

# SOUTH DAKOTA CLERKS OF COURTS

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*This compilation contains, as best we can determine, the names of all persons who have served as clerks of court since statehood. (Prior to 1975, all clerks were elected county officials. Since then, by virtue of constitutional court reorganization, they are state employees of the Unified Judicial system, appointed by the circuit’s presiding judge.) In making this compilation, we have utilized the Legislative Manual for the years 1905 to present. For prior years, we obtained the cooperation of the clerks of courts who made a review of their records. We sincerely appreciate their cooperation and assistance.*

In May 2008, Rebecca Lamprecht, a University of South Dakota criminal justice major interning with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit in Sioux Falls, updated the information with as much information as she could find at the time. Please forward any missing names or incomplete information to the Unified Judicial System I/T Helpdesk at [UJS.Helpdesk@ujs.state.sd.us](mailto:UJS.Helpdesk@ujs.state.sd.us).

**SOUTH DAKOTA CLERKS OF COURT**

*Alphabetical by County*

AURORA COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... W.D. Rowland  
1891 – 1892 ..... A.C. Lyons  
1893 – 1936 ..... J.D. Stemler  
1937 – 1960 ..... John J. Harkness  
1961 – 1962 ..... O. E. O’Brien  
1963 – 1980 ..... Hilda Jones  
1980 – 2001..... Janice Pecenka  
2001 - present .....Deborah Thiry

BEADLE COUNTY

1889 ..... George W. Woodbury  
1890 ..... Ira S. Fleck  
1891 – 1894 ..... Horace G. Wolfe  
1895 ..... Unknown  
1896 ..... Unknown  
1897 ..... Unknown  
1898 ..... Joseph Alexander  
1899 – 1912 ..... Asher F. Pay  
1913 – 1916 ..... E.M. Thomas  
1917 – 1918 ..... J.L. Sankey  
1919 – 1920 ..... R.D. Tredway  
1921 – 1922 ..... Fred W. Birks  
1923 – 1926 ..... R.D. Tredway  
1927 – 1932 ..... Anna Foley  
1933 – 1944 ..... S.P. Glanzer  
1945 – 1948 ..... Margaret Provost  
1949 – 1950 ..... Lillian Teuber  
1951 – 1954 ..... Maude York  
1955 – 1974 ..... Susie Hoyt  
1975 – 1996 ..... Adrienne Schinderling  
1997 – 2001 ..... Marilyn Packard  
2001 – present ..... Anita Hasek

BENNETT COUNTY

1889 – 1912 ..... Unknown  
1913 – 1916 ..... Clair C. Long  
1917 – 1918 ..... Henry Flood  
1919 – 1932 ..... Clair C. Long  
1933 – 1936 ..... J. Lee Troxell

1937 – 1942 ..... Ralph W. Ensor  
 1943 – 1946 ..... Mamie B. Long  
 1947 – 1948 ..... Golda Brown  
 1949 – 1952 ..... Lois B. Peterson  
 1953 – 1956 ..... Anna Mae Knuth  
 1957 – 1972 ..... Ormetta Billeter  
 1973 – 1981 ..... Aileen Petrik  
 1981 – present ..... Linda Larson

BON HOMME COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... C. Stilwell  
 1891 – 1892 ..... T.M. Hitt  
 1893 – 1902 ..... C.H. Stilwell  
 1903 – 1908 ..... Adrian L. Fish  
 1909 – 1916 ..... R.R. Robinson  
 1917 – 1950 ..... Louis A. Stekly  
 1951 – 1956 ..... Maude Slater  
 1957 – 1958 ..... Mabel Lubbers  
 1959 – 1976 ..... Eithel Giedd  
 1976 – 1990 ..... John P. Freidel  
 1990 – 2011 ..... Roger Hisek  
 2011 – present ..... Joanne Balvin

BROOKINGS COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... Louis Patnand  
 1891 – 1894 ..... John A. Hooker  
 1895 – 1898 ..... E.F. Bagley  
 1899 – 1900 ..... W.H. Murphy  
 1901 – 1908 ..... F.E. Youngberg  
 1909 – 1912 ..... Norman A. Hanson  
 1913 – 1918 ..... John A. Lunden  
 1919 – 1922 ..... H.S. Johnson  
 1923 – 1958 ..... H.W. Blakely  
 1959 – 1964 ..... Elton Shank  
 1965 – 1974 ..... Erma R. Spawn  
 1975 – 1978 ..... Robert Waltz  
 1979 – 1994..... Audrey Fraser Anderson  
 1995 - present..... Judy Kuhlman

BROWN COUNTY

1889 – 1902 ..... Unknown  
1903 – 1906 ..... P.E. Bunsness  
1907 – 1910 ..... W.J. Rawson  
1911 – 1926 ..... N.E. Nelson  
1927 – 1932 ..... C. Dean Carmine  
1933 – 1960 ..... Wm. E. Young  
1961 – 1974 ..... C. Harland Leighty  
1975 – 2004 ..... M. L. Kuhfeld  
2004 – present ..... Marla R. Zastrow

BRULE COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... D.W. Spalding  
1891 – 1896 ..... W.H. McKettrick  
1897 – 1902 ..... Ben W. Ryan  
1903 – 1904 ..... Hugh D. Craft  
1905 – 1908 ..... C.A. Novotny  
1909 – 1914 ..... J.D. Gannaway  
1915 – 1922 ..... Ernest Henegar  
1923 – 1926 ..... J.H. Bingham  
1927 – 1940 ..... F.P. Gannaway  
1941 – 1944 ..... Virgil Haley  
1945 – 1948 ..... John Brooks  
1949 – 1954 ..... John O. Olson  
1955 – 1968 ..... Lyle Steckelberg  
1969 – 1982 ..... Florence Farnsworth  
1982 – 1995 ..... Bernadine Rindels  
1995 - present ..... Doris Juhnke

