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Noble Township records, 1884-1940
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History

Noble Township (Township 143, Range 49) is located in extreme northeastern Cass County, North Dakota, along the banks of the Red River of the North. The township was organized on April 15, 1884. Earlier in 1882 a rural post office had been established in Section 22 with the name Noble. The post office and township were named for H.W. Noble of Erie, Pennsylvania who owned a large farm at Erie, North Dakota as well as being an oil producer and banker at Erie, Pennsylvania. The first settler in the township was Martin Schow who came in 1870 from Norway with his family and was one of the earliest settlers in Cass County as well. Today, Noble Township is a rural, agricultural community.
**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Noble Township Records document the business of the township supervisors. They have been organized into three series: Meeting minutes/Financial Ledgers, Treasurer’s Ledgers, and Road Record Ledger.

The **Meeting Minutes Series** contains six bound volumes covering completely the years 1884 to 1940. Each volume includes the minutes of the annual meeting in March as well as of the Board of Supervisors. In addition each volume includes a financial section of "Register of Town Orders" and the reports of the Board of Auditors. Some volumes also have the "Statement of Results of Canvass" completed.

The **Treasurer's Ledgers Series** is comprised of two volumes covering the period 1885 to 1927. They are complete showing all expenses and income of the township government.

The **Road Record Ledger Series** contains a single ledger entitled "Road Record" and is very incomplete with only the Supervisor's Road Order section of 1888 being completed. It also has the minutes of a joint meeting with Kinyon Township held in May 1927.

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