

Records of a settlers' organizaton on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

These are the originals and a transcript of the laws, rules, resolutions, and regulations of the settlers of the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]. Also included are meeting minute notes and names of members.

Creator: Settlers of the south fork of the Nimeha

Date: April 07, 1855-August 11, 1855

Callnumber: Historical collections: Brown County

KSHS Identifier: DaRT ID: 220222

Item Identifier: 220222

www.kansasmemory.org/item/220222



Records of a settlers' organizaton on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

*The following names are members of the benevolent
society of the south fork of the Nemaha*

Wm Perket	①
E W Short	
John Belk	360
Wm Belk	288
E Painter	76
G Winkels	20
Colleton Gentry	5
E K Cornelison	950
Jefferson Gentry	1194
E B Osborn	42
A S Crowel	18-
R Boyd	1420 342 1737
Wm Smith	2000
Jesse Raden	1737 263
John Smith	42
William Cornelison	18- 240
J S Perket	42
B Winkels	630
M L Sawin	312 842
Usaac Sawin	
F J Robbins	42 25
James R Belk	
H Woodard	
Elisha Huffman	

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

Y S Hughes
Benjamin Hunkels
Thomas Brigham
John Pae
Samuel Huffman
Samuel H. Michner
Shepard Watson
Henry Smith
Philip Wise
Daniel Bolee
W C Foster
A C Foster
Thomas Allison
C. Darr
Samuel Phelps
William Darr
M. D. L. Darr
Samuel H. Nesbit
William R. Bridges
Simon H. Bridges
Cyrus - Belk
Nathan B. Blankenship
M C - Adams
Jacob J. Hethner
James W. Belk
O. C. Jones
4, 7

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

(2)
Held at
Mr John Belks on the 7th
day of Aprile 1855

~~of~~
We as Citizens of Kansas
Territory have met
to make such Rules and
regulations as we think
will be useful to us as
Settlers on what we
call the South Fork
of the Great Nemaha

1st That Every White
man of the age of 18 years
old shall be entitled
to a claim on one hundred
and Sixty acres of land
to be held by them and
Protected by the Settlers

2nd That Every claim shall
be Registered and held good
for thirty days and then be
Subject to be taken by
others unless renewed
by the first Agent Claimant
or his Agent

3rd That there shall
be three Registers
& Appointed to take down
all the Claims

4th That Every claim
shall hold good Six
months by building a house on
it ten by twelve feet

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

5th That each man shall
make his center on his claim
and hold his claim
accordingly and each man
ded back to the other
in case the lines should
run different to the claim
lines know man shall
be allowed to make his
center never than a half
of a mile of other mens
centers all claim lines
to run North and South
East and West

6th That all difficulties
a rising amongst settlers
shall be settled by a
community chosen by party's

7th
That each man present
shall assign his name and
others be requested to assign
their names as soon as they
come in
the above rules and
regulations to be subject
to amendment from time
to time when seen fit

Registers Appointed
Wm Belk
E W Short
and Wm Purket

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

(3)

At a Meeting held at Mr John Belks on the 16th day of June 1855 By the Settlers of the South fork of Nemehaw Resolved that there should be two Places of deposit for Letters and Papers on this Creek convenient to suit the Settlers one place at B Whittles and the other at Jesse Padens also 2 Mail Carries to convey Letters and Papers to the above named places viz Wm Purket and John Baggs and they receive for their services \$150 Cts for each trip

We as Settlers have met at John Belks on the 2nd day of June 1855 and formed some additional Resolutions as follows

8th Resolution
That Each Settler Shall hold 2 Claims one in the Timber and one in the Prairie Each Claim containing one hundred and Sixty Acres of Land if when laid will not interfere with other Claims

9th That no man shall be allowed to Sell or barter any Spirituals liquors what ever to the Indians

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

We as Settlers of the
South fork of Nemaha met
at John Belts on the 16th
day of June 1855 Esqur Boggs
was called to the Chair
the following Resolutions
was unanimously Adopted
that we established 2
Places, on the Creek for
to Deposit letters and Paper
at one at B Winkels and
the other at Jesse Padens
also 2 Mail Carriers to
Carry letters and Papers
to the above named places
viz Wm Purket to serve at
B Winkels and John Boggs
to serve at J. Padens they
receive for their services
150 Cts Each Trip

We as Settlers of the
South fork of Nemaha met
at B Winkels June the
30th No Business Done

We as Settlers of the South
Fork of Nemaha met at
Jesse Padens on Saterday the
14 day of July
to transact such Business
as should come before
the Body the Clerk
reported no unfinished
Business on Docket

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

(4)

By a vote of the Body
 Wm. Parker was elected
 as Standing Chairman
 By a motion made and
 seconded the following
 Resolutions was unanimo^{sly}
 adopted

(1st) that a Parie Claim
 must be in tirely in the
 Parie with out any
 timber on it

