created in 1914 by division of Stanley County and was organized in 1915. Clerk of courts, Philip. (15¢ per folio).

HAMLIN COUNTY

- 1885--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 3 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1885--, alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of courts, Hayti.
- 1885--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 63 f. b., 19 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Hayti. (15¢ per folio).

HAND COUNTY

- 1883--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 5 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1883--, alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Miller.
- 1882--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Action files. 106 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1883--, alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Miller. (15¢ per folio).

HANSON COUNTY

- 1896--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 3 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 1 vol., 1896--, alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Alexandria.
- 1901--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 110 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Clerk of courts, Alexandria. (15¢ per folio).

HARDING COUNTY

- 1909--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Buffalo.
- 1909--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 23 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. County was unorganized and attached to Butte County prior to 1909. Clerk of courts, Buffalo. (15¢ per folio).

HUGHES COUNTY

- 1881--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 17 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1881--., alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Pierre.
- 1881--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 437 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1881--., alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Pierre. (15¢ per folio).

HUTCHINSON COUNTY

- 1920--. Divorce records. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of courts, Olivet.
- 1890--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of courts, Olivet.
- 1883--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 110 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Olivet. (15¢ per folio).

HYDE COUNTY

- 1884--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 5 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Clerk of courts, Highmore. (15¢ per folio).
- 1885--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 147 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Clerk of courts, Highmore. (15¢ per folio).

JACKSON COUNTY

- 1915--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 3 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of courts, Kadoka.
- 1915--. Divorce case papers. In Action files. 39 f. b., 1 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 1 vol., 1915--., alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Kadoka. (15¢ per folio).

JERAULD COUNTY

1886--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions.
7 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed
alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant.
Clerk of courts, Wessington Springs.

1885--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 105
f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of
Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk
of courts, Wessington Springs. (15¢ per folio).

JONES COUNTY

1917--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions.
2 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and
defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Murdo.

1917--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 42
f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of
Actions serves as an index to these files.
Jones County was called Pratt County and at-
tached to Lyman County prior to 1917. Clerk of
courts, Murdo. (15¢ per folio).

KINGSBURY COUNTY

1886--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Civil Register of
Actions. 5 vols. Arr. numer. by case number.
Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defend-
ant. Clerk of courts, DeSmet.

1885--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 150
f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate
index, 3 vols., 1890--., alph. by name of plain-
tiff. Clerk of courts, DeSmet. (15¢ per folio).

LAKE COUNTY

1881--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions.
11 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed
alph. by name of defendant. Clerk of courts,
Madison.

1881--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 200
f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate
index, 1 vol., 1881--., alph. by names of plain-
tiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Madison.
(15¢ per folio).

LAWRENCE COUNTY

- 1879--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions.
17 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and
defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Deadwood.

LINCOLN COUNTY

- 1871--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions.
14 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and
defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Canton.
- 1872--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 74
f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate
index, 2 vols., 1872--, alph. by names of plain-
tiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Canton.
(15¢ per folio).

LYMAN COUNTY

- 1895--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions.
5 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and
defendant. No index. Also contains Todd County
records, 1909-28, and Tripp County records, 1895-
1908. Clerk of courts, Kennebec.
- 1895--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 192
f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. No index.
Also contains Todd County files, 1909-28; Tripp
County files, 1895-1908; Jones County files prior
to 1917; Mellette County files prior to 1912.
Clerk of courts, Kennebec. (15¢ per folio).

MARSHALL COUNTY

- 1889--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions.
8 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and
defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Britton.
- 1884--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 139
f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of
Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk
of courts, Britton. (15¢ per folio).

McCOOK COUNTY

1888---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Civil Actions. 5 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of courts, Salem.

1886---. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 111 f. b., 7 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Civil Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Salem. (15¢ per folio).

McPHERSON COUNTY

1889---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 7 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 1 vol., 1889---, alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Leola.

1884---. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 56 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. No index. Clerk of courts, Leola. (15¢ per folio).

MEADE COUNTY

1889---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Civil Actions. 7 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Sturgis.

1889---. Divorce case papers. In Civil Actions files. 117 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 1 vol., 1890---, alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Sturgis. (15¢ per folio).

MELLETTTE COUNTY

1912---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Civil Actions. 2 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, White River.

MELLETTE COUNTY (continued)

- 1912---. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 91 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. This county unorganized and attached to Lyman County prior to 1912. Clerk of courts, White River. (15¢ per folio).

MINER COUNTY

- 1882---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 7 vols. Arr. alph. by name of defendant, 1882-1901 and numer. by case number, 1902---. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Clerk of courts, Howard.
- 1882---. Divorce case papers. In District and Circuit Court files. 104 f. b., 2 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 1 vol., 1882---, alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Howard. (15¢ per folio).

MINNEHAHA COUNTY

- 1872---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 21 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Sioux Falls.
- 1872---. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 734 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Sioux Falls. (15¢ per folio).

MOODY COUNTY

- 1883---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 10 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Flandreau.
- 1882-1890. Divorce. 3 f. b., 4 boxes. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Flandreau.

