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### EDITOR'S COMMENTS

There have been several deaths among the membership of the Historical and Genealogical Societies over the past six months. My wife, **Joy Wellman**, passed away in Oct. She had no ancestors in Jefferson Co., but has supported my interest by volunteering to keep the membership records. I'm trying to continue her records, at least until we can find someone to take over that task. The mailing list, both electronic and paper copy, is generated by that computer spread-sheet

**Lila Self** died in Nov. in Illinois. Lila's support came in a different manner. She could be counted on for financial support of the Historical Soc.

**Elmer McAferty** died in Sept. He was an early member of the Historical Soc. and was the treasurer for over 20 years.

**Ruth Hannah** died in Dec. She had been instrumental in the Oskaloosa High School alumni records. In addition to the deaths, several have reported health issues and two life members requested to discontinue sending YESTERYEARS as their health would no longer permit them to read and enjoy the information. Such is the challenge of life.

We hope you will find something of interest in this issue of YESTERYEARS that will brighten your day. If you have any requests, or ideas for inclusion or delivery of YESTERYEARS, let me hear from you.

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## **McLOUTH BRETHERN CHURCH HISTORY**

Transcribed and shared by Jan Thompkins.

NOTE: This mimeographed then photographed document was found in Jan. 2014 when my [Jan's] sister-in-law's basement flooded. She rented a dumpster for the truly ruined stuff and boxed up other stuff that's only half ruined. This history was in the box she sent to me [Jan] that's full of hard to read documents. I do not know if this is the history written by Leah Kimmell of Topeka KS, or if that's still out there, lost in the Great Beyond. This sounds more like it was written by someone in the David Kimmel family:

### "HISTORY OF THE McLOUTH BRETHERN CHURCH

"Many years ago when Kansas as a state was very young and immature, there came to this community, from Ohio, in 1864, David Kimmel and his good wife, Leah Reigel Kimmel and their family of six children, their youngest child being born in Kansas. They settled on the farm known now as the Kell Property. Then lived there nearly two years. David Kimmel, who had a vision of building churches in new communities, built benches of native lumber and invited the people to his home and preached the Gospel to them. He had a helper, Uncle Billy Gish, who came horseback from his home in Rock Creek, a member of the Ozawkie Church. He was the grandfather of J. J. Groshong's first wife. During these two years the older Kimmel children attended the Round Grove School and had as their teacher, Jennie Cox.

Grandmother Kimmel became dissatisfied with the religious privileges that her Family was having, being fifteen miles from a church, so they moved to the vicinity of Auburn, Illinois, where they had planned to move when they came to Kansas in 1864. In Illinois, together with his Brother-in-law, Dan Flory and others, they built Sugar Creek Church, a strong German Baptist Church.

Soon after or about the time the Kimmels left this community, the McClanys, Yoders, Garret and Miller families came from Pennsylvania to take up the work.

After a few years, in the spring of 1878 when David Kimmel's son, H.H. Kimmel had arrived at young manhood and was thinking of establishing a home, and of the business opportunities of a new country, he and his sister and brother-in-law, Lizzie and Andy Bowman came back to the home they had left in Kansas, and started farming. H. H. Kimmel returned to Illinois in the fall, where in December he married Lydia Bowman, the daughter of Abraham Bowman, a German Baptist minister. Together they came to Kansas, in January 1879 when the Missouri River at Leavenworth was frozen so hard that they crossed on the ice.

In 1882 there were 12 members in the Church which they established and they had preaching

three times a month. In December of that year, I. H. Crist held a series of meetings three miles north of the new town of McLouth, and soon there were 25 members. Again in November 1883, they held another revival at Round Grove School house. They did not establish a separate church organization, but held their membership in the Ozawkie Church. Those were trying times, but they kept their Faith, and planned that their children should have an opportunity to worship in a church of their choice.

About this time, Abraham L. Bowman, father of Andy, John and Abe Bowman, and Mary Hickerson, Lydia Kimmel and Susan Sykes, came from Illinois to preach for them.

From 1884 to 1894 the Methodist Church was leased, and services were held there.

On April 2nd, 1892, a group of people of similar faith, at that time called the Progressive Brethren, organized a church in order that they could worship according to the dictates of their conscience, and the way they interpreted the Scriptures, with the following members: William T Stout, his wife Leona Stout, Blanche Garrett, Daniel Whitmer, George Woodhead and his wife Lucy Woodhead, who met at the home of Brother and Sister Woodhead, and organized a Church known as the Brethren Church of McLouth. Elder W. J. H. Baumann, being with them as Bishop and William T. Stout was confirmed or ordained as Deacon. They held meetings in neighboring school houses or borrowed or rented churches in which to hold their meetings.

In the early part of the year 1894, J. R.. Kimmel, a Minister of the Brethren Church at Litchfield, Illinois, was called by the Brethren at this place to preach for them.

Both organizations feeling the need of a church building, Decided to co-operate. They purchased a lot of Philip Crease for \$250.00 and erected a building which cost \$2,000.00. The Church was dedicated December 25th, 1894. Reverend Vaniman of McPherson preached the Dedication Sermon.

The agreement was that each Church should have half time for preaching services with a combined Sunday School.

"David Kimmel had reached the retiring age and his son J. R. was the first Paster [sic] of the Brethren Church.

Several preachers from Osawkie Church came to minister unto us among them Albert Piersol, John Root, and later Harvey Brammell and then his son, Guy Brammell, and then Walter Brunton. Rev. Arthur Brubaker of Olathe preached for us during the Nineties. During this first ten year period W. T. Sout and his wife often preached for us. During this period J. R.

Kimmel as pastor, also preached Sunday afternoons and alternate morning services at school houses and country churches. Sunday Schools were generally organized in connection with these Services. One of these Mission points was at District 72 schoolhouse, where at one time about one-third of the membership lived. For several years he held regular services at Lone Tree and Brown school houses where Sunday Schools were also organized.

Rev. W. T. Stout as pastor and Leona Stout his wife an able assistant rendered an important service in the early history of our Church.

W. H. Rawlinson, was pastor during the year 1905. George Kunswas called as pastor to the church in 1907, and was with us until the fall of 1914, when he was called to be the pastor of the First Church of the Brethren of Philadelphia.

The organization of the McLouth Church of the Brethren occurred in the evening of September 4th, 1917. Elders I. L. Hoover and H. L. Brammell and Will Beckner perfected the organization. The charter members were H. H. Kimmell and Lydia Kimmel, his wife, J. H. Marts and wife, D. Earl Bower, Luther Wilcox and wife, and U. S. Large and wife Sarah and Van Vandruff, A. M. Bricker and wife.

>From January 1st to June 19, 1915, C. S. Garber served as pastor. Rev. Edward Smith was then called to the pastorate which terminated by his sudden and unexpected death before he had served the Church for a year. Brother Isaac Crist served as pastor in 1920. In 1923 Brother Earl Fisher, a young graduate of McPherson College, was called as pastor and also taught in our High School. He rendered a very helpful service to the Church.

In 1928 Ira Brammell came as Superintendent of McLouth High School and has served faithfully as pastor of this Church since that time with the exception of one year when the pastorate was filled by Brother John Bower.

Some of the able Evangelists who have held revival meetings in this Church are McFadden Louis Baumann, C. S. Garber, Leonard Root and Frank Crumpacker, later serving his Church as a Missionary to China for many years, Rev. Edwin Boardman, Hilton Harmon and Miss Aboud.

We feel that special tribute should be paid to the older members of this congregation who were among the builders of the Church, and who through the years since have supported and persevered through discouraging times and prosperous days, always on the job. Uncle Henry and Aunt Lydia Kimmel, whose journey to the Holy Land was a great inspiration to themselves and to their many friends. Mrs. Dick whose faithfulness and helpfulness has been a great inspiration to all of us and Margaret Kimmel who is still as faithful to the Church as in the years when she served the Church as the pastor's wife.

Many have gone from our church to other fields of service many of whom have been active in other churches and denominations. W. H. Myers and wife and daughter Gertrude, the Clem Hummer and Clayton Hummer families, Frank and Rose Kauffman, the Andy and Dan Whitmer families, Abe Bowman and wife, the Andy and John Bowman families, Walter Kimmel and family and the James Meredith family. The Sarah Williams family from which two have entered the ministry, Robert Williams, who with his capable wife are now serving devotedly as missionaries in French Equatorial Africa, and Russel who is pastor of the church at New Troy, Michigan. Another of our younger members felt the call to the ministry [sic], Brother John Bower, giving freely of his services when there is opportunity.

The women of our church have been faithful in serving the interests of the church and in maintaining their Bible Study Meetings."

Duty called us. We are proud of the people who have stayed with us and are the ones who have gone from us to serve our Country in its present need, of our members who are taking up the work in other churches, and we are glad to welcome them back to our church whenever opportunity comes for their return either for a day or longer.

We have never been a large church, but we feel that the Lord has called us, and has a work for us. It seems that when we gained in members then some would feel the call to other places for service. A number of families have left us. The younger ones have wished for enlarged opportunities. We are glad to have with us to help celebrate this 50th Anniversary of the building of our Church, Friends and former members from far and near. For members of the other churches of our town and community who have co-operated with us to make this a fitting climax to 50 years of Christian Service. May the Wonderful Light of His Gospel shine with increasing brightness from the Temple of His Faith, Blessing those about us, throughout time and Eternity.

Sequel to history: 1972

Rev. John D. Bower, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kimmel was pastor from 1947-1970 when the church was disorganized and the church building was sold to the Church of the Nazarene.

Our church produced one missionary, Robert Williams and four ministers, Russell Williams, Leland Kuns, John Bower and Margaret Kuns.

By act of the membership which had become so small, the church was disorganized \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_ and letters were transferred in the most part to other sister churches in Topeka and Lone Star."

