



B9643 Main Street, Severance, Kan.

Severance KS

2000 #45

# POST CARD



GENUINE PHOTO

Mrs. Iola Nettie  
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M. L. ZERCHER - TOPEKA, KANS.

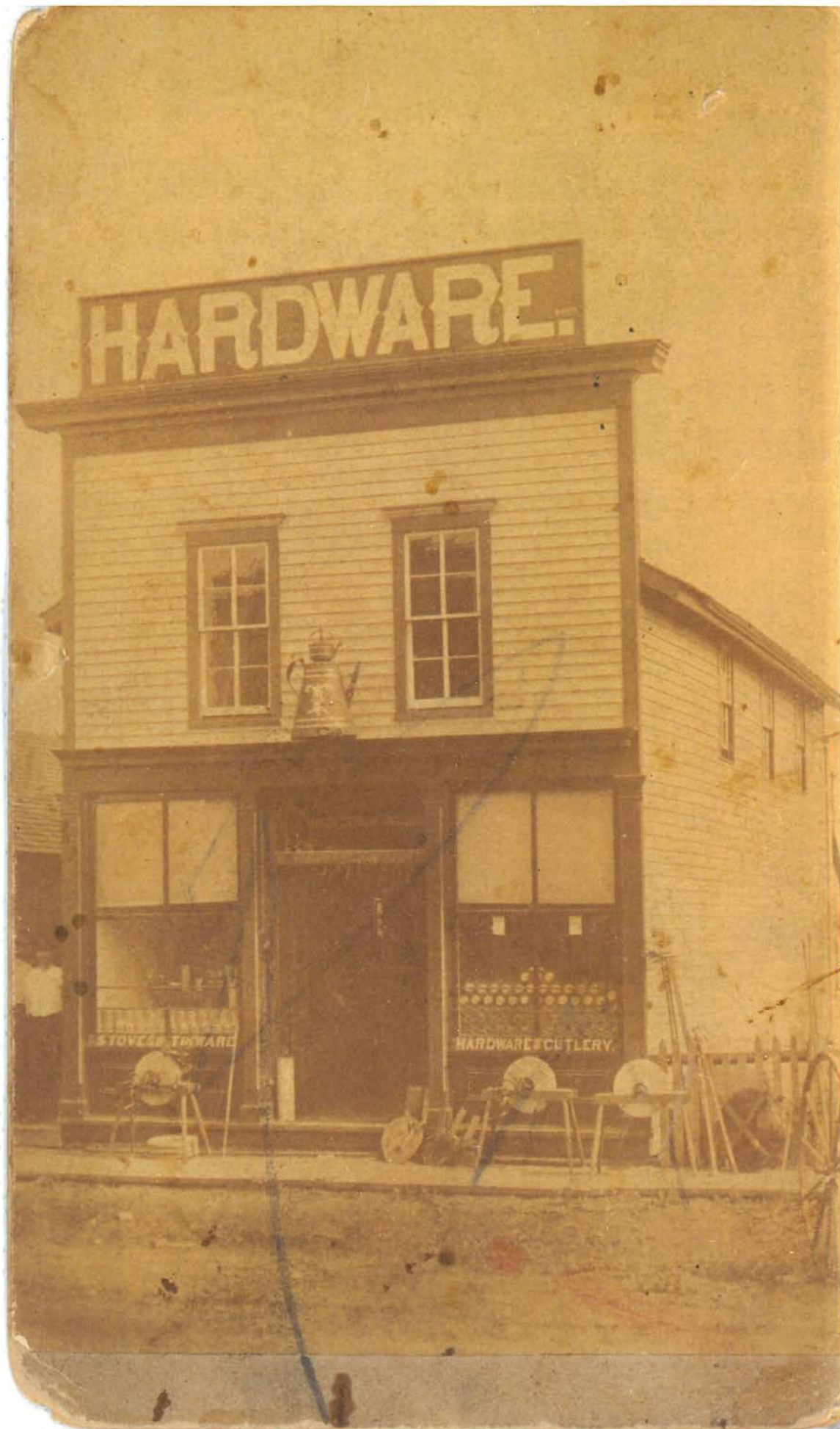
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Severance, Ks.

