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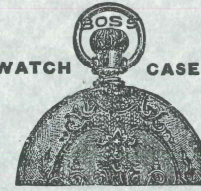
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 Eastern Commisioner- - - - -Donnie Cox
 Circuit Clerk & Recorder - - - -Dean Trosper
 Deputy- - - - -Charlene Ward
 Deputy- - - - -Beverly Graham
 Part Time Deputy- - - - -Virginia Reynolds
 Public Administrator - - - - -Bonnie Hill
 County Coroner - - - - -Gary Brown
 County Clerk - - - - -Shari Lee
 Deputy- - - - -Martha Straker
 Deputy Voter Registration - - - -Josephine Herring
 Treasurer- - - - -Laurel Miller
 Prosecuting Attorney - - - - -James S. Millett
 Secretary - - - - -Donna Stevenson
 County Assessor- - - - -Dean Orr
 Past Deputy - - - - -Sandy Scanlon
 (Transferred to Greene Co. -Jun. 1, 1993)
 Clerk - - - - -Nellie Davis
 Appraiser - - - - -John Davis
 County Sheriff - - - - -Wayne Adkison
 Deputy - - - - -Roger D. Porter
 Deputy - - - - -Charles G. Anderson
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 Reserve Deputy - - - - -Jerry Galloway
 Dispatcher, Sec'y. - - - - -Susan Schwaneke
 Dispatcher - - - - -Robert Ross
 Dispatcher - - - - -Deborah Porter
 Dispatcher - - - - -Pam Dunster
 Dispatcher - - - - -Phil Adams
 Dispatcher - - - - -Darlene Michael
 Dispatcher - - - - -Robert Michael
 Mo. State License Bureau - - - -Martha Rains
 Probate Judge - - - - -Dan Chadwick
 Clerk - - - - -Carolyn Pollard
 Clerk - - - - -Sue Adkison
 Ag. Engineering Specialist - - - -Joe Lear
 Youth Education Assistant - - - -Phyllis Pierson
 Secretary - - - - -Virginia Reynolds
 County Bridge Foreman - - - - -Phil Cox
 Bridge Crew- - - - -Ron Snider
 Bridge Crew- - - - -Doug Henderson
 Bridge Crew- - - - -Jimmy Dale Russell
 Bridge Crew- - - - -James Cook

CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor- - - - -Jim Howell
 Sec'y. & Treas. - - - - -Debbie Flemming
 Clerk - - - - -Gail Kipp
 Marshall - - - - -Ron Tospon
 East Ward - - - - -Ron Flemming
 East Ward - - - - -Rodney Mayes
 West Ward - - - - -Fred Gregory
 West Ward - - - - -J. R. Robinson

A HISTORY OF KINGSTON, THE COUNTY SEAT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, MISSOURI



INTRODUCTION

It is due to the request, by the Mayor, to have something published about Kingston for the sesquicentennial celebration that this brief history is published. It is not a complete history -- limitations of time and space have forbidden any such project at this time.

The brief sketches contained in this volume are submitted with the hope that they may be of interest and value to a large number of people. As I talked to so many different people, it seemed everyone knew more about Kingston than I did and I sometimes wondered why I had volunteered to compile such a book! But it has proved to be an interesting project. I want to thank everyone who shared information and pictures with me.

A special thanks to the Caldwell County Historical Society who sponsored the publishing of this book and did the proof reading.

Marilyn Williams



KINGSTON

A Historical Sketch of the Town

After the Mormons left the county, Far West continued to be the county seat until the spring of 1843. Meantime the center of the population of the county had been removed to somewhat near the center of the county. It became very inconvenient for the large number of people then living on Shoal Creek to go to the county seat and many complaints arose. At the August election, 1842, John Skidmore was chosen the Representative from this county, and it was demanded of him that he procure a removal of the county seat. So December 16, 1842, soon after the assembling of the Legislature, a bill was passed appointing commissioners to relocate the capital of the county of Caldwell. The commissioners appointed under the bill were George W. Dunn, of Ray; Littleberry Sublette, of Clay; Robert D. Ray, of Carroll; John Austin, of Livingston; and Milford Donaho, of Daviess. It is said that only Dunn, Ray and Donaho acted as commissioners, and that after looking the county over, they at first, selected the site on a tract of land south of Log Creek, two miles southwest of where Kingston now is, but the owner of the land, W. B. Bryan, refused to donate over forty acres to the county, and so the commissioners went elsewhere, and at last selected the site where it now is. The owners of the land, James Ramsey and William Hill, cheerfully donated between them 160 acres of land to the county for county seat purposes.

In the spring of 1843, the town was regularly surveyed and laid off into lots and blocks, and Charley J. Hughes, then a young lawyer of Far West, was appointed county seat commissioner to conduct the sale of lots, etc. The proceeds from the sale of the lots were used in building the first crude courthouse. The site of the town was chiefly a brush patch, although Creason's improvements still remained.

What is now the east half of the town of Kingston, including the public square, was entered by Abraham Coutts, September 4, 1835. The west half was entered by Roswell Stevens, June 8, 1837. Mr. Coutts had a cabin on the east side of his land, nearly half a mile east of the present court house, and this building was torn down about 1840. In 1841, Isaac Creason, a son of Willis Creason, who lived down on Crooked River, built a cabin on the ground that is now the northeast corner of the square, cleared a "patch" of ground, and resided here a year or two, when he moved back to Ray County.

The commissioners, upon a request of a large number of citizens, named the town "KINGSTON", in honor of Judge Austin A. King, of Richmond. Judge King had been circuit judge of this circuit, and was well and most favorably known. In 1848, he was elected Governor of the state on the Democratic ticket over Hon. James S. Rollins, the Whig candidate and served four years. When the war came on, he was a decided Union man, and was taken prisoner by Gen. Price's forces and held for some days. In 1862, he was elected to Congress from this district, and served one term. Gov. King was a native of Tennessee.

Walter A Doak hauled from Far West, July 5, 1843, the first house in Kingston. It was originally built by a Mormon. Mr. Doak was born in East Tennessee, near the famous "Kit Bullard's mill, on the Big Pigeon." He and his wife, Elizabeth, kept open house for some months after they settled in Kingston, entertaining travelers and others as best they could in their little domicile, which at first was but a small frame building. Mr. Doak was a shoemaker, and followed his vocation at Kingston for some time.

A man named Marsh, a Yankee, built the second house, a small shanty, on the southwest corner of the square, where Heiser's furniture store was later located. This was about the last of July,

1843.

The first merchant in Kingston was a Mr. Baxter, who purchased Doak's house in August or September, 1843, and opened a store. Baxter enlarged the building and kept a hotel in it for a time. Not long after Baxter opened his store, Free and Ned Sisson, merchants at Camden, sent up a stock of goods in charge of Joseph Hord, who bought Marsh's building and opened the second store. Perhaps Ardinger and Woodson were the next merchants.

In the fall of 1843, the log court house was built. It stood on the south side of Main Street, opposite the center of the square. A small road passed east and west, a little south of the public square, leading from Far West to Salem which was two miles east of Kingston. The second was built in 1847 by Hawkins Green, and was the two story brick that burned in April 1860. The County Court awarded the contract to build another courthouse to builders, J. A. Crump and Geo. A. Kice of Lexington and appropriated \$20,000.00. The court specified the building be completed by September 1, 1861. On November 28, 1896, fire once again consumed the Caldwell County courthouse. The present courthouse was built in 1898. Bonds for an indebtedness of \$18,000.00 were passed on March 5, 1898. The court selected the proposal of Kansas City architect L. Grant Middaugh and awarded the building contract to Stanberry Pressed Brick Company for \$24,827.00 in May 1898. J. W. Harper, presiding judge acted as superintendent of construction. The courthouse was selected in 1966 to become a National Historical Landmark, an honor bestowed by the Missouri Historical Society. There were at that time, only eight county courthouses listed in the register in Missouri out of the 114 total counties and St. Louis. Those listed were historically significant because of their architectural styles, their association with some historic event or a combination of both.

The first attorney in Kingston was Charles J. Hughes, who came in 1843 and the second was Volney E. Bragg. The first practicing physician that located here was Dr. Evans, who came from Ohio in 1844 and later lived in Plattsburg.

Jul 4, 1843, a large crowd assembled on the town site of Kingston to celebrate the Fourth of July. There were no houses in the town site except Creason's cabin, and so a brush arbor was erected on the south side of the public square, and under this the exercises were held. There was a bountiful dinner, plenty of whiskey and everybody was happy and the crowd enjoyed themselves.

Charles J. Hughes, then a young attorney of 22 or 23, was the orator of the day. Just forty-two years afterward, on July 4, 1885, on a similar occasion at Kingston, he again delivered the oration in commemoration of the anniversary; but on the last occasion not more than a dozen of the hundreds who heard him speak in 1843 were present, although the crowd was ten times larger.

Maj. T. W. Higgins had prepared a fine flag for the first celebration and this was raised by the mayor amid the shouts and cheers of the multitude.

At night there was a great dance under the arbor. The ground had been cleared off and covered with saw dust, making a very respectable "floor", and the lads and lassies, as well as some of the older folks, enjoyed themselves immensely.

INCORPORATION

Kingston was incorporated by act of the Legislature, November 27, 1857, as a town. The following is an extract from section 1 of the act of incorporation: The inhabitants of the tract or district of the country known as the name of Kingston, in the county of Caldwell,

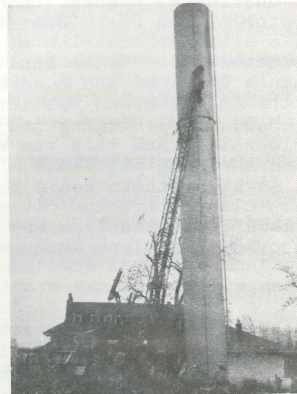
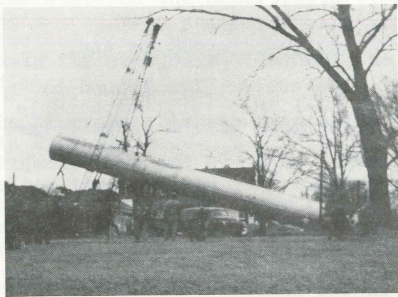
situated and lying in the following boundary, to wit: The east half of the southwest quarter of Section 22, in Township 58 of Range 28, shall be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the "Town of Kingston,".

Kingston Township was not organized until Nov. 4, 1867 so in the beginning Kingston was in Blythe Township.

An election was held in the town of Kingston Jan. 28, 1891 for the purpose of incorporating said town as a city of the 4th class. A majority of the votes cast were in favor of the ordinance to incorporate said town. The Town of Kingston shall hereafter be a City of the Fourth class under the name of "City of Kingston."

MAYORS

1891-	Wm. McAfee		
1897-	S. C. Rogers	1941	J. R. Riddle
1899-	E. M. Prickett	1942	W. O. Zook
1901-	P. W. Hampton	1943	L. H. DeWalt
1902-	M. S. Folker	1944-1945	D. P. Wolf
1903-	H.W.S. Johnston	1946	Russell Harlow
1906-	A. D. Crockett	1947-1948	Glen Sullenger
1907-1908	M. S. Folker	1949-1950	Lawrence Beal
1915-	Geo. Armstrong	1951-1956	Chester Lemery
1916-	Geo. K. Dodge	1957-1962	A. J. Cope
1927-1928	Charles Doll	1963-1970	Stephen J. Millett
1929-1934	R. V. Glenn	1971-1974	Chester Lemery
1935-1936	A. E. Malotte	1975-1984	Jim Howell
1937	J. F. Pember	1985-1990	Joe N. Kipp
1938-1940	W. O. Zook	1991-	Jim Howell



KINGSTON WATER WORKS

In August 1961, Kingston officials began talking about obtaining a water system and by August 1963, they had employed Layne Western to make test drilling. In Jan. 1964, an agreement was made with Chas. H. Otto for conveyance of land and easement across his land.

A special election was called Feb. 11, 1964 to submit to the voters the proposition to issue Waterworks Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$93,000.00 for constructing waterworks for the City of Kingston. The cost of the operation and maintenance of the waterworks and the principal and interest on the said Revenue Bonds to be payable solely from the revenue. 4/7 of the qualified voters voted in this election.

159 voted For and 1 voted Against. Bids were filed with the Mayor for the purchase of Water Rev. Bonds in the amount of \$93,000.00. The lowest bid was made by the Exchange National Bank of Atchison, Ks. at the rate of 2.75% and their bid was accepted. This was all handled through Fm.H.A. and the payments are now made to General Electric Corp.

