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Bypaths of Kansas History

AN EDITORIAL FRACAS IN NEOSHO COUNTY

From the Topeka *Commonwealth*, June 2, 1871.

FROM NEW CHICAGO [NOW CHANUTE].—The quiet of our burg was ruffled yesterday by a desperate and bloody encounter between Geo. C. Crowther, of the New Chicago *Transcript* and E. B. Haines, editor of the Tioga *Herald*. It seems that the *Herald* man, since his advent in this section, has been in the habit of coming to this place frequently, "shooting off his mouth" very freely, threatening to "bust" George and every scheme he advocated, and permitted a scurrilous article to be published concerning him in the first issue of the *Herald*. After the issue of the two papers yesterday, Haines gave vent to his pent-up feelings by using some very obnoxious epithets towards his brother "quill," in the presence of a number of citizens, which, coming to George's ears, raised his dander, and he naturally "went" for Haines, and closed his "peepers" the first round, when they were separated by some bystanders, Haines leaving his cravat and a handful of his luxurious wool-crop in the hands of the victor. At the commencement of the second and last round H. came up a little groggy, striking the air wildly, and failing to leave any points on the frontispiece of the senatorial secretary, endeavored to come to close quarters by clenching him with his arms around the body. George's arms being free, did fearful execution on the face, head, neck and shoulders of his opponent, and he finding it getting dark, and the fight hot and bloody, H. cried for quarter, and cut his opponent and shot up an alley on a keen run for his office in Tioga, when he shut himself up and proceeded to get out an extra, which I will send you when it is out. The fighting weight of the *Herald* and *Transcript* I should judge to be about the same—about 120 pounds.

Crowther's trial came off about two hours after the fight, which resulted in his being fined one dollar and costs, which is rather cheap for "putting a head on" a brother editor.

New Chicago is now rejoicing in the prospect of getting a third railroad built very soon. LOOKER-ON.

NEW CHICAGO, May 28th.

A LADY, A TRAMP AND HIS CAT

From the Abilene *Weekly Reflector*, May 2, 1895.

A tramp appeared at a house with a cat in his hand this morning, and asked the lady of the house for a little salt. Of course she asked what he wanted with the salt. He told her that he was starving, but was too proud to ask for anything to eat, and was going to cook the cat. Of course the woman was touched, and gave the tramp the best she had in the house. When the tramp got about a block away from the house the cat appeared, and he fed the animal. The tramp told an Abilene man that he worked the cat racket all the time. The tramp then stuffed the cat in his coat tail pocket, and laid down under a tree to sleep.



Kansas History as Published in the Press

Bliss Van Gundy's weekly column of biographical sketches of Osborne county pioneers which began appearing in the *Osborne County Farmer*, Osborne, in the autumn of 1970, continues to be published regularly. On April 29, 1971, the *Farmer* printed a column-length history of the county.

"Many Towns, Many Papers in Early Stanton," is the title of a brief history of Stanton county in the *Johnson Pioneer*, December 10, 1970. The county was formed in 1887 from Hamilton county. The part played by the Raney family in Stanton county history was the subject of an article in the *Pioneer*, December 24.

"Yuletide Here 100 Years Ago Matter of Ingenuity," an article on Christmas in Hays in 1870, was printed in the *Hays Daily News*, December 20, 1970. On February 7, 1971, the *News* published "Philosopher, Author [Lynn Martin, Brookville] Believes Tall Tales Should Be Written for Posterity," by Kittie Dale.

Fifty Years of Sabetha history, beginning in 1919, were recalled by the late Mrs. Sylvia Vermillion in a series printed in the *Sabetha Herald*, December 30, 1970, January 5 and 7, 1971.

Historical notes on the townships of Rooks county appeared in the *Plainville Times*, January 7, 1971. The county is currently reorganizing the 23 named townships into 10 numbered townships.

Miami county's newspaper history, compiled by Helen E. Kohlenberg, was printed in the *Miami Republican*, Paola, January 14, 1971. The earliest newspaper in the county is believed to have been the *Southern Kansas Herald*, which began publication in Paola in 1860, having previously been published at Osawatomie.

In observance of Belle Plaine's centennial, the *Belle Plaine News* printed a history of the town in its January 14 and 21, 1971, issues. Belle Plaine was started in 1871, and incorporated in 1884.

The *Logan Republican* in recent months has published a series of histories of Logan area families. Among these were: Asa Larick, January 14, 1971; John P. Hicks, February 11; James Neil Wilson, February 18; F. C. Albright, February 25; J. V. States, March 4; Joseph Benjamin Hicks, March 11; Phillip Glennemeier,

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April 1; Jefferson J. Siegrist, April 8; John Smith, April 15; Urban W. Albright, April 22; Pete Weigant, April 29; and John C. Kinter, May 27.

"Work Proceeding on Restoration of Kansas Forts," and "Construction at Ft. Larned Expected to Begin in 1973," articles by Darrell Morrow, published in the *Wichita Eagle and Beacon Magazine*, January 17, 1971, include some of the history of Fort Scott and Fort Larned which are scheduled for restoration by the National Park Service.

"Trails Map History of Ellis Area," an article by Kittie Dale, was printed in the *Ellis Review*, January 21, 1971.

Janie Moriconi is the author of a three-part series of articles on St. Paul and Neosho county, published in the *Pittsburg Headlight-Sun*, January 22-24, 1971. A Catholic mission for the Osage Indians was established in the vicinity of present St. Paul in 1847. Also on January 24 the *Headlight-Sun* printed a brief history of Arma by Kenneth L. Simons.

A two-part history, by Virginia Johnson, of the structure in Gardner which housed the Grange store and other businesses at various times, was published in the *Spring Hill New Era*, January 20 and 27, 1971. The 89-year-old building is scheduled to be razed.

"Cattle Trails Led North to Waterville, Kansas' Forgotten Cowtown," by David Dary, was published in the *Topeka Capital-Journal*, January 31, 1971, and in the *Waterville Telegraph*, February 18. In the late 1860's Waterville was favored over Abilene as a shipping point by some Texas drovers because of more abundant grass and cheaper freight rates. Dary is also the author of "When Wamego Railroad Died," in the *Wamego Times*, January 21.

