

HISTORY OF DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS

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The object of this history is to preserve from the oblivion to which it is so rapidly tending some account of the experiences of that race of intrepid men and women who paved the way for that remarkable development which this country has so recently experienced, to give some dates and statistics of importance, and to record other matters of interest, too valuable to be lost. Many of the actors in the drama of colonization have already passed from the state, and with them has vanished all record of some of the exciting scenes in which they were participants.

The history of the native Indian tribes is somewhat meager. That powerful nation of the Indians, called the Pawnees, which, in all probability, had once held almost undisputable sway over this country, had, long before the arrival of the white man, given place to a race of Indians known as Iowas. This people, too, soon vanished before the "onward march of civilization."

When first opened for emigration, much of Eastern Kansas was in possession of various tribes of Indians, who had been removed from the East and placed upon reservations.

ABORIGINAL OWNERS OF THE LANDS OF DONIPHAN COUNTY, KAN.

The land of Doniphan County was part of the public domain, or of the "Great American Desert," as it was called until the year 1837, when it was ceded, by the General Government, to the Kick-a-poo, Sac and Iowa Indians. The Kick-a-poos possessed that part lying south of a line running west from a point on the Missouri River near where Belmont was laid out. North of this line, the Sacs held a reserve of fifty sections. Their northern boundary run through the section north of Highland, and extended west for quantity. North of this, the Iowas owned all of what is now Doniphan County.

These respective tribes possessed and controlled this land until the year 1854, when, by treaty, all the lands belonging to these tribes, in Doniphan County, were relinquished to the Government, and became a part of the State of Kansas. The Kickapoos moved south. The Iowas and Sacs moved to that part of their own reserves which lies near the mouth of the Nemaha River, where they still remain (1882).

The Iowas, at the time of their taking possession of this land, in 1837, numbered 800 souls. On leaving this part of their lands, in 1854, they numbered about 300.

The Sacs, on coming in, numbered 300; on removal, in 1854, numbered only about 125.

The Iowas, in 1837, were led and governed by four chiefs, respectively White Cloud, No-Heart, Walking-in-the-rain and Walking Cloud. These chiefs all passed away during their sojourn in this part of the land.

The Sac band was under the lead of a brave called Hesoquat or Bear-in-the-fork-of-a-tree, assisted by two so-called chiefs, all of whom have since disappeared.

The leading spirit and mind of the Kick-a-poos was Ken-e-kuk, who died near the village in Atchison County which bears his name.

EARLY EXPLORERS

Thirty years ago, there was scarcely a vestige of civilization in that part of Kansas now known as Doniphan County. For untold ages it had been covered with a waving sea of wild grasses; vast herds of buffaloes had, for numberless years, wandered almost unmolested across it. Its solitude had been broken only by occasional bands of nomadic savages in search of prey or plunder. It was a part of that section of country which old geographers had christened the "Great American Desert," "a barren waste, incapable of agricultural production, and uninhabitable." But it could not always remain a *terra incognita*. The advancing wave of that great tide of civilization which had crossed the Atlantic, and transferred a wilderness into an empire, must at length reach this part of the American continent. That part of Kansas now known as Doniphan County was crossed by Maj. Stephen H. Long in 1819 or 1820. We extract the following from a book entitled, "Account of an Expedition from Pittsburgh to the Rocky Mountains, performed in the years 1819 and 1820, by order of John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War, under the command of Maj. Stephen H. Long:"

"The country southwest of the Missouri, between the Konzas and the Platte, is drained principally by Wolf River and the great Nemahaw. These rivers, like the Nodoway and Nishnebottona, which enter the Missouri nearly opposite them, from the northeast, rise in the prairies at an elevation of probably forty or fifty feet above the level of the Missouri. As they descend, their valleys become gradually wider, embosom a few trees, and at length, near their entrance into the Missouri Valley, are forests of considerable extent. The surface of these prairies presents a constant succession of small rounded hills, becoming larger and more abrupt as you approach the beds of these rivers. The soil is deep, reposing usually on horizontal beds of argillaceous sandstone and secondary limestone. * * * * The soil superimposed upon these strata of limestone is a calcareous loam. Near the rivers it is intermixed with sand; this is also the case with the soil of the high prairies about the Konzas village. * * * * The prairies, for many miles on each side, produce abundance of good pasturage; but as far as our observation has extended, the best soil is a margin from ten to twelve miles in breadth along the western bank of the river. In the summer, very little water is to be found in the prairies, all the smaller streams failing. Even though the season be not unusually dry, on account of the want of wood and water, the settlements will be for a long time confined to the immediate valleys of the Missouri, the Konzas and the larger rivers; but it is probable forests will hereafter be cultivated in these vast woodless regions, which now form so great a proportion of the country; and wells may be made to supply the deficiency of running water."

In 1804-5-6, Lewis and Clarke proceeded up the Missouri, thence across the Rocky Mountains and down the River Columbia to the Pacific Ocean.

GEOGRAPHICAL AND TOPOGRAPHICAL

Doniphan is in the first tier of counties south of Nebraska, and west of the Missouri River. It is bounded on the north and east by the Missouri River, on the south by Atchison County, and on the west by Brown County. The Missouri River, bounding the county on the north and east, gives the county 92 miles of river front. The greatest length of the county north and south is 27 miles, and its greatest width is 25 miles.

The county contains 379 square miles, or 242,569 acres of land. About 110,000 acres are under cultivation. The bottom lands are about 25 per cent; the uplands about 75 per cent; forest (Government survey), 16 per cent; prairie, 84 per cent; average width of bottoms, one mile.

The general surface of the county is undulating. A writer in the *North American Review* gives the following admirable description of the matchless topography of Kansas in general, but applicable in every sense to this county:

"The most perfect display of the prairies is found in the Eastern parts of Kansas and Nebraska. It is no exaggeration to pronounce this region, as left by the hand of Nature, the most beautiful country in its landscape upon the face of the earth. Here the forest is restricted to narrow fringes along the rivers and streams, the courses of which are thus defined as far as the eye can reach, whilst all between is a broad expanse of meadow lands, carpeted with the richest verdure and wearing the appearance of artistically graded lawns. They are familiarly called the rolling prairies, because the land rises and falls in gentle swells which attain an elevation of thirty feet, more or less, and descends again to within the original level within a distance of one or more miles. The crest-lines of these motionless waves of land intersect each other at every conceivable angle, the effect of which is to bring into view the most extended landscape, and to show the dark green foliage of the forest trees skirting streams in pleasing contrast with the light green of the prairie grasses. In their spring covering of vegetation, these prairies wear the semblance of an old and once highly cultivated country, from the soil of which every inequality of surface, every stone and every bush has been carefully removed, and the surface rolled down to absolute uniformity. The marvel is suggested how Nature could have kept these verdant fields in such luxuriance after man had apparently abandoned them to waste."