In June 1964, ten bids were filed with the city with ten different contractors for various sections of the water works system. Bids accepted were:

David Jarrell (Distribution System)	\$38,200.45
(Treatment Plant)	21,481.00
Layne Western Co. (Pump and Two Wells)	8,300.00
American Steel Works (8' x 80' standpipe)	7,580.50
Total	\$75,561.95

In August 1964, Mary Lynn Baker was paid for a Warranty Deed to clear the title to the land for the wells and treatment plant. (Her father, Chas. H. Otto had died, May 12, 1964.)

The job was suppose to be completed by Jan. 7, 1965 but work was not completed until Apr. 16, 1965 so David Jarrell was penalized \$30.00 a day.

Harold Russell was appointed water commissioner, starting May 1, 1965 at a salary of \$100.00 a month. Jimmy Dale Russell was hired Jan. 2, 1986 to replace Harold (Sleepy) Russell who had died Dec. 31, 1985. In Aug. 1986, John Green began work as the water commissioner and continues at this date.

Improvements to the treatment plant were made in 1967 by Donovan and Jenkins Construction at a cost of \$6,790.50.

The water tower has been painted inside and out twice since being installed. Midwest Tank Corp. painted it in Mar. 1976 and Shane Rardon of Polo painted it in the winter of 1990/1991.

In August 1988, the water dispenser was shut down completely and in Jan. 1989, due to the water situation the council voted not to install any more new meters. The water dispenser was reopened in 1991, after improvements in the line had been made.

Major improvements to the water system were completed in 1991. A grant from D.N.R. for \$160,000.00 was received. The project consisted of renovation and expansion of the existing treatment plant including installation of new equipment, piping apparatus, and other facilities used for clarifying and treating potable water. The City's job and expense was to acquire the land, dig a new well and pipe it to the new system. David Hamilton was the Engineer from a firm located at Macon, Mo.

KINGSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

In June 1977, the City council of Kingston gave the building committee of the Fire Department authority to negotiate a deal for a building for a fire house. The city council used accumulated tax money to erect a pole building to house two trucks and other fire fighting equipment. The original cost of the building was around \$4,000.00. The building is heated with electric heat. It is insulated and sheetrocked, has a concrete floor, running water and a restroom. One section was converted in 1981 to a council meeting room where elections and business meetings are held.

They own a 1969 Chevrolet 2 ton truck which was purchased from Kingston Township, a 1953 Chev. tank truck and a 4 wheel drive Jeep that is on lease from the Conservation Dept., the latter can spray water while moving. This project has required a lot of free labor: 600 hours labor on the trucks, 584 hours work on the building, 200 hours to complete and equip the trucks and Jeep and about 300 hours to paint trucks and building. This labor was all donated by civic minded citizens. Actual cost of converting and furnishing the truck and Jeep was about \$2,600.00.

Joe Kipp was the first Fire Chief and served until Apr. 1981. Mark Burnett is presently serving as Fire Chief.



Marvin Bethel, Jim Howell, Joe Caselman, Ronnie Tospon, Joe Kipp, David Francis, Russell Johnson & Karle Kresse

CALDWELL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Caldwell County Historical Society came into being on March 1, 1980. Around 25 people met in the Colonial Cafe in Hamilton on a bitter cold night, to discuss the formation of a County Historical Society.

Colonel Leonard Orr agreed to chair the group, and Gina Reed agreed to serve as temporary secretary. Later, both were elected to serve in that capacity, along with Mayo Anderson as Vice-president and Lorene Carroll as treasurer. Mrs. Randall Reed served as Executive Coordinator the first year. Colonel Orr served as president for the next four years. Lorene Carroll still serves as treasurer.

Early on, the Society talked of how to gather and preserve materials and information of historical interest. One of the early projects was financed by a Missouri Humanities block grant, and consisted of a series of interviews with older citizens in the area. The interviews were taped and edited into a radio program by Dr. Carroll Fry of Northwest Missouri State University. Two local radio stations aired these programs-- KMRN, Cameron, and KCHI, Chillicothe. The original tapes are in the Caldwell County Historical County's archives. The Society soon developed a regular radio broadcast called "A Peek in the Past", which aired on KMRN Radio, Cameron, and KCHI, Chillicothe. The broadcast, coordinated by the late G. A. Ely and his wife Ruby, has been broadcast continuously on KMRN since May of 1982. Some of the best broadcasts have, also, been printed in a book called "Peek in the Past", done in 1986.

As a way to finance various projects, the Society decided to make reprints of an old Caldwell County Atlas, published originally in 1876. The reprint, in paper back form, was completed in 1982, and was so popular that a second reprint was made in 1984. During those early years, the group, also, reprinted the "Kingston's Messenger", and another atlas from 1897.

Early on, the group wanted to publish an updated history of Caldwell County history, since none had been published since 1923. It was to contain county history, church, school, railroads and various other topics, in addition to family histories submitted by individuals. With the aid of personal loans from some members and prepublication sales, the first Volume of Caldwell County History was finally completed in 1985, and distributed for sale at the annual meeting in November. Since more stories were still in hand, due to lack of space in Volume I, the group immediately started planning Volume II, and continues to work on this book.

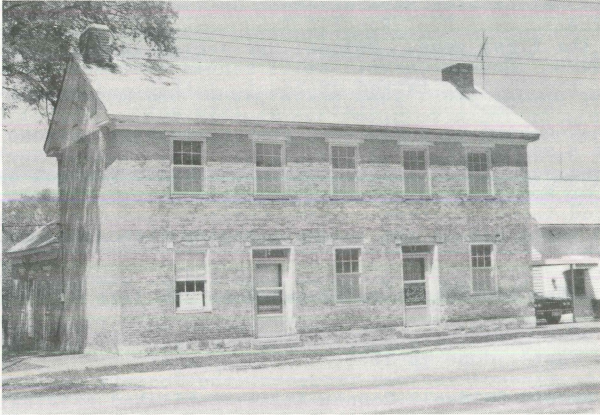
In 1986, the year of Caldwell County's sesquicentennial, the Society received title to the late Asa Houghton's building in Kingston. It was donated by his daughters, Helen Stephens and Hildred Pendleton. When the County had it's birthday festivities, the Society had an open house to show the house to the public. It is a brick antebellum house, located a block west of the County Court House.

The Society continues to seek funds to restore their building and to gather materials pertaining to Caldwell County. The group has participated in such activities as window displays for the annual North Missouri Steam and Gas Engine Show, has had booths to dispense information and sell books at that show, J. C. Penney Days, and the Braymer Arts, Crafts and History Fair. Members have been on radio broadcasts and visited other organizations to further their goals.

Meetings are held monthly on the third Sunday of the month, usually in the Historical Society building. The one exception is the annual meeting which is held at various locations around the county on the third Thursday of November and is an evening dinner meeting with special programs and elections of officers.

Officers who have served the Society as president are: Leonard Orr, David Reed, Mayo J. Anderson, Hiram Brelsford, Raymond Griffing, Juanita Darrah, John Rogers, Jr. and Mary McNarie. Treasurer: Lorene Carroll. Secretary: Gina Reed, Georgia Crowley, Becky Calder, Marilyn Williams, Mary McNarie and Juanita Darrah.

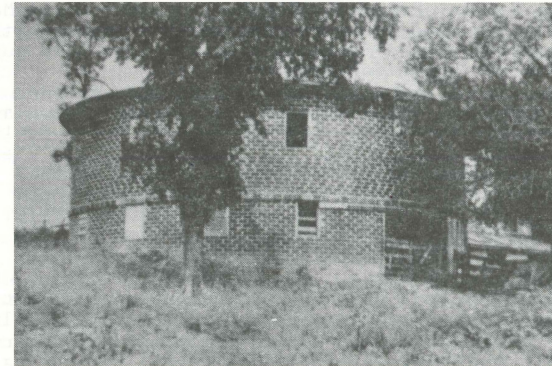
Submitted by Mary McNarie



The lots 7 & 8 in block 6, where the Historical Society is located, along with lot 12 in block 19 sold to Stephen D. Sloan in Mar. 1846 for \$36.00. The Sloans had come to Mo. from Ohio in the early 1840's. Stephen was listed in the census as a cabinet maker. In 1853 & 1854, Stephen had purchased lots 4, 5, 6 & 9 in block 6 for \$64.25. He sold all these lots to John Wright in 1865 for \$1,700.00, so we're assuming the brick building was built around 1860. It has been told to us by his daughter, Coleen Bethel, that Daniel E. Gudgell was born in the building June 20, 1864.

Two other brick building (that are pictured on the following page) were built about the same time. The home on the left is the former Boner home and is now owned by David & Terry Haas and is still being used as a home today. It is located two blocks east of the court house.

The Rob & Autie Bethel home in the southeast part of Kingston, is thought to have been built about the same time as the others, but has not been lived in since 1980. Pictured along side the house is the unique barn built by Rob Bethel in 1919 on the family farm, 1 1/2 miles northeast of Kingston where they lived for many years. This farm was sold in the 1940's to Mrms. M. L. Russell and is still owned by his wife, Mrs. Dale Alden. Rob designed the barn himself. It has a silo 35 ft. high, in the center that extends almost to the top. It was large enough to drive a team or tractor with manure spreader all the way around inside for cleaning. It is 52 ft. in diameter, 42 ft. high and 20 ft. to the eaves. The tile was laid by James Davidson of Polo, Mo. The barn was built and designed for feeding beef cows. All the cows face the center. Rob was a farmer & trucker and raised a family of seven children. He died in Mar. 1980, aged 98 years.





CALDWELL COUNTY AMBULANCE

Ambulance service, for many years, was furnished by the undertakers of the area. Then for a short time, before the Ambulance District was formed, the Caldwell County Court owned the Ambulance Service. On August 24, 1971, the Caldwell County Ambulance District was issued, making it the first ambulance district in Missouri.

The original tax levy was set at 10 cents on each \$100.00. Today the tax levy is 13 cents on each \$100.00. The first board members were: Marvin Nickell, Chairman; M. O. Ridings; Harold Jordan; Marshall McCrary; Wayne Goll; Jim Wooden and Mary Lynn Baker, Secretary.

The first crew members were: Calvin Romeiser, Supervisor; Robert O'Dell, full time driver; D. W. O'Dell, attendant; Mayo Anderson and Sheriff Maurice Robison, emergency drivers. The first ambulance was a 1963 station wagon. One van was, also, added to the service.

Presently the board members are: Marvin Nickell, Chairman; Forrest Linville; Larry Gregory; Marshall Stonum; Joe Hayes; Steven Pratt and Judy Gentry, Secretary. Dr. James Neely is Medical Director. Crew members are: Jim Gordon, Paramedic/Supervisor and Rebecca Malone, EMT.

Emergency vehicles used today are a 1992 Ford Diesel with a Margue patient compartment equipped for full time advanced life support service and two older units for back up.

(Becky Malone)

One ambulance driver, Wilma Coletta (Billie Jim) Francis, lost her life in the line of duty, south of Breckenridge, Sept. 9, 1973. She was a licensed practical nurse and was killed instantly when the van she was driving went down an embankment and rolled twice.

CALDWELL COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (S. C. S) SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

The Caldwell County Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in the summer of 1951. The entire County is included in the District. More than 400 farmers signed petitions which were presented to the State Soil and Water District Commission, requesting the formation of a District. The petitions were approved and a referendum vote was 432 for the District and 177 against. The Commission

authorized the legal formation of the District at their meeting on July 19, 1951 and on July 23, 1951 a permanent organization was perfected when the legally elected supervisors were called to a meeting by Bernard Pfost, chairman of the Formation Committee. Members of the original Board of Supervisors were: Virgil Stanley, Chairman; Carl Uhland, Leonard Orr and Martin Baugher.

The District was divided into four areas and a Supervisor was elected at the referendum from each area. Area I included Hamilton, Kidder and Mirabile Townships; Area II included Gomer, Breckenridge and New York Townships; Area III involves Kingston, Rockford and Grant Townships; and Area IV is made up of Lincoln, Davis and Fairview Townships.

The present Board of Supervisors are: Kenneth Cummings, Chairman; Ronald McElwee, Vice Chairman; Bruce Arms, Treasurer; Joe Lear, (Univ. Extension) Secretary; Scott Hill, member.

Purposes of the District are: To develop and put into action a program of information, education for present and future county land users, of problems related to soil and water resources in the county. To encourage and motivate land users to plan and apply resource management systems for wise conservation use of all soil and water resources.

(Joyce Roberts)

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION & CONSERVATION SERVICE

The ASCS, an agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, administers farm commodity, conservation, environmental protection and emergency programs. These programs provide for commodity loans and price support payments to farmers, income support direct payments, commodity purchases from farmers and processors, acreage reduction, cropland set-aside and other means of production adjustment, conservation cost-sharing, rental payments, easement purchases, food and feed emergency assistance and the (C.R.P.) Crop Reduction Program.

