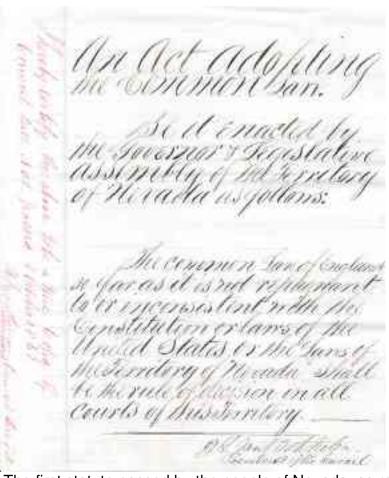
Administrative History

After the Territory of Nevada was established, Governor Nye ordered that an election be held by districts

In the election held in August 1861, John Cradlebaugh, the former federal judge, was elected as the first



The first statute passed by the people of Nevada, as represented in the first session of the Nevada Terri

Among other actions taken at this first session of Nevada's Territorial Legislature was "An Act to Prohibi

Early action was taken to designate a seat of government for the newly-established territory. The legisla

The legislature provided for an election to be held "on the second Tuesday in January, A.D. 1862, at wh

To provide for county representation in following territorial legislative sessions, an act stipulating that the

An act approved November 29, 1861, divided the territory into three judicial districts, the first to embrace

Territorial officers and local county and township officers were designated by this first session of the terr

Many acts of this first territorial session were lengthy, some running to six and seven hundred sections,

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Records of the First Territorial Legislature

Working Records October 1 to November 29, 1861 4 cu. ft. TERR-0113; TERR-0158 to 0

Original documents of the First Territorial Legislature include manuscript and printed bills, in draft and/or

These records are arranged by body of origin, either Council or House. Bills are in numerical order, followers

Official Records 1861-1864; bulk, 1861 15 vols.

The official records of the Territorial legislature is comprised of bound volumes which were originally ser

First Session: Council

Item: TLEGIS-0011 Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: Council introduction and reading of bills, 1st Session

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Division: Council

Item: TLEGIS-0010 Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: Council proceedings, 1st Session

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Division: Council

Item: TLEGIS-0001 Old #: T/V/A2/2 Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: Council journal, 1st Session

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Division: Council

First Session: House

Item: TLEGIS-0021 Old #: S/A/A4/6/15 Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: House index to general orders, 1st Session

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Division: House

Item: TLEGIS-0018 Old #: T/V/A2/8 Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: House general orders, 1st Session

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Division: House

Item: TLEGIS-0020 Old #: Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: House index to 3rd reading book, 1st Session

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Division: House

Item: TLEGIS-0019 Old #: Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: House 3rd reading book, 1st Session

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Division: House

Item: TLEGIS-0017 Old #: Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: House register of bills, 1st Session

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Division: House

Item: TLEGIS-0002 Old #: T/V/A2/3 Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: House journal and index of acts, 1st Session

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Division: House

First Session: Legislature

Item: TLEGIS-0041 Old #: T/V/A2/3 Date: 1861-1864

Type: Volume

Remarks: Index to records, proclamations, appointments, messages, 1st Session (index to TLEG-0034

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Item: TLEGIS-0037 Old #: Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: Enrolled laws, 1st Session. Water and mold damage

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Item: TLEGIS-0036 Old #: T/V/A1/18 Date: 1861-1862

Type: Volume

Remarks: Letter book of William Gillespie correspondence to the Territorial Legislature, 1862; minutes of

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Item: TLEGIS-0182 Old #: Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: Petitions and remonstrances index (to TLEGIS-0036)

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Item: TLEGIS-0039 Old #: Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: Draft of statutes; bills passed on Nov. 29, 1861, 1st Session. Severe water and mold damag

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

Item: TLEGIS-0031 Old #: Box 0016X Date: 1861

Type: Volume

Remarks: Statutes of Nevada draft, index of statutes draft, manuscript journals of House, 1st Session.

Agency: Legislature, Territorial

First Session: Governor

Item: TLEGIS-0034 Old #: T/V/A2/4 Date: 1861-1864

Type: Volume

Remarks: Proclamations reported to Territorial Legislature, certificates of election, pardons, appointment

Agency: Governor, Territorial

Division: Governor Nye