The principal streams are as follows: Wolf River runs north, entering through the north and west portions of the county. Independence Creek and its tributaries drain the southern portion of the county, and Peter's Creek is the largest in the eastern part. Other small creeks flow into the Missouri River.

The county is well supplied with springs, and good well-water can be reached at from ten to sixty feet.

The timber supply of Doniphan is better, perhaps, than that of any county in the State. All the streams have borders or belts of timber, varying from forty rods to three miles in width. These streams are so well distributed over the county that the distribution

of timber could hardly be better equalized. The native varieties are cottonwood; white, black, red, swamp and burr oak; white and water elm, linden, sycamore, willow, maple, black walnut, box-elder, hickory and numerous smaller varieties.

ORGANIZATION

Doniphan County was organized on Monday, September 15, 1855. The County Court consisted at that time of J. P. Blair, A. Dunning, E. V. B. Rogers, County Commissioners; C. B. Whitehead, Sheriff; and J. A. Van Arsdale, Clerk pro tem.

The first order made by the board, dated September 15, 1855, was that J. A. Van Arsdale be appointed Clerk pro tem, to serve as such until a Clerk be duly appointed and qualified.

The following is the oath of office of one of the first Sheriffs:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
TERRITORY OF KANSAS, } ss.

I, C. B. Whitehead, do solemnly swear upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that I will support and sustain the constitution of the United States; and that I will support and sustain the provisions of an act entitled and act to organize the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska, and the provisions of the law of the United States, commonly known as the Fugitive Slave Law, and faithfully and impartially, and to the best of my ability, demean myself in the discharge of my duties in the office of Sheriff in the County of Doniphan, in said Territory. So help me God.

C. B. WHITEHEAD.

Sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned, this 29th day of September, A. D. 1855.

[L. S.]

JOEL P. BLAIR, Judge Probate Court, C. C. K. T.

On Monday, September 17, 1855, the county of Doniphan was divided into five municipal townships, called Iowa, Wolf River, Burr Oak, Washington and Wayne.

In 1856, the county was re-organized into seven townships: Iowa, Wolf River, Burr Oak, Washington, Wayne, Center and Marion. Union Township was organized in 1879, making eight townships in the county at the present time.

Name.—The county, when organized, was named Doniphan in honor of Col. A. W. Doniphan, of Clay County, Mo., who commanded a regiment of Missouri cavalry during the Mexican war. Marching across the plains, he took a leading part in the conquest of New Mexico. He was a zealous partisan in the agitation which arose in the opening of Kansas Territory to settlement. The county seat was first established at a point called Whitehead, on the Missouri River, about six miles from St. Joseph. The name of the town was afterward changed to Bellemont.

Troy was selected as the county seat of justice in the fall of 1855, but the court house was not built until the summer of 1856. The first meeting of the County Commissioners at Troy was October 20, 1856. They met in the new court house, which still stands where it was built, on the north side of the public square, and is the first story of what is now known as the Higby House.

The Doniphan County Historical Society wishes to thank all those who donated pictures, volunteered time and the advertisers in making this calendar a success.

*Severance High School
Alumni Reunion*

1915

CLASS ROLL

* Means Deceased

1891

*Eva Ryan Swayze

1896

*Lizzie Corcoran, *Birdie Curtis, *Walter Broyles,
*James Campbell

1899

*May Broyles, May Campbell, *Hugh Corcoran,
*Edith Heeney, *Turner Lyons, Guy Willis

1902

*John Corcoran, Hallie Eaton, Willie Broyles,
*Beht Drake, W. J. Hargis, Jessie Harpster, *Ed
Heeney, Ray Randolph, Mable Merrick, Her-
bert Sharp, *Pearl Stout

1903

*Emma Babcock, Helena Gray, *Georgie Heeney,
*Muriel Showers, *Florence Leonard

1910

Emma Anderson, Dora Albers, Elmer Bearg,
Closky Dittmore, Christian Anderson, Myrtle
Ebeling, *Ed Fullbright, Earl Hettick, *Luther
Miller

1913

Edna Broyles, Barney Heeney, *Samuel Lan-
caster, Byron Smith, *Vincent Ward

1914

Guy Corbet, Dora Ellis, Francis Gray, *Raymond
Hancock, Hada Moyer

1915

Ida Bearg, Nora Corbet, *Catherine Lancaster,
James, Lowe, Toll Ware, Donna Moyer, Howard
Rifer

1905

*Ray Adams, *Lulu Drake, *Wilbur Friend, Wil-
liam Butler, Levi Friend, *Cora Howe, *Myrtle
Leonard, Otis Newton

1907

*Harry Bearg, Anna Ebeling, John Gray, *Grace
Stout, Mary Devereux, *Nora Ward, *May Maher

1908

*Horace Coy, Nellie Chapman, *Thomas Delaney,
Joseph Gray, *Cecil Lowe, Viola Smith, *Roy
Vanbibber, Harry Ware, *Roy Byers

1909

*Otto Butler, Arthur Albers, Dee Byers, Rosa
Caudle, Myrtle Chapman, *Worthy Dare, *Harry
Ebeling, *Cornelius Flynn, Alice Heeney, Katie
Lonberger, Ruth and Rosetta Milburn, *Alma
Moyer, Barbara Moyer, *Carlisle Smith, *Blanche
Vanbibber, George Springer, Anne Ward

AUTOGRAPHS

CHAMPIONSHIP ASSURED.

Jinx Took Usual Toll at Leona.

Nothing but calamity can prevent S. H. S. from winning the County championship. There is only two more games left to play, one with White Cloud at Severance and one with Wathena at Wathena. These should be easy victories for S. H. S. owing to the fact that S. H. S. defeated White Cloud on their own court 62 to 15 and Wathena at Severance 71 to 0.

S. H. S. was ousted from the thousand per cent column by their defeat at Leona. This was contrary to dope but dope is often upset. Severance ran up 14 points against them at Severance, more than we counted against any other team but owing to the unusual handicap of the small court and because of the fast rate at which the Leona boys were traveling Severance met defeat, 49 to 30.

Elwood

Elwood came to Severance expecting to go home with two victories to their credit but they were badly disappointed.

The girls game was fast throughout and the crowd was kept in wild excitement during the whole game. The game was decided in the last few minutes of play. The Elwood girls won by a score of 23 to 21.

The boys game was a walk-away for Severance. They started a whirlwind offensive and continued with it throughout the game. The Severance squad was hitting the basket with regularity while the Elwooders were unable to cage them when they had a chance. The score at the end of the first half was 30 to 5 in favor of Severance.

The Elwood boys came back stronger in the last half and made 16 points but Severance continued with their goal shooting and secured 33 points, making the final score 63 to 21. The points made for Severance are as follows: Riffer 26, Dye 27, Prawl 8, and Moyer 2. For Elwood, Wilkinson 5, King 7, and Chaney 9.

Leona.

