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The First Century
This stone house, built of native sandstone in 1867, was on what is now East Campus when the University bought the land in 1874. For a time in the late 1800's, the house was home to S. W. "Dad" Perin and his family. Perin was an early superintendent of the College farm. A picture of the house before it was covered with vines appears on page 107.
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by

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Sponsored by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the College of Agriculture Alumni Association, IANR, UNL.
Dedicated to the memory of

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Frolik

and

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Graham

our parents whose high esteem for a college education made it possible for us to graduate from the University of Nebraska, and ultimately to be members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Agriculture (now the IANR) staff.
University of Nebraska President Ronald W. Roskens has kindly provided us with a copy of George Santayana's statement "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it".

Santayana has expressed well what we consider to be one of the chief values of recording the history of the College of Agriculture/Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. We believe that the IANR can benefit from studying the past, taking cognizance of the mistakes that have been made, and building on the strengths. While avoiding muckraking and aggrandizement, we have attempted to chronicle the past as it was, not as one might like to think it was. A Pollyannish approach would, perhaps, have made for more pleasant reading for some of the principals involved, but it would have lacked in objectivity and, thus, usefulness.

We have placed emphasis on how administrative units and programs came into being, how they were modified as the years went along, and finally why and how some were terminated. Accuracy has been emphasized. Every attempt has been made to document the contents of this book, and generally where material was based on present or recent statements by others, we have so indicated in the references.

We have tried especially to include information not readily available elsewhere in assembled, published form. Although research results are available in publications in appropriate libraries, we have included a limited amount of such information to give the reader a concept of the accomplishments of the Agricultural Experiment Station. The C. Y. Thompson Library on the East Campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln attempts to maintain a complete file of Cooperative Extension Service publications but there are minor gaps in the holdings for earlier years. There are also some gaps in the CES files of annual reports (unpublished).

To our knowledge, there have been no continuing annual reports chronicling events in resident instruction. A partial historical picture can be obtained by reviewing the annual catalogs and from publications put out by students. Unfortunately, the best source of such information was no longer available after publication of the Cornhusker Countryman was discontinued.

With respect to International Programs for the period covered by this history, there are a variety of monthly and annual unpublished reports for specific programs. These have been well organized and are on file in the C. Y. Thompson Library for the UN Technical Assistance Program in Turkey, but to date not for the Nebraska Mission in Colombia.

This book is devoted basically to the programs carried out by the academic staff. Their names appear in the roster, and in many cases elsewhere in the book. Rarely mentioned, however, are the thousands of other persons who have been employed by the University during the first hundred years of the College of Agriculture without whose services there could have been no College of Agriculture/IANR. These include the secretaries, clerks, custodians, technicians, police, laborers, food handlers, grounds personnel, accountants, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, painters, mechanics, craftsmen and craftswomen, nurses and medical technicians, farm, laboratory and business equipment operators and maintenance personnel, plus numerous others. The authors hereby pay special tribute to all of these important people—past and present.

Lastly, we have attempted to spice our narrative with a sufficient number of anecdotes to carry readers over important but commonly less interesting portions of this book.
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Office equipment, supplies, telephone, other operating expenses, and the cost of printing this book have been provided by the IANR. The College of Home Economics, first under Dean Hazel Anthony and since August 1986 under Dean Karen E. Craig, has been most considerate in providing major office space.

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Before undertaking the writing of this history, we received valuable guidance from James A. Rawley, Regents Professor and former chairman of the UNL Department of History. John C. Wilse of the University of Nebraska, Vice President and General Counsel's Office, provided invaluable publication counsel. Also helpful have been the staff members of the Nebraska State Historical Society in providing counsel and in making available to us the rich historical collection in the Society archives.

Another important source of documentary material has been the UNL Libraries Archives. Archivist Joseph Svoboda and his able staff have provided many hours of assistance to us in searching their vast collection of materials. Also we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the excellent cooperation of the C. Y. Thompson Library staff, first under the leadership of Wayne R. Collings until he retired in 1983, and since then under Lyle R. Schreiner.