JEFFERSON CO. KANSAS, MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1952

PERSON	AGE	RESIDENCE	M. DATE	SPOUSE	AGE	RESIDENCE	M. LOCATION	BOOK-PAGE
Allen, Bessie	20	Lawrence	<u>04/27/52</u>	Nichols, Clifford	23	Lawrence	Winchester	Q-389
Allen, Lenora K.	22	Garnett	<u>not</u>	Graves, Kennedy L.	28	Ottawa	not	Q-381
Amyx, Helen Marie	22	Lawrence	<u>01/25/52</u>	Wilson, Alex H.	35	Lawrence	Kincaid	Q-379
Anderson, Ethel, Mrs.	21+	Topeka	<u>08/23/52</u>	Tillotson, Dorr	21+	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-413
Armstead, Claude Eugene	20	Ozawkie	<u>08/17/52</u>	Heugel, Patricia Ann	16	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-412
Arthur, Rhesa	18	Valley Falls	<u>05/25/52</u>	Newman, Jack	24	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-393
Asher, Florence	34	Tonganoxie	<u>08/07/52</u>	Warren, Ezra	39	Tonganoxie	Oskaloosa	Q-409
Baker, Dorothy	23	Ozawkie	<u>01/18/52</u>	Gerber, Kenneth L.	22	Ozawkie	Ozawkie	Q-377
Barnes, Faye	19	Williamstown	<u>01/14/52</u>	Miller, Danny L.	18	Williamstown	Oskaloosa	Q-376
Beck, Marie	57	Kansas City, MO	<u>12/24/52</u>	Simpson, John S.	52	Kansas City, MO	Mission	Q-440
Bender, Roy E.	26	Ozawkie	<u>03/01/52</u>	Wax, Rosetta A.	20	Ozawkie	Ozawkie	Q-383
Beurman, Carolyn R.	18	Oskaloosa	<u>09/06/52</u>	Chiddix, Melvin H.	25	Ozawkie	Topeka	Q-417
Bird, Edith May	70	Topdka	<u>09/19/52</u>	Phillips, A. O.	82	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-419
Blackburn, Forrest	32	Topeka	<u>09/28/52</u>	Hough, Golda	39	Olsburg	Manhattan	Q-423
Bomhoff, Barbara A.	17	Valley Falls	<u>11/06/52</u>	Stein, Charles A.	32	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-432
Bryant, Twyla May	16	Topeka	<u>08/03/52</u>	Miller, Albert Edward	16	Topeka	Winchester	Q-408
Bush, Ida Faye	48	Kansas City, KS	<u>05/10/52</u>	Lewis, Thomas Reed	53	Merriam	Olathe	Q-390
Camblin, Glenn	27	Valley Falls	<u>10/19/52</u>	Jordan, Betty	19	Valley Falls	Nortonville	Q-428
Chiddix, Melvin H.	25	Ozawkie	<u>09/06/52</u>	Beurman, Carolyn R.	18	Oskaloosa	Topeka	Q-417
Childers, Charles William	25	Perry	<u>06/01/52</u>	Kester, Marlene Jo	16	Perry	Kansas City	Q-394
Cleek, Marjorie	22	Williamstown	<u>11/04/52</u>	Roux, Herman Le	22	Williamstown	Oskaloosa	Q-431
Curry, Etta May	21+	Valley Falls	<u>03/07/52</u>	O'Neill, Hugh T.	21+	Winchester	Winchester	Q-384
Davidson, Idell	36	Nashville, TN	<u>03/15/52</u>	Votipka,	39	Valley Falls	Oskaloosa	Q-385
Davis, John Perry	39	Rossville	<u>11/13/52</u>	Gerberick, Ethyl	45	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-434
Denner, Lois A.	20	Ozawkie	<u>07/12/52</u>	Shereman, W. Delos	30	Ozawkie	Perry	Q-404
Dennings, Leonard C.	55	Oskaloosa	<u>10/10/52</u>	Stratton, Edna	50	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-427
Dragoo, Eddie	52	Lincoln, MO	<u>02/14/52</u>	Witt, Sylvia	48	Winchester	Winchester	Q-382
Ernst, Jo Ann	20	Salina	<u>06/22/52</u>	Stevenson, Charles R.	28	Burlington	Topeka	Q-400
Foster, Martha Ann	16	Lawrence	<u>03/27/52</u>	Kilburn, James Lee	18	Lawrence	Oskaloosa	Q-387
Fowler, Joseph H.	65	Topeka	<u>03/24/52</u>	Self, Mae B.	66	Meriden	Oskaloosa	Q-386
Fulton, James	17	Valley Falls	<u>09/21/52</u>	Murray, Iona	16	Valley Falls	Winchester	Q-420
Fulton, Marie	17	Winchester	<u>06/14/52</u>	Riley, Raymond	19	Topeka	Winchester	Q-399
Gates, Sallie A.	26	Kansas City, MO	<u>11/09/52</u>	Mitchell, Otis D.	25	Kansas City, MO	Winchester	Q-433
George, Max Baer	22	Weston, MO	<u>12/26/52</u>	Hull, Mary Jane	18	Weston, MO	Kansas City	Q-439
Gerber, Kenneth L.	22	Ozawkie	<u>01/18/52</u>	Baker, Dorothy	23	Ozawkie	Ozawkie	Q-377
Gerberick, Ethyl	45	Topeka	<u>11/13/52</u>	Davis, John Perry	39	Rossville	Oskaloosa	Q-434
Goins, Richard Earl	19	Williamstown	<u>10/26/52</u>	Walker, Glenda Joy	17	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-430
Gordon, Perry	63	Leavenworth	<u>06/06/52</u>	Norris, Pearl	48	Leavenworth	Winchester	Q-397
Gorzkiwicz, Louis M.	53	Leavenworth	<u>05/17/52</u>	Hunter, Mary A.	55	Leavenworth	Leavenworth	Q-391
Graves, Kennedy L.	28	Ottawa	<u>not</u>	Allen, Lenora K.	22	Garnett	not	Q-381
Green, Helen Elizabeth	32	Lawrence	<u>08/30/52</u>	Schafer, Charles Herbert	28	Blue Rapids	Lawrence	Q-415
Griffits, Alvin E.	24	Ozawkie	<u>12/20/52</u>	McAfee, Norma	16	McLouth	McLouth	Q-437
Harwood, Arnold E.	21	McLouth	<u>11/15/52</u>	Lobb, Ruby	23	McLouth	McLouth	Q-435
Heugel, Patricia Ann	16	Valley Falls	<u>08/17/52</u>	Armstead, Claude Eugene	20	Ozawkie	Valley Falls	Q-412



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Hinchsliff, Richard c.	21	Topeka	<u>02/03/52</u>	Parnell, Mary	18	Topeka	Perry	Q-380
Hough, Gol da	39	Olsburg	<u>09/28/52</u>	Blackbur n, Forrest	32	Topeka	Manhat tan	Q-423
Hull, Mary Jane	18	Weston, MO	<u>12/26/52</u>	George, Max Baer	22	Weston, MO	Kansas City	Q-439
Hunter, Mary A.	55	Leavenworth	<u>05/17/52</u>	Gorzkiwicz, Louis M.	53	Leavenworth	Leavenworth	Q-391
Johnson , Derry L.	20	Topeka	<u>08/03/52</u>	Logan, Lois Mary	19	Eskridge	Winchester	Q-407
Johnson, John D.	64	Topeka	<u>06/05/52</u>	Johnson, Julia	60	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-395
Johnson, Julia	60	Topeka	<u>06/05/52</u>	Johnson, John D.	64	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-395
Jordan, Betty	19	Valley Falls	<u>10/19/52</u>	Camblin, Glenn	27	Valley Falls	Nortonville	Q-428
Kester, Marlene Jo	16	Perry	<u>06/01/52</u>	Childers, Charles W illiam	25	Perry	Kansas City	Q-394
Kilburn, Jam es Le e	18	Lawrence	<u>03/27/52</u>	Foster, Martha Ann	16	Lawrence	Oskaloosa	Q-387
Knapp, Wayne	25	Easton	<u>09/28/52</u>	Woodhe ad, Anabel	21	McLouth	McLouth	Q-421
Korber, Cleo M.	44	Holton	<u>09/16/52</u>	Mulanax, Walter W .	45	Holton	Winchester	Q-418
Kramer , Darlene	18	McLouth	<u>09/02/52</u>	Schoenfeld, Dua ne	21	Grainfield	Tonganoxie	Q-416
LeGer , Donna Jean	19	Perry	<u>01/04/52</u>	Palmer, Russell	19	Perry	Perry	Q-375
Lewis, Thom as Reed	53	Merriam	<u>05/10/52</u>	Bush, Ida Faye	48	Kansas City, KS	Olathe	Q-390
Lobb, Clifford R.	30	Nortonville	<u>08/10/52</u>	Pontius, Cora Belle	23	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-410
Lobb, Ruby	23	McLouth	<u>11/15/52</u>	Harwood, Arnold E.	21	McLouth	McLouth	Q-435
Logan, Lois Mary	19	Eskridge	<u>08/03/52</u>	Johnson , Derry L.	20	Topeka	Winchester	Q-407
Long, Charles G., Jr.	21	Oskaloosa	<u>05/25/52</u>	Myers, Janise E.	19	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-392
Low, John Robert	21	Nortonville	<u>08/14/52</u>	Spencer, Elva Mae	18	Nortonville	Holton	Q-411
Lown, Isetta	17	Vinland	<u>08/01/52</u>	Wampler, Lloyd D.	21	Lawrence	Oskaloosa	Q-406
Luthye, Ronal d D.	24	Topeka	<u>05/30/52</u>	Neal, DeEtta	26	Topeka	Topeka	Q-398
Lynch, Adel aide	23	Topeka	<u>09/30/52</u>	Woodhe ad, Ernest	27	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-422
May, Glen E.	18	Williamstown	<u>10/12/52</u>	Roger s, Rosa Lee	18	Williamstown	Perry	Q-426
McAfee, Norma	16	McLouth	<u>12/20/52</u>	Griffits, Alvin E.	24	Ozawkie	McLouth	Q-437
McNeill, Neil E.	21	Lawrence	<u>12/20/52</u>	Weber, Betty	20	Lawrence	Emporia	Q-438
Meyer, George Lee	19	McLouth	<u>10/12/52</u>	Young, Fern Marie	21	Tonganoxie	Tonganoxie	Q-424
Miesse, Mary L.	21+	Topeka	<u>01/21/52</u>	Zimmerman, Ervin H.	21+	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-378
Miller, Albert Edward	16	Topeka	<u>08/03/52</u>	Bryant, Twyla May	16	Topeka	Winchester	Q-408
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Mitchell, Otis D.	25	Kansas City, MO	<u>11/09/52</u>	Gates, Sallie A.	26	Kansas City, MO	Winchester	Q-433
Moon, Virgil	19	Lawrence	<u>10/19/52</u>	Turner, Betty	17	Lawrence	Lawrence	Q-429
Mulanax, Walter W .	45	Holton	<u>09/16/52</u>	Korber, Cleo M.	44	Holton	Winchester	Q-418
Murray, Iona	16	Valley Falls	<u>09/21/52</u>	Fulton, James	17	Valley Falls	Winchester	Q-420
Myers, Janise E.	19	Oskaloosa	<u>05/25/52</u>	Long, Charles G., Jr.	21	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-392
Nagle, Frank H .	60	Wichita	<u>07/05/52</u>	Mitchell, Agnes J.	55	Wichita	Topeka	Q-403
Neal, DeEtta	26	Topeka	<u>05/30/52</u>	Luthye, Ronal d D.	24	Topeka	Topeka	Q-398
Newman, Helen Lea	18	Valley Falls	<u>07/24/52</u>	Stein, Anthony B.	27	Valley Falls	Kansas City	Q-405
Newman, Jack	24	Valley Falls	<u>05/25/52</u>	Arthur, Rhesa	18	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-393
Nichols, Clifford	23	Lawrence	<u>04/27/52</u>	Allen, Bessie	20	Lawrence	Winchester	Q-389
Noches, Rose M.	32	Topeka	<u>06/06/52</u>	Smith, Eugene L.	29	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-396
Norris, Pearl	48	Leavenworth	<u>06/06/52</u>	Gordon, Perry	63	Leavenworth	Winchester	Q-397
O'Neill, Hugh T.	21+	Winches ter	<u>03/07/52</u>	Curry, Etta May	21+	Valley Falls	Winchester	Q-384