S. H. S. boys met their only defeat of the season at Leona, February 3. The game started with the usual pep of a fast game. The Leona boys soon got into motion and had several goals before the Severance boys got on to the 12 foot ceiling and the small floor space. The Severance boys were going fine but the Leona boys had too much of a lead on them and the score was 21 to 15 in favor of Leona.

In the last half Leona continued at their fast pace. Sherman and Ultgen were scoring them from off the walls and ceiling. The final score was 49 to 30 in favor of Leona. For Leona, Sherman scored 28 points, Ultgen 12, and Dock 9. For Severance, Dye 14,

Things About Our Town. *Severance*

We have—

Two of the most modern cafes in the county.

One well stocked drug store.

Two first-class general merchandise stores.

A crystal white butcher shop, which we claim is the best in the county.

An exclusive shoe store.

Two modern garages.

One of the strongest banks in the county.

Three of the finest churches in any town of its size anywhere, each with a resident pastor.

A News Depot with a constant supply of daily papers, magazines, and novelties.

A hardware and furniture store.

Two fine barber shops.

A bakery which supplies several towns with bread.

Two elevators.

A blacksmith shop whose proprietor knows his business.

A Post Office which is practically new.

One of the oldest newspapers in the State of Kansas.

Two efficient dentists.

Two excellent doctors.

A defunct Turner Hall.

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Electric lights.

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Four passenger trains and two locals daily.

A strictly modern Sealey-Mattress hotel.

A complete lumberyard and other country.

A high class hardware and furniture store.

We have everything which a town of four hundred needs with the possible exception of water works and fire protection and proper housing for our school.

Riffer 10, Prawl 4, and Dittmore 2.

The Severance girls were defeated by a score of 59 to 5.

Holcombe, physical director of the Y. M. C. A. at Atchison, referred.

Denton.

The Denton boys came to Severance with blood in their eye, hoping to defeat the Severance boys, thus making Denton, Leona, and Severance tied for first place in the race for this cup.

The largest crowd that ever attended a basket ball game here was present. The spectators crowded along the edge of the court and along the ends making unusual rules necessary and cutting down the playing space.

The game started in a way that foretold a hard fight to the end. The Denton boys got started and were eight points ahead of Severance at one time. After about ten minutes of play the Severance boys began to show good team work and caught up with their opponents. The score was, Severance 14, Denton 13, at the close of the first half. Denton had held the score by sacrifice in personal fouls.

In the last half the fast play of Severance forced the Denton squad to extremes and the personals began to pile up. Early in the half Chaney

was warned, "three" Cecil Denton completed his four, quickly followed by Captain Burke. The score was even at this period. (It is hard to convince the Denton aggregation that the game was not even for they refuse to take into account that the Severance boys had acquired but few fouls). After the removal of Burke and Denton the game was no longer in doubt, the final score being 36 to 23 in favor of Severance. Riffer played a good game and scored twenty-one points, while Dye his running mate, scored thirteen. Prawl made the other two points. The points scored for Denton are as follows: Burke 12, Joyce 7, C. Denton 2, and Callahan 2.

The Denton girls defeated the Severance girls 38 to 6.

The referee, R. F. Holcombe, of Atchison Y. M. C. A., is one of the best in northeast Kansas and is acquainted with both teams. There can be no criticism of any of Holcombe's decisions.

Sixteen mothers were present to attend the "Home Meets School" entertainment held at the school, February 20. Another meeting will be held soon.

CHAPEL SPECIALS.

Kansas Day

January 30th the officials of the Association and of the Students Activity Association gave a fifteen minute program. The history of our state was given and each officer took up one phase of the life of Kansas. Poetry written by one of our inhabitants, Mrs. Hattie E. Peeler, was read. We really do not realize how wonderful our state is, until her birthday comes around and we start to think.

Lincoln's Birthday.

The Seniors rendered the program for Lincoln's Day. sketches were given of Lincoln's life, which related old but new happenings. His picture was given the honor position on the wall and patriotic songs were sung by all.

St. Valentine's Day.

The Juniors came forth with another of their snappy programs on St. Valentine's Day. After a history of St. Valentine was read by Margaret McLaren the Juniors presented each student with a valentine!!! Yes, they were valentines of all shades and colors. The Freshmen were given the suitable color—green.

Physical Examination.

Miss Ruth Holiday, County Nurse examined all students in Severance High School, Monday the 13th. Thirteen were found with defective vision, three with defective teeth, twelve with diseased tonsils, five with defective hearing and four were ten per cent or more underweight. Four perfect students were found.

We feel that if Miss Holiday's work could be continued from year to year it would be a great benefit to the community.

HOME MEETS SCHOOL.

First Meeting Successful.

The Students Activity Association entertained the fathers and mothers of its members in a meeting of Home and School at the school house, February 20th. The meeting was called to order by the President of the Association, Albert Shay. The secretary called the roll and included the names of the guests. An interesting program was then presented. The Girls' Glee Club sang two selections, "Boat Song" and "Santa Lucia." A vocal solo by Miss Caroline Piper followed. Speeches were made by Lois Dittmore, Wayne Dye, and C. I. Moyer Jr., on topics concerning the school life as they desire it to be and as it is. Tom Springer sang "Speaks 'To You'". A recess was held until the refreshments were prepared, during which we had a great visit.

GRADE NOTES.

Grammar Room.

The Grammar Room was entertained with a Valentine party at the home of their teacher, Monday evening. Games, contests and a Valentine box furnished amusement for the evening. In the contests, prizes were awarded Thelma Shay, Leonard Lancaster, Homer Courtin, and Alice Cluck. Refreshments were served and all present had an enjoyable time.

The Seventh and Eighth grades are having a spelling contest. A prize is to be awarded by the teacher to the best speller at the close of the sixth month.

Second Primary Room.

Seventeen of the twenty-three pupils enrolled in the second Primary Room were neither absent nor tardy during the January month. Only 6 days was lost by both grades and no cases of tardiness. We think this is a very good record.

Mollie McNett has earned four spelling certificates.

In the merit contest Mollie McNett and Leo McIntyre are ahead.

Primary.

Everyone is back in school, who were sick with the chicken pox.

For the sixth month, Vivian Fuller and William Dittmore are ahead in spelling.

Mable Bahr has been out for the past three weeks with the "grippe."

Miss Holiday, the County health nurse, examined the first grade, Wednesday evening, and out of the class of fifteen, five had no defects and all had clean teeth.

The second grade was examined, Thursday morning and out of the class of eleven, ten had clean teeth and just three were underweight.

The month of February furnishes plenty of handiwork. Lincoln's birthday, valentines and Washington's birthday.

The first and second primary and intermediate rooms had their valentine box together, Tuesday afternoon.

The Severance Athletic Club defeated the Leona Athletic Club, here, February 15th. The final score was 34 to 32.

