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- SCHEROFF, MATTHIAS, a Prussian, drowned at Dooley's ferry, Johnson county, June 20, 1858, left wife and two children in or near Kenosha, Wis. (Leavenworth, *Weekly Times*, July 10.)
- SCOTT, JAMES H., late of Union county, Ind., d. June 10, 1857, left wife and children. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, June 20.)
- SCOTT, COL. THOMAS F., aged 34 yrs., d. Sept. 6, 1857. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Sept. 12.)
- SEAMANS, WILLIAM, of firm of Weaver & Seamans, formerly of Defiance, Ohio, aged 60 yrs., d. Sept. 14, 1860. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Sept. 15.)
- SETH, C. C., chief of the New York Indians, aged 45 yrs., d. at the City Hotel, Fort Scott, Mar. 26, 1860. (Fort Scott, *Democrat*, Mar. 29.)
- SEYMOUR, THE REV. GIDEON, of Gardner, Johnson county, d. at Fredonia, Ill., Dec. 19, 1858, of bronchitis. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Feb. 5, 1859.)
- SHAFT, D. WEBSTER, son of Mrs. Jane, of Chase county, aged 14 yrs., d. at Junction City, Aug. 29, 1860. (Council Grove, *Kansas Press*, Sept. 1.)
- SHANNON, GEORGE H., son of William A., aged 14 yrs., d. June 28, 1856, by drowning. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, July 5.)
- SHANNON, JAMES, aged 59 yrs., d. at residence in Canton, Mo., Feb. 25, 1859. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Mar. 19.)
- SHANNON, JOHN, son of Ex-Gov. Wilson Shannon, d. at the residence of his father in Lecompton, April 9, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, April 14.)
- SHARPLESS, WILLIAM, aged 32 yrs., d. on Big creek, Coffey county, Nov. 18, 1859. (Burlington, *Neosho Valley Register*, Nov. 29.)
- SHAW, HENRY B., formerly of Morris, Otsego county, N. Y., aged 22 yrs., d. Sept. 23, 1858. (Lawrence, *Republican*, Sept. 30.)
- SHAW, DR. WILLIAM, of Newcastle, Pa., veteran of the War of 1812 and the Kansas war of 1856, aged 67 yrs., d. Sept. 3, 1857. (Lawrence, *Republican*, Sept. 24.)
- SHEEHAN, JAMES, of Wyandotte, killed by James Holland, Sept. 30, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, Oct. 6.)
- SHELDON, LIZZIE BELL, dau. of Oglivie H. & Charlotte A., aged 6 mos., 10 days, d. at Superior, Osage county, Aug. 4, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, Aug. 18.)
- SHENEMAN, ABRAHAM, aged 45 yrs., d. Oct. 12, 1859, of rheumatism of the heart. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, Oct. 15.)
- SHEPHARDSON, LT. — —, d. at Ft. Leavenworth, of cholera. (Lawrence, *Kansas Free State*, July 23, 1855.)
- SHEPHERD, EDWARD MARCELUS, formerly of Fredericksburg, Va., d. at Lagrange, Ky., Sept. 29, 1855. (Atchison, *Squatter Sovereign*, Oct. 9.)
- SHEPHERD, JOSEPH W., of Doniphan, superintendent of Overland mail station, killed by Comanche Indians near Ft. Chadbourne, Tex. (Topeka, *Kansas Tribune*, July 28, 1860.)
- SHEPHERD, THE REV. PAUL, father of S. R., of Topeka *Tribune*, formerly of Shawnee county, aged 57 yrs., 5 mos., 6 days, d. at Dover, Mich., Nov. 9, 1860, of erysipelas. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, Nov. 24.)
- SHERARD, WILLIAM, shot in an affray at Lecompton, Feb. 21, 1857. (Topeka, *Kansas Tribune*, Feb. 23.)
- SHIELDS, MRS. MARY, wife of Hiram, d. in Tecumseh township, April 20, 1858. (Lawrence, *Republican*, April 29.)

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- SHIMMONS, — —, son of J. H., killed by lightning near Lecompton, July 18, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, July 28.)
- SHOBE, MARGARET JOSAPHINE, dau. of Jonas & Nancy, aged 4 yrs., 1 mo., 11 days, d. on Big creek, Coffey county, Sept. 11, 1860. (Burlington, *Neosho Valley Register*, Oct. 10.)
- SHOMBRE, HENRY J., late of Richmond, Ind., killed in attack on "Fort" Titus, Aug. 18, 1856. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Nov. 1.)
- SHORE, SARAH, dau. of Samuel T. & Ellen, aged 1 yr., 4 mos., d. at Prairie City, Mar. 19, 1858, of inflammation of brain. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Mar. 27.)
- SIMMONS, MRS. JANE, wife of Francis, dau. of John & Elizabeth Sims, aged 32, d. June 20, 1857. (Lawrence, *Republican*, July 9.)
- SIMPSON, MARION AUGUSTA, wife of W. F., aged 20 yrs., 9 mos., 15 days, d. Nov. 20, 1857, of typhoid fever. (Wyandotte, *Citizen*, Dec. 5.)
- SLACK, MARY E., wife of W. Y., d. at Chillicothe, Mo., Mar. 8, 1858. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Mar. 13.)
- SLY, CORNELIA MARY, dau. of John & Mary, aged 6 yrs., d. in Nemaha county, Sept. 17, 1858. (Lawrence, *Republican*, Oct. 7.)
- SMITH, FRANCIS G. WOODRUFF, son of N. W. & Eliza W., formerly of Meadville, Pa., aged 1 yr., 7 mos., d. at Independence, Mo., Sept. 4, 1855. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Sept. 22.)
- SMITH, FRANCIS W., aged 35 yrs., d. Nov. 15, 1858. (Topeka, *Kansas Tribune*, Mar. 17, 1859.)
- SMITH, DR. HAMILTON, d. at Ottumwa, by suicide. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Dec. 19, 1857.)
- SMITH, MRS. HANNAH B., wife of M. K., formerly of Orland, Steuben county, Ind., aged 23 yrs., d. Oct. 22, 1856. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Nov. 8.)
- SMITH, JACOB, of Brownsville, Pa., d. Sept. 24, 1855, of wound in thigh. (Atchison, *Squatter Sovereign*, Oct. 9.)
- SMITH, MRS. JANE, wife of Jacob, age 27 yrs., d. July 21, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, July 28.)
- SMITH, LAURENCE, killed by Indians four miles from Pawnee Fork. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Oct. 12, 1859.)
- SMITH, MRS. LUCRETIA B., wife of Charles W., formerly of New Hampshire, aged 27 yrs., d. in Lecompton township, Aug. 17, 1859, of consumption. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Sept. 3.)
- SMITH, MICHAEL, killed by Indians four miles from Pawnee Fork. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Oct. 12, 1859.)
- SMITH, GEN. P. F., commandant of U. S. forces for Utah, d. May 17, 1858. (Sumner, *Gazette*, May 29.)
- SMITH, MRS. SARAH, wife of A. W., aged 50 yrs., d. at Cottonwood Falls, Aug. 31, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, Sept. 15.)
- SMITH, WILLIS H., son of Henry & Harriett, aged 22 mos., d. June 6, 1859. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, June 9.)
- SNELL, EDWARD, son of Richard N. & Eliza J., aged 6 yrs., 5 mos., d. June 3, 1857. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, June 6.)
- SNYDER, EMILY T., dau. of G. H. & Eliza, J., aged 3 yrs., 7 mos., d. Dec. 12, 1859, of croup. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Dec. 17.)
- SNYDER, HENRY, son of George H. & Eliza Jane, aged 5 yrs., 3 mos., d. Nov. 19, 1859. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Nov. 26.)