Osage county history, compiled and edited by Lyndon High School students under the direction of Walter Scott, began appearing in installments in the *Lyndon News-Herald*, February 18, 1971. The county, first called Weller county, was formed in 1855.

With the recent sale of the Dimmock building in Hiawatha, an 80-year period in which Clarence O. Dimmock was prominent in the business life of Hiawatha came to an end. A review of Dimmock's life and career appeared in the *Hiawatha Daily World*, February 19, 1971, and the *Brown County World*, February 26.

A brief history of Brittsville, established in the early 1870's, by Charles Studt, was published in the *Glasco Sun*, February 25, 1971. The town, now called Simpson, is on the Cloud-Mitchell county line.

"Land Office Spoilsmen in 'Bleeding Kansas'," a study of the appointment and performance of land office administrators in territorial Kansas, by William H. Beezley, was published in the *Great Plains Journal*, Lawton, Okla., Spring, 1970.

Kansas' stone fence posts are the subject of Herschel C. Logan's article, "Silent Sentinels of the Prairies," in the March, 1971, issue of *The Branding Iron*, published by the Los Angeles Corral of the Westerners.

Histories of Kansas churches published in the newspapers in recent months included: First United Methodist, Parsons, *Parsons Sun*, March 12, 1971; Sardis Congregational, near Emporia, *Emporia Gazette*, March 30; Oberlin Federated, Oberlin *Herald*, April 1; McCracken United Methodist, *Rush County News*, La Crosse, April 22; Beloit United Methodist, *Beloit Daily Call*, April 22; Talmage United Methodist, *Abilene Reflector-Chronicle*, April 26; First United Presbyterian, Osage City, *Journal-Free Press*, Osage City, April 28; Aloysius Catholic, near Girard, *Pittsburg Headlight-Sun*, May 5, and *Catholic Advance*, Wichita, May 6; Lincoln United Methodist, *Lincoln Sentinel-Republican*, May 13; First United Presbyterian, Concordia, *The Kansan*, Concordia, May 20, and *Concordia Blade-Empire*, June 3; Otterbein United Methodist, Russell, *Russell Record*, May 20; Marion United Presbyterian, *Marion County Record*, Marion, May 20; Bethel church, near Delphos, *Delphos Republican*, May 27; Mulvane United Methodist, *Mulvane News*, June 3; First Christian, Fredonia, *Wilson County Citizen*, Fredonia, June 7; and Columbus Christian, *Modern Light*, Columbus, June 8.

"[Col. D. R.] 'Cannonball' Green Was Area's Most Colorful and Shrewd Businessman" was the title of an article by Donna Whitson printed in the *Kiowa County Signal*, Greensburg, March 24, 1971. Green was a founder of Greensburg and operator of a stage line in southwestern Kansas in the 1880's.

Minersville, a town that once existed on the Republic-Cloud county line, was the subject of historical articles in the *Belleville Telescope*, March 25 and April 8, 1971. Coal mining began in the area in 1869, continuing for more than 30 years.

Kansas Historical Notes

Officers of the Gove County Historical Society were named at a recent meeting of the society's board of directors. They are: Mrs. Sanford Powers, president; Roderick Bentley, vice-president; Mrs. J. M. Tuttle, secretary; and Henry Doxon, treasurer. Mrs. Wayne Litson was the retiring president.

Reno County Historical Society officers for 1971 are: G. L. Hermes, Hutchinson, president; Mrs. Frank Valdois, Haven, first vice-president; Fred Stoss, Hutchinson, second vice-president; W. G. Calbert, Hutchinson, recording secretary; and Cecil D. Howey, Hutchinson, treasurer.

Current officers of the Mitchell County Historical Society include: Paul Grittman, Simpson, president; Teresa Bollman, Beloit, secretary; and Inez Ernzen, Beloit, treasurer. The society's plans include incorporation and the establishment of a museum.

Christian N. Swenson was elected president and Norman Shogren vice-president of the Smoky Valley Historical Association at a meeting of the association council in Lindsborg, March 13, 1971. Dr. A. W. Lindquist and Abner Lundquist were the retiring president and vice-president.

The Leavenworth County Historical Society, meeting in Leavenworth, March 24, 1971, named Irving H. Feezor, president; Mrs. Gorman Hunt, first vice-president; Mrs. W. L. Jones, second vice-president; Mrs. Marjorie Smith, secretary; Joseph Wilmot, treasurer; and Mrs. Martin Sheldon, Mrs. Julius Waldstein, Robert Davis, Benjamin Day, William Lambert, and Ted Sexton, directors. Col. A. E. Schanze was the retiring president. Judge Arthur J. Stanley spoke to the group on "Early Law in Kansas."

The 45th annual meeting of the Kansas History Teachers Association was held at Pratt Community Junior College, Pratt, April 2, 3, 1971. Among the papers presented of special interest to Kansans were: "The Kansas Freedman's Relief Association: Organization and Activity in Topeka, Kansas, 1879-1880," by Thomas C. Cox, University of Kansas, Lawrence; "Fighting Against War: The Vorwaerts From 1914-1919," by Greg Stucky, Bethel College, North Newton; and "An Oral History of Kansas? Problems and

Prospects," by Paige Mulhollan, Kansas State University, Manhattan. Donald R. McCoy, University of Kansas, was named president of the association for the coming year. Sister Jeanne McKenna, Marymount College, Salina, was elected vice-president; and William Griffith, University of Kansas, Donald Wilson, Eisenhower Library, Abilene, Robert Linder, Kansas State University, and Keith Springer, Bethel College, members of the executive committee. Thayer H. Carmichael, Pratt Community Junior College, was the retiring president.

An election of officers was held April 5, 1971, in Marysville, by the newly organized Marshall County Historical Society. Mrs. Glenn Wuester, Beattie, was elected president; Mrs. Dan Musil, Frankfort, vice-president; Mrs. Chester Arnott, Blue Rapids, secretary; and John Mentgen, Marysville, treasurer.

