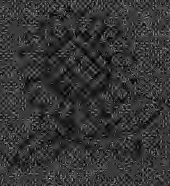


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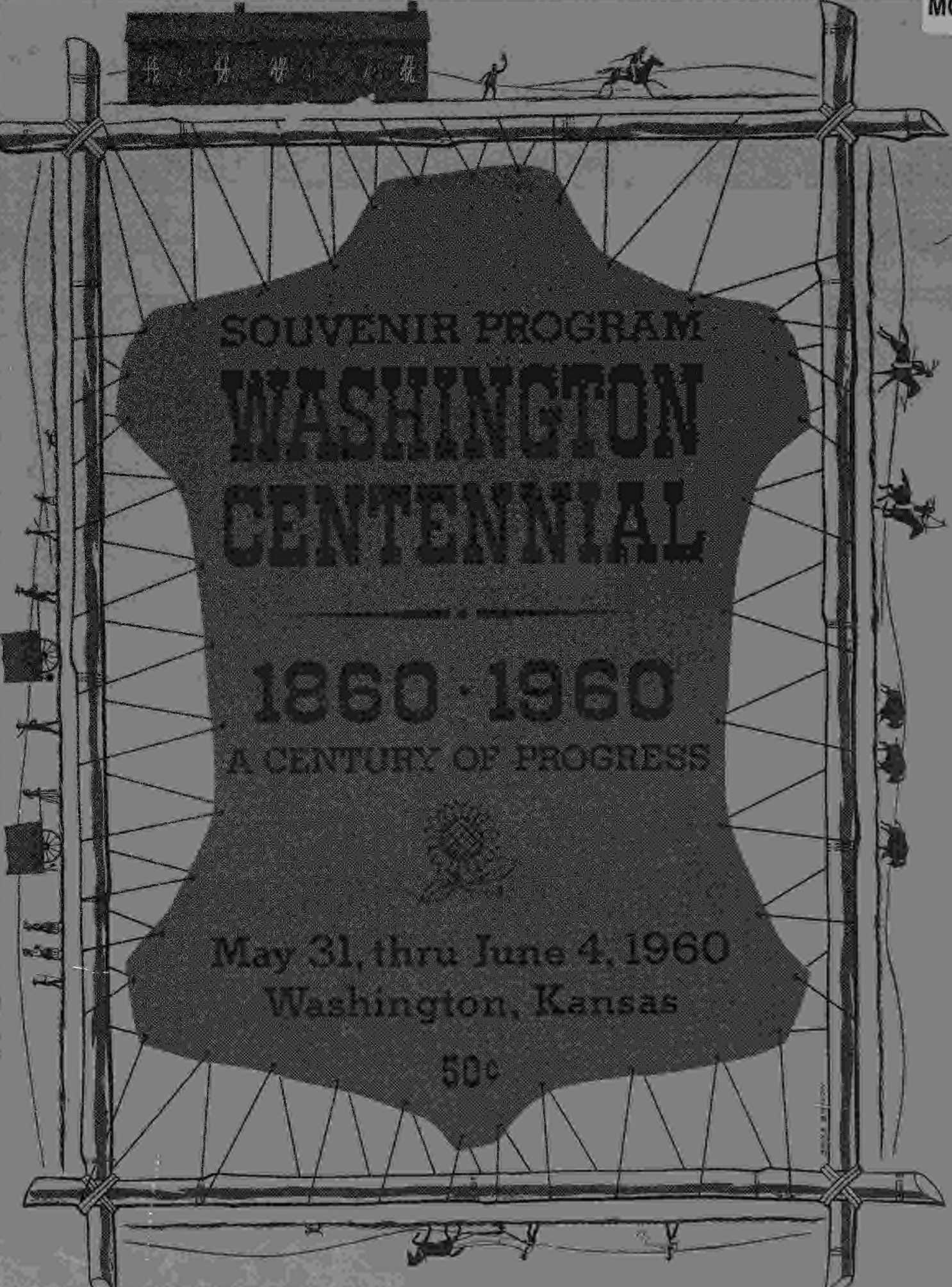
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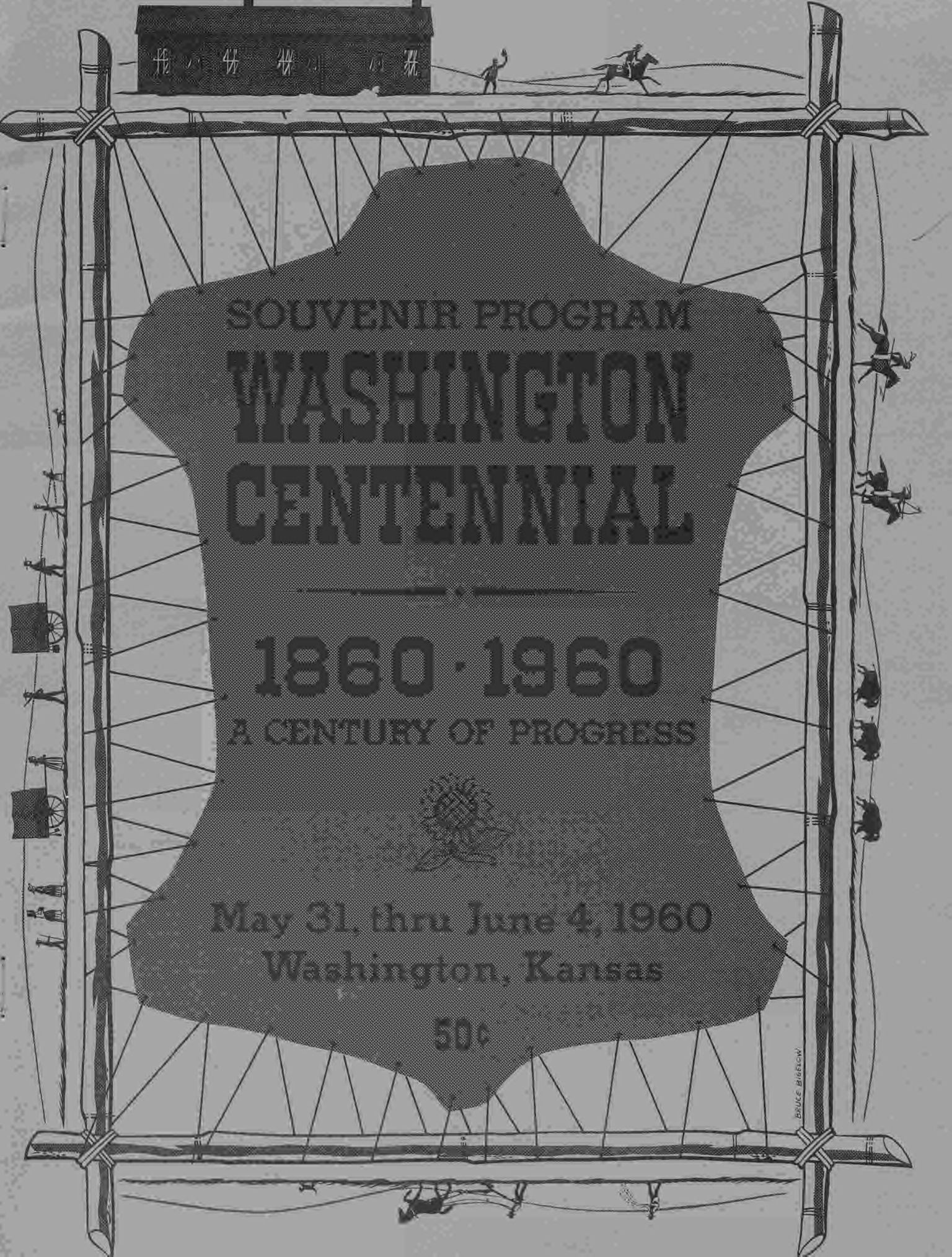


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The U. S. Treasury Department granted the bank a National charter April 2, 1883 and the bank opened for business on April 9, 1883 in a two story building located on the site now occupied by Washington National Bank.

1883

OUR FIRST STATEMENT
 at the close of business May 1, 1883

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$ 58,841.24
Overdrafts	23.99
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Due from other National Banks	9,415.48
Due from State Banks and Bankers	7,826.60
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures	4,000.00
Current expenses and taxes paid	123.72
Premium paid	2,398.43
Checks and other Cash items	138.41
Bills from other banks	3,315.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels & pennies	90.80
Specie	2,535.45
Legal tender notes	7,500.00
Due from U.S. Treasurer, other than 5% redemption fund	40.00
TOTAL	\$108,749.12

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Undivided profits	1,390.11
Individual deposits subject to check	42,708.97
Demand certificates of deposit	11,313.74
Time certificates of deposit	3,165.05
Due to State Banks and bankers	171.25
TOTAL	\$108,749.12

FRANK H. HEAD, Cashier

J. G. Lowe, A. W. Moore, F. A. Head, Directors

1960
 at the close of business December 31, 1959

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 1,063,433.77
Overdrafts	401.38
U. S. Government Bonds	599,653.13
Municipal and Other Bonds	429,500.00
Federal Reserve Stock	4,500.00
Bank Building and Fixtures	1.00
Cash and Sight Exchange	455,266.24
Other Assets	2,940.81
TOTALS	\$2,555,696.33

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	25,000.00
Surplus	125,000.00
Undivided Profits	58,919.22
DEPOSITS	2,346,777.11
TOTALS	\$2,555,696.33

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The History of WASHINGTON

by Helen Hennon

"In Kansas, winters are short, the springs are early and beautiful. . . . there is not in the United States a more Beautiful Territory."

So read the invitation of Kansas by Mark J. Kelley in his *Western Observer* in 1869, quoting a come-on railroad pamphlet.

Why this beautiful territory attracted no permanent settlers until 1858 has never been explained by early day historians. Many passed over its lands. Coronado may have been the first in 1542 although historians sometimes doubt this. Major Long's expedition in 1820 passed over this portion of the state, and a few years later this part of the state became seamed with travelers and roads toward the west, and traders, missionaries and herders repeatedly trod its soil.

There is no record that anyone stayed to enjoy the climate.

In 1845 the Mormons passed through the county on their way to the state of Utah. One of their favorite camping grounds was at "Mormon Springs" three miles south of Washington on Ash Creek. J. S. Bird, a historian of 1882, wrote: "Close to the spring is a high rock composed of red sandstone, upon which has been carved the names of many disciples of polygamy with the date of their visit. These momentos of their presence have, by the ruthless hands of time and reckless boys, been obliterated excepting a huge cart wheel, the word and heraldic sign of some teamster or ox driver." This spot is probably the old swimming hole on Ash Creek, a favorite haunt of Washington boys since early settler days.

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The Oregon Trail passed through the north-eastern part of the county and was sometimes called the Mormon Road or California Road. West of Washington about eight miles is the old military road where a large sandstone bears the name of several early travelers.

It was through the influence of two men by the name of Pierce that Washington, born in bitterness and weaned on gunsmoke, was born 100 years ago. The first Pierce, unimportant except that he was president of the United States, simply signed the Kansas-Nebraska Bill in 1854 which opened the territory and allowed that the settlers themselves could decide whether the state should be slave or free.

Anti-slavery organizations to aid emigrants were formed in New England. And from New England, New York, Ohio and Illinois, most of the founding fathers of Washington came.

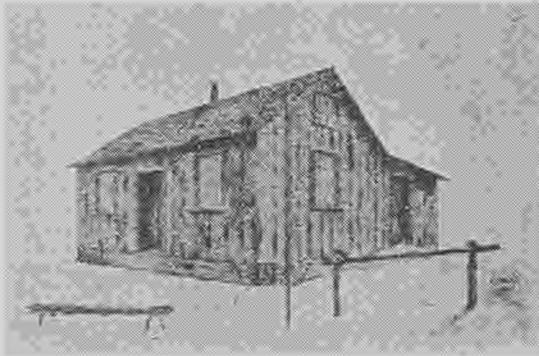
James McNulty, who came from Iowa in July 1857, was the first settler. He wintered one year in Marysville but wanted to go farther west so he located on Mill Creek five miles west of Washington. He built a cabin, the first building in the county, returned to Marysville for his family and brought with him Ralph Ostrander who settled adjoining him on land known for many years as the old Lavering place.

Gerat H. Hollenberg, world traveler and first merchant, arrived in May 1858 and established his Cottonwood Station on the Ft. Kearney road near Hanover. There for 17 years he sold supplies to early settlers, quartered a post office and hostelry. There was heavy travel on the Oregon Trail. Hollenberg, a representative to the Kansas Territorial Legislature and onetime county commissioner, died in 1874 enroute to his native home in Hanover, Germany, and was buried at sea.

Hollenberg was the founder of both Hanover and Hollenberg and was often called the father of Washington County.

Other settlers also came that year. Another Pierce, George G. from New York and D. E. Ballard from Vermont selected the site of Washington.

Jacob and Daniel Blocker staked their claims in Mill Creek Township where stands the present day Blocker Church. Rufus Darby with his



The First Courthouse

sons, James, Rezin, Philip, and Asa, and M. Woodward, his brother-in-law, with their families located at Ballards Crossing in the eastern part of the county, but one year later moved to a claim about 1½ miles north of what is now Morrowville where Mill Creek joins Salt Creek.

George Foster settled in Lincoln Township; S. F. Snider, who became the first county probate judge, built three cabins in the southwestern part of Charleston Township (probably near famous Snider's Hill); Jonathan B. Snider, John and Richard Bond, and Fred Fisher also came that year settling in Charleston Township; and Peter Eslinger and W. Parson located on Parson's Creek near Clifton.

Washington was a township attached to Marshall County in January 1857. Two years later, George Pierce was elected township supervisor; D. E. Ballard, clerk, and William Tarbox, treasurer. George Pierce remained in this capacity until the end of the territorial legislature in 1861 and then Dave Ballard was the first state representative.

Washington city and county hatched from the same egg in 1860.