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PERSON	AGE	RESIDENCE	M. DATE	SPOUSE	AGE	RESIDENCE	M. LOCATION	BOOK-PAGE
Palmer, Russell	19	Perry	<u>01/04/52</u>	LeGer, Donna Jean	19	Perry	Perry	Q-375
Parnell, Mary	18	Topeka	<u>02/03/52</u>	Hinchsliff, Richard c.	21	Topeka	Perry	Q-380
Phillips, A. O.	82	Topeka	<u>09/19/52</u>	Bird, Edith May	70	Topdka	Oskaloosa	Q-419
Pontius, Cora Belle	23	Valley Falls	<u>08/10/52</u>	Lobb, Clifford R.	30	Nortonville	Valley Falls	Q-410
Pope, George A.	38	Valley Falls	<u>06/24/52</u>	Thienell, Marie	41	Winona, MN	Winchester	Q-402
Riley, Raymond	19	Topeka	<u>06/14/52</u>	Fulton, Marie	17	Winches ter	Winchester	Q-399
Rodecap, Elmer Wesley	23	Meriden	<u>04/01/52</u>	Sester, Paul ine	16	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-388
Rogers, Rosa Lee	18	Williamstown	<u>10/12/52</u>	May, Glen E.	18	Williamstown	Perry	Q-426
Roser, George H.	50	Perry	<u>10/10/52</u>	Shephe rd, Lee	48	Topeka	Winchester	Q-425
Roux, Her man Le	22	Williamstown	<u>11/04/52</u>	Cleek, Marjorie	22	Williamstown	Oskaloosa	Q-431
Schafer, Charles Herbert	28	Blue Rapi ds	<u>08/30/52</u>	Green, Helen Elizabeth	32	Lawrence	Lawrence	Q-415
Schoenfeld, Duane	21	Grainfield	<u>09/02/52</u>	Kramer, Darlene	18	McLouth	Tonganoxie	Q-416
Schoonover, Noel Herbert	28	Ozawkie	<u>06/25/52</u>	Spielman, Mary Jane	20	Topeka	Topeka	Q-401
Schrader, Joseph E.	20	Lawrence	<u>11/15/52</u>	Vanek, Clara A.	27	Prague, NE	Topeka	Q-436
Self, Mae B.	66	Meriden	<u>03/24/52</u>	Fowler, Joseph H.	65	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-386
Sester, Paul ine	16	Topeka	<u>04/01/52</u>	Rodecap, Elmer Wesley	23	Meriden	Oskaloosa	Q-388
Shephe rd, Lee	48	Topeka	<u>10/10/52</u>	Roser, George H.	50	Perry	Winchester	Q-425
Shereman, W. Delos	30	Ozawkie	<u>07/12/52</u>	Denner, Lois A.	20	Ozawkie	Perry	Q-404
Simpson, John S.	52	Kansas City, MO	<u>12/24/52</u>	Beck, Marie	57	Kansas City, MO	Mission	Q-440
Smith, Eugene L.	29	Topeka	<u>06/06/52</u>	Noches, Rose M.	32	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-396
Spencer, Elva Mae	18	Nortonville	<u>08/14/52</u>	Low, John Robert	21	Nortonville	Holton	Q-411
Spielman, Mary Jane	20	Topeka	<u>06/25/52</u>	Schoonover, Noel Herbert	28	Ozawkie	Topeka	Q-401
Stein, Anthony B.	27	Valley Falls	<u>07/24/52</u>	Newman, Helen Lea	18	Valley Falls	Kansas City	Q-405
Stein, Charles A.	32	Valley Falls	<u>11/06/52</u>	Bomhoff, Barbara A.	17	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-432
Stevenson, Charles R.	28	Burlington	<u>06/22/52</u>	Ernst, Jo Ann	20	Salina	Topeka	Q-400
Stratton, Edna	50	Topeka	<u>10/10/52</u>	Denni ng, Leo nard C.	55	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-427
Thienell, Marie	41	Winona, MN	<u>06/24/52</u>	Pope, George A.	38	Valley Falls	Winchester	Q-402
Tillotson, Dorr	21+	Topeka	<u>08/23/52</u>	Anderson, Ethel, Mrs.	21+	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-413
Turner, Betty	17	Lawrence	<u>10/19/52</u>	Moon, Virgil	19	Lawrence	Lawrence	Q-429
Vanek, Clara A.	27	Prague, NE	<u>11/15/52</u>	Schrader, Joseph E.	20	Lawrence	Topeka	Q-436
Vibbert, Max J.	23	Corunna, MI	<u>08/24/52</u>	Watson, Virginia	19	McLouth	Oskaloosa	Q-414
Votipka, Edward	39	Valley Falls	<u>03/15/52</u>	Davidson, Idell	36	Nashville, TN	Oskaloosa	Q-385
Walker, Glenda Joy	17	Oskaloosa	<u>10/26/52</u>	Goins, Richard Earl	19	Williamstown	Oskaloosa	Q-430
Wampler, Lloyd D.	21	Lawrence	<u>08/01/52</u>	Lown, Isetta	17	Vinland	Oskaloosa	Q-406
Warren, Ezra	39	Tonganoxie	<u>08/07/52</u>	Asher, Florence	34	Tonganoxie	Oskaloosa	Q-409
Watson, Virginia	19	McLouth	<u>08/24/52</u>	Vibbert, Max J.	23	Corunna, MI	Oskaloosa	Q-414
Wax, Rosetta A.	20	Ozawkie	<u>03/01/52</u>	Bender, Roy E.	26	Ozawkie	Ozawkie	Q-383
Weber, Betty	20	Lawrence	<u>12/20/52</u>	McNeill, Neil E.	21	Lawrence	Emporia	Q-438
Wilson, Alex H.	35	Lawrence	<u>01/25/52</u>	Amyx, Helen Marie	22	Lawrence	Kincaid	Q-379
Witt, Sylvia	48	Winches ter	<u>02/14/52</u>	Dragoo, Eddie	52	Lincoln, MO	Winchester	Q-382
Woodhe ad, Anabel	21	McLouth	<u>09/28/52</u>	Knapp, Wayne	25	Easton	McLouth	Q-421
Woodhe ad, Ernest	27	Topeka	<u>09/30/52</u>	Lynch, Adel aide	23	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-422
Young, Fern Marie	21	Tonganoxie	<u>10/12/52</u>	Meyer, George Lee	19	McLouth	Tonganoxie	Q-424
Zimmerman, Ervin H.	21+	Topeka	<u>01/21/52</u>	Miesse, Mary L.	21+	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-378

## VALLEY FALLS BANK ROBBERY 1890

*The Valley Falls Register*, 7 Mar. 1890

Just before six o'clock last Saturday afternoon John Coen, cashier in the back of Hicks, Gephart & Co., pale and trembling rushed out of the front door of the bank and told passers by, as best he could, that the bank had been robbed of a large sum of money a few moments before. He first saw A. Harmon and L. M. Tutt. The startling news spread rapidly; guns and revolvers were in hand, and everybody soon on the lookout. But the fleeing robber escaped from sight by dodging three blocks east passing out at the stock yards. Darkness came on. Telegrams and telephone messages were sent in various directions giving notice of the robbery. Armed men were detailed to scour the country and board every out-going train. The hours wore on. Finally at midnight a dispatch from Meriden 15 miles distant, gave the information that a stranger, answering the description of the robber had stopped there and gone to bed in the hotel. He had told the night operator that he was a "slicker." Suspicion was fastened upon the stranger. How to capture him was the question. The officials at Meriden asked for help from Valley Falls, and Joe Summerville and Hal Stone volunteered to do the work and left in a buggy at 1:30 p.m. They arrived at Meriden between four and five o'clock and consulting constable Garber and landlord Garber, of the American hotel, laid their plans to capture the bold bad man. And they planned wisely and sagely. But would they get the right man! The robber had left word with the clerk to call him at 5 a.m. as he wished to go to Atchison on the morning train. He slept upstairs. At the appointed hour he was called by the clerk, arose promptly, dressed himself and walked down stairs into the office, where the brave deputies were stationed, armed with double barreled shot-guns, heavily loaded. The robber cheerily bade the clerk good morning closing the door behind him. At the same time he was ordered to throw up his hands and he saw, doubtless to his complete surprise, that he was covered by two sudden-death-dealing weapons. He halted not nor held up his hands, coolly and silently walked toward the stove, crossing his arms and reaching to his side coat pockets for his pistols. Again he was ordered to throw up his hands and again he refused, hoping, perhaps, to un-nerve the deputies, or by a skillful maneuver draw his double action revolvers and stand an equal chance with his captors. To him it must have been an awful moment. To surrender would be to expose his guilt — not to do so he might escape. His time had come; the triggers were pulled, simultaneously, and the heavy report from two shot guns sounded the knell of his departure into eternity. The daring robber fell backwards, dead his feet near the stove. He raised his head and shoulders slightly from the floor and sank back stilled in death. One full charge entered just above his heart and the other in part, his right shoulder. The body lay there until noon, when county attorney Gephart, and witnesses from here, arrived to attend a coroner's inquest and examine the effects of the dead man. \$2,812 was found on his person, all in his boots except \$24, one package of \$500 in bills, having the bank wrapper on it, endorsed 2-27-1890 – Coen; that is on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> [probably should be 27<sup>th</sup>?] 1890. Coen counted that package. The other packages were recognized. The robber had \$1,000 less than it was supposed he had., Coen in his excitement having over looked the package in the safe.

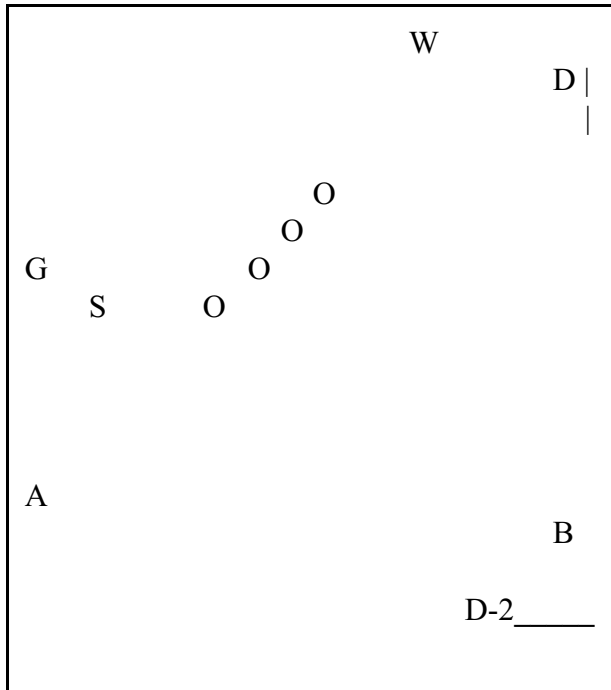
A coroner's inquest was held before Justice Fraser, and the following verdict was rendered.

