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Dedicated in Memory
of Borden Todd Scott, our
grandson, and to all who
share his love of campfires
and white water, mountain
peaks and night stars, the
rolling plains, and the
beckoning promise of
the open road.

Jessie (Petty) Scott and
Robert W. Scott
1995



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A Moment of Remembrance

Our purpose in writing this is to tell you about the community of Cyrus, a community now vanished from the landscape, and to preserve the memories of the old pioneer families. We would like to relate some of the things that took place from the 1870's to the early 1900's that portrayed some of the activities of that time that particularly show the dedication of family life.

The community we are referring to, Cyrus, was established long before it was named. Old families such as Combest, Stowe, Ufford, Lynn, Stutzman, Smith, Rogers, Zordel, Likes, Schell, Petty, Barber, Poland, Beamer, Merrell, Craig, Scott and later on Kisslinger, Munch, Roth, McGimpsey, Jaehde, Jordan, Hazen, Meyers, Brewer, Farr and Goodvin are the families that make up the community known as Cyrus.

Our information has been compiled from school records, newspaper clippings, register of deeds, old letters, cemetery records and stories passed down from families involved. Many of these stories are also memories from our childhood. Most of this will be fact, but there may be a bit of fiction worked in. We are

including a few newspaper items from the "Cyrus Globe" in 1882.

In 1876, William A. Scott, my grandfather, homesteaded near Alexander in Rush County. Three years later in 1879, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott moved from Rush County, Kansas to the farm now known as the Simpson farm that is located S.W.1/4 34-15-23 in Trego County, and established a post office known as Williamsville. On this farm he built a two-story house. Mrs. W. A. Scott (or Phoebe Scott) was a very religious person. Since there was no church near, she soon started having worship services in the upstairs of her house. This was the beginning of the Church of Christ in the Cyrus community that finally moved to Ransom in 1916. Soon after that, W. A. opened a store. He sold everything from beans to buggy whips to men and women's clothing. The General Store was located approximately 2 miles east of the Ness to Wakeeny Road. The place became known as Williamsville. On May 7, 1879, our good friend, Jasper Rogers, applied for the job as Postmaster. On the application the site was named Williamsville, but was later crossed out and the name was changed to Cyrus, named for Cyrus Cowan, brother of Phoebe Scott. The name of the nearest post office was Nevada, located approximately 2 miles south of Highway 4 on 283. We think it was near the birth place of our Kansas Governor, Andy Schoepel. The nearest railroad was twenty-two miles north of Cyrus in the town of Wakeeny. The population



(No. 1004)



Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7 1879

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SIR: Before the Postmaster General deposes upon the application for a new post office at Williamville, County of Nevada, State of Nevada, at which you are recommended for postmaster, he requires that the blanks in the following statement be filled, and the questions carefully and correctly answered, verified by your signature, certified by a neighboring postmaster, and returned to this Department, addressed to me. The contractor should be informed of this application; and if the site of the proposed office be off the mail route, you will forward his certificate as to the practicality of supplying it, and also as to the increase of distance. If the proposed office is not on any route now under contract, it can only be established as a "Special Office," to be supplied without expense to the Department other than net proceeds.

Do careful to designate the post offices by their true official names; and answer the subjoined queries fully and accurately, or the case will not be acted upon.
Very respectfully,
JAMES N. TYNER,
First Assistant Postmaster General.

To Mr. Casper Rogers
care of the Postmaster of Hampton, who will please forward to him.

The proposed office to be called STATEMENT as to Cyprus
Williamville Nevada

[The name of the candidate for postmaster should not be applied as the name of a post office. It is preferable to have some LOCAL or PERMANENT name, which must not be the name of any other office in the State; and you should aim to select a name not appropriated to any office in the United States.]

It will be situated on the N.E. quarter of Section 4, Township 16
Range 25, in the County of Nevada, State of Nevada

It will be on or near route No. 4, being the route from Wakeney
to Dodge City, on which the mail is now carried. It is 1 1/2 miles from Wakeney

The contractor's name is _____
Will it be directly on this route?—Ans. No

If not, how far from, and on which side of it?—Ans. 2 miles on the East side

How much will it INCREASE the travel of the mail one way each trip?—Ans. 11 miles

Where will the mail leave the present route to supply the proposed office?—Ans. 2 N W from office

Where intersect the route again?—Ans. 2 S W from office

What post office will be left out by this change?—Ans. None

If not on any route, is a "Special Office" wanted?—Ans. Yes

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, on the same route, is Nevada
its distance is 8 miles, in a W. of South direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office on the same route, on the other side, is Wakeney
its distance is 2 1/2 miles, in a W. of Dodge City direction from the proposed office.

The name of the nearest office to the proposed one, not on this route, is Bright
distance by the most direct road 12 miles, in a S. East direction from the proposed office.

The name of the most prominent river near it is Amber Hill

The name of the nearest creek is Spring Creek

The proposed office will be 5 miles from said river, on the South
side of it, and will be 8 1/2 miles from said nearest creek, on the North side of it.

If near a railroad, state on which side the office will be located, how far from, and the name of the station or depot.—
Ans. 2 1/2 miles from R.P.R. South side Wakeney

If it be a village, state the number of inhabitants.—Ans. 82
Also, the population to be supplied by proposed office.—Ans. 175

A diagram, or sketch from a map, showing the position of the proposed new office, with neighboring river or creek, roads, and other post offices, towns, or villages near it, will be useful, and is therefore desired.

A correct map of the locality might be furnished by the county surveyor, but this must be without expense to the Post Office Department.