- SORTER, — —, of Quindaro, accidentally shot by Frank Tuttle, a 13-year-old boy. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, July 28, 1860.)
- SOULE, AMASA, member of Leavenworth constitutional convention, d. at Lawrence, Sept. 28, 1860, of consumption. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Oct. 8.)
- SPARKS, EMELIE, wife of Stephen, aged 27 yrs., d. on Walnut creek, Mar. 6, 1860. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Mar. 9.)
- SPATZIER, MRS. MARY ANN, formerly of Leavenworth, aged 30 yrs., d. at Denver City, Sept. 24, 1860. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Oct. 9.)
- SPEITER, HENRY, formerly of Meadville, Pa., aged 20 yrs., d. at Topeka, June 4, 1855, of cholera. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, June 30.)
- SPENCER, CAROLINE AUGUSTINE, dau. of George W. & Sarah Ann, aged 15 yrs., d. July 12, 1860, of congestive chills. (Topeka, *Kansas Tribune*, July 14.)
- SPICER, MRS. CATHARINE L., wife of James, dau. of Dr. Richard Huson, formerly of Yates county, N. Y., aged 32 years, d. at Tecumseh, Oct. 23, 1858, of cancer. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Oct. 30.)
- SPIVY, LUCY F., wife of J. Gill., of Oskaloosa, aged 19 yrs., d. in Providence, Boone county, Mo., Mar. 19, 1860. (Lecompton, *National Democrat*, April 5.)
- STANFIELD, ELIZABETH, wife of James M., aged 32 yrs., d. Oct. 7, 1860. (Burlington, *Neosho Valley Register*, Oct. 24.)
- STEARNS, CHARLIE, son of Charles M. & J., aged 20 mos., d. July 24, 1859, of malarial fever. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Aug. 6.)
- STEELE, MRS. HARRIET S., wife of L. S., aged 20 yrs., d. in Bloomington, Sept. 3, 1859. (Lawrence, *Republican*, Sept. 22.)
- STEELE, JOHN CHALMERS, son of the Rev. John A. & Catherine M., aged 14 yrs., drowned, June 11, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, June 16.)
- STEVENS, CAROLINE A., wife of J. L., aged 34 yrs., d. at Tecumseh, Sept. 15, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, Sept. 29.)
- STEVENS, H., aged 43 yrs., d. Sept. 21, 1860. (Elwood, *Free Press*, Sept. 22.)
- STEVENS, JAMES, of Leavenworth, murdered, July 31, 1857, by John C. Quarles and W. M. Bays who were hung by the citizens the next day. (Quindaro, *Chindowan*, Aug. 8.)
- STEWART, J. W., frozen to death, Dec. 5, 1859. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Dec. 26.)
- STEWART, THOMAS, engineer of Steamer *Silver Lake*, killed by blast on levee. (Leavenworth, *Weekly Times*, Oct. 1, 1859.)
- STINSON, LAURA ESTHER, dau. of Thomas N. & Julia A., aged 2 yrs., 5 mos., 15 days, d. at Tecumseh, Feb. 26, 1856. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Mar. 22.)
- STODDARD, O. E., formerly of Leavenworth, aged 28 yrs., d. at Denver, Oct. 20, 1860. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Nov. 2.)
- STOKES, — —, d. from injuries after being thrown from a wagon, April 12, 1860. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, April 13.)
- STONE, ABEL, of Shelby county, Ind., aged 22 yrs., d. May 8, 1857, of disease of the brain. (Lawrence, *Republican*, May 28.)
- STONE, T. J., late of Sommerville, Mass., aged about 25 yrs., d. at Coal Creek, on the Wakarusa river, July 17, 1855, of disease of the liver. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, July 21.)