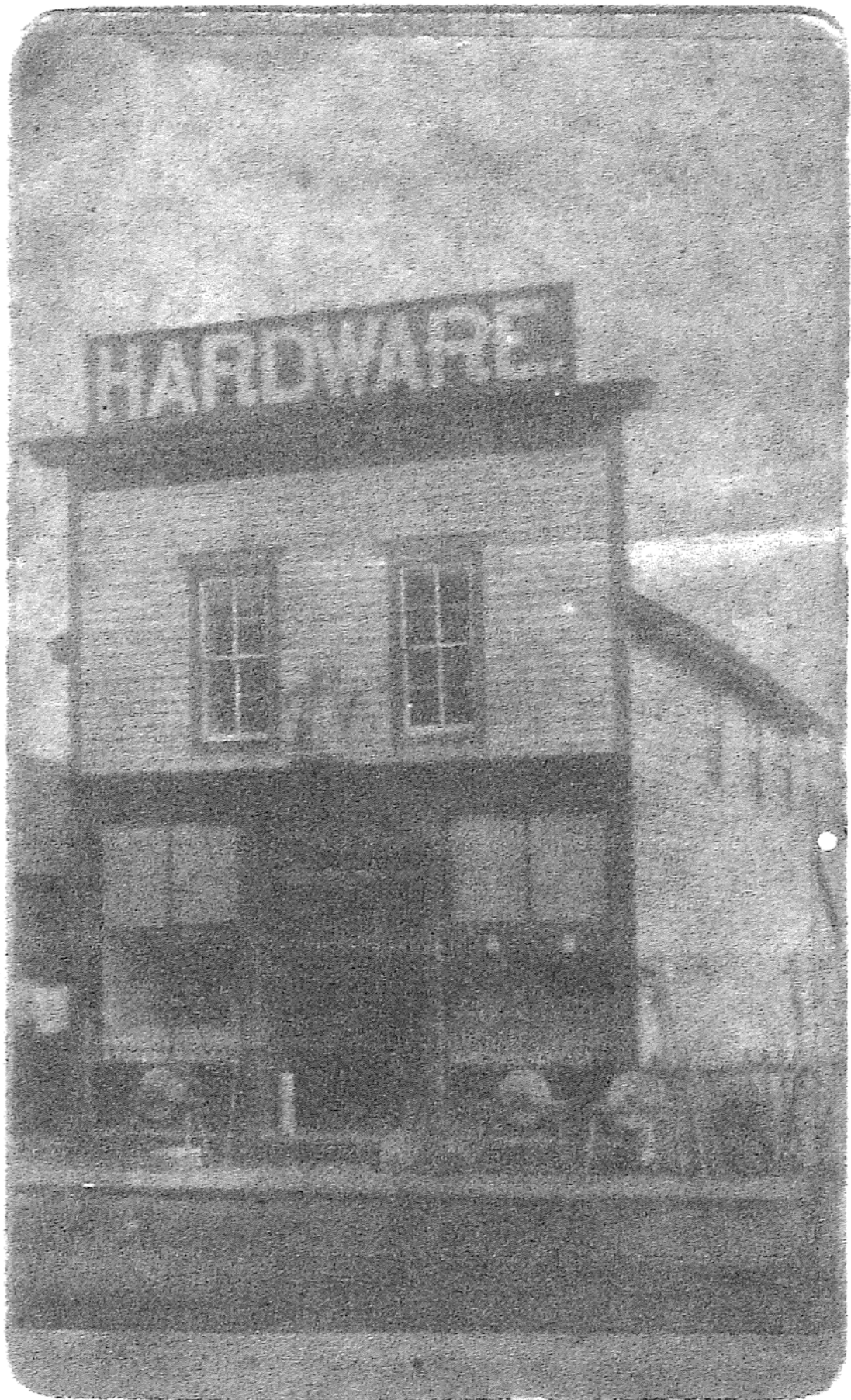
owner  
L. C. Nelson

1871

Grandpa  
of  
Mary Sharp  
Rainwater

Scrapbook  
started  
by  
Alberta  
Jones





N. Row left to right Richard no 10 left to right  
 Lawrence Foster no 1 Harold no 2  
 Edna Martin no 2 Mary Sharp  
 Edna Miller no 3 Madeline Eber  
 Edna Roland no 4 Lucille  
 Emma Thomas no 5 Lesley  
 Rachel Boyd no 6 Louis  
 Bart Prawl no 7  
 CORRESPONDENCE HERE  
 N. Row left to right  
 Emma Hutt  
 Grace Prawl  
 Ruth Courtin  
 Rella Baker  
 Egypte Baker  
 Thelma Baker  
 Ray Bidwell  
 SOUTH ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT  
 no 1  
 no 2 Marguerite  
 no 3 Earl  
 no 4  
 no 5 Ella  
 no 6  
 no 7  
 no 8  
 no 9  
 no 10  
 ADDRESS HERE

8.7.8.



SEVERANCE, KS.

