

HISTORY OF OSAGE COUNTY, KANSAS.

what the law was, he decided what he thought was right, law or no law. How he secured 65 votes for the Railroad bonds at Havana Street when there were not more than a dozen voters, and how he was almost unanimously re-elected Justice of the Peace at Osage City when it was hardly known that he was a candidate, are mysteries that probably will never be solved. He was a bright Odd Fellow, and as one loved the order better.

Thomas Hayford, the father of Reuben, Jesse, Charles and Harvey, the latter of whom was killed in a mine and the three former of whom are well known in this county, emigrated from Geneva, N. Y., in 1857. His sons then were mere boys. He and his wife kept boarders in the house now known as the Reuch Home, and a jolly lot of them they had, hence he moved on to his farm, from thence to his present drug store. He has been Justice, Probate Judge, and has filled other important offices. He has always been moderate, temperate, industrious, cautious and happy, a good citizen, an upright man, and a credit to society. Long may he live to enjoy his home and his store, about which he has always displayed such good taste.

Henry Harvey, after whom Harveyville was named, had been for many years an agent of the Shawnees, and had written and published their history. He was much beloved by the Indians, who gave him a hearty welcome whenever he came among them. He and his sons espoused the free state cause, and procured and distributed large quantities of goods to the settlers without respect to party. They settled in Wahsauer county, but the history of Osage county would not be complete without them.

J. R. Stewart came here a mere boy, but he was as active and brave in the border troubles as the oldest. He took through the army's lines a petition to Governor Reardon, regarding the manner of the first election and praying for the same to be set aside. He studied medicine here for two years, commenced the practice of it, and then abandoned it, then read law, was admitted to the bar, elected the first County Attorney of this county, enlisted in the first company sent out to the war, returned on the disbursing of the regiment, after five months absence, was elected Justice of the Peace, which office he held for several terms. He served in the Legislature of 1868, returned to Pennsylvania the spring following in search of health, but only to learn that he was being removed from the railroad station to his old home. He was a young man of much promise, a fine scholar, an independent thinker, a clear and logical reasoner, and a bold and fearless advocate of whatever cause he espoused. He was greatly esteemed and his disease lamented by all who knew him. He left to mourn his loss an accomplished and graceful companion, now the wife of W. H. Milk.

Alexander Fuller came here in the year 1854, from Pennsylvania. He was a man well advanced in years. He was a prominent man up to the time of his decease in 1866. For years he was one of our leading Justices, a class leader in the M. E. Church, and was invariably the leader of the church choir at whatever church he chanced to be, and although he was rather eccentric he was a useful citizen. John Denison is another old citizen not to be forgotten. He settled by mistake on the reservation. After the U. S. survey, learning his mistake, he moved to town, built a house, was Schrieber and Cornell's first engineer, which occupation he followed up to about 1866, when he removed to Kansas, where he and his two sons, William and Isaac, have erected and are now running a large water-mill. He was a quiet, peaceful citizen, and an honest, industrious Englishman.

Ehrin Timms is the name of one well remembered by many of the old settlers. He was a stone mason by trade, and nearly all the good stone mason work about Burlington is the work of his hands. He was the jolliest Englishman that I ever knew. He settled first on 142 acres, but moved here in 1857. Whenever he went there was fun. At any political meeting an invitation from Timms brought down the house. It was (of course) for him to keep quiet even at

chance. On one occasion after Fenway's election to the U. S. Senate, he and Ed. Lines, of Wahsauer, spoke here at a meeting. Gen. Fenway was denouncing with great vehemence his efforts in behalf of bleeding Kansas. The silence was intense, and many an eye was filled with tears, when Timms shouted as loud as he could scream, "Deus!" The effect was electric, the audience was convulsed with laughter, the speaker was non-plussed, and from that time but little attention was paid to his oratory.