ALL WHICH I CERTIFY to be correct and true, according to the best of my knowledge and belief, this 7
day of June, 1879.
(If Sign full name.) Casper Rogers, Proposed P. M.

I CERTIFY that I have examined the foregoing statement, and that it is correct and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Monty Seach
Postmaster of Hampton
Rush to 15th

Select the name as there is a Spring Creek in Chautauque Co. Nev.

Application for a new postmaster.

(OVER):

10 June 1879

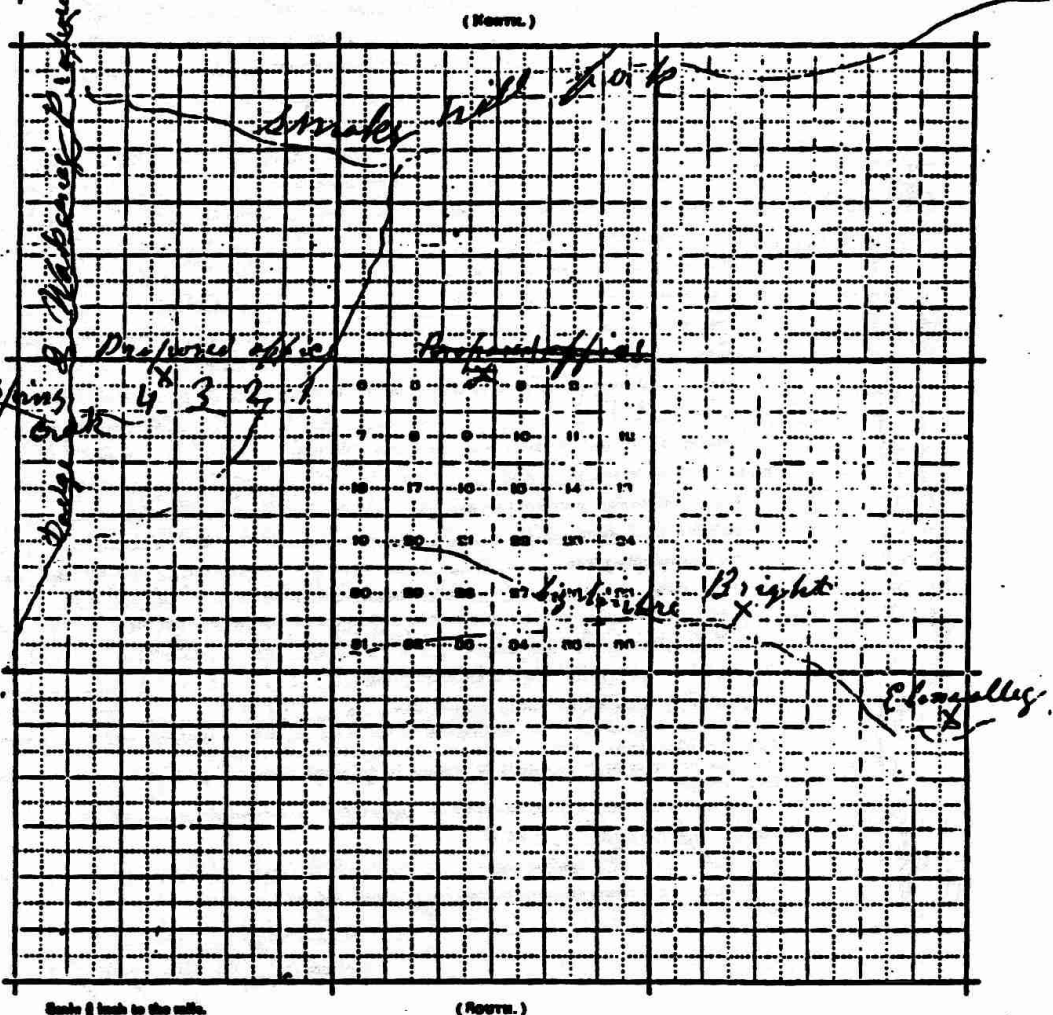
Williamsville
P.O.

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as Froggville

Diagram showing the site of the Williamsville Post Office
in Township 16, Range 23 of 6 Principal
Meridian, County of Ness, State
Kansas, with the adjacent Townships and Post Offices.

It is requested that the exact site of the proposed, or existing Post Office, as also the roads to the adjoining offices, and the larger streams or rivers, be marked on this diagram, to be returned as soon as possible to the Post Office Department.



Site of the Williamsville Post Office.

to be served by the proposed Post Office consisted of 75 people.

There was no school in the area. The first district meeting of District No. 20, County of Trego and State of Kansas, was held at Mr. Jacob Shell's residence in said district on Friday, May 4, 1880 at 2:00p.m. On motion Mr. Jacob Shell was chosen chairman. Mr. George Ufford was clerk of the meeting. Jacob Shell was duly elected director until the next annual meeting. Mrs. Ella E. Langellier was duly elected clerk for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Emma S. Stowe was duly elected treasurer until the next annual meeting was to be held on August 12, 1880. The southwest corner of Sec. 34, T15-S Range 23W was selected by a majority vote as a site for the school building. The meeting was adjourned by George Ufford, clerk of the first meeting. (This information was taken from an old record book of annual meetings.) In 1882 at the annual meeting it was voted that the school house be located in the center of the Joint District 20 and on the south side of the Ness and Trego line. At a special meeting of the district held on June 8, 1892, at Jap Roger's home it was voted by ballot to change the school site to the Northeast corner section 4-T16-R 23 Ness County - S.B. Merrell Clerk. The school remained in this location until it was closed in 1953. Prior to closing, the pink school house was moved in to help care for the number of students grades 1-8 in the two buildings. Both were used for three years. Each

building had its own teachers. After three years, several came into Ransom for junior high. They then went back to one building, and Ruth Ann Conard was the teacher for four more years until it closed.

