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lished a table showing distances and containing a description of the route, streams, crossings, camping grounds, and trading posts along the way. As a means of advertising the new trail and the shipping points on the line, the Kansas Pacific issued a pamphlet and map entitled, *Guide Map of the Great Texas Cattle Trail From Red River Crossing to the Old Reliable Kansas Pacific Railway*. The writer has located only two editions of this pamphlet: one issued in 1872, the other in 1875. To quote from the 1875 edition:

Drovers are recommended to make Ellis, Russell, Wilson's, Ellsworth and Brookville the principal points for their cattle for the following reasons: Freedom from petty annoyances of settlers, arising from the cattle trespassing upon cultivated fields, because there is wider range, an abundance of grass and water, increased shipping facilities and extensive yard accommodations. Large and commodious hotels may be found in all these places, and at Ellsworth, especially, the old "Drovers' cottage," so popular with the trade for years, will be found renovated and enlarged. The banking house of D. W. Powers & Co., established at Ellsworth in 1873, in the interest of the cattle business, will remain at this point and continue their liberal dealings as in the past.

As stated above, Ellsworth became the principal shipping point for Texas cattle on the Kansas Pacific Railroad in 1872. The first three droves of longhorns that season arrived in Ellsworth early in June. These droves numbered 1,000 head each.²¹ Two weeks later a total of twenty-eight herds, numbering from 1,000 to 6,000 head each, had arrived and many more were on the way. The fresh arrivals contained a total of 58,850 head of longhorns. These, together with over 40,000 head which had wintered in the county, made a total of more than 100,000 head of Texas cattle in Ellsworth county.²²

That season 40,161 head were transported from Ellsworth, or one fourth of the total number marketed over the Kansas Pacific. Large shipments were also made from the following towns: 12,240 from Brookville; 10,940 from Salina; and 8,040 from Solomon.²³ Besides those shipped by rail from Ellsworth, about 50,000 head were driven to California and the territories from that place. In the months of June and July more than 100,000 head of beef and stock cattle changed hands at Ellsworth. Drovers found buyers on their arrival, enabling them to close out at a good price and return to their homes.²⁴

The prices paid for cattle that season were as follows: \$19 to \$22

21. Ellsworth Reporter, June 6, 1872.

22. Ibid., June 20, 1872.

23. Kansas Pacific Railroad Co., *Seventh Annual Report*.

24. Ellsworth Reporter, April 17, 1873.



for beeves; \$15 to \$18 for three-year-olds; \$9 to \$10 for two-year-olds; \$12 for cows; and \$6 for yearlings.²⁵

The town folk looked forward to an enormous increase in the cattle trade in 1873. The business men made a number of improvements and prepared for an expansion of trade. As stated above, D. W. Powers & Co. of Leavenworth opened their bank that spring and promised to give particular attention to the "accommodation of merchants, stock dealers and the Texas cattle trade." The American House was enlarged, remodeled and refurnished that the proprietors might better accommodate with "luxury and ease all those fatigued with the toils and labors of the day and especially the Texas drovers upon their arrival at the city after a long and weary journey."²⁶ J. C. Veatch enlarged and improved his hotel and restaurant before the cattle season opened. On March 6 the *Reporter* ventured this prediction:

"Ellsworth will be the liveliest town in Kansas this year."

To which the Leavenworth *Commercial* retorted, "Yes, in flea time."

There was enough documentary evidence to show that the prediction of the local paper was sound. Perhaps a more lively form of contemporaneous evidence was needed to convince folk of the veracity of the *Commercial's* comment.

In April, twenty-eight herds of cattle, ranging from two to ten thousand each, were reported on their way to Ellsworth. The largest herd was owned by W. S. Peryman & Co., while Allen and Bennette drove 8,000 head, and Millett and Mabry were on the road with 6,000 cattle.²⁷ On May 29 the local paper reported that 100,000 longhorns had arrived at Ellsworth; on June 5 the number was placed at 125,000; and a week later it was increased to 143,500. The 100,000 head were owned by fifty-five cattlemen. Among these were Col. O. W. Wheeler, L. B. Harris, J. L. Driskill, Maj. Seth Mabry, and others, who had made the drive each year for some years. Col. James V. Ellison, who drove from 4,000 to 12,000 cattle up the trail annually, had just arrived with 7,000 beeves. Col. J. J. Myers, whose yearly drive had never been less than 4,000 longhorns, was on the trail near Ellsworth with 27,000 head of cattle.

A group of excursionists, representing *The Cattle Trails*, published at Kansas City, visited Ellsworth about July 1 and reported that

25. *Ibid.*, June 27, 1872.

26. Advertisement in Ellsworth *Reporter*.

27. Letter of "Occasional," dated April 25, to Kansas City (Mo.) *Journal of Commerce*, in Ellsworth *Reporter*, May 1, 1873.

they found only 56,000 head of cattle at Wichita, none at Great Bend, and 135,000 head at Ellsworth.²⁸

If the reports in the press are accurate more than 140,000 longhorns were received at Ellsworth before the middle of June, and additional droves were expected.²⁹ A half million head were driven to Kansas during the year. It is safe to say that at least thirty percent of these went to Ellsworth.

