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Minnesota Counties: Rock County Officials: 1871-1940

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The following list contains names of Rock County officials from 1871 to 1940. The names are transcribed from the *Inventory of the County Archives of Minnesota No. 67 Rock County*, prepared by the Minnesota Historical Records Survey of the Work Projects Administration and published in July 1940. It includes the following officials, most of whom were elected: county commissioners (1871-1940), auditors (1871-1940), registers of deeds (1871-1940), clerks of district court (1871-1940), judges of the probate court (1871-1940), court commissioners (1871-1940), coroners (1873-1940), sheriffs (1871-1940), county attorneys (1871-1940), treasurers (1871-1940), county superintendents of schools (1871-1940), county surveyors (1871-1940), highway engineers (1916-1940), and county agricultural agents (1918-1940). No attempts have been made to verify the accuracy of this information or to confirm the spelling of the names. Incumbents in office as of 1941 show that date in parentheses; their terms probably continued thereafter. The original publication usually includes the month in which the

official's position began and ended. Copies of this publication can be found in the libraries of the Minnesota Historical Society and the Minnesota Genealogical Society.

The area that became Rock County was included in Wabasha County from 27 October 1849 to 1851. It was then, successively, part of Dakota (1851-1853), Blue Earth (1853-1855), and Brown (1855-1857) counties. On 23 May 1857 what became Rock County was created from Brown County, named Pipestone County, and was attached to Big Sioux County [ultimately Dakota Territory] for organizational purposes. On 11 May 1858, it lost territory west of the present state boundary and has retained its present boundaries since. Pipestone County was renamed Rock County on 20 February 1862. It was attached to Brown and later Martin counties for judicial purposes. Rock County was organized for county government 5 March 1870 and was attached to Jackson and later Nobles counties for judicial purposes. It was fully organized 7 February 1874 with the county seat at '

Abbott	E.	C.	Register of Deeds	1873	1874
Adams	J.	H.	Register of Deeds	1897	1917
Adams	B.	M.	Register of Deeds	1923	1938
Anderson	Goodman		Commissioner	1887	1892
Anderson	George		Treasurer	1877	1878
Anderson	Goodman		Treasurer	1879	1882
Andrews	H.	H.	Surveyor	1887	1888
Atleson	Nels		Commissioner	1878	1880
Baldwin	C.	H.	Commissioner	1909	1914
Baleson	William		Court Commissioner	1899	1902



Barck	A.		Judge of Probate	1889	1894
Barrett	V.	M.	Superintendent of Schools	1927	(1940)
Bjerk	Jas.		Commissioner	1935	1938
Black	J.	E.	Sheriff	1891	1918
Bofenkamp	F.	W.	Coroner	1927	1934
Brown	P.	E.	County Attorney	1885	1885
Brown	Julius		Highway Engineer	1922	(1940)
Bruce	C.	S.	Auditor	1891	1908
Bushnell	G.	E.	Coroner	1882	1882
Bushnell	G.	E.	Coroner	1883	1883
Canfield	E.	H.	County Attorney	1885	1886
Canfield	E.	H.	County Attorney	1889	1896
Canfield	E.	H.	County Attorney	1901	1903
Canfield	E.	H.	County Attorney	1919	1926
Carstens	Geo.	V.	Commissioner	1939	(1940)
Chatfield	M.	M.	Commissioner	1900	1900
Christopherson	C.	H.	County Attorney	1904	1918
Clemetson	C.		Commissioner	1893	1896
Click	R.	M.	Court Commissioner	1883	1886
Cobban	R.	J.	Commissioner	1887	1892
Cole	Geo.	L.	Commissioner	1881	1886
Crawford	W.	O.	Auditor	1877	1882
Crawford	R.	O.	Superintendent of Schools	1880	1881
Croft	J.	B.	Commissioner	1892	1892
Crosby	C.	F.	Judge of Probate	1873	1874
Crosby	C.	F.	County Attorney	1874	1874
Cummings	E.	F.	Surveyor	1919	1937
Daley	A.	J.	Court Commissioner	1891	1892
Daniels	L.	A.	Coroner	1873	1876
Darling	E.	N.	Commissioner	1871	1871
Davidson	W.	N.	Judge of Probate	1879	1880
Davidson	W.	N.	County Attorney	1884	1884
Davidson	W.	N.	County Attorney	1887	1888
Davidson	W.	N.	Surveyor	1882	1883
Davidson	W.	N.	Surveyor	1885	1886
Davidson	W.	N.	Surveyor	1890	1892
Davidson	W.	N.	Surveyor	1893	1902
Davidson	W.	N.	Surveyor	1904	1918
Davidson	D.	E.	Highway Engineer	1916	1919
Engan	R.	C.	County Attorney	1927	1930
Estey	Amos	E.	Court Commissioner	1871	1873
Evans	Ben		Commissioner	1883	1886
Feller	J.	W.	Highway Engineer	1921	1921
Ferguson	J.	H.	Commissioner	1874	1875
Ferguson	John	H.	Register of Deeds	1871	1872
Ferguson	O.	E.	Clerk of District Court	1895	1938
Finke	A.	C.	Commissioner	1905	1908
Froshaug	S.	J.	Coroner	1903	1907
Gaylord	C.	G.	Agricultural Agent	1924	1932
Gilbertson	J.	C.	Coroner	1896	1898
Gilham	Edwin		Sheriff	1879	1889

