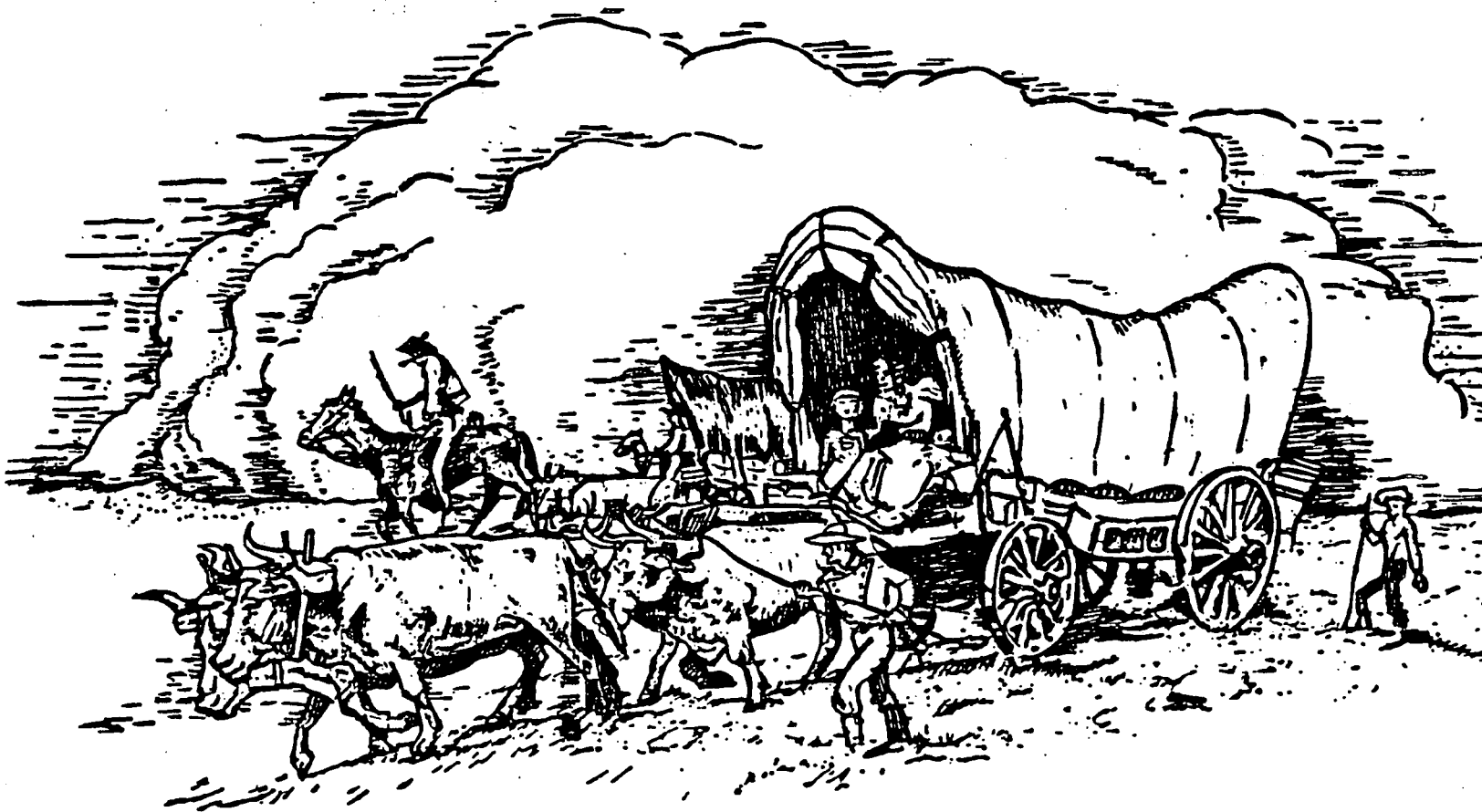


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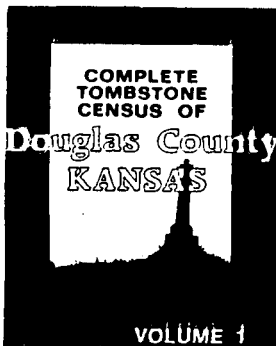
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Editor's Note: This issue of The Pioneer and the next one are dedicated to the women of Douglas County. Due to lack of space, we have featured only a few of the women who were important to the history of the area. As C.S. FINCH put it when he wrote Mrs. Peter LAPTAD's obituary, "All women were remarkable in those early years."

*Jane Wiggins*  
 Jane WIGGINS, Editor

Kansas Daily Tribune, Lawrence, Ks., Nov. 5, 1867

*Why are women like churches? Firstly, because there is no living without one; secondly, because there is many a-spire to them; thirdly, because they are objects of adoration; and, lastly, but by no means leastly, because they have a loud clapper in their upper-story.*

Lawrence Daily Journal  
March 9, 1887

"OLD POM"

S.C. POMEROY

What the Old Man Thinks of Lawrence Women

A Meaty and Gossipy Letter from an Early Kansas Statesman

My Dear Sir: Encouraged by some words you lately spoke to me, I venture to send you some letters of a personal, local and familiar character, such as I would speak into the ears of the good people of Lawrence if only I had their attention. I do this at your suggestion more cheerfully, as for a month past I have been a constant reader of the JOURNAL. Its tone and character I like as I do none other of the daily papers I read.

I am an "old man" (as they call me) so I hope I do not presume too much if I may be allowed to address

#### THE LADIES OF LAWRENCE

I include by this all the good women who grace and adorn the society of your city, of whom there are none better anywhere. From my acquaintance at an early period of your history, I will say there were never nobler, or more self-sacrificing, more patient-enduring women adorning the best type of our christian civilization anywhere in this goodly land. As illustrative of a retentive memory which nearly fails me, I will relate a conversation I could not help overhearing one night, when in Lawrence we were all sleeping in temporary houses, of tents. It was during the first trial periods, for Lawrence had many.

This husband said to his wife in most despairing tones: "My dear, how can we stand these privations and sufferings? What shall we do? Which way can we turn? We have no preparation for the winter, no house, no clothing, no nothing:" and he ended by saying: "Let us quit this place and go back east." To this the wife replied in most decided tones: "No I won't; I should be ashamed. I did not want to come, and you know it, but you have got me here and I am bound to stick it out, come what will."

Noble woman! I thought, thank God for pluck. It's the stuff of which glorified natures were made. For thirty-two years I have never forgotten that good woman or that fearful night, but I have never spoken to her as I can remember. If she was dead I could give her name, and that would reveal the name of one of your honored and prosperous citizens. That woman triumphed. She had her way. It proved to them a good way. Others too there were who counted their lives not dear unto themselves, but endured hardship as good

soldiers. Such has been my admiration for these women of Lawrence that I have never ceased to make mention of them as "honorable women not a few." At a later day, when Quantrell and his gang draped your city in mourning, the very hour I received a dispatch of the raid at Atchison, I started alone and on horseback, leaving about 9 o'clock in the evening, road all night by the way of Oskaloosa, and in the early morning at sunrise, entered the deserted town. Lawrence was to the free state men what Jerusalem was to the Jews, and Topeka was our Mount Gerisim. I at once proceeded to the church where so many were laid awaiting burial. There I saw weeping children with brave mothers, and brokenhearted fathers and widows who could not be comforted. What a spectacle to God, to angels and to men!

The women of Lawrence, that day, were alone equal to the occasion. There were not undertakers to do their work. With willing hands and throbbing hearts they prepared the bodies for burial and then returned to the work of life more than ever sanctified for its duties. Women schooled in such a school, disciplined by such adversity, are equal to any emergency, they always succeed. I have just finished reading the late act of the Legislature, which now places the ballot for municipal elections in your hands for the first time. This is not the "law of Kansas," not the old "Bogus Code" we used to set at naught, made for Kansas by an invasion of the ballot box from Missouri, but the genuine law enacted by your own chosen legislators. By this law new responsibilities are placed upon you, and new duties. They cannot be laid aside or transferred to others. They are your duties, your responsibilities. Law is the idol of American worship. Liberty subordinated to law is the highest type of human government. To bow in adoration to such a divinity can hardly be called idolatry, it is devotion to human happiness. This is no occasion for trifling, and you are not butterfly triflers. The ballot is not for sport, and it is no question of taste, and it is none of convenience,; it is none of precedent; you are now to make precedents; you have none to follow. This is a position of earnest, not to say dreadful responsibility. Have you thought what was involved in the elective franchise? Have you seen the proud eminence in which you are placed? You are singled out, selected from all the women of the world to wield this potent instrumentality of good or evil. You are now by law put forward as the representative women of all the world's history. Let me speak plainly as well as kindly to you. You are placed upon an elevation and cannot conceal yourselves. You stand uncovered now as Moses did when he received the law, then to attract public attention, "there were thunder and lightnings and the noise of a tempest waxing louder and louder." Now we have tamed that lightening to run upon wires, and given it a voice to speak. It has already spoken of your position under this law, into the ears of every civilized nation of the globe. Moses and the law of Sinai had no such a hearing. Now what

answer will you make to your anxious country men and country women? What can you say? More than words! I will ask--What can you, and will you do? It's action, now that the day of argument and persuasion is past. The crisis of execution is upon you. As I have hinted heretofore, you more than equalled all just expectation. You will again, some of the older among you, remember how I plead for the freedom of Kansas, but not for herself alone. Not simply for the men and women of that day, but for the good it could do and be, to the people of the other territories, to all the states, and to all mankind. It was, if successful, to be a shining mile stone upon the road of human progress to the promised era of the world's deliverance.

Kansas was then put forward and the new law of the people's ballot. She pioneered the high road to freedom. There the two systems, involving the two forms of civilization, first met in combat, and the first victory achieved. This was followed by other and greater ones, until slavery could neither spread or exist where it was. What a responsibility Kansas had at that day. The result has been a glorious record in human history. It will live forever. Citizenship and the ballot are twin sisters underlying the American idea of a representative republic. That idea has now crystalized into law for the first time. Equality of citizenship with you means equality of rights, of duties and of responsibilities. Again I plead with you to act, to register and to vote, not more for yourselves than for the good of others, for you now hold as many rights and priveleges as any women in the world. Kansas laws have always been liberal toward the orphan, the wife and the widow. The old system making a wife a sort of an appendage to some man, and dying, calls her his "relict," never was countenanced in Kansas. The more decent and advanced ideas have there always prevailed and you are now well prepared for this trail. To this great movement, the extension of suffrage which has been pending for a quarter of a century, you are first called to act. Kansas is again in the lead. Municipal suffrage means equal suffrage, soon to be extended outside of cities, to all the inhabitants of the state, and all will soon be placed upon an equal footing, with the same restrictions and limitations as to age and residence. To this it has come at last.

You may not have asked for this law, or seen that it was of use to you, and may not have felt it would be useful to you or to the country. Many of you have made the men believe you did not want the ballot. But all wants, likes or dislikes are now laid aside, all quibbling is obsolete. You are brought under law face to face with duties and responsibilities. What is your decision? Is the voice of Kansas as a pioneer state in all good deeds to be heard? How our anxious countrymen in 1856, hung with breathless anxiety upon the decisions of Kansas. The captive in his cell, for opinions sake, the struggling serf in foreign countries,

the slave in his bondage, prayed; they all prayed; the poor of all the world prayed that the cause of freedom might live. It did live by the votes of men and the trials of women. That triumph will go down gloriously through all the ages.

Do you realize that the eyes of the world are again upon Kansas? Men and women in all civilized countries are longing to see the success of the experiment of equal and impartial suffrage. This experiment has to this hour never been fully tried. It is in your power to make it a success or a failure. You can now turn the dial of the world's progress backward or forward. What answer to the world's great question will you give? Oh! if only you could hold your ear to the great world's telephone, hung in the heavens, while the bell calls you, and listen to the numbered voices trembling on electrical currents, because of man's inhumanity to woman, you would seize this occasion to make this weapon of defense, the power of the ballot, a success beyond all further questioning. "It executes a Freeman's will as lightning does the will of God.

I am cordially and truly, with old time memories,

Yours,

S.C. Pomeroy

Washington, D.C., March 8, 1887

Submitted by Steve JANSEN, Watkins Community Museum, Lawrence, Ks.



*Lawrence Daily Journal and Evening Tribune, Aug. 4, 1894*

*C.W. KELLER, and D.H. LESH are with A. STORM for one week to show and explain the Majestic Range.*

*Lawrence: People Using the Majestic Range*

*Mrs. A.D. MACKEY,*

*Mrs. Emma STONE,*

*Mrs. P.R. BROOKS,*

*Mrs. Prof. SNOW,*

*Mrs. A.C. MITCHELL,*

*Mrs. H. FARWELL,*

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*Mrs. J.C. WISE,*

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*Mrs. Prof. PENNY,*

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*Mrs. A.C. GRIESA,*

*Miss C.M. MANTER,*

*Harry SEDGWICK,*

*Chas. McFARLAND.*



The Republican, Lawrence, Kansas, Jan. 9, 1862



## DIED

In Lawrence Jan. 3d, 1862, Mrs. Frances E., wife of John W. CRUMPTON, formerly of Warren county, Indiana aged 20 years, 7 months, and 2 days. The deceased leaves an infant son.

## LAST WORDS.

"Wrap my baby in his blanket,  
With its broidery of blue,  
Lay him in his little cradle  
Softly as I used to do.

Warm the pillow by the embers,  
Lest the cold should make him wake;  
Gently, gently, put him from you,  
From his hand the rattle take.

Sit unwearied by his cradle,  
Turn it from the sunlight glow;  
Should a dream disturb his slumber,  
Rock him gently to and fro.

Promise me to be as careful  
As his mother would have been;  
Teach him love, and thou wilt teach him  
Farthest thing from every sin.

I am weary—very weary,  
And I've nought to leave behind,  
But my innocent young baby,  
That to earth my thought can bind.

When the grave clothes are about me,  
If, with wild and bitter cry,  
He should press his face against you,  
Soothe him with a lullaby.

I have done, and life is ebbing,  
Take my baby from my arms,  
But, until my eyes are darkened,  
Let me see his matchless charms!

Warren (Ind.) Republican please copy.

Submitted by Jane WIGGINS



Lawrence Gazette, Dec. 16, 1886

## Wakarusa

Died—In Franklin on December the 8th, an old colored woman known through that section as Aunt Dorcas. The old lady was well thought of by all that knew her. She leaves a husband that is very feeble and likely soon to follow his life partner to the other shore.

Dorcas CALAWAY, an old colored woman aged eighty-five, died last week at Franklin, and was buried at Oak Hill cemetery.

Daily Kansas Tribune, Lawrence, Ks., March 27, 1874

LAWRENCE TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION

The ladies of the Lawrence Temperance Association are now ready to begin their warfare against the use or abuse of all intoxicating liquors. Their watchword is PRAYER—and for defense they take the promises of God's Word. The object of the Association is to harm no one, but benefit all. There is yet room in the ranks for wives, mothers and daughters who are willing to "stand like the brave, with the face to the foe." The officers and members are all working together in the ranks, acknowledging but one leader—the King of kings, whose voice they hear even now, as it whispers, "It is I who goëth before thee, be not afraid."

We give below the pledge of membership and names.

PLEDGE

We hereby pledge ourselves to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors, both in cooking, and as a beverage, and also to unite heartily and earnestly in all efforts for the suppression of the traffic, and the reformation of the drinkers.

By the order of the Committee.

NAMES

ANDERSON, H.L.	FINCHER, Lena
ASHTON, Priscilla	FINNEY, J.W.
BABCOCK, Martha (GILLETTE)	FIRLEY, J.P.
BAILEY, ? (Mrs. Frank A.)	FRISBIE, Anna
BAKER, Caroline (BEATTY)	GARDNER, Minnie Selig
BANKS, Helen Mary (HEWITT)	GIBBS, A.M. (?)
BARTHOLOW, Mary Jane	GILL, Jane
BEACH, C.A. (?)	GILL, Lida
BEACH, D.C.	GOSLIN, M.E.
BEEDE, M.P.	GRAY, Ella
BOUGHTON, Elizabeth (GILL)	GRIFFITH, Priscilla A. (HARBACH)
BROOKS, Mary Angeline (BOUGHTON)	GROVENOR, Lucy Marie (BLISS)
BRUNER, M.J.	HADLEY, C.H.
BURLINGAME, F.M. (husband S.W.)	HASKELL, Mary Elizabeth (BLISS)
BURNETT, Anna Mary (FISK)	HENDRY, Rebecca
CHERRY, E.E.	HERRON, C.M. (husband J.C.)
CLAYPOOL, Jane A.	HERRON, Jennie B.
COCKINS, T.A. (husband W.W.)	HOAG, Hepsey
CORDLEY, Mary A.	HODGE, Mrs. C.A.
CRONKHITE, M. (?)	HORTON, Fannie B.
DENMAN, Marcia	HUGHES, Mrs. Sallie
DIXON, Elizabeth	HYDE, Sarah
DOUGLASS, Carrie	INGALLS, Sarah
DRAPER, S.E. (husband F.M.)	JAMISON, C. (husband R.G.)
DUNCAN, Adeline	JENNINGS, C.A.
DUNCAN, Elizabeth	JOHNSON, ? (husband R.S.)
DUNN, ? (husband John K.)	JOHNSON, W.M.
DURLAND, T.A. (husband J.N.)	JOHNSTON, Mary S. (STUBBLEFIELD)
DYER, E.C.	KEYS, Ely (William)
EIDEMILLER, M.J.	KREMER, A.E.
EWING, Elizabeth R.	LEIS, R.E. (Henry)
EWING, J.M. (husband James W.)	LEWIS, E.E. (husband also E.E.)

LEWIS, Sarah J.  
 LONG, Miss Sarah  
 MARCH, ? Mrs. George  
 MARCH, Miss Anna  
 MARSHALL, Sarah  
 McALLASTER, Cynthia Jane  
 McALLASTER, Miss A.J.  
 McCARRELL, ? (James B.)  
 McCONNELL, M.J. (J.N.W.)  
 McKEE, R.M. (William M.)  
 McQUISTEN, Mrs. E.  
 MELVIN, Nita  
 MENDENHALL, Mrs. S.A.  
 MILLER, A.A.  
 MILLER, Ella A. (GARDNER)  
 MORROW, Martha (CORY)  
 NEWMAN, L.M.T. (Albert)  
 NICHOLSON, A.L. (C.L.)  
 PARK, H.A. (listed as A.J. in Western Home Journal)  
 PATTERSON, Lucie  
 PHILLIPPS, Anna (A.J.)  
 POTTER, Caroline  
 PRENTISS, Annie Julia (SOULE) (S.B.)  
 RAND, Mrs. S.R.  
 RAYMOND, Hila K. (BENNETT) (Joseph M.)  
 REDDING, Sarah  
 REDINGTON, E.D.  
 RICHARDSON, M.L. (Alex H.)  
 RIDENOUR, Sarah L. (BEATTY) (Peter D.)  
 ROTE, Mary  
 RUDISILL, ? (J.E.)  
 SALOVER, J.L.  
 SAWYER, H.  
 SCHMUCKER, ?  
 SCRIBNER, Adeline  
 SHAW, Sarah (James)  
 SHERWOOD, Mrs. Sarah  
 SHORT, Celia (CATLIN)  
 SIMPSON, Kate (S.N.)  
 SIMPSON, Mary Frances (Henry)  
 SIMPSON, Mrs. H.P.  
 SIMPSON, R.E. (William)  
 SMITH, Lizzie (Charles W.)  
 SMITH, W.R.  
 SNOWDON, Miss M.L.  
 SNYDER, E.J. (Eliza?)  
 STANLEY, Lucy  
 STUART, Annie L.  
 SUTHERLAND, Mrs. F.T.  
 SUTLIFF, ? (William E.)  
 THACHER, Emma Elizabeth (HEILMAN) (T.D.)  
 THACHER, Sarah M. (GILMORE) (S.O.)  
 TOLLES, Mary B.  
 WALKER, Marion E. (LOWE) (Samuel)  
 WATSON, Mrs. Eliza  
 WEBSTER, J.L. (C.S.)  
 WELCH, Miss M.S.  
 WELCH, Mrs. M.D.  
 WHITE, E.A. (Charles)  
 WIGGINS, Priscilla (D.H.)  
 WILLIAMS, Miss Lizzie  
 WILSON, Drusilla (Jonathan)  
 WILSON, Lizzie C.  
 WILSON, M.A. (Israel)  
 WINGATE, C.A.  
 WYNNE, E.L.  
 YEAGLEY, Sarah (Dr. D.H.)

