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September 23 6:00

Jordan Creek Church

The Doniphan County Historical Society will meet for their September meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23, 6:00 pm. The program will be about the Jordan Creek Baptist Church. It will be held there at the church located one mile west of Highway 7 on 120th Road. Ruthanna (Ricklefs) Seward of Wathena will share her knowledge on the history of the church and give us a tour, including the cemetery.

Reverend David Waddell organized a congregational church in an old school house on Independence Creek after the Civil War. The school became too small, so they built a church in the present location. The new building was dedicated on July 29, 1883. The first building was later struck by lightning and burned to the ground. The second church on the site was finished in 1890. Church services continued until 1978 when it was decided to disband.



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Jordan Creek was very popular part of the Oakland Community during the horse and buggy days. The building has been maintained by the Howard and Ruth Helen Ricklefs family. The following families at one time belonged to the church: Ricklefs, Brittain, Merideth, Swinford, Loyd, Symns, Woods, Baker, Egge, Hageman, Curtis, Harding, Jones, Franklin, Clem, Oswald, Ballard, Clyde, Gear, Waddell and Mrs. Jesse White. Many descendants of these family still live near the church in a five-to-ten-mile radius.

Join Ruthanna to hear more about the interesting little white church on the top of the hill above Jordan Creek. Refreshments will be served by members Cheril McKay and Kathleen Twombly. A business meeting will follow. There are church pews to sit on, electricity to see by and an old-fashioned outhouse to use. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this special spot in Doniphan County located in Independence Township with a Benden address.

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 11, 2021

AUGUST 11 BALANCE	\$38,545.07
INCOME:	
Dues	20.00
Barbecue	354.00
August interest	1.63
Income total:	\$375.63
EXPENDITURES:	
BBQ entertainment	150.00
Expenditures total:	\$150.00
AUGUST 11 BALANCE	\$38,707.70
CD #6519 (for Save Our Liberty Project	\$7584.72
CD #7175	\$6,836.69

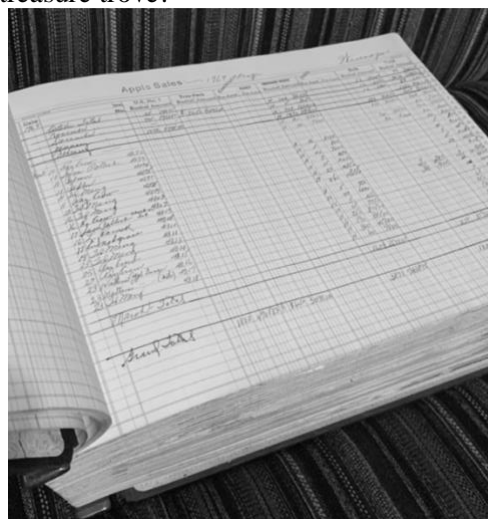
LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION 2004

Member George Eisminger donated several photographs of the 2004 Discovery Expedition when it stopped in White Cloud. According to the website, it was in White Cloud July 9-12. Here are two showing the pirogue and the main vessel.



DONATION OF LEDGER BOOKS

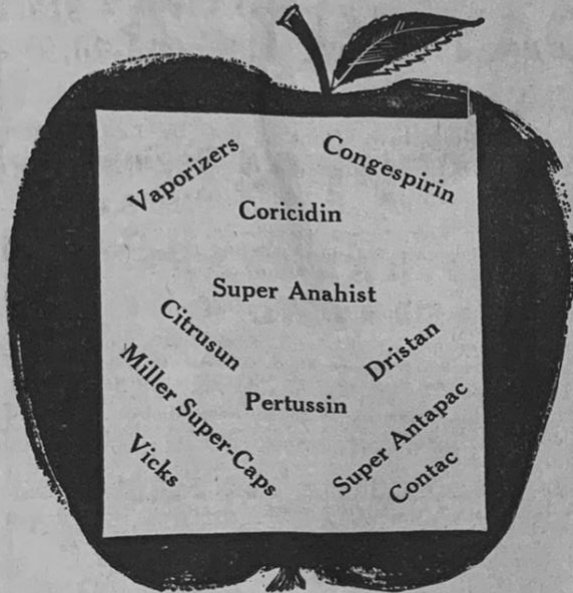
The Society recently received a donation of three VERY large ledger books from the family of George Jones, Jr. who was a member of the Apple Growers Association. They have information about shipments, sales, harvests, etc from the 1950's – 1960's. If anyone needs an original source for research on Doniphan County's fruit production, these are a treasure trove!



