



A USER'S GUIDE TO REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLLS ON MICROFILM

Real estate and personal property assessment rolls are among the oldest and most complete Sedgwick County records series, beginning just six years after the County formed in 1870. The original purpose of the 1876-98 rolls was met long ago, but now on microfilm, they can serve

the needs of genealogical and community history researchers.

Assessment rolls show who owned what real estate and personal property subject to taxation, and other information about the County's pioneers. For many years, each township journal includes a list of adult residents and their ages.

This *User's Guide* provides an overview of the 36 reels of 35mm microfilm, which contain more than 31,000 pages of journals. Full sets of microfilm and a more detailed finding aide are available at two public repositories — Wichita State University's Ablah Library and the Wichita Public

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Year	Journals	Journal Sections						Film Reel ID
		Real Estate	Personal Property	List of Residents	Deaf, dumb, blind ...	Militia Roll	Jurors	
1876	10	X	X	X				1
1877	13	X	X	X				1
1878	26	X	X	X	X			2
1879	26	X	X	X	X			3
1880	25	X	X	X	X	X		4
1881	27	X	X	X	X	X	X	4A
1882	26	X	X	X	X	X	X	4B
1883	27	X	X	X	X	X	X	5
1884	26	X	X	X	X	X	X	6, 6A
1885	19	X	X	X	X	X	X	7
1886	28	X	X	X	X	X	X	8, 9
1887	26	X	X	X	X	X	X	10, 10A
1888	34	X	X	X	X	X		11-14
1890	31	X	X	X	X			15-18
1892	27	X	X	X	X			19-21
1894	31	X	X	X				23-25
1896	31	X	X	X				26-28
1898	31	X	X	X			X	30, 31

- Beginning in 1888 journals exist only for even-numbered years; it appears property was assessed biennially.
- The "List of Residents" section lists adult residents in townships (not City of Wichita), and provides sex and age.
- The "Deaf, Dumb, Blind & Insane" section has few entries.
- "Militia Roll" and "Jurors" sections are frequently blank, or show inconsistently across townships.
- Journals are organized by geography (townships), and are *not* indexed by taxpayer names.

Library (Downtown location at 223 S. Main). The finding aide includes an 1884 County map, depicting townships, streams, railroads and settlements.

The microfilmed assessment rolls are the product of a preservation project funded by the Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) with National Historical Publications & Records Commission (NHPRC) regrant funds. The KSHS also has a set of the microfilm available at the State Archives in Topeka.

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JOURNALS FILMED BY YEAR

Township (TWP) / City	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1890	1892	1894	1896	1898
1 Afton TWP		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2 Attica TWP	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3 Delano TWP			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4 Eagle TWP		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5 Erie TWP			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
6 Garden Plain TWP		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
7 Grand River TWP		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
8 Grant TWP		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9 Greeley TWP		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10 Gypsum TWP		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
11 Illinois TWP	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12 Kechi TWP	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
13 Lincoln TWP	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
14 Minneha TWP			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
15 Morton TWP		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
16 Ninnescah TWP	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
17 Ohio TWP	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
18 Park TWP		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
19 Payne TWP		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
20 Riverside TWP																		
21 Rockford TWP	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
22 Salem TWP	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
23 Sherman TWP			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24 Union TWP		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
25 Valley Center TWP													X	X	X	X	X	X
26 Viola TWP		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
27 Waco TWP	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
28 Wichita TWP				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
29 Wichita TWP - Lots 2															X			
30 Wichita City				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
31 Wichita City - A														X	X	X	X	X
32 Wichita City - B														X	X	X	X	X
33 Wichita City - C														X	X	X	X	X
34 Wichita City - D														X	X	X	X	X
35 Wichita City - E														X	X			
36 Wichita City - Update 1														X				
37 Wichita City - Update 2														X				
Total Journals	10	13	26	26	25	27	26	27	26	19	28	26	34	31	27	31	31	31
Total Estimated Pages	235	355	706	379	709	461	948	668	1,247	771	1,622	1,366	4,169	3,780	3,466	3,488	3,473	3,421

NOTE: Missing journals were either not found or were too damaged to be legible/filmable.