

## Arvonia

If any one starting in to read this expects a history complete of Arvonia township and its early settlers, they will be disappointed. Writing up these several "Narratives" in 1904 for free publication in an Osage City paper, the editor found no room for them then.

It is the S. W. Twp of Osage County. When organized in 1870 it must have been twelve miles square nearly. Now it has may be one third that territory. The Marias-des-Cygnes River flows through it from west to east, and for 16 years after the whites had settled in Arvonia the peaceable Sac & Fox Indians of Mo ko ho ko's Band had their wickyups along the shores of this classic stream and behaved themselves. They learned to work especially good, in corn and spent their wages judiciously,

Arvonia village was about 11 miles south of Osage City, and it was about 6 miles west to Reading in Lyon Co. on the Santa Fe, its nearest R. R. station until Lebo at the south was established about 1884. The village is on the south bank up in a slightly place. Coal abounds, but stock raising has been the chief business.

The following incidents are drawn from the narratives of some of Arvonia's first settlers, viz; James and Mrs. Maria C. Jessee Lucian R. Adams, Nathan Anvil Perrill, Lewis Humphries, Robert and Mrs. Ann Jones, Max Morton, Solomon Bowers, John Price by his son Edward in 1897. Joseph Burnham Grant and others. Also the "County Records" have been used freely.

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Arvonia was a place in the 70's and 80's principally settled by Welch people. Some years back while attending a Green Family reunion in Oneida Co. N. Y. I had many inquiries from Welch people at Utica and Remsen, about their bretheren at Arvonia, Kan.

It is true that the welch settlers have churches and old home associations renewed there again as back in Wales, but the modern english language is taught in schools and used in churches and families. So that Arvonia can only be regarded now as a place where a large proportion of the first settlers only were Welch. This was because J. Mather Jones from Utica, N. Y. J. A. Whitaker of Chicago, and a number of Welchmen expecting a rail road

to be built up the Marais-des-Cygnés valley in those early days, laid out the village in advance of the Santa Fe in 1869 and '70.

Perhaps no more than 150 people ever lived in the town. They were Welch colonists from the old country as well as from other settlements in America. One of our greatest College men was the late Rev. John M. Barrows who came to Arvonía in 1870, preached there, and in 1871 was elected Supt of Public Inst't for Osage County. But he did not remain in the County more than two years. Called to higher places he was at his death the President of the Oberlin College in Ohio.\* Arvonía failing to get any railroad was from necessity then a tributary of Osage City. J. Mather Jones and Whitaker, who had invested so largely there left in disgust. But good industrious citizens were left behind who improved the fertile lands and made it one of the richest agricultural sections of Osage County.

**LEWIS HUMPHRIES.**

To day [1920] I suppose there is no man in Osage County who came to it in its infancy who has by a continuous residence here and carfull investments built up a larger fortune in Real Estate, than Lewis Humphries, storekeeper at Arvonía. He was born in Carmarthen, South Wales, in 1835. Came to America in 1855 and to Kansas in 1858. There were other settlers here before Mr Humphries. I select his narrative for the 1st because of its Historical value about Arvonía and the Welch people there. When he came to America in '55 he stopped at Youngstown O. until '57 when he went to Ky. and the next year to Little Stranger Leavenworth Co Kan. In the spring of 1859, he went into Wabaunsee Co. near Wamego and entered a piece of Gov't land with a land warrant, this was about Mar. 1st. and May 2 1859 he joined a Pike's Peak gold expedition. He had to pay as his share \$40. and drive an ox team across the plains. At Denver he met some old friends who told him it was all a humbug. He turned around come back poorer but wiser. Came to Emporia about Aug. '59, and thence to Burlingame.

\* Mrs. Ida M. Ferris, whose country home 2 miles east of Osage City is well known to Osage county folks, and also know her to be a good historical writer especially about the "Early Schools and Teachers of the County".

She prepared and read Aug. 1912 at the Old Settlers meeting at Lyndon an excellent lengthy article on Dr. Barrows Life and experiences in Osage Co. I do not think it has been put in print yet.

C. R. Green.

He went to work 3 miles S. E. of Burlingame on Joe Marple's on Switzler Creek opening a coal drift. He got the chills by fall in this work. Joe Marple was a Phrenologist in those days and had a pile of skulls to show up the Science. Marples old stone house is yet in existence. Mr Titus kept a boarding house then over on the Trail by the bridge. Mr. Humphries quit long in Oct. or Nov. and footed it to Leavenworth. A friend by the name of Dick Bowen of Emporia had sold out his claim for \$900. in gold, came along and seeing his condition and bad fortune, now being reduced to \$5.00 said to him "come on go with me". They took the Lawrence trail to Leavenworth and a steamboat down the Missouri river to St Louis, He staid around East St Louis, coal mining and laboring until after the war.

March 1866, Humphries took a steamboat for Fort Benton, Mont. \$140. cabin passage. Got there July 1st, thence by stage to Helena, and Virginia City where he went to gold mining. He followed this three and one half years, when he concluded that he had pile enough to enter some business of his own. These lines do not express the hardships, loss from thieves, sickness etc, that one had to go through with in those rough places to wash out gold dust.

And it was with great relief he pulled for the States Sept. 1869. By stage to Ogden the nearest railroad station, thence to Omaha St Joseph and Lawrence. Here he staid a few weeks and sent his gold dust to the U. S. mint, finding that he had \$6000. for his 3½ years of Montana experience.

At Lawrence he heard of Jones & Whitaker's Welch colony at Arvonía. The cars were then running only as far as Carbondale. T. J. Peters, Jones & Whitaker were trying to get the Santa Fe to run by way of Arvonía. Humphries says; I went down through Osage and Lyon Co's. thinking that while I was waiting I would go into the stock business. I finally settled on Arvonía. Jones & Whitaker had a little supply store for the Welch with about an \$800. stock. I bought their store, it was not large enough so I built a new store room in due time across main street on lot 19 bk 20. I commenced business there in the fall of 1869, bnt did not occupy my new store room until the spring of '70. I kept the Post Office and had the only store there for about a year. I dealt in

General Mds. This has been my place of business ever since.

“About the close of 1870, E. W. Burton a tinner came in with a stock of Hardware, he had a partner by the name of Johnson they did business here about 3 years when I bought them out and they went to Great Bend. J. Mather Jones and James A. Whitaker did all the Real Estate business. J. W. Rice was here a number of years with a wagon shop and furniture room. Judge John Rees had a general mds. store here 1874 '76, about 3 years. Mr. John Thomas bought him out. Two years later the stock was moved to Emporia. Judge Rees died here about 1876”.

FURTHER NOTES BY LEWIS HUMPHRIES.

Some folks not previously named. Isaac, David and John Lloyd, brothers from Iowa were prominent men. N. A. Perrill and the father, John Perrill County Surveyor, they had a fine half sec. bottom farm 3 miles N. W. up the Marais des Cygnes River.

J. D. W. Jones (cattle Jones) from Ohio. He joined his interests with Vinton Evans in the stock business, but lived in town. Evans died in 1874. Joe (J. C.) Booth an Englishman, and Ellis Evans who came from Remsen, N. Y. all lived here then.

Whitaker sold out his interest in the town site to Jones in 1871, he then gave his attention to farming. He opened up a 452 a' farm on the bottoms near Arvonias, went into stock, mortgaged his farm at 8 per cent for \$9000. lost and broke up. The farm first passed into A. J. Utleys hands, later Lewis Humphries. It is immediately north of town in sections 9 and 16, worth 16 or 18 thousand. Mr Whitaker lives near Los Angeles California.

