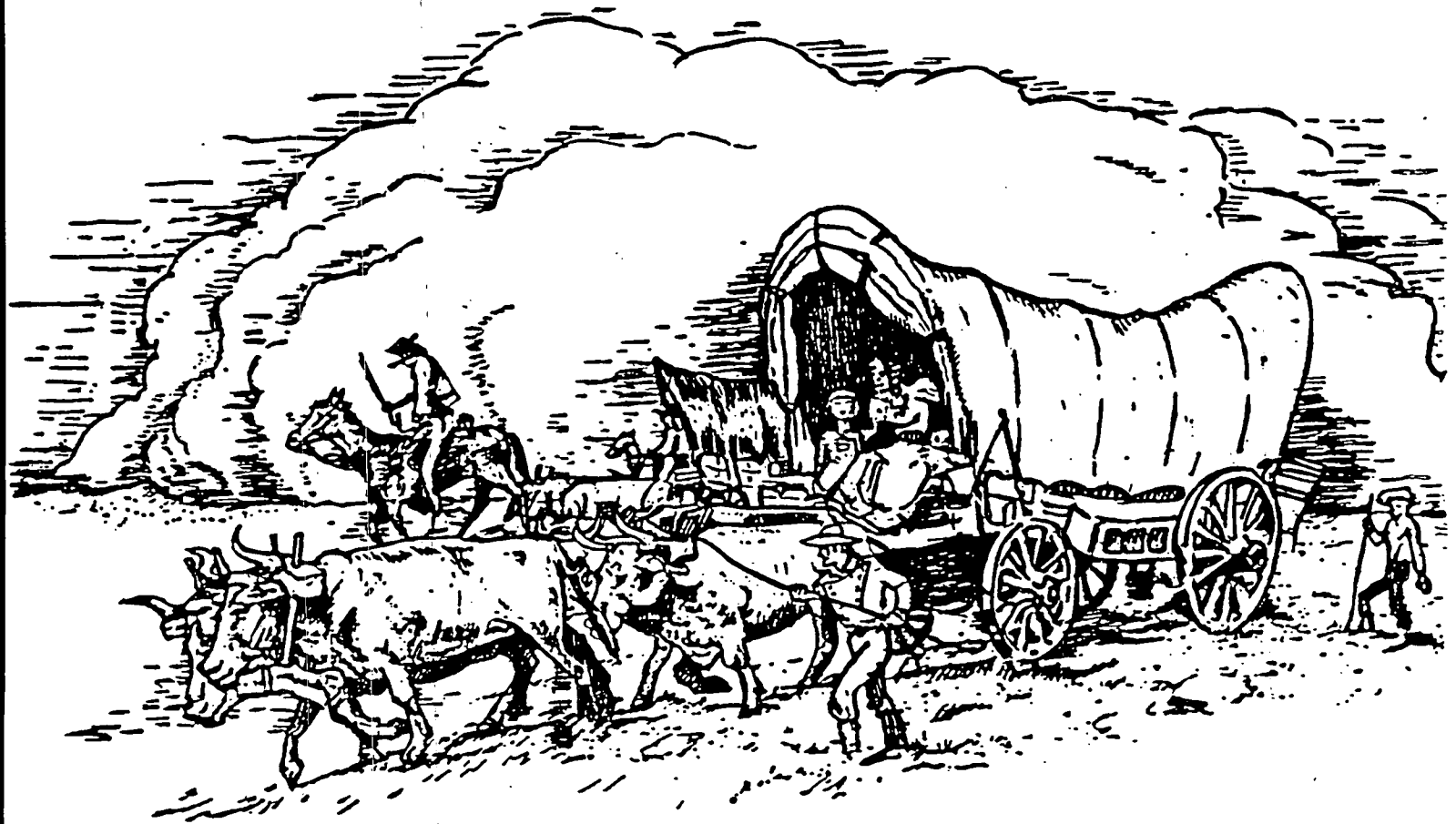


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SERIES DESCRIPTION

to

The Douglas County, Kansas Court Records

This article was written by Craig CROSSWHITE in 1978 for a course at KU in Archival Management. Obviously it is a few years old by now but the information is still relevant. The titles mentioned are housed in the Kansas Collection of Spencer Research Library on the campus of the University of Kansas in Lawrence. They are not available for interlibrary loan and as far as we know they have not been microfilmed. Inquiries should be addressed to the Kansas Collection at Spencer Library in Lawrence, 66045. They will give you what information they can.