AD FROM *THE WATHENA TIMES*

Since so much of the world revolves around sickness these days, this ad from the September 19, 1968 *Wathena Times* seems particularly relevant.

WHAT HAVE WE GOT AGAINST COLDS?
(Besides the Apple)



CONTACT—for head cold congestion, hay fever, all day, all night relief. "The capsule that thinks"

CORICIDIN—for symptomatic relief of colds and accompanying aches and pains, fever and simple headache

PERTUSSIN Medicated Vaporizer Instant Room Spray. Feel instant relief from congestion of colds and hay fever, clinically tested, proven effective.

SUPER ANAHIST Tablets with decongestant action, symptomatic relief of colds, sinus congestion, hay fever.

SUPER-CAPS—Our own super powered cold capsules.

VAPORIZERS—For relief from congestion.

SUPER ANTAPAC—A cold aid formula from Rexall. Very effective. Good seller.

Miller's "Special Formula" (15.5-oz. 1.69)
HAND CREAM 9-oz. jar \$1.19

MILLER'S PHARMACY
Kenneth C. Miller, Prop.
Phone: Store 989-3112; Residence 989-4651
Your Doctor's Prescription Carefully Compounded

WEDDING DRESS FROM 1903 LEONA

We were contacted by a woman in Lawrence wanting to donate her grandmother's wedding dress to the Society. The grandmother, Lillie Lewis, born of Swedish immigrants in Nemaha County, married Edward Artic Benson in June 1903 in Leona. The dress is of light cotton with very extensive detailing.

The granddaughter is interested in donating the dress along with a wedding photo and guest book from the wedding.



Since the Museum is not climate-controlled, should we accept the donation of such a fragile item? We will discuss at the September business meeting (after the presentation).

LEONA'S EARLY SCHOOLS

From Gray's Doniphan County History 1905

The first school house, near Leona, met with a tragic and unique end. School was taught in it in 1867, and when the fall term of the next year was to begin it was discovered that some enterprising spirit had stolen the house bodily. It was tracked to a point near Padonia, in Brown County, but was never recovered. In the fall 1868, what was then known as the old school house, was built, and in it school was taught up to 1879, when it was sold to John Kaufman to be used as a barn. The third school house was completed in October, 1879, at a cost of \$2,300. Its size is 28x48 feet. The first teachers, in the new building, were R. L. Teague and Miss Nannie Nesbit. In 1880-81, Charles Bowers and Miss Emma Plank were the teachers, and in 1882, Misses Nannie Nesbit and Augusta Parsons were engaged; the same teachers taught in 1883. In 1884, Miss Francis Katner and Miss Parsons. In 1885, there was only one teacher, R. W. Norris, who had nearly sixty pupils enrolled. In 1886, Oliver Sarber and Miss Alice Brown were the teachers. In 1887, G. Watkins and Miss Ida Gouglar. In 1888, W. H. Speck and Mrs. C. E. Hoover. In 1889, W. H. Speck and Miss Mary Hill. In 1890, W. H. Speck and Miss Lizzie Brown.

2021 MEETINGS

*All meetings at 6:00 unless otherwise noted.
Presenters/topics subject to change.*

OCT 28 *Haunted History of Doniphan County* by
Cindy Hoverson. Refreshments Midyette
Family.

NOV 18 *Musical Heritage of Local Churches* by
Melissa Blanton. Refreshments Pete and
Colleen Duncan

DEC 1 Annual Soup Supper

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