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RAMSEY COUNTY Court of Common Pleas

An Inventory of Its Civil Case Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota. Court of Common Pleas (Ramsey County).
Series Title: Civil case files.
Dates: 1867-1875.
Quantity: 42.01 cu. ft. (43 boxes).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The Ramsey County Court of Common Pleas was formed in 1867 because the Ramsey County District Court was overloaded with cases and the Minnesota Constitution did not allow for the appointment of a second judge. The jurisdiction of the two courts was identical.

These civil case files, Nos. 1-3275, were opened from 1867 through 1875. Some of the cases continued after the court's 1876 abolition; those documents are titled District Court. The majority involve suits for monetary judgments, although divorce cases, real property ownership contestations, appeals of rulings from the Probate Court judge, and actions to enforce payment of taxes and assessments are also present. Scattered throughout are large cases involving assessments for upgrades to or laying out of streets within St. Paul and numerous cases relating to the sale of bonds and receivership activities of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad.

OTHER FINDING AIDS

These case files are indexed in Indexes to Civil Actions (cataloged separately).

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Bonds—Minnesota—Ramsey County.
Judgments—Minnesota—Ramsey County.
Divorce suits—Minnesota—Ramsey County.
Railroads—Minnesota—Ramsey County—Finance.
Real property—Minnesota—Ramsey County.
Streets—Minnesota—Saint Paul.
Tax assessment—Minnesota—Saint Paul.

Organizations:

Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad Company.
St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below.

Location

106.K.18.7B	Nos. 1-77. Missing Nos. 8, 11, 70.
106.K.18.8F	Nos. 78-152. Missing No. 115.
106.K.19.1B	Nos. 153-214. Missing Nos. 167, 169, 184. No. 180 includes a map of the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad.

Location

106.K.19.2F Nos. 215-300.
Missing Nos. 220, 250, 258, 264, 270, 274.

106.K.19.3B Nos. 301-379.
Missing Nos. 311, 333, 348.

106.K.19.4F Nos. 380-470.
Missing Nos. 406, 442.

106.K.19.5B Nos. 471-585.
Missing Nos. 473, 479-500, 518, 546, 581.

106.K.19.6F Nos. 586-682.
Missing Nos. 643, 677.

106.K.19.7B Nos. 683-761.

106.K.19.8F Nos. 762-861.

106.K.20.1B Nos. 862-940.

106.K.20.2F Nos. 941-1035.
Missing No. 961.

106.K.20.3B Nos. 1036-1129.
Missing No. 1090.

106.K.20.4F Nos. 1130-1182.

106.K.20.5B Nos. 1183-1260.

106.K.20.6F Nos. 1261-1323.

106.K.20.7B Nos. 1324-1400.
Missing Nos. 1343, 1345, 1357.

106.K.20.8F Nos. 1401-1495.
Missing Nos. 1431, 1461.

101.D.5.1B Nos. 1496-1561.
Missing Nos. 1518, 1519, 1547.

101.D.5.2F Nos. 1562-1622.
Missing No. 1616.

101.D.5.3B Nos. 1623-1700.
Missing Nos. 1640, 1656, 1690.

101.D.5.4F Nos. 1701-1777.

101.D.5.5B Nos. 1778-1854.
Missing Nos. 1782, 1809.

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101.D.5.6F	Nos. 1855-1940. Missing Nos. 1909-1915.
101.D.5.7B	Nos. 1941-2001. Missing Nos. 2002-2004.
101.D.5.8F	Nos. 2005-2058. Missing Nos. 2032, 2045.
101.D.5.9B	Nos. 2059-2097. Missing No. 2066.
101.D.5.10F	Nos. 2098-2164. Missing No. 2143.
101.D.6.1B	Nos. 2165-2232.
101.D.6.2F	Nos. 2233-2284. Missing Nos. 2253, 2272.
101.D.6.3B	Nos. 2285-2372. Missing Nos. 2295, 2311, 2320, 2324, 2334, 2356. No. 2340, see Ramsey County District Court Civil Case File No. 8412 (cataloged separately).
106.H.9.9B	Nos. 2373-2477. Missing No. 2404. No. 2444; see No. 2389.
106.H.9.10F	Nos. 2478-2573. Missing Nos. 2555, 2558. No. 2372: see Ramsey County District Court Civil Case File No. 8866 (cataloged separately).
106.H.10.1B	Nos. 2574-2667. Missing Nos. 2597, 2637. No. 2660; see No. 2617.
106.H.10.2F	Nos. 2668-2725.
106.H.10.3B	Nos. 2726-2808. Missing No. 2759.
106.H.10.4F	Nos. 2809-2904.
106.H.10.5B	Nos. 2905-3008. Missing Nos. 2925, 2957, 2963, 2973.
106.H.10.6F	Nos. 3009-3088.

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106.H.10.7B	Nos. 3089-3147. Missing Nos. 3097, 3114.
106.H.10.8F	Nos. 3148-3223. Missing No. 3206.
106.H.10.9B	Nos. 3224-3275. Unnumbered civil files: Case involving Robert F. Slaughter; receipt dated 1856. 1 folder. Shay v St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, 1874. 1 folder. Fragment, page 4 [possibly Jacob Stewart v John B. Murray]. 1 folder. Assessment for grading 7 th Street, 1873. 2 folders.
112.J.19.7B-2	Assessment for grading 7 th Street, 1873. 1 oversize folder.