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## IN MEMORY OF

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### **JULIE FRISBIE**

Julie Frisbie, age 65, of Grantville died Feb. 13, 2012. She has been the representative from Grantville on the Jefferson Co. Historical Soc. Board since 2005. She had also represented JCHS. on Freedoms Frontier National Heritage Area. It was through her efforts that Jefferson County was added as one of the participating counties. She had been active in the reelection campaigns for Senator Pat Roberts as they were cousins through their Jefferson Co. Patrick family roots.

### **MARY MAXFIELD**

Mary Maxfield , age 72, of Valley Falls, died Feb. 21, 2012. Mary volunteered for many organizations, where-ever there was a need. She had severe health issues for many years, but could be counted on to be the volunteer at the Genealogical Research Center about once per month. She and her husband were active in the Coal Creek Methodist church. Before his death, he was sexton for the Coal Creek cemetery for several years.

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## **50,000 OLD SOLDIERS**

*The Meriden Weekly Tribune, 27 Nov. 1890*

The Tenth Annual Reunion of the Veterans at Topeka next month will be the largest and most important gathering of old soldiers ever assembled in Kansas. Judging from present indications, the committee estimates that fully 50,000 old Soldiers and Sailors will attend the Re-union.

Several hundred large tents are being put up on the State Fair Grounds, and the local committee are making preparations to receive and entertain their visitors in a manner every way worthy of the generous hospitality of our Kansas people. The camp will be laid out by States, and one day will be given to the formation of State Association and to Regimental Re-unions.

The President of the United States, Gen. Harrison, and other eminent soldiers and statesmen will be present and help entertain "the Boys in Blue."

Col. Forsythe of the U.S. Army, with several troops of cavalry, artillery and infantry will participate in an exciting sham battle, bombarding and blowing up Fort Fisher at night.

The jollifications will commence on October 7, and continue four days and nights – mostly nights – when fireworks, shambattles, campfire stories, and foraging will be the order of exercises.

Gen. Alex. McCook will address the Re-union of the Army of the Cumberland.

An interesting programme every day with cavalry and artillery drills, dress parades, &c.

The Veterans wife and family will have special accommodations provided.

Tents and Barracks, Wood, Straw, Water, Lights, etc., free including the freedom of the city. Half fare on all Railroads.

If you have any doubts as to the foraging, address Maj. T. J. Anderson, President of the Committee of Forty-three, Topeka, Kansas, for further information.

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## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This will be our first attempt to provide the information contained in the Jefferson Co. Genealogical Society's magazine, YESTERYEARS, via the electronic media.. We can still mail paper copies to members of the Jefferson Co. Historical Society and/or Jefferson Co. Genealogical Society if you have provided us with feedback on the survey letter of February that was mailed to all existing members. Clearly the path of the future is in delivering this through our web-site as that eliminates costs associated with printing and mailing. I'm sure there will be some glitches on the "learning curve", as we have never done this type communication in the past. If you have problems viewing or opening any of the pages, please let us know so that we may make changes to remove such unintended problems. As we are learning, we expect to allow any visitors to our web-site to have access to YESTERYEARS. In the future that access will probably be limited to members of the two societies as this has normally been a membership benefit. However if we were to experience increased revenue from sales and memberships, we are open to consideration of posting with no restrictions.

If you have any requests, or ideas for inclusion or delivery of YESTERYEARS, let me hear from you.

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# MERIDEN MERCHANTS OF 1893

*The Meriden Weekly Tribune, 4 March 1893*

Below we give a short sketch of our present business men,

## THE STATE BANK

Of Meriden is one of our solid institutions and is here to stay. It was established by The Schuster Hax National Bank of St. Joseph Mo., three years ago under the laws of the State and has a clean record with the Bank Examiner. It numbers among its stockholders some of the wealthiest men of Saint Joseph, and is in a position to furnish the people of our city and vicinity with first class accommodations. Mr. C. A. Shoup the president, takes an active part in the bank's management and is well known in business and financial circles. Mr. L. A. Sharrard has been the cashier of the bank since it was established, he is the right man in the right place, and has the esteem and good will of all the business men and others.

## ARNOLD HARDWARE CO.

Our enterprising young business man Gene Arnold left the farm about a year ago, and commenced business in the capacity of Hardware dealer, during which time he has had a good share of the peoples patronage, there were two other stores here at the time but never the less, Mr. Arnold went ahead and is gaining a better foot hold right along, and deserves patronage.

## W. A. GARDNER

Mr. Gardner came to Meriden in the spring of 1878. At that time a Mr. Parks had a small frame store building on that corner, and Mr. Gardner bought it of him. Just opposite on the corner north, Len H. Tripp had a small frame store building, and farther up the street where Kendall Herron Mer. Co. store now is, M. S. Peterson had a similar store building. There were no sidewalks here at that time one can form an idea of the appearance of our city then. In 1880 they built their new store and moved the old one to where it now stands just south of Mr. Schafer's harness shop. Today we see that they have made vast improvements, they have porches and sidewalks around their store besides having paved the street with stone in front and on the west. They have dealt with the people of Meriden for the last fourteen years and are still holding forth and have a good patronage.

## ANDREW WILSON

The jeweler, came from Winchester a few weeks ago and started a jewelry store in the Star Bakery. He has a good supply of jewelry on hand and will sell at prices that beat Topeka. Remember this and give him your patronage, and in this way make it possible for him to remain in our city.

## KENDALL - HERRON MER. CO.

Commenced business here in 1888 in the Frisbie building and remained there until the fall of 1891, when they moved into their new quarters where they now are. They are both shrewd business men and are well known. They are doing a good business and are here to stay.

## SCHAFER AND SON

Came to Meriden just a year ago. At that time there was no harness shop here, they rented a building and commenced to make harness and do repairing. Mr. Schafer always buys the best of leather and being a skilled workman turns out better harness than you find in many larger cities. He has sold a good many sets of harness and they are giving good satisfaction. They have several set of their own hand made heavy harness in readiness and it will keep them busy to supply the spring trade. We trust that the farmers will give them their support and not go to Topeka to buy when they can get what they want at their home shop.

#### PEEBLER AND BARR

Started the first hardware store in Meriden, commencing business here in 1889, and are still in the same location. Mr. Peebler was not in the store during the first two or three years, but was connected with it. He has now had the post office for four years. Mr. Barr is now in the civil service work, and is not in the store very much. They are both well known here and are well patronized..

#### W. H. WOOD

Commenced business here in 1884 down on the corner, where the rod front building was, and did business there two years. Then built his large stone store building that he now occupies. He has done considerable business here during his eight years. He intends moving his goods to some other locality soon.

#### L. M. ESHOM

The oldest barber in town commenced his business here in 1879 in Smith & Gilluly store. He was absent for about two years, then opened up shop where Mr. Perkinson is. He is very well patronized.

#### S. H. CHACEY

Our enterprising cart manufacturer is getting ready to manufacture the best cart in the market, so as to keep a good supply on hand. As you have only to ride in one of them a short distance until you come to the conclusion that it is the easiest riding cart in the market, and will have to buy one. Have you seen them? If not, call at his shop and examine them.

#### Z. B. PERKINSON

The Star Bakery man moved to where he now is in December, a little over a year ago. He came from the farm and has built up a good trade in his business. He has everything in the bakery line.

#### I. H. McQUILKIN & CO.

New proprietor of the tin shop formerly with W. H. Wood for five or six years as tinner and formerly in business in North Topeka. He has just commenced in business here. Irv is a rustler and a good tinner and is so well known that it is a fore gone conclusion that he will be patronized. We need a good tinner and should keep one by giving him our patronage.

#### HUBER BROS.

Have been furnishing the people of our city with everything in the meat line since Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1889. They are worthy of the large patronage that they now have.

#### W. J. WALTER

Who was formerly in Topeka, June 1891 he set up a shop in the Frazer building, Campbell and Goodwin had a blacksmith shop where Walter is now. After a few months they sold to Mr. Walter and he combined the two shops. Since then he has made vast improvements. He has built another room on the west side and has an engine to run his new emery wheel and bellows. He has dug a cistern which is to keep the engine supplied with water. Everything is fixed in perfect order and he is now prepared to do the amount of work that is coming in every day, in short notice. He is acknowledged by all to be a skilled workman.

#### WILLIAM CRULL

"Dad" as he is called by nearly every one came to Meriden in the fall of 1879. He farmed the first year then went into the transfer business. Three years ago Feb. 23, he bought the livery stable and is still transferring goods. He has three horses that he had before he bought the stable, Queen, Fannie and Jim, but none of the ones that he bought with the stable. He is our old reliable liveryman, and can furnish you a double seated carriage, a team and buggy, a saddle horse, a sleigh, a single driver, and in fact anything you need in the livery line.

W. G. AULTS

Started his meat market in 1880. He has had his shop in several different locations. He has sold considerable meat in Meriden, and is still at his old stand.

W. J. MILLER

Commenced business here in 1878 and is now mending and making shoes. This makes his thirteen years in business here.

F. A. TRIPP

The barber, has been in business here for a little over six years. His shop is fixed up in fine shape and will give you a good shave for ten cents. He has a splendid trade. He will hone your razor or cut your hair for a quarter.

A. & L. W. MOSIER

Mr. A. Mosier has been in business here since 1885. At that time they bought the store of J. D. Lynch where Huber Bros. meat market is at the present time. The firms name was A. & J. W. Mosier. L. W. is now one of the firm and J. W. is in business at Herrington. In 1886 they built their large building they now occupy at the same time W. H. Wood built. They have purchased W. H. Woods building and now own the whole store. They carry a good line of goods and are enterprising business men.

NOTE: Continued in *Meriden Weekly Tribune* of 11 March 1893

MR. E. SMITH

Took charge of the American House on the first of this month. He is a good man for the place. For a good square meal or a clean bed go to the American House.

JOHN McLUCAS

Is now the rushing implement man of the town. He buys grain and sells coal. He was formerly proprietor of the hotel, but he is better suited for his present business.

J. T. BROWN

Our wagon-maker came to Meriden a little over three years ago. He worked at the carpenters trade the first year. Since then has worked at his trade in the rear of the blacksmith shop. He is a number one workman.

GEORGE W. POTTS

The lumberman, owned a fine farm at Grantville, which he sold and moved to this city and has been in lumber business ever since the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 1891. He has been Sheriff of this county and is now Police Judge of this city.