The ASCS relation ship with farmers goes back 50 years to 1933 when the first agricultural acts established a farm program known as Triple A; (AAA)--Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Under the unique method of local administration that Congress set up at that time, farmers who are eligible to participate in Federal programs elect a three person county committee. This grass roots method of administration continues today. In 1933, Frank M. Williams was Chairman of the Caldwell County Corn-Hog program, Virgil Stanley, Vice-Chairman and Fred M. Bowers, member. The first aerial pictures of the farms were taken about this time. The present County Executive Director is: Debbie Clevenger and members of the county committee are: Robert Halsey, Kenneth Cummings and Curt Shonk.

MISSOURI HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

The State bought land in the northwest part of Kingston, in 1951 and shortly, thereafter, built their first building. The second building made out of blocks was built in 1972. Jake Marley was the first foreman working out of Kingston. A. J. Carroll was foreman from 1971 to 1982 and Donald Utt is the present foreman. The State employs six to eight people.

FUNERAL HOMES

Bram-Clark Funeral Home is owned and operated by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Brown of Hamilton, Mo. They purchased the business in Dec. 1977 from Mr. & Mrs. Morris Bram. The Brams had purchased the business in Sept. 1969 from Cramer and Alma (Pember) Clark, who had been in business in Kingston since 1928.

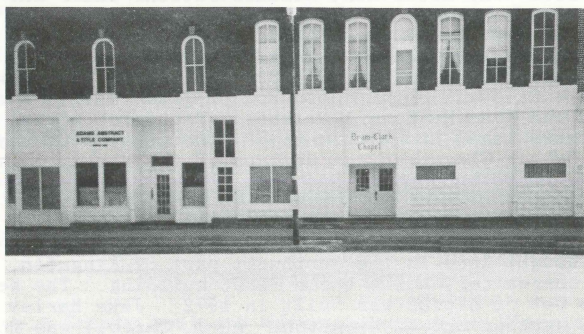
In 1928, C. A. & L. A. Reed and Mr. & Mrs. Clark opened a store in Kingston in the Rogers Building and established the undertaking business. In five years, Frank Pember purchased the interest of Reeds and the business was known as Pember & Clark until Jan. 1938 when Cramer and Alma obtained the entire interest of stock and the building. The name was then changed to Clarks Funeral Home.

Cramer Clark was born at Cowgill, May 3, 1900. He served as Caldwell County coroner, was a member of the Kingston School board for many years, President of The Kingston Bank for 10 years and was President of The Kingston Cemetery board for 35 years. He died Jan. 17, 1983.

Two earlier funeral home directors were:

Joseph Fred Heiser (1832-1902) He started with a wagon shop and later had a furniture and undertaking store. He came to Kingston soon after the Civil War and had married Sarah Ann Goodman. He became widely known for his invention of the Heiser Re-boring Machine which was used on the first cars that came out. He lost out with his invention to the man who improved on the hand power machine; coming out with an electric machine.

C. A. Morton, 1919



ADAMS ABSTRACT CO.

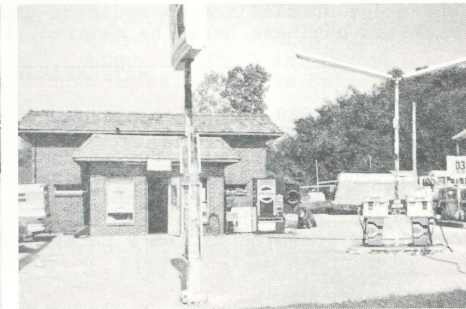
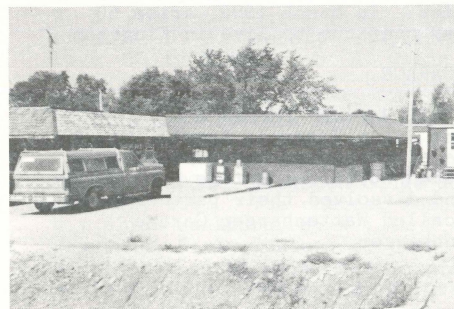
Orin J. Adams, born in 1888 practiced law in Kingston from 1912 until his retirement in 1975. He was a son of Dorman E. & Louisa Victoria Adams. Orin J. and his father both served as prosecuting attorney of Caldwell County. Orin J., also, established Adams Abstract Co. in Kingston, shortly after opening his law office. It was moved in 1936 to the Rogers building, where it continues to be run by his son, Richard, and grandson, Bill Adams. Orin J.'s death occurred October 3, 1980.

KINGSTON M.F.A. SERVICE STATION

"Rupp" built a service station on Hwy. 13, two blocks south of the blinker light. First operators were: Merle, Jane and Ronnie Bratcher; followed by John and Connie Green; Merle Bratcher again; Fred Gregory, Ryland Burnett and Karl and Mary Ann Kresse, who are the present operators. It was an Apco station for a long time but has been M.F.A. since Karle & Mary Ann Kresse bought it from Rupp in 1990.

KINGSTON COUNTRY STORE

The Country Store has been operated by Bill and Larna Edwards for 10 1/2 years. Besides being a package liquor store, it is a convenience store with groceries and is full of goods they've bought as part of their wholesale closeout operation. They're not strangers to the business, having operated a convenience store in North Kansas City for 27 years prior to moving to Kingston. After buying the place from Rupp in 1990, they have built a large room onto their store to house movies and have built up their Kingston trade on having one of the biggest selections of video tapes in the area. The building was built by Rupp Oil Co. in 1970 and the plans were for Merle and Jane Bratcher to open a Cafe and Dairy Queen in it but Jane was killed in a car accident, south of Kingston, Sept. 17, 1970 and the first operators of the convenience store were: Nick and Mary Jo Morris; followed by John and Connie Green; Dale and Nadine Carr; Gary & Evelyn Anderson; Jerry and Dottie Prothero, Leo and Charlsie Stephenson and the present owners.



PROTHERO'S HEATING & ELECTRIC

In 1968, John and Jerry Prothero bought Nelson Electric from Edith Nelson. They sold the electrical part to Larry Kratzer (who was in business in Kingston about 1 year) and kept the plumbing business. Jerry and Dottie ran the Country Store for two years and were cottage councilors for abused teen aged youths at the Stubbins Youth Center at Moberly, Mo. for five years. At the present time, Jerry and John and Jerry's son, Rick are all three working in the Prothero Heating & Electric business in Kingston.

DAVID FRANCIS

David (Inky) Francis has worked on John Deere equipment almost all of his life. He first worked at Cawthon's Garage from 1949 to 1956 and then was in the service for two years. After returning home from the service, he worked at Cameron Equipment Co. from 1958 to 1967 and at that time transferred to Ray Co. Implement at Richmond. When that dealership was about to close in 1986, he opened a shop at his home where he does repairs and overhauls. He was married to Kay Lewellen and they have one son, Mike, who helps his Dad and has established a business called Francis Equipment Co., selling parts and oil.

ALBERT KRESSE BODY SHOP

Albert purchased this building from Virginia Fry in 1990 and opened up a body shop. This spot was, also, occupied by: A. L. Houghton, The Feltis Garage, Cawthon's Garage, Sweatman's Garage, Ralph McNary & John Burdick and Jim's Tire Service, owned by Jim & Virginia Fry from 1969-1990.

JOE KIPP'S GARAGE

Joe & Louise Kipp moved from Cameron to Kingston in Feb. 1943 and opened up a repair shop. He was associated with Henry Otto, International dealer and Sullengers, Marion Houghton and Bill Chadwick, Case dealers.

They bought the building west of the Court House on Hwy. 13 in 1972 where Joe specialized in radiator repairs. In March 1992, after 50 years in business here, he retired. They continue to live in Kingston.

WATTENBARGER GARAGE

In Oct. 1980, Tom Wattenbarger and Bill Hayward formed a partnership and purchased some land from Jim & Virginia Howell, where they had a garage built for the purpose of repairing and servicing cars, trucks and equipment. It was called Haybarger Garage.

On June 11, 1984, they had a sale and dissolved their partnership. Since that date the business has been called Wattenbarger Garage, owned and operated by Tom & Becky Wattenbarger.

G A R BEN LOAN POST No 33.
G. A. R., meets in the Odd Fellows' building, in Kingston, every First and Third Monday, 7 P. M., of each month. Visiting comrades are invited to attend. JAMES P. POWELL, Com. J. P. PLATT, Adl.

I O O F KINGSTON LODGE.
No. 154, I. O. O. F., meets every Friday night in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' Hall, in Kingston, Mo. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend. SAMUEL B. SCOTT, Noble Grand. T. G. CURTIS, Permanent Sec'y. L. M. SPIVEY, Recording Sec'y.

K of P KINGSTON LODGE, No.
225, holds their regular conventions every Wednesday evening, in the Odd Fellows' building. Visiting Knights invited to meet with the lodge when in the city. L. M. SPIVEY, C. C. HAL BRIDGEWATER, K. of R. & S.

W R C BEN LOAN RELIEF
CORPS, meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, in the Odd Fellows' Hall, at 2 o'clock P. M. Visiting sisters are invited to attend the meetings. Mrs. LOU MAGUIRE, President. Miss BERTHA THEILMAN, Secretary.

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ODD FELLOWS LODGE-- The Kingston Lodge No.154 I.O.O.F. charter was issued May 16, 1866. Among charter members were: N. M. Smith, J. P. McKinnie, Joseph Williams and A. C. Davis. The hall was brick and was erected in 1875 at a cost of \$2,000.00.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC-- Ben Loan Post No.33 G.A.R. This Post was named for Gen. Benjamin Loan. He was born in Ky., came to Mo. while a young man and settled in St. Joe and there commenced the practice of law. Their charter was issued Sept. 26, 1882. The first officers and members were: John A. Cross, post commander; John Calvin, senior Vice; E. D. Johnson, junior vice; J. F. Heiser, quartermaster; Eli Gapen, surgeon; J. G. Everett, chaplain; P. D. Kenyon, W. L. Smith, C. W. M. Love, B. F. Klepper, D. A. Glenn, J. C. Adams, W. O. Doak, Leroy Ellis, Howard Lester, A. B. Mills, Joseph Myers, Jonathan Palmer and R. D. Sackman.

This organization was forced, in 1923, to return its charter as all but two or three of its members had passed away.

MASONIC LODGE-- Kingston Lodge No.115 A. F. & A. M. was chartered Oct. 19, 1867. The charter members and officers were: N. M. Smith, W. M.; Elias Lankford, S. W.; T. R. Esteb, T. D. Clarkson, I. Merchant, Lem Dunn, E. T. Duncan; J. D. S. Cook, A. B. Miller, J. S. Orr, Geo. H. Windsor, John Hale, Asa Goodrich, J. H. Filson, A. W. Rice, W. A. Northup, J. S. Cook and A. S. Gray.

EASTERN STAR-- They had an active membership in later years and, also, the Daughters of the Rebecca Lodge were active in Kingston.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GROUP-- A. A. started in Kingston in 1974. Meetings were held in the basement of the Farm Bureau building, once a week. In Dec. 1980, they moved to their present location; the first house north of the S.C.S. building. The meetings are held on Tuesday and Saturday night from 8:30 to 9:30. At the same time of day, they have Al-Anon Family Group meetings. The Al-Anon Family Group is for relatives and friends of alcoholics, whether or not the alcoholic is still drinking or not.

CALDWELL COUNTY V. F. W.

The Caldwell County Veterans Foreign Wars-- Post No. 4179 meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Lions Building in Kingston. They sponsor a horse show every year, sell buddy poppies and have a hog roast along with their membership drive. They have approximately 61 members. Present officers are: Jim Carter, Commander; Clifford Mayes, Quarter Master and Dot Engle, Adjutant.

KINGSTON OPERA HOUSE ASSOCIATION

On November 10, 1893, an agreement was made between A. W. Bishop, Albert Howard and Mary C. Spivey of Caldwell County, Mo. of the one part and W. S. Deam, President and John W. Johnston, Secretary of the Kingston Opera House Association of the other part. The first parties granted the association the right to build and own the second story over their respective brick buildings situated on Lot Two and the East Half of Lot Three in Block Four in said City, for Opera House purposes. It is, also, agreed that should said Association at any time conclude to abandon or sell said second story, the same in that event to revert back to the owners of the respective lots on which said building stands. The owners of said lots to pay to said Association a reasonable price for said second story and all improvements made thereon.

Sid Kingdon had a circuit of shows through this area and performed regularly at the Kingston Opera House. Many activities were held there; like, Kingston School graduation, county wide eight grade graduation, picture shows, dances and local talent shows.

