The Nebraska Treasurer holds more than $170 million of unclaimed money for more than 350,000 Nebraskans and former Nebraskans. In 2017, the Treasurer’s Office paid 16,748 claims totaling $15.3 million.
Tips from the Nebraska State Treasurer’s Office

Filing a Claim
If you find your name on these pages, follow any of these easy steps:
• Complete the claim form and mail it, with documentation, to the Unclaimed Property Division, 809 P Street, Lincoln, NE 68508.
• For amounts under $500, you may file a claim online at treasurer.nebraska.gov. Include documentation.
• Call the Unclaimed Property Division at 402-471-8497 or 1-877-572-9688 (toll free).
• Stop by the Treasurer’s Office in Suite 2005 of the Capitol or the Unclaimed Property Division at 809 P Street in Lincoln’s Haymarket. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Recognizing Unclaimed Property
Unclaimed property comes in many shapes and sizes. It could be an uncashcd paycheck, an inactive bank account, or a refund. Or it could be dividends, stocks, or the contents of a safe deposit box. Other types are court deposits, utility deposits, insurance payments, lost IRAs, matured CDs, and savings bonds.

Reading the Fine Print
This report lists new properties of $25 or more received in 2017 by county of last known address. It does not include all 350,000 names in our unclaimed property database. The list is current as of January 31, 2018. This advertisement is published according to Nebraska State Statute 69-1311: “Information concerning the amount or description of the property and the name and address of the holder may be obtained by any person possessing an interest in the property by addressing an inquiry to the State Treasurer.”

Reaching Goals
• $15,323,046 paid out in 2017, second largest amount in program history.
• 16,748 claims paid in 2017.
• Largest claim paid in 2017 was $341,364 for an Omaha family trust.
• Average claim paid in 2017 was $914.
• Claims paid to owners in the U.S. and seven other countries.
• $170 million total waiting to be claimed; 350,000 names in our database.
• Your chance of finding unclaimed property is one in five.

CLAIM TO STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

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Heir affidavit: Complete this portion of the form if you are claiming the property of a deceased person.

I do hereby swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am serving as a fiduciary of the Estate of __________________________, who died on the ______ Day of __________, Month, Year.

I am the __________________________ of the decedent, and I assume responsibility to distribute lawfully this property, including withholding portions for payment of all relevant estate and county inheritance taxes, to the following surviving heirs (list all names, relationships, addresses & phone numbers - Attach a separate sheet if necessary). Further, I will indemnify the State of Nebraska, its officers and employees, from any loss resulting from the payment of this claim.

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Subscribed and sworn before me this ______ day of __________, 20____. Notary Public

Notary stamp >>

You must present valid ID for your claim to be processed.

Attach documentary evidence that establishes the claimant as the rightful owner of the property. Include as much detail evidence as possible.

PLEASE ATTACH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:
• Photocopy of your valid Driver’s License
• Photocopy or proof of your Social Security number*
• List of owner’s former addresses for last 10 years
• If owner is deceased, photocopy of death certificate and proof of your right to represent the estate

Check here if you would be willing to be interviewed about your unclaimed property for possible publication by the State Treasurer’s Office.

Return To:
State Treasurer
809 P Street
Lincoln, NE 68508-1390

STATE TREASURER’S RECORD & RECOMMENDATION

Warrant Number: __________ Amount: __________ Approved ________ Denied ________
Date of Warrant: __________ Date Mailed: __________ By: __________
Claim Number: __________ Date Filed: __________ By: __________

*Privacy Act of 1974 Disclosure: (1) the disclosure of your social security number on this form is voluntary; (2) it is solicited to aid the State Treasurer in determining whether you are entitled to claim unclaimed property; (3) your social security number will not be shared with any other third party, with the exception of the Accounting Division of the Department of Administrative Services. If you object to the disclosure of your social security number, we will attempt to use alternative means for verification purposes, however, your claim may be rejected.*
Recipients Share Family Stories, Legacies, Traditions

Still work to do

Walter Johnson and son-in-law Josh Gartrell Knights, Templar members, North Platte

The Palestine Commandery No. 13 of the Knights Templar in North Platte is staring in the face of the same challenges many fraternal organizations confront today. An aging base. Declining membership. Too many interests competing for new recruits' time and attention.

Yet, a faithful core meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month at the Masonic Temple Lodge on McDonald Street and believes strongly in the Knights' values of fellowship, education, and service.