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- STRINGFELLOW, HENRY RITENHOUSE, son of Dr. J. H. & Ophelia J., d. of erysipelas. (Atchison, *Squatter Sovereign*, Nov. 13, 1855.)
- STRONG, HAROLD, d. Mar. 13, 1859, of rheumantitis. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Mar. 15.)
- STUART, JOHN, of Newberry district, S. C., d. May 30, 1856. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, June 21.)
- SUTHERLAND, S., proprietor of the stage line between Lawrence and Leavenworth, d. June 2, 1857, of erysipelas. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, June 6.)
- SUTLIFF, GEORGE H., nephew of W. E., aged 18 yrs., d. June 23, 1859, of typhoid fever. (Lawrence, *Republican*, June 30.)
- SUTTON, WILLIS, of northeast Missouri, of Samuel Ferandis' train, while en route to Ft. Riley, d. near Osawkee, on Grasshopper river, Sept. 9, 1855, of cholera. (Lawrence, *Kansas Tribune*, Oct. 17.)
- SWENY, ARAMINTA D., wife of G. W., dau. of John W. & Elizabeth Myers, of Holt county, Mo., d. near Cambridge, Mar. 29, 1856. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, April 19.)
- SWIFT, — —, son of A. C., aged 4 yrs., d. Feb. 15, 1860, of hydrophobia. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Feb. 16.)
- SWISHER, MRS. FRANCES ISABELLA, wife of Dr. W. B., aged 22 yrs., 10 mos., d. on Neosho, Nov. 5, 1858, of pernicious fever. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, Nov. 13.)
- TAFT, MRS. JULIET, wife of Jerome B., late of Boston, aged 22 yrs., d. May 1, 1855. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, May 5.)
- TALLY, — —, son of B. S., aged 14 yrs., d. at Franklin, by lightning. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, April 30, 1859.)
- TARBELL, SYLVANDER, formerly of Ohio, aged 22 yrs., d. Aug. 19, 1857, of typhoid fever. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, Aug. 22.)
- TARR, MARY JANE, wife of Jas., aged 23 yrs., d. at Hampden, Sept. 10, 1860, of consumption. (Burlington, *Neosho Valley Register*, Sept. 15.)
- TATMAN, ALICE, dau. of William & Lucinda, aged 10 yrs., d. in Platte county, Mo., Jan 8, 1856. (Atchison, *Squatter Sovereign*, Feb. 5.)
- TAYLOR, ORLO, son of Joshua & Biance, aged 14 yrs., 9 mos., 3 days, d. Oct. 8, 1859. (White Cloud, *Kansas Chief*, Oct. 20.)
- TEATRE, INDA ELNORA, dau. of William & Martha A., aged 1 yr., 11 mos., 22 days, d. in Jackson county, Mo., Oct. 21, 1860. (Oskaloosa, *Independent*, Nov. 21.)
- THACHER, MRS. KATE ANGELL, wife of T. Dwight, d. Jan. 22, 1858, of consumption. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Jan. 30.)
- THAYER, JOSIAH, killed by pistol wounds inflicted by himself, July 20, 1860. (Council Grove, *Kansas Press*, July 20.)
- THAYER, LUCY ALMIRA, only dau. of Asa, aged 21 yrs., 4 mos., d. at Gardner, Oct. 13, 1858. (Lawrence, *Republican*, Nov. 11.)
- THEIR, — —, son of Jacob, of Eureka bottoms, aged 12 years, killed by being dragged by a horse, Jan. 13, 1860. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Jan. 20.)
- THOLAN, SOPHIA, dau. of Charles & Elizabeth, d. June 21, 1860. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, June 22.)
- THOMAS, — —, murdered, Mar. 30, 1859. (Atchison, *Freedom's Champion*, April 2.)

- THOMPSON, MARY ALICE, dau. of A. M. & Elizabeth, aged 8 yrs., d. at parsonage, Sept. 8, 1859. (Fort Scott, *Democrat*, Sept. 15.)
- THORNTON, MRS. ELIZABETH, widow of Col. John, mother-in-law of Col. A. W. Doniphan, aged 57 yrs., d. at Liberty, Mo., Feb. 17, 1858. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Mar. 6.)
- THURSTON, ELISHA M., mayor of Manhattan, formerly of Charleston, Me., aged 48 yrs., d. Mar. 17, 1859. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, April 23.)
- TITLOW, MRS. MARTHA, wife of Albert, dau. of Capt. Hugh Wilson, Youngs-ville, Pa., aged 39 yrs., d. May 27, 1855, of consumption, left several children. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Dec. 1.)
- TODHUNTER, THOMAS, aged 29 yrs., d. at residence of Newton Patton, June 29, 1857, of consumption. (Leocompton, *Kansas National Democrat*, July 1.)
- TOPPAN, WILLIAM, aged about 45 yrs., found dead, 4 miles from Osawkie. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, July 14, 1860.)
- TORTAT, HENRY, aged 48 yrs., d. at Tecumseh, July 6, 1857. (Leocompton, *Kansas National Democrat*, July 22.)
- TOWNSEND, DANIEL, formerly of Wapello, Iowa, aged about 35 yrs., d. Aug. 31, 1857, of typhoid fever. (Prairie City, *Freemen's Champion*, Sept. 3.)
- TRACY, PATRICK, of Allen creek, Americus township, Breckenridge county, d. Feb. 8, 1860, of infection from wound in knee. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Mar. 1.)
- TRACY, FITCH R., d. at Flint, Mich., Sept. 16, 1859, of injuries received in a fall from a wagon. (Council Grove, *Kansas Press*, Nov. 7.)
- TRACY, HARRY, son of John M. & Emma, aged 3 yrs., 2 mos., d. near Elwood, Jan. 13, 1861, of diphtheria. (Elwood, *Free Press*, Jan. 19.)
- TRACY, MARIETTA, dau. of Lewis, aged 17, d. near Elwood at home of brother, John M., Jan. 1, 1861, of diphtheria. (Elwood, *Free Press*, Jan. 5.)
- TRACY, MRS. SARAH, wife of Lewis, of Doniphan county, native of Kentucky, d. Mar. 12, 1858. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Mar. 27.)
- TRASK, ADDIE PAULINE, dau. of Ezra R. & Helen J., aged 1 yr., 8 mos., d. Feb. 12, 1860. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, Feb. 18.)
- TRASK, EZRA GUY, son of Ezra R., aged 3 yrs., 8 mos., d. Feb. 27, 1860. (Emporia *Kansas News*, Mar. 3.)
- TRASK, FRANK SOUTHWICK, son of Edward & Lizzie, aged 2 yrs., 7 mos., 20 days, d. Aug. 31, 1860. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, Sept. 1.)
- TROY, HANNAH FLORENCE, dau. of John Q. A. & Sylvia A., d. in Brown county, Mar. 13, 1860. (White Cloud, *Kansas Chief*, Mar. 22.)
- TRUNET, JAMES, d. at Douglas, Jan. 31, 1855. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Feb. 3.)
- TUPTS, MARY A., aged 32 yrs., d. at Eldridge House, Oct. 19, 1860. (Lawrence, *Republican*, Nov. 1.)
- TURNER, TALTON, aged 67 yrs., d. at residence near Glasgow, Oct. 14, 1858. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Oct. 30.)
- TURPIN, MARY A., dau. of A. I. & S. B., aged 21 yrs., d. at Westport, Mo., Feb. 26, 1856. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Mar. 8.)
- ULSH, JOHN S., son of Henry & Mary Jane, aged 8 yrs., 4 mos., d. on Rush Island, Mar. 10, 1859. (White Cloud, *Kansas Chief*, Mar. 17.)
- UTT, WILLIE, son of John H. & Priscilla, aged 1 yr., 9 mos., d. at Oregon, Mo., Sept. 24, 1857, of flux and lung fever. (White Cloud, *Kansas Chief*, Oct. 1.)