ROBERT SMITH

Robert Smith and Gillully commenced business here in 1880 or 1881, bringing their drugs etc. from Oskaloosa mostly. They were in the Frisbie building until Wm. and Robt. built their store building, and Will, who had plenty of money, became a partner. Robt. now controls the business alone. There is no other drug shop in town.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHERS, 1943-4

TEACHER'S NAME	TEACHERS ADDRESS	DIST. #	DIST. NAME	SALARY
Abel, Jeanette	Valley Falls	16 H.S.	Valley Falls	120X12
Ahrens, Hazel	Oskaloosa	105 H.S.	Oskaloosa	175X9
Alexander, John H.	Winchester	20	Lillie	117.5
Anderson, Virginia	Oskaloosa	105 H.S.	Oskaloosa	170X9
Babcock, Zell	Winchester	104 H.S.	Winchester	102X12
Baer, Mildred	Oskaloosa	105 H.S.	Oskaloosa	140X9
Bain, L. M.	Valley Falls	49	Bolton	100
Ballinger, Allen L.	Perry	55	Pleasant Valley	110
Bettein, LaRue	Winchester	104 H.S.	Winchester	150X12
Betty, Laura	Oskaloosa	29	Oskaloosa	115X9
Blue, Sallie	Valley Falls	16 H.S.	Valley Falls	120X12
Bond, Alena M.	Lawrence	70	O'Neal (12 mo.)	60X12
Brammell, Ira N. H.	McLouth	103 H.S.	McLouth	215X12
Bremens, Paul, Rev.		church	St Mary's	
Brown, Leona	Valley Falls	38	North Cedar	90
Brown, Marie	McLouth	103 H.S.	McLouth	170X9
Brunton, Lex	Ozawkie	28	Ozawkie	110X8
Brunton, Mason	Perry	34	Perry	110X12
Burkhardt, Helen	Valley Falls	16	Valley Falls	91X12
Cameron, Roy R.	Perry	102 H.S.	Perry	225X12
Clendennen, Viola	Perry	34	Perry	25X9
Clendennen, Viola	Perry	102 H.S.	Perry	150X9
Cole, Estella	Rock Creek	19	Rock Creek	125X8
Cole, Ethel	Winchester	7	Winchester	95X9
Conant, Vivian C.	Meriden	93 H.S.	Meriden	160X9
Cordon, Marjorie	Nortonville	85 H.S.	Nortonville	150X9
Cox, Edith	Oskaloosa	68	Dick	100
Cunningham, Geraldine	Valley Falls	14	Spring Grove	110
Curry, Dorothy	Winchester	26	Hickory Point	100
Davies, Esther	Oskaloosa	29	Oskaloosa	50X9
Davis, Esther C.	Oskaloosa	105 H.S.	Oskaloosa	100X9
Decker, Zelma	Perry	53	Clover Hill	90
Denner, Edith	Rock Creek	94	Unity	120
Dick, Esther	Perry	34	Perry	81X12
Dill, Ina	Winchester	67	Thornburg	90
Dittmer, Erna		church	St. Matthews Luth.	
Dodson, Frances F.	Rock Creek	106 H.S.	Rock Creek	135X3
Dorei, Lurah N.	Oskaloosa	29	Oskaloosa	105X9
Dorei, Murlin S.	Oskaloosa	105 H.S.	Oskaloosa	175X12
Egner, Edith	Ozawkie	101 H.S.	Ozawkie	155X5
Elliott, W. B.	Perry	102 H.S.	Perry	160X12
Endly, Virginia	Valley Falls	16 H.S.	Valley Falls	120X12
Evans, Loes	Williamstown	43	Buck Creek	130
Fleischer, Blanche	Meriden	56	Crescent Grove	110
Franks, Kermit, Mrs.	Meriden	93 H.S.	Meriden	120X12
Gibson, Dale	Oskaloosa	105 H.S.	Oskaloosa	222X9
Gibson, Jennie, Mrs.	Williamstown	69	Dean	90

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TEACHER'S NAME	TEACHERS ADDRESS	DIST. #	DIST. NAME	SALARY
Gilbert, Betty	Arrington	92	High Prairie	95
Gragg, Ida	Oskaloosa	47	Grayson	90
Gragg, Wyatt	Oskaloosa	33	Fairfield	135
Greeley, Nannie	Nortonville	85	Nortonville	110X9
Grinter, Eva C.	Perry	35	Newman	125
Haag, Virgie	Grantville	37	Grantville	115X9
Hassebrock, Jessie	Ozawkie	101 H.S.	Ozawkie	155X4
Hatfield, Vera Early	Valley Falls	16	Valley Falls	91X12
Hawk, Clara M.	McLouth	31	Round Grove	100
Hefty, Lois	Valley Falls	46	Half Mound	100
Herken, ____, Rev.		church	St. Joseph's	
Hovey, Inez V.	McLouth	103 H.S.	McLouth	170X9
Howe, Helen	Lawrence	51	Sunnyside	110
Howland, W. T.	Nortonville	85 H.S.	Nortonville	210X10
Hukill, Edna	Valley Falls	16 H.S.	Valley Falls	120X12
Jensen, Pauline	Williamstown	42	Williamstown	112.5X9
Johnson, June B.	Nortonville	1	Center	100
Johnson, Nelle	Valley Falls	87	Bloomfield	100
Judy. Ferne	Oskaloosa	10	Number 10	
Kelly, Rosella	Valley Falls	12	Excelsior	125
Kenton, W. Orville	Perry	64	Oak Grove	100
Kimmel, Winifred	McLouth	75	McLouth	100X9
Kinnett, Carrie	Ozawkie	88	Hays	90
Knouse, Jessie	Valley Falls	16	Valley Falls	91X12
Kramer, Audean	McLouth	91	Edmonds	90
Lacy, Mary	Ozawkie	28	Ozawkie	100X8
Lammers, R. M., Rev.		church	St. Matthews Luth.	
Langdon, Lucille	Valley Falls	100	Dunavant	95
Lanter, Edith, Mrs.	Nortonville	85 H.S.	Nortonville	135X9
Leonard, Ruth	Valley Falls	16	Valley Falls	91X12
Lindamood, Eva	Ozawkie	60	Lowry	100
Lindquist, Hazel, Mrs.	Ozawkie	101 H.S.	Ozawkie	155X9
Lindquist, John F.	Ozawkie	101 H.S.	Ozawkie	158X12
Lyle, Vivian	Perry	102 H.S.	Perry	135X12
Lynne, Maye	--	11	Nichols	120
Madorin, Jesse	Valley Falls	82	Pleasant Hill	100
Martin, Roberta	Meriden	24	Meriden	105X9
Martin, Rose Ann	Williamstown	42	Williamstown	115.5X9
Matthews, Noma K.	Valley Falls	84	Prairie Hall	110
Mauzey, Joie	Nortonville	86	Ellerman	100
Mayer, Vera	Grantville	58	Prairie Creek	100
McClure, Ida	Valley Falls	16	Valley Falls	91X12
McCoy, Irene	Winchester	104 H.S.	Winchester	132X12
McSpadden, Isabelle	Valley Falls	16 H.S.	Valley Falls	115X12
Means, Sam	McLouth	48	Woodstock	100
Mellanbruch, Virginia	Winchester	7	Winchester	110X9
Merriam, Esther	Nortonville	85 H.S.	Nortonville	150X9



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Miller, Marjorie	Perry	102 H.S.	Perry	135X12
Moore, Thomas J.	Oskaloosa	29	Oskaloosa	28.5X12
Moore, Thomas J.	Oskaloosa	105 H.S.	Oskaloosa	188X12
Morrison, Wilbur, Mrs.	Meriden	24	Meriden	120X9
Moyer, Lola	Nortonville	85	Nortonville	105X9
Mulvihill, Mary M.	Easton	6	Wilhelm	
Neel, Emily	Valley Falls	2	Walnut Creek	110
Newell, Geneva	Oskaloosa	25	Basin Valley	100
Noble, Anna	Meriden	24	Meriden	105X9
Norrie, Lottie	McLouth	75	McLouth	125X9
Norwood, Eleanor	McLouth	103 H.S.	McLouth	170X9
Oaks, Leeta	Grantville	37	Grantville	125X9
Pearson, Helen	McLouth	103 H.S.	McLouth	190X9
Peck, Florence	Rock Creek	106 H.S.	Rock Creek	155X9
Peck, Laura, Mrs.	Grantville	22	Mt. Hope	115
Pence, Caroline	Rock Creek	106 H.S.	Rock Creek	145X9
Petrie, Ruth	Oskaloosa	54	Tibbott	85
Plummer, Nellie	Perry	34	Perry	81X12
Porter, Belle	Denison	89	Westward	85
Provorse, Annie	McLouth	103 H.S.	McLouth	170X9
Ramey, Daisy, Mrs.	Meriden	93 H.S.	Meriden	160X9
Ramey, Roy Lee	Meriden	93 H.S.	Meriden	250X10
Reichart, Ina Mae	N. Tr.	3	Swabville	85
Reichart, Ruth	McLouth	36	Parsons	
Reichart, Viola	Valley Falls	16	Valley Falls	91X12
Reynolds, Mary M.	Rock Creek	19	Rock Creek	120X8
Rice, Mildred	Nortonville	90	Mount Union	90
Richardson, Minnie	Ozawkie	28	Ozawkie	100X8
Ridgway, Thelma	McLouth	23	Wild Horse	110
Roberts, Betty	Winchester	104 H.S.	Winchester	109X12
Roberts, Mary M.	Oskaloosa	29	Oskaloosa	115X9
Rogers, Fae	Oskaloosa	27	Pleasant Point	80
Roller, Virginia	Perry	102 H.S.	Perry	120X12
Root, Alice	Ozawkie	15	Thompsonville	117
Schoewe, Caroline	Nortonville	85 H.S.	Nortonville	150X9
Scholes, Thelma	McLouth	75	McLouth	100X9
Schultz, Henry	Valley Falls	16 H.S.	Valley Falls	120X9
Shaw, Winnie	Perry	52	Round Mound	100
Sheldon, Lois	Winchester	9	Coppinger	100
Sims, Ruth	Meriden	77	Mount Bethel	90
Sister Germaine		church	St. Joseph's	
Sister Honora		church	St Mary's	
Sister Linus		church	St. Joseph's	
Sister Nepomucene		church	St Mary's	
Sister Priscill		57	Oak Grove	50X8
Sister Theresita		57	Oak Grove	50X8
Smallley, Daisy, Mrs.	Perry	41	Fairmount	100

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TEACHER'S NAME	TEACHERS ADDRESS	DIST. #	DIST. NAME	SALARY
Smith, Etta, Mrs.	McLouth	79	Wellman	90
Spielman, Mabel	Ozawkie	101 H.S.	Ozawkie	155X9
Spurlock, Marjorie	Valley Falls	32	Blue Mound	112.5
Stember, Frances	Ozawkie	101 H.S.	Ozawkie	155X9
Strange, Vivian	Perry	102 H.S.	Perry	175X12
Swoyer, Altha	Meriden	13	Milligan	100
Thiry, Alwilna	Lawrence	73	Knowledge Hill	100
Thomas, Margaret	Perry	34	Perry	81X12
Thompson, Rosalyn	Winchester	39	Plum Grove	95
Thorpe, B. R.	Valley Falls	16 H.S.	Valley Falls	230X12
Tiffany, Inez	Meriden	93 H.S.	Meriden	150X12
Turner, Irene	Oskaloosa	74	Vairview	90
Turner, Robert L.	Valley Falls	16 H.S.	Valley Falls	180X10
Utz, Lorena	Valley Falls	21	Peters Creek	81
Vanderpool, Fern	Ozawkie	45	Nesbitt	115
Vincent, Esther	Nortonville	85	Nortonville	130X9
Watson, Mary	McLouth	50	Valley Grove	100
Weldon, Alma	Rock Creek	106 H.S.	Rock Creek	145X6
Welter, Marjorie	Grantville	37	Grantville	45X9
Werst, Clara	Winchester	8	Hebron	100
Wettig, Mamie, Mrs.	Nortonville	85 H.S.	Nortonville	140X9
Willis, H. B.	Winchester	104 H.S.	Winchester	175X12
Willis, Lois M., Mrs.	Winchester	104 H.S.	Winchester	120X12
Woodard, Helen	Oskaloosa	105 H.S.	Oskaloosa	155X9
Wright, Althea M.	Oskaloosa	105 H.S.	Oskaloosa	175X9
Young, Clara Helen	McLouth	75	McLouth	100X9
Young, Pearl	Winchester	7	Winchester	107.5X9
Zook, Barbara	McLouth	65	Chester	110
Zook, Lenora	McLouth	97	Hinton	100
none, no school		4	Didde	
none, no school		5	Pacific	
none, no school		18	Medina	
none, no school		30	Leaverton	
none, no school		40	Pleasant View	
none, no school		59	Ross	
none, no school		61	Gamble	
none, no school		62	Woodville	
none, no school		63	Jones	
none, no school		66	Lone Tree	
none, no school		71	Olive Branch	
none, no school		72	Kilgour	
none, no school		76	Horning	
none, no school		81	Dix	
none, no school		95	Scatter Creek	
none, no school		96	New Century	

## VALLEY FALLS - 1890

*The Oskaloosa Independent*, 15 March 1890

[A special edition of *The Independent* giving history, plus business and professional members of the towns of Jefferson Co. Some of the early history is similar to what appeared in Andrea's History of Kansas, 1883. Other Jefferson county town histories from this source will be continued in future issues of YESTERYEARS.]