Note: The name or initials of the husband have been added, and the maiden name is in capital letters. Submitted by Nancy GARNER who is working toward a Ph.D. in American History. If you have any information on any of the women above, please contact her at 1743 Ohio, Lawrence, KS 66044 or 913-841-8402.

Daily Kansas Tribune, March 28, 1874

EDITOR TRIBUNE: The ladies, God bless 'em, announce themselves "ready to begin their warfare against the use or abuse of all intoxicating liquors." They are doubtless terribly in earnest, while their pledge is extremely reasonable. It is in the words following "We hereby pledge ourselves to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors, both in cooking, and as a beverage." As it reserves to the pledged the right to take a little for the stomach's sake whenever they feel bad, I stand ready to take the pledge myself, provided I am deemed worthy to have my name enrolled among the faithful.

SALOON KEEPER

The Lawrence Gazette, Oct. 28, 1886

Miss Susan B. ANTHONY will be in Lawrence election day. Being absent from home she will necessarily lose her vote.

The obituary in the Lawrence Journal-World of 1 December 1914 had bold headlines:

A STRONG WOMAN GONE

Mrs. Richard Cordley Figured Extensively  
in Early Kansas History

Funeral Will be at the Congregational  
Church Where She Labored So Long

Details followed about the widow of Dr. Richard Cordley, pioneer pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church of Lawrence. Born in Malster, Nottingham, England on 13 April 1832 as Mary Minta Cox, she was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Cragg (Minta) Cox. Her husband, Dr. Cordley, had been born also in Nottingham.



MRS. DR. R. CORDLEY.

A relative, Evelyn Ingham of Escalon, California, who has had some correspondence with the Douglas County Genealogical Society, wrote of her disappointment that Mrs. Cordley's obituary did not provide more details of the family in England, but speculated that perhaps since "they were so religious, Mrs. Cordley might not care to have everyone knowing that her family had owned the Druid's Tavern and the Horse & Groom, and that her uncle (who raised her in Michigan after the death of her parents) also owned a tavern there."

In his book, "Pioneer Days in Kansas", published by Boston's Pilgrim Press in 1909, Dr. Cordley wrote movingly about his beloved wife, her contributions to his career and their life together.

"On account of the unsettled condition of the country I came alone to Kansas in 1857. The day I entered Lawrence I found the town very full of people. They jostled each other on the streets and stood in knots on the corners. I began to think Lawrence a pretty lively place. But I soon learned that a great free State Convention was in session. The administration at Washington proposed to force on the people of Kansas the hated Lecompton constitution!"

This was the historic convention of 2 December 1857 which was called to protest against a constitution which recognized slavery. It was held in the unfinished building of Plymouth church, called the Old Stone Church. An account in the Kansas City Star relates that "its windows were boarded up, and its doors were rough boards nailed together, but it was the best meeting place in town, and was used for many important gatherings, aside from those of a religious nature. Winter was coming on when Dr. Cordley arrived, and the unplastered walls were comfortless."

He took his own small amount of savings, with which he had planned to return east for his bride, and instead put it into repairs for the church.

"It was a great disappointment," Mrs. Cordley remembered. "I had expected to be married at the same time as my school friend, Kitty."

"After about a year," Dr. Cordley wrote, "I went back (to Michigan) and brought my wife. She was English born, and had enjoyed a delightful

childhood in her father's house in Nottingham. Her father and mother dying, she came to America at the age of fourteen to live with her aunt. It was a great change from her father's English home, with all its comforts, to a farmhouse in the back woods. But she adapted herself to the new life with the zest of her ardent nature. Gathering flowers and berries in the woods, and boating on the lake, she was happy all day long. She was educated at the seminary at Ypsilanti, one of the best schools in that region. When she came to Kansas, farm life in Michigan had gathered about it all the comforts of civilization, and she entered into the experience of pioneering for the second time.

"At first we lived in a hired house in the outskirts of the town. Then we secured a home of our own. It was a little cottage on a gentle slope on New York street. It stood on the open prairie, but we soon had some flowers and shrubs and trees growing, and it became quite an attractive spot. There were only three small rooms below, and two half-story chambers above. Six hundred dollars a year, as prices then were, did not allow a very large margin for costly furniture, but the pastor's wife had a knack for home-making, and a few dainty touches can make simple things show to advantage. A cheap but pretty paper transformed the walls, a simple but bright carpet covered the floor, and everything in the room seemed as if it belonged there. It was as cozy a home as one could find anywhere. After the custom of the time it was painted white, with green blinds, and looked very pretty among the growing trees.

"And that little home entertained more people than many a pretentious mansion. Lawrence seemed to be one day's journey from everywhere. No matter where one started from, he would reach Lawrence the first night. Brethren, traveling, always spent a night in our home, usually going and returning. A barn or shed built by myself, sheltered their horses as our house sheltered them. Not only ministers, but laymen in the churches, at our request, came to our house as they passed through town. Ministers coming to Kansas always came to our house first to confer about their locations and their fields, and very often to remain until the way was cleared for them. In many cases they would leave their families with us, while they went to look up their fields. In some cases this required two or three weeks. It was a rare company of people which gathered in that little home from time to time, and their presence brightened up our life wonderfully. Sometimes it threw a burden on the pastor's wife, but she bore it cheerfully, and I can testify that the most cultured of our visitors seemed to enjoy her dining-room more than they did my study. Once a very handsome team drove up with a couple of gentlemen. They were one of our pastors and a wealthy layman of his church. They were making a tour of the State, and stopped to spend the night with us. They were both charming men, and we enjoyed their visit very much. In the morning they lingered a while after breakfast, and at last we reluctantly bade them good-bye. After they were gone Mrs. Cordley began to clear the table, and found that the lay brother had left a dollar under his plate. She sat down and had a good cry. She had enjoyed their visit so much, and it spoiled it all to feel that he thought hospitality could be bought with money.

"The pastor's home was also a sort of a parish house. Officers, committees and members often met there to confer; the ladies met for entertainments and socials and sewing; and young people were especially made to feel at home. Mrs. Cordley had a meeting of young ladies nearly every week at our house to spend an afternoon. Sometimes they sewed,

sometimes they had readings, and sometimes they had singing and prayer. Her chief aim was that the meetings should never be tedious, and never degenerate into frivolity. Here they planned for picnics, socials and fairs, and other means of interesting girls and helping the church. There were usually twenty or more present, filling the little parlor to its utmost capacity...Thus the daughters of Plymouth Church learned early to do their part.

"Once my wife baked up a large batch of mince pies for the Christmas season. With her, making mince pies was a fine art, and she had had unusual success this time. Just as she was taking the last pie out of the oven, one of our country families, whom we esteemed very highly, came in. Mrs. Cordley could not resist the temptation of having them sample her pies. So one of the pies was cut, and very soon disposed of. Before they had quite finished eating their pie, another family came in, and a second pie was disposed of. And so it kept on all the afternoon with no place where she could break the connection. We were spared, therefore, any bad dreams from that batch of pies."

Dr. Cordley had just finished a three weeks' exchange with the Kansas City pastor when the Quantrell raid came on 21 August 1863. He and Mrs. Cordley had been glad to get back from Kansas City, he notes, and to have forty miles between them and the border ruffians. Of the return home, he writes:

"Our little cottage had just been repainted, and as we approached it in the moonlight, that evening it seemed a gem among the trees that were just growing up around it. It was our first home, and like all first homes, was very dear to us. We walked around about to view it from several different points. We had the full comfort of it all the next day."

Then came the raid. Dr. Cordley was one of the many marked for special attention (says the U. S. Biographical Dictionary, Kansas Volume, published in Chicago in 1879). "He was sought for earnestly, but not found. His home, however, was burned and all its contents. He remained on the field taking his Spencer rifle, doing guard duty in the city in rotation with other citizens."

The Cordleys had to run for their lives to escape. In the afternoon, after that terrible morning of doing what could be done to help the bereaved ones, they found time to visit the ruins of their own home. Dr. Cordley described the scene:

"All that remained was a bed of embers and ashes. Not a book or sermon, not a letter or paper, not a relic of childhood or memento of friend was saved. As we stood looking at the disconsolate scene, Mrs. Cordley quietly wept. The Rev. Bodley (superintendent of missions) turned to her and said in his gentlest tones, 'Don't cry, Mary. You have got all you asked for. We are all here.' No more tears were shed for the ruined home. So many all about were carrying heavier sorrows that we could but be thankful at our own escape."

A further sadness was to come to Mary Cordley with the death of her husband on 11 July 1904. They had earlier lost two baby daughters, Minnie and Lilie, in 1867 and 1869. In 1908 she moved to Topeka to live with a friend, Mrs. Lucia O. Case. She said that she left Lawrence and came to Topeka to live because Lawrence reminded her of sorrows in her life. "My husband is buried there, and my two baby daughters," she told a Topeka Daily Capitol reporter on 9 May 1909.

A report (undated) in the Topeka Daily Herald in the library of the Kansas State Historical Society said:

"One day last week Mrs. Richard Cordley, an aged woman well known to all Kansans, was rescued from the river where she had attempted to drown herself. She gave lonesomeness as the reason she wished to die. Her husband died a year or more ago and she has lived alone, or almost altogether alone. Hencefore she will have companions. But it seems hardly possible to those who know her or know about her that she will ever again have company, in the real sense of the word, 'this side of the river.'

"Undoubtedly her mind was affected, but that only makes the incident sadder. In her younger days she was a strong woman - stronger than the average woman who is a leader in her community. her husband, Richard Cordley, and she were among the earliest pioneers in Kansas. He was a minister of the Congregational faith; she was a faithful and effective worker in his congregation. To students of Kansas University his figure was a familiar one for thirty-odd years. Less was seen of her by the students and by the general public, but she was no less a faithful and efficient worker than her husband. Over and over again both of them earned such rewards as are supposed to be the deserts of faithful stewards.

"And now, her life-long companion and supporter gone, her mind was weakened greatly, the woe of lonesomeness eating into her heart, this aged woman tries to end it all.

"To Mrs. Cordley in her sadness and loneliness there will go out heartfelt sympathy from a host of friends who held her and her good husband in high esteem in the years that are gone."

She was laid to rest beside her husband in Oak Grove cemetery in Lawrence along with their two baby daughters. Surviving were two grandchildren, Richard C. and Alfred M. Griffith, sons of W. E. Griffith and their daughter Maggie who had died earlier.

Contributed by Thomas Gorton

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The Lawrence Gazette, Nov. 4, 1886

The organization of the Y.W.C.A. of this city was completed last Thursday evening. The following officers were chosen: president, Miss Alice LITCHFIELD; vice-president, Miss Anna MURPHY; secretary, Miss Lida JACKE; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary McQUISTON; treasurer, Miss Ella COLTRANE. Miss JACKE read a circular concerning the Assembly of the Y.W.C.A. at Ottawa, in which an invitation was extended to the Y.W.C.A. to send delegates to the Assembly. It was decided to accept the invitation and the following delegates were elected: Misses Alice LITCHFIELD, Lida JACKE, Anna MURPHY, Mary McQUISTON, Alice HUNTER and Ella COLTRANE. Regular gospel meetings will be held every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the Presbyterian church.

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Lawrence Gazette, Dec. 23, 1886

The ladies of the Y.W.C.A. will receive at the K.P. hall New Year's afternoon and evening. All gentlemen of the city are invited to call.

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## The Zodiac Club Membership Roll

1878 to 1942

Mrs. Flavia Canfield, Mrs. Mary Nelson and Mrs. Augusta Sutliff decided to organize a study club, and on 5 Feb 1878, at the home of Mrs. Sutliff, 1200 Tennessee St., Lawrence, they held their first meeting. Six others joined at this meeting: Mrs. F. A. Bailey, Mrs. E. Annie Cockins, Mrs. Anna Miller, Mrs. Mary F. Ziegler, Mrs. Viola Bardwell and Mrs. Susan Bullene. They called it The Ladies Reading Club until 26 Nov 1878 when the name was changed to The Zodiac Reading Club. The first regular dues, beginning in Nov 1884 were twenty-five cents per member. In Feb 1896, dues were raised to fifty cents; Oct 1908 to seventy-five cents; 1909 to one dollar, and in 1916 to one dollar sixty cents.

The names below were copied from a list, compiled from the secretary's minutes and the yearbook programs, filed with the Zodiac Club manuscripts in the Kansas Collection at Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

Abbott	28 Oct 1902
Alder, Mrs. John W.	Dec 1884. Died August 1929
Aldrich	19 Oct 1886
Alford, Mrs. D. S.	Sept 1897. Died Dec 1938
Altman, Mrs. J. C.	Appeared on program 25 Mar 1879
Austin	Apr 1890
Bailey, Mrs. F. A.	Charter Member
Baldwin, Mrs. Karl	1 Nov 1938
Bardwell, Mrs. Viola	Charter Member
Barker, Mrs. G. J.	1887. Joined as Mrs. Frank Dinsmoor
Barker, Mrs. Oliver	8 Nov 1887
Beal, Mrs. G. M.	Dec 1928
Beatty, Miss	20 Oct 1885. <u>Appointed on program that day</u>
Beecher, Miss Mary Ward	Nov 1912. Honorary member
Blackmar	Nov 1889. Name never in yearbook
Bleck, Mrs. Edna	13 Feb 1917. Left town 1926, died 1933
Bolt, Mrs. W. H.	Nov 1904. Again Oct 1905 elected visiting
Brandt, Frances (Mrs. J. G.)	5 Oct 1915 member
Bretherton	Nov 1932 visiting member
Brook, Mrs. A. T.	Oct 1913
Brown, Mrs. J. F.	18 Oct 1932
Browell	5 Nov 1895
Buckingham, Mrs. V. M.	19 Oct 1886. Made honorary member 20 Jan 1903
Bullene, Mrs. Susan L.	Charter Member
Burdick, Mrs. W. L.	21 Apr 1908. Not on list of members the next
Bryant, Dora Renn (Mrs. F. E.)	20 Sept 1910 year
Canfield, Flavia (Mrs. A. C.)	Charter Member
Carruth, Mrs. W. H.	20 Sept 1910
Chandler, Ruth (Mrs. H. E.)	Nov 1928
Clapp, ?	22 Nov 1892
Cockins, Mrs. L. Annie	Charter Member
Cockins, Miss Annie	11 Jan 1887. Acted as sec'y on that date
Cockins, Miss Daisy	26 Oct 1886
Cockins, Miss Carlie	4 Jan 1887. On program that day
Crawford, Mrs. ?	19 Feb 1878. Proposed for membership
Crawford, Helen (Mrs. Ivan C.)	Oct 1936



Cunningham, Dr. Eva  
 Dailey, Mrs. J. A.  
 Dains, Alice (Mrs. F. B.)  
 Davis  
 Day, Mrs. Vance  
 Dedrick, Mrs. Mary  
 Dinsmoor, Mrs. Frank F.  
 Duffus, Mrs. W. M.  
 Dunlap, Mrs. C. G.  
 Dunn  
 Duval, Mrs. E. P. R.  
 Dyche, Ophelia (Mrs. L. E.)  
 Elsey, Mrs. Ethel  
 Engvall, Mrs. Esther  
 Evans, Mrs. Wainwright  
 Faxon, Mrs. J. D.  
 Fellows, Miss Harriet  
 Field, Mrs. S. T.  
 Finley, Mrs. ?  
 Franklin, Effie Scott (Mrs. E. C.)  
 Fuller, Mrs. Lucy A.  
 Gagliardo, Ruth Jane (Mrs. Domenico)  
 Gilmore, Mrs. ?  
 Gardiner, Mrs. Wilbur  
 Gardner, Mrs. H. S. (Dr. Eva Cunningham)  
 Gardner, Ella Waterbury (Mrs. Harry)  
 Garver, Mrs. John  
 Gorrill, Mrs. M. A.  
 Grubb, Mrs. ?  
 Grey, Jane (Mrs. Alfred)  
 Griffith, Miss Mary  
 Haight, Mrs. ?  
 Hamilton, Marion W. (Mrs. F. R.)  
 Harrison, Mrs. Carter  
 Haworth, Mrs. ?  
 Hazen, H. H. (Mrs. W. E.)  
 Hill, Mrs. J. H.  
 Hollands, Buena (Mrs. E. M.)  
 Holmes,  
 Hopkins, Mrs. E. M.  
 Hutchings, Mrs. John  
 Hutchings, Miss Josie  
 Hutchings, Miss Stella  
 Hume, Mrs. John  
 Innes, Mrs. George  
 Jackson, Mrs. Dugal C.  
 Johnson, Mrs. W. H.  
 Johnston, Mrs. R. C.  
 Jones,  
 Jones, Anna (Mrs. J. O.)

1894. Became Mrs. H. S. Gardner  
 8 Oct 1878  
 Mar 1911  
 25 Jan 1910. Name not listed 1911-12  
 Same name proposed 3 Oct 1911  
 Oct 1933 Elected visiting member  
 26 Feb 1884  
 Oct 1888. Became Mrs. Geo. Barker Oct 1898  
 Apr 1919. Name not listed in next yearbook  
 Oct 1889 as Anna March. Died June 1931  
 9 Dec 1884 Appeared on program that day  
 29 Oct 1912  
 20 Oct 1885  
 14 Dec 1920  
 9 Jan 1934  
 5 Dec 1916 Moved away Oct 1917  
 19 Feb 1878  
 Oct 1889. Became Mrs. C. M. Sterling  
 19 Oct 1886  
 3 Dec 1878. No further mention of her  
 6 Oct 1896. Originally elected Sept 1892  
 but declined then  
 15 Apr 1879. Made honorary member 1903  
 Feb 1927  
 Nov 1883. Part on program that day  
 23 Oct 1906  
 1894 Possibly 1892. Died 1908  
 1 Feb 1910  
 20 Oct 1914  
 28 Jan 1896  
 Oct 1887 Election uncertain  
 2 Nov 1926. Regretted until Apr 1927  
 19 Oct 1886  
 23 Mar 1880  
 5 Jan 1915. Withdrew 7 Oct 1919  
 6 Oct 1936  
 Oct 1892  
 Feb 1890  
 6 Jan 1885 Appeared on program that day  
 5 May 1914  
 8 Feb 1897 Elected to fill first vacancy  
 that should arise  
 30 Sept 1885 Appeared on program that day  
 7 May 1878. Made honorary member 20 Jan 1902  
 20 Jan 1885  
 19 Nov 1889  
 Dec 1888 Elected as Miss Gardner in Oct 1885  
 Died 1936  
 15 Oct 1878  
 4 Nov 1930  
 In 1904-05 yearbook. Died Apr 1930  
 Apr 1891. Died 1941  
 17 Jan 1882  
 Dec 1929

Josselyn, Mrs. H. W.	4 Oct 1910
Kelly, Mrs. F. J.	9 Jan 1917
King, Helen (Mrs. J. E.)	Oct 1933
Lippincott, Mrs.	Nov 1883. Died Feb 1899.
Litchfield, Miss	8 Dec 1896 Proposed on that date
Manchester, Mrs. E. M.	4 April 1922
March, Mrs. Frank	20 Oct 1885
March, Miss Anna	Oct 1889. Became Mrs. Dunlap
March, Mrs. Frank (W. Lena)	27 Oct 1908. Died 1932
March, Mrs. George	1885
March, Mary (Mrs. George)	1 Mar 1932
March, Miss Josephine	25 Mar 1884. Became Mrs. Marvin
Marsh, Mrs.	19 Oct 1886
Marvin, Josephine March (Mrs. F. O.)	25 Mar 1884. Died 1934
Mason, Mrs. R. D.	Jan 1885
MacGregor, Miss Helen	Mar 1939
Maxwell, Miss Edna	Feb 1889
McCarroll, Mrs. Mary D.	1879 (?). Honorary member 20 Jan 1903
McCord, Mrs. Fletcher	16 Nov 1937
McCrory, Mrs. J. S.	30 Sept 1890 On committee to arrange program on that date
McMillan, Mrs. J. W.	19 Feb 1878
McNoun, Florence (Mrs. W. C.)	5 Jan 1915
Miller, Anna A. (Mrs. E.)	Charter Member. Died 1934
Miller, Mrs. Lloyd	31 Jan 1900 Read paper on that date
Miller, Miss Mary	20 Jan 1885
Mitchell, Mrs. A. C.	30 Sept 1890
Mix, Katherine (Mrs. A. J.)	Oct 1919
Morse, A. A. (Mrs. Dr. F. D.)	19 Feb 1878
Murry, Mrs. ?	Jan 1889 Proposed, not mentioned again
Nelson, Mary H. (Mrs. J. A.)	Charter Member
Noyes, Abbie	Oct 1883. Became Mrs. Raymond
Olin, Mrs. A. S.	24 Nov 1903. Died 1935
Oliver, Miss Hannah	30 Sept 1890
Oliver, Miss Margaret	1892. Died Feb 1906
Osmond,	22 Apr 1879
Ottman, Mrs. J. C.	22 Apr 1879 mentioned
Patrick, Hattie Lewis	22 Nov 1881
Pendleton, Matilda P. (Mrs. W. H.)	Nov 1884. Died Dec 1929
Perkins, Mrs. Frank	7 Feb 1899
Perkins, Mrs. L. H.	8 Nov 1887. Died 1927
Price, Cora Lee (Mrs. Bailey)	Oct 1940
Pugh, Miss Nan	1931 Elected visiting member
Raymond, Abbie Noyes (Mrs. H. L.)	1883
Rice, Hazel Hope (Mrs. M. E.)	14 Oct 1913
Rice, Mrs. S. O.	9 Jan 1917
Richards, Mrs. ?	Nov 1886
Riggs, Mrs. Annie	Jan 1880
Riggs, Miss Kate	29 Oct 1895
Riggs, Miss Lucy	1939
Riggs, May	Oct 1939
Rodgers, Anna E.	Nov 1883
Rodgers, Mrs. D. C.	1 Mar 1910
Rudolph, Miss	Oct 1885 May have been guest speaker
Russell	29 Nov 1892