Clara R. Williams of Wakeeny was the first teacher of Cyrus School (Items from 1902 Old School record). C.C. Combest was "to haul coal and one load of chips for \$2.00, the same as last year." In 1885. It was voted to be a 4-month term of school for the ensuing year. In 1892, the object of the meeting as stated on the notice was announced by the chairman to change the term of school from seven months to three months. On motion by H. W. Barber and seconded by A. B. Stowe, the term was changed to three months by a unanimous vote. The range of salaries was from \$20 per month in 1882, to \$35 per month in 1892. In 1917, salaries had advanced to \$75 (probably per month).

The school was the center of community activities, and church was held there until it moved into Ransom in 1902 or 1903. Literaries and many community meetings were held there. Our memories go back to one funeral in the school building in its last location. It was C.C. Combest's service and there were others I'm sure. They are buried in the Cyrus Cemetery.

The literaries were great fun. Everyone liked to "strut their stuff" in readings, plays,

singing and even strumming on the old banjo. Anyone with any ability performed. We all had a good time at no cost. We also had box and pie suppers, where you could buy one or the other and hoped you would get your favorite girl's box or pie. Sometimes this was quite exciting, and the bidding became really heated. In that day of low prices, I saw the boxes sell for \$20 and up. What a guy wouldn't pay to get to eat with his favorite girl! Sometimes he would get to take her home, and he just might get a goodnight kiss at the door.

We don't want to fail to mention that we had a store, a school, and a post office at Cyrus. About a mile or more to the west, located on the Wakeeny to Dodge City Road, was a fine boarding house operated by Mrs. Shell. She fed and roomed many travelers. Also located near by was the newspaper called "The Cyrus Globe." The following was taken from "The Cyrus Globe" in 1882.

The Cyrus Globe 1882

1882, May 20, We are not to have any school this summer (school was held then in summer instead of winter) which is quite a disappointment, now that there are so many children in the district that are of age to go to school...Willie Stow(e) is slaying big rattlesnakes over north where he is herding... Cheap John of Wakeeny was in Cyrus last week

exhibiting his wares... Dodge and Irwin who are holding sheep over at Cedar Bluff, have over 600 little lambs in their flock... And now it transpires that Tom Petty didn't have the measles after all. So much the better for Tom... Mr. Summers traded his yoke of oxen to J. (Jasper) Rogers who traded them to J. W. Freeborn for other oxen. Mr. Priestly bought a house from Mr. Stull last week... May 27, Mr. Brodenick of Lane Co, who has been here after wild horses has caught one mule and eleven horses... Mrs. Rogers will go to Mo. to visit her parents soon... Miss Sadie Garrett of Bazine has started a school in Mr. Bushor's neighborhood... June 3, Mr. Arends from Mo. is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. Petty during the last two weeks. He was to start home today, his grandson Tom taking him to Larned to take the train. (Can you imagine - Cyrus to Larned and back, with a team of horses. Wow!)... June 10, Jap Rogers bought a pony of Mr. Bollers for \$45.00. [In all our writings, Jap and Jasper will be the same.]

Mr. D. (David) Petty went to Hays City (with horses and wagon) Wed. to get a load of goods for Ufford. (Ufford had the store at Cyrus)... Mr Petty, John Lynn and Frank Stow(e) started east this week to harvest... June 24, Vansburg: Vangilder is engaged to cut oats, rye and wheat for J. (Joseph) Trott and H. (Henry) Barnett with his Armstrong reaper... The Vansbury people met last Sun. to organize a Sunday School, but failed to find one among them that could lead in prayer; so we shall have to wait for a religious settler to come in here...

Cyrus: James Lynn and C. (Chris) Wagner went to Hays City this week after goods... July 1, Mr. Petty and Mr Shell (Schell) are busy cutting their wheat... Mrs. Rogers started Thur. for a visit to her parents in Mo. (Mrs. Rogers is Mary Jane Craig, aunt of Willie and Johnnie Craig.)... July 11, Jap Rogers received a letter from his wife saying that she arrived safely and was having a pleasant time among her friends in Mo... Jasper Rogers met with an accident a few days ago which might have proved serious. His oxen ran away and he was struck with the plow and was lame for several days.

The picnic at Cedar Bluff, on July 4 was a grand success. Three wagon loads went from Cyrus... Aug 8, Tom Petty traded his pony to Mr. Schriber for a small dog and got another pony to boot... Several ladies and children from Cyrus gave Mrs. Petty a surprise party... Henry Petty took a train at Wakeeny to return to his home in Mo; He will visit a brother in McPherson... Aug 29 Jap Rogers has sold his timber claim... W.A. Brown is a member of the Ness Co Farmers alliance... Sept 5, Our new school house is not progressing very much... Vansburg: The Vansburg broom factory will soon be in running order and we expect to turn out 4 to 8 dozen first class brooms per day... Everybody feels happy as we have our school dist organized, with J. Trott for director, C.G. Wagner, treasurer and J.W. Vangilder, clerk. WE hope to have a three month school anyway... Sept 12, Mr. Petty raised 1500 bu of wheat in McPherson Co. and 100 in Ness Co. this year... Mr. Petty shipped

20,000 lbs of flour to Wakeeny from McPherson Co. and is now selling it to merchants. He has sold three tons we believe, so far... Mr. Petty went to Wakeeny again last Mon for two more loads of his flour... The Wakeeny World speaks of the country around Cyrus as being the "Big broom corn belt"... A.B. Stow went to Wakeeny last Sat... Frank Stow has returned from the East where he had gone to work... Sept 26, Mr. Petty's broom corm made 12 bales which he took to Larned this week... Oct 11, J.(Jap) Rogers is homesteading his claim this week... Oct 18, Mr. Rogers has put homestead papers on his claim... Mr. John Petty and his family have come from McPherson Co. for a visit... Nov 8, The young people met at Mr. Petty's last night to sing... Why not have a Sunday School in this place? All in favor will please meet at the residence of Mrs. Ellen Richardson, 1st door east of the Globe office, at Cyrus, Sun, Nov 12...