On September 5, 1859 Ballard, Pierce, James Darby (son of Rufus), H. Lott, and Thomas Bowen banded together to form the Washington Town Company. After electing George Pierce, who with Ballard originated the idea, president, their first work was to locate the town dead center in the county. This land was laid off into streets and blocks and lots were assigned. But the location, too far from water, was impractical

so they moved two miles northeast and started over again in the present site.

That year Rufus Darby received his appointment as the first justice of the peace.

Meeting several times during the winter they replanned the town and by spring, 1860, George Pierce, an engineer by profession, assisted by E. Woolbert, a builder, had laid out the present town.

Ballard served as secretary of this company and his little book of lots and owners with the town's charter pasted in the front still exists.

The year was a busy one. The county became the elder twin when an election of officers was held in April. Meanwhile the Town Company had built a shack known as the Company House where both they and the county commissioners, George E. Caldwell, Joseph Malin, and William Hoffine, were holding their meetings. Clerk and Registrar was Dave Ballard; Treasurer, M. G. Driskell; Sheriff, William Langsdale; and Surveyor, James O'Neal.

With the hammering of the first nail in the Company House, trouble began.

Settlers were arriving fast. Among them were J. R. Hallowell, O. S. Canfil, S. Lynn, H. S. Haynes, W. P. Kelch, J. W. Taylor, J. R. Flaize, Andy Oswald, and Spender.

Meanwhile four miles away to the northeast, S. F. Snider and J. B. Snider, arrivals of 1858, had constructed four cabins, invited a Mr. Rodgers to build a steam powered saw mill and were hurrying ahead of the town company to build a county seat.

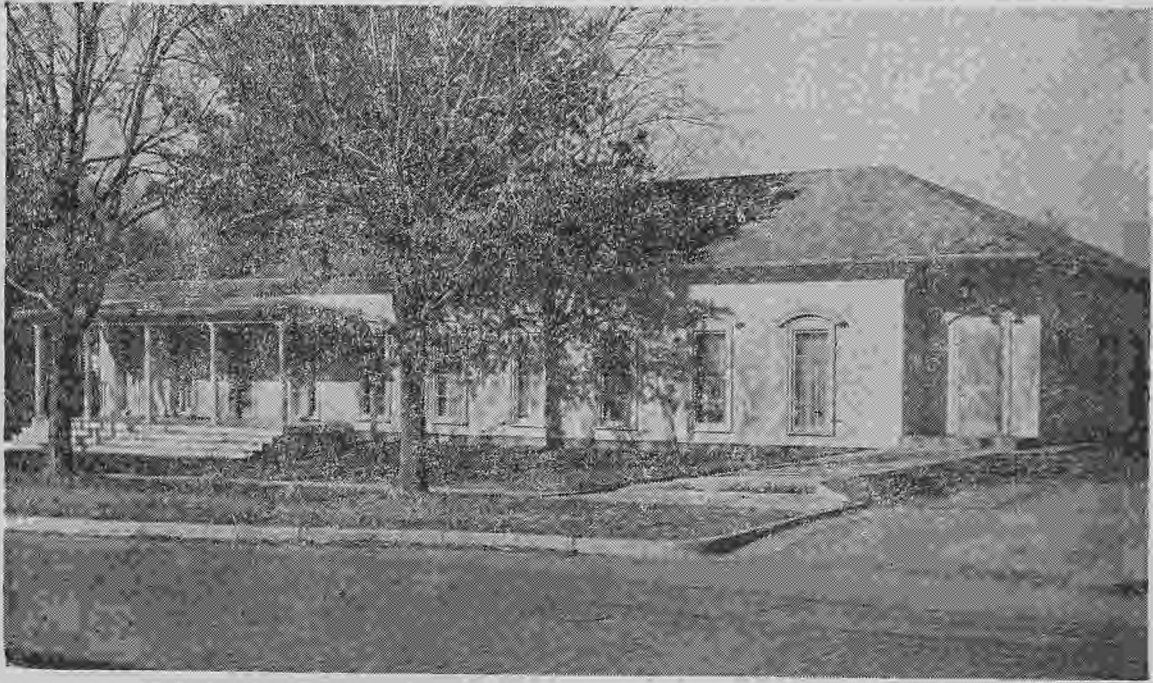
During the summer of 1860 the Town Company had bogged down.

Civil War was in the wind when in 1854 the bill making Kansas open territory was signed. Settlers had poured in from North and South. Washington was too far away from the southern strongholds to be much affected by statehood strife and most of her settlers were New England stock and strong Union sympathizers.

Washington had applied for its charter from the territorial government in October 1859 but it was August 15, 1860 before the articles of association of the Washington Town Company request for a corporation was acknowledged by George M. Beebe, secretary of the territory at Lecompton.

Building had begun before the company charter was signed. Thomas Bowen built a 12 by 14 store where, with a "mammoth stock" of merchandise, he opened the first dry goods and grocery store.

In September E. Woolbert built a stockade house (protection against Indians) which was put up endwise one story high and two stories wide. Here he opened up the first hotel. This was also the first postoffice with Woolbert re-



SINCE 1884—

The D. A. Ward firm was established here in 1884 by Dwight A. Ward who, with his family, came from Massachusetts. They settled first at Hiawatha but, after two years, moved to Washington. The store was first located on the east side of the square but, in 1886, moved to its present location on the west side of the square.

Dwight A. Ward, assisted by his son, Ernest A. Ward, managed the store and directed funerals until his death Jan. 23, 1890, when his son assumed complete charge.

W. W. Green joined the firm as undertaker in 1895 and remained through the years until age and infirmity forced his retirement in 1953. In 1931 Mr. Ward purchased the P. C. Swan home on West Second street and remodeled it for a funeral home, the first in Washington county. It has been in constant use since that time and formed a nucleus for the present home. In 1937, the Ward's son-in-law, Arthur George, joined the firm, working under Mr. Green until his retirement. When E. A. Ward passed away



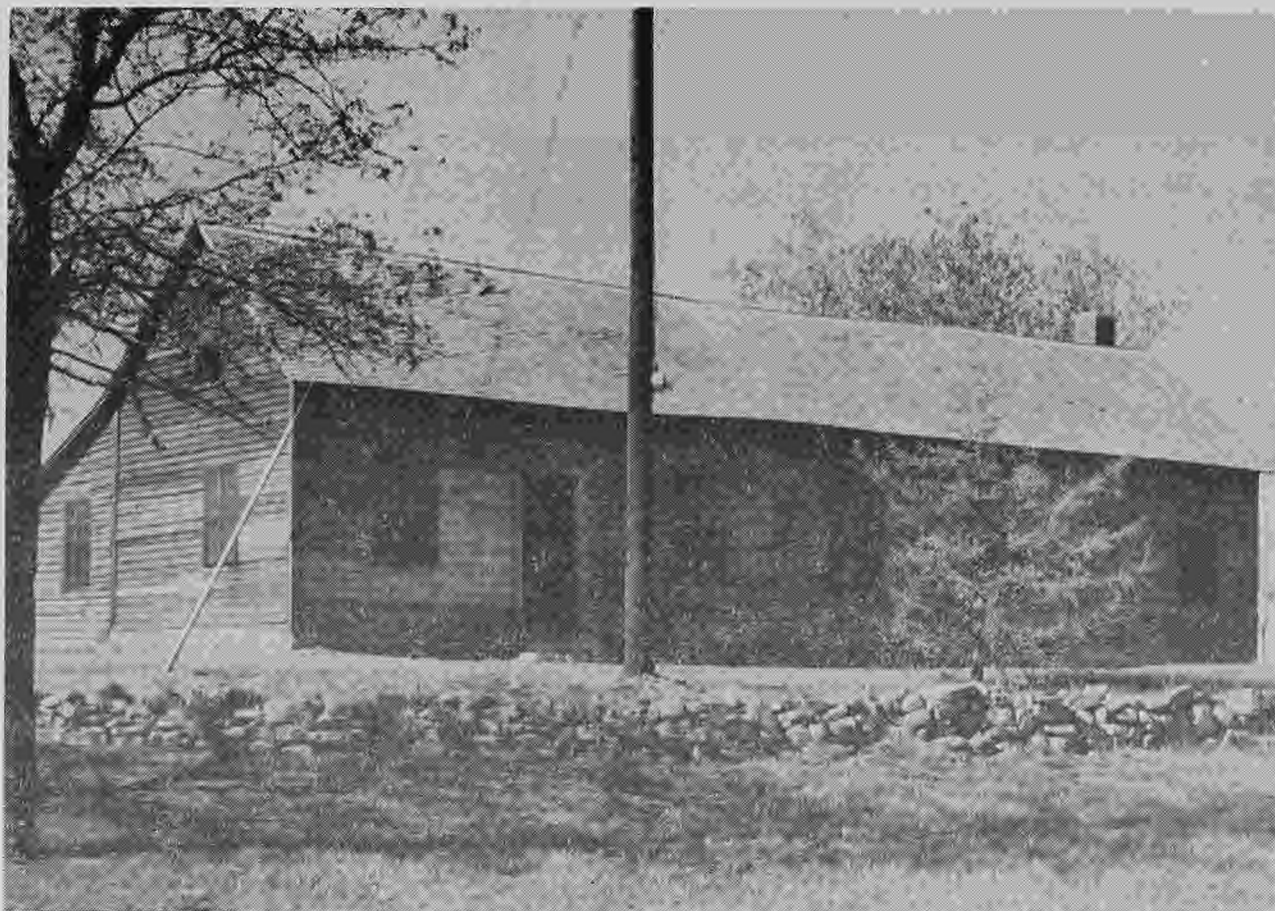
(the same year, 1953, Mr. George was put in full charge of both the store and the mortuary.

Mrs. E. A. Ward still resides in the family home at 231 West Third street. She has three daughters, Alice, Mrs. Glen Bowdish, Hanover; Marian, Mrs. F. R. Lobaugh, and Eunice, Mrs. Arthur George, both of Washington.

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WASHINGTON, KANSAS

Photo Courtesy Leo Dieker



The only original and unaltered Pony Express Station—Hollenberg Station northeast of Hanover, Kansas

ceiving his appointment in the spring of 1861.

D. E. Ballard brought the mail from Marysville once a week.

In November came the election to choose the county seat. Of 333 residents, 72 voted. All were for Washington. McNulty on his farm west of Washington had offered land under the name, West Union, and S. F. Snider had pushed his already started town of Rodgersville four miles northeast. But on election day Snider withdrew his town and threw his seven votes to Washington. Town Company officials had assigned several lots to be given to the county for a court house.

Snider later came to join the establishment of Washington.

E. Woolbert was apparently the town carpenter because early history records one of his second structures as the Mill for A. Cubison. This mill had fallen to ruin by 1882 as early historian, J. S. Bird wrote, "Some ruins can still be seen at this date." The mill was on the south side of Mill Creek and just south of town.

By this time Civil War had started and Lin-

coln was calling for volunteers. George Pierce, first territorial legislative representative, Dave Ballard, the first state legislator, James and Rezin Darby were among those answering the call.

George Pierce's goodbye to his newly created town when he entered the country's service was forever. He was killed at the battle of Petersburg. Wounded three times, he was found on the battlefield and carried to Washington, D.C. by the Hon. James Lane who stayed with him until he died one week afterward.

"Washington, shame to say, does not bear a single lasting tribute to his memory, excepting Pierce Creek, a small branch of Mill Creek, dry in summer and unnoticeable in winter," Rufus Darby, early settler, recorded. Pierce, a native of New York, was a civil engineer, a man of good education and refined manners. He was enthusiastic in behalf of the town of his adoption.

Young Rezin Darby was also killed in the Civil War in the battle of Pea Ridge, Arkansas.

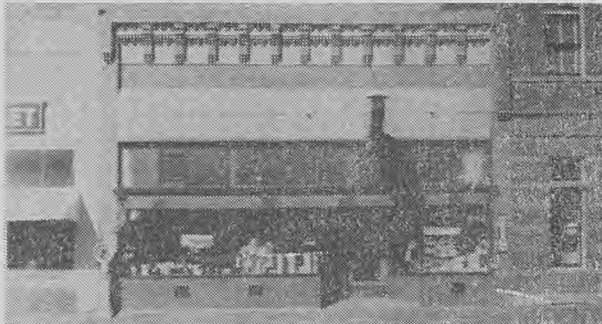
While the men faced death at the battlefield, townsmen at home faced difficulties. Troubles that followed the men's departure were related

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April, 1960



Brown's Drug Store
July 4, 1899



Brown's Drug Store
April 20, 1872

The Brown Drug Store was founded in 1872. by John A. Brown. In that early store he carried almost everything available, even fresh fruit. The first building to house this concern was a small one story structure, one side of which was used for a drug store, the other front part was a millinery store operated by Mrs. Brown. Later as the drug store prospered, it out-grew this building and was housed in a two story brick building which Mr. Brown erected next door to the first structure, both of which stood on the site now occupied by the Boogaart store. When fire destroyed this building Mr. Brown built on the present site. He is credited with being the first Merchant in Washington, to put a board side walk in front of his store. He also gave space in his store to the first collection of books that the Woman's Study Club gathered as the beginning of our present City Library. He also gave one of the lots for the Methodist Church, and was a member of its Official Board until his death in 1916. After the death of Mr. Brown, his son John Brown, Jr. became owner of the store and in 1953 he modernized the store with an entirely new interior. John Jr. served his community through the Masonic lodge, the Lion's Club, and the Methodist Church of which he was a member of the Official Board at the time of his death in 1956. The store Brown's Rex-all store, is now owned and operated by Mrs. John A. Brown, Jr.

by E. Woolbert who remained unofficial overseer. Before the men left, the town was divided in half and a shanty built on each section. Elgin Richards and Christian Straum were left living on these properties. Two years later the men were about to jump their claims. A letter by McBratney to Ballard that they must establish title to the land brought Ballard home. He secured a leave, returned and hired E. Woolbert to break and fence ten acres on each quarter of land. Ballard then gave Woolbert two town lots and Woolbert was to build a house. Straum and Richards then "proved up" their land and deeded it to the town company. This kept the town from slipping through the hands of the Town Company.

It was the first of Washington's title trouble.

