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Your continued support of the Nemaha County Historical Society has enabled us to tackle some very large projects over the summer. Without this support, we would not have been able to complete many of these projects to preserve our historic buildings and exhibits.

2023 Projects

- The foundation under the summer porch has been finished! BUT—we are in need of a painter to repaint the porch
- Cannon has a new wheel
- Sidewalk was replaced in front of the military museum
- Dick Miller continues his work to restore the exterior of the military museum. Over the 2022-2023 winter, Dick restored the small windows on the north and south sides of the building.
- FUTURE: (once exterior painting is finished) - handicapped ramp and sidewalk using the door in the south side of the building

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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PLEASE JOINTODAY!

Genealogical Records in Museum

- Marriage License Applications — 1904 to 1991
- Obituary Clippings — 1980s to present
- Journal of baby deliveries in Seneca area 1932-1955
- Strathman Glass Negative Collection
- Vertical File / Family Notebooks
- Check the [online archive](#) to see what else you can find

Online Resources

- [Seneca Area Newspapers](http://seneca.advantage-preservation.com/) -http://seneca.advantage-preservation.com/
- [Sabetha Area Newspapers](http://marycotton.advantage-preservation.com/) – http://marycotton.advantage-preservation.com/
- [Tennal's History of Nemaha County](https://archive.org/details/historyofnemahac00tenn) – https://archive.org/details/historyofnemahac00tenn
- [Nemaha County Records on the Family Search site](https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&placeId=204012&query=%2Bplace%3A%22United%20States%2C%20Kansas%2C%20Nemaha%22) (login required – but is free) - https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/results?count=20&placeId=204012&query=%2Bplace%3A%22United%20States%2C%20Kansas%2C%20Nemaha%22
- [Nemaha County KS History & Genealogy](http://www.nemahahistory.org)—www.nemahahistory.org

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.

Connect with Us

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

Facebook: [Nemaha County Historical Society](#)

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

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Nemaha County Communities in 1871

Seneca Weekly Courier
Friday February 10, 1871
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Corning

We commenced building here about the middle of November. Norton & Co., Grain Dealers, removed their grain warehouse here early in the month, with all the disadvantages incident to putting up building in the winter season. There has been erected a depot 20 x 40 feet, a section house 18 x 26 feet, the wing of a public house 18x18 1 1/2 stories high, horse barn 14x24, all completed, besides a dwelling 16x22 1/12 stories high, now in process of building. The store building and three dwellings have been conveyed here from the old town site 3/4 of a mile west of here and are now occupied as formerly. T. H. McKay is busy getting out work for his new hotel, 18x27 feet, two stories high. He will have it in readiness for the spring trade. Dr. N. B. McKay intends putting up a large store building 20x50 feet - 2 stories, early in the spring.

Mr. Casey of Atchison, our "village blacksmith" has sent his household goods on here and is expected every day in person, to commence business at once.

Mr. [?] Lauer, also of Atchison, has located here as the harness and saddle maker, and will open in the spring in that branch of trade. Our school district is fully organized, and the first meeting to elect officers will be held at the residence of J. Durkee, Feb. 11, so we will have a school soon. Twenty families from Andover, Allegeny Co., N.Y. will land here about the 10th of March, expecting to make Kansas their future home.

Spring will be a welcome guest this year. Hay and feed for stock are scarce and generally of poor quality. Stock of all kinds will gladly hail the verdant green in place of the crisped and desolate feature presented by our prairies now. The weather has been all sorts lately. In mixed lots it ought to suit somebody. It is well we don't make the weather, for if we did, we would certainly leave the wind out of some of the days of the past two months.

We are no longer a flag station, but are recognized as a regular stopping place. Traffic is light. A car of wheat left here yesterday and today we send off some 1,000 lbs of butter with a lot of game, chickens, rabbits, quails, &c, by express to Leavenworth. The weather is as beautiful as could be desired. Look out for big crops the coming harvest. Everything is suspicious of coming good to the tiller of the soil.

The Atchison Daily Champion
6 May 1871
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The Cut Off — The Seneca Press of the 6th last seas: "Maj. Downs, Superintendent and Land Commissioner of the Central Branch Railroad, was in this city on Tuesday last, and gave our citizens assurance that the route, from here to Corning, would be surveyed within the next two weeks. This is glorious news for the people of Seneca and Nemaha county. He further stated that the cars on this link would be running by fall.

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Korean War

Courier Tribune

12 July 1951

Service Notes

Pvt. Leonard McGinty, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McGinty, has sent his parents word of his arrival in Japan. He stated the trip took nine days. Pvt. McGinty had not yet been assigned his duties.

The Public information office of the 1603rd Air Base group reports that Staff Sergeant Edward H. Fangman, Seneca, has reported to it for duty. The 1603rd is at Wheelus Field, Tripoli, North Africa. Sgt. Fangman is senior personnel specialist. Before being sent to Tripoli he was stationed at Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts. He is a son of Mrs. Johanna Fangman, Seneca.