Valley Falls is on the Delaware river at the crossing of the A.T. & S.F., the K.C. and the K.C., W & N.W railroads. It is a good business point; has three banks, two mills, elevator, cheese factory, tile factory, woolen mill, shops, three newspapers, churches, schools, hotels, lumber yards, livery barns, electric lights, water works, &c. It is so situated as to draw trade from a large scope of surrounding country. It does a large business in the shipments of grain and stock. Coal mines in the vicinity are worked with considerable success. Fine water power drives the machinery of the mills, electric lights, &c., and other power for new enterprises will be furnished cheap. For further particulars address the mayor of Valley Falls.

The Valley Falls of today is the largest town in Jefferson county, has an electric light plant, waterworks, mills, etc. and three newspapers, (not counting "*Lucifer*") viz: *The New Era*, *The Register* and *The Republican* – established in the order named. For a directory of its live business houses, its societies, churches, hotels, etc., see next section.

The city waterworks, costing \$15,000 are under the control of the city marshal. The Valley Falls Hose Co. No. 1 is composed of 25 members. Business meetings on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday nights of each month. T. C. Lord, fire marshal and ex-officio chief of fire department. They have a cart and 1000 feet of hose, a good house for storing apparatus, &c.

### CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES

Congregational church, organized in 1858 ; present church built in 1885; value, \$4,500. Sunday school Org. 1855. Church membership 105; S.S. pupils enrolled 120.

M. E. Church org. in 1857 by Rev. Prather; present church built 1883; parsonage built 1880, property worth \$5,500, Sunday school org. 1860, membership 140, membership in church, 160. Rev. J. O. Foresman, pastor, First pastor, Mark Robison; Wm. Butts, first presiding elder.

Baptist church org. 1872, by G. Gates, state missionary; present church built 1889-90; property worth \$6,000. Sunday school org. 1872; pupils in S.S. =50; Church membership, 60; Rev. M. Wood, pastor.

Lutheran church org. 1855; present church built 1887, valuation \$3,500; J. B. McAfee, first pastor, S. S. org. in 1866; Rev. J. W. Thomas, pastor.

Catholic church org. 1866; present church built 1866; valuation \$2,500; Father Defouri, first priest; S.S. org. 1866; Members, about 75; Father M. Herrington, priest.

Christian church org. 1859; present church built 1884; valuation \$3,000; members 80; Pardee Butler, first pastor; S.S. org. 1861; members 60; S. T. Martin, pastor

Colored Baptist church org. 1870; present church built 1883, valuation, \$400; 35 m3mbers; Thos. Wilson, first pastor, SS. Org. 1870, members 35. Ref. Lewis, pastor.

Second M. E. Church org. Jan. 1, 1890, with 18 members, by Rev. J. O. Foresman; Pastor to be supplied.

R. A. Chapter org. 1867; 24 members. Meets second Saturday of each month.

A.F. & A.M., org. 1859; 64 m3mbers. Meets first and third Saturdays.

S.K. of A.O.U.W. org. 1884; 48 members. Meets Thursday nights.  
 A.O.U.W. org. 1880, 117 members, Meets Monday nights.  
 I.O.O.F. org. 1872; 46 members. Meets Tuesday nights.  
 G.A.R., Stafford Post No. 225, org. 1881, 43 members. Meets first and third Wednesdays.  
 L. of G.A.R. Stafford Circle No. 7, org. 1887, 45 members.  
 Boomer Camp 145, S.V., U.S.A., org. 1889, 20 members.  
 I.O.G.T., No. 51, org. 1886; 80 members.  
 E.S.A., org. 1887.  
 Juvenile Templars, org. 1888  
 The Pleasant Hour Club, 48 members, meets every Saturday night in Second Baptist Church.  
 Wait and See Club, org. 1889, 60 members. Meets Friday nights.  
 Choral Union, org. 1889, 30 members.  
 Valley Falls Turn Verein, org. 1880, 26 members. Meets Sundays

The original proprietors of the town of Valley Falls were James Frazier, Robert Riddle, A. J. Whitney and H. and T. F. Jolly. They took possession and commenced building their cabins on Christmas day, the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, 1854— The idea of building a mill was first conceived, and the organization of the company was separate and distinct from the town. Engaged in the mill enterprise were Frazier, Riddle, Whitney and Isaac Cody, (father of Buffalo Bill) who at the time held a claim in Salt Creek valley, upon which his family lived. The company commenced operations early in the spring of 1855, in getting out timber for the frame work of the mill and dam.

The town of Valley “Falls (old Grasshopper Falls) was surveyed and platted in the spring of 1855— 100 maps were lithographed as an advertising medium, speculation at that time being all the go in town lots. The original site was 320 acres, and was divided into 100 shares. A number of the shares were given away – one to A. H. Reeder, who was governor at the time, and another to Jim Lane, in order to make them interested in the town’s growth and prosperity. As a money-making scheme it was slow work in the beginning, the two Jolly boys deserting their interests, while Whitney got into debt to Dr. Day, of Leavenworth, to whom he assigned all his interest, both in mill and town.

A number of the streets were named after the wives of the earliest settlers – that of Frances street after Mrs. G. S. Hillyer, and that of Sarah after the wife of S. H. Dunn. The first building on the town site proper was put up by a “pro-slavery interloper” by the name of Pattee, who opened a grocery store and whiskey-shop combined, which was a nucleus that brought toppers from far and near, who “around the counter drewed, and calmly dranked and jawed.” But the troubles of 1856 broke up this den, and the contents were confiscated by the free state fellows, Pattee taking leg bail to a more congenial clime.

Rufus H. Crosby, in connection with his brother William, were the first to put up a regular store, but they were burnt out by a party of South Carolinians, sometime in September, 1856. Prior to the burning of the store the Grasshopper free-state fellows had visited Crooked creek and killed an old pro-slavery man by the name of Jackson which unquestionably was the cause of the South Carolinians’ visit as a matter of retaliation. The Grasshopper boys claim they were taken by surprise, and like John Hay’s sketch of “Little Breeches,” they went “hell-to-split over the prairies,” fleeing in the utmost confusion.

H. Dunn opened the first house of entertainment. A. G. Patrick stopped with him in December, 1856, and was the only boarder for a number of weeks.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1857, there were but four shanties on the town site, one occupied by

Dunn as a tavern, one by Hillyer & Northrup as a store, while the other two were vacant.

The difficulties of 1856 had a tendency to bring a large immigration to the territory in 1857, and as the lands around Grasshopper were sold in July of that year, gave the town a new start, and some dozen or so of houses went up that summer and fall.

Among the old settlers, there are still living at the Falls, R. H. Crosby, S. H. Dunn, Dr. L. Northrup and J. M. Piazzek. Of the immigration of 1857, W. C. Butts, John Beland, John Ratz, J. L. Whitman, and J. R. Young.

J. H. Bennet, now of Holton, is another of the 1857 immigrants to the Falls, and was the first Justice of the Peace, building him a little office on Sycamore St.

Dr. L. Northrup bought a claim house and moved it on to the town site, and converted it into a school-house, and was the first to introduce the "Yankee schoolma'am."

The first election at the Falls, was under the Topeka movement to elect delegates to a constitutional convention.

Rev. J. B. McAfee, just after the land sales, inaugurated the first public enterprise, erecting a Lutheran church.

Miss Libbie Pennock, Miss L. M. Ring and Miss Sarah M. Parker, were the first school teachers, each teaching a term or so in 1857-8.

The Congregational society organized and put up a church in 1858, at a cost of near \$2,000. Rev. O. L. Woodford being the first pastor.

The Methodists also had an organization as early as 1857, the first preacher being Rev. Robinson, who was succeeded by Rev. Brooks.

Dr. Northrup began his "Octagon Hotel" early in the spring of 1858.

## VALLEY FALLS DIRECTORY

Beland & Tutt, druggists, have a full and well-assorted stock of drugs and medicines, pure chemicals, toilet articles, fancy goods, etc. Prescriptions carefully compounded day or night.

Booth & Frazier are reliable dealers in lumber of all grades, lath, shingles, doors, sash, blinds, mouldings, lime, hair, cement, etc. Office and yards on Broadway street.

M. F. Marks, M.D., physician and surgeon. Office over Hicks, Gephart & Col's bank. Residence, north Maple street. Calls at office or residence answered promptly.

Lawrence Schmitt, dealer in shelf and heavy hardware, stoves and tinware. Standard pumps, wagons, buggies and farm implements of every description. Spouting, tin work and pump repairing.

Dort & Kamm are proprietors of the City Meat Market. Fresh and salt meats, sausage, poultry, fish, lard, etc. The highest market price paid for hides, pelts and tallow.

H. J. Schuler is dealer in all kinds of furniture, picture frames, mouldings, shades, etc. Repairing done to order. Full line of undertaking goods. Prices low as lowest. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Benedix & Fischhauser run the "Cash Racket Store," and are dealers in bargain goods. Special representatives of C. B. Rouss wholesale dry goods auction house of New York City.

Elijah Hughes is a stockraiser and farmer. He is feeding 350 head of cattle and 150 head of hogs. He owns 3,020 acres of land, 15 lots in Valley Falls, 12 in Topeka. Came to Kansas in 1857.

Henry Northdorf, the merchant tailor, understands his business thoroughly and does reliable work. He cuts and makes to order fashionable clothing. Satisfaction given in work and prices.

Martin Sharlock is the cigar manufacturer of Valley Falls. He makes a specialty of choice brands, and guarantees his goods to be satisfactory. Try them and see for yourself.

F. E. DeLorme is proprietor of the city barber-shop, opposite the Hillyer House, in basement under

the postoffice. Fancy barbering and hair-dressing of all kinds.

R. D. Simpson is proprietor of the Hillyer House, which is headquarters for commercial men and the traveling public generally. Courteous attention to the wants of guests.

Charles W. Brooks, general painter and paper-hanger. Carriage and wagon painting a specialty, and done in the best manner. Attention to business and a desire to please.

J. W. Waddill, manufacturer of and dealer in harness, collars, whips, saddles, etc. With every \$1.50 worth of goods bought of him you get a chance for a \$50 set of harness. Try it – you may win.

W. T. Kemper, successor to Evans & Kemper, the live dealer in dry goods, notions, hats, caps, gent's furnishing goods, etc. A full stock of reliable goods at prices to please.

J. M. Dornblazer, dealer in fancy groceries, glassware and queensware, flour, canned goods of all kinds, candies cigars, and tobacco. Reliable goods at honest prices.

The American Clothing House, dealers in clothing and furnishing goods exclusively. We are the leaders in good goods and low prices.

J. R. Mitchell & Son, packers and retailers of fresh and salt meats of all kinds. Also deal in and ship all kinds of live-stock, for which they pay the market price.

J. G. Knouse, manufacturer of light and heavy harness, and dealer in saddles, blankets, whips, fly-nets, and all goods usually kept in a first-class harness shop.

V. P. Newman runs a first-class blacksmith shop and does all kinds of blacksmithing and repairing. He makes a specialty of horse-shoeing. Does reliable work in all branches of his business.

George Lewis is the proprietor of the old est established barber-shop in Valley Falls, and does shaving and hair dressing in the best manner. A first-class bath-room in connection.

E. L. Senft (?) M.D., eclectic physician. Office over W. T. Kemper's dry goods store. Office hours from 8 o'clock a.m. to 4 o'clock p.m. Prepared to answer all calls promptly

Mrs. A. Murray has always on hand a fine stock of millinery and fancy goods, Arasene, Chenille and embroidered silks, etc., of the latest and most popular styles.

H. Schellburg is a dealer in watches, clocks and jewelry, carries a full and well-selected stock of his line of goods, and invites the public to call and inspect the same.

A. L. Goessy, the boot and shoe maker of Valley Falls, makes to order all kinds of footwear, and insures a fit. Repairing done in a neat and durable manner.

J. H. McCoy is the proprietor of the city bakery and restaurant. A square meal on short order, or a nice lunch at any time. He has a confectionery stock in connection. Best candies, nuts, etc.