A season could scarcely have opened with a brighter outlook and closed in deeper gloom for everyone connected with the cattle trade than did this one. In the first place the number of buyers, as compared with the previous year, was greatly reduced because of the short corn crop. Then the financial crash came upon the country, reaching the West in October and paralyzing every form of business. The cattlemen were unable to borrow money and consequently were forced to put large numbers of their livestock on a market that was already weak. Most of the drovers, traders and shippers lost heavily and scores of them were bankrupted. Because of these conditions, at least forty percent of the Texas cattle were put in winter quarters in western Kansas or were driven into Colorado; thousands were killed and made into tallow; large numbers were purchased by enterprising cattlemen for their ranches or were taken by feeders; others went to the Indians or were consumed in the northwestern territories.³⁰

As stated above, Ellsworth received approximately one third of the longhorns driven to Kansas in 1873. Of this number, 30,540 were transported over the Kansas Pacific Railroad³¹ and about 25,000 were wintered in the vicinity.³² There is no record showing definitely what disposition was made of the remainder. Some were probably driven to other cow towns and shipped.³³ The balance were undoubtedly consumed in one or more ways mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

Ellsworth folk made a supreme effort in 1874 to retain the cattle trade which was finding a more attractive market at Wichita. Either leading citizens of the town or the Kansas Pacific Railroad Co. enlisted the help of Abel H. Pierce,³⁴ who was known throughout

28. *Ellsworth Reporter*, July 3, 1873.

29. "Clarendon" in *Topeka Commonwealth*, June 4, 1873, estimated that Ellsworth would receive and dispatch a quarter of million head that season.

30. McCoy, *Historic Sketches of the Cattle Trade*, pp. 250, 251. His account deals with all the Kansas markets. Ellsworth does not receive special mention.

31. Kansas Pacific Railroad Co., *Seventh Annual Report*.

32. Based on figures in *Ellsworth Reporter*, May 28, 1874.

33. A total of 10,080 head were shipped from Russell, 5,860 from Brookville, while the total shipments on the Kansas Pacific amounted to 164,780.

34. *Wichita Eagle*, May 21, 1874.



the cattle country as "Shanghai Pierce," to distinguish him from a cowman of smaller stature of the same name. He had been part owner of the Rancho Grande in eastern Texas on which more than 100,000 longhorns grazed before he came to Kansas in the seventies to trade in cattle. His big steers, called "Shanghai's sea lions," were known far and wide. Shanghai enjoyed being in the saddle with the boys and was a great story-teller. Late at night in camp one could hear the men laughing at his yarns. He talked so loud that Charles Siringo, who rode in his outfit, said that his voice "could be heard nearly half a mile even when he tried to whisper."³⁵

Shanghai Pierce worked hard for Ellsworth that season and had the local press, the civic leaders, and the Kansas Pacific back of him. According to a report dated May 25, there were 42,572 longhorns at Ellsworth and 60,372 head had passed Sewell's ranch en-route for that place. A total of 18,500³⁶ head were shipped over the Kansas Pacific Railroad that season, or 12,000 less than in 1873.

By 1875 Ellsworth ceased to be an important market. The trade had shifted to Wichita and with it went most of the toughs and some of the merchants. The glamorous days were over, never to return. During the four years, 1871-1874, inclusive, more than a third of a million Texas longhorns were driven to Ellsworth. Of these about thirty percent were transported to market over the Kansas Pacific Railroad. At least 40,000 perished during the severe winter of 1871-1872. The remainder were sold to farmers near town; to cattlemen and feeders in Kansas and other parts of the country; or were disposed of in some other manner. Practically all the landmarks of the trails period have disappeared. The mammoth stockyards were removed a few years after the traffic was discontinued. The fires of 1874 and 1875 destroyed several of the business houses. The others went one by one. The Grand Central hotel building is still standing, but this building has been materially altered and the name changed; although here and there are evidences of the time when longhorn barons and noted gamblers were its guests.

35. Siringo, *Lone Star Cowboy*, p. 248.

36. Kansas Pacific Railroad Co., *Eighth Annual Report*.



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Articles featuring the early history of Hays have predominated in the historical subjects published in recent issues of *The Aerend*, a quarterly magazine issued by Fort Hays Kansas State College, of Hays. "A Page From the Past," a story of the lost Beales colony which located in the Southwest in 1824, by Bee Jacquart, and "Reminiscing Through an Old Newspaper," or a description of Hays in 1867, by F. B. Streeter, appeared in the spring, 1935, number. "Whisky Straight," life in early-day Ellis county, by Paul King, and "A He-Man of Hays [Sheriff Alexander Ramsey]," by F. B. Streeter, were printed in the summer number.

"Why They Came to Lyons," a column featuring brief biographical sketches of Lyons citizens, has appeared from time to time in the Lyons *Daily News* in recent months.

An interview with George Yoxall, a pioneer of northwest Kansas, was featured in W. F. Hughes' "Facts and Comments" column in the *Rooks County Record*, of Stockton, in its issues of February 28, March 7 and 14, 1935.

Several fifty-year residents of Herndon and vicinity were named in an article published in the Herndon *Nonpareil* March 21, 1935.

A prairie fire near Palco in March, 1893, and Palco's schools of 1900 were discussed by W. F. Hughes in the *Rooks County Record*, of Stockton, March 28, 1935.

The story of the battle of Honey Springs near present Checotah, Okla., fought between the confederate and federal forces on July 17, 1863, was reviewed by Charles R. Freeman in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, publication of the Oklahoma Historical Society, of Oklahoma City, in its June, 1935, issue. Kansas troops, under command of Maj. Gen. James G. Blunt, participated in the battle.

Salmon Brown's account of the activities of the John Brown family in Kansas territory as written shortly before his death in 1919 was printed in the *Indiana Magazine of History*, of Bloomington, Ind., in its June, 1935, number.



