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MONTGOMERY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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The meetings of the Montgomery County Genealogical Society are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The meetings are held in the Community Room of the Coffeyville Public Library at Tenth and Willow Streets.

Single memberships in town \$5.00, or \$7.00 for husband and wife. Out of town membership \$7.00 (due to postage) per year, (one magazine). The year runs from January 1st to December 31.

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FOR SALE

INDEX OF MARRIAGE RECORDS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

1870 through 1884. Brides also indexed. In tang binder. \$9.75 postpaid. Order from Montgomery County Genealogical Society, in care of Jennie Macoubrie, 403 West 9th Stree. Apartment 6, Coffeyville, KS 67337

FOR SALE

RURAL CEMETERY RECORDS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

Inscriptions from the found rural cemeteries, including smaller towns and ghost towns in Montgomery County, Kansas. Does not include records from the four larger towns, (Independence, Coffeyville, Cherryvale and Caney (Cana), who have records of their own. Many of these have never been recorded. Some may have been missed but we continue the search.

Typewritten, 186 pages, off-set, plastic cover and binder. \$10.00 postpaid.

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RESEARCH AVAILABLE

The society has available to them, records for research, such as; Montgomery County History, 1903; 1880 Montgomery County Index; and early 1900 Coffeyville City Directories. Searching the above would be considered a basic research and is available to you for \$3.00 plus expenses. Please enclose SASE. Anything further, contact the Montgomery County Genealogical Society, Box 444, Coffeyville, KS. 67337

RESEARCH OFFER

I have the book, Jackson County Pioneers, by Pearl Wilcox that I will research for names for those who might have ancestors in that Missouri County. Covers from Louisiana Purchase to 1910. Please send SASE for reply. I have some area histories also.

Write: Mrs. Beryl Vanderhoof, 1512 Maple Street,
Coffeyville, KS. 67337

IN MEMORIAL

Harry B. Shibley Jr., passed away November 18, 1981 at Coffeyville Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Shibley was born March 2, 1901 in Van Buren, Arkansas to Harry B. and Kate (Strauss) Shibley. He married Hazel Weber March 3, 1923, who survives. They made their home in Van Buren as they both were employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad. He was later transferred to the Coffeyville offices where he retired in 1967 after 44 years service.

Mr. Shibley was a leading genealogist, a long time active member of our society, as well as an office holder. He gave several interesting and informative programs at the society meeting. He contributed many articles to the Descender, and the Coffeyville Public Library.

He was a member of the Descendent Sons of the American Revolution, the Huguenot Society, and was a Mason and Shriner.

His wit will be long remembered.

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The Montgomery County Genealogical Society has given a book to the Coffeyville Public Library in his memory.

GLEANINGS FROM INDEPENDENCE, Excerpts from Independence, KS
South Kansas Tribune

April 10, 1872

Justice Court - Cherry twp, Frederick Beerman vs Alex R. Owens,
promisory note 1st day of August, 1870, \$140.00 and interest W. H. Garret, JP

Eli Lay vs William Weaver, demand for money loaned, Geo Peck, Attorney

GRAND JURY for this term of court:

Jno Harmilton (Foreman)	J. M. McKnight	Giles Chapin
Jas Chenoweth.	B. Colcord	Wm. Orwig
H. Simmons	Aaron Midkiff	A. P. Clifford
J. W. Hodges	Moses Marshall	T. W. Bleckly
J. Q. Adams	J. A. Coffey	T. H. Veanum

DIST COURT - John Evans charged petit larceny - Oliver Hodge or Hogg
convicted of larceny and sentenced -- suit against Bodkin & son for murder

DIED - April 6 1872 in the residence of his father in Independence, Sammie
son of S. T. and Mary A. Day, aged 12 years, 1 month, 4 days.

MARRIED on the 3rd inst at the residence of Mr. Thomas Hay in Independence
by Judge W. H. Watkins, Mr. George McKenzie to Miss Elizabeth Aldrich.

MARRIED in Independence on the 3d inst at the residence of the bride's
parents by Rev. R. M. Tunnell, Mr. George A. Brown & Miss Minnie Bowman.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE - probate court - Daniel Grosclouse deceased.
Letters of adm 26th Mar 1872. Remaenus Verbyryck, administrator of estate.

APRIL 17, 1872

Mr. Jno McCullugh is appointed to Triumph Insurance Co. T. J. Weed, Agt.

Henry Baden has purchased Morris Lear's fine stock of tabacco, cigars & pipes

DIED in Independence on the 10th inst of fever, Charles H., son of George
W. and Alvelda Perdue, aged 4 months 14 days.

WANTED - boarding in a private family for my wife and 2 children to start
May 15. N. F. Ethell.

NOTICE OF ATTACHMENT in Justice Court, Kate McCarter, plt'ff vs
T. B. Campbell, Df't, Independence twp.

APRIL 24, 1872

Teachers Quarterly Institute - Superintendent Bass
L. M. Knowles, Pres. J. Sullivan, V. P. F. R. Hill, sec.
Charles Little, Asst sec.

April 24, 1872, Contd

Messrs Putnam and Beal from St Cloud MN are in Independence today looking for a location for a mill site.

SPECIAL MEETING of the Protestant Episcopal Church-

J. Cullyford	J. A. Eisenberg	M. D. Henry
F. C. Jocelyn	M. L. Robinson	Dr. McCulley
J. J. Sprague	W. Cullyford	G. W. Burchard
J. A. Eisenberry	Dr. Allen	Mr. Judson
Mrs. Rose	J. J. Sprague	D. Curtiss

Mr. Harrison

Named the church - CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, F. C. Jocelyn, Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE, Cherry twp of the estate of William B. Reaves, deceased. Letters of adm. sent 1st day of Apr 1872, Jonathan Byler, Adm'r

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE, of the estate of Asa W. Burbank, deceased letter of administration sent 19 day of Apr 1872, Emily Burbank, administratrix.

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING UNCLAIMED AT THE POST OFFICE April 16, 1872

Ladies List

Mrs. M. Bowman	Jane Brooks	E. Bass
Mrs. E. Cunningham	Mrs. Clara Chambeilain	Mrs. M. A. Dollarbiel
Mrs. J. Earp	Mrs. L. Hall	Miss A. Henderson
Mrs. J. Landis	E. McLarn	Mrs. A. E. McCoy
Mrs. C. M. Martin	Mrs. Mary Marshall	Mrs. Jane Mathews
Miss Carrie Moody	Mrs. D. Newlang	Mrs. A. Rosenberg
Mrs. M. E. Shockey	Mrs. M. L. Thayer	Miss S. Tucker
Mrs. D. Turner	Mrs. M. W. Thomas	Mrs. E. H. Withers
Mrs. S. L. Wilson	Miss A Webster	Mrs. H. N. White
Mrs. M. A. Young		

Gentleman's List

P. Busbee	John Buchaman	Jas Bolsom
W. Bachrach	J. D. Bowman	P. Breene
T. B. Blackerman	Fred Brown	O. C. Bordin
A. P. Brewster	F. Butlar	John Brasel
D. Brindle	A. Baker	Hon. H. Boothby
J. S. Cable	A. Cottin	T. A. Campbell
C. A. Cox	F. M. Cunningham	J. Cunningham
D. Dodson	C. Davis	W. D. Dunlap
M. Douney	S. L. Davidson	A. Everitt
C. W. Ellis	F. L. Elbert	J. P. Foster
J. Ferguson	H. J. Gamble	C. Gresh
John F. Grimer	W. Garet	T. H. Gibbs
B. Biubbs	J. Hixon	G. Hitt
J. P. Harson	M. Heckey	R. D. Henks
W. C. Harris	John Hoffman	J. M. Hollaway
H. R. Heart	C. R. Johnson	Levi James
T. Key	Jacob Kirchner	W. W. Kerr
D. E. Kinsworthy,	A. L. Lee	C. H. Lutz
B. Lavois	L. Lippman	M. McGary
E. McCoy	James McLane	McKnight
W. McBride	E. McEutee	R. Marshall
G. Morson	B. W. Mendenhall	J. W. D. Melton

April 24, 1872, Contd

A. Melton	A. Massey	H. Mason
J. Mitchell	H. C. Mayfield	W. Markey
G. Metzles	J. A. Menor	F.G. May
J. Mcgee	J. F. Mays	W. Noble
J. Newton	A. Obrine	P Owens
W. G. L. Powel	H. D. Parmetuder	G. T. Plevins
W. M. Purnell	J. H. Reed	R. R. Reed
Joe Richardson	M. L. Roubell	G. M. Rathburn
A. Razor	H. T. Stephens	J. H. Smith
M. Sullivan	A. Smith	S. L. Space
L. Simmons	F. D. Sherry	J. Scabury
L. Sutliff	W. Scott	A. Schloss
F. Sherry	W. W. Snyder	R. T. Smith
J. W. Smith	A. J. Stark	J. Trick
T. T. Taylor	W. M. Thornberry	J. W. Taylor
V. Vogt	W. T. Wilson	A. Williams
G. W. Wilson	B. G. Woodson	J. R. Walke
O. G. Woodruff	W. Williams	F. R. Walker
R. H. Warren	Jacob Wagoner	S. M. Wornack
J. J. Williams	H. P. Wiltsiers	E. Young
W. J. Youngs,	E. P. Yates	Getty & Kimble
Mars & Coville	Spears & Castor	

Office hours, from 7:30 A.M. to 8:30 P. M.

