

Russell County organization records

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In order for an unorganized county to be recognized by the state of Kansas, a certain number of householders/legal electors had to petition the governor. The governor would appoint a census taker. Initially, unorganized counties were required to document that they had at least 600 inhabitants in order to be recognized as a county by the state legislature. Over time the number of residents needed to organize a county changed to 1500 and later to 2500 residents. The census was submitted to the governor who then issued a proclamation indicating that the requirements had been met, appointing county commissioners and a county clerk, and naming a county seat. Not all of these documents are available for each county.

Included in this file is an 1872 census of Russell County, a memorial to the governor, and the proclamation appointing county officials and designating Russell the temporary county seat.

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James McQuire
 John Reber
 Martin Schwing
 Jesse Leggett
 E. H. Patterson
 Wm. Blair
 Wm. K. Shaffer
 Herrett Lammell
 D. L. Leavitt
 Chas. Moleck
 George Le'bart
 Richard Cole
 H. C. Busick
 A. R. Busick
 Frank Rankins
 Charles Burns
 J. P. Branson
 J. M. Rawlins
 Thomas Miles
 John D. Donalde
 Jas. B. Bryant stock man
 Joe. H. Day "
 J. M. Peterson
 J. Peterson
 John Seder
 Peter Johnson
 John Hedden
 Geo. Anderson stock man

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M. S. Burks
 M. Carriaz
 J. Wetty
 J. & Boyzick
 Lins Aker
 R. Mitchell
 B. M. Smith
 R. King for M. M. M.
 Thos. D. Diggers
 Chas. C. C.
 E. H. Cowles
 E. R. Howley
 John Cooper
 Sam Johnson
 Jm Smith
 N. K. Cowan
 H. H. H. Graham
 Joseph M. M.
 George Sanders
 Linfrana Beral
 S. D. Shick
 S. D. M. Hibbard
 S. M. Hibbard
 R. M. M.
 E. W. Lang
 E. P. Perry
 D. W. D.
 M. M. M.