“It pays to be involved and keep your mind sharp,” says Walter Johnson, 74, a retired railroad inspector and member for almost 50 years. “As long as I am here and can do anything about it, we will continue. If we close, it will never start again. If we keep going, maybe younger generations might decide this is something they would like to do and might join us.”

For now, there is still work to do. As part of his duties as secretary-treasurer, Johnson kept close watch on a CD held in a North Platte bank. So, he was surprised when he received a letter from the Nebraska Treasurer reporting that the CD had been turned over to the state as unclaimed property. “Someone decided it was an inactive account,” he said.

Johnson got to work, made copies of minutes showing he was an elected officer entitled to claim the money, and filed the claim for $15,928 on behalf of the organization. The money now has been reinvested in another CD.

The Palestine Commandery No. 13 was chartered in 1883. Members trace its glory days back to when it hosted a drill team that marched in local parades and to 1907 when 13 of its members escorted Buffalo Bill Cody’s casket to its final resting place on Lookout Mountain near Denver.

Commander Larry Linstrom says he appreciates the friendships, the focus on high moral standards, and the degree work that teaches members about the Knights. At age 77, he, too, wonders about the future. “You go to any fraternal group and look around, and they are all old just like me,” he said. On a bright note, his son joined the Knights a few years ago and the latest member to join is just 18 years old.

‘A love of the land’

Ann Zacharias Grosshans, Nemaha County land owner

When Ann Zacharias Grosshans visited the Treasurer’s Office last summer to pick up a check for $47,645 in unclaimed property, she brought along a family photo album. With her were photos of her great-grandfather, G.W. Hopkins, and his four daughters, including Ann's grandmother, Mattie Hopkins Zacharias, who died in 1963.

G.W. and his wife, Lizzie, were prominent residents in early Nemaha County. G.W. bought “a little land and then a little more,” his great-granddaughter said, and eventually moved to town, building a big house at 1720 M Street in Auburn. He lived there with his daughter Lucy for 31 years after his wife’s death. After G.W. died, Grosshans’ grandparents, Mattie and John Zacharias, an Auburn banker, moved into the big house. And when Mattie died, John remained in the house along with Lucy.

In addition to buying farmland, G.W. took an interest in petroleum stock for his four daughters.

In one of the more complicated claims processed in 2017, unclaimed property specialist Ginny Smith tracked down 327 properties connected to the Hopkins family, all under variations of the daughters’ names. Most of the properties were interest and royalties from the shares of petroleum stock that G.W. had purchased years ago for his daughters. Grosshans is the sole heir.

“My great-grandfather worked hard to purchase bits of land that is now our family farm. I’m sure he had no idea when purchasing the oil leases that his great-granddaughter would be so richly blessed,” Grosshans wrote in a thank-you note to the Treasurer’s Office. “Nebraska is a great state. Families making sacrifices to keep their farms in the family. I am thankful all the pictures, wills, and death certificates were saved.”

Those letters, photos, wills, and death certificates helped the Treasurer’s staff verify the claim that totaled 35 pages. In contrast, most of the 16,748 claims paid last year were only two pages.

“They were a good family. They shared a love of the land and a love of each other,” said Grosshans.

Dinner at the El Cortez

Tom Rock, Omaha

Tom Rock’s partially completed claim form sat on a desk in the kitchen for a while, gradually covered by other papers and resurfacing from time to time, just long enough to serve as a reminder of unfinished business.

Tom couldn’t bring himself to deal with bureaucracy. “I started the process more than eight years ago when Shane Osborn was Treasurer. It wasn’t that the process took that long or was that difficult; it was just me procrastinating,” said Tom, a director at KETV in Omaha.

He cited two reasons for his procrastination: First, he never wins anything, and he was sure the property in his late father’s name probably wasn’t much either. Second, “I didn't want to deal with government bureaucrats like filling out taxes or standing in line at the DMV. I knew once I started, I was going to have to deal with some office of government drones who weren’t going to care, and I didn't need the hassle.” Ouch!

Tom’s attitude changed once he talked by phone to unclaimed property specialist Mary Jones. She told him he needed a new form and she would email it to him. By the time Tom walked to his computer, the form had arrived. “That’s what impressed me. It’s like we were doing this in real time. She actually cares about us completing this process,” he said. “She’s my BFF now.”

With documents in hand, Tom claimed 100 shares of stock valued at $9,526 to be split with his sister, Edie Skrobo. The siblings had joked when clearing their deceased parents’ house that they wished they would find a shoebox of money, but instead only found more hankies and old school papers. The unclaimed property turned out to be that “shoebox of money that we didn’t find in the house,” Tom said.

