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- 28 This morning exceedingly unpleasant in consequence of heat.  
 29 This day very hot and clear until about 3 O'clock in the Evening, then a little rain  
 30 This morning warm with much the appearance of rain. Evening cloudy & like rain  
 31 M. L. Clark & J. F. A. Sanford<sup>338</sup> arrive from W. Point and City Washington.

September, 1830

## WEATHER AND RIVER DATA

Date 1830	Thermom at 8 A.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Thermom at 4 P.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Stage or Height of River
Sept							
1	84	S.	Calm	94	Clear	S	River still low and falling
2	92	S	Cloudy	94	"	S	Thursday " " " "
3	94	S.W	Clear	94	"	W	Friday " " Dredful [ ? ]
4	80	S	Rain	92	"	S	Saturday " " "
5	80	S	Clear	94	"	S	Sunday. Mary Radford married.
6	80	S.	Cloudy	84	Cloudy	S	Munday River still falling
7	70	NE	Rain	72	"	N.E	Tuesday " " "
8	70	W	Cloudy	72	Cloudy	W	Wednesday " " "
9	66	"	Clear	75	Clear	W	Thursday " " "
10	66	"	"	78	"	W	Friday " " "
11	78	SE	"	80	Cloudy	S.E	Saturday " " "
12	62	E	Cloudy	66	"	W	Sunday " " "
13	64	W	Clear	68	Clear	"	Munday " " "
14	66	W	"	70	"	"	Tuesday " " "
15	62	W	Cool	68	Cloudy	NE	Wednesday " " "
16	65	N	Cloudy	70	Clear	N	Thursday " " "
17	62	N	Clear	66	Clear	N	Friday " " "
18	60	NW	"	68	"	"	Saturday " " "
19	62	W	"	64	"	W	Sunday " " "
20	62	S.W	Cloudy	70	Cloudy	W	Munday " " "
21	70	S	Rain	74	Clear	W	Tuesday " " "
22	70	W	Cloudy	70	Clear	W	Wednesday " " "
23	70	S.W	"	70	Cloudy	S	Thursday " " "
24	68	S	"	72	Clear	S.W	Friday " " "
25	68	Calm	Foggy	74	"	S	Saturday " " "
26	66	Clear	Clear	"	"	S	Sunday " " "
27	68	W.	Clear	72	"	W	Monday " " "
28	62	W	"	70	"	W	Tuesday " " "
29	64	W	"	70	"	W	Wednesday " " "
30	68	W	"	70	"	W	Thursday " " "

## REMARKS

- 1 The weather still warm. Evening very warm  
 2 like the approach of Rain. very warm eveng.  
 3 Clear and warm Morning. Warm! warm! warm!  
 4 At 6 o'clock this morning it began to rain which has put an end for the present, to very dusty streets. Clear and warm evening.

<sup>338</sup>. Meriwether Lewis Clark, West Point cadet (see, also, Footnotes 85 and 339), and John F. A. Sanford, Indian subagent (see Footnotes 37 and 53).

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- 5 Clear and warm morning. Marriage of Mary P. Radford & Mjr. Kerny of the 3rd. Regmt. at Maracastor<sup>339</sup>
- 6 This morning clear. The Evening cloudy & warm.
- 7 Rain last night & this morning. Cloudy and cool.
- 8 This morning has much the appearance of fall, Clouds hard & windy. Evening as much so.
- 9 Cool and pleasant morning. Evening Clear and quite pleasant.
- 10 Clear and pleasant morning. Evening clear and fine
- 11 This morning clear but warmer than yesterday. Evening Cloudy and warm
- 12 This morning cool accompanied with rain. Evening Cloudy & cool
- 13 September has shown its title to the name of a fall month by producing a degree of cold this morning, making fire necessary
- 14 Morning cool & pleasant. Pleasant and fine Evening.
- 15 Morning clear & pleasant. Cloudy & like the approach of falling weather.
- 16 Cloudy morning and cool wind from the North. Clear and pleasant Evening.
- 17 Clear and cool morning. Evening clear and cool
- 18 Clear and pleasant morning. Clear and pleasant Evening
- 19 Foggy until near 8 OClock this morning. Clear and pleasant Evening.
- 20 Cloudy morning with appearances of Rain. Cloudy Evening with Rain about 12 oclock.
- 21 Some rain last night & this morning. Clear evening
- 22 Cloudy & a Little smoky this morning. Clear & cool evening
- 23 Cloudy morning & more warm than for some, just past. Cloudy Evening & like rain.
- 24 Cloudy morning accompanied by fog. Clear and warm Evening
- 25 Foggy and warm morning. A little cloudy & warm this evening
- 26 Smoky morning resembling the beginning of Ind. Summer
- 27 Clear & pleasant morning. Very windy during this day
- 28 Clear & cool morning. Evening clear and pleasant.
- 29 Clear day after a foggy morning. A Criminal hanged to day for murder.<sup>340</sup>
- 30 Clear & cool morning. Warm evening

339. Mary Preston Radford and Maj. Stephen Watts Kearny were married at the home of Gen. William Clark, her stepfather, on September 5, 1830. Clark's oldest son, Meriwether Lewis Clark, was also her suitor, but after some indecision Mary Radford chose Kearny.—St. Louis *Beacon*, September 9, 1830; Bakeless, John, *Lewis & Clark* (New York, 1947), pp. 448, 449.

340. "James Jenkins, who was convicted . . . of the murder of Sinah Jenkins, his wife, was executed yesterday. . . ."—St. Louis *Beacon*, September 30, 1830.





October, 1830

WEATHER AND RIVER DATA

Date 1830	Thermom at 8 A.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Thermom at 4 P.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Stage or Height of River
October							
1	62	[ ? ]	S.W	68	Cloudy	S	River very low & falling
2	60	Clear	W	68	Clear	S.W	Saturday River low
3	62	Clear	S.W				Sunday " "
4	62	"	"	72	Clear	S.W	Monday " "
5	68	Clear	Calm	78	"	Calm	Tuesday " "
6	68	"	"	80	"	"	Wednesday " "
7	70	"	S	78	"	S	Thursday " "
8	68	Foggy	S	78	"	S	Friday " "
9	68	Clear	S	68	Cloudy	N.W.	Saturday " "
10	68	Rain	S.W	66	"	S.W	Sunday " "
11	62	Cloudy	" "				Monday " "
12	62	Clear	Calm	76	Clear	Calm	Tuesday " "
13	64	"	S.	74	"	"	Wednesday " "
14	60	"	S.W	58	Cloudy	NW	Thursday " "
15	60	"	W	64	"	S.W	Friday " "
16	64	"	S.W	68	"	S.W	Saturday " "
17	62	"	S.W	64	"	S.W	Sunday " "
18	64	"	SW	64	"	SE	Monday " "
19	60	Cloudy	NW	50	Cloudy	NW	Tuesday " "
20	52	Clear	NW	56	Clear	NE	Wednesday " "
21	58	Cloudy	NE	58	Smoky	S.W	Thursday " "
22	60	Clear	S.W	62	Clear	" "	Friday " "
23	60	"	" "	62	"	S.W	Saturday " "
24	68	"	" "	70	"	S	Sunday " "
25	69	"	S	79	Cloudy	S	Monday " "
26	70	"	S	79	Smoky	S	Tuesday " "
27	68	"	S	80	Rain	S	Wednesday " "
28	70	"	S	70	Clear	S	Thursday " "
29	60	Foggy	S.E.	64	"	S	Friday " "
30	64	Clear	" "	64	"	S	Saturday " "
31	70	Rain	S				Sunday " "