BUFFALO COUNTY

1889 ..... Unknown  
1890 – 1894 ..... Arthur Hill  
1895 – 1897 ..... George H. Grace  
1898 – 1900 ..... John Stroud  
1901 – 1902 ..... J.O. McMahon  
1903 – 1906 ..... Charles Oates  
1907 – 1910 ..... M.H. Derby  
1911 – 1914 ..... C.B. Beelman  
1915 – 1918 ..... Fred H. Wilhelmy  
1919 – 1922 ..... W.W. Sedgwick  
1923 – 1928 ..... Lee Trayler  
1929 – 1930 ..... W.H. Abernathy  
1931 – 1934 ..... Anna Beelman

1935 – 1938 ..... Lee Thompson  
 1939 – 1942 ..... Ella Will  
 1943 – 1958 ..... Julia Wells  
 1959 – 1968 ..... Laura Bridge  
 1969 – 1974 ..... Hugh W. Sedgwick  
 1974 – 1999 ..... Helen Olson  
 1999 - present ..... Doris Juhnke

BUTTE COUNTY

1889 – 1891 ..... Unknown  
 1892 – 1894 ..... S.A. Wheeler  
 1895 – 1896 ..... Thomas B. Rollins  
 1897 ..... Unknown  
 1898 ..... C.E. Thompson  
 1899 – 1900 ..... J.E. Glassie  
 1901 – 1902 ..... Frank E. Bennett  
 1903 – 1906 ..... William Fried  
 1907 – 1922 ..... S.W.P. Sellers  
 1923 – 1928 ..... A.W. Burkholder  
 1929 – 1940 ..... Effie A. Ross  
 1941 – 1970 ..... Myrtle C. Arnold  
 1971 – 1974 ..... Gladys Rothermel  
 1975 – 1997 ..... Betty Didier – Beals  
 1997 – 2001 ..... Sharon Franke  
 2002 ..... Tammy Scott  
 2003 – present ..... Shawn Sorenson

CAMPBELL COUNTY

1889 ..... Unknown  
 1890 – 1892 ..... Andrew L. Arneson  
 1893 ..... Unknown  
 1894 ..... E.T. Carver  
 1895 ..... Unknown  
 1896 – 1898 ..... John Rossow  
 1899 ..... Unknown  
 1900 – 1904 ..... Gabriel G. Titland  
 1905 – 1906 ..... Theodore Wosnuk  
 1907 – 1912 ..... F.W. Schirber  
 1913 – 1914 ..... J.T. Wessel  
 1915 – 1920 ..... M.I. Larson  
 1921 – 1922 ..... John F. Webber  
 1923 – 1926 ..... G.G. Titland  
 1927 – 1928 ..... C.W. Renz  
 1929 – 1934 ..... Fred Lang

1935 – 1942 ..... Daniel Bollinger  
 1943 – 1950 ..... Edwin H. Rische  
 1951 – 1952 ..... M.E. Wittmeier  
 1953 – 1954 ..... Julius Gall  
 1955 – 1960 ..... Alice Kundert  
 1961 – 1962 ..... Julius Gall  
 1963 – 1974 ..... Hilding Johnson  
 1975 – 1982 ..... Irene Deibert  
 1983 – 2012 ..... Kathleen Fuehrer  
 2012 – present..... Ann Byre

CHARLES MIX COUNTY

1889 – 1896 ..... Unknown  
 1897 – 1898 ..... Hans K. Gjolme  
 1899 – 1902 ..... C.H. Bonnin  
 1903 – 1904 ..... F.F. Biggins  
 1905 – 1908 ..... C.P. Rouse  
 1909 – 1910 ..... Joseph F. Estes  
 1911 – 1916 ..... J.E. Craig  
 1917 – 1920 ..... Lawren S. Vandall  
 1921 – 1922 ..... Basil Taylor  
 1923 – 1926 ..... Mercy Bonnin  
 1927 – 1930 ..... Ben C. Nash  
 1931 – 1932 ..... Ed Beemer  
 1933 – 1974 ..... Joseph W. Bouza  
 1975 – 1984 ..... Leona Mead  
 1985 – present ..... Deborah S. Pfeffer

CLARK COUNTY

1889 ..... A. Fellattice  
 1890 ..... M.S. Yeamans  
 1891 – 1892 ..... Walter M. Bail  
 1893 ..... Unknown  
 1894 – 1895 ..... Logan Berry  
 1896 – 1898 ..... Alvin D. Warner  
 1899 ..... Julian Bennett  
 1900 ..... W.C. Brower  
 1901 ..... Julian Bennett  
 1902 – 1906 ..... W.C. Brower  
 1907 – 1912 ..... George A. Maltby  
 1913 – 1916 ..... Charles S. Evans  
 1917 – 1922 ..... A.J. Mcalpine  
 1923 – 1934 ..... P.O. Rasmussen  
 1935 – 1948 ..... R. M. Rasmussen  
 1949 – 1976 ..... Marvin E. Graham

1977 – 2005 ..... Roberta Heim  
2005 – present ..... Connie Hartley

CLAY COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... F. H. Ayres  
1891 – 1894 ..... J.A. Copeland  
1895 – 1896 ..... G.B. Overhulse  
1897 – 1898 ..... Oscar Simonsen  
1899 – 1900 ..... Bert Partridge  
1901 – 1904 ..... C.J. Vaughn  
1905 – 1908 ..... Nelson Weeks  
1909 – 1912 ..... C. I. Vaughn  
1913 – 1916 ..... Nelson Weeks  
1917 – 1924 ..... Charles Sundling  
1925 – 1928 ..... E.S. Danforth  
1929 – 1932 ..... J.A. Danielson  
1933 – 1934 ..... Julia Danielson  
1935 – 1942 ..... Harold Dwyer  
1943 – 1944 ..... Albert Bertrand  
1945 – 1948 ..... Marion Johnson  
1949 – 1950 ..... Marian Heimes  
1951 – 1960 ..... Elmore Johnson  
1961 – 1982 ..... Catherine Morrison  
1982 – 2000 ..... Marlene Amundson  
2000 – 2010 ..... Robin Iverson  
2010 – present ..... Jessica Bosse

