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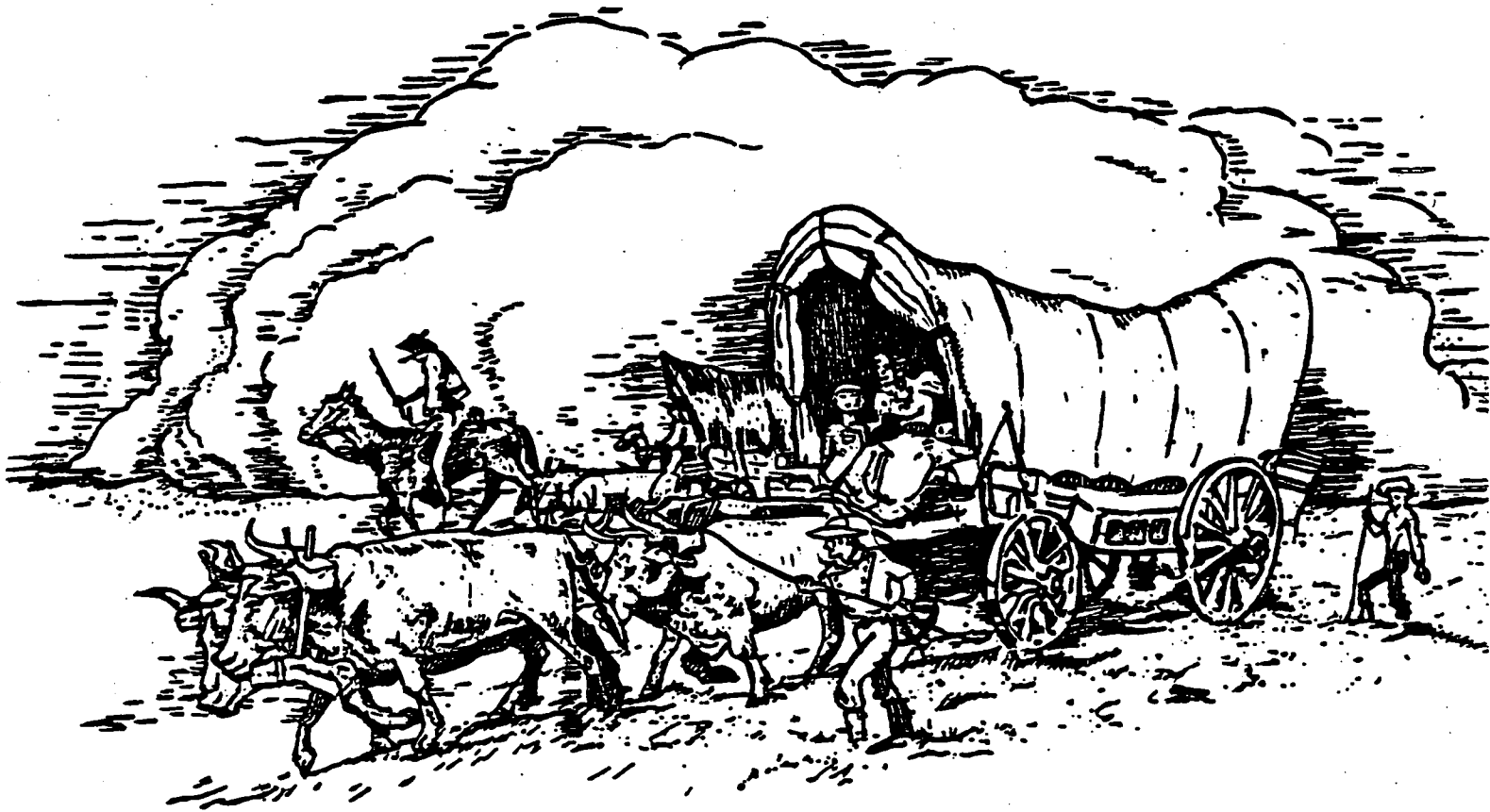
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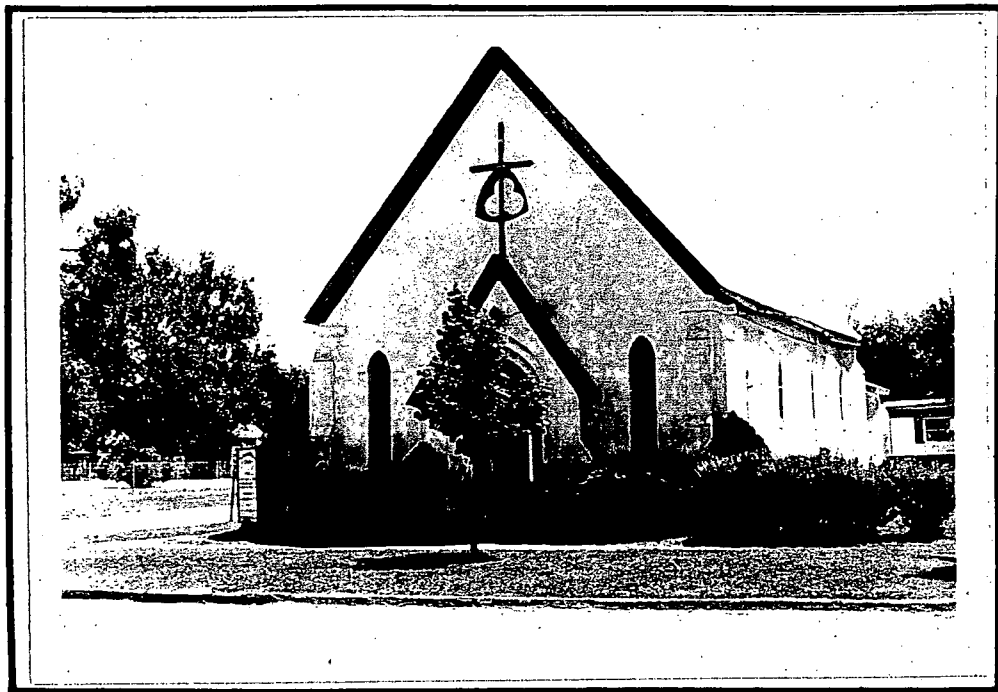
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THE GERMAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

of

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A history of the Church, 1859-1918,
and biographical sketches of many who
served as ministers and layman. Also
an account of the ladies organization,
the Frauenverein, and of the Old Friends
Club.

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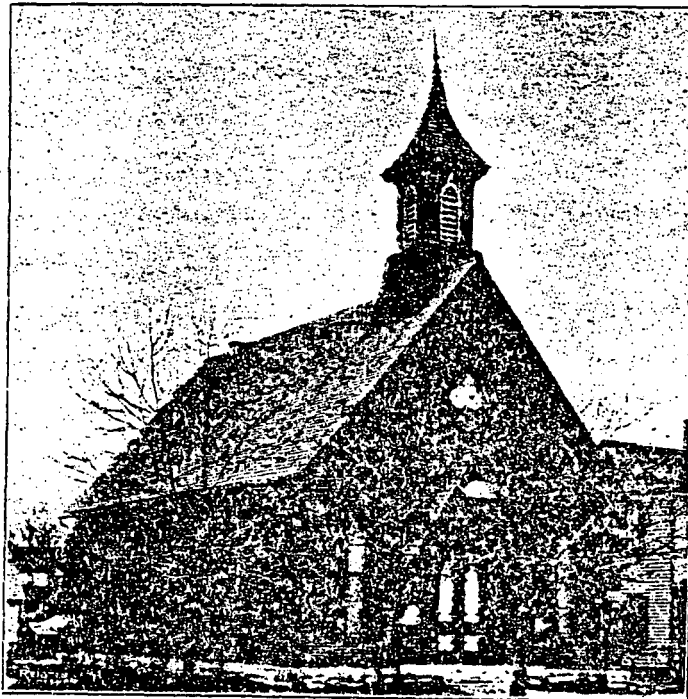
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THE CHURCH

The front cover shows the German Methodist Episcopal Church of Lawrence, located at 1000 New York Street, as it appears today. Built of stone and brick construction in 1872, the church originally had a steeple and belfry as shown below. Age and weather weakened the front portion, including the entrance and roof. This portion was rebuilt with omission of the steeple and belfry. Members of the church under the German Methodist Episcopal Denomination will still remember the pealing of the bell calling them to worship. The building is still in use, by another denomination.



A reprint of a picture of the church as it appeared after completion, as taken from the Souvenir of the West German Conference Book, published in 1906, p 84.

F O R E W O R D

The absence of records of the German Methodist Episcopal Church of Lawrence, as such, precludes a complete accounting of membership, board of trustees, meetings, baptismal records and other pertinent matter. Therefore this is an incomplete account, some areas being covered more fully than others, depending on the material found.

The search for records was prompted by a genealogical interest. Four generations of the compiler's family were represented among its members, and extending from the early years of the Church to the time of its abandonment. It was the absence of records and the fact that some information was located in Conference books written in the German language, thus of no avail to many, that inspired the writing of this compilation.

There are probably sources of information not yet touched by this compiler. Should this book come into the hands of any who have access to additional information pertinent to the Church, she will be glad to include it in an addendum to this compilation.