Fred J. Brown was elected president of the Finney County Historical Society at the group's annual meeting April 7, 1971, in Garden City. Other officers named were: Mrs. Howard Smith, first vice-president; Mike Etrick, second vice-president; Nolan Howell, third vice-president; Mrs. Bob Pound, secretary; Charles Drew, treasurer; and Orville Nanninga, building chairman. Clifford R. Hope was the retiring president.

Mrs. Harold Jacobson, Mrs. John E. Cooper, Grace Starlin, and Mrs. Irene Schroeder were reelected directors of Preservation of Kansas Landmarks, Inc., at a meeting in Newton, April 15, 1971. The directors then reelected Mrs. Charles Wood president. Mrs. Cooper was named president-elect; Mrs. Dale Meier, secretary; Mrs. Jacobson, tour and membership treasurer; and John C. Suderman, fund-raising treasurer.

The Montgomery County Historical Society, meeting April 17, 1971, in Independence, reelected the following officers: Leon Sherwood, president; Mrs. A. G. Miller, secretary; and Forrest Geckeler, treasurer. The society directors are: William C. Burke, Mrs. Ed Krone, Mrs. Jay Krone, and Mrs. Helen K. Bannister. Kathreen Norfleet, Coffeyville High School teacher, spoke at the meeting on genealogy.

The Butterfield Trail Historical Society, meeting in Russell Springs, April 21, 1971, reelected Roy Eaton and L. J. Koons, Winona, and Max Kriegh, Russell Springs, directors. The directors then reelected the following officers: Clyde Blackburn, Leoti, presi-

dent; Leslie Linville, Colby, vice-president; Marjorie Wright, Russell Springs, secretary; and Koons, treasurer.

The following directors were chosen by the Decatur County Historical Society at its annual meeting, April 26, 1971, in Oberlin: Charles Frickey, Verle Walker, Mrs. Clayton Diehl, Mrs. Wayne Lohofener, and Kermit Nelson. The principal speaker at the meeting, introduced by the society president, Dr. Donald Harrier, was George Metcalf, a former curator of the Smithsonian Institution, who spoke on "Anthropology of the Plains Indians."

Vacancies were filled at a meeting of the Dickinson County Historical Society in Abilene, April 29, 1971, with the appointment of Mrs. Leon Ramsey, Chapman, as secretary-treasurer, and Forrest Flippo, Abilene, and Max Froelich, Enterprise, as trustees. It was announced that work was progressing on the society's museum and that hopefully it would be opened early in the summer.

Dean C. Banker was reelected president of the Russell County Historical Society at the annual meeting of the society, May 6, 1971, at the museum in Russell. Other officers chosen included: Ralph Coffeen, vice-president; Clifford Holland, secretary-treasurer; and Everett Waudby, William Ochs, Orville Perkins, Mrs. Alice Jones, Sam Kessler, Ferrill Rusch, Mrs. Dora Morrison, and Mark Arthur, Jr., directors. The lease of a four-acre tract was approved at the meeting. The society plans to develop an oil industry museum on the site.

Among those inducted into the Fort Leavenworth Hall of Fame at ceremonies, May 15, 1971, was Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, the Kansan who gained fame in the Philippine insurrection. Others named to the Hall of Fame were: Ltc. Nathan Boone, Lt. Gen. James E. B. Stuart, Maj. Gen. Bennet Riley, and Gen. Walter Krueger. Among the 15 officers previously inducted was another Kansan, Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Robert Larrabee was reelected president of the Seward County Historical Society at a meeting in Liberal, May 20, 1971. Lewis Eyman is vice-president; Eugene Slaymaker, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. R. B. Harkins, J. E. Van Cleave, Hoxie Freeman, Milton Blakemore, Price Davies, Mrs. T. C. Everson, and Mrs. Virgie Williamson, directors.

Members of the newly formed Ellis County Historical Society, meeting in Hays, May 26, 1971, elected Standlee V. Dalton presi-



dent; A. A. Reisig, vice-president; Zita Palen, secretary; Zita Basgall, treasurer; the Rev. Blaine Burkey, historian; and the Rev. Harold Wisner, chaplain. The group plans the restoration of historic landmarks in the county.

Moments From History is a 52-page history of the town of Logan compiled and edited by Mrs. Sumner Suhr, assisted by Mrs. Dane Bales. Logan was organized in 1872 and named for Gen. John A. Logan.

Ten Adventurous Decades is the title of a 63-page history of the First United Methodist church of Wichita. The booklet was published in observance of the church's centennial.

Irene Bergkamp is the author of a recently published 32-page pamphlet entitled *Waterloo, Galesburg Township, Kingman County, Kansas*. The township was formed in 1878 and the first plat of the town filed in 1879.

Cartoons by the late Frank A. Cooper, depicting events in Kansas history, have recently been compiled and published by Velma C. Cooper in a 156-page booklet entitled *It Happened in Kansas*. The cartoons appeared in several Kansas newspapers during the early 1960's.

George Stewart's reminiscences of his life in Colorado and Idaho in the early 1900's were published in 1970 by Caxton Printers, Caldwell, Idaho, in a 136-page, paper-bound volume entitled *The Sowing and the Reaping*.

Hazel C. Bruner is the author of a new, well-illustrated, 116-page volume entitled *Days to Remember—The Burns Community, 1864-1970*. Although there were some earlier settlers in the vicinity, Burns was not settled until the late 1870's.

Blaze Marks on the Border—The Story of Arkansas City, Kansas, Founded 1870-1871 is the title of a new 270-page history by Mrs. Bennett Rinehart and others. Arkansas City, first called Cresswell, was founded by a group of 15 men, most of them from Emporia.

Volume 1 of *The Expeditions of John Charles Fremont* was recently issued by the University of Illinois Press, Urbana. The 854-page book contains Fremont's papers for 1838-1844, edited by Donald Jackson and Mary Lee Spence. A map portfolio accompanies the volume.



Orrin H. and Lorraine Bonney are the authors of *Battle Drums and Geysers—The Life and Journals of Lt. Gustavus Cheyney Doane, Soldier and Explorer of the Yellowstone and Snake River Regions*, a 622-page work published in 1970 by the Swallow Press, Chicago.