CODINGTON COUNTY

1889 – 1902 ..... Unknown  
1903 – 1906 ..... Fred M. Bronson  
1907 – 1914 ..... William Gesley  
1915 – 1918 ..... Ralph H. Horswill  
1919 – 1922 ..... Harry C. Wood  
1923 – 1926 ..... Charles Erbe  
1927 – 1932 ..... Edward Skells  
1933 – 1936 ..... Ralph Seipp  
1937 – 1948 ..... Sig Overas  
1949 – 1958 ..... Walter A. Farl  
1959 – 1964 ..... Margaret Brown  
1965 – 1996 ..... Glenn Nisich  
1996 – 2001 ..... Darlene Bailey  
2002 – Present ..... Connie Hartley

CORSON COUNTY

1889 – 1910 ..... Unknown  
1911 – 1912 ..... C.S. Watson  
1913 – 1932 ..... T.A. Finnegan  
1933 – 1956 ..... Lorenzo G. Miller  
1957 – 1974 ..... Vernon D. Utter  
1975 – 1990 ..... Alice Bruce  
1990 – 1998 ..... Shirley A. Jameson  
1998 – 2006 ..... Rhonda Leins  
2006 – present ..... Jessie VanLishout

CUSTER COUNTY

1889 ..... F.J.V. Ruthkowski  
1890 – 1894 ..... John F. Smith  
1895 – 1896 ..... Alfred T. Feay  
1897 – 1902 ..... F.J.V. Ruthkowski  
1903 – 1908 ..... Wallace A. Smith  
1909 – 1914 ..... Henry E. Way  
1915 – 1918 ..... Wilber B. Todd  
1919 – 1938 ..... I.M. Donaldson  
1939 – 1940 ..... Charles H. Adair  
1941 – 1946 ..... Lylia Carroll  
1946 – 1948 ..... W.A. Nevin  
1949 – 1964 ..... Homer V. Morris  
1965 – 1976 ..... Edna M. Larson  
1977 – 1984 ..... Mary Ann Tounsley  
1985 – 1986 ..... Beth Haug  
1987 – 1996..... Mary Ann Breske  
1996 – 2006..... Denise Wilson  
2006 – 2008..... Deborah Salzsieder

DAVISON COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... John C. McBride  
1891 – 1894 ..... C.J. Johnson  
1895 – 1898 ..... Hoyt Cox  
1899 – 1902 ..... M.L. Bobb  
1903 – 1922 ..... S. Cattrell  
1923 – 1926 ..... E.M. Cochran  
1927 – 1930 ..... Harriett E. Kimble  
1931 – 1938 ..... Lucy Condran  
1939 – 1940 ..... W.L. Comstock  
1941 – 1952 ..... Alice Young  
1953 – 1960 ..... Marie J. Hirning



1961 – 1966 ..... Esther L. Gray  
1967 – 1970 ..... Ruth Underhill  
1971 – 1991 ..... Elaine S. Bock  
1991 – 2010 ..... Carol Mertens  
2010 - present ..... Barbara McKean

DAY COUNTY

1889 ..... Unknown  
1890 – 1896 ..... Wm. Alcheson  
1897 – 1900 ..... Unknown  
1901 – 1908 ..... Albert Smith  
1909 – 1918 ..... Bert E. Johnson  
1919 – 1940 ..... Steve Pearson  
1941 ..... O.O. Floren  
1942 ..... Unknown  
1943 – 1944 ..... Eugene H. Riddle  
1945 – 1972 ..... Willard R. Huwe  
1973 – 1998 ..... Roger Sannes  
1998 – 2011 ..... Susan Compaan  
2011 – 2013 ..... Carrie Hinrichs  
2013 – present ..... Claudette Opitz

DEUEL COUNTY

1889 ..... A.J. Peterson  
1890 – 1908 ..... George L. Almond  
1909 – 1916 ..... Charles Wright  
1917 – 1930 ..... George L. Almond  
1931 – 1936 ..... M.M Hunt  
1937 – 1958 ..... Winifred Naig  
1959 – 1972 ..... Mae J. Vik  
1973 – 1984 ..... Woodrow Kermit Hawley  
1985 – present ..... Karna Lindner

DEWEY COUNTY

1889 – 1910 ..... Unknown  
1911 – 1914 ..... J.J. Holley  
1915 – 1918 ..... S.M. Smith  
1919 – 1920 ..... J. Ivan Wilson  
1921 – 1924 ..... Grant F. Darling  
1925 – 1934 ..... W.W. Sparks  
1935 – 1948 ..... George S. Wright  
1949 – 1958 ..... Mildred Young  
1959 – 1972 ..... Bernard J. Kamps  
1973 – 1974 ..... Jean Goldade

1975 – 1988 ..... Beverly Schlosser  
1989 – present ..... Eileen LaCompte

DOUGLAS COUNTY

1889 ..... Unknown  
1890 – 1891 ..... Geo L. Blanchard  
1892 – 1893 ..... W.H. Wheelock  
1894 – 1918 ..... T.J. Wohlford  
1919 – 1928 ..... F.G. Morris  
1929 – 1960 ..... Janet R. Morris  
1961 – 1976 ..... Josie Bower  
1976 – 2001 ..... Eunice Vanden Berge  
2002 – present ..... Dorene Winckler

EDMUNDS COUNTY

1889 – 1892 ..... Ed F. Hewitt  
1893 – 1894 ..... R.F. Finch  
1895 ..... John H. Hughes  
1896 – 1901 ..... F.J Tracy  
1902 – 1906 ..... Albert B. Allen  
1907 – 1912 ..... Ed. J. Engler  
1913 – 1914 ..... F.J. Tracy  
1915 – 1922 ..... Walter E. Huck  
1923 – 1924 ..... W.H. Thielen  
1925 – 1934 ..... Henry W. Sattler  
1935 – 1936 ..... Albert O. Thielen  
1937 – 1956 ..... Levi J. Thomas  
1957 – 1981 ..... Joe C. Heier  
1982 – 2013 ..... Jean T. Lingor  
2013 – present.....Jean Hutson

FALL RIVER COUNTY

1889 – 1894 ..... W.L. Judkins  
1895 – 1896 ..... O.B. Chesley  
1897 ..... Thos. H. Wells  
1898 ..... O.B. Chesley  
1899 – 1902 ..... F. G. Osmotherly  
1903 – 1910 ..... Fulton J. Dudley  
1911 – 1916 ..... Geo. Hummel  
1917 – 1970 ..... William T. Richer  
1971 – ??? ..... Lorry Lou Millett  
2008 ..... Carol E. Foster