In 1940, The Kingston High School band held Band Concerts every Saturday night on the court house lawn directed by Professor Heilig and sponsored by the Kingston merchants. By 1945, free picture shows were being shown once a week on the lawn of the court house, also, sponsored by the Kingston merchants.

Stephen K. Charpie' of Anaheim, Ca. in researching bands of Caldwell County has found that in the early 1870's a band was organized at Kingston. The original band consisted of Lemm Dunn, Temp Merchant, Lew Wolf, Lewis Young, Wm. Smith, Dave Huffer and a Mr. Coen.

And a Colored Band flourished in the late 1880's in Kingston. This band played at the 1888 G.A.R. encampment at Kingston and appeared at various summer events in and around Kingston. The leader, Abe Freel, was active with the Richmond, Mo. colored band and later became a member of the Ringling Bros. Circus Colored Band.

In 1891, the Kingston Mandolin Club led by Prof. H. B. Anderson furnished music for balls, suppers and gatherings, also, there was Miller's Drum Corp and an excellent choir.

The Caldwell County Health Unit set up as a demonstration unit on March 1, 1976, in the Asa Houghton building in Kingston. (The building now belongs to the County Historical Society.) There were three employees: Mrs. Brenda Tracy, R.N., Director; Mrs. Della Thompson, L.P.N. and Mrs. Clara O'Dell, secretary.

The county court was responsible for the administration of the unit until it could be voted upon by the citizens of the county. The unit provided home care visits under the direction of the physician, screenings in schools for vision and hearing, and helping the district staff with immunizations in the schools.

Petitions were signed by 1,008 signatures stating that they wanted an election to take place and that the tax levy would be ten cents on \$100 valuation. This election was held Mar. 29, 1977. The voters gave 85% approval to the levy to support the unit with 1784 yes votes and 323 no votes. Members of the board of trustees have been: Ethel Bretz, Donald Arms, Marge Amery, Fred Newman, Leila Prewitt, Mildred McCan, Dixon Leamer, Richard Evans, Gerald Thompson, Eldon Cowles, Zella Kelley, Kenneth Cummings, Josephine Herring, Jandy Moore, Sylvia Anderson and Ernest Vautard.

In July 1978, the county health board purchased the Maurice Robison building known as the Kingston Cafe and began remodeling. This is the present site of the unit. Present staff includes: Linda McElwee, R.N., Administrator and public health nurse, Judith Housh, R.N., public health nurse, Janet Hill, L.P.N., public health nurse, Shelley Reed, R.N. (part time) public health nurse and Kathy Galloway, secretary.

Programs of the health unit include: blood pressure clinics, diabetes screenings, school health that includes vision, hearing, scoliosis screenings, immunization clinics that include DPT, MMR, OPV, HIB, pediatric DT, influenza and hepatitis B for babies.

(Linda McElwee)



Senior Housing



Government Offices

KINGSTON POSTOFFICE

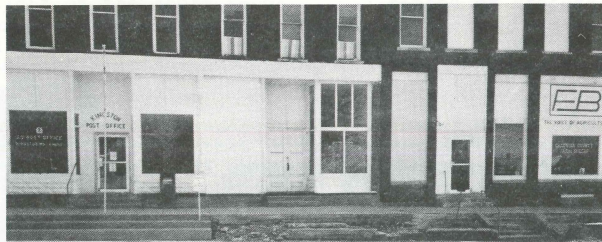
Far West had a Post Office from 1837 to 1847. The Kingston Post Office began operating in 1843. This Post Office is still in operation so it can boast that it has served longer than any other Caldwell County Post Office.

Listed below are the postmasters that have served at Kingston and the date of their service.

James H. Bryan	12-6-1843	Ellanor J. Young	10-8-1879
William B. Johnson	12-2-1846	Anson B. Mills	7-1-1881
William S. Pollard	6-7-1847	John H. Botthoff	8-19-1885
Joseph C. Hoard	9-5-1849	John A. Canon	9-14-1889
Francis H. Green	6-2-1853	Levi M. Spivey	12-3-1889
Wilbur F. Boggs	9-4-1855	John M. Esteb	9-7-1893
Francis H. Green	3-1-1860	Levi M. Spivey	8-27-1897
Jonathan H. Hunt	7-29-1861	Perry W. Hampton	1-24-1902
John Deat	9-24-1861	Daniel E. Gudgell	6-8-1914
Augustus Mack	8-28-1862	Hugh L. Virtue	9-1-1923
Jeremiah Williams	7-28-1863	Mansfield W. Duston	6-30-1932
John C. Lillard	8-3-1863	Mrs. Ruby M. Farr	6-2-1936
Augustus Mack	7-1-1864	Mrs. Eudora Jones(act)	6-5-1964
Lewis C. Woodward	1-18-1865	Dale M. Baker	10-22-1965
Thos. E. Thompson	9-13-1866	Mrs. Lottie Isenhart	3-6-1971
Thos. J. Reid	11-6-1866	Alfred F. McGahen	(officer in charge) 4-9-1977
Joshua Boucher	3-23-1869	Alfred F. McGahen	1-28-1978
Alvin G. Cook	4-3-1871	Dan Barnard	5-24-1985
Mrs. Ellenor Cook	10-8-1873		

Hampton's Kingston Mercury, Oct. 16, 1903

The Kingston Post office has been notified that the post office at Bonanza will be discontinued on Oct. 31st and after that date the patrons of that office will be served by rural carriers from the Kingston office.



CALDWELL COUNTY FARM BUREAU

In 1917, Farm Bureau was organized in the county primarily to promote the extension services, and insurance programs and was supported solely by its dues. Caldwell County Farm Bureau was incorporated in 1944.

In 1950, the Farm Bureau Board purchased a two-story building in Kingston, which is still there home. This included two assembly halls, a soil testing laboratory, offices for the general farm bureau agent and secretary and office space for three federal agencies.

Farm Bureau has gone to bat many times for the farmers by promoting legislation helpful to them and fighting against harmful bills at both state and national levels.

The present officers are: Dixon Leamer, Pres.; Donnie Cox, Vice-Pres.; Frieda Anderson, Sec'y & Treas.; Jule Terrell, Agent and Mary Ann Schmidt, Office Sec'y.

EXTENSION SERVICE

In the year 1918, just four years after the passage of the Smith-Lever Act by Congress in 1914, which established the Extension Service, the Caldwell County Extension Office was opened.

The office is a branch of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture and, also, a part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The purpose of the Extension Service is to teach rural people how to use their own resources and the resources of organization and institutions, public and private, to solve rural problems.

County extension agents of Caldwell County were:

P. F. Schowengerdt	1918-1918	Leonard Voss	1938-1942
C. R. Howell	1919-1921	Rolla A. Baugher	1943-1951
L. F. Wainscott	1923-1925	Ryland A. Miller	1952-1974
J. D. Moin, Jr.	1929-1930	C. R. Motsinger	1979-1992
Thomas Berry	1931-1932	(Area Agronomy Specialist)	
J. R. Pauling	1933-1936	Joe Lear	1992-
		(Ag. Engineering Specialist)	

County home demonstration agents date back to 1936 and are:

Winefred Yancey	1936-1938	Mary McLean	1954-1955
Cleta Null	1939-1940	Betty Easter	1964-1966
Mary Barnes	1941-1941	Lois Pace	1966-1967
Mabel McMahan	1942-1943	Mary Alspaugh	1962-1968
M. Jeanette Palmer	1944-1947	Linda Wirz	1968-1969
Mary Farris	1948-1951	Jean Gaugher	1977-1978
Dorothy Gibbs	1952-1953	Phyllis Pierson	1989-
		(Youth Education Assistant)	

4-H WORK

Shortly after the organization of the Extension Service in 1914, 4-H clubs became a part of this work. The clubs were made up of children 9 to 21 years of age who form together, elect their own officers and carry out their program. Every 4-H club member enrolls for a project. Each project group has a voluntary local leader to lead the project group. Clubs meet generally on a monthly basis.

Caldwell County presently has seven 4-H Clubs: New York Eagles, Strivers from Mirabile, Hamilton Whizzers, Hamilton Go-Getters, Pleasant Hill Hustlers from Braymer and two handicap clubs in Cameron. They are in the process of starting clubs in Breckenridge and Kidder. At this time there are about 275 4-H members in Caldwell County.

KINGSTON SENIOR HOUSING, INC.

In 1979, a survey was made in Kingston of the senior citizens and it was learned there was quite a lot of interest in erecting a housing unit. A steering committee was named and a pre-application filed with Em. H. A. People serving on the steering committee were: Mary Cox, Lorene Carroll, Elsie Vance, Virginia Howell and Ernest Bond.

The steering committee solicited local citizens and raised \$6,000.00. Two percent of the total cost of the project had to be subscribed locally to be used as operating money until the project was completed and rents started coming in. The land was purchased from Jim and Virginia Howell.

A \$313,000.00 loan from Farmers Home Administration was received in 1981 to finance construction of a 16 unit senior citizens housing project for low and moderate income senior citizens. The loan to be repaid to the government over a 50 years period. They were given two years to fill the apartments; then pay \$425.00 per month on the principal and \$261.00 interest per month.

The contractor for the project was Bill White of Maysville, while the architect was Sammons & Buller, with that firm's local representative being Bob Feigly of Hamilton.

The name chosen was "Bluebird Haven". People started moving in Feb. 1, 1982.

The first board of directors consisted of: Elsie Vance, Pres.; Chester Lemery, Vic-Pres.; Marilyn Williams, Sec'y.; Lorene Carroll, Treas. and C. D. Palmer.

Perry and Elsie Vance served as caretaker and manager until they retired Mar. 1, 1992. J. R. and Cheryl Robinson are presently serving in that capacity.

Present board members are: Maurice Houghton, Pres.; C. D. Palmer, Vice-Pres.; Marilyn Williams, Sec'y.; Lorene Carroll, Treas.; Eva Lee Adkison, Elsie Vance and Lou Gene Millett.

KINGSTON SENIOR CENTER

In 1977, under the Title IX program, the Caldwell County Council on Aging received a small federal grant from Green Hills Area Agency to employ a senior citizen as an activity director for the county. She was paid minimum wage for 20 hours a week with mileage payment for about 1/2 the miles she traveled and only a few dollars for supplies. Iris Burnett was the director. She worked in Kingston and Braymer at least once a month. Each center did whatever the local people seemed interested in. Carry in dinners were quite popular. Since there was no restaurant in Kingston, at this time, people showed an interest in not only, fellowship for senior citizens but, also, in providing a meal once each week to be served on a donation basis. This would provide some finances for the center. The building space up town was provided through the courtesy of James S. Millett and the water supply through the courtesy of the City of Kingston.

After the Kingston Senior Housing was built, the Kingston Senior Center continued fixing meals once a week there. Many contribute food. All meat and other food, as needed, are purchased from donations. No federal money and no commodities are received for these dinners. Kingston Senior Citizens decided to pay Iris Burnett to prepare meat and potatoes each week and to pay a senior citizen to wash dishes -- all from contributions received for the dinners.

DOCTORS

DR. SAMUEL T. BASSETT--Dr. Bassett practiced all over the county, from the 1840's to the 1860's. He was born in Mason Co., Ky., May 31, 1827 and died in Richmond, Mo., Sept. 14, 1898, after a lingering illness. He came to Mo. as a young man and settled at Kingston where he engaged in the practice of medicine. In 1855, he married Caroline D. Ardinger, a daughter of John Ardinger, one of the leading business men of Kingston. They moved to Richmond in the latter part of the 1860's.

DR. THOMAS WILSON JOHNSON--Dr. Johnson was born near Spruce Creek, Pa., Feb. 6, 1833. He and his wife, Harriet, came to Kingston in 1865 and lived here continuously until his death, Nov. 4, 1917. He practiced medicine for many years in and around Kingston and was considered an excellent physician.

DR. DANIEL NEFF--Dr. Neff was a physician and manufacturer of Neff's Family Medicine. He died very suddenly at his office. He was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Jul. 14, 1826. He came to Kingston in 1868, having practiced in Litchfield, Il. from 1859 to 1868.

DR. JOSEPH R. JONES--Dr. Jones died Jul. 27, 1902, having been born in Wayne Co., Ohio, Mar. 7, 1828. After graduating from medical school, he commenced his professional career in his native town of Wooster but afterward traveled extensively in this western country until attracted to Caldwell County. In 1858, he located at Mirabile and in 1870 purchased and moved to a farm of 840 A. near Kingston, where he resided until the death of his wife, Katheryn Davis Jones in 1899. His remaining years were spent with a son, Dr. C. K. Jones of Kingston.