Compiled by Craig S. CROSSWHITE
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Cover Letter

This project was performed in conjunction with History course 801, Archival Management under Doctor Don MCCOY at the University of Kansas in the Fall Term of 1978. Half the time spent on this project involved carting large volumes into different rooms, as major analysis and rearrangement was necessary to identify volumes by type and series location before any description and inventory could be attempted. With this basic inventory and volume organization done, the many volumes that must be missing may be located, identified and recovered. This is the hope of the author.

Craig S. CROSSWHITE

Introduction

Court records are often the most accurate diaries of country growth and change. To understand and interpret their content, however, the researcher must be familiar with the county of their inception.

With the signing of the Kansas-Nebraska Act by President Franklin PIERCE

on May 30, 1854, settlers immediately began pouring into the territory where they formed pockets of resistance either for or against slavery. One such group opposing slavery was rushed to the present site of Lawrence by the Emigrant Aid Company of Massachusetts. On July 30, 1854, barely two months after the bill's passage, this first group landed by steamboat on the shores of the Kansas River, naming their new town after the chief financial backer of the company, Amos A. LAWRENCE.

By the time of the assemble of the first territorial legislature near Fort Riley in July of 1855, enough settlers had arrived in this area to allow for county chartering. Named in honor of Senator Stephen A. DOUGLAS of Illinois, the county was among the first dozen to be created. Lecompton, the westernmost township of Douglas County, was designated the county seat, because of the relocation of the legislature there and because of its proslavery sympathies. Eventually the territorial capital was moved again. This time, with the increase of population in and about Lawrence, the county seat was moved there by legislative enactment in January of 1858.

One of the first actions of every territory in the Union was to provide, through statutes, a framework by which county property, government, and court records should be created and maintained. These records were usually large bound volumes labeled as mortgages, deeds, wills, commissioner books, tax rolls, court journals, judicial dockets, appearance dockets, and so forth. This series description treats the latter records created primarily by the district court of Douglas County sitting in Lawrence. Within the first law, The Statutes of the Territory of Kansas, 1855, Chapter 93, Article III, sec. 3 provides that every elected judge holding office in the district court shall keep a docket listing all civil and criminal cases that he tries, along with all orders and executions that he makes. In Chapter 90, sec. 25-30, an appointed court clerk is to enter

all court judgements in a docket book to be filed with the district court and used as a public record. These early district court records were probably first kept at Lecompton, and then at Lawrence.

On August 21, 1863, Captain William Clark QUANTRILL and his partisan forces struck Lawrence as part of the continued border warfare of the Civil War. In this raid, the entire business district was set afire. Among the loses in life and property were the majority of county court records. A few earlier records did survive, but only those dealing with property. A more complete account of the early county government and court history, including a listing of county and court officials, is contained in A. T. ANDREAS' History of the State of Kansas, Chicago, 1883 (reprint Atchison County Historical Society, Atchison, Kansas, 1976), pages 310-312.

Kansas was admitted to the Union in 1861, but it was not until after the Civil War that its laws were fully codified to include a more detailed description of how county and district court records were to be maintained. In Douglas County, early property and government record books tend to be consistent in form of entry and style of writing. The court and judicial dockets, however, change and evolve in form and style from 1863 to the middle 1880's. The variety in docket style reflects as much the individual skill and demands of the justice of the peace as it does the continued growth of the county and the demand in time for more detailed records.

In the Compiled Laws of Kansas, 1868, Chapter 80, Article 34, sec. 703-707, the court clerk is required to keep up-to-date several record books - criminal and civil appearance dockets, criminal and civil trial dockets, court journals, judgment books, execution dockets, and any other records that his particular court should feel necessary. The earliest Douglas County records show a certain amount of confusion, especially in the criminal trial and appearance dockets.

SERIES DESCRIPTION, Introduction, continued

In Chapter 81, Article 15, sec. 188-193 of the same statutes, the two elected justices of the peace were required to keep a docket book, within which each case tried was to have a full transcript recorded personally. Upon completion of his term, the judge turned his book over to his successor, who continued the case recordings on the following pages. Since two justices held court in tandem, these books often overlap as to the chronology of the cases tried. As the researcher might suspect, the judicial dockets have the greatest variety of style, legibility, and detailed information, as suited the particular judge's whim or fancy. Upon completion of any bound volume, the court clerk or the judge filed the book with the district court where it was kept as a public record and reference tool.