J. Mather Jones was an editor of weekly Welch paper at Utica N, Y. “The Drieck Mirror”. He sold it out to come here, but acted as its correspondent afterwards. It was a paper probably 30 years old then. It was used as an advertising medium, and sent all over to attract the Welch here. Mather had a brother who was a minister at Philadelphia, Rev. T. W. Jones. Mather Jones went back to Utica, where he died about 1878-80.

Speaking of churches and the ministers there, Mr. H. further adds that there were two churches in Arvonias. The Calvinistic Methodists, [all Union] and the Congregational, all Welch. Rev. Wm. Thomas was about the first minister in Arvonias. He came

from Catskill N. Y. He was here only a short time and left in '71,

Rev. T. G. Jones from Pa., a Congregationalist staid 2 or 3 yrs. Then about 1872-74 the churches were divided. Rev. John R. Jones the first Calvinistic Methodist was here 3 years. He died here about 1875, He was red headed. His widow lives in Emporia. Rev. J. T. Evans another Methodist, came and was here 6 or 7 years, Rev. T. D, Phillips a Congregationalist came about 1874 from Alliance, Ohio and staid about two years.

Now in giving these notes of my talk with Mr. Humphries about 1896. It was in his store with customers interupting occasionally I may not have got his replies all down correctly, and he said then that he was not sure that his datrs were all correct.

THE JOHN PRICE FAMILY.

Narrative given me Jan. 1897 by Edward Price, son of John Price of Arvonias.

John Price was born in South Wales in 1822. He was md. in '43 to Jane Jorman in Wales. Their 8 children were all born in Wales.

They came to America, landing at Iowa City Ia. April 24 1866. Moved to Newton Ia. same fall where they bought a farm which they lived on until 1871, when they removed to Kan. landing in Arvonias October 24.

Names and about the ages of the children then -1872.

Mary Price 25, John— 20. William— 17. Maggie— 15. Thomas — 13. Edward— 10. Evan— 8. Jennie— 6.

My father settled one mile east of Arvonias. He bought 160 acres of Jones and Whitaker. Then in the spring of 1873 we bought an eighty cornering on the north, of Rev. Wm. Barrows, father of Rev. John M. Barrows, They were English people, six in family the parents, Walter, John M., Mary and Ransom. Mary md, a Mr Greene. They all attained high places. When Rev. John M. and his wife were here two years ago he was then the minister of one of the leading Baptists churches of Chicago.

After we settled in Arvonias brother John Price then of age went to Pella Ia, into a machine shop. He changed in succeeding years and is now foreman in the Santa Fe shops at Topeka. The rest of us went on farming and stock raising.

My sister Mary md. Thomas R. Jones about 1873 -4. He was a farmer and coal miner around Arvoniam. Mary died seven years later leaving no children.

William Price went from the farm and joined John in Ia. Later he went to a foundry and machine shop in Blue Rapids Kan. md and settled down there. Has five children, and living there yet.

Maggie md. Lewis Humphries of Arvoniam about 1888. They have one son, Lewis H. Jr. 6 yrs. old,


Thomas left the farm and clerked for Lewis Humphries here in Arvoniam 4 years. Then went into the Osage Co. Bank under T. L. Marshall Osage City, as their book keeper. Afterwards clerked for Newman Bros, then to Topeka and Kan. City Kan. where he is head book keeper for Swartz, Childs and Zulsburger Packing Co. He md. Gertrude Sawyer of Osage City, sister of Wesley Smiths wife. They have four children and live in Kansas City Mo.

Edward Price staid on the farm until 24, when he went to work for his brother in law Lewis H. clerking and overseeing his farm interests until Oct. 7 1895, when he left and took a place as black smith in the Santa Fe shops at Topeka. But rheumatism obliged him to quit that in less than a years time, He was md. in 1885 to Clara R. Dooley and has two children 8 and 4 yrs. old now. His home is now broken up but stop either with the father or Mr. H.

Evan Price left home before Ed. clerking for Humphries 4 yrs - in fact these different Price boys were with Humphries 25 yrs. and if I recollect aright after Mr Humphries death, Edward became chief adviser and assistant to the widow in the affairs of all her great estate. I know nothing further about Evan P's history.

Jennie Price the younges child, born when they left Wales, when grown up md. J. H. Jones a farmer and stock raiser of Arvoniam. They only lived together two years, being divorced then. Each md. again, Jennie to a man by the name of Price, They have one child Jennie 8 yrs. old and live in Topeka.

We have followed briefly the lives of John Price's children. Of the parents in 1897, Edward said they lived in town, and that his father then 75, was failing fast. The papers from 1890 gives news

 Correction of a typographical blunder on page 6, at the head of Lewis Humphries narrative. Read it " To day [1902 ]",

NATHAN ANVIL PERRILL'S STORY.

A write up about him is found in the Perrill Chapt. Sec 8. Vol. 2 The Burlingame Book. Some errors in that, are corrected here.

Lebanon Ind., June 25 1906. C. R. Green, Dear Sir- Some friend has kindly sent me two copies of the Burlingame Enterprise, June 7 & 14, where I presnme brother Geo, W. Perrill of Salina incorporated in his article something gleaned from me in conversation in recent years. What I saw is in the main correct as I remember.

The maiden name of my first wife was Miss. Ellen Conn, not Cowee. My youngest son John Anvil Perrill, died in 1904 not '05.

My 1st wife Ellen died at Zionsville, Boone Co. Ind. June 14th; 1885. My second wife, Mrs. Sarah M. Molden-nee Gidley to whom I was md. Oct. 18 1887, died here March 17 1903 My son Harlan Page Perrill, born in Arvoniam township, is a Lieut. in the U. S. Navy. I will enclose a few items of "Early Times" on the upper Marais des Cygnes.

Yours Truly, N. A. Perrill.

SOME REMINISCENCES OF ARVONIAM TOWNSHIP.

By Nathan A. Perrill of Lebanon Ind.

The first permanent settler in what is now Arvoniam twp. was a colored man, Fielding Buckner. He had refueged from some point on lower Fall River, or the Verdigris country in Southern Kan. and was at one time living in Butler Co. He came to Osage Co. in 1865, and squatted on a part of sec. 26 twp. 17 R. 13, which belonged to Mr. Dole, who had been the U. S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs when the first of the Sac & Fox Trust lands were sold. This land with some across the line in Lyon Co. Buckner afterwards bought. He had no doubt sought this out of the way place to take care of and conceal a goodly bunch of cattle acquired in the unset tled condition of affairs further south during the war. Buckner sold out his lands to Lew Severy.

My father had secured a half sec. (s ½ sec 1 T 18 R 13) and in the spring of 1865, had got Joe Best from up on 142 Creek, Santa Fe Trail, to move on and improve the place. He moved back to his own early in 1866, and I upon my return from the army, settled down on the half section, a part of the time boarding with some

tenant, at other times batching as I had done for some years on the Dragoon, S. W. of Burlingame, before the War.

So I could properly be called the first white permanent settler in Arvonias Twp., as my father did not stay with me permanently until somewhat later. Late in 1866, Michael Bixler and his nephew George N. Bixler, secured a quarter section in 8 18 14, and settled on it early in 1867. Mr Standiford early in 1867 secured the North half 12 18 13, and North half of 7 18 14, and later in the yr. settled on it. One son in law. James T. Cowden coming with him and each building houses and becoming permanent settlers.