Around 1875





St. Vincent de Paul Church  
Remodeled 1915-

Severance, Kansas



Farm Bureau (<sup>later</sup> Extension)

Farmer's Mtg on Corn  
in 1920's

Severance Yellow Hall

C. E. Lyness  
Extension Agent  
1920 - 1950

Geo. Dittmore  
Beverly K.  
Grandfather



Edith Hargis  
 Bertha Hargis  
 Ruth Lowe  
 Joe Boyde  
 Louise Mecke  
 Elsie Prawl  
 Ernest Andrews  
~~Arthur Lowe~~  
 James Vanbeber

Minnie Black  
 Julia Black  
 Myrtle Caudle  
 Minnie Courtin  
 Louise Ebling  
 Mary Gray  
 Havel Terry  
 Blanche Terry  
 Harold Riffer  
 John Prawl  
 George Miller

Dec. 12, 1910.

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CORRESPONDENCE HERE

NAME AND ADDRESS HERE

Elsie Prawl  
 Elder # 45 # grade

Willie Lancaster  
 Tom Springer  
 George Beard  
 Herbert Davis

Ruby Soiens  
 Edith Lowe  
 Tom Ebner  
 Rue Long

Myrtle Downing  
 Carl Hall

William Neal  
 Laurel Vanther  
 William Courtin  
 Frank Courtin  
 Marion Dawson  
 John B. Gray  
 Teachers



Back Row. lived on Axhandle St.  
 1 unknown 2 Charley Dilderskove 3 John Cluck 4. Unknown 5 Frank Black  
 6 unknown - 7 Caldwell 8 Sam Cluck 9. Little Eddie

Front Row.  
 1 Old man Brooks 2. Oliver Robb <sup>Sev. veterinary</sup> 3 Jess or Ernie Brooks 4 Robert Ware  
 5 Charles Van Beber 6 Rufus Van Beber 7. Sam Coy. Ripsey  
Okla.

In buggy  
 Old man Ripsey (who owned acreage where Severance was platted...  
 Robert Ware married Ripsey's daughter.  
 John Severance or Gunn brought in R. R. & started  
 blags. 1st hotel close by depot.