The duties of the court clerk have survived the two major revisions of the statutes in 1923 and 1970. In the Kansas Statutes Annotated, 60-2601 (1976), the clerk is no longer required to maintain the number of volumes that he was previously, but provisions are outlined as to the use of computer storage and retrieval. The keeping of the judicial docket survived the 1923 code revision, but was repealed by the legislature in 1969 as no longer necessary, in view of the extensive case recordings performed today.

The Douglas County District Court Records were kept in bound volume series in the old courthouse in the eleven hundred block of Massachusetts Street. In 1975, massive gutting and renovation was begun to allow for modernization of offices, air control units, and safety standards. The county commissioners took advantage of the situation to employ Kansas Statute Annotated 19-254, whereby any county records over twenty years old, that have been offered to and rejected by the state historical society, may be destroyed upon the approval of the district court. Fortunately the county commissioners, led by Arthur HECK and Peter WHITENIGHT, negotiated to have these records microfilmed and then turned over to.

SERIES DESCRIPTION, Introduction, continued

the Kansas Collection of the Kenneth Spencer Research Library at the University of Kansas. In October of 1975, the transfer was made by Board of Commissioners Resolution No. 75-6-1, after approval was granted from the state historical society in Topeka. Within the agreement are provisions to allow continued county ownership and use, open research access, safe and secure maintenance, notification to the board if the records be moved, and the attachment of this resolution and its provisions to any future transfer of records.

It is hoped (and anticipated) that in the near future this author and the Kansas Collection curator will search through the remaining court records in the remodeled courthouse with the desire to fill in the gaps evident in the collection's volume series. At that time, the remaining property and government records of the county, already in complete series in the Kansas Collection, will be added to make a finished inventory of the older county court, property and government records.

I. COURT JOURNALS. 1863-1901. 22 volumes. (Letters A-V). Average size: 32cm. x 45cm. x 8cm.

These volumes contain the proceedings of the Douglas County district court for each day that it met. Included are all civil and criminal trials, grand jury proceedings, orders from the judge in vacation or in chambers, jury selection proceedings, petitions from lawyers and parties, and all other in-court events and matters. Abundant information is available about county court procedure, types and number of different legal cases, city and county growth, and a listing of many county residents. There are no gaps in the series, and later additions of subsequent volumes are expected. Maintained by the court clerk, the text is very legible. An alphabetical index is included in the front of every volume, listing most names of persons within. Each volume covers about two years of

SERIES DESCRIPTION, Court Journals, continued

court sessions.

II. JUDGEMENT DOCKETS. 1870-1878. 1 volume. (No. 2). Size 33cm. x 46 cm. x 6cm.

This is a general index in which the name of each person against whom a judgment is rendered, appears in alphabetically ordered sections. Listed under each entry are the parties to the case, the date, the number of pages filed with the clerk, the amount of money settled upon in the case, and the page and volume reference to the particular court journal that holds the text of the case. Entries were made by the court clerk, so the text is uniform and legible. This volume allowed quick reference by any researcher as to a certain person's involvement at trial in court over a seven year span. These dockets provide a handy research tool in searching for county residents and their legal activities. Volumes 1, 3, and 4 are probably in the county courthouse, and will be pursued.

III. CRIMINAL TRIAL DOCKET. 1864-1878. 1 volume. (No. 1) Size: 30cm. x 45cm. x 6 cm.

This volume was used by the court clerk to place upcoming criminal cases upon a case calendar. Noted under each entry are the parties, the attorneys, the docket number, the charge, judicial orders, and final dispensation. An enclosed alphabetical index covers those cases entered between 1874 and 1878. This volume appears to have been of limited use to the district court, and it is suspected that later volumes were not created. Instead, Volume 2 of the Criminal Appearance Dockets lines up exactly in progressing docket number and trial dates with this volume. It is possible that the trial docket entry was dropped in favor of the appearance docket entry system. This volume has limited use to the researcher without an early index. The court journals and the judicial dockets contain more information.

SERIES DESCRIPTION, continued

IV. **CRIMINAL APPEARANCE DOCKET.** 1878-1907, 1945-1949, 1950-1951. 6 volumes. (nos. 2,3,1,2,C,E). Average size: 32cm. x 46cm. x 8cm.