Lord Bros., dealers in boots and shoes and groceries, established their business in Valley Falls in 1871, and are the only exclusive boot and shoe dealers in Jefferson county. \$15,000 capital.

Dr. Frank Swallow has an extensive practice in Valley Falls and vicinity. He is Grand Medical Director of the A. O. U. W. of Kansas; also Representative in the Kansas legislature, for 5<sup>th</sup> district.

J. R. Young, the present city marshal of Valley Falls, and one of the old residents, is a dealer in all kinds of hard and soft coal, furnished to his patrons in quantities to suit, at lowest prices.

Paul Krumrey, the barber and hair-dresser, established his business in Valley Falls in 1883. He does all tonsorial work in the best manner and guarantees satisfaction to his patrons.

The Valley Falls *Republican* was established in 1889, and is edited and published by Geo. Harmon. Best paper for local news ever published at the Falls. Job work at this office done neatly and in good taste.

Hatfield & Wicher keep a restaurant and confectionery store, and advertise "the best hotel restaurant in Valley Falls." The firm invites you to call, when you are in the city, and they will make you welcome.

Mason's Studio and Art Gallery is conducted by Mr. Art Mason, an accomplished artist lately from Ohio. His new enamelling process is superior to any other in the west. One trial will convince the most fastidious.

A. M. Russell is a watch-maker and jeweler: repairs sewing-machines; is a notary public and pension agent; represents the "State" and "Denver" insurance companies; is correspondent for various periodicals, and runs a general intelligence office. Information on all subjects given. All work warranted and satisfaction guaranteed.

Doolittle & Co. Are dealers in hardware, stoves and tinware, wagons, buggies and farm machinery and implements. In fact you can here find anything in their line from a sewing machine needle to a complete threshing machine. Mr. Doolittle established his hardware business in Valley Falls in July, 1880, with \$3,000 capital invested, and his business has grown until a \$12,000 stock is kept to supply his many patrons.

The Delaware Bank (incorporated) has a capital stock of \$50,000 and transacts a general banking business on strict business principles. The directors are : J. M. Piazzek, E. M. Hutchins, H. A. Coy, J. M. Dornblazer, H. D. Butts, E. Summerfelt, M. P. Hillyer; with J. M. Piazzek president, E. M. Hutchins vice pres. And H. D. Butts, cashier. The accounts of merchants and farmers are solicited, and special attention is given to collections. This bank was established in 1889, and has been popular from the beginning.

The Oak Hill Mills, a mile S.E. of Valley Falls, on the Kansas Central R.R., now owned and operated by Henry Legler, was built by Hays & Pierce in 1858. In 1866 Legler & Hefty purchased the property and after wearing out that mill built a new one in 1873. This is a stone building with metal roof, on the east bank of the Delaware river. An elevator and ware-houses were added, and in 1883 Mr. Legler overhauled the mill, changing it to a complete roller system, with a capacity of 150 barrels per day. The cost of this large plant aggregates \$40,000. Steam is used in times of high and low water, only the ordinary stage of water of the Delaware being sufficient to propel this mill and elevator and all the machinery attached thereto, such as wood-saw and corn-sheller. This mill will rank among the foremost of Kansas and is by far the best in Jefferson county. Under the efficient management of Mr. Legler it enjoys a patronage to the extent that the mills are running night and day much of the time.

I. B. Schaeffer is a dealer in groceries and provisions, glassware, queensware, and everything in his line. On Sycamore street, north of postoffice. Call and see him.

J. T. Mitchell is the proprietor of the city boarding house on Sycamore street, where he is prepared to meet the wants of the public with good table fare and courteous attention.

A. Harmon is the proprietor of the boss livery, feed and transfer stable, and respectfully solicits the patronage of the public when wanting anything in his line. He furnishes good turn-outs at reasonable prices. Takes the best of care of horses left at his barn. Prompt attention and due care given to transfer work. Legler's old stand on Sycamore street, north of Coy's corner.

The Valley Falls Bank of Deposit does a general banking business. Collections attended to. Exchange bought and sold. Close attention to business. R. H. Crosby, banker;; M. V. Ward, cashier.

R. J. McCartney is a real estate, loan and insurance agent, and a notary public. Has been in the real estate business at Valley Falls since 1869. Careful attention to all business.

Dr. Charles H. Gillman, dentist, Valley Falls, does all kinds of filling and plate-work. All his work at reasonable prices, and satisfaction guaranteed. Call on him when needing dental work.

Hayward & Co. Are the proprietors of the Valley Falls elevator and dealers in and shippers of all kinds of grain. The highest market price paid for grain. Satisfaction guaranteed.

E. Moyer & Co. Are dealers in lumber of all kinds and grades, building material, lath, shingles, lime, hair, cement. Also keep a stock of brick. Reliable goods at low prices.

A. D. Kendall is a dealer in general merchandise and carries a full stock of dry goods, notions, groceries, etc. When you want first-class goods buy from him. "Good goods" is his motto.

T. K. Aitken, D.D.S. Office, corner of Broadway and Walnut streets, over Hicks, Gephart & Co.' bank. Valley Falls, Kansas. Dentistry in all branches. Satisfaction guaranteed.

John L. Beightle is the agent for J. I. Case Co.'s threshing machines, and dealer in guns, ammunition and sporting goods. A full stock of reliable goods at the lowest prices.

David Atchison is the agent of the Leavenworth Ice Company, which has 3,000 tons of clean creek ice put up at Valley Falls and 35,000 tons stored at Leavenworth.

E. K. Townsend is the Valley Falls agent and general manager of the Atchison Ice Company, which has a large supply of pure Delaware river ice stored at Valley Falls.

Piazzek's mill on the Delaware is the pioneer mill of Jefferson county. It has a daily capacity of 60 barrels of flour, and from its plant is also furnished the power for the electric lights of Valley Falls.

J. J. Gardiner, proprietor of the Cataract House, offers the public good accommodations and polite attention. He also breeds and deals in trotting horses and owns the horse Allen St. Joe.

E. B. James runs a blacksmith shop at Valley Falls, doing all kinds of black-smithing and repairing, horse-shoeing and plow-work promptly and in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Legler, at Valley Falls, deals in groceries and provisions, flour and feed, glassware and queensware, cigars and tobacco, etc., carrying a full stock of goods at satisfactory prices.

Phon Cook is the proprietor of the south side livery stable at Valley Falls and is prepared to furnish the public with nice turnouts at reasonable prices. Call on him.

G. W. England, M.D., physician and surgeon.

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## **EARLY SCHOOL OPENED IN OSKALOOSA**

*The Oskaloosa Independent*, 5 Dec. 1863

Henry W. and Elizabeth Worthington will open a school in Buck School-house, in Oskaloosa, on 2<sup>nd</sup> day (Monday) the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 1863, and invite a share of public patronage. The usual branches of an English Education will be taught. Terms: Three dollars and seventy-five cents per quarter of 12 weeks, including fuel. No allowances for absence from school, except on account of continued sickness.



# 1908 PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS, KENTUCKY TWP.

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## Personal Property Valuations.

Following is a list of the personal property assessments as approved by the board of equalization under the new law which provides that all property be assessed at its ACTUAL VALUE; so a perusal of this list will give the actual value of all the personal property owned by residents of the respective townships of the county.

The personal property statement is taken under about thirty-five heads and it would therefore be a big job to give it in the minor details, but the following grouping will suffice.

The first column gives money on hand and in bank. The second column gives household goods, the third column other personal property which includes watches, diamonds, jewelry, cut glass, plate and silverware, pianos, carriages, machinery, live stock, bonds, mortgages, notes, etc. Stocks of merchandise are marked with an s, bank stock with an e printing office material with a c and elevators with a v. The fourth column gives the total actual value of ALL the personal property owned by the person named, from which if he is the head of a family there is an exemption of \$300.

If you want a complete record of the entire county, keep a file of this paper from week to week:

This publication started in the issue of the week of August 7th, and will be continued until all townships have been published in alphabetical order.

	Money on hand and deposits	Household Goods	All other Personal Property	Total
KENTUCKY TOWNSHIP.				
G A Allen.....	30	839	839	
Perry Abel.....	250	60	2500	2810
J W Atkins.....	60	320	380	
Wm Abel.....	30	360	390	
J M Adams.....	1800	100	2990	4890
Louisa Adams.....	140			140
Joe Abel.....	40	190	330	
Edw. Allison.....	125	45	820	990
E L Arnold.....		125	1585	1710
Walter Bell.....			629	
Martha Bryant.....	30	320	379	
S A Blevins.....	20	420	440	
J M Boyne.....	30	270	300	
J D Baker.....	200	30	700	930
Nasa B Brown.....	65	975	1040	
A B Brown.....	2300	60	2750	4730
W B Brown.....	30	670	690	
Geo Bryant.....	15	405	420	
R F Brown.....	250	100	2090	2440
Elmer L Brown.....			190	
M N Brown.....	2500	75	2925	5400

C L Bower.....	40	1350	1390	
Max Blake.....	30	290	320	
J J Bracken.....	30	690	720	
J J Bryant.....	80	1000	1080	
Chas Bradford.....	200	70	550	820
Bailey Bradford.....	90	50	3520	3660
Paul Blake.....	80	800	880	
Harry Betts.....	200	45	265	510
Steve Burke.....	60	1490	1550	
J W Byers.....	400	100	620	1120
J N Brown.....	4300	40	590	4770
Joe Baker.....	710	20	1750	2480
M C Boyle.....	\$10100	80	420	3190
Bowers Est.....	850			850
F W Betts.....	65	1185	1250	
L H Bouten.....	\$4250	100	80	4330
Matt Burke.....	50	720	770	
Bank of Perry.....	\$150779			150779
E L Cori.....	50	530	580	
Cooper & Cardwell.....			700	
M W Cardwell.....	\$405	200	1365	2065
W W Cockins.....			150	
W A Critchlow.....	50	1000	1050	
Joe Cunningham.....	60	1500	1560	
C W Darke.....	50	470	520	
M H Dick.....	50	890	940	
G F Davis.....	80	1080	1160	
E A Dares.....	25	855	880	
W G Dares.....	50	770	820	
J C Dumas.....			3700	
E C Dick.....	30	410	440	
G R Dick.....	50	360	410	
Ann Dick.....	25	635	660	
G M Davis.....	100	370	470	
W J Duncan.....	\$1500	200	70	1770
Max Dooderville.....	150	20	2550	2720
Martha Davis.....	1100			1100
Harry Dures.....			240	
S H Edwards.....	20	830	850	
Joe Eaton.....			220	
Alex Edson.....	500	50	3070	4520
E Eden.....	35	455	490	
J H Ellis.....	40	350	390	
Helen Ellwick.....	75	1255	1330	
W S Eaton.....	510	80	1000	1590
T L Fitzpatrick.....	2000	40	6300	8340
Mary A Frisley.....	200	70	790	1060
A M Fowler.....	300	85	3240	3625
E D Flagg.....	75	130	235	440
Fred Fowler.....	25	475	500	
S P Fowler.....	80	1240	1340	
Geo. Frye.....	50	840	890	
L B Fischer.....	50	1170	1220	
F A Flott.....	300	60	1050	2070
J M Fowler.....	850	75	915	1840
J W Frye.....	30	350	379	
P R Filson.....	30	460	490	
Wm Gouffert.....	700	100	3600	4400
S S Gauger.....			270	
L S Given.....	50	540	590	
Wm Gillies.....	75	315	390	
Thos Gay.....	25	415	440	
Chas Glasser.....	700	750	2340	3090
C B Gorrell.....	30	600	750	
James Glenn.....	500	25	5	530
A E Getchell.....	\$1940	790	150	1219
Joe Gouffert.....	120	6340	6460	
Sam Gillies.....	50	380	430	
Emma Gleason.....			600	
M K Gentry.....	30	370	390	
Alex Gillies.....	50	210	260	
W F Gleason.....	50	3300	1970	
S C Green.....	50	54	715	715
J M Grier.....	200	2800	2900	
Chas. Giesler.....	600	25	1815	2440
Chas. Gramer.....	90	5000	5090	
P J Gilstrap.....	\$1229	60		1290

