

Linnua Douglas County
August 22nd 1863

In consequence of a raid upon the County seat of this County by a band of Rebels on Friday morning August 21st during which the County Clerk was killed, the County House with most of the County Records destroyed, a special meeting of the County Commissioners was assembled at the Office of E. R. Ladd Esq. F. Gleason and Chas. Dickson were present at the meeting. It was ordered that Samuel C. Smith be appointed County Clerk to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of George W. Bell. The following is a copy of the notice to Mr. Smith of his appointment:

Samuel C. Smith Linnua Kansas Aug 22nd 1863

Sir, You are this day appointed County Clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the death of G. W. Bell.

F. Gleason } Commissioners
Chas. Dickson }

Mr. Smith appeared and gave the bond as required by law, qualified by taking the oath and entered on the discharge of his duties.

Oath of Office of S. C. Smith

I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and faithfully and impartially and to the best of my ability discharge myself in the discharge of my duties in the office of County Clerk of Douglas County

Sam C. Smith

Subscribed and sworn before me this

22nd day of August 1863

J. M. Hensley

Probate Judge of
the County of Douglas

In consequence of the destruction of the assessment rolls for the townships of Linnua, Washburn, Union, Kammaka, Palmyra and Willow Springs, the County Assessor was directed to make a new assessment in these townships, to appoint such deputies as should be required and return the assessment rolls to the Clerk's office on or before the 30th day of September inst. It was ordered that the Chairman of the Board procure rooms for the temporary use of the County Officers. The appointments