COURT

Bodkin & son for murdering Perry Morton - were both freed.

Myers for shotting Powers - acquitted

John Evans convicted and sentenced to jail

Chenowault & Thraxton for breaking open Anderson store in Cherryvale convicted. Chenowault " an old penitentiary bird" 8 years and Thraxton, almost innocent man, 9 years.

County Treasurer obtained judgement against L. T. Stephenson for \$297 and costs.

Fred Wessett vs John Bowen for assault and battery, \$410 and \$166 costs.

MATT FOSTER & Co - dealers in books

Judge W. H. Watkins has issued an order upon application of W. O. Sylvester restraining Judge J. D. Emerson from building or further improving outlot on Sylvester's claim.

DIED in Independence April 10, Wyoconda E., infant daughter of A. G. & Annie M. Savage, 6 months, 6 days old.

April 24, 1872, contd.

STRAYED 3 miles NW from Coffeyville on the 7th inst, 13 head Texas steers from 4 to 6 years old, reward offered ----Cary Cakes

SUMMONS - Cherry twp before W. H. Garrett, Justice of the Peace, C. M. Stephens vs Alex R. Owens for money owed.

May 1, 1872

TOWNSITE BRIEF & AGRUMENT by W. R. Bartlett, Esq.

The mayor of Independence vs L. T. Stephenson	A. Waldschmidt	
E. Vansandt	W. J. Debrulier	Michel Naut
G. W. Brodie	J. M. McDill	G. Leek
Wm. Madaus	L. J. Hefly	W. B. James
J. H. Dean	Independence seeks to purchase their land	

MARRIED on the 30th ult at the residence of J. L. Scott, Esq, by the Rev. Mr. Beatty, Miss Fannie B. Scott to Mr. Seth M. Beardsley

FOUND DEAD on Sunday afternoon, Mr. W. L. ROLLINS by T. P. Touville, Chief of Police, aged about 55 years---had a son and a niece, Mrs. Foster Dr. H. W. Miller called in -A. D. Gibson coroner
Jerry men called

J. S. Brown	D. T. Geiger	C. T. Reynolds
G. W. Starr	C. H. Goodrich	Dr. W. A. McCulley
John Grass		

MARRIED on the 17th ult by Esq. N. W. Hole, Mr. William Holland to Miss Lucinda Richardson

GRATITUDE - Miss Irene Mears has been performing as organist for the M. E. Sabbath School. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Mears.

DISTRICT COURT

Wm. Eller, pit'ff vs Prudence Eller, Def't for divorce

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

John Eastburn and F. E. Lewis

Daniel Grass and John A. Helphingstine - attornies at law - mutual consent
Culver & Rowe vs Wm. H. Buntin, Wm. M. Lock Pitff's attorney

J. J. Sprague vs Wm H. Buntin Parker twp, money owed

E. W. Culver vs C. H. Rowe partners & lumber merchants vs W. H. Buntin & Co

David S. Eddy vs James P. Robinson - public sale by J. E. Stone, Sheriff

STRAYED - 2 year old black colt - J. M. Nevins

DIVORCE NOTICE - District Court Emma Gleason, Pit'ff vs Albert A. Gleason, Def't

All Court before John E. Davis, Justice of the Peace, Parker twp, Montg. Co.

May 8, 1872

MARRIED at the residence of the bride's father, Capt A. H. Grass, Liberty twp on the 4th inst by Rev. J. B. Lee Mr. John Synder to Miss Emily Grass

MARRIED Jacobs/Smith - on Tuesday April 30 by Judge Watkins, Mr. E. R. Jacobs to Miss Amelia J. Smith

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, Independence, KS april 27, 1872.

In accordance with a call made by Dr. J. D. Adams and others, for the purpose of re-organizing the County Agricultural Society, formed in this county last year. Citizens met and were called to order by Mr. J. R. Galloway, Vice President of the old organization.

A. A. Stewart was elected Secretary. A Committee composed of Samuel Parkhurst, Dr. J. D. Adams and J. A. Anderson were appointed to look after a suitable place for establishing the Fair Grounds of the Society, and to ascertain upon what terms grounds could be secured; said Committee to report at next meeting.

A committee consisting of A. B. Lemmon, L. T. Stephenson and A. A. Stewart were appointed to look up the Charter made last year, see if it is recorded, and if not, to see that it be placed on record, and report at the next meeting.

A Committee composed of L. T. Stephenson, J. B. Craid and Judge Thomas Harrison was elected to ascertain what had been done by the old organization.

SPECIAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 20th day of May, 1872 there will be a special election held in Independence City for the purpose of voting upon a proposition to issue the bonds of City of Independence for five thousand dollars for the purpose of completing and furnishing the new school.

Ballots shall be "For the School Bonds" and "Against School Bonds", Polls to open 9:00 a.m. and close at 6 o'clock p.m.

1st Ward shall be held at the Court House - Thos Stevenson, V M. Chaplin and Wm Dawson Judges & A. E. Carpenter, C. W. Rose as Clerks

2nd Ward shall be held in S. Swallow & McCullagh's building J. C. Woodrow L. M. Knowles & Frank Dicus Judges and O. V. Rowland and George Campbell, clks

3rd Ward shall be held at E. Evans's Office and L. Moreland, F. Evans and J. W. Price are judges and O. P. Ergenbright and G. W. Perdue, clerks

4th Ward shall be held at the old School House and James White, W. H. Cowan and Nelson Brunson are Judges and William McWright and L. B. Ewan, clks

Witness my hand at Independence, KS this 7th day of May, A. D. 1872,
James DeLong, Mayor

HISTORY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY KANSAS
Written Expressly for this work by Ebenezer E. Wilson

This will be a continued series until entire history written in 1880 has been copied. This history was obtained through the Register of Deed's Office of Montgomery County.

Coronado in his search for the seven great cities, did not pass over any portion of Montgomery County.

Table Mound, Walker Mound, Blue Mound nor any of the other numerous Mounds which dot the surface of the County, bear no relation to the "Mound Builder" Neither do any of the curious specimens of rock found on their surface tend to connect our predecessors with the "Stone Age." The history of the County is necessarily brief, being only that of eleven years, and yet the events crowded into these few years contribute more to history than a thousand years would have done had it remained an Indian Reserve.

The only traces of an occupancy prior to 1869, are the almost obliterated paths of the old Indian trails.

These trails from one to two hundred feet in width, beaten in paths by animals traveling in single file, were traversed by the Indians in going to and returning from their annual hunts on the plains.

Montgomery County, with the except of the strip about three miles in width off the East side was a part of the Osage Diminished Reserve. This strip was a portion of the Asage Ceded Lands, so long in controversy between Rail Road Corporations and bonafide settlers. Ultimately by the indomitable pluck of the settlers and the judicious management of their leader, Gov. M. J. Salter, a decision of the Supreme Court of the U. S. was reached, and the rights of the settlers affirmed.

In 1867 the Sturgess Bros.' of Chicago, representing the interests of the L. L. & G. R. R. Co., made a treaty with the Osages for the purchase of the Diminished Reserve. This scheme known as the "Sturgess Treaty," was to take in bodily the whole of the Diminished Reserve, comprising about 8,000,000 acres of the fairest part of Kansas at about eighteen cents per acre. Fortunately for its present occupants, as well as for the credit of National Legislation, the scheme was beaten in Congress. This was during the time when Railroad Corporations threatened to steal the entire public domain, and perhaps only failed by reason fo the alarm occasioned by such stupendous frauds as the Sturgess Treaty.

In 1867 after parting with what is known as the Ceded Lands, the Osages numbering about thrity six hundred, moved from the Neosho River and took up their homes along the Verdigris and Elk Rivers. White Hair, their Head Chief, encamped on the East bank of the Verdigris near the North line of the County. Little Beaver a few miles below at Lightman's Ford. Nopawalla on the North side of Elk River, near the present site of Radical City. Chetopa on the South side of Elk River at the West end of Table Mound. Big Hill or Gov. Joe, at Spring Hill on the West side of the Verdigris, six miles South of Independence. Clymore near the present Station of Kalloch, and Black Dog on the West bank of Onion Creek near its mouth.