REMARKS

- 1 This morning pleasantly warm. Evening Cloudy A. L. Maginnis Esqr<sup>341</sup> leave[s] for City Washington
- 2 Clear and warm morning evening warm
- 3 Clear & warm
- 4 This morning attended with a heavy fog. Evening clear, but smoky.
- 5 This morning clear but the atmosphere much mixed with dust<sup>342</sup> & some smoke. Clear and warm Evening
- 6 Clear & warm morning. Evening warm and clear. Streets unusually dusty
- 7 Clear, dry and warm morning Clear and warm evening, unusually dusty Streets

<sup>341</sup>. See Footnote 308.

<sup>342</sup>. "The atmosphere much mixed with dust" was also true of other areas besides St. Louis in October, 1830. Isaac McCoy, then exploring present northeastern and central Kansas, wrote graphic accounts of dust storms which were published in *The Kansas Historical Quarterly*, v. 5, pp. 365, 366, 371, 372.



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- 8 Foggy & smoky morning. Clear and warm evening
- 9 last nigh[t] a little rain. appearance of rain this evening.
- 10 Rain this morning before day, still cloudy & the appearance of continued Rain. Cloudy evening.
- 11 Cloudy morning. Clear and pleasant Evening
- 12 Clear and pleasant morning. Evening clear and warm.
- 13 Rain this morning before day. Clear evening
- 14 Clear and cool morning. This evening more cold than felt this fall.
- 15 Clear and pleasant morning. Cloudy & like rain this Evening.
- 16 last Evening & this morning Cloudy. much like Rain this Evening
- 17 Clear and pleasant morning. Cloudy Evening
- 18 Clear and warm morning. Evening rain
- 19 This morning is quite cold & much like November weather. Cold Evening.
- 20 This morning Clear & cool. Evening clear & pleasant.
- 21 Morning Cloudy smoky & cool. Evening Cloudy & smoky
- 22 Smoky & warm morning. Clear but dry, dusty and Smoky
- 23 Clear, but smoky morning. Clear & Smoky
- 24 Smoky weather like that of Indian Sum[m]er. Very warm
- 25 This morning Clear and very warm. like the approach of rain
- 26 This morning Clear but warm. Evening same
- 27 Clear but smoky & warm morning. A Shower of rain this Evening, continues warm
- 28 Clear morning after a Fine Rain last evening Clear and warm Evening.
- 29 Fog very thick this morning. Very warm Evening
- 30 Very warm weather for the 30th October
- 31 A fine Rain this morning. Clear and fine evening

November, 1830

WEATHER AND RIVER DATA

Date 1830	Thermom at 8 A.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Thermom at 4 P.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Stage or Height of River
November							
1	68	Clear	S.W	72	Clear	S.W	River still low and falling
2	60	Rain	" "	64	"	W	Tuesday " " " " "
3	58	Clear	W	60	"	W	Wednesday " " " " "
4	60	"	S.W	64	"	S.W	Thursday " " " " "
5	64	"	S	70	"	S	Fryday. Rising a little
6							Saturday
7	54	Rain	S.W	54	Rain	S	Sunday River rising
8	58	"	S.W	56	Cloudy	S.W	Munday " "
9	58	Cloudy	" "	60	"	SW	Tuesday " "

Date 1830	Thermom at 8 A.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Thermom at 4 P.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Stage or Height of River
10	58	"	S.W	58	Cloudy	S.W	Wednesday " "
11	58	Cloudy	S.W	58	Cloudy	S.W	Thursday River risen about 4 Inch
12	58	"	S.W	58	Clear	S.W.	Friday " risen 1 "
13	58	Clear	S	58	Cloudy	S	Saturday " risen 1 "
14	58	Clear	S.W	60	Clear	S.W	Sunday " upon a stand
15	58	"	S.W	60	"	S.W	Munday " "
16	60	Rain	S	60	"	S.W	Tuesday " "
17	58	Clear	W	60	"	W	Wednesday falling
18	58	"	W	60	"	W	Thursday " "
19	54	Rain	S.W	60	Rain	S.W	Friday " "
20	58	Cloudy	S	58	Cloudy	S	Saturday " "
21	60	Rain	S.W	60	Rain	SW	Sunday " "
22	60	Cloudy	S.W	58	Cloudy	SW	Munday " "
23	58	"	S.W	58	"	SW	Tuesday rising
24	48	Clear	W	58	Clear	W	Wednesday " "
25	54	Clear	W	58	"	W	Thursday " "
26	56	Cloudy	S.E	60	Cloudy	S.E	Friday " "
27	56	Rain	S.E	58	Rain	S.E	Saturday River risen 2 feet
28	58	Cloudy	S.E	58	Cloudy	S.E	Sunday " "
29	54	"	S.E	54	Rain	SE	Munday " "
30	54	"	S.E	54	Cloudy	S.E	Tuesday " "

## REMARKS

- 1 This morning Clear and very warm. Clear weather
- 2 Rainy morning. Clear and cool evening
- 3 Clear and cool morning. Evening clear and pleasant.
- 4 Genl. Clark goes to Jefferson Barracks to day. Clear & warm.
- 5 Genl. Clark returned from Camp last evening. Evening Clear and very warm.
- 6 Clear this day until about sun set.
- 7 Rain last night & this morning. Cool evening
- 8 Rain and dark this morning. Very dark evening
- 9 Cloudy & disagreeable morning. Dark cloudy weather
- 10 Cloudy morning. Cloudy and dark evening
- 11 Cloudy and damp weather during the day
- 12 Cloudy & damp weather. Clear & pleasant evening.
- 13 Clear morning but cloudy in the evening, with high South winds.
- 14 This morning clear and pleasant. evening clear and warm.
- 15 This day throughout, clear and warm, attended with smoke
- 16 Cloudy after some rain last night. Cloudy evening
- 17 Clear and cool morning. Clear and cool evening
- 18 A large white frost this morning. Clear evening
- 19 Rain this morning. Col. Ordan[?]<sup>343</sup> dies in one of the lower rooms of the Office at about 9 at night, after a short illness
- 20 Cloudy morning, and so until about dark when an unseasing rain began which continued at intervals

343. Colonel Ordan[?] has not been identified.



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- 21 [Rain] This day rendering our streets very muddy.
- 22 Cloudy & much like Rain this morning. Genl. Clark, Lady's and son, leave for City Washington.
- 23 Cloudy and some Rain this Evening
- 24 Clear & cool morning. Evening clear and cool.
- 25 Clear with some frost this morning. Evening Clear
- 26 Mr. Marche dies last night.<sup>344</sup> Duel between Lieut. Wheelright & Lieut. Thomas.<sup>345</sup> No blood spilt
- 27 Rain and still continues warm
- 28 Cloudy and much like rain.
- 29 Cloudy damp and disagreeable weather
- 30 Cloudy and warm like rain.