State of Kansas, Jefferson Co., on the body of an unknown person there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed. The said jurors upon their oath, do say that the dead man is to us identified as that of the robber of the Hicks, Gephart & Co. bank at Valley Falls., Kan., on March 1, and killed by a gunshot wound while attempting to escape arrest at Meriden, Kan., in

apprehending him as said robber.

We find that said killing was lawful and justifiable in every respect. We further find that said death was not felonious. In testimony whereof the side jurors have hereunto set their hands, the day and year here below written. March 2, 1890. Abraham Mosier, foreman; Robert Smith, George W. Potts, Nathan Glenn, George A. Smith and D. H. Fraser, justice of the peace, acting coroner.

The man was identified as the robber beyond all question.



To the left is a diagram of the room in the hotel where the robber was shot. "D" is the door where he entered from a stairway; "O"s where he fell; "S" was the stove; "G" was Constable Garber; "B" was Summerville's position; "A" was Shire's position; "W" was a window; "D-2" was a 2<sup>nd</sup> door. The room was about 11 x 13 ft.

The robber had on a new short leather coat, lined with red flannel, dark checkered pants, knit jacket, wore boots and rubbers, and a felt hat. He was seen here Saturday morning wearing the same suit. When he committed the robbery he wore a black turban cap, brown denim coat and slate colored overalls, covering his face with a red handkerchief.

#### HOW IT WAS DONE

The "slicker" did his first work well but fell down at last. He took breakfast

Saturday morning at the octagon hotel and afterwards he played checkers with young Smith. He gave his name as D. Smith. He wore then, the same suit he died in. Shortly after 10 a.m. he went to Coy, Hutchins & Co's., clothing store and bought a 10 cent red Martha Washington pocket handkerchief, displaying a small roll of bills and getting change for a \$5 bill. He then visited each bank and took observations. He then visited several stores in town, his face covered with the red handkerchief. People who noticed him supposed he had the tooth-ache or mumps. About noon he hired a saddle horse at Harman's livery stable, still disguised, saying he wished to ride to the country two miles to look at some cattle. He rode all about town and studied the surroundings, no doubt. About one o'clock he hitched the horse to a telephone pole in front of the Crosby's bank, where it is presumed that he first intended to make a haul; but owing to the large number of farmers in town and a special meeting of a horse company in lawyer Hamble's office, in the rear of the bank, he gave that up after waiting two hours for an opportunity, and returned the horse at Harmon's suggestion. He probably intended to escape on the horse if he could rob that bank. He tried another plan, and entering Hicks, Gephart & Co.'s bank between four and five o'clock, called for and secured a \$2.00 draft on New York. John Coen, the cashier, was alone, Dr. Gephart, being absent at Oklahoma. Claiming to be chilly and suffering with neuralgia he entreatingly asked permission to sit by the stove in the office and warm. This was

granted, and he soon complained of growing very sick and enquired when the doctor might arrive. The cashier did not suspect his intentions though the robber lingered by the stove; but however told him he'd better go to some restaurant or other place to warm. The stranger pleaded to remain. Several parties saw him sitting in the rear office, but suspected nothing. Closing up time came on and the cashier proceeded to cast his balances and place the books, money, etc., in the vault. He closed the front door and had entered the vault to close the time safe, about this time growing rather nervous about the presence of the "sick" man. What could he mean. Suddenly his visitor appeared at the vault door with a revolver in each hand remarking, "That is a nice place you are in; a very secure place," and John saw two pistols in his face. He was powerless to resist. The robber said, "please hand out \$10,000." John replied that he did not have that much. "Then," said the robber, "give me what you have and put it in this sack." John proceeded to do so. The robber then proposed to lock John in the vault, but relented and locked him in the bank telling him he would leave the back door key by a tree and warned him not to give the alarm until he got away. But the alarm was given all the same, soon as possible, after unbolting the front door. The robber fled south one block and dodged eastward three blocks to the stock yards where, it was learned afterwards, he lay hiding for some time, under the chute of the A.T & S. FE stock yards. There he removed his disguise, and left a black cap, denim coat, overalls and red handkerchief in the white cotton bag, where they were found by Jim Falls, Tuesday morning. The draft, also, was found there, torn and twisted. Who he is and whence he came has not yet been ascertained.

#### NOTES:

It is the boldest bank robbery on record.

The \$2.00 draft was in favor of S. Robertson, Ottawa, Ks.

It was a lucky thing that Coen was not locked up in the vault.

Art Mason went to Meriden Tuesday and got two or three negatives of the unknown man and made some good photos of him.

Chief Gardner viewed the dead man Sunday to see if he was among his list of crooks.

Among the robber's effects was a silver watch bearing the initial R; a two-foot rule marked S. R.; a registered letter receipt with the names D. Smith and S. Robertson, Ottawa, Kans., to Burlington. He wore a home made shirt lined with part of a flour sack, branded Starre & Co., San Francisco.

When people from abroad heard of the robbery many remarked; The robber will be in great luck if he escapes. Valley Falls will shoot.

Charley Williams went to Meriden on a freight train, stopped off awhile and went to Topeka on the passenger, and the operator there was well prepared to suspicion the "slicker," when he stopped in half an hour afterwards.

Constable Stockwell went to Leavenworth via the N. W. freight at midnight.. He was at Police headquarters Sunday morning and learned by telephone of the death of the robber.

Hal Butts and Dr. Swallow drove to Boyle and Winchester. They noticed a horse hitched at a farm house, knocked and inquired if a stranger was there. The four young gentlemen, playing "high five" were badly frightened.

Deputy Fred Diehl was to go to Atchison on the morning train but the work was done before the time for the train.

Will Posey drove to Oskaloosa and back by one a.m. and brought over attorney Gephart. They had a cold ride.

“You won’t, will You” was the signal for the deputies to shoot, if the robber refused to hold up his hands and surrender.

We understand that certain parties, at Meriden, are talking to the effect that the robber could have been taken alive. They should have tried the job and not allowed help to come from Valley Falls.

The latest is that the body of the robber of the Valley Falls bank has been identified as that of Sharon Robertson, a farmer living near Ottawa. He was one time P.M. at Homewood.

#### SECOND INQUEST

Monday and Tuesday it was reported that the robber had shown a large roll of bills in making purchases during the day before entering the bank, and as the bank had not shown conclusively how much they had lost, they had become owners of money not belonging to them. Also that the shooting had been done with unjustifiable haste, without warning, that the parties doing it had said they had come to kill him and had done it.

These ideas were set forth to the coroner in a petition, and he decided to hold a second inquest to decide firstly if the bank had returned to them more than they had lost, and secondly if the pursuers had given sufficient warning before shooting.

The jury at the second inquest of four of the former jury with two new men. The second inquest was held Thursday much to the annoyance and inconvenience of the Valley Falls people. Attorney Myers appeared in behalf of the Bank, and Coroner Balsly began examining the witnesses, E. M. Hutchins, J. W. Falls, Squire Frazier, John Coen, Constable Garber, Summerville and Shire. The examination of the two latter is said to have been quite severe causing some excitement. Their testimony is substantially given in these columns.

Mr. Sharrard of the Meriden State bank was next called as an expert to examine the balance book of the Valley Falls as to the amount as to amount of balance on hand March 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

His report satisfied the jury that the bank was not in possession of any money not belonging to them.

The other personal effects were returned to the keeping of the coroner.

The jury after two hours deliberation brought in a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death by the hands of said Shire and Summerville, and that the killing was not felonious.

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### **SOLDIER NAMED “POOR” KILLED**

*The Oskaloosa Independent*, 5 Sep. 1863

One of the boys belonging to Capt. Kunkle’s company by the name of Poor, was killed by the raiders twelve miles south of Lawrence on Friday morning, between one and two o’clock. Capt. K. gives us the following particulars:

“Sergeant Haines and Poor were on their way home on furlough, and were bringing some stock the former had bought. They stopped for the night, got over the fence and laid down in a field to sleep. At about half past one o’clock they heard two men coming and hailed. The reply was “Friends of the 4<sup>th</sup> Mo. Regiment., on the way to visit friends in Lawrence.” The bushwhackers dismounted, put up their revolvers and appeared friendly, but one of them managed to get behind Haines and with presented revolver told him to throw down his arms. Haines seized him by the throat and revolver and a scuffle ensued. But the other disarmed Poor, who was but a boy and then turned to shoot Haines, who broke and ran. They fired at him and grazed his waist; but he escaped. Poor was then shot down in cold blood.

**1908 PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS, ROCK CREEK TWP.**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>\$ IN BANK</b>	<b>HOUSE GOODS</b>	<b>OTHER PER. PROP.</b>	<b>\$ TOTAL</b>
<b>ROCK CREEK TOWNSHIP</b>				
A. F. & A. M. of Meriden	\$250		\$10	\$260
A. O. U. W. of Meriden	\$30			\$30
Adams, I. T.		\$70	\$1,890	\$1,960
Adams, M. E.		\$50	\$940	\$990
Addy, Allen		\$30	\$970	\$1,000
Allen, D. R.		\$20	\$810	\$830
Allen, M. M.				\$2,000
Allen, P. W.	\$300	\$150	\$3,060	\$3,510
Allen, Sam & John		\$50	\$580	\$630
Allen, W. A.		\$20	\$810	\$830
Armstead, George T.		\$50	\$1,340	\$1,390
Armstrong, John	\$100	\$70	\$1,280	\$1,450
Armstrong, T. J.				\$590
Atwood, C. C.		\$50	\$260	\$310
Atwood, L.	\$430	\$20	\$600	\$1,050
Balz, Henry A.	\$170		\$400	\$570
Balz, R. T.				\$15,350
Barnes, E. R.		\$90	\$13,630	\$13,710
Barnes, F. B.	\$1,500	\$200	\$4,310	\$6,010
Barry, David		\$40	\$1,110	\$1,150
Barry, Sarah E.	\$320	\$50	\$90	\$460
Bateman, David M.				\$150
Becker, Adam	\$400	\$100	\$4,090	\$4,590
Becker, Charles		\$100	\$520	\$620
Becker, Ed		\$50	\$1,440	\$1,490
Becker, J. W. I.				\$500
Becker, John C.		\$40	\$770	\$810
Becker, Peter	\$150		\$7,000	\$7,150
Becker, Phillip	\$30	\$50	\$680	\$710
Becker, W. C.		\$40	\$600	\$640
Bell, John C.	\$120	\$50	\$600	\$770
Berg, John W.	\$500	\$100	\$1,940	\$2,540
Bertschinger, F. W.	\$320	\$30	\$660	\$1,010
Biggs, G. G.	\$20	\$10	\$10	\$40
Blevins, H. T.		\$40	\$1,280	\$1,320
Boles, T. S.	\$100	\$40	\$500	\$640
Bonewitz, L. F.				\$710
Bonewitz, L. W.	\$200	\$40	\$700	\$940
Bowen, J. C.		\$50	\$2,170	\$2,220
Bowlby, Benjamin	\$1,900	\$150	\$2,170	\$4,220
Boyle, F. J.		\$60	\$1,020	\$1,080
Broson, J. B.		\$40	\$1,740	\$1,780
Burge, William M.		\$50	\$250	\$300
Bux, B. J.	\$700	\$60	\$650	\$1,410
Campbell, H. C.		\$30	\$350	\$380
Campbell, N. J.	\$30	\$100	\$1,270	\$1,400
Carden, John		\$50	\$520	\$570
Carr, W. F.	\$50	\$40	\$690	\$780
Carter, G. F.		\$20	\$810	\$830
Carter, H. W.		\$40	\$1,090	\$1,130
Castell, J.		\$10	\$620	\$630
Chacey, H. B.		\$50	\$1,720	\$1,770