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- VAN BLARICON, — —, killed by ox team, July 1, 1857. (Prairie City, *Freemen's Champion*, July 9.)
- VANHORN, ELIZABETH R., wife of B. F., aged 30 yrs., 6 mos., d. at Shell Rock Falls, Aug. 14, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, Sept. 8.)
- VAN SYCKLE, MRS. SUSANNA, wife of S. B., d. at Eudora, Mar. 7, 1859. (Lawrence, *Republican*, Mar. 10.)
- VAN VECHTEN, ISAAC, formerly of New York, aged 47 yrs., d. Oct. 14, 1855, of cholera. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Territorial Register*, Oct. 20; *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Oct. 20.)
- VEDDER, AARON ARMSTRONG, son of Edwin & Tabitha, aged 1 yr., 4 mos., 19 days, d. Sept. 13, 1858, of tubes mensesenterica. (Wyandotte, *Western Argus*, Sept. 16.)
- VESSER, — —, a half-breed Kaw, Pottawatomie by marriage, shot Aug. 25, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, Sept. 1.)
- WADE, CORNELIA, dau. of John, aged 13 yrs., 9 mos., at Oregon, Mo., Sept. 22, 1857, of consumption. (White Cloud, *Kansas Chief*, Oct. 1.)
- WAFFLES, — —, of Moneka, member of a horse-stealing fraternity, shot by posse in Linn county. (Burlington, *Neosho Valley Register*, July 21, 1860.)
- WAGNER, FRED, of the Western Stage Company, aged about 18 yrs., drowned June 24, 1858. (Leavenworth, *Weekly Times*, June 26.)
- WAIT, ADA, dau. of George & Martha, d. Nov. 15, 1860, of congestion of the brain. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, Oct. 20.)
- WALDO, C. G., formerly of Pennsylvania, aged 23 yrs., d. at residence of Mr. Davis on Dow creek, Sept. 10, 1858, of lung disease. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, Sept. 11.)
- WALKER, JOEL, d. Sept. 8, 1857. (Wyandotte, *Citizen*, Sept. 26.)
- WALKER, JOHN RANKIN, son of John D. & Catherine M., aged 2 mos., d. in Fremont, July 22, 1860. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, July 28.)
- WALKER, MARIA BELL, dau. of John D. & Catherine M., aged 2 mos., d. in Fremont, July 22, 1860. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, July 28.)
- WARE, A. J., killed by a Mr. Coram 30 miles west of Leavenworth, June 16, 1857. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, June 27.)
- WARNER, MRS. JENNETT M., wife of William B., formerly of Boston, Mass., aged 24 yrs., 9 mos., d. at Osawatomie, July 24, 1856. (Topeka, *Kansas Tribune*, Aug. 18.)
- WARREN, EDWARD, aged 56 yrs., d. on the Little Wakarusa river, Sept. 30, 1858. (Lawrence, *Republican*, Oct. 7.)
- WASSON, MARY J., late of Ohio, aged 25 yrs., d. at the home of Mrs. Killam, May 27, 1857, of inflammation of the bowels. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, June 6.)
- WATERS, HELEN ELIZABETH, dau. of H. P. & G. E., of Topeka, aged 15 mos., d. in Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 21, 1855. (Topeka, *Daily Kansas Freeman*, Oct. 30.)
- WATERS, HENRY P., of Providence, R. I., one of second emigrant aid party, aged 29 yrs., d. at Skelton, Oct. 30, 1857, of congestive chills. (Topeka, *Kansas Tribune*, Nov. 7.)
- WATSON, WILLIAM, native of England, d. at Bloomington, Nov. 13, 1857. (Lawrence, *Republican*, Nov. 26.)

- WATTLES, JOHN O., aged about 40 yrs., d. at Moneka, Sept. 21, 1859. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Oct. 1.)
- WEAVER, CAPT. — —, formerly of Pennsylvania, d. near Whiston, by gunshot accidentally inflicted, left wife and two small children. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Feb. 5, 1859.)
- WEAVER, JAMES LANE, son of Joseph & Lucinda, aged 3 yrs., d. in Tecumseh township, July 23, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, Sept. 8.)
- WEDDLE, JONAH, d. at Kickapoo, Oct. 12, 1855, of typhoid fever. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Oct. 20.)
- WEIBLING, WILLIAM G., son of Harmon & Anna, aged 4 yrs., 4 mos., d. Feb. 8, 1857. (Leavenworth, *Weekly Journal*, Feb. 12.)
- WEILHART, A. PETER, German cabinetmaker from Massachusetts, drowned in the Kansas river, July 6, 1855, left a wife. (Lawrence, *Kansas Free State*, July 9, 16.)
- WELLBORN, DR. JOHN C., aged 49 yrs., d. in Frankford, Mo., Oct. 26, 1856. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Nov. 22.)
- WETHERILL, ALICE, dau. of Benjamin K. & Marion, aged 2 yrs., 6 mos., d. Oct. 4, 1859. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Oct. 18.)
- WHELAN, ARZA L., formerly of Franklin, Lenawee county, Mich., aged 30 yrs., d. near Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 18, 1859. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, Nov. 22.)
- WHITCOMB, INCREASE, formerly of Saco, Me., aged 50 yrs., d. near Wakarusa, Oct. 6, 1855. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Oct. 13.)
- WHITE, — —, d. on Wright's creek while returning from Pike's Peak, Nov. 3, 1859, by accidental discharge of a gun. (Council Grove, *Kansas Press*, Nov. 7.)
- WHITEHORN, MRS. JULIETTE, wife of Dr. S., dau. of the Rev. & Mrs. Lovejoy, aged 21 yrs., d. Nov. 20, 1860, of typhoid fever. (Manhattan, *Kansas Express*, Dec. 15.)
- WHITNEY, ROXY ANN, aged 28 yrs., d. Feb. 9, 1858, of erysipelas. (Lawrence *Herald of Freedom*, Feb. 13.)
- WILBURN, MR. — —, killed by lightning on claim about 13 miles west of Geary City, Aug. 24, 1857. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Aug. 29.)
- WILDE, JAMES, aged 28 yrs., d. April 6, 1860, of lung fever. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, April 21.)
- WILDER, EUGENE FRANCIS, aged 1 yr., 5 mos., 5 days, d. at Winthrop, Mo., May 28, 1860. (Atchison, *Freedom's Champion*, June 23.)
- WILHART, MR. — —, recently of Massachusetts, aged about 25 yrs., drowned in the Kansas river, July 5, 1855. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, July 7.)
- WILHITE, SOPHIA M., wife of E. S., d. Nov. 16, 1857. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, Nov. 21.)
- WILKES, ROSANNA, aged 16 yrs., d. at home of Mark Patty, May 26, 1860, of dropsy. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, June 2.)
- WILLIAMS, ELIZABETH JOSEPHINE, dau. of E. B., aged 3 yrs., 1 mo., d. Jan. 3, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, Jan. 7.)
- WILLIAMS, ELLEN W., dau. of L. N. & Margaret, d. Feb. 14, 1859. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Feb. 19.)
- WILLIAMS, FIDELIA LAURELL, born in Newark, N. Y., dau. of L. D., aged 18 yrs., 6 mos., 29 days, d. at Osawatomie, Dec. 3, 1858. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Dec. 18.)