These volumes list all legal actions in the order that they were filed in the court clerk's office. Entry information includes the date of summons and its return, petition and pleadings filed, judicial judgments and orders, and a listing of the costs accrued during the action. The entry served as a registry of all prior trial activities of either party or the court in setting up the case for trial. The first two volumes appear to be successors of Volume 1 of the Criminal Appearance Docket. Because of the length of time between the first two and latter four volumes, it is assumed that missing volumes exist at the courthouse. Each volume includes an alphabetical index by parties to the actions in the front. These volumes contain information of interest to the researcher about pretrial court procedure and filing costs and fees.

V. **CIVIL TRIAL DOCKETS.** 1864-1868, 1874-1894. 9 volumes. (Nos. 1,2,6-11,14). Average size: 31cm. x 46cm. x 7cm.

These volumes were used by the court clerk to place upcoming civil cases upon a case calendar. Noted under each entry are the parties, the attorneys, the docket number, the type of dispute, judicial orders, date of case, and final dispensation. There are no indexes to any of these volumes. Volumes 3-6 are missing and it is uncertain that the court continued to keep such volumes after 1894. The last volume (H) has no entries or text. Although labeled "Final Record," it is unclear what its use was to have been. These volumes have limited use to the researcher without any indexes. The court journals and the judicial dockets contain more information.

VI. **CIVIL APPEARANCE DOCKETS.** 1863-1901. 16 volumes. (Letters A-0). Average

SERIES DESCRIPTION, Civil Appearance Dockets, continued

size: 32cm. x 47cm. x 7.5cm.

These volumes list all legal actions in the order that they were filed in the court clerk's office. Entry information includes the date of summons and its return, petition and pleadings filed, judicial judgments and orders, and a listing of the costs accrued during the action. The entry served as a registry of all prior trial activities of either party or the court in setting up the case for trial. Each volume includes an alphabetical index by parties in the front. The series for the above years is complete, with one additional loose index for the years 1901-1903 as a part of the series. In addition, a one volume inverse index is available listing defendant parties for the years 1863-1883 (Volumes A-I). Later volumes and general indexes are probably in the courthouse. With the aid of the volume indexes, this series is a valuable aid to the researcher studying county business foreclosures, attachments, and other commercial legal problems.

VII. JAIL BOOKS. 1867-1885, 1904-1911. 2 volumes. (Nos. 1 and 4). Average size: 28cm. x 41cm. x 5cm.

These volumes list all male prisoners incarcerated in the county jail by order of the court. Kept by either the sheriff or the jailor, the entry information includes the prisoner's name, when committed, his place of origin, his offense, term length, by whose order, when discharged, the number of days served, and his physical description. Alphabetical indexes are included in the front. Volumes 2 and 3 are missing, and later volumes are probably at the courthouse. These volumes are good sources for researchers interested in the number and kinds of persons incarcerated, and for what offenses.

VIII. SHERIFF'S ACCOUNT BOOK. 1864-1865. 1 volume. Size: 27cm. x 39cm. x

3cm.

This volume was kept for the period after QUANTRILL's raid until the end of the Civil War. Listed are all court cases by parties where the sheriff is owed a fee for his services, usually to serve a summons or writ. Also are listings of fees owed to the sheriff for the boarding of prisoners and the duties requiring his travel in and out of the county. There is no index. This volume is of limited use in the study of early county law enforcement.

IX. CRIMINAL JUDICIAL DOCKETS. 1874-1878, 1881-1945. 22 volumes. (Random numerical order). Average size: 30cm. x 41cm. x 4.5-7.5cm.

By law, each district judge kept a docket case book of all court cases that he personally tried. Each page entry includes information as to case title, date of writ, date of case, party arrest record, property attached, facts stated, affidavits and bills of particular filed, appearing parties, adjoinments, jury selections and verdicts, witnesses sworn, judicial orders and executions, final judgment, monies paid at court, and any continuances. Because justices stood for re-election every two years, several of the above volumes changed hands several times. Each judge kept his personal case docket, which he would turn over to his replacement upon retirement. This new judge in turn, would continue entry of cases until the volume was complete, when it was filed with the district court.