FAULK COUNTY

1889 – 1896 ..... H.W. Bailey  
1897 – 1898 ..... C.A.E. Whitton  
1899 – 1900 ..... Henry Joynt  
1901 – 1904 ..... M.S. McDearman  
1905 – 1910 ..... Chas. E. Caste  
1911 – 1914 ..... John D. Douglas  
1915 – 1916 ..... F.A. Pangborn  
1917 – 1932 ..... Elmer Irwin  
1933 – 1956 ..... Mason Chamberlain  
1957 – 1962 ..... Albert Grau  
1963 – 1982 ..... Martin K. Mowry  
1983 – 1988 ..... Norm Neimeyer  
1989 – 1995 ..... Corrine Anderson  
1995 – 1999 ..... Renee Cunnigham  
1999 – 2017 ..... Marilyn Hadrick  
2017 – present..... Stephanie Erdahl

GRANT COUNTY

1889 ..... Unknown  
1890 – 1893 ..... John L. Lockhart  
1894 ..... Unknown  
1895 – 1900 ..... G.W. Prevey  
1901 – 1904 ..... William F. Rabbitt  
1905 – 1912 ..... John W. Liggett  
1913 – 1914 ..... F.B. Purdy  
1915 – 1924 ..... Earl Liggett  
1925 – 1928 ..... Paul M. Calfee  
1929 – 1938 ..... Martin Konstant  
1939 – 1942 ..... Kenneth Holmes  
1943 – 1976 ..... Florence Lewis  
1977 – 1997 ..... LaVonna Van de Voort  
1998 – 2000 ..... Norma Leith  
2000 – present ..... Julie Anderson

GREGORY COUNTY

1889 – 1897 ..... Unknown  
1898 ..... D.T. Taylor  
1899 – 1906 ..... V.A. Towne  
1907 – 1912 ..... M.L. Parish  
1913 – 1918 ..... C.F. Auerswald  
1919 – 1926 ..... Hugh M. Vallette  
1927 – 1936 ..... Frank R. Vosacek  
1937 – 1950 ..... Chas. Auerswald

1951 – 1958 ..... Irwin W. Krambeck  
 1959 – 1974 ..... Alfred Frank  
 1975 – 1993 ..... Deborah Kaupp  
 1993 – present ..... Deborah Serr

HAAKON COUNTY

1889 – 1914 ..... Unknown  
 1915 – 1918 ..... Guy H. Waldo  
 1919 – 1924 ..... A.S. Anderson  
 1925 – 1928 ..... Ned H. Benedict  
 1929 – 1946 ..... A.S. Anderson  
 1947 – 1954 ..... Carl A. Lindgren  
 1955 – 1956 ..... Ivan B. Harry  
 1957 – 1958 ..... Thalia E. Cross  
 1959 – 1972 ..... Adelaide Keester  
 1973 – 1976 ..... Shirley Amsden  
 1977 – 1979 ..... Janie Kennedy  
 1979 – 1980 ..... Dorothy Rice  
 1980 – 1981 ..... Joel Peterson  
 1981 – 1996..... Shirley Parsons  
 1996 – 2010..... Carol Schofield  
 2010 – Present..... Janet Magelky

HAMLIN COUNTY

1889 ..... John E. Hanna  
 1890 ..... A.E. Cole  
 1891 – 1892 ..... Ezra Adams  
 1893 – 1895 ..... H.S. Dewell  
 1896 – 1898 ..... Alfred E. Kangas  
 1899 – 1904 ..... G.A.S. Arneson  
 1905 – 1910 ..... W.W. Sour  
 1911 – 1912 ..... S.B. Griffing  
 1913 – 1930 ..... Glen W. Crow  
 1931 – 1932 ..... Edith Beck  
 1933 – 1936 ..... Reginald M. Steed  
 1937 – 1948 ..... W.R. Richardson  
 1949 – 1952 ..... Donald Gullickson  
 1953 – 1974 ..... Myrtle Boswell  
 1975 – 1995..... Charles Arneson  
 1995 – 2001..... Ruth Klatt  
 2001 - present..... Amy Keimig

HAND COUNTY

1889 .....	C.W. Bowne
1890 .....	Unknown
1891 – 1897 .....	W.H. Smith
1898 .....	T.N. Wade
1899 – 1904 .....	Wm. Dowler
1905 – 1908 .....	John Costigan
1909 – 1920 .....	W.E. Morrow
1921 – 1928 .....	Emma A. Morrow
1929 – 1940 .....	W.S. Thomas
1941 – 1970 .....	Esther Bute
1971 – 1991.....	Mary Alice Vaughn
1991-1999.....	Charles M. Fechner
1999 - present.....	Marci Stevens

HANSON COUNTY

1880 – 1885 .....	E. B. Foster [Territorial]
1889 – 1896 (?) .....	Uncertain; may be J. E. Dunn
1897 – 1898 .....	J. E. Dunn <sup>1</sup>
1899 – 1902 .....	John A. Brown
1903 – 1906 .....	W.H. Reifers
1907 – 1940 .....	William Marble
1941 – 1944 .....	J.H. Weeldryer
1945 – 1948 .....	Frieda Vincent
1949 – 1950 .....	Evelyn Swyter
1951 – 1952 .....	Irene Saxton
1953 – 1954 .....	Ferne Brimmer
1955 – 1986 .....	Cecelia Bennett
1986 – 1992 .....	Mary Michels
1992 – 2001 .....	Bernadette Stemper
2001 – present .....	Ramona Schroeder

HARDING COUNTY

1889 – 1908 .....	Unknown
1909 – 1920 .....	M.A. Keene
1921 – 1946 .....	Fred W. Wilson
1947 – 1952 .....	M.E. Whitney
1953 – 1972 .....	Sylvia L. Curliss

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1973 – 1986 ..... Dorothy Schweigert  
1987 – 1989 ..... Karen Lea Teigen  
1989 – 2000 ..... Tammy Melum  
2000 – present ..... Karen Lea Teigen