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- WILLIAMS, MRS. HARRIET W. S., wife of Maj. Geo. O., aged 43 yrs., d. in Richland, Jan. 3, 1859. (Lawrence, *Republican*, Jan. 13.)
- WILLIAMS, ISRAEL, native of Wales, formerly of Delta, Oneida county, N. Y., aged 32 yrs., d. Mar. 8, 1860, of inflammation of lungs. (Topeka, *Kansas Tribune*, Mar. 10.)
- WILLIAMS, JOSEPH SYLVESTER, born in Fairville, N. Y., son of L. D., aged 23 yrs., 7 mos., d. at Osawatomie, Nov. 13, 1858. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Dec. 18.)
- WILLIAMS, MARY EVANGELINE, dau. of J. M. & L. E., aged 4 mos., d. June 5, 1860. (Leavenworth, *Daily Times*, June 6.)
- WILLIAMS, SARAH EVELINE, born in Newark, N. Y., dau. of L. D., aged 20 yrs., 11 mos., d. at Osawatomie, Sept. 12, 1858. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Dec. 18.)
- WILLIAMS, T. MASON, eldest son of Judge Joseph, Fort Scott, aged 31 yrs., d. at Wyandotte, June 27, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas Tribune*, July 7.)
- WILLIAMS, WILLIAM, only son of Isaac, aged 1 yr., d. July 5, 1857. (Leavenworth, *Kansas Weekly Herald*, July 11.)
- WILLIAMS, WILLIAM O., formerly of Pilla, Iowa, aged 25 yrs., d. at Garno House, Oct. 25, 1857, of typhoid fever. (Wyandotte, *Citizen*, Nov. 7.)
- WILLIAMSON, — —, drowned near Florence, Feb. 11, 1858. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, Feb. 27.)
- WILLIAMSON, — —, killed by Frances Scott on levee near McAlpine's warehouse, July 4, 1858. (Wyandotte, *Western Argus*, July 8.)
- WILMARTH, MRS. JULIA ANNA, wife of O., formerly of Providence, R. I., aged 35 yrs., d. April 21, 1856. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, April 26.)
- WILSON, — —, drowned in well, April 2, 1858. (Leavenworth, *Weekly Times*, April 10.)
- WILSON, MARIA, wife of Levi, d. at Ft. Leavenworth, April 20, 1858. (Leavenworth, *Weekly Times*, April 24.)
- WILTSE, JOHN, aged 26 yrs., 6 mos., d. at residence of E. G. Macy near Bloomington, Mar. 6, 1859. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Mar. 26.)
- WILTSE, MARY E., late of Preble county, Ohio, aged 20 yrs., 4 mos., d. on Rock creek, near Wakarusa, July 23, 1855, of an abscess of the lungs. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Aug. 11.)
- WILTZ, CAPT. — —, d. at Tecumseh, July 8, 1860. (Wyandotte, *Western Argus*, July 14.)
- WIMPLE, MARY S., only dau. of S. P. & N. A., aged 8 mos., 3 days, d. Dec. 6, 1856. (Topeka, *Kansas Tribune*, Dec. 8.)
- WINANS, ALFRED H., aged 33 yrs., d. at Shawnee Centre, April 11, 1860, of pneumonia. (Topeka, *Kansas State Record*, April 28.)
- WINANTS, ALVIN, d. by suicide in room at Garvey House, May 14, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas Tribune*, May 19.)
- WOOD, SARAH, dau. of William A., aged 8 yrs., 5½ mos., d. at Galesburg, Ill., Jan. 11, 1860, of scarlet fever. (Wyandotte, *Western Argus*, Jan. 21.)
- WOODFORD, MRS. PAULINE M., wife of the Rev. O. C., d. at Grasshopper Falls, Jan. 26, 1858. (Lawrence, *Herald of Freedom*, Feb. 13.)
- WOODRUFF, R. W., drowned in Cottonwood river one mile south of Emporia, Mar. 7, 1859. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, Mar. 12.)
- WOODRUFF, WILLIAM, first settler on Walnut creek, d. near Chelsea, Butler county, Dec. 1, 1859, of typhoid fever. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, Dec. 10.)

- WOODS, LAURA, dau. of George & Nancy Jane, aged 1 yr. d. July 28, 1860. (Topeka, *Kansas Tribune*, Aug. 4.)
- WOODWARD, MR. — —, of Indiana, murdered near Hickory Point. (Lawrence, *Kansas Free State*, Jan. 3, 1855.)
- WOOSTER, CATHARINE A., wife of Edwin, aged 37 yrs., d. at Birmingham, Conn., June 7, 1857. (Elwood, *Advertiser*, July 16.)
- WRIGHT, FREDDIE A., son of C. A. & A. H., aged 3 mos., 20 days, d. Mar. 24, 1859, of inflammation of the brain. (Lawrence, *Republican*, Mar. 31.)
- WRIGHT, JOSEPH, d. Oct. 16, 1860. (Emporia, *Kansas News*, Oct. 20.)
- YORK, ROBERT T., formerly of Bellevue, Ohio, aged 23 yrs., d. Nov. 1, 1857, of typhoid fever. (White Cloud, *Kansas Chief*, Nov. 5.)
- YOUNGMAN, ELIZA JANE, aged 11 yrs., 6 mos., 3 days, d. at Quindaro, Aug. 16, 1860. (Lawrence, *Republican*, Aug. 23.)

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DOINGS AT FORT SCOTT IN 1868

From the *Fort Scott Monitor*, December 30, 1868.

MEETING OF THE BACHELOR CLUB.—A regular meeting of the Bachelor Club was held on Monday evening, Dec. 28th, President Crawford in the chair.

All the members of the club were present, including officers, a thing which had not occurred since last year. After the regular business was disposed of and several affecting speeches were made by the members, Vice President Goodlander offered the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, as leap year has passed, and but few proposals have been made by our lady friends, therefore

Resolved, That we, the Bachelor Club of Fort Scott, don't intend to wait four years longer for proposals.

Resolved, That we will on New Years day call on our lady friends, and adopt a more social intercourse with the fair ones, by which means we hope to take courage, and propose before another leap year comes.

Billy Robinson immediately jumped on a beer barrel and in a loud and stentorious voice, seconded the adoption of preamble and resolutions, with but one amendment, to strike out "social" and insert "conjugal" so as to read "more conjugal intercourse." The motion to amend was lost, and the original resolutions were unanimously adopted amid rapturous applause.

