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## Coronavirus Impact

Whether individually or thru our businesses, churches and friends, we have all been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. For the historical society, the obvious impact has been the postponement of spring functions until the fall.

Wanting to maintain a safe environment not only for our guests but also for those working in the museums, the historical society board is studying the various recommended guidelines. At a board meeting held on June 2, 2020, the board recommended the following procedures:

- Practice good hand hygiene thru washing hands or use of sanitizer upon entering building
- Practice social distancing by trying to remain 6 feet from others
- Tour participants will be required to use a mask (Masks will be available for purchase—\$2 each)
- Follow fundamental cleaning practices, especially in regards to high-touch surfaces
- Follow mass gatherings guidelines from the Nemaha County Community Health department
- Restrict the number of people in areas where social distancing becomes difficult

***These guidelines are subject to change.***

## A BIG Thank You

***We would like to thank everyone for their support!***

We invite you to continue supporting the work of the Nemaha County Historical Society.

### Save the Date:

July 25, 2020—Tractor Cruise

Sept. 26, 2020 — Golf Tournament

Sept. 10-13, 2020 — Big Kansas Road

Sept. 18-20, 2020—Highway 36 Treasure Hunt

Nemaha County Historical Society Museum

Hours

Tuesdays—10 am to 4 pm

If Increment Weather, Call First

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## OUR MUSEUMS

Sheriff's Residence / Historic Jail / School Room  
113 N. 6th, Seneca, KS 66538

Temple of Honor Military Museum  
33 N. 6th, Seneca, KS 66538

Annex 1—113 N. 6th, Seneca

- Archives
- Burger Display
- Rotating Displays
- Obituaries
- Glass Negative Collection

Annex 2—113 N. 6th, Seneca

- Agricultural Displays
- Civilian Conservation Corps
- Beautician
- Medical
- Railroad
- Photography
- Seneca Public High School

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## Help Us Fulfill Our Mission!

### *To Collect, Preserve and Promote the History of Nemaha County*

- **Join**—An annual membership helps us maintain our buildings and the collections housed in them.
- **Participate**— Annual Golf Tournament / Tractor Cruise / and other events
- **Sponsor**— We value our business partners and the support they provide thru their sponsorships
- **Donate**— CASH, Garage Sale Items, Time
- **Tour**— Come out and enjoy our various sites

But most of all help us continue to collect the history of the county by donating (or lending so we can digitally copy) church histories, school histories, scrapbooks, letters, military documents, diaries, deeds, wills, family histories, business photos, business histories, and personal memories.

## Big Kansas Road Trip Schedule

The Nemaha County Historical Society will have its various sites open from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, Sept. 12

- Seneca Hand Dug Well
- Temple of Honor Military Museum
- Nemaha County Sheriff's Residence and Jail
- Nemaha County Historical Society Museum Annexes I and II

Participants in the Big Kansas Road Trip will be able to tour any/all of our sites on Thursday and Friday between 10 am and 4 pm by visiting the Sheriff's Residence and Jail.

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## Amazon Smile

If you order items from Amazon, please consider using the link below and help us earn funds to support the museum.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0871820>

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## Connect with Us

Web site: <http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/>

Facebook: [Nemaha County Historical Society](#)

[Museum Catalog](#): Archive link on web site

[Donate via PayPal](#)—Link on web page under NEWS

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**Help Us Continue to Archive Our History — Join — Donate — Volunteer**

## First House in Seneca

Seneca Tribune, Sept. 24, 1908, page 1

This is a picture of the first house in Seneca; the fence and trees shown and the house in the background were after events, the building proper being all there was to locate Seneca in the fall of 1857.

The Seneca Town company, composed of Messrs. **Ingersoll, Torrey & Lappin**, erected this building to designate the townsite; but the land upon which the building was located was 'jumped' by Samuel **Lappin**, and occupied by his father's family as the first residence of the town. They lived in the house until the fall of 1860, when they moved into the present residence of J.W. **Larimer**, then built on the site of the Gilford hotel.

