

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid 102.1

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ANIMAL HEALTH

COUNTY BRAND BOOKS, 1836-1971

Abstract: Photocopies of county brand books (1836-1971) filed with the Animal Health Division within the Department of Agriculture.

Extent: 2.4 cubic ft. (6 Hollinger boxes)

Physical Description: Paper

Location: MSA Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Access Restrictions: No special restrictions.

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ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Material

The Archives also holds four flat boxes of cards, arranged by county, that give brief information and drawings of expired brands.

HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Branding has helped to establish ownership of livestock for thousands of years. Images of oxen being branded are depicted on the walls of Egyptian tombs. Ancient Romans and Greeks practiced branding of livestock as well. Brands consisted of an image or symbol that was seared into the hide of the animal using a brand heated over an open flame. This symbol established ownership.

Branding also provides name recognition to farmers and ranchers for livestock that they own. Although the methods have changed, branding is still practiced today. Brands are now applied using electric irons or through the use of a steel die cooled with dry ice.

According to the laws of Missouri, “Any person having cattle, sheep, horses, mules, or asses shall have the right to adopt a brand for the use of which he shall have the exclusive right in this state, after recording the brand” with the Department of Agriculture, which “shall secure the brand to the person and shall be considered personal property of the owner.” (Missouri Revised Statutes 268.021 and 268.051)

It is difficult to track how long some brands have existed in Missouri. Prior to 1971, brands were registered by counties. The Department of Agriculture post-1971 has assumed responsibility for registering brands and preparing a directory of the symbols along with the names and addresses of the producers who own them.

COUNTY BRAND BOOKS, 1836-1971

Arrangement: Alphabetical by county.

Scope and Content

This series consists of photocopies of original brand books (bulk 20th century) held at the county level. Folders contain records of marks and brands and a small amount of correspondence. Some of these records are faint and missing some information that may have been cut off in the process of copying.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents
19B/2/2	1	1	Adair County, 1957-1971
19B/2/2	1	2	Andrew County, 1944-1971
19B/2/2	1	3	Atchison County, 1957-1971
19B/2/2	1	4	Audrain County, 1876-1971
19B/2/2	1	5	Barry County, 1891-1971
19B/2/2	1	6	Barton County, 1886-1971
19B/2/2	1	7	Bates County, 1934-1971
19B/2/2	1	8	Benton County, 1904-1971
19B/2/2	1	9	Bollinger County, 1895-1971
19B/2/2	1	10	Boone County, 1907-1969
19B/2/2	1	11	Buchanan County, 1967-1971
19B/2/2	1	12	Butler County, 1905-1971
19B/2/2	1	13	Caldwell County, 1941-1971
19B/2/2	1	14	Callaway County, 1928-1971
19B/2/2	1	15	Camden County, 1902-1971
19B/2/2	1	16	Cape Girardeau County, 1898-1971
19B/2/2	1	17	Carroll County, 1954-1971
19B/2/2	1	18	Carter County, 1926-1971
19B/2/2	1	19	Cass County, 1945-1971
19B/2/2	1	20	Cedar County, 1949-1971
19B/2/2	1	21	Chariton County, 1951-1971
19B/2/2	1	22	Christian County, 1900-1971
19B/2/2	2	1	Clark County, 1957-1971
19B/2/2	2	2	Clay County, 1940-1971
19B/2/2	2	3	Clinton County, 1957-1971