In 1888, William A. and Phebe M. Scott, the grandparents of Robert Scott, sold their home in Trego County to Jasper ("Jap") Rogers. In 1885 they had bought what we know as the Robinson Place, NW 26-16-23, Ness County. This is south of the old Fairview school. Even though the Scotts left the Cyrus community, they still had roots there. Both Mr. and Mrs. Scott are buried in the Cyrus Cemetery . Jap Rogers operated the post office and Mr. Ufford had the store. "Jap Rogers, Postmaster, paid our

sanctum a visit Saturday. Mr. Rogers is one of our original farmers of the North." (From the Cyrus Globe, Ness and Trego County, May 1881). "We think our postmaster, Jap Rogers, had better be plowing his corn and let the sinners go. He doesn't seem to be converting many - Ha!" The Cyrus Post office, Trego County, has been discontinued. (From Cyrus Globe, Feb. 29, 1882)

A lot of events took place around and near the Cyrus community, and as time went on, things changed. Mode of travel was still slow although we had come from the horse to the old Model T, Dodge, Overland, Studebaker, Hupmobiles, and a few other cars. Mr. George Lynn and family lived one mile north of where the first Cyrus school house was located. Mr. Lynn was quite progressive, always looking for new ideas or better ways of doing things. He was the first to have a heated chicken house, heated with hot water pipes. In the winter the chickens laid more eggs. His idea was very simple. On the east side of his place, near his buildings, were springs with a great supply of water. Mr. Lynn came up with the idea of a swimming pool or beach. He developed this into two ponds, covering over an acre. He had cattails, white lilies and large gold and white fish in the south pond. The north pond was a beautiful swimming and boating beach with sandy banks. In this area of the many, many large cottonwood trees, he built bath houses and a concession stand and made a picnic area.

Around the pond he built diving boards and platforms. The water was always cool, clear spring water. This became known as Lynn's Beach. Many celebrations were held there and people came from miles around. On one Fourth of July, they had the Kansas Governor as guest speaker. That was a full day of celebration with a bountiful dinner brought in by all who attended. The day closed with beautiful fireworks in the evening. This was a great place for ball games and family picnics and a great place to claim as a part of the Cyrus community. George Lynn's parents, James and Elizabeth Lynn, are buried in the Cyrus Cemetery.

The school continued to be the center of community activities, meetings, church and entertainment.

About the turn of the century , the Missouri Pacific Railroad came through our area. It was three miles south of the Cyrus School (last location). With the steam engine, it was necessary for the railroad to have a good supply of water. A good supply was found on NE 1/4 15-16-23. This land was owned by David T. Petty, great grandfather of Jessie (Petty) Scott. Pumps and tanks were set in and, later on, coal shoots were installed. This place was called Osgood. It contained a foreman's section house, a pump house, coal bins and a large upright wood stave water tank. Later on another tank was added and another coal shoot. Soon there was an elevator built there, owned

