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Editors' notes:

In this issue we offer the final part of John Bower's excellent study of the L&T Railroad and how the "People's Railroad" ended its days. We also include the lively writings of Thomas Gay, a northern youth who moved to Kansas Territory in 1856. He stayed with a family friend near Ozawkie, a man Mr. Gay called Abner Lowell. We are researching "Mr. Lowell," and do not find much information; "Abner Lowell" could be a pseudonym. If anyone has information about this person and is interested in helping, please contact one of the editors.

As always, if you have requests or ideas for inclusion or delivery of YESTERYEARS, let us hear from you.

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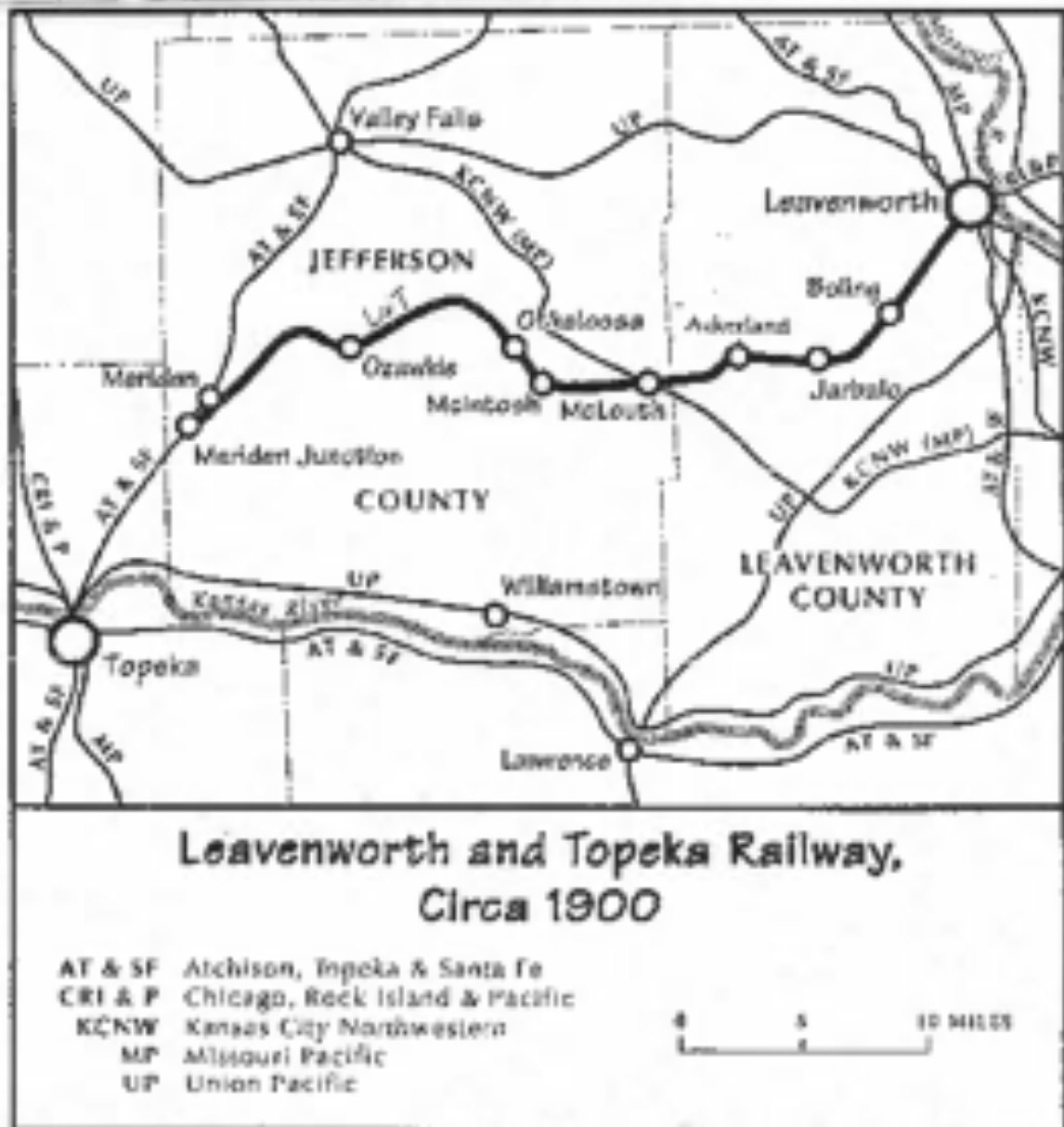
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LEAVENWORTH, TOPEKA & SOUTHWEST RAILROAD

Originally written by John Bower as a two-part article on the L.T. & SW Railroad. It was published in the Jeff. Co. Hist. Soc. Newsletters of August and September of 1982. We are re-publishing it in Yesteryears magazine so that the information will be indexed by subject and the document be made available for research. Part 1 was in the October 2014 Yesteryears.

PART 2

HALF A CENTURY OF SERVICE AND STRUGGLE, 1882 - 1931



Map from "People's Railroad: The Leavenworth and Topeka, 1879-1931" by C.C. Quander
 Ninth Draft, October 1A, 2000

Manuscript held in the Historical Research Division of the Kansas Historical Society

It was probably appropriate that the first train from Leavenworth to Topeka over the new line was only a locomotive and one car (*The Oskaloosa Independent*, "IND" Oct. 14, 1882,). Thirty-nine years later, writing for *The Topeka Daily Capital* (TDC Sep. 25, 1921), F. H. Roberts related how the independent line had been "taken over by the Santa Fe and Union Pacific companies, which then "owned" the territory invaded by the little stranger.

"As the years went by, with one engine and three or four freight cars and an accommodation compartment coach dragging their slow way one round trip per day over the line, the annual reports showed ...deficits ...running from \$20,000 to \$40,000 a year."

After being turned over by the construction company in May, 1883, the road was operated by the Santa Fe until January 1889, then by the Union Pacific until March, 1894. It was in receivership until reorganized as the Leavenworth and Topeka Railroad (L&T) January 31, 1900. Stock in the new company, as before, was held by the UP and the Santa Fe (ICC Docket 601).

Operations continued as before. The L&T spent a dollar and thirty cents for every dollar taken in. Losses were absorbed by the parent companies (ICC Docket 601). Though the charter called for separate freight and passenger service, they ran one mixed train per day (*Kansas City Star*, Aug. 1, 1916).

According to *The Star*, matters came to a head in March when the Kansas Public Utilities Commission (PUC) ordered the L&T into receivership, protesting they were already losing \$25,000 a year. U. S. District Judge John Pollock tossed the ball back to

the PUC by asking it to select the receiver. He was not to be paid a large management fee, and he must pay expenses from revenues.

W. A. Austin, retired businessman, formerly with the Burlington Railroad, was appointed receiver at \$100 a month. He immediately put on a passenger train, giving the area better service than it had had in years. An attempt by the Santa Fe to prevent use of its tracks into Topeka by the new passenger train was blocked by Judge Pollock.

The Star painted a rosy picture. Austin was making improvements on the track and giving better service, while making a little money every month. *The Star* had a simple explanation: The U. P. and the Santa Fe had been "milking" the orphan road.

Though it was the shortest route between Topeka and Leavenworth, not one through ticket had been sold over the L&T in five years. No joint rate existed with any other road; an L&T agent could not sell a ticket to any place not on the line. Now, Austin was even talking of putting on an overnight sleeping car for Chicago and the east.

Another midsummer night's dream appeared in 1916. According to *The Topeka State Journal* (TSJ) on July 29, 1916, the Willard E. Winner interests of Kansas City had purchased the L&T and would convert it to electric inter-urban service. Local freight and produce would be handled, but the big thing would be hourly trolley car service between Topeka and Kansas City, seven days a week.

Track would be laid on the 34-year-old unused grade between Meriden and Topeka. Cars would enter Topeka near Garfield Park and run up Kansas Avenue on the street car

tracks.

Recreational use was to be featured. "Some of the most attractive fishing, outing and camping resorts and locations in the midwest are on the line between this city and Leavenworth," The Journal enthused, 40 years before Lake Perry was formed. There was talk of a branch line from Oskaloosa through Valley Falls to Holton.

While this proved to be only a pipe dream, it is interesting to ponder the effect of hourly inter-urban service to Kansas City and Topeka on Oskaloosa and other Jefferson County towns in that still largely horse and buggy era.

Things returned to normal early in 1917 when the passenger train was taken off, by order of Judge Pollock at the request of receiver Austin, and to the embarrassment of Governor Arthur Capper (TSJ Feb. 6, 1917). According to *The Journal, The Topeka Capital*, Capper's newspaper had been touting the success of the L&T under Austin in support of the governor's public utility bill in the legislature.

Needling Governor Capper for the report, The Capital printed the notarized document bearing Austin's signature from official court records, and, gleefully added Morgan Albaugh, clerk of the United States court, expressed regret that Governor Capper had not proven himself big enough and fair enough to specifically correct the misstatement in Monday's Capital editorial."

Pollock gave the Union Pacific and the Santa Fe ten days to end the receivership and operate the road or to foreclose the mortgage and put the line up for sale. (TDC Feb. 11, 1917). He revived the hope of making it an

electric line.

It took all summer to find a buyer. In September, the L&T was sold to a group headed by Chicago capitalist F. L. Wells (TSJ Sep. 17, 1917). The new owners talked about improved service, including use of motor coaches for carrying passengers.

Their real intention, however, appears to have been much simpler. Wartime demand for scrap iron had raised prices enough that the new owners could junk the line at a profit. Like the Rock Island 60 years later, the L&T was worth more for scrap than as an operating line.

Now the life of the L&T hung by a thread.