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>\$ IN BANK</b>	<b>HOUSE GOODS</b>	<b>OTHER PER. PROP.</b>	<b>\$ TOTAL</b>
Chacey, S. H.	\$100	\$90	\$1,280	\$1,470
Chacey, S. H.				\$80
Chacey, V. H.		\$10	\$430	\$440
Chapman, Jesse				\$150
Chapman, Lucy	\$2,000	\$40	\$250	\$2,290
Cheisy, Isa				\$1,840
Christie, Della		\$40	\$860	\$900
Christy, E. A.	\$30	\$100	\$1,330	\$1,460
Christy, F. M.	\$1,000	\$80	\$1,310	\$2,390
Chubb, Ardena L.	\$190			\$190
Chubb, Elmer	\$200	\$60	\$1,000	\$1,260
Chubb, Irvin	\$20		\$2,170	\$2,190
Chubb, Jeremiah	\$2,630			\$2,630
Chubb, Mary M.	\$200	\$20		\$220
Clark, E. G.		\$20	\$720	\$740
Clark, J. E.	\$50	\$70	\$610	\$730
Clark, James A.		\$50	\$1,840	\$1,890
Clark, L. L.		\$30	\$760	\$790
Clark, O. T.	\$20	\$60	\$810	\$890
Cleland, J. W.		\$40	\$520	\$560
Cline, G. W.	\$200	\$80	\$1,360	\$1,640
Cob, Mort		\$40	\$700	\$740
Coffey, John E.	\$500	\$100	\$140	\$740
Coffey, Rose A.	\$130		\$2,950	\$3,080
Coffey, W. H.		\$150	\$2,180	\$2,330
Collier, J. C.		\$20	\$1,450	\$1,470
Collins, A. D.	\$10	\$50	\$840	\$900
Cont. Creamery Co.				\$390
Cook, Bert				\$90
Cook, Charles F.	\$20	\$20	\$1,150	\$1,190
Cook, S. I.	\$280	\$10	\$680	\$970
Council, D. E.		\$50	\$3,050	\$3,100
Crites, A. G.		\$20	\$380	\$400
Crites, T. B.	\$170	\$40	\$1,060	\$1,270
Crowley, William F. guardian				\$560
Crowley, William F. self		\$50	\$1,600	\$1,710
Cunning, Ernest	\$10	\$30	\$670	\$710
Cunning, Isaac	\$100	\$50	\$1,880	\$2,030
Cunning, Martha J.				\$1,350
Cunningham, C. W.	\$150	\$30	\$520	\$700
Cunningham, Elizabeth		\$20	\$400	\$420
Cunningham, H. C.	\$300	\$80	\$760	\$1,140
Cunningham, Mike	\$100	\$80	\$1,720	\$1,900
Dale, J. B.		\$120	\$700	\$820
Darland, D.	\$130		\$90	\$220
Davis, C. C.				\$720
Davis, J. F.		\$40	\$2,060	\$2,100
Davis, William				\$1,360
DeArnond, William	\$220		\$600	\$820
Denner, F. M.	\$930	\$40	\$1,210	\$2,180
Denner, J. E.	\$190		\$470	\$660
Denner, John	\$50	\$50	\$590	\$690
Deveney, James	\$100	\$50	\$1,090	\$1,240



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<b>NAME</b>	<b>\$ IN BANK</b>	<b>HOUSE GOODS</b>	<b>OTHER PER. PROP.</b>	<b>\$ TOTAL</b>
Dewey, A. W.		\$50	\$520	\$570
Dewey, G. A.		\$30	\$810	\$840
Dillinger, N. P.		\$30	\$1,390	\$1,420
Ditch, H. A.	\$700		\$140	\$840
Dix, John P.	\$180	\$40	\$760	\$980
Dooley, T. P., executor		\$40	\$700	\$740
Dooley, T. P., self		\$60	\$910	\$970
Dougan, J. H.	\$4,000	\$80	\$3,290	\$7,370
Duncan, Elaizabeth	\$300		\$20	\$320
Duncan, R. J.	\$200	\$120	\$90	\$410
Eastman, A. R.	\$150	\$50	\$970	\$1,170
Edwards, E. M.	\$40		\$640	\$680
Edwards, H.		\$120	\$4,430	\$4,550
Egner, Carrie	\$40			\$40
Elrod, Amanda	\$20	\$50	\$200	\$370
Eshom, G. T.		\$40	\$930	\$970
Fisher, William B.		\$70	\$250	\$320
Fitzgerald, E. M.		\$60	\$3,250	\$3,310
Fleming, Amos		\$40	\$520	\$560
Fleming, P. W.		\$80	\$730	\$810
Fleming, W. E.		\$50	\$530	
Gardner, M. A.	\$60	\$80	\$1,050	\$1,190
Gardner, W. A.	\$300	\$100	\$1,470	\$1,870
Gay, George M.	\$1,200	\$70	\$1,030	\$2,300
Gentry, T. J.		\$50	\$920	\$970
Gerber, H. C.	\$10	\$50	\$960	\$1,020
Gheer, M. S.	\$130	\$50	\$380	\$560
Gibb, A. P.	\$70	\$60	\$80	\$210
Gish, A.	\$100	\$60	\$900	\$1,060
Gish, Arvilla B.		\$40	\$550	\$590
Gleason, Martha E.	\$1,040			\$1,040
Goff, C. P.		\$40	\$700	\$740
Green, William & Son	\$20	\$100	\$430	\$550
Groendyke, David		\$10	\$40	\$50
Groendyke, E. H.	\$350	\$30	\$490	\$870
Groshong, D. B.	\$40	\$120	\$2,000	\$2,160
Hagen, E. C.				\$620
Halbert, T. D.		\$70	\$210	\$280
Hatfield, G. S.	\$30	\$40	\$1,000	\$1,070
Haun, A. S.		\$40	\$420	\$460
Haun, F. A.		\$40	\$1,670	\$1,710
Hawke, Aug.	\$600	\$50	\$10	\$660
Hawke, John R.		\$90	\$1,370	\$1,460
Henderson, C. O.		\$30	\$490	\$520
Henley, S. M.		\$60	\$2,480	\$2,540
Henry, F. A.		\$50	\$850	\$900
Hileman, W. J.		\$50	\$1,410	\$1,460
Hines & Prentice (\$ 10000)	\$150			\$10,150
Hines, A. F.	\$1,380	\$70	\$2,350	\$3,800
Hines, Charles		\$120	\$3,840	\$3,960
Hines, J. D.	\$200	\$180	\$2,260	\$2,640
Hodge, L. B.		\$30	\$710	\$740
Hodge, M. R.		\$10	\$300	\$310

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>\$ IN BANK</b>	<b>HOUSE GOODS</b>	<b>OTHER PER. PROP.</b>	<b>\$ TOTAL</b>
Hodge, W. T.		\$30	\$680	\$710
Hokenson, Ingoberg		\$20	\$30	\$50
Holmes, H. V.		\$40	\$1,090	\$1,130
Howard, B. F.	\$80	\$60	\$680	\$820
Howe, C. E.				\$70
Huber, H. E.		\$100	\$2,760	\$2,860
Huddleston, J.	\$50	\$100	\$330	\$480
Huff, A. D.		\$30	\$580	\$610
Huffman, A. J.	\$190	\$80	\$50	\$320
Hull, George W.	\$70	\$40	\$550	\$660
Hunt, Fred	\$30	\$40	\$500	\$570
Hunter, C. S.		\$130	\$260	\$390
I. O. O. F. of Meriden	\$500		\$30	\$530
Isaac, Enoch				\$510
Isaac, Jane		\$10	\$210	\$220
Isaac, Nathan				\$970
James, N. H.		\$40	\$750	\$790
Jay, Benjamin		\$90	\$900	\$890
Jay, E. T.		\$80	\$3,140	\$3,220
Johnson, Albert	\$150	\$50	\$940	\$1,140
Johnson, J. W.				\$370
Johnson, N. E. (error in sum?)		\$10	\$270	\$380
Jones, H. J.	\$260	\$60	\$1,310	\$1,630
Juelky, John		\$30	\$360	\$390
Jurgens, Andrew H.		\$40	\$1,380	\$1,420
Kampman, George		\$80	\$1,030	\$1,110
Kane, Ellen C.	\$30	\$80	\$1,750	\$1,860
Keasling, Dora		\$50	\$610	\$660
Keasling, I. W.				\$550
Keasling, J. O.				\$20
Keasling, P. W.				\$40
Kelch, Henry	\$120		\$480	\$600
Kelch, Peter				\$20
Kendig, C. K.	\$1,000	\$180	\$8,470	\$9,650
Kius, A. C.	\$50	\$70	\$1,130	\$1,250
Koehler Brothers		\$90	\$270	\$360
Koenitzer, H. W.		\$90	\$1,160	\$1,250
Krumrey, F. W.		\$20	\$670	\$690
Krumrey, Nicholas	\$460	\$60	\$4,070	\$4,590
Lacey, J. C.	\$70	\$80	\$1,500	\$1,650
Lacey, R. B.	\$180	\$70	\$4,800	\$5,050
Lake, E. M.	\$30	\$50	\$560	\$640
Lake, Esther				\$150
Lake, George S.	\$10	\$60	\$970	\$1,040
Lake, S. E.				\$280
Launer, Edward	\$10	\$20	\$780	\$810
Lawrence, F. A.	\$200	\$50	\$2,000	\$2,250
Leadke, A. C.		\$40	\$840	\$880
Leadke, Aug.	\$40	\$20	\$3,000	\$3,060
Leonard, A. D.				\$130
Lincoln, F. O.		\$20	\$670	\$690
Lingrene, C. A.	\$60		\$430	\$490
Lonberg, John	\$1,140			\$1,140