The stock had been purchased by Tom and Edie’s father, Donald, who retired early and settled into a hobby that became a thriving business—collecting and restoring antique coin-operated arcade game and slot machines. One slot machine he refurbished went home to the El Cortez in Las Vegas in a hand-carved basswood case resembling Cortez himself. Tom’s dad had ordered the case from a Hallam woodcarver.

Tom and his wife, Chris, used part of their unclaimed property money to take their three sons to Las Vegas, a fitting destination, given his parents’ love of the city and his dad’s fascination with old gambling machines. “We thought about what would make my dad happy,” Tom said. They topped off the trip with an anniversary dinner at the El Cortez.
Finding a calling at the Christian Book Shop

Karen and Ken Sawyer, Brady

Ardys and Herb Roszbart Jr., Marquette

Fern Roszbart was a pastor’s wife. She gave children rides to Sunday school and visited the elderly. She hosted missionaries and evangelists in the family home for weeks at a time. She raised a son and a daughter and found her calling in the Christian Book and Gift Shop she and her husband opened in 1946 on the courthouse square in Aurora. It was one of the first Christian bookstores in the nation.

Fern and her husband, Herb, had moved from Illinois to Aurora in 1943 to pastor Pleasant View Bible Church. They later pastored Bethel Mission Church and Stockholm Bible Church. Herb Sr. died in 1975, and Fern died 19 years later. As in many strong Nebraska families, the couple’s legacy lives on through four generations.

Their daughter Karen Sawyer, who lives in Brady, and their son Herb Jr., who lives at Turtle Beach near Marquette, recently claimed almost $3,000 each in death benefits from a life insurance policy for their mother. Karen and her husband, Ken, have three living children, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their daughter Tami called with specialist Ginny Smith as they discussed the $3,194 in death benefits due from her mother’s life insurance policy.

“At first we didn’t believe it. There is so much craziness going on. The longer we came to believe. It was a nice surprise,” said Herb Jr., who built and managed the bookstore, has five children, 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

“When we thought we had taken care of everything in her estate. We didn’t realize she had that insurance money,” said Herb Jr., “I totally teared up when Ginny said that. I even teared up when I told my brother,” she added.

Elizabeth, the eldest of four children, now owns and operates the bookstore with her brother.

The Christian faith of their parents has been “the cornerstone of our lives,” said Herb Jr. “We were surprised. We thought we had taken care of everything in her estate. We didn’t realize that she had that insurance money,” said Herb Jr., who built and managed the bookstore, has five children, 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

“Pennies from heaven’

Alicia Deats, Lincoln

The unclaimed property specialist mentioned “Pennies from heaven,” and Alicia Deats of Lincoln was hooked. Alicia still shed a few tears when she thinks about her phone call with specialist Ginny Smith as they discussed the $3,194 in death benefits due from her mother’s life insurance policy.

“I totally teared up when Ginny said that. I even teared up when I told my brother,” she said, confident that her parents, William and Pauline Deats, would be very happy that the life insurance proceeds found their way home. An equal amount is waiting for her CPA brother, Dan, to claim.

Pauline Deats died in 2007, followed by William in 2011. To help care for them, Alicia had retired from a 17-year career as a research analyst at Gallup, where she specialized in analyzing demographics about race, sex, and age. “I was fascinated,” she said about her work.

When the call from the Unclaimed Property Division was left on her answering machine, Alicia was suspicious. Later when she looked up the number and saw the call was from the State of Nebraska, she had the assurance she needed to call back. Because her parents had established trusts, the process for claiming the property required more documentation than she expected, complicated by the fact that her financial papers were packed away in her garage while her house was being restored. A broken pipe had flooded the first floor and basement.

Alicia believes her grandparents took out the life insurance when her mother was young. Her father, a very organized retired Air Force colonel, had found similar policies when her mother died, but must not have known about this one. “He was so meticulous. He had a list of every asset so Dan and I would know, but this was not on the list,” she said.

“I miss them,” Alicia said about her parents. “The memories are wonderful.”

Telling Your Story

Thank you to the Nebraskans featured in this year’s publication. To share your story, contact our Communications Director at 402-471-8884.
CLAIMS UNDER $500 CAN BE FILED ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH OUR WEBSITE AT treasurer.nebraska.gov.
Never pay a third party to search for unclaimed property. The service is free in the Nebraska Treasurer’s Office.
An online eBay auction of abandoned safe deposit boxes brought in more than $78,000 in 2017. The money will be held for owners. Auctions take place every five years.
The Treasurer’s Office returned property to owners through the United States and seven countries in 2017.
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