Robert J. D.
 Joseph M. Regans
 Jacob L. Eckert
 J. M. M.
 A. Anderson

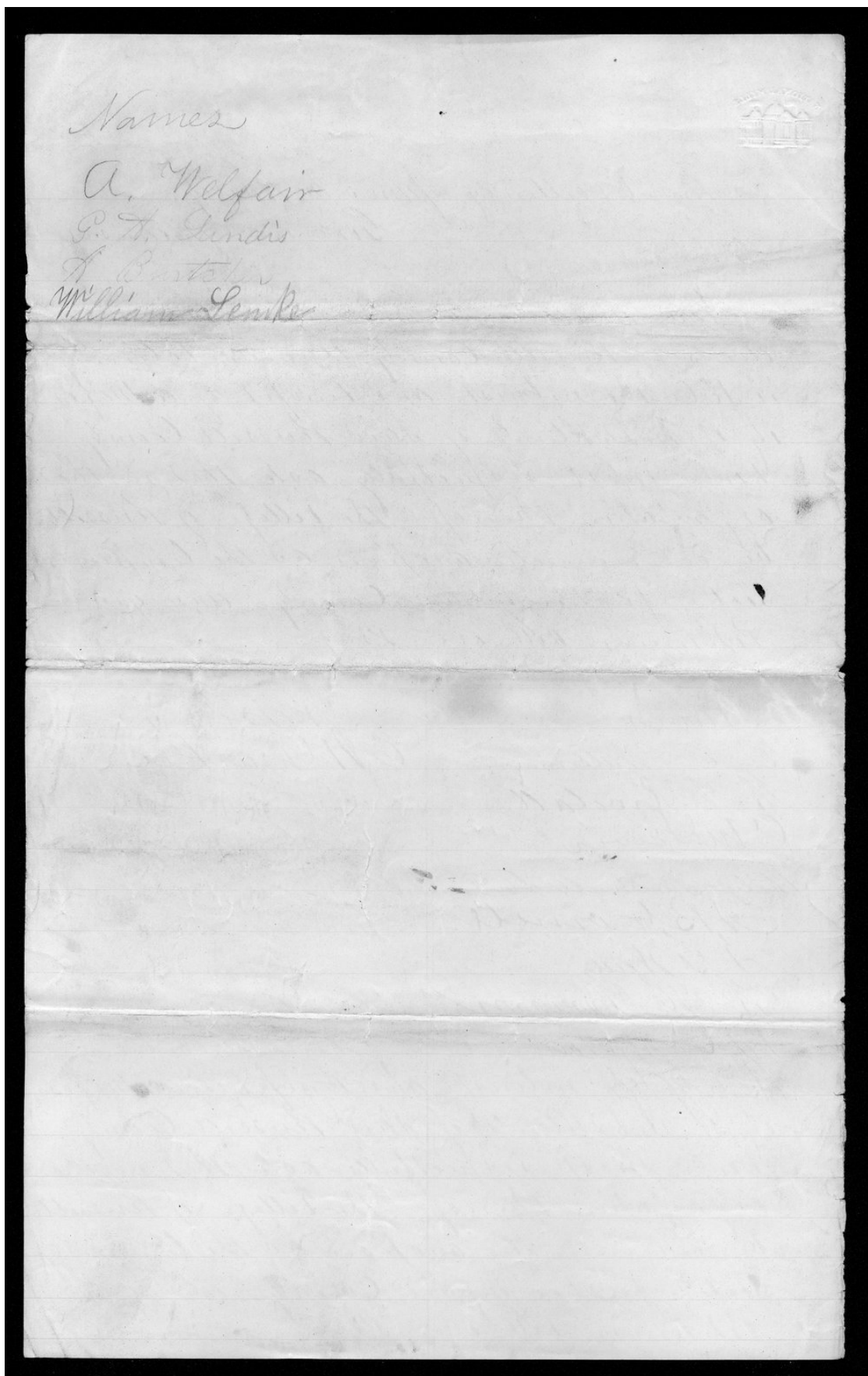


Original

To His Excellency James M. Harvey,
Governor of Kansas.

Your Petitioners inhabitants and resi-
dents of Russell County, Kansas, believing
it to be the interest and benefit of a major-
ity of inhabitants of said Russell County,
would most respectfully ask that in the
organization thereof, the village of Russell,
be denominated and fixed as the temporary
Seat of Justice of said County - and your
Petitioners will ever pray -

<i>Names</i>	<i>Names</i>
<i>H. C. Waterman</i>	<i>E. W. Durkee</i>
<i>H. W. Randall</i>	<i>C. L. Patrick</i>
<i>C. W. Lewis</i>	<i>C. Thompson</i>
<i>Philip Burwell M.D.</i>	<i>W. Chase</i>
<i>A. B. Cornell</i>	<i>Stephen, F., Rathbun</i>
<i>A. G. Wood</i>	<i>H. W. Miller</i>
<i>Wm. C. Brown</i>	<i>Matthew Clark</i>
<i>J. Compton</i>	<i>John Miller</i>
<i>Henry Frost</i>	<i>L. C. Haynes</i>
<i>John Kelly</i>	<i>M. Young</i>
<i>Theodore Damm</i>	<i>Wm. L. Wilson</i>
<i>Fred Damm</i>	<i>Dr. J. H. Smith</i>
<i>James Connell</i>	<i>John Christy</i>
<i>J. C. Landis</i>	<i>John P. Brown</i>
<i>Monte Connell</i>	<i>James Connell jr over</i>



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To His Excellency

James M. Harvey
Topeka Kansas

We the undersigned
Citizens of Russell County Kansas
would pray that "Bunker Hill" in
said County of Russell be named
and made the temporary County Seat
of said County of Russell

Bunker Hill is situated nearer the
center of the County than any
other town within the limits
of the County