DR. CHARLES KEMPTON JONES--Dr. C. K. Jones was one of four children born to Dr. Joseph R. & Katheryn Jones. He followed in his father's footsteps and graduated with a medical degree in 1885 from Washington University in St. Louis, and took up his father's practice in Kingston. He was of a temperament that made it difficult to lose patients, so he retired after about 20 years and went to a farm two miles southwest of Kingston that he had acquired. He raised ten children (3 boys and 7 girls). The girls went to college and most became teachers. As of this writing, 3 remain alive today; Grace Hawks, Lee and Sam Jones. He kept about 8 fox hounds and enjoyed hunting with his neighbors. He and a brother, and a neighbor Albert Houghton, brought the first registered American Saddlebred Horses into Caldwell County, about the turn of the century. One of these horses, a Stallion (Rex Chief, A pedigree No. 2473) was one of the foundation stock of a lot of show horses today. He, also, along with two other men, Waldo Chatman of Braymer and a Mr. Gibson of Hamilton were the first to have Pure Bred Hereford cattle in Caldwell County. He showed about 12 or 15 head at the Hamilton Fair in 1922. They were lead to Hamilton from two miles southwest of Kingston. He died in 1924 and the cattle herd was sold at his sale. Frank Williams of Mirabile and John Sloan of near Cameron were two local buyers to get their start of pure bred Hereford cattle at this sale. (Sam Jones)

DR. NATHAN M. SMITH (Smythe)--Dr. Smith was born Apr. 17, 1825, the fifth child of a family of nine children, to Samuel B. and Martha Siegfried Smythe near Wheeling, Va. The later moved to Belmont Co., Ohio, where he was brought up and educated. In 1849, the Dr. was married to Mary French and in 1852 they came to Mo. At the siege of Lexington in Sept. 1861, he was a conscript surgeon. About May 1,

1863, he was appointed post surgeon for the posts at Kingston and Hamilton, where he officiated until May 1, 1864 when he was commissioned surgeon of the 33rd E.M.M., serving as field surgeon until Aug. 1865. He was the first W.M. of the Kingston Lodge No. 118 of the Masonic order and the first N.G. of the Kingston Lodge No. 54 of the Odd Fellows. Besides attending to his extensive practice, he conducted a first-class drug store. In 1881, Dr. Smith and W. B. Rutherford (owner of the farm) formed a partnership to start a new town and exploit the value of spring water. They sent samples of the water to chemists and it was found to have all the requisite constituents for a bona fide mineral water. The project looked like a sure hit. Smith chose the name "Bonanza" for the village, because the word meant a "lucky strike". The place was incorporated and a mayor elected. By the fall of 1882, Smith and Rutherford fell out and the project began to decline. Smith died in 1893.

DR. JAMES EDWARD GARTSIDE--Dr. Gartside was born in O'Fallon, St. Clair Co., Ill., Jun. 22, 1860 and died Mar. 2, 1929. He received his degree as Dr. of medicine from a medical college in Indianapolis, Ind. He resided in Hamilton for a time and located in Kingston in 1883, where he married Ella Frances Cadman. He was County Recorder for two terms, examining physician for the local board during World War I and was county health officer for many years.

DR. WM. SHELBY SHOUSE--Dr. Shouse was born Aug. 12, 1867 at Nelson, Mo. He received his medical degree from the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1898 and came directly to Kingston. He was a young man, single, full of enthusiasm and determined to make the county seat of Caldwell County his future home. He opened an office and for a long time depended upon the hiring of livery teams for his transportation. Later, he bought a bald-faced horse and buggy. He practiced medicine here for forty years. In Aug. 1942, Dr. Shouse left Kingston for Wyatt, Mo. where he was a pharmacist in the Shank Drug Store. His death occurred Aug. 23, 1949. He was married in 1902 to Alice Duston, daughter of John Henry and Mary Ann Duston.

DR. JOHN JOHN--Dr. John was born near Dayton, Preble County, Ohio. He was a graduate of a medical college at Cincinnati, Ohio and began the practice of medicine near Dayton, Ohio, where he remained for some years and then removed to Carroll County, Ind. He was quite active in recruiting men for the Ninth, Twentieth, Twenty-first and Forty-sixth Regiments V. I. In 1863, he returned to Ohio where he remained until 1867 and in the fall of that year removed to Caldwell County, Mo. locating at Kingston, where he again engaged in practice. He married Sarah VanWinkle in Ohio. She died in Kingston in 1893. They reared a family of four children. While in Kingston Dr. John was, also, the owner of a brick kiln.

DR. A. G. JONES-- Albert "Cap" Gallatin Jones was born in Clark Co., Ky. Apr. 28, 1833 and came with his parents to Caldwell County, Mo. about 1839. He studied medicine at Milton, Ill. and married Susan C. Hughes in Pike Co., Ill. in 1868. They had three children that lived to maturity. After Susan died, he married Maud Spainhower of this area. He died Aug. 10, 1914.

JOSEPH FRAZIER, D.D.S. -- He lived at Polo and came to Kingston two days a week in 1893. EDWARD STEPHENS, D.D.S. -- 1870 SAMUEL WELCH, D.D.S. -- 1870 DR. FOSTER E. ACKLEY DR. VERN W. SNIDER -- Osteopathy Physician and Surgeon 1942 DR. R. F. FREUND, -- Osteopathy Physician and Surgeon 1941

HOTELS

WALTER DOAK, a shoe maker and an early settler of Kingston turned his home into a hotel to keep new comers. He sold to a man named Baxter, who continued as a hotel keeper and a store. They were located where the ambulance office is located today.

HOTEL DeMILLER-- Elijah Miller came to Kingston in 1884 and began operating a hotel. In a county seat like Kingston, many people came to attend court and good hotels were needed. C. B. Miller, son of Elijah Miller, was born in Iowa and in 1892 took charge of the hotel in Kingston that bears his name. With well furnished bedrooms, sample rooms for commercial men and a table set with all the delicacies of the season, patrons in addition receive courteous service from the four assistants employed. An important feature in connection with the hotel is it's livery that has ten first class teams that can be had with competent drivers if required. This livery was located opposite the hotel and had room for twenty-five horses.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL-- first owned by Wm. H. Cadman - Other operators of the Hotel were Cecil Mack and her mother and Josephine Hill; and was still being operated by Bert & Edith Bishop in the mid 1930's.

ROGERS HOTEL-- owned by S. C. Rogers

THE KINGSTON HOUSE-- First owned by Hugh Chain and then sold to E. M. Prickett. Hugh Chain with his wife and family came from Oh. to Kingston in 1859, where they resided until the year 1881 with the exception of two years spent in DeWitt, Mo. In 1881, they moved to Hamilton. Edwin M. Prickett (1836-1920) and wife moved from Marion Co., W. Va. to Kingston in 1868 and lived around Kingston the rest of their lives.

SACKMAN HOUSE-- Isaac Sackman ran a hotel in Kingston from 1887-1897. His wife was the former Sarah Francis Dudley. Isaac was born in Richland Co., Oh. but had farmed in the Mirabile area before acquiring the hotel. He died Dec. 14, 1897.

WILLIAM GOODMAN-- He ran a hotel in Kingston in the 1860's.



JAMES MILLETT LAW OFFICE

Jim & Susie Millett have a law office in the old hotel building. For many years, the Caldwell County Abstract Company was located here. Jim's father, Stephen J. Millett bought an abstract company from Don Love in 1943 and continued to operate it until it was sold in 1986. In between the hotel and the abstract company, the building was used for a time for a tea room.

CALDWELL COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

This Company was organized on Thursday, November 15, 1894. Bylaws and articles filed January 5, 1895. The Charter allows Insurance to be written within the boundaries of Caldwell County, Mo. The initial name of the company was The Caldwell County Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Caldwell Co., Mo. First officers were:

James C. Penney, President Theodore P. Allen, Vice-President
James F. McNew, Secretary William S. Coffman, Treasurer
M. C. Martin, Adjuster Directors were: Ernest Shuman, Joseph L. King, Carl J. Winger, Jacob E. Kelley, Stephen Peabody, Andrew J. Smoot, James C. Penney, Theodore P. Allen and James F. McNew.

The purpose of the Company shall be to safeguard it's members, so far as possible, against loss as permitted by the Farm Mutual Law under which it operates, and to distribute on the Mutual Ins. Plan such loss as may occur in spite of reasonable precautions. Feb. 20, 1974 the name of the company was changed to Caldwell County Mutual Insurance Company of Kingston, Missouri.

They moved into their new building in 1967; earlier meetings were held in the home of the secretary.

Present director agents are: Fred Bowers & Dean Henry, Cowgill; A. J. Cox, Polo; Loren Foxworthy, Cameron; Larry Henry, Kingston; Stephen Pratt, Breckenridge; Virgil Weis, Braymer; Neil Robinson, Hamilton; Kevin Stonum, Lathrop and Nancy Millikan, Office Manager.



LIONS CLUB

The Kingston Lions Club was chartered on Feb. 4, 1974 with 42 charter members; of these only three charter members are left. They are, Lions Larry Henry, Bill Murray and Bob O'Dell. The Lions not only support projects on the International, State and District level, but do a lot of things locally, such as buying eyeglasses for people who need help, sponsored the Little League baseball teams for many years, and for the last seventeen years have passed out fruit baskets to the elderly, shut ins and retired people of the community, just to name a few.

The first officers were: H. Gene Eklund, President; Kelly Davis, Sec'y. and Bob O'Dell, Treas. The present officers are: James Inskeep, President; Bob O'Dell, Sec'y. & Treas.; Albert Kresse, 1st Vice-Pres.; Jimmy Dale Russell, 2nd Vice Pres. and Randy Russell, 3rd Vice-Pres. (Bob O'Dell)

On June 21, 1976, the Caldwell County Fair Board was organized and with the Lions have built the buildings that are in the City Park at the south edge of town. The first building being built in 1976 and the next in 1977. This was done with matching fund grants from the State of Mo. Fair Board.

The first officers of the County Fair Board were: Robert Smith, Pres.; Larry Henry, Vice-Pres. and Paul Bogard, Sec'y. & Treas. Board members were: Jim Brinkley, Joe Robison and Riley Howell. Present officers are: Mike Pollard, Pres.; Mike Cline, Vice-Pres.; C. R. (Bud) Motsinger, Treas. and Mickey Cummings, Secretary. The Fair Board still sponsors the Caldwell County Fair each year in July.

PLANNED PROGRESS

After the city leased the Coon Hunt grounds for a ball park in 1960, a Planned Progress Council was formed, headed by Mayo Anderson. Their first project was to make needed improvements to the ball park. It was financed through contributions and a lot of hard work by several civic minded citizens. Lights were installed by a work crew from Mo. Power & Light and in July 1960, a dedication service was held at the new ball park when 350 people attended to see the new improvements; the lighted field and the bleacher seats.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Christian Church in Kingston was organized Dec. 24, 1865 with the following members: Dwight Dodge, Lemuel Dunn, J. D. Cox, J. P. McKinnie, Emma A. Dunn, Lydia W. Dodge and Harriet C. Northrup. They met at the courthouse and in homes until purchasing their present building from the Southern Methodist. The first pastor was: Joseph T. Rice and the present pastor is Kenneth McBee. It is thought that the Church was built about 1858, so would probably be the oldest building in Kingston.

FEDERATED CHURCH

The M. E. Church was erected in Kingston in 1883 at a cost of \$1,700.00. It was located on the same spot where the Federated Church is today. On Apr. 8, 1894, lightning struck the spire and a small blaze was soon discovered coming from the cupola. A large crowd soon arrived but they did not have ladders tall enough to reach the blaze. Their attention was directed to removing the contents. However, some of the furniture was slightly damaged in the hurry of removing it from the building. By diligent work and the application of water on the parsonage on the south, the old cheese factory built across the street on the west and J. L. Platt's residence across the street on the north, these buildings were prevented from catching fire.

An insurance policy was taken out on the building in the Burlington Insurance Co. for a term of three years but the company had failed a few days before the fire, so there was no insurance money and there was an indebtedness on the Church and Parsonage of \$400.00.

Willing workers raised subscriptions sufficient enough to start a new Church building. The cost of the new building was \$1,375.00. This amount was raised, and in addition, the \$400.00 of indebtedness was paid off. The new Church occupied the same location as the old building and is similar in construction except that the new Church was 5 ft. longer. The services were held in the Opera House until the new Church was completed in the fall of 1894. The dedication of the new Church was held, Oct. 7, 1894.

In the early 1920's several members of the Christian Church and some who had been Baptist joined together with the M. E. Church and the Presbyterian Church to make the Federated Church.

The south room was added to the Church 1905/1907. The kitchen was added in 1946 and a basement was added in the early 1950's.

The present pastor is Brian Prewitt.



CHRISTIAN CHURCH



FEDERATED CHURCH

HISTORY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KINGSTON, MISSOURI

Conviction and concern of local christians and mission minded christians of Hamilton, Mo. led to the establishment of a mission in Kingston, Mo. which later became known as the First Baptist Church of Kingston.