Life in Dodge City around the turn of the century, as illustrated by personal experiences, is described by Theodore F. Hobbie in *This I Remember*, a 153-page book published recently by Carlton Press, Inc., New York.

It Takes People to Make a Town—The Story of Concordia, Kansas, 1871-1971, a 142-page history by Janet Pease Emery, was published by the Arrow Printing Co., Salina, in 1970. Concordia's founder was James M. Hagaman who was successful in having it chosen county seat before it had any residents.

The Kansas Crop Improvement Association, Manhattan, published in 1970 a 260-page book by Alfred L. Clapp, entitled *The Kansas Seed Grower—A History of Seed Certification in Kansas, 1902-1970*.

Western Wagon Wheels, a Pictorial Memorial to the Wheels That Won the West, a 183-page volume by Lambert Florin, was published in 1970 by the Superior Publishing Company, Seattle.

Robert G. Athearn is the author of *Union Pacific Country*, a 480-page work published by Rand McNally & Company in 1971. It is the story of the growth of the Union Pacific and the role it played in the settlement of the West in the late 1800's.

Following the Civil War many of the people who had been involved in the antislavery movement, took up the cause of Indian rights. The policies and activities of this group are discussed by Robert Winston Mardock in his new book, *The Reformers and the American Indian*. The 245-page volume was published by the University of Missouri Press, Columbia, in 1971.

On July 1, 1850, a mule-drawn mail wagon left Independence, Mo., for the 800-mile journey to Santa Fe, thus beginning the vehicular transportation of mail across the Plains. A new book by Morris F. Taylor, entitled *First Mail West—Stagecoach Lines on the Santa Fe Trail*, gives the history of this mail service. The 253-page volume was published by the University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque.



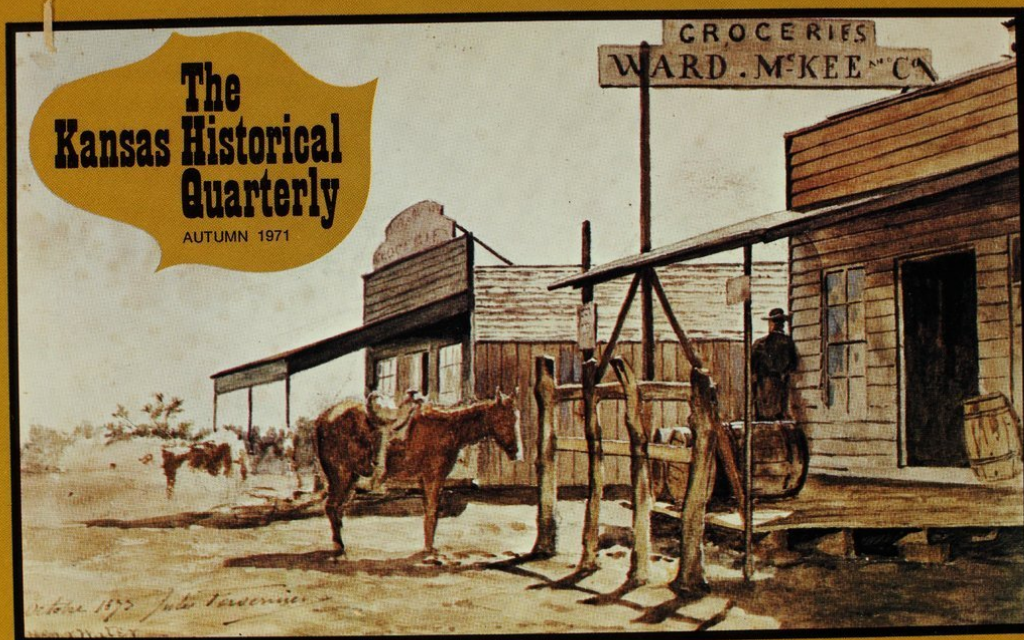
Ten essays on the history of the Trans-Mississippi West were recently published in a 307-page volume entitled *The Frontier Challenge—Responses to the Trans-Mississippi West*. Edited by John G. Clark, the book was published by the University Press of Kansas, Lawrence. The essays were originally presented at a history conference in 1968 honoring the late George L. Anderson, then retiring as chairman of the history department of the University of Kansas.

Joe Ruiz Grandee's paintings and sculpture are featured in a new volume entitled *The West Still Lives*. Joy Schultz is the author of the 54 pages of text which accompanies 63 reproductions of Grandee's art, including a number of paintings in color.

Stephen Douglas—The Last Years, 1857-1861 is a 342-page biographical work by Damon Wells, published by the University of Texas Press, Austin, in 1971.

Civil War Naval Chronology, 1861-1865 is a recently published, six-part, 1,070-page volume compiled by the Naval History Division of the Navy Department. Among the ships participating in naval action in the Civil War was the *U. S. S. Kansas*.





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Old Clearwater, as painted in water colors by Jules Tavernier, an artist who came up the Texas (Chisholm) trail early in October, 1873. The store in the background had been McLean and Russell's Ninnescah ranch house. It is more clearly depicted in the sketch appearing *between* pages 248, 249.



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Roughing It on Her Kansas Claim: The Diary of Abbie Bright, 1870-1871

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I. INTRODUCTION

AT 21, Pennsylvania-born Abbie Bright had a great desire to see the American West, which to her was that part of the country west of her native state. In 1870 the fruition of such a desire was not easily attained for single girls did not just pack their bags and roam the country unescorted as some were doing 100 years later. Instead it was necessary to visit relatives and friends along the way in order for virtue to be protected by the men of the family.

Abbie Bright was no ordinary Victorian female. She was a woman with a sense of propriety but also with a determined mind and a yen for adventure. She accepted the restrictions which society placed upon those of her sex. She did tour her West and the record of her trip was recorded in the diary published here.

Abbie had been born on December 17, 1848, on a farm near Danville, Pa. Her parents were Peter and Mary (Evans) Bright who had moved onto their 180 acres in 1833. "It was a fine farm home," Abbie wrote many years later in an autobiographical sketch. "No farm in Valey Township had such a variety of fruit, and so many flowers, as we had."

