

## Benjamin Franklin Akers

Portrait of Benjamin Franklin Akers (1829-1880), from Yorkshire, England, who came to America with his parents in 1842 and lived them in Ohio. He married Rosetta Maria Hungerford on November 12, 1851. In the early 1860s, Akers opened a livery stable in Leavenworth, Kansas, where he supplied horses to the army and ran mule and oxen freight trains to Denver. At the close of the Civil War, he entered into a partnership with Colonel Amasa Sprague. They purchased a tract of land adjoining the city of Lawrence, Kansas, and established the Kansas Stock Farm. Sprague and Akers erected stables, built a training course, and purchased the famous trotting stallion, Ethan Allen. After Akers' death in 1880, his wife Rosetta lost the farm. The land was sold and developed, but their house remains at 1645 Louisiana Street in Lawrence, Kansas.

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