Mildred Turley a former member of the Junior class has returned home from St. Louis on account of bad burns received at Christmas time. Mildred has been in the hospital for six weeks and returned home to recuperate before returning to school.

LOCALS

Monday morning the students of S. H. S. were somewhat surprised when they entered the study hall to find their desks rearranged. On account of lighting conditions, the seats had been changed to a position facing the north, so that the light would come from the rear and the left of the room. Two years ago the seats were changed to a position facing the west, so that light came from the left only. The windows on the west being blocked.

caused a strain on the eyes of the students, especially the Freshmen. Students and teachers requested that the seats be changed. No one suspected that the change would be made so soon. When we entered the study hall, Monday morning, our mouths and eyes flew open and "Where's my seat?" was the first utterance. After finding a seat, came the job looking for your old seat to get your books. Maybe your old seat would be found in the other part of the room way out in the hall. At this writing, everyone is nicely settled, but many say they do not feel at home.

The Spanish II class is learning a beautiful poem, entitled, "Un Soneto."

The Algebra III class was given its first examination, Thursday.

The Commercial Arithmetic class has finished work in Aliquot Parts and addition and has taken up short methods of subtraction, multiplication and division.

The Algebra I class has finished the chapter, "Solution of equations by factoring" and are now doing fine work in "Fractions."

The Spanish I Class took a day off last week to remove the stains from the arms of the chairs in Miss Furney's room. Remarks were heard the next day about the brilliant whiteness of the woodwork, due to a vigorous scrubbing with lye, soap and water.

The General Science Class has just completed one of the most interesting chapters in the text. Some of the things they studied were: plumbing, ventilation and light. The next chapter they will study will not be so interesting. It is, carbon and its compounds.

The Agriculture class is making a thorough study of dairying. The most interesting part of weighing and testing milk will be taken up soon.

The English II class just finished the chapter on dramas, stories and have begun the chapter on reasoning, parliamentary law and debate. If they are as good at debating as they are arguing they will certainly produce several good debaters.

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Picking an all county team is a hazardous business. Each coach has his own ideas as to the ideal players. It is of course easy to pick a combination that would beat the remaining possible, under most any conditions. But to pick the best possible combination is a difficult proposition. Probably the man most feared as an opponent and most conceited as an ally is Riffer, captain of the Severance squad. Though usually under a two man opposition Riffer is leading the league in scoring. He plays a heady consistent game, commits few fouls, and keeps his men playing all the time. His work has been an outstanding feature of Severance play and a considerable factor in determining the championship. For these reasons he has been chosen as captain of the mythical five but his position changed to that of guard.

The League is especially favored with forwards this season. Sherman of Leona and Burke of Denton are the hardest men in the league to stop. Their certainty on the free throw and their aggressive follow-up shooting give them the edge on any of the rest. They have my unanimous vote for their positions.

With a scoring combination as suggested by the three aforementioned the center position should be given to a man certain of the "tip" and able on defense. Ultzen of Leona fills the bill. He plays a clean fast game, probably making more improvement than any man in the league during the past season.

The guarding situation is different. we have no guards capable of stopping the mighty onslaught on the basket the above combination might make. For the remaining position. Severance of-

fers two candidates Prawl and Moyer. Leona might possibly advance the Benfers; Denton will holler for a place for Cecil. Elwood might want a place for Foster and White Cloud will hold out for Taylor. Since Riffer has been chosen for one defense corner, Moyer would probably work in better than any of the others. His clean play gives him the edge on C. Denton. Severance has never scored less than thirty-five points in any game (Leona game excepted) and our opponents have never touched thirty-five. This argues well for the Severance defense of which Riffer has played an important part. Moyer then is elected.

Just what this combination would do in a real contest is hard to say, but it would look pretty good on the floor: Riffer, Moyer, Ultzen, Sherman and Burke. It would be mighty hard to stop them.

For second team, Dye, Joyce, C. Denton, and the Benfers would make a nice combination. Lyons and Chaney would probably be as strong a combination as the Benfers but not as easy to say. Somehow a brother combination always sounds good. Prawl would work well in C. Denton's position. The fact that he has twice this season outplayed him being a strong argument.

What's the use of picking, your idea and mine may not at all coincide and the argument follows. We all indulge in idle speculation.—Mickel.

Sickness has claimed many of the students during the past three weeks. Our business managers, C. I. Moyer, was threatened with pneumonia the first part of this week. Alce Mosier had a bad cold for several days. Albert Shay had an ear ache. Capt. Renard Riffer had a cold last week and Clara Hardy has the chicken pox.

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Only Nine Weeks of School Left

It hardly seems possible that we are so near the end of another school year. May we let it be a challenge to those of us who are doing well to keep our good work up to the end, and to those of us who may be lagging to redouble our efforts and not give up just because we are behind.

Scholarship Records

The following students made a grade of one plus in one or more subjects during the last six weeks period. After the name of the student is indicated the subject or subjects in which the work was done.

Marguerite Fullbright - harmony; art.
 Marie Anderson - harmony; geometry; art.
~~Elizabeth Dittmore~~ - English II; history; French I.
 Opal Winter - English II; French I; geometry; art.
 John Fullbright - history; French I.
 Lola Dittmore - English IV; French II; art.
 Louise Dittmore - English IV.
 Ruth Barnes - English IV.
 Mollie McNett - English I.

Attendance Better

Our attendance is gradually showing improvement. There were too many cases of tardiness this last period. These students were neither tardy nor absent for the first six weeks of this semester: Lola Dittmore, Louise Dittmore, Paul Libel, John Fullbright, Marie Anderson, Grace Roland, ~~Elizabeth Dittmore~~, Opal Winter, Rex Hall, Ursula Kirwan, Murl Higgins, Oscar C. Robert Fuller, Elizabeth Morley.

Honor Accorded Art Student

~~Lola Dittmore~~ has been asked to make a picture to be placed in the library of Highland College. As yet Lola has not decided what the picture will be nor in what medium it will be done.

Better Citizenship

Some complaint of trespassing by students, especially by grade students on the way to and from school, has come to our attention. In many instances children show little regard for the rights of others, trampling over lawns and breaking and tearing up small shrubs, bushes and plants. This is a matter which rightly belongs in part to the school. It certainly is a part of the function of the school to teach respect for the rights of others and to inculcate in the growing individual the ideals of good citizenship not as a theory but as a dynamic force impelling to action so that he will be a good citizen not because he knows what the good citizen should do but because he habitually does what the good citizen should do. We are trying to assume our full share of this burden. But this obligation rests as truly on the home and on the community as on the school and until school, home and community cooperate the greatest good in this direction can never be accomplished.

County Scholarship Contest

Our high school will be well represented in the county scholarship contest the last of next month. The following students have been chosen to compete in the different tests: in English I, Marguerite Fullbright and Mollie McNett; in English II, Marie Anderson and Elizabeth Dittmore; in English III, Lola Dittmore and Paul Libel; in algebra, Marguerite Fullbright and Irene case; in geometry, Opal Winter and Marie Anderson; in physics, John Fullbright and Paul Libel.