December, 1830

WEATHER AND RIVER DATA

Date 1830	Thermom at 8 A.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Thermom at 4 P.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Stage or Height of River
December							
1	56	Cloudy	SE	56	Cloudy	SE	Wednesday River risen about 2½ feet
2	62	Cloudy	S.E	62	Cloudy	SE	Thursday " " about 3 Inch
3	62	"	S.E	62	"	S.E	Fryday " "
4							Saturday
5							Sunday
6							Monday
7							Tuesday
8	60	Cloudy	S.E	48	Cloudy	S.W	Wednesday River risen within the last 4 days about 2 feet.
9	40	Snow	S.W	40	Hail	" "	Thursday
10	40	Cloudy	" "	40	Cloudy	" "	Fryday
11	38	Cold	W	38	Cold	W	Saturday
12	38	Rain	S.W	38	Rain	S.W	Sunday
13	40	Cloudy	S.W	42	Cloudy	S.W	Monday
14	40	"	S.W	40	"	S.W	Tuesday River ab[ou]t half foot
15							Wednesday
16							Thursday River falling
17	30	Cloudy	N	30	Cloudy	N	Fryday " "
18	30	"	N	30	"	N	Saturday " "
19	30	Rain	S.W	30	Rain	S.W	Sunday " "
20	36	Snow	S.W	30	Very cold	N	Monday " "
21	10	Clear	W	10	Cold	N	Tuesday " "
22	10	"	N	10	"	N	Wednesday " "
23	20	Sleet	S.W	22	Sleet	S.E	Thursday " "
24	30	Rain	S.E	36	Rain	S.E.	Fryday " "
25	30	Cloudy	S.W	34	Cloudy	S.W	Saturday " "
26	28	"	S.W	28	"	S.W	Sunday " "
27	30	"	S	32	"	S	Monday " "
28	34	Clear	S.W.	36	Clear	S.W	Tuesday " "
29	34	Snow	NE	34	Snow	NE	Wednesday " "
30	30	"	N.E	34	"	"	Thursday " "
31	30	"	NE	30	Cloudy	"	Fryday " "

344. "Died, . . . on Thursday night last, . . . Mr. Clement Marche; for many years, . . . citizen of this place."—St. Louis *Beacon*, December 2, 1830.

345. Lt. Washington Wheelright of the First artillery regiment, and probably Lt. Lorenzo Thomas of the Fourth infantry regiment.

REMARKS

- 1 Cloudy windy, and very warm, a very hard rain, commencing about 9 P. M. & continuing nearly all night
- 2 Cloudy and very warm for 2nd Dec.
- 3 Cloudy and unpleasant weather to day.
- [4-7] Sent to Kaskaskia on business
- 8 Cloudy and cool
- 9 This day attended by Snow and some hail Note. 9th Dec. The weather between the 4th and present Inst. has been almost invariably wet and warm until last evening when it became cool with some appearance of Snow with which, at day light this morning, the Roofs of the houses were slightly covered.
- 10 Cloudy attended by some rain in the eveng.
- 11 Very cold to day and continues until about dark when it became warmer with rain.
- 12 Rain and Mud, and Mud and Rain
- 13 Rain and disagreeable weath[er]. Four O'clock and no appearance of clear sky.
- 14 Cloudy and disagreeable. Turns Cold this evening
- 15 Unusually cold to day. Ice commences to run
- 16 Cold and freezing very hard, a great deal of Ice
- 17 Much Ice in the river Ferry boat stops. cold evening
- 18 Ice still running rapidly. Cold during this day
- 19 Rain this day turns warm until about dark
- 20 Snows about Inch deep. Evening very cold
- 21 This day can be justly termed the cold Tuesday, the night preceeding it, was extremely cold.
- 22 Very Cold. Ice has much the appearance of stopping
- 23 Sleeting this morning. Mr. H. S. Cox & Miss Fitzhugh married.<sup>346</sup>
- 24 Rain and Sleeting to day. Continues cold
- 25 Cloudy and the Streets present a slippery surface
- 26 This morning Cloudy and threatening Snow
- 27 Cloudy & like rain this morning. Cloudy and a little warmer
- 28 Clear and warmer to day than for some days past
- 29 Snow this morning. continues all day
- 30 Cloudy and cold Sleighs running
- 31 Cloudy and cold weather

<sup>346</sup> "Married, in this city [St. Louis], on . . . the 23d inst., by Rev. Mr. Potts, Henry S. Cox, Esq. Cashier of the U. States Branch Bank at this place, to Miss Lucy Ann, daughter of the late Judge Fitzhugh, of Louisville, Ky."—*St. Louis Beacon*, December 30, 1830.



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January, 1831

WEATHER AND RIVER DATA

Date 1831	Thermom at 8 A.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Thermom at 4 P.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Stage or Height of River
January							
1	30	Clear	NW	30	Clear	NW	Saturday River low
2	30	"	NE	30	Rain	SE	Sunday " "
3	30	Snow	NW	30	Snow	NE	Monday " "
4	28	Clear	NW	28	Clear	NW	Tuesday " "
5	26	Cold	N	26	Cold	N	Wednesday " nea[r]ly closed
6	28	Clear	N	26	"	N	Thursday " " "
7	32	Snow	NW	32	Snow	NW	Fryday River closed below Vedepouh.
8	32	"	"	32	Cloudy	"	Saturday " closed on the Illenois side
9	30	Clear	N	30	Clear	N	Sunday " clear of Ice on this side from hard Wind.
10	30	"	"	32	Cloudy	S.W	Monday. Ice in the River this morning.
11	30	"	N	30	Clear	N	Tuesday. River entirely cleare of Ice op- posite the City but closed above and below
12	32	Snow	NW	32	Snow	NW	Wednesday " "
13	32	"	"	32	"	"	Thursday " low
14	32	"	"	30	"	"	Fryday " "
15	30	"	"	32	"	"	Saturday " "
16	30	"	"	32	"	"	Sunday " "
17	28	Clear	N	28	Clear	N	Monday " "
18	30	"	"	28	"	"	Tuesday " "
19	28	"	"	28	"	"	Wednesday " "
20	32	Cloudy	NE	34	Cloudy	S	Thursday " "
21	4	"	NW	38	"	NE	Fryday " "
22	20	Clear	N	20	Clear	N	Saturday " "
23	26	"	S.E.	26	"	S.E.	Sunday " "
24	28	Cloudy	"	28	"	S.W	Monday " "
25	18	Clear	NW	20	Cloudy	NW	Tuesday " "
26	28	Snow	S.W	30	Snow	S.W	Wednesday " "
27	28	Clear	NW	30	Clear	NW	Thursday " "
28	26	Cloudy	"	28	Cloudy	"	Fryday " "
29	20	Clear	N	20	Clear	N	Saturday " "
30	26	"	S.W	30	"	S.E	Sunday " "
31	32	Snow	S.E				Monday