A number of histories dealing with the College of Agriculture or the University of Nebraska with sections on the College have provided a valuable background for our book. As with other documentary materials, we have referenced passages in our book wherever these books are used as our source of information. The histories are: the Semi-Centennial Anniversary Book, the University of Nebraska 1869-1919, 1919; Robert P. Crawford, 1925, These Fifty Years, a History of the College of Agriculture, UN AES Circular 26, Col of Agric, UN, UN Press; Robert N. Manley, 1969, Centennial History of the University of Nebraska, I. Frontier University, 1869-1919, UN Press; and R. McLaran Sawyer, 1973, Centennial History of the University of Nebraska II. The Modern University, Centennial Press, a Division of Cliff's Notes, Inc., Lincoln, NE.

Not in book form, but also useful in our compilation of basic information have been some of the more than 300 taped interviews which were conducted over a period of years by George S. Round, and which are available in manuscript form in the University Archives.

Major sources of information have been the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Legislative Council, Love Library, and the Lincoln Journal-Star library. A great deal of information was also obtained by searching the files of various administrative units of the College of Agriculture/IANR, some of which are still in the unit offices, while others have been transferred to the University Archives. Especially useful were the files of the deans of the College of Agriculture (overall). Also helpful were files of Ted Hartung, Dean of the College as it has existed since 1974, and records maintained by Helen M. Earl, Administrative Assistant, IANR.

Lastly, as sources of information, were the hundreds of people whom we consulted by telephone, letters and personal contacts, often to get a lead or to confirm a statement. Some of these people were total strangers,
yet all were most helpful. Especially appreciated were the unsolicited contributions of clippings, other written materials, and pictures, a fair number of which were used in this history. Photographs used include those provided by Agricultural Communications, Archives (University of Nebraska), Vincent H. Arthaud collection, Cyril Bish, Gilbert Erickson, Paul Eveland, Richard Goodding, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Greenawalt, Carol Henning, Home Economics (College), Marx Koehnke, The Lincoln Journal-Star Library, Paul Mattern, David P. McGill, Nebraska Crop Improvement Association, John D. Orr, Warren Sahs, Dwight Stephens, Betty Sutton, UN Foundation, USAID, LTC Gary H. Wade (ROTC), and Robert E. Whitmore. Emily Levine made available to us records and photographs of East Campus development.

A great deal of help was obtained from the staff of the College/IANR, both active and emeriti. At the start we asked each administrative unit to name a liaison person(s) to be a point of contact for that unit. The response was 100 percent. These liaison persons were extremely helpful, some to the extent of writing the first draft of the chapter for that unit. Others provided basic information which we placed in narrative form. The extent of individual cooperation can be noted from footnotes and references for the individual chapters.

Without the many hours of help from unpaid volunteers the production of this book would have been impossible. The areas of assistance, with the leaders named first in each, and other principal volunteers were as follows: finance information - Glen R. Sloan; general - Agnes Arthaud, Howard W. Ottoson, A. W. Epp, and Helen Baragar; index - Robert Gingery, Alice Gingery, Cyril Bish, Cecil T. Blunn, Don Crosier, W. Duane Foote, Garfield McCreight, Paul Sindt, and Glenn Strain with others helping on a short term but valuable basis; research - Wayne Collings, Agnes Arthaud, and Helen Baragar; reviewing and proof reading - Rita Frolik and Burneil E. Gingery; and roster - Cecil T. Blunn, Wesley Antes, Agnes Arthaud, and Helen Baragar.

Pearl E. (Bence) Clements was an indispensable member of the team. She was a combination of researcher, office manager, secretary, and computer operator. The latter was especially important (and difficult) because it required putting the manuscript in a form that could be used directly on the machines of the UNL Printing and Duplicating Service. She can best be described as steadfast, indefatigable, and persevering.