Mr. Dieffenbach offered the following additional resolution:

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions be sent to the ladies, in order that they may be prepared to receive us.

The President stated that it would be unnecessary to send copies of the resolutions, for the ladies were always prepared to receive their friends on New Years Day whereupon Dieffenbach withdrew the resolution and offered as a substitute that "we all take a glass of beer, and adjourn," which was carried unanimously. The club adjourned to Bull's Head where the resolution was enforced.

A LETHAL TRIO

From the *Leavenworth Daily Commercial*, April 15, 1870.

Major Armfels took us to the Fort yesterday behind his fast pair of ponies. The name of one animal is "Calamity" and that of the other "Sudden Death." When Armfels drives, the entire outfit goes by the title of Coronor's Inquest."

CANDY PULLINGS IN SMITH COUNTY, THE HOME OF "HOME ON THE RANGE"

From *The Kansas Daily Commonwealth*, Topeka, January 25, 1873.

A GOOD PLACE To Go To.—When we "go west" again, we propose to settle in Smith county, Kansas. Smith county suits us. It lies on the extreme north-western frontier, where there is plenty of grazing-ground, and where the chances to "grow up with the country," are all that could be desired. The



soil is the usual "rich black loam;" there is supposed to be "a never-failing spring of pure water," on each quarter section; and rich deposits of building stone that is "equal, if not superior, to the Junction City stone" have been (or will be) found conveniently adjacent to all the town-sites. At the time the census was taken in 1870, there were only sixty-six people in Smith county; and the county organization was not perfected until the first of February last. But things have changed in Smith county since then. In the November election, 441 votes were cast; taxes to the amount of \$37,500 were levied last year; school houses have been built, churches organized, and a newspaper established; and altogether, Smith county, like the uneasy soul of Old John Brown, goes grandly "marching on."

It is not, however, on account of its fertile soil, its perennial springs, its wealth of rock, its rapid increase of population, its schools, its churches, its taxes, or even its newspaper, that we look longingly to Smith county. All these things are common in Kansas, and most other counties have more of them than this one can boast of. But Smith beats them all on one thing. It is the county of candy-pullings. The materials and conveniences for this enticing diversion are not very plentiful, but the pulling is immense for all that. They probably pull more candy in Smith county, in proportion to population, than is pulled in any other section of country of like extent on the face of the habitable globe. The candy-pulling has superseded all other forms of social amusement in that locality, and the good people of both sexes and all conditions live and move in an atmosphere of unmixed and unchanging sweetness. They make their taffy of sorghum, and cook it in a camp-kettle, and go out into the open prairie, under the sweet moon and the twinkling stars, to do the pulling. The Smith county newspaper—the *Pioneer*, published at Cedarville—gives this description of how the thing is managed:

After cooking the sorghum a proper length of time, which time varies from an hour and a half to two weeks according to circumstances, you take it out and pull it, and the more you pull it the paler it will get, and then you go out and sit down on a pile of shingles and cool it. When it gets cool enough you take hold of one end and your girl takes hold of the other end and you pull and then she pulls, and by and by it breaks in two and you turn a double back-action hand-spring towards the north star and she walks off on her ear in the opposite direction.

If you want to change the programme you can take a chunk of the candy about as big as a small curly dog, and stretch it out exactly seventeen feet two inches and a half long, then take one end of it in your mouth and your duck takes the other in her's; then you commence chewing and prancing until you get yourself into a good state of perspiration, when you swallow eight feet seven inches and a quarter and clasp her in your arms, nose to nose.

There can be no guile in a people addicted to such recreations. The candy-pulling is full of pastoral simplicity; and where sorghum abounds, there all the virtues may be bored for with perfect confidence. Smith county is a good region to go to. There will be no wrangling there, and no wickedness. The reign of taffy is the reign of peace, innocence and supreme contentment. The Smith county folks have done well in the adoption of a social amusement. Let them stick to it and be happy.

IN THE CHIPS

From the *Kinsley Graphic*, January 17, 1880.

The County Commissioners at their last meeting issued an order to the township trustees that they would allow no bills for coal for the poor, in cases where the poor have teams to gather buffalo chips.

HOW IS IT NOW IN LANE COUNTY?

From the *Lane County Republican*, Dighton, December 5, 1888.

STAY WITH THE SOD SHANTY.—Winter is here, and there are families all over western Kansas that have a blue outlook before them. One can not go out in the morning and push back the sliding door of the great red barn, walk in and arouse the large number of fat cattle, horses and hogs; then turn to the over-flowing bins of oats and corn, and carry feed to them. The scene here in the west is different. The farmer arises in the morning, steps outside his sod house, and the scene that presents itself is indeed attractive and inspiring to view. Sod shanties are in the sky, changed into magnificent cathedrals; miniature forests are across the horizon; magnificent lakes appear where the last rays of the setting sun danced over the buffalo grass with naught to cast a shadow except the numerous prairie dogs, as they scampered about, and sat chirping merrily.

A city appears, smoke is seen curling from the chimneys; the tops of the church steeples glisten, indicative that the great illuminator of the world will soon appear, and sweep this scene of grandeur and beauty away, leaving the great, wild prairies spread out as natural as ever, ready to be brought under subjection, and be made to produce abundant crops, filling the hearts and homes of our people with joy and comfort. Even though the outlook is blue, stay with the sod shanty a little while longer, and success will surely greet you. The most pleasant memories are those which when experienced, seems the hardest to bear. When the time does come that you have your claims under subjection, and you can sow and plant with more surety to harvest, when you have the red barns, the fat cattle and horses, you can look back to the present times, and it will be an interesting story to tell your children as you are gathered about the fireside of the large white house with the green window shutters.



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Articles in the series "This Month in Kansas History," by Cecil Howes, published in *The Kansas Teacher*, Topeka, during the school year 1949-1950, included: "Ninety Years for the Santa Fe," September, 1949; "Pony Express Lived Only 18 Months," October; "Baker [University] Nears a Centennial," November; "A Year [1859] of Great Decisions," December; "Newspaper Frankensteins," January, 1950; "Largest Lake in Kansas," February; "Indian Missions in Kansas," March; "How Counties Got Their Names," April, and "Doubling the Crop Yield," May.

A column entitled "Do You Remember When?" composed of brief historical items, has been a regular feature in *The Modern Light*, Columbus, in recent months.