J. M. Chambers came here in 1858. He followed the trade of carpenter, until 1860, when he opened a small store and followed the mercantile business for several years, and did a large business. He was clerk of the district court for two terms, and proved a very competent officer. He has filled the office of Justice of the Peace several times, but not always with the usual partiality as some believe. He was the founder of the Old School Presbyterian church, and has been some of its pillars ever since.

John Merrill, well known to Odd Fellows, came in 1856. He was for many years County Commissioner. His sons, George, Price, and N. A., came soon afterwards. Price made the survey of Burlington. He was shot either by some trapper or Indian while on a buffalo hunt, his pockets were rifled, his saddle and pony stolen, and he left on the prairie where his dead body was found the next day. N. A. was twice in the legislature. He made a compromise, but by injudicious interference he lost it nearly all and left for the state of Ohio.

Levi Empe came here from Fox Lake, Wis., in 1857. He erected a store, brought on a stock of goods, and has nearly ever since carried on merchandising, and has been successful, as any man would be who adheres to the strict rules of business. He is probably the most wealthy man in the county. His two oldest sons, Ed. Wain, and Henry, now deceased, were smart business men, especially the former. He commenced clerking at Lavenworth at fifty dollars a month. At the close of the war he was an equal partner in one of the largest wholesale houses of that city. That spirit which prompted him to successful industry caused him to neglect his physical well-being until he died. He died of consumption in the mountains.

J. R. Adams still lives in the county, at Arvonia. He has devoted much of his time to the church and the cause of education since he came to the county. He was for two or three years clerk of the court.

The family of John Drew can claim to have their complete history written. George J. was once our Supervisor and Clerk of the District Court, which he resigned for the office of private in the army. He has always interested himself in Sabbath-schools. Wm. V. Drew has been three times county clerk, and was reputed a good one.

April 27th, 1859, the first Board of Supervisors met; this meeting was held at Superior. There were present V. K. Monfort, M. Rambo, and A. T. Dutton; E. M. Pettit, Clerk, and John Rambo, Deputy Clerk. This Board seemed to be very caring of the people's money, for the bridge across Deepoan, a mile west of Superior, having fallen into the stream, the Board advertised for sealed bids to rebuild it, and on opening they found but one, and that for \$7500. which they considered too high, and afterwards let it for \$5000. The first tax levied in Osage county was May 3, 1859, it was for the sum of \$45000—quite different from the sum of \$100,000 levied in 1879. \$41,252.48 of which was for school purposes, but on Nov. 16th, following, the Board thinking that the reduction of May 3rd was too large for the wants of the county, rescinded that action and voted the sum of \$40000. M. Rambo voted in the negative and asked to have his vote recorded, and assigned as a reason therefor that he thought \$12500 would be sufficient.

Nov. 14th, 1859, the aggregate value of real property in the county was \$45,90000, of personal property it was \$14,95500. In 1879 the aggregate

value was as follows: real, \$1,255,931 00, personal, \$246,812 00, and in 1878, real, \$1,225,931 00, and personal, \$734,377 00.

It would appear that the taxes in criminal cases were not much less in an early day than at present, for on the 3rd of Sept. 1859, the Supervisors allowed M. Rambo as Justice of the Peace fees, \$67 65 in one case.

The Masonic Lodge of Cahoonville, No. 79, was organized Dec. 21, 1874. Ed. Thomas, W. M.; Jesse Brockway, S. W.; H. W. Jenson, J. W.; Charter Members, P. V. Griggs, A. Gleason, W. H. Ellis, E. R. Bartlett, C. C. Moore, R. W. Jones, J. K. Shipley, Alex. Thomas, J. V. Reed, Geo. W. Miller, M. J. Baker, James Stafford, J. B. Covert, John Lloyd, Geo. Dole, Samuel Perry and John Reedy. The Ridgeway Lodge was organized in 1871. Charter Members, C. J. McDevitt, Geo. W. Watson, C. H. Eaton, J. S. Riley, H. K. Riley, Geo. R. Zwery, J. B. Emsey, J. S. Emerson and Joseph Law. The first Lodge organized in the county was at Michigan Valley. In the year 1873, with J. G. Ellis as Master. Charter Members, Wm. Barnett, Jo. Barnett, Oliver Barnett, Thomas Beady, Sol. Beady, Bart. Beady, Emery Sank, W. File, Dave Robinson and J. W. Swank.

