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Troy Public Library  
105 N. Main Street  
Troy, KA 66087

Dear Librarian,

This past May I was in your library doing some genealogical research. There was some information I negelected to ask. What was the date of the storm that changed the course of the river which left the town of Doniphan high and dry?

I am enclosing a SASE for the convenience of your reply. I am also enclosing a sheet containing data about the family I am researching in the area. Would you kindly place it in your file.

Thank You,

*Therese E. Berg*

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P.S. Do you have the new address of the Northwest Genealogical Society in St. Joseph, MO?

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Rt. #1 Box 8A  
Highland, Kansas 66035  
October 1, 1992

Therese E. Berg  
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Dear Ms. Berg:

My apologies for the late reply to your inquiry.

I volunteer at the library on research questions because of their limited staff and there's never enough time to get everything done.

We have had some serious health problems with one of our grandchildren this summer. She was at John Hopkins in Baltimore for 10 days. So it seems the summer has come and gone without much being accomplished.

I had a little trouble locating your answer but found it in Gray's 1906 History of Doniphan County Kansas, page 16.

Quoting:

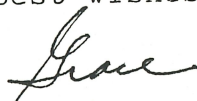
"....We may add that when the postoffice was first opened mail was carried to town by Star route from Atchison to Wathena until some time in 1870, when it was transferred to the Atchison-Falls City route and carried by stage by a man named Finch until January 3, 1871 when the A. & N. railroad brought it's first mail into town. During the great flood of 1881, the railroad was washed away and the company decided to abandon the Doniphan road bed and moved their track down the valley two miles west, and located a station called Doniphan Station." .....

Thank you for the family information you sent. It is so helpful for those coming to the library doing research. We will place it in the vertical file with other family research which has been shared with the library.

The address of the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society is:

Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 382  
St. Joseph, Missouri 64502  
(816)- 233-0524

Best wishes,



Grace Loveall Jeschke, Researcher

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October 2, 1992

Dear Ms. Berg:

This morning I was at the Iow Sac Fox Mission where I work part-time. I was discussing Doniphan with the curator, Andrew Clements. He said there was another bad flood in 1867 which left Iowa Point 1 1/2 miles west of the Missouri River and left Doniphan with an ox bow lake called Doniphan Lake. They were separated from the MO River also but I'm not sure how far. Both of these towns kept on existing but in not as thriving a condition as they once were. Atchison took much away from Doniphan in the ensuing years. And this flood of 1881 which Gray's book discusses and I have enclosed wiped out the railroad in Doniphan which accelerated the town's demise.

Sincerely,

Grace Loveall Jeschke, Researcher