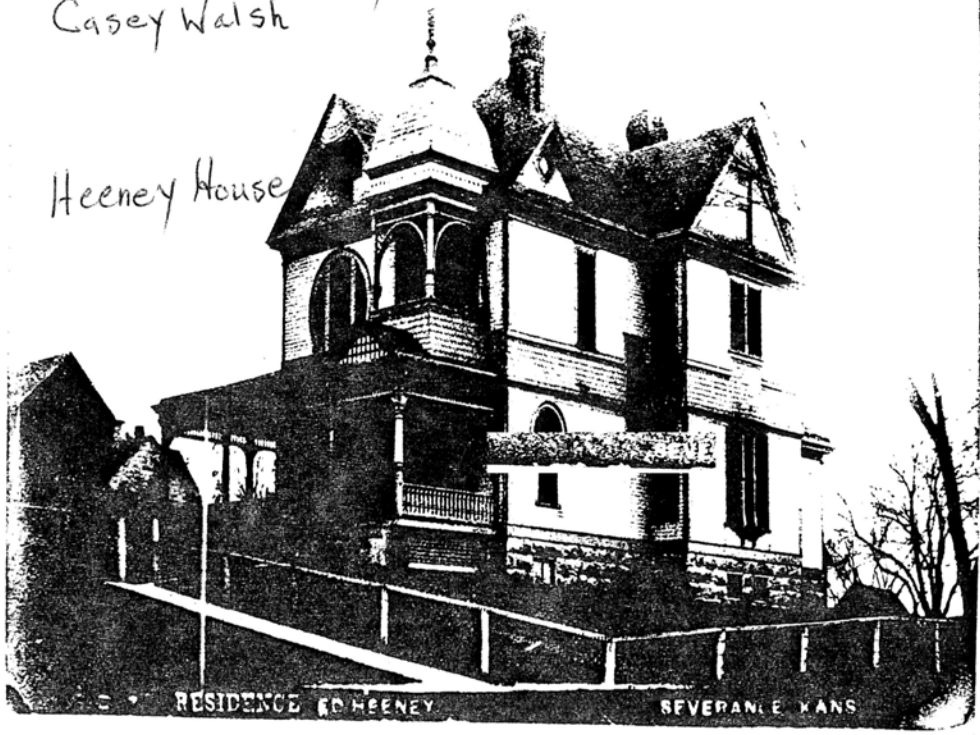




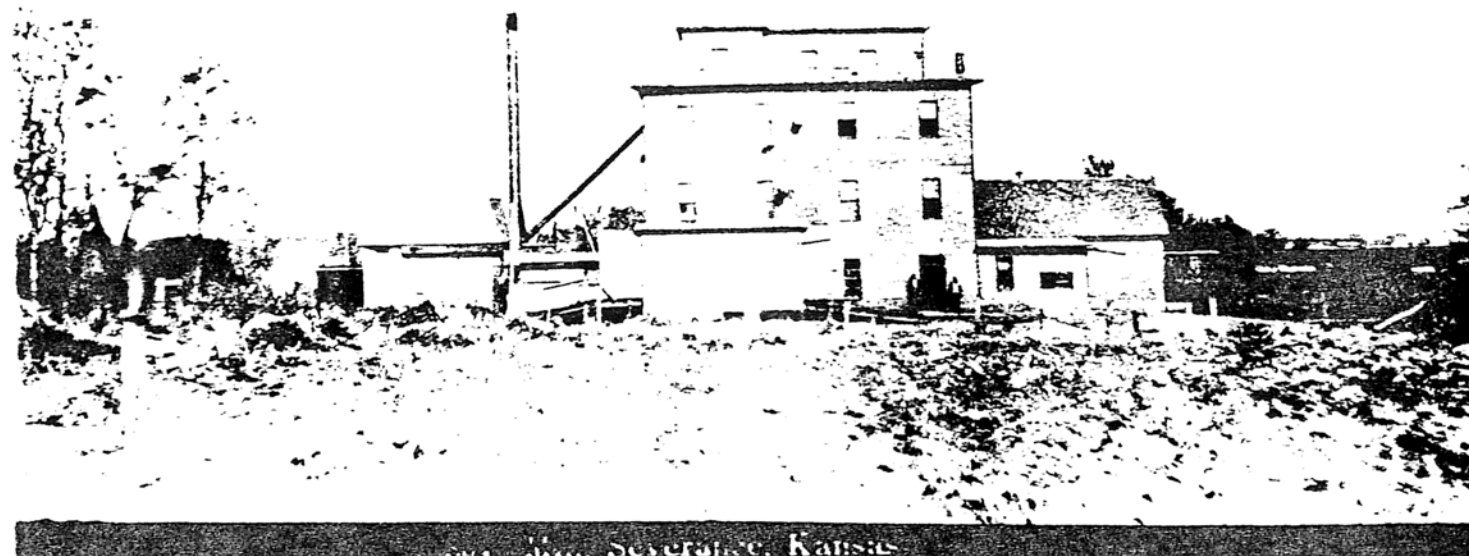
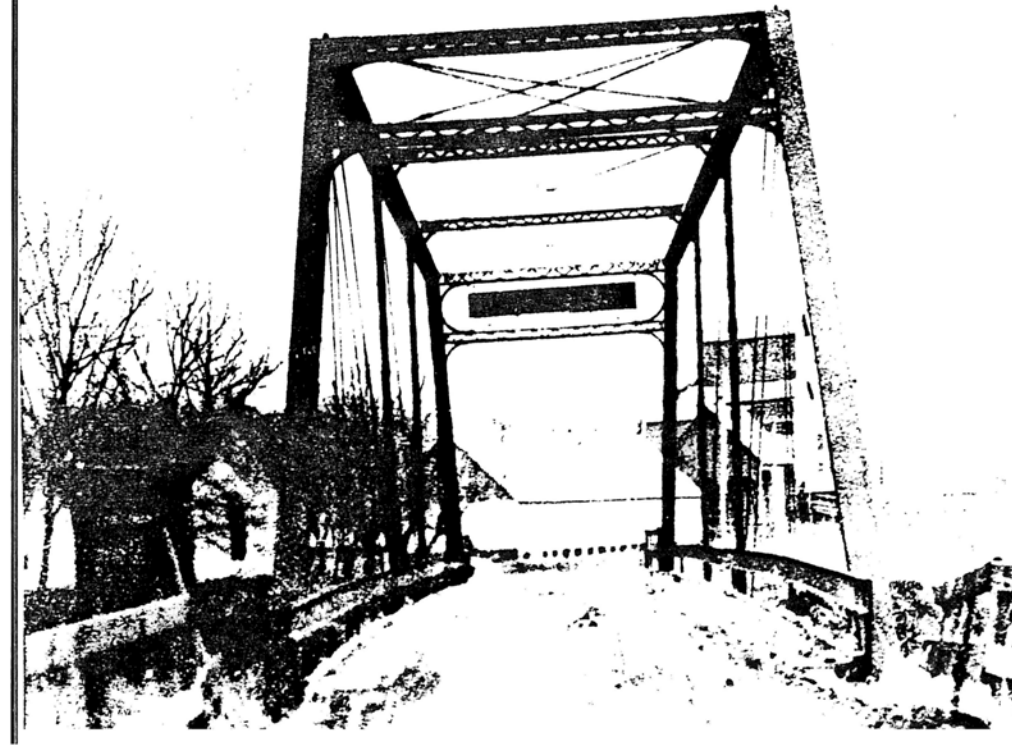