Childhood was pleasant in Pennsylvania but when Abbie was 12 the Civil War broke out and her three brothers, Dennis, Hiram, and Philip, enlisted. Dennis and Philip were severely wounded during the conflict and Hiram contracted a serious disease which resulted in his early discharge. The daughters of the family, Abbie, Rebecca,

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Penina, and Mary, stayed home to help their mother with her hospital aid work.

When Abbie was 15 she enrolled in the Danville Institute, two-and-one-half miles from her home. Afterwards she taught, and then attended Keystone State Normal at Kutztown, now Kutztown State College. When she commenced her studies there in December, 1867, the school was barely a year old and consequently not large. Nevertheless the instruction was good and after one term, which ended in the spring of 1868, Abbie returned home and was hired to teach at what she called the Blue's school. "I got a good certificate, partly because Supt. Henry knew I had gone to Normal School," she later recalled. Her salary was \$16 a month for three months of 22 days each.

In the spring of 1870 Abbie attended Keystone Normal a second time and it must have been during that period that she decided to go West. She arranged with her roommate, Mary Klop, to write letters in the form of diaries and exchange them after Abbie's return East. And when she signed a contract to teach at the Blue's school in the fall it was with the express understanding that should she decide to travel she could leave early. As it turned out she taught only two weeks.

Hiram and his wife, who lived in Indiana, were visiting with Abbie's parents when school commenced and it didn't take them long to convince Abbie that she should go home with them. Since Rebecca was willing to finish Abbie's term at the Blue's school there was nothing to hinder her.

Thus it was that Abbie left home on August 23, 1870. After stopping at Reading and Columbus, the party reached Hiram's home on September 2. It is here that her diary begins.

It should be noted that Abbie's brother Philip had come to Kansas about the time she went to Indiana. Though the use of his right hand was restricted as the result of his wartime wound Philip had taken 160 acres of the Osage Trust Lands which had recently been opened for settlement. When the desire to see more than Indiana and Illinois struck Abbie she chose to visit Philip on his Sedgwick county claim near present Clearwater. And, as her diary discloses, she herself took 160 acres as an investment.

This reproduction of Abbie's diary is from two "original" copies. Whether either is the original "original" is a moot question. And which of the two "originals" is the earlier is equally obscure. The version of the diary which constitutes the main portion of this published edition has the appearance of having been prepared for non-



family use. It is written separately, while the other is part of a larger diary. In addition certain names have been changed or deleted for reasons known only to Abbie herself. Why, for instance, would she continually refer to Hiram's wife Rhoda as Katura, her friend Belle Butler as Bess Bee and the Robert West family in Kansas as the North family? None of the entries concerning these persons reflects on their character so the change may represent nothing more than whimsical treatment on the part of the diarist.

The publication here was taken mainly from the diary prepared for nonfamily use for two reasons. First, when work commenced on its editing, it was the only copy known. The other version appeared after all preliminary copy work had been done and the editing itself was well along. Second, this first available account seems the more detailed. However, in some cases the other version contains additional information which is printed here in italic type to indicate that it is taken from this other source. Thus all diary entries in roman type represent the first "nonfamily" version while all italic-type entries represent the second.

Some corrections in Abbie's spelling and punctuation have been made by the editor. Abbie at times seemed prone to use dashes for periods and commas. Though a few of these have been retained for flavor, others have been changed for reasons of clarity. Spelling has usually been left as Abbie wrote, though in a few cases where it was obvious she knew the correct spelling changes were made. In all cases no changes were made that would destroy the character of Abbie's style.

The Kansas State Historical Society is indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Fairchild of Gladbrook, Iowa, for the Abbie Bright diaries and related family papers and pictures. All the information concerning Abbie's early life comes from the second diary and from family letters. Mr. Fairchild, who is a grandson of the diarist, and Mrs. Fairchild have been of inestimable help in sorting out family names, dates, and associations.

II. THE DIARY, SEPTEMBER, 1870-JUNE, 1871

SEPT. 2ND 1870.—After planning for six months, that which I hoped for has come to pass, and I am at Red Oak Shelter Indiana.¹

So much to see, and talk about. I have not had a chance to write of our stop at Reading Pa—or our visit at Westerville, O.

1. Abbie was visiting the home of her brother Hiram, whose family consisted of his wife Rhoda and their children, Mary Ellen, Frank B., Butler C., and Oakley who was then two years old.

When we reached Williams port [, Ind.], a friend of brothers was in town, and he brought us out to his home. I was hungry enough to have been satisfied with a piece of bread—but peach pies were baked, and chicken fried—and as Katura [Rhoda] said “We faired sumtously.”

After dinner the horses were hitched to the big wagon again, and off we started for Red Oak Shelter eight miles farther. We sat on a spring seat, which was untop of the waggon-box. My feet did not touch the floor, and when the horses went faster than a walk, I had to hold fast to the seat, to keep from bouncing off. It would have been less tiresome to have sat on my trunk, and rested my feet on the floor.

So much for my first ride in a “Husher [Hoosier?] buggy.”

SEPT. 7—The weather is delightful—the children interesting, and the days too short. Last Sunday we went twelve miles to Crows Grove to church. There was to have been a wedding—but on the way to church, the bride got timid, so they stopped at the Squires and were married, then went on to church. It was known over the country, that the wedding was to be Sunday, so there was a big crowd there, and the disappointment at not seeing the marriage was great. However we saw the bride, and she looked very happy and sweet. She wore a silver gray silk, with a velvet hat to match.

Coming home Katura [Rhoda] told us when they came west fifteen years ago, the woman nearly all wore sunbonnets. Her wedding bonnet was very pretty, and much admired. A neighbor girl was going to be married, and wanted her bonnet.

After some dickering, they made a trade—the girl got the bonnet, and Katura [Rhoda] got a pig.

“That pig” said she—“was the source of the hundreds of pigs we have raised since—”

As we drove along some prairie chickens flew up from the road side. They were the first I had seen. When I asked about them, Katura [Rhoda] said, “there are only a few now, years back there were plenty, and they were not so wild. When there was snow, they would find shelter and food in corn shocks. They make a peculiar noise in the Spring when mating. In the morning one heard their do-do-do o o o in every direction—Now we seldom hear them. When Harry Hoch was little he told me they talked dutch.”