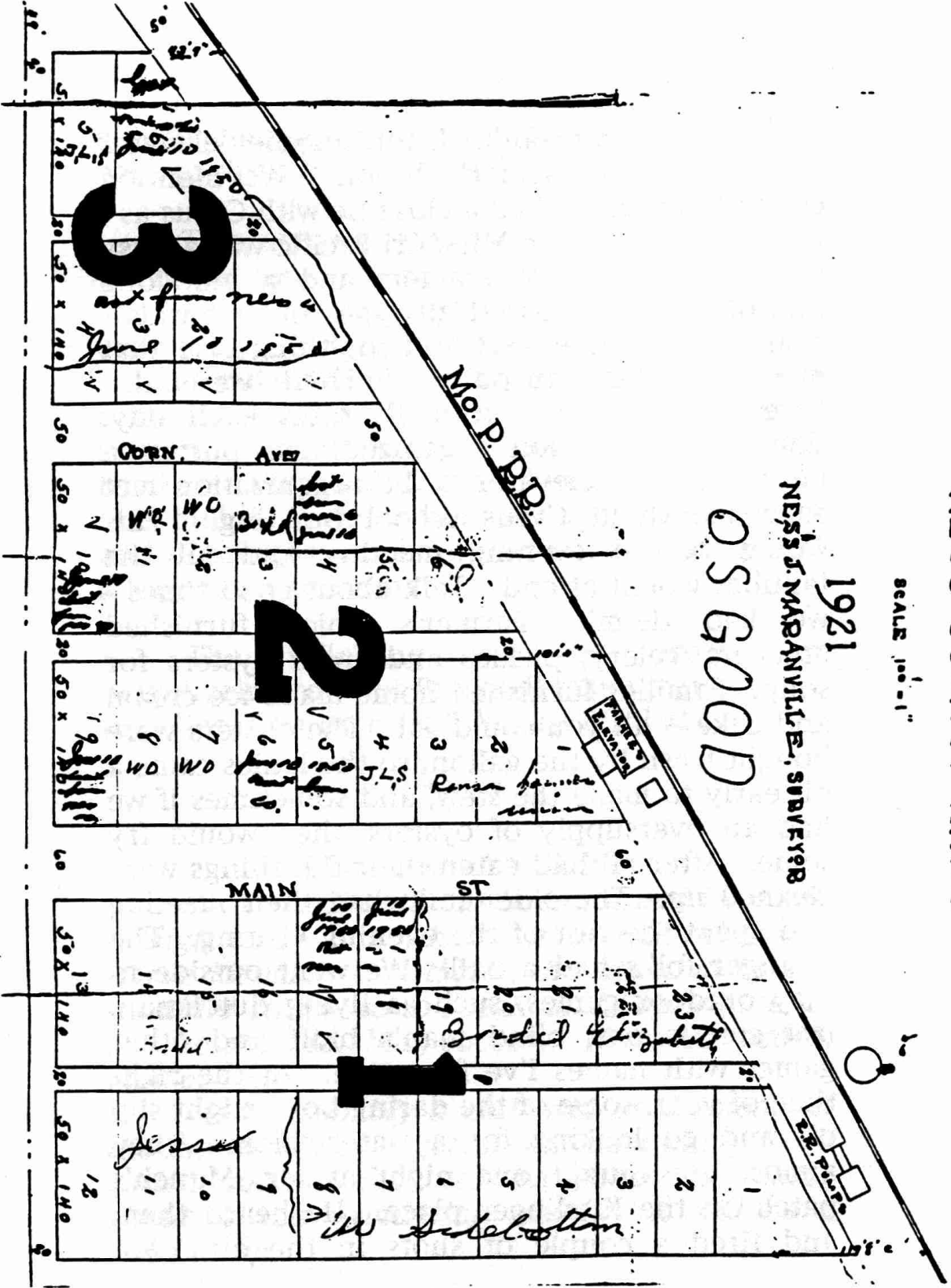
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SCALE 100'-1"

1921

NESS J. MARANVILLE, SURVEYOR

OSGOOD



Map of Osgood, 1921.

by the company Gano. Later, another elevator was put in by Farmer's Union. We mention Osgood because it had a close tie with Cyrus as I will show here. The Missouri Pacific was a busy railroad with large steamers and a mile-long line of cars. It carried all types of materials - coal, lumber, livestock and anything else that needed to be transported. There were also several passenger and mail trains each day. The Farmer's Union organized and put in a large concrete elevator. The organization met each month at Cyrus school building. This would be an evening meeting and all the families would attend. Talk about good times - we had them! Farmer's Union furnished crackers, celery, pickles and fresh oysters for soup. Families furnished home-made ice cream and cake -- all you could eat. The oysters were bought fresh by the gallon, so the ladies came a bit early to make the stew, and sometimes if we had an oversupply of oysters, they would fry some. After all had eaten their fill, things were cleaned up. The older folks had their meeting and spent the rest of the evening visiting. The younger folks had a ball! We went outside to play outdoor games, such as flying dutchman, last couple out, blind man's bluff and other games with names I've forgotten. At the right time of year, some of the daring boys might slip off and go looking for a watermelon. They almost got caught one night at Mr. Munch's patch on the Kisslinger place. He heard them and fired a couple of shots in the air. We

quickly lost our desire for melons and rushed back to the school house with no melons.

This activity continued for several years. Then, as time went on, horses and wagons hauling wheat changed to pickup trucks and eventually to larger trucks. Ransom CO-OP bought out both elevators. Diesel locomotives came in, doing away with the need for a water station. Elevators could not handle the big trucks, so they had to go to Ransom or Brownell. The buildings there were all soon taken down and nothing is left there now but a memory and a long railroad siding.

The following is news from our neighboring town of Brownell taken from the "Ness County Echo," August 30, 1913.

The Overall's Club?

No Overall Club has been formed here yet, though there is a whole lot of talk of it and Harve Richardson is taking the situation by the shoulder straps, so to speak, and I anticipate, in fact bespeak for him, success. (Ransom record, May 6, 1920)

Very probably a club will be formed. If the movement ever gets a real start here, it will gather recruits fast, for everybody is talking about it and wondering whether it will be a good thing.

Deacon Barnett was Brownell's first devotee to the new style. That is, he was the first to come out wearing overalls because it was stylish to wear them. He looked very svelte and recherché in them, too. He sure is getting modish fast, indulging in flu, last week, overalls this week, and may get some new "home brew," next.

Andy Stull phoned in for six pairs. he wants a pair for each day of the week, except Sunday. On the seventh day--or the first, which is it?--he rests, and wears his bath robe.

Thomas Ryan bought a pair and in the sanctity of his own room, tried them on. "I admit they fascinate me," he said, "but if I wore 'em, wouldn't it be unfaithful to my goats and the sheep?"

We asked Carl Newcomer whether he would adopt the new style. "H--!" he said. This reply, although it was both eloquent and illuminating, still leaves us in doubt as to his ultimate intentions. Judge Leighton says he was a grown man before he knew there was anything but denim. Will Coughtnour, while very modest, admits that he believes his form would be shown to a better advantage in overalls.

Frank Edwards says he favors it, but they are so "blasted" hard to get into and out of and that some contrivance should be patented to expedite matters.

E.J. Woodworth refuses to be comforted by denim, but will give it due consideration after marriage, he not having felt the h. c. of l. as yet.