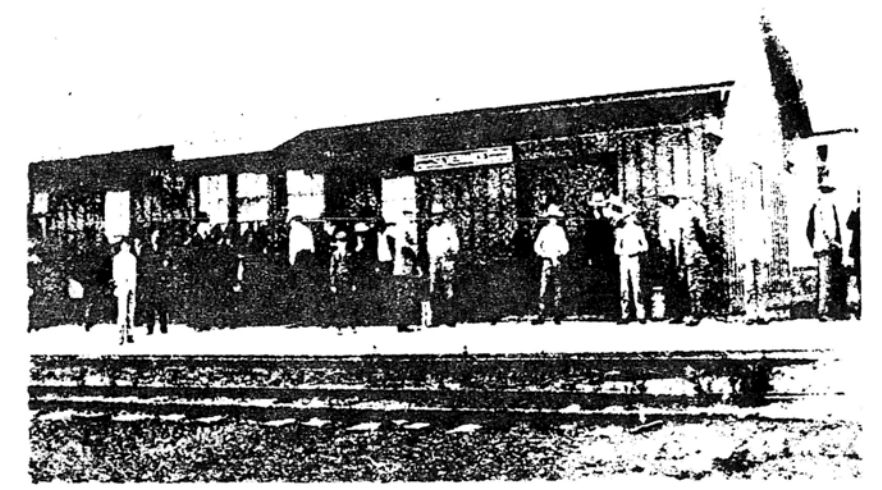
1<sup>st</sup> Severance M.E. Church - Brick Church  
1874  
1914  
Torn Down 1992