New Student

Emmett Schriner who attended the Denison High School the first semester of this year is now enrolled with us as a freshman. We are glad to have him with us.

Senior Class Doubled

Everybody is glad to have William Hylton back in school. The doctor believes that William's leg which was wrenched at the knee as well as being broken near the ankle will be as good as ever in a short time. Because William was unable to play any more basketball after he was injured the team was left in a weakened condition to finish the season and go through the tournament.

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for 1856

Bot of Heerd & Woodson M & S
W. for 160 - acres No 72352 ~ \$1.70 -
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to him should the same be registered by the
Department by exchanging another with him
Heerd & Woodson

| DESCRIPTION OF LAND. | Section. | Town. | Range. | No. Acres. | Total Value. | City or Town. | Lots. | Block. | Value. | Tax. |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| <i>S W 4</i> | <i>24</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>160</i> | <i>640</i> | | | | | \$ <i>8.65</i> |
| <i>E. Morris</i> <i>C. Treas.</i> | | | | | | | | | | |

\$826

RECEIVED OF *John Paul* of Doniphan County, th
20 day of *Feb* 1862 the sum of *Eight* ²⁶/₁₀₀ Dollars
the amount due from him to said County, on his Real Estate, Personal, Poll, and Township Tax, for the year
1861, to wit:

| DESCRIPTION OF LAND. | Section, | Town, | Range, | No. Acres, | Total Value, | City or Town, | Lots, | Block, | Value, | Taxes, \$ Cts. |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|--------------|---------------|-------|--------|--------|----------------|
| <i>\$84 gr</i> | <i>24</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>160</i> | <i>448</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Personal</i> | | | | | <i>220</i> | | | | | |
| <i>Poll</i> | | | | | <i>150</i> | | | | | |

\$8.26

Eduard Davis
C Treasurer

\$1325
RECEIVED OF *John Paul* of Doniphan County, Kansas,
this 27 day of *Dec*, 1862, the sum of *Thirteen* ²⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars,
the amount due from him to said County, on his Poll, State, County, Township, School
and Special Tax, for the year 1862, to wit:

| DESCRIPTION OF LAND. | Section. | Town | Range. | No. Acres. | Total Value. | City or Town. | Lots. | Block. | Value. | Taxes. \$ Cts. |
|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|--------------|---------------|-------|--------|--------|----------------|
| <i>\$1104</i> | <i>24</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>160</i> | <i>640</i> | | | | | |

E. Davis County Treasurer.

RECEIVED of John Prawl, of Doniphan County, Kansas, this 22nd day of December, 1864, the sum of Five Dollars, the amount due from him to said County, on his Poll, State, County, Township, School, Special and District School Taxes, for the year 1864, to-wit:

| DESCRIPTION LAND. | SECTION. | TOWN. | RANGE. | NO. ACRES. | TOTAL VALUE. | CITY OR TOWN. | LOT. | BLOCK. | VALUE. | TAXES. |
|-------------------|----------|-------|--------|------------|--------------|---------------|------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | DOLLS. CTS. |
| S. W. 1/4 | 24 | 3 | 19 | 160 | 640. | | | | | Poll Tax, \$ |
| Personal Property | | | | | 122. | | | | | State, 433 |
| Improvements | | | | | 80 | | | | | County, 674 |
| | | | | | <u>\$842</u> | | | | | Township, |
| | | | | | | | | | | School, 95 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Special, 168 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Dist. School, 605 |
| | | | | | | | | | | Total, \$1519 |

E. S. Davis, County Treasurer.
Mr. Stratton

\$24
Received of John Prawl, No. ..., of Doniphan County, Kansas, this 10th day of Dec., 1864, the sum of Twenty-four Dollars, the amount due from him to said County, on his State, County, Township, Special, School and District School Taxes, for the year 1864, to-wit:—

| Description of Land. | Section. | Town. | Range. | No. Acres. | Total Value. |
|----------------------|----------|-------|--------|------------|------------------------|
| S. W. 1/4 | 25 | 3 | 19 | 160 | \$720 |
| Personal Property | | | | | \$268 |
| | | | | | State, \$5.74 |
| | | | | | County, 7.91 |
| | | | | | Town., 99 |
| | | | | | Special, 5.93 |
| | | | | | School, .95 |
| | | | | | (7+18) Dist. Sc., 3.14 |
| | | | | | <u>\$24.66</u> |

Frank M. Tracy, County Treasurer.

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DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS.
Received of John Prawl, this 22nd day of December, 1865, Forty One Dollars, the amount of Taxes due to said County, on the following described Real Estate, for the year 1865, to-wit:

| Description of Land. | Section. | Town. | Range. | Acres. | Value. | Kind of Tax. |
|----------------------|----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|------------------------|
| S. W. 1/4 | 24 | 3 | 19 | 160 | 720.00 | State, 8.28 |
| Personal property | | | | | 782.00 | County, 10.50 |
| | | | | | | Township, 1.50 |
| | | | | | | Special, 3.84 |
| | | | | | | School, 1.64 |
| | | | | | | District School, 15.02 |
| | | | | | | Road, .72 |
| | | | | | | Total, 41.30 |

Frank M. Tracy, County Treasurer.
Mr. Tracy

63
Treasurer's Office, Doniphan County, Kansas,
 Troy, Jan 5 1867

Received of J. Proul
Twenty-seven ⁶³/₁₀₀ Dollars, in full of all Taxes, for
 the year 1866 on the annexed Real Estate:

| PART OF SECTION. | SECTION. | TOWN. | RANGE. | ACRES. | VALUE. | KIND OF TAX. |
|-----------------------|----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| S. W. 9 th | 24 | 3 | 19 | 160 | \$1000 | State 4.70 |
| Personal Property | | | | | 175 | County 5.88 |
| | | | | | | Town. 1.18 |
| | | | | | | Special 2.94 |
| | | | | | | State School 1.18 |
| | | | | | | Dist. School 11.75 |
| | | | | | | Road — |
| | | | | | | Penalty — |
| Frank M. Tracy | | | | | | Total \$ 27.63 |

65
Treasurer's Office, Doniphan Co., Kan.,
 Troy, Dec. 26 1867

Received of John Proul
Twenty-nine ⁶⁵/₁₀₀ Dollars, in full of all Taxes, for
 the year 1867 on the annexed Real Estate:

| PART OF SECTION. | SECTION. | TOWN. | RANGE. | ACRES. | VALUE. | KIND OF TAX. |
|-----------------------|----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| S. W. 4 th | 24 | 3 | 19 | 160 | \$750 | State 3.84 |
| Personal Property | | | | | 101 | County 11.06 |
| | | | | | | Town 85 |
| | | | | | | Special 1.70 |
| | | | | | | State School 94 |
| | | | | | | Dist. School 8.51 |
| | | | | | | Road, 1866 2.00 |
| | | | | | | Road, 1867 75 |
| Frank M. Tracy | | | | | | Total \$ 29.65 |