Completes Basic Airman Course

Lackland Air Force Base, Texas — Pvt. Raymond L. Hawley, 19, son of Ray Hawley, Goff, has completed his AF basic airmen indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

Courier Tribune

30Jul 1951

Service Notes

Sgt. Harold Duryea Jr

Is Home on Furlough

Axtell Standard

Sgt. Harold S. Duryea Jr., Axtell, is among 22 Kansans of a group of 1946 combat veterans from Korea who arrived in San Francisco over the weekend aboard the U.S.S. Telfair, for furloughs. Sgt. Duryea was reported missing on Feb. 14 and was reported liberated from his captured status on May 12. His wife and family live in Axtell.

Order Three for Induction

Call for Next Monday

Selective Service has issued call for three men registered from this county next Monday, July 30, for induction. The three had been given postponement in earlier calls.

Clarence A. Osterhaus, Seneca, injured in a car accident some month ago, is one of those called.

James George Erickson, Sabetha registrant, now of 1910 Gage Boulevard, Topeka, had a college deferment, as did Elgin Lee Flott, Sabetha, now at Sidney, Nebraska.

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CCC Notes

Courier Tribune

31 Jan 1935

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Fire Takes Pump House

CCC Worker Injured in Burning Building

Wm. Foltz, CCC worker on night fire watch, was severely burned on neck, face and hands Sunday when flames destroyed the small pump house at the Nemaha county park.

The fire started when Willard Conklin, night CCC pump house attendant, entered the building with a lantern. Gasoline vapors caused combustion. Conklin gave the alarm and the bugler blew fire call. Foltz saw some clothing burning in the pump house and attempted to get it out. The gasoline flared and ignited his clothing. He was burned as he sought to smother the blaze.

CCC men responded to the alarm and stood guard to keep the fire from spreading to other buildings.

Construction was started at once on a new pump house to replace the one destroyed. The pump itself was not badly damaged. Gen. Lott, commanding the CCC corps area, ordered the routine inquiry customary in such cases and it was held at camp yesterday. A pump house is nearly completed for the new well southeast of the camp. It is hoped to have this supply connected this week.

D. C. lighting plants at the camp are not giving good service. Co. 2735 was dark for several days because of magneto trouble.

Assign New Officers to CCC Company 1797

Headquarters of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Ft. Riley, has assigned two new officers to Company 1797 at the Nemaha county state park. The commanding officer will be First Lieut. Donald Meade who comes from Co. 2733, Ionia, Kansas. Second in command is 2nd Lieut. Bennett G. William, formerly stationed at CO. 2732 at Quinter, Kansas.



Purple Hearts

Since no list of Purple Hearts recipients exists, the Seneca and Sabetha newspapers along with inquiries into the community are being used to create a list of recipients of this award. (This is a work in progress. Sabetha newspapers have been searched thru 1999.

Seneca newspapers have been searched thru 1963.) Email additions to nvhs@rainbowtel.net