E. V. H.

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THE GERMAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF LAWRENCE

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THE GERMAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF LAWRENCE

Part I

The Church and Its History

Accounts in Kansas history books tell of the first religious services on the frontier being held by gatherings of people in hay tents or groves. When the weather was inclement their meeting would be held in a public building or in the homes of the pioneers.(1.) It is probably correct to assume the German speaking pioneers met for religious purposes in this same manner. The Germans who organized as the German Methodist Episcopal denomination held meetings in one of the buildings purchased by them in 1862 at an earlier time than the purchase date. (2)

The majority of protestant Germans were raised under the Lutheran faith in their Mother Country. There seems no reason for many of them changing to Methodism after coming to the United States, except that this was one of the earliest churches to become well organized in the more eastern states and who early sent trained workers into the more western states and territories to assist in the organization of mission churches. Each mission church was located in a 'church district' and the pastor of this church was expected to perform all of the ministerial duties within his district.

The most commonly used mode of travel by the minister was by horseback or with horse and buggy. The minister was known as a circuit rider. In all kinds of weather he traveled to perform his ministerial duties, often giving religious services during the week in order to reach all of the people.

In the first years after the establishment of the Church, the services were conducted entirely in the German language. Few German immigrants were familiar with the English language when they came to this Country, and many continued to use this language in their home. There came a time when some in the congregation, namely children of the immigrants, and those Germans who adapted without difficulty to the English language, desired the services to be conducted in the English language. Therefore the pastors began to use both languages in the service. The method in which this was done was left to the discretion of the pastor in charge. One method remembered is the sermon being delivered in German, followed by the same sermon given in the English tongue in sermonette form. The scripture was quoted in both languages.

The language barrier was a wide-spread problem. The American Bible Society published the Bible in all languages. Also, one was printed with parallel columns so the German parents could read one column printed in the German language while their children could read the same truths from the other column printed in English. The Reverend H. D. Fisher of the English Methodist denomination was accompanied in some of his travels spreading the Gospel by a German minister named Miller, who would repeat the Reverend Fisher's sermons to the throngs in the German tongue.(3.) Thus, and in many other ways, the language barrier was broken.

In later years the pastor of the German Methodist Episcopal Church of Lawrence, delivered the service entirely in the English language. The ministers, all having a German background, were able to converse with members of the Church who desired it, in the German language. After this change, some people began to refer to the Church as the Second Methodist Episcopal. The time is thought to have been about 1915. The name was never officially changed.

Although unique in language useage, in other ways the Church was probably quite similar to other churches of its time. Sunday School, now referred to as Church School, was usually held at 9:30 A.M. followed by Church Services at 10:30 and 7 p. M. Prayer meetings were held Wednesday evenings.

Sunday School classes were held in the one large room of which, with the exception of entrance hall, the Church consisted. The Classes were separated only by space and an occasional folding screen. The number of classes conducted in the German tongue was dependent on the need.

The main social event of the Church was the annual family picnic, usually held in a grove near town or in one of the City parks. The Church furnished lemonade and the members brought covered dishes. Following the meal there were games for the children, then a watermelon feed.

Each Christmas Eve a program was held. There was always a large decorated tree with the traditional star on the uppermost branch. Christmas carols were sung by all, and the children participated with recitations and songs. The evening was climaxed by the appearance of Santa Claus with a bag of candy and nuts for each child.

There seems no better way to narrate the formation of the Church and its progress than the account found in the Souvenir of the West German Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, edited according to the directive of the Conference by Otto E. Kreige, Gustav Becker, Mattaus Herman and C. L. Korner; printed by Jennings and Graham, Cincinnati Ohio 1906 pp 83-85. It appears below:

Lawrence, Kansas

This work field in 1858 was known as the Lecompton Mission, under the direction of the West Conference.

In 1859 the name was changed to Lawrence Mission. Members were six in the field- the sisters Noll, Merkle and Holzapfel (man and wife), with certificates from Berea, Ohio. Since 1893 Lawrence was by itself. Before, it was connected with other places: Leroy, Howane and Tecumseh until 1861; with Franklin and Baldwin City until 1875. The lack of Germans and death of members made the necessity of giving up the work in these places. Topeka, 1880-81. Eudora and Captains Creek, 1892-93 were connected with Lawrence.

The present brick and stone structure on the corner of New York and Berkley Streets was built in 1872 at a cost of \$2500. Ten years before, an old wooden building and the German Turnhall (4.) was bought for \$280.00 [sic]* and used for a church. (see * next page)

In 1896 the property at 1045 New Jersey was bought for the preacher's home for \$1000.

The great inundation of the Kaw River Flood in 1903 caused the whole community to suffer great loss. Large numbers of members were farmers in the flooded area. The outstanding fear and repeated loss caused many to move away.

Lawrence is a pretty city with 13,000 population. Kansas State University (now K. U.) is here with nearly 2,000 students, of which many young men are members of our church. They study "Electrical Engineering", "Mechanical Engineering", and other studies.

The following is a tabular summary of this field:

	Members on probation	Sunday School	Mission Collection	Other Expenses
1880	25	2	\$23	\$16
1905	58	1	\$35	\$57

In 1885 the membership in the Lawrence Mission District was 220 persons. The Lawrence Church membership in 1895 was fifty.(5.) From 1907 to 1915 membership varied from sixty-five to seventy; in 1917 there were seventy-five members.(6.) Younger people in the families of members and non communicants more than doubled the amount of people in the congregation.

* From the Douglas County Register of Deeds Warranty Book Vol. G p 49; 31 Dec. 1862 the German M. E. Church purchased property described as lot 93 Southwest corner of New York and Berkley (now Tenth) Streets. Purchase price \$500. Grantors were Henry Biebush (7.) and wife Anna. Grantees were trustees of the Church; August Bromelsick, Daniel Miller, Nicklaus Hoszaffel, Charles Stuchmann, L. B. Dennis, Peter Merckle, H. M. Menger. The purchase price given in Souvenir, \$280., may have been the amount the Conference gave the Church toward the purchase price.

From the Tribune 12 June 1864 Lawrence Kansas p 3:

The German Quarterly Conference is now in session in this city in the German Methodist House in East Lawrence. Rev. M. Steinly, P. E. will preach today at ten o'clock and Evening Service. The German House, which has been for sometime otherwise occupied is now fitted up for religious services. Sunday School will be at 9 A. M. Preaching regularly on the Sabbath. (Lot #93, 1001 New York Street)

In the Kansas Census 1865, Lawrence, Douglas County, the valuation of the Church was given as \$1000, indicating considerable improvement had been made on the property since it was purchased. The Church was described as large enough to accomodate 250 persons.

The Frauenverein, translated, Ladies Club, was organized about 1895 during the time the Reverend Frank D. Rademacher was pastor of the Church.

The Church the German Methodists built in 1872, located at 1000 New York Street, was sold 27 September 1917. From Warranty Deed Book 99 page 433 and Book 240 page 460 Douglas County Courthouse, Register of Deeds: Trustees German Methodist Episcopal Church grantors, Kansas 7th Day Adventist Conference Association, grantee. Sale price \$1200. Lot #94. The Trustees of the German M. E. Church were William Schaake, Albert Knop and Fred Kopp.

Possession was not immediately given. It appears that the Church continued operation as the German Methodist Episcopal Church until the end of the Reverend Woestemeyer's term, September 1918.

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- (1) Four Centuries in Kansas by Bliss Isely and W. M. Richards pp 308,09 pb by the State of KS Fred Voiland Jr. State printer 1946
- (2) Douglas County KS Register of Deeds Warranty Bk Vol G p 49 1862
- (3) The Gun and the Gospel by the Rev. H. D. Fisher, D. D. pb by Medical Century Co. Chicago, N.Y. Second Edition 1899 Topeka pp 66; 148

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- (4)a World Book Encyclopedia Vol. 9 The Quarrie Corporation, Chicago p 3962
An athletic program begun by Friedrich Ludwig Jahn. Many Germans followed his teachings in the belief of the importance of physical fitness. German Turnhall is derived from the words turner and halle,- exercise hall or building; a gymnasium. A gymnastic Club (turnerverein), was usually used for other purposes such as meetings and social events.
- b. From the 1860-01 Lawrence City Directory and business Mirror p 47:
"Germans Turners Society meets at Hall No. 93 New York Street. Number of members, 46. President, Michael Oswald: Secretary, Henry Weiler: Treasurer, David Prager. 1st Turnward (exercise instructor) Henry Biebush. 2nd turn-ward T. L. Steinberg."

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ibid 1895
- (6) Lawrence City Directory R. L. Polk & Co's p 17 Members 65 1907
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ibid p 19 65 1913
ibid 70 1915
ibid 75 1917
- (7) Lawrence City Directory op. cit. (4)b next to last line

THE GERMAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF LAWRENCE KANSAS

PASTORS WHO SERVED THE CHURCH

August Meche	June to September	-1859
J. P. Miller		1859-1860
J. A. Müller	Oct. 1860 -March	-1861
wife, Anna Bromelsick		
Fr. Jansen		1861-1862
C. Stuckemann		1862-1864
J. P. Miller	March 1864- October	-1865
Henry Meyer		1865-1867
C. Steinmeyer		1867-1868
J. A. Reitz		1868-1870
wife, Sophia M. Huth		
J. P. Miller		1870-1871
H. R. Reimer		1871-1873
A. F. Korfhage		1873-1876
Fr. Schumacher		1876-1877
D. Walter		1877-1879
C. G. Fritsche	June	1879-1880
G. J. Schultz		1880-1881
J. Ehrsam		1881-1884
wife, Maria Keller		
Henry Bruns		1884-1886
wife, Sister Mary Sundermann		
H. J. Duker		1886-1888
F. W. Fiegenbaum		1888-1892
C. Eberhardt		1892-1893
wife, Caroline Bleck		
J. A. Müller		1893-1894
F. D. Rademacher		1894-1898
wife, Mary E.		
A. J. Ross		1898-1900
wife, Louisa Menger		
G. J. Kolb		1900-1902
wife, Ida		
J. L. Sternberg		1902-1905
wife, Louisa W. Theis		
E. Crepin		1905-1906
wife, Katie Buthmann		
Bernard Schubert		1906-1908
wife, Lydia		
W. F. Kolb		1908-1909
A. J. Ross		1909-1911
Erwin E. Kobb		1911-1912
John A. Nigg		1912-1913
wife, Clara		
E. T. Asling		1913-1915
Richard D. Winker		1915-1917
wife, Sophia		
George H. woestemeyer	Sept. 1917 + sept.	-1918
wife, Christine		

Compiler's note: The years served by the ministers as pastors of the Church is as accurate as it was possible to obtain it. In some instances there seemed to be conflicting evidence of a year when more than one source was found, in the time of the pastor's service. This was probably due to a pastorate change between the time the information was compiled and the publication date. The most likely date was used in these instances.