(2nd) we further say that
 we will protect every
 Person who is a settler
 of the Creek and a
 member of the laws
 of the same in one
 hundard and Sixty
 Acres of timber provided
 he ^{or she} lays that amount
 in the Regular shape
 proscribed in the 5th Resolution

(3rd) we consider a mark,
 name and Part or a
 foundation shall hold 30
 days at the Expiration
 of 30 days is Liabel to be
 taken By others unless
 a Houe be built which
 must ~~not~~ be less than ten by
 twelve feet covered and
 a door cut out which
 will hold good Six
 months at the Expiration
 of Six months

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

if not Subseized is liable
to be taken by others

The above Resolutions
has Reference to those that
is not living in the
Vicinity

Persons may hold their
Claims By marking them
with out the above
Building so long as they
are Citizens of the Creek
and Members of ~~the~~
Our Laws

4) No Person shall
be Agent for ^{more} than one
at a time

5) No Person ^{shall} be allowed
to hold more than one
Timber Claim unless
He be acting as Agent

also a motion maid and
Seconed that we Elect
a Post master Jesse Padon
was Duly Elected Post
Master Isaac Sawin
was appointed as a
Committe to Draw a
Petition

The Business of this Book Squared
upto this Date July the
28th 1855 By E Painter Clk

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

(5)

At a Meeting held at
Lesse Padins on the 11th
day of August 1855 ^{from Wash} ^{to} ^{the} ^{char}
the following Resolutions
was adopted

(1) So much of the 5th Article
on the ^{Delivery} first Page
where it says that
Each man shall pay
back to others in case
that the ~~train~~ lines
should run different
to claim lines

(2) August the 11th
On and after this
Date there is no pay
allowed to Mail
Carriers + + + - + + +

April 1866
A. R. Long moved
to my house
Wednesday

April 1869
that Mr Watson
got Spotsy # 15

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

March 1866

" 9 Commenced sowing Barley

" 23 Rained in the morning

" 24 Rained nearly all day

" 29-30-31 Rained Steady Day & night
 { the country is flooded }
 { Stopped plowing March 24 }
 Commenced April 12

Apr 30 Sowed oats

" " Commenced Raining
 { at the Post 5 or 6 o'clock P.M. }

May 2 finished sowing & harrowing

" 3 Showery (Rain & snow) all day

" 4 Snowed last night of this morning

" " and looks very much like

" " snowing again today

" 25 Showery all forenoon

" 26 Rained hard nearly all day

" 27 Stormed on the mountains
 { all day, cold & disagreeable }

August 1st 1866
 Got of Decimus
 14 lbs of Potatoes

" " " 24

84	642	14
8	3264	38
672	546	76
250	546	250
		326

June 19th
 Saw High Seaddle
 took out his horse
 this morning

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

June the 20th 1857
Rules and regulations
of Frost's Train
we the members of
the above mentioned train
do believe it to be
our duty to keep good
order and decorum
in said train by
making and entering
in to the following
Rules and by-laws
It is resolved that
one man from each
wagon shall rise early
at any given signal
and attend the stock
till breakfast
also those who remain
at camp to go out as
soon as they get their
breakfast and drive up
the work cattle
It is further resolved that when
the capt of the train
thinks it expedient that
all hands will ~~un~~
unanimously turn out
to mind stock &c.
it is mutually agreed
that Chas Frost is
to act in the ^{office} of capt
of the train and that
Jos Frost be assistant
and is to act as capt
in the absence or
inability of the capt

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

we the under signed
 jointly and severly
 bind our selves to
 stand up to the preceding
 Rules when not providentially
 hindered
 it is further agreed that
 Wm Sharp and Alfred
 Rockholt attend to the
 making of the hand of
 in the morning
 and also Wm Sharp
 is wagon master
 Elijah Frost spt
 Jas Frost asst
 Wm Sharp wagoner
 Alfred Rockholt w. m.
 Lloyd Rockholt
 Geoek Painter
 Thos Arnould
 E. D. Moughlin
 Lion Moody
 E. B. Harris
 Jacob Green
 Jess Green
 John Cair
 H. W. Rockholt
 V. A. Guilt
 E. Fryway
 Lloyd Rockholt
 Levi Mc Kaskie
 Reuben Rockholt
 J. W. Rockholt
 Leonard Metz
 Clinton Sando

Records of a settlers' organizaton on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

Brown Co
Hist

We the undersinds are members of the Laws of the settlers of
the south fork of the Nimeha

Wm Perket	Y S Hughs
E W Short	Benjamin Winkels
John Belk	Thomas Brigham
Wm Belk	John Poe
E Painter	Samuel Huffman
G. Winkels	Samuel H Milner
Clifton Gentry	Shepard Watson
E R Cornelison	Henry Smith
Jefferson Gentry	Philip Wise
E B Osborn	Daniel Bolce
A J Crowel	W C Foster
R Boyd	A C Foster
Wm Smith	Thomas Ellison
Jesse Paden	O.G. Parr
John Smith	Samuel Philipps
William Cornelison	William Parr
F N Perket	M D L Parr
B Winkels	Samuel F. Nisbet
M L Sawin	William R Bridger
Isaac Sawin	Simon M Bridger
F J Robbins	Cyrus Belk
James K Belk	Nathan Blankenship
H Woodard	Mc Adams
Elisha Huffman	Jacob J. Weltmer
	James W. Betts
	O.C. Jones