Sanderson, Mrs. Ross	Apr 1919
Scholes, Mrs. ?	29 Oct 1878
Scott, Mrs. ?	18 Oct 1882
Scott, Effie (Mrs. E. C. Franklin)	1892 declined but accepted in 1896
Shaad, Merthyr (Mrs. George)	Apr 1928
Shannon, Mrs. Osborn	Feb. 1878. Resigned 12 Mar 1878
Sherwood, Mary (Mrs. N. P.)	Apr 1919
Shoemaker, Mrs. W. H.	1939
Sibley, Mrs. F. H.	14 Oct 1913
Sinclair, Mrs. ?	Apr 1880
Skilton, Miss Alice	Oct 1923 Elected visiting member
Smith, Lucinda (Mrs. Guy)	Apr 1924
Smith, Mrs. H. C.	22 Apr 1879
Smith, Mrs. H. P.	12 Oct 1920
Smithmeyer, Clara P. (Mrs. F. H.)	Sept 1890
Spangler, Caroline B. (Mrs. W. C.)	Oct 1885. Died 1938
Stephenson, Mrs. H. H.	Oct 1936
Sterling, Cara Fellows (Mrs. M. W.)	Oct 1883
Sterling, Harriet Fellows (Mrs. C. M.)	Oct 1889
Stevens, Ada Pugh (Mrs. W. C.)	Nov 1889
Stockton, Marjorie (Mrs. Frank)	Oct 1924
Stoland, Muriel (Mrs. O. O.)	Apr 1919
Storer, Mary (Mrs. N. W.)	6 Oct 1936
Stouffer, Anna (Mrs. E. B.)	5 Dec 1916
Sutliff, Miss Addie	10 Nov 1885
Sutliff, Miss Jennie	Dec 1885
Sutliff, Mrs. J. B.	7 May 1878
Sutliff, Augusta (Mrs. W. E.)	Charter Member Died Feb 1899
Tanner, Mrs. H. E.	18 Feb 1896
Taggart, Mrs. H. A.	Oct 1923
Taylor, Mrs. ?	Oct 1924
Teetor, Mrs. ?	Dec 1920
Templin, Lena (Mrs. Olin)	Nov 1886
Tenney, Mrs. ?	27 Feb 1900. Listed as present but not mentioned elsewhere
Thacher, Carrie E. (Mrs. T. D.)	30 Oct 1883
Thayer, Mrs. ?	16 Nov 1920
Tremper, Emma Phoeler (Mrs. Ed)	Oct 1883
Turney, Mrs. A. H.	12 Apr 1932
Wagner, Mrs. ?	Jan 1898 or possibly Oct 1897
Watson, Miss Carrie	Nov 1883. Made honorary member Jan 1903
Watts, Mary (Mrs. John)	10 Feb 1925
Weaver, Gertrude (Mrs. A. D.)	Oct 1883. Died 1932
Webster, Mrs. ?	19 Oct 1886
Wheeler, Ruth D. (Mrs. R. H.)	15 Nov 1927
Wilbur, Mrs. ?	24 Apr 1906. Not listed in yearbook 1906-07
Wilkins, Mrs. J. E.	Oct 1937
Wilson, Mary (Mrs. Hill P.)	28 Sept 1897
Wood, Miss Marcia	9 Feb 1909. Died 1933
Woodward, Mrs. O. J.	6 Oct 1891
Wynne, Elinor (Mrs. E. L.)	22 Oct 1878. Died Apr 1880
Young, Adrian (Mrs. C. M.)	27 Oct 1908
Young, Mrs. R. K.	29 Oct 1912
Zeigler, Mary E. (Mrs. Paul)	Charter Member



THE ZODIAC CLUB. ORGANIZED FEBRUARY, 1878.

MEMBERS:—Mrs. W. E. Hazen, President; Mrs. H. L. Raymond, Vice-President; Mrs. H. E. Tanner, Secretary; Mrs. H. S. Gardner, Treasurer; Mesdames J. W. Alder, C. G. Dunlap, L. L. Dyche, M. A. Gorrill, E. M. Hopkins, John Hume, R. C. Johnson, R. D. Mason, J. E. McCrory, A. C. Mitchell, L. H. Perkins, W. H. Pendleton, Olin Templin, T. H. Smithmeyer, A. D. Weaver, D. S. Allord, H. P. Wilson and Misses March, Oliver, and Margaret Oliver.

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## JULIA ARCHIBALD HOLMES: A "Bloomer Girl" of Lawrence

by Judy M. Sweets

One Lawrence woman of the 1850's is remembered today for her courage and convictions. Julia Archibald Holmes, who, in 1854 arrived in Lawrence with her parents, John and Jane Archibald as part of the New England Emigrant Aid Company group, by 1858 held the distinction of being the first woman to scale Pikes Peak. What made the event even more noteworthy was that while climbing the mountain and crossing the plains, she wore an outfit which was radically different from the long-skirted outfits worn at the time.

The kind of dress which twenty-year-old Julia A. Holmes wore has been dubbed "The Bloomer" or "The Reform" dress and had been "introduced by eastern feminists a few years before."<sup>1</sup> The outfit, which consisted of a tunic, usually of calico, which reached the knees and pantaloons underneath gathered at the ankles.

Soon after joining the Lawrence party which was traveling to the Pikes Peak area seeking gold, Julia realized that her costume was attracting a great deal of attention. The only other woman in the party in whom she hoped to find a sympathetic friend suggested that she "put on a long dress" because the men "talk so much about you." Her reply: "I cannot afford to please their taste..." Indeed, Julia praised the "bloomer dress" for the comfort, convenience and freedom it allowed her.<sup>2</sup>

It may be that Julia A. Holmes influenced other Kansas women to adopt the "Bloomer dress," as a Baltimore newspaper of the 1850's quoted the Kansas TRIBUNE as saying: "Perhaps Lawrence is the only city in America where a majority of the ladies wear Bloomers. During a pleasant day they may be seen in all parts of our place--not walking out for the novelty of the thing, but making calls and pursuing their ordinary avocation, without even suspecting that their costume was attracting unusual attention; and, indeed, it does not. The ladies consider them far more convenient than the street sweeper; and they ought to be the best judges."<sup>3</sup>



Photo  
The Bloomer Girls, by Charles Neilson Gattey

<sup>1</sup> "A Bloomer Girl Conquers Pikes Peak," by Margaret Solomon, American History Illustrated, Vol. XVIII, No. 9, p. 42.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., 42, 43.

<sup>3</sup> University of Kansas History Department Newsnotes, dated June 5, 1987.

## ADJUTANT GENERAL ENROLLMENT OF SOLDIERS--ACT OF 1883

(continued from Volume X, No. 2)

Information: (A) Name, (B) Color, (C) Rank, (D) Company, (E) Regiment, (F) State, (G) Arm of Service--whether Regular, Volunteer, Militia, Marine or Irregular, (H) Wounded, (I) Injured, (J) Disease, (K) Present address, (L) Place of death.

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
Easton, George K.	w	Cpl A	25	MI	Vol Inf (J) Piles (K) Lawrence	
Eaton, John	w	VetSurg, D.	9	KS	Vol Cav (J) Piles (K) Baldwin	
Eberhart, Andrew	w	Pvt D	2	MO	Cav (J) Sore eyes & Rheum (K) Vinland	
Eberhart, H. S.	w	Pvt C	10	KS	Vols (J) Rheum. (K) Willow Springs	
Ebey, Clay L.	w	OrdSgt, I.	115	IL	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence	
Eck, Alfred	w	Pvt A	6	PA	Vol Res Corps (H) Head & Foot (K) Lawrence	
" Phillip D.						
" Lucy B.						
" Hattie						
" Chas. C.						
" Bessie I.						
" Edward R.						
Eddy, M. G.	w	Pvt n.l.	18	MI	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence	
" Geo. G.						
" Chas. N.						
Edgar, Geo. B.	w	OrdSgt, D.	1	KS	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence	
Edmonds, J. C.	w	Pvt n.l.	n.l.	OH	QM. Dept (K) Lawrence	
Edmondson, Soloman	b	Pvt F	18	MO	Vol Inf (J) Rheum (K) Lawrence	
Edwards, C. L.	w	Maj nl	37	MA	Vols (K) Lawrence	
Eggers, Henry	w	Pvt nl	nl	KS	Mil (K) Eudora	
Eggert, H. W.	w	Pvt B	12	KS	Vols. (K) Lawrence	
Eldridge, John	w	Pvt G	7	KS	Vol Cav (K) Lawrence	
" Lillie Bell						
" Harry						
" Stella M.						
Eldridge, Shaler Wm.	w	Maj nl	nl	KS	Paymaster (K) Lawrence	
Eldridge, Thos. B.	w	Maj nl	9	KS	Vol Cav (J) Chr Diar (K) Lawrence	
" Lida M.					(L) Lawrence, 5 Dec 1882	
" Hattie						
" Victoria						
" Della						
Elias, Gideon	w	Pvt A	121	PA	Vol. (K) Gideon	
Ellis, Ben	b	Pvt Black Hawk	3	KS	Mill (K) Lawrence	
" Etta B.						
" Gertie B.						
" Eva B.						
Enick, Uriah N.	nl	Pvt B	17	OH	Vol Inf (K) Baldwin City	
Emmett, J. C.	w	Pvt nl	nl	KS	Irregular (K) Lawrence	
Engle, Solomon	w	Pvt E	51	PA	Vol Inf (I) Spine (J) Chr Diar (K) Lawrence	
" Ida M.						
Ensley, John	b	Cpl E	79	KS	US Col Inf (K) Lawrence (L) Ft. Scott, KS, 15 May 1864	
" Sarah						
" Geo.						

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
Enslow, N. S.	nl	Pvt	D	152	IL	Vols (K) Globe
Ervin, Simon P.	w	Pvt	A	nl	IN	Vol Inf (K) Lecompton
Eshnaur, Solomon	nl	Pvt	A	Bat	MO	State Mil (K) Lawrence
Esom, James	w	Pvt	B	50	IL	Vol Inf (K) Lecompton
Estes, Joshua P.	nl	Pvt	F	17	ME	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Etta						
Henry						
Evans, B. B.	w	Cpl	E	193	PA	Vols (J) Diar (K) Clinton
Evans, Thos. E.	w	Pvt	nl	46	PA	Vols (K) Lawrence
Evatt, Wm.	w	Surg	nl	50	IL	Vols (K) Lawrence
Ewing, Jno. F.	w	Pvt	H	5	PA	Art. (K) Willow Springs
Fager, Henry	w	Pvt	A	16	nl	US Reg Inf in Mexican War (K) Lawrence
Fa(ol)lwell, Ephriam	w	Pvt	H	15	KS	Cav (J) Yes (K) Richland
Fantoyal, Henry	b	Cpl	B	116	KY	USC Troop (J) Bodily (K) Lawrence
" (?) Memry						
" Geo. H.						
" Zach						
" Merica						
" Sally B.						
" Luzisa						
" David						
Faucett, John F.	w	Pvt	H	2	KS	Vol Cav (J) Hernia (K) Vinland
Faust, Chas.	w	Pvt	nl	nl	IN	Cav (K) Hesper
Fawl, Patrick	w	Pvt	E	21	KS	Mil (K) Lapeer
Faxon, Jas. D.	w	1st Lt	nl	nl	KS	Home Guard (K) Lawrence
Featherston, Wm.	w	Pvt	M	2	WI	Vol Cav (J) Hernia (K) Globe
Fenler, A.	w	Pvt	E	88	OH	Vols (K) Lecompton
Fenoughty, Pat A.	w	Fireman				on Gov't Steam Boats "Adelia", Jos. Raymond & C. (K) Baldwin City
Ferris, Jno.	w	Sgt	M	13	IN	Vol Cav (I) Yes (K) Lecompton
Figgins, Jack	b	Pvt	K	60	MO	USC Inf (K) Lawrence
" Hannah						
" Louisine						
" Ebra						
Filpel, Wm.	w	Pvt	K	9	KS	Vol Cav (K) Echo
Fincher, Abel T.	w	Pvt	F	12	PA	Vol Cav (K) Lawrence
" Wm. P.						
" Carrie E.						
" Harry A.						
" Fannie E.						
" Cora A.						
" Chas. E.						
Fincher, Jno. D.	w	Pvt	H	132	PA	Vol Inf (J) Lungs & Diar (K) Lawrence
" Flora						
Findlay, Andrew T.	w	Pvt	G	50	IL	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
" Bertha M.						
" Geo. B.						
" Josie E.						
" John H.						
Fishburn, (blank)	w	Pvt	E	21	KS	Mil (K) Centropolis
" Catharine						
" George						
" Ezra						

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
Fishburn, Annie " Franklin						
Fisher, Joseph	w	Pvt	A	11	MI	Vol Cav (H) Lost use of hand (K) Lecompton
Fisher, Sam'l	w	Pvt	A	9	KS	Vol Cav. (K) Bond
Fisher, Wm. R.	w	QM Sgt		25	NY	Art. (K) Lawrence
Fitt, Wm.	w	Pvt	G	39	IL	Inf (I) Ruptured (K) Eudora
Fa(o)ntroy, David	b	nl	nl	nl	KY	Gov Employ (K) Lawrence
" Fred						
" Tillie						
Fa(o)ntroy, Joseph	b	Pvt	nl	118	KY	Inf. (H) Leg (K) Lawrence
Fitz, Arthur D.	w	Pvt	D	9	KS	Vol Cav (K) Lawrence
" Hattie						
" Alice						
" Edith						
" Arthur						
Fix, Henry	w	Pvt	F	2	KS	Mil Cav (H) Twice(K)Lecompton (L) 10 Aug 1870
Fix, J. G.	w	Cpl	D	45	PA	Vol Inf (I) Yes (K) Clinton
" Elizabeth )						
" (?) M---- ) children						
" Chas. )						
" Geo. )						
Fleer, Fred K.	w	Pvt	G	44	MO	Mil (K) Willow Springs
Fletcher, J. G.	w	nl	B	22	KS	Mil (K) Media
Fluke, Wm. W.	w	Ist Lt	nl	25	NY	Vol Batt. (J) Heart (K) Lawrence
" Robt. L.						
Follen, Jas. M.	w	Pvt	K	79	IL	Vol Inf (J) Scurvey(K)Baldwin
Foote, Aaron H.	w	Cpl	B	87	OH	Vol Inf (I) Sunstroke (K) Lawrence
Forman, Geo. W.	w	Pvt	F	39	IA	Vol Inf (J) Lung & Throat (K) Lawrence
Foster, Wm. R.	w	Cpl	C	33	OH	Vol Inf (H) Limb (K)Lawrence
Foster, Wm. S.	w	Pvt	nl	2	KS	Mil (K) Media
Fowler, Richard	w	Pvt	B	82	NY	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Franklin, Joseph	b	Pvt	nl	nl	KS	Mil (K) Lawrence
Franklin, Wilson	b	Cpl	D	79	KS	USC Inf (I) Hip & Arm (K) Lawrence
Frantz, David	w	Pvt	D	130	PA	Vol Inf (K)Lawrence
" Katie M.						
" John W.						
Frazer, Nathaniel	w	Pvt	C	2	OH	Vol Inf (H) Weakness in breast (Mexican War)(K) Alfred
Freeland, Wm.	w	nl	nl	nl	OH	nl (K) Lawrence
French, Almond W.	w	Pvt	A	11	MO	Vol Inf (J) Rheum & ? (K) Baldwin City
Frey, Wm.	b	Cook	I	7	KS	Cav (J) Yes (K) Lawrence
" Jenison						
" Mandy						
" Chas.						
" Lot						
" Spencer						
" Fall						
" Rhody						
Fry, Benjamin	b	Pvt	nl	nl	MO	n.l. (J)?Phthisic (K)Lawrence



(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
Fry, David	w	Pvt	D	200	PA	nl (H) Yes (K) Lawrence
Fullerton, Jno. S.	w	Pvt	nl	9	IN	Vol Battery (K) Black Jack
Fullerton, W. B.	w	Pvt	F	82	IN	Vol Inf (K) Black Jack
Funk, Henry	w	Pvt	B	nl	OH	Gunboat (K) Lawrence
Funk, Simon C.	w	Pvt	E	206	PA	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Furniss, John G.	w	D S	H	99	IL	Vol Inf (H) Eye & ? (I) Knee
Gabriel, August	w	Pvt	nl	nl	KS	Mil (K) Eudora
Gabriel, H. G.	w	Pvt	E	3	WI	Cav (I) Loss of Health (K) Eudora
Gabriel, Wm. M.	w	Pvt	G	83	IL	Inf (K) not legible
Gaddis, E. E.	w	Pvt	E	7	OH	Vol Cav (J) Heart & Rheum. (K) Baldwin City
Gale, M.	w	Pvt	A	21	KS	Mil (K) Willow Springs
Gallatty, Chas.	w	Pvt	F	nl	MO	Vol Cav (K) Black Jack
Gardner, John	w	Capt	5	Cherokee	Indian Terr.	(G) Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Gardner, Theodore	w	Sgt	nl	1	KS	Vol Battery (I) Ruptured (K) Lawrence
" Wilbur						
" Mabel						
Garrett, B. F.	w	1st Lt	K	2	IL	Vol Cav (H) Left Shoulder (K) Centropolis
Garrett, Chas.	w	Capt QM	nl	nl	KS	QM Depot (K) Lawrence
" Albert O.						
" Annie M.						
Garrett, Jas. H.	w	Capt	D	21	IN	Vols (J) Lungs (K) Lawrence (L) Lawrence, 23 Dec 1875
Garrett, J. E.	w	Pvt	nl	nl	MO	Vols (K) Lawrence
Garvin, David	w	Cpl	B	7	KS	Vols (K) Illegible
Garvin, J. M.	w	Pvt	G	3	KS	Mil (K) Lawrence
Garvin, Thomas	b	Pvt	C	6	KY	Vol Cav (K) Lawrence
Gaskill, Adam J.	w	Pvt	H	99	IN	Vol Inf (J) 'Measels' (K) Lawrence
" Chas.						
" Leon						
" Willie						
" Frank						
" Cora						
" Harry						
" Edgar						
Gaskill, Chas.	w	Pvt	D	25	NJ	Vols. (H) Yes (K) Lawrence
Gathers, Washington	w	Sgt	A	103	PA	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
" Mary						
" Millie						
Gearhart, John	b	Pvt	C	62	MO	USC Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Gensnell, W. T.	w	Pvt	I	16	KS	Vol Cav (K) Lecompton
Gentry, Nicholas	w	Pvt	nl	nl	KS	Mil (K) Illegible
Georgie, Lewis	b	Pvt	E	118	KY	Vols (K) Lawrence
German, Wm.	w	Pvt	nl	nl	PA	Vols (K) Willow Springs
Getker, Anton	w	Pvt	A	3	KS	KSM (K) Eudora
Gibson, Wm.	w	Pvt	A	3	IL	Vol Battery (I) Bodily (K) Lawrence
" Emma						
" Willie						
Gilbert, (?) Desevignor S.	w	Pvt	A	27	IA	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Gilbert, Geo.	w	Pvt	G	nl	KS	Mil (K) Lawrence
Gill, Wm. H.	w	1st Lt	B	30	WI	Vol Inf (K) Vinland
Gilland, Jno.	w	Pvt	H	21	KS	Mil (K) Media