MOODY COUNTY (continued)

- 1891--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 200 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Flandreau. (15¢ per folio).

PENNINGTON COUNTY

- 1877--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 10 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Also contains Washington County records, 1919--. Clerk of courts, Rapid City.

1924. Divorce record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. No index. Clerk of courts, Rapid City.

- 1877--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Civil Action files. 102 f. d., 73 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 2 vols., 1889--., alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. These files also contain Washington County divorce papers, 1919--. Clerk of courts, Rapid City. (15¢ per folio).

PERKINS COUNTY

- 1909--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Civil Actions. 4 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Bison.

- 1909--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Case files. 50 f. b., 15 bundles. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Civil Actions serves as an index to these files. Prior to 1909 Perkins County was unorganized and attached to Butte County. Clerk of courts, Bison. (15¢ per folio).

POTTER COUNTY

- 1924--. Record of divorce. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of courts, Gettysburg.

POTTER COUNTY (continued)

- 1884--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions.
4 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed
alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk
of courts, Gettysburg.
- 1884--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 109
f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate
index, 2 vols., 1886--., alph. by names of plain-
tiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Gettysburg.
(15¢ per folio).

ROBERTS COUNTY

- 1884--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions.
13 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed
alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk
of courts, Sisseton.
- 1884--. Divorce case papers. In Civil Case files. 187 f. b.
Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 1
vol., 1884--., alph. by names of plaintiff and
defendant. Clerk of courts, Sisseton. (15¢ per
folio).

SANBORN COUNTY

- 1884--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions.
9 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and
defendant. Clerk of courts, Woonsocket.
- 1886--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 160
f. b., 108 packages. Arr. numer. by case number.
Register of Actions serves as an index to these
files. Clerk of courts, Woonsocket. (15¢ per
folio).

SHANNON COUNTY

- Shannon County unorganized and attached to Fall
River County. All divorce papers and records
kept in Fall River Circuit Court files and vol-
umes. Clerk of courts, Hot Springs.

SPINK COUNTY

- 1882---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 15 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Redfield.
- 1882---. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 81 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Redfield. (15¢ per folio).

STANLEY COUNTY

- 1890---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 3 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Also contains Armstrong County records. Clerk of courts, Fort Pierre.
- 1890---. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 114 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Also contains Armstrong County files. Clerk of courts, Fort Pierre. (15¢ per folio).

SULLY COUNTY

- 1885---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 5 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Onida.
- 1885---. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Civil files. 3 f. b. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Onida. (15¢ per folio).

TODD COUNTY

- 1928---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Cases. 1 vol. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Winner

TODD COUNTY (continued)

- 1928---. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Cases. 3 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Todd County is unorganized. Was created in 1909, attached to Lyman County, 1909-28, and attached to Tripp County, 1929---. 1909-28, clerk of courts, Kennebec; 1929---, clerk of courts, Winner.

TRIPP COUNTY

- 1909---. Divorce record. 1 vol. Arr. chron. by date of recording. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of courts, Winner.
- 1909---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Cases. 7 vols. Arr. chron. by date of recording. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of courts, Winner.
- 1909---. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 69 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Cases serves as an index to these files. Tripp County was unorganized and attached to Lyman County, 1895-1908. Clerk of courts, Winner. (15¢ per folio).

TURNER COUNTY

- 1909---. Divorce record. 1 vol. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Clerk of courts, Parker.
- 1880---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 13 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Parker.
- 1883---. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 169 f. b., 2 boxes. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 1 vol., 1883---, alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Parker. (15¢ per folio).

UNION COUNTY

- 1880---. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 4 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 1 vol., 1875---, alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Clerk of courts, Elk Point.

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- 1899--. Divorce record. 3 vols. Arr. chron. by date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of courts, Elk Point.
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WALWORTH COUNTY

- 1889--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 4 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Also contains Dewey County records prior to 1910. Clerk of courts, Selby.
- 1889--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court files. 74 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Selby. (15¢ per folio).

WASHA BAUGH COUNTY

- 1929--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 1 vol. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Clerk of courts, Kadoka.
- 1929--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court Action files. 3 f. d. Arr. numer. by case number. Separate index, 1 vol., 1929--, alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. 1915-29, all circuit court case files of Washabaugh County were kept in Jackson County circuit court files. Clerk of courts, Kadoka. (15¢ per folio).

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Created in 1883. Unorganized and attached to Custer County, 1883-1918, and to Pennington County, 1919--. All records and case files kept by counties to which Washington County attached. 1883-1918, clerk of courts, Custer; 1919--, clerk of courts, Rapid City.

YANKTON COUNTY

1874--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Register of Actions. 10 vols. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. No index. Clerk of courts, Yankton.

1882--. Divorce case papers. In Circuit Court. 173 f. b. Arr. numer. by case number. Register of Actions serves as an index to these files. Clerk of courts, Yankton. (15¢ per folio).

ZIEBACH COUNTY

1911--. Divorce actions. Recorded in Civil Actions Register. 2 vols. Arr. numer. by case number. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. County created from two counties which were attached to Stanley and Walworth Counties prior to 1911. Clerk of courts, Dupree.