"The Newspaper Reporter and the Kansas Imbroglia," by Bernard A. Weisberger, is the title of an article in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March, 1950. In the middle and late 1850's reporters for the large Eastern newspapers were present in Kansas to describe for their readers the contest between freedom and slavery. The article included brief biographical sketches of several of these reporters, including James Redpath, William A. Phillips, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, Richard Hinton, Samuel F. Tappan, James M. Winchell, Richard Realf and John Kagi, and a discussion of their work.

A 60-page industrial section was published in the Topeka *Daily Capital* and the Topeka *State Journal*, April 27, 1950. Included were articles on the agriculture, industries, mineral deposits, railroads, educational institutions, churches, hospitals and history of Kansas and Topeka.

"Everybody Comes From Kansas," is the title of an article by Murdock Pemberton, a native Kansan, published in the *Pageant* magazine, New York, May, 1950. Brief sketches are given of the accomplishments of many Kansans who rank high in their fields of endeavor. The article was printed in the *Congressional Record* upon the motion of Sen. Harry Darby.

Subjects covered in historical articles by C. D. Smith in recent issues of the *Blue Rapids Times* included: Churches and news-

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papers of Blue Rapids, May 4, 1950; banks and secret orders of Blue Rapids, June 1, and the career of Channing J. Brown, June 22.

A brief historical sketch of Ravanina, dead town of Hodgeman and Finney counties, by A. J. Myers, was printed in the *Dighton Herald*, May 10, 1950.

A brief sketch of Samuel Joseph Paintin appeared in the *Hill City Times*, May 18, 1950. Mr. Paintin came from Nebraska to Graham county in 1880 where he has lived ever since. His hobby is collecting Indian relics of which he now has a large number, including several hundred arrows.

"A story of Burlington and Coffey county during the first half of the 20th century, as told in words and in pictures," was printed in the 184-page, 23-section Mid-Century edition of *The Daily Republican*, Burlington, May 29, 1950. John Redmond, editor and publisher of the *Republican*, has been a Burlington publisher since the late 1890's.

The early history of the Santa Fe trail and its contribution to the national tradition of self-reliance is discussed in the *Transactions of the Kansas Academy of Science*, Lawrence, June, 1950, by the editor, Dr. Robert Taft. Among other articles in the June number were "Kansas Botanical Notes, 1949," by F. C. Gates, and "Notes on Mohave Indian Children," by George Devereux.

Historical sketches of Frankfort and Marshall county were published in the *Frankfort Index*, June 8, 15, 22, 29, 1950, in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of Frankfort.

Among historical articles of interest to Kansans appearing in recent issues of the Kansas City (Mo.) *Star* were: "William Gilpin Saw the Future as He Faced Challenges of the Early West," by John Edward Hicks, June 14, 1950; "Stephen Long of the [Steamboat] *Western Engineer* Agreed With Others the West Was Desert," by Mrs. Clyde Porter, June 27, and "Great Hand-Dug Well Recalls the Rush to Settle Western Kansas in the 1880's," by E. B. Dykes Beachy, July 5. Articles in the Kansas City (Mo.) *Times* were: "Remnants of Many Ghost Towns Recall Romance of Pioneer Efforts in Kansas," by E. B. Dykes Beachy, May 25, and "World Wonders From Prehistoric Period to Atomic Age Take Tourists Southwest," by W. Thetford LeViness, May 27. A special, 252-page edition of the *Star* was published June 4 in com-

memoration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Kansas City.

A historical sketch of the early days in Lincoln county, prepared by the late Washington Smith, was printed in the *Lincoln Sentinel-Republican*, June 15, 1950. Permanent settlers first began arriving in Lincoln county late in 1865, when a group of six built a camp along the river near the east side of the county. Included in the article was a summary of the Indian raids in Lincoln county during the middle and late 1860's.

The history and progress of Wichita in the last half century are told in story and picture in a 156-page, 1950 Mid-Century edition of the *Wichita Eagle*, published June 18, 1950, in connection with Mid-Century week in Wichita. The week's activities ended June 25 with the burial at the municipal airport of a cylinder containing mementos, art and industrial objects, documents, pictures and many things commemorative of the past half century. The cylinder is to be opened at the centenary of the *Eagle* in 1972, again in 2000 and every 50 years thereafter.

A brief history of Wayside, Montgomery county, written in 1929 by Mrs. A. L. Blackmore, was published in connection with the 60th anniversary of the Wayside church, in the *Caney Daily Chronicle*, June 20, 1950.

"Victoria's Remittance Men Made Life Gay in Roaring '70's," by Ernest Dewey, the story of George Grant, an Englishman who founded the colony of Victoria, was printed in the *Hays Daily News*, June 22, 1950. Also, Raymond L. Welty's articles on old Fort Hays have continued to appear in the *News*.

A brief biographical note on Joseph G. McCoy, first mayor of Abilene, was included in an article in the *Abilene Reflector-Chronicle*, June 24, 1950. Some of the furniture and other items which belonged to McCoy have recently been offered to Abilene for display purposes by a daughter, Dr. Florence L. McCoy of Wichita.

A two-column article on the history of Hays and Fort Hays, featuring the part played by "Buffalo Bill" Cody, "Wild Bill" Hickok and Gen. George A. Custer, appeared in the *Ellis County News*, Hays, June 29, 1950.

A history of the Gove Methodist Church by Mrs. Edith Trustin was published in the *Gove County Republican-Gazette*, Gove City,



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June 29, 1950. The church was organized in September, 1886, the first services being held in a sod building.

The early history of the Belmont post office, Kingman county, by Mrs. John N. Starr, was printed in the *Kingman Journal*, June 29, 1950.

"The Story of 'Home on the Range'," by Kirke Mechem, appeared in the summer, 1950, number of *American Heritage*, Harrisburg, Pa., published by the American Association for State and Local History. It is a condensation of an article which first appeared in *The Kansas Historical Quarterly*.

Some of the early fourth of July celebrations in the vicinity of Atchison were noted by George Remsburg in the *Atchison Daily Globe*, July 3, 1950. The first celebration in the area—also the first in Kansas—took place July 4, 1804, when Lewis and Clark fired several shots from their boat on the Missouri river.

D. J. Bolejack's reminiscences of Kansas during the Civil War were printed in the *Barnes Chief*, July 6, 1950. Mr. Bolejack, now 98 years of age, came to Kansas with his father's family in 1862.

A brief history of Oskaloosa and a reproduction of a part of the first issue of the *Oskaloosa Independent* appeared in the July 6, 1950, number of the *Independent*. The town was laid out in 1856 by Jesse Newell and Joseph Fitsimons, and the first issue of the *Independent* was published by J. W. Roberts on July 11, 1860.