By December, patrons along the line and businessmen from Leavenworth and Topeka were protesting an attempt to scrap the rails from Ozawkie to Meriden (TDC Dec. 24, 1917). Citizens argued this was just the preliminary to junking the whole line (TDC Dec. 31, 1917).

A. O. Kendall, cashier of the Ozawkie State Bank [*original article refers to "A.O. Kandall," other references say "Kendall"*], in a letter to Congressman Daniel R. Anthony, said that sale of the L&T to private interests at a price less than its junk value was a move by the Santa Fe and Union Pacific to eliminate competition, while speculators made money junking the line (TSJ Jan 2, 1918). When Topeka wholesale business concerns tried to help the road by diverting eastern shipments over it, the letter related, the L&T bridge-men condemned the bridge over the Delaware at Ozawkie. An engineer for the Public Utilities Commission said it could be fixed for \$600.

“Our conclusions are,” Kendall asserted, “that Mr. Wells bought this road with the object of junking it ... his operation has been with this object in view and managed so it would unprofitable.”

An attempt was made to use wartime control of the nation’s railroads to prevent scrapping the line. At a conference with the government railroad administration in Washington (TSJ Jan., 24, 1918), counsel for the Kansas PUC presented information to show that the L&T had been purposely operated at a loss for years to destroy it as a competitor. Congressman [Daniel Read] Anthony argued that congestion in the Kansas City terminal could be relieved by diverting traffic from the north to the southwest over the line, while junking it would leave several towns and grain elevators without service when grain was needed in the war effort.

The attempt to use federal war controls to save the L&T failed when the government decided not to take control of small railroad lines (TDC, Feb. 2, 1918). Notices were sent to customers along the line that service would end on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Trustees of townships which had voted bonds to build the line, and Topeka shippers, immediately lodged vigorous protests with the federal court against destruction of the road. A protest meeting was called at Oskaloosa Monday, Feb. 4.

At a hearing before Judge Pollock in Kansas City February 19, Wells claimed the railroad was losing \$1,000 a month, while he could sell it as scrap for from \$160,000 to \$200,000 (TDC Feb. 20, 1918). Patrons of the line protested strongly.

After a long day, Pollock said he would sell

it to the people along the line as an operating road for \$80,000, less taxes due. He gave them thirty days to raise the money. This scaled-down price probably allowed Wells some profit.

F.H. Roberts, editor of *The Oskaloosa Independent*, served as chairman of the committee to raise the money (TDC, May 11, 1918), Walter Johnson, managing editor of *The Topeka Daily Capital*, took a prominent part (*Chicago Tribune, Current Opinion*, April 1919, Page 268). More than \$100,000 was subscribed by some 800 farmers and businessmen along the line, in amounts \$10 to \$1,500 (TDC, April 4, 1918).

The Capital reporter painted with vivid strokes the scene in the “dingy” offices of the L&T as the committee made its offer to buy. Mingling with the farmers and merchants, “some of whom saw possible ruin staring them in the face in property was wrecked,” were “commercial vultures, or junk dealers, eager to hop upon the carrion...Little did they care...”

When some Topeka businessmen threatened to withdraw their support because Judge Pollock retained control of the road until the new owners proved they could run it, *The Capital* ran a blistering editorial (May 27), declaring, “Topeka can afford to put up \$15,000 for this purpose if it never sees a cent of the money again. To refuse to do this is to give Topeka a black eye with the people of this territory from which this community will never recover...” If a tornado hit Jefferson County, they would be quick to give aid, he said, and loss of the railroad would be far worse.

“L&T RAILROAD IS PURCHASED BY PATRONS OF LINE” ran the headline in the May 11 *Capital*. The good guys in this “long and bitter fight” were the members of the citizens’ committee and *Capital* editor Johnson. The bad guys were capitalist Wells and his attorney, James W. Orr of Atchison, and “The State Journal, of Topeka, which misrepresented the activities of the committee at every turn, and did not hesitate to resort to plain and fancy lying in its effort to deprive the people of this needed railroad service and to deal Topeka a deadly blow in this rich territory...”

Said editor Johnson, “It has been a hard fight, but it has been demonstrated that a determined people and a just court can circumvent even the most wily lawyer and the most avaricious speculator if there is a will to do it.” Johnson believed that community ownership could solve the problems of many branch lines.

The new Leavenworth and Topeka Railroad Company was chartered May 16, 1918. Among the incorporators were Sam Hill Ackerland, Walter Pennington and G.M. Casebier, McLouth; F.H. Roberts and Horace Phinney, Oskaloosa; and O.A. Kendall and Ira Pudergaugh, Ozawkie (TSJ, May 16, 1918). J.E. Wadill, Kansas City lumberman, who had three yards along the line and was the largest stockholder, was elected president (TDC, May 18).

The people had bought themselves a railroad. Now all they had to do was run it. If they failed, it would go back to Wells.

Service was restored once (TDC, June 8), but troubles were not over. Within a year, Topeka stockholders were asking townships served by the road to issue bonds to retire the capital stock and make needed

improvements (TDC, May 17, 1919). Valley Falls, which had daily train service, was reported ready to make a fight for the county seat. “At times Oskaloosa does not see a train for several days, said W.H. Stanley, editor of the *Meriden Ledger*,” *The Capital* reported.

High water damaged the bridges at Ozawkie in the spring of 1919. To repair the washouts and make improvements in equipment, the directors asked stockholders to raise a fund equal to about ten percent of the face value of their stock (IND, April 4, 1919). Certificates would be issued to cover the additional contributions.

Soon after acquiring the L&T, directors had put on a gasoline powered motor car—a converted Reo automobile—for passenger service. The motor had had a number of accidents, all the way from derailment at crossings to knocking a farmer’s wagon off the track, but “it remained for a mangy old shepherd dog to put the gas wagon completely out of business” (IND, May 16, 1919).

The dog had often run ahead of the car, barking furiously, while the motorman chased him. One day they caught him. The bus derailed and was demolished. One of the passengers, Lew Wiley of Oskaloosa, said the car ran on the ties several rods, then turned over three or four times as it fell down the embankment. Miraculously, one of the eight people aboard was seriously injured.

It was some time before motor service was restored. People were complaining about lack of the service. A new motor was promised by September (IND, June 13, 1919). While the service had been popular, our limited research did not confirm of a new motor until the summer of 1921.

A new motor coach was put in service in July (TSJ, July 23, 1921). Housed at McLouth, it went to Meriden twice and to Leavenworth once every day, allowing Jefferson County passengers to spend several hours in either Topeka or Leavenworth and return home the same day.

The new service was an immediate success (TDC, Sept. 27, 1921). Built to order by the White Motor Company of Kansas City, the new bus was longer and heavier than the old Reo. Seating about 25, it had carried as many as 64 persons. It cleared about \$1,000 the first month.

Known affectionately as "The Galloping Goose," it was a familiar sight and sound on the L&T during the twenties. I can still hear the hum of its wheels and the trill of its exhaust whistle, and remember the thrill of riding it to Leavenworth.

In July 1919, the directors proposed a bond issue to pay off the line's debts and buy equipment (IND, July 25, 1919). They had secured legislation setting up a benefit district four miles wide on each side of the line (TDC, Sept. 27, 1921).

After employees struck the Kansas City Northwestern Railroad, which also served McLouth and Oskaloosa (IND, Aug. 8, 1919), *The Independent* cited the uncertain future of the KCNW to encourage support of the railroad bonds (Aug. 22, 1919).

The McLouth Times (IND Aug. 29, 1919), called attention to the bad fix the country and towns would have been in during the strike but for the "little old L&T." The Jefferson County part of the district approved \$50,000 for the railroad; Leavenworth County \$25,000 (TFC, Sept. 27, 1921).

Officers and directors served without pay as a community service. Among those serving in 1921 were A.O. Kendall and Ira Puderbaugh, Ozawkie; A.H. Leech, Oskaloosa; E.D. Bradford, George Casebier and H.H. Kimmel, McLouth, and Sam Hill, Ackerland. F.H. Roberts was Assistant General Manager (TDC Sept. 27, 1921).

By 1923, Roberts was managing the line himself (TDC, Aug. 9, 1925). He had effected further economy by running the train on alternate days, substituting a second motor coach on days the train did not run. Train crewmen manned the extra motor. Deficiencies in operating revenue were made up by an annual tax levy on the benefit district. In 1925, the levy was two mills and raised about \$14,000.

But times were changing. By 1919 the good roads movement was in full swing. The first federal aid paved road in the county, running from Nortonville to Williamstown, was approved in early summer (IND July 4, 1919). (From Oskaloosa south the road is little changed today). Development of highway transportation doomed shortline railroads.

The tax subsidy no longer seemed a good investment and was dropped in 1929 (TDC Apr. 21, 1931). As the Depression deepened, the directors gave up. The last train ran April 30, 1931.

Contract for scrapping the line went to Sonken Galamba of Kansas City at the depression price of \$6,500 (TDC April 22, 1931). We had a sawmill in those days, and made lumber of many of the timbers from L&T trestles. Some of it went into the large, metal covered barn which has been a landmark for half a century on the first hill north of McLouth.

Terminal tracks in Leavenworth belonging to the L&T had already been sold to the Burlington for \$165,000 and the bonds paid off (TDC Apr. 22, 1931). Some land would revert to the original landowners; some could be sold. With the debts paid, about \$40,000 remained to be distributed to stockholders – about 25 percent of par value.

So ended half a century of struggle and service.

Crossing a rough terrain, and having to fight for business with two giant competitors who controlled it much of its life, there were few easy times. Indeed, “Old Jerky” was something of a joke as a railroad.