It was in Feb. of 1950 that Rev. E. V. Thurman, pastor of the First Church of Hamilton, began praying for a mission establishment in Kingston. After many prayer meetings in tents and various homes, it was decided to buy two lots on which the present church is located.

On June 16, 1952, a tent revival meeting was sponsored by the Hamilton Church at Kingston with Rev. M. M. Barnett, State Secretary of Evangelism of Missouri, proclaiming the word. Twenty-five persons committed themselves during that revival to unite in effort to build a Southern Baptist Missionary Church at Kingston. At the close of the revival, the men met and began digging the basement for the Church. In three months the men of the community led by the Hamilton pastor had erected a Church building and had had their first services in it.

Soon after, they became a self-supporting Church. At the first business meeting enough money was given to pay off the lumber bill. The congregation called Bro. B. A. Sizemore to be their first pastor. The charter members of the Church were as follows:

Rev. B. A. Sizemore
Robert Hill
Marie Hill
Russell Hill
Edna Hill
Cindy Hill
Charles Kennedy
Helen Kennedy
Shirley Kennedy
Ronald Kennedy
Jesse Edwards
Christine Edwards
Yvonne Edwards
Larry Edwards
Arby Edwards

Cullen Burnett
Leona Burnett
Bill Crist
Phyllis Crist
Audrey Miller
Forrest Hill
Ruth Hill
Linden Gay
Bonnie Gay
James Hill
Helen Hill
Lorene Carroll
Eugene Leabo
Mrs. Eugene Leabo
Ethel Hill
(Submitted by Mary Ann Kresse)



HISTORY OF THE EARLY KINGSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(The following "Early Recollection" of the Kingston Public Schools is found in a speech given by L. M. Spivey at the first annual reunion and banquet of the Kingston High School alumni held at the Rogers Hotel on Tuesday Apr. 30, 1898. Mr. Spivey was at the time editor and publisher of the Kingston Times and also Kingston Postmaster. Later he published both daily and weekly newspapers at Anadarko, Oklahoma.)

"It affords me much pleasure to meet with the alumni of the Kingston High School this evening and be considered one of its numbers. This certainly is an occasion for rejoicing as we look into the faces of those assembled and think how kind our Heavenly Father has been to us all in permitting us to live to see this hour; and to so freely partake of his bounties around this festal board as we have done this evening.

As I look into your faces, memories are swiftly passing through my mind of days, weeks and years spent with some of you, in years gone by, amid the walls of our now historic school building. It's pleasant to revolve in one's mind the time spent in the schoolroom, as well as upon the playground, with those who are present, as well as those who are not permitted to be with us this evening.

In addressing you, fellow school mates, what shall I say? You who have studied rhetoric and composition -- and of course you all have -- know the most difficult task in preparing a composition is to select the subject. When I was notified that I would be expected to say something at this first annual banquet, I was perplexed to decide upon what theme I should talk. What could I say that would be of any interest to the graduates of the Kingston High School?

Being, perhaps, the oldest scholar present of the Kingston Public Schools I have decided to present to you a few of my 'early recollections' of public schools in this place, leaving to my younger friends the privilege and pleasure of recording the history of later years.

My earliest remembrance of school days in Kingston was in 1858. During the winter of that year a few children were taught in the building just north of the public square, now used as a residence by Mrs. Mattie Thomas and sister. I attended school here only a few days and have but a faint idea of what transpired.

What was, at that time, called the new school house, was built in the northwest part of town in the summer of 1859; now occupied as a residence by Prof. Rogers. In the fall of that year, the first school in a public school building proper, commenced in Kingston; although a few terms of school had been previously taught, in a primitive way, in a small log house located among the brush and trees, in the southwest part of town, near where E. M. Prickett now resides.

School days of 1860-1861 were of the most exciting kind. Ones which made a vivid and lasting impression upon the speaker. Lincoln had been chosen president and the talk of war was upon every lip. Scholars of the school were arrayed against each other upon the question of freedom or slavery. The greater part of the scholars at that time, however, were scholars of parents who sympathized with the South, and approved slavery. The teacher, a brother-in-law of the speaker, John G. Quinn, was a strong advocate of the Union. There were several large boys attending and threatened to break up the school. As time passed the excitement became more intense and the threats increased. One day two of the largest boys had some trouble

which compelled the teacher to punish them. Instead of licking them himself -- for that was the only mode of punishment in those days -- he placed a good hickory switch in the hands of each, and made them punish themselves, and it was royal punishment, too! I can remember the scene as well as if it had happened but yesterday. How they did use the rods on each other! When the teacher decided that the punishment was sufficient they were ordered to take their seats. Those boys never returned to that school. The next day they ran away from home, went to Leavenworth, joined a freighting expedition and "crossed the plains".

It was the custom in those days to offer prizes in spelling classes. I remember the spirited contest which took place at this school. The teacher had offered a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary to the scholar securing the most headmarks. The contest was very close between three of the scholars. Before the term expired, the teacher abandoned the school and it was brought to a sudden close. Miss Ann Dunn secured the dictionary, having the most headmarks at the time school ended.

For a couple of years after this there was no school in Kingston. A school was taught in the Houghton district, two miles west of town, where a few town lads attended when the spirit moved them and they moved to the school house on foot. I attended there three terms.

In 1864, school was again resumed in the old school house in Kingston, though for want of public funds, the term was only three months. The scholars were so numerous for two teachers, and the terms so short, that scholars had few advantages; what they learned one term of three or four months was forgotten during the vacation of eight or nine; and for years it seemed we would never get through McGuffey's Fifth Reader and Ray's Third Part Arithmetic -- the highest branches taught in our public schools in those days.

Upon the play ground, the boys engaged in the sport of town ball, shinney, antny over, etc. Town ball, especially, was the favorite game, played somewhat similar to baseball, with the exception that there were seven bases and all the players on one side had to be 'put out' before there could be a change of sides.

As time passed and the town increased in population, it became evident that a larger building and better accommodations should be provided for the youth of Kingston, in which to store their minds with knowledge, before entering upon the duties of citizenship.

A proposition to bond the district for \$10,000.00 met with opposition. Many objections were raised against the project, but when put to the test and vote, it carried. In 1873, the present edifice was erected, and the first term of eight months school commenced in the fall of 1874. Your humble servant had the honor of being one of the pupils to attend the first school in that building. Well do I remember the first day. A young professor, just out of the State University, had been employed as principal. It was a beautiful Monday morning in September. The play ground and school rooms were merry with voices of children and parents, all anxious to see the new professor. About half-past eight o'clock all eyes were turned upon a young man with quick step, neatly dressed, silk hat, a few books under his arm, coming up the walk. He entered the High School room and very politely made himself known to the scholars as their new preceptor. This gentlemen, as most of you are already aware, was our humble and now venerable citizen, Prof. S. C. Rogers. School then 'took up'.

I should deem it a pleasure to say more; for fear I may pass beyond the point of 'early recollections', and trespass upon the field of some of my worthy classmates who may desire to say something of their early school days, I will draw the veil over the historic part of my remarks.

And now, kind friends and graduates of the Kingston High School, permit me to congratulate you upon the assembling together as Alumni. You have been permitted to gain a knowledge of books, and the different branches of an education such as are taught in the High Schools of this State, and are entitled to be called graduates. Having laid the foundation for a useful and honorable life let no opportunity pass to improve your time and talent. We are all young yet. The world is spread out before us, let each of us enter upon the many opportunities it affords with a will and determination to succeed. Endeavor to carve your name high upon the temple of fame. In the years to come let it be written upon the pages of history and placed in the archives of this Alumni association, that no graduate of the Kingston High School ever disgrace the association; but honor it by filling the responsible stations of life with credit and distinction." (Source: May 6, 1898 ed. of the Kingston Times)

Stephen Rogers has been found to be one of the outstanding characters of the town of Kingston and of Caldwell County. He was born in Clairborne Co., Tennessee, March 20, 1848 and died in Kingston July 29, 1935. He graduated from the University of Missouri in 1873. He had fallen in love with a Columbia, Mo. girl, Mattie Edwards and married her in Dec. 1874. In September 1874, he took charge of the Kingston school which he found ungraded. He graded them and organized the high school. Hence, he is known as the father of the Kingston High School. In that first year, he had the second floor and the lower floor was under William McAfee and Parker Platt. No women even for the primary class! He taught until 1883 when he ran for prosecuting attorney and was elected. Later he was county surveyor.

The Kingston High School was the third to be established in Caldwell County; Hamilton began in 1872 and Breckenridge in 1873.

In 1920, there were only three graduates but this class was the first one to complete a full four year high school course in the Kingston High School. The graduates were: Reve Warren, Clarinda Bridgewater and Willie Ure. To meet the needs of a four year High School, the following courses were added; General Science and English, one year each; Commercial Geography, Bookkeeping, Sociology and Economics, one half year each, making the additional four units required for a First Class High School.

The reorganization plan was formed by the County Board of Education under a new school law. Kingston High School closed in May 1949. Grade School is still held in the building with an enrollment of 55 pupils.

County School Superintendents

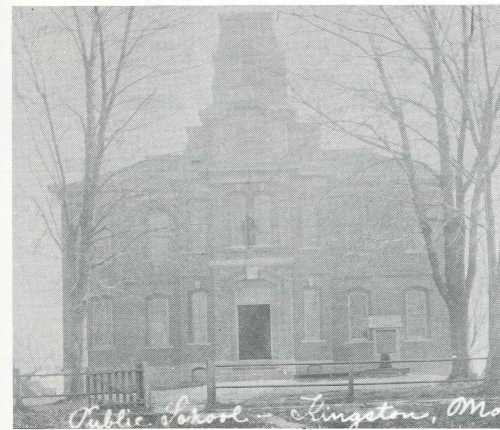
John H. Eckleberry - D. N. McClintock - Earl S. Teegarden had been Supt. 7 1/2 years when he resigned Jan. 1943 to accept a position of supervisor of public schools in a 10 county area in NW Mo. Chester A. Lemery was appointed to fill out the term. He held this office until he retired in 1976. He was born in Lebanon, Mo. Nov. 9, 1910 and died Aug. 6, 1990

In 1922 contractors completed the work of the new addition to the Kingston School. The district had voted bonds to the amount of \$17,500.00 for a new addition. The new addition was built on the west side and contained a gymnasium and basketball court on the basement floor. On the first floor two large grade rooms were added and on the second story a large auditorium equipped with a stage, devoted entirely to high school work. The entire building was lighted with electricity and provided with steam heat.

ALUMNI

The Alumni of the Kingston High School request your presence at their First Annual Banquet to be given at The Rogers Hotel, in this city, on the Evening of Saturday, April 30, 1898.

James A. Rathbun, Manford Kern, Adolph Theilmann, Emil Theilmann, Lee Bridgewater, Mrs. M. E. Griffin, Lieut. W. T. Johnson, L. M. Spivey,	Mrs. J. A. Rathbun, Quimby T. Jones, Robert Theilmann, Louis Theilmann, George K. Dodge, Frank Costello, Dr. C. K. Jones, John Kendall.
Class of 1892: Lalla R. Rogers,	Georgie Alexander, Walter S. Cope.
Class of 1893: Nollie Mack,	George McMillan.
Class of 1894: Susan Alexander, Fred Dodge, Fred Heiser, Beth Prior, Sallie Sherman, Laura Stoner.	Rosa Bays, Ovia Frederick, Albert Houghton, Robert Prior, Laura Theilmann,
Class of 1895: Mildred Henkins, Blanche Heiser, Thomas E. Platt, Joseph A. Henkins, C. A. Mathews.	Bernice Sell, Robert Jamison, Donald O Love, Ralph Cope.
Class of 1896: Nettie Jamison, Ella Otto, May Henkins, William Brown,	Mary E. Ross, Mattie Swigart, Bert Bishop, Charles Otto.
Class of 1897: Charles F. Riddle.	
Class of 1898: Vira Salisbury,	Clive H. Salisbury.



KINGSTON SCHOOL GRADUATES

This list of graduates is not complete but we've done the best we could in a short time.