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
Gillerli, James	w.	Capt	G	11	MI	Vol Cav (K) Lawrence
" Ralena M.						
Gillerly, James	w.	Capt	A	11	MI	Cav (H) Shoulder, head & stomach (J) Back & Leg (K) Lawrence
Gillett, Lawrence A.	w.	Pvt	B	68	NY	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Gillham, John	w.	Sgt	F	117	IL	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Gillham, S. C.	w.	Pvt	F	117	IL	Vols (K) Lawrence
Gilliland, J. B.	w.	Capt	G	3	KS	Mil (K) Lawrence
Gillman, Chas. W.	w.	Pvt	nl	nl	WI	Mexican War (J) Rheum (K) Lawrence
Glason, John	w.	Pvt	nl	21	KS	Vol Inf (K) Illegible
Gleason, Jas. H.	w.	Pvt	A	21	KS	Vols (K) Pleasant Grove
Glenn, A. G.	w.	Pvt	D	3	KS	Mil Inf (K) Lecompton
Glenn, W. M.	w.	Pvt	D	3	KS	Mil Inf (K) Lecompton
Gohagan, Thos C.	w.	Drum Maj	nl	12	KS	Vol Inf (I) Ruptured (J) Chr Diar (K) Lawrence
" Albert J.						
" Fred D.						
" Frank C.						
Good, J. R.	w.	nl	nl	nl	CO	Vol 3 mos (K) Lawrence
Goodrich, E. F.	w.	Sgt	D	9	ME	Vol Inf (I) Hip (J) Heart & Lung (K) Lawrence
Gorman, W. L.	w.	Pvt	H	209	PA	Vol Inf (I) Rib (J) Heart (K) Worden
Gossage, Jackson	w.	Pvt	I	5	KY	Vol Cav (K) Baldwin City
Gould, Geo. R.	w.	Pvt	A	13	WI	Vol Inf (J) Rheum (K) Lawrence
" Chas. R.						
" Ada L.						
" Grace E.						
Graeber, Chas.	w.	Pvt	B	17	KS	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
" Carl						
" Lora						
" Minnie						
Graham, C. H.	w.	Sgt	C	1	CT	Vol Art (K) Lawrence
Graham, Frank	b	Pvt	D	24	PA	Vol Inf (J) Piles (K) Lawrence
Graham, Thomas	w.	2nd Lt	G	15	IN	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Graig, Nathan P.	w.	Capt	M	11	KS	Vol Cav (H) Yes (J) Chr Diar (K) Lawrence
" Isabella A.						
" Kate						
Graton, Jno. R.	w.	Capt	C	1	KS	U.S.C. Inf (K) nl (L) Falmouth Heights, MA 24 July 1872
" Mrs. Ada H.						
Gray, Geo.	b	nl	nl	nl	KY	Teamster (K) Lawrence
" Mary						
" Ida May						
" Wm.						
Gray, Wm. P.	w.	Pvt	C	15	KS	Vol Cav (J) Diar (K) Lawrence
" Harry						
Green, A. R.	w.	QM Sgt	A	9	KS	Vol Cav (K) Lecompton
Green, Henry M.	w.	Lt Col	nl	2nd	KS	Mil (H) Limb & head (K) Lawrence
" Ed E.						
" H. M. Jr.						
" Hila V.						
" Fred H.						
Green, Jessie	b	Pvt	Black Hawk	3	KS	Mil (K) Lawrence

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
Green, Fannie	b					
" Henrietta						
" Zac						
" Davy						
" Noah						
Green, Louis F.	w	Capt	B	11	KS	Vol Cav (J) Cerebral Meningitis (K) Prairie City
Green, Washington	b	Pvt	A	48	MS	USC Inf (H) Body & foot (K) Lawrence
Griffin, Andrew Jr.	w	Cpl	F	35	OH	Vol Inf (H) Leg
" Mary A.						
" Chas. S.						
" Elenor						
" Edith						
Griffith, David	w	Sgt	nl	nl	KS	Mil Cav (K) Prairie City
Griffith, Joseph	w	Ens	G	22	KS	Vol Cav (K) Vinland
Griffith, Platt	nl	Pvt	nl	nl	OH	US Navy (K) Media
Griffith, Wm.	w	Pvt	H	19	LA	nl (J) Yes (K) Lawrence
Grigg, Graeton	b	Cpl	H	79		Col. Kns Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Grissard, Wm. H.	b	Pvt	E	57	AR	USC Inf (K) Lawrence (L) North Lawrence 5 April 1880
" Mrs. Maria						
" Johanna						
" Martha						
" Susan						
" Wm.						
Grosskopf, Edward	w	Pvt	A	8	IL	Vol Cav (K) Twin Mound
Guest, Alfred (?)H.	w	Pvt	M	11	KS	Vol Cav (H) Head (J) Piles (K) Lawrence
" Arthur						
" Wm. E.						
Gufler, Anton	w	Pvt	A	3	KS	KSM (K) Eudora
Guild, Jas. E.	w	Pvt	D	4	VT	Vol Inf (H) Limbs (K) Lawrence
" Frank						
" Jesma						
Gulan, P. H.	w	2nd Lt	F	2	KS	Mil Cav (K) Big Springs
Guyer, Dan'l G.	w	Cpl	H	26	MO	Vol Inf (k) Sigel
Haas, Dave	w	Pvt	A	22	KS	Mil (K) Willow Springs
Haas, Geo. F.	w	Pvt	A	2	KS	Vols (K) Willow Springs
Haas, Louis	w	nl	B	12	KS	Vols (K) Willow Springs
Hadley, Henry C.	w	Pvt	D	16	WI	6 US Inf
		Adj't		29	WI	
		2nd Lt	G			6 US Inf (K) Lawrence
Hagerman, D. A.	w	Cpl	D	81	OH	Vol Inf (H) Gunshot (K) Vinland
Hagle, Geo. J. W.	w	Pvt	nl	2	OH	Vol Inf (H) Yes (K) Lawrence
(?)Haines, H. B.	w	Pvt	H	37	IL	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Hall, I. N.	w	Pvt	nl	nl	KS	Mil Inf (K) Baldwin City
Hall, Thos. M.	w	Pvt	A	21	KS	Mil (K) Media
Ham, W. P.	w	Pvt	nl	nl	KS	Mil (K) Eudora
Ham, Wm.	w	Pvt	B	1	MO	Vol Eng (K) Lawrence
Hamlin, James A.	w	nl	nl	nl	OH	nl (K) nl
Hammel, R. E.	w	Pvt	C	126	OH	Vol Inf (H) Gunshot (K) Twin Mound (L) Wakarusa Twp., 9 Nov 1884
						(widow and children in indigent circumstances)
Hammert, John	w	Lt	F	12	NY	Cav (H) Gunshot (K) Eudora
Hammond, Jas. M.	w	Pvt	C	45	KY	Vol Inf (K) Vinland

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
Hammond, John	w	Pvt	nl	nl	KY	Vols (K) Pleasant Grove
Hanes, Chas.	b	Pvt	G	56	MO	U.S.C. Inf (K) Lawrence
" Willard						
" Oliver						
" Maud						
Hankinson, Benj.	w	Pvt	F	2	IL	Vol Inf (H) Body (K) Lawrence
Harbaugh, Jo (a)s.	w	Pvt	B	28	OH	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Harding, J. H.	w	Pvt	D	47	OH	Vols (K) Lawrence
		Com Sgt				
Harding, W. D.	w	Pvt	A	42	IN	Vol Inf (K) Twin Mound
Harford, Thos. M.	w	Sgt Maj	nl	85	PA	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
" Dan P.						
" Madeline						
" Edith						
Harley, Jas.	w	Pvt	nl	nl	PA	nl (K) Eudora
Harley, James W.	w	Pvt	C	105	PA	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
Harmon, G. M. D.	w	Pvt	nl	21	KS	Mil (K) Pleasant Grove
Harpel, J.	w	Cpl	I	68	OH	Vol Inf (J) Rheum (K) Lawrence
Harper, J. W.	w	Pvt	F	7	IL	Vol Cav (K) Lecompton
Harrell, John	w	Pvt	A	18	KS	Vol Cav (K) Clinton
" Minnie						
" Sarah						
" Chas.						
" Catherine						
Harris, Asa	w	Pvt	H	21	PA	Vol Cav (H) Bald (K) Lawrence
" Asa A.						
Harris, Chas. W.	w	Pvt	E	3	KY	
" Johanna Spring, wid.		Blacksmith		2	CO	Vol Inf in Mexican War (K) nl (L) Osage, KS, 9 Sept 1881
" Josie May, dau.						
Harris, Geo.	w	Pvt	D	12	KS	Vol Inf (H) Gunshot (K) Media
Harris, Jackson	b	Pvt	nl	3	KS	Mil (H) in Hand (K) Lawrence
" Nellie						
" Ujiji						
Harris, Jas. E.	w	Sgt	A	72	IN	Vol Inf (K) Lawrence
" Jno. E.						
" Carrie E.						
" Chas. W.						
" Anna E.						
Harris, Jno.	w	Pvt	D	1		US Reg Cav (J) Sore eyes
" Tilda						
" Sam'l L.						
" Jno. V.						
" Clara						
Harris, Wm. C.	w	1st Lt	A	4	KS	Vol Inf (J) Rheum. (K) nl
" Wm. B.						
" Grace B.						
Harris, Wm. W.	w	Pvt	I	3	KS	Mil (K) Lecompton
Harrison, Jay L.	w	Pvt	K	11	IN	Vol Cav (K) Median
Harrison, J. H.	w	Pvt	N	2	KS	Mil (K) Lawrence
Harshberger, D. W.	w	Capt	K	88	IN	Vol Inf (K) Vinland
Hartig, Peter	w	Pvt	nl	nl	nl	Mil (K) Eudora

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
Hartup, Thos.	w	Pvt	D	3	KS	Mil (K) Lecompton
Hartmann, F. W.	w	Pvt	A	73	IL	Vol Inf (K) Appanoose
Hartmann, M.	w	Pvt	nl		Silver KS	Mil (K) Lawrence
					Grays	
Haseltine, Bob	w	Pvt	K	1	KS	Bat (J) Chr Diar (K) Lawrence
Haskell, A. B.	w	Cpl	nl	1	KS	Ks Art. (K) Lawrence
Haskell, J. G.	w	Capt	AQM		DC	Supt Transportation
					(L)	Washington, D C, 16 Dec 1880
Hatch, John (?) S.	w	Pvt	C	10	KS	Vol Inf (K) Sigel (J) Yes
Hatton, Fletcher	w	Pvt	A	11	KS	Vol Cav (J) Rheum (K) Lawrence
Hayden, John	b	Pvt	C	124	KY	USC Inf (K) Sigel
" Mary T.						
" Wm. C.						
" James						
" Ed M.						
" Pearle						
Hays, Martin P.	w	Pvt	H	102	PA	Vol Inf (K) Black Jack
Hazelrig, Geo. W.	b	Sgt	nl	3	KS	Mil (H) Arm (K) Lawrence
Headen, Thos B.	w	nl	H	3	IL	Vol Inf & Cav (I) by horse, back (K) Lawrence
Heaston, D. F.	w	Pvt	B	170	OH	Vols (J) Rheum (K) Willow Springs
Heine, Henry	w	Pvt	I	21	KS	Mil (K) Clinton
" Anna L.						
Heinricks, R.	w	Pvt	nl	nl	KS	Mil (K) Eudora
Heggardy, Erastus	w	Pvt	E	83	PA	Vols (K) Willow Springs
Helm, Elias B	w	Pvt	nl	4	NJ	Vol Inf (H) Leg & Shoulder (K) Lawrence
Helstrom, Gustave	w	Pvt	E	11	KS	Cav (K) Bond
Helstrom, Rudolph L.	w	Pvt	F	3	KS	Vol Mil (K) Bond
" Clara						
" Sydney						
" Elva						
" (?) Helena I.						
" K. Otto						
Hemphill, Isaac	w	Cpl	G	134	PA	Vol Inf (K) Vinland
Henderson, N. H.	w	Pvt	C	136	OH	Vol Inf (K) Baldwin City
Henderson, Shelby	b	Pvt	C	84	LA	USC Inf (J) Rheum (K) Lawrence
" Harriet M.						
" James						
Hendricks, not listed	w	Pvt	L	1	IN	Art. (I) Yes (J) Yes (K) Globe
Hendry, J. M.	w	Pvt	H	2	KS	V.C. (K) Lawrence
Hendry, Jno. W.	w	Pvt	D	2	KS	Vols (K) Lawrence
Henry, W. B.	b	Pvt	F	125	KY	Vol Inf (K) Ottawa
Henry, Wm.	w	Wagon M.	nl	nl	PA	Burnsides Corps (K) Big Springs
Henshaw, Newton	w	2nd Sgt	E	12	KS	Inf (J) Chr Diar (K) Hesper
Henshaw, Newton	w	QM Sgt	E	12	KS	Vol Inf (K) nl
" Mary						
" Agnes						
Herd, Sam'l R.	w	Pvt	F	3	KY	Vol Inf (H) Yes (K) Belvoir
" Grace L.						
" Michael F.						
" Chas. M.						
Herd, S. S.	w	Sgt	nl	1	KS	Vols (K) Lawrence



SARA TAPPAN DOOLITTLE ROBINSON

1827-1911

Sara T. D. Robinson was born on July 12, 1827 in Belchertown, Massachusetts. She was the eldest daughter of Myron and Clarissa (Dwight) Lawrence. By age twelve she was an excellent Latin scholar and could read German and French fluently. She was educated at Belchertown Classical School and the New Salem Academy. She learned to love politics and literature from her father.

Myron Lawrence was a prominent Massachusetts lawyer. A distant relative, Amos A. Lawrence was a well-known Boston industrialist and philanthropist and treasurer of the New England Emigrant Aid Company.

Sara first met Dr. Charles Robinson when she was a patient of his in Massachusetts. After he had returned from a trip to California they were married on October 30, 1851. She was his second wife.

On March 13, 1855 Sara and her husband left for Kansas with other colonists from Boston during a snowstorm on an emigrant train led by Dr. Robinson. They arrived in Kansas City, Missouri on March 24, 1855. She stayed there to buy supplies for their new home, while Dr. Robinson directed a portion of the party beyond Lawrence to new areas of settlement. When he returned to Kansas City they left for Lawrence arriving there on the evening of April 17, 1855. Lawrence was their home for the next forty years.

Mrs. Robinson was a great aid to her husband in his work as agent to the Emigrant Aid Society of New England. On May 9, 1856, she started with him on a mission to eastern states for the purpose of enlisting the sympathies of their governors and representatives in Congress, in behalf of the Kansas situation. Dr. Robinson was arrested for treason at Liberty, Mo. on May 10th and taken back to Kansas. Sara continued alone to Cincinnati and Boston with success. When she returned to Lawrence, her first home on Mt Oread had been burned by order of the pro-slavery Sheriff of Douglas County. Since Dr. Robinson was in prison at LeCompton, she went there and remained in prison with him for three months.

## Sara Tappan Doolittle Robinson (contd)

While in Lecompton she wrote "Kansas, Its Interior and Exterior Life": The book is a story of Kansas from 1854-1856. The Preface reads, "This work, now offered to the public, has been written amid all the inconveniences of tent life. It's pages were penned during a three month's residence of the authoress in the United States Camp, at Lecompton, with her husband, one of the state prisoners". This was the first book to be published by a Kansas woman. Sara's book went through nine editions during the territorial period and the 10th published in 1899 being a revision.

In 1861, Sara Robinson became Kansas' first first lady when Dr. Charles Robinson was elected Kansas' first governor. Since there was not an official residence, Sara used homes of legislators who lived in Topeka for entertaining because their home Oakridge was in Lawrence. She was first lady until 1863.

Governor Dr. Charles Robinson died at their rural home, Oakridge on August 17, 1894. After his death Sara spent much of her time running the estate and writing about the memory of her husband and his career.

She was interested in the founding of Kansas University. Robinson Gymnasium was named in honor of Governor and Mrs. Robinson. The construction began in the Spring of 1906 and was slow. It was built on a tract of land which originally belonged to them. In memory of her parents Sara bequeathed to her native city, Belchertown, Mass. \$25,000 to erect a memorial hall for the pleasure and benefit of its people.

Sara Robinson died November 16, 1911 at the age of eighty-four. The bulk of the remainder of the Robinson estate including Oakridge was left to the University of Kansas.

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Submitted By: Beverley J. Chapman, Lawrence, KS.

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THE HOME OF A PROMINENT KANSAS WOMAN

"Oakridge" Where Mrs. Sara T. D. Robinson, Wife of Kansas'  
First Governor, Lives an Attractive Place--The  
The Home of a Worker

Mrs. Mable Ranney Wheeler, chairman of the science department of the state federation of women's clubs, has written the following account of a visit to "Oakridge," the home of Mrs. Sara T. D. Robinson, wife of the first governor of Kansas;

Dwelling in the quiet seclusion of a rural estate, four miles north of Lawrence, lives Mrs. Sara T. D. Robinson, whom one thousand people honored on Kansas Day by witnessing the impressive ceremonies attending the unveiling of her portrait and the presentation of it to the Historical society to be ultimately placed by the side of that of her husband, Chas. Robinson, the first governor of Kansas.

The portrait was an oil painting, done by Miss Ida M. Thayer of Worcester, Mass., a daughter of Eli Thayer, and represents this remarkable woman in her young womanhood. These ceremonies were not needed to remind Kansas men and women of the grandeur of character ever portrayed in the life of this beloved woman. All to whom the state is dear, today know how much they owe to her, both because of her active service for right principle in pioneer days, and also because she is the author of the book, Kansas, Its Interior and Exterior Life, which had a wide circulation in the United States and Europe in the early fifties. It is a vivid description of the early Kansas territory, and an appeal to the world on behalf of the cause of freedom, and was the means of influencing many a stalwart man of principle to cast his fortune aside, and hastily make his way to this "battleground of freedom!"

But so quiet and secluded does she live that of the many who love and revere her, only a comparatively limited number in the state know her in her fine old mansion at "Oakridge."

Mrs. Robinson is now a woman of seventy-eight years, yet her mind is as bright and vigorous as that of a woman of thirty. She reads constantly many of the latest books, magazines and papers; thus keeping in constant touch with the outside world; has a varied correspondence, and by the aid of her companion and old friend Mrs. Clara Emerson Clark, who lives with her, attends to the numerous details in the management of her estate of 1,600 acres.

January, 1856, when their house on Mount Oread was burned by the border men, Governor Robinson did not rebuild, but moved into a small stone house to which he added a convenient wooden wing. This was at the foot of "University hill." They had to make their home there, until the land could be pre-empted. Thenceforth two years in Topeka, and frequent interval of boarding, when the house had to be given to others who were in greater need of it, Governor



## Prominent Kansas Woman (contd)

Robinson, on December 18, 1865, began preparations for the building of their home. The site selected was the crest of a hill and the Governor named this country place "Oakridge."

Seeds were gathered from a maple tree and sown at once. June 1865, and in September there was a little grove of 1,300 young maples. These they set out about the house and around the estate. They have grown in the forty years to gigantic trees and shade the public roadway for miles between Lawrence and "Oakridge."

The mansion being situated on the top of the ridge, affords a beautiful view of the university buildings five miles away, and of the city of Lawrence. The gently undulating ridges about the house form natural terraces, shaded by trees, covered with blue grass, and here and there adorned by some flowering shrub or vine carefully planted years ago by Governor Robinson himself. All these unite to make the surroundings of the place most ideally beautiful. Behind the house to the northward, the land rises gently again to a more elevated plane, and here under the outspreading trees is the Greek Cross summer house, where in times gone by when Governor Robinson was alive and active, have been held many gatherings and picnics. Mrs. Robinson told us on our visit to her the next day after witnessing the ceremonies at Topeka, that on --occasion there had been 400 friends and acquaintances gathered there for a picnic. The writer vividly remembers the pleasure of a day spent in the same way with some university friends in the spring of '95.