They tell of one conductor who signaled departures with “let ‘er go, Newt – one load and two empties.” With little business and heavy grades, trains were seldom very long. Even so, they sometimes stalled. Dad told of waiting west of McLouth while they took half of the train to the siding at McIntosh and came back for the rest.

They used to say the train went so slow west of Oskaloosa that you could get off and pick blackberries along the track. Sometimes they broke down, or stopped while the crew went for a drink at a nearby farmhouse.

There were many cuts in the hills near McLouth. In winter they drifted full of snow, and the train got stuck. The heaviest snowfall I can remember came in 1926—26 inches in about 24 hours. Roads were blocked. School was out. The train was stuck two or three days about two miles east of McLouth.

My grandmother Kimmel was on that train. With snow already falling, the trainmen wanted her to stay in Leavenworth. But

Grandma was the wife of a director. She had a pass. Dad had a sled and a big team of horses. They brought Grandma and the mail across the fields, cutting fences as they went.

Fifty years later, few remember the call of the whistle or the chirp of the “Galloping Goose.” Many of the newcomers who have flocked to Jefferson County do not know that trains once ran almost through Oskaloosa, though much of the grade is still visible if you look for it.

As I said, there were few easy times. But after making this study, I believe the effort to bring a railroad across the middle of Jefferson County was worthwhile and I take off my hat in admiration to the men who carried it out. -- **John Bower**

Editors' notes: On April 10, 1931, *The Oskaloosa Independent* carried this article: “Jess Davies, manager of the L. & T. railroad, has posted notices in the depots and elsewhere, along the line notifying the public that operation of the road will cease on April 30th. This gives the patronizing public twenty days in which to ship in or out the ‘heavy’ after which it will be up to the trucks.”

Further Reading:

“The People’s Railroad, The Leavenworth & Topeka, 1918-1931,” by I.E. Quastler, *Kansas History* magazine, Spring 2001. A copy is available at the JCGS Research Library or online at https://www.kshs.org/publicat/history/2001spring_quastler.pdf

Quastler also wrote a complete study of the railroad, “People’s Railroad: The Leavenworth & Topeka, 1879-1931.” The manuscript is in the Historical Research Division, Library and Archives, Kansas State Historical Society. A copy is available at the JCGS Research Library.

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PERSON	AGE	RESIDENCE	M. DATE	SPOUSE	AGE	RESIDENCE	M. LOCATION	BOOK-PAGE
Allen, Evelyn	18	Valley Falls	19376	Allen, Harold R.	25	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-446
Allen, Harold R.	25	Valley Falls	19376	Allen, Evelyn	18	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-446
Allen, Minnie	18	Winchester	19430	McAfee, Donald	19	McLouth	McLouth	Q-449
Almond, Roberta Lea	18	Greeley	19466	Rocker, Richard G.	19	Greeley	Lawrence	Q-453
Artman, Lee Roy J.	22	McLouth	19482	Meyer, Janice	18	McLouth	McLouth	Q-458
Ashley, Ruth	20	Topeka	19654	Logan, Kenneth W.	25	Topeka	Winchester	Q-501
Auxier, Frances	37	Topeka	19481	Taylor, Gerald W.	27	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-456
Baldwin, Orval F.	46	Topeka	19610	Metzenthin, Josephine A.	39	Topeka	Valley Falls	Q-496
Barnes, Lewis E.	27	Winchester	19433	Boling, Elvia J.	21	Creston, IA	Winchester	Q-451
Bartlett, Roy R.	32	Topeka	19648	Buttler, Dorothy M.	30	Topeka	Topeka	Q-500
Bates, Daryle Gene	18	Oskaloosa	19679	O'Trimble, Donna	18	Williamstown	Perry	R-3
Bateson, Cyrena	62	Lawrence	19494	Lundry, C. E.	62	Lawrence	Oskaloosa	Q-460
Beer, Howard C.	42	Lyndon	19567	Bowser, Hazel	51	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-482
Beers, Donald E.	18	Meriden	19593	Johnson, Dorothy	18	Ozawkie	Topeka	Q-485
Behne, Rita	17	McLouth	19594	Zachariah, Gerald L.	20	McLouth	McLouth	Q-488
Bellman, Virginia	18	Topeka	19420	Erwin, Francis Eugene	17	Topeka	Winchester	Q-448
Biery, Eva Ann	19	Oskaloosa	19360	Hundley, Wayne	21	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-442
Bingamon, William L., Jr	20	Tonganoxie	19543	Mahoney, Dorothy Jane	17	Tonganoxie	Winchester	Q-475
Boling, Elvia J.	21	Creston, IA	19433	Barnes, Lewis E.	27	Winchester	Winchester	Q-451
Bowser, Hazel	51	Topeka	19567	Beer, Howard C.	42	Lyndon	Oskaloosa	Q-482
Brammell, Max E.	19	Ozawkie	19537	Dryden, Irma J.	16	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-472
Brown, Frances A.	20	Topeka	19605	Wyatt, Robert G.	29	Topeka	Topeka	Q-493
Brown, Lawrence C.	43	Valley Falls	19607	Frakes, Ruth	37	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-495
Brown, Lawrence E.	19	Valley Falls	19689	Haas, Patricia	18	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	R-4
Butler, Thomas	42	K. C., MO	19565	Moore, Ruth	28	Lenexa	McLouth	Q-480
Buttler, Dorothy M.	30	Topeka	19648	Bartlett, Roy R.	32	Topeka	Topeka	Q-500
Carlyle, Robbie	17	Oskaloosa	19594	Wheeler, James D.	25	Oskaloosa	Winchester	Q-487
Casebier, Thomas Roscoe	21+	Winchester	19367	Swoyer, Lena	21+	Winchester	Oskaloosa	Q-443
Cecil, Clyde, Jr.	25	Olathe	19550	Marganroth, Laura May	18	K. C., MO	Oskaloosa	Q-476
Chenoweth, Starletta	17	McLouth	19374	Saunders, Glen W	31	McLouth	Winchester	Q-444
Clark, Joan	19	Winchester	19627	VanGaasbeek, Don	24	Winchester	Winchester	Q-497
Clauser, Donald F.	21	Leavenworth	19715	Forge, Agnes A.	19	Leavenworth	Leavenworth	R-8
Crawford, Janell	16	Valley Falls	19474	Irick, Hollis D.	18	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-455
Davis, James M.	41	Rossville	19705	Pekarek, Alouise	43	Topeka	Oskaloosa	R-6
Denholn, Selma I.	19	Tonganoxie	19541	Jeffers, Martin R.	20	Oskaloosa	Tonganoxie	Q-473
Dryden, Irma J.	16	Oskaloosa	19537	Brammell, Max E.	19	Ozawkie	Oskaloosa	Q-472
Durflinger, Dale J.	21	Topeka	19578	Trueblood, Sally	20	Topeka	Topeka	Q-484
Edwards, Homer J.	21	Ozawkie	19494	McNary, Veva	18	Ozawkie	Ozawkie	Q-461
Edwards, Robert L.	18	Valley Falls	19360	Shaver, Alice Jean	17	Valley Falls	Topeka	Q-441
Erwin, Francis Eugene	17	Topeka	19420	Bellman, Virginia	18	Topeka	Winchester	Q-448
Estes, Richard	17	Valley Falls	19566	Kramer, Doris	19	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-481
Fessenden, Richard L.	21	Tonganoxie	19607	Wiggins, Martha	18	Tonganoxie	Winchester	Q-494
Fink, Theresa	19	Leavenworth	19648	Rush, Lon Eugene	21	Leavenworth	Leavenworth	Q-499
Ford, Francis Wesley	22	McLouth	19706	Harbour, Doris Fay	20	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	R-7
Forge, Agnes A.	19	Leavenworth	19715	Clauser, Donald F.	21	Leavenworth	Leavenworth	R-8
Fontaine, George, III	28	Topeka	19642	Reser, Vera	29	Topeka	Topeka	Q-498
Frakes, Elizabeth Lucille	18	Valley Falls	19488	Reichart, Donald E.	21	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-459
Frakes, Ruth	37	Valley Falls	19607	Brown, Lawrence C.	43	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-495
Freeman, Helen Ann	50	Tonganoxie	19532	Overgard, Albert C.	57	Tonganoxie	Oskaloosa	Q-469
Geargiff, Clara	42	K. C., KS	19529	Michellich, Frank	46	K. C., KS	Oskaloosa	Q-466
Goff, Marie	59	Valley Falls	19433	Green, Charley C.	67	Valley Falls	Winchester	Q-450
Good, Carol Lee	20	Topeka	19480	Hoekstra, Jack D.	20	Williamstown	Perry	Q-457
Green, Charley C.	67	Valley Falls	19433	Goff, Marie	59	Valley Falls	Winchester	Q-450
Haas, Patricia	18	Valley Falls	19689	Brown, Lawrence E.	19	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	R-4
Hackathrne, Evaloe	18	Williamstown	19524	Manis, Marvin	25	Lecompton	Williamstown	Q-468
Hanna, Jaunita	22	Topeka	19594	Shiple, JohnC.	29	Topeka	Winchester	Q-486
Harbour, Doris Fay	20	Oskaloosa	19706	Ford, Francis Wesley	22	McLouth	Oskaloosa	R-7
Harding, Ellen	65	McLouth	19537	Harding, George	69	McLouth	Oskaloosa	Q-470
Harding, George	69	McLouth	19537	Harding, Ellen	65	McLouth	Oskaloosa	Q-470
Heydenreich, Robert D.	32	K. C., KS	19701	Willert, Marie L.	28	K. C., KS	Winchester	R-5
Hoekstra, Jack D.	20	Williamstown	19480	Good, Carol Lee	20	Topeka	Perry	Q-457
Hopkins, Cordilia	58	K. C., MO	19537	Scales, Mark J.	61	K. C., MO	Oskaloosa	Q-471
Hummelgaard, Larry D.	21	Tonganoxie	19572	Shaw, Shirley Rose	18	Tonganoxie	Easton	Q-483
Hundley, Wayne	21	Oskaloosa	19360	Biery, Eva Ann	19	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-442
Hunter, Cloyde F.	24	Meriden	19528	Pogue, Mary Alice	18	Meriden	Oskaloosa	Q-465
Irick, Hollis D.	18	Valley Falls	19474	Crawford, Janell	16	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-455
Jeffers, Martin R.	20	Oskaloosa	19541	Denholn, Selma I.	19	Tonganoxie	Tonganoxie	Q-473