REMARKS

- 1 This day clear but cold, much pleasure in the Sleigh way[?].
- 2 Morning clear & cool. Rain and hail
- 3 It commences to snow this morning early
- 4 Snow continued until yesterday about 2 OClock
- 5 Very cold morning accompanied with heavy fog
- 6 Clear & cold. Few persons from Illenois with produce in consequence of Ice in the River
- 7 Snowing very fast, the streets slippery from sleet and running of sleighs
- 8 some Snow this morning, cloudy and cold evening
- 9 no Eastern Mail for the last week
- 10 clear & cold. Cloudy and like Snow
- 12 Snow at intervals during this day with strong NW wind

- 13 Cloudy morning, Some Snow in the Evening
- 14 Continues Cloudy with some Snow
- 15 Cold with Snow this morning. George, the younger son of Geo. H. Kennerly buried to day <sup>347</sup>
- 16 Still Cloudy cold and some Snow
- 17 Clear but cold Morning. Cold Evening
- 18 Clear & cold. Thawing a little about 12 O'Clock
- 19 Another clear, yet cold morning. thaws a little about 12
- 20 Weather moderating and a little Cloudy. Very Cloudy Evening
- 21 Some rain last night. Cloudy morning, wind NW. and cold. Cold and cloudy like Snow
- 22 This morning intensely cold and continues so during the day till nightfall when it becomes somewhat warmer, and cloudy, like for Snow.
- 23 This morning a little warmer than yesterday. Cold evening wind S. E.
- 24 Snows some this morning. Clear after about 9 O'Clock and continues so during the day
- 25 Clear and cold this morning. Cloudy Evening
- 26 Snow which continues until about 3 O'Clock, covering the ground about 3 Inches
- 27 This morning clear and cold. Evening Cloudy and like Snow
- 28 Cloudy & very much like Snow. Clear about Sun set and cold
- 29 Clear and Very cold. Evening Clear and cold
- 30 Clear and cold morning. Weather moderated in the Evening. Cloudy & like for Snow
- 31 Began to snow about daylight and continues until about 2 O'Clock this day, leaving a depth of about 14 In. on the ground.

347. George, the infant son of George H. and Alzire (Menard) Kennerly, was born at Jefferson Barracks, February 2, 1830, and died on January 15, 1831.—Drumm, S. M., "The Kennerlys of Virginia," in *Missouri Historical Society Collections*, St. Louis, v. 6 (1928-1931), p. 108. George H. Kennerly was sutler at Jefferson Barracks at this date.



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February, 1831

WEATHER AND RIVER DATA

Date 1831	Ther- mom at S.A.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Ther- mom at 4 P.M.	State of Weather	Points of Wind	Stage or Height of River
Feb. 1	38	Cloudy	S.E	38	Cloudy	S.E	River closed at the Upper S. Mill so that waggons &c. cross with safety.
2	38	"	"	38	Snow	"	River clear of Ice opposite the City
3	20	Clear	N	20	Clear	N	" " " "
4	10	"	"	10	"	N	Fryday. River low and nearly closed.
5	10	"	"	10	"	"	Saturday " "
6	10	"	"	10	"	"	Sunday " "
7	8	"	N	8	"	"	Monday River closed opposite the Markethouse.
8	10	"	"	10	"	"	Tuesday " "
9	10	"	"	10	"	"	Wednesday " "
10	22	"	NW	22	"	NW	Thursday " "
11	28	"	"	28	Cloudy	"	Friday. River remains closed, but it appears that the weather will soon remove the Ice with which it is fettered.
12	20	Cloudy	"	"	Cloudy	"	Saturday " " "
13	28	"	"	"	"	"	Sunday " " "
14	28	"	S.W	30	"	"	Monday " " "
15	32	Rain	S	36	Rain	S.E	Tuesday " " "
16	34	Cloudy	NW	36	Clear	NW.	Wednesday " "
17	34	Clear	W	34	"	W	Thursday River remains closed.
18	38	Clear	S	38	"	S	Fryday " " "
19	38	"	S	38	"	S	Saturday " " "
20	36	"	S.W	36	"	S.W	Sunday " " "
21	36	Cloudy	W	38	Rain	S	Monday " " "
22	36	Rain	S	38	"	S	Tuesday " " "
23	38	Cloudy	W	38	Cloudy	S	Wednesday " "
24	38	Clear	E	38	Clear	S.E	Thursday " "
25	40	"	S.E	46	"	S.E	Fryday " " closed, but has risen since yesterday about 1½ feet.
26	56	Cloudy	S.	58	Cloudy	S.E	Saturday River still closed with a rise of about two feet.
27	60	"	S	56	"	S.E	Sunday River broke up & Ice moving down with much rapidity & thickness
28	58	"	W				Monday " getting clear of Ice & rising.

REMARKS

- 1 Weather a little more moderate this morning than usual, but we are so much accustomed to Snow that from usual signs we look for more in a day or two. O! Thou Majestic Stream which flows before our City; a refusal to carry upon thy Surface, the S. B. *St. Clair*, has broken in upon the calculations of its owners, and have almost straightend the Thumb, fore & middle finger of B. W. Invoke the power which now aids thee to stop thy Joint Career, ere thou take into thy Bosome with boundless flood the house in which poor B...y has counted the thousands which by thy friendly aid he has been permitted to make <sup>348</sup>

<sup>348</sup>. Ice in the river had prevented the steam ferryboat *St. Clair* from operating. "B. W." was probably one of the Wiggin (or Wiggins) family who ran the ferry for some years. See Footnote 131.

- 2 Cloudy and much like Snow. Snowing and continues till about 9 at Night <sup>349</sup>
- 3 Intensely cold & continues so during the day.
- 4 Intensely cold throughout this day
- 5 Cold, cold, and continues cold.
- 6 For the last two days & this morning the Mercury has stood at twenty Degrees below freezing point.
- 7 cold. Very cold evening
- 8 For the 3rd time within 4 days, the appearance of what are called Sun Dogs; they are spots near the Sun like that of the same name.
- 9 No change making the weather warmer, but at 12 it began to thaw a little
- 10 A degree of moderation appears in the weather this morning.
- 12 weather moderating a little. Eclipse of the Sun
- 13 Cloudy and like rain. Many conjectures on the change of weather.
- 14 " getting warm and like for Rain
- 15 Began to rain about 11 O.Clock last night & continues.
- 16 It was thought yesterday that the River would have been unfettered by to day of Ice, but instead of a continued warm rain & thaw, intense cold weather has recommenced.
- 17 hard freeze last night, thawing fast to day
- 18 Thawing very fast to day under the impression of warm Sun.
- 19 It continues to thaw under the immediate impression of the Sun but not much in the Shade.
- 20 Somewhat cooled this morning than yesterday, but thawed about mid day. freezing before sun set.
- 21 Cloudy and like Snow. Commences to Rain about 2. in the Evening
- 22 Birthday of Washington, celebrated by a Mechanics Ball.
- 23 A slight Snow on the ground this morning, and remains cloudy. cloudy Evening
- 24 Cleared up last night, clear morning and weather continues to moderate. River rising
- 26 A little after 12 O.Clock this day the Ice breaks before the City
- 28 Some rain last night. <sup>350</sup>

[END OF VOLUME]

349. "Accounts of heavy falls of snow are pouring in from all quarters. It has been snowing here, with little or no intermission, for two weeks. Between St. Louis and the Council Bluffs it was said to be four and five feet deep, before the last fall commenced; at Galena it was stated to be the same. . . ."—*St. Louis Beacon*, February 3, 1831.

