

1869
CHAS. GALLETTY

1920

FRANK VICKERS
TENANT FOR HAYS BROS

CEMETARY. USED FROM
ABOUT 1868 TO NOW
75 TO 80 GRAVES.

1856
H.N. BROCKWAY

FAMILIES LIVING WITHIN
THE SECTION TODAY.
RALPH KALB'S
DEAN PERRY'S
HENRY MISKIMMON'S
JOE DULTMEIER'S

ELLIS BLAKEMAN'S
CLIFF RICE'S
- LIVING ON THE BORDER

ROY VAN DEVENTER'S
CHESTER CLAYTON'S
WALTER VAN TRIES'S
PAUL O'NEIL'S
IRENE AND NORA VAN TRIES
VINT TRUSHELM'S
DANA CAVENDER'S
ROY LAWSON'S
JOHN HAYS
ONLY TWO HOUSES IN THE
OLD TOWNSITE TODAY.

JUSTIN MATTY
ABOUT 1880

OVER LAND STAGE ROUTE
FROM BETHLEHEM TO PAOLA

ORIGINAL MAP
STORED IN
OLD CASTLE
CABIN BUILT IN
BLACK JACK
MEMORIAL PARK
1969-71 " "

A PRAIRIE CEMETARY
USED 1850'S AND 1860'S.
ABOUT 20 GRAVES.

JOHN HARRISON 1933

BLACK JACK
MEMORIAL PARK
1938

RUNNING SPRING WATER

BLACK JACK CROSSING
OR
MONGER CROSSING

LOG CABIN ~~RE~~ ABOUT 1854
DAVID MONGER

BATTLE OF BLACK JACK
JUNE 2ND 1856

LOG CABIN
?

ANGLE ROAD

BATTLE-GROUND MONUMENT. 1ST BATT. E. OF FREE AND SLAVE-
STATE NATURE. JOHN BROWN CAPTURED 28 MEN.

LOG CABIN ?
POSSIBLY COLLIER

PICNIC GROUNDS
CAMP MEETINGS

LOG CABIN ?

LEGEND HAS IT: THAT TWO HORSE-THIEVES WERE LED OUT ON THE PRAIRIE TO A PREPARED GRAVE - SHOT AND GIVEN A NON-CEREMONIAL BURIAL.

CLIFF RICE
1946

CONRAD TRUSHELM
1865

THIS BY-PASS ROUTE
USED WHEN CROSSING
WAS TOO MUDDY.

GEO. GILBERT 1870

ROY VAN DE VENTER SUGGESTED THE IDEA OF A HISTORICAL MAP TO BE MADE, AND HUNG IN THE BLACK JACK COMMUNITY-CENTER BUILDING.

THIS MAP AND THE HISTORICAL SKETCH IS BY RALPH V. O'NEIL, [A 2ND GENERATION DESCENDANT OF A PIONEER FAMILY] IN COLLABORATION; IN FACTS AND ESTIMATES WITH - LEN BELL, YIM T. TRUSHEIM, ED PEARSON, ELIZABETH PEARSON, JOHN HAYS, ELMER STEVENSON, PAUL O'NEIL, IRENE VANTRIES AND OTHERS.

- Ⓐ TAVERN- ADDIS HAYS 1857
- Ⓑ POST OFFICE AND STORE 1858
- Ⓒ STAGE BARN 1857
- Ⓓ BLACKSMITH SHOP 1858
- Ⓔ ABE MCGOWAN 1858
- Ⓕ HOTEL- JAMES KENNEDY 1851
- Ⓖ WAGON SHOP- JOHN HEADY 1860
- Ⓗ BLACK SMITH SHOP 1859
- Ⓙ LOG CABIN- ABOUT 1857
- ① STORE- H.N. BROCKWAY. 1857
- ② H.N. BROCKWAY 1859
- ③ S.A. STONEBRAKER 1851
- ④ DOCTOR'S OFFICE DR. ONEIL 1860

THE TAVERN; MOSTLY OF LOGS, WAS
SOMETIMES A WILD PLACE.

A CRUDE FORT WAS ERECTED SO THAT THE LOCAL CITIZENS COULD CONGREGATE SHOULD OCCASION EVER REQUIRE IT.

THE TWO CHURCHES WERE STARTED
LARGELY THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF
THE "BLACK JACK" LADIES SEWING
CIRCLE-23 CHARTER MEMBERS 1866

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WAS
DEDICATED IN MAY 1870 WITH REV.
WARD THE 1ST PASTOR:

THE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH WAS COMPLETED IN 1871, WITH REV. SAMUEL KRETSINGER THEIR PREACHER FOR MANY YEARS. THE CHURCH WALLS WERE MADE OF SANDROCK.

THE YEAR 1860 WAS THE DRIEST

IN THE MEMORY OF MAN, IT DID NOT RAIN ALL YEAR LONG. IN THE FALL, 14 LOCAL MEN, GATHERED UP SOME WAGONS AND OXEN AND STARTED ON A WINTER TRIP, PURPOSE, FOOD AND INCOME FROM PELTS. THEY GOT AS FAR AS THE CIMITON RIVER IN SOUTH WESTERN KANSAS. INDIANS HARRASSED THEM TERRIBLY, STEALING ALL OF THEIR CATTLE. THE WINTER WAS SEVERE. DR. ONEIL PERFORMED SEVERAL AMPUTATIONS FOR "FROST BITE. THEY GOT BACK IN THE SPRING HALF STARVED AND IN RAGS.

1875. ANOTHER BAD YEAR. GRASS-
HOPPERS DEVoured ALL VEGETATION.
A LOT OF HISTORY IN THIS SMALL
AREA. WHAT WILL THE NEXT
100 YEARS HAVE TO SAY?

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A FEW EARLY SETTLERS CAME INTO THE COMMUNITY AS EARLY AS 1852, BUT THE TERRITORY WAS NOT OFFICIALLY OPENED FOR SETTLEMENT UNTIL 1854. THE FIRST HOMES WERE LOG CABINS OR ROUGH NATIVE LUMBER. SOME OF THESE WERE VERY POORLY CONSTRUCTED

1857 ABOUT 10 LOCAL MEN
FORMED A COMPANY AND PETITIONED
THE GOVERNMENT TO SURVEY
A TOWN SITE, IT COMPRISED 20
BLOCKS AND 132 LOTS AND WAS 40
ACRES IN AREA. IT WAS ON A DI-
VIDE. SOME OF THE WATERFALL
GOING TO THE KAW RIVER
AND SORT TO THE MARAIEDES
CYGNESE LEE.

WHERE THE OLD TRAIL CROSSED CAPTAIN'S CREEK, THERE WERE SOME BLACK JACK OAKS AND THE MEXICAN TRAIN DRIVERS CALLED THIS POINT "THE BLACK JACK CROSSING." THE VILLAGE NEARBY ASSUMED THIS NAME. SOME WANTED THE NAME WHITLEY.

WHEN QUANTRELL BURNED LAW-
RENCE IN 1873 ALL COURT HOUSE RE-
CORDS WERE DESTROYED. HENCE TO
CHECK THE EARLIEST SETTLERS IS
DIFFICULT. NO LIVING PERSON TODAY
CAN REPORT LITTLE MORE THAN HEAR-
SAY ON WHAT HAPPENED IN THE 1850'S.

S.A. STONEBRAKER WAS THE
1ST AND ONLY POST-MASTER. FROM 1858
TO THE EARLY 90's.

MISS ELEANOR ROSE BAUGH, MRS. DR. O'NEIL
WAS THE 1ST SCHOOL TEACHERS 1868.

Ralph Voneil 1953