The killing of Sheriff Ramsey of Ellis county while in Rooks county in June, 1875, as recalled by the late Elam Bartholomew, was published in the Hays *Daily News* June 6, 1935. The article was reprinted from a 1911 issue of the *Rooks County Record*, of Stockton.

Clyde as seen in some early photographs of the community was described in the Clyde *Republican* June 27, 1935.

Highland and the railroad "that never came" were recalled by J. B. Ferguson, of Hagerstown, Md., in the Highland *Vidette* in its issues of June 27 and July 4, 1935.

A brief history of the North Wichita Mexican parish was published in *The Catholic Advance*, Wichita, June 29, 1935. The church building was erected in 1927.

The first of several special articles on Wichita's early history by David D. Leahy appeared in the Wichita *Sunday Eagle*, June 30, 1935.

An article written by Fred A. Sowers over fifty years ago describing the celebration of the Fourth of July in Wichita in 1870 was published in the Wichita (Evening) *Eagle*, July 4, 1935.

The early history of Kincaid and the celebration of its first Fourth of July in 1886 was reviewed by Harry Johnson in the *Garnett Review* July 4, 1935. The town plat of Kincaid was filed on May 11, 1885. In another article in this issue of the *Review* Mr. Johnson recalled other Fourth of July celebrations held in Anderson county in the early days.

Miami county springs that did not go dry during the drought of 1934 were listed in *The Western Spirit*, of Paola, July 5, 1935.

The history of the Lakin *Independent* was briefly reviewed in its issue of July 5, 1935. The *Independent* was established July 1, 1914, by M. B. Royer.

Reminiscences of the high finance of Hutchinson's boom period of the 1880's were contributed by George Combs to the Hutchinson *Herald* July 5, 1935.

The history of Washington county's courthouse was sketched in the Hanover *Herald* July 5, 1935.

Early-day Sibley as recalled by Mrs. E. M. Kenyon was described in the Concordia *Blade-Empire* July 9, 1935. Sibley, which is now



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numbered among the "dead" towns of Kansas, was situated north of Concordia.

A description of the old stone corral near a ford on the Little Arkansas river, about fifteen miles north of present Hutchinson, which sheltered emigrants traveling along the Santa Fé trail, was published in the McPherson *Daily Republican* July 9, 1935.

Walnut Valley Presbyterian Church history was reviewed in the Winfield *Daily Courier* and *Independent-Record* in their issues of July 11, 1935. The church, which is located north of Winfield, was organized on March 1, 1874.

Early-day Meade Center and the founding of the *Meade County Globe* on July 11, 1885, were recalled by Frank Fuhr in the *Meade Globe-News* July 11, 1935.

Geuda healing waters at Geuda Springs were known long before the advent of the white settlers, Lyman Spray reported in an article briefly reviewing the history of the springs which was published in the South Haven *New Era* July 11, 1935.

Reminiscences of Highland by Tobias Larson, former editor of the Highland *Vidette*, were printed in the *Vidette* July 11, 1935.

Histories of the Pratt County Council of Clubs, the Pratt Rotary Club and the Lions Club were sketched in the Pratt *Daily Tribune* July 12, 1935.

The significance of the "Sand Bank Convention" held at Lawrence in July, 1855, to secure a better understanding and coöperation among the different antislavery elements in Kansas history was discussed by Dr. Edward Bumgardner in the Lawrence *Daily Journal-World* July 17, 1935.

A history of the Eskridge United Presbyterian Church, by James M. Curry, was published in the Eskridge *Independent* July 18, 1935. The church was organized on June 29, 1897.

The early history of Courtland was reviewed by Frank J. Fudge in *The New Era*, of Formoso, July 18, 1935. The city was incorporated in 1892.

A history of the Shields Methodist Episcopal Church was printed in the Dighton *Herald* July 18, 1935. The organization meeting was held in May, 1886, in the "soddy" home of John Smith which was situated about one mile west of present Shields.

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Sod houses and their part in the settlement of the Western prairies were discussed in the Kansas City (Mo.) *Star* July 18, 1935.

Names of postmasters who have served at Cheney since the town was established were published in the Cheney *Sentinel* July 18, 1935.

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church near Canton observed the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of its church building July 21, 1935. A history of the organization was sketched in the Canton *Pilot* July 18.

Evangelical Zion Lutheran Church, near Lanham, commonly known as the State Line Lutheran Church, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary July 14, 1935. A brief history of the organization was printed in the Hanover *Democrat* July 19.

Twenty "ghost towns" of Sumner county were named in the Kansas City (Mo.) *Times* July 19, 1935. The list included: Sumner, Clear Dale, Orie, Chikaskia, Hurst Crossing, Alton, Hessville, Levy, Sunset, Sunny Slope, Beverly, Rolling Green, Argyle, Littleton, Swedona, Bushnell, Missouri Flat, Guelph, Bitter Creek and Kitley.

Rice county history and a biography of the late Dan M. Bell were linked in a three-column article appearing in the Lyons *Daily News* July 23, 1935. In 1871 Mr. Bell was one of three men named by Gov. J. M. Harvey to serve as county commissioners to effect a permanent county organization.

The Frankfort *Daily Index* in its issue of July 24, 1935, briefly reviewed the history of Frankfort on the sixtieth anniversary of its organization as a third-class city.

A series of fifteen "Know Manhattan" articles is being published in the Manhattan *Mercury* and *The Morning Chronicle* in Wednesday issues. The articles, which began July 24, are mainly of a historical nature and feature writeups of Manhattan's institutions.