Woolbert and McBratney then went to Junction City and proved up land, a half section of land now southwest of Washington. This later was sold to H. C. Sprengle who established the Sprengle Mill where the dam is now built on Mill Creek.

The next few years Washington marked time with the war arresting growth.

School for the first time opened in 1861 with Miss Agnes Hallowell (later Mrs. Philip Darby) as first teacher. The district was organized but the school was held in the company house.

Meanwhile county commissioners had created a third township, Clifton, in 1862.

John Maylon had erected the first blacksmith shop in 1860 but he drowned in Mill Creek during high water in June the same year. In 1865 E. Woolbert sold his hotel to S. F. Snider for \$250 and Vernon Pasko became postmaster. Snider then rented part of the building to Lon Ballard who opened out a small stock of notions.

When in 1866 the war was over and the soldiers started west to homestead, Washington started to grow. Among the first to come were Dr. Charles Williamson, first doctor, and George Shriner who together opened a store. Mrs. S. A. Williamson started the first drug store in 1867 and Philip Rockefeller opened a store of general stock. This store later became the Darby store operated in Washington for many years.

In 1867, the county bought the old Woolbert house (stockade house) of Snider, who was the first probate judge, and set up county offices. Found in the first courthouse were George Shriner, clerk; J. B. Snider, treasurer; G. H. Hollenberg, H. S. Haynes, W. P. Kelch, commissioners; C. Murdock, sheriff; J. Pasko, surveyor; J. Palmer, school superintendent; P. Rockefeller, probate judge; R. St. Clair Graham, district judge; William Hoffine, clerk of the district court; John Furgason, assessor; and E. B. Cook, coroner.

A. S. Wilson was appointed first judge of the 12th district and took the first census of the county in 1870 when the population was 4,081.



The Central House

Early Washington hotel on north side of square

Mark J. Kelley arrived in 1869 and with him the "Spunky Little Cuss," the Western Observer, the town's first newspaper. There soon was much to observe as the community's most interesting decade lay before them.

The new stone school house costing \$2,200 was built on the property west of the present Baptist Church and replaced the Company House and the school house.

The new editor was busy advocating Washington County. . . "The fifth county west of the Missouri River," meaning it was ideally located. But he commented, "Snakes are plentiful."

Even then (though there was no city council) city fathers were already having their troubles. A request that someone remove the dead dogs on 6th Street was published. Dave Ballard, then living in Manhattan, asked for a bridge across Plum Creek on 4th Street.

The "Spunky Cuss," a 9 by 14 inch sheet, all hand set, was inclined to crow about the town. Washington was 100 miles from the important city of Atchison and the train ran daily from Waterville to Atchison. If you could get to Waterville, you could leave Waterville at 8:30 A.M. and arrive in Atchison at 4:40 P.M. The return schedule was: Leave Atchison at 10:30 A.M., arrive at Waterville at 6:30 P.M. Coaches went to Grasshopper Falls, Topeka, Netawaka, Centralia and Holton.

The newspaper was already asking, "When will the Waterville road be fixed?"

Jonathan Snider had two tame buffaloes for sale and the County Teacher's Institute was being planned at the court house June 15, 16, and

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17 under the direction of John Palmer, Superintendent.

Washington's String Band was started that year and the Observer was planning a ball. The postmaster announced he would fix up his post office eastern style and Kelly wanted a lock box.

J. M. McGrew was awarded the contract for the new school house. George W. Shriner announced nearly enough stock was subscribed to build a bridge over Mill Creek.

As 1870 approached the city of Washington was booming. Where two years before five houses, one store and one drugstore stood, 18 houses had been built in 8 months and to be constructed was a 20x40 ft. stone business house and a hotel.

The newspaper also noted: "One hundred New Yorkers arrived Wednesday at 5 A. M. armed with muskets, bowie knives, revolvers and 60 rounds of ammunition." Washington had never been invaded by Indians.

That year a vein of coal was found in Mill Creek, and the paper reported the price of sugar up. J. R. Hallowell opened a lumber yard.

The delinquent tax list of 1868 printed in the '69 issue included 58 lots of unknown ownership and land was listed at \$2.50 to \$50 per acre.

When 1870 dawned there was some question in the voters' minds as to whom they had elected sheriff. "C. M. Murdock," one country newspaper defended, "was the only sheriff that ever collected taxes according to law and rode through winter storms when no one else would get out." And then the newspaper bitterly protested: "P. Rockefeller (probate judge) can't hear the case contesting the election by C. M. Murdock against A. J. Laving. The probate court decided the election illegal in some precincts. The commissioners court was in session last Monday night. All that is required in this county to set aside decisions of a higher court is a meeting of the above board. The aforesaid board has accepted the bond of Laving as Sheriff after the probate court of the county had decided that he was not elected but Murdock was."

Other important news events on main street included that A. S. Wilson had returned to the city with his bride. It was hinted that the Odd Fellow and Masonic Lodges might build a hall.

H. Robins had advertised himself as a house, sign and oriental painter.

Everything in the community appeared to be going smoothly until the final day of March.

Sometime before dawn on the 31st, (March 31, 1870) fire started in one of the buildings on main street. It was an important fire in the two story wide one story high stockade that the county called the courthouse.

Perhaps no one saw it in time, or because it was dry wood, or because, as it has been rumored, someone lighted a torch, but the building was a total loss before anything could be gotten out. All records of school lands, titles and deeds to property were destroyed. The building was valued at \$500.

What the Observer had to say about the fire may never be known. The editor failed to preserve the issue directly following the incident and the paper carried little in later issues about the fire.

However there was some question as to the origin of the fire. Jonathan B. Snider, retiring county treasurer, was later charged with both arson and embezzlement but he was acquitted.

Two notices appeared in the Observer following the event. The first to contractors for bids on a new courthouse and the second to property owner victims that all persons holding certificates or receipts of purchase or installments or interests asking them to return such papers to the county clerk's office for re-recording. "It will avoid a vast amount of trouble." They were signed by George Shriner.

Following the fire the Observer reported: "The County Commissioners talk something of renting the upper room of Mr. Snider's building when it is completed for a court house until they decided upon building one. We believe it is the

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wish of the people that the commissioners submit the question of building."

The paper also noted that "the Messrs. Shriner and Tallman have purchased and moved into their office a fine large iron safe manufactured by Bend and Bor, St. Louis. These gentlemen say they have been taught a lesson and that a good safe is the best place for papers and money."

Perhaps some of the difficulties concerning county records could be explained in the compliment Editor Kelley paid George Shriner, county clerk. In an election plug, Kelley observed: "The present incumbent county clerk, George W. Shriner, took the records for the county two years ago when they were in horrid condition. The records had been kept on foolscap paper and in pocket memoranda and no man could make head nor tail of them. Mr. Shriner figured and worked them out and by his management Washington county has as neat a set of books as can be found in any county and parties on business can go to his office and attend to business without trouble."

Ten years later they couldn't have found George W. Shriner. He was sitting in prison de-spised by his fellow men and sentenced to two years confinement over an incident that split the

town. Old timers argued loud and long as to the guilt of George W. Shriner.

Shortly after the fire Editor Kelley sold his Observer and moved to Otoe country in Nebraska but the newspaper continued unabated.

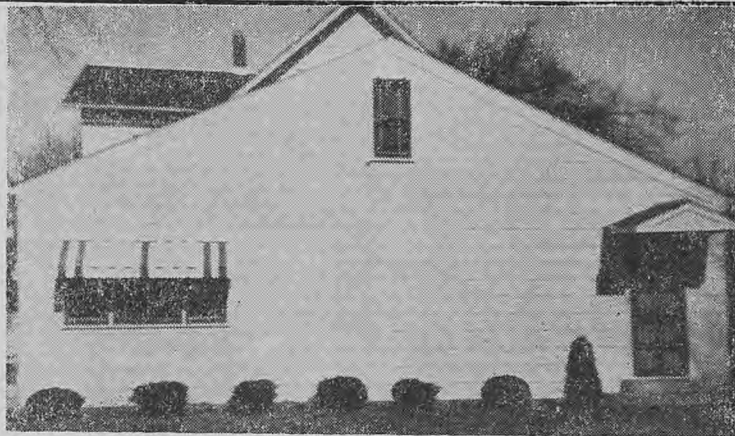
The streets were lined with easterners looking for land. Charles Smith had come from Clifton to open a store and J. C. McKennett started a blacksmith shop. The paper advertised it would accept wood, coal and fuel as payment for a subscription which in cash would have been \$1.00. "We'll exchange a subscription for some wood," the editor wrote, "the Devil's cold."

While the cauldron boiled in Washington other parts of the county were growing and progressing peacefully.

The county was now divided into four equal townships, Clifton, Lincoln, Mill Creek, and Washington. In 1870 Little Blue, Hanover and Sherman townships were formed. Then in 1872, Strawberry, named for the trivial fact that there was a large bed of wild strawberries near the central part of the township on Parson's Creek, was formed from the north half of Clifton. Early settlers were John Gieber and John Millfeet. Also in 1872 were formed Union and Hollenberg and later in 1874, Charleston. By that year 11



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townships had been created. These were later divided and now there are 25. In 1879 the Otoe Indian Reservation lands in Washington county were annexed to Hanover.

School districts were being formed as rapidly. In 1864 district 2 was organized in Charleston and a school house constructed. In several instances these crudely built school houses served as churches and community centers as well. Besides the school house there was often a blacksmith shop, country store and postoffice.

By 1882 there were postoffice communities at Albia, Ballard Falls, Barnes, Brantford, Butler, Blocker, Chepstow, Clifton, Dewitt, Greenleaf, Haddam, Hanover, Hollenberg, Hopewell, Kolo-ko, Kimeo, Linn, Palmer, Reiter, Strawberry, Vining and Washington.

Later there were post offices at Emmons, Lanham, Mahaska, and the Parallel and many school and church communities that survived until recently when the school houses were closed and removed.

This was the railroad age and the county was bidding for a branch of the famous Union

Pacific. On January 29, 1870 the first meeting to vote bonds for the first railroad was held. The city was clamoring for ties with Atchison. These early '70 meetings eventually brought the Central Branch of the Union Pacific railroad which fathered nearly all the towns in the southern part of the county as it curved west.

This was the era of the growth of the mills in the county. In the Washington vicinity were two flour mills. The old one was about a mile northeast of the city and in later days was run by Mr. Welty and Mr. Johnson (father of the late Mattie Johnson and Stella Johnson Sheckler). The mill was equipped with a dam on Mill Creek and this dam was all that remained by the early 1900's. The Johnson Mill which had two run of burrs was erected by S. S. Penwell in 1869. The Eureka Mill was erected in 1871-72 by Messrs. Hallowell and Bowersox. Later it was called the Parrish Mill. The property was at one time valued at \$15,000 and had two run of stone.

A mill of later vintage, the Royal Oak Mill, was built by the Bond brothers in northern Charleston township. These mills were important since before their construction the nearest place to have grain ground was Blue Rapids.

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A new courthouse, a two story frame structure, had been completed in 1871 and the county officials were comfortably settled in their new quarters.

More mischief was afoot in Washington.

Exactly what happened that July night in 1872 will never be known. John Maxwell, a pioneer's son and Washington's unofficial historian, was an abstractor for many years. He was also a story teller and his account of the incident smacked of the mythical west. . . . but other old timers told similar tales.

"It was mid-July on a black moonless night. Several men on horseback rode silently out of town late in the night in a chilly, misty rain blowing in from the south.

"Their arms and saddlebags contained packages of books and papers. Their destination was

northward where a creek, appropriately named for the Devil, twisted and turned across the prairie through an outcropping of sandstone.

"There behind a high ledge of rock, at least two turns from the road, the men built a small campfire and huddled out of the storm to watch their packages burn.

"That blaze indirectly singed the purse strings of every Washington property owner. Because, up in smoke that dark night went the records of the county treasurer, what there were of them.

"When the blaze had burned down they hid the evidence of their fire and rode silently back to town content that the auditors who were coming to town to check the books were fouled forever."

Who went out on that black escapade? Prob-



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ably no one will ever know. Maxwell was unsure. He suggested that the county treasurer might have been one of the riders. But who were the others? George Shriner, county clerk and recorder? John Shriner, his brother? Important officials of the courthouse? Some older residents have insisted that George Shriner, rather than being the culprit, was a victim of the fire. County commissioners were also whispered as possible conspirators.

Nevertheless the burning of the county treasurer's records was not the end but continued the ten years of trouble which plagued Washington. For the auditor was still coming and there remained in the courthouse the records of the county clerk, George Shriner . . . damning evidence. George, who had come to the country with Dr. Williamson in 1867 at the age of 22,

was a capable bookkeeper and his records, if available and well kept, could have entrapped a guilty treasurer.

So in the early morning of December 15, 1872, the second courthouse built in Washington burst into a mass of uncontrollable flames and burned to oblivion. Historians of 1882 passed over the incident lightly: "Local historians are silent on the subject. Suffice it to say there is a mystery surrounding the double destruction of the county property that the future alone will reveal."

Court had been held late Saturday night, December 14, 1872 in the new court house. James Young, clerk of the court, said he left the court house at 1:00 a.m. with Mr. Gardner, a juror. All stoves had burned low and sawdust was on the floor, he reported later.

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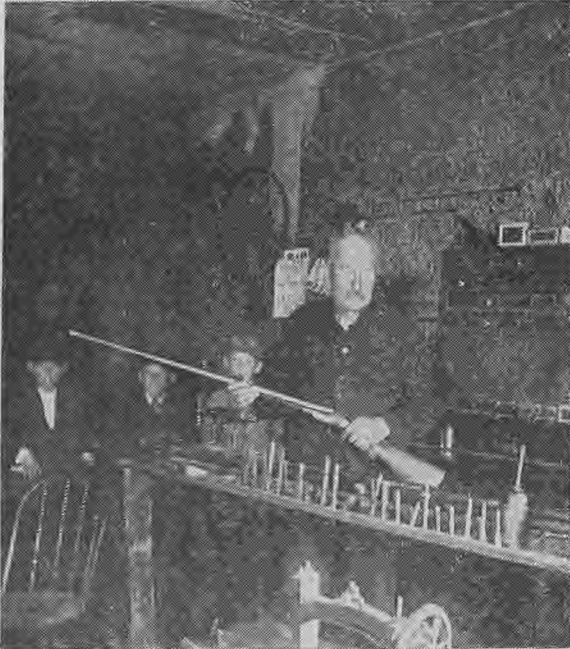
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Early Sunday morning fire was seen breaking through the upper story of the court house. One of the witnesses said he supposed it originated near the southwest part of the upper story in the office of the county treasurer. "I believe all county officers tried to save the county property to the best of his ability. I do not think there were any hot fires left in the stove."