Johnson, Dorothy	18	Ozawkie	19593	Beers, Donald E.	18	Meriden	Topeka	Q-485
Kenyon, John G.	30	Valley Falls	19671	Woofford, Wanda E.	22	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	R-2
Kerr, Earl L.	20	Oskaloosa	19553	Pitts, Shirley	18	Valley Falls	Dunavant	Q-477
Kramer, Doris	19	Valley Falls	19566	Estes, Richard	17	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-481
Logan, Kenneth W.	25	Topeka	19654	Ashley, Ruth	20	Topeka	Winchester	Q-501
Longworth, Lillian	56	Topeka	19659	Miles, Winslow F.	54	Topeka	Winchester	R-1
Lundry, C. E.	62	Lawrence	19494	Bateson, Cyrena	62	Lawrence	Oskaloosa	Q-460
Mahoney, Dorothy Jane	17	Tonganoxie	19543	Bingamon, William L., Jr	20	Tonganoxie	Winchester	Q-475
Manis, Marvin	25	Lecompton	19524	Hackathrne, Evalee	18	Williamstown	Williamstown	Q-468
Marganroth, Laura May	18	K. C., MO	19550	Cecil, Clyde, Jr.	25	Olathe	Oskaloosa	Q-476
Massey, Simeon	22	St. Joseph, MO	19414	Wilkinson, Gwenevera	19	St. Joseph, MO	Oskaloosa	Q-447
McAfee, Donald	19	McLouth	19430	Allen, Minnie	18	Winchester	McLouth	Q-449
McAferty, Elmer E.	22	McLouth	19593	Newell, Velma Marie	18	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-491
McDaniel, Wallace E.	29	Valley Falls	19473	Towler, Mary Louise	25	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-454
McMullen, Delores	21	Topeka	19511	Murden, James W., Jr.	23	Warwick, VA	Oskaloosa	Q-464
McNary, Veva	18	Ozawkie	19494	Edwards, Homer J.	21	Ozawkie	Ozawkie	Q-461
Metzenthin, Josephine A.	39	Topeka	19610	Baldwin, Orval F.	46	Topeka	Valley Falls	Q-496
Meyer, Janice	18	McLouth	19482	Artman, Lee Roy J.	22	McLouth	McLouth	Q-458
Michellich, Frank	46	K. C., KS	19529	Geargiff, Clara	42	K. C., KS	Oskaloosa	Q-466
Miles, Winslow F.	54	Topeka	19659	Longworth, Lillian	56	Topeka	Winchester	R-1
Moore, Ruth	28	Lenexa	19565	Butler, Thomas	42	K. C., MO	McLouth	Q-480
Murden, James W., Jr.	23	Warwick, VA	19511	McMullen, Delores	21	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-464
Newell, Velma Marie	18	Oskaloosa	19593	McAferly, Elmer E.	22	McLouth	Oskaloosa	Q-491
O'Trimble, Donna	18	Williamstown	19679	Bates, Daryle Gene	18	Oskaloosa	Perry	R-3
Overgard, Albert C.	57	Tonganoxie	19532	Freeman, Helen Ann	50	Tonganoxie	Oskaloosa	Q-469
Pekarek, Alouise	43	Topeka	19705	Davis, James M.	41	Rossville	Oskaloosa	R-6
Petty, Thelma Mae	18	Topeka	19598	Shepard, Billy	30	Topeka	Topeka	Q-489
Pierson, Helen G.	29	Lawrence	19598	Swindall, Wellington	29	Ashville, NC	Lawrence	Q-490
Pitts, Shirley	18	Valley Falls	19553	Kerr, Earl L.	20	Oskaloosa	Dunavant	Q-477
Pogue, Mary Alice	18	Meriden	19528	Hunter, Cloyde F.	24	Meriden	Oskaloosa	Q-465
Reichart, Donald E.	21	Valley Falls	19488	Frakes, Elizabeth Lucille	18	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-459
Reiling, Donald F.	25	Garnett	19520	Ross, Virginia	27	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	Q-467
Reser, Vera	29	Topeka	19642	Fontaine, George, III	28	Topeka	Topeka	Q-498
Rocker, Richard G.	19	Greeley	19466	Almond, Roberta Lea	18	Greeley	Lawrence	Q-453
Rodgers, Esther	18	Lawrence	19557	Shepard, Stanley L.	19	Lawrence	Oskaloosa	Q-479
Ross, Virginia	27	Oskaloosa	19520	Reiling, Donald F.	25	Garnett	Oskaloosa	Q-467
Rush, Lon Eugene	21	Leavenworth	19648	Fink, Theresa	19	Leavenworth	Leavenworth	Q-499
Sanderson, Dorothy	40	Topeka	19376	Solomon, Marcellus	47	Perry	Topeka	Q-445
Saunders, Glen W	31	McLouth	19374	Chenoweth, Starletta	17	McLouth	Winchester	Q-444
Scales, Mark J.	61	K. C., MO	19537	Hopkins, Cordilia	58	K. C., MO	Oskaloosa	Q-471
Shaver, Alice Jean	17	Valley Falls	19360	Edwards, Robert L.	18	Valley Falls	Topeka	Q-441
Shaw, Shirley Rose	18	Tonganoxie	19572	Hummelgaard, Larry D.	21	Tonganoxie	Easton	Q-483
Shepard, Billy	30	Topeka	19598	Petty, Thelma Mae	18	Topeka	Topeka	Q-489
Shepard, Stanley L.	19	Lawrence	19557	Rodgers, Esther	18	Lawrence	Oskaloosa	Q-479
Shipley, JohnC.	29	Topeka	19594	Hanna, Jaunita	22	Topeka	Winchester	Q-486
Simpson, Mabel Thelma	35	Lawrence	19299	Staden, Woodie	59	Lawrence	Oskaloosa	Q-502
Sluder, Hazel	39	Ottawa	19496	Wolfley, Clester T.	48	Topeka	Winchester	Q-462
Solomon, Marcellus	47	Perry	19376	Sanderson, Dorothy	40	Topeka	Topeka	Q-445
Staden, Woodie	59	Lawrence	19299	Simpson, Mabel Thelma	35	Lawrence	Oskaloosa	Q-502
Strange, Joyce	18	Winchester	19496	Watts, Donald E.	19	Topeka	Winchester	Q-463
Sullivan, Elizabeth E.	25	K. C., MO	19606	Teaney, William G.	25	K. C., MO	Oskaloosa	Q-492
Swindall, Wellington	29	Ashville, NC	19598	Pierson, Helen G.	29	Lawrence	Lawrence	Q-490
Swoyer, Lena	21+	Winchester	19367	Casebier, Thomas Roscoe	21+	Winchester	Oskaloosa	Q-443
Tate, Lorene	17	McLouth	19544	Willits, Allen	20	McLouth	McLouth	Q-474
Taylor, Gerald W.	27	Topeka	19481	Auxier, Frances	37	Topeka	Oskaloosa	Q-456
Teaney, William G.	25	K. C., MO	19606	Sullivan, Elizabeth E.	25	K. C., MO	Oskaloosa	Q-492
Towler, Mary Louise	25	Valley Falls	19473	McDaniel, Wallace E.	29	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	Q-454
Triplett, June C.	20	Valdosta, GA	19463	Varner, John W.	21	Oskaloosa	Perry	Q-452
Trueblood, Sally	20	Topeka	19578	Durflinger, Dale J.	21	Topeka	Topeka	Q-484
VanGaasbeek, Don	24	Winchester	19627	Clark, Joan	19	Winchester	Winchester	Q-497
Varner, John W.	21	Oskaloosa	19463	Triplett, June C.	20	Valdosta, GA	Perry	Q-452
Watts, Donald E.	19	Topeka	19496	Strange, Joyce	18	Winchester	Winchester	Q-463
Wheeler, James D.	25	Oskaloosa	19594	Carlyle, Robbie	17	Oskaloosa	Winchester	Q-487
Whisler, Clara Elizabeth	64	K. C., KS	19553	Whisler, Ernest	76	K. C., KS	Oskaloosa	Q-478
Whisler, Ernest	76	K. C., KS	19553	Whisler, Clara Elizabeth	64	K. C., KS	Oskaloosa	Q-478
Wiggins, Martha	18	Tonganoxie	19607	Fessenden, Richard L.	21	Tonganoxie	Winchester	Q-494
Wilkinson, Gwenevera	19	St. Joseph, MO	19414	Massey, Simeon	22	St. Joseph, MO	Oskaloosa	Q-447
Willert, Marie L.	28	K. C., KS	19701	Heydenreich, Robert D.	32	K. C., KS	Winchester	R-5

Willits, Allen	20	McLouth	19544	Tate, Lorene	17	McLouth	McLouth	Q-474
Wolfley, Clester T.	48	Topeka	19496	Sluder, Hazel	39	Ottawa	Winchester	Q-462
Woofford, Wanda E.	22	Valley Falls	19671	Kenyon, John G.	30	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	R-2
Wyatt, Robert G.	29	Topeka	19605	Brown, Frances A.	20	Topeka	Topeka	Q-493
Zachariah, Gerald L.	20	McLouth	19594	Behne, Rita	17	McLouth	McLouth	Q-488

DUNAVANT DEPOT SOLD

The Oskaloosa Independent, 5 March, 1926

The "irony of fate" is seen by some in the sale of the Kansas City-Northwestern railway depot at Dunavant, Jefferson County, which soon will be turned into a filling station to supply gasoline for the motor car which doomed the railroad to the junk heap.