As to the interior of the house, one is impressed the moment the threshold is crossed, of the Emersonian doctrine of simple living and high living. You feel that it is the house of a worker, in the world's highest work. The house is finished on the inside, casings, doors and stairway, in solid black walnut grown upon the farm. It is furnished in ancient elegant furniture, and one sees books about him everywhere, in every room. Entering the front door one finds oneself in a long narrow hall, the stairs ascending the right hand wall. At the back of the hall can be seen well filled bookcases and pictures. On the right of the hall is a large Parlor, the tones of which are light. Gifts and mementoes and pictures are everywhere, on the white marble mantel, on the tables and on the walls. At the head of the parlor stands a solid mahogany chair which was very ancient even when it was presented to Mrs. Robinson's father in Belchertown, Mass., more than 75 years ago.

Passing back through the hall one enters the library and here every chair, table, and picture is as it was 12 years ago, when Governor Robinson lived. The elegant little horsehair sofa on which he was accustomed to lie with closed eyes when weary, the elegant black walnut bookcase, the grand piano, the tables overloaded with books, the pictures, the mantle, everything just as it had been when he lived.

We remarked at this with pleasure. "Yes," she said, "I have not changed it."

On the day of our visit, our kind hostess showed us the numerous gifts and remembrances sent to her on the Christmas just passed.

## Prominent Kansas Woman (contd)

They had come from everywhere, from Massachusetts to California, bespeaking the love and affection in which she is held by many friends. She had many of these laid out on the top of the grand piano.

The dining room is just beyond the library and there by a comfortable wood fire, she seated us. By her side was a table loaded with recent magazines and papers. She had been reading the account of the Kansas Day proceedings, and was very pleased with it all. She modestly remarked she could not see why such honor should be given her; she had never done anything except to try to do the best she could all along. And in that is contained the philosophy of the ages. If we do the best we can, each hour and day of our life, when at last the sum total is cast, we have a large amount of "best things!" That is all God ever intended of us, to do the best we could, in harmony with his principle.

In this same room is an ancient black walnut desk, where she does her writing. Here at her reading table and at her desk, she spends many hours. Last May, this woman of nearly eighty years wrote a most vivid description of The Quantrell Raid on Lawrence and Wakarusa war, the first was read at the state federation of woman's clubs, at Topeka by Mrs. Hill P. Wilson of Lawrence, and was pronounced by the Hon. John A. Martain to be one of the most valuable acquisitions that it had been the good fortune of the Historical society to obtain. In this month's Graduate Magazine of Kansas university, will appear another article from her pen on the death of Miss E. P. Leonard and the Early Days.

As she sat there in the fading light of the late afternoon, relating experiences of old friends and old school mates, almost every passing thought was delicately depicted by the ever changing expression of the features of her sensitive face. Relating incidents of her early life, from three years and three months, telling how at ten years she began the study of Latin; at twelve years, began reading French and Virgil and so on; we realized how carefully she had been instructed and trained in her early years, and we could not help having it borne in upon us that we were in the presence of one of the brightest intellects and truest hearts of American womanhood, whom none could help but hold in great deference and high esteem.

From the window by her reading table, sequestered in this rural home, from all the activities and digressions of the city of Lawrence, she can gaze across her beautiful estate upon that consummation of her fondest dreams--Mount Oread covered with the buildings of the State university of Kansas, and for which all her vast estate will be used when it comes time to join her noble husband, who by the support of Amos A Lawrence of Boston, founded and father the university. So these two; Charles and Sara Robinson, having had no children of the flesh, bequeath their vast fortune to this child of their heart and brain--"Our State University." It is certainly a fitting monument, erected on the ashes of their first Kansas home.

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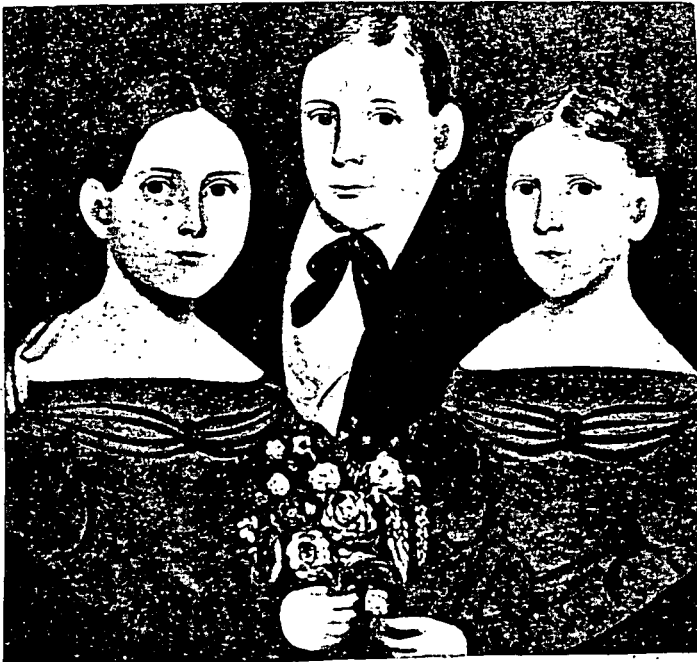
Mrs. Robinson has never from her childhood been a strong woman physically, and perhaps many times this has hindered her in active public work. She loves to be at home with her flowers and books, and is always glad to see some dear friend of the old days.

Clear and concise in her language, it is always a great pleasure to converse with her. Especially is it interesting to hear her speak of her husband, a man of sterling character and sound judgment. Frank W. Blackmar, Ph.D. of Kansas university, wrote the biography of Charles Robinson some years ago, and from his wide experience of men and subjects and because of an intimate acquaintance with Governor Robinson, he was able to produce a remarkable book and one which we wish every Kansan would place in his home, in the hands of his children, so they might become familiar with the high principles which ever actuated the deeds of this man in his part in in the early struggles of Kansas.

Mrs. Robinson is rather small of stature, slender in form, has large gray eyes, and wears her hair combed smoothly back from her high, broad forehead.

Our country has produced many notable women since its foundation, but as a combination of modesty, simplicity and culture, of generosity and high motives, of intellectual depth and high spirituality, with a genuine true heart ever responsive to the needs of her fellowmen, no state can point with more pride to any of its women, than we of Kansas do to our first Governor's wife, Mrs. Sara T. D. Lawrence Robinson.

This newspaper article was found in the library of the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka, Kansas, in the Kansas Scrapbook Collection (Biographies).



These are the three children of the noted jurist, Myron Lawrence, of Belchertown, Mass. The young lady on the left, Sara Lawrence, grew up to marry, in 1851, Charles Robinson, 1st Gov. of Kansas. The painting hung at Oakridge, the home of Gov. Robinson. Unknown artist. From Kansiansiana at Ks. State Historical Society, Topeka, KS.

Submitted By: Beverley J. Chapman  
Lawrence, KS.

The Ladies Aid Society of the J. W. Taylor Camp No. 78, Sons of Veterans

Division of Kansas, Society No. 47

Application for Membership

I Eligibility - Membership shall consist of:

- 1st - Mothers, wives, nieces or sisters of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Union Army or Navy during the Civil War of 1861-65.
- 2nd - Female lineal descendants, not less than sixteen years of age, of soldiers, sailors or marines.
- 3rd - Wives or mothers of Sons of Veterans.

II Objects

- Sec 1-To assist the Sons of Veterans in keeping green the memories of our soldiers, and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union.
- Sec 2-To aid the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in caring for their helpless and disabled Veterans; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory and history of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day.
- Sec 3-To aid and assist the Sons of Veterans in all their objects, both financially and otherwise.
- Sec 4-To aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Society.
- Sec 5-To inculcate true patriotism and love of country, not only among our membership, but all the people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all.

Names extracted from the secretary's minutes, beginning 24 May 1895, follow together with event and date noted:

24 May 1895 - Officers: May H. Olmsted, Pres; Mollie Craigmile, V.P.; Helen Z. Houston, Treas.; Inez Hinman, Guide; Ella Craigmile, Inside Sentinel; Effie Craigmile, Outside Sentinel. Miss Emiline Eaton Made appl. for membership.

14 June - Officers present included Flora Martin, Assist. Guide. Miss Edith Weidler appl. for membership presented.

28 June - Officers present included Sister Lelia Wright, Chaplain. Discharge requested by Sister Wright was granted. Sisters Chase, Hanson and Lamphers were dropped from the roll. Edith Weidler's request to withdraw membership granted. Emiline Eaton initiated.

26 July - Eudora Eaton installed as Chaplain.

27 Sept - Officers present included: Past Pres. Lena Covey. Appl. for membership from Florence L. Reed and Carrie L. Thornton.

11 Oct - Sister Anna Radford, as a candidate. Sister Anna Shultz asked for withdrawal card. Granted.

25 Oct - Florence Reed and Carrie Thornton initiated.

8 Nov - Appl. for membership from Mrs. Mable Brooks and Mrs. Lucy Taylor.

22 Nov - Brooks and Taylor initiated. Appl. for membership from Alma E. Bryant.

13 Dec - Bryant elected to membership. Installing officer - Tracy Learnard. Nominations for Pres. - Lena Covey, May Olmsted and Eleanor Cox. May Olmsted elected; V.P. - Mollie Craigmile and Flora Martin. Martin elected. Chaplain - Anna Radford; Treas. - Helen Houston; Guide - Ella Craigmile and Inez Hinman; Assist. Guide - Flora Martin and Carrie Brooks; Inner Guard - Ella Craigmile and Lina Eaton. Eaton elected; Outer Guard - Eudora Eaton;

Delegate to National Encampment -- May Olmsted; Alternate -- Rachel Alrich and Anna Radford.

14 Feb 1896 -- Appl. for membership - Mrs. Hattie White and Miss Mary McBride. Comrade Becktell of the GAR was reported dead.

24 Feb - Resignation of Brother F. M. Hinman as Judge Advocate. Post Capt. A. G. Alrich was appointed to fill the office.

27 Mar -- Bro. Eddie Houston was obligated. Bro. Rudrow was a visitor. Hattie White and (?) Minnie McBride initiated.

10 Apr - L.A.S. "honored by a visit from Bro. A. J. Clarke, who made a very interesting speech."

8 May -- Bros. Rose and Thornton of the S. of V. were obligated.

5 June -- Bro. E. I. Thomas of the Camp 78, S. of V. was obligated.

Appl for membership from Miss Nellie Benjamin.

26 June - Benjamin elected. Appl. from Miss Flora Platts. Mother of Bro. Chas. Steel reported ill. Bro. Eddie Houston reported better.

10 July - Flora Platts elected.

24 July -- Sister Daisy Irvin Cowdy granted an honorable discharge.

28 Aug -- Appl of Miss Nellie Ray presented.

23 Sept -- Bro. Van Meter was introduced and obligated. Sister Brooks asked for a withdrawal card.

23 Oct -- Sister Effie Craigmile, who has moved to Illinois, asked for a dismissal from the Society.

13 Nov -- Appl of Mrs. Annie Ray presented.

27 Nov -- Mrs. Ray elected. Bro. Schnech of S. of V. was obligated.

Inspector, Sister Wade, made a short address.

11 Dec -- Invitation to the Society to join with the J.M. Taylor Camp No. 78 was extended by Bro. Potter.

8 Jan 1897 -- Bro. B. Schall was obligated. New officers elected: Pres- Nellie Benjamin; V. P. - Mollie Craigmile; Treas - Lina Eaton; Chaplain - Mrs. Houston; Guide - Hattie White; Guard - Allie Bryant; Assist. Guide -- Flora Platt; Outer Guard - Dora Eaton; Nat'l Delegate - Hattie White; Alt-Dora Eaton.

22 Jan -- Committee appointed to arrange for Commemoration of Union Defenders' Day. On motion it was decided to give a Martha Washington Tea Party on the 22nd of February.

10 Mar -- Sister V.P. Mollie Craigmile asked for her resignation as V.P. and Trustee. Accepted. Also, Sister White, not being able to attend regularly, asked for her resignation as Guide. Accepted.

19 Mar - Election of V. P. - Lucy Taylor; Guide - Hattie White; Outer Guard - Carrie Thornton; One Trustee - May Olmsted. Bro. Hinman, in behalf of the S. Of V., extended a vote of thanks to the L.A.S. for services rendered through their latest drama entitled "Down in Dixie".

2 Apr - Sister Mollie Craigmile asked for a transfer which was granted.

7 May Sisters Lena Covey and Flora Martin asked for a dismissal from the Society. Sister Taylor was appointed as a committee of one to interview the Sisters in regards to the fatal step they are about to take.

4 June - Bro. (?) Lemon was obligated. Sisters Martin & Covey reinstated.

16 June - Miss Nellie Ray elected and immediately initiated into the Mysteries of this Sacred Order.

16 July - Trustees report for the 2nd Quarter 1897 showed 24 members in good standing.

8 Sept - Invitation from Capt. Schall to attend entertainment in honor of the anniversary of the camp.

22 Sept -- appl. of Miss May Ham and Mrs. Mollie McCoy presented. Bro. Chas Harrold of Clinton Camp was obligated.

6 Oct - May Ham and Mollie McCoy elected.

- 20 Oct -- Bro. Kretsinger of Camp 57 and Com. Thornton were obligated.  
 1 Dec -- Mrs. E. J. Benjamin elected to membership.  
 16 Dec -- Bro. Oscar E. Learnard obligated.  
 26 Jan 1898 -- Sister Rachel Alrich asked for transfer.  
 23 Feb -- Death of Comrade Bennett was reported. Appl of Miss Hattie Graham presented.  
 9 Mar -- Bro. Billie Miller of #78 was obligated. Hattie Graham elected.  
 18 May -- The transfer of Sister Mollie Craigmile of #8 Missouri Division was presented.  
 1 June -- A proposition was made the Society: O. M. Dutcher to render a play, on conditions...  
 29 June -- Flora Martin asked for a discharge, as did Sisters Covey and Houston.  
 13 July -- M. Craigmile admitted on transfer from Missouri.  
 10 Aug -- "A card from Mr. & Mrs. Sam'l Bryant thanking us for flowers was read by the secretary."  
 27 Sept -- "Secretary read a challenge from Claud Smith, Drillmaster of the LAS team at Wichita, challenging us to a competative drill at the encamp't to be held at Hutchinson."  
 28 Dec -- Elected Pres. - May Murphy; V. P. - Mollie Craigmile; Treas - Lucy Taylor; Guide - Inez Hinman; Inner Guard - Carrie Thornton. Alt. Delegate to Division Encampment -- Minnie Seaman.  
 11 Jan 1899 -- Sister Flora Draper seconded a motion.  
 8 Feb -- Capt O. E. Learnard was duly installed a a member of the Advisory Board of the Society. Appl. of Ida Patton presented.  
 8 Mar -- Mrs. Thornton and Miss Emma Hines elected to membership. Miss Ola Bryant mustered into the Society.  
 22 Mar -- Miss Myrtle (?)Hann and Ida Patton elected to membership.  
 Extractions from LAS records at Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas by Pauline B. Elniff.



The Lawrence Gazette, Dec. 9, 1886

The old colored woman known as "Aunt Esther" died Friday morning at the remarkable age of 101 years, 11 months and 8 days. She was probably the oldest person in the state, as she would have been 102 had she lived until Christmas. She had a written statement from her old master's son, giving the date of her birth, December 25, 1784, taken from the plantation register. She was well known to nearly all the residents of Lawrence, who for several years have supported her by their charity. The funeral took place Saturday from her home, corner New Jersey and Warren streets.

Lawrence Gazette, June 2, 1887

#### Vinland

A bevy of girls from this place secured a team and farm wagon and each bearing a basket of good things to eat, set off on last Saturday at 7 o'clock in the morning to have a picnic, all to themselves; where they went or what they did is their own business. They returned at 8 in the evening, and as they drove through our town a number of our young men standing in front of the postoffice cheered them lustily. Nothing daunted they drove on and disposed of the crowd at their various homes until the two that had charge of the team were all that remained. Next morning they were all in their places at Sabbath school, looking rosy and happy.

## LUCY WILDER WOODWARD

Lucy Martin WILDER WOODWARD was one of the teachers in the first schools of Lawrence, Ks. She was a beloved, highly intelligent, well respected person and had accomplished much in her short life. She is better known by her maiden name, Lucy WILDER, because her teaching was done before she was married.

Lucy was born 7 May 1837 in Bolton, Worcester county, Mass., the daughter of Abraham and Cynthia FLETCHER WILDER. She came to Lawrence, Ks. in February 1855, with her mother and her brother, Dr. Abraham WILDER. Her father and brother, John H. WILDER had come to Lawrence the previous October with the Third Emigrant Aid Company party.

Lucy WILDER was well educated and was an experienced teacher in Massachusetts, and was hired to open the third term of schools in Lawrence in the Emigrant Aid Building on Massachusetts Street in the spring of 1856. She was teaching school the 21st day of May when Sheriff Samuel JONES and U.S. Marshal I.B. DONALDSON rode into town with a posse of several hundred men. C.L. EDWARDS, principal of the early school, wrote about this in his article, "Early Schools of Lawrence," Lawrence Daily Journal and Daily Kansas Tribune, June 8, 1882. He said, "The destruction of the Hotel and printing presses on that day temporarily scattered the school; but it was reassembled when comparative quiet was restored, and continued during the season, with occasional interruptions, when the teacher exchanged her occupation of moulding minds and teaching the young idea how to shoot, and engaged in the more practical occupation of moulding bullets and rolling cartridges for her father, brothers, and friends to shoot in defense of their chosen home."

In November, arrangements were made for a six months school to be held in the basement of the Unitarian Church [933 Ohio Street]. In April, 1857, "Quincy High School" was officially opened with Lucy as one of the teachers in the Higher Department. In 1858 she received \$600.00 per annum. She resigned after the fall term of 1858.

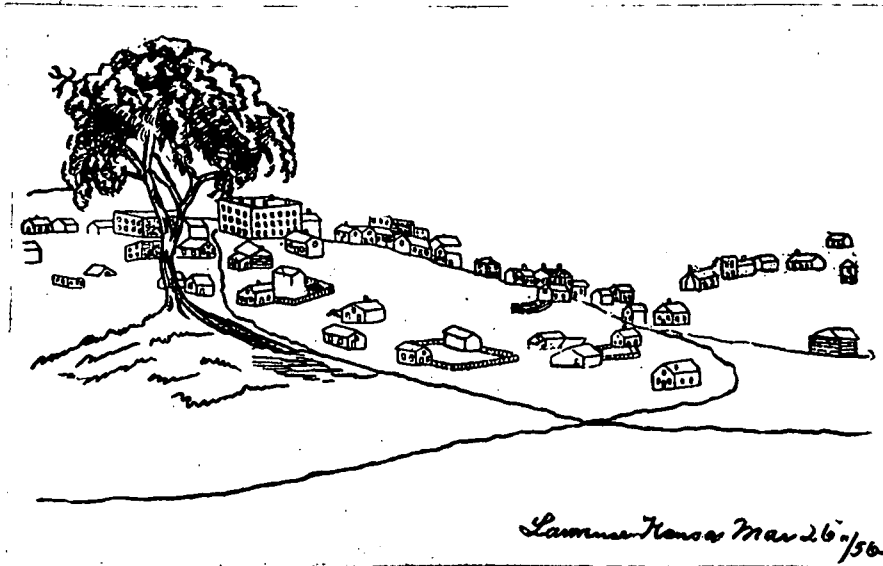
She was a member of the Unitarian Church and was involved in community activities. At the first Douglas County Fair held in October, 1859, at the Congregational Church and adjacent grounds in Lawrence, she was on the committee of Class #19, which included the categories of Wild Flowers, Cultivated Flowers, and Boquet of Mixed Flowers.

She is attributed with the drawing of the early sketch of Lawrence, Ks. viewed from the area near the Unitarian Church and which was placed in the cornerstone of that church. On the following page is a copy of this sketch taken from A History of Lawrence, Kansas, by Richard CORDLEY.

Lucy married Brinton Webb WOODWARD in Lawrence, Ks. on October 9, 1859. He had come to Lawrence on May 20, 1855, from Pennsylvania and opened a combined drug and book store which grew into the Round Corner Drug Store, located at 801 Massachusetts St. It is still in operation today, although not by the WOODWARD family, and is the oldest continuous business west of St. Louis, Mo.



LUCY (WILDER) WOODWARD.



A daughter, Mary Webb WOODWARD, was born in Lawrence on January 8, 1862. She also was a teacher and taught German and English in Lawrence and Topeka high schools. She later married Thomas F. DORAN of Topeka, Ks.