J.E. Hiltabidle says he has not worn denim with half soles on the bosom since Grover Cleveland's term as president and that if this Democratic administration hangs on much longer he will be a charter member.

A.D. Huling says it is a matter of grave concern and should not be hastily acted upon and that he needs more time in which to think it over, in order to avoid domestic complications.

J. C. Johannes claims to have worn them "off and on" for years, but is not sure what the lady customers might think. I really think he is for the proposition.

We haven't asked any of the ladies what their personal intentions are; the subject is too delicate. It was suggested by some poor boob, not long since, that they wear overalls instead of evening dress, claiming at that, they would be covered up more than most of them were in the clothes they had been wearing. They refused as that was what they were trying to avoid.

In resuming our seat, gentlemen, we nominate John Anderson as chairman of the club. John is really interested in the proposition and with just a little coaxing can no doubt be inducted to sheathe his attractive form in blue denim and Apollo Belvidere before our admiring gaze.

Brownell: The mail clerk on No. 2 (train) misjudged the size of our town Saturday morning and threw the mail off about a half

mile west of the depot and it rolled under a bridge. It was not found until about dark and everyone had to go home without their county papers and several wanted to read the Echo. He (the mail clerk) should be reported, and it might help him to hit within the city limits at any rate.

I.N. and Nancy Goodvin settled in Cyrus Comunity about 1887. He was the father of Ida Conard, Bertha Scott, Laura Osborn, Mollie Barber, Dora Beamer and A.D. Goodvin. Goodvin served as State Representative about 1905. His livelihood was farming and he did occasional preaching. This article appeared in the Western Kansas Journal in 1903.

*Western Kansas or a Few Facts
About Our 1903 Crop
by I.N. Goodvin*

It has not been many years back when someone said, "It is a pity that this part of Kansas was ever discovered, let alone settled." This country is a beautiful plain like that which Abraham of old chose for his abiding place and which yielded great gain. It is a healthy country which is the greatest blessing on earth to the human family. It is a peaceful country, where lawyers and doctors have a "hard row to hoe" for a livelihood. It is a dry country. No saloon

joints here. No slush to wade through in the spring of the year. So it is dry both ways, and that accentuates its being so peacable and healthy. Our churches are numerous and in many places nice church houses have been built and the school houses all over the country have been thrown open for working. We have good schools and, as a rule, long terms. Teachers wages range from \$30 to \$50 per month. Farm laborers get \$25 to \$30 and board per month. This is a beautiful country, a level plain that was once all prairie, but now groves of trees have been planted and are now nice timber. We have a home, 640 acres all fenced, a good dwelling built of native stone which cost \$1,000, and a nice stream of water flowing through the place. I had wheat that made 40 bushels per acre, and some of the other farmers report as high as 50 bushels per acre.

Cyrus school struggled to survive, but finally closed its doors in 1953 and went to Ransom. It was the last of the area of country schools. About the same thing happened on the small, one-family farms. Farmers changed from using horses to using mighty tractors, and with that change came a great increase of cost.

Family farms are becoming a thing of the past. There's no more cream and eggs for the weekly income. An area that once supplied

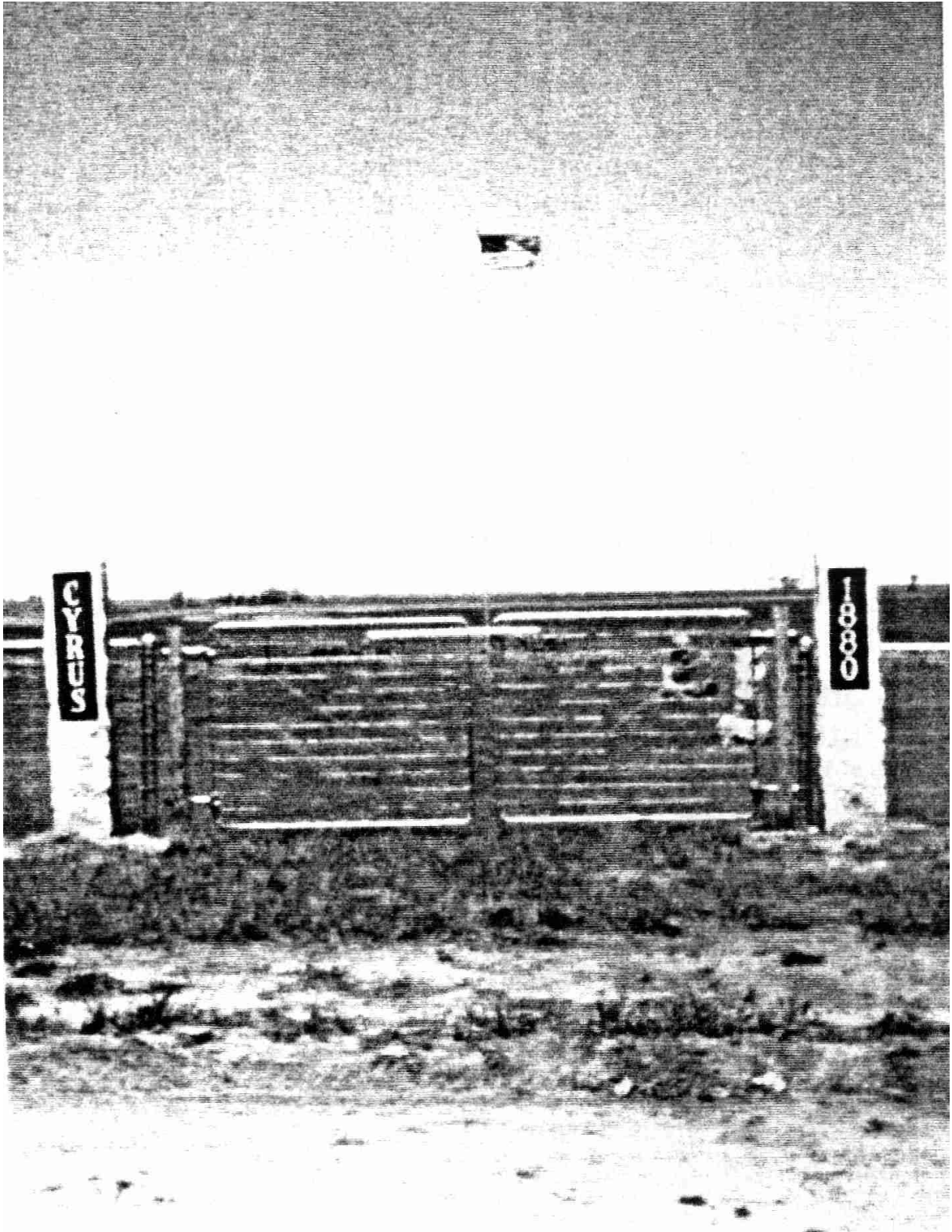
about twenty families has less than half that now.