These Towns or Villages were named respectively, White Hair Town, Chetopa Town, &c. The Agency was on the North side of Drum Creek near its mouth. Traders were necessary at these Villages, not only to furnish flour coffee and sugar, but the elegant flubdubberies, which make up the Indian wardrobe, and without which they could not be Osages. One of the earliest traders was Eb. Mosley at Black Dog Town, who was afterwards killed at Medicine Lodge about the year 1872. John Lushbaugh in 1868 established a trading post on the South side of Pumpkin Creek, near its junction with the Verdigris River, and afterwards made a permanent settlement. R. W. Dunlap came into the county in 1867, and opened a trading house at the mouth of Drum Creek, in February, 1868. His first stock of goods was wagoned by Thos. Overfield, from Ottawa, Kansas, then the nearest Railroad station, distant over one hundred miles. During the winter of 1868-69, Moses Neal had a trading house near the mouth of Big-hill Creek. Major Fitch early in 1869 was trading on the North side of Elk River near the mouth of Sycamore Creek.

In 1868 Major Snow, as Agent of the Osages, was relieved by Major Isaac N. Gibson. Major Gibson was of the Quaker persuasion, a very courteous gentleman and an upright official. During all the difficulties that occurred in the succeeding two years, when the whites without warrant of law, or semblance of justice, were trespassing on the rights and property of his wards, he managed to retain the entire confidence of the Indians and enjoy the greatest respect of the Whites. During the Summer of 1868, an occasional man in search of cheap lands, began to cross the line of the Reserve, and by the payment of a few dollars obtain the consent of the Indians to locate a "claim." The distinguished honor of making the first permanent settlement is conceded by all pioneers to Louis Scott, a colored man. Louis had been a slave in Texas, and located on the Verdigris River east of Coffeyville, as early as February, 1867. In the same locality came Zachariah Crow, December 25, 1867, Payton R. Jordan and Col. Coffey December 1868. John A. Twiss located January 1, 1868, T. C. , J. H. and Allen Graham in March, 1868, O. F. Johns October 1, and Mrs. E. C. Powell December 1, 1868. In the latter part of the same year, also George W. and W. L. Mays, G. L. Canada, John McIntyre and Josiah Roberts. In Liberty Twp. Harvey A. Bethuran dates his settlement May 28, 1868. J. H. Conrad July 5, H. W. Conrad July 27 and D. R. B. Flora July 30, 1868. In Drum Creek Twp. were R. W. Dunlap, R. M. Bennett, Levi Mann, Rutherford, Stallcap and Dodson. In the vicinity of Cherryvale was N. P. Morgan and Moses Roller October 1, 1868. Farther North and West was Rachel Greeno July 20 and M. McGowan November 20, 1868. On the Verdigris River near the North line of the County was A. P. Potter November 1, and John Campbell November 9, 1868. Farther down the River was Phil. Waldron as early as February, 1868. In Elk River Valley in Sycamore Twp. was Jacob Thompson, --Mortimer and E. Goodell. In Louisburg Twp. W. Sherill located as early as February, 1868. Thos. Brock and John Simmons June 6 '68 Josiah Weddell July 4, John Hanks July 15, and John Kappell, W. H. Sloan, H. M. Gillespie, John Jones and J. K. Snyder, all in 1868.

The first improvements made in the last named settlement are generally credited to John Hanks, and the first in Liberty Twp. to Capt. W. H. Conrad. The settlement in Louisburg Twp. and that in Cherokee were the first that showed signs of permanency. Early in 1869 settlements began to cross the Verdigris River, at first under protest of the Indians, but the immense throng of settlers soon made all protests futile. At Independence Frank and Fred Bunker, W. O. Sylvester, Paddy Gillula, George Reed, Shel Reed and Wm. Lucas located in June 1869. In Rutland Twp. the Lattimores' Beals' Mills' S. B. Simmons, M. L. Hickey and Wm. R. Giddings, located in the Fall of '69

In Onion Creek Valley were Colonel Caleb May, William May, Newton French, Joe Young, L. L. Wood and Capt James Johnson. In Caney Township were Dr. A. M. Taylor, Berryman and Hardin Smith, Dr. Bell, W. H. Garrett, John Bagsley, Callow and Myers.

These were some of the pioneers. Doubtless there were many others whose settlement date as early. It was not until late in the Summer of '69 that the rush became general, and in the fall of that year there was a grand charge along the whole line. The tradition that an Indian Reserve is a choice tract of land, which the sagacious Indian has reserved for a hunting ground, instead of a pocket which an aggressive civilization has forced him into, may have had somewhat to do with it. However, they came pell mell and came to stay, bringing with them their families and all their household goods. Train after train of Prairie Schooners were sailing through the grass and there was no halt until a claim of 160 acres had been staked off for every member of the family, and some for "their Uncles, their Cousins and their Aunts, especially their Aunts" whom they expected in the next two years. There was the preliminary surveyor with his compass and chain, making measurements and establishing corners with as much ceremony and apparent authority as though deputed for the purpose by the General Government, and with as much accuracy as though he had shut both eyes and stepped it off. And then the claimant would change the corners so as to be sure of enough land, or to include some stream or choice piece of Valley land. There were claim speculators or jobbers in claims, who pretended to own claims and would victimize the "tenderfeet". Then there were the town builders, men who were engaged in founding great commercial cities, and directing emigration to the centres of trade and population. There were men who thought their claims better adapted to the purposes of a town site than agriculture, and in many instances the results of their farming proved them to have been correct. In a week from the time a town was christened there would be roads mown across the prairie in all directions, and along the roads East and North for fifty miles there would be rude finger boards directing the unsuspecting emigrant that way. These towns were all on the line of one or more projected Railroads, and about four-fifths of them near enough the centre of the County to have a dead certainty on securing the County Seat. Then would come that enterprising genius the REGULAR Newspaper Correspondent, who while being charmed with the location and many superior advantages of the town, would insist that its future greatness depended entirely on the free use of Printers ink. For a certain number of subscribers and a few dollars, he would give the town two columns. In order to build up it was first necessary to be written up, and the correspondent would generally write it up so high that under the scrutiny of any reader of ordinary intelligence the whole fabric would crumble. All over the County families were camped in wagons, while log or hay shanties were being built, there being no saw mills in the County, and no lumber nearer than thirty or forty miles.

Along the Verdigris River in the vicinity of Independence and Parker, the banks were lined with campers all winter long. Old settlers will remember the rude sign on the West bank of the River at Independence, which caught the eye of the weary emigrant just as he reached the top of the steep bank, "Bred & Pize for Saile hwer." At Independence some forty families lived in hay houses all winter and the "visiting brethren", the Osages, knew it as Pashe to wah, Hay-town. During the entire Winter but one, that of Lewis Conner, burned down.

During the Summer of '69 the Osages at times would become wearied in collecting their rents, and would demand a "talk" in which they would agree on lines of settlement and prices paid for locating claims. In Louisburg Township an agreement was first made giving the whites the right to settle as far South and East of the mouth of Salt Creek, by paying a fixed amount for claims. Afterward the line was extended as far East as Table Mound. At Independence a tract of land about five miles square, lying between Elk River and Rock Creek and extending West to the Mounds, was treated for by the payment of fifty dollars. This treaty was signed by Chetopa, Chief of the Osages and George A. Brown, Chief of the whites, and the Independence Town Company paid the purchase money.

Then there was organized the "Claim Protection Clubs". The laws of these clubs require the member to be entitled to homestead entry on Government land, to make a specified amount of improvement on his claim in a limited time, and in turn pledged him protection from that class of adverse claimants known as "jumpers." They were legislative, judicial and executive in their functions, and sometimes enforced their decrees with promptness and severity. One notable instance occurred near Independence in the Spring of 1870. One Stevens, a butcher in Independence, had jumped the claim of George Paul, one and a half miles North-west of town. He had built a new house within a few rods of Paul's and moved in with his family. Paul appealed to the Club, whose Committee gave him the customary three days notice. Stevens was defiant but at the dead of night he and his family were forcibly seated out on the prairie to see their new house burn down. A decision of the club always passed title. Settlers in most new counties have short methods of dispensing justice that lack the tedium and expense of civil courts, and the pioneers of Montgomery County were not altogether an exception to the rule. In the south part of the County the assassins, three in number, of John A. Twiss, one of the earliest and most esteemed citizens, after having had a preliminary examination, were found swinging to the limb of an Oak tree near the cabin of their victim. It is a fact worthy of note however, that in the early settlement when the County was without judicial or executive officers, having no Courts of Justice but these claim clubs, that there was a high regard for individual rights, and as compared with some later years a dearth of crime. A word of law would rather see a sheriff with a "posse comitatus" than to be quietly waited upon by a committee saying "We give you 24 hours notice." In this there are no technicalities, no change of venue and no continuance. It is even more effective than the Irish plan of Boycotting. After the appointment of Justices of the Peace in different parts of the County, these claim clubs were abandoned but with some doubts as to the expediency of the change. The club which retained its organization the longest and outlived its usefulness, was in Sycamore Twp, along the Verdigris River, and known as the "Montgomery Guards." In the summer of 1870, they tore down the house of one Chauncy Atkinson, who was holding a claim without authority of the Club. The entire Club, thirty in number, were arrested and brought before Squire Bunker, at Independence, on a charge of Riot and convicted.