350. "The river at this place is entirely cleared of ice, and rising rapidly. Seven or eight boats have arrived in the course of two days, and business, which has been almost dormant for some time past, is again enlivening our city."—*Ibid.*, March 3, 1831.





## Bypaths of Kansas History

### THE GRASSHOPPER SONG

From the Junction City *Weekly Union*, July 27, 1867.

EDITORS MISSOURI DEMOCRAT:—I see by your issue of the 18th inst., that you give a line of plaintive melody, commencing "The grasshopper sat on a sweet potato vine," &c., and then stop short. Why do you not give the public the whole of the song? Why "hide your light under a bushel?"—The song goes thus by:

*Air*—Bowery Ghals.

A grasshopper sat on a sweet potato vine,  
On a sweet potato vine  
On a sweet potato vine.  
When an old turkey gobbler walk-ed up behind  
He walk-ed up behind  
He walk-ed up behind.  
And he *yanked* him off the *sweet* potato vine  
Off the sweet potato vine  
Off the sweet potato vine,  
And he yanked him off the sweet potato vine.

There are 355 verses, all alike except the first and last, and they are like the rest.

The song originated in this way: A grasshopper was calmly reposing on a sweet potato vine, one beautiful morning in June, meditating upon the beauties of the scene about him (it is supposed), in sublime unconsciousness of the melancholy fate awaiting him, when he was suddenly "yanked off" by an enormous turkey-gobbler (one of those tragical Kansas kusses,) and his days were ended.

A KANSAS RED LEG.

STATE LINE, July 19, '67.

### EARLY ROME AND HAYS, ELLIS COUNTY

Extracts from a letter published in *The Weekly Free Press*, Atchison, November 2, 1867.

DODGE, Oct. 19, 1867.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:— . . .

As I promised . . . I will give now a brief description of New Town [Hays] and Rome, near Fort Hays, on the U. P. R. R., E. D.:

New Town is by far the most enterprising of the two. It promises to be the largest and most popular town on the line of the road. Its age now does not exceed six months, and it excels all the towns on the line from Salina to Fort Hays, for business enterprise, and everything which tends to make a place worthy of note. Houses go up as if by magic, and are tenanted almost as magically. The town is situated on a bluff, or rising ground, from which you can see the country for miles around. Fort Hays is plainly visible, with its tents of snowy canvas, which look, in the distance, almost as romantic as a

fairly land. Occasionally the eye is greeted by a herd of buffalo on the distant hills, which tends to make a visitor think himself indeed where game is plenty, and where nature has most graciously lavished her charms. The town is laid out into lots, which range from one to two hundred dollars each, in price.

Rome, on the contrary, is not such an enterprising place. It is rather going down hill. It is situated on the north side of Timber creek, which separates the two towns. It comprises about a dozen dilapidated houses, the majority of which are saloons, where the proprietors deal out liquid lightning in quantities almost too incredibly enormous to mention, to the railroad men, who seem to possess an affection for the article that can only be appeased by huge draughts, which they are not loth to indulge in. This place defies all competition for wickedness. Julesburg or Ellsworth is not a patch on it. There is not a day passes but what a murder or theft is committed; which does not speak well for the morality of the community. The first night I passed in it, I was called on to arrest a murderer by the name of McCarty, who shot one Murphy who was in bed sleeping.

Dr. Lull, of Salina, is the most enterprising and gentlemanly inhabitant of the place. He is the main stay. He is respected by all who have occasion to deal with him. If there were a few more such men as Dr. Lull in Rome, the condition of that place would soon be improved.

E. T.

## FUN IN THE LEGISLATURE

From the Lawrence *Daily Journal*, March 2, 1881.

The young people of Topeka held a ball in the senate chamber on Friday evening, Feb. 25th. The ball was a nice affair, and a large number of the members of the legislature were present. At the time, on the other side of the building the house was in session. But here we will let [Noble L.] Prentiss, in the Atchison *Champion*, describe the last recorded freak of the house:

"While senators were attending this scene of 'revelry by night,' and their soft eyes were looking love to some extent to eyes which spoke again, as it were, the house was in session and considering sidewalks in cities of the first class, and kindred subjects and other momentous questions. In course of time the house discovered that this was growing monotonous, and that several of its members were absent, indulging in the light fantastic toe, instead of employing their brains in the service of the state. The sergeant-at-arms was directed to bring in the absentees, and soon, with a ferocious air, advanced to the bar with Mr. [James F.] Keeney of Trego. The apparition of a gentleman in full evening dress, and with a bouquet in his button-hole, was as startling as if the Sultan of Turkey had advanced down the centre aisle to converse with Mr. [John] Schott. Mr. Keeney was put through a great variety of 'motions.' He was referred to all the committees; he was made the special order; his enacting clause was stricken out; he was laid on the table, and he was, greatly to his relief, finally discharged. Thus the wise virgins of the house kept their lamps trimmed and burning while the foolish senate maidens gave themselves away."



## Kansas History as Published in the Press

Articles featuring the history of early Axtell vicinity and its citizens have been regularly printed in the *Axtell Standard* since 1946.

The Sedgwick *Pantagraph*, April 8, 1948, announced the 75th anniversary of the rural school, Diamond, District No. 54, in Sedgwick township, Harvey county. The district was organized and the first building erected in 1873. Historical information in the article included the names of many of those who have served as members of the school board, the teachers from beginning to present and a partial list of expenditures made by the district.

Some bits of early Wichita history were featured in *The Democrat*, Wichita, May 1, 1948. Articles included: "Wichita . . . About 1883," by Rea Woodman; "Early Wichita Housing," "Early Industries in Wichita," and "Wichita's First Church," by Phil Aherne; "First National Bank Is Wichita's Oldest," and "A Pioneer Feminist [Mrs. Laura V. Gardiner]."

The story of the coming of the Prairie band of Pottawatomie Indians to Kansas was reviewed briefly by Gordon P. Martin in the *Topeka State Journal*, May 8, 1948. The Pottawatomies were one of several Indian tribes appearing before the Indian claims commission of the United States. Their hearing was in Topeka May 17.

A brief history of the Humboldt *Union*, established in 1866, was sketched in the *Union*, May 27, 1948.