HUGHES COUNTY

1889 ..... James S. Sebree  
1890 ..... Dell Coy  
1891 – 1893 ..... E.C. Patterson  
1894 – 1895 ..... Terrill Pattison  
1896 – 1904 ..... James W. Morse  
1905 – 1906 ..... C.E. Besancon  
1907 – 1910 ..... Harry R. Tarbell  
1911 – 1916 ..... Lew W. Sandys  
1917 – 1920 ..... J.E., Slindee  
1921 – 1936 ..... Geo. H. Pinckney  
1937 – 1948 ..... F.M. Pinckney  
1949 – 1956 ..... P.M. Lindbloom  
1957 – 1982 ..... Eunice Cory  
1983 – 2005 ..... Mary Erickson  
2005 – 2011 ..... Judy Feddersen  
2011 – present ..... Kelli Sitzman

HUTCHINSON COUNTY

1889 ..... Unknown  
1890 ..... F.D. Simmons  
1891 – 1902 ..... Unknown  
1903 – 1906 ..... Herman F. Harnisch  
1907 – 1916 ..... Gottlob Haar  
1917 – 1918 ..... Warren C. Grim  
1919 – 1920 ..... T.N. Dequisne  
1921 – 1924 ..... John Baltzer  
1925 – 1930 ..... Wm. J. Metzger  
1931 – 1950 ..... Theodore Mehlhaf  
1951 – 1954 ..... Chris Schmidt  
1955 – 1960 ..... Erwin E. Maag  
1961 – 1974 ..... William Hoff  
1974 – 1999 ..... Carol A. Meyer  
1999 – present ..... Linette Schnabel

HYDE COUNTY

1889 – 1890 .....	L.Q. Jeffries
1891 – 1896 .....	John C. Stoner
1897 – 1902 .....	E.R. Sheppard
1903 – 1906 .....	Oran O. Hart
1907 – 1916 .....	R.B. Rockwell
1917 – 1936 .....	James Buchan
1937 – 1948 .....	R.B. Rockwell
1949 – 1950 .....	Ella A. Holtzman
1951 – 1958 .....	Vivian Stingley
1959 – 1976 .....	Frances Fischer
1976 – 1996 .....	Alfred Jetty
1996 – 2000 .....	Tera Fawcett
2000 – present .....	Marilyn Hanson

JACKSON COUNTY

1889 – 1914 .....	Unknown
1915 – 1916 .....	J.B. Goff
1917 – 1918 .....	J.H. Hrachovec
1919 – 1920 .....	G.C. Pease
1921 – 1922 .....	J.C. Pease
1923 – 1924 .....	C. Pease
1925 – 1926 .....	John J. Kelly, Jr.
1927 – 1928 .....	Roy M. Hedeem
1929 – 1940 .....	Amy Spaur
1941 – 1946 .....	Maude Bradley
1947 – 1950 .....	Edith R. Hogan
1951 – 1954 .....	Edith Bitting
1955 – 1958 .....	Edith R. Hogan
1959 – 1968 .....	Edith Bitting
1969 – 1976 .....	Dolores M. Obr
1977 – 1984 .....	Eunice Hicks
1985 – 1986 .....	Jeanne Uhlir
1987 – 2010 .....	Nancy Peterson
2010 – present .....	Carol Schofield

JERAULD COUNTY

1889 – 1897 .....	S.S. Vrooman
1898 – 1908 .....	W.F. Taylor
1909 – 1916 .....	Jas. T. Ferguson
1917 – 1918 .....	W.F. Taylor
1919 – 1920 .....	C.H. Hyde
1921 – 1924 .....	M.B. Hyde

1925 – 1926 ..... Ray McCurdy  
1927 – 1932 ..... L.E. Johnson  
1933 – 1936 ..... T.L. White  
1937 – 1960 ..... Hazel Bidleman  
1961 – 1982 ..... Agnes Costello  
1983 – 2011 ..... Muriel Wenzel  
2011 – present ..... April Grubb

#### JONES COUNTY

1889 – 1916 ..... Unknown  
1917 – 1920 ..... N.F. Harrington  
1921 – 1928 ..... S.E. Burns  
1929 – 1934 ..... Stella M. Callen  
1935 – 1966 ..... Mae Hubbell  
1967 – 1984 ..... Marjorie Anderson  
1985 – present ..... Judy Fedderson

#### KINGSBURY COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... Philip Lawrence  
1891 ..... Unknown  
1892 ..... M.G. Carlisle  
1893 – 1897 ..... Unknown  
1898 – 1899 ..... Albert Koehne  
1900 – 1906 ..... Aldolph S. Alquist  
1907 – 1912 ..... Frank A. Carpenter  
1913 – 1918 ..... E.F. Ruskell  
1919 – 1928 ..... H.J. Hamilton  
1929 – 1954 ..... J.W. Mcadaragh  
1955 – 1974 ..... Vera Gildseth  
1975 – 1986 ..... Louis Lee  
1987 – present ..... Linda Poppen

#### LAKE COUNTY

1889 – 1902 ..... Unknown  
1903 – 1910 ..... F.R. Vanslyke  
1911 – 1926 ..... F. L. Burnett  
1927 – 1932 ..... Theo. B. Halverson  
1933 – 1944 ..... Ernest Westby  
1945 – 1964 ..... Grace L. Reiser  
1965 – 1974 ..... Royce J. Olson  
1975 – 2009 ..... Anthony Benning  
2009 – present ..... Linda Klosterman



LAWRENCE COUNTY

1889 – 1898..... R.H. Driscoll  
1899 – 1918 ..... Sol Star  
1919 – 1928 ..... L.P. Jenkins  
1929 – 1972 ..... Anne Marie Lawler  
1973 – 1984 ..... B. Constance Edstrom  
1985 – 1988 ..... Kathryn Hall  
1989 - 1990..... Eva Pauline Grove  
1990 – 2008 ..... Alice J. Bruce  
2008 – present ..... Carol Latuseck