Martin Patrie, sheriff, reported that he didn't see any strangers or smokers around after court and didn't see the courthouse on fire until dawn. (These statements were printed in the newspaper about the commissioners hearing January 18, 1873 following the fire.)

Again the advertisement appeared: "All persons holding county warrants. . . . etc."

Attesting to the fact that some of the books and papers were gotten out is an old ledger in the county clerk's office. Apparently some officer (Shriner, perhaps) grabbed the book while it was still burning and carried it from the building. An edge and part of the back show that it had been on fire.

Ulysses S. Grant's administration from 1868 to 1876 was beset with shocking scandals starting with Black Friday, a stock market panic on September 24, 1869, and lasting through the railroad's Credit Mobilier, the Salary Grab scandal, the Sanborn contract, the Whiskey ring, Indian Service graft, and the panic of 1873.

Since many of the local settlers had little more than the shirts on their backs, they were only slightly affected by the post Civil War calamities. Only as the "get rich easy and quick" plague spread west did Washington mirror these scandals.

In this greedy soil grew the first bank, the Exchange Bank of the Shriner brothers, George and John, established in 1874. Though some homesteaders were getting on their feet financially and building was booming in the towns, many were still living in dugouts.

Settlers had that year a plague of their own much more immediately important. Details of the tragedy vary with the teller.

Generally it was a year of severe drought and prevailing southwest wind. On an August day the wind suddenly changed to the north and with it came a cloud. The Daniel Allen family lived in a dugout eight miles east of Washington. Sarah, who later became Mrs. A. Rhodes of this city, described what happened: "It was like a terrible cloud coming at us, black and roaring out of an otherwise clear blue sky. Mother told me to get in the washing, which I did. Then we tried to cover up our garden stuff. It didn't do any good. . . . the grasshoppers had arrived."

The grasshoppers ate everything and then the cloud moved on. "Even ate the handles out



Margaret Ellen Baker taught 34 years in Washington County schools. She has lived in her present home at 112 West College for 68 years. In the business district of Washington are 45 men and women who are her former pupils. Among them are John Hood, sheriff; Loren Lobaugh, Co. clerk; Lois Acree, clerk of the district court; Margaret Hennon and Mrs. E. A. Sewell, both teachers in the Washington Schools. Miss Baker was awarded the prize for naming the Pageant

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of the pitchforks," John Scruby, an old timer who saw the plague, remembered. Pitchforks of the 1870's had handles made from green tree saplings. . . much more edible than those made now from seasoned woods.

The next spring as the corn came up, the eggs laid by the previous year's pests hatched and hoppers again ate the corn. Laws were passed quickly by the Kansas Legislature for the extermination of the pests and farmers were ordered to take stern measures. "They were good laws for outlawing grasshoppers in Kansas," a later day attorney once commented, "but, unfortunately, the grasshoppers couldn't read."

"We do hereby respectfully inform our patrons that we expect each and everyone hereafter to come at least once a week and settle up their accounts." So read an advertisement typical of the hard times which obsessed the county in 1876.

Early in the year, January 4, 1876, the Hanover, Washington, and Western Railway promoters met at Judge Wilson's office. Directors were appointed and subscriptions were opened at the Shriner bank.

In the city of Washington the plank at Boaz Williams store was being raised. And the latest news was that J. W. Rector had arrived with

his new bride from Sigourney, Iowa. P. S. Erb was granted a dramshop license and tax for the license was fixed at \$150 in advance with a \$2,000 bond. Shriner moved that Lowe, Humes and Rector be requested to draft a bill to present to the legislature for the resurveying and replatting of the city and that petitions urging the passage of the bill be circulated and properly signed by citizens.

On March 17, rain, snow and sleet were reported, and on March 27 a vicious blizzard, one of the worst in history, struck.

In argument for the incumbent candidates for council the paper listed several projects completed for the benefit of the city: 1,320 feet of inch length walk around the square, seven feet wide; 660 feet of walk of one inch lumber; instituted the county to build the court house walk, 900 feet of good two inch plank; added 525 feet of substantial store crossings, four feet wide; dug, walled and paid for four large public wells containing over six feet of water; and had left in the city treasury, \$116.74.

The problem came up in April whether to have pumps or buckets on the new city wells.

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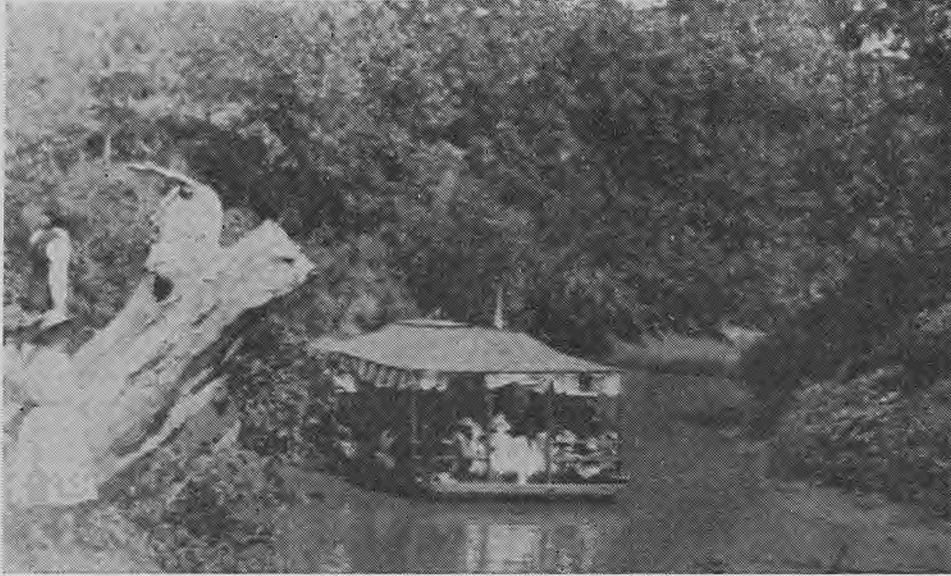
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But business during March that year was the dulllest ever in Washington.

The storm brought other problems. C. H. Taylor's house fell during the snow storm. "No one in the family was injured," the paper reported.

In April all the city officials were re-elected. Money was being loaned at Shriner's bank at 10 per cent interest on a \$1000 loan.

Business was so bad that the store of Rockefeller, Barley and Young advertised "Corn Will Pay Your Accounts."

Shriners were constructing a barn with William Conklin doing the construction. J. B. Snider became the local McCormick Deering sales man, probably one of the first implement dealers.

In August 1876 work on the new school house began. This was to be an elegant building for which bonds of \$12,000 had been subscribed.

And that same year Washington's Cornet

Band directed by Professor Thomas Bennett was organized.

In January of 1877 came the grand gala day of the opening of the Central Branch of the Union Pacific and the arrival of the first passenger train.

"The day was warm and beautiful as some of our winter days have been, but yet not cold enough to be uncomfortable. Leading businessmen and citizens of Atchison were welcomed by the Mayor and Council of Washington," wrote the editor.

"The arrival of the group from Atchison was heralded by the band and a salute of 20 rounds. T. M. Achenbach and G. W. Pasko were especially notable for their efforts in getting the railroad and, as the last spike was driven, Mr. Achenbach presented the bonds of Washington County Township amounting to \$29,000 to Major Downs which they (Washington) had contributed to the Washington and Waterville railroad."

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Regular trains were to arrive and leave Washington following this event. The one way trip took from seven to nine hours and breakfast and supper were served at Frankfort.

Later in the month 51 couples from Washington took an excursion to Atchison on the beautiful passenger coach. The weather had changed. "It was very cold," the editor reported.

Washington at that time was a town of 600 inhabitants.

An important event of 1877 was the announcement by Mr. Speier of St. Joe who contracted for the immediate erection of a new store building 20 by 60 feet adjoining the Shriner bank on the north. It was to be completed by March 1. This put another building on the promising Shriner block. The bank was located where the Bell Telephone office is now located, and the new buildings were growing north.

Sidewalks continued to be built according to the city council proceedings at a labor cost of \$2 per day.

Balls and masquerades were the entertainment of the day and a grand masquerade ball was announced for February 22, 1877. Later the editor wrote, "The Masquerade was a fizzle but the dance was all right."

At the railroad, the water tank was built, the new well put down and timber for the railroad station had arrived.

"The dramshop on the west side of the square is very annoying to the ladies and child-

ren to pass. There is much cursing," the editor commented.

Work oxen that year sold for \$70 and a first class cow was \$15. A topic of conversation of the day was the new oleomargarine.

In spite of the apparent prosperity signs of the times indicated trouble. "No goods for credit" one store announced.

Washington also had its moments of culture. Professor Tillastsen, eminent baritone and pianist, was scheduled to be at the Central House to sing songs of England, Ireland, Scotland and Germany. His repertoire covered most of the nationalities represented among the first settlers.

"James O. Young met with the loss of his farm house northwest of town last Sunday, a frame 1½ story structure valued at \$500 and uninsured." Arson was suspected, the editor said.

Grasshopper crushes were popular but there was some objection to the grasshopper law voiced by H. J. Davis.

This was also the year for the starting of an important organization: The Washington County Agriculture Society. The group, of which J. W. Bell was elected president, planned a fair that year. R. E. White was treasurer; H. W. Curtis, secretary; directors were A. Oswald, T. M. Achenbach, M. Patrie, George Shriner, James Vedder, George H. Wilkes, H. E. Prentice.

The fair was later set for Sept. 24, 25, 26, and 27 (1877) and the County Commissioners gave \$165 to the Society to sponsor the event. It turned out to be a cold blustering event with rain threatening through the entire four days.

It was the May 4th issue of the Republican when the editor reported: "Some gentleman who drank too much threw a beer keg through a saloon window on the west side of the square breaking out three lights."

Roads were in a fearful condition from the spring rains. As a result a road meeting was under way. In spite of bad roads, J. S. Besack,

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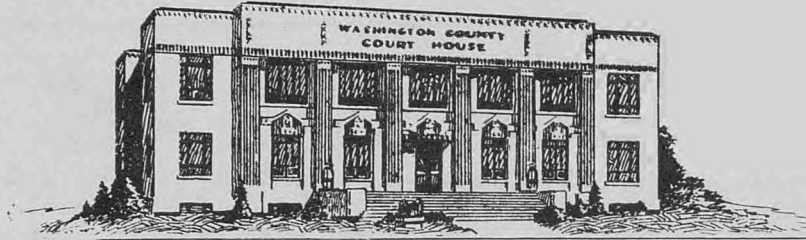


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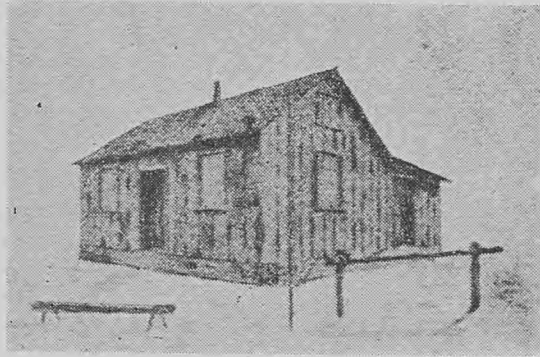
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the publisher, noted "Trade is Still Brisk."

Some horse thieving had been going on. "J. J. Shriner and Frank Lavinger returned from Nebraska Wednesday evening bringing with them horses stolen from Andrew Lynn two weeks ago. The horses were found near Falls City and Aspinville, Nebraska where they had been traded off. J. J. Shriner has proved extra ordinary ability in following a trail," read an article from the local paper. The Hanover Independent chimed in: "We think he would make a good officer for the county and we would recommend that some of his friends talk to him and see if he cannot be induced to come out for sheriff at the coming election." There was never any indication in the papers that Shriner sought the job.

In the entertainment world a dance at the Shriner hall was announced for the benefit of the Washington Band, and a gala Fourth of July celebration was in the wind with Dr. Williamson and Haas to be speakers.

Mrs. J. W. Rector, a bride of one year, won a pickle castor in the Kansas City Times distribution contest.

A forerunner of the evil to come was the editor's note that charging is the sin of the city. "We have over 200 delinquent subscribers and \$650 back subscriptions on account." Interest on loans that year ranged from 9 to 12%.

An ad in the 1877 paper indicated the expenses of the times: "Hot coffee and a square meal at Tottens, 25c."