Cyrus community has one thing left - the Cyrus Cemetery. Some time in the 1890's Mr. A.H. (Bert) Barber deeded one acre of ground in the SE 1/4 of 3-16-23. It was evidently not recorded, but was mentioned in a deed when he sold the land in 1920 to J.W. Ryan. In the deed, he reserved one acre for the cemetery. The cemetery was surveyed by B.M. Bouvard. A lot of old timers are buried there. Our grandparents, W.A. and Phebe Scott, and other relatives are buried there. The cemetery was established about 1880. There are some unmarked graves. In fact, there is one unmarked grave that Tholen Clawson relates as belonging to Carolyn (Terry) Scott. He remembers his mother taking him with her to put flowers on the grave when he was small. He states she died in 1882 during childbirth. She was the wife of Martin Scott and already had five children at the time of her death. The cemetery has not been well cared-for, so early in 1994 we started talking about some repairs for it. Different people showed interest. Those with relatives buried there were willing to help with time or money or both, so we got busy. The fence was completely reworked. The front was moved in two feet, a new double-loop fence with round, steel posts was used for the front. Earnest Van Winkle had made the gate, so to honor his memory, we left it in the fence line and painted it gold. A flag pole, donated by

Ray Herrick, was put in about the center of the cemetery. We now have new limestone post signs on each side of the gate - one with the word Cyrus, the other with the date 1880. Two more posts are on order - one for each of the front corners. The cemetery has a beautiful setting on a hill overlooking the valley. Page Creek (or Spring Creek) runs from west to east. Cattle graze in the valley, and an occasional deer is often seen there - and on a clear day you can see forever. Our hope is that Cyrus Cemetery will be preserved as a historical landmark and will last for generations. We would like to memorialize Cyrus, a community that has disappeared, but will hopefully not be forgotten.

Jessie (Petty) Scott, my wife, and I, Robert Scott, have made a concerted effort to preserve a little of the history of our childhood years. We have had a particular interest in this story because we had great grandparents and grandparents who were actually living in the community in its early beginning years. We sincerely hope that our effort will be of value to all those who read this.

Robert W. Scott
and Jessie A. Scott



The Cyrus Cemetery.

Scale 20' to 1 inch
Field notes for Cyrus Cemetery

Commencing at a point 12 chains
east of "the": S.W. Corner of "the"?
S.E. 1/4 of sec. 3 Twp. 16 Range 23
on the section line. Thence
N. 209' thence E. 209' thence S. 209'
to section line. Thence W. on
sect. line 209' to point of
beginning.

All blocks are 23' x 20' except
blocks 12, 15, 24, 27 and 36 which
are 23' x 22' and block 7 is 23' x 11'
and block 2 is 23' x 8'. all
lots are 10' x 20' except lots
in blocks 12, 15, 24, 27 and 36
which are 10' x 22'.

Signed by
B.M. Boward
Co. Sur.

$$\begin{array}{r} 209 \\ 209 \\ \hline 1881 \\ 418 \\ \hline 436 \end{array} \text{ Sq. ft.}$$

$$43,560 \text{ Sq. ft.} = 1 \text{ acre}$$

a survey chain 66' long

Warranty Deed.

This Indenture, made this 24th day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and twenty between A. H. Barber and Mary A. Barber his wife of Ness County and State of Kansas of the first part and J. W. Ryan of the second part.

Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Twelve Thousand Seven hundred sixty & 20/100 Dollars, to them duly paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold and by these presents do grant and convey unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns, all that tract or parcel of land situated in the County of Ness and State of Kansas, described as follows to-wit: South west Quarter (14) of Section Two (2) and Southeast Quarter (14) of Section Three (3) all in Township sixteen (16) Range Twenty three (23) West of 6th P. M. Except one acre deeded for cemetery, with all the appurtenances, and all the estate, title and interest of the said parties of the first part therein. And the said A. H. Barber and wife do hereby covenant and agree that at the delivery hereof they are the lawful owners of the premises above granted, and seized of a good and indefeasible estate of inheritance therein, free and clear of all incumbrances Subject to first mortgage of \$4000⁰⁰ which second party assumes and agrees to pay, and that they will warrant and defend the same in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever against all persons lawfully claiming the same.