The Larned *Chronoscope* and *The Tiller and Toiler* have continued to publish articles on the history of Pawnee county as told by members of some of the county's pioneer families. The story of the Griffith family, who arrived in 1878, was related to Lois Victor by Mrs. Hallie Griffith Fulwiler, and was printed in *The Tiller and Toiler*, May 27, 1948, and the *Chronoscope*, June 3. The C. M. Bruce family arrived in 1878, and their experiences were told to Miss Victor by William Franklin Bruce, and were published in both newspapers on July 15. The history of the Roddy family, who also arrived in 1878, was told to Miss Victor by George Sipes Roddy, and was featured in the Larned *Chronoscope*, August 5 and 12, and in *The Tiller and Toiler*, August 5.



"It Took Work, Money and Some Shenanigans to Win the Kansas Capitol," was the title of a feature article by Cecil Howes in the June, 1948, *Bulletin of the Shawnee County Historical Society* of Topeka. Other articles were a review of the history of "Light and Power in Topeka," by Arthur J. Carruth, Jr., "First Dry Goods Store Was Also the First Public Library," by Paul A. Lovewell, the fourth installment of "Shawnee County Townships," by William W. Cone, and the "Chronology of Shawnee County—1856, Continued," by George A. Root.

The Abilene *Reflector-Chronicle* of June 8, 1948, printed an article giving the sources of many of the names of towns, creeks and townships in Dickinson county.

A brief history of the brick plants at Hays, which operated in the latter 1880's, was printed in *The Ellis County News* of Hays, June 17, 1948. Two historical articles featured in the July 1 issue of the *News* were: "'Old-Timers' Recount Colorful Days of Early Ellis County Politics," and a description of early-day Hays as recalled by Mrs. Retta Freese Ingram of Strathmore, Cal. The history of the Hays Baptist church, organized on April 28, 1883, was reviewed by the *News*, July 15. The story described some of the items found in the cornerstone of the first church building. In the August 12 issue the *News* recalled the many adoptions of children by people in the Hays vicinity in a feature entitled: "Magazine Article Recalls Arrival of Orphan Train in Hays in 1902."

Historical stories in recent issues of the Meade *Globe-News* included: "Hail Storm 20 Years Ago Is Retold," June 17, 1948; "Dalton Hideout Museum Is Now Eight Years Old," June 24, and another article on the history of the Dalton museum, July 22; "Twisters of 1886, 1946 Are Recalled," July 1; "*Globe-News* Is 63 Years Old Monday; Established with the City of Meade," and "Early Paper Reveals Struggle to Bring County Seat to Meade," July 11; "Cattlemen, Farmers Had It Out in Early Days of Meade County," July 18; "Town of Meade Starts on Platform of Casteen's Well," August 1, and "Razing of Old Calaboose Has Fond Recollections," August 15. The *Meade County Press* of Meade also printed a history of the jail in its issue of August 12.

Recent historical features by "The Roving Reporter" in *The Tribune-News*, Manhattan, included the following: "Old Stone Capitol Near Fort Riley Marks Turbulent Times When Kansas Was





Young," June 24, 1948, and "Township System in Riley County Started Before the Coming of Railroads in Sixties," July 15.

Historical articles of interest to Kansans in recent issues of the Kansas City (Mo.) *Star* included: "Engines Chug Where War Horses Once Whinnied at Ft. Riley," by Edward R. Schaffler, June 27, 1948; "Fortune's 'Fast Comer [Charles J. Davis]' Planned His Life in School Days Here [Kansas City]," story of a young farm machinery manufacturer at Wichita, by Charles W. Graham, "Riches From Wheat Reward Many in the Old Dust Bowl," by Conwell Carlson, and "Her Friends Said, 'There's Nothing To See in Kansas'," the reactions to Kansas of a visitor from Great Britain, by Barbara Wace, July 18; "New Methods Are Restoring Native Grass Rapidly in Some Former Dust Bowl Areas," by Robert E. Geiger, August 2; "A Kansas Girl Helps in the Dutch Harvest," a letter from Edwina Frick of Manhattan concerning her work and travels in Holland, August 8; "Their [the Rev. and Mrs. John Beard] Long Trail From Oregon a 5-Month Horseback Trip," by Robert H. Clark, and "Sunflower, Adopted 45 Years Ago as Kansas Emblem, an Importation," by Cecil Howes, August 16, and "The Old Santa Fe Trail Is Now a Pleasure Route," by Dwight Pennington, September 5. Articles in the Kansas City (Mo.) *Times* were: "A Hermit in His Basement Hideaway, Dr. John Ise [of Kansas University] Revises His Textbook," by Fred Kiewit, July 15; "'Little Hill [Pawnee Rock]' on Kansas Prairie Was Once Setting for Epics of Pioneers," by Eleanor Richey Johnston, August 5; "Pony Express Venture an Outgrowth of Alexander Majors' Wagon Trains," by Dwight Pennington, August 10; "Country Young People Too, Enjoy a Summer Vacation in the Open Air," at a spot in the bluestem pastures, the 4-H clubs of Kansas assemble for a few days of recreation and comradeship, by Don Alexander, August 11; "Kansas' First Temperance Tornado Was Sparked by a Lawrence Woman," in 1880 Mrs. Drusilla Wilson traveled over Kansas for the temperance cause, by Cecil Howes, August 24; "William Menninger Shines Double Light Across the Dark Field of Psychiatry," by Charles W. Graham, August 27; "St. Mary's College Centennial Recalls Early Day Kansas Mission to the Indians," by Cecil Howes, August 28, and "'Beecher Bible and Rifle Church' Restored for the Use of a Wabaunsee Congregation," by Cecil Howes, September 13.

A five-column history of Kill Creek, by Mrs. E. A. Harris, was featured in the Osborne *Farmer-Journal*, July 1 and 8, 1948. Kill

Creek was established on the old Russell-Bull City (now Alton) trail in the 1870's.

*The Peoples Herald*, Lyndon, has continued to publish Osage county history as compiled by the Kansas Historical Records Survey, Division of Community Service Programs of the Works Progress Administration. Recent subjects include: Building of railroads in Osage county, July 1 and 8, 1948; cities and towns, July 8 and 15; churches and schools, July 22; county finances, July 22 and 29; agriculture and industry, July 29 and August 5; population trends, August 5; governmental organization, August 5, 12 and 19, and housing, care and accessibility of records, August 26 and September 2.

Protection's first wedding was the subject of the Protection Historical Society's column, "Notes From the Early Days," in the *Protection Post*, July 2, 1948. It was that of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wuchter which took place December 29, 1885. The column for July 23 and 30 described some of the Fourth of July celebrations held at Protection.

Feature articles in recent issues of the *Butler Free-Lance*, El Dorado, included the following: "The Old El Dorado," a four-column article by Myra Lockwood Brown, July 8, 1948; "Here Is Story of Early Day Mail Service in This County as Told by Thomas G. Watkins," and "Butler County Marriages of 1885," July 15.

"Sketching Early Wilson," by Rosanna Healey, was the title of an article printed serially in four installments in the *Wilson World*, July 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1948. The first settlement in Ellsworth county was about 1857 or 1860 on Thompson creek. There was Indian trouble in 1863 and the settlers moved away. In 1867 the Union Pacific railroad pushed westward through Indian country. After the railroad came soldiers and settlers. A group settled on Wilson creek and called the settlement Bosland. The railroad was a short distance away and Bosland gradually moved to the area of the station. Before long the new town became known as Wilson. The first permanent settlement around Wilson was made by J. T. McKittrick in 1871. Immigration was very rapid for a short time. Later it consisted chiefly of Swedes, Bohemians and Germans. The town was incorporated in 1883 and John A. Lang was the first mayor. The final installment of the article discussed the industries in and near Wilson and the social life of early Wilson.