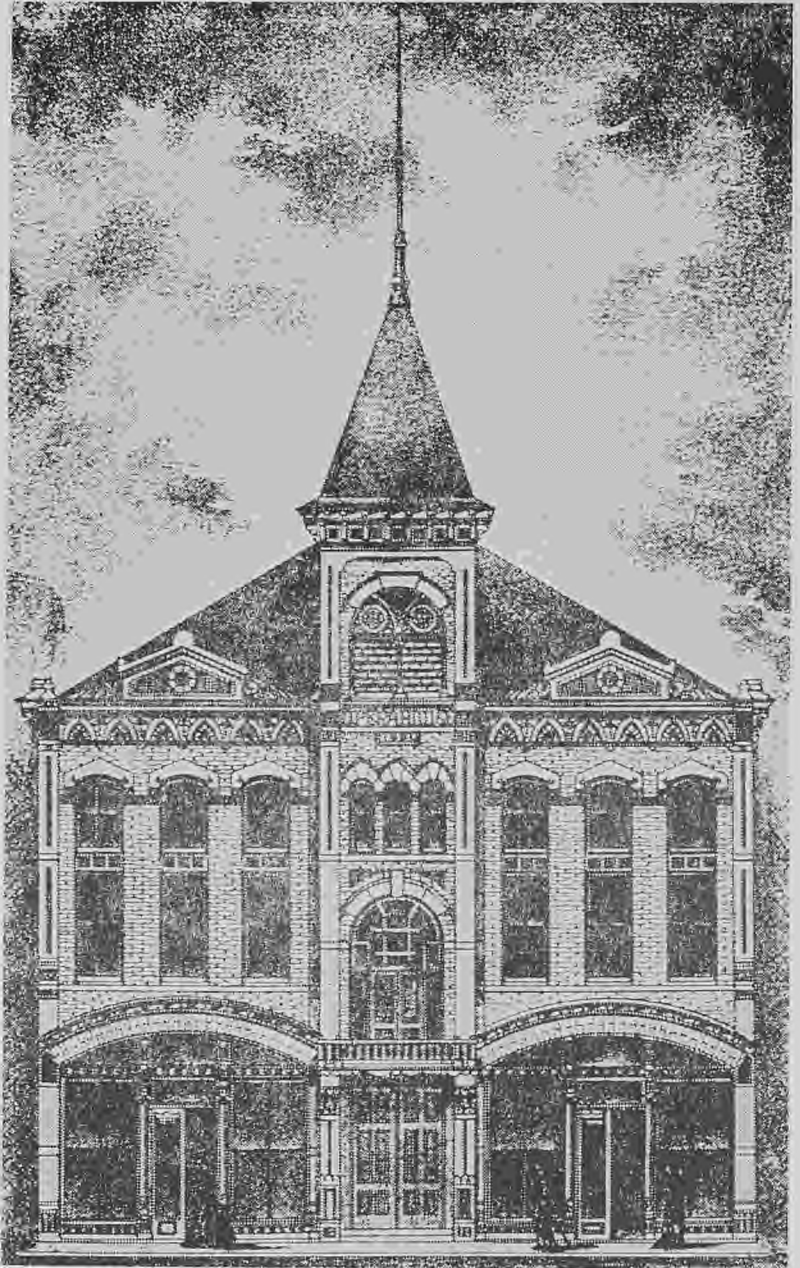
As fall came election was in the winds. "I want to be sheriff," Yanky John Wilson was quoted as saying. He was elected. The conventions were held for the Republican, Democrat and the Greenback parties in mid-October.

"Saturday's convention had some noticeably unsatisfactory features," the editor reported afterward. The legal delegation from Strawberry was counted out and the delegates were confused. "It would be well for the late secretary of the convention to rise up and explain," the editor suggested.

It was toward late October that the startling news of the year came. . . the Shriner bank failed.

Friday, October 21, 1877, the Republican editor wrote. "Our citizens were startled on Tuesday morning to find that the banking house of Shriner Bros. of this city did not open on time"

"Nothing could be learned of affairs of the



Washington's Opera House

concern until about 10 o'clock when a card was stuck in the window announcing the bank would not open again under its present management."

Rumors of fraud and dishonesty, which the editor warned against people thinking, were freely voiced. "We have every confidence that he will leave no effort unemployed to protect the creditors of the bank to the extent of the last dollar of its indebtedness."

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Shriner brothers to satisfy an execution and placed the books in an attorney's office for safe keeping. On Sunday they were gone and on Monday it was discovered that they had been stolen. On Tuesday morning, the editor further related, "Our Vigilant under-sheriff found one volume of the abstracts in the privy vault in the court yard." The other three had not been found.

This precluded the incident on Main street in January 1878. Two criminal actions had been brought against the Shriner brothers and hearings on these cases were set for mid January. One charged ex-banker George Shriner with executing a deed with intent to fraud and the other for embezzling \$75 from a bank customer by collecting a money draft and refusing to turn it over to him. The latter charge was dismissed but on the other case Shriner pleaded innocent—asked for a jury trial and was found guilty. He then appealed the case and was out on bond. Another suit against the banking firm was brought by T. M. Achenbach, then county treasurer, to recover \$10,000 of the county's money allegedly in Shriner's bank.

From the court room after the first two cases were tried, John and George Shriner apparently crossed the street, where, in front of Mr. Allen's saloon they allegedly got into an argument with Jonathan B. Snider. Snider was thought to have had \$6,000 in notes and securities which belonged to the Shriners when the bank closed. This money was garnisheed in Snider's hands until the Achenbach-Shriner case could be settled. Previously, the editor's story related, there had been words between the two parties.

Suddenly during the argument John Shriner was supposed to have "hastily drawn a revolver from his overcoat pocket and pointing it squarely at Mr. Snider's person fired. Snider was only about 10 feet distant and turning partly at the instant the pistol was discharged the ball passing through the left side of the coat above the pocket lodged in the suspender button near his hip," the newspaper recorded.

"Quite a crowd was drawn to the spot by the fact that the parties were having a talk but the shooting was so entirely unexpected that it could not have been prevented. By the presence of mind of George S. Wilson and A. W. Moore, the latter snatching the revolver just as the hammer descended for the second shot, receiving the force of the hammer upon his thumb, further mischief was prevented and the Shriners promptly arrested."

John was charged with assault with intent to kill and George was charged with aiding and abetting him therein. They were freed on \$3,000 bond.

From there the story reads like the wild west.

John was tried, found guilty and escorted to the county jail having been sentenced to four years in the penitentiary. On April 13, 1878, the day of sentencing, he was with the sheriff and his wife around the table for the evening meal. The newspaper reported: Wes Wilcox and a companion rode up and dismounting entered the house and inquired for Mr. Wilson (Yanky John). The men were shown into the room where Mr. Wilson was conversing with the prisoner, and presenting a Smith and Wesson revolver, demanded the release of the prisoner. Mr. Wilson dropped to the floor then suddenly arising under the pistol grabbed it and it was discharged over his head. The prisoner hurried out and mounted a horse leaving the sheriff and Wilcox scuffling for the revolver. Wilcox was arrested but later was used as a witness to a charge of aiding the escape of a prisoner brought against George Shriner.

Shriner asked for a change of court hearing because he claimed there had been so much publicity about the case that he thought it would be impossible to find an unbiased jury in Washington county. On the charge of aiding and abetting the shooting he was found innocent but the charge of helping a prisoner escape brought him a two year prison sentence. A later newspaper said he was pardoned by the governor.

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The 1880's brought a new era of progress: The construction of another ill-fated courthouse in 1886; the building of an elegant city hall which burned when only a few years old; its replacement with another city hall that was to go with the wind in 1932.

The year J. S. Bird completed his early history in Washington (about 1881) the town contained eight general stores; three grain buyers; three hardware stores; two drug stores; two boot and harness shops; two livery stables; one bakery; two land offices; two barber shops; one elevator; three saloons; three blacksmith shops; three printing offices; two banks; six lawyers; three physicians; two agriculture warehouses; three millinery stores; one dentist and one photographer.

The elaborate new court house of 1886 shortly later survived an earthquake (mid-90's) which shook down its highest tower. Without the added piece it was a better looking building, authorities of the day believed, so this tower was never replaced.

The first city hall which was scheduled for construction in 1882 costing \$15,000 was to be the finest and best arranged opera house west of St. Joe. Mrs. Alta Eves recalls that when it was finished "we were all proud of this beautiful, comfortable place for plays, operas, and other programs." It was short lived. The next city hall (the one most old timers remember) was built in 1888 costing only \$10,000. Next to this building on the south was a fire tower and the fire house was south of this. An old livery stable was on the north corner of this block.

The Concordia branch of the Burlington railroad came to Washington in 1884 giving the town two railroads.

Sometime during the period following the close of the Civil War, the Grand Army of the Republic, of which there were many members, erected a large one story building on the corner lots south of the present county jail. This building was known as the Armory and was used by the G.A.R. and the Women's Relief Corps for their meetings. It served as a meeting place for other groups, social gatherings, and for the general promotion of the community. The WRC bean bake was an annual affair of the Armory days. It was looked forward to by young and old.

The Commerical House, one of the oldest hotels in Washington, was built by Jonathan B. Snider in 1872 and stood where the First National Bank is now located. The building was sold to William Nims, who moved it and remodeled it to where it is now the Washington Hotel.

The old Gibson Hotel on the southeast side of the square still stands and the building is still in use.

Another famous hotel was the Central House on the north side of the square just east of the alley. R. E. Foote was the proprietor in 1876 and the hotel was often called the Foote hotel. A brick building was annexed to the hotel and these two buildings burned about the turn of the century. It was a big fire which occurred during the night and the entire building was demolished.

The first water system was added in 1901 at a cost of \$25,000. The sewer system was built in 1908 at a cost of \$30,000. The bonded indebtedness of the city by 1911 was proudly totaled at only \$34,500 by the editor of that date, and included \$3,500 for the city hall; \$15,000 on the water system; and \$16,000 on the sewer.

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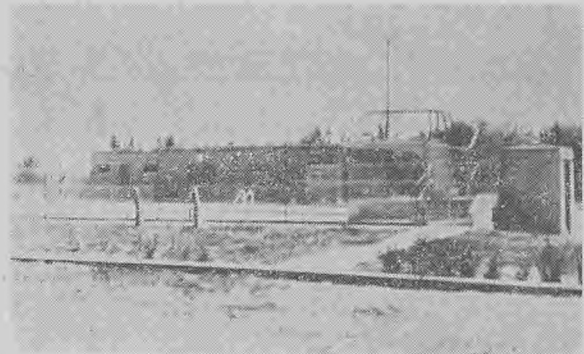
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"Hollenberg is nicely located on the north bank of the Little Blue River, a station on the St. Joe and D.C.R.R. (now Union Pacific), 137 miles from St. Joe and two miles from the state line," J. S. Bird wrote in his Historical Plat Book of 1882.

Established by Gerat Hollenberg in the spring of 1872 on his own land, he named it for himself, and built its first store, which William R. T. Kerr managed.

When the railroad came, C. A. Fuller started a saloon with a stock of groceries; Jesse Elliott built Otoe House, and A. A. Miller a dwelling. School with two pupils, the Kerr children. . . . the only children in town, started in 1872 with Miss Reynolds as teacher.

Prosperity started in 1879 with A. C. Herring, John Mann and Brown and McColleny building stores for groceries, hardware, and dry-goods. J. Algro built a dwelling.

In 1881 J. Snider and company built a large two story building, put in groceries and fitted the upper part for a public hall.

In 1872 R. F. Kerr became postmaster; the Methodists organized and met in the school-house and later the Baptists organized. The cemetery was laid out in 1878. A mill on the Little Blue south of town was started in 1874 by E. T. Durant and finished by S. F. Benson in 1881—the cost, \$8,000.

Mahaska

The city of Mahaska located in Union Township was incorporated July 8, 1909. The town and the post office were first named Bonham after I. Bonham on whose land it was located. However the post office department refused the name because there was another Bonham in the state at that time. Lanham of similar name was in the same county. The post office asked that another name be submitted.

Several men including Mr. Bonham met in Mr. Speer's store to decide on a new name for the much wished for post office. Mr. Woodman's eye fell upon the stock of "Mahaska" coffee on the shelves of Mr. Speer's store and he said "Why not call our post office Mahaska? We had a Mahaska county in Iowa where I came from." So the new name was decided upon and was accepted by the department. So the village of Mahaska, Kansas, as well as Mahaska County, Iowa, was named after Chief Mahaska of the Iowa Indians. He was a good chief and his picture appeared on all checks issued by the Mahaska State Bank. The word "Mahaska" in the language of the Iowa Indians means "White Swan."

In spite of many fires the village made some growth during its first few years. Enormous crops of corn were grown in 1889 and 1891. During those years three grain elevators were built on the railroad siding and another grain buyer or two were operating by loading from the wagons directly into the cars. (From the 70th Anniversary edition of the Washington County Register, 1938.)

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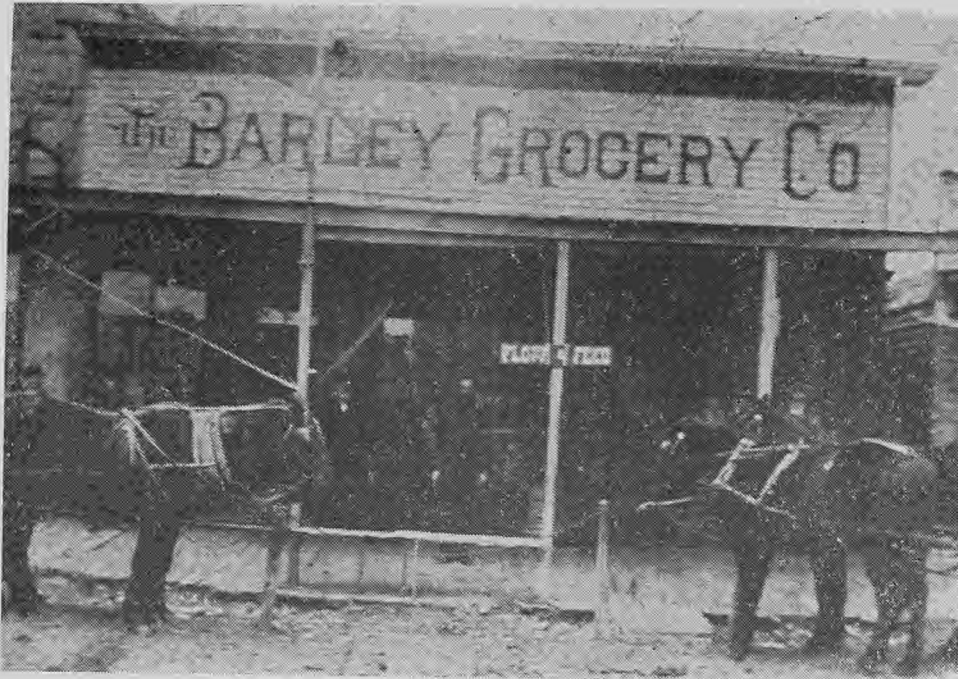
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Morrowville

Morrowville was formerly called Morrow. In 1870 Emerson White, nephew of Mrs. Rufus Darby, homesteaded the land where the town of Morrowville now stands. It later was purchased by Cal Morrow Sr. and "Pap" Simpson, who with the prospects of the Burlington Railroad in the early eighties, conceived the idea of a town. It was named Morrow for its promoter but difficulties were encountered with the mails since there was a Kansas town with a similar name (Morrill). The Postoffice was changed to Morrowville and gradually the town accepted the new name.