19B/2/2	2	4	Cole County, 1966-1971
19B/2/2	2	5	Cooper County, 1883-1971
19B/2/2	2	6	Crawford County, 1890-1971
19B/2/2	2	7	Dade County, 1952-1971
19B/2/2	2	8	Dallas County, 1883-1971
19B/2/2	2	9	Daviess County, 1963-1971
19B/2/2	2	10	DeKalb County, 1966-1971
19B/2/2	2	11	Dent County, 1936-1971
19B/2/2	2	12	Douglas County, 1890-1971
19B/2/2	2	13	Dunklin County, 1891-1970
19B/2/2	2	14	Franklin County, 1940-1971
19B/2/2	2	15	Gasconade County
19B/2/2	2	16	Gentry County, 1963-1971
19B/2/2	2	17	Greene County, 1942-1971
19B/2/2	2	18	Grundy County, 1894-1971
19B/2/2	2	19	Harrison County, 1938-1971
19B/2/2	2	20	Henry County, 1949-1971
19B/2/2	3	1	Hickory County, 1949-1971
19B/2/2	3	2	Holt County, 1879-1971
19B/2/2	3	3	Howard County, 1946-1971
19B/2/2	3	4	Howell County, 1890-1971
19B/2/2	3	5	Iron County, 1956-1971
19B/2/2	3	6	Jackson County, 1956-1971
19B/2/2	3	7	Jasper County, 1883-1971
19B/2/2	3	8	Jefferson County, 1951-1971
19B/2/2	3	9	Johnson County, 1884-1971
19B/2/2	3	10	Knox County, 1883-1971
19B/2/2	3	11	Laclede County, 1890-1971
19B/2/2	3	12	Lafayette County, 1971
19B/2/2	3	13	Lawrence County, 1958-1971
19B/2/2	3	14	Lewis County, 1959-1971
19B/2/2	3	15	Lincoln County, 1971
19B/2/2	3	16	Linn County, 1967-1971
19B/2/2	3	17	Livingston County, 1970-1971
19B/2/2	3	18	McDonald County, 1892-1954
19B/2/2	3	19	McDonald County, 1966-1971

19B/2/2	3	20	Macon County, 1962-1971
19B/2/2	3	21	Madison County, 1907-1971
19B/2/2	3	22	Maries County, 1967-1971
19B/2/2	3	23	Marion County, 1941-1971
19B/2/2	3	24	Mercer County, 1954-1971
19B/2/2	4	1	Miller County, 1890-1971
19B/2/2	4	2	Mississippi County, 1917-1971
19B/2/2	4	3	Moniteau County, 1963-1971
19B/2/2	4	4	Monroe County, 1952-1971
19B/2/2	4	5	Montgomery County, 1924-1971
19B/2/2	4	6	Morgan County, 1891-1971
19B/2/2	4	7	New Madrid County, 1889-1902
19B/2/2	4	8	New Madrid County, 1903-1971
19B/2/2	4	9	Newton County, 1896-1971
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19B/2/2	4	11	Oregon County, 1890-1971
19B/2/2	4	12	Osage County, 1969-1971
19B/2/2	4	13	Ozark County, 1952-1967
19B/2/2	4	14	Ozark County, 1968-1971
19B/2/2	4	15	Pemiscot County, 1971
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19B/2/2	4	18	Phelps County, 1881-1971
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19B/2/2	4	20	Platte County, 1969-1971
19B/2/2	4	21	Polk County, 1966-1971
19B/2/2	4	22	Pulaski County, 1911-1971
19B/2/2	5	1	Putnam County, 1943-1971
19B/2/2	5	2	Ralls County, 1971
19B/2/2	5	3	Randolph County, 1966-1971
19B/2/2	5	4	Ray County, 1958-1971
19B/2/2	5	5	Reynolds County, 1956-1971
19B/2/2	5	6	Ripley County, 1891-1971
19B/2/2	5	7	St. Charles County
19B/2/2	5	8	St. Clair County, 1959-1971
19B/2/2	5	9	St. Clair County, 1949-1967

19B/2/2	5	10	St. Francois County, 1968-1971
19B/2/2	5	11	St. Louis County, 1971
19B/2/2	5	12	Ste. Genevieve County, 1880-1971
19B/2/2	5	13	St. Louis City County
19B/2/2	5	14	Saline County, 1880-1971
19B/2/2	5	15	Schuyler County, 1954-1971
19B/2/2	5	16	Scotland County, 1971
19B/2/2	5	17	Scott County, 1891-1971
19B/2/2	5	18	Shannon County, 1895-1971
19B/2/2	5	19	Shelby County, 1883-1971
19B/2/2	5	20	Stoddard County, 1965-1971
19B/2/2	5	21	Stone County, 1906-1971
19B/2/2	5	22	Sullivan County, 1882-1971
19B/2/2	5	23	Taney County, 1934-1971
19B/2/2	6	1	Texas County, 1930-1971
19B/2/2	6	2	Vernon County, 1943-1971
19B/2/2	6	3	Warren County, 1954-1971
19B/2/2	6	4	Washington County, 1937-1971
19B/2/2	6	5	Wayne County, 1893-1971
19B/2/2	6	6	Webster County, 1953-1971
19B/2/2	6	7	Worth County, 1960-1971
19B/2/2	6	8	Wright County, 1897-1971