“What!” I said, “Yes they do” he insisted, “One says ich kin do do do o o o, and another says was koust do-do-do-o-o-o! Not a bad imitation.”

We rode in a spring waggon, which was called in that locality, a buggy, and were just beeing bought by the more prosperous farmers. The farm houses were far apart, no trees—except what were planted around the buildings. The farms were generally large. One field we passed, was a quarter section, 160 acres, and only used for pasture. It was an interesting drive, but would take too long to write about all I saw and heard.

Brother's home is at the edge of timber. There is timber west and north of the house, great oaks, maples, hickory ct. The house faces the East. The barn, sheds and corn cribs are west of the house. There are nine horses and a number of coalts, nearly 200 head of cattle over 200 hogs, and 300 sheep, not counting the lambs.

SEPT-16 Two weeks since we came. How fast time passes. Brother has some of his cattle out on the open prairie. One day he was going out to see them, and asked me to ride along. We went through the timber—crossed Pine creek, and some four or six miles farther came to prairie. From there direct west for twenty miles, was open prairie and not a building of any kind—and only one lone tree. How that had escaped the fires that in times past had burned over the prairie—was a mystery.

From the last house we rode until we came to [illegible] hearder, some five miles out—not far from a little shack, where he lived and kept his pony. There were several hundred head in the heard, which were grazing near a big pool or pond. It was a wonderful sight, no fences, no houses, nothing but grass and a few flowers.

Back of us in the distance, could be see[n] the tops of the last grove we had passed.

The cattle were under the care of Mr. Goodwin all Summer. The owners going out every few days with supplies for him, and to see how the cattle were doing. I asked how far we were from the Ill. line, and was told we had crossed it a mile or two back. I got out of the waggon to pick some late blooming flowers—and walked a short distance.

The cattle not beeing used to petticoats, soon had their heads and tails up—and were either going to run at me, or be frightened and stampeed.

Mr. Goodrich [or Goodwin?] called my attention to them, and said I should hurry back, and get into the waggon. I did not need a second telling—for one look at their lowering heads and hornes was enough. Going back we stopped in the timber near Pine creek—and picked up a half bushel of wild plums.

[SEPT.] 22ST—We attended the fair at Pine Village the other day, and I met many nice people. The exhibits were not extensive. People went mostly to meet acquaintances, and visit with their neighbors. We took dinner at a dining hall. The desert was vinegar pie. I thought it strange when fruit is so plenty and pumpkins too. I think it was made of sugar, spice, and everything that is good and nice.

As I want to teach—and the schools begin in Oct. I thought it time to see the directors. I started out on Coly—and was riding leisurely along enjoying the sunshine—the ride ct., when I heard the report of a gun. Up went Coly's head, and she danced round and round in a circle three or four times, then stoped and listened. When I spoke to her she moved on.

It was all so sudden I wonder how I ever kept my seat. I told them about it at the supper table—and was told Coly had been an army horse, and always acted that way when she heard the report of a gun.

After the close of the Civil War there were sales of army horses in Ken. and brother had gone down and bought several. Here come the children, I promised to walk with them, down to the creek.

[SEPT.] 23^d—I learned there were three schools in the district lacking teachers. I choose one eight miles from home. Where I could board at Mrs. Bees,² and have less than a mile to walk to school, Provided I get a certificate. Tomorrow brother is going to Williamsport on business, and as the Co. Supertendent holds examinations there, I will go along.

[SEPT.] 24th—Well the examination is over, and I got along nicely. Part was oral and part written—I need not have worried about it. The certificates are given for six months to two years. Mine is for two years, much to my surprise. All the applicants did not fair as well, and I wonder if they did so much poorer than I, or if I did so much better than they. Only one in this district, had higher markings than I, and he has been teaching 18 years.

In grammar, the question, "What part of speach are two—too and to." then we were to use the three words in describing something. Very few could answer, hence their low grade in grammar. As for me—I must be studying U. S. History to improve my standing. My grades are—Orthography 95, Reading 100, Writing 100, Arithmetic 90, Grammar 90, Geography 85, U. S. History 75.

2. Mrs. Butler, Hiram's mother-in-law. Mr. Butler had died two years before so the family at home consisted of Mrs. Butler, Bell (Belle?), who Abbie consistently called Bess in her second diary, and George, Coleman, and Will.



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School begins the middle of Oct. A four months term, \$40 a month, and \$2 a week for board.

Oct. 14—These are busy days. I am a slow worker, but try to help. We made apple butter of three barrels of cider.

Apples are plenty, and good. When little O[akley] finds an extra nice one, he brings it to me. Yesterday he came with a fine bell-flower, "Here is a pig belt for you," he said. He is the youngest, and we all pet him.

Brother has so much hired help—it keeps Katura [Rhoda] busy cooking: besides the fruit and garden to look after. The older children are good help.

We got the mail to day. Letters from home, all well.

M[ary?] is so good to write, and keep me posted.

Oct. 21—I came down Sunday. School began Monday.

The school house stands at a crossroads on the prairie.

No fence around it. Back of it grows slough grass and big weeds, no trees on the lot, and no building of any kind besides the school house. A load of coal dumped by the door. "Simply this and nothing more."

The first fire I kindled with weeds and dried grass. The next morning I picked up pine cones in Mrs. Bee's [Butler's] yard. Going home last eve—I saw there was bark on some of the fence posts I passed, so this morning I pulled off enough, to kindle fire this morning, and next Monday. I must see about getting some one to have some kindling.

This is my first experience with soft coal, it kindles easily, but how it does smudg.

Have eleven scholars, will have more when the corn is out of the way.

The scholars work well, so I have no trouble to keep order, and how they do like to sing. Motion songs delight them. I can teach them tunes. I wish I was a good singer.

Nov. 4—This is the third week of school. I have been up to Red Oak Shelter once—and they sent my mail down once. Sometimes I write a letter and it is four or five days before it gets mailed. I do get so anxious for my mail. Would like to go up this evening, but it is too stormy. School moves along smoothly.

One of my best boys was a New York waif. He was sent west with a lot of other children, who were adopted by people in this, and adjoining Counties.