Moved to Denton by  
Casey Walsh  
Ware House



Heeney House



Severance, Kansas



PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING

SEVERANCE KANS

Philip -



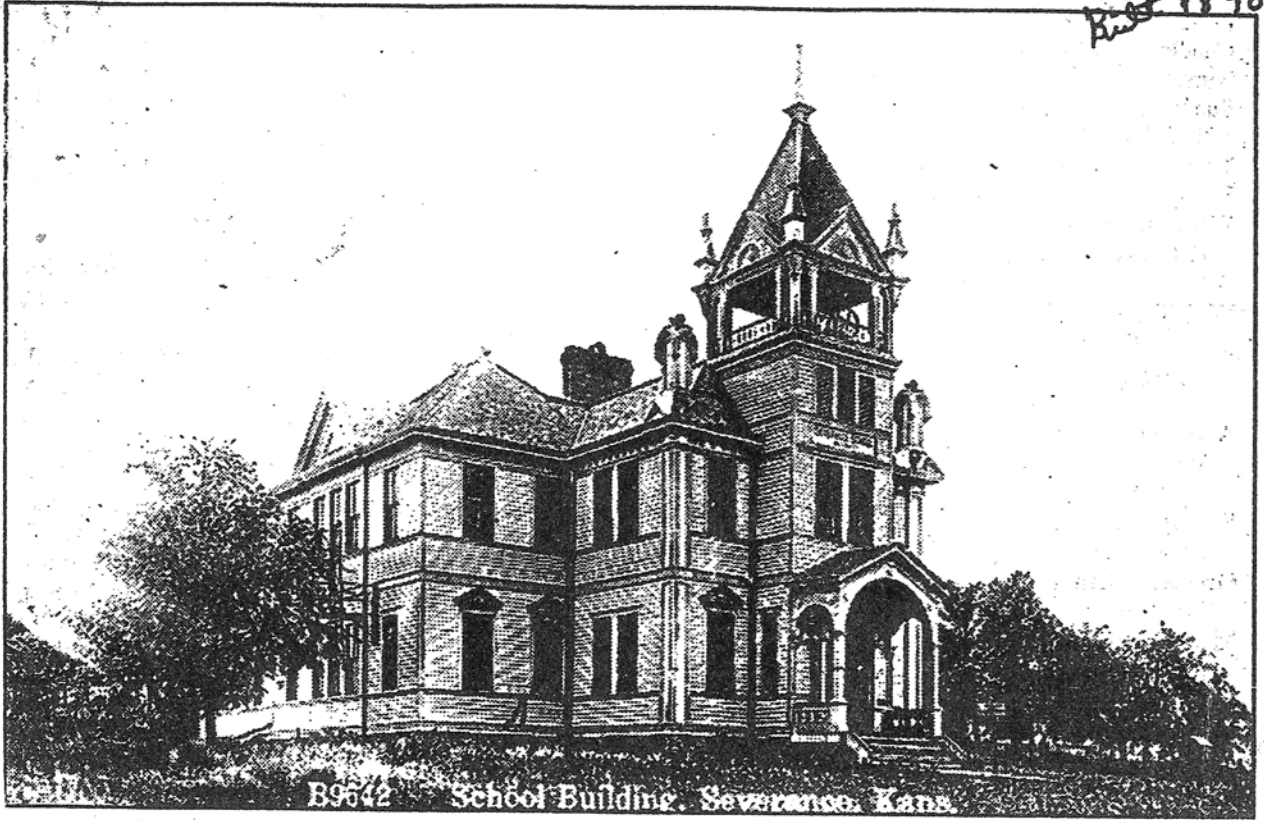
1870 - One wing  
1<sup>st</sup> Severance school located on Christian Church hill  
enlarged in the next cpl. year as enrollment  
increased + hired 2<sup>nd</sup> teacher.  
By 1890 had outgrown so built white frame 1  
story school across from Methodist Church (South)  
This school was enlarged to 2<sup>nd</sup> story later.  
In 1928 the brick school was built, east on hill,  
of white frame school. This school was torn  
down in 1970's