Godfrey	O.	I.	Commissioner	1919	1923
Gove	R.	A.	Coroner	1879	1879
Green	W.	E.E.	Surveyor	1937	(1940)
Gregory	H.	A.	Commissioner	1872	1874
Gregory	H.	A.	Clerk of District Court	1871	1874
Gregory	S.	D.	Sheriff	1871	1872
Hadley	E.	D.	Commissioner	1881	1883
Hadley	E.	D.	Judge of Probate	1875	1878
Hadley	E.	D.	Court Commissioner	1874	1879
Hadley	E.	D.	Court Commissioner	1887	1887
Hadley	E.	D.	County Attorney	1875	1876
Hagedorn	G.	A.	Commissioner	1915	1915
Halbert	W.	H.	Auditor	1883	1886
Halbert	W.	H.	Register of Deeds	1877	1882
Halls	A.	H.	Commissioner	1929	(1940)
Hansen	Henry		Commissioner	1937	(1940)
Harvey	H.	E.	Surveyor	1902	1904
Hawes	Philo		Commissioner	1871	1873
Hawkinson	J.	W.	Coroner	1919	1919
Headley	Edia	A.	Superintendent of Schools	1907	1926
Helgeson	A.	M.	Commissioner	1893	1896
Helgeson	J.	O.	Clerk of District Court	1875	1890
Helgeson	J.	O.	Court Commissioner	1887	1890
Helgeson	J.	O.	Court Commissioner	1892	1898
Helgeson	J.	O.	Court Commissioner	1903	1922
Helm	J.	L.	Coroner	1881	1881
Helm	J.	L.	Superintendent of Schools	1882	1886
Henton	C.	R.	Sheriff	1889	1890
Herreid	D.	A.	Treasurer	1931	(1940)
Herren	Robert		Register of Deeds	1875	1876
Herren	H.	E.	Surveyor	1877	1882
Hinton	G.	H.	Coroner	1884	1884
Houg	J.	P.	Commissioner	1903	1908
Houg	J.	P.	Treasurer	1909	1926
Howard	Frank		Auditor	1875	1876
Hurlbut	W.	P.	Surveyor	1884	1884
Ingelson	John	P.	Commissioner	1916	1918
Jacobson	Niels		Commissioner	1876	1876
Kelley	P.	F.	Register of Deeds	1883	1888
Kelley	John		Register of Deeds	1889	1896
Kelly	John		Auditor	1909	1916
Kennicott	J.	A.	Commissioner	1909	1913
King	J.	K.	Agricultural Agent	1935	(1940)
Kitterman	F.	F.	Sheriff	1931	1938
Kniss	P.	J.	Commissioner	1876	1878
Kniss	Mrs. L.	B.	Superintendent of Schools	1887	1888
Kniss	P.	J.	Surveyor	1871	1876
Knowlton	G.	A.	Commissioner	1917	1924
Koehn	Ray		Auditor	1927	(1940)
Koehn	H.	W.	Register of Deeds	1920	1922
Loomis	J.	H.	Superintendent of Schools	1871	1879