 The German Alphabet contains some symbols not found in the English alphabet. Example: Müller. In later years the spelling of the name Mueller was used.

The ministers from August Mechs to F. D. Rademacher inclusive were found in Souvenir of the West German Conference pb 1906 p 85

Anna Bromelsick	Souvenir pb 1906	p 261
Sophia M. Huth	ibid	p 247
Maria Keller	ibid	p 234
Sister Mary Sundermann	ibid	p 276
Caroline Bleck	ibid	p 250

Mary E. wife of F. D. Rademacher
 City of Lawrence Directory 1898 Chittendon's Vol IV

Adam John Ross and wife, Louisa Menger
 Lawrence City Directory 1900 R. L. Polk & Co's p 19
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G. J. Kolb and wife, Ida Souvenir pb 1906 p 85
 Lawrence City Directory Chittendon's Vol. V 1900-01 p 37
 ibid VI 1902-3 pp 36, 128

J. L. Sternberg and wife, Louisa W. Theis Souvenir pb 1906 p 342
 E. Crepin and wife, Katie Buthmann ibid p 279

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 City of Lawrence Directory R. L. Polk & Co's 1907 pp 17, 225

W. F. Kolb, delegate from Lawrence to K. C. District meeting 1908-
 Handbook compiled under the direction of the German Methodist Episcopal
 Church Conference. The important K. C. District for 1906-07-08-09

Erwin E. Kobb German M. E. Conference Kalender 1909-1917 p 66

John A. Nigg, wife Clara, children Arthur J., Martha, Milton
 City of Lawrence Directory R. L. Polk & Co's 1913 pp 19, 332

E. T. Asling Lawrence City Directory R. L. Polk & Co's 1915 p 19

Richard D. Winker, wife Sophia
 City of Lawrence Directory R. L. Polk & Co's 1917 pp 19, 302

George H. Woestemeyer, wife Christine
 Family Record

Part II

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An Account of Some of the Ministers, Trustees and Others Who Served the Church

L. B. DENNIS

The Reverend L. B. Dennis, one of the trustees in 1862, was born in Ohio. (1) He was one of the trained workers who came to Lawrence probably in 1854, as an "advance guard" for the organization of the Methodist Kansas-Nebraska Conference. Others who came with Reverend Dennis were Abraham Still, W. H. Goode, J. S. Griffing and B. F. Bowman.

These men were sent for the purpose of spreading the Gospel, in particular to organize groups of people in the Methodist faith. The first Methodist service in Lawrence was held by the Reverend W. H. Goode in 1854. In 1855 a class was organized by the Reverend J. S. Griffing, but was not strong enough to sustain itself. In July of the same year a more permanent organization was perfected by the Reverend Dennis. (2)

The meetings to organize the Methodist Kansas-Nebraska Conference were held on 23rd to 25th October, 1856, under the leadership of Bishop Osman C. Baker. Preparations for the meeting included the erection of a large tent. The location seems to have been in or near what is now South Park in Lawrence. The object of the Conference was to direct the sending of church workers into Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and New Mexico including the Indian Territory. (3) The Reverend Dennis is presumed to have joined in this work in other locations after he assisted in the organization of the German Methodist Episcopal Church in Lawrence in the capacity of Ministerial trustee.

AUGUST BROMELSICK

August Bromelsick, trustee in 1862, was born 1 January 1803 in Berzholzhasen, Prussia Germany. He was married to Franziska Charlotte Voss born 9 February 1809 in Hoersen, Prussia, Germany. In 1871 their address was "East side of New Hampshire between Warren and Berkley" (between what is now Ninth and Tenth Streets). Franziska died 12 September 1890. August died 21 December 1895. They are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence. Their tombstone is inscribed in the German scribe. Anna Bromelsick (Bromelsick), wife of the Reverend Johann Adam Muller, is believed to have been a daughter of Augusta and Franziska. They were also parents of a son, William, and grandparents to Walter and Alfred, sons of William and his wife Louise.

William was proprietor of a Men's Clothing Store and Hattery in 1896, in 1917 he was President of the Peoples State Bank. The family had also engaged in farming, and supervising extensive investments in stock and other securities. The home of William and Louise was at 923 Rhode Island Street.

Alfred, the last living heir, gave a set of chimes to the First M. E. Church (now First United Methodist) of Lawrence in memory of his Mother after her death in 1946. He died in 1950., further memorializing the family name by leaving a revolving trust fund of well over \$100,000 for use by the Girl and Boy Scouts of Lawrence and the Douglas County 4-H Clubs. This family may have removed their membership from the German M. E. Church before it was abandoned. (4)

JOHN P. MILLER

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JOHN P. MILLER served the Lawrence German Methodist Episcopal Church as pastor 1859-60; from March 1864 to October 1865 and 1870-71. The Reverend Miller and his family are listed in the Kansas Census of Douglas County, Lawrence, 1865 on page 28:

John P. Miller age 29 yrs Pastor German M. E. Church. Born in Bremerhaven Ger. His wife, M. Miller age 22 years, born in Illinois

Son, Jacob Miller age 3 years, born in Missouri.

Living in the same household, Julius Miller, age 25 years also born in Bremerhaven. His occupation was cigar and tobacco manufacturer. It can be assumed that Julius was the brother of the Reverend Miller.

JOHANN ADAM MULLER

JOHANN ADAM MULLER was born 24 May 1836 in Walsheim in Landau, in the bay area. His parents were members of the Land Church congregation. In his eighth year, through prayer by his mother, he was healed of blindness. Teachers and ministers ministered to him. He was thoroughly inspired by his confirmation.

In his traveling to America, he felt the hand of God. He came to Quincy, Ill., on the 5th day of May, and on June 1, 1855 he was under the direction of Bro. George Boshenz. He was thoroughly converted to God and in 1 year he joined the Methodist Church in Quincy, Ill. He worked five years as a blacksmith and was 1 year long in school. In 1860 he went as a "Missionar" to big (or important) Lawrence Kansas Mission. He served in 5 counties and 12 preaching places. In April 1861 to September 1862, he traveled under much self denial and with self abnegation to the great Manhattan mission. In Sept. 1862 with 7 brothers from Lyons Creek he became a soldier in the Civil War, where 2 brothers gave up their lives, the rest remaining until the end of the war. They took the bodies home.

He married Anna Bromelsick in Lawrence, Kansas and served the congregation in Lexington, Mo. 1865-66. (Other places): German Creek, Iowa, 1866-69; Monroe and Marshalltown, 1869-70; Monroe and Newton, 1870-71; Flint Creek, 1871-72; Etna and Lancaster, Mo. 1872-74; Topeka, Kans., 1874-75; Lyons, 1875-78; Great Bend-Bezirk, 1878-80; Weston, Mo., 1880-82; Higginsville, 1882-85; Boonville, 1885-88; Armourdale, Kansas 1888-89; Cosby and Weston Mo., 1889-91; Salina, Kansas 1891-92. In 1892 he retired due to age and lived first in Lawrence, Kansas, then St. Joseph, Missouri and in 1905, Los Angeles, California. He was faithful and did successful pioneer work. He is remembered by many. (5) He died 12 November 1911 in Los Angeles, Cal. (6)

JOHN A. REITZ

JOHN A. REITZ, known as the beloved Western singer (or poet) was born 14 January 1838 in St. Clair County, Ill. In his 7th year he joined the church, and in his tenth attained certainty of salvation at the Lake Creek Camp (or revival). From 1854 to 56 he attended our learning establishment in Quincy, Illinois. He studied 1 year in the Eastern school. He was married in 1860 to Sophia M. Huth and served 2 years as a calvaryman in the 7th Illinois regiment. In the South, he accepted and made a solemn vow to the Lord. After he recovered from a fall, he went in 1863 to the Illinois Conference. In 1864 he was a member of the South West and in 1879, a member of the West German Conference.

His appointment to churches: Union, Missouri (Beaufort) 1863-65; Boonville 1865-68; Lawrence, Baldwin, Topeka Kansas 1868-70; Sedalia and Smithton Missouri 1870-73; Wathena, Ks. 1873-75; Wyandotte (Kansas City) Kansas 1875-78; Lyons 1878-80; Kansas District 1881-85. There his active work came to an end. His failing weakness was noticed in 1885. After that, he lived in Junction City Kansas; was a writer and preacher. His brother (colleague) was a strong support.

Brother Reitz was a patriotic citizen and a warm friend. His knowledge of the Church and Sunday School was great.