A number of UNL units on the City Campus extended assistance in the writing and printing of this book. Chief among these were the Printing and Duplicating Service with which we worked for weeks on a day-to-day basis in getting this book into print. The staff members were patient in helping us make corrections and last minute changes. They also made many valuable suggestions on the make-up of the book.

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EXORDIUM

This book consists of major parts, with a number of sections under a few of the parts, chapters, and appendixes. For the most part, chapters represent administrative units (past or present), major programs, topics of special interest or organizations.

The history is treated from the beginning of the College to 1974 (end of the College in its former sense and the beginning of the IANR), and in some cases on beyond, in order to round out the narrative. However, since this is a history of the first 100 years, we have for the most part avoided chronicling events, programs, accomplishments and related matters which took place after 1974, including those of staff members who joined the University after that time. Excellent progress in the IANR has been made since 1974, most of which we trust will be covered in individual administrative unit histories and perhaps in future histories of the IANR.

We chose to tell the complete history within each chapter, rather than following an organizational plan of setting up periods of years and fitting all of the units into each period, respectively.

This book contains a name index but not a subject matter index. To compensate for the latter, we have included rather complete tables of contents for the entire book, for parts, sections (where applicable), chapters, and in some cases even for subchapters. Thus the reader should be able to find without too much difficulty the information being sought.

For each administrative unit, from the beginning to the present, we attempted to list the names of the unit, the location(s) of the headquarters, and the names of the administrators. In relating the history we tried to include examples of research accomplishments, extension programs, pertinent facts concerning resident instruction, and something on international programs, as each applied. Space limitations necessitated the omission of many excellent programs and names of numerous staff, hence the only complete listing of staff who were with the University at least some time during the period of 1924-1974 appears in Appendix 1, Faculty Roster.

We have not provided as complete a history of home economics as of other units because Dean Hazel M. Anthony had plans underway for a history of the College at the time work was started on this book. However, since home economics instruction was included in the College of Agriculture until 1970, it is covered in a somewhat abbreviated form in this book. Also, to the extent that home economics was a part of the College of Agriculture International Programs until 1974, and has been and continues to be a part of the Cooperative Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station, coverage has been provided.

Abbreviations and acronyms have been used rather freely in the narrative. For the convenience of the reader we have listed in Appendix 4 the principal ones along with full meanings of each. Those which are commonly used and thus decipherable by almost everyone (such as U.S.) have not been included in the listing.

One of the most difficult tasks the authors have faced is determining on what basis to select names of staff and alumni to list for individual recognition for high achievement. To include all honors was impossible from a space standpoint. Therefore, for College of Agriculture staff and alumni, we selected 22 categories (listed in Appendix 5) as the basis for designating names for high individual achievements. Farming/ranching is not among these because we could not arrive at any basis for making selections in this category, important as it is. Recognition of school and short course alumni was made on a rather informal basis.

References in the narrative are shown in parenthesis. Footnotes are designated with numerical superscripts.
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PART I. University Administrators

Chapter 1. The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, Chancellors and Presidents

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The Board of Regents

The University of Nebraska was chartered through enactment by the Legislature of SF No. 86. The bill was signed by Governor David Butler on February 15, 1869 (7, p 14).

The Charter provided that the government of the University “... shall be vested in a board of regents, which shall consist of the governor, the superintendent of public instruction, the chancellor of the university ... and three persons from each judicial district, who shall be appointed by the legislature in joint sessions ... The regents ... shall constitute a body corporate, to be known as ‘The Regents of the University of Nebraska’... provided that the Governor shall appoint the members of the first board of regents” (5, p 309).