August 18, 1991

1. Church Key - of the Old Church

2. Bible

with paper - Executive committee

Doniphan County Sunday School Association

dated 7/21/14

3. Newspaper clipping

4. Newspaper - Central Christian Advocate

dated August 12, 1914

5. Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church

dated 1912

6. Methodist Episcopal Church

Official Record First Annual Session 1914

7. Newspaper - The Severance News

dated Aug 21, 1914

Coin that were listed in the newspaper
article of the Severance News were
not found in the box when opened

These below, were present @ the
opening of this time capsule

Viola Burdette

Edna J. Burdette

Wilma Rush

Lloyd Foster - Troy

Helen Foster "

Don + Beverly Kentzler

~~Don + Beverly Kentzler~~
Gene + Sally Rush

SCHOLARS ABSENT

SCHOLARS ON ROLL

Debra Chint - Brad Donohue
Jean Chase
Bernalda Martin
Josephine Gildersleeve
Dyan Ann Thigbalt Olson
Richard H. Ferguson
Phillip Chase
Norma J. Chase
Loris Lush Davis

Severance Church no longer stands

The history of the Severance Methodist Church dates back to the spring of 1872 when Rev. George W. Wood organized a handful of Methodists in the vicinity. The cornerstone of the first church was laid on April 11, 1874. The new structure was erected and completed, and dedicated on Sept. 24, 1874.

The congregation grew so rapidly in the next forty years that a larger church was needed. Mr. Herman Day, one of the most popular men in Severance, had left \$3500 in his will for church purposes and this started the building fund. The church was to cost \$10,000 but it ran over to \$13,000 and the hat was passed at the dedication service on January 10, 1915 and subscriptions were taken up to finish paying for the church.

It was a big day, the other churches suspended services so all the community for miles around could attend. There was a stained glass in the church in honor of Mr. Day along with Henry Laverentz, Watkins, Catherine Plank, Rittenhouse and Mary Denton and others.

The graduation services of Severance High School were held in the new church along with basketball games in the basement and many other community events.

The church contained oak pews and railings and was quite beautiful.

When the board decided to demolish the church due to non-use, the bell, dishes and upper balcony railing were given to the Hiawatha Southern Baptist Church. A crew from Perry, Kan., took out the pews and the windows, some were purchased locally, and the bricks were removed by a Kansas City firm. When the cornerstone was removed a metal box was discovered the size of a brick. This was opened on August 18, 1991. It contained a copy of the Severance news of the dedication week in 1914, a Bible, a church discipline, a letter from the Doniphan County Sunday School organization in Wathena soliciting five cents per member, a folding key from the 1874 church and the list in the paper said an 1874 and 1914 coin were included but these were not found. It was made of copper and folded over and soldered shut, very neatly. Where did the coins go, maybe whoever sealed the box decided to pocket them?

This leaves a vacant spot on the hill along with the vacant lots across the road that contained the old wooden school and the brick school built in later years.

The Christian Church was dedicated the same year 1914 it still stands but is in bad shape. The Catholic church burned a few years back.

—Beverly Kentzler

DONIPHAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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DONIPHAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING JULY 17TH AT 6:30 P.M.

The next meeting of the Doniphan County Historical Society will be July 17th at the Lewis and Clark Look-Out in White Cloud. This is our annual potluck and wiener roast hosted by Wolf River Bob Breeze. Our guests will be the members of the Kanza Chapter of the Kansas Anthropological Association of Atchison. Hot dogs, buns and beverage will be furnished. Please bring a covered dish to share in the potluck.

MEETING OF JUNE 26TH

The June meeting of the Doniphan County Historical Society was held at the City park in Severance with 60 members and guests attending. Everyone enjoyed a potluck and the delicious hot dogs grilled by Don Kentzler. Olga Gronniger, president, conducted a short business meeting. Wolf River Bob invited everyone to participate in an archaeological dig at the back of the White Cloud train depot which he owns. As of this date there are no reports on whether they found any buried treasure.

Beverly Kentzler presented the program for the evening on the history of Severance. She had pictures and maps for everyone to enjoy.

Beverly's great-grandparents settled in the rural area of Severance in 1855 and 1856. This was Indian territory and a person could acquire land by serving in the military or staking a claim and living on the land for a certain period of time. Forty acres was set aside for the town. The railroad came west from Elwood and in 1869 John Severance, for whom the town was named, brought the railroad to Severance. In 1874 a depot was erected for the telegraph office and the passengers of the railroad. Mr. Severance brought a Captain Gunn with him and the main street in Severance is named Gunn St. The railroad was named St. Joe and Denver and also St. Joe and Western.

The town was incorporated in 1877 with a population of 400 citizens. Mr. Severance and Cpt. Gunn built the first hotel in Severance. It was destroyed by fire in 1903. An electric plant was erected on the same site where the hotel had been. This is where the City Hall is today. In 1900 there were 50 businesses. There was a grist mill, ice house, Farmer's

Union Elevator, lumberyard, stockyards, hotel, a combination grocery store and cream station, livery stable, hardware store, bank, barbershop, blacksmith shop, restaurant, general store, millinery shop, post office, telephone office, shoe store, telegraph office, tavern/pool hall, meat market and newspaper. There were also professional people such as Doctors, Dentists, Lawyers and a Veterinary. Silent movies, plays and basketball games were in the IOOF Hall

The first school was built in Severance in 1870. It was a one room schoolhouse with one teacher. The enrollment kept expanding and in 1890 a second school was built. Later another school was erected and the first graduating class from it was 1928. 1953 was the last graduating class from this newer school. The Severance school system is now part of the Midway school system.

The Christian Church of Severance was in the remodeled school building that was built in 1870. A new Christian Church was built in 1914. St. Vincent Catholic Church was established in 1882 at the cost of \$2,000.00. The Methodist Church was built in 1874 and a new brick building was erected in 1914 at a cost of \$13,000.00. Both the Catholic and Methodist Churches have been torn down and the Christian Church is in the process of being torn down. The Historical Society was the recipient of some of the bricks from the Christian Church.

The social event of the year was the VFW picnic. It started as a chautauqua NW of Severance. In approximately 1950 it was moved into town and was a carnival type of celebration. Our potluck and meeting was held on the cement that was the dance floor of the VFW picnic.

The current population is approximately 120 and there are no active businesses, churches or schools.

Several members and guests shared personal experiences about the history of Severance. Many thanks to Beverly for her presentation and her extensive research and to Don for the delicious hot dogs.