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Long, J. E. & W. F.	\$500		\$2,110	\$2,610
Long, T. J.		\$100	\$630	\$730
Long, W. E.		\$40	\$1,380	\$1,420
Mangold, J. L.	\$200	\$40	\$1,300	\$1,540
Martin, A. H.	\$200	\$90	\$440	\$730
Martin, Anna L.	\$1,000		\$1,500	\$2,500
Martin, J. A.		\$30	\$590	\$620
Martin, John G.	\$2,000	\$70	\$3,370	\$5,440
Martin, John.		\$30	\$750	\$780
May, Harry				\$610
May, W. H.		\$40	\$740	\$780
May, W. J.	\$500	\$100	\$4,190	\$4,790
McAfee, G. B.	\$70	\$50	\$1,200	\$1,320
McCarty, Mary	\$1,500	\$70	\$1,220	\$2,790
McCarty, Michael		\$40	\$550	\$590
McClure, William	\$600	\$80	\$660	\$1,340
McCoy, A. B.		\$40	\$350	\$390
McCoy, C. M.		\$50	\$1,270	\$1,320
McCoy, Clayton	\$20	\$30	\$580	\$630
McCue, A. E. (\$600)	\$80	\$50	\$270	\$1,000
McCue, Hugh		\$40	\$1,120	\$1,160
McElroy, Paul		\$20	\$1,040	\$1,060
McGuire, Frank				\$2,940
McGuire, M. W.		\$30	\$640	\$670
McLucas, Grant	\$100	\$60	\$100	\$260
McLucas, John (\$ 1,260)		\$80	\$150	\$1,490
McNeff, Dave		\$50	\$330	\$380
Meriden Elevator Co. (\$ 300)	\$500		\$400	\$1,200
Meriden Mutual Creamery Co.				\$4,500
Meriden State Bank (\$ 29,470)				\$29,470
Metzger, Frank		\$30	\$640	\$670
Metzger, Hulda		\$50		\$50
Metzger, Jacob		\$80	\$1,530	\$1,610
Metzger, James				\$300
Metzger, W. J.		\$20	\$630	\$650
Michael, William		\$50	\$1,670	\$1,720
Miller, F. B.		\$50	\$780	\$830
Miller, F. D.		\$50	\$610	\$660
Mitchell, E.		\$20	\$20	\$40
Moody, D. F.	\$20	\$40	\$340	\$400
Mooney, J. H.	\$1,300	\$120	\$20	\$1,440
Moore, Moses	\$10	\$30	\$1,740	\$1,780
Mosher, E. S.	\$1,100	\$50	\$900	\$2,050
Mosier, J. W. (\$10,720)	\$220	\$200	\$1,210	\$12,360
Mosier, R. A.		\$150		\$150
Mowrey, H. A.		\$60	\$1,840	\$1,900
Musselman, N. E.		\$30	\$280	\$310
Nieman, Albert	\$250	\$30	\$220	\$500
Nunley, B. F. (\$ 400)		\$50	\$40	\$490
Ogan, Samuel		\$30	\$410	\$440
Osborn, E. G.	\$200	\$80	\$360	\$640
Osborn, Nancy	\$350	\$50	\$100	\$500
Owen Brothers		\$70	\$1,250	\$1,320

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Owen, Tracey		\$50	\$1,160	\$1,250
Pacson, O. C.	\$10	\$40	\$450	\$500
Palmberg, A. (\$ 100)	\$300	\$50	\$190	\$640
Palmberg, O.	\$20			\$20
Palmer, J. T.	\$60	\$50	\$1,350	\$1,460
Patterson, George E.	\$250	\$70	\$910	\$1,230
Patterson, George E., Partner				\$1,900
Peck, C. D.		\$60	\$2,720	\$2,780
Peck, J. R.	\$20	\$40	\$830	\$890
Peebler Hardware Co. (\$ 4,030)	\$400	\$10	\$100	\$4,540
Peebler, C. H.				\$230
Peebler, W. W.	\$200	\$120	\$580	\$900
People's State Bank (\$10,000)				\$10,000
Perkinson, Z. B. (\$100)		\$30	\$80	\$210
Peterson, Simon		\$10	\$580	\$590
Portz, V.	\$70	\$30	\$580	\$680
Potts, M. E.		\$150		\$150
Potts, S. L.	\$150	\$50	\$540	\$740
Pricket, Thomas	\$300	\$30	\$440	\$770
Quaney, Ella	\$1,850	\$50	\$90	\$1,990
Reed, E. B.		\$40	\$260	\$300
Replogle, L. H.	\$50	\$40	\$550	\$640
Richards, A. L.		\$10	\$740	\$750
Richards, Emily		\$40	\$3,360	\$3,400
Richards, N. H.		\$100	\$470	\$570
Richards, William, adm.	\$1,300		\$320	\$1,620
Richards, William, guardian	\$1,900		\$2,230	\$4,130
Ricketts, W. H.	\$120	\$50	\$40	\$210
Rock Creek Merc. Co. (\$ 4,800)		\$90	\$100	\$4,990
Rodecap, A. B.	\$410		\$90	\$500
Rodecap, J. E.		\$60	\$510	\$570
Rodgers, Joseph	\$40	\$30	\$300	\$370
Rodgers, Samuel		\$20	\$1,330	\$1,350
Ross, J. M.		\$50	\$620	\$670
Russell, Richard	\$200	\$40	\$3,090	\$3,330
Rutten, L. D.	\$1,140	\$90	\$650	\$1,880
Sams, George		\$10	\$240	\$250
Savage, N..	\$400	\$40	\$210	\$650
Sayles, William	\$350	\$60	\$2,800	\$3,210
Scales, J. H. (\$ 380)	\$20	\$40		\$450
Schaffer, Elizabeth				\$90
Schaffer, John	\$70	\$60	\$510	\$640
Schaffert, Michael		\$70	\$3,060	\$3,130
Seal, H. S. (\$ 1,380)		\$60	\$30	\$1,470
Seal,, J. H.		\$40	\$1,390	\$1,430
Sechrist, O. C.		\$50	\$770	\$820
Shaffer, J. I.	\$150	\$120	\$610	\$880
Shank, C. L.	\$1,450	\$60	\$1,130	\$2,640
Shaw, Sarah J.		\$150	\$10	\$160
Shaw, T. W.				\$150
Simmons, George T.	\$1,350		\$4,200	\$5,550
Simpson, Chris		\$70	\$660	\$730
Smith, Ann	\$400			\$400

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NAME	\$ IN BANK	HOUSE GOODS	OTHER PER. PROP.	\$ TOTAL
Smith, Rebecca		\$50	\$670	\$720
Smith, Robert (\$ 13,980)	\$200	\$100	\$140	\$14,420
Spahn, Nicholas		\$10	\$280	\$290
Spencer, C. D.		\$10	\$5,900	\$5,910
Stadel, S. L.	\$300	\$70	\$5,500	\$5,870
Steffey, H. A.				\$80
Steffey, John M.	\$150	\$60	\$1,220	\$1,430
Steffey, M. C.				\$50
Steffey, O. C.				\$80
Steinmetz, W. A.				\$690
Stockton, J. T.	\$260	\$50	\$650	\$960
Sturgeon, H. J.				\$320
Sturgeon, J.	\$30	\$20	\$530	\$580
Swallow, G. A.		\$100	\$250	\$350
Swickart, H. N.		\$30	\$950	\$980
Taggart, W. E.		\$60	\$1,420	\$1,480
Taggart, W. R.	\$220	\$100	\$3,060	\$3,880
Taylor, J. F.	\$10	\$70	\$1,240	\$1,320
Taylor, Lizzie	\$1,160	\$50	\$2,140	\$3,350
Terry, T. H.	\$20	\$20	\$470	\$510
Thomas & Son Lumber (\$ 9,190)			\$3,860	\$13,050
Thomas Lumber Co. (\$ 3,590)	\$1,100		\$1,510	\$6,200
Tidd, Charles		\$10	\$370	\$380
Triplet, B. F.		\$50	\$230	\$280
Tripp, F. A.	\$200	\$70	\$350	\$620
Tripp, G. H.		\$30	\$1,130	\$1,180
Tripp, John A.		\$50	\$1,130	\$1,180
Tripp, M. A.				\$4,240
Tudor, Sarah E.	\$1,000	\$60	\$210	\$1,370
Tullis, J. H. (\$ 60)	\$520	\$50	\$140	\$770
Wade, S. B.	\$200	\$30	\$570	\$800
Wagner, Almira	\$100	\$80	\$1,090	\$1,270
Wagner, E. A.	\$160	\$150	\$10,850	\$11,160
Warner, W. O.	\$180	\$70	\$600	\$850
Warren, C. W.		\$60	\$2,040	\$2,100
Warren, G. H.	\$50	\$50	\$660	\$760
Watson, J. A.	\$10	\$40	\$1,580	\$1,630
Way, J. D.		\$50	\$1,130	\$1,180
Way, William				\$320
Webster, E. B.		\$30	\$1,410	\$1,440
Webster, F. V.		\$20	\$440	\$460
Weiland, Thomas		\$400		\$400
West, H. A.		\$50	\$1,710	\$1,760
Wilcoxon, G. W.		\$30	\$1,280	\$1,310
Wilkerson, J. M.	\$3,640			\$3,640
Williams, C. W.	\$180	\$20	\$550	\$750
Williams, Sue	\$280	\$30	\$430	\$740
Work, J. L.	\$400	\$180	\$1,920	\$2,500
Yielky, Lewis		\$40	\$1,030	\$1,070
Yoakum, H. P.	\$20	\$50	\$780	\$850
Young, B. E.				\$330
Young, William		\$30	\$200	\$230
Ziegler, A. J.	\$60		\$610	\$670

## JOHN BROWN CAMP IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

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Frank Ferris Recalls That Early Days of State History Were Often Colored by Violence.

Note by Frank Ferris (the original writer in 1955) —Some time ago it was suggested that I write an article concerning the early day landmark located three miles east of Nortonville on the farm of the late John Schuler which is now owned by his son Wilfred. It is an intriguing idea, and should have been written by someone many years ago to preserve the history of this important landmark of the Civil War period still standing in our community today.

Among the historical records of the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka there is nothing pertaining to John Brown first and only through this part of the country, other than in the year of 1857 he and three of his sons passed through Hickory Point on their way to the Territory of Nebraska with a number of Negro slaves which they intended to set free, and were attacked by a gang of border ruffians in Nemaha County. Only a few of the remaining old-timers whose parents were early settlers east of Nortonville were able to furnish any amount of information in regard to this old camp ground and the early day landmark located on the old Government trail, established in 1849 by the United States army engineers at Fort Leavenworth.

The new military road soon became the great thoroughfare of the western emigrants to Utah and on to California during the days of the gold rush. Upwards of 70,000 men, women and children with wagons, horses, oxen, flocks and herds innumerable, passed over this road in 1845-50. Across much of the unbroken pasture land to the west and east of Nortonville it is still possible to observe this old government trail which indicated the path of civilization.

One morning just recently I was accompanied to the site of the old camp ground by one of the older residents of this community and a noted historian from Topeka, and we wondered what the old early day landmark could relate if it had the power of speech. It has witnessed the progress of one hundred years, from the small ten inch prairie breaker hitched behind a yoke of oxen and its shining moleboard [moldboard?] turning over one or perhaps two acres from sun up until sun down to the modern diesel tractor with its four large plows turning over from 25 to 30 acres in much less time, and from the slow moving stage coach that passed over the old government trail twice each week to the large jet passenger planes that pass over head many times each day.