To be continued.

MARRIAGES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS, 1887-8

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George D. Castoe, 21, of Caney, Kans. and Lillie M. Dee, 16, of Independence, Kans. at Independence on 25 December 1887 by W. R. Brown, Probate Judge.

Charles Whetsel, 41, of Coffeyville, Kas. and Martha L. Hindman, __, of Coffeyville, Kas. at My residence, on 22 December, 1887 by Rev. H. V. Spear.

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Jasper N. Wolf, 23, of Elk City, Kans. and Mary Ann E. Oliver, 18, of Elk City, Kas. at Wm. Oliver's on Dec. 25, 1887 by John Ballinger, Minister. Jane Ballinger, Joe Norris.

G. W. Ashby, 26, of Liberty, Kas. and Grace Forsythe, 28, of Liberty, Kas. at Col. A. Forsythe's residence on Dec. 25, 1887.

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Charles B. Daniel, 23, of Sycamore, Ks. and Elizabeth Trueblood Trueblood, 21, of Sycamore, Ks. at "my home at Radical " on 25 Dec. 1887 by J. R. Evans, a minister of the Gospel

William H. Brunton, 26, of Elk City, Ks. and Ethel Kelso, 16, of Elk City, Ks. at Philip Jone's on 25, 1887 by L. M. Rhodes, minister of the gospel.

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Albert Doop, 25, of Cherryvale, Ks. and Nora Snider, 18, of Independence, Ks. at "residence of Nora Snider" on Dec. 27, 1887 by C. M. Baugh, minister of the Gospel.

Robert E. Logan, 21, of Independence twnp. and Annie S. Brewington, 18, of Fawn Creek twnp. at Independence, Ks. on Dec 24, 1887 by W. R. Brown, P. J.

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Samuel Drybread, 20, of Louisburg twnp. and Carrie Cook, 20, of Louisburg twnp. residence of bride's father on 28 Dec. 1887 by C. M. Baugh, minister.

Frank Dale, 21, of Elk City, Kas. and Jossie Tuttle, 18, of Elk City, Kas. at Independence, Kas. on 21 Dec. 1887 by W. R. Brown, probate judge.

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Walter J. Reardon, 28, of Liberty, Kas. and Minnie Tole, 20, of Liberty, Kas. at Independence, Kas. on Dec. 28, 1887 1887 by W. R. Brown, P. J.

Douglas Boley, 26, of Coffeyville, Kas. and Susie Reed, 18, of Coffeyville, Kas. at Coffeyville, Kas. on Dec. 29, 1887 by John D. Lander, J. P.

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Walter C. Dillon, 24, of Dennison, Texas and Martha L. Robertson, of Coffeyville, Kas. at Coffeyville, on 29 Dec. 1887 by C. J. Dyke.

Fred D. Kimberly, 22, of Caney, Kas. and Zoe P. Hosmer, 22, of Caney, Kas. at Independence, Kas. on 31 Dec. 1887 by W. R. Brown, Probate Judge.

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Lewis Weber, 21, of Bartlesville, I. T. (Indian Territory) and Cara A. Bemear (?) 17, of Bartlesville, I. T. on Jan. 3 1888 at "near the residence of Levi Elliott" by Levi Elliott, a minister of the Gospel.

E. C. Babb, 25, Rutland twnp. and Carrie M Watson, 19, of Independence, twnp. on 1 Ja. 1888 at the residence of the Bride's parents in Independence, by Isaac Lindley, minister of Friends church.

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Albert Shelp (ss?) 30, of Sucassee (sp) township and C. Ella Shellenberger, 19, of Same place, on 1 Jan. 1888 at Radical city, Sycamore twnp., by J. R. Evans, a minister of the Gospel.

J. A. Schmidt, 31, Cherokee twnp. and I. A. Shoemaker, 22, of Cherokee Twnp. on 11 Ja. 1888 at Coffeyville, Kas. by W. B. Chamberlain.

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Howard W. Goodwin, 29, of Kansas City, Mo. and Emma Collins, 30, of Kansas City, Mo. on 3 Jan. 1888 at Independence, Kas. by F. B. Vrooman, Minister.

Jacob C. Smith, 41, of Independence, Kas. and Mary M. Carnahan, 40, Independence, Kas. on 3 Jan. 1888 at Independence, Kas. by W. R. Brown, Probate Judge.

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Dumak (sp) Wesner, 31, of Havana Ks. and Mary Craddock, 25m if same place on 8 Ja. 1888 at "my residence" by J. Blake, Minister of the Gospel.

J. W. White, 39, of Elk City, Kas and Katie Johnson, 23, of Elk City, Kas. on 15 Ja. 1888 at Elk City, Kas. by J. P. Swatzel, Justice of the Peace.

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Daniel Campbell, 29, Rutland, Kans. and Jossie Spalding, 17, of Independence, Kans. on 7 Ja. 1888 at Independence, Kans. by Fr. P. Scholl, Pastor Catholic Church.

James W. Pettibone, 29, of Caney, Ks. and Emma E. Carpenter, 27, of Caney, Kansas on 6 Jan. 1888 at Independence, Kans. by W. R. Brown, Probate Judge

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G. H. Fritts, 28, of Liberty, Kan. and Elizabeth E. Royer, 18, of same place on 15 Jan. 1888 at residence of bride's parents by W. P. Livingston, Justice of the Peace.

George W. Thornton, 23, of Harrisonville, Kans. and Nora B. Killian, 18, of Fawn Creek, Kans. on 7 Jan. 1888 at Independence, Kans. by W. R. Brown, Probate Judge

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B. F. Nelson, 34, of Independence, Ks. and Mary E. Gudgen 33, of Independence, Ks. on 11 Jan. 1888 at Independence Ks. by I. S. Grimes, D. D.

Cornelius Huse, 31, of Independence, Ks. and Thressa Kreipe, 26, of Independence, Ks. on 10 Jan. 1888 at Independence, Ks. by Fr. P. Scho.. (Catholic Priest).

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Adolph C. Stich, 41, of Independence, Ks. and Kathleen Raisor, 37 of Independence, Ks on 10 Jan. 1888 at Independence, by F. B. Vrooman.

Charles Reynolds, 24, of Cherckee twnp. and Ella Blackwell, 19, of Liberty twnp. on 11 Jan. 1888 at residence of bride's parents by W. P. Livingston, justice of the peace.

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John Purcell, 27, of Independence, Ks. and Annie M. Peal, 24, of Independence, Ks. on 10 Jan 1888 at Independence, Ks. by W. R. Brown, Probate Judge.

Thomas G. Wisdom, 69, of Elk City, Kansas and America Wynn, 44, of Elk City, Kansas on 5 Jan. 1888 at Elk City, Kans. by J. P. Swatzell, justice of the peace.

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James R. Koontz, 22, of Independence, Kans. and Maud M. Southard, 22, of Independence, Kans. on 11 Jan. 1888 at Independence by I. S. Grimes, D. D.

Amos H. Edwards, 23, of Elk City, Kans. and Emma B. Stong, 22, of Elk city, Kans. on 19 Jan. 1888 at Mr. Joseph Stong's house by G. T. Jeffers, Sterner-ton, Kans.

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Isaac T. Wheeler, 27, of Elk City, Kansas and Annie Reed, 18, of Elk City, Kansas on 19 Jan. 1888 at Elk City, Kansas by J. P. Swatzell, Justice of the peace.

Bartley Barlow, 26, of Sycamore, twnp. Kans. and Buannah Collins, 20, of Sycamore, twnp. on 22 Jan. 1888 at _____ by C. R. Rice, Pastor M. E. Church

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John P. Stanley, 36, of West Cherry Twnp. Kans. and Callie Ray, 18, of same place on 21 Jan. 1888 at Independence, Kans. by C. R. Rice, pastor M. E. Church

Walter McGugin, 19, of Independence, Kas. and Anna Bridgewater, 18, of Independence, Kas. on 22 Jan. 1888 at Independence, by W. R. Brown, probate judge

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Wm. J. Wright, 21 of Havana, Kansas and Stella Campbell 17, of Havana, Kansas on 23 Jan. 1888 at Havana by T. R. Pittman, J. P.

Ellsworth Anderson, 25, of West Cherry Tp. Ks. and Mary Thompson, 22, of West Cherry tp. Ks. on 25 Jan. 1888 at residence of the bride by H. W. Kirkpatrick, J. P.