The sale of the depot, announced this morning by W.W. Hooper, is the first of any property belonging to the defunct company outside of Wyandotte County. Judge McCabe Moore, Kansas City, Kan., has sold some of the buildings in Wyandotte County.

Mr. Hooper sold the Dunavant depot to E.L. Burdick of Nortonville. It is Mr. Hooper's understanding that Burdick will move the depot to Nortonville and put it into use as a filling station. Dunavant and Nortonville are connected by a hard surfaced road and it is believed the building can be moved by truck with but little trouble.

Mr. Hooper will leave tomorrow morning for a trip over the road. In each county through which the road passes Mr. Hooper will stop at the county seat and engage a local attorney to take charge of the disposal of the right of way. At Oskaloosa Mr. Hooper selected Horace T. Phinney. Other selections have not been made. However, wherever the company had a local attorney, that attorney will be given the preference, Mr. Hooper said.

There is a blanket mortgage over the entire right of way and negotiations will be entered into with landowners to clear up this mortgage. Where the company holds fee simple title, the land will be conveyed by deed. Mr. Hooper expects to be gone several days. He believes it will require about eight months to wind up the affairs of the company. The rails are to be sold as junk. (Leavenworth Times)

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An advertisement from The Valley Falls New Era, Aug. 3, 1916:

"Come to Kansas City at Jones's Expense

Whenever you need anything to eat, to wear, to make your home comfortable, or to use on your auto, come to Jones's, the Southwest's leading Department Store--"the Store of All the People." **We Pay Your Round Trip Railroad Fare** to Kansas city and back home on the basis of 5% of your purchases.

Whenever you are in Kansas City, make Jones's your headquarters--Just 10 blocks north on Main Street from the Union Station.

The Jones Store Co., Kansas City's Profit-Sharing Store. 12th, Main and Walnut Sts."

TALKING PICTURE IN OSKALOOSA THEATER

The Oskaloosa Independent, 21 March. 1930

W. A. Payne has equipment ready for DeLuxe. Hopes To Have Installation Completed by Saturday, the 29th, But Has Considerable Changing To Do.

Oskaloosa will have talking pictures by Saturday, the 29th, provided installation troubles do not cause delay according to W. A. Payne, DeLuxe Theater owner.

Mr. Payne has his "talking" equipment purchased and in his theater, ready to be put in. Considerable changes must be made, however, in the building, before successful operation. A sound-proof booth for the machines must be built and the walls and stage lined. The talking-picture machines are on the vitaphone principle.

Disks which correspond exactly with the film rotate, like a phonograph; and a fader cuts one machine in and the other out, as the film goes from one picture machine to the other. An electric pick-up sends the sound from the disks through an amplifier into a speaker which throws the sound into the theater.

There is only one way to get good results in talking pictures, Manager Payne says, and that is to try it out and correct the defects. Until the machines work to the satisfaction he will not start the talkies, but hopes to have things in readiness by next Saturday night.

NOTE: Apparently he did not get satisfactory progress as it appears the talkies opened in Oskaloosa on April 4th 1930 with "The Phantom in the House." That was followed on April 11 with "The Rampant Age."

The articles below are from a series written by **Thomas Gay** in 1894 for the *Chariton* (Iowa) *Herald* newspaper. Mr. Gay lived in Jefferson County, Kansas Territory, for a few years beginning in May 1856. Copies of his articles were obtained from the Lucas County Genealogical Society (Iowa) and from the Kansas State Historical Society Biographical Scrapbooks, volume 55. Mr. Gay, born in Canada, served in the Civil War in an Illinois regiment, and soon after the war lived in Iowa the rest of his life. Some readers might recognize parts of later installments because a few snippets were used in the book, "Ozawkie on the Delaware, 1854-1876," by Erma L. Steffey. *Comments placed in brackets [] below are from Yesteryears contributor as explanation.*

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PART I

These recollections may have a possible interest to the old as a reminder of the exciting events which followed the passage of the "Kansas – Nebraska bill." By granting the squatters sovereignty, this bill opened up a possible slavery to every new state coming into the Union. [*The Kansas-Nebraska Act allowed male territory settlers to determine whether the territory would allow slavery.*]

In Kansas territory the first battles between slavery and freedom were fought; and upon her fair face was turned, during years of physical warfare and political contention, the eyes of all the rest of the Union.

They may also have an interest to the younger generation as a reminder of what actuated men of that period, and what methods they employed to establish as law, their conflicting ideas of human rights. The idea of the Kansas-Nebraska bill was the Douglas* idea, "I don't care whether slavery is voted up or down." The idea of the north and south was, "We do care;" and as it was to be determined by votes, it became necessary for voters of other states to emigrate to that territory. *[*U.S. Senator Stephen A. Douglas*]

As a matter of fact, however, the early history of the territory was not controlled by its legal voters, but by fraud and violence largely on the part of the men from the slave state on the eastern border of Kansas backed by the pro-slavery administration in Washington.

Although not yet a voter, I had drunk in the spirit which then pervaded freedom lovers of the north, and burned with a desire to leave my quiet home in Wisconsin and follow Jim Lane* in what I believed to be his cyclonic march through the hordes of border-ruffianism, until such time as age should fit me to assume the duties of a suffrage citizen. A good deal of fighting had been done, and I supposed a good deal more was to follow, and it seemed to me that there was a great chance to lay in a fine stock of glory to bring out winter evenings to my future children, and at the same time reduce by invincible powder and lead the number of voters on the other side of the question.

So one morning in early spring when in the midst of breakfast, I startled the family by announcing my desire to go down into Kansas and seek my fortune, and help save the future state for freedom. I was then hardly twenty years old, and must have the paternal consent for such an undertaking. The matter was pretty well discussed by the family during the next few days, and I became a little restive awaiting the decision.

I was at that time in the employ of a gun-smith, and had at leisure times constructed a double-barreled rifle or carbine. I had set a brass plate in the stock with this bloody legend engraved upon it:

"Anti-slavery rifle. Always loaded for border ruffians. – T.G."

This formidable weapon, which I supposed would eventually mow terrible lanes through the ranks of the pro-slavery hordes, I brought home one evening, and deposited in the corner of my bedroom. Just before retiring, it was discovered and handed round for inspection. The inscription caught my father's eye, and intensified in him, I think, the love he bore to liberty, and awakened a desire to have one of his sons cover himself with honor in the cause of freedom; for then and there I was made glad with his consent and blessing.

In a few days I left that home never to return. My life was now before me. My opportunities were waiting for me. Father, mother, brothers, sister, friends, became secondary, in my desire for a new life in a strange land.

If I had then known how infinitesimal would have been my influence and how much suffering was before me, I would still have gone; but saddened and more reluctantly. It is well that,

"Heaven from all creatures hides the book of fate;

All but the page prescribed, their present state;

From brutes what men, from men what spirits know: Or who could suffer being here below?"

I travelled by train from Fond du lac, Wisconsin, through Chicago, Alton and St. Louis and to Jefferson City, the end of the iron road. Here I took steam boat to Leavenworth, landing in that then metropolis of Kansas on a Sunday morning, in the month of May, 1856.

At that time no iron track touched any part of Kansas soil. Passengers and mail were carried westward by [stage] coach, which left Leavenworth every morning, westward.

My destination was Osawkie, about forty miles west, on the great military road [Fort Leavenworth to Fort Riley], where it crosses the Grasshopper River [now Delaware River; "old" Ozawkie moved for Perry Reservoir]. This river is a northern affluent of the Kaw, or Kansas quintessential opportunist, and, wrote another, 'He had no equal as a stump orator in Kansas. His

River, and the town is perhaps ten or twelve miles north of the then-famous city of Lecompton, capital of the territory of Kansas.

In Osawkie, I expected to find an acquaintance who had during the first excitement of settlement migrated, and who was a factor in bringing me into the territory.

He was an adventurous descendant of the Pilgrim mothers, and had carried a Sharpe's rifle, I think, with "Osawatomie Brown," [John Brown] certainly with "Jim Lane." I reached his cabin situated in a lovely grove on the banks of the Grasshopper, on that Sunday evening and was made tumultuously welcome by friend Abner Lowell.

I observed that during all our conversation Abner's eyes wandered suspiciously toward my prospective boring machine, which I had carefully deposited in a corner of the room. Finally he took it, and rolling back the blanket of his bunk, he deposited it out of sight in the straw beneath. Then bolting the door he drew off a shoe from one of his sockless feet and traced, to my astonishment, the course of a rifle ball that had entered his heel and came out near the joint of his little toe. Then carefully drawing on the shoe, he whispered to me these remarkable words: [Part I ends] THOMAS GAY

Chariton Herald, Thursday, Feb. 8, 1894

*[From the Kansas State Historical Society's website, Territorial Kansas Online: James H. 'The Grim Chieftain' Lane, an Indiana congressman who had served in the Mexican War, "...moved to Lawrence, Kansas Territory, in 1855, where he gained the notoriety that assured him a prominent place in the history of the state and nation. Assessing the situation in Kansas, Jim Lane quickly cast his lot with the free-state forces, despite his Democratic background, and soon became, with Charles Robinson, one of the Free State Party's most significant if controversial leaders." ... "Lane was the thrilling appeals in behalf of freedom, his withering sarcasm, his bitter denunciation of the slavery

propaganda, his bold defiance of the slave power, his magnetic influence in organizing forces, were among the greatest influences in driving back the tide of slavery. . . . His name became a terror to pro-slavery men throughout the pioneer settlements of Kansas, as well as among the slavery propaganda of Missouri... His detractors, then and now, paint him more the 'unbalanced,' pugnacious jayhawker, whose 'men committed depredations fully as atrocious as those of the 'border ruffians,' than the free-state crusader who helped wrest Kansas from the infamous slave power. But Lane was indeed a dynamic speaker whose charismatic leadership abilities won him a substantial group of loyal supporters, and he remained a political force to reckon with. He was instrumental in strengthening the position of the antislavery cause by encouraging more free-state supporters to settle in Kansas and assisting with the defense of Lawrence against 'border ruffians' and proslavery sympathizers from Missouri. '"]

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“Tommy, that is what I received following Jim Lane’s advice.”