Osawatomie's early history was sketched in a three-column article published in *The Western Spirit*, of Paola, July 26, 1935.

Some of Wichita's real-estate dealers during the boom year of 1887 were named by Victor Murdock in the Wichita (Evening) *Eagle* July 26, 1935. The record of licenses issued to the dealers showed 924 names enrolled.

The history of the *Wichita Eagle* was reviewed by Kent Eubank in its sixty-third anniversary edition issued July 28, 1935.

An Indian alarm in Clark county's early history was described by Mrs. L. C. Mitchell of Creston, Iowa, in *The Clark County Clipper*, of Ashland, August 1, 1935. Mrs. Mitchell settled in Clark county in 1885.

The history of the *St. Paul Journal* was briefly sketched in its issue of August 1, 1935. The newspaper first made its appearance in Osage Mission (now St. Paul) on August 5, 1868.

Early-day Douglass and some of its citizens were recalled by Mrs. Alvah Sheldon, of El Dorado, in a letter published in the *Douglass Tribune* August 2 and 9, 1935.

Kearny county sites of historic importance were discussed in the *Lakin Independent* in recent issues. John O'Loughlin's store, which was opened in 1873 and was the first permanent habitation in the county, was described in the issue of August 2, 1935, and the history of Chouteau island was reviewed by Mrs. India Harris Simmons August 9. Another article by Mrs. Simmons on the Aubrey route of the Santa Fé trail was featured in the latter issue.

The history of the Eighty-ninth division was briefly reviewed in the *Kansas City (Mo.) Times* August 7, 1935. The division came into existence at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, August 25, 1917, with Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood as its commander. The first enlisted men arrived September 6.

A story of the Hugoton-Woodsdale fight for the county seat of Stevens county and the massacre at Wild Horse Lake in 1888 was printed in the *Spearville News* August 8, 1935.

The history of Elm Mills, Barber county ghost town of the late 1870's, which has now become a pleasure resort, was contributed by Pearl Richardson to the *Topeka Daily Capital* August 18, 1935.

A letter written by Mineus Ives in May, 1872, describing his impressions of early-day south-central Kansas was printed in Victor Murdock's front-page column in the *Wichita (Evening) Eagle* August 21, 1935.

The history of Enne Lutheran Church, seven miles south of Herndon, was briefly sketched in the *Herndon Nonpareil* August 22, 1935. The church was organized on April 27, 1885.



A three-column story of the Pony Express and a map of the trail by W. R. Honnell, of Kansas City, were published in the *Kansas City Kansan* August 22, 1935. The sketch shows the location of every station on the more than 2,000-mile route.

Bird City held a three-day celebration August 22, 23 and 24, 1935, in observance of its fiftieth birthday anniversary. A sod house was constructed for display at the event. Notes on the city's history were printed in the *Bird City Times* in issues preceding the celebration and names of pioneers registered were printed in the August 29 number.

"Some Unwritten School History," was the title of a column article contributed by Carrie Breese Chandler to the *Chase County Leader*, of Cottonwood Falls, August 28, 1935. Mrs. Chandler cited a letter from Sarah Romigh Anderson, of Oakland, Cal., for the earliest data. Mrs. Anderson arrived in Cottonwood Falls in the late 1850's.

A four-column résumé of the drouth of 1934 by John G. Ellenbecker was printed in the *Marshall County News*, of Marysville, August 30, 1935.

The history of Fort Downer, in southwest Trego county, by Fern C. Callison, and "When the White Man Came," a review of the history of the Southwest, were features of the "Fair Edition" of the *Dodge City Daily Globe* August 31, 1935.

Excursions to Wichita in 1872 were described by Victor Murdock in the *Wichita (Evening) Eagle* August 31, 1935.

The route of the Leavenworth and Pike's Peak express was discussed in detail by Margaret Long in the September, 1935, issue of *The Colorado Magazine*, published at Denver by the State Historical Society of Colorado. The article quoted extensively from E. D. Boyd's field notes published in the *Freedom's Champion* of Atchison, June 25, 1859.

"Frontier Nicknames" is the title of a series of articles by George J. Remsburg listing nearly four hundred nicknames of persons prominent in western frontier history which ran in the *Pony Express Courier*, of Placerville, Cal., in its September, October and November, 1935, issues. Other articles of interest to Kansans include: "Historic Atchison," and "Butterfield's Overland Despatch," in the September number; "Last Financial Statement of the Pony Express," by Fred E. Sutton, in the October issue; "Maj. Gordon W.

Lillie," by Jack Delysle, and "A Married Pony Express Rider [William Boulton] With Four Children," by Herb Brame, in the November number.

Plans are being made for the erection of a marker at the point where the states of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma meet. Dolph Shaner, of Joplin, Mo., and Ira Perkins, of Galena, among others, are interested in the movement which was discussed in an article appearing in the Joplin (Mo.) *Globe* September 1, 1935.

Historical articles by George J. Remsburg published in recent issues of the Leavenworth *Times* and the date of their publication are: "Indians Commemorated by Many Names in Kansas," September 2, 1935; "A Visit to Leavenworth by John J. Ingalls in 1858," September 12; "Many Kansas Towns Were Named for Other Towns," September 15, and "Geography of Kansas Has Many Animal Names," October 24.

Mrs. Samuel Dolman's reminiscences of early-day Kansas were recorded by Eleanor Kimball in an article appearing in the Topeka *State Journal* September 4, 1935. Mrs. Dolman came to Kansas from Paris, Ill., in 1854.