1916-  
Severance  
High School  
post card  
1890-1929



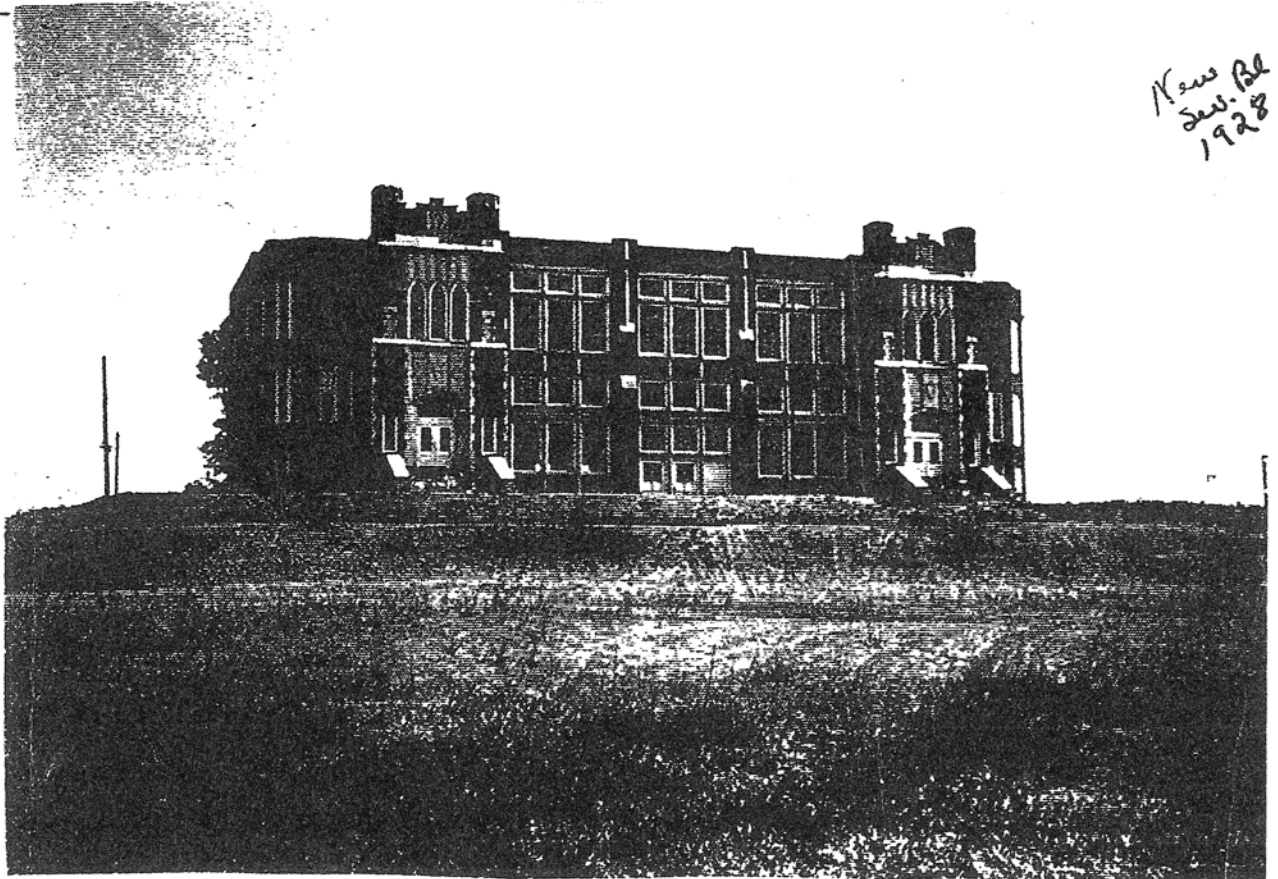
# Old School Building in Severance

*Post 1890*



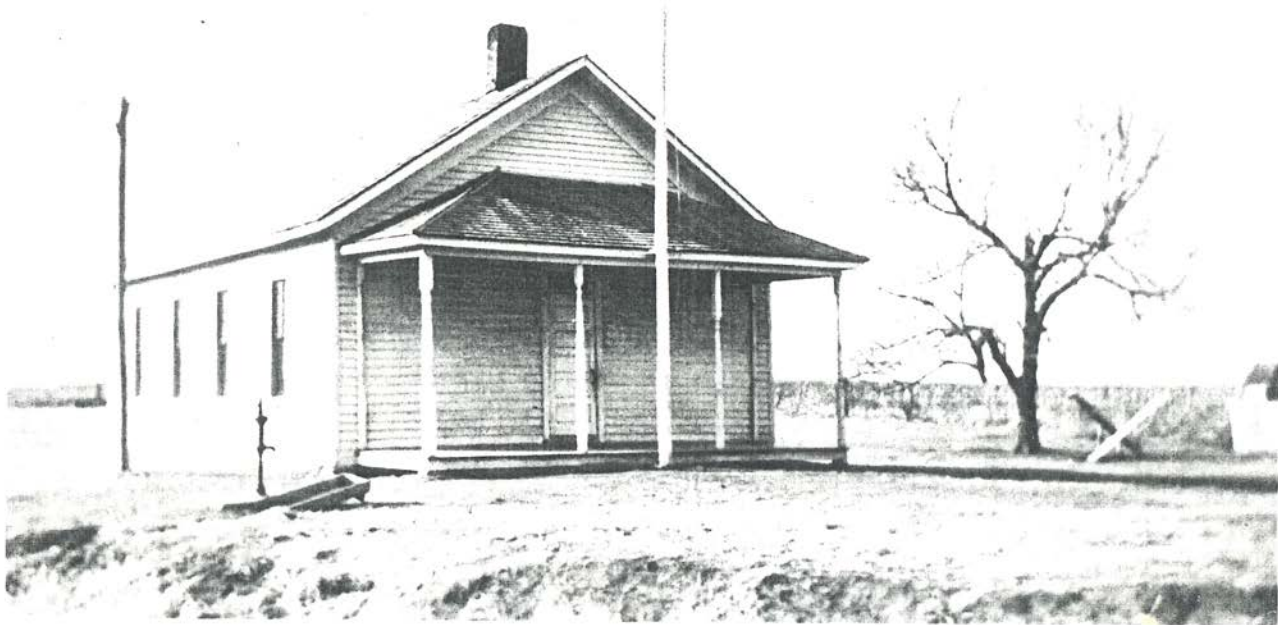
B9642 School Building, Severance, Kans.

This is a photo of the wooden school house that served the Severance community around the turn of the century. We have not been able to find much information on the building. Do any of our readers have some? (Photo courtesy of Erma Lee Walsh)



*Kaw. Bl  
Saw. Bl  
1928*

*W. J. H.*



Syracuse School located on present playground of  
Midway School. Moved to Bendona as home for Edna (Alfred  
Christman). Closed between 1935-40. Used by V. F. W. for  
blue rock shoots for awhile.

# Severance High School Boys' Basketball Team of 1930



Sam Prawl, Severance, sent us this picture of the 1930 Severance High School Boys' Basketball Team. Starting from left to right, is Clarence Schriener, Bob Fuller, Sam Prawl, Oscar Courtin, Melzer McIntyre, Pete Gray, Loyd Lancaster and Coach/Superintendent Guy Spangler.

# Barber Shop of Old-Severance around 1900



The place to go to get a shave, a hair cut and the local gossip (who said women were the only ones who gossiped?) in Severance around 1900. The individuals in the photo are unknown. Note the shaving cups at the right hand side of the picture. Something you don't see often these days. (Photo courtesy of Emma Lee Walsh.)

# In Their Easter Bonnets



Mrs. Goldia Huss, 1218 Village Drive, St. Joseph, Mo., submitted the above photo. Mrs. Huss said the photograph was taken at Severance, Kan., District 17 in 1921. The occasion was an Easter program the class was participating in between the teacher, Miss Nellie Swanson (deceased) and her mother. The 17 hats (or bonnets) were owned by the Swanson's.

Mrs. Huss said the picture would make Orville Jones' face red when he sees it again. She said hardly any women wear hats at Easter anymore, let alone men.

Mrs. Huss doesn't know the married names and addresses of all those pictured, but identified as many as she was able.