The songs 520, 694, 102, 130, 290, 399, 539 in the song book floated from his pen. He acquired the title A. M. in the Central Wesleyan College in 1878. He served the West German Conference six years as secretary, was trustee in the school in Warrenton Missouri in 1880-1888 and the Orphan Home from 1888 until his death. Two times he was a delegate to the General Conference and was a member of the committee that made a new song book. Now, he rests from his labor and his work follows him. He left a wife and seven children. (7) His death occurred 1 December 1904 in Junction City, Kansas. (8)

DANIEL WALTER

DANIEL WALTER was born 11 November 1833 in Lohningen, Kanton Schaffhausen (Swiss). In his 16th year his mother died and in his young life there was much misery and want. He very seldom attended school, and for 13 years he lived and worked with strange people. In 1849 he wandered to America and was poor and lonely in Chicago. Here by the Grace of God he was protected amidst great sin. Under Rev. August Kellner, on a Friday evening 1852, he was converted and connected with Van Buren St. Congregation in Chicago. He answered the call to preach, but felt his unworthiness and incompetency. He was there 20 years until New Year, 1874 when, under the "Borst. Aeltesten" (decision of the elders of the Church who were chosen for that purpose) he was sent as an extra worker- he journeyed to the Omaha Mission. Here he worked three and a half years and build two churches and one dwelling place. Here, his wife died and left four small children. He came to Lawrence Kansas in 1877, serving until 1879. In Eudora 1879-1881 a church was built. After an illness he took 2 years leave with pension and he worked in Lake Creek Missouri 1883-86; Junction City Kansas 1886-1887; as treasurer of Central Wesleyan College 1887-92. He was on leave with pension as an active pastor in 1887 and in 1894 he retired. Since 1892 it was necessary because of age and lack of strength to do public work, he sold his home in Eudora Kansas and sought physical strength to do good. (9)

JOHN EHRSAM

JOHN EHRSAM came from good Swedish parents. He was born 3 March 1839 in Bitzberg Kanton (Schaffhausen). The influence of his religious home and confirmation instruction under a sanctimonious leader was for the boy and young man very helpful. As a young man, with students, he served as a soldier and Lieutenant in the Artillery. The soldier's life tested his belief. He married Maria Keller, who was a true helper, in 1863. In 1868, he came to America and stayed for a short time in Parkersburg, West Virginia, and from there went to Junction City, Kansas. In 1871 he joined the Evangelistic movement, and in 1873, the Methodist Church in Enterprise, Kansas. During 1874-75 he became a licensed local preacher. He worked 1 year as a circuit preacher under the "Borst". In 1876, he joined the South Western German Conference. He worked in several fields:

Junction City, Kans., 1875-78; Clay Center, 1878-81; Eudora and Lawrence, Ks., 1881-84; Oregon MO., 1884; Enterprise, KS., 1885-89. He lived in Clay Center and in Wichita a year before he died from a stroke. In the last 4 years of his life he was as helpless as a child. On 30 May, 1902, he was relieved of his burden. Brother Ehrsam worked in great faith. He was a dedicated preacher, strong in belief and prayer.

HENRY BRUNS

HENRY BRUNS was born to Henry and Justine Bruns, 8 Sept. 1858 in Hannover, Germany. He came to America in the New Year, 1866; was converted to God and joined the church in April 1869 (under the direction of Rev. E. R. Irmscher in Freeport, Ill.). In 1872 he received his license from Rev. M. Roder in St. Charles, Mo., and received in August 1873 a local preacher's license from the quarterly conference. He was honored on 8 Sept. 1873 for having built the only school house. He was appointed by Bishop Bowman as a helper for Rev. H. M. Menger in Nebraska City, and Tecumseh-Bezirt *, a work field of 10 to 12 preaching places in the three states, Nebraska, Iowa and Mo. In September 1874 he went on approval to the Southwest German Conference in Warsaw Illinois. In complete union, he was ordained in Burlington Iowa on 3 September 1876, and by Bishop Merrill as Elder on 8 September 1878. He worked in several fields. He married Sister Mary Sundermann of St. Charles Missouri. They were blessed with 5 children of which Oswald S., Lydia F. and Ruth Luella lived. The Lord blessed his work with many conversions, the greatest number in the first three years- the first year on the old Calif. Road (now Berlin Nebraska); his second year in Swanville and the third, five miles north of Hamburg Iowa. Brother Bruns, as had Brother E. Hermann, served from 1873 in an unbroken period in the conference. He is the only one in active service today, in our area, accomplishing more than F. Tanner.

Following are his work fields: Nebraska City and Tecumseh, 1873-74; Swanville, Nebraska 1874-75; Nebraska City and Hamburg Iowa 1875-1878; York Nebraska 1878-81; Omaha Nebraska 1881-84; Lawrence Kansas 1884-1886; Nord-Nebraska District 1886-91; Sedalia Missouri 1891-93; Denver Colorado, First Church, 1893-96; Wichita Kansas 1896-99; Lyons Kansas 1899-1902, and in Topeka Kansas 1902- (11) (* Parish)

FRANK W. FIEGENBAUM

FRANK W. FIEGENBAUM was born in Kirchspiel Munster, Prussia on 12 April 1830. He came to America with his parents, Adolf and Christina Fiegenbaum. They lived in Hopewell, Warren County Missouri until he was 21 years old. On February 19, 1846 at a quarter year gathering he was converted under the work of Elder H. Koneke, the presiding Elder, and the preacher Franz Horstmann. The next morning he had a call to the ministry. He objected to go for three reasons- 1. The Salary for preaching and begging for alms was \$150-\$200. 2. The responsibility was too great. 3. His knowledge acquired at school was too inferior. After year long strife and earnest consideration this was cleared up. He found himself willing to mind the call and went out early in the year, 1853. He served these places: Peoria, Ill., 1½ years, 1853-1854; Cedar Lake, Indiana 1854-55; Sherrill's Mount Iowa, 1855-57; Freeport, Ill., 1857-59; Salem, Minn., 1859-60; St. Paul's First Church, 1860-62; Washington, 1862-64; Burlington, Iowa District, 1864-66; Wapello, 1866-68; Des Moines, 1868-70; Polk City, 1870-1873. Then a nervous

condition struck him and he had to take a year's leave. He went back to preaching at Wilton, Iowa 1876-79; Canton Missouri 1879-82. He was transferred to the West German Conference. He served Wathena Kansas 1882-1884; Eudora 1884-86; Clay Center 1886-88; Lawrence, 1888-92; Oregon Missouri 1892-96. Here, his health broke down so he took leave. He thanked God from his heart for his blessings and did not regret his work for the Lord, nor did he regret that he could not do better, or prepare for the great work. His home is in Wathena Kansas. (12) He died in Wathena 27 February 1914. (13)

JOHN L. STERNBERG

JOHN L. STERNBERG was fortunate to be born to Christian parents. Especially was it his timely, eternal desire to do God's Will. He was converted to God through the influence of Reverend E. H. Kriege and joined the Methodist Church. Also he had good teachers and a Godly preacher who led him in the right. In his youth he gave his heart to God and affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church. From his 14th year he was a teacher in Sunday School and when he was 19 years old he was elected to Sunday School Superintendent. In his 22nd year he received a local preacher's license. He prepared himself as a preacher in our church school in Warrenton Mo., where he studied for three years. From February 1880 he served under Rev., Kriege in the Salina, Kansas Mission. In the Salina quarter year Conference, he enrolled on probation in the yearly Conference. After outstanding work he was recommended and accepted in the Yearly Conference.

On 22 September 1881 he was married with Louisa W. Theis from Steelville Illinois. The Reverend Phil Jacoby performed the marriage. On 22 September 1882 he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Thomas Bowman and on 21 September 1884, by Bishop Henry Warren at the Camp ground near Lyona Kansas, he was ordained as an Elder.

Following are the work fields where he served: Salina Kansas February 1880- September 1882; Jackson City 1882-85; Wichita 1885-88; Topeka 1888-1891; Oregon Missouri 1891-92; First Church, Kansas City Missouri 1898-1902; Lawrence Kansas 1902-1905; Larned 1905 until now. (1906)

In the Conference he served as Examiner, also helper and statistic secretary. He was a trustee of Central Wesleyan College for five years, and at the last Yearly Conference he was elected for another three years. (14)

He was born 19 January 1856 in Randolph County Illinois and died 21 June 1916. (15)

ERNST CREPIN

ERNST CREPIN was born in March 1865 in Berlin, Germany. His father was Inspections-assistant by orders of the King. He attended good schools in the Father State. When he was 15 years old he was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. In 1889 he came to New York and in 1891 to Wichita. During this time he sought a Commerce College and Craft Trade School and was elected president. Before that he studied at Central Wesleyan, receiving an outstanding theological education, 1892-93. In the next four years he completed the course of student lectures. In his 19th year he sought to find peace with God through work and righteousness. He lost himself in indifference. After pausing to examine himself, through one word, one Bible, he found salvation in Christ and joined the Church. It was in 1891 in Wichita,

Kansas, through Reverend F. Haller, the preacher from the Wichita Fourth Quarterly Conference, that he received, in 1892 his exhorter's license and in 1893 his local preacher's license. He was recommended for the West German Conference; was on probation and in 1895, was ordained a deacon and in 1897 as an Elder. He served in the following places: Guthrie and Orlando Oklahoma 1893-94; Bison Kansas and Gehilfe 1894-95; El Reno 1895-96; Norwich Kansas 1896-99; Arley and Liberty Missouri 1899-1901; Lake Creek Missouri 1901-1905; Lawrence Kansas 1905-until now. (1906)

In 1896 he married Katie Buthmann, and had four children, two boys and two girls. (16)

GEORGE H. WOESTEMEYER

GEORGE H. WOESTEMEYER was pastor of the Lawrence German Methodist Episcopal Church September 1917 to September 1918, the last minister to serve the Church.