Hugh Garrett was the proprietor of the first general store. Dr. French had the first drug store, William A. Nye the first hardware

store, Alex McLaren a second general merchandise store and a short time later William Shaw built and became proprietor of the hotel. (This was taken from the 70th anniversary edition of the Washington County Register (1938).

Linn

In 1881 when the first official history of Washington county was written there was some doubt as to whether Linn would be Summit or whether Summit would be Linn.

The matter depended on whether F. K. Fisk whose land adjoined the town would resign in favor of William Cummins as postmaster.

The town received its name from Linn Post Office which was established in 1877 but when

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William Cummins built a store in January 1881 and soon after M. F. Schwerdtfager from Bensonville, Ill., laid out a town, built a fine two story frame building, and started a general merchandise store. Then the Mahone brothers started a hardware store and a lumber yard.

Although Methodists were plentiful and holding church services in the Bedgar schoolhouse nearby, there was no church built by 1881.

Hanover

Hanover was located where the St. Joe and D.C.R.R. (now Union Pacific Railroad) reached the Little Blue and sits on the north elevated bank overlooking the river and the valley. In 1881 when the first history of the county was written, the town was enjoying a tremendous business, taking a large portion of the trade

from the west besides enjoying an immense neighborhood business.

G. H. Hollenberg founded the town, named it after his native place in Germany, and endowed the first city hall upon his death in 1874. In 1869, William Kalhoefer and August Jaedicke were the first to settle on the townsite soon after it was laid out. In the spring of 1870, W. Wendell Sr. came to the county and took a homestead, returned east and sent in stead his son, Wendell Jr. who located in town and started a blacksmith shop and built a home. Others came that year: H. Marquard to build the Hanover House; Aug. Neuguebaugh, a wagon shop; Charles Jockers, a brewery; W. Klacan a shoe shop; William Stolboies a butcher shop; Herman brothers a saloon; Dr. Moll a drug store; and Deviman and Smith a lumber yard.

The first city election was in 1872 and the town became a third class city in 1874. John Turk taught the first school built in 1869. The new schoolhouse was built in 1878 for \$3,000 and J. C. S. Murphy taught. The district was organized in 1868.



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The happening that changed the face of Washington most was the July 4, 1932, tornado. At top right is the courthouse, below it the high school, and at left, at tree destroyed by wind.

Barnes

"This little town" the historian recorded in 1881, "is located on the Central Branch Union Pacific Railroad 107 miles west of Atchison and near the head of North Coon Creek."

Like Greenleaf the town grew where the railroad stopped. The first one to build on this town site was Henry Ober who erected a store building and moved the Maplewood Grange store to this point.

Elm Grove Post Office of which Ober was first postmaster had been established July, 1875 on the old Haynes place. The following January (1876) Ober started his store and in March, 1877 the Elm Grove Post Office moved to and became Barnes Post Office.

Maplewood Grange, organized in 1874, established a cooperative store with E. K. Wolverton as superintendent. Later it was moved to J. G. Petty's house and from there to Barnes. In May and June the Grange built an \$800 elevator.

English Lutherans built a church in 1880 of which J. Shaurer was organizer and pastor. Congregationalists organized a class in 1877 and met in the Grange elevator.

Haddam

For a brief quarrelsome period, there were two Haddams, Haddam and West Haddam.

Haddam's beginning, in the autumn of 1869, was a small store built and stocked by J. W. Taylor on land donated by George Canfil. Canfil named his new town after Haddam, Conn.

About the same time, A. Whitney opened a store on his claim west of Canfil and named his town West Haddam. Previously a post office had been established in Canfil's home but he resigned after a brief period and Whitney by some means was appointed postmaster, the office being at his store in West Haddam. Neither town prospered or grew until 1874 when Mr. Whitney gave up the fight, sold his stock to H.H. Cheney who moved it to the present town. The post office moved also, with Cheney postmaster.

W. H. Taylor then built a hotel and in 1869 a log school house which sat west of town was moved into the town. Thus district 5 served until a new school was built in 1876. William Lancaster was the first teacher.

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blacksmith shops and a wagon shop, and the town received mail from the east and west daily, there were still no churches or religious organizations as late as 1881. R. Vincent was then postmaster and Haddam was expected to become an important trading post—at no distant day.

Greenleaf

Greenleaf was born of the railroad as a result of the county's struggle for connections with Atchison and the outside world.

The town was laid out by the Central Branch Union Pacific Railroad Company on Nov. 1, 1876 as the main terminus of the road until its extension further west in 1877, and named after A. W. Greenleaf, treasurer of that company.

A mail town, Round Grove, had existed previous to this, two miles south of the present location. There W. P. Kelch had established the site on which several stores were started, a post office with J. A. Simons as postmaster was located, and a school house built.

When the new town was located, everything was moved and Round Grove abandoned. Sadie Hackney taught the first term after the school was moved.

Greenleaf has had a permanent and steady growth ever since the town was started but more particularly since it was made the end of the division in 1880. The railroad company fav-

ored the town in many ways, spending thousands of dollars in erecting buildings for its own use, digging public wells, and otherwise improving and aiding in making the town attractive. By the efforts of E. E. Haddocks it became a third class city in 1880 and was incorporated. Population in 1881 was 600.

Palmer

Palmer was the result of a conversation between E. Wilson of Sherman township and C. D. Potter of near Clifton in the spring of 1870.

Wilson persuaded Potter, who was looking for a place to locate a store, to choose Peach Creek location two miles south of the present town of Palmer. Potter went back east, brought his family and a large stock of goods, and was the first resident and merchant in Peach Creek Village.

Dr. Randall came and built the second store and became postmaster. G. F. Cober, R. W. Bowl and O. W. Cook also started stores and in 1871 Peach Creek was in a "flourishing condition." But when the railroad (C.B.U.P.) reached a point two miles north and showed no disposition to come nearer or assist Peach Creek anymore than to build a depot for their accommodation, the town decided to move to the railroad and this was done in the spring of 1879.

E. A. Thomas laid out the town and named



Dr. H. D. Smith shown in his office on the south side of the square about 1906

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it for John Palmer, the first superintendent of public instruction in Washington county. Merchants moved their buildings from Peach Creek as soon as the town was surveyed. A school house was built in the summer, 1879 and Cora Nadeau was the first teacher.

"The railroad company has aided the town in no way except building the depot in 1878," historian Bird candidly reported. By 1881 Palmer proudly boasted a population of between 300 and 400 inhabitants.

Clifton

Clifton sits on the fence because early settlers couldn't decide in which county they wanted to be located.

Clifton, surveyed by a company from Manhattan and St. George in 1859, first was laid out over the border in Clay County. It was named for surveyor Clifton; the company built one log cabin and then left the town in the care of James Fox. Fox abandoned the site the next year and moved just across the line into Washington county on the east side of Parson's Creek. Near his store and blacksmith shop several people in the surrounding territory built log houses where they retired during Indian troubles. Fox was postmaster and carried the mail from Irving.

In one of these cabins in 1861-62, George Seabury taught the first school. In 1863 Fox sold his interest in the town to J. Haines who moved it back across the creek because Fox's site was on school land.

William Funnell, in 1869, purchased the town of Mr. Haines, moved it back into Washington county and located it on the spot where it was known as Old Clifton. George Green built the Old Clifton House at this time and that ended its growth. The name is all that is left.

The present town was laid out in 1870 by

Rufus Berry in anticipation of making a town on the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad. Mr. Funnell moved his store to the new town site in 1871 and continued the post office. A. Green built a hotel and George Miller and Tom Dolan built on the north side and opened out a general stock.

Main street of Clifton is the dividing line of Washington and Clay counties.

The town failed to flourish until the railroad arrived late in 1877. Hoenan and Barlow started the first hardware store the following year and Bruenger started the first drug store. C. C. Funnell started a lumber yard in 1878, Miller a hotel, and Clifton's \$4,000 school house, district 2, was built that year.

Methodists, Baptists and Congregationalists organized that year and the Methodists built their church. The old mill at Aakena was moved to this point in 1880 for which the city subscribed \$1,000.

Vining

This town started because the officials of two railroad companies couldn't come to an understanding in regard to the location of a depot. Consequently the Junction City and Ft. Kearney railroad branched off and built Vining by assisting Winslow and Oliver Cooper to do so.

It had rapid growth. In 1878 a grocery store, dry goods, drug store, hotel, blacksmith shop, saloon and livery stable were built, and a hardware store in 1879.

Called West Clifton, it became Vining when the old Riverdale post office was moved to town. Vining post office, named for E. P. Vining, general freight agent for the U. P. railroad, was established in February 1881 and F. A. Wilson was named postmaster. Two hundred residents were counted in 1881.

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Indian Tales . . .

When Coronado marched into Kansas, the Pawnee Indians ranged undisputed over the country. Later the Sioux, Cheyennes, Arapahoes, and Kaws moved into the area. Pioneers in Washington county were kept in a constant state of anxiety and watchfulness by these tribes. Although the greatest outrages were committed at the extreme borders of civilization, there were always reports of horse stealing, plundering of household goods, and arson. The stockade built in Washington in 1860 was for protection from the Indians, but the Indians never came to the city.

In 1876 the Washington Weekly Republican published a history by Dr. Charles Williamson, a pioneer in the county. The following is his account of Indian troubles: "In 1863, a band of Sioux, Cheyennes and Arapahoes, armed with bows, arrows, spears and rawhide shields were on their way to the Otoe village on a war expedition. The first place they struck was Mr. Furgeson's afterwards Mr. Canfields, one of the oldest settlers on the creek, plundering the house and insulting the women. Traveling down Mill Creek in the vicinity of Mr. Wertman's, the Indians took prisoner Rufus Darby. With one on each side of him armed with spears, they took him down to Washington to the log house of Jesse R. Hallowell, where another band of Indians were plundering his house of bedding—

they called it swapping. Leaving there they followed down Mill Creek, plundering on their way G. M. Driskell of bedding and blankets. Rich Bond they corralled on the mound above John Bond's barn. Andy Oswald was also taken prisoner. After taking them a few miles down the creek they let them go. Many of the citizens took the alarm and started for Marysville in Marshall county. The citizens that were left then held a meeting in Washington at what is now called the Collins stable, the result of which was that Wm. Cummings and D. E. Ballard were appointed to reconnoiter the whereabouts of the Indians, and ascertain their number. Saddling their ponies, armed and equipped with rifles, revolvers and blankets, they started south. Night found them at Parson Creek, hungry, tired and cold, but no Indians. By this time the boys found they had no matches. I suppose they rubbed two sticks together, but it wouldn't work, so they hung up a blanket, shot into it and made it smoke, then raised the wind, took puff about, till they got a fire and got some supper.

"The next morning bright and early our scouts started south again, but still no Indians. But resting at noon they found what proved to be bituminous coal. Filling a blanket with same, they returned home showing their treasures, which is now known by the name of the Clyde coal banks."

Still later in the fall of the same year, there were Indian troubles, and J. R. Hallowell, Mort Hallowell, and women and settlers around, fortified up in the Humes log house, in Washington, keeping guard over night. Just at sunrise a dark object was seen crawling up the ravine by the parsonage, some of them wanted to shoot, but about that time Elijah Woolbert Sr. raised up, waved his broad brim hat, and shouted at the top of his voice, "Holloa, you wouldn't shoot a native, would you?"

The following fall scouts brought word from the west, that the Indians were attacking the settlements. The citizens of Mill Creek with their cattle, oxen, and wagons, pushed to Washington, camping on the high land, on what is known as the George Shriner farm, south of Washington. That night might be heard the lowing of cattle, the lamentations of women and children, the bleating of sheep, for they were leaving with their chickens and all their household goods. Some pushed on the next day to Harden's Ford, returning home in a few weeks, as the excitement subsided."

In 1864 both Washington and Marshall counties suffered from raids. In August a party of Cheyennes and Arapahoes who were warring with the whites of western Kansas and Colorado, extended one of their expeditions into the valley of the Little Blue. Near a place called Oak Grove (near Hollenberg) six miles above where Hanover now stands, a family named Eubanks, ten in number were murdered and scalped, and a man named Kelley was killed at Pawnee Station. Patrick Burk and a man named Butler were

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killed three miles above Oak Grove. Two other white travelers in the area were murdered and a young woman named Laura Roper was carried into captivity.

Indians at this time were fighting for the continued possession of the country assigned to them by the treaty of 1851. Most of the settlers fled to Marysville across the Big Blue River or south into Clay County where they gathered at the Orville Hunters' home near the present site of Clay Center. About 200 camped there until the scare was over.

"G. H. Hollenberg was colonel of a militia regiment and he got some of the boys together and chased the redskins out of the state. The redskins had no use for militia and steered clear of them. They did not care much about the regulars who simply scolded them and sent them back to the reservation. If they fell into the hands of the state militia the latter seemed careless and sometimes overlooked the fact that outraged settlers had stolen out a few particularly red handed murderers and thieves and made good Indians of them for all time." (The Washington Palladium, Indian History, May, 1911)

Again from Dr. Williamson's history: "Mr. Fuller, of Hollenberg, lost a son killed by the Indians during one of their annual trips to Fort Kearney. It was a fashion in those early days to make an excursion west every fall to kill buffalo, and smoke and jerk meat sufficient for their families' use during the winter. Such expeditions were often attended with great danger to life and property, being often corralled by the Indians. They would then, if in sufficient

force, fight it out, but if scattered, it was every one for himself. Often leaving their wagons and contents, they would cut loose a horse from the wagon, jump astride and push for the settlements, returning in a short time with a larger force to gather up their plunder.