As we stood there a jet plane zoomed across the sky at a speed of perhaps four or five hundred miles per hour, and probably making a non-stop flight from the Atlantic to the Pacific with two hundred or more passengers aboard. Such a contrast, a glimpse of the past and a glimpse of the future. Each making its contribution to this wonderful country of ours.

Without early day records that I have kept on file during my years of residence in this vicinity, recollections of early day incidents that were told to me during my boyhood days by the early settlers, and assistance rendered me by the older people of this community it would have been entirely impossible for me to have written the following article.

Frank Ferris

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I have recently been asked by a number of the older people living in Nortonville and vicinity to write up the following account for publication in some future issue of the Nortonville News. It concerns the oldest of all early day landmarks still standing in this section of the country today.

Just 97 years ago last April Old John Brown, the great Free State leader, and three of his sons camped for the night on the small stream that has its heading a few rods south of the city limits of Nortonville. This early day landmark, located three miles on down this little stream was on the old Government trail leading from Ft. Leavenworth through the timbered sections and on west to where the rolling prairie gave way to the great plains.

For many years previous to the arrival of John Brown and his sons this old camping ground with its tall shade trees and an abundance of running water was a favorite overnight stopping place for early day freighters, buffalo hunting outfits on their way to the plains of western Kansas and many of the pioneers who crossed on the ferry above Leavenworth with their oxen and covered wagons, pushing their way westward ahead of the advancing civilization.

As this part of the country is rich in frontier history and tales of the pioneers, I am sure the following article will be of interest to the many readers of this paper, who never knew that an important landmark of the Civil War period still stands on the south bank of the small creek that passes through the Wilfred Schuler farm.

Since early last spring when its location and much of the early history concerning this old landmark was brought to light by two of the old-timers whose parents were among the first pioneer settlers to located near there, pioneer settlers to historians from different parts of Kansas have visited this landmark, gathering a vast amount of historic material pertaining to the Free State and Pro-Slavery conflict which had irritated a Nation for decades.

It was here in this part of Kansas that the war of rebellion began when the spark of conflict burst into devastating flames. Surrounded by a group of beautiful oak trees this early landmark, in form of a monstrous white limestone rock weighing approximately twenty tons which has the letters R. M. B., and the date of 1857 chiseled deep into its hard surface, stands today as a memorial to John Brown, the great Free State leader and his four sons who gave their lives for the cause of freedom and did a great part in bringing about an everlasting peace between the North and South.

Kansas was still a territory during the primitive period of the development of the country in the vicinity of the old landmark, when our first pioneer settlers were performing the arduous task of reclaiming the wild and barren lands which were former hunting grounds of the Kickapoo Indians who occupied this section of the country up until 1854.

As the territory of Kansas was soon to be admitted to the Union hundreds of Pro-slavery sympathizers from Missouri and other slave states squatted on claims along Crooked creek and as far west as the Wilfred Schuler farm to entitle them to vote in favor of slavery at the fist election which was held at the Pascal Pensoneau trading post near what is now the town site of Potter.

They also attempted to drive Free State settlers from their claims by dire threats of arson or murder in case they remained. Raiders from Missouri were preying upon all Free State settlers who had pre-empted claims along Crooked creek. Outlaws were rampant in other nearby

settlements and there was much bloodshed in the warfare that existed between Hickory Point and the northern boundary of Jefferson County.

Then came the ceaseless flow of the tide of civilization to clear the field for the “Momentous conflict between the two opposing systems of American civilization then struggling for mastery and supremacy over the Republic.”

The condition of affairs could not long exist between the two opposing forces and from this time on there was a succession of personal encounters of wide significance, and in addition there was the war along the border in which our neighboring counties to the east played a conspicuous but not a glorious part. It was at this juncture that Old John Brown, the strong abolitionist from Essex County, New York and his four sons appeared on the scene to begin their work of driving the slavery advocates from Kansas and making it and the Nation free.

In the early spring of 1857 the immortal John Brown accompanied by three of his sons and a young buffalo hunter by the name of Barrows from near Leavenworth who was well acquainted with the sparsely settled country toward the northwest made a trip from Missouri into the Territory of Nebraska with four covered wagons loaded with slaves which they intended to set free.

Their route was through Hickory Point eight miles south of here, where two days of battle had been fought seven months previous to that time, between Pro-slavery men and Free State settlers, and then on up across the corner of Jackson County. A lot of Pro-slavery enthusiasts in Atchison heard of the affair and went out to intercept Brown. The Pro-slavery gang led by the notorious Cook who had killed Brown's oldest son at Osawatomie only a short time before. They came up with him soon after he entered Nemaha County, but Brown had been informed of their coming by a rider mounted on a swift saddle horse who overtook the party out on the high prairie seven miles west of where Nortonville is now located and he captured the entire gang and took possession of their horses and firearms.

Old John Brown looked at Cook critically after the capture and said to him, “You are the outlaw who killed my son at Osawatomie,” but he denied the charge saying his name was Porter. Brown said, “you are lying to me, and” would have killed him on the spot, but was not being certain of his identity he spared his life.

On the return trip from Nebraska the party came down through Brown and Atchison counties and stopped for the noon hour on the banks of Stranger creek at the cabin of the Rev. Pardee Butler, a strong abolitionist, who operated an underground station for run-away slaves who were making their way from Missouri into the Nebraska Territory.

In the late afternoon Brown and his sons continued their journey on south to the old campground on the Government trail where they stopped for the night. As a heavy downpour of rain continued all through the following day and far into the next night, it was necessary for them to remain there for two days.

I recall that during my boyhood days I often hear the early settlers east of Nortonville tell of their interesting conversation with John Brown as they sat on a log beside the campfire, while one of the boys in Brown's party was busy with a hammer and sharp chisel cutting his initials and the date upon the face of a huge rock that stood near one of their covered wagons.

As the tall, spare, close shaved John Brown with streaks of grey through his hair sat beside his



campfire down on what is now the Wilfred Schuler farm, back in 1857, his old trusty Sharps rifle laying across a log near him and armed with two Colts revolvers in his belt, he spent the greater part of those two chilly spring afternoons talking to Free State settlers of the neighborhood and related the long interesting story as to how he captured Cook and his gang of border ruffians in Nemaha County.

He and his party were preparing to camp for the night near a deep ravine that ran up through the tall prairie, when his youngest son who had been stationed on a high mound to the east with a fast saddle horse to be on the lookout for Cook, came riding into the camp at break-neck, twenty years of age who claimed they knew how to use a rifle and Colts six shooter. The remaining fifty six men, women and children were told to go quite a distance on up the deep ravine and by laying flat on the ground they would not be harmed by gun fire.

Browns ten head of horses and mules, including two fine saddle horses were taken into another deep ravine several rods to the west and tied to some small willow saplings. A few minutes later when the notorious Cook and his gang of border ruffians swooped down upon Browns camp from a steep incline on south to make their surprise attack they found it deserted, and decided that they had come upon a crew of freighters hauling army supplies to the Military Post at Kearney, Nebraska.

As they dismounted from their horses to investigate and make sure that it was not Browns camp, 12 Sharps rifles with the hammers pulled back ready to fire were aimed at the gang from the south bank of the ravine and they surrendered without a shot being fired.

After the capture, Brown at once placed a heavy guard over his prisoners while his three sons and Barrows, a life-long friend and former neighbor of the Brown family back in New York, untied a heavy woolen sleeping blanket from the rear of each saddle, and by emptying several chambers of their 45 caliber Colts cap and ball revolvers into the air to frighten the horses they started across the prairie toward Atchison.

On the following morning Cook and his gang were forced to march ahead of the covered wagons until late in the afternoon when they were given their freedom a few miles south of the Nebraska line, and the long journey of over sixty miles across the barren prairie to Atchison was made on foot.

Up until a half century ago it was still possible to see the date of 1857 chiseled in the left hand corner of this huge rock, several inches below the initials. In the year 1904 the late Ben Schneider, father of Henry Schneider of this city, paid Sam Hartman of that neighborhood \$500.00 to change the course of the creek in order that the rich bottom land of the old campsite could be farmed to a better advantage and since that time the date has been covered with dirt and sand. However, the letters of R. M. B. which were cut there nearly a century ago are as plain as they were the day they were made.

As this early day landmark stands in our community today as a memorial to John Brown and his four sons who gave their lives for the cause of freedom and did a great part in bringing about an everlasting peace between the North and south, we all regret that it is not located in a roadside park near our little city where it can be seen by the thousands of tourists who pass through here each season.