Mr Standiford-James I think his name was, died in the summer of 1868. Later J. W. Jesse, another son in law moved down on to a part of this land from Douglas Co. Kan. He built a log house in the N. W. corner of 7 18 14 and for a short period we had a Post Office there. Mr Jesse was the deputy P. M. and kept the office, I being the post master. Arvonias starting up in 1869 took the post office there and the Swan River P. O. was discontinued forever. We got our mail by having the Star route from Burlingame to Ottumwa deflect via the Neosho Rapids road from Salt Creek then called Onion Creek, to the Marias des Cygnes.

The first wedding in Arvonias was that of George N. Bixler to Miss Lucretia J. Standiford, date forgotten. A log school house was erected near the N. E. corner of the S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 1 18 13, in the fall of 1867, and the first school in the township taught in it during the winter of '67 '68 by Miss Emeline V. Perrill a sister of the writer, now Mrs. Todd, and resides in Salina.

Below Mr. Bixler, a Mr. Smith settled down near the crossing of the Ottumwa road. Cyrus Fillmore, John C. Thomas, Joseph and Will Booth being further up the river towards Bixlers. Mr. Morris settled just north of me, and N. W. of him Mr Nickels with a son in law Eli Patterson settled. They being just below the Buckner farm. Merrill Cowee settled on the S. W. of sec. 6 18 14. Andrew and George Dobson settled in sec. 8 18 14, just west of Bixlers. And then the Welch colony of Jones and Whitaker came in and scattered well over that region. Arvonias would probably have had a rail road instead of Reading had not some one talked to much. Then James Fagin Agent of Seyfert, McManis & Co. of Reading Pa., got very busy and drew the line via Reading.

Of this, if you want to know more, J. W. Jesse can tell you fully.  
 Yours Truly, N. A. Perrill.  
 1906.

**JAMES W. JESSE'S NARRATIVE.**

Taken by C. R. Green in 1896.

James W. Jesse was born March 8 1838 in McLean Co. Ill. His father, Wm. Jesse and family came to Kan. in 1854, settling at Bloomington Douglas Co. He was then but 16 years of age, but was active in the Free State cause serving in those Border Ruffian days in ranks along with old Anti Slavery leaders.

His youthful appearance and apparent greenness often enabled him to pass through the bands of Missourians and do valuable service for his company. He helped storm Fort Titus, and has written articles for historical purposes that no doubt have had their influence with historians. I saw some on the Wakarusa War that shows great activity in those days when Jim Lane, John Brown, and a host of good old abolitionists brought their Beecher rifles to Kansas, as well as their Bibles, and trained such boys as Jim how to grow up good Kansas citizens. A short biography of Mr. Jesse is given in Andreas' Hist. Kan. 1883 page 1553.

I do not know the circumstances that caused Jim Jesse's removal back to Ill, before the War. I presume it was the result of the drowth of 1860. But there he was when the Civil War came on and he enlisted in Co. K 8th Ill. Inf. for 3 years, in Col. Dick Oglesby's Regiment. He served 3 yrs. and 7 days, coming home 1st duty sergeant. His service was in the Army of the Tenn. and began at Fort Donelson, and ended Aug 2nd 1864.

He was married there in McLean Co. Ill. July 13 1865, to Miss Maria C. Standiford. They moved to Wm. Jesse's place in Kan, near Bloomington about May 15 1866, and raised two crops there. Mrs. Jesse said " my maiden name was Standiford, one of a large family which came to the Marias des Cygnes Valley the Spring of 1867. My father originally came from Muskingum Co. Ohio to McLean Co. Ill., and in the fall of 1866 to where we lived in Douglas Co. He bought a section of land 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles N. W. of Arvonias. This much is yet in the hands of the family, and there seems to be several of the family there yet, by the Osage County map of 1878.

Mr Jesse says that in the fall of 1866 after they had got to farm-

ing on the place at Bloomington, he and his brother in law James T. Cowden, now of Reading, went down to John Petersons on the "110" where he bought wheat at \$2 per bu. which they sowed but the grasshoppers ate the life all out of it, after it came up so that it died. Aug. 1867 Mr. Standiford died, and Mr. Jesse's at once moved there to assist the mother in the care of the farm. They lived there 2 years. John and Anvill Perrill were their neighbors. John the father died along in the 80's. Anvill moved to Ind, and George who lived many years at Burlingame, now lives in Dak. or off west somewhere. [Bridgeport Saline Co. Kan. - Edt] A daughter of John Perrill's md, one of Henry Todds sons and lives in Salina. There were of the Standiford Family in 1896, as follows: Mrs. Maria S. the widowed mother.

Thomas H. S. who yet owns and operates the homestead in sec 7.  
 H. G. Landis of sec 12, who md. a Standiford daughter.  
 Jim T. Cowden who lived same sec. and md. Marcy Standiford.  
 James S. and D. J. Standiford who live there.  
 George Bixler who md. a sister and recently moved to Oklahoma.  
 Emma S. now Mrs. Southworth, and Mrs. James Jesse. Some of these now live in Reading.

A colored mar by name of Buckner had a claim near Reading. About 1871 he sold out to Severy, and went to Missouri.

Some time after Father Standifords death and the birth of the 1st pair of twins, Lincoln Sherman and Logan Sheridan Jesse, a thousand dollar draft had to be cashed at Lawrence and the cash brought back to Osage county, to be paid in on Mrs. Standifords land. Mr. Jesse and his wife did the business. It was a risky business in those days to carry money and stop all night on the road. It was successfully accomplished by the wife placing it in a basket along with the babys cloths, thus choosing a place that a hold up man would hardly have looked for money.

While living on the Standiford place Mr. Jesse kept the Swan River Post Office. The semiweekly mail ran through from Burlingame via Onion Creek, Swan River, Key West to Neosho Rapids and Ottumwa. Swan River was discontinued when Arvonia was started in 1870. Foster got his commission there about Dec. '70.

The Santa Fe Bond extension of time election was at the School

House District No. 23, fall of 1868. To vote at the election spring of 1868 Mr. Jesse went to the cheese factory near Burlingame.

Mr. Jesse was fortunate in getting his claim. As I have said else where when the sale of the Trust Lands took place in Washington 1864, they were bid off in a great measure by those at Washington. Few of the sealed bids from Osage Co. were honored. [3]

Charlie Cochran of Olivet, gave me a good history of it in 1894. Our good patriotic men of the nation were off to the War. In the rush of the speculators to gobble up this choice body of Indian lands held in trust by the Gov't to pay for improvements made on the Sac & Fox Diminished Reserve, individuals at Washington did not have to put up a deposit when making a bid, hence irresponsible persons bid on pieces and failed afterwards to raise the paltry sum per acre (\$1½) to pay in on time, thus many thousand acres were found after the War to be yet in Gov't ownership. Nor could the speculators longer flourish. A clerk in one of the Dp'ts had selected wisely a half sec. in the Marais des Cygne bottoms 3 miles east of Arvonia. But getting on a spree spent his (\$480) land money, and Mr. Jesse learned the condition of affairs in time to file on it Feb. 19 1869. The N. W. ¼ sec. 18 Twp. 18 R 15. The other qr. was taken by Daniel Webster who sold it about 1873 with very ordinary improvements to George Davis for \$3500. About 1876 I was offered \$6000. for my own qr. "About that time I bou't a rough prairie qr. near by for \$400. so that out of my 320 I have 175 acres in corn this year. (1896) The Marais des Gygnes runs through it. A good stone bottom in the river near my buildings marks the fording place of the Lawrence, Burlingame and Ottumwa road. "Mr. Jesse told a story how in those Early Days of the Trails out of Burlingame, the County Seat the County Com'rs to be good to the new settlers on the Trust Lands appropriated a sum of \$400. to improve this mail road. A prominent person near Burlingame got the job. He plowed two furrows along the line on each side down across the prairies to a place half mile up the river where there was no ford, here he hauled and threw in a number of loads of rock, and made haste to draw his money. The pile of rock may be seen there yet, but no one ever crossed there. The stage continued to use the old ford.