"But occasionally, as in the case of Mr. Tallman and Mr. Roberts, a young man from Greenbush, Fon do-Lac county, Wisconsin, they were killed and scalped by the Indians. Some of the citizens of Clifton township hearing the news, went out west, found their mutilated bodies, and brought them in and buried them on the land of Job Short, in Clifton township. Mr. Reuben Winklepeck, an old soldier of the 13th Kansas, and well known to the citizens of Monrovia, Atchison county, Kansas, and his eldest son were killed on a buffalo hunt. His son was shot standing up in the wagon. Mr. Winklepeck fought bravely, killing several Indians before he sank in death, leaving a widow with a large family to mourn his loss."

Not much seems to be known about a reported raid in 1868 in Washington, Cloud and Republic counties. At that time six persons, five from Washington county, were murdered near Lake Sibley.

In Charleston and Hanover townships the Indian mounds can still be seen on the highland prairie but plows and roads have obliterated the old redskin trails.

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Many of the boys from the area who were in World War I served with the 3rd Kansas Sanitary Detachment. This picture, taken in 1917, shows: left to right, top row—Gilbert Close, Newton Kelly, John Durst, Sylvester Whetstine, Merrell Philbrook, Frank Johnson; second row: Frank Featherkile, Bob Gray, Harry Erps, Alva Duer, Paul Wright, Oliver Steele, Brad Swan; third row—Fred King, Guy Bonesteel, Arnold Fuhrken, George Combs, Verlin Bonar, Ward Fetrow, Herb Stoffel, Alva McLeod; front row: Lathrop Reed, Red Dryer, Fred McLeod, Amon Turner, Albert LeCuyer, Ed Howe, Major Henry D. Smith, Elmer Lull, Sherman Lull, Van De Walker, Percy McLeod, Mart Shropp.

Only Six Pumpkins

In 1857—

James and Nancy Shields Elliott, Carolinians, sent to forward slavery in Kansas, came with seven of their ten children and their wives, hus-

bands and families. They found not the tall blue-stem grass advertised but short sod that was only three inches high and so dry it crumbled when you trod on it. Only ½ dozen sweet pumpkins were all that would grow the first year. But Elliott liked the free air of Kansas so well that he turned against slavery and sent his armed men home, then stayed.

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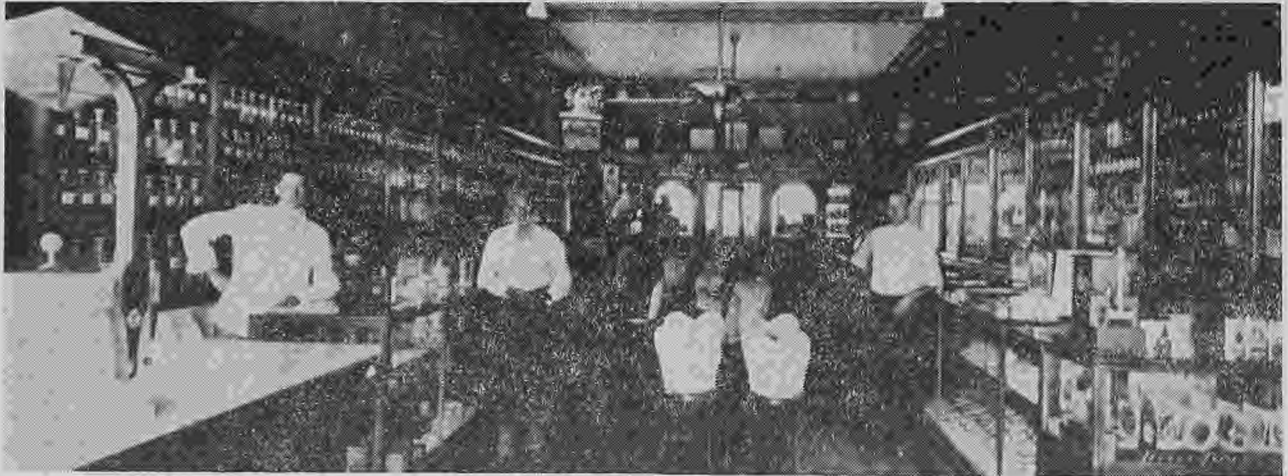
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Interior view of Brown drug store about 1900. At left John Brown Jr.; center John Brown Sr.

Hoerman Foundry

In 1905, the first electric plant, ice and cold storage plant, and iron foundry were built in Washington by the Hoerman Brothers Manufacturing Company. The Hoerman brothers, Fred H. and Henry C., moved with their families to Washington from Linn.

The buildings, some of which still remain, were located in the Hoerman addition which is located east of the present ball park.

Della M. Hoerman, daughter of Fred H. Hoerman, believes the only products of the iron foundry still in use are the steps leading to the barber shop below the First National Bank.

One of the big attractions at the Old Soldiers' Reunion held on the Reunion Grounds, were the fresh vegetables frozen in large blocks of ice manufactured in the ice plant.

Ill-fated Schools

Education in Washington has been an expensive experience building wise.

Of seven buildings which housed pupils, five of them met with disaster.

The first school was held in the Company house, not a school building. The second, a stone building erected on the O. T. Muth property of today was abandoned when the brick school-house costing \$12,000 was built in 1881.

This building survived until 1931 when it was torn down for the new grade school of that year. This building, one year old, was destroyed in the tornado.

A similar tragedy occurred to the first high school. It was built in the fall of 1908 and the class of 1909 was the first to graduate from it.

Two years later this building caught fire and burned. This was replaced in 1912 and 20 years later was destroyed by a tornado. The present building was rebuilt from the 1912 structure.

The Academy Hill

Late in 1889 the Friends denomination built an academy north of Washington which was to become an important part of the community. The first term opened in the fall of 1889 with ten students enrolled. Teachers were Elam Henderson and Miss Watson.

After a few weeks the enrollment reached 40, and in later years was more than 200.

The transfer of the Academy to the Baptist denomination was in June 1902 and thereafter it was known as the Washington Academy.

Because the entire high school at Washington was at this time housed in one room of the grade school building and because of the crowded conditions there many who otherwise would have attended high school instead attended the academy. The academy also offered students a greater variety of courses.

The Normal Training Department of the Academy was especially good and a very large percent of the students became teachers. The spring term was always well attended as many teachers from over the county, having completed the term in some rural school, returned for review work and further study.

The football and basketball teams were good and won their share of games.

The Academy disbanded in 1905, and several years later was sold to Harvey Markham who razed the building and built a residence on the lots. The proceeds of the sale were turned over to school district one.

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Centennial Celebration Activities

SUNDAY, MAY 29

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS DAY

7:30 p.m.—Old Fashioned Hymn Sing, ball park
8:00 p.m.—Service on pageant stage—Special speaker—Planned by Ministerial alliance

MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 30

Memorial Day services at cemetery at 10:30
Chicken Barbeque at park at evening. Plates \$1.

TUESDAY, MAY 31

Governors Day—Homecoming Old Timers and Former Residents

Morning and all day—Registration of guests at hospitality center, Washington Hotel.

11:00 a.m.—Pioneer Recognition, City Hall

3:30 p.m.—Washington Rural High School Band concert downtown.

4:00 p.m.—Official opening ceremony—reviewing stand Court House square.

5:00 p.m.—Grand Centennial Historical and Float Parade. No parking of cars along main part of parade route.

Chicken Barbeque at park at evening. Plates \$1.

7:30 p.m.—Pre-Pageant Band Concert—Washington High School Band, Pageant stage.

4:30 p.m.—Teenage Rock and Roll Party—Radio and Disk Jockeys on reviewing stand.

6:00 p.m.—Presentation of Distinguished guests—Governor George Docking, U. S. Senator Andrew F. Schoepel and Congressman William H. Avery.

8:30 p.m.—Grand Premiere Performance of the Pageant Spectacle 'WASHINGTON' at ball park.

Coronation of Centennial Queen and presentation of Court of Honor in Prologue of Pageant. Governor Geo. Docking will crown the queen. FIREWORKS.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 — LADIES DAY

10:30 a.m.—Ladies Crusade and Fun Events until noon. Downtown Reviewing Stand. —Judging Centennial Belles Costumes—Mother and daughter Promenade and Best family groups. Reviewing stand.

3:00 p.m.—"STYLES THRU THE YEARS"—Centennial Style Show, Grade school

4:00 p.m.—Ladies Centennial Tea, grade school.

7:30 p.m.—Salute to Marysville, Kansas, and Marshall County Officers and Citizens present. Ball Park Pageant Stage.

8:30 p.m.—Second performance of "WASHINGTON" Prairierama Pageant Spectacle—Ball Park Stage. FIREWORKS.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2—YOUNG AMERICA DAY

10:00 a.m.—Young People's Pet, Costume and Bicycle Parade, Childrens Floats, Little Leaguers and Grade Band.

11:00 a.m.—Pet Show.

11:00 a.m.—City Officials—Youth Government.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, continued

1:30 p.m.—Young American Olympics held at the fairgrounds. Races, etc.

3:30 p.m.—Firemen's Water Contest—on square.

7:30 p.m.—Ceremonies honoring Clay County Officials and Citizens. Presentation of Young American Citizenship Awards for one outstanding High School student from each of ten high schools in county.

8:00 p.m.—Musical Concert by Clay Center High School Band.

8:30 p.m.—Third performance of pageant spectacle "WASHINGTON" Fireworks.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

Agricultural Day and Brothers of Brush

Events at Courthouse square and reviewing stands

10:30 a.m.—Horse Harnessing Contest.

11:00 a.m.—Hay Bale Derby.

11:30 a.m.—Hog Calling Contest.

NOON—Old Fashioned Basket Picnic—City park. Pack a basket—Own table service—Coffee and iced tea compliments of Washington Chamber of Commerce.

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.—Open House, Implement and Machinery Dealers.

2:00 p.m.—Trailer Backing Contest. Downtown.

2:30 p.m.—Agriculture speaker, reviewing stand.

3:00 p.m.—Obstacle Race Fun Festival—Kiddies

3:45 p.m.—Slipper Kicking Contest and

4:00 p.m.—Nail Driving Contest for the ladies

5:00 p.m.—Brothers of the Brush Whisker judging—Wear your button, reviewing stand

7:30 p.m.—Pre-Pageant Entertainment. Salute to Belleville and Republic county—Officials Citizens Guests. On the Pageant stage.

8:30 p.m.—"WASHINGTON" Pageant Spectacle, Ball Park Stadium. Fireworks.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

GOOD NEIGHBORS DAY

8:15 p.m.—Burying the Centennial Time Capsule, F. R. Lobaugh, speaker—West side of Courthouse.

4:00 p.m.—Keystone Kops and Kangaroo Court

5:00 p.m.—Final Grand Historical and Float Parade.

7:30 p.m.—Full Beards Brothers of the Brush Whisker Shaving Contest on the Pageant Stage. Remington Rand Electric Shavers as prizes to winners and Queen and the Princess of Honor.

8:00 p.m.—Band Concert, Fairbury, Nebraska, High School Band. Salute to Jefferson County officials and guests, pageant stage

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Presentation of the "Washingtonennial" Queen —
Miss Washington Centennial of 1960—

Janice Rosenkranz
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Royal Procession in review

Scene 2. THE RED MAN—PRE-SETTLEMENT PERIOD—AN INDIAN VILLAGE—EARLY CONTACTS WITH WHITE TRADERS.

"Waters of Minnetonka" Mrs. Walter Grist
or Winona Lee Beach.

Scene 3. EARLY SETTLEMENT PERIOD—1859-1960

(a) First Families establish their homes—James McNulty family—Gerat Hollenberg and others—

(b) Other Settlers Come—The covered wagons move west—1860-1865

(See who they were elsewhere in this book)

Scene 4. THE PONY EXPRESS—1860

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Scene 5. EARLY SURVEYS—

Surveyors laying out railroad right of ways, defining county and township boundaries, plotting out town lots were important in the early days.

Scene 6. 1860 A COUNTY IS BORN

One of the meetings of the First County Court— Mr. Don Darby, the great, great, great grandson of the original first Judge Darby, portrays the character of Judge in this scene.

Scene 7. THE FIRST SCHOOL 1860

Mrs. Agnes Hallowell was the teacher of the first school—A typical day in a Pioneer School as the children learn "Readin,' Rit-in' and Rithmetic."

Mrs. Albert Soller, portraying the teacher is a direct descendant of Agnes Hallowell.

Scene 8. OLD TIME RELIGION

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it Holy—An old time camp meeting at Ballard Mills.

The Minister was Rev. Phillips.

Scene 9. INDIAN RAIDS 1864

In Washington and Marshall counties and along the Little Blue River, Indians made terrifying raids on the settlers. They were on their way to the Otoe.

Sioux, Cheyennes, Arapahoes and Kaw tribes resented the influx of settlers.

INTERLUDE Days of Gracious Living—An Old Time Dance.

Scene 10. CIVIL WAR DAYS

War is declared President Lincoln calls for troops—volunteers and recruiting—

Scene 11. BATTLE TABLEAU GETTYSBURG

Scene 12. THE RAILROAD COMES TO WASHINGTON 1877-1888

The Passing of the Stage Coach Days.
The Missouri Railroad Comes to Washington—The beginning of a new era of growth and prosperity

Scene 13. THE 90'S SO GAY

An era of change—bikes, waxed mustaches, buttons and bows, bathing girls, the medicine worker and the Can Can girls. A 4th of July Picnic in the Gay 90's.
March of Time—Narrators.

Scene 14. WAR CLOUDS ROLL

World War I—To make the world safe for Democracy.
March of Time—Narrators.

Scene 15. WORLD WAR II

Tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces of America.
Iwo Jima—Tableau.