Frank Ferris

## DEATH RECORDS OF JEFFERSON CO. (continued from Oct. 2013)

These records are contained in nine printed notebooks that appear to be the death records that the “town/township” reporter was to provide information so that death certificates could be produced after 1911. Most of the names are contained in the computerized list of Jefferson Co. Death records compiled by the Jefferson Co. Gen. Soc. However, **the following are either not on the list or their burial location is unknown.** If you have knowledge about burial locations of any of these persons, please notify the Gen. Soc. so that we can improve our records . If they were not buried in Jefferson Co. they may have been buried in adjacent counties or been transported back to their ancestral “home area”. These records provide some additional information beyond the information given below. It lists: sex, race, age, place & cause of death, single/married/widowed, physician, and undertaker.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
Rath, Frances Irene	2d	5 Jul 1925	Fairview Twp.
Ray, Johnie Shannon	1y	2 Dec 1922	Osk. Twp.
Ray, infant	-	2 Apr 1923	Osk. Twp.
Ready, Zella May	57y	4 Mar 1933	Winchester
Redmond, infant	-	3 Mar. 1917	Kaw Twp.
Reser, Nellie Agnes	66y	23 Mar 1945	Winchester
Richards, George W.	69y	18 _?_ 1923	Meriden
Richards, Rose A.	78y	7 May 1938	Meriden
Richardson, Curtis S.	20y	30 May 1931	Winchester
Ridley, Frances	42y	25 Oct 1929	Omaha, NE
Rincon, Maria Santos	-	1 Nov 1913	Meriden
Rindon, Lester (infant)	-	16 Jan 1926	Oskaloosa
Ritchey, Anna May	65y	1 Jan 1943	Ky. Twp.
Robbins, Thomas Murry	46y	22 Jun 1934	Oskaloosa
Roberts, baby	-	16 Aug 1922	Perry
Robertson, Jacob O.	82y	13 Jan 1915	Rock Creek Twp.
Robinson, Bell Matz	63y	27 Oct 1924	Oskaloosa
Robinson, Eva Fars	52y	28 Aug 1923	Osk. Twp.
Robinsus, Edna M.	-	22 Dec 1930	Winchester
Roff, John M.	66y	28 Feb 1935	Meriden
Rolin, infant	-	30 Dec 1931	Meriden
Rouland, Lawrence	-	24 Feb 1922	Grantville
Rouse, Sarah	58y	31 Mar 1920	Perry
Rowland, Fred	64y	22 Mar 1930	Oskaloosa
Russell, Mary Jane	74y	11 Nov 1917	Meriden
Sargent, Daniel	91y	27 Sep 1921	Perry
Saylor, John	85y	16 Nov 1920	Oskaloosa
Schafer, Mary	-	18 Dec 1922	Meriden
Schar (?), Anna J.	44y	16 May 1916	Topeka
Scritchfield, Thomas J.	64y	13 Nov 1921	Kaw Twp.
Searey (?), Emma Ruth	42y	22 Dec 1938	Meriden
Sechrist, Edward	87y	22 Mar 1939	Winchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
Seifer, Paul W.	68y	17 Sep 1940	Winchester
Shaw, Pearl Lovina	19y	15 Nov 1916	Kaw Twp.
Shearer, infant (s. of Harry)	-	6 Jun 1917	Rock Creek Twp.
Shelden, infant	-	1 Feb 1934	McLouth
Sheldon, Ruth E.	30y	12 Aug 1916	Oskaloosa
Shenk, John Butler	71y	2 Nov 1937	Oskaloosa
Shews (?), Lydia Jane	58y	22 Jan 1912	Meriden
Shubkagle, Junior	1d	23 Jun 1930	Shawnee Co.
Shughart, Blanch Isabell	1d	9 Feb 1924	Oskaloosa
Simms, Thomas	67y	2 Mar 1934	Oskaloosa
Simpson, Milo	61y	23 Apr 1935	Oskaloosa Poor Farm
Smith, Anna Boardman	78y	21 Dec 1928	Rural Twp.
Smith, baby	-	6 Nov 1919	near Williamstown
Smith, Bessie Lucile	5y	11/25/1924	Dunavant
Smith, infant (s. of John P.)	-	5 Sep 1923	Perry ?
Smith, Jessie L.	28y	2 Dec 1928	Rock Creek
Smith, Kittie E.	59y	4 Dec 1926	Perry
Smith, Larry Kent	5m	16 Jan 1945	Perry
Smith, Ralph William	-	22 Jul 1926	Kentucky Twp.
Springfield, John	UNKN	30 Oct 1929	Williamstown
Stallard, Caroline	81y	7 Dec 1942	Rural Twp.
Stanley, Eliza May	60y	21 Jul 1924	Ozawkie Twp.
Stanley, Sylvia	2y	13 Jun 1912	Fairview Twp.
Stanwix, Myrtle Lula	67y	16 Jun 1946	Perry
Starr, Delbert A.	75y	21 Mar 1933	Topeka
Steffey, Mahlon Ray (UNKN)	12y	19 Apr 1936	Ozawkie
Stein, Frank [Ben. Franklin](UNKN)	62y	15 Dec 1920	Perry
Stevens, Adeline	?	15 Apr 1928	Topeka
Stewart, Mary Charlotte	49y	14 May 1915	Oskaloosa
Stiles, Milton	77y	28 Dec 1925	Perry
Stines, Benjamin Franklin [UNKN]	62y	15 Dec 1920	Perry
Stingler (?), Frances Elizabeth	84y	12 Apr 1926	Oskaloosa
Stinius (?), child	-	27 Sep 1913	Osk. Twp.
Stockwell, Mary	67y	19 Oct 1927	Oskaloosa
Stokeberry, Samuel	-	24 Jan 1940	Winchester
Stonge, Henry George	86y	18 Jan 1936	Ozawkie
Stork, Frank G.	79y	4 Mar 1921	Perry
Stradel, Cecelia	81y	12 Nov 1912	Meriden
Stuart, George Richard	57y	27 Jul 1918	Perry
Sturm, Jacob L.	70y	11 Feb 1925	Perry
Summers, Earl Devern	3m	6 Jan 1918	Rock Creek Twp.
Summerville, Robert	-	2 Feb 1933	Oskaloosa
Swain, Isabel Clark	81y	10 Feb 1920	Oskaloosa
Swain, Rufus W.	70y	21 Oct 1931	Rock Creek

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
Sylvester, John Edwin	60y	17 Mar 1919	Meriden
Taylor, Granville "Daniel"	59y	19 Jan 1930	Oskaloosa
Tevis (?), Ezra M.	67y	30 Jan 1929	Sarcoxie Twp.
Thomas, Payton	57y	20 Apr, 1916	Oskaloosa
Thomas, Sarah M.	65y	26 Nov 1926	Kaw Twp.
Thompson, Mary J.	89y	29 Dec 1927	Perry
Thompson, William Allen	6m	19 Aug 1928	Ozawkie
Tilton (?), Albert Francis	33y	12 Jan 1916	Rock Creek Twp.
Tleain (?), William	89y	17 Sep 1922	Ozawkie Twp.
Todd, infant	3hr	24 Dec 1934	Oskaloosa
Todd, Marvin	-	7 Jun 1930	Oskaloosa
Toepfert, (dau. of Neally)	-	21 Aug 1919	Perry
Tompkins, Mary	85y	26 Dec 1929	Denver, CO.
Torris (?), John	11 hr	6 May 1913	Meriden
Torris (?), Ernestine	35y	8 May 1913	Meriden
Towns, Louise Olive	84y	19 Jun 1923	Ozawkie Twp.
Trantwin, A. Fred	35y	19 Mar 1919	Oskaloosa
Trapp, Abigail Jane	74y	7 Jun 1914	Oskaloosa
Trinilt (?), Josephine E.	52y	14 Jan 1918	Perry
Trower, infant	-	8 Apr 1935	Oskaloosa Twp.
Trower, Mearl D. (UNKN)	6m	5 Nov 1930	Oskaloosa
Trower, Rolla (baby)	-	8 Apr 1935	Oskaloosa
Trumble, Sarah	69y	19 Sep 1944	Boyle
Tullis, John Henry	76y	3 Jul 1916	Meriden
Tyler, infant	-	8 Dec 1918	Oskaloosa
Tyrrill, no name (dau. of Clyde)	-	13 Jun 1919	Kentucky Twp.
Underwood, Myrtle L.	71y	11 Aug 1922	Meriden
Upchurch (?), Thomas J.	87y	22 Dec 1938	Meriden
Utinger, Schridla	76y	14 Oct 1923	Oskaloosa Twp.
Voback, Dora	45y	9 Dec 1935	Oskaloosa
Waddle, Elizabeth Paulina	75y	19 Jun 1913	Meriden
Waggener, Eva	41y	7 Apr 1918	Kaw Twp.
Wagner, Almina	94y	5 Aug 1922	Meriden
Walker, Nelson J.	76y	2 Feb 1928	Rock Creek
Warnick, Charles A.	77y	26 Sep. 1945	Lawrence
Warren, George	64y	3 Mar 1923	Oskaloosa Twp.
Webb, Lilly Emaline (UNKN)	44y	26 Dec 1921	Perry
Webster, Hazel Blanche	15y	23 Oct 1917	Rock Creek Twp.
Weinberg, Kennett	13y	4 Jul 1936	Oskaloosa
White, Edward	68y	16 Mar. 1944	Perry
Whitlock, Filena	69y	24 Sep 1920	Williamstown
Whitlock, William A. (UNKN)	83y	22 Aug 1928	Ozawkie
Williams, Martha	80y	10 Aug 1916	Kaw Twp.
Williamson, Robert Ambrose	78y	11 Mar 1944	Kentucky Twp.
Wilson, Mary	82y	4 Mar 1938	Winchester

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>
Wilson, Rachel Jane	70y	21 Nov 1914	Oskaloosa
Wilter, John	74y	23 Sep 1918	Perry
Winiford, Sarah	90y	13 Oct 1927	Oskaloosa
Witmer, Joseph M.	81y	17 Mar 1933	Oskaloosa
Wooley, Margaret Anna	74y	8 Oct 1911	Topeka
Workman, Ruby Lavada	1y	18 Apr 1918	Newman
Wright, Helen Lee	14m	3 Aug 1930	Oskaloosa
Yoill (?), Julius Hamilton	95y	15 Mar 1924	Oskaloosa
Young, Elizabeth Jane	-	-	Kansas City
Young, Florence Lillian	30y	2 Apr 1937	Meriden
Young, Perry	73y	17 Oct 1911	Oskaloosa
Zimmerman, Elias	92y	15 May 1929	Oskaloosa
Zook, Burnam Marion	3y	28 Sep 1922	Perry
Zook, Dorothy Mildred	10y	28 Sep 1922,	Perry

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## COLORED FUNERALS

*The Nortonville News*, 6 May 1887

### Gorgeous Affairs That Are Paid For on the Installment Plan

One of the sights of Washington is a colored funeral – a blackberrying party, as it has been irreverently called. These affairs are often on a most gorgeous scale, and it is a mystery where the money comes from to pay for the elaborate ceremonies at the church, the costly coffin and funeral drapery, and the long procession of carriages. This mystery is explained by an insight into the organization of the numerous burial societies which flourish among the colored people.

These societies generally rejoice in magniloquent title and a rainbow regalia beside which Joseph's coat of many colors would be a dull, aesthetic garment of neutral tints. I have made inquiries about one of these organizations, which are brotherhood or sisterhoods, or both, as the case may be, and I find some interesting features in its make-up. The idea is to guarantee a good funeral to its members. There is an initiation fee of \$4 and annual dues of a small amount. Then for each death, the members are assessed fifty cents all round, or \$1.75 if they wish to ride in a hack to the grave.

This is quite a tax on the poor servant girls and seamstresses who make up the sisterhood, but it is one that is willingly borne for the most part, as each member expects to die some time, and when that event occurs she wishes to be buried in style. If a colored woman becomes offish in this matter, she becomes a target for the solicitations and social pressure of her circle of friends. She may urge that she has no money to spare, and that, for her part, she doesn't much care what happens to her body after she is dead. In such a case the woman is labored with much in the in which Ko-Ko persuaded Ananki-Poo to under go martyrdom. He would have lots of fun for the month, and at the expiration of that time he would be the central-personage in a great public ceremonial, which would wind up with fireworks and other festivities. You won't see them, Ko-Ko observes, meditatively, but they'll be there all the same. So the young colored person is urged to join the sisterhood on the ground that she can have the fun of going to all the funerals till her turn comes, and then be assured that she will be made the chief figure in a gorgeous ceremonial. These arguments are commonly effective, but if not, and if the woman hold aloof, she rather loses caste among her fellow church members and other associates. — *Washington Cor. Indianapolis Journal*

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## WILLIAMSTOWN RAILROAD STATION DISCONTINUED

*The Oskaloosa Times*, 29 Apr. 1898

Notwithstanding the fact that from fifteen to twenty car loads of stock and merchandise each month have been shipped from the station of Williamstown, on the Union Pacific, in the south part of the county, for several years past, the company has never had a depot at the station, and now has discontinued its agent at that place, against which action the farmers of the vicinity are making a vigorous protest

Our readers will remember that several months ago we recorded the accident which happened to Lime Bouton, who at the time was agent, in which he got quite severely injured through the carelessness of the man in the express car. Bouton thought he should have damages which the railway company refused to pay, so suit has been commenced and is the reason there is no agent at Williamstown.

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