A history of the *Augusta Journal* was sketched in its issue of July 6, 1950. The present paper is a consolidation of the *Journal*, established in 1887, and the *Southern Kansas Gazette*, founded in 1873.

Clay Center as it was in 1900 was recalled by L. F. Valentine, co-owner of the *Clay Center Dispatch* and *The Times*, Clay Center, in the July 8, 1950, issue of the *Dispatch*. Many of the changes and some of the historical high lights of the last 50 years in Clay Center were mentioned in the article. Mr. Valentine was recently honored at a meeting of the Rotary club of Clay Center on completion of 50 years of newspaper work. Many prominent newspapermen of Kansas were present.



A brief history of Baxter Springs, by S. A. Douthit, was printed in the Baxter Springs *Citizen*, July 13, 1950.

A special edition of the Waterville *Telegraph* was published July 20, 1950, in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the incorporation of Waterville. Rural life and present-day agriculture, contrasted with the homestead days as illustrated by the story of John Sisco, pioneer, were featured. The town of Waterville is to be the subject of another special edition later this year.

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The first chapter of a paper on the armed forces in Doniphan county was read by H. H. Newman at a meeting of the Doniphan County Historical Society, May 12, 1950. The society has been given a room in the courthouse in which to display the historical articles that have been donated. One of the most interesting objects received by the society is John Brown's rifled carbine presented by Brig. Gen. Milton R. McLean.

The 76th anniversary celebration of the settlement of the Mennonites in Barton county and of the organization of the Bergtal Mennonite Church was attended by more than 600 persons, May 21, 1950. Besides a luncheon and services at the church four miles north of Pawnee Rock, a temporary museum which had been assembled at a near-by schoolhouse with exhibits contributed by the pioneer families of the county was visited. Oldest item in the collection was a German Bible printed in 1599.

A Wichita group devoted to the restoration and preservation of early city landmarks, chartered as Historic Wichita, Inc., was recently organized with Richard M. Long as president. Other officers are: Tom W. Fuller, vice-president; Rev. Jesse Clyde Fisher, treasurer, and William C. Hook, secretary. The officers, together with Harry C. Castor, Larry Roberts, Ewing Lawrence and O. A. Bell, constitute the board of directors. Reconstruction of Wichita's first permanent church building, erected in 1870, has been undertaken as the organization's initial project.

Dedication ceremonies for the monument erected by the Arthur Barrett chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in memory of Sarah Handley Keyes, member of the Donner party who died and was buried at Alcove Spring in 1846, were held May 30, 1950. William S. Eddy, Marysville attorney, gave the dedicatory address.

Old Shawnee mission in northeast Johnson county was viewed by approximately 500 people at an open house, June 4, 1950, sponsored by the Shawnee-Mission Indian Historical Society. Mrs. Harry Meyer, Lenexa, was chairman of the committee on arrangements. Mrs. John Barkley is president of the society.

The records and flag of the *USS Emporia* were presented to the city of Emporia at a ceremony in the Civic auditorium on July 4,



1950. Dr. O. W. Mosher, president of the Lyon County Historical Society, presided at the meeting, and the principal speakers were the two wartime commanders of the *Emporia*, Lt. Comdrs. Langford Anderson and R. F. Althausen. The ship's bell had previously been presented to the city by the late James Forrestal. A luncheon of the historical society, with Lieutenant Commander Althausen as the speaker, concluded the activities.

One hundred and fifty-one persons registered at the old settlers' picnic sponsored by the Clark County Historical Society at Ashland, July 4, 1950. Lewis Oswald, Hutchinson lawyer, was the principal speaker.

A 47-page illustrated booklet by Dr. Robert Taft reviewing the chemistry department's work in the Bailey chemical laboratory at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, was published recently under the title "Fifty Years in Bailey Chemical Laboratory." Included was a list of the publications of the laboratory's staff from 1900 to date.

Volume one of Dr. James C. Malin's *Grassland Historical Studies: Natural Resources Utilization in a Background of Science and Technology* has recently been published in lithoprint. This 377-page volume, covering geology and geography, is divided into two parts: Part one is concerned with wood and minerals for fuel and building material; part two is an early history of the town of Kansas (Kansas City, Mo.). Dr. Malin's grassland historical studies will be published in three volumes, the second and third to be issued later.

Errata and Addenda, Volume XVIII

Page 30, add to Footnote 31: In fact, a circular of the receiving committee, issued late in 1859, announced that "unless Thirty Thousand Dollars are raised or pledged for Monumental College, before January 1, 1861, signers shall not be held responsible for subscriptions. . . ." The signed statement of Charles Robinson and S. C. Pomeroy, "Trustees of the Fund of A. A. Lawrence," added that the sum in their hands was then "pledged to Monumental College, on condition that Twenty Thousand Dollars in addition shall be raised or pledged for said object within the time specified." (Enclosed with Robinson's letter to Lawrence, dated November 12, 1859, and photostated in the collection of Frank E. Melvin.)

On page 55, the date of the marriage of William A. Phillips and Margaret C. Spilman was given as 1859. This date should be June, 1854. For reasons not now apparent, the first Mrs. Phillips has scarcely been mentioned in print, and the quest for information has proved unsatisfactory.

The most complete printed biographical sketch of William A. Phillips is that found in the *Salina Daily Republican*, December 1, 1893, which seems to be the source, or principal source for the perpetuation of the error in the marriage date. When the biographical sketch for the *Dictionary of American Biography* was being prepared in 1931 by James C. Malin, the manuscript was submitted to a nephew, A. B. Campbell, Jr., and wife for verification, and they made no objection to the date 1859. Subsequently, Miss Marion Klema made further investigations (master's thesis, University of Kansas, 1942) and turned up new information.

The Phillips' marriage occurred on the bride's birthday in June, 1854. Their first child, John, was born June 9, 1855, and they moved to Kansas the following October. Ten children were born to this union, five of whom did not survive infancy. Mrs. Phillips died of cancer at Los Angeles, June 22, 1883, and was buried there. Even here data are conflicting, as her age was given as 48 and 49 in the *Salina Herald*, June 28, 1883, and the *Saline County Journal*, June 28, 1883, respectively. The age of 48 is probably correct, because it fits into the other dates available.

These corrections in the record were offered to the editors of the *Dictionary of American Biography* for inclusion in the *Supplement* volume of that set, but they did not see fit to include errata or new information relative to matters already in print. The present would appear to be an appropriate occasion to make the corrections in hope that the errors may not be repeated further.

Page 202, Footnote 237: "By a wire drawlcek improvement" should read "By a wire drawblock improvement."



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