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THANK YOU

We would like to THANK the Nemaha County Commissioners and all of our sponsors for their support during 2022. This support is greatly appreciated as it has allowed us to continue to accept, catalog, and properly care for documents and historical artifacts donated to the museum.

Please check the last page of this newsletter for a list of our sponsors. And then take the time to thank them for supporting the preservation of the history of Nemaha County.

Projects

Have you noticed that the cannon in front of the military museum is missing a wheel? Or, have you noticed the beautiful paint job (in progress) on the exterior of the military museum?

While some of our projects are very visible, others are less apparent. However, all are in need of completion and thus planned for 2023. This includes the following:

- Restoration of the wheel on the canon (estimated to cost over \$5,000)
- Repair of the foundation under the summer porch on the north side of the historic sheriff's residence. (Step Foundation Match Day funds are dedicated to this project. However, estimates indicate it will cost more than the \$4,000 collected.)
- Replacement of the sidewalk on the west side of the military museum, including the sidewalk going up to the steps. (estimated to cost over \$8000 with plans to apply to the city of Seneca for a matching grant)
- Continued restoration of the exterior of the military museum (estimated to cost over \$10,000)



Nemaha County Historical Society Museum

Hours

Tuesdays—10 am to 4 pm

If Increment Weather, Call First

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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
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- Medical
- Railroad
- Photography
- Seneca Public High School

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PLEASE JOINTODAY!

The museum received the medals and commendations for Moses F. Tate whose remains were recently identified. Below, is a short excerpt from the newspaper article when his parents were notified he was missing in action.

Moses F. Tate

Sgt. Moses Tate was born and raised here. He was working for the Koelzer Lumber Co. when he enlisted in the army, on June 24, 1940, at Fort Leavenworth. He was sent to Ft. Riley and Camp Funston. On July 20, 1941, he was transferred from the Second Cavalry to the Air Corps, and given training at Jefferson Barracks and other camps. His last training before he went across was at Topeka. He has been overseas since the second week of June this year.

The message received by the parents follows:

"I regret to inform you report received states your son, Staff Sgt. Moses F Tate missing in action since Aug 1 in the middle Eastern area. If further details or other information of his status are received you will be promptly notified — Ulio The Adjutant General."

Courier-Tribune 19 Aug 1943

Online Archive

Have you checked out the Archive link on our website? This link is a way to 'peek into' the collection of historical items in the museums.

- Using the KEYWORD SEARCH link, one can enter a family name, place or historical event to see what the society might have. This search is most productive if only one word or search term is used.
- Clicking on any one item will open the page containing the description of the item.
- Clicking on an image will open the image in a separate window. That window includes an option to "REQUEST IMAGE".
- Clicking on REQUEST IMAGE opens a form for you to enter your name and email address. Submitting this request sends an email to the society. When we receive these emails, we look up the photos and can send them back to the requestor. We do ask for a small donation to help us continue to provide this online access.

<https://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.pastperfectonline.com/archive>

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**— Volunteer to help with our 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.

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Nemaha County Communities in 1871

Seneca Weekly-Courier Feb 10, 1871

Albany

Albany, in the northeastern portion of this county, is one of the oldest towns in Nemaha county, and is considered one of the most desirable places of residence in the State. The St. Joseph & Denver City R.R. passes through two miles south of the town at which point Sabetha is located, and where all agree the most of the business of that growing section will be transacted.

The principal attraction at Albany is the Seminary now in successful operation, under the charge of Prof. J. Vose as principal; Mary N. Vose, Teacher of classical department; and Miss Annie C. Carleton, Teacher of primary department and music; all graduates of New England schools. One year ago, when Prof. Vose took charge of the school, it numbered 85 scholars. This term 78 are reported as the daily attendance. TO accommodate such an influx f students, a joint stock company was founded and a large boarding house erected, at which board could be obtained at reduced rates, and rooms rented to students who board themselves. In the advanced department of the school, higher arithmetic, algebra, analysis, book-keeping rhetoric, philosophy latin, &c, are among the branches taught. One of its peculiar features is the class drill for teachers, seven or eight scholars of this class being now engaged in teachng in this and Brown county, with first class certificates. The following extract from the report for 1870 of N. Hanson, County Superintendent of Brown county, will show the opinion of one of the most earnest educators of Northern Kansas. Of this Seminary, he says:

“An elegant, spacious, substantial stone structure affords ample accommodations in the lower room for the common school, under the charge of an experienced and skillful lady teacher; and in the upper for the high school, or academic department , in which are taught the higher English branches and the languages, Prov. Vose and lady, who have charge of this departement, are able and experienced teachers, endowed with the rare faculty of inspiring their classes with a life and energy that secures an unusually large share of work on the part of their pupils. I have seldom seen classes subjected to a more thorough drill and left with so complete a knowledge of subjects treated.

“When the people of Brown and Nemaha counties better understand that they have in their vicinity a school offering a fuller equivalent for time and money than can usually be obtained at a greater distance, the number in attendance will increase from 60, its present number, to the full extent of its accommodations.”

For more information on the building used by the seminary, see the Wikipedia article: [Old Albany Schoolhouse](#).

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Korean War

Courier Tribune, 3 May 1951, page 1

Over 150 in the Service

From Nemaha county

County Drafts and Enlistments;

Name New Men for Many Calls

It scarcely seems possible, but Nemaha County has had more than 150 men enter active service since the start of the current emergency period.

With drafts of usually five or ten men at a time, and enlistments happening here and there, it has not seemed so many men have been taken.