"That spring I broke twenty acres, built my house and moved there by Aug. '69. I had 50 cts in cash and a team when I went on to it, and my family consisted of wife and two children.

Our neighbors in 1870, were as follows; Daniel Webster, Nat'l Smith, John C. Thomas, now the J. C. Booth place; Cyrus A. Fillmore, J. B. Grant, who sold out to Max Morton in late years and moved to Osage City. Joshua & John Stokesbury, John W. Davis who owned a qr. N. E. and sold it to John Sodistrom 1874. A. M. McCauley, Lyman S. Griggs, Jerry Aiken and Mr Laffertys The last 4 all living on a certain qr. now owned by F. Schroder. School District No. 23, John Perrill's, extended far enough around to embrace a good deal of what was our district No. 24 later. We built a stone school house and had 6 or 8 miles square for our territory at first. I served on both district School Boards. The house was built about 1870 by the Welch. Our first teacher was Miss Susan Smith, one of a family near by. She taught two years then and afterwards a term. Her brother Nathaniel Smith taught 2 years. About 1884 our school house burned out, but we were able to use the walls again.

In religious matters Mr. Jesse was a Universalist.

Children born to Mr. and Mrs. James Jesse.

Lincoln Sherman and Logan Sheridan, twins born March 21 1867.  
 Ida May, born May 13 1870. Feb 12 1896, Md. to John R. Schroder  
 James William, born July 5 1871. Md. Eunice Tilford Feb 5 1896.  
 Hinton Grant, born Dec. 9 1873. John Wilson born Jan. 22 1876.  
 Charles T. born July 21 1878. Emma Bell, born Dec. 18 1880.  
 Frank Arthur, born April 19 1883. Some years after I was there a terrible fever attacked the children at home and I think three died.

Mr. Jesse had a very good recollection of early county affairs, especially where County Officers had proved unfaithful to their trusts as he thought in the sale of the \$150000. Santa Fe Rail Road Stock back to the Co. for \$10000. cash, and the County left year by year for 30 years to bear a tax with which in 1899 to pay off the \$150000. Bonds then due. Santa Fe Stock in '99, was above par.

NARRATIVE OF  
 ROBERT JONES AND WIFE, ANN JONES.

Robert Jones was born May 1835, in Wales. His parents came to New York when he was 8 or 9 years old, somewhere in Onedia County, I think, but later moved to Lewis County, and when Robert was about 15, or about 1850, to Illinois. Here he was married to Miss Ann Davis, December 29, 1868. They moved to Arvonnia, Kansas, Feb. 1872, buying a quarter section, (se ¼ sec 14 t 18) just south of the Marias des Cygnes, of Whitaker & Jones, for \$1,350.

Their family consisted then of one child, Willis N. Jones, two years old. Their neighbors were Wm. N. Jones and Pleasant Griggs northeast, and John Price west and John A. Jones, a brother of Robert, to the south. Wm. Jones now (1896) lives in Lebo. Mr. Griggs is dead, but the widow lives north of Mr. Lafferty's on the Sol Bower 80, in Olivet. John Price lives in Arvonnia.

J. B. Grant came about 1873, from Pennsylvania, they had six children. Mattie Grant, who married W. M. Headington; Bayard B. Grant, who married a McGregor, and is farming near Osage City, (later—1900 runs the McGregor farm in Olivet; Grace Grant, a teacher in Washington or Idaho, Ina Grant, a teacher in Ottawa. Ralph Grant, a teacher in the Kibbee district, this county, Aaron Geo. Grant is a graduate and teacher also. The Grant family resides in Osage City. Some of the teachers in their district, No. 24, Susan Smith, '71-72. Sarah O. Davis, now Mrs. J. C. Booth, spring term, 1872; Nathaniel Smith, Susan Smith again, Emma Speer, 1876, she lived at Richview, now Mrs. Charles Alliger, of Osage City, Della Wales Mattie Grant about 1884, Carrie France, now Mrs. Mell Heaton of Lyndon; Jeniza Marshall Godsey 1890; Willis N. Jones, Winnifred B. Green, Halcy Darling and several others forgotten. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Congregational Church in Arvonnia, 2 miles west of them. Chadawalder Jones was their pastor in 1872, coming about the same time they did from Iowa. He was there two years; is now dead.

Rev. Thomas. Phillips came in 1875, and was with the church two years; he was young but well liked. He is alive in Ohio. Rev. Henry Davis was next, he was there several years, giving good satisfaction. He went to Iowa. There was an interval of one year then with no pastor.

In 1884 Rev. D. Todd Jones came from Pa. He has been there 12 years and all like him. He is a man of family, 3 children. He preaches at Lebo once a month, and twice a month at the branch church at Pant Teg, which in Welsh means "Pleasant Valley." There are over 100 members in the Arvonian church, children and all.

**MAX MORTON'S NARRATIVE.**

Taken by C. R. Green in 1896

Max Morton was born in Germany Jan. 19, 1838. He came to America in 1857, to Canada, thence to Ohio, and later to Michigan. He was married to his wife Augusta, in Kalamazoo co., Mich. in 1862. He enlisted in co. D, 17th Mich. vol. Infy, Aug. 1862, was in the Army of the Potomac. He got shot in the knee at the battle Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862, and was discharged in consequence in about a year. He came to Arvonian, Kan. spring of 1870 and farmed Joe Booth's place for 2 years. Spring of 1872 he bought his first piece of land, the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 12 of T 18 R 14 of Whitaker, paying 8 dollars per acre. There was a good spring of water on it, and about 65 acres of bottom land, the rest running up to the bluffs and upland. It was some of the McCollough land. Mr. Morton did not go on to this land that year, but lived near by on the Lloyd Bros. farm. That year he built his stone house. Spring of 1873 he moved on to his own place, and in 1896 when I was there he owned the Grant farm near by and enough more up on the upland to make 865 acres. When they came to Kansas they had 3 children, Frankie, Seymore and Catharine. Frankie got drowned in 1883 at Henderson, Ky., in the Ohio river. Rev. T. W. Jones used to preach in their town in Michigan, and told them about Kansas, so that when they came they had other company. Their neighbors in 1873 was the Smith family who had the S E  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec 12, the parent died and the three children took the place dividing it among themselves. In later years A. M. Sanderson got 62 acres of it, Max Morton 45, and Susan A. Smith who went back to New England kept the balance on the east side, northward it was 8 or 9 miles naked prairie to Osage City.

David Griffith, Dave Jenkins and George Mann lived N E 3 miles while David L. Williams and Son lived 4 miles N W.

**SOME INDIAN HISTORY,**

By Max Morton

The Saukies were a White Indian, a remnant of the Sac and Fox tribe who had never moved for good from their Marias des Cygnes hunting and fishing grounds, though the tribe had been removed two or three years. They were perfectly honest, no good in threshing, but good workers in cutting and husking corn. Humphrey would lend them goods, Geo. Mann would lend them traps, and they would make long hunting trips way off, but in time return and account for every cent worth.