The **Lappin** family consisted of Finley **Lappin** and wife, and his children Samuel, Nancy, Amanda and Hattie. They lived in the east end of the structure, which was a double log house with a wide hall through the center; the west was used as a grocery store kept by **Lappin & Torrey**.

Travelers were kept at the **Lappin** home, and meals served and sold when requested. Water for all purposes was carried from a well at a mill in the lowlands east of town, and the grocery supplies brought by team from White Cloud.

The Seneca townsite was a perfectly bare tract of prairie — not a shrub or tree of any variety showing in any part of the town.

In after years, Mr. Samuel **Lappin** planned to build a hotel on the site of their house, and the old log home was torn down to make room for the hotel that was never built. He hauled the sand for the work; but it was gradually wiped up by thrifty hide dealers, who used to draw the raw skins over the pile to add value in their sale to the River dealers, who never suspected the increased weight of their purchases.

After Mr. **Lappin's** family vacated the log house it was made the first stopping-place of about every newcomer to Seneca. Anyone seeking shelter was always welcome to make the old house a temporary home.

When the grocery store was moved out of the west end of the building it was used by local workmen who had no place of their own to do inside shopwork.



## Naturalization Petitions

Courier Tribune, Sept. 4, 1919, page 10

### Applications for Admission to Citizenship September 1, 1919

- No. 158—Ewald Karl Ferdinand **Kitzel** (Germany) - Sabetha / Witnesses: W. E. **Johnson**, H. E. **Corwin**
- No. 163—Bernard **Haverkamp** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, H. P. **Zahm**
- No. 170—Otto **Heuppelsheuser** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: Peter P. **Stein**, W. L. **Kauffman**
- No. 171 Louis **Zwonitzer** (Germany) - Goff / Witnesses: L. N. **Simon**, J. T. **Buening**
- No. 172—August **Krotzinger** (Germany) - Bancroft / Witnesses: Fred **Schumacher**, William **Keeing**
- No. 173—Clem **Boeckmann, Jr.** (Germany) - Kelly / Witnesses: John **Russ**, R. J. **McGrath**
- No. 174—Joseph **Boeckman** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: John Henry **Hermesch** / Bernard **Boeckman**
- No. 176—Joseph **Steinlage** (German) - Corning / Witnesses: Chas. H. **Herold**, S. J. **Holthaus**
- No. 177—Julia **Cheray** (Austria) - Seneca / Witnesses: Chas H. **Herold**, F. J. **Holthaus**
- No. 178—John August **Mueller** (Austria) - Seneca / Witnesses: Chas H. **Herold** / Robert L. **Wheeler**
- No. 179—Engelbert Henry **Hasenkamp** (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, George **Schmitz**
- No. 184—Louis **Hasenkamp** (Germany) - Axtell / Witnesses: L. D. **Allen** / August **Kramer**
- No. 185—Frederick John **Melcher** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: Chas H. **Herold**, August **Kramer**
- No. 186—August **Wessel** (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, Henry **Osterhaus**
- No. 187—August **Hunninghake** (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, L. D. **Allen**
- No. 188: John **Gress** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: George **Hutton** / August **Haefele**
- No. 189—Joseph **Kohake** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: Chas. H. **Herold**, H. J. **Meyer**
- No. 190—Henry **Schratz** (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses: F. J. **Strathmann** / John **Rennenger**
- No. 192—Clemens **Rucker** (Austria) - Sabetha / Witnesses: S. R. **Myers**, G. R. **Sewell**
- No. 195—Clemens **Sudbeck** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: H. P. **Zahm**, Thomas **Rogers**
- No. 197—Nickolaus **Eisenbarth** (Germany) - Kelly / Witnesses: Chas H. **Herold** / R. M. **Emery, Jr.**
- No. 198 Clemens August **Wichman** (Germany) - Seneca / Witnesses: F. J. **Holthaus**, Jos. **Karnowski**
- No. 199 Agnes Merie **Olberding** (Germany) - Baileyville / Witnesses F. J. **Holthaus** / Frank **Kruse**

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September 1, 1919.