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W. T. Slusher, 26, of Independence, Ks. and C. S. Jack, 15, of Independence, Kas. on 30 Jan. 1888 at Independence by W. R. Brown Probate Judge

F. M. Brundage, 27, of Cherryvale, Kas. and Mertie M. Thorp, 21, of _____ at Cherryvale by Amos J. Essex, minister of the Gospel

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Francis H. Chamberlain, 26(?) of Independence, Kas. and Ella L. Weaver, 18, of Larimer, Kansas on 29 Ja. 1888 at Radical City, Kas. by John T. Woods, minister of the Gospel

George E. Barnes, 21, of Independence, Kas. and oella (Della?) T. Robinson, 19, of Independence, Kas. on 1 Feb. 1888 at Independence, Kas. by C. R. Rice, M. E. M.E. church pastor

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W. M. Jeter, 27, of Elk City, Ks. and Jennie E. Stewart, 18, of La Fountain, Ks. on 1 Feb. 1888 at Louisberg twmp. by C. M. Baugh

Frank Ford, 30, of Caneyville, Kas. and Eva Greenwell, _____, of Coffeyville, Kas. on 5 Feb. 1888 at Coffeyville, Kas. by John D. Sander, J. P.

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George M. Norris, 25, of Independence, Ks. and Emma M. Hampton, 19, of Rutland tp, Ks on 5 Feb. 1888 at residence of the Bride, by Rev. S. Henry

Elijah D. Field, 21, of Sternerton, Ks. and Elvira C. Lewis, 19, of Sternerton, Ks. on 5 Feb. 1888 at Sternerton by Jonathan Ozbun

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Joseph H. Carpenter, 22 of Independence Kas. and Stella B. Wise, 23, of Liberty, Kas. on 5 Feb. 1888 at Independence by Eld. Joseph Lamont.

Elmer E. Wilson, 26, of coffeyville, Ks. and Tina C. Boswell, 21 of same place on 7 Feb. 1888 at Coffeyville, Ks. by John F. Palmer, pastor M. E. church

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Francis M. Peterson, 23, of Independence, twp. Kas. and Cora A. Liniger, _____, of Independence, Ks. on 1 Feb. 1888 at Independence, tp. Kas. by Rev. I. S. Grimes, D. D.

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Tolman Wheeler, 29, of Coffeyville, Ks. and Mrs Mary Thrift Miller, 32, of Coffeyville, Ks. on 8 Feb. 1888 at Fawn Creek, Ks. by William N. Smith, J. P.

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John J. Miller, 64, of Independence, Ks. and Eliza James or Davis (written both ways), _____, of same place on 12 Feb. 1888 at Samuel Harner's by Caleb Fogel, Minister

Jas. McGinnis, 24, of Cherokee twp. Kas. and Annie Tharp, 26, of same place on 14 Feb. 1888 at Joe H. Tharp's by J. L. Masters, minister.

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S. J. Howard, 24, of Cherryvale, Ks. and Mary Ball, 21, of Wayside, Ks. on 14 Feb. 1888 at James Bell home, by Rev. D. J. B. Ross, Minister of the Gospel

Francis M. Foster, 42, of Coffeyville, Ks. and Mary Fox, 24, of Coffeyville, Ks. on 16 Feb. 1888 at Coffeyville Ks. by John D. Lander, J. P.

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John Gaskill, 28, of Caney, Kas. and May Start, _____, of same place, on 16, Feb. 1888 at Caney, Kas. by Rev. Henry Bradley

James M. Mastin, 26, of Liberty twp. Kans. and Maggie Swisher, 28, of same place on 19, Feb. 1888 at "my residence, Cherokee twp." by E. Reynolds, J. P.

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Carlin Hattan, 26, of Independence, Ks. and Arabel Yates, 28, of Independence, Ks. on 19 Feb. 1888 at Jefferson, Ks. by E. M. Wheeler, J. P.

John Simpson, 25, of Coffeyville, Ks. and Mahala Knisley 18, of Coffeyville, Ks. on 9 Feb. 1888 at Independence, Ks. by W. R. Brown Probate Judge

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Geo. V. Black, 22, West Cherry twp, Ks. and Julia E. Gery, 22, of same on 22 Feb. 1888 at "my residence" by Jos. Phebus, minister

P. J. Cavanaugh, 24, of Coffeyville, Ks. and Winnie Furguson, 22, of Independence, Ks. on 19 Feb. 1888 at Independence, Ks. by W. R. Brown, P. J.

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John Currie, 21, of Moorehead, Kas. and Emma Foose (or Loose) 19 of Moorehead, Kas. on 20 Feb. 1888 at Independence, Kas. by W. R. Brown, Probate judge

William Conner, 25, of Bartlesville, I. T. (Indian Territory) and Emma V. Thornburg, 16, of Bartlesville I. T. on 20 Feb. 1888 at Independence, Kas. by C. R. Rice, M. E. Church

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John Musgrove, 29, of Moorehead, Ks. and Maggie Currie 18, of Moorehead, Ks. on 21 Feb. 1888 at Independence, Ks. by W. R. Brown, probate judge.

Oliver Potter, 20, of Cherokee twp: Ks. and Letitia Potts, 21, of same place on 27 Feb. 1888 at Coffeyville Ks. by Joel Dillon, min. of the Gospel

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Clarkson F. Woody, 25, of Bartlesville, I. T. (Indian Territory) and Caroline Williams, 31, of Bartlesville I. T. on 21 Feb. 1888 at Independence, Ks. by W. R. Brown, Probate Judge

G. A. Harper, 33 of Cherryvale, Kan. and Juliett(a) Truby 27, of Independence, Ks at Independence by Frank B. Vrooman, Minister.

FIFTH READER CLASS 1884 OF BANKS SCHOOL

Banks School was in School District No. 91, located in Range 15E, Township 35S, in the East 1/2 of Section 11, in Montgomery County, Kansas.

George L. Banks, was a pioneer settler of Fawn Creek township, in May 1871. His land was located near Banks School. Mr. Banks aided in organizing, and was the first clerk of school district No. 91, and the school house was named "The Banks School House" in his honor.

In 1884, the students of the Fifth Reader Class had a dinner at the Southern Hotel which was in the 900 block of Walnut Street, Coffeyville, Kansas. They had a group picture taken at the W. A. Bushnell Studio. Those in the picture are; Carrie Wood, Lilbie Frazier, Ella Pollet, Arah Voshell, Annie Hazelbaker, Cora Burke, Ella Orb, Alma Frazier, Carrie Purit, and Ella Wood with their teacher, James Harrison Jones.

Individuals in the picture identified by Mildred Edwards and Mrs. Fern Rauch.

Submitted by: R. Laurence and Mildred Edwards

EXCERPTS FROM COFFEYVILLE JOURNAL

The Coffeyville Public Library at 311 West Tenth Street has microfilm of the Coffeyville Journal newspapers. The weekly newspapers, published every Saturday, dates from October 30, 1875, to June 14, 1901 and the daily papers from June 16, 1893 to July 19, 1920.

The heading of this oldest newspaper includes:

COFFEYVILLE JOURNAL

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NO. 1

COFFEYVILLE, MONTGOMERY CO., KANSAS OCTOBER 30, 1875

On page four, in columns one and two are news items under the title of City and County, some of which are:

County Attorney Clark cast his shadow on our streets a few days ago.

Mr. Geo. Slosson, druggist, has been on a visit to Lawrence, his old home. Mr. S resided there some years before coming here.

Postmaster Hickman talks of removing the postoffice from its present position to a larger room where he will open and keep a news and notion store.

T. J. Barnes, Esq., near the depot, is preparing a cellar surrounded with good stone walls, for the purpose of storing potatoes and other vegetables.

Mr. W. M. Wilson the transfer man, made himself very serviceable in helping us along with the delivery of our material, for which he has our thanks.

Major Eldridge expects to get into his new residence south of town in a few days.

D.A. McFarlane is absent from the city and is not certain when he will return.

Mr. Lang, of the firm of Ford & Lang, has been quite sick for some days, but is improving.

David Davies, Esq., of this city, is settling up the affairs of D. A. McFarlane, as assignee.

Mr. Antoine Martin, of the Star Bakery, has a pet eagle of good size which struts about the premises with as much dignity as a City Alderman, and seems to enjoy his roost on a fence post as much as, in his palmy days, he did his "rock-ribbed eyrie."

Mr. M. R. Eby informs us that he has received a dispatch from Mr. D. E. Hale, of Sandusky, formerly a heavy operator in stock at this place, announcing that he is on his way, with his family, to Coffeyville. It is to be hoped Mr. Hale will be so attracted by his second visit that he will conclude to locate permanently with us. We need just such men to assist in developing the resources of our county.

The imposing stones used in this office were made by Casper Meyer, whose business card appears in another column, out of limestone which is found in exhaustless quantities near Fredonia in Wilson county.

The Methodist church building has a large quantity of lumber piled up about it. Why don't those having the matter in charge complete the work? Winter will soon be here, and Coffeyville ought to have a good Methodist Church.

Mr. Cook, of Cook's Hotel, talks of going south on a cattle buying expedition.

Another house was moved from Parker to Coffeyville last Monday.

Submitted by: R. Laurence and Mildred Edwards.

EARLY CITIZENS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

The following biographies appeared in the History of Montgomery County, Kansas published in 1903 by L. Wallace Duncan, Iola, Kansas.

ALBERT ARTHUR KRUGG, M.D.