Since two justices served at the same time, the volumes from the 1890's onward overlap in chronology, as each judge took his turn trying cases on different days. There are gaps in the volume series between 1878 and 1881, and between 1927 and 1932. Alphabetical indexes are included in the front of each volume. A wealth of information about types of cases, frequency of crimes, judicial orders and procedures, and kinds and severity of punishment meted out are of interest to the researcher. Also included are many names of county residents.

SERIES DESCRIPTION, continued

X. CIVIL JUDICIAL DOCKETS. 1873-1927, 1932-1961. 37 volumes. (Random numerical order). Average size: 30cm. x 41cm. x 7cm.

There are many more civil than criminal cases, accounting for the size of this particular series. By law, each district judge kept a docket case book of all court cases that he personally tried. Each page entry includes information as to case title, date of writ, date of case, property attached, facts stated, affidavits and bills of particular filed, appearing parties, adjoinments, jury selections and verdicts, witnesses sworn, judicial orders and executions, final judgement, monies paid at court, and any continuances. Because justices stood for re-election every two years, several of the above volumes changed hands several times. Each judge kept his personal case docket, which he would turn over to his replacement upon retirement. This new judge in turn, would continue entry of cases until the volume was complete, when it was filed with the district court. Since two justices served at the same time, the volumes from the 1890's onward overlap in chronology, as each judge took his turn trying cases on different days. Alphabetical indexes are included in the front of most volumes. Volumes 15 and 18 have bound alphabetical indexes standing beside them. Judge R. C. MANLEY's volume (1922-25) is mistakenly enclosed within a cover entitled "Criminal Docket, Volume 9." Judge James BROOKS's volume (1907-12) has no index. Several volumes for the years 1927-1932 are missing. It is suspected that random volumes are missing from 1920 on. These records are of particular interest to the researcher studying business and county growth, frequency of such cases as divorce and alimony, assault and defamation, and other civil actions. These volumes contain the names of many county residents.

DOUGLAS COUNTY RECORDS

Many times we hear about all the records that the Kansas Collection has that pertain to Lawrence and Douglas County. In fact, it seems to us that in many ways the Kansas Collection takes the place of a County Archives. As a service to our members the Society is publishing what the Kansas Collection has that pertains to Douglas County. This list was compiled by the Kansas Collection and we suspect represents what they have very accurately. As with the court records these records are not available on interlibrary loan but you may get in touch with the Kansas Collection and they will tell you what they can or cannot do for you. Of course if you can and do choose to visit the collection in person you will be able to use these records. Most of them are not on open shelves but they will be retrieved for you.

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(to 1945, same), 37 vols.
- Marion, 1864 (to 1945, same), 40 vols.
- Palmyra, 1863,(no 1865)(to 1945, same), 42 vols.
- Wakarusa, (identical-Palmyra), 42 vols.
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EXTRACTS FROM AN ABSTRACT

Lots 176 and 178, Rhode Island Street, Lawrence, Ks

Charles and Emma Worley submitted this original Abstract of Title to The PIONEER, which was sent to our Society by the Johnson County Genealogical Society, and was prepared by Frank E. BANKS, Abstracter, of Durfee's Improved System of Real Estate Title Books, 19 Aug 1946. The Society at this point has no capacity for making its abstracts available. Instead, we will publish references, where shown, so that anyone interested can go to the original records for further information. All references are to Douglas Co., Ks deeds unless otherwise noted.

1918, 15 Apr: Lawrence Building & Loan Assoc., City, Gentlemen: At your request, I have examined the abstract of title to lots One hundred seventy-six (176) and One hundred seventy-eight (178) on Rhode Island Street in the City of Lawrence; and from such examination, I find title to the same vested in Adam CARTER, free and clear of encumbrances. Yours respectfully, C. E. LINDLEY, Probate Judge.

1855, 18 May: Deed in Trust, Wm H. R. LYKINS to Trustees of Lawrence in trust for Joseph N. MACE. For \$1.00 Conveys Lots 176-178 R. I. St. (a partial page). (Recorded 02 Jun 1855, Book A p.1)

1910, 11 Mar: County of Douglas, State of Kansas/SS. Jacob PIKE, a resident of Douglas County, Kansas being duly sworn says, that he knew Ensebia FRAZEE December 11, 1885 when she executed a Warranty Deed to Eva T. FRAZEE recorded in Book 39, p. 461 and knows said Ensebia FRAZEE to be one and the same person as Eusebia FRAZEE grantee in a deed recorded in Book 34, p.23; that Eva I. FRAZEE grantor in deed to Newton J. FLUKE recorded in Book 41, p.332 was known to this affiant who knows her to be one and the same person as Eva T. FRAZEE grantee in said above deed recorded in Book 39, p.461, all above deeds referred to and recorded in Records of Douglas County, Kansas. Jacob PIKE. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 Mar 1910. Frank BANKS, Notary Public.