Thos. Harmons.....	75	1215	1290	
Arthur Haynes.....			410	
Fred Hess.....	\$1970	80	1070	1120
G A Horsley.....	20	280	300	
Stephen Harkett.....	100	2510	2610	
Sam Hunter.....	40	660	700	
Joe Hamner.....	50	720	770	
J P Hunter.....			340	
A O Hart.....	60	390	450	
F S Hinkle.....	80	1480	1560	
F R Hemme.....	3000	50	3400	6400
C F Helboe.....	700	125	1350	2270
J W Hemme.....	100	100	1200	1400
Chris Helboe.....	50	170	220	
Hugh Haynes.....	300	50	700	1000
Marcus Haynes.....	130	50	730	910
A D Haynes.....	25	100	1005	1130
Chris Hemme.....			2000	
C G Hart.....			580	
Andrew Hart.....	100	420	520	
F C Hart.....	400	60	1740	2200
Chas Hoffman.....	1500	100	6350	7950
Alb Hay.....	\$3400	80	1170	1920
W A Hastings.....	25	405	430	
Camus Ingle.....	75	125	190	
E W Jette.....	100	400	510	
Wm Jones.....	25	385	410	
M S Jones.....	50	1340	1390	
Wm Jordan.....			340	
H G Johnson.....	60	1200	1270	
Joe Killinger.....	400	220	900	
H W Kennedy.....	30	370	400	
C C Kerr.....	90	154	820	1060
J W Kunkle.....	50	2410	2510	
Chas Kunkle.....	200	12	600	970
Walter Kinky.....	80	130	210	
W I Knapp.....	100	1610	1710	
Geo Killinger.....	400	50	2340	2790
Wm Killinger.....	200	60	1270	1530
Chas Killinger.....	520		450	1000
Sarah Kerr.....	20	230	240	
W J Lawler.....	80	1330	1410	
Jas Lawless.....	100	75	1045	1215
E Lindemood.....	800	60	1020	2040
H G Leamer.....	30	300	330	
Fred Lindemood.....	30	430	460	
Sam Long.....	30	1470	1500	
Thos Lee.....	\$10500		1860	12360
Wm Montgomery.....	50	530	580	
R M McClure.....	80	5050	5130	
A M Mitchell.....	400	150	700	1210
C E McCormick.....	1000	75	2445	3445
S P McCall.....	60	190	250	
A F Myers.....	70	2100	2190	
Shade Michaels.....	330	4500	4830	
Mary K Hastings.....	100	290	390	
Wm Mathias.....	300	30	720	1020
D G Mitchell.....	300		1200	1500
J C Mitchell.....	500		540	1040
L F Miller.....	70	700	770	
Arthur McCoy.....			260	
Chas McCoy.....	80	1700	1780	
P W Montague.....	120	430	550	
W W Mitchell.....	75	515	590	
Ed McGuire.....	200	60	2080	2280
J M McCain.....	30	150	180	
Frank Mangold.....	50	2480	2530	
Joe Montague.....	200	50	470	720
Joe Magall.....	20	390	410	
Klas McCormick.....	23	85	312	400
Newman V & Imp Co.....	\$2000			2000
M E Plummer.....	200	50	910	1160
Geo W Plummer.....			1015	1015
S J Pemberton.....	70	730	800	
Chris Parker.....	400	40	1240	1740
A C Patterson.....	70	410	500	

# Personal Taxes, Ky. Twp. (cont.)

J P Parnell.....	50	300	350
I S Pough.....	100	900	1000
P T Plummer.....	50	350	400
J F Patterson.....	30	340	370
W H Patterson.....	40	300	340
I S Pough & Son.....	600	80	4100
J D Quance & Son.....	100	850	950
M A Quinlan.....	75	2250	2325
J B & W F Quinlan.....			1740
Robertson Bros..... \$1200		130	1330
J L Rainer.....	1320	100	345
J Stark Est.....	590		590
Alberna Kelley Est.....	290		290
E L Rainer.....	43	180	240
H C Rainer.....	125	300	115
J W Reuse.....		90	5040
M Reckard est.....	80	4570	4650
J A Rowles.....		20	940
A Rahan.....	300	33	300
Rivers & Stark..... \$470		10	300
M J Shortall.....	400	60	3070
Pat Seagraves.....		50	1170
Wm Supple.....			180
Robt. Stragg.....		20	850
Geo Strange.....		80	940
J Seals.....		15	385
D D Sergeant.....	1900	24	1565
J E Seckens.....	300	90	1210
Joe Shortall.....	300	5490	5790
Eva Simons.....	200	30	290
W B Simmons.....			3170
T F Stallons.....			1040
A Spahr.....	75	323	400
Adam Schmidt..... \$400			2400
C C Smith.....			220
H W Stambaugh.....	30	740	770
Joe Stoner.....	115	2040	2155
Henry Suter.....	100	2110	2210
O W Shepherd..... \$2000		400	5400
Dean Shaw..... 200		100	290
W R Slaughter.....		25	225
J I V Smith.....		20	900
J T Sharkey.....		30	1750
Nancy Sample.....		10	290
D T Smalley.....		50	1490
Dave Sample..... 600		80	540
E J Storm.....			230
Stines & Lippett..... \$400		600	1250
Thos Hyspeke.....			2000
J Thomas & Son..... \$1010		2170	8000
Chas Tabbert.....	40	550	590
Grant John.....	100	2040	2140
G L Thompson.....	100	700	800
J F Tron, sr..... 2000		2490	4490
J F Tron, jr.....		80	6740
H J Tyrell.....	80	60	410
Chas Thompson..... 200		60	150
Anna Thompson.....		50	1370
B A Thompson.....		40	480
Jesse Viles.....		20	600
J T Vennart.....		15	475
A C Wiam.....			300
A R Williamson.....		30	765
J F Walter.....		80	700
Jasper White..... 100		60	320
Wm Williams.....			250
Thos Worthington.....			90
Joe White.....	151	80	10745
Malinda Williamson.....	150	40	1050
W H White.....		30	565
O P White.....			470
Jas Worthington..... 300		40	1060
Joe Walter.....			4000
J B White.....			2210
J A White..... 300		75	2495
Mrs. Ida Young.....		20	600
Joe Young.....		25	545
A C Zimmerman.....			430

## MARRIAGE OF FLEISCHER - CURTIS - 1888

*The Valley Falls Register*, 2 March 1888

At the residence of the bride's parents, east of this city Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1888, Mr. H. B. Curtis, of Tecumseh, Neb., and Miss Lida Fleischer were united in marriage, Rev. E. F. Hill officiating. It was a happy *affair all around many friends and neighbors witnessing the ceremony and enjoying the collation. The Register* gladly accepted a generous portion of the wedding cake and extends best wishes to the young couple whose hearts now beat as one. Following is a list of the presents: --

Bride's father, silver napkin rings

Bride's mother, table cloth and towels.

Bride's brother, silver cup.

Grand-parents, one dozen napkins and quilt

Mr. and Mrs. German, table cloth and napkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner, son and daughter, silver spoon holder

Mr. and Mrs. Bates and son, silver pickle castor.

Misses Nell and Katie Grimes and Alex, Hughan, double silver pickle castor

Willie German, Pilgrims Progress

Mrs. A. A. Murray, linen splasher

Mrs. R. Wallingford, Lincoln, Neb., bed spread

Mr. W. Evans, embroidered silk muffler

Mrs. N. Turner, fancy mittens

Mr. and Mrs. J. Booth, table cloth

Mr. and Mrs. W. Booth, carving knife, fork, and steel

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Reppert, silver cream and sugar set and pickle castor

Mr. and Mrs. I. Booth, set silver knives and forks

Ada Booth, bread plate

Jessie Booth, sugar bowl and creamer

Georgie Booth, tooth pick holder

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fleischer, silver butter knife

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Doolittle, silver tea spoons

Prof. Brown and wife, Holton, Ks., book, "The Battle of Life"

Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Cowan, decorated table china

Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Cowan, table cloth

## **SOLDIER'S RE-UNION**

*The Valley Falls Register*, 2 Sep. 1887

The annual Re-Union of the ex-soldiers' and sailors of Jefferson county was held in the city Park of this city on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Though a little threatening in the morning, the weather proved desirable, and by noon a large crowd had arrived. Early in the morning flags and bunting were displayed profusely along the principal streets, and in various parts of the city – it was dressed in holiday attire and the visitors felt at home as soon as they beheld the cheering colors of the red, white and blue. The crowd grew and grew, reminding many of a 4<sup>th</sup> of celebration. The city park had been put in order. A row of white tents, 600 feet in length, fringed two sides of the beautiful and umbrageous park, making a strikingly pleasing contrast with the heavy foliage of green. The tables 100 feet long were spread, an immense kettle, 40 gallons, of bacon and beans were cooking, and the prospect for a feast, and a patriotic flow of soul was pleasing. At noon the Parade was formed at the City Park headed by the Oskaloosa band in their fine new uniforms, and marched down Carolina street to Maple, thence up Broadway to the Park. About 60 old soldiers, the Nortonville band and Zouaves and a number of children were in line besides the Oskaloosa band.

Capt. L. H. Gest was Commander of ceremonies and shortly after the parade sounded the "call" to order and entered upon the program.

Mayor Crosby delivered the address of welcome in a feeling manner and Dr. J. W. Balsley, of Oskaloosa happily responded. Then came dinner, and a royal feast of bacon, beans, hard tack and coffee was indulged in. Great squads of beans were attacked and some of the comrades had to be actively supported, being very nearly repulsed by overwhelming members. However, the old heroes came out victorious as usual, the beans all being taken prisoners. The exercises at the stand were then continued, and by speeches, music, social conversation, all had a general good time. Rev. Biggs, Hon. G. W. McCammon, Rev. Hill and Rev. Young and Mrs. Wood made short and interesting speeches. Adjourned to 8 p.m. A big crowd assembled to hear the Camp-fire exercised, and for two hours or more were variously entertained. About a dozen comrades talked, and told of their experiences in the army and were greeted by applause in every instance. Of those who responded we mention: Edwin Snyder, Dr. W. H. Lemon, Geo. Davis, W. C. Fowler, J. M. Puderbaugh, Col. Ritter, A. P. Reardon and Wm. Turner. The grand chorus sung several army and patriotic songs, and the Oak St. orchestra rendered some fine selections. At the conclusion of these exercises the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, Dr. J. W. Balsley; Secretary, Geo. Davis, both of Oskaloosa.

At the session Thursday morning, the old soldier's seats were well filled and Rev. Hurburt made an address, which was followed by several toasts and responses of an interesting character, and every thing passed off highly satisfactory.

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### **RESOLUTION OF THANKS**

Whereas, The Cornet bands of our neighboring cities, Oskaloosa and Nortonville, have favored us with their presence, valuable service and excellent music, during the County Re-Union, therefore be it

Resolved, That this resolution apply in full force to all who have assisted us in making this Re-union a success.

W. D. Fowler,

G. W. McCammon, com.

At noon an adjournment was reached.

## **NOTES (from Re-Union):**

It was a gala time.

The bacon and beans were excellent.

Many were disappointed in not hearing Capt. L. A. Myers speak.

Everybody spoke in high complimentary terms of our fine city park.

Dr. Lemon was inspired to make a big talk, after the singing of "Marching through Georgia," which is a special theme of his.

The Oskaloosa band, musical organization, of which the citizens of that town should be proud, was an especial feature of the Re-union, and they agreeably serenaded many places of business during their visit. The editor of the Register returns thanks for a serenade visit they paid his residence, where they rendered two fine selections from their large repertoire.

Col. Ritter in stentorian tones said he thought the soldiers should be better paid.

Though a queenly, bright moon shown resplendent, electric lights would have added to the beauties of the park at the camp-fire. Some of the comrades spoke in obedience to orders, especially when the corporal brought 'em in.