There was an old Indian by the name of Tep-O-Pot-emy who came along a cold March day of 1874, he was hungry and wanted to get filled up. He ate at McCauley's 2 miles east at noon, at Smith's about 2 o'clock, and at our place again about 4 o'clock. At each place he ate very heartily. Their capacity was simply astonishing.

Geo. Mann married for his second wife Lorena Bolin. Mr. Morton said that he knew Bryan of Plymouth well, remembers some of his articles in the Osage City Shaft, he was crazy as a loon on Greenbackism. Levi Smith married one of his girls.

Another man well-known here who had peculiar views was old Mr. Phinney of Olivet, he resides now with a son at Overbrook. Mr. Phinney thought he could stop Bible Sunday School work.

Mr. Morton had 4 children alive when I was there, two were born to them, Maud and Claude as twins, after they got on to their farm. Kate married Dr. W. E. Dixon of Derby, Sedgwick co. Kansas. Seymour Morton lives (— — — —)

When I was there Mr. Morton got his mail and traded at Osage City. He takes great pride in his well-bred stock and well-improved premises. His large stone house shows some distance, and his well-tilled acres put us Americans to blush.

**SOME ARVONIA TOWNSHIP HISTORY.**

As stated before, this township in 1870 was 11 by 12 miles square and included territory that later went to make Olivet.

At the first township election April 4, 1870 a full set of officers were elected. Isaac W. Lloyd for his assessor services at the end of the year \$50; John Perrill as road supervisor of District No. 1

gets \$19.00; Jesse Evans of Dist. No. 2, \$13.00; and John Stokesberry of No. 3 \$21.00; J. N. Jones, Twp. clerk, \$6.00; John Lloyd, for road work, \$54.00; J. Mather Jones, as Twp. treas. gets \$10.00 for collecting money. A. N. Perrill is mentioned frequently in these old 1870 Arvonias Twp. records that I copied.

Trustee Lloyd, among other reports made to the county clerk, files a list of "Improved Lands" of Arvonias, June 15, 1870.

C A Fillmore, 20 acres,	J C Booth, 24 acres
G N Bixler, 10 acres	Israel Bixler, 5 acres
Michael Bixler, 20 acres	Geo. Dobbins, 30 acres
Andrew Dobbins, 20 acres	Sherbin D Smith 38 acres
James W Jessee 20 acres	Joshua Stokesberry 15 acres
Solomon Bowers, 20 acres	A N Perrill, 90 acres
Robert Morris 65 acres	David Nickle 32 acres
James Standiford 40 acres	Chas Cochran 40 acres
Lem F Warner 45 acres	Francis Hindman 5 acres
Douglas & Severy 80 acres.	
Total, 619 acres improved lands.	

I presume this was up and down the Marias des Cygnes Valley, and that of Frog creek, for no one lived and farmed on the uplands then. A person frequently traveled 8 or 10 miles across the naked prairie stretches from one settlement to another.

At the April 4, 1871 township election Sol Bower was elected trustee. About Sept. 4, '71 the County Commissioners created the new township of Olivet and used some of Arvonias township in so doing. Sol Bowers resigned his office and was appointed Trustee for the balance of the year of the new township of Olivet. Isaac W. Lloyd was appointed trustee the balance of the year of Arvonias twp. In 1872, A. N. Perrill might have been trustee. In 1873 Lucian R. Adams.

Among the names of Arvonias settlers of these years not mentioned above, I see the following mentioned as in other offices or as bondsmen: E. W. Burton, J. L. Lloyd, N. A. Ferrill, Wm. N. Jones, James A. Whitaker, Lewis Humphries and others whose names are familiar names in Arvonias, but that I didn't stop to copy.

Among the earliest teachers in the large school house in Arvonias was Mrs. Lavinia Cottrell. She and her husband were from the

East, young people well connected here in Kansas. They were teachers, but owned a small place just out of Arvonias, I think on the road to Reading. They were active in Christian work in the Congregational church. Mrs. Cottrell was a fine singer, and the husband, Chas. Cottrell led some of the more advanced youths through High School branches in the '70's so that in later years they were noted teachers of the county, as for instance, Miss Mattie Grant, who taught at Quenemo and later became Mrs. W. M. Headington, and has been a county superintendent in Moscow, Idaho. In 1881 Mr. Charles A. Cottrell was elected to the office of county Clerk, and removed to Lyndon, filling the office two terms. Here the writer first got acquainted with them, and heard their praise of the Arvonias people.

The J. B. Grant family alluded to above in a few years removed to a fine home in Osage City. The children all took higher courses in education and are filling important places in the world's activity. Mr. Grant was trustee there in Arvonias along in the '80's, and rendered me lots of help in the revision of the soldier lists of 1889. He is a distant kinsman of General U. S. Grant, and has as one of the officers of the Grant Genealogical Association attended their meetings at Hartford, Conn.

No township in Osage county has furnished men to more honorable stations than Arvonias. Here it was that John H. Barrows settled in Kansas and served in his early life as a County Superintendent of schools.

Peter Kirby, of Burlingame, though the third or fourth superintendent of county schools was so acceptable that he was kept in office about six years. At the Nov. 1870 county election for the first time in the history of Osage County, the large scope of country known as the Sac and Fox Reserve, demanded a share of the county offices. Lyndon, from her position as a contestant of Burlingame in County seat war went in for getting representatives from this part of the county in county offices. Chas. Cochran was appointed to fill one of the vacancies on the board of County Commissioners, John H. Barrows was elected to the office of County Sup't. of Public Instruction. In 1873. Thos. Means of Quenemo shows up as commissioner, and N. A. Perrill, of Arvonias, representative from the 60th District in the State Legislature. But

from that year of 1870, the next 4 years, the north side of the county was more populous, better organized in political ways, saw to it well that the County offices staid on their side. When Peter Kirby went out Jan 9, 1871, he had school districts numbered up to 60 in his work.

#### COUNTY INSTITUTE 1871.

John H. Barrows did not quite serve his two years. Being fitted for the ministry, more important work called him elsewhere. But the Lyndon citizens and the people of the south half of the county were overjoyed to have him call a teacher's institute for August 15, 16, and 17, 1871, at Lyndon.

The Lyndon Observer, by Hoover & Bently, was printed there then, and a copy of it owned by G. W. Miller, editor of the Lyndon Times later on, had a full report and list of teachers present. The Chronicle failed to give any report. The Osage City Shaft had just started, and its limited columns could give little more than passing mention.

Prof. Whitman, Miss Eva Tweed, later Mrs. Lem Powell, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cottrell, E. G. Louk, Sarah O. Davis, later Mrs. J. C. Booth, John Reiker, of Quenemo, R. L. Graham, of Maxson, Major Newton, of Osage City, Oliver Barnett, later of Topeka, and many other teachers of the county were there. I have never seen this paper with the list in, and would be glad if someone would furnish me with said list for publication. Everybody enjoyed the Institute. Lyndon had a good school building to hold it in, and Rev W. W. Curtis said it was "one of the best."

In 1874, June 19-20 another good institute was held in Osage City, the Free Press of Aug. 10, 1893 contains the names of 30 or more of leading county teachers. This is one of Mrs. Ida Ferris' excellent articles in her series of "Historical Sketches, reminiscences of institutes and schools of Osage County" that she edited in 1893 in the Free Press, and which we hope in due time to have from her in book form.