“But,” said the now excited and bewildered youth, “you wasn’t shot, was you?” Abner was a Boston man, and he said deliberately, “Where you observe that apparent disturbance of the anatomy of my foot, a ball has perforated me.”

“But, Good Heavens, did they shoot you?”

“Precisely.”

“Border ruffians?”

“Exactly.”

Now, in my innocence, I had hardly realized that any missile, flung even out of the mouth of a blunderbuss in the hands of the other party, would have struck one of the elect. But here was evidence that the rascals had boring machines that would bore holes in the other fellows, if they choose to “monkey” with them at too close quarters.

I think I was a little slow at that period of my life, for it took me some time to assimilate this new idea and all it might mean to me in the conflicts I had laid off to have with the “bad men.” But by and by an equilibrium in the

mental faculties was restored, and I was in a condition to go into details. I remembered that Abner had pointed out the entrance of the ball at the heel, and an exit at the toe, and I began to speculate how such a thing was possible. “Why Abner,” said I, “I can’t see how it happened. How *could* a ball get in at the heel and come out near the toe?” Now Abner was “the noblest work of God;” so he said, “if you will never mention it to an unsympathetic world, I will tell you, *Our heels were toward them.*” Then I was stricken dumb. Here had I come down to Kansas with a double barreled rifle, “breathing defiance and scorn,” to help swell the number that was to drive the border ruffians like sheep out of the territory. I find my best friend, one of the very elect, peppered with border-ruffian lead; and a thousand times worse, peppered in the heel, and mortal afraid to have a gun seen in his cabin.

It was a little too much for me. My equilibrium was again knocked from under me, and I soon crawled under Abner’s blankets, dreaming of conflicts galore, full of peppered heels, and with a sad ending.

The next morning friend Abner advised that the “bloody legend” be filed off the gun stock. He argued in this way: “The legend will not render the rifle more efficacious in delivering its

missile. If captured, your rifle will show to the enemy your vindicative purpose. If seen by my pro-slavery neighbors, while you remain here, we will both be under their [*illegible*]; and that the original and avowed purpose of a rifle is to deliver bullets ascending to the owner's desire, and not for promulgating sentimental 'legends'." With these realistic arguments for the removal of this dangerous "legend" I had nothing in oppose, and really, I said to myself, it is not possible to establish a reputation, or make a record for this path finder with my "legend" however sentimentally bloody it may be. So I will wait for the record. And then stamp in enduring brass a record of its noble victories.

[*Portions are illegible, but Mr. Gay wrote that he was content to conceal his rifle from the eyes of suspicious neighbors and set out to "study the country and its political situation" from the perspective wisdom of his friend Abner. He noted "The country was as yet nearly as God had left it" with rolling prairies untouched by the plough. "The beautiful groves of walnut, hickory, oak, elm... were only molested in the vicinity of straggling village or more prosperous town."*]

My friend Abner was a typical yankee. He had combined with other ingredients of his soul a desire to adventure and unhampered by conventionality: a love of liberty acquired and transmitted not only for himself but for his race as well. He possessed also the yankee's love of gain and a talent to turn nearly every adventure into an advantage. The first of these characteristics had brought him to Kansas; and the last kept him there, well satisfied that it possessed a good future for him.

He considered he had done his duty to freedom when the border-ruffian lead struck him, notwithstanding the disgrace of being struck in the rear. He was there disposed to take a more conservative view of the situation prevailing when I met him, than was his friend, fresh from a knowledge of only the theoretical point of the case. Not but that he was still an enthusiastic anti-slavery man, but he had seen enough to make him cautious, and firmly of the opinion that "discretion" is an essential and very

valuable ingredient in "valor." In our journeyings over the country in the vicinity of Osawkie, Abner endeavored to impress me with the advantages of different localities from a financial point of view, quite as much as he discussed the political situation.

He even rather discouraged me from joining in the warlike forces, and hinted that it would be safer and better to remain with him, and build myself up in a financial way, at least until such time as age had ripened me into a voter, and careful study of the prevailing situation had filled me with better sense.

So I remained in Osawkie during the summer months and drove the saw and pushed the plane to the tune of two dollars a day. But all this time I was dissatisfied; my double barreled "Kansas Saver" was out of a job, and jobs where it could have done service were plenty enough.

In May [*May 21, 1856*], the Free State Hotel at Lawrence had been burned and the town sacked, by the notorious Sheriff Jones and Atchison [*Douglas County Sheriff Samuel Jones and David Rice Atchison, pro-slavery U.S. senator from Missouri*]. In June the Missouri River was blocked against the passage of free-state emigrants. By July and August two or three thousand free booters of Missouri were patrolling the territory, and conflicts and murder and proclamations, and writs, and threats and arrests, by ruffians and so-called abolitionists, and governor and sheriffs and United States troops became so confusing that about the only satisfying method of escaping from the muddle was to just believe in yourself and Jim Lane and fight it out on that line.

So one day in the early fall I said to Abner, "I am sure I will never be satisfied to work here ingloriously. It is no use arguing. 'I'm off for the wars away.' Is it all right enough for you, who have come out of the conflict with a somewhat questionable 'glory' in your heel, to say here; and I don't wish you to think I blame you. But the spirit of Sampson is within me, and I must go down and 'smite the Philistines'."

THOMAS GAY Feb. 15, 1894

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PART III

I think some old time philosopher has somewhere promulgated a theory something like this: "In times of peace, when mankind are engaged in building up and fostering commerce and manufactories, and art and science, etc., the protoplasm of the blood is infused with infinitesimal organisms in the shape of deer, goats, lambs and other animals of like inoffensive nature. But when the tocsin of war sounds in the ear, by some unexplained process of rapid evolution the microscopic deer become blood hyenas; the goats, man-eating tigers; and the lambs, fierce lions."

By this simple means, it is argued, man, recently so serene and peaceful, becomes at once a ferocious monster, driven onward by irresistible but unseen forces toward blood, the goal of his new desires.

If this be true, on the evening of September 12, 1856, my blood was charged to its full capacity with the forms of all the savage monsters that ever found habitation on earth; and these forces were propelling me irresistibly forward toward an encounter which I felt sure must take place in the immediate future at or near Hickory Point, a little hamlet five or six miles from Osawkie, on the military road leading to Fort Leavenworth.

As I remember it now, after the lapse of more than a third of a century, the air of Kansas in our little village was electrified with rumors of war.

I think Lane was on a journey northward and had corralled a gang of border ruffians in three or four log cabins on a slight eminence, not far from a pretty grove of timber, consisting mostly of hickory, and giving that name to the hamlet of Hickory Point.

It seems that Lane, though brave enough, was also discreet and refused to attack the enemy with simply small arms.

The "Annals of Kansas" records in substance that Lane sent to Lawrence and Topeka for reinforcements. Harvey* came up from Lawrence with a good company and a brass six-pounder, and Whipple ** also came with a company from Topeka. But Lane it seems decided after sending for these men not to attack at all, and sent orders to that effect to Harvey and Whipple. The countermanding order failed to reach them, and they pushed on, and themselves made the attack on the 13th. Be that as it may, I fell in with these congenial abolition spirits, and received on September 13, 1856, my baptism of blood.

**[James A. Harvey, 1828-1857, came to Kansas Territory in August 1856 leading free-staters organized from Chicago. Once in the Territory, he was named colonel of the Third Free-State Regiment. Source: multiple, including Kansas State Historical Society.]*

***[Col. "Charles Whipple," 1831-1860, was the Kansas alias of Aaron Dwight Stevens, a free-state fighter and abolitionist executed for his part in John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, Virginia, in an attempt to lead slaves to insurrection. Source: multiple, including Kansas State Historical Society.]*

Now let me retreat a little. On the evening of the 12th of September I had a long chat with friend Abner with the result recorded in Part II. He foreseeing trouble to me, and regarding himself in a measure responsible for my well-being and safety, refused his consent to let me go, but the fierce creatures in my protoplasm were insatiable and irresistible, and I determined to fight if given an opportunity.

I left in the early morning the 13th, long before light, in order not to be seen by curious neighbors. Shaking Abner by the hand as he sat on his bunk, I said to him chaffingly: "Old fellow, when I come back there won't be any border-ruffian lead in *my* heel." He answered sadly: "No, Tommy, you are too fleet a pedestrian for any of their dilatory missiles to ever overtake you." Then I went out into the darkness.

Hickory Point lies north and east of Osawkie. I went southward, keeping on the east side of the babbling Grasshopper River, and into the Delaware reservation. Then I turned eastward. My object was to strike a section of country on a direct line between Lawrence and Hickory Point. I argued that if there was to be a battle at Hickory Point or vicinity, there would be squads of free state men from Lawrence, that stronghold of anti-slavery sentiment, to take a hand in it, and that I would be likely to fall in with them and render valuable assistance with my double-barreled "death dealer."