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| 163 | Bernard Haverkamp (Germany)—Seneca              | F. J. Holthaus<br>H. P. Zahm            |
| 170 | Otto Heuppelsheuser (Germany)—Seneca            | Peter P. Stein<br>W. L. Kauffman        |
| 171 | Louis Zwonitzer (Germany)—Goff                  | L. N. Simon<br>J. T. Buening            |
| 172 | August Krotzinger (Germany)—Bancroft            | Fred Schumacher<br>William Keeing       |
| 173 | Clem Boeckmann, Jr. (Germany)—Kelly             | John Russ<br>R. J. McGrath              |
| 174 | Joseph Boeckman (Germany)—Seneca                | John Henry Hermesch<br>Bernard Boeckman |
| 175 | Joseph Hermesch (Germany)—Kelly                 | John Henry Hermesch<br>Bernard Boeckman |
| 176 | Joseph Steinlage (Germany)—Corning              | Chas. H. Herold<br>F. J. Holthaus       |
| 177 | Julia Cheray (Austria)—Seneca                   | Chas H. Herold<br>F. J. Holthaus        |
| 178 | John August Mueller (Austria)—Seneca            | Chas. H. Herold<br>Robert L. Wheeler    |
| 179 | Engelbert Henry Hasenkamp (Germany)—Baileyville | F. J. Holthaus<br>George Schmitz        |
| 184 | Louis Hasenkamp (Germany)—Axtell                | L. D. Allen<br>August Kramer            |
| 185 | Frederick John Melcher (Germany)—Seneca         | Chas. H. Herold<br>August Kramer        |
| 186 | August Wessel (Germany)—Baileyville             | F. J. Holthaus<br>Henry Osterhaus       |
| 187 | August Hunninghake (Germany)—Baileyville        | F. J. Holthaus<br>L. D. Allen           |
| 188 | John Gress (Germany)—Seneca                     | George Hutton<br>August Haefele         |
| 189 | Joseph Kohake (Germany)—Seneca                  | Chas. H. Herold<br>H. J. Meyer          |
| 190 | Henry Schratz (Germany)—Baileyville             | F. J. Strathmann<br>John Rennenger      |
| 192 | Clemens Rucker (Austria)—Sabetha                | S. R. Myers<br>G. R. Sewell             |
| 195 | Clemens Sudbeck (Germany)—Seneca                | H. P. Zahm<br>Thomas Rogers             |
| 197 | Nickolaus Eisenbarth (Germany)—Kelly            | Chas. H. Herold<br>R. M. Emery, Jr      |
| 198 | Clemens August Wichman (Germany)—Seneca         | F. J. Holthaus<br>Jos. Karnowski        |
| 199 | Agnes Merie Olberding (Germany)—Baileyville     | F. J. Holthaus<br>Frank Kruse           |

To be continued

**Military Museum  
GOLF CLASSIC**

**Support Nemaha County  
Military Museum**

**Spring Creek Golf Course,  
Seneca, KS**

*NEW DATE*

**Sept. 26, 2020**

**Sept. 27, 2020 Rain Date**

**Military Museum  
Golf Classic**

Generous cash prizes  
will be awarded

Four-person format.