These County Institutes held at various points, from Peter Kirby's time the next ten years were the means of making the citizens of the county more sociable with each other. The men from county office and county seat jealousies were like bears, but our youth and educators infused sociability into all sections by

their frequent Institutes at several places.

Driving along Arvonias roads in the early '80's peddling some cider vinegar that I had shipped out from Ohio, I was very much impressed with acquaintanceship formed at J. C. Booth's, J. B. Grant's, Mr. Powell's Mr. Mann's and many other places of these early teachers who had taken schools for life and who were helping to make cheerful homes, in some cases where before were only bachelors.

#### REV. JOHN H. BARROWS, AS SUPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

From many reports in the Osage County Chronicle, the year 1871 was a busy one with Mr. Barrows among the schools of Osage County. He resigned his office about April 1872, J. W. Morris being appointed by the County board of Commissioners to fill Mr. Barrow's unexpired term of 9 months. That fall Rev. L. J. Sawyer was elected to the office. In the early part of '72 before Mr. Barrow's resignation, he travelled 270 miles on one trip visiting county schools. This is noted in the Chronicle of March 8, 1872. Some 18 years later, when John H. Barrows, then a noted Divine, pastor of a great church in Chicago, when delivering an address before the St. Louis Presbyterian Social Union, entitled: "America, or Christianity in the Nation" referred to this work in Osage County as follows: 18 years ago, while performing the duties of Superintendent of Public Instruction in one of the counties of Kansas, I rode one day across the Marias des Cygnes river to visit a log school house in the heart of a deserted Indian Agency. A year before the Government had thrown open the Sac and Fox Reservation for settlement, and how the nations rushed in to encamp upon that prairie sod which the plow shear had never turned! From one hilltop I counted 50 newly built cabins. And what a heterogeneous element they contained! my official position brought me in contact with Irishmen, Danes, Sweedes, Buckeyes, Badgers, Corn Crackers. Within a week I visited schools taught by persons from Alabama, Maine, Canada, France and California. I was entertained by a Warwickshire Englishman, a Scotch Highlander, a Pennsylvania Dutchman, a Kentucky farmer, a New York Politician, a Connecticut Congregationalist, a Princeton Theologian, a Disciple of Andrew Jackson Davis, an Indian Methodist, a warmhearted Baptist, and a Unitarian Major. Whatever may

be the ultimate destiny of such a society as that, its present peril is extreme.

The many school houses which rising on the flowery uplands of the Indian Reservation may have already naturalized, and largely utilized those complex elements, but you and I know that ONE, the Christian Gospel which has given us all that is best in our history, can compass the verdured slope of the Marias des Cygnes or the shining mountains of Idaho and California, or the vast and varied plains of Texas with the imperial and enduring splendor of the moral law.

JOSEPH BURNHAM GRANT'S NARRATIVE,

Taken Oct. 1899 at his Osage City home.

Joseph B. Grant was born March 18; 1833, at McKean, Erie Co., Pa.

Martha Kenyon Luther was born in Fairview, Erie Co., Pa., Oct. 7, 1835. They were married there Oct. 30, 1861. Mr. Grant was out on a landseeker's tour, in June 1872, and in Lyon co. at a Mr. Appleby's met Alexander Bailey, who had bought 320 acres of Mr. Cable on the Marias des Cygnes, and Mr. Grant liked the country so well that he moved to Osage co., Kansas, Oct. 2, 1872.

They got off the cars at Arvoniam station, on the Santa Fe, went over to the village of Arvoniam, 4 or 5 miles where they rented a good sized house and kept hotel the first year, It was called the "Arvoniam House."

They had five children then. Mattie L. Grant, who is now Mrs. W. M. Headington, of Moscow, Idaho.

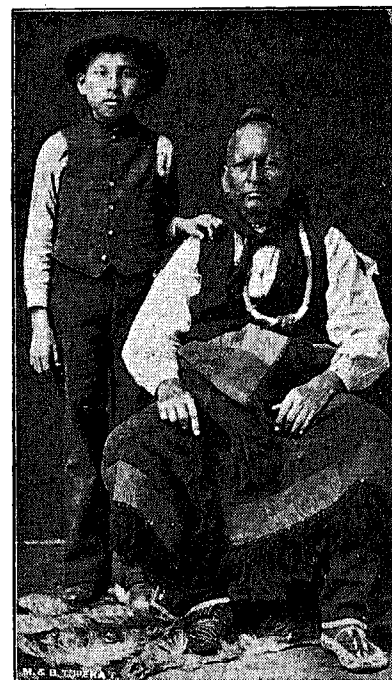
Bayard Burnham Grant, who was a graduate of the Emporia Business College became a farmer, married Miss Florence McGregor and now (1903) lives on the old McGregor homestead near old Olivet.

Grace Fanny Grant, who is at the State University, at Moscow, Idaho now.

Melvina Gertrude Grant, Superintendent of the High School, Moscow, Idaho.

Ralph Rawle Grant, Superintendent of the Santa Fe, N. M. High School.

Our daughter Mattie is now a widow, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the county that Moscow is in.



PAH CAH HOM MO WAH, and BOY.

Mokohoko's Band when moved to the Ind. Ty. in 1886, was known there as the KANSAS BAND. This chief, who died about 1902, succeeded PASH E PO HO, who was Mokohoko's successor.

when we compare Mokohoko's picture taken in Washington as early as 1859 '67, And this Indian and his grand son 40 years later taken at Stroude, Okla, we can see the march of civilization. Pah cah hom mo wah, was one of the old timers of the Marais des Cygne Valley

U. R. Green.

Mrs. Grant's talk.

We have a Kansas born boy, now 23, Aaron George Grant who is Superintendent of the City schools in Shullsburg, Wis. All of our children except Bayard are graduates of the Kansas State Normal School. A. G. Grant, our youngest, is also a graduate A. B. and A. M. of the Kansas University and of Chicago. We are proud of all our six children.

We lived in Arvonía until Oct. 1873 when we moved on to our farm northeast of Arvonía 2 or 3 miles, Max Morton owns it now, and we moved into the city of Osage a year or two back. Mr. Grant, then past 64, could no longer run the farm alone and we sold there and bought an 80 south of Osage a mile or so, and our residence is near the old Dr. Rosenberg home.

CHARLIE COTTRELL.

While living in Arvonía we sent our children to Johnson and Cottrell, teachers. When we came, Mr. Cottrell was Station agent at Arvonía station, driving back and forth to his home in Arvonía, 4 miles. Mrs. Vina Cottrell was a lovely woman, and did not come on as soon as Mr. Cottrell. She and her little boy Charlie came from New Jersey the summer of 1873. and so she and Mr. Johnson taught the school. Later she taught the Olivet school and District 63 (the Booth,) and perhaps other schools about. Their little boy Charlie died there at Arvonía. Mr. Whitaker was their friend.

When we went to Arvonía the new stone school house stood there unused yet, Oct. '72, but Miss Sarah O. Davis, now Mrs. J. C. Booth and sister of Mrs. Robert Jones taught the winter term, and Mr. Johnson, afterwards a merchant, who married a Sprague, the spring term. On the farm we were in the Booth district. There were never more than 25 pupils and much of the time only 12 present. M. B. Morris, a Congregational minister who lived in Arvonía taught the school the winter of '73 and '74. He is now pastor of the church in Salem, Oregon.