Lund	Ole		Coroner	1885	1890
Marshall	James		Commissioner	1879	1881
Marshall	James		Judge of Probate	1895	1902
Martin	C.	J.	Court Commissioner	1938	(1940)
Maynes	Wm.		Commissioner	1887	1892
McCollum	L.	B.	Commissioner	1871	1873
McCollum	L.	B.	County Attorney	1871	1872
McDowell	Robert		Commissioner	1895	1898
McKay	Wm.		Commissioner	1877	1883
McKenzie	Ed.		Auditor	1871	1874
McKeon	Jas.		Commissioner	1924	1938
Mead	C.	A.	Judge of Probate	1883	1888
Merkel	Jacob		Commissioner	1891	1894
Michael	F.	F.	County Attorney	1931	1938
Minder	Paul		Highway Engineer	1920	1920
Mork	B.	O.	Coroner	1907	1908
Mosher	L.	D.	Commissioner	1883	1886
Myrick	F.	B.	Commissioner	1897	1900
Nelson	C.	E.	Commissioner	1909	1916
Nelson	Gust		Clerk of District Court	1891	1894
Ohs	H.	R.	Sheriff	1927	1930
Oldre	K.	G.	Commissioner	1901	1904
Osmun	Abram		Commissioner	1882	1882
Osmun	Abram		Commissioner	1899	1902
Paulsen	J.	M.	Commissioner	1901	1904
Paulson	Otto	A.	Commissioner	1909	1912
Paulson	O.	A.	Commissioner	1921	1928
Paulson	T.	S.	Coroner	1909	1910
Pengra	B.	M.	Commissioner	1903	1908
Phinney	P.		Commissioner	1884	1886
Plummer	S.	C.	Coroner	1891	1891
Preston	James		Commissioner	1893	1896
Preston	W.	E.	Commissioner	1925	1928
Qualley	O.	G.	Commissioner	1913	1920
Rae	S.	C.	Register of Deeds	1917	1919
Rae	S.	C.	County Attorney	1897	1900
Reynolds	C.	A.	Commissioner	1875	1877
Reynolds	C.	A.	Commissioner	1887	1890
Reynolds	C.	A.	Commissioner	1908	1908
Reynolds	N.	R.	Judge of Probate	1881	1882
Reynolds	N.	R.	Court Commissioner	1880	1882
Reynolds	N.	R.	County Attorney	1883	1883
Rice	James	A.	Sheriff	1873	1873
Rice	Ezra		Sheriff	1874	1878
Roberts	Niel		Sheriff	1939	(1940)
Rodman	H.	S.	Coroner	1920	1922
Rohek	Henry		Commissioner	1897	1900
Rolfs	Henry		Commissioner	1917	1936
Roske	M.	P.	Agricultural Agent	1922	1925
Rowe	W.	A.	Commissioner	1913	1923
Rustad	J.	M.	Coroner	1919	1919

Sanstede	H.	A.	Commissioner	1932	1934
Schaefer	A.	W.	Commissioner	1937	(1940)
Schmuck	Carl		Treasurer	1927	1930
Searles	J.	F.	Commissioner	1939	(1940)
Sheldon	E.	T.	Commissioner	1875	1875
Sheridan	E.	J.	Coroner	1891	1896
Shoemaker	J.	F.	Treasurer	1871	1876
Sisson	E.	N.	Coroner	1899	1902
Skewes	Mort		County Attorney	1939	(1940)
Skyberg	P.	O.	Commissioner	1882	1882
Skyberg	Olaf		Auditor	1916	1926
Skyberg	Olaf		Judge of Probate	1929	1937
Skyberg	Helga		Judge of Probate	1937	(1940)
Skyberg	P.	O.	Treasurer	1883	1908
Snook	W.	W.	Surveyor	1889	1890
Soutar	Chas.	W.	Clerk of District Court	1939	(1940)
Spaulding	A.	E.	Coroner	1880	1880
Spaulding	A.	E.	Coroner	1882	1882
Start	S.	S.	Superintendent of Schools	1891	1894
Steen	Otto	K.	Commissioner	1913	1916
Stoeh	Carl		Commissioner	1928	1932
Stoterau	Julius		Commissioner	1924	1927
Sullivan	M.		Coroner	1879	1880
Teeter	M.	E.	Agricultural Agent	1918	1922
Thorson	E.	T.	Commissioner	1905	1912
Thorson	E.	O.	Coroner	1923	1926
Treat	J.	E.	Coroner	1911	1918
Untiedt	Paul		Commissioner	1929	1936
Walker	Alex		Commissioner	1901	1908
Webber	M.		Commissioner	1884	1902
Webber	M.		Judge of Probate	1903	1928
Webber	M.		Court Commissioner	1923	1938
Webber	M.		Coroner	1883	1883
Webber	M.		County Attorney	1877	1882
Weise	Agnes		Register of Deeds	1939	(1940)
Welch	H.	H.	Superintendent of Schools	1889	1890
Whyte	P.	D.	Coroner	1908	1908
Wiggins	Frank	H.	Sheriff	1918	1926
Williams	Charles		Coroner	1877	1878
Willyard	W.	J.	Commissioner	1897	1900
Wilrath	F.	B.	Agricultural Agent	1932	1935
Wold	B.	S.	Commissioner	1874	1874
Wright	C.	O.	Coroner	1935	(1940)
Wright	Ellen	M.	Superintendent of Schools	1895	1906
Young	Stewart		Auditor	1887	1890