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Armstrong (Unorganized)	Jackson (Kadoka) 1915
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Bon Homme (Tyndall) 1862	Lake (Madison) 1873
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Clark (Clark) 1881	Mellette (White River) 1911
Clay (Vermillion) 1862	Miner (Howard) 1880
Codington (Watertown) 1878	Minnehaha (Sioux Falls) 1868
Corson (McIntosh) 1909	Moody (Flandreau) 1873
Custer (Custer) 1877	Pennington (Rapid City) 1877
Davison (Mitchell) 1874	Perkins (Bison) 1909
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Record of Divorce

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

County

Registered No.

Record of Divorce

Date of Entry

Name of Plaintiff

Date of Decree

Month..... Day..... Year.....

Plaintiff's Postoffice Address

Decree granted to

Plaintiff

Name of Defendant

Defendant

Defendant's Postoffice Address

Cause of Action

Date of Marriage

Month..... Day..... Year.....

Where married

Number of Children

Name of Judge

Clerk of Courts to fill this blank

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

County.....

Registered No.....

Record of Marriage

[Where
Solemnized]

Postoffice

County

Date of Marriage....., 19-----
(Month) (Day)

HUSBAND		WIFE	
Name		Name	
Residence Postoffice	County	Residence Postoffice	County
Age		Age	
Nationality		Nationality	
Bachelor Widower Divorced		Maiden Widow Divorced	
Name of Clergyman or Officer Officiating		Official Character	

PLACE OF DEATH:

STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File No.

County.....

SOUTH DAKOTA
State Board of Health

Registered No.

Township.....

City..... No.....St.,Ward
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred.....years.....months.....days.

Citizen of foreign country?.....(Yes or No) If Yes, name of country.....

1. PLACE OF RESIDENCE: State.....County.....
(If not same as place of death)

City or Town.....Street No.....2b. Social Security No.....

2. FULL NAME.....2c. If veteran, War.....

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

1. SEX.....4. COLOR OR RACE.....5. Single, Married, Widowed,
or Divorced (write the word)6. If married, widowed or divorced | 5b. Age of husband
HUSBAND of | or wife if
(or) WIFE of | alive

7. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year)

8. AGE.....Years.....Months.....Days.....If LESS than
1 day,.....hrs.
or.....min.9. Trade, profession, or particular
kind of work done, as **planer,**
sawyer, bookkeeper, etc......10. Industry or business in which
work was done, as **silk mill,**
saw mill, bank, etc......11. Date deceased last worked at
this occupation (month and
year).....11. Total time (years)
spent in this
occupation.....12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town).....
(State or Country)

13. NAME.....

14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town).....
(State or Country)

15. MAIDEN NAME.....

16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town).....
(State or Country)17. INFORMANT.....
(Address)18. Burial place.....Date.....Mo. Day Year
Lot.....Block.....Grave No.....19. UNDERTAKER.....
(Address)20. FILED....., 19.....
Registrar.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year)....., 19.....

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from
....., 19....., to....., 19.....I last saw h.....alive on....., 19....., death
is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at.....m.
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance
were as follows:.....Date of Onset

Other contributory causes of importance:.....

Name of operation.....Date of.....

What test confirmed diagnosis?.....Was there an autopsy?.....

23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also
the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide?.....Date of injury....., 19.....Where did injury occur?.....
(Specify city or town, county, and State)Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in
public place.

Manner of injury.....

Nature of injury.....

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation (if
deceased)?.....

If so, specify.....

(Signed)....., M. D.

(Address).....

All Facts Must Be Entered As They Were On Date Of Birth Of This Child

1. PLACE OF BIRTH

SOUTH DAKOTA

County.....

Division of Vital Statistics

State File No.....

Township.....

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

County Reg. No.....

City or Town..... (No..... St.)
(If birth occurred in a hospital or institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

FULL NAME
OF CHILD

(Please PRINT name in capitals)

Sex	If Plural Births	4. Twin, triplet, or other.....	6. Premature.....	7. Legiti- mate?	8. Date of birth.....
		5. Number in order of birth.....	Full term.....		(Month, day, year)
FATHER			MOTHER		
13. Full name			16. Full maiden name		
14. Residence At time of this birth			17. Residence At time of this birth		
11. Color or race		12. Age when this child was born (years)	18. Color or race		19. Age when this child was born (years)
13. Birthplace (city or place) (State or country)			20. Birthplace (city or place) (State or country)		
14. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as farmer bookkeeper, etc.			21. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as housekeeper, typist, nurse, clerk, etc.		
15. Industry or business in which work was done, as factory, office, bank, etc.			22. Industry or business in which work was done, as own home, lawyer's office, factory, etc.		
23. Number of children of this mother (At time of this birth and including this child)			(a) Born alive and now living (b) Born alive but now dead (c) Stillborn		

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

I hereby certify that the birth of this child occurred on the date above stated, and that the facts as given are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

If not available, then either par-
ent or older member of family or
household may sign certificate.

Signature of Attending Physician or Midwife, if Available*

Date..... Address.....

Date Received....., 19... Address.....

REGISTRAR

(OVER)

