



**Jefferson County (Colorado). County Court
Miscellaneous Correspondence and Subject Files,
1864-1924**

Series #114

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Overview of Records

Creator:	Jefferson County Court
Title:	Miscellaneous Correspondence and Subject Files
Dates:	1864-1924
Series Number:	114
Quantity:	2 boxes (1 doc, 1 slim doc), .7 cubic ft.
Arrangement:	Arranged by Subject
Abstract:	Miscellaneous court documents of the Jefferson County Court

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions:	None
Use Restrictions:	None
Preferred Citation:	Item Description; Box number, Folder number; Jefferson County Court, Miscellaneous Correspondence and Subject Files, 1864-1924; Series #114; Jefferson County Records Management & Archives, Golden, Colorado.
Provenance:	These records were offered to the County Archives by the Golden Landmarks Association, who had been preserving them for an unknown amount of time. The offer was made and records were delivered by Arlone Child in 1999. The records may have been salvaged from the original County Courthouse when it was demolished in 1963.

History Note

The first Jefferson County Courthouse was built in 1877 at the top of Washington Avenue in Golden. "Adorned by a handsome porch," the building was 5,000 sq. ft. and built at a cost of \$31,900. It had one courtroom and housed the jail consisting of "one windowless window" in the basement. This building was replaced by a new courthouse in 1953. The 1877 courthouse was used for a museum after 1953 then sold for \$30,000 and demolished in 1963. It needed expensive remodeling, rewiring, new plumbing,



and new heating equipment. "The old structure had outlived its usefulness as a public building."

It is well to be pointed out that, since Governor Steele appointed J.T. McWhirt as the first Jefferson County Judge late in 1859, Jefferson County has known continuous judicial order since that time, a record not even Denver can match. Cases have been tried with order and dispatch since 1859, whether under the provisional government or federally-recognized rule. (*Courtesy Rick Gardner, Jefferson County Historical Commission*)

Scope and Content Note

Collection contains a variety of court papers including: court filings in various cases; orders for and lists of jurors; subpoenas and summons; bonds; affidavits; correspondence; agreements; fee bills; financial reports of the Clerk of Court and County Judges to the Board of County Commissioners; certificates of physicians to practice medicine in Jefferson County; a homestead application and papers of one Bernard Ott; and miscellaneous documents relating to 'Rights of Way' for irrigation ditches. Also included are papers related to the appointments and reports of County Bee Inspectors, appointments to the Board of County Visitors, appointment of Dr. Edson Garvin as Examiner in Lunacy, and the appointment of E.L. Newcomb as Probation Officer.

All documents were re-folded in acid-free folders keeping the original folder titles (which sometimes included dates). Actual dates were listed by the archivist. Folders often contain more than what the label says or have different dates. Original order (M#) was changed slightly to group like folders together, however the M# is listed on each folder. It was unknown at the time of processing what the M might stand for.

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Container List	Box	Folder
“Appointments and Reports of Bee Inspectors from Year 1889 to 1904” (M 19), 1889-1905	1	1
“Recommendation for and Appointment of Board (of) County Visitors Jeff. Co., 1908 &1909” (M 21), 1909-1923		2
“Appointment of Dr. (Daniel) Edson Garvin as Examiner in Lunacy, Jul. 22, 1915” (M 27), 1895-1923		3
“Order of Appointment of E.L. Newcomb as Probation Officer for Jeff Co., Jan. 6, 1913” (M 24), January 7, 1913		4
“Certificates of Physicians to Practice Medicine in Jeff. Co., Nov. 12, 1908” (M 20), 1907-1908		5
“Description of Lands, etc., Copy of Orders & Miscellaneous” (M 35), undated		6
“Homestead Application and Papers of Bernard Ott, Nov. 22, 1893” (M 9), 1893-1894		7
“Order for and List of Jurors for Years 1870-1875, June 8, 1870” (M 1), 1867-1877		8
“Jury List and Treasurer Report of County Court for Year 1885–1900–1901” (M 18), 1885-1901		9
“List and Order for Petit Jury for Year for County Court, Dec. 5, 1894” (M 13), 1894-1895		10
“Jury Venire for March 1900” (M 17), 1897 & 1900		11
“Orders for and List and Affidavits of Petit Jurors for Year Sept. 12, 1910” (M 22), 1910		12
“Order for, List and Affidavit of Petit Jurors, Mar. 9, 1914” (M 25), 1914		13
“Order for, Lists of and Affidavit of Petit Jurors, Mar. 2, 1915” (M 26), 1915 & 1924		14
“Order for, List of and Affidavits of Petit Jurors, Mar. 6, 1916” (M 28), 1915-1916		15
“Order for, List of and Affidavits of Petit Jurors, June 6, 1917” (M 31), 1917 & 1920		16