George is tall for his age—13. He has a very good face and good

manners. I wonder about his parentage. I have been told that he now has a very good home.

The days are coalder. I have learned how to keep the fire over night. Close the door, open the draft, and the room is soon warm in the mornings before the children come. There was a mouse running around the room to day, much to the amusement of the children.

Nov. 24—Some time since I wrote here, but I have written many letters in the mean time. I do most of my writing at noons, or after school. Rode home last Fri. after school. I am becoming quite a rider. Two good letters from home.

DEC. 5—I had a glorius ride home Fri. evening. Did not get started until 4-30—and these short days, the sun sets early—but it did not get dark as the moon shone in all her splendor. It was a grand evening for a gallop over the prairie, to the timber.

Mrs. Bee [Butler] lets me ride her pony when I go home.

Going home I ride fast, coming back I let Kit poke along.

Sunday one of their neighbors was buried. I went with them to the house, but not to church, as it would have made me too late starting for here. When we got there, several men were making the rough box, which when finished—was sent to the grave yard.

After a while the coffin was carried out, put into a big waggon, a sheet spread over it, and they started for the church. Not a word was said—no preacher there. Some two years ago Mrs. B's [Butler's] husband was burried—and his funeral sermon had not yet been preached. So at this time—the sermon for both was to be preached. They tell me it frequently happens that the sermon is preached weeks after the burial. I suppose it is owing to the scarcity of ministers.

I reached Mrs. Bee's [Butler's] in time to go with them to church at Fee's Hall. We went in the big waggon. There were an endless number of children there. One little chap, after screaming lustily—ran away from his mother—up the aisle—unto the platform, and crawled under the preachers bench. It was comical. I ought to remember the text, but I dont, there was too much noise and confusion.

DEC. 19—Did not get home Fri. So no mail for over a week.

The boys went to town, and I sent letters along to be mailed. No one seems anxious for the mail but I.

Last Saturday was my twenty second birthday.

Age is creeping on, but I fear it does not bring the expected wisdom with it. Last Sat. I spent the day sewing, and answering

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letters. The other week when I was up home, I made of a black and green wool goods, a suit for little O[akley], and he is to wear it when he has his picture taken.

This is a snowy Monday. There are but six scholars.

DEC. 20—Yesterday p.m. Mr. W[oods] came for his children, and I had a sled ride home. C[oleman Butler] brought us all up this morning. The sleighing is good. It is so cold it will last some time.

We are all invited to a party to night. Bess [Belle Butler] and I would rather stay home, but to please the boys I expect we will go.

DEC. 21—We went to the party last night. J[ames Hunter] came around this way for us. There were seven in the sled, and we had a merry time. More boys there, as usualy at their merry makings, than girls—and I danced until my ankels hurt. I do not like to refuse any one.

Some lack polish, but they are mostly well-meaning, up right boys. There are to be several other parties soon, but I shant go, I feel too stupid next day. It is very cold—only six scholars to day.

DEC. 23—I shall leave school out early, and go home. I'll have a cold ride, but am so anxious for mail. There was a party last night, but I would not go. This morning I ate breakfast standing by the cookstove, and started to school when some were still in bed. I like to have the room good and warm when the children come. Have a good stove and plenty of coal. The kitchen is a leanto—and cold—This morning I washed at one end, and by the time I wiped my face, and walked to the other end to comb, my hair was frozen. I am glad my hair is shingled, it dont take much combing, and another cold morning I will not wet it.

DEC. 28—Christmas is past. I spent it at my brothers, with the children—and a plenty of apples, nuts, pop corn, homemade candy and cider. I had a pleasant time.

It was so cold Mrs. Bee [Butler] did not want me to come up Fri., but I was determined to go.

She gave me a pair of drawers to wear, that were made out of a blanket, and they kept me warm, except my feet, which were frost bitten a little. If women rode crosswise like men, how much warmer and better it would be.

Kit seemed to like the outing, and travelled well.

There was no school Monday. I came down by way of Fees Hall in the p.m. When I turned the corner there, a team came up behind me to pass, but Kit would not let them. She started to run, and run



she did for three miles, with the team close behind us. A little way from Mrs. Bees [Butler's] they turned off, and Kit slacked up.

That was the fastest riding I ever did.

They say Kit never lets a team pass her.

JAN. 2—1871—Did not go home last Fri. as I had school Sat. to make up for Monday. Went to church at Grows Grove yesterday.

When we came back Mr. De T[erk] was here. He gave me a pair of kid lined gloves, with fur at the wrists, very nice. They are a philopenia [philopena]³ forfeit. There is a sort of crase, playing philopenia, just around here.

The sleighing is gone. One evening last week we spent at M[offit's]. Their little girls come to school.

JAN. 4—Mrs. Bee [Butler] had her butchering done yesterday. All her children were here to help. Mr. H[unter] called to ask me to go with him to a party tomorrow night. It is much warmer, and all the children are at school again.

Some times I wish I could have these children under my care for a year. How some of them would advance.

They have to "unlearn" some things taught them in former terms of school—which is hard to do. More than ever have I wished that I was a good singer. Some days ago, Sallie, my largest girl, came to me with a song book, and asked, "Could you teach me this tune?" She had heard it somewhere but could not remember the tune. The tune was Dennis, the words—

"A charge to keep I have
A God to glorify
An never dying soul to save
And fit for the sky."

I wrote the words on the black board. We sing it, and I believe all the children have learned it. We are also singing several other hymns of Sallie's choosing, but they like the ones I first taught them. Shall we gather at the River, Music in the Air, and the motion songs best.

JAN. 6—Last night I was home by five o'clock, and dressed when Mr. H[unter] came. The invitations said be there at six. Mr. H[unter] said he thought it would be a very nice party. I was tired and did not want to go. I wanted to rest, read, and go to bed early.

I find one cannot always please ones self.

3. A game for two in which one player tried to draw the other into paying a forfeit, such as a present of some kind. Usually the game was played by sharing the twin kernels of a nut and the forfeit was paid when a certain condition was fulfilled, such as being the first to say "yes" or "no" or the last to say "philopena" on certain occasions.