On July 25, 1865, in Kansas City, Lucy died at the age of 28, following the birth of a son, Brinton Wilder WOODWARD. He was born on July 22, and died July 26, 1865 in Lawrence. Following are the notices of their deaths from the Kansas Daily Tribune, Lawrence, Ks., Wednesday, July 26, 1865 and July 27, 1865:

There was a report in town that Mrs. WOODWARD, wife of B.W. WOODWARD, died in Kansas City yesterday. The fact was, intelligence reached her friends yesterday, that she was not expected to live till night, but no intelligence of her death. Few ladies have been more highly respected than Mrs. WOODWARD, and all who knew her will await with anxiety further intelligence, and hope that she may yet recover.

Thursday, July 27, 1865:

The report which was in circulation here on Tuesday evening, of the death of Mrs. B.W. WOODWARD, proved painfully true. No intelligence could cause a deeper sorrow in the hearts of our people. Affable, possessing a kind heart, a woman of Christian virtues, she was universally beloved and respected.

#### DIED

At Kansas City, Tuesday, July 25th, Mrs. Lucy M.W. WOODWARD, wife of B.W. WOODWARD, of this city, aged 28 years.

Died - In Lawrence, Wednesday, July 26th, Brinton Wilder, infant son of the above, aged four days.

Funeral services at the Congregational Church this forenoon at ten o'clock—to meet at the house of the deceased at 9 1/2 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

[Note. - The Congregational Church at that time was located at 6th and Louisiana Streets.]

Lucy and her son were buried on private property, probably the WOODWARD residence, which is now 615 Tennessee St. According to the present owner, Dr. Frances INGEMANN, there were ghost stories associated with the house, of someone who died during the Civil War, but she does not recall the details. This would give credence to the idea that they were buried there. In



December, 1872, Lucy and her son were reinterred in Section 2, of Oak Hill Cemetery. Two stones mark her grave: a small one for her and her son, and a large one for her and her husband with the following epitaph:

"An Earnest life  
Loving and helping."  
And the grave is not its goal.

Following is the eulogy given by a fellow teacher, Sarah A. BROWN, at the 25th reunion of Quincy High School, held June 2, 1882 (printed in the Western Home Journal, Lawrence, Ks., June 8, 1882).

Miss BROWN then delivered a beautiful eulogy to the memory of Miss WILDER, who resigned her position as teacher at the end of the 5th term. It was as follows:

Few faces stand out more distinctly upon memory's wall than hers, to whom I gratefully bring this tribute of affection and esteem this afternoon. I shall not attempt to give you a complete sketch of her life. If I can bring before you my estimate of her work and worth as a teacher, it is all I shall try. You all recall her bright face, not beautiful perhaps, as judged by an artist's eye, who should take account of regular features and clear complexion, but beautiful to all who knew her and saw it lit up with intelligence, who witnessed its quick play of expression, now sparkling with keenest fun, now saddened with tenderest sympathy. It was a face to be remembered, and which no photograph could do justice to.

Lucy M. WILDER was born in Boston, May 7th, 1837. She received here such an education as the N.E. common school affords, graduating at the high school. The Yankee girl of that day must try teaching as well as housekeeping, so when scarcely sixteen we find her in the school room. In 1853 and '54 she attended the Lancaster Normal Institute. Here she was under the instruction of such teachers as Prof. RUSSELL, well known throughout New England for his enthusiastic classes in elocution. It seems to me he did more to inspire a love for good reading than any one of that day, and opened the way for the great army of elocutionists who now are occupying the field; Dana COLBURN, whose mental arithmetic has never been surpassed; Dr. CUTTER, whose physiology was almost the only accepted text book, as far as I remember. Those were the golden days of lectures, and she listened to Prof. AGASSIZ, on Botany, GUYOT on Geography, TENNEY on Geology, KRUSIE on Language. She caught the spirit from these true teachers, and gave it forth in full measure to her pupils. She came to Kansas among the first settlers in 1855. Her merry disposition turned all the difficulties and hardships of pioneer life into a romance to interest her friends in the days to come. Though often suffering and overcome by sickness and pain she had the happy faculty of seeing the bright of the comic side, and with the aid of a quick imagination she made an entertaining story. It was this power that made her the center of a wide and everwidening circle of friends.

In school her influence over her pupils was very great. Rough boys who had little to attract, became her lovers, sensitive boys went to her with their troubles, the girls made her their example and all moved obedient to her will. Even those

not directly under her care felt the influence of her bright spirit. A word to a class would make them sit up all night to listen to the matinee of the birds and see the sunrise. Reading became with her a fine art, geography had the interest of personal travel, enlivened as it was by anecdote and description. These were her specialties. I do not recollect her in other departments.

In 1859 she was married to Mr. B.W. WOODWARD of this city, and July 25th, 1865, she left us to join the choirs invisible, but she yet lives in the hearts and memories of her friends.

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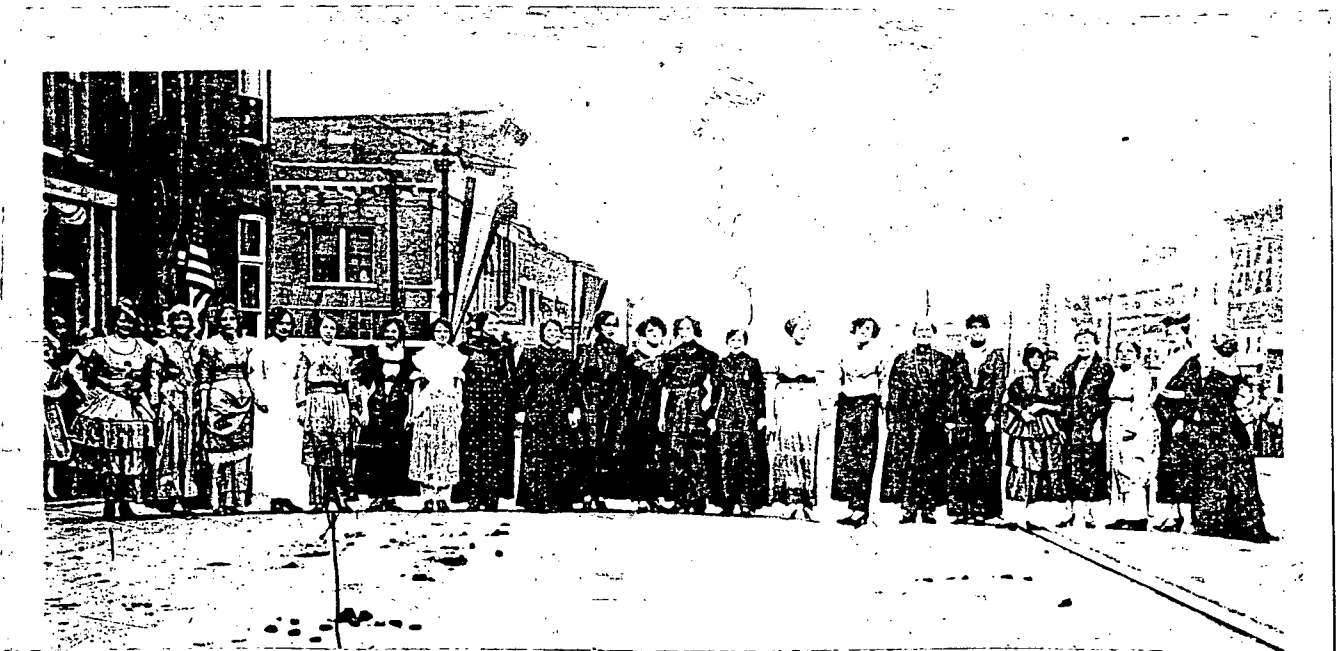
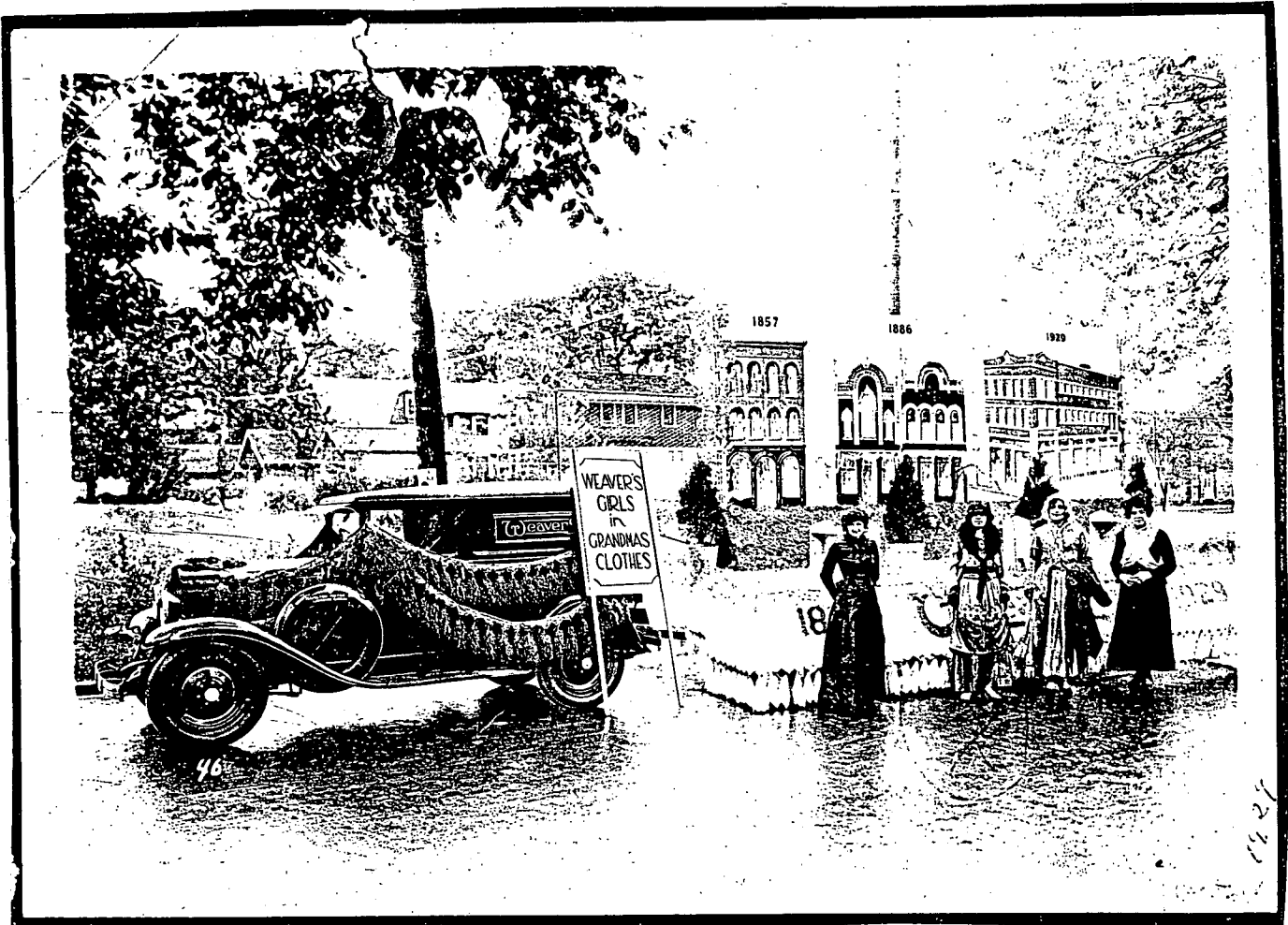
CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE  
FIRST CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION,  
LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Clipping from The Journal, 1896, Spencer Research Library, K.U.

Word was received from Washington this week that eight new names submitted to the order for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, have been accepted. They are Miss Lucy CARPENTER, Mrs. Kate GRAY, Mrs. Harriet LOUNSBURY, Miss Marcia RICHARDSON, Mrs. Julia SMITH, Mrs. Junius TENEYCH, Miss Mabel THORPE and Mrs. Anna VERNON. The first list of members was Mrs. HOLLY, Mrs. THATCHER, Miss CROFOOT, Mrs. Sumner ROGERS, Mrs. A.B. AVERY, Mrs. Elizabeth BIRGE, Mrs. Harry COLEMAN, Mrs. W.C. SANFORD and Mrs. E.C. SMITH. A meeting has been called for Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E.C. SMITH on Lawrence street for the purpose of naming the Chapter and electing officers.

Note: The chapter was named The Betty WASHINGTON Chapter in honor of the sister of George WASHINGTON.

Submitted by Jane WIGGINS



### WEAVER'S GIRLS, 1929

LAWRENCE, KANSAS

In the top picture, Mabel LAWSON TRANSMEIER is the second from the left and in the bottom picture she is the fifth from the left. The thirteenth woman is \_\_\_\_\_ TAYLOR (?) and the sixteenth is Mayme TUTTLE TAYLOR. Pictures submitted by JoAnne JOHNSON TRANSMEIER and Letha TRANSMEIER MCCRARY.

Lawrence Gazette, Feb. 24, 1887

BELVOIR

Death has been busy in this vicinity the past week, and many mourn the loss of wives, mothers and sisters.

First on the list was the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael ROLLER, which died on Sunday, Feb. 13, and was buried in the German cemetery the next day. Then

Died.—At her residence on the CARD place on Deer Creek, Feb. 15, of consumption. Margaret A., wife of Leonard D. ICE, aged 25 years. Mrs. ICE was the daughter of John PRICE, an old resident of Kansas, and was born in Clinton township Jan. 17, 1862. She was married to Leonard D. ICE at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. A.C. REED, in Shawnee county, on March 26, 1882. She was a devoted Christian and died in the faith of the Christian church, of which she had long been a devout member. She leaves a husband, two small children, a father, sister, and brothers to mourn her loss. Her funeral took place from the Mound school house on the 16th inst., Rev. Alex REED officiating, and her remains were followed to the grave in Mound cemetery by a large concourse of sorrowing friends. Then, again, there

Died—At the residence of her son, George, on the HILES place, in Shawnee county, on Monday, Feb. 14, Catherine, wife of Valentine ROLLER, aged 58 years.

Herald of Freedom, Sat., Feb. 12, 1859

We learn that the ladies of Bloomington will give a festival at the School House in that place, on the evening of the 16th of March, for the purpose of raising funds to aid in building a Presbyterian Church in that town, most of the funds being already subscribed. The public generally are invited to attend. Admission 25 cents.

Lawrence Daily Journal World, June 14, 1918

CLINTON

Miss Goldie HOUT called on Mrs. Ed HADL Wednesday afternoon.

The Clinton ladies all turned out on Friday morning and went Goose-berrying.

Miss Goldie HOUT expects to leave soon for Sibleyville, where she will stay with her cousin, Mrs. Ed PAASCH.

The Western Recorder, Lawrence, Ks., August 31, 1883

FROM CLINTON

The A.M.E. church held a basket meeting at Rockford Bridge on the 26th. There were about 300 people in attendance. Aunt Precilla SIMPSON professed religion. She is 90 years old. There were three others added to the church. Services were conducted by Rev. Pompey JOHNSON.

Lawrence Daily Journal World, July 10, 1915

VALLEY CHAPEL

Mrs. N. THOME had a unique and terrifying experience during our last thunder storm. She was ironing in a draft when struck by lightning, being rendered unconscious. Her fingers were so paralyzed from the effect that considerable force had to be applied to unclasp them from the handle of the iron.

Submitted by Jane WIGGINS, Lawrence, Ks.



PIONEER MOTHER  
ADELA HUNT DAVIS

Adela HUNT was born on a farm in High Point, North Carolina in 1824 to a good and reverent Quaker couple. She and her two sisters learned to card wool and cotton fibers into thread and yarn, weave cloth, knit mittens, caps, stockings and sweaters, sew, make candles and soap, can, dry and preserve fruits and vegetables. They also studied and learned Bible Verses and poetry. Adela learned to tailor men's suits.

The girls attended New Garden Boarding School in Guilford, N.C. (later Guilford College), which was founded by their Grandfather, Nathan HUNT, a Quaker minister and farmer, with the help of the Church.

Adela married Bartlett DAVIS, a student at the school in 1847. Her sister married his brother, Nathan DAVIS.

Slavery was a concern of the family and they saw slaves chained together going past their home.

Bartlett was a good farmer and they had a nice farm home with three free negro slaves and their families living on their farm, who they paid wages and they owed no one.

Adela and Bartlett had six children and when their son, Samuel was ten years old and baby Della only three months, Bartlett died a sudden death, (probably a ruptured appendix). Adela was a typical southern woman and could not own property or vote and had no knowledge of her husband's business, so her husband's oldest brother, Winslow DAVIS was made Administrator of her estate. He sold the machinery, stock, land and home for \$40,000.00 He did manage her affairs quite well. She moved to a house in the village near relatives and friends.

Winslow and wife decided to move to Kansas as it was a free state in 1861 and persuaded her to come along. She left in a caravan of twenty-five covered wagons May 7, 1861. They traveled across eastern Tennessee and the west part of Virginia to the Blue Ridge Mountains. Winslow then divided the wagons into two parts to attract less attention because the Civil War had begun. Adela's group went through the East Pass to the Ohio River, ferrying across at Madison, Indiana. They saw thousands of uniformed troops on trains to Richmond and marching in Virginia.

Adela stopped at her sister's home in Park County in Western Indiana after a month's travel. Winslow and wife went on to Kansas to the Hesper community southeast of Eudora in Douglas County. She came on in March 1862 with her children by train to Fort Leavenworth where Winslow met her with horses and wagon, ferrying across the Kansas River at Eudora.

Winslow had a two room house for her but it seemed a strange and lonely treeless prairie in a new country. The next morning she saw a glorious Kansas sunrise and decided she would love Kansas and she did.

Winslow invested her money in land but he died in 1884 and left no will for himself or her. His wife inherited everything, even Adela's land but not her house area. Since Winslow had no children his wife's family inherited everything when she died so Adela was on her own.

Adela put her seamstress skill to work and sewed for a living, usually \$1.00 per day, and she educated all her children. Shawnee Indians still lived in the area as this was the Shawnee Reserve until 1854, when they could sell their reserve land. These Indians were friendly and never harmed the DAVIS family because they treated them kindly and gave them food.

QUANTRILL rode up to her house on Aug. 20, 1863, asking for a drink of water which she pumped and gave him and told him she had no man and six children. When he gave a command his many men from all around the house arose to their feet and got on their horses in the road. Later she heard a shot and the cries of her neighbor, Mrs. STONE when they shot Mr. STONE.

Adela's son, Samuel married Emma STUBBS. They had nine children, one baby died and the rest graduated from Hesper Academy.

A daughter, Martha, married Edmund STANLEY, school teacher and superintendent of schools in Lawrence and for the State of Kansas. He was the first President of Friends University. They had four children.

Adela's daughter, Roxana, was a teacher and principal at Lawrence and Denver, Colorado, but never married.

Daughter Margaret was also a teacher and fruit grower in California. She married Theodore WELLS and they had a daughter.

Son, James DAVIS became a businessman, bought a University for \$50,000. in 1898 and gave it to Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends. He had two sons who died as babies.

Daughter, Della was a school teacher and married a Friends Minister and Missionary, M. Wilford ROUNDTREE. They had no children.

Adela died in 1906, saying, "I hear angels and beautiful music."

From Eudora Area Historical Society through the courtesy of Adela's grand daughter, Mildred DAVIS WATSON. Submitted by Fern LONG, President, EAHS



Western Recorder, Oct. 19, 1883

From Eudora

*Mrs. Margarette MONROE's brother who she has not seen for fifteen years, paid her a visit. Great joy was in hearts of both of them. Slavery has seperated our people fearfully and we feel to thank God that the most bitter cup of that accursed institution has passed into history.*



Lawrence Gazette, February 24, 1887

KEYSTONE

A deep gloom has been cast over the Corners and vicinity by the death of Cora L. BISHOFF, a young lady beloved by all who knew her. She and her brother were students of the State Normal school at Emporia, session of 1886-7. At the close of the session she arrived at the home of her parents full of life, joy and activity. The brother and sister at home were having the measles, then prevalent in the vicinity. She and her brother took them, and as Cora was getting better of them the uneliminated poison settled on the brain, causing high fever and delirium. Drs. WILLEY, SIMMONS, HARVEY and TAYLOR were called in council, but of all that medical skill could do, she fell a victim to the grim monster Death, who claimed her as his own on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20. A large concourse of sorrowing friends assembled at the residence, thence proceeding with the remains to the M.E. church at Eudora, where an able sermon was preached by Rev. ENDICOTT, after which the last sad rites were performed at the Eudora cemetery, the grave being decorated with garlands of evergreen and decked with flowers by her associates of Eudora.