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“Order for, List of and Affidavits of Petit Jurors, Oct. 9, 1918” (M 37), 1918	1	17
“Order for, List of and Affidavits Petit Jurors, Feb. 4, 1919” (M 39), 1919		18
“List of, Order for and Affidavits of Petit Jurors, April 15, 1920” (M 41), April 5, 1920		19
“Miscellaneous Condemnation and Other Proceedings in Respect to ‘Right of Way’ for Irrigation Ditches Prior to 1878” (M 2), 1868-1873 Ralston & Platte River Ditch Co. Ira D. Clark & Co. Last Chance Ditch Co. Reno & Juchem Ditch Co.		20
“Miscellaneous Papers of County Court Cases for Years 1862 to 1883” (M 4), 1865-1905		21
“Miscellaneous Papers of County Court Cases for Years 1864 to 1882” (M 3), 1864-1882		22
“Miscellaneous Letters Pertaining to County Court From 1885-1886” (M 5), 1885-1896		23
“Miscellaneous Letters, etc. of County Court of Jeff. Co. From Year 1885 to 1894” (M 6), 1884-1895		24
“Miscellaneous Letters, etc. Pertaining to County Court for Years 1886 to 1893” (M 7), 1886-1894		25
“Miscellaneous Papers, Letters, etc. Pertaining to County Court From 1886 to 1894” (M 10), 1886-1924		26
“Miscellaneous Letters and Papers of County Court of Jeff. Co. for Years 1891-1892-1893” (M 8), 1864-1895		27
“Miscellaneous Papers, etc. for Years of County Court, 1893-1895” (M 16), 1886-1900	2	1
“Miscellaneous Letters and Documents Pertaining to County Court Cases, 1894” (M 11), 1884-1885		2
“Miscellaneous Letters and Papers Pertaining to Various County Court Cases, 1895” (M 15), 1884-1885		3

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“Miscellaneous Letters Pertaining to County Court of Jeff. Co. for Year 1895” (M 14), 1877-1896	2	4
“Report of County Clerk (of Court) of Jeff. Co. for Years Ending Dec. 31, 1918 and Dec. 31, 1919” (M 34), 1919		5
“Annual Report of Clerk of County Court of Jeff. Co. of Receipts, Disbursement and Unearned Fees for Year 1919” (M 38), 1919-1920		6
“Report of Clerk of County Court of Jeff. County for Period Ending July 1, 1920” (M 40), 1920		7
“Annual Reports of County Judge Offices for Receipts and Disbursements for Years 1909, 1910, 1911” (M 23), 1909-1911		8
“Annual Report of County Judge’s Office of Jeff. Co. for Receipts and Disbursements for Years 1912-1916” (M 30), 1885-1917		9
“Semi-Annual Report of Jeff. Co. Judge to State Auditor for Period Ending June 30, 1916” (M 29), 1893 & 1916		10
“Report of County Judge of Jeff. Co. of Receipts and Expenditures for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1917” (M 32), 1866 & 1917		11
“Annual Report of County Judge of Jeff. Co. of Receipts and Expenditures for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1917” (M 33), 1917		12
“Report of County Judge of Jeff. County of Earnings and Expenditures for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1918” (M 36), 1918-1919		13