Very Respectfully

Names

Names of

David Adams

John R. Rankin

L. B. Love

Wm. L. Dollison

James L. Dollison

A. W. Dollison

Samuel Carnell

J. M. Dollison

John Fritts

J. H. Bell

John M. Bradbury

W. J. Christopher

Johnathan Shull

R. B. Keady

J. B. Corbett

H. C. Brown

Val. Harbaugh

Gas. R. Bush

Wm. Harper Davis

Oliver Dagg

A. L. Voorhis

E. M. Kimball

Jacob Swartz

W. A. Warner

A. Anderson

James A. Morris



A L Beede

Taylor Dubois

George Blair

Ch^o Insely

Henry Brown

Jack Melty

Ho. W. Snipes

J. Heineking

H. Heineking

C. G. Hamburg

W. Hamburg

Albin Wither

Brunette Wither

Chas. Enalt

George Hoffmann

Wm. Carter

Frank Lee

Richard Coburn

George W. Estlin

J. H. Wilmore

J. B. Estlin

J. W. Hannel

S. S. Brown

W. Brown

O. W. Lytle

Godfrey Gayer

Edward Gallagher

John Hession

Thomas Floyd

Mark Miller

J. Brown

Charles Hurley

Jacob Smzill

Jonas Forge

A. V. Anderson

J. P. Anderson

Sinordholm

William Kelly

Green Cotts

S. Northorn

James Williams

Thomas Lingard

Thomas Stappone

Abraham Shaper

J. M. Kapple

James Morris

R. C. Miller

J. B. Harris

Frank Deteniers

Michael Cassidy

Joseph Bay

J. Brisco

Thomas Brisco

Samuel Brisco

J. W. Brown

Thomas McKinnon

W. L. Matthews

A. Matthews

Charles Parson

Erney Hayes

Ch. Hayes

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Frank Shumold	Edward Casper
Edward Long	Nikolos Livis
Major Hoby	Benjamin Rowland
Allen Lang	Charles Rowland
Frank Manuil	John Rowland
Allen Enaergref	John H. Trimmer
Joseph Lang	Michael Ziegler
Phillip Hilliard	Fredric ^{his} and ^{son} son
Joseph Marna	William H. Trimmer
Edward Williams	W. C. Browne
Joseph Matthews	P. V. Nure
Jerse Montgomery	Daniel Harsh
Chas. Robinson	John A. Telling
Wm. Anderson	John Winbrenner
C. A. Ran	Warren Hemminger
Wm. Carberry	W. B. Himes
J. T. Addington	George Himes
Robert Kelble	Himes, G. W. C. H.
W. Osarin	George H. Himes
C. W. Boslen	C. D. Beach
Jacob Mountz	Joseph Winbrenner
Jackson Miner	J. Mc Donald
Amos Baley	Daniel Dilts
William Baley	Jessie Bishop
J. Shrin	J. Warner
John Wilson	W. J. Gaines
	E. W. Stumpff



<p> <i>Wm. H. Esquier</i> <i>Ad. Williams</i> <i>William S. Miller</i> <i>James P. Miller</i> <i>Michael Bolin</i> <i>John Stellingburg</i> <i>Louis Barritt</i> <i>George Muel</i> <i>George M. Thurn</i> <i>J. W. Brinsfield</i> <i>Wm. Thurn</i> <i>Chas. M. Ingersoll</i> <i>James Ware</i> <i>Thomas Alderson</i> <i>Franklin Thomas</i> <i>James M. Fallis</i> <i>George T. Ingersoll</i> <i>Joseph Duncum</i> <i>Ed. Haug</i> <i>J. M. Vancoy</i> <i>John Shull</i> <i>Harlow W. Adams</i> <i>John Gruck</i> <i>Frank Herman</i> <i>Wm. Wuthoff</i> <i>L. B. Deare</i> <i>John Shurd</i> <i>George Shur</i> </p>	<p> <i>Leonard Popenbop</i> <i>Aureus Slussen</i> <i>B. Slussen</i> <i>L. P. Barnard</i> <i>Horace Sellen</i> <i>Benjamin W. Goodhue</i> <i>James Sellen</i> </p>
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State of Kansas
Russell County } ss

John M Doldolson, John C Warner and
Valentine Harbaugh all House Holders
and legal Electors of Russell County
State of Kansas being first duly
Sworn doth depose and say that the
Names subscribed to the Above Memorial
are the genuine Signatures of the Men
whose Names are subscribed thereto, and
Each and every one of them, are legal
Electors and House Holders of Russell
County, State of Kansas