*NEW DATE*

**Spring Creek Golf Course**

**Sept. 26, 2020**

**COST: \$50/person | \$200/team**

Registration includes: Green fees / Golf  
Cart / Entry Package / Lunch

Registration 9:00 AM shotgun start 10:00 AM

**THANK YOU to  
Those who have already sponsored!**

**Sponsorship Options:**

\_\_\_ **Barbecue Sponsor \$500**

(Exclusive to 1st paid) Allows specific  
Military Veteran honored in promotions

\_\_\_ **Platinum Sponsor: \$250**

\_\_\_ **Gold Sponsor: \$100**

\_\_\_ Cart Sponsor (1st 2 paid)

\_\_\_ Hole Sponsor

\_\_\_ **Silver Sponsor: Less than \$100**

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Form**

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (rain): \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pay On-Site or Return w/fees to:**

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# 2020 Nemaha County Historical Society Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU to those who have already joined / sponsored**

|   |                 |          |
|---|-----------------|----------|
| _____ Individual Membership (newsletter sent by e-mail) | \$20.00/yr      | \$ _____ |
| _____ Individual Membership (newsletter sent by mail)   | \$25.00/yr      | \$ _____ |
| _____ Business Membership                               | \$35.00         | \$ _____ |
| _____ Silver Sponsor                                    | \$50 to \$99.00 | \$ _____ |
| _____ Gold Sponsor                                      | \$100.00        | \$ _____ |

Contribution:

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Preservation Fund           | \$ _____ |
| Building Fund               | \$ _____ |
| Military Museum Projects    | \$ _____ |
| Memorial In memory of _____ | \$ _____ |

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Nemaha County Historical Society is a 501C3 non-profit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible.*

Thank you for your interest and support.

**Nemaha County Historical Society, Inc.**

**113 North 6th, PO Box 41**

**Seneca, Kansas 66538**

## Korean War—Service Notes

Courier Tribune, March 30, 1953, page 5

Key West, Fla. (FHTNC) - The escort vessels USS Contes, DeLong and J. Douglas Blackwood are training sonar students in anti-submarine warfare. Service aboard the Cones is James G. **Roush**, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin G. **Roush** of Wetmore, Ks.

Sonar is an underwater method of detection using sound waves. It is a key factor in anti-submarine warfare today.

The escort vessels are a class of ship developed during World War II as submarine killers and are well suited to the task of training future sonarmen.

Mrs. Everton **Bell** of Goff received word from her two sons, Cpt. Earl E. **Bell** and Pfc. Roy R. **Bell** that they met recently in Korea. Pfc. Roy R. **Bell** is with the 45th Inf. Div. and is on the lines on **Heartbreak Ridge**. He was given three days leave from the lines to visit with his brother, Earl, who is stationed with the Anti-Aircraft Artillery. The boys are stationed about 150 miles apart.

San Diego, Calif., March 28 (through Fleet News Center) — The destroyer tender USS Piedmont was scheduled to return today from her third tour of duty in the Far East. Aboard her is Jerry S. **Lackey**, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William **Lackey** of Seneca, Kansas. The ship will be greeted at the Navy pier by families and friends of the crew and the welcoming band's familiar strains of "California Here I Come." During her stay overseas the Piedmont has provided repair services to the U.S. destroyers and other U.N. units. She was flagship of Commander UN blockade and Escort Force.

While in the Far East, the Piedmont earned a reputation for service to the fleet. The crew entertained Japanese and Korean orphans with Thanksgiving and Christmas parties.

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Courier Tribune, April 2, 1951 page 1

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll **Winterscheidt** and daughters have as their guests, Mrs. **Winterscheidt's** mother, Mrs. Marie **Hennigan**, Topeka and her brother, Sgt. Burnell **Hennigan**, who is a marine and only recently returned from Korea; also Mr. and Mrs. C. M. **Young** and daughter, Susan Marie, Albuquerque, New Mexico. They all spent last week here. Mr. and Mrs. **Young** and daughter expect to leave today for their home, but Mrs. **Hennigan** and Sgt. **Hennigan** will stay for a longer visit.

### Report Their "Boot" Complete

Navy "Hometown News" - reports include a note on Edward L. **Frehe**, and Gerald **Lackey**, both of whom recently completed preliminary training at San Diego.

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## 2020 PLATINUM BUSINESS MEMBERS

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## 2020 GOLD BUSINESS MEMBERS

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