The Reverend Woestemeyer was born in Napoleon, Lafayette County Missouri on 27 November 1874. He and his wife Christine were the parents of two children, Armin and Leona. Armin attended the University of Kansas. He was well known in athletics. He continued to make Lawrence his home, serving as a school administrator; was active in civic affairs, especially the youth recreational program. He was married to Dorothy Graeber. He died 22 April 1972 at the age of 71. Leona was married to Lawrence H. Salsow, resides in Des Moines Iowa.

At the expiration of his service in the German Methodist Episcopal Church of Lawrence, the Reverend Woestemeyer served as pastor of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church in North Lawrence. After his retirement in 1947, he served in the First Methodist Episcopal (now First United M. E. Church of Lawrence), for ten years as Visitation Pastor. The Reverend Woestemeyer and Christine spent their late years in the Methodist Home in Topeka. He died 9 July 1965; Christine died 19 November, 1969. They are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence. (17)

CHRISTIAN and WILLIAM SCHAAKE

Christian Schaaake, known as Chris, served for many years as Sunday School Superintendent. He was serving in that capacity at the close of the Church. He also taught an adult class, this being done in the German Language when there was a need.

Chris was born in Cassel Germany in 1865. His brother William preceded him to this Country. With Chris came two older sisters. They first settled in Edwardsville Illinois. William also preceded Chris to Kansas; becoming the owner of farmland in the fertile Kaw bottoms, a few miles east of Lawrence.

Just prior to his coming to Kansas, Chris married Louisa, daughter of Charles Dude of Madison Illinois. Louisa and Christian's marriage took place 12 July 1888. Chris farmed fourteen years on land rented from his brother. He then purchased land that was known as the old Thatcher farm, located close to his brother William's farm.

Chris and William were the sons of Henry Schaaake and Margaretta Seibel. William's wife Catherine was a sister of Louisa, wife of Chris. William served the Church as trustee. He was one of the trustees at the time the Church was sold. His daughter Emma was organist for many years. Lydia, daughter of Chris, was also church organist.

The children of Christian Schaake and Louisa Dude:

- Albert Schaaka married Cecil Kieffer
- Otilie Schaake married Otto Johanning
- Benjamin Schaake
- Clarence Schaake married Hazel Wiggins
- Milton Schaake 1/m Ruth Linsdale
- 2/m Arlene Roberts
- Gustav Schaake married Zella Stanwix
- Lydia Schaake

The children of William Schaake and Catherine Dude:

- Henry Schaake married Augusta Stullken
- Emma Schaake
- Ida Schaake married Frank Leonhard
- Edward Schaake married Magdaline Allenbrand
- William Schaake married Lydia Kock
- Matilda Schaake
- Charles Schaake married Isabelle Grammar
- Dora Schaake
- Wesley Schaake (18)

The Church had among its members three generations of these brothers. Louisa Dude Schaake, wife of Christian, was a member of the Frauenverein from the time it was first organized. Lydia Kock Schaake, wife of Wm. II is still a member of the Old Friends Club. (see Part III).

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THE MENGER AND ALLIED FAMILIES

HERMAN MAGNUS MENGER

Herman Magnus Menger, one of the trustees of the German Methodist Episcopal Church in 1862, was the third son of Friedrich Menger and Wilhelmine Schramm. He was born 8 July 1831 in Wildenspring, Germany.



He came to this country in 1850.

On 31 July 1853 he joined the German Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia and was a Sunday School teacher from 1855 to 1857. He married Sophia Epple in this church on 13 April 1857 and they transferred out of the church on the 24th of April of the same year, coming to Franklin, Kansas. They had moved to Lawrence by 1862.

In addition to serving the Lawrence Church as trustee, Herman served as Superintendent. In 1863 he received his exhorter's license, thereby further serving the church. On 21 August of that year, William Quantrill and his band of outlaws sacked the town of Lawrence murdering more than 150 citizens. Herman escaped death by hiding from the marauders in a cornfield. Sophia was forced to bake soda biscuits for some of Quantrill's men while they searched thru the house for men and plunder.

Soon after this time, Herman received his local preacher's license. In 1867 he entered the West German Methodist Episcopal Conference and served for over 30 years as a traveling preacher (Circuit-Rider). Herman's appointments under the Conference were: Wathena, Ks 1867-69; Lincoln NB, Bezirk 1869-72; Tecumseh (Jetz Humboldt) NB 1872-74; Nebraska City NB and Hamburg IA 1874; Liberty MO 1875; Salt Lake and Clanton NB 1876-78; Liberty MO 1878; Cameron MO 1879; Sterling (Bushton) and Peace Creek KS 1881-83; Enterprise KS 1883-85; Halstead and Greenwich KS 1885-86; Halstead and Newton KS 1886; Clay Center KS 1887-91; Kansas City (St. Paul Strasse) 1891-93; Independence and Weston MO 1893; Parsons KS 1894-97.

Thirteen churches and two parsonages were built under Herman's supervision. He died in Parsons 14 July 1897. For the past two years he had served the Parsons District preaching in Timberhill Sunday mornings then driving horse and buggy 10 to 12 miles for Sunday School and service, not taking time for lunch and rest. He was buried in Lawrence in Oak Hill Cemetery in the Menger plot. Reverend A. J. Reitz held the funeral services, the Presiding Elder Reverend Charles Ott and other ministers taking part.

Sophia and the unmarried children, Emma, Agnes and Mary moved to Lawrence after Herman's death. They became affiliated with the German M. E. Church of that city. Sophia, who was born 14 August 1833 in Schwaben, Germany, died 28 May 1918. The Reverend Woestemeyer of the German M. E. Church presided at the funeral and she was buried next to Herman.

Herman and Sophia were the parents of seven children: Edward Frederick 1858-1909 married Rebecca Rausenberger; Ottomer August 1864-1941 m Elizabeth Nagley; Louisa 1864-1951 m Adam John Ross; Albert Carl 1872-1949 m Caroline Heilman; Emma Sophia 1872-1926 m C. Henry Hansen; Agnes Henrietta 1876-1953 m Alvin Clark; Mary 1869-1954.

ADAM JOHN ROSS

Adam John Ross was born in Cassel Germany on 15 September 1860. He came to the United States when 18 years of age. He was married to Louisa, daughter of Herman and Sophia Menger. The ceremony took place in Halstead, Kansas. They were the parents of:

Ervin C. born 28 May 1888 in Great Bend, Kansas; died 17 November 1955 in Dusseldorf, Germany. He was Vice Consul, American Embassy, Phillipines.

Albert C. born 6 October 1892 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Territory. He was an instructor, was married to Elsie Jansen. He died 15 April 1961 in Los Angeles, California.

Esther born 5 March 1895 in Oklahoma City. She married Grover Heyler.

Gladys was born 5 March 1901 in Otoe, Michigan; married to Samuel Zurbuchen.

Adam served as pastor in Halstead, Lawrence, Topeka, Great Bend and Burns, Kansas; Otoe and Osceola Nebraska; Concordia and Sedalia, Missouri; Denver, Colorado. He was the founder of the First M. E. Church of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He also taught at the Central Normal College at Great Bend for a while, attaining his final citizenship papers while in that city. After Adam retired in 1926, after 63 years in the ministry, he served as Chaplain in the Kansas House of Representatives and the Security Benefit Association Home and Hospital, Topeka. Adam died in Topeka on 27 June 1947. His wife Louisa died in Topeka 29 August 1951.

EMMA HANSEN nee MENGER

On 6 May 1903 the Reverend Ross of Berlin, Nebraska, assisted by the Reverend J. L. Sternberg of the German M. E. Church of Lawrence, performed the marriage ceremony of Emma Sophia Menger and C. Henry Hansen of Halstead, Kansas. Emma had been a diligent worker in the Lawrence German M. E. Church and Sunday School. Henry and Emma first lived in Halstead where they attended the Presbyterian Church. They moved to Wichita in 1911. They became affiliated with the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church. She died in the Halstead Hospital on 21 September 1926. From the Halstead Independent, September 30, 1926: "Mrs. Hansen was a tireless worker in the church. For a long time she was Superintendent of the cradle roll and spent much time visiting the homes of her cradle roll members. She also did much calling upon the sick and new families who moved into the community". The Reverend McCoy of the Calvary M. E. Church in Wichita officiated at the funeral service.

NELSON A. L. WELLER

Herman and Sophia were the great grandparents of the Reverend Nelson A. L. Weller who is pastor of the St. James United Church of Christ in Limerick, Pennsylvania at the present time. Reverend Weller is married to Elaine nee Kerr. They are parents of one son, Paul.

Lineage: Nelson Weller; Agnes Catherine Menger and Nelson Paul Weller; Albert Carl Menger and Caroline Heilman; Herman Menger and Sophia Epple.

