Scope and Content
“The Nebraska Territory Legislature awarded a charter to the Nebraska University, also called Fontanelle University, in 1855, and the first building was erected in 1856. Operated by the Congregational Church the University flourished for several years. When Fontanelle lost the county seat, leaders decided to move the university, and Doane College was organized in Crete, Nebraska in 1872.” (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fontanelle,_Nebraska)

Arrangement
The arrangement of the collection has been done by the Doane College Archives staff.

Provenance

INVENTORY

Box 1 Fld 1 - 1896: The Norfolk News: Saturday (in really bad condition). Talked about the banquet at Norfolk honoring Norfolk College. Folder also includes The North Nebraska Messenger from 1895/6 that has articles about which college was the true congressional college of Nebraska.
Fld 2 - 1926-1976: Includes information about Fontanelle College: Nebraska’s First College. Newspaper articles go on to say after Fontanelle College failed, Doane College was founded including the Fremont Tribune. Notes on a ceremony Doane College had - one in 1926 and one in 1976 with speeches, found old Doane Hymn in one of the speeches. Ni-Ku-Mi Chapter played a big part in organizing the ceremony and donated a founding boulder to mark the spot of the first Nebraska college

Fld 3 - Unknown Dates: Notes on the Fontenelle College and how it was founded. Also includes newspapers.

Fld 4 - 1955: The Story of the Town of Fontenelle by Eda Mead. Also includes letters by J.H. Peters that talks about indian troubles and violent stories about their encounters.

Fld 5 - 1926: Letters to various people about the Fontenelle Reunion. Also includes other newspaper clippings and news articles about the reunion.

Fld 6 - 1944: Papers written on the early history of Fontenelle and the church.

Fld 7 - Unknown dates: One of the original Doane newsletters. Also includes new articles about the bell that was given to Doane. The bell was later stolen in October, according to another news article (possible a college prank).

Miscellaneous:
Cassette Tape - 1975: Response to Fontanelle College. We assume that it is about the reunion.

Nebraska University Letters - Various Dates: Notes and stories about Fontenelle. Board of Trustee meetings and other things included in the letters.