LINCOLN COUNTY

1889 – 1891 ..... T.W. Miller  
1892 – 1902 ..... H.H. DeLong  
1903 – 1906 ..... A. Brady Beck  
1907 – 1912 ..... George Olson  
1913 – 1930 ..... Earnest Madden  
1931 – 1932 ..... Donald R. Oehmen  
1933 – 1936 ..... Glen Lorensen  
1937 – 1958 ..... Dwight H. Slade  
1959 – 1972 ..... Myrtle Graverson  
1973 – 1992 ..... Sigvor Overby  
1992 – 2000 ..... Vivian Fossum  
2000 – 2005 ..... Teresa Feucht  
2005 – 2010 ..... Charles Fechner  
2010 – present ..... Kristie Torgerson

LYMAN COUNTY

1889 ..... Unknown  
1890 – 1891..... Destroyed by Fire  
1892 ..... Unknown  
1893 ..... Olof Nelson  
1894 ..... W.G. Kemaston  
1895 – 1896 ..... M.C. Felker  
1897 – 1899 ..... Ellsworth Ralston  
1900 – 1902 ..... Alex C. Mackay  
1903 – 1904 ..... A.E. Bailey  
1905 – 1914 ..... Ronald S. Mackay  
1915 – 1920 ..... J.W. Jackson  
1921 – 1922 ..... Chester Rosencrane  
1923 – 1926 ..... Anna E. Sharp  
1927 – 1934 ..... Helen Burns  
1935 – 1948 ..... Seth Johnson

1949 – 1950 ..... M.C. Hight  
 1951 – 1952 ..... Noble O. Garnos  
 1953 – 1958 ..... Lorraine Moran  
 1959 – 1962 ..... Faye I. Miller / Mellegard  
 1963 – 1964 ..... Frances Hooker  
 1965 – 1976 ..... Faye I. Mellegard / Varilek  
 1976 – 2002 ..... Janice A. Lien  
 2003 – 2006 ..... Anna Mae Streitz  
 2006 – 2011 ..... Denise Anderson  
 2011 – present ..... Becky Altman

MARSHALL COUNTY

1889 ..... H.C. Hamilton  
 1890 – 1910 ..... W.O. Amphlett  
 1911 – 1922 ..... Edwin Heinz  
 1923 – 1934 ..... James W. Keyes  
 1935 – 1942 ..... Albert C. Hagen  
 1943 – 1950 ..... Chas. R. Knight  
 1951 – 1960 ..... Thomas H. Cusick  
 1961 – 1968 ..... Shirley Johnson  
 1969 – 1998 ..... Carol J. Benda  
 1998 – 2003 ..... Vivian C. Hove  
 2003 – present ..... Kim A. Burger

McCOOK COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... D.D. Kane  
 1891 ..... Unknown  
 1892 – 1898 ..... Eugene M. Salisbury  
 1899 – 1901 ..... Unknown  
 1902 – 1908 ..... H.W. Corl  
 1909 – 1910 ..... A.G. Buch  
 1911 – 1914 ..... Frank W. Mitchell  
 1915 – 1920 ..... Vernon R. Knox  
 1921 – 1930 ..... C.E. Gibson  
 1931 – 1940 ..... Charles McShane  
 1941 – 1944 ..... Lowell Schmidt  
 1945 – 1946 ..... M. Barnhart  
 1947 – 1948 ..... C. McShane  
 1949 – 1954 ..... Rena Dewey  
 1955 – 1958 ..... Ben Howe  
 1959 – 1978 ..... Wallace Allen  
 1979 – 1984 ..... Joseph Kerkhove  
 1984 – present ..... Cheryl Miiller

McPHERSON COUNTY

1889 – 1896 ..... Orvin J. Roe  
1897 – 1898 ..... Theo. J.P. Giedt  
1899 – 1900 ..... Fred Arndt  
1901 – 1922 ..... Ulrich Reue  
1923 – 1928 ..... Gustave Hilgemann  
1929 – 1956 ..... L.E. Balliet  
1957 – 1984 ..... Peter Schmidt  
1985 – 1988 ..... Deveen Dietz  
1989 – present ..... Ronda Geffre

MEADE COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... Max Hoehn  
1891 – 1894 ..... W.A. McMichael  
1895 – 1896 ..... F.S. Durham  
1897 – 1900 ..... Lyman Lauels  
1901 – 1902 ..... W.A. McMichael  
1903 – 1906 ..... Frank Burroughs  
1907 – 1916 ..... Matt Flavin  
1917 – 1928 ..... Edgar B. Mumford  
1929 – 1932 ..... Christine Westgate  
1933 – 1934 ..... C.E. Preston  
1935 – 1938 ..... Louis L. Kinney  
1939 – 1942 ..... Amos Bovee  
1943 – 1946 ..... Ray Gleason  
1947 – 1968 ..... Paul R. Orth  
1969 – 1984 ..... Carolina F. Brown  
1985 – 2001 ..... Pat Williams  
2001 – present ..... Lane Keil

MELLETTTE COUNTY

1889 – 1912 ..... Unknown  
1913 – 1914 ..... Chas. R. Wood  
1915 – 1916 ..... H.J. Kelch  
1917 – 1920 ..... A.C. Rowlett  
1921 – 1926 ..... M.I. Strain  
1927 – 1936 ..... J.T. Hocking  
1937 – 1948 ..... V.R. Branson  
1949 – 1950 ..... C.V. Branson  
1951 – 1954 ..... V.R. Branson  
1955 – 1976 ..... Allen Laird  
1977 – 1986 ..... Jean Iwan  
1987 – 2008 ..... Karen Ellis  
2008 – present ..... Andrea Wade

MINER COUNTY

1889 ..... C.H. Crissey  
1890 ..... J.P. Megew  
1891 – 1894 ..... Jesse Gass  
1895 – 1896 ..... M. Ackerman  
1897 – 1900 ..... J.J. Adkins  
1901 – 1902 ..... T. Cossey  
1903 – 1904 ..... H.L. Arnold  
1905 – 1908 ..... M.O. Eide  
1909 – 1916 ..... A.A. Henden  
1917 – 1924 ..... Arne S. Tystad  
1925 – 1970 ..... Malvin Jukam  
1971 – 1990 ..... Lynn Kalvig  
1990 – 2010 ..... Charlene Sundstrom  
2010 – present ..... Diane Keimig