Letters and brief biographical sketches of pioneers who were residing in Rawlins county in 1885 were published in *The Citizen Patriot*, of Atwood, for several months preceding the fiftieth anniversary celebration of Atwood's incorporation as a city held on September 5, 1935.

Stafford celebrated its fiftieth year as an incorporated city with an all-day celebration held September 10, 1935. Historical articles featured in the Stafford *Courier's* anniversary edition issued September 5 included: "Christmas Dinner in 1878 Was an Event," by S. W. McComb, "Four Homesteads in the Townsite," "Town's First Buildings Were Hotel and Store," "Four Elections to Choose County Seat," "Stafford's History Included Thirty-five Different Administrations," "Judge [G. W.] Nimocks Issued Stafford Incorporation Order at Lyons and Set Date for Election," "Bad Fires Brought City Water System," and histories of the city's churches and schools.

"Who's Who in Early Days at Wabaunsee," was the title of an article by H. E. Smith published in the Alma *Signal*, September 5, 1935, and the Alma *Enterprise* September 6. The paper, which was written for the August 25 meeting of the Wabaunsee Historical Society, was also printed in the November issue of the *Wabaunsee*



County Truth, of Wabaunsee. Other stories and notes on life in early-day Kansas were published in these and other Wabaunsee county papers in issues contemporaneous with the society's meeting.

The history of Friedens Lutheran Church of Home City was briefly sketched in the *Marshall County News*, of Marysville, September 6, 1935. The church was founded fifty years ago.

Brief biographical sketches of Brown county pioneers who have lived in the county fifty years or more are being published in the *Hiawatha Daily World* starting with the issue of September 6, 1935. The *World* has organized a "Fifty-year Club."

The history of mining in southeastern Kansas was reviewed in the seventh annual coal edition of the *Pittsburg Headlight* and *Sun* printed as a part of their issues of September 9 and 10, 1935.

A story of the Patrick Doyle family of Florence was told by A. B. MacDonald in the *Kansas City (Mo.) Star* September 15, 1935. Mr. Doyle homesteaded near the site of present Florence in 1859. Miss Ellen Doyle, a daughter, last of the immediate family, died recently, leaving an estate valued at one half million dollars.

Recollections of Arkansas City citizens who witnessed the Cherokee strip run on September 16, 1893, were recorded by Walter Hutchison in the *Arkansas City Daily Traveler* September 16, 1935.

The Leavenworth First Christian Church observed the eightieth anniversary of its founding with special services held September 22, 1935. A history of the organization was sketched in the *Kansas City (Mo.) Times* September 17.

Atlanta history was briefly reviewed in the *Wichita (Evening) Eagle* September 17, 1935. The city recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding.

The history of *The Western Times*, of Sharon Springs, was sketched in its issue of September 19, 1935.

"Part of Kansas, Now Colorado, Scene of Great Gold Rush in 1859," was the title of a two-column article published in the *Kansas City (Mo.) Times* September 19, 1935.

The sixtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Norton Church of Christ was observed September 22, 1935. The history of the organization was reviewed in the *Norton Daily Telegram* September 20.

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Topeka as it appeared in 1885 was described by C. C. Nicholson in a series of articles appearing in the *Topeka Daily Capital* September 22, October 6, 13 and 20, 1935.

Justice John S. Dawson, member of the executive committee of the Kansas State Historical Society, was the principal speaker at the Smith county old settlers' meeting held in Smith Center, September 25, 1935. The address, which related early-day incidents of Smith county, was briefly reviewed in the *Smith County Pioneer* September 26.

Pioneer life as witnessed by L. T. Reese is being described in the *Smith County Review*, of Smith Center, in a column entitled "Incidents of Early Days in Kansas," which appears from time to time. The series was started in the issue of September 26, 1935.

The *Mulberry News* briefly sketched its history in its issue of September 27, 1935.

A list of Harvey county pioneer homesteaders was contributed by John C. Nicholson to the *Newton Evening Kansan-Republican*, September 27, 1935.

Kansas senators representing the state in the United States senate were recalled by Victor Murdock in an article published in the *Wichita (Evening) Eagle* September 28, 1935.

A discussion of the various movements fostered in the Northern states for the support of free-soilers in Kansas territory was contained in an article entitled "The Rise and Fall of the Kansas Aid Movement," contributed by Dr. Ralph Volney Harlow, of Syracuse University, to *The American Historical Review* in its October, 1935, issue. Doctor Harlow, who is a life member of the Kansas State Historical Society, is author of *The Growth of the United States* (1925) and *A History of the United States* (1934).

The first number of the *South Dakota Historical Review*, a new quarterly publication of the South Dakota Historical Society, of Pierre, was issued in October, 1935. The number's entire forty-eight pages were devoted to a biography of James (Scotty) Philip, pioneer South Dakota cattleman and breeder of buffalos, by George Philip, a nephew. James Philip lived in Victoria, Kan., in 1874 and 1875.

A history of the Women's City Club of Emporia was sketched in the *Emporia Gazette* October 1, 1935. The club was organized in 1918.



Frank S. Foster, editor of the Ellsworth *Messenger*, observed the "golden jubilee" of his continuous newspaper employment in Ellsworth with a two-column history of the city's newspapers, published in the Ellsworth *Messenger* October 3, 1935.

Salina's First Presbyterian Church held special services the week starting October 6, 1935, in observance of the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding. A history of the organization was printed in the Salina *Journal* October 5, 1935.

