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# Randolph Quasquicentennial History

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# Introduction

“True appreciation of the present occurs only when one acquires knowledge of the past”

This Randolph Nebraska History Book is presented here to the Randolph Community and its friends with the hope that it will, to some extent, faithfully record the past events of the area and reveal the spirit of those items

In attempting to do this in so few pages, not every incident, not every worthy accomplishment, and not every notable person has been recorded here.

There were, undoubtedly, events which should have been included in this publication but were not, due to the unavailability of facts or sources.

We regret any omissions which may have occurred.

You can be assured that every person who spent even an hour on this project did so out of love for this community.

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We hope this publication offers hours of reading enjoyment that aid in a deep appreciation and affection for this community.

## MAYORS OF THE CITY OF RANDOLPH

The first organization meeting for the city of Randolph was on May 13, 1889. D. F. Curtis was appointed Chairman of the Board. From then on, elections were held in April with reorganization and offices filled in May.

Chairman of the Board for 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893 was T. F. Ziegler

For 1894 and 1895, S. O. Reese

For 1896, M. C. Livingston

For 1897 unknown

For 1898, James Thorndike

Chairman of the Board for 1899 was Simon Fritzsan, resigned December, 1899. Position was filled by James Thorndike for the remainder of term.

Chairman of the Board for 1900 and 1901 was N. Welch.

*(The above information found in minutes of board meetings.)*

The following information was found per ordinances:

Chairman of the Board for 1902, J. A. Benedict,

M.N.Winebrener completed year.

For 1903, M.N.Winebrener, John Lorge fulfilled year.

For 1904, A. J. Abts.

Position changed from Chairman of the Board to Mayor.

1905 – G. E. Hartman

1906 – Benjamin F. Smith, Jr.

1907 – O. O. Reed

1908 – C. H. Randall

1909 & 1910 – O. O. Reed

1911 & 12 – L. F. Holtz

1913, 14, 15 & 16 – O. O. Reed

1917 – F. E. Ballard, resigned, replaced by W. P. Hill

1918, 19, 20 – W. P. Hill

1921 – B. F. Gleason

1922 through 1930 – O. O. Reed

1931 through 1935 – J. L. Dennis

1935 – L. Schomberg

1937 through 1940 – B. F. Gleason

1941 – Dan Johnson (?)

1942 through 1945 – G. E. Peters

1946 through April, 1952, -- H. H. Sherwood

1952 & 1953 – Edward Nissen

1954 to June, 1955 – H. H. Sherwood

1955 through 1959 – G. E. Peters

1960 through 1963 – Ed Nissen

1964 & 1965 – Gordon J. Dennis

1966 through 1973 – Norbert B. Olberding

1974 through 1978 – Walter N. Andersen

1979 through 1985 – Roger E. Johnson

1986 through 1990 – Wendell Eddie

1990 to 1991 – Gordon Boatman

1991 to 1994 – Roger E. Johnson

1995 to 2005 – Gordon Boatman

2005 to 2010- Neil Kluver

2010 to present- Dwayne Schutt