1884, 04 Mar: Warranty Deed. Fidelia C. STURTEVANT formerly Fidelia C. MACE and Arthur STURTEVANT her husband to Eusebia FRAZEE. For \$450 Conveys Lots no's 176 & 178 Rhode Island Street in the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas. (Recorded 19 Mar 1884, Book 34, p.23)

1885, 11 Dec: Warranty Deed. Ensebia FRAZEE a widow to Eva T. FRAZEE. For \$500 conveys Lots No's 176 and 178 Rhode Island Street in the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas. (Recorded 12 Dec 1885, Book 39, p.461)

1886, 23 Sep: Warranty Deed. Eva I. FRAZEE unmarried to Newton J. FLUKE. For \$550 conveys Lots No's 176 & 178 Rhode Island Street in the City of Lawrence, Douglas Co., Ks. (Recorded 23 Sep 1886, Book 41, P.332)

1888, 01 Nov: Warranty Deed. Newton J. FLUKE and Emma E. FLUKE wife to J. N. ROBERTS. For \$600 conveys Lots No's 176 and 178 Rhode Island St in the City of Lawrence, Douglas Co., Ks. (Recorded 12 Dec 1888, Book 49, p.100)

1893, 09 May: Mortgage. Adam CARTER a widower to Wm. T. SINCLAIR. Conveys Lots No's 176 & 178 R.I. St. to secure \$400 Five yrs at Seven (7) per cent. (Recorded 10 May 1893, Book 28, p.219)

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1896, 9 May: Assignment. Wm. T. SINCLAIR to F. W. BARTELDES. Lot 178 Rhode Island St, Lawrence, Douglas Co, Ks. Since 15 May 1893, 2 o'clock, P.M. For value received, sell and assign the mortgage made by Adam S. CARTER to secure payment of note for \$400.00. Date. May 9, 1896. and recorded in Book 28 of Mortgages at page 219 in the office of the Register of Deeds, of Douglas Co., Ks. and the notes therein described. (Recorded 08 Sep 1897, Book 31, p.591)

1893, 09 May: Warranty Deed. J. N. ROBERTS and Emily S. ROBERTS, his wife, to Adam CARTER. For \$600 Convey Lot 178 on Rhode Island St, and other property all in the City of Lawrence, Douglas Co, Ks. (Recorded 07 July 1893, Book 58, p.310)

1909 Taxes, 1st half \$12.99 paid.

1893 to 1917, Taxes, paid.

1918, 15 Apr: Warranty Deed. Adam CARTER and Lillie B. CARTER, his wife, to Ira C. STEVENSON. For \$1.00 and exchange of properties convey Lots 176 and 178 on Rhode Island St. in the City of Lawrence, Douglas Co, Ks. (Recorded 16 Apr 1918, Book 104, p.11)

1918, 08 Apr: Mortgage. Ira C. STEVENSON and Gertrude E. STEVENSON, his wife, to The Lawrence Building & Loan Association. For \$700 convey lots 176 and 178 on Rhode Island St in the City of Lawrence, Douglas Co, Ks to secure payment of \$8.89 per month from April 1918 to March 1928 inclusive. (Recorded 08 Apr 1918, Book 56, p.503)

1920, Taxes Lot#176 \$21.81 (1st 1/2 \$10.91 paid).

1920, Taxes Lot#178 \$22.09 (1st 1/2 \$11.05 paid).