CONRAD EBERHARDT

Conrad Eberhardt, some times seen in accounts spelled Konrad, (incorrectly) was born 26 December 1842 in Guntersblum, Hessen-Darmstat, Germany. He came to this land in 1848 with his folks, Valentine and Katharina. They made their home near West Bend, Wisconsin. There his parents were converted to God under the work of Fr. Merten and Theo. Miller. Their home was from that time a house of prayer and a blessing for the whole family. He went to public and took private instruction. There was a lack of preachers during the war years, so, in his 22nd year he became a preacher. In his 25th year, through the Holy Power of the blood of Jesus, he felt the happy complete experience as never before. The great love and favor of God he dares to acknowledge. On 12 Nov. 1868 he was married to Caroline Bleck. Two sons and three daughters were born, who followed in God's way. (1)

Issue: Oscar born 1870; Erwin born 18 April 1872 in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, married Clara Menger (born 5 May 1877 in Lawrence); Martha born 1875 married Henry Smoke; Mary born 1877, married Walter Shumway; Elizabeth born 1882 married Arthur Denhollen. (2)

Conrad and Caroline made their home in Lawrence after retirement until about 1913. At that time they moved to Wichita. Caroline, who was born in 1842 in Germany, died in 1918. Conrad died in a Halstead Kansas hospital 28 January 1920. His funeral service was conducted at the Calvary M. E. Church in Wichita. The Reverend Ebright officiated. Conrad and Caroline are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Wichita. (3)

Conrad worked in the following fields: Wasau, Wisconsin 1865; Ruh Creek, Ill. 1866; Fon Du Lac, Wisc., 1867; Green Bay, 1868; Manitowoc-Bezirk, 1869-71; Oconomowoc, 1871-73; East Troy, 1873-75; Grand Rapids, Ill., 1875-77; Sandwich, Ill., 1877-78. Because of a neck ailment for a little over a year, he journeyed to Kansas and served Topeka, 1879-81; Enterprise, 1881-84; Clay Center, 1884-87; Concordia, Mo., 1887-90; Wichita, Kans., 1890-1892; Topeka [sic] (correctly, Lawrence Kans.) 1892-93; Eudora, 1893-98; Humboldt, Nebr., 1898-1901; Beatrice, Neb., 1901-03. As finance agent for the Preacher's Aid Fund he traveled, 1903-1904. Then in Sept. 1904, he took leave and made Lawrence, Kansas his home. In almost all places where he was called, he had more or less "visible" results, especially in Clay Center where he built a church and home, and had it paid for. There were 50 on probation and 58 full members registered. 43 converts were reported. In Waterford, Wisconsin, likewise; one church in Humboldt, Nebr. - one dwelling built and paid for. For these and other blessings, he gave a thankful heart and honor to God. (4)

ERWIN HENRY EBERHARDT and CLARA nee MENGER

Erwin Eberhardt served the German M. E. Church of Lawrence as organist and as Sunday School Superintendent. (5) On 11 May 1899 Erwin married Clara Wilhelmine Menger, daughter of Adolph and Anna Menger. The ceremony was performed by Conrad, father of Erwin. It took place in Lawrence, Conrad coming from Humboldt Nebraska for the occasion. (6) Erwin and his family moved to Wichita in 1904, where they were active members of the Calvary M. E. Church. Erwin served for many years as Sunday School Superintendent and in other capacities. He was an active member of the Council of Churches and was one of the founders of Wesley Hospital. Erwin and Clara were the parents of seven children. Clara died in Wichita 13 October 1947. (7) Erwin died 8 October of the same year. They are buried in Wichita. (8)

Johann Friedrich Menger was the progenitor of all of the Mengers who attended the German Methodist Episcopal Church of Lawrence. With the exception of one son and family, all of his children and their families lived a part of their life in the City of Lawrence, and at one time attended the German Methodist Episcopal Church there. Friedrich himself purchased property in Lawrence in 1864, N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 73, (909 Rhode Island Street) and is known to have been living at that location within a few years. (1)

There are numerous records of purchases of property in and near Lawrence by other members of this family near the time of the purchase by Friedrich.

(Johann) Friedrich, by profession a surgeon, was born 26 April, 1802 in Eglesdorf, Schwarzberg Rudolstadt, Germany.

1/m Wilhelmine Elisabeth Schramm, born 1802. She died 27 December 1838.
Issue: Ottomar b. 1826; Christian Adolph b. 1828; Hermann Magnus, 1831.

2/^am Sophia Magdalene Arnold, born 1812 in Barigau, Germany. They were married 23 December, 1839; Issue: Henriette Eleonore, b. 1840; Friederike Augusta Elisabeth, b. 1841; Adelbert Carl Gustav, b. 1844; Thekla, b. 1847; Christian Julius Hellmut, b. 1850.

All of Friedrich's children were born in Wildenspring, Germany and were christened in the Lutheran Evangelical Church of that village.(2)
Some changed their given name slightly after coming to this Country. The names as changed will be used.

i. OTTOMAR MENGER came to the United States in 1850. He settled in Philadelphia Pennsylvania, marrying Dorothea Koenig, b. 1832, d. 1911. The Children of Ottomar and Dorothea were Louisa, Amelia and Otto. Ottomar was the only one of Friedrich's children who did not come to Kansas. He and his wife were active members of the German Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia, it being said they were referred to as 'saints' of the Church because of their devotion and hard work in the Church. Ottomar died in Philadelphia in 1899.(3)

ii. HERMAN M. MENGER See biographical sketch, page 16.

iii. C. ADOLPH MENGER, came to this Country in 1849. In 1856 he procured a claim for his father, stepmother and their children in Douglas County about eight miles southeast of Lawrence, (4) and sent for the family. After arriving in Philadelphia and staying a short time, all except Augusta, they came to Kansas, arriving at the claim located eight miles southeast of Lawrence, in May, 1857.

Adolph 1/m Louisa Eberbach on 5 April, 1864 in Lawrence. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend J. P. Miller of the German Methodist Episcopal Church. (5) Their children died in infancy. Louisa died 24 November, 1872. (6).

Adolph 2/m Anna Gracia Margaret Herzberg, on 12 March 1874. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend A. F. Korfhage.(7). Anna was born in Bremen, Germany on 27 September, 1851. (These are the grandparents of the compiler.)

Issue: Louis Herman Menger 1874-1943 m. Hettie Campbell on 2 June 1898. (8).

Clara Wilhelmine Menger m. Erwin Eberhardt (see page 18)

Bertha Henrietta Menger 1882-1904 m. Roy D. Cooper on 26 August 1903 in Lawrence by the J. L. Sternberg, minister of the German M. E. Church (9).

Edith Anna Menger 1885-1950 m. Earl R. Cleveland on 20 March 1911 by Conrad Eberhardt, former pastor of the Lawrence German M. E. Church (10)

Emma Sophia Menger 1883-1969 m. Frank H. Bennett on 25 March in Lawrence by Judge J. H. Mitchell (not known to be connected to the German M. E. Church). (11) The children of Emma nee Menger and Frank Bennett were: Edith Venita Bennett b. 1904 (m. Lewis E. Howard on 17 Dec. 1927 by the Reverend Edward Hislop of the First M. E. Church of Lawrence.) Delmer Frank Bennett 1906-1955 (m. Bessie M. Broat on 27 April 1928.) Edith and Delmer were baptised in the German M. E. Church, joining it in 1917. They, as did their mother and others, placed their church letter in the First M. E. Church at the closing of the German M. E. Church.

Anna Menger taught groups of children on Saturday afternoons. It is thought that she gave them assistance in learning their catechism, and that she taught classes in both the German and the English language. Her daughter Emma taught Sunday School classes in the English language. Later, her granddaughter Edith taught Sunday School classes at the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Both Anna and Emma were active members of the Frauenverein.

Adolph died 24 February, 1910. The Reverend A. J. Ross presided at the funeral service. (12) Anna died 29 February, 1920. The former pastor of the Church, George H. Woestemeyer officiated at the funeral. (13)

iv. HENRIETTA ELEONORE MENGER joined the German Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia during the family's short stay in that city. She joined 22 February 1857 and transferred out 24 April 1857. (14) After coming to Kansas Henrietta married Christian A. Reatz, who was born in Switzerland in 1828. They then lived in or near Lawrence from 1864 or earlier. Christian died on their farm near Lawrence in 1899. Henrietta died 19 November, 1905. Six of their ten children lived to adulthood.

Issue: Lizzie A. 1862-1919; Emma 1867-1868; Albert F. 1868-1940; Mary 1870-1931; Infant son, born and died 15 January 1873; Charles 1874- William J. 1876-1896; Otto 1884-1956; Birdie, twin to Otto died 1887; Fred 1880-1927.

Lizzie married Fred W. Read in Lawrence 7 June 1893. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend H. M. Menger. (15)

Mary was married to Edward E. Greene by the Reverend F. W. Fiegenbaum of the German M. E. Church on 8 September 1892 in Lawrence. (16)

v. AUGUSTA MENGER stayed in Philadelphia to learn the tailoring trade from her brother Ottomar before coming to Kansas. She joined the German M. E. Church in Philadelphia on 22 February, 1857, and transferred out in February, 1864. (17) She was living in Lawrence and she married Julius Miller on 14 March 1865, the Reverend John P. Miller officiating. (see page 8, John P. Miller) (18) Augusta died 26 January, 1918. (19) She was an active member of the Lawrence German M. E. Church until 1903 when she moved to Pittsburg, Kansas. Issue: Emma Augusta 1870-1938 m. James H. Corel; Theckla 1872-1937; Louisa Julia 1866-1954 m. John H. Beasley on 14 March 1888 in Lawrence. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Henry Dueker of the German M. E. Church. (20)

vi. ALBERT G. MENGER was working in Lawrence from 1861. He m Martha Gaus of Boonville Mo. in 1870. (21) She was born in 1853 and died in 1882.

Issue: Henry Herman 1872-1877; Eleanore Sophia 1876-1877; Inez Augusta 1877-1918; Albert Frank 1881-1927.

Inez spent the greater part of her life in Lawrence, and attended the German Methodist Episcopal Church.