John M Doldolson
John C Warner
Valentine Harbaugh
Subscribed and Sworn to
Before me this 14th Day of
March, A.D. 1872

David Adams
Notary Public
Russell County Kansas



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To His Excellency

James M. Harvey
Governor of Kansas

The undersigned petitioners "House
holders and legal electors of Russell
County Kansas believing there are
Eight hundred or more benefited inhabitants
in said County of Russell. Would pray
your Excellency to Organize the
said County and appoint John
Fritts J. B. Corbett and E. W. Durkin
Commissioners of said County and
a Times Clerk of said County and
we would pray that your Excellency
appoint R. V. Kennedy to take the
Census of said County and your
petitioners would further pray that
your Excellency appoint Bunker Hill
as the temporary County Seat of
said County of Russell

Very Respectfully

J. B. Corbett
John Fritts
Charles M. Ingersoll
John E. Warner
David Shurr
Wm. Trenton
J. W. Ranscoyoe

A. L. Voorhis
G. B. Rogers
David Adams
James F. Dolhison
George Shurr
Andrew Herman
John Dearen



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	E. G. Cunningham	John Winebrenner
	Jacob Howell	Richard Kennedy
	J. M. Dollison	
	John ^{Wm} Hession	48 Name
	James Williams	
	Thomas Leonard	
	O. W. Lytle	
	C. B. Bury	
	Thomson ^{Wm} Hafford	
	P. Harbaugh	
	J. H. Bell	
	J. M. Hoffman	
	W. M. Gayles	
	John Howland	
	Charles Rowland	
	Benjamin Rowland	
	W. E. Brownlee	
	Asus Morse	
	Joseph Winebrenner	
	Orin R. Allen	
	James E. Newble	
	Geo. J. Himes	
	Warren Hemminger	
	Amey M. Shusser	
40	O. L. Shusser	

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Russell Apr 2 1872
 Meeting called to consider the
 propriety of organizing County
 and location of County seat.
 Cap W H Brown Elected Chairman
 S Mann Secretary
 A B Cornell Elected a
 Committee to visit the corner
 and select the location of
 the temporary County seat
 at Russell - Russell Co -
 W^m H. Brown Pres -
 Stillman Mann Sec



KANSAS PACIFIC RAILWAY,

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Station, *April 19th* 187*2*

Messrs Waterman Mann and others

Gentlemen,

In accordance with Your request I hand you the following statement of the business of this Station for this month up to, and including April 19th 72. the details of the same are all booked and can be Examined if wished—

Total receipts for Tickets	\$592. ²⁵	Total.
do do do Freight	3826. ¹⁴	4418. ³⁹
do No of Pounds received —	565,075	
do do do do forwarded	105,895	

Yours with respect

Frank P. Arbuckle
Agent

State Kansas

Russell County

Sworn to and subscribed this
24 day of April 1872 before me

James Miller Clerk district court

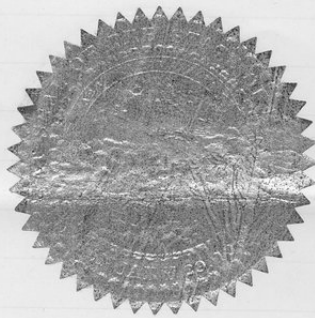
By Asa H. H. Sept



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Whereas: It appears from the records in the office of the Secretary of State, that a census of Russell County has been taken and properly certified according to law, showing a population of over six hundred inhabitants, citizens of the United States; and

Whereas: More than forty inhabitants freeholders in Russell County have petitioned for the appointment of three Special County Commissioners and one Special County Clerk, and have selected and named a place as the temporary County Seat of said County. Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I, James M. Harvey, have appointed and commissioned the Special County Commissioners and Clerk asked for in that petition but in accordance with the prayer of other petitioners have selected and do hereby declare Russell the temporary County Seat of Russell County.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State. Done at Topeka this Eighteenth day of July A.D. 1872.

By the Governor,
J. M. Smallwood
James M. Harvey
Secretary of State.