- 1899--Salone Ellis and Alvin Glenn
 1900--Iva Curtis, Agnes McAfee, Ada Smeltz and Lena Spivey
 1901--May Brown, Georgia Butts and Inez Smeltz
 1902--Ethel Frazier, Ralph Gartside and Edna Thompson
 1905--Helen Cope, Darlie Davidson, Chester Hampton and Jennie Ross
 1906--Willa P. Bethel, Effie M. Butts, Maud H. Davis, Otie M. Frazier, D. Marshal Johnson, Glenna Jones and Maud E. Parker
 1909--Harry Boner, Carl Corkins, Katherine Jones, Myrtle Kiple, Merle Maguire and Paul Mathews
 1910--Faye Fort, Ralph McClintock and Nellie McLaughlin
 1912--Harold Fort
 1913--Allene Jones
 1914--Marie Fort, Glenna Johnston and Dale Virtue
 1915--Claudia J. Atkison, Paul Henry Ullmer Bebermeyer, Grace Boner, Lottie Boner, Elizabeth Burkett, Corrinne Folker, Blanche Henricks, Lorene Henricks, Hugh W. Johnston, Frances Willard Jones, Grace Jones, James Leonard Snyder, Russel Newton Swaithes, Edythe Wilson and Lela M. Wolfe
 1916--Eula Mae Bathgate, Ruby Eldorda Bowman, Chas.Wm. Brown, Cockrell Butts, Etta Mae Davis, Ray Everett, Russell Walter Fort, Coleen Gudgel, Jas. Marion Orr, Lorene Emeline Scott, Ruth Seeley, Ruby Smith and Hugh Lee Virtue
 1917--Grace A. Hopkins, Albert Lawton Howard, Helen Jones, Raeburn Jones, Donald B. McGlumphy, Robert H. Marquis, Lola I. Otto, Elsie M. Palmer, Marvel C. Paul, Alice C. Ribelin and Ben D. White
 1918--Lenore Bethel, Ted Bishop, Gladys Bratcher, Esther Fort, Jack Sloan, Joe Smith and John Virtue
 1920--Clarinda Bridgewater, Willie Ure and Reve Warren
 1921--Gerald DeLoyd Brown, Hope Lester, Homer McPeek, Albert Dean Otto, Arlene Phillips, Jouette Shouse and Dorothy Switzer
 1922--Ralph Boner, J. T. Jones, Paul Jones, Ruth Jones, Roland Matchett, Kenneth Palmer, Floyd Reynolds and Florence Swaithes
 1923--Alice Anson, Clifton Cope, Hallie Feltis, Earl Hill, Elsie Lane, Fay Otto, E. Claude Shaffer, Earl Virtue, Yvonne Waggoner and Buford Wood

- 1924--Vernon Doll, Lois Fort, Pauline Frazier, Lawrence Henricks, Ernest McPeak, Edith Otto and Edna Tantlinger
 1925--Jack Bethel, Carl Bonar, J. Lee Bridgewater, A. J. Cope, Virgil L. Cox, Mansfield W. Duston, Vadna N. Early, Effie C. Gregory, Donald Isenhart, Bessie Olive Lester, Mildred McPeek, Beulah Ruby Orr, Viola U. Orr, Lottie Mae Otto, Pauline J. Otto, Forrest D. Shaffer, Lawrence Shaffer, Elizabeth B. Spainhower, Ada M. Swaithes and Goldie V. Virtue
 1926--Pauline Boner, Leta Alice Bugg, Edgar H. Matchett, Sarah Ida Matchett, Ernest C. Phillips, Mary Eula Silvius and Hubert N. Spainhower
 1927--Cecil Bugg, Floyd Bugg, Ruth Coshow, Howard Duston, Vineta Gregory, Kathryn J. Houghton, Willard McClintock, Harold Murphy, Emerson Otto, Theo Palmer and Virgil Williams
 1928--Everett Gregory, Verla Legg, John Martin (Jack) Palmer and June Eunice Swaithes
 1929--Hal Blackistone, Mabel Carter, Arthur Crockett, Allen Duston, Dean Entriken, Ruby Gregory, Densil Henricks, Eunice Hopkins, A. Marion Houghton, Beth Orr, Marguerite Otto, Helen Silvius and James Spainhower
 1930--Helen Bishop, Dorothy Bridgewater, Vern Cooper, Orpha Janette (Peg) Early, Ruby Nelson, E. Ronald (Buz) Zook and Donald Zook
 1931--Gerald Aldridge, Claude A. Bugg, Raeburn Entriken, Elizabeth Houghton and Dorothea Jewell
 1932--Elizabeth Adams, Mary Bebout, Ruth Brown, Ruth Carter, Helen Houghton, Hildred Houghton, Paul Houghton, Venita Lamb, Clayton Louder, Edwin Orr, Joy Otto, Truman Otto, Paul H. Palmer and Wm. T. (Bill) Waggoner
 1933--Bob J. Bethel, Geo. A. Bishop, Pearlie Mae Bratcher, Clastine E. Cooper, J. V. DeWalt, Mary Louise Houghton, LaVerne Lotz, Vyrel Lorene McKee, C. Duane Palmer, Henry S. Robinson, Hazel Tantlinger, Woodrow Trotter and Wallace Lee (Doc) Waters
 1934--Robert Adams, Philip J. Field, Harold Fisher, Beth Malotte, Efton Meredith, J. Franklin Mumpower, Mary Louise Murray, Dola Spainhower and Donna Waggoner
 1935--Wendell Garrett, J. D. Jewell, Robert Nelson and Merle Zook
 1936--Sunny Bethel, Alice Carter, Linus (Bill) Chadwick, Coleta Clute, Olive Dawson, Donna Lee Jewell, Lavern Spainhower, Jean Robertson and Ilene Voyles
 1937--Richard (Dick) Adams, Maurice Crockett, Henry Franklin, Virginia Houghton, Fay Jackson, Ray Jackson, Pauline Korneman, Denzel Louder, Melvin Louder, Ernestine Otto, Gordon Puckett, Kenneth Rone, Virginia Stoddard, Anna Lee Trotter and Mount Yoakum
 1938--John Foster Bethel, Lois Caselman, Florence Deal, Mary Ferril, Grace Hilliard, Colson Jones, Raymond Malotte, Bettie Lee Pate and Maurice Swaithes

- 1939--James Baker, Jean Bethel, Lois Feltis, Mary Franklin, Marie Goe, Reve Jones, Ethel Louder, Russell McDaniel and Velda Yoakum
- 1940--John Bennett, Georgia Bell Bethel, Dormilee Cates, Earl Eastin, Norma Hanson, Vida Hoyt and Billie Swaithes
- 1941--Lowell (Bub) Bennett, Neomi Carter, Jr. Gregory, Channing Guffey, Ruth Evelyn Hill, Herschel Jones, J. R. Jones, Mary Ruth Leeper, Lilburn Spainhower and Jean Thompson
- 1942--Norton DeWalt, Benny Goe, Bob Hill, Walter Hill, Maurice E. Houghton, Billy Murray and Ruth Nelson
- 1943--Leon E. Baker, Wanda Corbett, Billye Frances Cox, Hale Gibson, Mary Gibson, Irma Lee Gregory, Marjorie Hill, Roy McDaniel, Mildred Setzer, Rebecca Wormsley, Betty Yoakum and Jean Yoakum
- 1944--Dale M. Baker, Dale Chadwick, Lloyd Cleaveland, Carroll Eklund, Maurice Gregory, Donald Guffey, Peggy Henkins, Billie Hill, Bonnie Lou Hill, Billie Keeney and Bill Wolf
- 1945--Harry J. Clark, Royce Nelson, Mary Lynn Otto, Russell Rains and Mary Lou Virtue
- 1946--Josephine Aldridge, Ruby Bratcher, Marion Carter, Lawrence Connor, Louise Galloway, Martha Houghton, Dorothy Isenhart and Lloyd Keeney
- 1947--Dorothy Bethel, Clara Clute, Cornelia Connor, Nelda Mae Emery, Dan Stewart Gover, Doris Jean Gover, Roger Guffey, George Henricks and Mary Ann Hill --- Marvin Bethel
- 1948--Kenneth Eugene Aldridge, Doris Jane Bennett, Alan Leland Eklund, Harold Goldburn Esteb, Donna Mae Isenhart and Norman Dwain Keeney and James Arthur Yoakum
- 1949--Dick Forney, Joe N. Kipp, DeWayne Otto, Charlsie Russell, Velma Snodgrass and Verna Snodgrass

KINGSTON CEMETERY

The earliest land transaction found was dated Nov. 14, 1867 when John H. and Agnes Ardinger sold to John Wright, Isaac Merchant and Lemuel Dunn, Trustees, a tract of land to be used for a graveyard. However, several tombstones show earlier death dates than 1867.

When Glenn Setzer moved to Kingston in 1932, the unflagged veterans graves worried him so he, with the help of others prepared a map and searched out a list of veterans. The Setzer family flagged the graves through Memorial Day 1943; at this time they moved to St. Joe. The V.F.W. does the flagging at this time. One veteran of the "War of 1812", Isaac Reed Allee, is buried at Kingston.

Probably, Glenn's greatest contribution to Caldwell County was the markers of concrete that he made and placed on unmarked graves. Many families donated \$1.00 toward the cost of the stone but, if they didn't contribute, he went right ahead and footed the expense. Several of these stones can still be found in the Kingston Cemetery.

Board Members are: Dale Hartley, Pres., Lorene Carroll, Sec'y & Treas., Fred Gregory, Donald Gene Vanderpool, James Assel & Larry Henry. Caretakers are Forrest and Pat French.

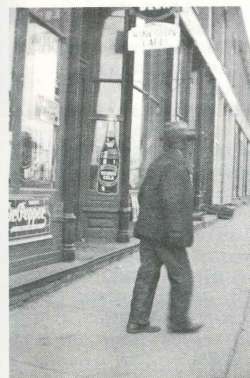
COLORED PEOPLE

In the early days, there were several colored families living in Kingston. In fact, in 1871, a colored school was established here, taught by Prof. Ridge, who later became Prin. of the Plattsburg colored school. In a newspaper item dated Dec. 11, 1891, it says the old colored school house building in Kingston, it's furniture and fixtures and out house would be sold at public auction for cash. The purchaser was to remove said building within 10 days from date of purchase. But the following item was found in a paper dated Sept. 24, 1897: "The colored public school opened the first Monday in this month with a larger enrollment than any other previous year of its history. Prof. Charles S. Hunter, who was here the years of 1893 and 1894, is again in charge, Upon his recommendation the board has made many needed repairs and alterations in the building for which he and the pupils are grateful. The enrollment, which is 61, is as follows: Ella Adams, Alonzo Bell, Arthur Bell, Cletie Bell, Fletcher Bell, Forest Bell, Kenneth Bell, Cora Bell, Isaiah Bell, Lawrence Bell, Lowell Bell, Mary Bell, Otho Bell, Pleasant Bell, Idessa Bohanan, Ella Cheshire, Irvie Cheshire, Adenia Cheshire, Judge Cheshire, Josie Cheshire, Sarah Cheshire, Herman Hockaday, Leonard Hockaday, Zelpha Hockaday, Altie Jones, Ethel Jones, Ettie Jones, Kittie Jones, Arthur Johnson, Georgie Findley, John Findley, Blaine Lewis, John Lewis, Ina Mack, Ivie Mack, Jessie Mack, Alice Miler, Essie Miler, Ernest Miler, Frank Miler, Sadie Miler, Iola Moree, Effie Stone, Festus Stone, Floyd Stone, Joseph Stone, Lula Stone, Scottie Stone, Vernon Stone, Hattie Simpson, Ida Simpson, Earl Simpson, Ruby Simpson, Luella Thomas, Edna Tucker, Effie Tucker, Alfred Vaughn, Russel Williams, Mattie Yearby, John Yearby"

Another item taken from the Caldwell Co. News, Nov. 3, 1932 states that a masquerade party had been held at the Lincoln School (colored) at Hamilton. There were fourteen students in the school, seven of them from Kingston. Mrs. Chester Bristow being the teacher.

Well known colored families of Kingston in later years were: Isaiah and Ruby Bell and family, Bill Smith, Ed Wise, Bill & Sue Brown, Dewey & Ruby Brown, Rafe Turley, Orville Bell, the Simpsons and Net McDonald.

A Methodist Colored Church was built in the northeast part of Kingston in 1892. It closed in 1932 and was blown down by a violent windstrom in 1950. The last pastor was Rev. Jackson.



FIRST JAIL AT KINGSTON

McGlumphy's History tells us the first jail in Caldwell County was built in 1869. It was a stone structure - but very substantial and rather a dungeon - with cells low and dark and unsanitary.

An article in the July 7, 1891 issue of the Hamiltonian tells us the history of the old jail that had just been razed at this time in preparation for the building of our present jail.