Albert 2/m Otille Steinke (1/m ___ Roehl. She was born in Koenigsburg, Poland in 1855. She died in 1923.
Issue: Edward Herman 1890-1968; Martha Otille 1893-1947; Lydia Anna 1895-1947.

Albert and Otille moved to El Reno, OK in 1895. They had been active in the German Methodist Church of Lawrence until that time. This interest continued. From the document of his son Edward: "During his residence in El Reno, Oklahoma, Albert G. Menger was very active in church and civic affairs, having served several years on the school board and on the City Council and was an officer of the German Methodist Episcopal Church until it merged with English speaking denominations. . . . " Edward commenced leading the choir in the El Reno M. E. Church at age 16. Albert died in 1920.

vii. THECKLA MENGER married Julius Fischer on 25 December 1865. Julius was born in Prussia in 1827. Issue: Otto Albert 1866-1948 m. Agnes Jaedicke on 11 May 1892; Eda Henrietta 1867-1939 m. Wm. Freienmuth on 5 Nov. 1885; Karl Henry 1878-1948 m. Mrs. Lucile Gonders on 24 Nov. 1915; Anna Sophia Otelia 1881-1938 m. Ernest A Stanford 2 June 1904; Alexander 1875-1875.

Theckla and Julius moved to Lawrence in 1868. They are said to have attended the German M. E. Church when their children were young. They later changed to the Unitarian Church. Julius died in 1902; Theckla died in 1923, both in Lawrence, and they are buried on the Fischer plot at Oak Hill Cemetery. (22)

viii. HELMUTH MENGER was known to have been living in Lawrence in 1865 or earlier. He died in 1866 and was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery on the Menger plot.

Friedrich and Sophia made Lawrence their home the remainder of their life. Friedrich died 26 July, 1874; Sophia died 3 May, 1880.(23)

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HERMAN MENGER and FAMILY

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 on the Death of Louis Herman Menger.
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The Frauenverein, Ladies Aid Society, Old Friends Club.(1.)

THE FRAUENVEREIN (see Part I paragraph 5 page 3) was organized for the purpose of assisting in meeting church connected expenses. Some of the original members were Mrs. Honeycutt, Mrs. Perry Ewing, Mrs. Augusta Miller, Mrs. Helen Copp, Mrs. Reatz, Mrs. Anna Menger, Mrs. Meierhoffer, Mrs. Otilia Menger, and Mrs. Chris Schaake.

These ladies met in their homes, often for the day, the hostess serving the lunch or meal. The time was spent making quilts to be sold. They also made items for bazaars held each year. The congregation often found it difficult to raise money to pay the minister's salary. Record was made that the Frauenverein assisted in paying the salary at various times; also they assisted in paying for the upkeep of the parsonage and gave money for other church expenses.

No further membership rolls for the Frauenverein were located. However, it is known that the average attendance was from twelve to eighteen women.

The Frauenverein was later known as the Ladies Aid Society.

Women in other German Methodist Episcopal Churches were also organizing. From the Souvenir of the West German Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church Jennings and Graham, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1906:

p. 40 ---- The "Frauenverein" for foreign and home missions. Also, the sisters in our congregation organized a different society and proved themselves a valuable support to the preachers and to the congregation. According to the latest report, the statistice in the conference are: 48 Societies with 907 members. The contributions supplied from them: \$2544. for foreign missions, \$358 for home missions; \$368 for the congregation; \$132 for the poor and sick; \$58 for current expenses. . . . surely a noble work worthy of recognition. Sister F. F. Kurtz, Roca, Nebr., has served many years as conference Secretary and Treasurer. (2.)

THE OLD FRIENDS CLUB was organized in 1918 when the Reverend G. H. Woestemeyer was still pastor and the Church was to be abandoned. The Club was actually a reorganization of the Frauenverein, now known as the Ladies Aid Society of the Church. The following members were on the roll: (3.)

Mrs. Chris Schaakē	Mrs. Minnie Ewing
Mrs. Anna Menger	Mrs. Fred Copp
Mrs. Augusta Schaake	Mrs. A. J. Ross
Mrs. D. B. Hunnicut	Mrs. Bertha Knop
Mrs. Schaffer	Mrs. Frank Jahns
Miss Lou Long	

Some of the Minutes of the Old Friends Club have not been located. The first mention of officers was found in the next minutes that were located, those of October, 1921. Mrs. Hack and Mrs. Muzzy were entertaining at this meeting. Mrs. Schaake was President; Mrs. Lehman Vice-President. The 1921 minutes further state that the average attendance was between 14 and 18. Usually several guests were at the meeting.

In September 1922 the following officers were elected: Mrs. Ewing, President; Mrs. Schafstall, Vice-President; Mrs. Jahna, Secretary; Mrs. Copp, Treasurer. Augusta Schaake was reporter. Mrs. Knop, Mrs. Hack and Mrs. Kizer were the flower committee. Gifts were exchanged at the December meeting.

The by-laws of the newly organized Club stated as their aim and purpose "to unite with true friendship for each other and emulate a kindly spirit toward all". The colors chosen were yellow and lavender and the Club flower, the lilac. The Club Motto, "Be to our faults a little blind".

Meetings were held one afternoon each month at the homes of the members, with a co-hostess assisting with the refreshments. Quilting and piece-of quilts was given up in 1923. Games, visiting, or guests to entertain replaced the quilt work. A picnic or covered dish supper with families of the members as guests was held once a year in place of the regular meeting.

Each year the Club has given gifts of various kinds to worthy causes. A few examples are as follows: In 1923 a barrel of canned fruit was sent to the Methodist Deaconess Training School in Kansas City; five dollars was given to the Salvation Army. In 1924 ten dollars was given to an orphan home; a Morris Chair to the Old Folks Home; a cover, and a quilt and canned goods to Memorial Hospital. In March 1934, 30 dozen eggs were sent to Mercy Hospital for use at Easter. Other gifts in the years that follow include: 70 quarts of fruits and vegetables to Mercy Hospital; a special collection amounting to eight dollars for the boys in India; a bushel of cookies to Mercy Hospital; cash donations. In 1942 the Club sewed for the Red Cross.

The 1968 minutes state, "Devotions are given and favorite hymns of members are sung at every meeting. Contributions during the year are given to the following organizations: Salvation Army, Mercy Hospital, Christmas TB Seals, Heart Fund, March of Dimes and Cancer Fund".

September, 1968 members:(4.)

Grace Adams	Carrie Jahns	Mildred Penny
Elizabeth Bartz	Ruby Kirby	Myrtle Penny
Lillian Carlson	Edna Koehler	Helen Pine
Mabel DeWeese	Hilda Koehler	Stella Pine
Lillian Goble	Julia Maxwell	Lydia Schaake
Nora Harbeson	Rose Nehrbass	Mamie Skaggs
Edith Hyre	Marguerite Parnell	Lillian Wulfkuhle

1968 Inactive members:

Emma Bennett	May Walters
Lucile Hausman	Helen Rice

1973 members:

Elizabeth Bartz	Ruby Kirby	Helen Pine
Lillian Carlson	Edna Koehler	Stella Pine
Lillian Goble	Hilda Koehler	Lydia Schaaake
Rose House	Julia Maxwell	Mamie Skaggs
Edith Hyre	Marguerite Parnell	Lillian Wulfkuhle
Carrie Jahns	Mildred Penny	

1973 inactive members:

Lucile Hausman	Helen Rice
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CARRIE JAHNS

Carrie Jahns, nee Mathia, has the distinction of being the oldest former member of the Lawrence German Methodist Episcopal Church. Born 23 October, 1880, she attained her ninety-third birthday last year. She attended the Church from the time her parents moved to near Lawrence, until it was abandoned, and she has been a member of the Old Friends Club from the time it was organized. (See Part III)

The parents of Carrie were Theohold Mathia, born 24 May 1848 and Christina Sophia Rappart, born 6 February 1843. They were both born at Walt Hambach, Province Elsass, Dimmeringen, Germany. They were married in Fremont, Ohio 24 March 1874 and their children were born in Ohio. They moved to the Captains Creek Community southeast of Eudora Kansas in 1884. Theohold and Christina and daughters Christine Sophia, born 11 October 1876, and Carrie, then moved to Six Corners Community northeast of Lawrence. They drove the long distance to the Church in a spring wagon. Theohold died 30 August 1901; his wife died 28 July 1906.

Christine married Philip Gabriel and Carrie married Frank Jahns. The two couples were married on 4 April 1904 by the Reverend Sternberg. The Gabriels moved to Eudora. Frank and Carrie continued to live northeast of Lawrence. Their three daughters were baptised in the Church:

Helen Christine	born 24 April 1905	Married W. M. Rice
Marguerite Minnie	9 Nov. 1907	Married Elroy S. Parnell
Ruth Marie	7 March 1912	Married John T. King

Marguerite as well as Carrie is a member of the Old Friends Club; Helen is an inactive member. Ruth resides in Topeka.

Frank Jahns was born 19 December 1878 in Missouri. He died 27 Sept. 1969 in Lawrence. Frank was raised in Douglas County Kansas by an Uncle and Aunt, Fred and Millie Brinkmeyer who had children John, William, Mary and Lydia. This family including Frank Jahns, moved from the Segil Community to northeast of Lawrence and attended the German M. E. Church of that City beginning prior to 1899. They had previously attended the German Methodist Episcopal Church at Eudora. (5.)