1925, 30 Nov: Mortgage. Ira C. STEVENSON and Gertrude E. STEVENSON, his wife to The Lawrence Building and Loan Association. Convey \$3000. on Lots 176 and 178 of Rhode Island St in the City of Lawrence, Douglas County, Ks to secure payment of \$38.10 per month from December 1925 to November, 1935 both inclusive. (Recorded 03 Dec 1925, Book 68, p.148)

1926, 10 Apr: Mortgage. Ira C. STEVENSON and Gertrude E. STEVENSON, his wife to the Lawrence Building and Loan Association. Convey \$500 on Lots 176 and 178 on Rhode Island St in the City of Lawrence, Douglas Co, Ks. to secure payment of note for said sum. (Recorded 12 Apr 1926, Book 69, p.296)

1926, 17 Jun: Affidavit. County of Douglas, State of Kansas, SS: Jacob PIKE, a resident of Douglas County, Kansas being duly sworn says, that he knew Ensebia FRAZEE December 11, 1885 when she executed a Warranty Deed to Eva T. FRAZEE recorded in Book 39, p.461 and knows said Ensebia FRAZEE to be one and the same person as Eusebia FRAZEE grantee in deed recorded in Book 34, p.23; that Eva I FRAZEE grantor in deed to Newton J. FLUKE recorded in Book 41, p.332 was known to this affiant who knows her to be one and the same person as Eva T. FRAZEE grantee in said above deed recorded in Book 39, p.461, all above deeds referred to and recorded in Records of Douglas County, Kansas. Jacob PIKE. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of March A.D. 1910. Frank E. BANKS. Notary Public. (Recorded 17 Jun 1926, Book 118, p.29)

1925, Taxes \$28.22 (1st 1/2 \$14.11 paid)

1943, 25 Jan, Probate Court, Douglas County, Ks, Estate of I. C. STEVENSON, deceased. (*Docket L, page 6525*)

1943, 25 Jan, Petition for probate of will filed, reciting that I. C. STEVENSON died January 18, 1943 testate and left surviving him as his sole and surviving heirs at law, Gertrude E. STEVENSON, and Elbert K. STEVENSON, a son.

1943, 25 Jan, Waiver of heirs filed.

1943, 25 Jan, Hearing had and will admitted to probate. (*Journal 28, p.661*)

1943, 25 Jan. Will.

"I, I.C. STEVENSON, at this time residing at 825 Indiana St. in the City of Lawrence, Kansas, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament: First: I direct that all my just debts, including funeral expenses be paid by my executor. Second I give and bequeath to my wife, Gertrude E. STEVENSON, all of my property, both real and personal of which I may be possessed at the time of my death. Third I appoint my wife, Gertrude E. STEVENSON, all of my property, both real and personal of which I may be possessed at the time of my death. Third Ii appoint my wife, Gertrude E. STEVENSON, as executor of this my last will and testament and direct that she be not required to give bond for the execution of the same and that the court admitting this will to probate grant letters testamentary without bond. Witness my hand at Lawrence, Ks, this nineteenth day of July, 1934. (2 witnesses) I. C. STEVENSON." (*Record 8, p.11*)

1943, 25 Jan: Hearing had and Gertrude E. STEVENSON appointed Executrix without bond and Letters issued. (*Journal 28, p.661*)

1943, 04 Feb: Widow Gertrude E. STEVENSON files her election to take under the will.

1943, 12 Feb: Inventory filed list land described in caption and other land.

1943, 15 Feb: Proof of publication of notice of appointment filed.

1943, 20 Apr: Finding of Inheritance Tax Division filed, No tax chargeable.

1944, 19 Jan: Petition for final settlement filed and hearing set for Feb 11, 1944. (*Journal 29, p.212.*)

1944, 07 Feb: Proof of publication of notice of final hearing filed.

1944, 11 Feb: Affidavit in proof of service of notice of final hearing filed.

1944, 11 Feb: Order of final settlement. "Now on this 11th day of February, 1944, at 2:00 o'clock P.M. comes on for hearing the petition of Gertrude E. STEVENSON, executrix of the estate of I. C. STEVENSON, Deceased, for final settlement of said estate; said Executrix appearing in person and by her attorney, Chas. A. SPRINGER, and also appearing Elbert K. STEVENSON, and no other interested or concerned persons appearing. THEREUPON, the Court examined the Notice of final settlement, the publication

thereof, and the proof of such publication; also examined the Affidavit in Proof of Mailing Copies of said Notices, and being duly advised in the premises, finds that notice of the time and place of this hearing has been given pursuant to Section 185 of the Kansas Probate Code, and the same is now and hereby approved. THEREUPON, said matter proceeds on for hearing, and the Court, upon examining the Petition of Final Settlement and the Executrix's Final Account, and after hearing the testimony given in support thereof and being duly advised in the premises, finds that the allegations contained in said petition are true, and the Final Account of said executrix is approved and allowed, and the Court further finds that said estate should now be finally settled, and it is therefore by the Court found and adjudged:

1. That the executrix has paid all the Court Costs, personal property taxes and attorney fees out of funds not chargeable to the estate and that receipts therefore have been filed herein, and there is on hand for distribution in said estate the total sum of \$6902.68 in cash and sixty shares of the Robertson-Shirley Lumber Company, Certificate No. 26, accounts receivable of unknown value, and a contract for sale of certain real estate made with Susie PRICE, by said decedent and also a Metropolitan Life Insurance co. Policy No. 4,472,256 C, in the sum of \$1000.00 issued to Susie PRICE and assigned to the decedent; that all claims against said estate have been paid in full, and that all personal property taxes in said estate have been paid.

2. That said decedent, I. C. STEVENSON left surviving him as his sole heirs at law, Gertrude E. STEVENSON, his widow, and the executrix of this estate, and a son Elbert K. STEVENSON, and that under the terms of the will of decedent the said Gertrude E. STEVENSON, is the sole beneficiary thereof, and is entitled to receive all of decedent's estate.

3. That said decedent at the time of his death was the owner in fee simple. of the following described real estate situated in Douglas County, Kansas to wit: Lot No. 178 on Rhode Island Street, in the City of Lawrence, (and other land) IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED, ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED, by the Court that all of the personal property now in the hands of the executrix in said estate and all of the above described real estate, be and is hereby assigned to Gertrude E. STEVENSON, the widow and sole beneficiary under the will of the decedent, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that after said executrix has filed a receipt from Gertrude E. STEVENSON, the sole beneficiary she will be entitled to a discharge from all liability in said estate." (*Journal 29, p.258*)

1944, 02 Jun. Final receipt filed as ordered.

1944, 02 Jun. Final order of Discharge of said Executrix made. (*Journal 30, p.328*)

1945, Taxes 1925 to 1945 both inclusive paid.

1946, 04 Sep: Warranty Deed. Gertrude E. STEVENSON, a single woman to Robert Milton ROSE and Marguerite M. ROSE, as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common. Grant and convey Lot 178 on Rhode Island St in the City of Lawrence, Douglas Co, Ks. (*Recorded 05 Sep 1946, Book 155, p.153*)

1946, 05 Sep: Mortgage. Robert Milton ROSE and Marguerite M. ROSE, husband and wife to the Lawrence Building and Loan Association. Convey \$4300. on Lot 178 of Rhode Island St, in the City of Lawrence, Douglas Co, Ks. (*Recorded 05 Sep 1946, Book 91, p.418*)

Q U E R I E S

Queries are free to members. They should state at least two facts to gain best results. Queries are also free to nonmembers, but must concern Kansas related ancestors of fifty years or earlier. Please send queries and copies of replies to the Pioneer Editor.

MARTIN, LEITH, BURROUGHS, SMITH

I am seeking information on the family of Joseph Emanuel MARTIN, born 20 November 1859, Nicholas Co, WV. He married Mollie LEITH, about 1886. They lived in Kansas and Missouri, and they had four children, John MARTIN, Rozella Catherine "Katy" MARTIN, born 05 April 1888, Drexel, Mo., Andrew B. MARTIN, born 13 Mar 1894, and Lou MARTIN, believed to have been born in the fall of 1896 or 1897. Mollie LEITH died when Lou was born and Lou was adopted by a neighbor. John ran away from home after his mother died and even though many years were spent searching for him, he was never seen again. Andrew died at Temple, Tx, 08 Jan. 1917, aged 22, and is interred at Daugherty, Ok. Katy married Arthur J. "Art" BURROUGHS in Oklahoma City, OK, 09 Jan 1904. Art and Katy BURROUGHS had four children, Mabel Angeline BURROUGHS, born 22 Dec 1904, Guthrie, OK, Ralph Arthur BURROUGHS, born 17 Oct 1907, Joplin, Mo, Kirby Walter BURROUGHS, born 23 Feb 1911, Davis, Ok, and Ruth Vivian BURROUGHS, born about 1912. Katy and Lou lost contact with each other about 1940 somewhere in Oklahoma. It is believed Lou married Charlie Smith of Oklahoma and had a daughter named Rosalee SMITH. Will share information. Cora Wilson, 893 Rivercrest Rd, Valley Mills, Tx 76689-2632. Telephone (817) 932-6605.

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