MINNEHAHA COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... W.D. Stites  
1891 – 1894 ..... Albion Thorne  
1895 – 1896 ..... W.B. Carleton  
1897 – 1898 ..... W.J. Crisp  
1899 – 1900 ..... E. Reiley  
1901 – 1906 ..... L.A. Kelly  
1907 – 1908 ..... E.D. Aldrich  
1909 – 1914 ..... William C. McConnell  
1915 – 1918 ..... E.J. Anderson  
1919 – 1922 ..... Odean Hareid  
1923 – 1942 ..... Eugene I. Foster

1943 – 1948 ..... O.C. Watson  
 1949 – 1969 ..... M.J. Schneider  
 1969 - 1969 ..... John Loman  
 1969 – 1997..... Roger D. Moan  
 1997 – 1999 ..... Tammy Holmes  
 1999 – 2010 ..... Charles Fechner  
 2010 – present ..... Angelia M. Gries

MOODY COUNTY

1889 – 1893 ..... Alex J. George  
 1894 – 1899 ..... W.S. Metcalf  
 1900 – 1904 ..... Ira F. Blewitt  
 1905 – 1912 ..... W.H. Kellogg  
 1913 – 1934 ..... W.W. Green  
 1935 – 1940 ..... Joseph Anderson, Jr.  
 1941 – 1944 ..... Gordon D. Fish  
 1945 – 1956 ..... Emma Laird  
 1957 – 1974 ..... Opal Nass  
 1975 – 1985 ..... Lovell Jewett  
 1985 – 1989 ..... Betty Keck  
 1989 – 2005 ..... Karla Bjerke  
 2005 – 2011 ..... Lillian Relf  
 2011 – present ..... Lisa Johnson

PENNINGTON COUNTY

1889 ..... Unknown  
 1890 ..... C.E. Padgett  
 1891 – 1895 ..... Unknown  
 1896 ..... Frank P. Cory  
 1897 – 1902 ..... Unknown  
 1903 – 1920 ..... Jacob S. Gantz  
 1921 – 1930 ..... Wm. Zwicky  
 1931 – 1934 ..... Catherine McCarthy  
 1935 – 1942 ..... Stanley Beck  
 1943 – 1960 ..... W. B. Andrus  
 1961 – 1974 ..... Verda Rich  
 1974 – 1986 ..... Eileen Howe  
 1987 – 2008 ..... Frank Condon  
 2008 – present ..... Ranae Truman

PERKINS COUNTY

1889 – 1908 ..... Unknown  
1909 – 1912 ..... Archie G. Parker  
1913 – 1914 ..... H.H. Aldrich  
1915 – 1920 ..... Charley Hanson  
1921 – 1928 ..... Victor R. Watson  
1929 – 1936 ..... C.S. Penor  
1937 – 1942 ..... Ralph Stowell  
1943 – 1956 ..... Hollis W. Root  
1957 – 1972 ..... Margaret H. Root  
1973 – 1974 ..... Ada Grove  
1975 – 1984 ..... Margaret H. Root  
1984 ..... Agnes McKinstry  
1984 – 1999 ..... Cheryl Loughlin  
1999 – present ..... Trish Peck

POTTER COUNTY

1889 – 1892 ..... I.J. Eales  
1893 – 1894 ..... H.C. Bolinger  
1895 – 1896 ..... Anton Peterson  
1897 – 1898 ..... C.G. Krieg  
1899 – 1920 ..... H.C. Bollinger  
1921 – 1924 ..... Chas. M. Alexander  
1925 – 1940 ..... A.W. Barrett  
1941 – 1952 ..... Henry E. Stephens  
1953 – 1958 ..... Hetty M. Stephens  
1959 – 1968 ..... Lucille Anderson  
1969 – 1990 ..... Melva Glodt  
1990 – present ..... Kathie Westphal

ROBERTS COUNTY

1889 ..... Wm. G. Ashton  
1890 ..... D.S. Cable  
1891 – 1892 ..... C.C. Draves  
1893 – 1896 ..... Henry S. Morris  
1897 – 1902 ..... John C. Perkins  
1903 – 1908 ..... L. William Foss  
1909 – 1912 ..... Ivar Stadstad  
1913 – 1914 ..... D. Stevens  
1915 – 1918 ..... Kareluis Nelson  
1919 – 1924 ..... D.F. Stevens  
1925 – 1936 ..... Roy L. Vreim  
1937 – 1962 ..... John Koeppe

1963 – 1964 ..... Clayton Moen  
 1965 – 1966 ..... John A. Koeppe  
 1967 – 1968 ..... Paul Koulterman  
 1969 – 1972 ..... Edgar Wickander  
 1973 – 1998 ..... Vivian C. Hove  
 1998 – present ..... Cindy Marohl

SANBORN COUNTY

1889 ..... David G. Dunkel  
 1890 – 1892 ..... J.A. Ross  
 1893 – 1918 ..... A.K. Kalder  
 1919 – 1924 ..... E.W. Carr  
 1925 – 1934 ..... Joseph Christenson  
 1935 – 1958 ..... Harvey Asper  
 1959 – 1984 ..... Robert F. Mead  
 1985 – 1992 ..... Anne Druse  
 1993 – 1999 ..... Michael Huset  
 1999 – present ..... Susan Johannsen

SPINK COUNTY

1889 – 1894 ..... A.T. Labrie  
 1895 – 1900 ..... O.C. Berge  
 1901 – 1904 ..... Maurice Moriarity  
 1905 – 1906 ..... A. Kalder  
 1907 – 1908 ..... C.J. Mariner  
 1909 – 1914 ..... A.F. Senechal  
 1915 – 1916 ..... F.A. Reinecke  
 1917 – 1918 ..... F.E. Reinecke  
 1919 – 1920 ..... A.S. Gillette  
 1921 – 1926 ..... A.F. Schleher  
 1927 – 1930 ..... R.H. Schalkle  
 1931 – 1954 ..... Lewis J. Howard  
 1955 – 1956 ..... Helene Engstrom  
 1957 – 1960 ..... Kirk Hinman  
 1961 – 1962 ..... Tom L. Fitzgerald  
 1963 – 1976 ..... Curtis C. Buss  
 1977 – 1980 ..... Leo Kimlicka  
 1981 – 1984 ..... Elmer Duane Ellis  
 1985 – 1988 ..... Karla Spear  
 1988 – 2010 ..... Donna Fredrickson  
 2010 – 2011 ..... Alice Hare  
 2011 – present ..... Elisha Kuhfeld