Part III - References

- (1) Excerpts from the History of the Old Friends Club; a summary of the work of several members throughout the years, especially Mrs. Ernst and Mrs. Stella Pine. Compiled by Lillian Gobel.
- (2) Translated by Lydia Kock Schaake.
- (3) 1918 and 1973 membership rolls and other data supplied by Hilda and Edna Koehler.
- (4) Compiled with the use of the Minutes of the Old Friends Club, with the permission of the members. Some additional dates and full names have been added when possible to procure them through further research.
- (5) Christine Rappart Mathia Bible Records and obituary.

ROSTER
FRAUENVEREIN 1895

CHARTER MEMBERS	DECEASED
Copp, Mrs. Fred (Helen)	1953
Ewing, Mrs. Perry (Minnie)	1944
Honeycutt, Mrs.	
Meierhoffer, Mrs. Frank	
Menger, Mrs. C. Adolph (Anna nee Herzberg)	1920
Menger, Mrs. Albert G. (Otilie nee Steinke 1/m ___?_ Rhule)	1923
Miller, Mrs. Julius (Augusta nee Menger)	1918
Reatz, Mrs. Christian (Henrietta nee Menger)	1905
Schaske, Mrs. Christian (Louisa nee Dude)	1953

R O S T E R
O L D F R I E N D S C L U B

MEMBERS	JOINED	DECEASED
Adams, Mrs. Roy (Grace)	1961	1968
Bartz, Miss Elisabeth	1967 Member 1973	
Bartz, Mrs. Fred (Malvina)	1921	1967
Bennett, Mrs. Emma	1921 and 1952 inactive from 1968	1969
Brinkman, Mrs. Minnie	1932	1945
Carlson, Mrs. Gus (Lillian)	1966 member 1973	
*Copp, Mrs. Fred (Helen)	1918 honorary member 1950	1953
DeWeese, Mrs. Floyd (Mabel)	1954 Member 1973	
Ernst, Mrs. Phillip (Minnie)	1921 honorary 1954	1956
Eisele, Mrs. Alfred (Emma)	1921	1961
*Ewing, Mrs. Perry (Minnie)	1918	1944
Fiehler, Mrs. Gus	1924	1934
Flory, Mrs.	1921 resigned 1924	
Gabriel, Mrs. Gus (Anna)	1950	1968
Gabriel, Mrs. Dora	1928	1964
Goble, Mrs. Chas. (Lillian)	1957 member 1973	
Hack, Mrs. Theodore (Henrietta)	1921 member 15 or more yrs.	1965
Hammig, Mrs. Arnold (Carrie)	1928	1953
Harbeson, Mrs. Nora	1962 moved in 1973	
Hausman, Mrs. Paul (Lucille)	1955 reinstated 1963	
Hertzler, Mrs. Harvey (Emma)	1928	1958
House, Mrs. Leonard (Rose)	1969 member 1973	
Hunnicut, Mrs. D. B.	1918	dec.
Hunzicker, Mrs. John (Mary)	1931 honorary 1945	1955
Hyre, Mrs. Edith	1939 member 1973	
Jahns, Mrs. Frank H. (Carrie)	1918 member 1973	
Kannenber, Miss Martha	1921	1953
Keiser, Mrs. E.	1921	dec.
Kirby, Mrs. Ruby	1951 member 1973	
Klopper, Miss Bertha	1921 honorary 1955	1961
Knop, Mrs. Bertha	1918 honorary 1950	1955
Koehler, Miss Edna	1951 member 1973	
In 1962 Edna had a perfect attendance for the past five years.		
Koehler, Miss Hilda	1967 member 1973	
Koehler, Mrs. Margaret	1942 reinstated	1955
Lehman, Mrs. J. H. (Mary)	1921 resigned 1931; reinstated 1941 resigned 1943 moved to Honolulu reinstated 1947	1957

MEMBERS	JOINED	DECEASED
Lentz, Miss Lillian	1921	dec
Leonhard, Mrs. F. H. (Ida)	1921 resigned 1931 reinstated 1942	1956
Long, Miss Lou	1918	dec
Maxwell, Mrs. Julia	1923 member 1973	
May, Mrs. Minnie	1935	1960
*Menger, Mrs. C. A. (Anna)	1918	1920
Muzzy, Mrs. H. L. (Mary) Married Clinton Moy 1949	1921 resigned 1951; reinstated. moved to California	
Nehrbass, Rose	1954 member 1973	
Parnell, Mrs. E. L. (Marguerite)	1953 member 1973	
Penny, Mildred	1955 member 1973	
Penny, Mrs. Myrtle	1964	1973
Pine, Helen	1958 member 1973	
Pine, Stella	1952 member 1973	
Reinisch, Mrs. Wm. (Anna)	1932 honorary 1941	1945
Reintz, Lillian	1921	
Rice, Mrs. Wm. (Helen)	1950 inactive 1973	
Richardson, Dr. Katherine	1928 honorary member 1931	
Roberts, Mrs. Clara	1931 inactive 1963	1967
Ross, Mrs. A. J. (Louisa)	1918	1951
Schaake, Mrs. Henry (Augusta)	1918 and 1948	1960
*Schaake, Mrs. Chris (Louisa)	1918 honorary 1923	1953
Schaake, Mrs. Wm. II (Lydia)	1944 resigned 1952 1963 member 1973	
Schaal, Mrs. Sarah	1923	1939
Schaffer, Mrs.	1918	
Schall, Mrs. Adam (Anna)	1928 and 1946	1960
Schafstall, Mrs. E. W. (Anna)	1921 honorary 1941	1952
Schwartz, Hulda married Henry Seele lives Baldwin area.	1921 resigned	
Shore, Mrs. Adam (Anna)	1946	1960
Skaggs, Mammie	1966 member 1973	
Stoelzing, Miss	1947 inactive 1955	1956
Walters, Mrs. Frank (May)	1921 and 1939	1973
Wellhausen, Mrs. Edward L.	1945	1950
Wise, Mrs. Ernest	1921	dec.
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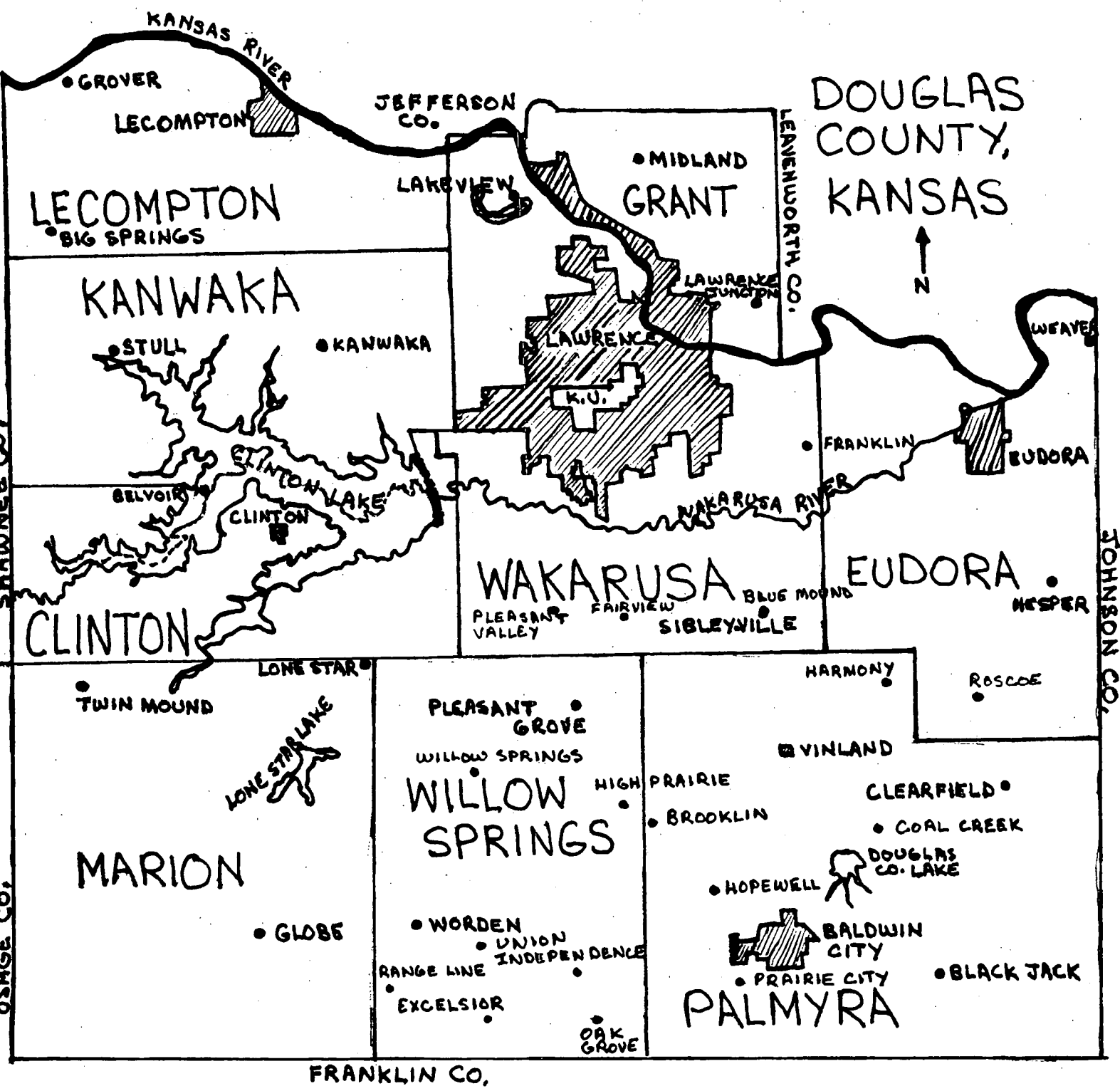
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