Corky Smith reminds us that he and his work crew are working every Saturday on the Baker House project. Currently they are in the process of finishing the roof and working on the siding. The siding needs to be scraped. He is ready for primer and painting on some of the siding. He needs volunteers desperately and the work can now be done on the ground level. (For those of us who do not like heights.) Let's support these hard working men and make a big improvement before our August open house.

Membership: As of our June meeting, we have 103 members with the newsletter going to 69 households.

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PUBLIC SERVICES

Public service also began in the 1880's. The City Council took the first tentative steps toward locating the state reformatory in Hutchinson at about 1885. A large waterworks plant was begun on West Sherman by the Holly Manufacturing Company in the fall of the same year. This was to be called the Hutchinson Water, Light and Telephone Company. The first telephones in town were connected at the plant in December 1886. Phone numbers 1 and 2 were inside the plant, and number 3 went to the Hutchinson News.

The Inter-State Gas Company of St. Louis was successful in convincing the city of the need for artificial gas. The gas plant was completed at 2nd and Adams in early 1886. The fuel produced was called Imperial Oil Gas, and was manufactured through a mixture of kerosene, water and air. The product was quite expensive and appealed only to the more elite. Some years later the plant was converted, using cheaper coal to manufacture gas. This fuel was used in Hutchinson in the patented Weisback Burner. The plant stood at the present site of the KP&L offices. A city light company was chartered that same spring.

In March, 1886, Hutchinson became a city of the 2nd class by petition, with a population of 2,300. The 1880's also marked the beginning development of a park, complete with a small zoo, along the Arkansas River on the south end of Main Street.

Halfway through the decade, John Severance, whose name is memorialized by the naming of Severance Street, persuaded the City Council that street cars were the up-and-coming mode of travel, and that Hutchinson needed "modern" transportation to remain a progressive city. Severance was granted a 21-year franchise for the Rapid Transit Company early in 1886, and by April, small horse and mule drawn cars were carrying passengers up and down Main Street, a street now lit by artificial gas lights.

The new flood control system was tested in June, 1886, and found sorely lacking as Cow Creek overflowed. The raised Main Street held flood waters back in the downtown area, but west Hutchinson was literally swamped. A plan was instigated to reconstruct and straighten the meandering bed of Cow Creek, beginning northwest of town and continuing to southeast of the city, to allow the water a faster current

~~Decided graduate~~
~~E. L. Hutchinson~~
 Sept 06

1869 R.R. Ser.

(no date)

John Severance was mayor
 of St. Joe. Ended up in
 Hutchinson & buried there.
 St. named for him. In
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 cars were carrying passengers
 up & down Main St. - street lit
 by artificial gas later / John Sev.
 appointed by Gov. of Kan (1885 Act) to
 serve on Reformatory Bd. - creation of
 bldg. John elec. chairman of Bd. Visited
 prison in N.Y.
 reformatory -

9 pages of
 History of the
 City of Severance

Dompson
 County
 part 15

Can be found at

www.kancoll.org/books/
 Cutler/Dompson

Severance Farmers Telephone Directory.

Office Hours: Summer Months, 5 A. M. to 10 P. M.
Winter Months, 6 A. M. to 9:30 P. M.

After these hours a charge of ten cents for each call.

Mutual Service with Bendena, Leona and Highland.

RULES

1. Always call by number.
 2. Always ring off when through talking.
 3. When wishing to send a message to other towns, give central the call and you will be called up as soon as party wanted is reached. Charges on toll line may be known by ringing up Central.
 4. Do not hold the line longer than is necessary, for others may be waiting to use the line.
 5. Avoid loud and harsh talking. Stand close and speak direct into the transmitter.
- Follow the Rules or Do Not Complain.**
6. Party line subscribers should not listen on a busy line as it is detrimental to the service.

CITY.

| No. | Name | No. | Name | No. | Name |
|-----|----------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 20 | Bank of Severance | 33½ | Francis, T. J. Residence | 18 | Lyons' Store |
| 15 | Blakely, Dr. S. H. | 47 | Gregg & Gregg Hardware | 18½ | Lyons, T. J. Residence |
| 45 | Bradley, Rev. Matthew | 23 | Hall, A. D. Residence | 12 | Mill |
| 50 | Broyles, J. L. | 41 | Hancock, W. D. Residence | 37 | Merrick, Dr. R. H. |
| 52 | Byers, Rev. W. J. | 28 | Hansen, H. C. Residence-Butler | 27 | News Office |
| 11 | Chapman, Mrs. E. R. | 13 | Hargis, V. B. Store | 9 | Sheep Yards Stouts Sta. |
| 32 | Clymans, A. J. Elevator | 29 | Hargis, W. H. Residence | 24 | Showers, A. B. Residence R W Morley |
| 38 | Clymans, A. J. Residence | 16 | Heeney, Ed Store | 43 | Sharp, D. G. |
| 39 | Depot, G. I. Ry. | 26 | Heeney, Ed Residence | 34 | Springer's Store |
| 14 | Ebner, Gus Store | 31 | Horner, Dr. T. E. | 34½ | Springer, Geo. W. Residence |
| 14½ | Ebner, Gus Residence | 25 | Hotel Corcoran | 49 | Vanbebber, Charles |
| 19 | Ebeling, J. F. Residence | 46 | Lancaster, Geo. W. | 36 | Ware, Mrs. E. J. |
| 21 | Foster, C. J. Residence | 53 | Leonhard F. O. Store | 51 | Ward, William |
| 48 | Franklin, T. H. Residence | 30 | Lowe, Jno. E. | 42 | Williams, M. F. Residence |
| 33 | Francis, T. J. Lumber Yard | 22 | Livery Barn | 40 | Weil, Sol. |
| 60 | Frank Candler ✓ | 44 | Leet Roff ✓ | 46 | Geo Lancaster ✓ |
| 57 | Catharine Maher ✓ | 55 | Dr Blakely Res. ✓ | 61 | Hansen H. C. ✓ |
| 58 | Joseph Corbet ✓ | 54 | Dr Davis ✓ | | |
| 35 | Ed Knox ✓ | 57 | Mary Heeney ✓ | | |

COUNTRY.