In witness whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seal the day and year first above written.

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12-24-20. A. H. B.

A. H. Barber. (Seal.)

Mary A. Barber (Seal.)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of:

State of Kansas, }
County of Ness, S.S. Be it remembered that on this 26 day of July A. D. 1920 before me a Notary Public in and for said County and State, came A. H. Barber and Mary A. Barber his wife to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and duly acknowledged the execution of the

same. In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my official seal, on the day and year last above written.

(SEAL)

Fred Amstutz, Notary Public.
My Commission expires Jan. 23, 1924.

State of Kansas,
Ness County

This instrument was filed for record on the 5 day of Jan, A.D. 1921 at 2-35 o'clock P.M., and duly recorded in book 24 of Deeds, at page 311.

(SEAL)

J. H. Watson
Register of Deeds.

Warranty Deed.

Know All Men By These Presents: That Alice Pulliam and Orlando A. Pulliam, wife and husband of the County of Buster, and State of Nebraska, for and in consideration of the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars in hand paid do hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto John Weibert of the County of Ellis and State of Kansas, the following described real estate situated in ---, in Ness County, and State of Kansas, to-wit: The South West Quarter (SW^{1/4}) of Section number One (Sect. #1) The North-west Quarter (NW^{1/4}) of Section number Twelve (Sect. #12) all in Town ship number Eighteen (Twp #18) South of Range number Twenty three (Range #23) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, and containing three-hundred twenty acres, more or less according to Government survey thereof.

To Have and To Hold the premises, above described, together with all the Tenements, Hereditaments, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said John Weibert, and to his heirs and assigns, forever.

And we hereby covenant with the said grantees, and with his heirs and assigns that we are lawfully seized of said premises; that they are free from encumbrances that we have good right and lawful authority to sell the same, and we do hereby covenant to warrant and defend the title to said premises against the lawful claims of all persons whatsoever.

Warranty Deed.

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This Indenture Witnesseth that the Grantors Hugh Harding
widower, Mary Harding Rogers and F. D. Rogers her
husband of the City of Chicago in the County of Cook and
State of Illinois for and in consideration of the sum of Two
Hundred Dollars in hand paid convey and Warrant to A.
H. Barber of Ness City County of Ness and State of Kan-
sas the following described Real Estate to wit: The South East
quarter of Section Three (3) Township Sixteen (16) South Range
Twenty Three (23) West of the 6th Principal Meridian situa-
ted in the County of Ness in the State of Kansas hereby releas-
ing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead
Exemption Laws of this State. Subject to all taxes assessments
or impositions that may be legally levied or imposed upon
said land subsequent to the year A. D. 1897 Dated this
Seventeenth day of October A. D. 1898

50 cent U.S.
documentary
stamp
10/17/98

Hugh Harding (seal)
Mary Harding Rogers (seal)
Frederic D. Rogers (seal)

State of Illinois Cook County ss. I, John M. McElun a
Notary Public in and for said County in the State afore-
said do hereby certify that Hugh Harding a widower, Mary
Harding Rogers and F. D. Rogers her husband personally
known to me to be the same persons whose names are sub-
scribed to the foregoing instrument appeared before me this
day in person and acknowledged that they signed sealed and
delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act
for the uses and purposes therein set forth including the
release and waiver of the right of homestead. Given under
my hand and Notarial seal this 18th day of October A. D. 1898

(Seal)

John M. McElun
Notary Public

State of Kansas Ness County ss. This Instrument was
filed for record in the Register of Deeds Office of the County
aforesaid on the 1st day of November A. D. 1898 at 11-45
o'clock A. M. and recorded in Book 3 of Deed Rec-
ord on page 286.

(Seal)

E. J. Walters.
Register of Deeds.

DEED—GENERAL WARRANTY

Payne Printing Co., Sps

FROM

Robert Horchem

TO

August H. Zordel

State of Kansas, Ness County, ss.

This instrument was filed for record on the 5 day of February, A. D. 1926, at 9:25 o'clock A.M., and duly recorded in Book 29, on page 7.

Fee, \$

(SEAL)

J.M. Watson

Register of Deeds.

Entered in Transfer Record in my office this day of A. D. 1926

County Clerk.

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 1st day of February, A. D. 1926, between Robert Horchem a single man of Ness County, in the State of Kansas, of the first part, and August H. Zordel of Ness County, in the State of Kansas of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That said party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey unto said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, all the following described real estate, situated in the County of Ness and State of Kansas, to wit:

The South west Quarter of Section Two (2) and the Southeast Quarter of Section Three (3), all in Township 16 North Range Twenty three (23), west of the Sixth P.M. except one acre deeded for Cemetery.

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TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anyway appertaining forever.

And said grantor for himself, his heirs, executors or administrators, do hereby covenant, promise and agree, to and with said party of the second part, that at the delivery of these presents he is lawfully seized, in his own right, of an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance, in fee simple, of and in all and singular the above granted and described premises with the appurtenances; that the same are free, clear, discharged and unincumbered of and from all former and other grants, titles, charges, estates, judgments, taxes, assessments and incumbrances of what nature or kind soever:

and that he will warrant and forever defend the same unto said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against said party of the first part, his heirs and all and every person or persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand the day and year first above written. Robert Horchem

STATE OF KANSAS, Ness County, ss. BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 1st day of February, A. D. 1926 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State aforesaid, came Robert Horchem, a single man

who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the within instrument of writing and such person duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal the day and year last above written.

Chas J. Schellenberger Notary Public

Term expires July 27, 1927

(SEAL)

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