The ancient and honorable profession of medicine is worthily represented in Coffeyville by the gentleman whose name introduces this personal sketch. He came to this city March 28, 1898, and identified himself at once with the profession, in its active practice, and his worth as a physician and a citizen has commended him most favorably to the public confidence.

Dr. Krugg's native place is Dodge county, Wisconsin. He was born October 20, 1864, and is a son of the venerable John Krugg, of Lincoln, Kansas, whose life has been passed as a farmer and whose residence in the "Sunflower State" dates from 1886. The father was born in Unkemark, Prussia, in 1830, where the family had resided for many generations, and was prominent in its civil station. John Krugg left Germany soon after his marriage to Wilhelmina Meinhartz, and crossed the Atlantic ocean to the United States, locating in Dodge county, Wisconsin, where he took up his residence on a farm. He trained his children to habits of industry, always maintained himself a highly moral and useful citizen and only retired from active work when he had attained a competency ample as a reward for the efforts of an industrious rural life. His family consists of five children, as follows: Mary, wife of Joseph Smith, of Lincoln, Kansas; Dr. Albert A., Mattie, who married J.C. Cooper, of Lincoln, Kansas; Lydia, now Mrs. Ed. Guptail, of Mitchell county, Kansas; and Miss Louisa Krugg, of Lincoln, Kansas.

Albert A. Krugg's sphere of action in youth was confined to the limits of his native country neighborhood. The country school laid the foundation for his education and the High school in his native county rounded off the angles and prepared the way for the culture and polish of mature years. He began life as a farm hand at fifteen dollars a month, and his employers found his services worth an increase to seventeen and finally twenty dollars per month. His High school training was obtained from money saved from his farm work, and when he left Mayville, Wisconsin, he entered the Ohio State University at Columbus, and spent two years, chiefly in the study of comparative anatomy. In 1891-2-3, he was a student in the University Medical College, of Kansas City, Missouri, and in 1897-8, he attended the Medico Chirurgical Institute, from which he graduated the latter year. He began practice in Clay county, Kansas, in 1893, and continued it through the years 1893-4-5-6, and then took up the work of completing

his medical education in Kansas City, as before stated.

Dr. Krugg's residence in Coffeyville has witnessed his accession to a most creditable and gratifying position in the medical fraternity. He has clung steadily to his determination to devote his time to his profession exclusively, and in doing so he has won his way to social and financial success.

October 16, 1893, at Lincoln, Kansas, Dr. Krugg married Eliza Montgomery, a daughter of Mrs. Eliza Montgomery, originally from Massachusetts. The two children of this union are: Mary, born in December 14, 1902, and Consuela V., born in 1897. Dr. Krugg is a Democrat, and is a member of the A.O.U.W. and of the Knights and Ladies of Security.

CHARLES M. STARK

Charles M. Stark may clearly be classed among the old settlers of the county, as he came here away back in 1868. Those were the days when the "noble Red Men" still trod the prairie and when the few whites of good character needed to stand firm for the "majesty of the law" against half-breed cow thieves and renegade white men, whose absence from civilization became necessary on account of their malodorous reputation. But with the settling of such men in the county as our subject, conditions gradually changed, and long ere the last decade of the century opened, Montgomery county came to be regarded as one of the most orderly communities in the state. Mr. Stark resides in Louisburg township, on his original pre-emption of one hundred and sixty acres, which evidences in its neat and well-kept appointments the great amount of care lavished upon it.

The birth of Mr. Stark occurred in Scott county, Indiana, in 1838. His father, Nathaniel B. Stark, was a son of Charles Stark, one of the very earliest settlers in Scott county, where he located, after the removal of the Indians, in 1814. He had resided, prior to that time, in Henry county, Kentucky. Nathaniel B. Stark was born in the latter state and was but seven years of age when his parents moved into Indiana. Here he grew to manhood amid the scenes of pioneer life and, at maturity, married Margaret Coons. In 1849, the family moved out to Edgar county, Illinois, where the father plied his trade of carpenter until his death in 1864. There were seven children born to our subject's parents, as follows: Malinda, who married W.W. Crossfield, and is a widow, residing in Chautauqua county, Kansas; Martha, Mrs. E.M. Horton, Chautauqua county; Sarah, wife of W.H. Deam, of LaHarpe, Kansas; Jane, who married James M. Stark, and resides in Elk county, Kansas; Nathaniel J., of San Diego, California; Josiah M., residing in Louisburg township, and Charles M., who constitutes the subject of this sketch.

Charles M. Stark was twelve years of age when his father's family settled in Illinois, and from that time until his thirtieth year he continued to be a resident of Edgar county. In 1860, he was happily joined in marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Shawler) Bartmess, people of Kentucky origin. Mrs. Stark was born in Edgar county, Illinois. In the spring of 1868, Mr. Stark and his family, together with his mother and brothers and four sisters, settled in Montgomery county, Kansas. It is simple justice to say that Mr. Stark has had a most wholesome influence on the development which has come to the county since that early day, and fully merits the esteem in which he is held. He and his family have been supporters and members of the Christian church for years, and have entered into the social life of their community in its varied activities with a spirit of much helpfulness.

To our subject and wife have been born children as follows: John F., born November 18, 1864, resides in the Indian Territory, married Josie Stewart, and has four children: Clara, Marian T., Bertha May and Buelah; Harmon F., born December 6, 1867, married Maggie Faris. They reside in Chautauqua county, Kansas, with their children: Hattie, Charles, Alvin, Clarence and Oscar; Early A., born March 3, 1876, married Mamie Hope, and has a daughter, Eline, and resides in Montgomery county.

ARMITTIE WHITESIDE NELSON'S DIARY

3-6-40

Sixty Four years ago today I a 4 year old girl with my Father and Mother and three sisters and two brothers arrived in Montgomery Co., Kans., 7 miles North East of Coffeyville. We came from Ottawa, Kans. We shipped our household goods and piano. Mr. J. L. Skinner father of Fred & Frank Skinner of Coffeyville, (Frank the founder of Skinner Funeral Home,) was a drayman and took our things (goods) to the Station helped to pack the piano and hauled it also. put them on the Old L.L. & G. Railroad the only one in Coffeyville then. He moved his family and we came in a new wagon with cover and bows had a mule team. we cooked Bread, chickens, cookies and food to last us until we got to the farm my father had bought. We thought to camp one night at least for the novelty of it. It was warm the peach trees were in full bloom. We took bedding but Pa decided we better get a room in farm houses and make our beds on the floor and get the use of their cook stove to make coffee and warm up if we needed to. We started afternoon the 3rd of March got here at night. The next morning the 6th,

everything was covered in snow. The peach trees limbs in full bloom just loaded with snow were beautiful.

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Excerpt from Armittie Whiteside Nelson's diary, she was a sister to Mattie Whiteside Day. They came to the Coffeyville area in 1876.

Submitted by: Ruth Foster, 2216 Grandview Dr., Manhattan, Kansas. 66502

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JAMES G. BLAINE

James G. Blaine, or Blaine as he was called, passed peacefully away at two thirty o'clock, Tuesday afternoon at the age of twenty-five years, four months and five days.

He was born at the Day Homestead April 3rd, 1886 and was buried on the east bank of Clymore Creek where reposed his equinal friends and relatives. He passed a useful and happy life with scarely an indisposition and his death was simply a decline. He retained his usual appetite until the morning of his death when he was unable to rise, but greeted the family with his usual welcome whinney.

His life work was well and faithfully done and his last years were spent in leisure roaming over the pastures, orchard and vineyard, wherever he loved to graze.

He was the pet of the Day family and received the care due him which was the best the farm afforded; and it can be truly said 'those who knew him best, loved him best.

Surely the value of a faithful horse is above diamonds and rubies.

.....Mattie A. Day

This is a tribute to the Day family favorite old horse. Written by Mattie A. Day, Grandmother of Ivan P. Foster (deceased).

Submitted by: The widow of Ivan P. Foster,
Ruth Foster, 2216 Grandview Dr.
Manhattan, KS 66502

DEVELOPMENT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS TOWNSHIPS

Montgomery County is situated in the southern part of the State of Kansas, the north line of the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, forming its southern boundary. It is further bounded by Labette county on the east, Wilson on the north and Elk and Chautauqua counties on the west.

Montgomery County was formed from the southern one-half of Wilson County, by the legislature of 1867. Montgomery county comprises a portion of that body of land which was set apart and known as the "Diminished Reserve of the Osage Indians," and embraced an area of 8,000,000 acres. There was a strip of land, however, three miles in width, extending along the east side of the county, which did not form a part of the Reserve, but was a portion of what was called the "Ceded Lands," and was obtained from the Indians in 1867 and opened to settlement.

Owing to a discrepancy between the southern boundary line of the state of Kansas and the south line of the Osage Diminished Reserve, there was a strip of land along the south line of Montgomery county, varying between two and three miles in width, which was claimed by the Cherokee Indians, and which was eventually sold for their benefit several years later.