However, fifty-one have now been inducted from this county; and over twice that many, 105 have enlisted, or are reserves who were past the registration age group and have been recalled to duty.

Two new groups have now been called; 10 men for induction May 15, and five men to take their pre-induction physicals on May 7.

The group for induction includes:

- Francis B. Schraad, Seneca
- Andrew M. Meyer, Seneca
- Edward F. Irwin, Centralia
- Robert L. Lohman, Sabetha
- Claire B. Sparling, Oneida
- Ward E. Wilson, Centralia
- Elton E. Scott, Wetmore
- John A Beck, Centralia
- Lyle E. Steiner, Sabetha
- Leo M. Sanders, Centralia
- The call for physical exams includes:
- Verner E. Bergman, Baileyville
- Max A. League, Wetmore
- Lawrence E. Bonjour, Onaga
- Ralph F. Wichman, Seneca
- Leon f. Mitchell, Centralia

Harold Frederick Jeanneret Jr. Centralia, who registered at Medicine Lodge, has been transferred to this county for pre-physical and will also go with the group.

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C.C.C. Camp

Courier Tribune January 7, 1935

Sixty Recruits for CCC Camps Begin Work Here on Nemaha State Park

Sixty recruits were added las week to the CCC camps on duty at the Nemaha county state park. Company 2735 received 24 men; Co. 1797 received 36 men. The 10 Nemaha county men were assigned to Co. 2735. The list by cities follows:

Baileyville: Wm. Ragan

Corning: Raymond J. Huerter, Lee Hodge

Oneida: Carrol L. Bloom

Sabetha: Warren R. Ash

Goff: Orville H. Bowron

Seneca: Andrew J. Crane, Paul L. Wilson, Wayne W. Donaldson

Sabetha: Warren R. Ash, Max Helphingstine

Axtell: John Glover

Atchison: Newton E. Weaver, Robert Blakley, Beryl Hopkins

Holton: Ivan L. Farmer, Lewis E. Trundle, Lyle T. Derry

Barnes: Arnold L. Phinney

Soldier: Estel Stair

Washington: Phillip Mudd

Hoyt: Geo. J. Thompson, Harlan C. Shoup, Roland A. Haag

Mayetta: Harry P. Argo

Hanover: Edw. C. Koppes, Clifford Bond, Wm. Roland

Clifton: Lee H. Heitsman

St. George: Evan M. Peabody

Linn: Charley Berkman

Vermillion: Olaf Bentson

Lancaster: Joseph Blocker

Highland: Henry Brown

Hiawatha: LeRoy Davey, Milan Ott, Orville Rutland

Horton: Francis Davidson, Leslie Geer, Chester Lovelady, Wm. Weir

Mahaska: Wilbur Deegan, Victor Williamson

Blue Rapids: Arnold Elliott, Francis Jensen

Marysville: Theodore Gustafson

Blaine: Wm. Hazlett, Gregory Higgins

Belvue: Carl Heston

Reserve: Joseph Jamison

Wamego: Walter Johnson

Everest: George Maxwell, Erwin Winder

Farmington: Winfred Moser

Onaga: Willard Noland

Monrovia: Oscar Olson

Havensville: Wm. Paulsen

Troy: Howard Rice

Palmer: Emil Rogge

Huron: Lester Teeter

Wathena: Wm. Walker

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Seneca Planing Mill

Seneca Tribune, Dec 11, 1913, Page3

A. N. Hybskmann is fast getting into shape at the planing mill, and is practically ready for business. This is an enterprise that will be made to go and will furnish employment to a number of Seneca men. An industry of this nature means much. It is such enterprises that make two blades of grass grow where there was but one before.

Courier Tribune, Sept 2, 1920, page2

Alfred Hybskmann, chief man at the Seneca Planing Mill is turning out a lot of mighty good stuff. He is making truck bodies for Ford trucks and is making just a little bit better body than the other fellow and has it priced right. He can turn out 25 of these fine truck bodies a week and is kept busy supplying the demand. – Centralia Journal

Courier Tribune, August 4, 1921, page 1

The Sabetha Fire Department has a new Ford truck chassis here. The Seneca Planing Mill will build a cab and body for it on the order of the Axtell fire truck that was here last week.

Courier Democrat, May 10, 1917, page 1

Help Those Who Help Us

The Kansas city and Northwestern Railroad is the name of the Kansas city-Virginia branch under its new charter issued the other day. Receiver Cass was here the other day and going over the ground and checking up on the improvements contemplated which have not been fully worked out and are not yet available for publications. In conjunction with the G. I. the road will build a Y south of the planing mill for turning trains. A certain amount of building is already under way for housing equipment and for storage. It is understood that David Waymire will continue with the road and will be in charge of a car-repairing crew here. The Seneca Planing Mill has been doing quite a lot of work for the road in furnishing materials for reconstruction. It may be said that the officials are pleased with the advantages that Seneca has to offer in the way of facilities for railway operations. There is a growing sentiment that Seneca business houses and shippers should do all they can to throw business in the way of the railroad that is striving to get on its feet and has already inaugurated a freight service that is worth a lot to people here. Let's show these people that we are not unappreciative. The K. C. N. W. is the logical route for Kansas City business. Where all things are equal we don't feel that it is presumptuous to call attention to this fact.

See December 2021 newsletter for more information on the Hybskmann truck.

Photo of ink blotter

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[Name to be placed on memorial plaque]

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Thank you for your interest and support.

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