It turned out as I had hoped, and the sun was not very high before I struck a squad of anti-slavery men on foot and mounted, who after a few short, sharp questions by the leader, in regard to my politics and desire, not only grieved me, but made me glad also, by exclaiming: "Well, 'Sonny,' just fall in. I guess we can use you all right." We soon joined another and larger company of lion-blooded pioneers, dusty, thirsty fellows seeking blood to appease the vengeance within their souls for real or fancied atrocities committed by border-ruffians. This second detachment was the possessor of a brass cannon of four or six-pound caliber, and moved forward with haste and decision. To this company we joined ourselves and the heterogeneous mass of armed humanity swept across that beautiful prairie, toward where glory and vengeance awaited them.

The weather was warm, and before we reached the entrenched forces at Hickory Point, we were pretty well done up with heat and thirst. There was a halt made just out of

range of the border-ruffian guns and a fusillade with Sharps rifles and other small arms notified the enemy that operations had commenced. Upon our side the advantages were longer range guns, and the effective brass field piece. The log houses of the enemy answered for pretty fair fortifications, but as the occupants must of necessity mass themselves in close order they were liable to be struck by our long-range rifles or knocked into "smithereens" by the iron of our battery. We scattered ourselves over a good deal of ground and rested and peppered away just out of the range of our enemies' inferior guns, with the most invincible courage and daring recklessness.

The boys were in for a good soul-inspiring conflict, and they prolonged it by not getting too near the cabins of the enemy. But it takes a good deal of powder and lead to carry on a prolonged conflict, and I think after we had kept up this thing till along in the afternoon our ammunition was getting quite low, at any rate there was a lull in the carnage and it seemed as if some kind of a parley was going on; perhaps with a view to the cessation of the conflict; and sure enough, the world soon passed along, that the enemy had kind of capitulated. I don't think now it was much of a surrender. We allowed them to retain their dead and wounded, their firearms and other munitions of war, their pants and shirts, and such hats and shoes as they possessed; only stipulating, I think, that they should divide fair on the contents of certain demijohns, safely stored away out of any possible danger, during the prolonged struggle. In one respect they were richer than we, they were the happy and proud possessor of a

corpse, the remains of a reckless Missourian that had insisted in putting himself in front of our bullets. Two or three others had also been struck in various sections of their anatomy and they seemed to stand pretty well in the estimation of their comrades, but the deceased was fortunate in possessing their profound reverence and highest respect.

I remember thinking that it seemed to be a kind of disgrace not to have a corpse or two of our own, and had selected during the exchange of discourtesies, a grisly old yankee with a long-range rifle, as a splendid victim for that position. He had so insisted on addressing me as "Sonny," and "By Goshed" my carbine as a "rale cute pepper box," and "durned" himself sarcastically, "if he didn't allow I'd murder some Mizzourian before chore time," that I had selected him as the proper one to fill that honorable position. Not, perhaps, that I actually desired his death, but I thought it would be very nice to have something happen, to give a different turn to his conversation or entirely check the flow of his everlastingly sarcastic gab. As it was, a few stray bullets put in some fair work on our men, but not of so serious a nature as to let out the entire ghost of any of them.

We were fairly well content with our lack of a corpse or two and gave the more glory to our wounded. I think they must have been a happy lot, possessing as they did something substantial in the way of evidence, to back up their future stories of how they fought and actually bled for freedom in Kansas.

I think now there was a large screw loose somewhere in this affair. Harvey and

Whipple were certainly aware of the questionable policy, not to say right, of this undertaking, and they must have known that Uncle Sam's cavalry was scouting the country for just such opportunities for arrest, as the free state party had now given them. They were aware that they could not fight Uncle Sam, and it would have been discreet to have kept a few fleet horsemen out on the watch for the enemy, as flight and exemption from arrest was the only possible victory we could hope to achieve over such a foe.

Soon after the close of the attack on the demijohns, we broke up into squads and moved southward. But either we were too near worn out with want of food and rest, and had been too dilatory in getting away, or the demijohns had emptied an enemy into the mouth of our leader that stole away his brains, for a body of cavalry, acting under a terrible "uncivil process," in the hands of a United States marshal, intercepted a goodly number of our boys, and lugged them off to their camp at Lecompton. — THOMAS GAY, February 22, 1894



Ed.'s note: Yesteryears readers know, no doubt, that many versions exist about what happened before, during and after the Battle of Hickory Point. The above is yet another. But what appears below is quite a different version of affairs. The following are excerpts from the September 16, 1856 edition of the "Squatter Sovereign," the ultra pro-slavery Atchison, Kansas, newspaper of Virginian John Stringfellow.

"Battle of Hickory Point. TWO DAYS' HARD FIGHTING. 250 MEN REPULSED by 50. Grasshopper Falls Taken," read the headline in the *Squatter Sovereign*. "Seven or eight of the Abolitionists were killed and wounded, but not one of our men was injured; although there were several narrow escapes," read part of the story, while another section noted that "Charles G. Newhall [*who was with Hickory Point men*] fell mortally wounded."

As Mr. Gay noted at the end of Part III, the U.S. Troops arrested free-state fighters (between 90 and 100) post-battle and imprisoned them at Lecompton. The men had stopped at what is now Oskaloosa, but then was known as Slough Creek or Newell's Mills, where Oskaloosa co-founder Jesse Newell had a sawmill under construction. One or two days before Hickory Point, Harvey and a band of free-staters had captured (and set free, minus their stands of arms, horses, provisions, wagons) pro-slavery South Carolina troops in KT to help the pro-slavery forces. The Squatter Sovereign, referring to the Slough Creek battle, noted the arrest of many of Harvey's men after Hickory Point:

"...This is all very well, but we doubt if they [*the Territory government*] will take the pains to ferret out their depository on Slough creek, and restore to the proper owners the two hundred thousand dollars worth of property these miscreants have wrested from the possession of peaceable pro-slavery men."



Decoration Day and Memorial Day in Jefferson County

Decoration Day was, by most accounts, officially begun by the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) in 1868 to memorialize soldiers killed in the Civil War. But even in 1866, both Union and Confederate commemorators and families were decorating the graves of the fallen Civil War soldiers with flowers. After World War I, the custom was changed to include soldiers of that war, and all other wars. Eventually, the day became “Memorial Day,” and it was deemed a national holiday in 1971. Jefferson County towns and veterans organizations have long noted the day of honor, and we offer a sampling of Memorial Day plans and reports from the past.

“This Saturday is Decoration, or Memorial, day, and preparations are being made in Leavenworth, Lawrence and other places in our State, to give it a fitting observance. This beautiful and impressive custom of decorating the graves of our nation’s dead is one which should not be allowed to die out, but observed with interest and devotion as long as the Fourth of July is a marked day in our country.” -- *The Oskaloosa Independent*, 30 May, 1874.

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“At **Nortonville** on decoration day, before marching to the cemetery, the living soldiers were decorated with bouquets pinned to their coats – an appropriate thing to do, which might very properly become general. By-the-way, those beautiful knots of fern, pansies, etc., which embellished the officers’ coats at Oska. on Memorial day were prepared and presented by Mrs. W.H. Howard.” – *The Oskaloosa Independent*, 13 June, 1885.

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“The day was fine and beautiful after the mists of the morning cleared away.

Early the artists decorated the grandstand in the City Park and at 9 o’clock the whole town was dressed up for the occasion with a generous display of flags and bunting.

At ten the Old Soldiers and their wives assembled at the Park and were taken in automobiles to the cemetery to decorate the graves of the comrade dead.

The ‘Lone Scouts,’ 25 of them, were there to assist, but the ‘Old Boys’ felt spry enough to do the work themselves and let the ‘Scouts’ go swimming. With tiny flags and flowers the graves of 75 comrades were decorated.

There was a picnic dinner in the Park and the afternoon exercises began on the arrival of the Cornet Band with several selections as the crowd collected...” The article continued with descriptions of the songs sung by choruses, invocations by the minister, wreath placed on “the monument of the dead” at **Valley Falls**. – *The Valley Falls New Era*, 1 June, 1916.

From *The Oskaloosa Independent*, 30 May, 1891:

“ORDER OF EXERCISES

On DECORATION DAY, Saturday, May 30

At 10 o'clock a.m., column of march, consisting of Grand Army Posts, Ladies' G.A.R. Circle, Sons of Veterans, Sabbath Schools and other societies, will form on court-house square, proceed to cemetery and perform decoration ceremonies, after which column of march will return to the city and disband for dinner.

At 2 o'clock p.m., people will assemble at the court-house, where the following program will be observed:

1st, Song by choir.

2d, Invocation.

3d, Song.

4th, 'Guarding the Flags,' Triologue by 5 Veterans, 5 Sons of Veterans, 5 Daughters of Veterans – immediately followed by 'The Guard of States,' by 45 children in uniform dress.

5th, Song by choir.

6th, Oration by Hon. Case Broderick.

Following is the line of march to the cemetery:

All societies will be formed in the park and ready to march to the cemetery at 10 a.m. The procession will form as follows:

Cornet Band.

Speaker and Clergy with Veterans of Mexican war, in carriages.

City Council in carriages.

Sunday Schools.

Sons of Veterans.

Ladies' Circle.

Jules Williams Post, G.A.R.

A.O.U.W. Lodge

A.F. & A.M. Lodge.

Alliances and School District.

Citizens on Foot.

Citizens in Carriages.

The colored people are cordially invited.

J.W. Balsley, Marshall.

Assistant Marshals:

J.W. Shrader, C. McIntosh, M.W. Cunningham.

The M.E.S.S. will meet in park at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 1891.

F.H. Roberts, Supt.