The singing of "Beans, Beans" to the tune of "Sweet Bye and Bye" brought out the camp-fire cheer.

Stafford Post No. 225, G.A.R. did a flourishing business at the refreshment stand.

Mr. Turner thought the boys and girls should be taught lessons of patriotism.

Most of the speakers favored forgetting the dead issues of the war; but the sentiments of loyalty and patriotism, never.

Mr. Snyder read a plaintive appeal from a veteran of N.Y., who has been poverty stricken for eight years.

Rev. Young was too young to go to war, but gave the boys an amusing talk all the same.

Most of the townships in the county were represented.

The Nortonville "Zouaves" attracted much attention with their red toboggans.

Over 100 old soldiers registered their names.

A circle of about 20 ladies, of the G.A.R. was formed at the hall.

Rev's Geiger and Wade officiated in the openings by prayer.

So many friends and visitors attended the Re-Union that we could not "list" them all in our paper.

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## **THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS FOR DEAD KANSAN**

Posthumous Medal Awarded to Victor L. Seagraves, (unlabeled clipping of \_\_ Nov. 1923

Leavenworth, Kas. Nov. 22. – More than five years have passed since Victor L. Seagraves, an Oskaloosa, Kas., boy, gave up his life on the battle field in France, and the great war is fast becoming only a memory, but Uncle Sam does not forget. Today Brig. Gen. Harry A. Smith, commandant at Ft. Leavenworth, notified Patrick Seagraves that a posthumous award of the distinguished service cross had been conferred on his son.

General Smith advised Mr. Seagraves that the presentation would be made at Oskaloosa the first week in December, the exact date to suit the convenience of Mr. Seagraves. General Smith will make the presentation. It is expected the Larner-Seagraves post of the American Legion will assist in the ceremony. The post was named in honor of Lieutenant Larner, another Oskaloosa boy killed in action, and Sergeant Seagraves.

The citation reads: Victor L. Seagraves, sergeant first battalion, scout platoon, 139<sup>th</sup> infantry, near Baulny, France, September 28, 1918, voluntarily formed and led a patrol against an enemy gun nest which was causing many casualties, and captured one of the guns. With utter disregard of his own personal safety he advanced alone on another gun of the nest, but was severely wounded by intense fire while performing this heroic act.

## **AT THE REFORM SCHOOL**

*The Meriden Weekly Tribune*, 15 Apr. 1893

The youngest boy in school is 7 years old.

The boys get up at 5:30 every morning.

Two bands of eighteen pieces are practicing all the latest airs.

The floors in all the buildings are mopped every morning but Sunday.

When a boy leaves honorably, he is given a new suit of citizen's clothes.

In the laundry is a machine on which the sheets and larger pieces of laundry are ironed.

Very little trouble is encountered from fighting because of the demerits that are sure to follow.

There are 220 boys in school now, and they are divided into four families, each presided over by an officer.

The boys are busy getting ready for the spring crops and the superintendent says there are enough boys for twice as much ground as they have.

The boys are busy making their spring suits. They do every bit of the work on their entire outfits from the cutting to the finishing. Each boy has two suits.

The conservatory is the finest in this part of the country. They have orchids in bloom, alamanda vines that are filled with blooms, and a huge banana tree that has tiny bunches of green fruit upon it.

One hundred and twenty loaves of bread can be baked at a time in the big oven out there. They bake about 300 a day and cut them into slices after each meal for the next with a machine. It is kept from drying out in closed bins. Eighty loaves are consumed at a meal.

The average length of time a boy spends in the school is two and one-half years. When he enters 150 merits are put to his credit and he has 450 more to make before he gets out. In some departments 15 "extras" are given each month and if he has no demerits against him, he gets out that much quicker. Without any demerits or the help of extras, it would take 450 days... From *The Topeka Daily Capital*

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## **SPECIAL NOTICE, from the Barbers**

*The Valley Falls Register*, 26 Mar. 1886

We the undersigned Barbers doing business in the city of Valley Falls, Kansas, hereby give notice and mutually agree that on and after the first day of April 1886, we shall charge the following new prices for work: Shaving 10 cents. Hair cutting 25 cents. Shampoo 25 cents. Sea Foam 10 cents. Mustache dyeing 25 cents. Dressing hair 5 cents.

No more tickets, will be issued nor, quarterly or yearly contracts made.

Signed: McGinnis & Delorm, Paul Krumrey, Geo. Lewis March 19, 1886

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Adkins, Ella	61	Leavenworth	13-Apr-1949	Richardson, Herschel	56	Leavenworth	Oskaloosa	Q-161
Alagna, Anthony	21	Kansas City, MO	06-Apr-1949	Foster, Marceline	18	Kansas City, MO	Oskaloosa	Q-160
Allen, Delores	18	Lawrence	20-Aug-1949	Robb, Marvin Herold	19	Williamstown	Oskaloosa	Q-188
Arnold, Dorothy	22	Valley Falls	04-Nov-1949	Raney, Earl E.	38	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-205
Arthur, Shirley	18	Valley Falls	26-Jan-1949	Pence, Morris G.	22	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-152
Barbour, Joyce	20	St. Marys	30-Dec-1949	Scott, James H.	37	St. Marys	Oskaloosa	Q-215
Barnes, Francis	22	Winchester	03-Sep-1949	Pantle, Florence	18	Nortonville	Winchester	Q-195
Barraclough, Mary	20	Topeka	02-Oct-1949	Rice, Glen A.	21	Perry	Perry	Q-203
Bean, Alice M.	22	Toppeka	28-Aug-1949	Heald, Edmond M.	31	Topeka	Wichita	Q-193
Benson, Robert L.	21	Leavenworth	02-Jul-1949	Gillispie, Ruth	18	Leavenworth	Atchison	Q-183
Black, John Harley	24	Topeka	02-Jan-1949	Cordon, Harriet Kathleen	24	Topeka	Topeka	Q-148
Black, John Harley	24	Topeka	02-Jan-1949	Cordon, Harriet Kathleen	24	Topeka	Topeka	Q-142
Bowers, Edna Mae	18	Winchester	03-Nov-1949	Kierman, George K.	23	Winchester	Kansas City	Q-204
Bozarth, Charles	18	Topeka	10-Jan-1949	Clark, Madeline	18	Topeka	Topeka	Q-137
Bozarth, Charles	18	Topeka	10-Jan-1949	Clark, Madeline	18	Topeka	Topeka	Q-149
Bradford, Edward L.	19	McLouth	29-Oct-1949	Sieben, Rosemary	18	Winchester	Easton	Q-202
Bradford, Helen	33	McLouth	12-Nov-1949	Means, Robert	30	McLouth	Meriden	Q-208
Brickley, Beatrice	34	Baltimore, MD	09-Jan-1949	Priddy, Cecil Thomas	34	Bedford, IN	Ft. Leavenworth	Q-150
Brown, Betty Ruth	20	Valley Falls	14-Jan-1949	Smith, Charles Raymond	18	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-151
Brown, Marjorie	18	Valley Falls	23-Oct-1949	Kientz, Dana K.	21	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-201
Burress, Robert	21	Bonner Springs	09-Nov-1949	Chandley, Judith	18	Edwardsville	Muncie	Q-207
Byers, Dolores J.	19	Valley Falls	20-Mar-1949	Pottorf, Harold F.	24	Oskaloosa	Valley Falls	Q-157
Chandley, Judith	18	Edwardsville	09-Nov-1949	Burress, Robert	21	Bonner Springs	Muncie	Q-207
Clark, Madeline	18	Topeka	10-Jan-1949	Bozarth, Charles	18	Topeka	Topeka	Q-137
Clark, Madeline	18	Topeka	10-Jan-1949	Bozarth, Charles	18	Topeka	Topeka	Q-149
Cody, Mabel	53	Topeka	17-Oct-1949	White, Earl	53	Topeka	Dover	Q-200
Coff, Lowell E.	26	Lawrence	12-Jun-1949	Dodson, Virginia	22	Lawrence	Oskaloosa	Q-173
Collins, Francis	31	Leavenworth	05-Jun-1949	Wahler, Alice	18	Leavenworth	Easton	Q-171
Combs, Dorothy Janet	21+	Topeka	08-Aug-1949	Reaugh, Harold Burton	21+	Topeka	Topeka	Q-184
Conroy, Charles William	21	Lawrence	01-Jan-1949	Ringler, Martha Carolyn	21	Lawrence	McLouth	Q-147
Cope, Lloyd E.	33	Valley Falls	02-Jul-1949	Ramsey, Rebecca	24	Topeka	Valley Falls	Q-177
Cordon, Harriet Kathleen	24	Topeka	02-Jan-1949	Black, John Harley	24	Topeka	Topeka	Q-148
Cordon, Harriet Kathleen	24	Topeka	02-Jan-1949	Black, John Harley	24	Topeka	Topeka	Q-142
Cottrel, Donald Gene	21	Williamstown	24-Dec-1949	Viles, Nova Lee	16	Williamstown	Topeka	Q-212
Courtney, Harlen E.	24	Oskaloosa	02-Apr-1949	Newell, Wilma	20	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-159
Cropper, Melvin	18	Valley Falls	28-Sep-1949	Howard, Alberta	17	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-199
Daniels, Roscoe Warren	21	McLouth	26-Dec-1949	Winfrey, Leota Mae	17	McLouth	Tonganoxie	Q-213
Davenport, Mabel B.	28	Kansas City	12-Jul-1949	Wilezol, Joseph	34	Kansas City	Oskaloosa	Q-180