Submitted by Jane WIGGINS, Lawrence, Ks.

TODAY MARKS PASSING OF SEVENTY-FIFTH  
MILE STONE FOR LOCAL TWINS

The celebration of their seventy-fifth birthdays seemed to cause no special excitement in the lives of Mrs. Florence BIGGS and Miss Frances MILNER, twins, who today passed the milestone that marked three quarters of a century on their life journey, tho the rare and unusual experience seems worthy of special note to others. While they have been separated long distances a number of times, they have always called Lawrence home, and when both were ready to retire, they arranged to live almost in adjoining houses.

Born in Erie, Penn., on January 14, 1853, they moved with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William MILNER from Iowa to Kansas in 1857, their father preempting land near Iola. In the fall of 1862 they moved to North Lawrence, which was then but a dense woods, with a few log cabins along the river, but with no railroad, bridge nor telegraph line, a ferry opposite their present home on Elm street, being the connecting link with the other side of the river.

The woods, they recall furnished wonderful places in which to play and at Bismarck grove, where the trees were then mere saplings, they greatly enjoyed bending these over and pretending they were horses, as they swayed up and down on them. Perhaps some of the bent trees still to be seen there today are among those they chose for their champing steeds. The Delaware Indians were still living at that time on a reservation east of town on Mud creek.

When QUANTRILL and his band invaded the town on an August morning in 1863, the MILNER family was then living in a house just north of the old cemetery west of the University, in which the victims were first buried. Mount Oread was then barren of trees and the smoke from the burning buildings could be clearly seen in the early dawn. Great was the excitement that prevailed and Mrs. MILNER and the children joined in begging their father and another man living with them to go at once and hide in the tall grass along the ravine. They finally did so and met with no misfortune. Six pickets were stationed around the house a good part of the day, however, to watch for any forces that might be coming to the assistance of the citizens.

When the destruction was over, Mr. and Mrs. MILNER drove their ox team to Lawrence, visiting the Methodist church, which had been turned into a morgue. Upon inquiring what she might do to help, the mother was told to go home and prepare something to eat for the men who were digging the burial trenches.

Cookies, biscuits and milk pails full of milk and hot tea, she carried to the workers at sundown, accompanied by the twins, who remember clearly the men standing with their shovels as they stopped a few minutes from their gruesome work. "That's capital tea," said Mr. SIMPSON, who was in charge, the children being particularly impressed with the word capital, which they had never heard used in that connection before. All night the men worked, till the moon had gone down.

In January 1865, on their twelfth birthday, the twins moved with their family again to North Lawrence, their father having purchased five acres in the town, which was then rapidly settling up. The railroad had come thru on New Year's day. In the early days, it will be remembered, North Lawrence had its own mayor and council, police department and stores. Grant township, too, was a part of Jefferson county.

In their former home, which was remote from Lawrence, the girls had studied with a private teacher in their own home, and later had attended school at the old Unitarian church, where their teachers were Miss Clara ARCHIBALD and Miss Mary WELLS. After moving to North Lawrence they went to a private school for a while. However, educational advantages were scarce at that time and attending school meant usually beginning each fall at the beginning of a text book and continuing as far as time permitted, the student making a little farther progress each year.

However, the two women have not been idle thru the years but have attained a satisfactory education in their mingling with people and thru books. They have from girlhood days been interested in the woman's rights movement, on which subject they listened to lectures by Susan B. ANTHONY and other noted women. They have been earnest workers in the W.C.T.U., their mother having been a member of the first organization in the state, that founded at Bismarck grove. The Methodist church and the Current Event club are also organizations which have claimed their active interest.

Mrs. BIGGS has been a widow for a number of years. As the wife of a Methodist minister, she lived in various places but Lawrence always called to her strongly as home, as it did also to her sister, who, after teaching in the schools of Lawrence and Douglas county, and in Lane university, where she was the first teacher of art, later was connected with various children's homes, then turned to nursing, from which she several years ago retired. She has in her home a number of paintings which are her own work. Much of her time now is devoted to needlework, in which she is quite expert. Just lately she has designed a pattern for an applique quilt, upon which she is to begin work, now that she has reached her seventy fifth birthday.

Mrs. BIGGS is the mother of four sons, L.C. BIGGS, of Lawrence; W.M. BIGGS of Salina; W.L. BIGGS of Mound City, Mo., and W.E. BIGGS of Topeka.

Two brothers are also living, C.E. MILNER of McAllaster, Okla., and G.D. MILNER of Havensville. Another brother, who was to have made his home with his unmarried sister, died a short time ago, shortly after having returned to Lawrence from Nevada.

To imagine that they are living in the past would be doing the two women a great injustice. They are thoroly alive to conditions of today and enjoy the present as much as do others much younger. They do not view the past with regret that it has gone but rather with the idea that it has brought something better, making this the best time that the world has yet seen. A cheerful philosophy that we all might benefit by.

Lawrence Journal World, January 14, 1928, from Clippings Scrapbook at the Lawrence Public Library. Submitted by Jane WIGGINS

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Lawrence Gazette, Dec. 8, 1887

The young folks of the Pilgrim church, North Lawrence, have organized a musical and literary society for the benefit of the church. The following are the officers: Olin BELL, president; Mr. HASLET, vice-president; Miss Della OLDS, secretary and Miss Flora FINCHER, treasurer. The society met Saturday evening at the home of Miss Rollie GILLULI.

Western Recorder, May 23, 1884 - North Lawrence

A pleasant surprise on Mr. Robert HARVEY by his friends last Thursday evening the occasion being his 34th birthday they were treated to a most excellent supper by the most aimable hostess, and a most enjoyable time is reported.



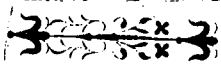
## MRS. PETER LAPTAD

Agnes PETRIE was born at Leith, Scotland, and died at Lawrence, Kansas, January 6, 1931, at the age of 83 years, one month and seven days. She came with her parents to America when she was three years old, and they first settled in Illinois, and afterwards came to Kansas, locating first at El Dorado, and then coming to Lawrence, where she has lived ever since. She was married to Peter LAPTAD when she was nineteen years old, and until they both were well along in years they lived on their farm north of Lawrence. When QUANTRILL raided Lawrence, her family lived in town, in a house that stood near where the West End grocery is now. To Mr. and Mrs. LAPTAD were born five children, Opal, Evedene, Pearl, Coskrie, (Mrs. Allie CARROL) and Paul, all of whom are living. The funeral was held on Thursday.

Mrs. LAPTAD was a remarkable woman, even in those early years when as measured by present circumstances, all women were remarkable. She shared with her family the sufferings and hardships of those first days of Kansas, and nobly did her part in the struggles and hardships they encountered. She was brilliant and full of energy, and that she was far in advance of other girls of the west is shown by the fact that at twelve years old she was teaching school. Her husband died a few years ago. She lived a long and useful life and went down to her grave honored and respected by every one who knew her.

— C.S. FINCH.

From Douglas County Republican, Lawrence, Ks., Jan. 8, 1931.  
Submitted by Jane WIGGINS, Lawrence, Ks.



Pilgrim Congregational Church, North Lawrence:  
Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor  
Active Members, 1887 - 1889

S. (L.) W. Bell	Charles Loit
Frank Olney	S. B. Adams
Eddie Houston	Thos. E. Norris
Mrs. Jn. A. Edgar	Wilford Norris
A. H. Houston	Mrs. Lora Olds
Miss Della Olds	Eda R. Burr
Charlie Edgar	L. M. Fincher
Mary C. Kimberling	Adalaide Burr
R. J. Adams	C. D. Allison
Susie M. (2) Ford	Rolli M. Gilbuli
Miss Flora A. Fincher	Arthur Ridgeway
Rosa (2) Wabritz	

1889 committee included: Frank Arthur, Della Olds,  
Geo. Loit, Chas. Edgar, Fred Norris and Eddie Houston

—Copied by Pauline B. Elniff

## BARBER NEIGHBORHOOD QUILTING BEE



Meetings were held every two weeks in a member's home. Meat and potatoes were furnished by the hostess, and everyone brought in a covered dish. The date of the above picture is about 1931.

## Seated, left to right:

Salena HOUK with daughter on lap  
 Mrs. Roy DESKINS  
 Mrs. May UNGER  
 Mrs. Cecil DONALDSON  
 Mrs. George HOUK (Mae)  
 Mrs. L. ICE  
 Mrs. George COFFMAN (May)  
 Eula UNGER  
 Mag BIDINGER  
 Mrs. Frank HOUK  
 Ruth CARTER  
 Helen ICE

## Standing, left to right:

Mrs. Floyd SCHELHORN (Doris)  
 Mrs. May STANWIX  
 Mrs. May COFFMAN  
 Mrs. Ruby BUCHHEIM  
 Mrs. Ben SWALLOW  
 Mrs. Ruby WIGGINS holding  
 daughter Josephine  
 Julia BAHNMAIER

Information from Mrs. Theodore (Ruby) WIGGINS; submitted by JoAnn TRANSMEIER



Lawrence Gazette, August 11, 1887 - There was an enjoyable dance at Mr. Lewis DUFFY's in Kanwaka Friday night, about eighty couples being present. Mr. DUFFY has an immense new barn, and the dancing was done in it.

MRS. A. M. LEAMER  
Here 57 years Wednesday

Fifty seven years ago Wednesday, July 2, 1856, Mrs. Anna M. LEAMER arrived in Lecompton, from Altoona, Pa. The railroad ended at St. Louis and the rest of the journey was by steamboat to Leavenworth and from thereon by stage.

Mr. and Mrs. LEAMER made their new home in a building on the corner of Woodson Avenue and Halderman Street, where he had a store. That fall he built the store building now occupied by I. A. SILLIMAN, and conducted the finest store in Douglas county. The corner where she made her home all of these fifty-seven years except for a few months when they occupied Constitutional Hall, while the present residence was being built.

Mrs. LEAMER has seen great changes take place here. From one of the liveliest towns in Kansas, where violence was rampant, bloodshed of frequent occurrence, and men's passions were stirred to depths seldom known in this country; after, she saw the days when Charles SUMNER described Lecompton, "as a lone widow sitting on the banks of the Kaw;" all the vicissitudes and periods of elation that the town has passed thru in becoming the beautiful peaceful village of to-day she has witnessed and felt its joy or sorrow.

Violence and violent deaths were of frequent occurrence in the early days and Mrs. LEAMER witnessed several tragedies. She saw a son of Dr. RODRIQUE stabbed, by a man by the name of THOMPSON, in the alley back of her home. SHERRARD was shot for spitting in Governor GEARY's face, on capitol square in front of the LEAMER residence. At a social affair she saw a man stabbed. Mrs. LEAMER says that notwithstanding the bitter feeling existing between the men that it never entered into the social affairs of the ladies.

In the more than a half-century that Mrs. LEAMER has lived here she has been a help to a great many in distress, when death came, her help and sympathy could be depended upon, generations of young people have grown up to love her for her cheery disposition, but her greatest value to the community has been as a mother. And this recalls a statement made many years ago by her husband, in the presence of the writer. He said when a young man, someone asked him when he was going to get married, and Mr. LEAMER replied, "As soon as I can find a woman who will be a good mother to my children." And when he chose Anna Mary MCCORMICK he made no mistake for she has been a good mother.

As the joke, laugh, and cheery disposition of Mrs. LEAMER has cheered Lecompton for fifty-seven years, so we hope it may continue for these many years for all love her.

Submitted by Iona SPENCER, Lecompton, Ks. Taken from The Lecompton Sun, dated Friday, July 4, 1913, Geo. W. CONNELL, Editor.

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Lawrence Gazette, September 30, 1886

*Big Springs and Deer Creek*

*Apple peeling—On Monday night Sept. 20, the young folks gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. MANAHAN, for the purpose of peeling apples. We had one fine-haired dude among us but he didn't bother us very much. He went to bed and had a nap before the work begun in good order, but oh, he missed the delicious pies and cakes. The captain, John RENSCH, brought the rest to time. Those who were noticed is as follows: Misses Winnie E. MURPHY, Rosa C. GRESS, Sophie BUSCH, Mrs. MANAHAN and daughters Ida, Effie and Emma. Messrs. Otto BIDINGER, Mike MURPHY, Charley MONTGOMERY, F. BIDINGER, John MURPHY, John GRESS, Henry BUSCH, Dave MURPHY and Dave DONNELLY. At a late hour all bid a sweet goodbye, hoping to meet soon again.*

## IDA JOSEPHINE JOHANSON HECOX

Ida JOHANSON was born July 7, 1844, in Stockholm, Sweden. She came to America in 1855 with her mother and father, Johanna E. and Lars JOHANSON. The exact date the family arrived in Lawrence is not known, nor do we know where the family lived.

We do know that on the morning of Aug. 21, 1863, Ida's father, Lars, along with other Swedes who were brought from Sweden to work on the Lawrence windmill (9th St.), was startled by the sounds of QUANTRILL's men. He was unable to find safety as did some of the workers, and was immediately attacked by one of the raiders. In a taped conversation (March 21, 1975) with Ralph HECOX, he relates that his great grand-father, Lars JOHANSON, grabbed the horse's bridle and called for one of the Swedes to grab an axe and kill the raider! The man spurred his horse and at the same time shot Lars through the right lung. He crawled about two miles through a cornfield to safety and lived. He also remembers being told by his father, Spencer HECOX, that holes could be seen in both the back and front of his grandfather where the bullet had gone through him.



IDA JOHANSON HECOX

It is not known when Ida met Linus HECOX, her husband-to-be, but in a letter dated August 11, 1863, from Ft. Lyon, Colorado, he writes: "Oh, how I would liked to have got a letter from you.....It has been most two months since I have heard from you." The letter was never mailed, and it is thought that Linus may have heard from traders or travelers about QUANTRILL's raid on Lawrence. On the day of the infamous raid, not only was her father shot, but Ida and her sister, Laura, (Mrs. Rudolph HELLSTROM) were made to pump water for the raiders.

Ida and Linus HECOX were married on June 4, 1864. From June 23 to October 29 of 1864, Linus served as wagon master of an ox-drawn freight wagon train hauling supplies to Fort Union, New Mexico. During this time, Ida lived with his mother, Aspasia HARDING HECOX SMITH, on a farm located between the communities of Old Belvoir and Twin Mound(s) (S1/2 NW1/2 Section 6 Marion Township).

Fourteen letters were written to Linus by Ida while he served as a wagonmaster. The following excerpts are taken from her letters:

July 5, 1864

Dearest Line

I took Kite down to Mr. Jacob's last night and got her shoes taken off, and I never saw such a change in a horse's gait in my life. She has rode very hard since you went away, but now she rides as easy as you please and not a particle of stiffness is to be seen. I am so glad.....

Twin Mound, July 24, 1864

Dear beloved husband,

Today is Sunday, almost five weeks since my precious darling left home. The last week has not went so slow, as the preceding ones. Yet, God knows they have all passed slow enough to me. Oh, my dearest Line, my anxiety for my pet is indescribable. I am counting the days as they go by and wondering were my own Line is. But you do not get to Union any sooner for my fretting about it, do you? I am getting almost afraid to ride Kite, she stumbles so terribly. The other day as Jerome was riding to Clinton, he was galloping along slowly, and Kite stumbled and fell down right on her side and laid there quite a little while before she would get up...

Twin Mound, August 2, 1864

Dearest husband,

I almost fear that I have neglected writing this letter so long, that you will not receive it, yet I shall write and hope that you will.

I have heard of the mail being delayed by the Indians, between Council Grove and Ft. Larned so I shall hardly expect one from my darling for a week yet...



LINUS HECOX

Twin Mound August 22, 1864

Dearest Linus,

...In four more weeks I shall commence looking for you. How glad I shall be when I can sit and look for you, and how happy when I see you coming! Dearest Line I feel so very uneasy about you knowing how dangerous your trip is at any ordinary time and more so now, when the Indians are committing such outrages on all the different roads, on the plains. I have heard that they are running all the ranchmen off about Ft. Kearney taking all their stock, and killing quite a number of persons...

Twin Mound September 1, 1864

Dearest Line,

...I have improved a great deal in riding since you went away. I do not pretend to get on a horse any other way than off of the ground. Day before yesterday I took Kite and a tinpail and started off alone hunting for grapes. I went down in the Wakarusa valley and found a few. I got off Kite and on her again five times in the prairie while I was gone and then went home with my pail full of grapes, quite an exploit for one of my size and age, was it not?

October 29, 1864 Saturday at Fathers

Dearest Line,

I rode up to Clinton to day for my mail, and I got a letter from my own kind husband...Oh! Line dear, you must not always be away from your little darling this way. Just think if something should happen that one or the other should die, and the other so far away would it not be a terrible blow for the surviving one? It would be worse than death itself to me I am sure of that.

On his return, Linus and Ida lived on their farm located on Rock Creek just a short distance from his mother and closer to her parents (S1/2 NW1/2 Section 4, Marion Township). They became parents of five children: Lottie, who died at the age of eight; Robert, Guy, died of typhoid fever; Neva (Mrs. Charles PRAY); and Ida (Mrs. James GILL).

Linus's half-brother, Irvin H. SMITH and his wife, Celinda, owned the half section of land south of their mother's home. In Ida's letters she speaks of Irvin and his family. Tragedy struck them in January of 1874. Irvin died on January 2 as a result of injuries received while attempting to loosen from the frozen earth an arm load of fodder. His wife, Celinda, gave birth to a daughter named, Grace Nin, on January 4. After the birth of her child, her friends had hopes of her recovery from the loss of her husband, but stating that she would not survive him long, died on January 7 leaving five small children. The baby died on September 29 of the same year at the age of 8 months and 25 days.

Ida died in 1877 as a result of an injury sustained while riding her horse. She is buried in the Twin Mound cemetery near the graves of Irvin and Celinda SMITH. Ida preceded her parents in death by seven years. Johanna E. and Lars JOHANSON both died in 1885, and are buried in the Swedish cemetery now owned by the K.U. Endowment Association.

In 1975, her grandson, Ralph HECOX, placed a marker on her grave and the graves of two of her children, which were previously un-marked. (Lottie 1865-1873) (Guy 1869-1890)

Linus remarried and continued to farm until 1914, then left Kansas to live with his son, Robert Spencer HECOX, at Kendall, Wyoming, residing there until his death in October of 1917.

The HECOX cabin home was destroyed by the Army Corps of Engineers during the construction of Clinton Lake. Two pieces of hand-hewn log were salvaged from a corner section of their cabin and may be seen at the Clinton Lake Museum in Bloomington Park.

Submitted by Martha PARKER, Clinton, Ks.

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Lawrence Gazette, Feb. 10, 1887

TWIN MOUND

Died, Feb. 3, at Topeka, Mrs. Elizabeth FITZPATRICK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. MCBRIDE. The remains were brought home Friday and interred in the cemetery here. The deceased was a young woman of 24 years and leaves a husband and two little children—a boy and girl—to mourn the loss of a good wife and mother. Mrs. MCBRIDE will keep the two children.

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Western Home Journal, Dec. 22, 1881

Married

At the residence of the bride's father near Twin Mound, by the Rev. J.W. CLOCK, on Thursday, December 15, 1881 Mr. William P. VANORDSTRAND and Miss Allie WHITE. At some weddings there is neither youth nor beauty, but here we had both, and a very pleasant time. The bridal party left for Lawrence that evening.

"Ladies Sewing Social"  
of the  
M. E. Church, Baldwin City, Kansas

Secretary's Minutes, Oct 9th 1867

"The Ladies Social met,--according to previous appointment -- at Mrs. Sells. A goodly number were present --the afternoon pleasantly and socially spent. The only work on hands -- cutting and sewing rags for carpet, for Mrs. Prof. Rice's room, in the College.

The Society was called to order by the President--Mrs. Davis--and the following Ladies were elected Officers for the coming year. Mrs. G. Sells, Pres't. Mrs. H. Beeks, Vice Pres't, Mrs. R. Henderson, Treas., Mrs. C. A. Coffin, Sec'y. It was suggested that the members present renew their membership, but there was no response. Several gentlemen came in to tea, after which prayer was offered by Dr. Davis.

Society adjourned to meet at Mrs. Olcotts in one week. C.A. Coffin, Sec'y

March 25th 1868

"Soc. met as appointed at Mrs. Beeks.. Attendance good. Plenty of work on hands, in the way of knitting and sewing.