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Members of the Marion Volunteer Fire Department were guests of honor at a luncheon given by the Marion Chamber of Commerce, July 13, 1948, on the occasion of the retirement of Joe Swan, the fire chief, after over 41 years service. Included on the program was the reading of a history of the Marion fire department and an address by Clyde Latchem, state fire marshal. The history, by Alex H. Case, was published in the *Marion Record-Review*, July 15, 22, and August 5, 1948.

A full-page history of the *St. Paul Journal* was featured in the issue of July 29, 1948, in observance of its 80th anniversary. The paper was first printed on August 5, 1868, by John H. Scott, and was called the *Osage Mission Journal*. After several changes it was purchased in 1896 by the Journal Publishing Co., W. W. Graves, editor. The name was changed to the *St. Paul Journal* in 1901. Except for brief intervals, W. W. Graves edited the paper until April, 1948, when it was purchased by the present editor, George L. Hodges.

"Kansas City's Past and Future—Johnson County," was featured in the August, 1948, number of *Town—Pictorial Kansas City*, Kansas City, Mo. The article was divided into several parts under the following titles: "Mission Was Farming Center," "Shawnee Among Oldest Johnson County Towns," "Merriam's First Name Was Campbelltown," "Overland Park to Celebrate Fiftieth Birthday," "Lenexa Named After Indian Maiden," "Johnson County Residential Areas Growing Rapidly," and "County Organizations, Institutions Well Known." Numerous pictures of historic places in Johnson county were included with the article.

Among recent articles in the *Leavenworth Times* were: "Two Local Men [the Uline brothers] Made the Beer That Made Milwaukee Famous," by Harry H. Seckler, August 1, 1948, and "Recall Historical Items of More Than Century Ago Here," a brief chronology of events in the early Leavenworth area, August 9.

A brief article in the *Junction City Republic*, August 5, 1948, stated that the *Republic* has finished its 75th year of publication. It was first printed as the *Tribune* on August 3, 1873, by Henry Farey and Theodore Alvord. The C. H. Manley family acquired the paper in 1902 and changed its name to *Republic*.

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The fiftieth anniversary of the Overbrook fair was celebrated September 1-3, 1948. The early history of the fair was sketched in an article by Floyd C. Butel in the *Overbrook Citizen*, August 19, 1948.

A diamond jubilee edition was published on the 75th anniversary of the first settlement at the town of Lakin by the *Lakin Independent*, August 27, 1948. John O'Loughlin, who opened a dugout trading post in 1873, was Lakin's first settler. An article in the jubilee edition by Virginia Pierce Hicks told of the first settlers and of the early history of Lakin. Other articles by the same author include: "How Part of Kearny County Was 'Under Six Flags' Retold," "Recalls Incidents Connected With County Seat Fight" and "Early History of Deerfield." Articles by Jenny Rose O'Loughlin include: "Lakin Was Named After Santa Fe Official David Long Lakin," "Soldiers, Settlers, Indians Once Traveled Adventurous Fort Hays-Fort Dodge Trail" and "O'Loughlin Store Supplied Traveling Public's Needs; Story of Buffalo Told." Among other articles were: "First July 4 Celebration in County Held on Chouteau Island; Ceremony Inspiring," by Francis L. Pierce; "Col. [F. X.] Aubrey Made Two Fast Rides Over Santa Fe Trail," by India Harris Simmons; "History of Lakin Masons Began in 1887," by Joseph M. Eves; "Old Santa Fe Trail Paved the Way for a Great Railroad," from the *Topeka Daily Capital*; "Kendall Was First Named 'Aubrey,'" by India Harris Simmons; "History of the Phantom City of Chantilly," by Francis L. Pierce; "Mrs. Davies Tells of Life in Lakin Beginning in 1878," by Mrs. Carrie E. Davies; "Recalls Hartland Was City of 1,000 People in 1887," by Charles S. Smith; "Outfit Loses 10,000 Head in '86 Blizzard," by Edgar R. Thorpe; "Childhood Days Recalled by Mrs. Lenora Boylan Tate, Lakin's Oldest Living Settler," "History of Lakin Schools One of Continual Progress," "Charles A. Loucks Recalls Early History of New Town," "Ellen O'Loughlin Writes of Indian Attack at Pierceville," "Lakin Wins County Seat Fight After Several Tries," "Alumni Association [Lakin High School] Formed in 1902; Members Listed," "Teachers in Lakin Schools from 1879 to 1949 Listed," "Names of Eight Ghost Towns in County Postoffice History," "County Named After Gen. Kearny; Died at Chantilly," and "*Independent* Is Survivor of County Newspapers." Also included in the edition were the histories of the Lutheran church of Deerfield, and Lakin's Methodist, Christian and Catholic churches, and clubs.



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The town of St. Marys staged a four-day celebration September 6-9, 1948, in observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Catholic mission there. The Jesuits located their mission for the Pottawatomie Indians in present St. Marys on September 9, 1848. Prominent among the founders were Father Felix Verreydt and Father Christian Hoecken. Schools for boys and girls were established in connection with the mission and were maintained for several years. They were exclusively for Indians until 1869 when white boys and girls were admitted and work of college level was offered. The state granted a charter to St. Mary's College in 1869 and the college operated until 1931 when it became a theological seminary. Historical sketches of the institution in its three phases were printed in the *St. Marys Star*, September 9, 16 and 23, 1948. Also, on September 9 excerpts from Gov. Frank Carlson's talk at St. Marys September 7, and a brief review of the history of the Methodists in St. Marys were featured. In the September 16 number the history of St. Mary's college was traced by Fr. Jim McWilliams of St. Louis.

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The annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Teachers of History and Related Fields was held in the Memorial building, Topeka, April 16 and 17, 1948. Speakers and their subjects were: Dean Ernest Mahan, Pittsburg State Teachers College, "Some Observations on the Early Mormon Movement"; Jack Rodgers, Fort Hays State College, Hays, "Legal Aspects of the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations"; Mary Belle Tillotson, Washburn University, Topeka, "Kansas' First Democrat"; Homer Socolofsky, Kansas State College, Manhattan, "Scully Landlordism in Kansas," and William B. Stanton, Emporia State Teachers College, "A Swedish Settlement in Marshall County, Kansas." Gov. Frank Carlson addressed the group at a luncheon on "Cultural Contributions of the Swedish People in Kansas." Another feature of the program was a panel discussion on "Recent Changes in Social Science Curriculums." Officers elected were: John W. Heaton, Baker University, president; Della A. Warden, Emporia State Teachers College, vice-president, and Elizabeth Cochran, Pittsburg State Teachers College, secretary-treasurer. Verne S. Sweedlun, of Kansas State College, Manhattan, was the retiring president.