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Davies, Margaret E.	19	Valley Falls	12-Jun-1949	Lederer, Loyal L.	27	Delano, CA	Valley Falls	Q-172
Decker, Zelma M.	35	Ozawkie	01-May-1949	Terkildsen, Carl W.	43	Williamstown	Kansas City	Q-163
Dodson, Virginia	22	Lawrence	12-Jun-1949	Coff, Lowell E.	26	Lawrence	Oskaloosa	Q-173
Dolleu, Alan	23	Valley Falls	26-Dec-1949	Lonard, Joyce H.	18	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-214
Donner, Katherine	19	Oskaloosa	21-Mar-1949	Kelly, Earl	21	Oskaloosa	Perry	Q-158
Ellis, Glen	34	Havensville	16-Jul-1949	Jones, Barbara	24	Holton	Oskaloosa	Q-181
Erickson, D. S.	58	Oskaloosa	22-Dec-1949	Markley, Nellie	68	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-211
Estes, Jack	19	Valley Falls	22-Aug-1949	Hatfield, Bonita	18	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-191
Evans, Clifford L.	19	Oskaloosa	12-Aug-1949	Withers, Barbara June	15	Eudora	Oskaloosa	Q-187
Felten, Nellie	22	St. Lous, MO	17-May-1949	Mickey, Ernest H.	35	Springfield, IL	Perry	Q-165
Finley, Robert M.	22	Gardner	22-Aug-1949	Mann, Gloria	18	Randolph	Paola	Q-190
Foster, Marceline	18	Kansas City, MO	06-Apr-1949	Alagna, Anthony	21	Kansas City, MO	Oskaloosa	Q-160
Freeman, Bertha Irene	50	Valley Falls	17-May-1949	Melton, Jess	49	Valley Falls	Oskaloosa	Q-164
Fulton, John R.	21	Nortonville	17-Jul-1949	Rickel, Mildred M.	17	Nortonville	Nortonville	Q-182
Gillispie, Ruth	18	Leavenworth	02-Jul-1949	Benson, Robert L.	21	Leavenworth	Atchison	Q-183
Grasso, Sebastian	22	Staten Island, NY	25-Jun-1949	Rigor, Teresa	19	Leavenworth	Oskaloosa	Q-175
Hall, Arthea	19	Arcadia, NE	29-May-1949	Thomas, Ivan	25	Lincoln, NE	Oskaloosa	Q-169
Hannig, Shelton	25	Urbana, IL	30-Jan-1949	Stember, Muriel	23	Ozawkie	Ozawkie	Q-155
Hatfield, Bonita	18	Valley Falls	22-Aug-1949	Estes, Jack	19	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-191
Heald, Edmond M.	31	Topeka	28-Aug-1949	Bean, Alice M.	22	Toppeka	Wichita	Q-193
Heller, Novena	18	Valley Falls	17-Nov-1949	Newman, Donald H.	18	Denison	Valley Falls	Q-209
Heywood, Margaret	18	Lawrence	05-Nov-1949	Smelser, Lloyd	21	McLouth	Stanwood Ch,	Q-206
Hillman, Jessie	39	Topeka	11-Aug-1949	Porter, Ora L.	55	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-186
Howard, Alberta	17	Valley Falls	28-Sep-1949	Cropper, Melvin	18	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-199
Howlland, Lois	23	Valley Falls	21-Aug-1949	Tosh, Loren	20	Valley Falls	Nortonville	Q-189
Jackson, James	35	Valley Falls	19-Nov-1949	Jackson, Jean	29	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-210
Jackson, Jean	29	Valley Falls	19-Nov-1949	Jackson, James	35	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-210
Johnson, Mildred	19	Ozawkie	12-Mar-1949	Yost, George E.	22	McLouth	Topeka	Q-156
Jones, Barbara	24	Holton	16-Jul-1949	Ellis, Glen	34	Havensville	Oskaloosa	Q-181
Jones, Wilda A.	17	McLouth	29-May-1949	Ryan, Robert G.	19	Lawrence	Stanwood Ch,	Q-168
Kelly, Earl	21	Oskaloosa	21-Mar-1949	Donner, Katherine	19	Oskaloosa	Perry	Q-158
Kientz, Dana K.	21	Valley Falls	23-Oct-1949	Brown, Marjorie	18	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-201
Kierman, George K.	23	Winchester	03-Nov-1949	Bowers, Edna Mae	18	Winchester	Kansas City	Q-204
Kiner, Donna Dee	25	Clay Center	30-Aug-1949	Newell, Kenneth D.	26	Valley Falls	Manhattan	Q-194
Kirk, Archie W.	48	Topeka	28-Jun-1949	Spangler, Iantha	40	Topeka	Topeka	Q-176
Kleppe, Virgil	34	Topeka	28-Aug-1949	Meyer, Betty	24	Topeka	Valley Falls	Q-192
Larabee, John W.	22	Independence, MO	24-Sep-1949	McNutt, Janet	19	Kansas City, MO	Oskaloosa	Q-198
Lederer, Loyal L.	27	Delano, CA	12-Jun-1949	Davies, Margaret E.	19	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-172

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Mann, Gloria	18	Randolph	22-Aug-1949	Finley, Robert M.	22	Gardner	Paola	Q-190
Markley, Nellie	68	Oskaloosa	22-Dec-1949	Erickson, D. S.	58	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-211
McEnulty, Bernard	22	Tonganoxie	15-Sep-1949	Moses, Melba	17	McLouth	Tonganoxie	Q-196
McNutt, Janet	19	Kansas City, MO	24-Sep-1949	Larabee, John W.	22	Independence, MO	Oskaloosa	Q-198
Means, Robert	30	McLouth	12-Nov-1949	Bradford, Helen	33	McLouth	Meriden	Q-208
Melton, Jess	49	Valley Falls	17-May-1949	Freeman, Bertha Irene	50	Valley Falls	Oskaloosa	Q-164
Meyer, Betty	24	Topeka	28-Aug-1949	Kleppe, Virgil	34	Topeka	Valley Falls	Q-192
Meyer, John K.	25	Quincy, IL	30-Jan-1949	Stember, Donna Jean	25	Ozawkie	Ozawkie	Q-154
Meyer, Warren Ray	33	Topeka	27-May-1949	Taylor, Glenda Lenore	27	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-167
Mickey, Ernest H.	35	Springfield, IL	17-May-1949	Felten, Nellie	22	St. Louis, MO	Perry	Q-165
Miller, Lois Jeannene	16	Topeka	20-May-1949	Ross, Morgan D., Jr.	19	Topeka	Lawrence	Q-166
Moses, Melba	17	McLouth	15-Sep-1949	McEnulty, Bernard	22	Tonganoxie	Tonganoxie	Q-196
Muncie, Warren Frederick	39	Wathena	06-Aug-1949	O'Donnell, Margaret E.	45	Ellsworth	Salina	Q-185
Newell, Kenneth D.	26	Valley Falls	30-Aug-1949	Kiner, Donna Dee	25	Clay Center	Manhattan	Q-194
Newell, Wilma	20	Valley Falls	02-Apr-1949	Courtney, Harlen E.	24	Oskaloosa	Valley Falls	Q-159
Newman, Donald H.	18	Denison	17-Nov-1949	Heller, Novena	18	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-209
Noll, Leonard	24	Winchester	18-Jun-1949	Phelps, Lois Alberta	24	Hillsboro, IA	Mooney Creek	Q-174
O'Donnell, Margaret E.	45	Ellsworth	06-Aug-1949	Muncie, Warren Frederick	39	Wathena	Salina	Q-185
Ogden, Thelma	27	Topeka	24-Apr-1949	Seetin, Fay H.	35	Perry	Idana	Q-162
Pantle, Florence	18	Nortonville	03-Sep-1949	Barnes, Francis	22	Winchester	Winchester	Q-195
Parker, Eddie	24	Kansas City	11-Jul-1949	Tennyson, Imogene	21	Kansas City	Oskaloosa	Q-179
Pence, Morris G.	22	Valley Falls	26-Jan-1949	Arthur, Shirley	18	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-152
Phelps, Lois Alberta	24	Hillsboro, IA	18-Jun-1949	Noll, Leonard	24	Winchester	Mooney Creek	Q-174
Porter, Ora L.	55	Topeka	11-Aug-1949	Hillman, Jessie	39	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-186
Pottorf, Harold F.	24	Oskaloosa	20-Mar-1949	Byers, Dolores J.	19	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-157
Pottorf, Marlin	22	Oskaloosa	05-Jun-1949	Tenpenny, Avis	18	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-170
Priddy, Cecil Thomas	34	Bedford, IN	09-Jan-1949	Brickley, Beatrice	34	Baltimore, MD	Ft. Leavenworth	Q-150
Ramsey, Rebecca	24	Topeka	02-Jul-1949	Cope, Lloyd E.	33	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-177
Raney, Earl E.	38	Valley Falls	04-Nov-1949	Arnold, Dorothy	22	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-205
Ray, John	21	Lawrence	09-Jul-1949	Wampler, Beulah	16	Lawrence	Winchester	Q-178
Reaugh, Harold Burton	21+	Topeka	08-Aug-1949	Combs, Dorothy Janet	21+	Topeka	Topeka	Q-184
Rice, Glen A.	21	Perry	02-Oct-1949	Barracough, Mary	20	Topeka	Perry	Q-203
Richardson, Herschel	56	Leavenworth	13-Apr-1949	Adkins, Ella	61	Leavenworth	Oskaloosa	Q-161
Rickel, Mildred M.	17	Nortonville	17-Jul-1949	Fulton, John R.	21	Nortonville	Nortonville	Q-182
Rigor, Teresa	19	Leavenworth	25-Jun-1949	Grasso, Sebastian	22	Staten Island, NY	Oskaloosa	Q-175
Ringler, Martha Carolyn	21	Lawrence	01-Jan-1949	Conroy, Charles William	21	Lawrence	McLouth	Q-147
Robb, Marvin Herold	19	Williamstown	20-Aug-1949	Allen, Delores	18	Lawrence	Oskaloosa	Q-188



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PERSON	AGE	RESIDENCE	M. DATE	SPOUSE	AGE	RESIDENCE	M. LOCATION	BOOK-PAGE
Ross, Morgan D., Jr.	19	Topeka	20-May-1949	Miller, Lois Jeannene	16	Topeka	Lawrence	Q-166
Ryan, Robert G.	19	Lawrence	29-May-1949	Jones, Wilda A.	17	McLouth	Stanwood Ch,	Q-168
Scott, James H.	37	St. Marys	30-Dec-1949	Barbour, Joyce	20	St. Marys	Oskaloosa	Q-215
Scott, Robert L.	22	Kansas City	01-Jan-1949	Wright, Mildred Nadyne	--	Kansas City	Oskaloosa	Q-146
Seetin, Fay H,	35	Perry	24-Apr-1949	Ogden, Thelma	27	Topeka	Idana	Q-162
Sieben, Rosemary	18	Winchester	29-Oct-1949	Bradford, Edward L.	19	McLouth	Easton	Q-202
Smelser, Lloyd	21	McLouth	05-Nov-1949	Heywood, Margaret	18	Lawrence	Stanwood Ch,	Q-206
Smith, Charles Raymond	18	Valley Falls	14-Jan-1949	Brown, Betty Ruth	20	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-151
Spangler, Iantha	40	Topeka	28-Jun-1949	Kirk, Archie W.	48	Topeka	Topeka	Q-176
Stember, Beverly Joan	21	Ozawkie	30-Jan-1949	West, Oval, Jr.	22	Kansas City	Ozawkie	Q-153
Stember, Donna Jean	25	Ozawkie	30-Jan-1949	Meyer, John K.	25	Quincy, IL	Ozawkie	Q-154
Stember, Muriel	23	Ozawkie	30-Jan-1949	Hannig, Shelton	25	Urbana,IL	Ozawkie	Q-155
Stephan, Verna May	18	Nortonville	17-Sep-1949	Young, Ray E.	24	Tonganoxie	Nortonville	Q-197
Taylor, Glenda Lenore	27	Topeka	27-May-1949	Meyer, Warren Ray	33	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-167
Tennyson, Imogene	21	Kansas City	11-Jul-1949	Parker, Eddie	24	Kansas City	Oskaloosa	Q-179
Tenpenny, Avis	18	Oskaloosa	05-Jun-1949	Pottorf, Marllin	22	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-170
Terkildsen, Carl W.	43	Williamstown	01-May-1949	Decker, Zelma M.	35	Ozawkie	Kansas City	Q-163
Thomas, Ivan	25	Lincoln, NE	29-May-1949	Hall, Arthea	19	Arcadia,NE	Oskaloosa	Q-169
Tosh, Loren	20	Valley Falls	21-Aug-1949	Howlland, Lois	23	Valley Falls	Nortonville	Q-189
Viles, Nova Lee	16	Williamstown	24-Dec-1949	Cottrel, Donald Gene	21	Williamstown	Topeka	Q-212
Wahler, Alice	18	Leavenworth	05-Jun-1949	Collins, Francis	31	Leavenworth	Easton	Q-171
Wampler, Beulah	16	Lawrence	09-Jul-1949	Ray, John	21	Lawrence	Winchester	Q-178
West, Oval, Jr.	22	Kansas City	30-Jan-1949	Stember, Beverly Joan	21	Ozawkie	Ozawkie	Q-153
White, Earl	53	Topeka	17-Oct-1949	Cody, Mabel	53	Topeka	Dover	Q-200
Wilezol, Joseph	34	Kansas City	12-Jul-1949	Davenport, Mabel B.	28	Kansas City	Oskaloosa	Q-180
Winfrey, Leota Mae	17	McLouth	26-Dec-1949	Daniels, Roscoe Warren	21	McLouth	Tonganoxie	Q-213
Withers, Barbara June	15	Eudora	12-Aug-1949	Evans, Clifford L.	19	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-187
Wright, Mildred Nadyne	--	Kansas City	01-Jan-1949	Scott, Robert L.	22	Kansas City	Oskaloosa	Q-146
Yost, George E.	22	McLouth	12-Mar-1949	Johnson, Mildred	19	Ozawkie	Topeka	Q-156
Young, Ray E.	24	Tonganoxie	17-Sep-1949	Stephan, Verna May	18	Nortonville	Nortonville	Q-197

## **‘UNION BLOCK’ BUILDING IN OSKALOOSA**

*The Oskaloosa independent*, 17 May 1973 (orig. article by Virginia Voorhees)

The 1892 Union Block Building in Oskaloosa is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, according to a confirmation report from the National Park Service filed with the Kansas State Historical society under date of April 23,.