- Ackerman Clyde - Sabetha
- Alford Hugh Inman - Hartwell, Georgia
- Allen Harold - Oneida
- Andrick Don - Topeka
- Ashton Dennis Earl - Horton
- Austin Ira
- Ball Jethie - Highland
- Banzhof Christian - Sabetha
- Becker Bernard - Seneca
- Bergman Lawrence
- Bergman Norbert - Seneca
- Berridge Scot - Holton
- Bieri Harry V
- Boltz Vernon - Sabetha
- Bonjour Ira - Seneca
- Bontrager James - GOoff
- Boughar Edgar -
- Bowland Oliver - Denton
- Bowlby Don - Goff
- Bradley Gla[d]e T -
- Brooks Dale - Seneca
- Brower Bruce - Centralia
- Brown Virgil - Sabetha
- Broxterman Celestine - Baileyville
- Burger William
- Burkhart Peyton - Seneca
- Butz Donald - Oneida
- Christian William - Mayetta
- Christman Joe - Sabetha
- Christman - Joe - Sabetha
- Clowe Eugene - Seneca
- Clowe Floyd
- Clowe Orville - Seneca
- Cordill Daniel - Seneca
- Coulter Milburn - Centralia
- Craig Donale - Beattie
- Dandliker Harry - Hiawatha
- Deaver Coral
- Donovan Ivan - Horton
- Draeger Ray
- Dulake Clarence
- Durst Clarence - Sabetha
- Eckert Charles - Mayetta
- Ecton Wiley J. - Goff
- Eichelberger Linwood - Sabetha
- Eisenbarth Lawrence M
- Eisenbarth Wilfred - Corning
- Enneking Joe
- Evans Donald - Kansas City
- Fisher Jack - Dawson, NE
- Fortmeyer Virgil - Fairview
- Fund Roy - Goff
- Gakle Avis - Sabetha
- Gakle Gale Edward - Sabetha
- Gillenwalter Paul - Houston?
- Gillispie - Jim - Sabetha
- Gilmore - Byron - Highland
- Graden Gordon - Cotter, Ark
- Gregg Albert - Hiawatha
- Griffith Vernon - Bern
- Grimm Jay - Sabetha
- Grimm Vaughn - Sabetha
- Guilford William - Centralia
- Haffner Gail - Bern
- Halbert Howard - Sabetha
- Hanni Arthur - Goff (formerly)
- Hartman Lawrence
- Hartter Eldon - Sabetha
- Haselwood Leroy - Topeka
- Hatfield - Graham
- Haug Virgil - Vermillion
- Haverkamp Carol -
- Haxton Melvin - Sabetha?
- Hennigh Charles F
- Hiskey Reo -
- Holmberg Jean - Florence
- Honeyman Lawrence - Seneca
- Huertter James
- Huertter Leonard - Seneca
- Jenkins James - Morrill
- Jones John A - Highland
- Keegan Vernon - Baileyville
- Kellenberger Galen - Sabetha
- Kelly Dale - Onaga
- Kimmel Samuel - Mission, KS
- Kirkham Calvin - Wetmore
- Kirkland Cecil - Muscatine, IA
- Knauer Donald - Indiana
- Koch Cyril - Seneca
- Koch Jerry - Sabetha
- Kohake Daniel - Centralia
- Kohake George -
- Kohn - Formerly Sabetha
- Kramer Roger
- Krogman Charles -
- Krotzinger Donald -
- Krotzinger Jacob Jr - Seneca
- Kruse Alvin - Fairview
- Largent Orville (Bud) - Seneca
- Linville Wayne - Collinsville, OK
- Lippincott Creston - Goff
- Locher Roger G - Sabetha
- Luckert Edward - Sabetha
- Lueze Ronald -
- Luginibill Allen - Seneca
- Manigal - J W - Horton
- Mayer Warren - Wetmore
- McGreevy Francis - Seneca
- McKinnie Wayne - Morrill
- Melcher Dick -
- Mooney Robert - Sabetha
- Moore George S. - Oneida
- Moyer Ralph - Onaga
- Neel Gorman - Sabetha
- Nicholson Kenneth
- Nightingale Bryan
- Nightingale Byron - Corning
- Noble Lester Eugene -
- Parker John B - Wills Point, TX
- Ralston Charles Wayne - Sabetha
- Ralston - Walter -
- Ralston - Wayne - Sabetha
- Rhoades Robert - Anaheim, Ca
- Rhodes Theodore - Frankfort
- Roberts Charles D - Sabetha
- Rogers Albert - Seneca
- Rokey Raymond B. - Sabetha
- Ross Burton - Santa Rosa CA
- Ross Jesse - Grand Island NE
- Rucker William Kenneth - Wetmore
- Ruse Forest
- Ruse Raymond B. - Goff
- Ryan C. W. - Seneca
- Sander Harold - Seneca
- Schafer Frank - Seneca
- Scheier Gerald - Kansas City
- Schmidt Benedict - Baileyville
- Schoff Bob - Bern
- Schulteians Bernard
- Shattuck W. A. - Ashland, KS
- Shepherd Dale - Corning
- Shump Henry - Battle Creek, MI
- Slocum John - Seneca
- Smith Leslie Allen - Atchison
- Smith Wilfred - Seneca
- Sobers Charles - Clinton, IA
- Specht Johnnie -
- Springe George - Sabetha
- Stalcup - Imer -
- Stalder Frank - Sabetha
- Stallbaumer James Edward -
- Steck Lyle - Axtell
- Stevens Arthur - Sabetha
- Stine Cedric - Medford, OR
- Strahm Elgin - Seneca?
- Swart Carl -
- Tate Moses - Seneca
- Thompson Cecil - Sabetha
- Ulrich Robert F - Afton, IA
- Unsicker Dan - Morton
- Vermillion Leo - Sabetha
- Vondemkampe Vincent - Axtell
- Waggoner Larry K - Sabetha
- Wenger Jacob - Bern
- Wessel Lawrence - Baileyville
- Wichman - Bob - Seneca
- Wikle
- William Hiram - Sedan, KS
- Windrum Keith - Sabetha
- Winkler Edwin -
- Winterscheidt Roy - Fairview
- Wiseman H. A. - Centralia
- Wittwer Victor - Honey Creek
- Woltkamp Charles - Seneca
- Woltkamp Raymond B. - Seneca
- Woltkamp Tony
- Workman Gerald C - Burlingame

Only those service men and women who were injured and/or died during BATTLE are eligible for the Purple Heart.

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Memorial (\$50/person) _____ \$ _____

[Name to be placed on memorial plaque]

Donations:

Military Museum \$ _____

Military Museum—Cannon Wheel \$ _____

Military Museum—Restoring stucco on outside \$ _____

Society Needs \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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Thank you for your interest and support.

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