By a proclamation made by Governor James M. Harvey, on June 3, 1869, the County of Montgomery became legally organized as a corporate body. A Board of Commissioners was appointed composed of H.C. Crawford, H. A. Bethuran and R. L. Walker; and E. C. Kimball was appointed Clerk.

The official survey and creation of Montgomery County dates from 1869 and was made to embrace 636 square miles of territory, carved out of the Osage Reserve. The name Montgomery was applied to it, in honor of the celebrated General, Richard Montgomery.

On June 11, 1869, the Board of Commissioners appeared before W. S. McFeeters, a notary public, and received the oath of office. It was on June 3, 1869, the seat of government for the county temporarily fixed at Verdigris City. November 2, 1869, the county seat was moved to Liberty and in May 1870 it was moved to Independence.

The first official act of the Board of Commissioners was to divide the county into townships and fix the voting precincts. Three townships were made, each about nine miles in width, extending across the county east and west. Beginning at the north they were named Drum Creek, Verdigris and Westralia. See map number one.

On petition, the commissioners, on June 4th, 1870, divided the county into nine townships making the boundaries about as they are today except that the three east side townships were, later, each split into two. See map number two.

By the year 1879, Montgomery County had twelve townships. The three east side townships had each split into two, West Cherry from Cherry; Liberty from Drum Creek; and Parker from Westralia; Cherokee from Westrialia and Parker. Westralia township no longer existed. See map number three.

TOWNSHIP AND RANGE LINES OF FEDERAL SURVEYS IN KANSAS

Instructions from the General Land Office in Washington provided for a survey of the Kansas-Nebraska border (40° North Latitude) to be used as the Base Line from which survey lines would run. The initial point of the Sixth Principal Meridian was located on the Base Line 108 miles west of the Missouri River, to serve as the controlling line for east-west range lines. The Sixth Principal Meridian and its base line serves as the control for the public surveys in Kansas.

To correct for expected inaccuracies in the surveys the instructions from Washington provided for east-west standard parallels located thirty miles apart in Kansas. All of Kansas is located in townships which are south of the base line, and the townships along the southern boundary are numbered thirty-five south. Range lines, the east-west designation for each township, begin at the Sixth Principal Meridian. Systematic numbering of the thirty-six sections within each township provide a simple way for a unique designation of each piece of land in the state.

Most of the Federal Surveys in Kansas were carried out by private surveyors operating under contract and supervised by one of the various surveyors general. The first surveys were complete in the northeast part of the territory, where early settlement took place, and generally the work proceeded from east to west. The original surveys were completed and the office was closed on June 30, 1876. Survey map will appear in a later issue.

SOURCE: History of State of Kansas, by A.T. Andreas 1883.
History of Montgomery County, Kansas, by
L. Wallace Duncan, 1903
Historical Atlas of Kansas by Homer E. Socolofsky
Historical Atlas of Montgomery County, Kansas, 1881.

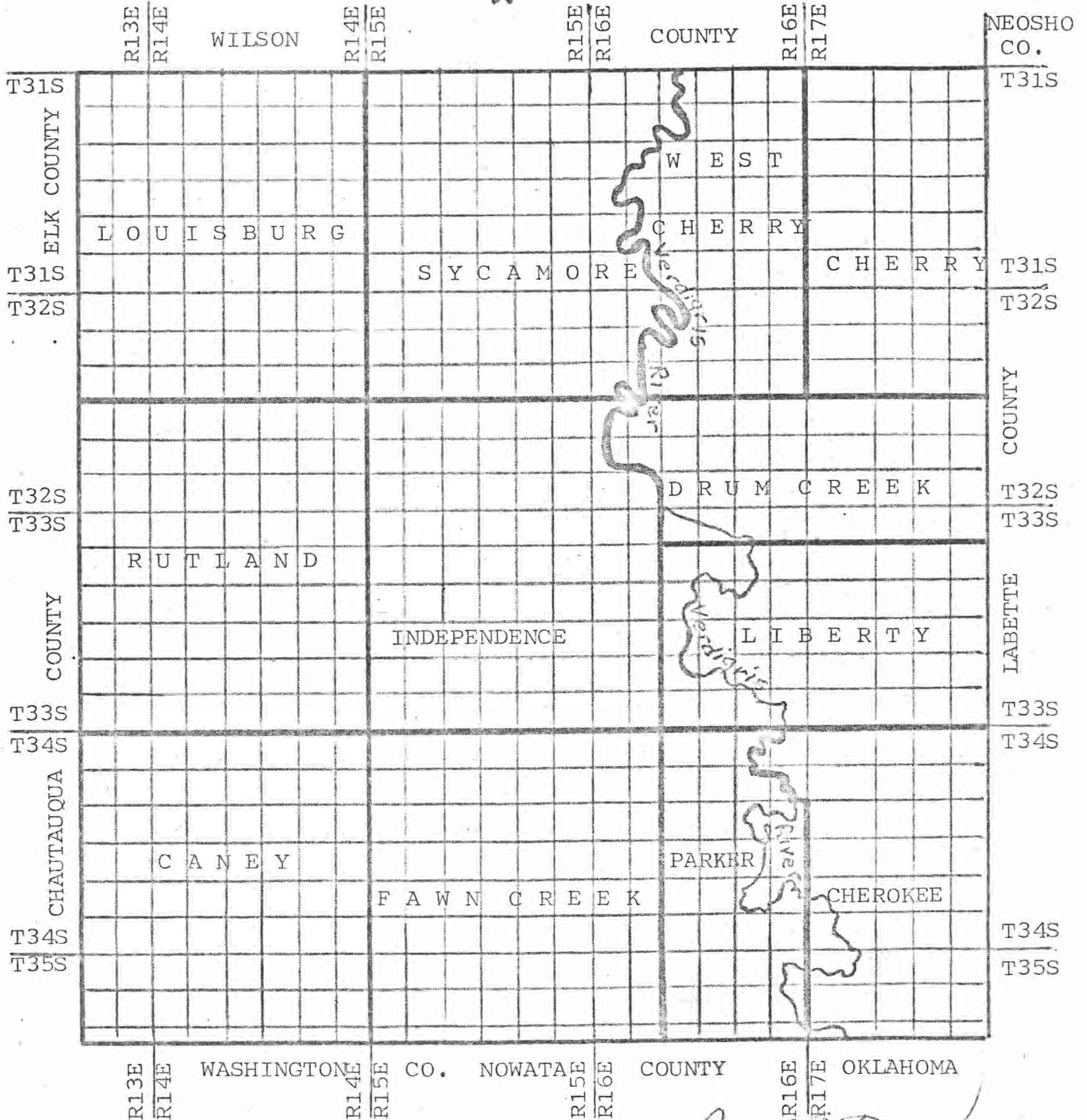
Maps drawn and material submitted by Donald T. and Rachel E. Nelson.

NOTE: We hope to follow this with a series of maps and material on several items of interest.

THE TWELVE TOWNSHIPS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS



Map No. 3



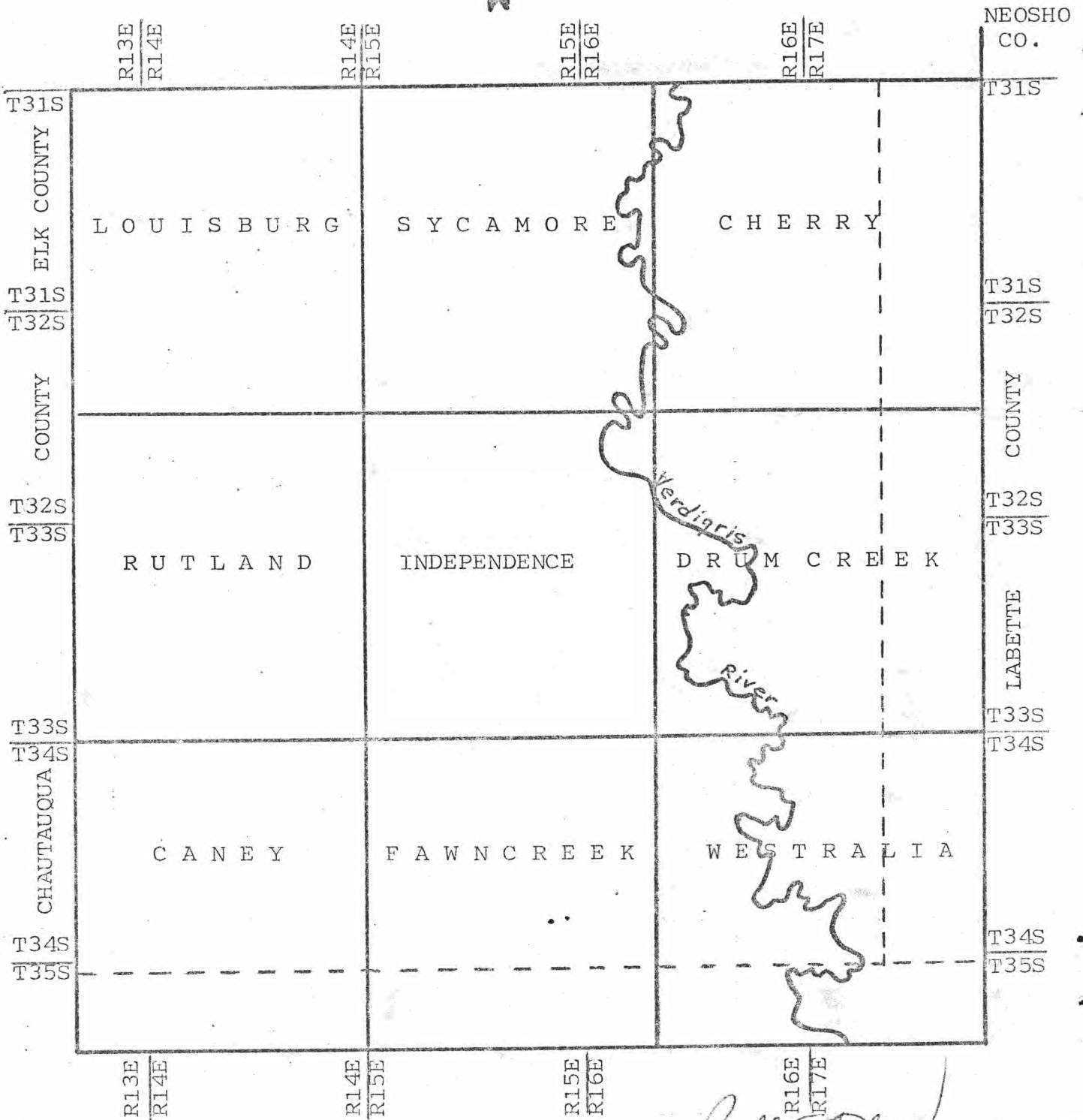
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FIRST THREE TOWNSHIPS DIVIDED INTO NINE TOWNSHIPS