Located at the corner of Jefferson and Delaware Streets, the two-story structure is now one of 138 Kansas places of archeological, architectural and historic interests in the State.

Congress called for a roster of properties worthy of preservation through the Historic Sites Act of 1935 and the Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The National Park Service under the Secretary of the Interior is responsible for the designation of eligible properties, reviewing nominations made by a State Liason officer appointed by each governor. In Kansas, a committee from the State Historical society makes recommendations.

The Union Block Building now has three owners. John Hart leases the Western Café on the corner to George Lee Meyer and the barber shop fronting Delaware street on the east to George Bellinger. He operates a pool hall to the west on Jefferson. In between the restaurant and the pool hall is the Rouse Department store, leased by Mrs. George Huddleston.

A stairway to the second floor separates the pool hall from the Oska Theater, owned and managed by Willem Helms. The Hart and Helm families occupy apartments above their properties and other rooms are rented for storage space.

Before the advent of the Union Block, one-story frame buildings with board sidewalks occupied the space. On Jan. 30, 1892, the *Oskaloosa Independent* announced: “We are glad to say that work will soon begin on a big brick and stone business block on the south side of the square. A two-story bloc, 90 feet long, will be erected by the Messrs. Huddleston (State Bank of Oskaloosa) and C. B. McLellan (Fancy Dry Goods and Clothing, with four fine rooms for business purposes. Such a block will be a decided ornament to the town and a monument to the enterprise of the owners.

Later on February 20, 1892, it was reported that Hadley, the Topeka architect, would prepare specifications for a depth of 80 feet and frontage of 90 feet with a cellar under the whole block and that part under the bank corner fitted up as a basement. “With a plate glass front and round corner, this will make a handsome block,” in the editor’s opinion.

C. B. McClellan puts up the west building (in 1973 the Oska Theater) and Dr. A. G. Smith the next (Hart’s pool hall and the Huddlestons the other two (in 1973 the Rouse Departments store and Western Café.)

“In tearing down and removal of the buildings on the south side,” the story continues, “some old landmarks will b no more that have stood the storms for many years. The one that has been occupied by C. B. McClellan was built in 1857 and the one formerly occupied as a drug store in 1858. The two other buildings – one next to the Jefferson House (early day hotel) and the othe on the corner – were erected about 1866-67.

The State Bank of Oskaloosa was first located in the basement of the Masonic building on the southwest corner of the square, established by W. H. Huddleston in 1887. The bank used the Union Block site from 1892 until 1960 when it relocated in a new building in the west block of the square on Liberty street. Alpa and Will Huddleston, sons of the founder, managed the bank in their lifetimes and grandson W. H. Patrick in now President.

The bank had just vacated the premises when the tornado of May 19, 1960, demolished the Courthouse, so offices of the County Treasurer and County Commissioners used the location until the new courthouse was completed in 1962. Thereafter legal offices were located at the old bank

corner until the Western Café began operation in May of 1970. Dr. Earl A. Martin had offices in the present barber shop space in the early 1940's.

A department store under various management has done business in the building just west of the present Café, with Don Rouse succeeding Harvey Rash in recent decades.

For some years several restaurants used the building which is now John Hart's pool hall, among them Jip Gardiner who later opened the Elm Café on east Jefferson street. The late Mike Andre started a pool hall in the space about 20 years ago, selling the business to John Hart.

The Oska Theater site was the Ritz movie house of the 1920's, the first one in town. Before that, the building was used for office or business enterprises. Circa World War I, high school basketball games were played there until an auditorium was added to the old 1908 high school in 1920. In lulls of theater management, church groups have held services at the movie location. Willem Helms began operation of the Oska theater in 1972.

In notification to Union Block owners of the National Register listing, the request was made that the buildings be kept in good repair. In criteria for evaluation, they fall into the category of distinctive characteristic for a type, period and method of construction which has a quality significance in American history.

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## **PRESIDENT HARRISON VISITS VALLEY FALLS, 1890**

*The Valley Falls Register*, 10 Oct. 1890

Valley Falls was one of the few towns whose people might see and welcome President Harrison, on his trip west this week.

The Special Santa Fe train bearing the distinguished party arrived here at 9:45 this morning.

At least 3,000 people were at the depot to see a President – many gray haired men and women for the first time.

The school children and teachers and their cornet band was a happy feature of the passing welcome.

Gov. Humphrey appeared at the rear platform and introduced President Harrison and Secretary Tracy to the assembly.

The President was the recipient of a handsome vase of flowers from Miss Ring, a bowl of choice apples from M. M. Maxwell, and several bouquets from children. A few shook hands with him and the train sped on its way to Topeka where will be a grand review today.

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## **COMMUNITY WELL COMPLETED**

*The Winchester Star*, 7 Sep. 1934

Community well was dug on the Pete Miller farm, near Winchester, which was completed Thursday of last week. This well is one of several that has been financed by the government in this vicinity. This particular well measures about 18 feet across and 22 feet deep, and has around 3 feet of water at present. The government employed anywhere from 5 to 12 men daily on this project for a period of three weeks. This crew was from McLouth C. W. A workers with Walter Bradford, McLouth, in charge of the work.

*The Valley Falls Register*, 1 May 1891

# NORTONVILLE, KANSAS of 1897

This is a detailed plat map of the original town of Orono, Maine. The map shows a grid of streets and lots. Key features include:

- Streets:** Labeled streets include Pine Street, Hickory Street, Main Street, Center Street, and others. A railroad line runs diagonally across the upper left portion of the map.
- Lots:** Numerous lots are shown, many of which are numbered (e.g., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30).
- Other Features:** A "CEMETERY" is located in the lower left corner. The map also shows various other structures and landmarks, including a "RAILROAD" and a "COTTAGE".
- Orientation:** A compass rose is located in the upper left corner, indicating North.

The plat of the city with the additions, we are glad to give our readers this week. The drawing was made by Mr. Haskell of Atchison and the engraving was done by Tschenor & Barthberger of Kansas City. By a plat however we cannot show the beauties of the town and words even are hardly adequate to the occasion, suffice it

to say that no town in beautiful Kansas can excell Nortonville for handsomeness with her broad streets beautiful lawns and parks, fine residences, and substantial business houses. She has not run entirly to beauty however, for the business done at this place is second to no town of 1000 inhabitants in the west. Our business men are all rustlers and gentlemen of the highest order. We have the best schools and the finest church build- ings; we have one of the most thoroughly equiped and modern electric light plants in the state; our houses are lighted with electricity and our business houses and halls heated by steam. We have telegraph and telephone connections with all the world. We are on the best railroad in the world; and we have the latest out in all improvements. Nortonville is THE place to locate and Nortonville people are THE people.

## **OSKALOOSA BUSINESSES in 1946 -- JEFFERSON STREET, (incl. S. side of Square, W. to E.)**

### **County Garage**

**Reynolds Rexall Drug Store** – Since Aug. 29, 1946, operated by Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Reynolds, from Topeka, who purchased the corner building and business known for nearly half a century as McCreight's drug store. In four months they have developed a volume far beyond their expectations.

**I.G.A. Store** – W. I. Thompson

### **Sutton's Variety Store**

**Postoffice** – Lee Gibson, Postmaster. Additions and replacements of lock boxes and redecoration of interior. Building ownership of Mrs. Ella Patrick.

**Fish & Ratliff** – Enjoyed good sales of hammer-mills and other farm items but activity greatly curtailed by impossibility of stocking merchandise in their lines due to slow industrial recovery

**Farm Bureau Office** – Russell Klotz, new county agricultural agent, conducted an expanding program, with emphasis on 4-H development (from 6 to 14 clubs from 107 to 300 members, held a most successful 4-H county fair); of soils improvement (secured establishment of a county-wide soils district, ran terrace lines for 85 farms); launched Blue Cross county-side campaign; sprayed 3500 head of cattle for an increase of ten dollar value per animal; upped bureau membership from 260 to 400 at year's end.

**Soils Conservation Office** – temporarily with farm bureau, Chas. W. Stewart, heat technician in charge.

**Bindweed Supervisor** – Headquarter at farm office., Homer Metzger, supervisor.

**Kansas Power & Light Dist. Office** – W. A. Payne, Dist. Manager. The Company completed an alternative power line from Oskaloosa to McLouth on highway 16-92. Numerous farms connected for service.

**Oska Theatre** – Operated by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gelabert, who purchased the former "Ritz" from W. A. Payne, completely remodeled the interior, and the front, installed latest equipment and operated seven evenings a week with a good grade of pictures.

**Gelabert Apartments** – The Gelaberts remodeled the second story of their building into a comfortable and attractive modern 5 room apartment.

**Pool Hall** – Mike Andre, owner.

**Real Estate** – E. E. Casebier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Ken's Store** – Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goss

**City Library** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. Mrs. A. C. Wilson, librarian

**State Bank** – Resources passed one million dollars; Oskaloosa's first million dollar bank. New fixtures and complete redecoration brought the appearance of this business up to the minute.

### **Second Floor offices over bank**

**Milton P. Beach**, attorney

**Amos H. Leech**, abstracter

**Register of Deeds** – Katie Everett interim official by appointment, resigned was succeed by Emily Bowen.

**Sinclair Service** – On Oct. 1, Roscoe Miller acquired the station lease, Chas. Gardiner devotes full time to tank wagon bulk delivery.

**Newspaper Office** – *The Independent* in its 87<sup>th</sup> year. *The McLouth Times* in its 60<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> under present management.

**Simon Service Skelly station** – At close of 1946 Don Simon bought out the interest of his brother Roger, who was an active partner upon his return from military service.

**Presbyterian Church** – Willard P. Thompson, minister

**Waggoner Lumber Co.** – Very little lumber during the year but supplied ample coal.

**Waggoner Gas Station** – was leased in June to LaVern Garren, succeeding Harry Brown, who took a rest for his health during summer.

**Elm Café** – Dale K. Jackson

-----**DELAWARE STREET** (S. to N., Incl. E. Side of Square)

**Welding Shop** – The stone building known for a generation as Charlie Golden's blacksmith shop but long vacant, was "restored to circulation" by Ken Goss, who bought the building and was accumulating materials for its remodeling when Messieurs McAdam and Haag of Holton came along and bought it, laid a concrete floor, made other improvements, by fall were running a welding establishment.

**Veterinarian** – Rear room of bank building Dr. Dean K. Weckman, in mid-year, purchased the practice of Dr. S. J. Dowds.

**Ice Storage Plant** – Local agency passed, Oct. 1, from Chas. Gardiner to John Williams.

**Legion Hall** – The post upped its membership in 1946 from 41 to 111, launched or sponsored several new activities.

**Luster Motors** – Led the local procession in delivery of new cars, Chrysler & Plymouth, however there were hardly enough to make even a small procession.

**Physician's office** – Dr. D. M. Stevens, only active physician at Oskaloosa, endeavored to serve a wide territory

**Real Estate Office** – Walter M. Pennington, had a young partner a short time, later "on his own" again.

**Insurance and Tax** – consultant Fred M. Thompson

**Corpstein-Weishaar** – Had considerable success in securing merchandise, keeping two or three store clerks busy beside shop personnel.

**Hotel de Jeff (i.e. the jail)** – Due to vigorous solicitation activities of Sheriff Dean Steffey, the county jail had numerous occupants during 1946.

**The Farmers Store** – The business operated many years by Waldo Shultz passed, in March to Maj. Joel Dobbs, young veteran of World War II, and was resold by him in Sept. to Walter Bleil, who came from Kansas City, bought this business, the building and a residence for his family.

**Beatrice Milk Receiving Station** – The opening of this institution, and the erection of a commodious building to house it, was a major improvement of 1946. The new receiving station incorporated the old city fire house and a lot more square footage. Roy Sharkey and Waldo Shultz in active management.

To be continued, for remaining Oskaloosa businesses of 1946 on North & West sides of square.