The following are the names of the persons who have held county offices:

County Assessors—James R. Stewart, W. C. Fisher, W. H. Thiers, appointed; Wm. Thomson, J. G. Iowa, S. D. Wright, incumbent, and F. S. Singletary, elect. Probate Judges—Marmaduke Rambo, John L. Brooks, appointed. W. H. Thiers, A. J. Bateen, S. A. Fairchild, Thomas Playford, H. A. Billings, T. L. Marshall, John H. Cox, Thomas Jenson, Augustus Vorhees, D. Z. Olney, William Thomson, H. A. Billings, incumbent, and John Haming, elect.

County Commissioners—V. R. Merritt, M. Rambo, A. T. Dutton, J. L. Rooks, John Dodge, Geo. Hall, Lucina Fish, M. Rambo and term, John H. Coxen, E. L. Ellis, appointed. Vm. Lord, John Merrill, Wm. Archibald, John Rehrig, F. W. Hollenback, J. McDonald, John F. Dadd, Geo. R. Branson, C. J. McDevitt, L. N. Elliott, A. Wiley, John Ranning and Geo. S. Brock. A. Baster and Amos Cook incumbents.

County Clerks—E. M. Pettitt, James Rambo, N. G. Deunere, T. S. Cleveland, Geo. Barnes, Frank Jennings, appointed. Norman Guinn, M. H. Marshall, Wm. G. Drew, and Ed Spaulding, incumbent. Treasurers—A. T. Dutton, C. C. Crumb, O. H. Sheldon, D. B. McDoag, T. L. Marshall and John S. Ellis, incumbent. Judges of Court—A. N. Hubbard, Jesse Lewis, W. C. Chatfield, E. Mills and S. R. Bechtel, incumbent.

Sheriffs—J. P. Merrill, H. D. Preston, W. H. Thiers, Jesse Evans, C. G. Fox, A. H. Todd, J. E. Cook, incumbent. John F. Dodd. Coroners—A. Leonard, Geo. Roberts, S. F. Hart, G. R. Jackson, J. L. Farber, Dr. Tyler, incumbent.

Superintendent of Public Instruction—J. R. Casier, James Rowles, J. E. Stewart, J. M. Chambers, John Barrows, appointed. Peter Kirby, Martin Seiter, J. M. Byers, J. W. Morris, L. J. Seay, E. D. Newton, W. W. Morris, incumbent, and J. S. Whisman, elect. Sheriff—E. S. Ferguson, E. S. Seay, E. D. Rooks, A. W. Bell, Hanson Dabois, B. N. Wyatt, Wm. A. Connor, R. A. Branton, A. Hoover, J. S. Ellis, and W. Frankins, incumbent.

Clerk of the District Court—A. N. Hubbard, Geo. J. Drew, L. R. Adams, E. L. Root, J. M. Chambers, Thomas Donnell, incumbent, and W. A. Connersman, elect. Judges of the District Court—R. M. Ruggles, John H. Watson, and E. B. Peyton, incumbent.

List of Patrons of the Atlas of Osage County, Kansas.

TOWN 14 SOUTH. RANGE 13 EAST OF THE 6th P. M.

Table with 6 columns: NAME, POST-OFFICE, SECTION, BUSINESS, NATIVITY, Settled in County. Includes S. Fogwell, B. V. Becker, etc.

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TOWN 15 SOUTH. RANGE 14 EAST OF THE 6th P. M.

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TOWN 16 SOUTH. RANGE 14 EAST OF THE 6th P. M.

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TOWN 17 SOUTH. RANGE 13 EAST OF THE 6th P. M.

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