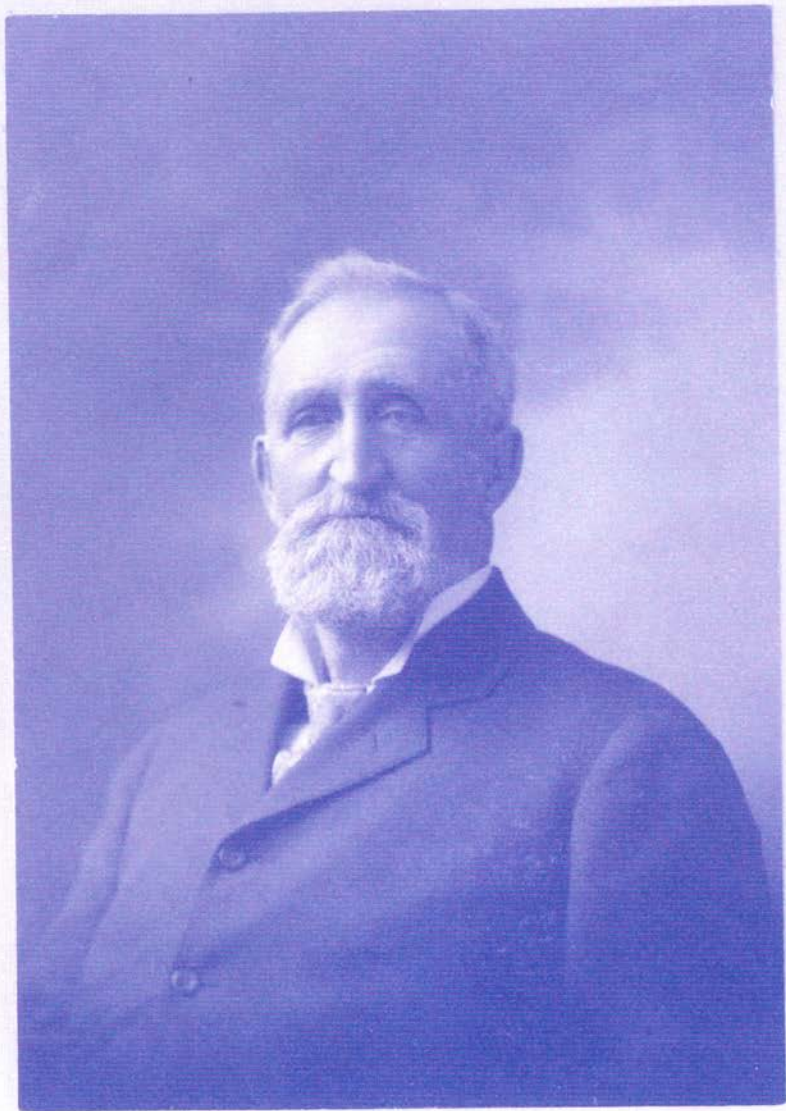
Back row, left to right: Irene Riffer, Seneca, Kan.; Isabel Kirwan-Swofford, St. Joseph; Merle Dye; Mabel Bahr-Severn, Denton.

Third row: Goldia Cooper-Huss, St. Joseph; Wilma Cowhick; Helena Gray (Pete Gray's sister); Vivian Fuller; Elise Cowhick.

Second row: Leo McIntyre, Troy, (partly hidden by a bow of ribbon); Johnnie Cluck, Denton (completely hidden) deceased; Thomas Edward (Ned) Heeney, California; Ernest Hoover, Arizona; Orville Jones, Troy.

Front row: William Dittimore; Howard Ware, deceased; Velyn Hall, deceased.





SNYDER  
TOPEKA.

W. A. Rippey



GRANDPA (Bowen)  
Small, Edith Ford  
Wittamore,  
←



LeDoit and Kathleen Meeks

## *50th Anniversary*

LeDoit Alan and Kathleen Ann Canter Meeks of Effingham Ks., will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 20, 2004. The couple was married at the Wathena United Methodist Church on Nov. 20, 1954.

LeDoit retired in 1993 as an Engineer with the Kansas Department of Transportation and Kathleen retired in 1993 as a Culinary Arts Instructor at the Northeast Kansas Technical College in Atchison.

The couple has two sons— Roger and Denise Meeks of Lincoln, Neb., and Steve and Karen Meeks of Effingham. They have five grandchildren: Morgan and Barret of Lincoln and Wade, Madison and Matie of Effingham.

A reception, hosted by their children, will be held Sunday, Nov. 28, from 1:00-2:00 at the Effingham Union Church Christian Education Building. All family and friends are invited to attend and celebrate this special occasion with the couple. No gifts, please. Cards may be sent to 10972 - 266th Road, Effingham, KS 66023.