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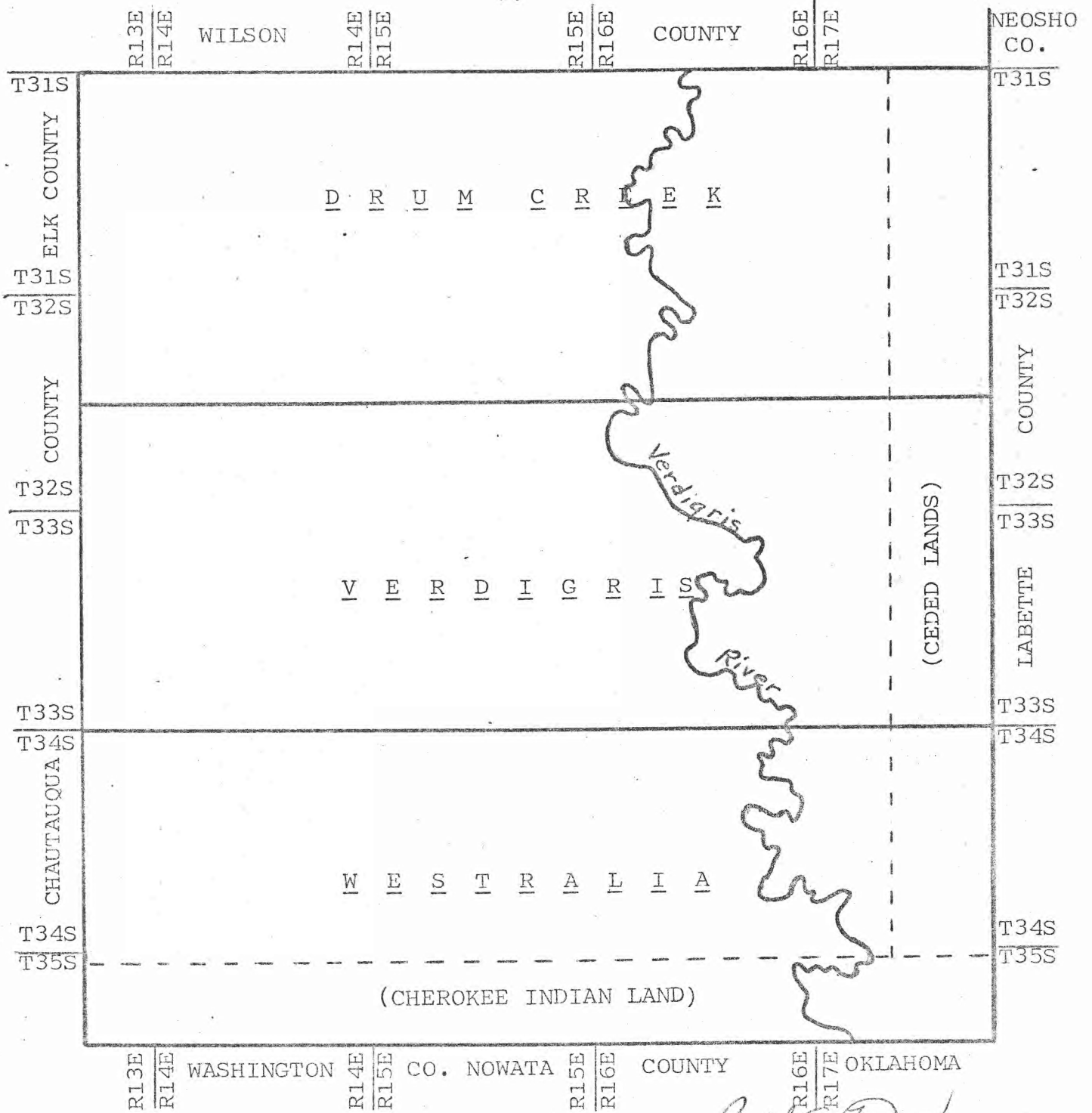


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FIRST TOWNSHIPS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

Map No. 1



R13E WASHINGTON R14E CO. NOWATA R15E R16E COUNTY R16E OKLAHOMA
 R14E R15E R17E

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QUERIES

Members may run queries free. Non members may run one query for \$1.50 for 6 lines.

TALLEY-TALLY-MATNEY-BERHNS-FLOWERS: Benona C. TALLEY went to Montgomery Co., KS. about 1873 after his first wife died. He married Nancy Jane Lawson MATNEY. She had 2 children: William M. MATNEY about 6 and Emma Jane about 4, Benona C. called B.C. and Nancy Jane TALLEY had 7 children born in Montgomery Co. Need data on the MATNEY and TALLEY children. I have been told that Benjamin C. and wife Irene (BERHNS) are buried in or near Cherryvale, KS. and that Clementine and her husband James FLOWERS are buried near Burbank, OK, in Osage Co., OK. Have these cemetery records been copied or where could I get funeral home names?
Mrs. Lloyd M. TALLEY, 2020 Emerald Dr., Lawrence, KS. 66044

NEWFORTH/NEUFARTH: Phillip NEWFORTH/NEUFARTH who died 7 Jan 1902 Montgomery Co., KS. Think it is in Coffeyville, Ks. Came to Montgomery Co. no earlier than Aug 1898 from Barton Co., Ks.
Bob Vandyne, 1849 Roberts, Salina, KS 67401

WALKERS: Looking for Walkers who lived in 1000 block of West 11th in Coffeyville in 1961-62. Would like to hear from any Walker family with connections to family.
Bob Vandyne, 1849 Roberts, Salina, KS 67401

PINNEO (PINEO)--GOODWIN-UNDERWOOD-RICH; Will exchange information all PINNEO (PINEO) or anyone with PINNEO surname in file. Harriet GOODWIN b. IN? 1839 m. Anett UNDERWOOD 1859, where? Their dau Alveia b. 1859, where? m. 1879 Fred PINNEO, Cowley Co., KS or where? Harriet had sister: Em aransa b. 1824 Vt. m Patrick PINNEO b 1815 VT moved to IN 1840's Edna b about 1820 VT. m Issaac D. RICH, where? Issaac b about 1815 OH lived in Summer, Wellington, KS in 1850 census Need parent of Harriet.
Mrs. Fred Pinneo, 82631 N. Greenwood, Crewell, Oregon 97426

BOGGS-POLLARD-READRON-DE LAPP-SMITH-BARNS: (1) Wilbur Fisk BOGGS Jr. (Bill) Electrician, born 20 Apr 1880, Independence Ks. (2) Wilbur Fisk BOGGS Sr. abstractor, born 2 Sep 1832 (where?) Died 13 Nov 1901, Independence, KS. Buried 17 Nov 1901 in Independence, KS. First wife Mary Elizabeth POLLARD died 22 Sep 1877 age 41, children of this union: Olive POLLARD, Ida REARDON, Mary DE LAPP, Lilburn BOGGS, Annie SMITH, Second wife Mary Ellen BARNS born ? 1864, Ottumwa, Wapelle, IA. Died 22 Sept 1898, Independence, KS. One son Wilbur Fisk BOGGS, Jr. Any information from this family?
David C. Smith, S.R. 38, Ducheneane, Utah 84021