The Soc. were pleasantly suprised by donation of a box of fancy artiicles from Mrs. Stewart of Ohio --Mrs. Davis' sister.. Also \$5.00 from Mrs. Jane Foster of Baldwin. Miss. E. Davisson subscribed \$5.00 in work for the church, of which \$2.40 have been paid.

Mrs. Mary B. Foster and Mrs. J. P. Brown became members of Soc. by paying the sum of 50 cts each.

Miss. Beeks bought 1 chemise \$1.75; Mrs. Semans 2 pr hose \$1.50; Mrs. Sells inserting .50; Mrs. Davis hose, etc. \$1.25; Mrs. Willey for work .10. Mrs. Dallas, Beeks & Davis one collar each, on which no price was set.

Knitting cotton purchased by Mrs. Sells \$1.25. Express charges on box paid out of Soc. funds \$2.00.

After ten Soc. adjourned to meet at Mrs. Willey's in two weeks.

Mite well attended, receipts \$5.25. C. A. Coffin, Sec'y"

Sept 30th 1868

"The Society met according to appointment at the residence of Br Beeks. This being the day for the election of officers for the ensuing year, it was moved and seconded that Mrs. Barricklow act as Pres. and the Society proceed to the election of officers. The motion carried and the election resulted as follows. For Pres. Mrs. E. Sells. For Vice Pres. Mrs. Willey. For Sec. Anna E. Bateman. As. Sec. Ella Snow. Treas. Mrs. Olcott.

It was further moved that, that part of the Constitution making it oblig- atory for members to renew their membership every six months, be done away with and the following be adopted in its stead. That all new members be required to pay an initiation fee of Fifty cents and all members be required to pay Ten cents per month whether present at the meeting of the Society or not. The following persons joined the Society. Mrs. Gililand. Misses E. Snow and Anna E. Bateman. Mrs. Beeks purchased of the Society two pairs cotton hose at 60 cts pr pair. Amount of money received in the afternoon six dollars and forty cents- (6.40). The Mite Society held a very pleasant meeting in the evening. Collection \$2.35. Society adjourned to meet in two weeks at Br Keifers."

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Lawrence Journal World  
1860-70

Mrs. Mary BARNES, First to Introduce  
Sewing by Piece Work In Lawrence  
1860-70

A number of years ago when the art of dressmaking was one that had to be learned with religious exactitude, many of the older persons in Lawrence and elsewhere will remember Mrs. Mary BARNES as one to whom they could intrust the making of the most expensive silk or velvet dress without fear that it would not turn out right. In those days a seam--and there were five to fifteen gores in a skirt--had to come at exactly the proper place on the hip; the sleeves were long and very tight, and as the right hand is always larger than the left, separate measurements must be taken for each wrist. As an instance of the degree to which a dress must be fitted a few decades ago, Mrs. BARNES says she remembers frequently of telling a girl in her employ to set back a hook at the waist line, the length of the hook.

Mrs. BARNES introduced this part of the country the system of employing girls in her shop to sew by the piece rather than by the day or week, and the success of her scheme is attested to by the fact that she herself earned the money to erect the \$15,000 building at 826 Massachusetts, which she sold a few years ago to KENNEDY and ERNST--the upper floor of which she occupied as a home for a number of years. The girls were paid half of the charge for making the dress, and as a result of the training which they received from her, a number of them have now become famous madames over the country.

"Many of my customers were women who I never saw", said Mrs. BARNES recently. "I had printed slips on which there were blanks for filling out sixteen measurements. With this guide to work from there could hardly be a mistake in the finished product. However I soon learned to know the measurements of my regular customers and when one of my girls would call from another room to ask the size of Mrs. MILLER's neck or Mrs. WHITE's right wrist measure, I could answer without referring to my slip."

Mrs. BARNES' first efforts at dressmaking were begun before sewing machines were commonly known. Soon after her marriage to George TERRY she purchased a chain stitch machine which she paid for by stitching cuffs and shirt bosoms for her neighbors in Michigan at two cents a yard.

Four months after the close of the war, she and her husband moved to Lawrence, arriving here on the day that LINCOLN was shot in August, 1865. "There was no place to sleep", she said, "but we finally found accomodations in the



parlor of the DURFEE House, located where the Organ factory now stands". As the stairway to the second story led from that room and there were workmen sleeping above who got up early, she arose before daylight and walked to Mount Oread, which was covered with underbrush, and looked out on the fields of cut wheat and green corn, the view as far as Eudora being unobstructed. "A never-to-be-forgotten sight", she declares, and rushing back to her husband, she exclaimed, "O, George, this is heaven. I have never seen so far away before."

Her husband was a member of the firm, TERRY and HARRIS, which started the confectionery business later sold to William WIEDEMANN. He lived but a short time after coming to Kansas, and three years after his death she became the wife of Captain William BARNES.

"Aside from the education which I have picked up", said Mrs. BARNES, "my schooling was received in my father's barn in Limerick County, Ireland. In the fall when the crops had been stored away, the neighboring children would come together there. Each day they must bring two pieces of peat to keep alive the fire in the large fireplace, and two pennies to pay the teacher. There were no desks and the seats were rude benches". Following the famine of 1846-1847 the family moved to Canada and, a few years later, she came to this country where she was at one time maid to a Mrs. FLAGLER in Washington, D.C.

When asked why it is that her Celtic ancestry is not evidenced in her speech she explains it thus. She had been at the capitol the day that Senator SUMNER was severely beaten by Senator BROOKS. Rushing home, she exclaimed to Mrs. FLAGLER, "O, Sinator SUMNER's killed intirely". That night she overheard Mrs. FLAGLER laughing repeating her speech to Mr. FLAGLER. Her immediate decision was that she would learn to "talk right."

During her four years' stay with the FLAGLERS another incident occurred which might be of interest to many in Lawrence. Returning home one evening just as the rays of the setting sun were streaming over the windows of the conservatory at the White House, she remembered that she had forgotten the corsage which Mrs. FLAGLER had told her to bring, and which Mrs. FLAGLER was to wear at Mrs. PIERCE's reception at the White House that evening. But an idea occurred to her. She was acquainted with the doorkeeper, and maybe he would give her some flowers from the White House. He obligingly did so and as she was leaving the building she spoke to Mrs. PIERCE who was standing in the door, dressed for the reception in the most beautiful, grey watered silk gown that the little girl had ever beheld.

Years later a customer came to Mrs. BARNES with a

grey silk dress which she wished to have made over. It was only an instant until Mrs. BARNES recognized it as the one which she had seen the first lady of the land wearing many years ago in Washington. After his wife's death, President PIERCE had sent it to his neice, Mrs. F. H. SNOW.

But Mrs. BARNES' ability as a dressmaker and as a financier are, after all, but minor achievements when compared with the fact that she has successfully brought up and mothered six children, none of them her own. It seems quite impossible when one talks with her to realize that she will pass her ninetieth milestone next November. Her hair, though white, still retains the permanent marcel which Nature implanted in her raven locks eighty nine years ago and her happy outlook upon life is quite as evident as when upon her arrival in Lawrence she exclaimed, "O, this is heaven."

Submitted by Steve JANSEN, Watkins Community Museum, Lawrence, Ks.



Lawrence Gazette, March 24, 1887.

Wakarusa

Friday March 11, 1887, was the closing of the Literary for the present, at Franklin. The night was lovely and there was a good crowd out. Quite a number of the old folks put in an appearance to hear the young idea shoot, where a Literary is carried on for the improvement of the mind and to enjoy a good laugh, and where there is no bickering but all have hides thick enough to stand the pinching witicisms of their spicy papers, as is the case at Franklin. There can be no better social gathering or place to spend a few hours during the winter evenings. Their last program was as follows: Declamations by Anna KOSTENBADER and Herbert JOHNSON; essay, by John STANDING; select reading, DeWit CHASE; declamation, Nettie EGGERT; select reading, J.J. COX; declamations, Orah GILLHAM and Clinton KIDNEY; select reading, George GILLHAM; declamation, Anna BOWERS; select reading, T.M. DUNCAN; declamations, Emma HOAG and Bertha JOHNSON; select reading, Samuel JACK; declamations, Eugene MOON, N.N. CHAMBERS, Gertie STANDING and Rose MCFARLAND; essay, L.H. WATKINS; declamations, Frankie MCFARLAND and Robert MCFARLAND; song, Milt BROWN. There were two papers, one edited by James H. COREL, the other by Miss Anna KOSTENBADER. A question for debate was: Resolved, That United States Senators should be elected by the popular vote. Affirmative, Edward IRVIN, L.H. WATKINS, A.T. COX and L. WALTERS. Negative, H.H. JOHNSON, Mr. HARVEY, Eugene MOON and Worth THRALL. Valedictory, by James EGGERT.

Submitted by Jane WIGGINS, Lawrence, Ks.

## Township

## COLUMBIA.

The Daily Gazette, Lawrence, Ks.,  
Sept. 20, 1913

Mrs. J.L. JONES returned to her home Tuesday after a three weeks stay in Colorado City, Colo. Miss Mina JONES stopped in Topeka for a few days visit with relatives and friends there. Mrs. JONES is much improved in health, and fortunately stayed away long enough to escape the intense heat.

Mrs. Iva CURTIS spent Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Lavergne SURBER.

Mrs. Will JACOBS and daughter Myrtle went to Tom PARDEE's for peaches Wednesday.

Sept. 23, 1913

Miss Myra JONES returned from Topeka Friday.

Mrs. Maud BOND and son, Everett called on the J.L. JONES home, Saturday.

Little Alda BROHAMMER was real sick Sunday night and Monday.

Miss Fay ROTHROCK's school began Monday September 15. Miss ROTHROCK will stay at home until cold weather.

The Watkins Medicine man was in this neighborhood and ate dinner at Charley BROHAMMER's.

Mrs. W.J. CURTIS went to Louis CHURCHBAUGH's Friday after peaches.

Miss Etta MARKLEY visited at Harry FLORY's of Excelsior from Wednesday until Friday.

Mr. WRIGHT, the GRIESA Nursery man was through this part of the country, Friday.

Mrs. Hugo SCHELLHORN called at the Fred FLORY home after peaches, Friday afternoon.

October 9, 1913

Columbia school commenced week ago Monday, with Emma DEWES as teacher. She is rooming at Mr. John BROHAMMER's.

Mrs. Fred FLORY and baby and Mrs. Miss Zana WATTS were Lawrence visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. J.L. JONES and daughter, Hazel were Lawrence visitors Wednesday. Mrs. E.W. FLORY accompanied them home and will spend a few days with friends and relatives.

Little Lillian and Adla BROHAMMER have started to school and like it real real well.

Several from this neighborhood went to help charivari, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence FILBURN, Wednesday night.

Miss Emma DEWES spent the week end with her parents at Kanwaka.

October 22, 1913

Mr. and Mrs. J.L. JONES gave a farewell dinner to several of their friends. The guests were Mr. Austin FLROY and family, of Lone Star, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac FLORY and two sons, Virgil and Cassius of Willow Springs, Mr. Charlie BROHAMMER, Mrs. Margaret and Helen NAISMITH and Everett WOOD of Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Sam FLORY of Lawrence.

November 13, 1913

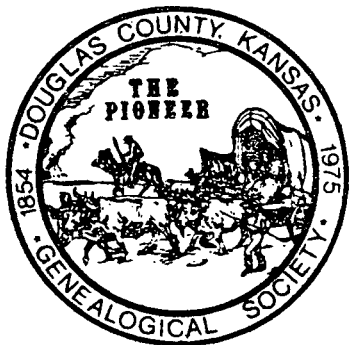
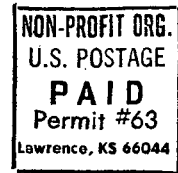
Miss Etta MARKLEY and Mr. Robert MARKLEY attended church at Franklin Old Order church last Sunday.

Mr. Daniel BEEGHLEY and family with his father and three sisters attended communion service at the Franklin county branch of the Dunkard church last Saturday night and Sunday.

Little Mildred GISH has been in the hospital a week but is improving now. Lawrence Daily Journal World, June 29, 1918

While Mabel LADUKE was riding in the pasture Saturday morning one of the horses kicked at the one she was riding striking her just below the knee cap cutting a deep gash and striking the bone which had been very painful. She was taken to Lawrence and treated by Dr. A.J. ANDERSON. Submitted by JANE WIGGINS

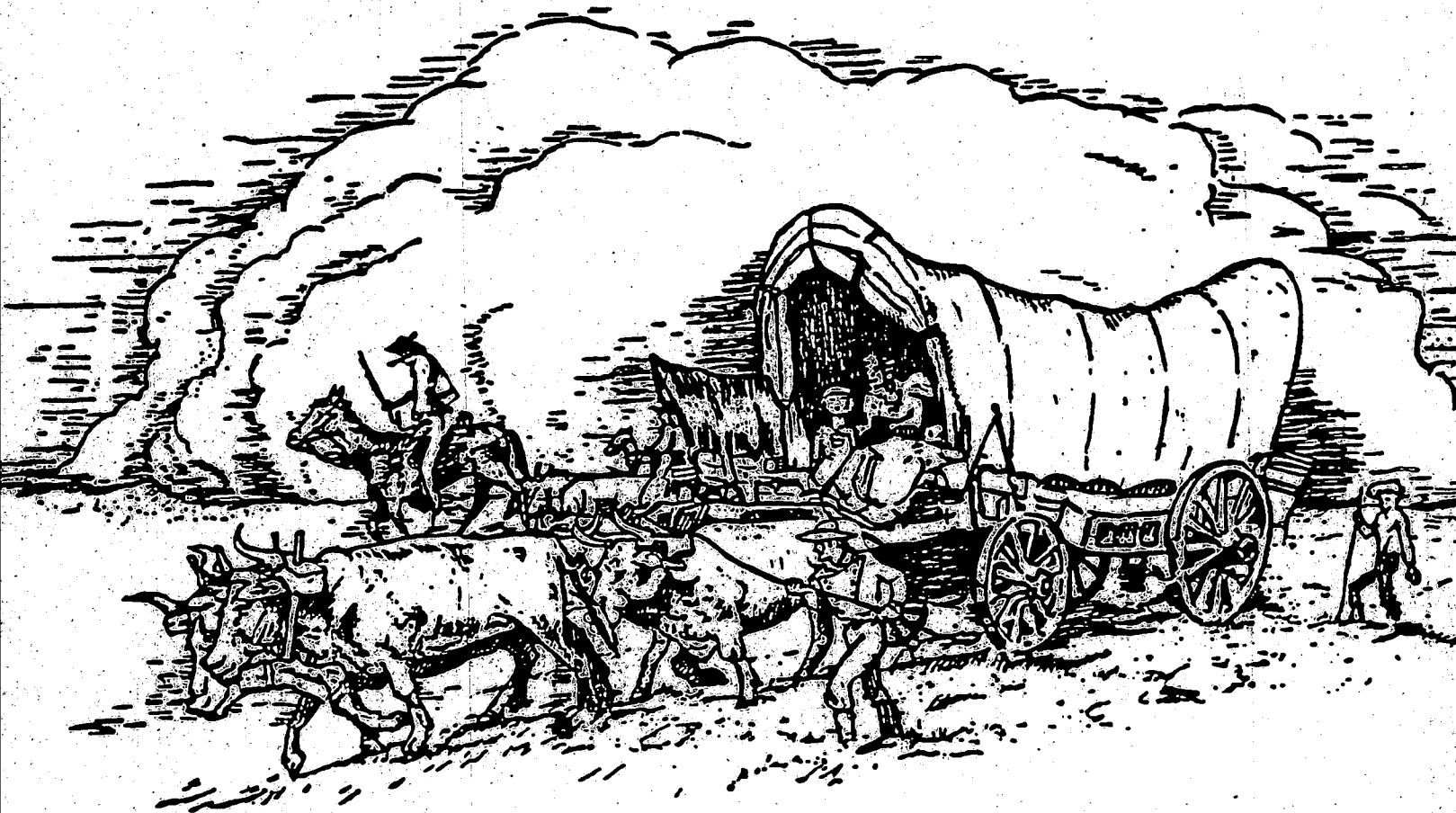
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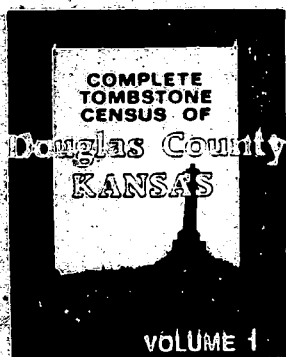
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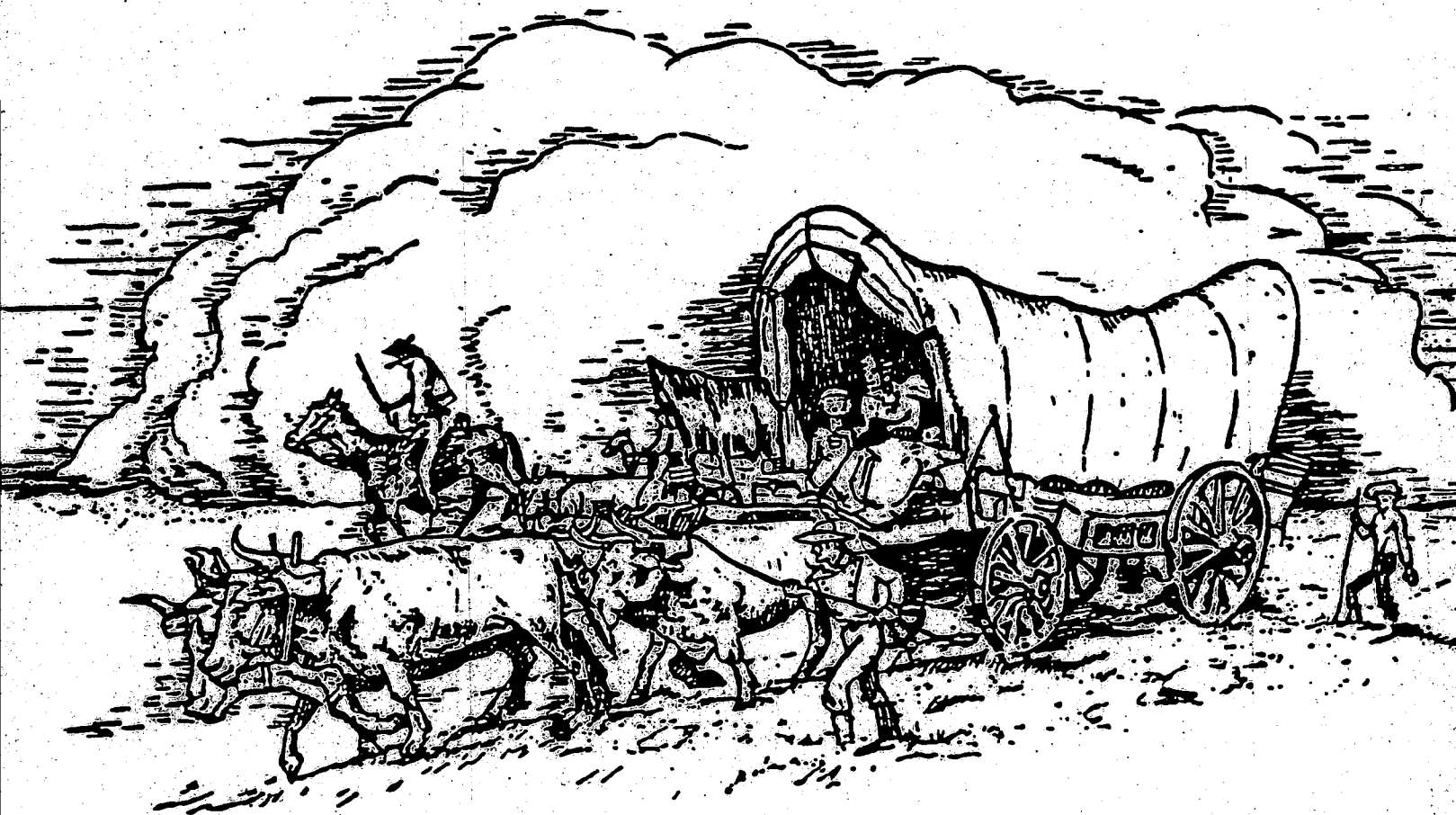


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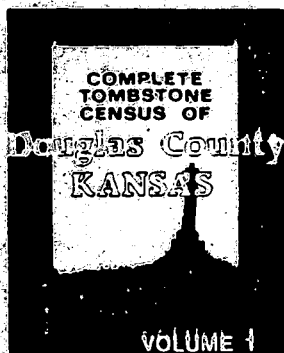
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