First Board Had Clerical Cast

The members of the first board were appointed by the Governor on a staggered basis with respect to length of time of appointment, three for two years, three for four years, and three for the full term of six years (7, p 15). According to the University of Nebraska Semi-Centennial Anniversary Book, “The governors (sic) choice of clergymen for four of the nine appointive members — perhaps five, for it is said that Fuller had taken Episcopalian orders — and the election by the board itself of a reverend chancellor and a reverend secretary gave the infant institution a distinctly clerical cast... The board was organized at a meeting held in Lincoln on June 3, 1869” (7, pp 76, 77).

Vacancies on the board were filled by elections by the Legislature on February 28, 1871; January 29, 1873; and February 16, 1875 (7, p 80).

The makeup and the method of selecting the board members were changed in accordance with the Constitution of Nebraska adopted at the general election of 1875. The Constitution read in part “... the general government of the University of Nebraska shall, under the direction of the legislature, be vested in a board of six regents ... who shall be elected by the electors of the state at large for a term of six years, except that the regents chosen at the next succeeding election — of 1875 — should be classified by lot so that the tenure of two of them should be two years, two would be four years, and two for six years” (7, p 83). It will also be noted that the amended Constitution of 1875 eliminated the ex officio members of the board.

One of the amendments proposed by the Constitutional Convention held in 1919 and the early part of 1920, and approved by the electorate at the special election on September 21, 1920 provided for election of the University Regents by districts (9, pp 64, 119). Included in the amended Constitution was the following statement: “The Legislature shall divide the State, along county lines, into six compact Regent Districts of approximately equal population, which shall be numbered from one to six, consecutive numbers to be given adjacent districts. Such districts shall correspond, as nearly as may be practicable, in location and numbers with the present six Congressional Districts of the State” (8, p 9). Section 6715, Comp. Stat. Neb. 1922, provided that “Vacancies occurring in the Board between one general election and another may be filled by the Governor: provided, always any person thus appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold his office until the next general election succeeding his appointment and no longer” (8, p 10).

New Districts Created After 1968

At the general election of 1968, voters of the state approved an amendment “To permit the Legislature to increase the number of regents of the University of Nebraska and require the Legislature to redistrict the state for their election” (9, p 69). The 1969 Legislature increased the membership of the Board of Regents from six to eight and divided the State of Nebraska into eight newly created Regents Districts with one Regent to be elected from each of the eight districts (9, p 516).

At the general election in 1974, a constitutional amendment was approved, permitting the three campus student body presidents to sit as non-voting members on the Board of Regents for a one-year term (9, p 516). The student Regents consist of the following: president, ASUN, UNL; president, Student Senate, UN at Omaha; and president, Student Council, UN Medical Center (9, p 516).

A chairman and vice chairman are elected for a term of one year by the Board of Regents from their membership at the meeting held annually on the first Saturday following the second Tuesday of January (10). Currently Margaret Robinson is serving as chairman, and James H. Moylan as vice chairman. William F. Swanson, a UN staff member, is the corporation secretary.
### Membership of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska (1, 3, 4, 7, 9)

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Omaha 1940-1940
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Scottsbluff 1957-4/1974
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Lincoln 1985-present
McCook 1987-present
**Chancellors and Presidents**

For many years the chief executive officer of the University of Nebraska was the Chancellor. The title was retained with this meaning until 1972 when it was changed to President, as it remains to the present.

When Omaha University was incorporated into the University of Nebraska on July 1, 1968, the Chancellor also became chief administrator for that campus. Following the merger, the Board created three presidencies, one for each of the three campuses, i.e., the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, University of Nebraska Medical Center, and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. These three Presidents reported administratively to the Chancellor who remained as the chief executive officer for the entire University. The administrative structure remains the same to this day except that in 1972 the Board reversed the titles, i.e., the Chancellor became the President, and the Presidents became Chancellors.

The chief executive officers of the University from the beginning to the present, together with their titles and years served have been (1,2,4,5,6):

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The highest ranking administrators of the UNL, reporting to the top University administrator, from the time the present organizational plan was adopted to date, have been (1,3,4):

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