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Well we were at O[sborn's]—about fifteen minutes, when Squire [Strump] entered the room, followed by a lady and gentleman.

When in the center of the room, he turned around and married them. We were surprised, but just so it was. After congratulations, we went to supper, and an excellent supper it was, finishing with nuts confectionary ct. After wards we danced, I have never enjoyed a dance more. The bride is a relative of the O[sborn's]. The groom and his brother and a friend who came with him, are from Laffayette. The brother reminded me of Prof. S[chaffer]. I was his partner in three cotillions. I danced with the groom too. They are excellent dancers, too bad I never expect to see them again. Of course I danced with Mr. H[unter] and the others also, which was more than a little for a girl who started the evening tired. Bess [Belle Butler] danced as much as I did. One of the strangers, always addressed her as Miss Lillie, as she is a brunette, we think he must have meant a tiger lily. On the whole it was a merry party and I am glad I went, and told Mr. H[unter] so.

JAN. 20—Noon. I am going home this evening. I want the mail.

Had a new experience to day, and must jot it down while it is fresh in my mind. We often see a mouse run around the room. Last Monday there were two frozen on the stove hearth. This a. m. I was sitting by Ruth helping her with the arithmetic lesson, when I felt something move between my dress and skirt. I was wise enough not to make a fuss, for I guessed what it was.

I got up quietly—went out the door, shook my skirts vigorously—and down dropt a mouse.

Another thing to be thankful for—that I am not afraid of mice.

JAN. 23—Friday I rode Bess' [Belle's] pony, as Mrs. Bees [Butler's] had a sore foot.

The roads were rough, it had thawed then froze. I could scarcely go faster than a walk. It got dark when I was more than two miles from home. When we got to a little stream, I could not get the pony acrost, because there was a little ice on each side, I coaxed, I whiped, I tried to lead her acrost—but no use. I could not get her over. I then had to go back to Steets, [Steel's?] and ask for help. One of the men went with me. He tried and tried to get her over. Finily she got excited, and he backed her over. Then I crossed on the fence, mounted and rode to A[llen's]—where I asked if I could ford Pine Creek.

They told me brother had been there looking for me, but it got so late, he decided I was not coming, and went home. The thaw had raised the creek, and I would surely have drowned, had I tried the old ford. They urged me to stay all night. I thanked them,

and said if I could cross in safety—I would like to go on. Then one of their hands got a horse and went along.

We went up the creek, where it was wider, with a slower current. I managed to keep my seat by hoalading on to the ponies main when going up the steep bank on the other side. He offered to ride home with me, but I thanked him, and said I had already put him to so much trouble. So I road on alone, acrost an open meadow to the timber. There are no fences there.

Then I took what in the darkness seemed to be the right road, but it grew narrower—and the limbs brushed me, and when I came to an open place, I knew I had never been there before, so was on the wrong road.

I turned back to the creek, went down it to the old ford—and by the light of dim stars found the road and followed it to the timber. When I finely came to the gate that led into my brothers fenced timber, and on home, I was greatly relieved. The owls had been hooting, which is enough to scare timid people, and my feet were cold. They were surprised to see me, I found letters waiting me, and I was paid for my trip up.

Saturday night Katura [Rhoda], Nelson [a hired hand] and I went to hear a revivalist, who was preaching in a schoolhouse north of us. It was so dark we got out of the road. Nelson road against a stump, Katura's [Rhoda's] saddle turned, but we got there a little late. Nelson tightened the girths before we started back. I rode Coly, wish I could take her East with me. Started back to school Sunday p. m. My foot got cold, and I took it out of the stirup.

When about a mile from Mrs. Bee's [Butler's], a rabbit jumped up, and frightened my horse. She gave a jump and landed me in the road. It was good I had my foot out of the stirup, or I might not now be writing about it.

Had I been riding Kit, I don't think I would have had so many misshaps.

JAN. 25—Yesterday at recess—the children came running in yelling that the roof was on fire. I could not get up or do anything to put it out. Then I asked George to climb up the lightening rod. By holding to the places where it was fastened to the house. I helped him up to the first place—and then he could reach the rest. When up he pounded the fire out with his hat.

George is the N. Y. boy, he was here early this morning and we had quite a visit before school time. The children have been bringing cat tales to school, and he told me by soaking them in coal oil, they make good torches. He also said he had gathered and stripped them for pillows.

When I told about the fire at the supper table, I learned there was much bad feeling about the location of the school house, some wanted it moved, others did not, and some wished it would burn down. Well, I thought—not while I am teacher if I can help it.

JAN. 27—My school is larger than it was, have 19 pupils, and that just fills the room. A school south of here closed, and several from there, now come here.

Alas my “good order” is not so good. I am glad that in two weeks, my four months are up.

The other day I met a so called phrenologist, He was a great talker. Bess [Belle] had told me about him, and that should I meet him, I was not to take him seriously, as he was daffy on the subject.

He soon introduced the subject, and after a time I asked how he accounted for it. When the bumps on one side of the head were larger, than on the other. He answered “if larger in the right side, all interests centered in self. If larger on the left side, it denoted great generosity.”

He went on to tell me, that my mental faculties were no better developed than those of the majority of people.

I was well balanced, a lover of order, have a good memory, do not like to see people ridiculed, thought a comfortable living indispensable to happiness et. ct.

I wonder what more he would have said, had not others come, and the subject were changed.

Last night we went to a Spiritualist meeting at Fees Hall.

To me it appeared to be all slight of hand, but many around here believe in it.

FEB. 2—A cold windy day. I have my hands full now.

We had a good school, and every thing went well.

Had good order, and the children were learning fast— until that school closed south of us, and the five pupils from there, came here. Variety they say is the spice of life— not in this case.

FEB. 17—I put my journal away, thinking I would have more time when school closed, which it did last Friday. The school house caught fire again. One of my good boys put it out, but another, a regular lomix, from the school south, got on the roof and with a stick knocked a hole in the chimney.

I was very much attached to my own scholars, and sorry to leave them, but the others O. dear.

It is a comfort to me that the building did not burn down, while I was teacher. Some times when there was a high wind I would go out to see that the roof was not on fire.