Bellevue superior school, District No. 66 of Atchison county, celebrated its golden anniversary October 19, 1935. The history of the school was reviewed in the Atchison *Daily Globe* October 5.

A biography of David L. Payne, "the original Oklahoma boomer," was contributed by David D. Leahy to the Wichita *Sunday Eagle* October 6, 1935.

Special services commemorating the founding of the Cottonwood monthly meeting of Friends near Emporia seventy-five years ago, were held at the church on October 6, 1935. A history of the organization was published in the Emporia *Gazette* October 7.

The history of the Wichita Y. M. C. A. was sketched by Victor Murdock in the Wichita (Evening) *Eagle* October 9, 1935. The "Y" was organized on October 23, 1885.

Development of Butler county's oil industry was reviewed in detail in a forty-eight page "Twentieth Anniversary Oil Edition" issued by the El Dorado *Times* October 9, 1935. First drilling operations in the state, histories of El Dorado's refineries and biographies of persons prominent in the development of the industry were featured. Other articles of historic interest included a sketch of Chelsea by Mrs. Lyman Haver, the early-day experiences of Mrs. Alvah Shelden, a Butler county pioneer, and El Dorado's telephone history.

Bethel College history was recalled in short articles published in the Newton *Evening Kansan-Republican* October 9, 1935, and the *Journal* October 10. The college was opened in 1893 with C. H. Wedel as president.

Special services were held at the Circleville Methodist Church October 6, 1935, in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the organization. Histories of the church were printed in the Holton *Recorder* and the Jackson County *Signal* in their October 10 issues.



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Dr. P. P. Trueheart reminisced on early-day Sterling in the *Sterling Kansas Bulletin* October 10, 1935. The town was only a few years old when Doctor Trueheart arrived in the fall of 1877.

A four-column review of the history of Southwestern College since its founding fifty years ago was contributed by Leroy Allen to the *Winfield Daily Courier* October 11, 1935.

County-boundary and county-seat controversies and life in the El Dorado vicinity sixty-five years ago were discussed by J. M. Satterthwaite in the *Douglass Tribune* October 11, 1935.

The first years of territorial government in Kansas were briefly reviewed in the *Kansas City (Mo.) Star* October 11, 1935. This year marks the eighty-first anniversary of the formation of Kansas as a territory.

Eighty years of history of the Topeka First Congregational Church were sketched in the *Topeka Daily Capital* October 13, 1935. The formal organization of the church in 1855 followed a meeting held in December, 1854, in the log cabin of A. A. Ward with the Rev. Samuel Y. Lum officiating.

A description of William Griffenstein's trading post on Cowskin creek, the site of which is eleven miles northwest from the present corner of Main and Douglas in Wichita, was published in Victor Murdock's front-page column in the *Wichita (Evening) Eagle* October 16, 1935. The post was built in the early 1860's.

The history of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Olpe was briefly reviewed in the *Emporia Gazette* October 16, 1935. The church was founded in the spring of 1885.

St. John commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of its incorporation with special ceremonies held on October 22 and 23, 1935. The *St. John News*, *Daily Capital* and *County Capital* printed historical notes in their issues contemporaneous with the celebration. The *News*, on October 17, issued its "Golden Jubilee Edition," containing stories of the history of the city, and histories of its newspapers, churches, schools and railroad.

Histories of the Pittsburg Kansas State Teachers College, the city's churches and several of its business houses, were featured in the fifth anniversary edition of the *Pittsburg Advertiser* issued October 17, 1935.



A three-column history of the Betty Washington chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Lawrence, by Mrs. E. A. White, was published in the Lawrence *Douglas County Republican* October 17, 1935. The chapter was organized in October, 1896.

Solomon Methodist Church history was briefly sketched in the *Solomon Tribune* October 17, 1935. Its present church building was dedicated November 16, 1885.

Historical sketches of the banks of Edwards county were published in the *Kinsley Graphic* October 17, 1935.

The founding of the "Town of Kansas" (Kansas City, Mo.), as described in the writings of John C. McCoy, was discussed by A. B. MacDonald in the Kansas City (Mo.) *Star* October 20, 1935. The papers, which are filed in the Manuscript division of the Kansas State Historical Society, reveal that the city dates back to a meeting of fourteen persons held on the site November 14, 1838, when a townsite company was organized.

A history of Golden Rule lodge No. 90, A. F. & A. M., of North Topeka, was sketched in the Topeka *Daily Capital* October 21, 1935. The lodge was organized on February 18, 1870.

The Dodge City *Daily Globe* celebrated the recent removal of its equipment to a larger building with the issuance of a 34-page "New Home" number on October 22, 1935. A review of the *Globe's* history, by Jay B. Baugh, and pictures of present staff members were published. Other historical features included articles describing early days in Hamilton county as recalled by Murray A. Davis and a discussion of Kearny county's historic sites.

A history of the Liberal Business and Professional Women's Club was reviewed in detail in a special twelve-page edition of the *Liberal News* issued October 26, 1935.

Wichita high school history was briefly sketched in the Wichita *Sunday Eagle* October 27, 1935.