| No. | Name | No. | Name | No. | Name | No. | Name |
|-----|------------------|-----|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 70 | Andrus, William | 87 | Dittemore, John | 104 | Lancaster, Ed | 121 | Rittenour, W. J. |
| 71 | Bahr, William | 88 | Dittemore, Adam | 105 | Laverentz, H. A. | 122 | Roberts, James |
| 72 | Bird, George | 89 | Dittemore, J. C. | 106 | Laverentz, H. G. | 123 | Sharp, J. B. |
| 73 | Black, W. H. | 90 | Dittemore, W. P. | 107 | Lewis, Samuel | 124 | Shay, John O H Stout |
| 74 | Clark, E. C. | 91 | Dittemore, W. H. | 108 | Libel, J. J. | 125 | Snodgrass, O. T. |
| 75 | Corbet, John | 92 | Ebeling, Fred | 109 | Libel, Henry | 126 | Snodgrass, Homer and Knox |
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| 79 | Corbet, J. M. | 96 | Halling, Frank | 113 | Miller, W. A. Sicklers | 130 | Teuffer, Theo. J. |
| 80 | Cummings, Oliver | 97 | Heckman, H. O. | 114 | Miller, P. F. | 131 | Thomas, J. R. |
| 81 | Dare, James | 98 | Huss, J. H. | 115 | Miller, W. L. | 132 | Thorp, John |
| 82 | Davis, T. T. | 99 | Jenkins, John | 116 | Moyer, Chas. I. | 133 | Ward, John F. |
| 83 | Day, Herman | 100 | Jinkler, C. J. Sweetland | 117 | Peabody, F. H. | 134 | Watkins, A. B. |
| 84 | Delzeit, J. J. | 101 | Jones, J. C. Keith | 118 | Pry, John | 135 | Watkins, W. E. Newtons |
| 85 | Delzeit, N. W. | 102 | Johannes, John H. | 119 | Rittenhouse, Noah | 136 | Whitson, M. P. |
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| 144 | John Moser ✓ | | Rev. Heaven ✓ | | | | |
| 141 | Chas Scherer ✓ | | Frank Hilgus ✓ | | | | |
| 138 | Lue Skumier ✓ | 72 | Jno Magner ✓ | | | | |
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1970 burned ^{identically} Bell donated back in 1915 remodeled 3,000.
 Churches 1994 1925 - stained gl. window 557.00
 Catholic 1882 - 2,000 - Vincent De Paul
 Meth - 1872 - April 1874 - cornerstone laid
 completed Sept 1874 - torn down 1914 - 1915 - New
 13,000 cost - Herman Day gave 3500. (Read piece
 Add Grand P. (used old school bldg. 1st) I wrote
 Ch. Ch. built 1914 - 7,500 cost. - Wm. P. Dittell built
 process of being torn down - had velvet drapes
 baptistry - choir loft - bazaars big affairs
 ice cream socials too.

Best Business Town on R.R. in 1870-1880-1890
 name of
 1868 - Comm. Dryden { St. in Severance
 1876 - Harpster (Comm) Banker in Ser
 1879 - E. Heeney - Supt. of Schools
 1879 - W. River divided into Union Twpship
 First M. Robinson (St. Severance named)
 1871 - J.A. Campbell - druggist
 1854 W.H. Curtis merchant - gr. dealer
 1858 - John Kirwan - Gen'l Business ^{stock} horses
 1847 - Rippey - farmer - Shorthorn - Poland-China
 1872 - J.G. Sell - Carpenter

2/ Delaney - Built 1893
 Lyon store torn down - bricks were burned in kiln
 by R.R. tracks - carried groc. dry goods - notions
 had women's cloak sale in Fall - ordered Men's
 Suits - on deck (in back) was millinery shop
 Lionhead Coffee had ppr doll in each pack
 with 90 lionheads you could win watch.
 In Franklin + Frick Mill - Snowflake + Whitefrost
 flour ~~was~~ sold at Lyons Store. Upper floor
 housed famous dance hall - Trains bot people
 from St. Joe for big yearly dance
 Torn down in 1953 - 1879 - Ser. Silver Corner
 Band or J. Post

③ Schools ^{P.}
 Syracuse - 1st when Midway stands ^{Grandmother went}
 1st grade sch. Ser. Ch. Ch site Cost 1200. - 1871
 rough wooden structure - 1 teacher - then 2 - added
 onto - cost 1300.
 2nd school - wh. frame - park location - 1891
 in 1894 added 2 yrs H.S. - later 4 yrs. - 1911 -
 enlarged to 8 rooms - reference library lab.
 C.R. Hewins taught 20 yrs. (Sourvenir)
 3rd school ^{brick} grad. 1st class in 1928 great gym
 hosted many tournaments. Closed in 1953

5th other businesses Social Events
 Red + white store WW Ward - 100 F - 1928 adm 25¢
 Butcher shop - Pat Ward silent movies
 Restaurants (chairs) still plays
 Dr. Blakeley - Pryhouse ^{in family - basketball}
 Capital of Morley Bank 1882 lodges members
 1921 - 15,000. - broke in 1930s Lawyer office
 up stairs
 Ser. School levy 1921 dances - Lyons
 7 mills - Midway 38 mills ice socials
 Hallie Peter - poet fr. Severance

1882 Book p. 66
 Houses - Livery Stable (Coopers)
 Rippey's Farm (Helling) ^{bal. on bedroom}
^{speaking tube}
^{basement - neat}
 p. 70 - J.A. Campbell - Hopkins - Not standing
 p. 73 - John Kirwan - McNett (Peters)
 " - B.F. Harpster (Tom Rice)
 " - S.H. Blakeley - (Pry)
 " - S.L. Ryan ??
 " Chas. Miller (Cronin? - then Skinner

Semlers
 1855 - C.C. Clonch Springer
 G.W. Dittmore
 John Prawl
 Ryan Station
 near Stut's
 grave on our
 West line
 1880 pop. 375

1900 - 50 thriving businesses.
 1915 - Pat Gray News-
 show houses in 1882 Plat Book still standing
 Lawsuit - Prawl grist mill - jury Great Gr. Wm Perry
 * 1893 - block of businesses destroyed by fire.
 1883 - Newspr. Ser. Enterprise by H.H. Brooke
 other names + editors later - Pat Gray.
 Heeney House Ser. torn down - 1889 - Newspr
 Ware House moved to Denton. ^{solid to Gray + Curtis}
 * 1893 - Harpster Bank destroyed - Leonhard Drugs
 Vigus Harness - Billard Hall
 Aug. 1883 - Ser. Times newspr. until Nov 1884

for H.S. (used later for 7th + 8th + Kindergarten
 + 1-4 (Denton - 5-6 Bendena - then Midway.
 Before brick school B.B. played in 100 F
 Hall + Meth. Ch. basement. (Mona Simonson
 dau. of S.L. Ryan)
 social - Eagle Springs was resort for outings. E. Sprink
 later Ser. V.F.W. had ball team - uniform - 1940's
 social Ser. picnic held w. of Ser. (now Rush) in the
 1930's - moved to town + V.F.W. in charge - last
 later - ball team Union Twpship - called in 1970's.
 Denton was ~~part~~ of Wolf River until 1878
 1890 - each towns goal to have newspr. + be a
 METROPOLIS

Dr. S.H. Blakeley in Ser. long period
 of time - died there - del'd ¹⁸⁸⁰⁻¹⁹³⁰
 cradles
 Prawl's - all 8
 Made house calls in horse + buggy.
 Folks bot' furniture in 1930 when he died
 Dr Ryan followed him
 1880 - Ed Heeney Hark - farm mach (also
 wagon-buggies