Our neighbors there the first 3 or 4 years were: Max Morton, J. C. Booth, Wm. Booth, who both lived west. David S. Williams, north of Booth's. And east of us, the Smith's, Lloyd Bros., and Fillmores, the latter had bought out Cable.

The neighborhood north of us was thinly settled. There being no high school in Arvonía, Mattie went off to Emporia in 1877, and a year later Bayard went.

THE INDIANS LIVING THERE.

When we moved out to our farm, we found a village of 100 or more Sac and Fox Indians living in our vicinity on the river, they were Moko-hoko's band who persisted in staying along the Marias des Cygnes river, for 16 years after the main tribe had been removed to the Indian Territory, and their reservation thrown open to settlement. Of course they could draw no annuities as long as they remained away from their tribe, so they worked for the "whitey" man, in corn-hoeing or corn cutting or husking, they did well, we had them, they were good workers. They had a ceremony which they went through when they commenced their corn-cutting, sometime 25 working at one place. While they often moved their camp up and down the stream, this was a favorite place. The settlers sometimes obliged them to move, yet never because of any depredations or thieving, their herds of ponies at times, were a nuisance.

There had been an old chief by the name of Chick-en-e-my who died about the time they moved, and was buried there as were other Indians. A 19 year-old boy named Si-O-kee, a nephew of Chick-en-e-my was made the band chief then. His father was buried there also. Our son Bayard and this Indian boy Si-O-ke formed a warm friendship and Bayard was shown many tricks of Indian hunting and fishing. He was always welcome to their camp. One Sunday morning he went down to their camp, and they insisted that he stay for their dinner. They went so far as to kill a fat puppy for soup. After giving many excuses, he managed to get away. This band soon moved, but about 1880-81 when some 50 more camped there, they were visited by the Pottawatomies from St. Mary's Mission, Kansas, and a big feast was planned. So the Mokohoko Band bought a lumpy-jawed steer cheap, and in time all were filled, and the farmer got his work done according to contract. They always attended all county Fourth of July or other big white folks' celebrations, dressed in picturesque garb, partly white and partly Indian folks style. In November 1886, they were removed the third and last time for good, by soldiers to the Indian Territory and watched there a year.

Joseph Burnham Grant was very much interested in Genealogy and local history. Once about 1898 they drove clear over to my place, 2 miles east of Lyndon about 13 miles, to have me talk and advise with him about attending a Grant family reunion in New England. I found his wife, until then a stranger, wonderfully interesting to talk with, and after Mr. Grant went east and attended the Grant family reunion. (He was related to Gen'l U. S. Grant.) My wife and I visited in their family at Osage City, and had a delightful time of it. I never remember any acquaintanceship with the children more than at the county institutes of Lyndon. Writing this note Oct. 1913, I will observe than Mr. Grant is dead and I heard that the home was broken up in Osage City, Mrs. Grant having gone elsewhere to live with her children. I do not know their address.

C. R. GREEN, Olathe, Kan.

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Lucian Rollin Adams was born in Wellington, O., April 9, 1832, came to Burlingame Kansas, April 25, 1856. The settlement was then called Council City. His narrative, which gives many names of the early settlers there is found in section 7 of the history of Burlingame, which is Vol. 2, of the "Early Days in Kansas" series. Mr. Adams lost his first wife in Burlingame, in 1866. When he moved to Arvonía twp. the summer of 1871, he had two girls, the oldest one was only 13 years old. He bought a farm 1 mile southwest of Arvonía, lived there until Dec. 1880, a little over 9 years, then moved back to Burlingame. He was township trustee 3 or 4 years of Arvonía in the '70s. As he was a good penman and careful officer, I have selected his roll of 1873 as the best to publish, although there were others earlier, but with not half the names on that Mr. Adams had. Mr. Adams died several years back, and is buried there in Burlingame. His girl Celia is dead also. Mrs. Oliver, his only daughter alive, has recently moved to Englewood, Clark Co., Kan.

C. R. GREEN.

LIST OF RESIDENTS, ARVONIA TOWNSHIP, 1873, over 21 years old. L. R. ADAMS, Assessor. Assisted by Roll of 1874. Same Trustee.

Males	Age	Females	Age
L R Adams,	41	Wm. Avery,	21
J M. Barrows	64	Mrs. J. Barrows,	60
R M Barrows	23		
Thos Bebb,	47	Eliza Bebb	47
Israel Bixler,	51	Mrs. Caroline M. Bixler	52
Michael Bixler,	49	Mrs. Susan Bixler	53
Geo. N Bixler,	26		
J C Booth	33	Mrs Sarah Booth	23
Wm Booth	28	Mrs. Mary Booth	22
Geo Barrington	33	Mrs Sarah Barrington	29
Albert Bryan	30		
H W Bryan	22		
John Bryan	59	Mrs Mary Bryan	55
Ed Burton	28	Mrs. Lydia Burton	27
T S Cafferty	31	Mrs Mary E Cafferty	20
Ab Barclay	34	Mrs Mary E Barclay	20
Wm Collins	22		
C A Cottrell	26	Mrs Lavna Cottrell	27
James T Cowden	44	Mrs Mary E Cowden	31
Geo W Cowden	26	Mrs G W Cowden	27
J M McConnell	37	Mrs Keziah McConnell	32
Geo W Cooper	31	Mrs Sarah E Cooper	30
Thos K Davis	40	Mrs Kezia Cowee	30
Daniel Davis	49	Mrs Mary A Davis	45
J. W Davis	30	Mrs Ann J Davis	27
Robert Davis	26	Hannah Davis	
Wm Davis	45		
Wm Davies	29	Anna Davies	29
Andrew Dobson	58	Mrs Axie Dobson	28
Thurston Dunham	32	Mrs Adella Dunham	30
Geo Dowdill	37	Isabella Dowdill	28
Enoch Evans	31	Margaret Evans	26
Eliis Evans	27	Susan Evans	22
Evan Evans	54	Mrs Cathrine Evans	50
Vinton Evans	43	Mrs Sara h Evans	
M J Edman	22	Wm Erickson	24
David Edwards	23	Mrs Martha Edwards	50
J R Edwards	40	Mrs R R Edwards	43
Wm P Esler	60	Mrs Martha D Esler	58
Benj Ellerman	38	Eary J. Ellerman	29