C. C. Kilker addressed the members of the Riley County Historical Association at a picnic in Manhattan, June 15, 1948. Mr. Kilker mentioned that 1954 will be the centennial date of the founding and settlement of Manhattan. Clyde K. Rodkey, president of the society, presided at the meeting.

The administrative council of the Republic County Historical Society met in Belleville, June 29, 1948, and elected the following officers: Mrs. O. E. McMullen, Courtland, president; Mrs. E. E. Conzelman, Scandia, vice-president; Mrs. V. A. Berggren, Republic, secretary, and Mrs. Gilbert H. Faulkner, Belleville, treasurer. Mrs. H. J. Adams, Belleville, was the retiring temporary president.

A memorial postage stamp honoring the late William Allen White went on sale for the first time at Mr. White's home post office at Emporia, July 31, 1948. In writing of the memorial issue, James Waldo Fawcett, of the Washington (D. C.) *Star*, said in part:

The 80th Congress authorized many inconsequential postage stamps, but its instruction to the Postmaster General to issue a "commemorative" for William Allen White, editor of the *Emporia Gazette*, certainly merits public approval.



Few of his contemporaries more notably deserve the country's gratitude. The months that have passed since his death on January 29, 1944, have proved his worth to the world at large. . . . Mr. White's stamp will symbolize his value. It will remind people that he was a master of modern English prose—with a native American flavor; that he was a practical idealist, profoundly believing in the capacity of the human race to seek freedom and to pursue happiness successfully—remembering always that God makes us individuals from the start; and that he had faith in the efficacy of labor—as opposed to any scheme for achievement without honest toil. His heart was generous. He hated nobody. His mind was libertarian rather than merely liberal. The goal of his endeavor was a durable progress in which all could share. . . .

Mr. White was president of the Kansas State Historical Society in 1937-1938.

The Cowley County Historical Society was revived at a meeting held in Winfield, August 6, 1948. Mrs. W. G. Anderson was elected president pro tem and Prof. G. A. Kuhlmann secretary pro tem to serve until the annual meeting in October. The society's museum which has been located at St. John's college is being moved to a room at Stevenson school. Honor was paid at the meeting to Miss Mary Jane Brock who has been active in gathering a considerable part of the museum's collection.

A historical pageant was presented by the residents of Morganville, August 27, 1948, to raise funds for the French village Feves which was badly damaged in World War II. The founding of Morganville in 1870, by the retired Yankee whaler Ebenezer Morgan, was the high light of the pageant.

E. C. Bussing was elected president of the Douglas County Old Settlers Association at the annual meeting, September 11, 1948, at the First Baptist church in Lawrence. Other officers elected were: Dr. Will Gorrill, vice-president; I. F. Eberhart, secretary; Mrs. I. F. Eberhart, assistant secretary; Mrs. Nellie Colman Bigsby, treasurer, and Miss Eleta Ernst, historian. Dean H. G. Barr of the Kansas Bible college at the University of Kansas gave the main address. Stories of pioneer life, as told in their families, were related by Dr. Edward Bumgardner and Dr. A. R. Kennedy. Mrs. Ralph Graber, the retiring president, presided.

A muzzle-loading shotgun was recently presented to the historical museum at the Hollenberg Ranch Pony Express Station State Park near Hanover by Herman Rippe. The gun was made by the Springfield company in 1833 and is stamped with the initials U. S. and the Spread Eagle emblem.

The story of "No Man's Land," now the present Oklahoma Panhandle—a narrow rectangular strip which lies off the southwest section of Kansas, was told by Dr. Carl Coke Rister in his new book *No Man's Land*, published August 20, 1948, by the University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Okla. Of particular interest to Kansans is a chapter on the Haymeadow massacre or Wild Horse Lake tragedy, an incident of the Woodsdale and Hugoton fight for the county seat of Stevens county in 1888, in which four Woodsdale men were killed about eight miles south of the Stevens county line.

Kansas weather! Everyone has talked about it, now there's a 320-page book about it. It is entitled *Climate of Kansas*, was compiled by Snowden D. Flora, veteran meteorologist at the Weather Bureau Office in Topeka, and is one of a series on Kansas issued by the Kansas State Board of Agriculture in recent years. *Climate of Kansas* consists largely of charts, tabulations and graphs giving the data on all phases of the weather in every section of the state since records have been kept. The subject has been broken down into the following subtitles: Dry periods, dust storms, evaporation, floods, flying weather, frost, hailstorms, precipitation, relative humidity, snowfall, sunshine and cloudiness, temperatures, thunderstorms, tornadoes, winds and winter storms.

The history of John Morrell & Co., meat packers, which began in England in 1827, branching out to New York in 1864, and to other American cities including Ottumwa, Iowa, in 1877, and Topeka in 1931, was reviewed in a 303-page illustrated book, *The House of Morrell*, by Lawrence Oakley Cheever, recently published by The Torch Press of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Morrell company bought the old Wolff packing plant in Topeka in 1931. Robert Morrell Owthwaite, transferred from the Philadelphia branch, has been manager of the Topeka plant from the time of its purchase.

Dr. Samuel J. Crumbine of New York, long identified with public health in Kansas, has told the story of his life and work in a 284-page book, *Frontier Doctor*, published by Dorrance & Company, Philadelphia, September 15, 1948. Doctor Crumbine, now 86 years old, practiced medicine in the frontier town of Dodge City in the 1880's and 1890's, and served as secretary of the Kansas State Board of Health in Topeka from 1904 to 1923, where he became famous nationally through his efforts to improve public health. "Swat the Fly," "Don't Spit on the Sidewalk," and the abolishment of the



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public drinking cup were early Crumbine campaigns. On July 17 and 24, 1948, Doctor Crumbine was featured in a lengthy and interesting article in the popular "Profiles" section of *The New Yorker* magazine.

A history of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Concordia, Kansas, by Sister M. Evangeline Thomas, professor of history at Marymount College, Salina, was published recently by the Newman Press, Westminster, Md., under the title *Footprints on the Frontier*. The book, of 400 pages, gives a detailed history of the Sisters who began their work in Kansas in 1883. It commemorated the silver jubilee of the establishment of Marymount College for women at Salina.

*The Men and Women in World War II From Shawnee County* (Topeka, 1947) is the title of a 151-page book recording the names of those who gave their lives in World War II and the names and pictures of others serving in the armed forces.

*Friends University, The Growth of an Idea* is the title of a recently published 326-page history of Friends University at Wichita by Juliet Reeve. The book was issued in the spring of 1948 as part of the fiftieth anniversary observance of the founding of Friends University.

A 32-page illustrated pamphlet featuring past and present Garden City was recently printed by the Cattlemen's Carnival Rodeo Association of Garden City.



## Erratum in Volume XVI

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Page 11, Footnote 29.—“Colonel Lewis” died near St. Genevieve, Mo., in 1826 or 1827.—“Menard Papers” (4 “Draper Coll.,” Wisconsin Historical Society), as noted in Louis Houck’s *A History of Missouri* . . . (Chicago, 1908), v. 1, pp. 212, 213.

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