Scene 16. THE ATOMIC AGE

The Bomb (Look to your right)

Scene 17. LEADERS OF TOMORROW

Looking to the Future — Glorifying the Modern School with its opportunities to develop leaders of tomorrow—

Scene 18. GRAND FINALE SPECTACLE

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If there are errors of omission or commission, we humbly apologize. The size of the cast and the press of activities make a detailed last minute check impossible. Our only recourse, perhaps, is to offer corrections in the Centennial edition: “2060!”

Scene 1. THE PROLOGUE.

MISS COLUMBIA: Sue Padgett.

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SPIRIT OF EDUCATION: Barbara Mueller
SAILORETTES: Viola Bolejack, Barbara Damman, Debra Broadston, Mary Kier, Loretta Nutsch, Norma Rose, Delores Soanda, Alice Uhlrich, Juanita Waser, Peggy Wichman, Mary Wiese, Twila Zweifel.

TRUMPETERS: Barbara Menzies, Mary Alice Wichman, Sherry Shaw, Laura Rippe.

Scene 2: THE RED MAN, PRE-SETTLERS, WHITE TRADERS.

INDIAN CHIEFS: Oliver Steele, Fred Johnson.
INDIAN INTERPRETERS: Eddie Brunmeier and Allen Ampe.

SKILLED RIDERS: John Shaw, Dr. F. M. Beam.

INDIAN BRAVES: Tommy Rogge, Jim Brabec, Jim Dodds, Larry Weimers, Jeff Brabec, Roger Ryser, Terry Vess, David Wells, Steve Sanderson, John Lundblade.

INDIAN WOMEN: Volene Hillers, Betty Philbrook, Mrs. Vernon Cole, Helen McCarty, Florence Bradley, Mrs. Vern Harris, Kay Simon, Doris Beasley, Myrna Johnson, Lila Alexander.

INDIAN CHILDREN: Doug Van Amburg, Doug Philbrook.

WHITE TRADERS: Don Van Amburg, Leland Elliott, Wilbur Peters, Jim Menzies.

MEDICINE MAN (INDIAN): E. J. Pannbacker jr.

SPECIAL RIDERS FOR INDIAN RACE: Robert Arganbright, Richard Shum.

**Scene 3. EARLY SETTLEMENT PERIOD,
1859-1860**

PIONEER WOMEN: Mrs. John Shaw, Mrs. Willis Darby, Mrs. Lawrence Graham, Mrs. Robert Krueger, Mrs. L. L. Huntley, Mrs. Lydia Poersch Mrs. Don Jewett, Mrs. Oliver Steele.

PIONEER CHILDREN: Stephen and Michael Fuhrken, Sharon and Martha Graham, Janet Van Amburg, Mary Louise Huntley, Virginia and Donna Jewett, Jerry Fuhrken, Mary Ann Waser, Thomas Brabec, David LaFevre, Joyce Fuhrken, Janet Fuhrken, Richard Krueger, Jim Kruger, Lori and Dougie Smart, Bill Pannbacker, Nyla, Terry and Donna Nutsch, Patty Mayer.

PIONEER MEN: Roy Allerheiligen, Lawrence Graham, Willis Darby, Don Jewett, Floyd Tegethoff.

RIDERS: Lyle Dewey, David Holbrook, Loren Wollenberg, Clel Hubbard, Al Werner, Marvin Dewey.

Scene 4. PONY EXPRESS

STATION MEN: James Seachord, Ray Ditmars, Kenneth Durfee, George Lohrengel.

PONY EXPRESS RIDERS: LeRoy Neil, Lyle Burr.

Scene 5. EARLY SURVEY

TOWNSMEN: Paul Maxwell, George Pannbacker.

SURVEYOR: C. A. Sampson.

MAPMAN: Dr. Kolterman.

Scene 6. A COUNTY IS BORN, 1860

One of the meetings of the First County Court: Mr. Don Darby, great great grandson of the original First Judge Darby; Paul Willbrant as George Caldwell; Floyd Carr as Joseph Malin; Vernon Hart as Assessor Mercer; Jim Wyman, Sheriff Langsdale; Norman Lull, William Hoffine; Art Malsbury, Treasurer Driskell; Tom Parry, Clerk Ballard.

Scene 7. THE FIRST SCHOOL, 1860

TEACHER: Mrs. Albert Soller, granddaughter of Agnes Hallowell, the school's first teacher.

DUNCE: Bruce Peters.

CIRCUIT RIDER: Joseph Jedlicka.

GIRLS: Robin Jones, Pamela Jones, Marcia Hillier, Colleen Hillyer, Christine Rogge, Pamela Tegethoff.

BOYS: Alan Peters, Stanley Wagner, Jimmy Jo Krueger, Ricky Krueger, Pete Menzies, Jimmy LaFevre, Stephen Plegge.

Scene 8. EARLY CHURCH

Characters double from early settlers scene
Rev. Phillips: Orville Graham.

Horse and Buggy driver: Tony Koss.

Scene 9. INDIAN RAID

Characters double from Scenes 2, 3 and 5

Scene 10. CIVIL WAR DAYS

ABE LINCOLN: Von Dale Sweetland.

INTERLUDE: OLD TIME DANCE

DANCERS: Dick and Bonnie Tegethoff, Bert and Clara Chapin, C. A. and Jean Schumacher, Verlin and Gertie Mayer, Bob and Bonnie Shaw, Walt and Eleanor Tegethoff, Harley and Thelma Wiggans, Bob and Dorothy Ruegsegger, Toby and Lola Anderson, Leland and Lela Moravek.

Scene 11. GETTYSBURG BATTLE TABLEAU.

CHARACTERS: Daryl Stewart, Norman Ryser, Leland Gassert, Roland Baird, Bill Jones.

GROUP: Battle Tableau

UNION SOLDIERS: Mike Ulfert, Jim Hood, Bob Neu, Blaine Wells, Gale Branch, John Barley, Ted Froehlich, Columbus Jones.

UNION OFFICER: Bill Leseberg.

SOUTHERN SOLDIERS: LaVerne Nelson, Edgar Bates, Dr. H. A. Nagel, Leon Ackerman, Wm. Houdek, Bob Turley, Phil Wilkinson, Larry Walters.

SOUTHERN OFFICER: Ralph Eaton.

Scene 12. COMING OF THE RAILROAD

CHARACTERS: Comedy Lady, Barbara Wetter; Little Bad Boy, David King; Conductor, Anthony Scheer; Engineer, Earl Westhoff.

DANCERS: Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Mosburg, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Biegert, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Herda, Mr. Keith Burnett and Anna Mae Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wurtz, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Von Waaden, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Hi Congleton, Mr. and Mrs. Huston Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teeter, Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Roetter, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Allerheiligen, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ohlde, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ohlde, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Schaefer, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hatesohl, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hornbostel, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Marian Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fencil, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ketterer, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lysle, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heitman.

MUSICIANS: Ben Brungardt, Fred Brungardt, Connie Rollman, Lester Smith, Harry Pepple, Guy Elder, and Hi Dickson, Caller.

Scene 13. GAY 90's

GAY 90 MEN

Tom Brown, Norman Elliot, Linus Linenberger, Edward Blazek, Jerry Knedlik, Arnold Waterman, Dale and Willis Keesecker.

GAY 90 WOMEN:

Gerry Beam, Viva Hinkle, Beulah Sampson, Dorothy Potts, Vi Menzies, Mrs. Kenneth Jackson, and Mrs. E. A. Sewell.

FOUR FIREMEN:

Ivan Hinkle, Wayne Neu, Norman Yound, and Darrel Ryser.

MAYOR: Wayne Elliott.

COP: Elverto Beasley.

LIFEGUARD: Ival Brabec.

BATHING BEAUTIES:

Maxine Dees, Janet Elliott, Delores Rosenkranz and Eunice George.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Darrel Hubka.

HI-BICYCLIST: Jess Johnson.

HIS WIFE: Helen King.

SNUFF LADY: Mildred Kolterman.

PETUNIA PLUHBOTTOM: Helen Pannbacker.

LUCILLE AND SWEETIE: Betty & Paul Herda.

3 BICYCLISTS: Ruth Scheetz, Gailyn Dees, Roberta Hauschel.

BARKER: Hi Dickson.

CAN CAN GIRLS:

Teresa Linenberger, Linda Duston, Winifred Dodds, Karen Parrack, Janice Rosenkranz, Barbara Peters.

Scene 14. WAR CLOUDS ROLL

World War I—American Doughboys: Howard Hamilton, and Marvin Heck.

Scene 15. WORLD WAR II

CHARACTERS: Daryl Stewart, Norman Ryser, Leland Gassert, Roland Baird, Bill Jones.

Scene 16. THE ATOMIC AGE

The Bomb (Look to your right)

Scene 17. LEADERS OF TOMORROW

Susan Tinkham, Jolene Johnson, Carol Nutsch, Verda Stigge, Nancy Zabokrtsy, Patti Vess, Sandy Randall, Judy Chapin, Marilyn Johnson, Don Zabokrtsky, Cletus Linenberger, Ronald Nutsch, Kenneth Stolzner, Robert Shum, Larry Westoff, Don Westhoff, George Patterson, and Roger Brunmeier.

Scene 18. GRAND FINALE SPECTACLE

Entire Cast

NARRATORS: Jim Dickson, Don Miller, Dr. H. A. Nagel, Mrs. Paul Wilkinson, Miss Oneta Sewell, Mrs. Tom Buchanan, Mrs. Carl Rosenkranz, and Mr. Louis Grimm

SINGERS: Mrs. Walter Grist, Mrs. Raymond Willbrant, Mrs. Kenneth McCawley, Mrs. Lawrence Graham, Winona Lee Beach, Mrs. L. W. Rosenkranz, Mrs. Leland Gassert, Mrs. Vida Bronson, Mrs. Don Jewett, Dr. James Smart, Lawrence Graham, Floyd Tegethoff, C. A. Sampson, H. H. Darby, John Rateuke, Paul Wilkinson, Don Jewett, and L. C. Wurtz. Vida Bronson, in charge.

IN APPRECIATION

To the following committee chairmen and to those who so devotedly, under their direction, gave of their time and talent that this Centennial Celebration might be a memorable occasion. We are sorry that the number involved and the limitation of space prohibit the listing of every committee member.

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Mrs. Carl Rosenkranz

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Phil Moore

Hospitality Center

Mrs. Ralph Allen

Over 79 Years of Service

1881



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Over 79 years ago this bank opened its doors and has been a power in the development of this County.

The Washington State Bank, of Washington, Kansas, was organized on March 29th, 1881. Edwin Knowles was President at that time with Thomas Haak as Vice-President and E. C. Knowles as secretary and Cashier. On April 24th, 1884 The Washington State Bank was reorganized by the same management as a National Bank under the present name. It has been a National Bank since 1884. The bank has had several Presidents since that time, all of whom were men of high standing in the community and established the precedent of conducting a good safe bank which has been followed to the present time.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$457,112.34	
Overdrafts	793.09	
Bank Building	1.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00	
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	3,750.00	
U. S. Gov't Securities & Mun. Bonds & Warrants ..	943,836.30	
Cash & Sight Exchange ..	\$425,234.22	\$1,369,070.52
TOTAL	\$1,830,727.95	

August Soller bought the controlling interest from J. S. Alspaugh in October, 1909, and succeeded him in both the Presidency and Management of the bank. Under the present management the deposits have grown steadily in size and number and The WASHINGTON NATIONAL BANK is recognized as not only one of the oldest in the County but one of the strongest. Latest condensed Official Statement of the condition of The Washington National Bank, Washington, Kansas, as made to The Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D.C. at the close of business on March 15th, 1960:

DEPOSITS AND LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	100,000.00
Undivided Profits	37,577.54
Total Invested Capital	\$162,577.54
DEPOSITS	\$1,668,150.41
TOTAL	\$1,830,727.95

The Washington National Bank

WASHINGTON, KANSAS

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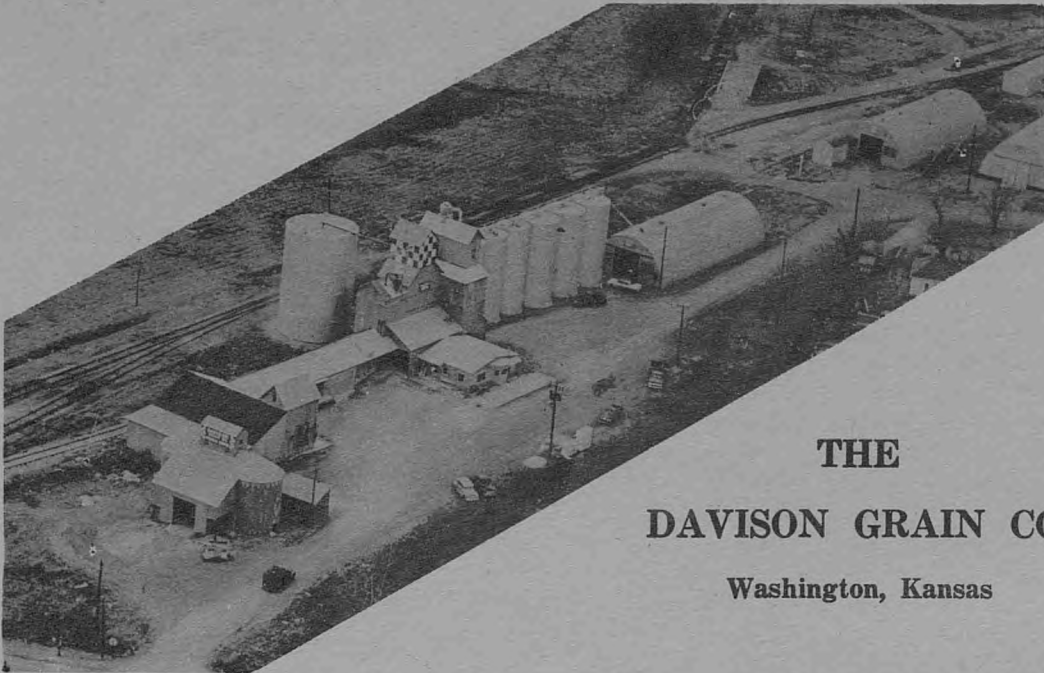
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On Its 100 Year Anniversary

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