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

-4-

At a meeting held at Mr John Belks on the 7th day of Aprile 1855

We as sitisens of Kansas Territory have met to make Such Rules and Reglations as we think will be useful to us as Settlers on what we Call the South Fork of the grait Nemmaha

1st Re: That Evry White man of the age of 18 years old shall be entitled to a claim on one hunderd and Sixty akers of land to be held by them and Protected By the Settlers

2nd That Evry Claim shall be Registered and held good for thirty days and then be subject to be taken by others unless renewed by the first Claiment or his Agent

3rd That thare shall be three Regesters Appointed to take down all the Claims

4th That Evry Claim shall hold good Six months By Building a hous on it ten By Twelve feet

5th That each man Shall make his center on his Claim and hold his Claim accordingly and each man deed back to the other in cace the lines should run deferent to the claim lines know man Shall be allowed to make his Senter nerer than a half of a mile of other mens Senters all Clain lines to run North and South East and West

6th That all difficulties a rising amongst Settlers Shall be Settled by a Commity chosen by partys

7th

That Each man presant Shall assign his name and others be requested to assign ther names as Soon as they Come in

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

-5-

the above rules and regulations to be subject to amendment
from time to time when seen fit

Regesters Appointed

Wm Belk
E. W Short
and Wm Purket

At a Meeting held at Mr John Belks on the 16th day of June 1855
By the Settlers of the South fork of Nimehaw
Resolved that thare Should be two Places of deposit for letters
and Papers on this Creek Convenient to Suit the Settlers one
place at B Winkles and the other at Jesse Padens also 2 Mail
Carryes to convey letters and Papers to the above named places viz
Wm Purket and John Boggs and they Receive for their Servises
\$150 Cts for each trip

We as settlers have met at John Belks on the 2^{nt} day of June 1855
and formed some additional Resolutions as follows

8th Resolution

That Each settler Shall hold 2 Claims one in the Timber and one
in the Parria Each Claim Containing one hunderd and Sixty Akers
of land if when laid will not interfear with other Claims

9th That no man Shall be allowed to Sell or barter aney Spirituals

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

-6-

liquors what Ever to the Indians

We as Settlers of the South fork of Nimaha met at John Belks on the 16th day of June 1855 Esqur Boggs was Called to the Chair the following Resolution was unanimously Adopted that we established 2 Places, on the Creek for to Deposit letters and Papers at one at B Winkels and the other at Jesse Padens also 2 Mail Carriers to Carry letters and Papers to the above Named places viz Wm Purket to serve at B Winkles and John Boggs to serve at J Padens they Receive for their servises 150 Cts Each Trip

We as Settlers of the South fork of Nemaha met at B Winkels June the 30th No Buesness Done

We as settlers of the South Fork of Nimaha met at Jesse Padens on Saterdag the 14 day of July To transact such Buesness as Should come be fore the Body the Clerk Reported no unfinished Buesness on Docket By a vote of the Body Wm Purket was allected as Standing Chairmen By a motion maid and secended the following Resolutions was unanimously adopted

1st that a Parie Claim must be in tirely in the Parie with out aney timber on it

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

-7-

2^{nt}

We further say that we will Protect evry Per aon who is a settler of the Creek and a member of the laws of the Same in one hundard and Sixty Akers of timber Provided he or she lays that amount in the Regular shape Proscribed in the 5th Resolution

3

we Consider a mark name and Dait or a foundation Shall hold 30 days at the experation of 30 days is Liabel to be taken By others unless a Hous be built which must not be less than ten by twelve feet Covered and a door Cut out which will hold good Six months at the Experation of six months if not Sitisenized is liabel to be taken by others

The above Resolutions had Reference to those that is not living in the Vicinety

Persons may hold their Claims By marking them with out the above Building So long as they are Citizens of the Creek and Members of our Laws

4 No Person shall be Agent for more than one at a time

5 no Person shall be allowed to hold more than one Timber Claim unless he be acting as Agent

also a motion maid and Seconed that we Elect a Post master Jesse Paden was Duly Elected Post Master Isaac Sawin was appointed as a Committee to Draw a Petition

Records of a settlers' organization on the south fork of the Nimeha [Nemaha]

-8-

The Buesness of this Book Squared up to this Dait July 28th
by E. Painter Clk

At a Meeting held at Jesse Padens on the 11th day of August
1855 T Brigham was called to Chair the following Resolutions
was apealed

1 So much of the 5 Resutn on the ~~first~~ Sectin Page whare it Says that
Each man Shall Deed back to others in Case that the lines Should
run Defferent to Claim lines

2 August the 11
On and after this Dait thare is no Pay allowed to Mail
Carriers