The Presbyterian S.S. will meet in park at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 1891.

Wm. M. Hatfield, Supt.”

“**Perry, Kas.**, May 9, 1888. Memorial and Decoration days will be observed under the auspices of Corinth Post and Circle of Perry. Rev. Thomas Audas of Topeka, an old soldier and member of the G.A.R., will deliver the Memorial sermon on Sunday, May 27, at 11 o’clock a.m., in the Presbyterian church.

Corinth Post and Circle will also give a campfire and bean supper on Tuesday 22, at the residence of Mrs. N.A.G. Martin. We anticipate a good time generally. Everybody cordially invited to come and eat beans. Mrs. JOSIE PENDROY, Pres’t., MINNIE FAUBLE, Sec’y.” – *The Oskaloosa Independent*, 12 May, 1888.

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“Decoration Day at Ozawkie.

The old soldiers and citizens of Ozawkie are arranging to hold memorial services there Sunday, May 24th, Rev. Hoffman having consented to deliver the address. He is an earnest speaker and will give the citizens of that community an able and appropriate address. Saturday, the 30th Decoration day will be observed and the graves of old soldiers and others will receive their garlands of flowers. Everyone is invited to cooperate in these plans and make them successful.” – *The Valley Falls New Era*, 14 May, 1908.

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From **WINCHESTER WHISPERS** in *The Farmers’ Vindicator* (Valley Falls) 9 June, 1894:

“Decoration Day was observed by the G.A.R.’s in the forenoon and by the K.P.’s in the afternoon. The band from Oskaloosa was in attendance. There was a large crowd in town.”

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“Decoration Day Exercises.

Probably there never was a more appropriate day for the services of decoration day than was last Wednesday. The rain of the early morning served to freshen all vegetation and lay all dust.

In the forenoon the soldiers marched to the cemetery and decorated the graves of their fallen comrades. The cemetery was more beautifully decorated this year than ever before.

In the afternoon the Post assembled at their hall and were led by the band to the park where the program prepared was carried out.

G.W. McCammon delivered the address of welcome; and the response made by A.A. Griffin.

The singing was all good – and especially deserving of mention was the choir of little girls from Dunavant and vicinity.

The most impressive ceremony of the day was the roll call of the Post—just as was done in the great army more than a quarter century ago. Many were the names reported absent, and as for one after another the drum beat a requiem we could but think how soon, how very soon will all these old boys be number among the ‘dead and missing.’ May the memory of their deeds of valor in battle field and silent heroism in prison pen long live in the hearts of posterity an inspiration for great loyalty and patriotism.” *The Farmers’ Vindicator*, 2 June, 1894.

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1908 PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS, SARCOXIE TWP.

NAME	\$ IN BANK	HOUSE GOODS	OTHER PER. PROP.	\$ TOTAL
Adams, George		\$20	\$640	\$660
Adams, H. O.		\$20	\$1,170	\$1,190
Bancroft, E. A.	\$500			\$500
Barnhardt, F. C.		\$20	\$840	\$860
Bruckmiller, C. H.		\$40	\$1,770	\$1,810
Bruckmiller, Herbert		\$20	\$350	\$370
Bruckmiller, Otto		\$50	\$1,140	\$1,190
Butler, A. H.		\$30	\$650	\$680
Butler, W. H.		\$30	\$500	\$530
Canary, John		\$40	\$800	\$840
Carlin, J. D.		\$40	\$800	\$840
Carney, J. L.		\$30	\$410	\$440
Carter, W. B.		\$50	\$4,460	\$4,510
Champion, Frank		\$30	\$690	\$720
Champion, Fred				\$950
Champion, S.	\$50	\$40	\$690	\$780
Cherry, C. F.		\$40	\$840	\$880
Clare, J. C.		\$40	\$540	\$580
Coffman, Richard		\$10	\$330	\$340
Coffman, W. C.		\$20	\$410	\$430
Creed, Jesse, Mrs.		\$10	\$350	\$360
Creed, L. A.				\$460
Curl, A. A.		\$30	\$690	\$720
Daniels, W. S.		\$30	\$1,370	\$1,400
Dolph, F. S.		\$40	\$610	\$650
Eberhard, A.	\$2,000	\$50	\$1,570	\$3,620
Eden, C. L.		\$30	\$620	\$650
Edens, Elizabeth		\$10	\$630	\$640
Farmer, Susan		\$30	\$430	\$460
Farmer, T. G.		\$10	\$310	\$320
Fetty, Edward		\$20	\$330	\$350
Ford, J. A.		\$20	\$420	\$440
Foster, James		\$10	\$350	\$360
Frandle, Frank		\$20	\$810	\$830
Gallagher, Thomas	\$70	\$20	\$710	\$800
Garner, Oliver		\$30	\$670	\$700
Gelley, Arthur	\$500	\$30	\$570	\$1,100
Gibbs, Harry		\$30	\$440	\$470
Gilbert, R. L.	\$50	\$40	\$1,310	\$1,400
Godfrey, John		\$20	\$650	\$670
Greene, H. F.	\$1,200	\$50	\$870	\$2,120
Guthrie, H.		\$50	\$800	\$850
Hamilton, Andrew		\$30	\$570	\$600
Hamilton, William	\$1,290	\$20	\$50	\$1,360

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Harmon, W. F.		\$30	\$1,510	\$1,540
Harrison, Lydia L.				\$2,300
Henry, A. F.	\$800		\$660	\$1,460
Holey, J. W.		\$20	\$510	\$530
Hughes, B. T.		\$40	\$300	\$340
Hughes, E. J.				\$1,200
Hunsinger, Charles		\$30	\$790	\$820
Hunsinger, Fred				\$170
Hunsinger, P.		\$20	\$350	\$370
Irwin, B. W.		\$20	\$500	\$520
Johnson, F. K.		\$50	\$910	\$960
Jones, C. M.		\$40	\$490	\$530
Jones, J. W.	\$300	\$60	\$1,870	\$2,230
Jones, W. N.	\$400	\$50	\$610	\$1,060
Keller, William		\$30	\$220	\$250
Kirsch, Jacob		\$30	\$630	\$660
Kunkel, R. M.		\$50	\$800	\$850
Lamont, E. F.	\$400	\$20	\$360	\$780
Landowne, Amanda	\$1,000			\$1,000
Larison, C. A.				\$200
Laster, A.		\$10	\$270	\$280
Lawrence, R. L.				\$170
Leschner, A.	\$120	\$30	\$250	\$400
Merrill, F. C.				\$500
Miller, M. L.		\$20	\$420	\$440
Moore, S. T.		\$20	\$1,050	\$1,070
Neal, D. E.		\$60	\$630	\$690
Nichols, S. L.		\$20	\$450	\$470
Norringham, A. R.		\$20	\$1,700	\$1,720
Norton, J. O.		\$20	\$400	\$420
Otinger, P.		\$20	\$480	\$500
Ousdahl, F. W.		\$20	\$780	\$800
Ousdahl, O. T.		\$40	\$450	\$490
Ousdahl, T.		\$20	\$930	\$950
Pederson, O. G.	\$300	\$60	\$510	\$970
Petrie, C. G.		\$30	\$1,970	\$2,000
Rice, J. W.		\$40	\$720	\$760
Ridgway, Ira	\$100	\$20	\$800	\$920
Rogers, M. L.		\$30	\$430	\$460
Rogers, T. W.		\$30	\$690	\$720
Rothwell, G. W.		\$20	\$1,780	\$1,800
Rothwell, J. T.		\$40	\$950	\$990
Rothwell, Jacob				\$290
Scheellhom, Hugo		\$40	\$800	\$840
Shaw, E. D.		\$50	\$900	\$950

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Shrout, F. A.		\$30	\$410	\$440
Shultz, G. R.		\$150	\$1,610	\$1,760
Skeet, Ella	\$80			\$80
Skeet, H. G.		\$20	\$2,000	\$2,020
Skeet, William		\$20	\$930	\$950
Smith, Daniel		\$40	\$720	\$760
Smith, H. W.		\$10	\$250	\$260
Smith, W. L.		\$30	\$960	\$990
Smith, Walter, P.		\$20	\$1,280	\$1,300
Snyder, George W.		\$150	\$1,610	\$1,760
Stevens, Russell		\$20	\$450	\$470
Stewart, G. E.	\$380		\$290	\$670
Stewart, M. F.		\$30	\$760	\$790
Stewart, W. C.		\$20	\$490	\$510
Stillings, J. E.		\$20	\$700	\$720
Tarr, T. J. W.		\$40	\$560	\$600
Thiry, J. F.		\$30	\$830	\$860
Thomas, F. E.		\$30	\$470	\$500
Thornton, Matt		\$10	\$250	\$260
Tyrell, W. W.		\$20	\$2,820	\$2,840
Vanderpool, C. E.		\$20	\$560	\$580
Viets, C. H.	\$200	\$50	\$1,060	\$1,310
Viets, Frank		\$10	\$350	\$360
Viets, Leroy		\$30	\$540	\$570
Viets, Neal				\$710
Weibel, John		\$40	\$820	\$860
Wellman, D. A.		\$20	\$1,100	\$1,120
Wellman, F. L.		\$20	\$1,320	\$1,340
Wellman, H. W.	\$2,200		\$5,770	\$7,970
Wellman, W. A.		\$20	\$4,510	\$4,530
Wellman, W. W.		\$40	\$3,000	\$3,040
Wilbur, S. T.		\$30	\$460	\$490
Williams, Frank S.				\$280
Williams, G. T.	\$20	\$40	\$740	\$800
Williams, H. B.		\$30	\$380	\$410
Windsor, Fred		\$40	\$480	\$520
Wood, M. A.		\$30	\$330	\$360

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