Fifty years ago, on October 30, the late Frank Pitts MacLennan took possession of the Topeka *Daily Journal* property in Topeka. Celebrating the golden anniversary of this occasion the Topeka *State Journal* issued a 150-page anniversary edition, carefully compiled, excellently arranged and printed, which was replete with historical articles of interest to Kansans. Included in these 150 pages was a ten-page rotogravure section which contrasted Topeka



scenes of 1885 with those of 1935. Titles of some of the more prominent articles were: "Fifty Years of Official Life in Kansas," by Lucy B. Johnston, wife of former Chief Justice William A. Johnston of the Kansas Supreme court; "Topeka Laid Out on a Prairie Ridge Rather Than by Use Compass," by Oscar Swayze; "Education in Kansas," by Dr. W. A. Seward Sharp; "Blue Sky Law Named After Drouth," by J. N. Dolley; "Did You Know That Two Prominent Citizens Once Arranged Pistol Duel?" by Thomas F. Doran; "Oscar Swayze a Pace-Maker for A. Capper, a Garnett Youngster"; "Many Famous Kansans Were Active in Politics Here Fifty Years Ago," by A. L. Shultz; "Governors of Kansas," by T. A. McNeal; "Personalities of Topeka," by Charles M. Sheldon; "Dramatic Story of Topeka's Founding in Holliday Letters," by Kirke Mechem; "Justice Hutchison in Story of Old Days When Guns, Statutes Mixed"; "City of Topeka 81 Years of Age on December 5," by T. G. Wear; "Strong Body of Lawyers in 1885," by Edwin A. Austin; "From 15 to 185 Miles of Water Mains Since '58," by Arthur J. Carruth, III; "Sixty Years of Topeka Typographical Union No. 121," by W. T. Luce; "Col. J. W. F. Hughes Tells Inside Story of Famous Lewelling's War of '93," by Frank K. Tiffany; "Recollections of the Kansas State Historical Society," by George A. Root; "Kansas Legion Was Born in St. Louis Hotel," by Ernest A. Ryan; "H. O. Garvey's Father Published the First Newspaper in Topeka," by H. O. Garvey; "Washburn Professor Brought First 'Phone to Topeka in Fall '77," by T. G. Wear; "Tom McNeal's First Job as Reporter on *Journal*," by T. A. McNeal; "Hotel Clerk's Comment Changed Name of Onago to the 'Onaga' of Today," by Dr. R. C. Leinbach, of Onaga; "Eugene Town First Name of North Topeka," by Eleanor Kimball; "Topeka Weather Summary 1878 to 1935"; "Harry Gavitt Recalls Fred Stone's First Job With Circus in Topeka"; "Billard Family Lived in Dugout Here Before the Founding of Topeka," by John W. Jarrell; "Oscar Wilde Nearly Killed While Here on a Visit 50 Years Ago," by A. K. Wilson; "Evolution of Fourth Estate in Kansas in the Last Thirty Years," by Henry C. Sticher, and "Intimate Story of MacLennan Family," by Ed. C. MacLennan. Other features included biographical sketches and reminiscences of pioneers and letters from present Topeka citizens. Histories of Topeka's schools; colleges; railroads; churches; social agencies; theaters; sports; clubs; fraternal organizations; fire department; library; banks; life insurance companies and many other business institutions, together with lists



of Topeka's business and professional men of 1885, city officials and officials of several Shawnee county departments to date were published. Stories of the establishment of the Topeka *State Journal*, origin of the name Topeka, floods and earthquakes in the state, mining and the oil and gas industry in Kansas, Kansas' judicial system, the Masonic Lodge of Kansas, steamboats on the Kaw river, and Potwin history; special articles on the origin of Topeka's laws, by W. C. Ralston, and early days in Kansas and the West as told in letters of A. B. Walker, were printed.

Over four hundred ferries have been operated in Kansas, Cecil Howes reported in the Kansas City (Mo.) *Star* November 6, 1935. Figures showing the number of ferries licensed on each stream were supplied by George A. Root, of the Kansas State Historical Society, who has been writing a series of articles on this subject for *The Kansas Historical Quarterly*.

A brief history of the Madura Congregational Church of Wakefield was published in the Wakefield *News* November 6, 1935. The church became Congregational on November 10, 1875.

Some large trees grown in Kansas were discussed by Dr. Edward Bumgardner in the Lawrence *Daily Journal-World* November 6, 1935.

John McBee, statehouse guide at Topeka, reminisced on the Indian wars of the latter 1860's in an article published in the Kansas City (Mo.) *Times* November 12, 1935. Mr. McBee was a member of the Nineteenth Kansas cavalry.

"Murder of Charles Dow Eighty Years Ago Almost Started War in Eastern Kansas," was the title of an article contributed by Cecil Howes to the Kansas City (Mo.) *Times* November 16, 1935. Mr. Dow was killed south of Lawrence, on November 21, 1855.

Kansas Historical Notes

Historic Spots or Mile-Stones in the Progress of Wyandotte County, Kansas, is the title of a 360-page, adequately indexed, book published recently by the Mission Press of Merriam. Grant W. Harrington, the author, writes that "No effort has been made . . . to write a continuous history of Wyandotte county. The purpose has been to pick the spots where events of historic importance have taken place and to write the stories that cluster around these spots." The forty-two chapters presenting these sites have been published in a chronological arrangement. Mr. Harrington, who lives at Kansas City, is author of *Annals of Brown County, Kansas*, which he published in 1903.

Pioneer reminiscences were featured in an attractive yellow paper-bound book of 190 pages entitled *The Golden Jubilee Anniversary of Thomas County and Its Neighbors* published by the *Rexford News* in August, 1935. The book was compiled and arranged by George H. Kinkel and Charles A. Jones of Colby.