L. R. ADAMS' 1873, ASSESSORS ROLL ARVONIA TOWNSHIP

Males	Age	Females	Age
Wm Foucannon	27	D G Freeburg	28
S B Farnham	24	John Gillin	21
John Fillmore	42	Eliza Fillmore	39
C A Fillmore	44	Ruth Fillmore	42
Mitchell Gasbitt	23	J Gibbon	24
J. B Grant	39	Mrs M K Grant	39
David Gray	29	Mary Gray	29
Owen Griffiths	34	Mary Griffiths	32
Thos J Griffiths	31	Mrs Ann Griffiths	28
Pleasant Griggs	48	Mrs Luannah Griggs	50
Lewis Humphreys	33	David Hughes	22
David Hannah	28	W O Hughes	22
Nelson Hayden	55	Mrs Martha Hayden	56
E. och Hayden	28	Mrs Viola Hayden	23
A M Henderson	34	Mrs Sarah J. Henderson	29
A R Henline	22	America Henline	21
Levi Henline	49	Mrs Eliza Henline	48
Hugh Hughes	35	Jane Hughes	57
D Harris	23	Jane E Harris	24
H O Honawalt	29		
N Hayworth	55	Cyntha Hayworth	57
Ed Jenkins	47	C D Jones	57
Jacob Jonder	52	O Johnson	27
Thos John	23	Mary A John	32
Andrew Johnson	62	Mrs A Johnson	71
Isaac Johnson	40	Mrs I Johnson	42
Henry A Johnson	33	Mrs Henry Johnson	28
Eli Jones	28	Mrs Ellen Jones	26
Hugh Jones	21	Mrs Ann Jones	47
Hugh Jones	40	Cathrine Jones	34
Humphrey Jones	52	C D Jones	51
John A Jones	32	Harriet Jones	35
John D Jones	35	Jane Jones	25
J D W Jones	39	J Nai Jones	56
John N Jones	21	Magdalen Jones	54
John Nai Jones	54	Mary Jones	37
Joseph Jones	59	Mary A Jones	46
J Joseph Jones	58	Mary T B Jones	56
J R Jones	39	Owen Jones	
John R Jones	43	Robert Jones	27
John Richard Jones	62	T L Jones	19
Owen Jones	43	Sarah Jones	23
Robert Jones	35	Wm N Jones	28

L. R. ADAMS' 1873, ASSESSORS ROLL ARVONIA TOWNSHIP

Males		Females	
Age		Age	
21	Wm T Jones	21	
60	Winnifred Jones	50	
25	Wm F Jones		
62	Louisa T Jones	36	
27	Hannah L Jones	29	
24			
52	Martha A Jones	42	
29	Mary Knight	28	
30	Margaret F Landis	26	
27	Mrs E D Lewis	28	
20	Elizabeth Lewis	20	
21			
46	Elizabeth Lewis	46	
43	Mrs H B Lienfoot	33	
34	Mrs David L Lloyd	23	
40	Mrs Mary A Lloyd	37	
25	John Q Lloyd	25	
23			
41	Mrs E H Marcy	36	
27	John Morgan	40	
39	Hannah Morgan	33	
26	Lydia Morgan	28	
33	Mrs M B Morris	26	
38	Lydia S Morris	27	
34	Mrs Francis Morton	29	
33	Mrs Julia Near	26	
45	Mrs Sophia Nickel	43	
21			
49	R B Oliphant	41	
26	Mrs Narcisus Paine	27	
30	Laura Patterson	22	
67			
29	Mrs Ellen Perrill	24	
33	Mrs E J Powers	33	
24	P M Pemberton	19	
23	Ann Prothro	51	
41	Jane Puleston	41	
51	Mrs J Price	51	
21			
32	Edward Rees	71	
38	Ann Rees	27	
50	Margaret J Rees	34	
63	W R Roberts	22	

L. R. ADAMS' 1873, ASSESSORS ROLL ARVONIA TOWNSHIP

Males		Females	
Age		Age	
60	D G Roberts	59	Margaret Roberts
33	J W Rice	29	Lydia A Rice
21	J W Standiford	54	Marie Standiford
28	G R Smiley	25	Caroline Smiley
46	L Severy	37	Evelina Severy
34	S D Smith	37	Susie A Smith
34	Levi S Smith	27	N R Smith
51	Samuel R Smith		
42	W Stevenson	27	Lovilla Stevenson
56	Wm Thomas	60	Margaret Thomas
28	Jane A Thomas		A G Todd
41	J C Thomas	36	M O Thomas
58	Robert Thomas	54	Catharine Thomas
39	T Terrill	33	Martha Terrill
	F M Tassell	23	Maggie Tassell
39	John Umdenstock	37	Henrietta Umdenstock
43	D R Williams	50	Mary Williams
58	D S Williams	53	Nellie Williams
40	D W Williams	37	Margarette Williams
53	E S Williams	53	Jane Williams
30	F O Williams	35	D W Williams
22	H D Williams	35	R W Williams
46	Reese W Williams		
35	Geo Watkins	28	Mrs Geo Watkins
47	J A Whitaker	35	Lucy Whitaker
64	J M Wetherill	48	Mary S Wetherill
36	Daniel Webster	35	Mrs D Webster
22	P Wagger	21	Mary Wagner
31	J W Wilmore	33	Martha J Wilmore
	Total		555

MRS. L. HUMPHREY'S LETTER, OCT. 13, 1913.

C. R. GREEN: I well remember your coming into the store and talking over the events recorded in your pamphlet, with my husband, many a time. I have been anxious to purchase the book since. . . . . Mr. Humphries died May 14, 1909 of pneumonia, was sick only five days. He was active in his daily cares and business of farming and stock raising up to the time of his death. The store and merchandising was discontinued about the year 1903. . . . . In 1906, he, with others organized a bank in Lebo, Coffey co., called the People's State Bank, and was its president. . . . . We had

only one son, Lewis Price Humphreys who is 23 years old now, born Aug. 16, 1890, who lives at home with me in Arvonnia. In reference to Mr. Humphrey's picture, we have an engraving somewhere, but cannot locate it now, which we will be glad to furnish you with..... My father, John Price, died Aug. 28, 1897. My mother is still living at sister Jennie C. Price's home, 1011 Quincy St., Topeka, Kan. Mr. Green I will assist you any time in this work. I remain, Respectfully, Mrs L. Humphreys.  
 Address Route No. 1, Barclay, Kan.

**SOLDIERS OF THE CIVIL WAR**

As returned from Arvonnia Township by the assessor, J. B. Grant, 1889, as residents then of the township. There had been about ten deaths and removals among old soldiers the six years previous to this. This roll was compiled by C. R. Green in 1889 from county records and printed in the Osage City Free Press Dec. 5, 1889.

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| J. K. Adams,   | Co. B, 21 Iowa Vol. Inft.   |
| James T. Cowden,   | Co. B, 150 Ill Vol. Inft.   |
| Daniel N. Cable,   | Co. E, 12 Kan. Cav.         |
| Cyrus A. Fillmore,   | Co. C, 78 Ill Vol. Inft.    |
| Jesse H. Getty,  | Co. A, 16 Iowa Vol. Inft.   |
| V. G. Haer,  | Co. B. Ohio Art'y Malitia   |
| Lewis Jones,   | Co. A, 56 Ohio Vol. Inft.   |
| John Jones,  | Co. A, 52 Ill. Vol. Inft.   |
| H. G. Landis,  | Co. K, 26 Ill. Vol. Inft.   |
| Abraham Long,  | Co. F, 21 Ind. Art'y.       |
| Daniel Near,   | Co. I, 188 N. Y. Vol. Inft. |
| Max Morton,  | Co. D, 17 Mich. Vol. Inft.  |
| James Powers,  | Co. I, 56 N. Y. Vol Inft.   |
| Abel Rees,   | Co. H, 126 Ill. Vol. Inft.  |
| S. R. Taylor,  | Co. K, 176 Ohio Vol. Inft.  |
| Eber Watson,   | Co. C, 3 Iowa Cav.          |
| Ellis Evans,   | Co. F, 117 N. Y. Vol. Inft. |
| George Bixler,   | 20 Iowa Vol. Inft.          |
| Israel Bixler,   | Co. F, 1 Ind. Cav.          |
| Daniel Davis, Co. D, 2nd. N. Y. Art'y died Nov. 2, 1882, buried in Arvonnia cemetery.                    |                             |
| Thomas Spillman, Co. C, 12th U. S. Inft'y, Killed in a well; no date given, buried in Arvonnia cemetery. |                             |

End of Arvonnia Township History.