

Illinois Picnic Association, Woodson County, Kansas

A brief history of the Illinois Picnic Association. This association was organized to benefit Illinois settlers, having them exchange experiences and just to have a good time. Included with the history are two newspaper articles reporting on the Illinois Picnic Association's gatherings.

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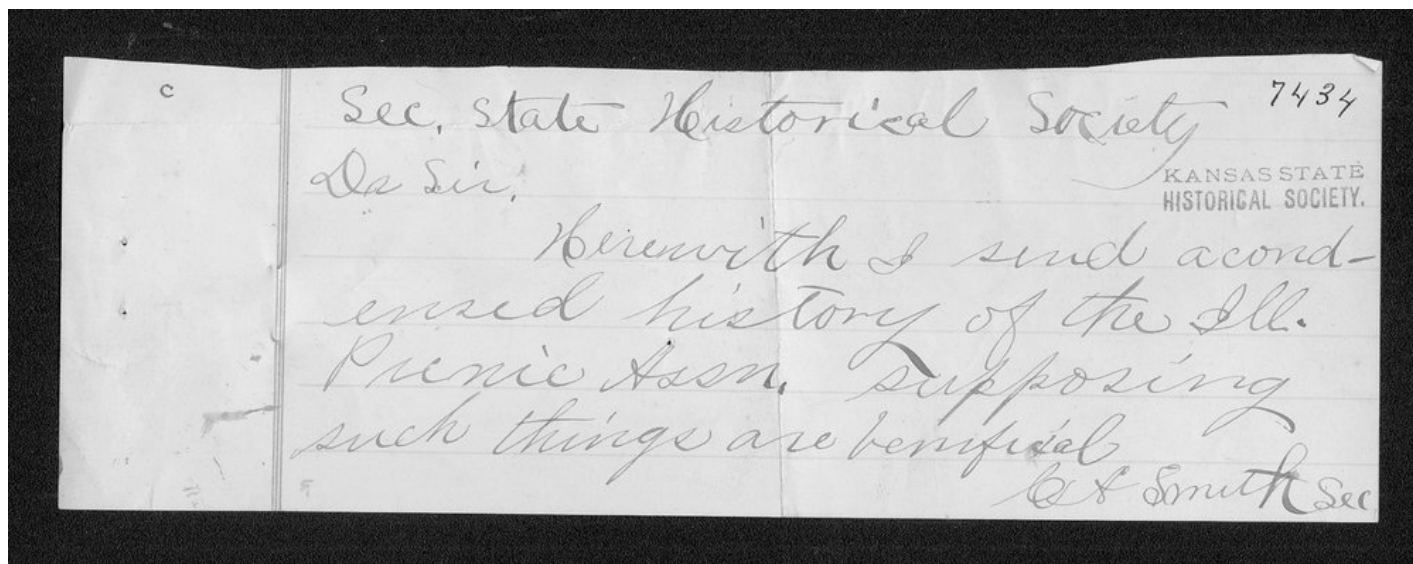
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ED. NEWS: On the 2d of Sept. the Illinois picnickers assembled at the beautiful grove of J. J. Davis', on Cherry creek. People were there from all over the county.

After an old-fashioned picnic dinner, of which there was plenty for all, the assembly was called to order by president Davis, who introduced the Hon. L. W. Leplinger, of Humboldt, to the audience. Mr. Keplinger held the crowd spell-bound for one half an hour by his eloquent address. He showed the contrast between the early settlement of Illinois and Kansas; how much faster Kansas is being settled than Illinois was. He also touched lightly on the all-absorbing topic of the day, the prohibitory amendment to the constitution of Kansas.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Keplinger for his eloquent address.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—J. J. Davis, Everett.

Vice-Presidents—J. W. Depew, Center; D. W. Finney, Neosho Falls; J. Robbins, Belmont; A. F. Darst, Eminence; D. Crist, Perry; J. H. Bayer, Owl Creek; W. W. Smith, Everett; H. S. Trueblood, Liberty.

Secretary and Treasurer—C. A. Smith, Center.

The Davis grove was the place selected for the next picnic.

The name of "Picnic Association" was changed to "The Illinois Kansas Picnic Association."

The next picnic will be held on the first Thursday in September, 1881.

Committee of Arrangements—C. A. Smith, Center; Wm. Frevert and Wm. Blandy, Owl Creek; D. Babione, Belmont; Geo. Inge, N. Falls.

C. A. SMITH, Sec.

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The fourth annual picnic of the Illinois picnic association will be held June 16th, 1881, at the Davis Grove, 7 miles southwest of Neosho Falls.

PROGRAMME,

Music by the band.
Speech, by W. H. Slavens.
Dinner.
Music by the band.
Essay, by M. L. Davis.
Vocal music.
Declamation, L. Michener.
Song, Ada Smith.
Miscellaneous.

Croquet, swinging base ball, good shady grove, plenty of water and lemonade. People of every nationality are cordially invited to come and have a good time. By order of committee.
J. J. DAVIS, Pres. C. A. SMITH, Sec.

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Woodson Co. History
KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 7434

of Illinois Picnic Association
of Woodson Co. Kan.

The Association was organized in 1878 by J. J. Davis & C. A. Smith for the ~~plus~~ benefit of the Ill. settlers. To meet & exchange experience and have a good time.

The 2nd meeting was held on July 31st 1879. When the following officers were elected, J. J. Davis, Pres. and C. A. Smith Sec. & Treas.

The 2nd Sept 1880 was ^{day} named for next meeting. & J. J. Davis Grove the place.

A committee on arrangements appointed, one from each Tp. in Co.

The 3rd meeting was held Sept 2nd 1880. Hon. L. H. Kephlinger addressed the association in an eloquent way.

The old board of officers elected.

The Davis Grove place for next meeting.

The 4th meeting was held June 16th 1881.

C. A. Smith Sec