Marysville observed the seventy-fifth anniversary of the running of the Pony Express with a three-day celebration held August 17, 18 and 19, 1935. On August 19 the rerun of the express by the Boy Scouts through the city on its way from Sacramento, Cal., to St. Joseph, Mo., was witnessed. Both the *Marysville Marshall County News* and *The Advocate-Democrat* published historical articles in issues contemporaneous with the celebration. The Oregon Trail Memorial Association supplied the Marysville committee with 1,000 Pony Express diamond jubilee memorial medals. The medals, which were designed by Wm. H. Jackson, secretary of the association, are made of nickel and retail at twenty-five cents each. Profit from the sale of these discs will go into the marker fund. Persons wishing to purchase them are asked to write John G. Ellenbecker, of Marysville.

A sixteen-page pamphlet by Nora Scull reviewing the history of the Hiawatha First Baptist Church was issued for the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration held on August 18, 1935.

C. W. Hawkins of Clements was reelected president of the Chase County Historical Society at its annual meeting on September 7,

1935. Other officers are: C. A. Sayre, first vice-president; George Starkey, second vice-president; Henry Rogler, secretary, and S. H. Baker, treasurer.

The Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution held dedicatory services September 18, 1935, for their rooms at the Shawnee Methodist mission which they have fitted up in keeping with the furnishings of pioneer days.

Recently elected officers of the Riley County Historical Society are: C. M. Correll, president, reëlected; Grace Givin, vice-president; Mrs. G. H. Failyer, secretary, reëlected; Mrs. Medora Flick, treasurer; G. H. Failyer, custodian at the society's cabin in the Manhattan city park, and Mrs. Caroline Smith, assistant custodian. The board of directors is comprised of W. D. Haines, Mrs. C. B. Daughters, Mrs. F. L. Murdock, Ada Billings, C. W. Emmons, Mrs. Flick, Mrs. Smith, Miss Givin and Mr. Correll.

The Hodgeman County Historical Society held its regular election of officers September 20, 1935. Officers reëlected are: L. W. Hubbell, president; Mrs. James E. Mooney, vice-president; E. W. Harlan, secretary; Ora L. Teed, treasurer, and Mrs. L. H. Raser, historian. The board of directors includes: Mrs. O. W. Lynam, L. H. Raser and Mrs. James E. Mooney.

Judge W. P. Campbell and David D. Leahy of Wichita were featured speakers at a meeting of the Harvey County Historical Society held in Newton October 1, 1935. C. F. Wilmore was elected president of the organization at the business session. Other officers, who were reëlected, included: Mrs. H. W. Prouty, vice-president; Mrs. Ira Burgener, secretary, and John C. Nicholson, historian.

Seventy-six veterans of the Twentieth Kansas regiment met in Topeka for their annual reunion October 7, 1935. Officers elected at the meeting are: Fred A. Recob, president; George Helwig, vice-president, and Harry Brent, secretary.

At a meeting of the Shawnee-Mission Indian Historical Society October 28, 1935, the following officers were elected: Mrs. R. R. Sandmeyer, president; Mrs. John W. Sanders, vice-president; Mrs. Carl Harder, secretary; Mrs. Fred Carter, treasurer; Mrs. Frank A. Hardesty, historian, and Mrs. Walter E. Gresham, the retiring president, custodian. E. A. Austin, T. M. Lillard and Kirke Mechem represented the Kansas State Historical Society at a meeting held by the local society at the mission September 23.

A 300-page, beautifully illustrated book, *The Romance of the Patchwork Quilt in America*, by Mrs. Carrie A. Hall, of Leavenworth, and Mrs. Rose G. Kretsinger, of Emporia, two well-known Kansans, has recently been published by the Caxton Printers, Ltd., of Caldwell, Idaho. Mrs. Hall has been a leading dress designer of the Middle West for over forty years. One of her hobbies has been the collection of books and museum objects relating to Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. This material, to which she is making constant additions, is assembled in the Kansas State Historical Society's "Lincoln room," a division of its library.

Pioneer meetings or old-settler reunions are sponsored annually by many Kansas cities and towns. Most newspapers in these localities, in conjunction with the gatherings, have brought out historical facts of sufficient importance for the date to be catalogued in these notes. In several instances special historical editions have been issued and the contents were described in more detail in "Kansas History as Published in the Press." A list of communities holding meetings, and the dates, are as follows: Richfield, February 22, 1935; Wichita, June 1; Kinsley, June 6-8; Ness City, June 11, 12; Barclay, Protection, July 4; Rolla, July 17; Garden Plain (held at Wichita), July 21; Cottonwood Falls, July 24; Downs, July 24-27; Quenemo, July 25, 26; Green, July 25-27; Clifton, July 30, 31, and August 1; Nickerson, August 1, 2; Macksville, August 7; Halstead, August 7, 8; Ford, Lakin, Syracuse, August 15; Everest, Mantey, August 17; Columbus, August 19-24; Belvidere, August 20; Hanover "Days of '49," August 20-22; Finney county, August 21, 22; Morrill, Oskaloosa, August 23, 24; Elm Mills, August 25; Brookwood, Mulvane, White Rock, August 29; Holton, August 29, 30; Topeka, August 30 and September 9; Drury, Severy, September 2; Atwood, Concordia, September 5; Larned, September 5, 6; Olathe, September 7; Humboldt, September 9-14; Oakley, September 12; Sharon, Wilson, September 12-14; Marion, St. John, September 14; Weir, September 14, 15; Howard, September 20; Herington, September 24; Cherryvale, Smith Center, September 25; Pratt, September 27; Sedan, October 3-5; Norway, October 6; Rush Center, October 7; Baldwin, Stockton, October 8; Bennington, October 12, and Kirwin, October 24.



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