

## **Sam Rasmussen's map of Township 11 South, Range 9 West, Lincoln County**

A map drawn by Sam Rasmussen of Vesper, Kansas, showing creeks and school districts of Grant Township, Township 11 South, Range 9 West, in Lincoln County. A legend is on the back of the map and lists many historic details. This is one of several maps drawn by school children for a contest organized by Judge J. C. Ruppenthal of Russell, Kansas. The maps were to meet a "requirement of presenting historical data, together with excellence and accuracy of drawing."

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A hand-drawn map of a rural area, likely a section of a township, overlaid with a grid. The map features several creeks: Bacon Creek, Spillman Creek, Trail Creek, and Little Timber Creek. Three schools are marked: School Dist. No. 14, School Dist. No. 15, and School Dist. No. 75. A cemetery is located on the right side. The map is divided into sections by a grid of dashed lines, with numbers 1 through 36 indicating specific locations. Hand-drawn symbols, including small squares and circles, are scattered throughout the map, likely representing buildings or other landmarks. The map is titled "RURAL ROUTE" and "RAIL ROUTE".

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### Explanations

- Frame houses.
- Stone Houses.
- ponds.
- Springs.
- #1 Cemetery of Danish Evan. Lutheran Church.
- #2 Cemetery of Danish Free mission Church.
- +1 Danish Evan. Lutheran Church.
- +2 M. E. Church.
- Barb-wire fences.
- |||||1 Orchards.
- |||||2 Timberclaims.
- 1 Country Hall.
- 1 Country store owned by J. Mattson. A fire occured here a few years ago.
- 2. Country store owned by Emma Anderson, and managed by P. W. Holm. (Postoffice used to be located here)
- \* Fresh water wells.
- + Scales.
- {} Big Hills.
- I Where Indians killed three people in the raid down Spillman Creek in 1869.
- † Fort where soldiers camped on the day of the Indian Raid. May 30, 1869.
- \*1 Coal mine
- \*2 Stone Quarries.
- ⌞ Where W. H. Taylor was killed in a runaway in 1911.
- Indians raided down Spillman valley in 1869.
- A railroad was surveyed along the north side of Spillman in 1906.
- Creamery owned by stockholders
- + Picnic grounds.

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