STANLEY COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... R.C. Theilman  
1891 ..... S.F. Mathews  
1892 ..... Joseph Donahue  
1893 – 1894 ..... Johnston Jeffries  
1895 – 1898 ..... Homer S. Arnold  
1899 – 1900 ..... John G. Arnold  
1901 – 1902 ..... W.A. Wheeler  
1903 – 1906 ..... John G. Arnold  
1907 – 1908 ..... Frank H. Kinney  
1909 – 1916 ..... A.C. Ricketts  
1917 – 1920 ..... Guy H. Harvey  
1921 – 1958 ..... Howard Henriksen  
1959 – 1974 ..... Eleanora Laroche  
1975 – 1980 ..... Ruth Johnson  
1981 – 2008 ..... Darlene Harris  
2008 – 2011 ..... Judy Feddersen  
2011 – present ..... Kelli Sitzman

SULLY COUNTY

1889 – 1892 ..... J.R. Groseclose  
1893 – 1894 ..... H.D. Enoe  
1895 – 1898 ..... R.N. Porter  
1899 – 1908 ..... C.W. Holmes  
1909 – 1924 ..... J.N. Garner  
1925 – 1930 ..... R.J. Courtney  
1931 – 1932 ..... Adele M. Nelson  
1933 – 1936 ..... Novella M. Franklin  
1937 – 1942 ..... Jesse P. Williamson  
1943 – 1958 ..... Bessie B. Lumley  
1959 – 1962 ..... Eleanor Thompson  
1963 – 1968 ..... Hazel C. Buol  
1969 – 1974 ..... Mary Ahrendt  
1975 – ??? ..... Marcia Mentele  
??? – 1999 ..... Deb Olson  
1999 – present ..... Nola LaRosh

TRIPP COUNTY

1889 – 1910 ..... Unknown  
1911 – 1918 ..... Melvin Johnson  
1919 – 1932 ..... Don W. Hanlen  
1933 – 1940 ..... Herb E. Miller  
1941 – 1946 ..... Loren R. Osborn



1947 – 1948 ..... L.B. Osborn  
 1949 – 1952 ..... Ray H. Woods  
 1953 – 1954 ..... Don W. Hanlen  
 1955 – 1956 ..... Alice M. Hanlen  
 1957 – 1972 ..... Ruth D. Scheinost  
 1973 – 1974 ..... Jean Farner  
 1975 – 1993 ..... Aileen Hosek  
 1993 – present ..... Marsha Hodge

TURNER COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... Vale Thielman  
 1891 – 1892 ..... Geo. A. McCarthy  
 1893 – 1894 ..... A.A. Powers  
 1895 – 1896 ..... J.H. Halsey  
 1897 – 1898 ..... H.J. Bertelsen  
 1899 – 1900 ..... R.J. Way  
 1901 – 1904 ..... Frank B. Stevens  
 1905 – 1914 ..... Dan E. Hanson  
 1915 – 1920 ..... John J. Gering  
 1921 – 1930 ..... Helen Ricker  
 1931 – 1954 ..... Arlo Monk  
 1955 – 1966 ..... Myrtle L. Cairy  
 1967 – 1994 ..... Berdell Luke  
 1994 – present ..... Colleen Dunn

UNION COUNTY

1889 – 1892 ..... John F. Reid  
 1893 – 1897 ..... J.A. Miller  
 1898 – 1899 ..... Ole Lawrence  
 1900 – 1910 ..... George C. Kimmel  
 1911 – 1924 ..... J.W. Coverdale  
 1925 – 1958 ..... Martin Smythe  
 1959 – 1970 ..... Helen A. Johnson  
 1971 – 1997 ..... Marlene M. Johnson  
 1997 – 2001 ..... Roberta Chandler  
 2001 - present ..... Melissa Larsen

WALWORTH COUNTY

1889 – 1892 ..... Unknown  
 1893 ..... H.R. Gunderson  
 1894 ..... W.H. Brundenbach  
 1895 – 1902 ..... Unknown  
 1903 – 1918 ..... E.G. Powell

1919 – 1924 ..... Emanuel Baer  
 1925 – 1928 ..... E.G. Powell  
 1929 – 1950 ..... Geo. Wahl  
 1951 – 1964 ..... Bert Meyer  
 1965 – 1966 ..... Richard D. Meyer  
 1967 – 1974 ..... Reinhart Walth  
 1975 – 1984 ..... Larayne Schlepp  
 1985 – 2012.....Marlys Rau  
 2012 – present.....Ann Byre

YANKTON COUNTY

1889 – 1890 ..... Unknown  
 1891 – 1895 ..... J.T. Smith  
 1896 – 1904 ..... Peter Royem  
 1905 – 1908 ..... B.S. Williams  
 1909 – 1920 ..... Frank R. Wynn  
 1921 – 1932 ..... E.Y. Livingston  
 1933 – 1938 ..... Charles Steinback  
 1939 – 1956 ..... N.W. Steinbach  
 1957 – 1958 ..... Wm. Hladky  
 1959 – 1972 ..... Leo Klimisch  
 1973 – 1978 ..... Heather Kuchta  
 1978 – 1997 ..... Sandra Krisl  
 1997 – 2006 ..... Carolyn Larsen  
 2006 - present .....Jody Johnson

ZIEBACH COUNTY

1889 – 1910 ..... Unknown  
 1911 – 1912 ..... W.H. Britton  
 1913 – 1914 ..... R.S. Schmanski  
 1915 – 1922 ..... Hugh Walkup  
 1923 – 1934 ..... Edgar Olson  
 1935 – 1940 ..... Alice Vance  
 1941 – 1972 ..... Zelma Zimmerman  
 1973 – 1974 ..... Lucille Fairbanks  
 1975 – 1984 ..... Ann Coleman  
 1985 – present .....Judy Anderson