This article reads as follows:

Now that the old jail has been razed to the ground, we have thought it would be of interest to the people of Caldwell County to give a short sketch of the old bastille. The court in 1869 was composed of the following gentlemen: John H. Nosler, John F. Dodge, Jacob A. Austin, D. P. Stubblefield, Sheriff and Walker Miller, County Clerk. The record shows that on the 9th day of June 1869, John D. Cox came into court and reported that he had let the contract for building the County Jail to Barton Edwards and Morgan Sullivan for \$9,887.50. John D. Cox was appointed Supt. of Construction of the jail. On the 1st day of Dec. 1869, J. D. Cox came into court and reported that the contractors had completed the jail. D. P. Stubblefield was the first sheriff. The first prisoner that was incarcerated in the jail was John Martin, charged with murder in the 1st degree. He was acquitted and discharged Aug. 22, 1870. There have been 261 prisoners held within it's walls since construction. Of the 261, eighteen were sent to the State penitentiary. Several boys were sent to the reform school. Several prisoners escaped. David Miller escaped Feb. 9, 1883, by digging under the jail. Joseph Smith escaped Sept. 21, 1890 by prying up a rock and digging out.

Sheriff Brown in 1890 recalled having furnished the prisoners with a razor with which to shave. He went out of the jail unarmed, when one of the prisoners came at him with a razor. He grappled with him and tussled until they got to the yard gate. The prisoner was on the outside and Brown on the inside of the gate. The prisoner wrenched his arm free and told Brown if he did not let him go he would cut his throat. Brown not being ready to dispense with the use of this useful member relinquished his hold. The prisoner cut for tall timber, but in a short time was recaptured and returned to the bastille. Brown did not go to the jail unarmed any more and concluded that the prisoners would have to make their toilet without the use of a razor.

W. W. Clevenger, ex-sheriff, related the following as having occurred when his father was sheriff and he deputy. At one time they had 3 characters confined in the jail. In the jail was a pump that had lead tubing; they had taken this out, cut it in small pieces and hammered it into small balls and had torn up one of the blankets and formed sling shots. Billy and his father went out to the jail. He had the keys and unlocked the cell door, when he saw the three men standing in an angle. He thought there was something wrong and told his father. They, then, called the prisoners to walk back through the corridor and going in then, and searching, they found the weapons and removed them. These prisoners made several attempts to escape, but were tried, found guilty and served two years in the pen.

D. A. Glenn tells that while he was sheriff, he had four horse thieves at one time and that he had to keep a close watch all the time he had them. One night about 11 o'clock, he got uneasy about his

prisoners, got up and went to the jail. When he got there he heard a rasping sound and knew they were sawing the bars. He went and got Clevenger and they went into the cells but could not find where they were sawing. Glenn then told Clevenger to go out and keep up a loud conversation as though he was talking to him and then Glenn dropped down in the corridor and did not have long to wait until a light was lit and the sawing commenced again. This soon ceased and he noticed the bottom of the cell door being pushed out. He then wondered what he could do -- he did have his revolver but the outside door was locked and Clevenger was outside -- he was at their mercy -- but rose up, letting them know he was watching and told them to stop -- they became angry. Glenn talked fast, telling them Clevenger was coming soon -- and he did come and all four horse thieves were soon locked up again.

Our present jail which was constructed around 1890 and the jailer's residence are still in use by our county today, but perhaps before too many years, it too, will be a thing of the past.

This was given by Ruby Ely on K.M.R.N. radio station at Cameron, Mo. in behalf of the Caldwell County Historical Society.

ALBERT FILLEY HANGED

This is an account of the only legal execution that ever happened in Caldwell County and has been researched by Charlene Ward, Deputy Circuit Clerk and Recorder.

Albert Filley, a farmer living a few miles southeast of Cameron, came home December 21, 1907, it is said, in a drunken condition and during the night killed his wife "Fanny" Filley, his daughter, Dollie, aged 9 years, and his brother, H. Clay Filley, and seriously wounded the latter's wife. It was about 3 o'clock in the morning when he began his killing by shooting his brother, he then siezed a hammer and finished his fiendish crime. (From the Clinton and Caldwell County History pp 281-282)

It was Saturday the 13th day of December, Amanda Francis Filley was supposedly injured about the head by an accident involving a black mare. The animal having been destroyed. However, Amanda, known as "Fanny" acted in fear all the week following the incident. Albert Filley, her husband, stayed close to her side. She seemed to not remember the incident, and would not tell anyone what had happened. She stated, when her husband was not in the room, "I would not be here if it were not for Albert". Henry Clay Filley, and his wife and small child came to stay with Fanny to take care of her.

On Friday, December 21, 1907, about 3 A.M., in the morning, Elsie Filley went into the south bedroom to rest after looking after Fanny. About an hour later, she was awaken by her husband, who told her that he had been shot. She rushed him into the north bedroom to a rocking chair. Albert rushed in and struck Dolly, his nine year old daughter, who was sleeping on a davenport in the north bedroom. Her mother, Fanny, came to her defense, jumping out of her sickbed. Clay went to Albert and they fought. Elsie took a stick of wood and beat Albert off of her wounded husband. They chased Albert out of the house onto the road. Fanny told them to lock the door, but they could not find any lock. Albert burst through the door with a stick of firewood and a hammer. He struck at Elsie and she jerked the hammer away from him. He then ran out to the road again. In the meantime, Clay collapsed by the wood box. Elsie leaned over Clay and saw, much to her horror, that her husband was dead. She grabbed her child and ran out of the house and went north up the road to a neighbor's house to call the law. (This came from a deposition from trial records.)

Fanny was killed with a hammer and a stick of wood. The daughter, Dolly, was, also, dead. Albert was arrested at the home and taken to jail at Kingston and was tried at the June term of court. The trial that followed attracted much attention. The State put up a strong case, asking for the limit of the law. The defense was that of insanity. The Jury was out 24 hours and returned a verdict of guilty, and assessing his punishment as death. When the Jury was empanelled, two of the jurors declared they would never assess the death penalty. They were opposed to capital punishment. It was said that the vote stood 10 to 2 for several hours, but finally ended in the death penalty being called.

Filley paid the debt by hanging on September 21, 1908, in the corridor of the jail. The trap was sprung by Sheriff Frank L. Parker. He was pronounced dead after fifteen minutes. The scaffold is said to still be in the attic of the old jail, that is still in use. He had to be supported on the way to the scaffold, and in fact, since the night of the crime had seemed in a dazed condition. He had little to say at the time. He fully expected the Governor to commute his sentence and the Governor was appealed to interfere. The feeling of the community was so strong against Filley that had the sentence been commuted it is quite probable that mob violence would have been the result.

SHERIFFS

1837-1840	John Skidmore	1892-1896	Murray Colvin
1840-1842	Enoch Moore	1896-1898	M. R. Goldsworthy
1842-1844	David Buster	1898-1902	A. D. Crockett
1844-1846	F. J. Marshall	1902-1904	Sam McMaster
1846-1850	John C. Lillard	1904-1908	Frank L. Parker
1850-1854	R. G. Murray	1908-1912	E. S. Boner
1854-1856	Allen Rial	1912-1916	M. E. Feltis
1856-1860	John C. Myers	1916-1920	J. D. Arnote
1860-1861	R. G. Murray	1920-1924	Seth Stubblefield
1861-1866	Jonathan Sackman	1924-1928	Chas. H. Gregory
1866-1868	Isaiah Jones	1929-1932	Ike B. Koger
1868-1871	D. P. Stubblefield	1933-1937	Martin O. Pittman
1872-1873	J. W. Harper	1937-1941	Logan L. Goe
1874-1877	L. B. Clevenger	1941-1945	T. Hobart McDaniel
1878-1879	W. W. Clevenger	1945-1948	Jess Galloway
1880-1883	D. A. Glenn	1949-1951	Earl E. Gregory
1884-1888	W. W. Clevenger	1952-1957	Harry A. Gilbert
1888-1891	William Brown	1957-1984	Maurice L. Robison
		1985-	Wayne Adkison

The first jail built at Kingston was in 1869. The present jail and sheriff's residence was built in the year 1890, at the cost of \$10,148.00.

Did you know of these happenings in Kingston?

Early in Jan. 1888, a group of residents of the Kingston area gathered for a meeting, the purpose being to organize a Board of Trade. The News Graphic of Hamilton wrote: "Kingston has shown considerable enterprise in organizing a board of trade and the prospects is that she will reap benefits not here to fore enjoyed. United action of the citizens of any town is what counts and its the only way to accomplish any good. Her merchants are, also, becoming more liberal in the way of advertising their wares and are reaping a rich reward." We did not find any information on how long this board of trade was active in Kingston.

Kingston held its first Chautauqua in 1919. It lasted four days, June 29th through July 2nd, and eight high-grade programs were presented for the enjoyment and benefit of Kingston and vicinity. This was made possible by the generosity of a number of public spirited citizens, who signed the guarantee required and who stood back of the enterprise. Admission: Adults 45 cents, war tax 5 cents, Children 25 cents. Officers: W.H.S. McGlumphy, Pres.; O. J. Adams, Sec'y. and Lee Bridgewater, Treas.

Taken from Caldwell County News, Jul. 9, 1942

The Kingston Chamber of Commerce met at the High School and displayed much enthusiasm and interest. A total of 45 members were reported signed up by the treasurer, as an indication of the fine spirit of cooperation. The Articles of Incorporation were presented for discussion and voted upon favorable. A set of by-laws was, also, adopted. With this fine start the Kingston Chamber of Commerce is well on its way to become an important factor in the betterment and up building of this community. Following are the charter members:

Everett Bryant	A. L. Deal	Elmer E. Fick
Ben Dunn	Ben Dunn	Albert Winemiller
Mont Esteb	T. H. McDaniel	A. B. Cleaveland
John Miller	O. J. Adams	Raymond H. Cox
Dick Glenn	Densil Henricks	Mrs. Atha Crockett
Earle Teegarden	Dr. V. W. Snider	G. A. Puckett
Dean Wolf	Clarence Orr	Lawrence Henricks
Charles Brown	D. T. Hilliard	Raymond Lewellen
John Guffey	John Brown	Harold DeWalt
Ralph Geilker	H. K. Wood	Steve Stubblefield
Donald Cawthon	Henry Ott	Mrs. Mildred Swaites
Frank Parker	Jess Galloway	Mrs. Corrinne Garrett
Claude Bozarth	James Simpson	John W. Johnston
Donald Toomay	Russell Moss	Mrs. Hazel Lee Setzer
Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Cawthon		Mr. & Mrs. Cramer Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Farr		

Three Kingston residents received appointments to U.S. service academies. Ed Russell was appointed to West Point in 1883 and graduated in 1887 at the head of the class. Wm. Johnston received an appointment to West Point, entering with the class of 1887. In 1943, Channing E. Guffey was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy. One former resident, Wm. Colvin of Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, Pa., received an appointment to the military academy in 1897. He was born two miles north of Kingston and left as an orphan at the age of ten.

BANKS

The first known Bank in Kingston was: Caldwell County Bank established in 1882 by John D. Cox, a former cattleman who moved to Kingston in 1867. The Bank was located first in the south room of the Commercial Hotel.

The Farmers Savings Bank and the Kingston Exchange Bank were consolidated to form the Caldwell Co. Trust Company.

Farmers & Merchants Bank - The safe used in this bank is still being used by Adams Abstract Co. It was made in Ohio and hauled to Hamilton. Ace Houghton then, brought it to Kingston on a log wagon. When the Mirabile Bank opened in 1916, it was moved to Mirabile. Fred Fowler bought it after the Mirabile Bank closed but never moved it. O. J. Adams bought it from him in 1936 and moved it from Mirabile back to the original bank.

Miss Kate M. Cox, Kingston, was the pioneer lady banker in the state and as far as the Missouri Bankers Association records show, was the only one in the state of Missouri in 1893. In July 1893, she was elected third vice-president of the Missouri Bankers Association.

Following the national bank holiday in the early 1930's, Kingston was left without a bank until Aug. 6, 1947, when a group of local investors acquired the Cowgill Bank charter and moved it to Kingston. The first directors were: Cramer Clark, Pres.; W. V. McNary, A. E. Otto, J. P. Jones, Sec'y; A. Marion Houghton, Arnold Blackwell & Geo. Waggoner. They rented the building on the north east corner of block four from R. V. Glenn for \$300.00 a month. Earl W. Crawford had been the cashier of the First National Bank of Cowgill for five years. He and his family moved to Kingston and he continued as the cashier but now it was called The Kingston Bank. He passed away Jul. 13, 1950 after a short illness, at the age of 55 years.

Harry A. Foley, (1905-1988) formerly of the Nettleton area was hired to replace him and remained in that position until 1964. At that time, Johnie A. Smith (1910-1981) of Cowgill was hired and he was still working for the bank when the local owners sold controlling interest to Dr. Howard Carter in Jan. 1959. Dr. Carter was born in Browning, Mo. and had come to Hamilton to serve as Dr. in 1954. He practiced medicine in Hamilton for 20 years. However, he moved to Leawood, Ks. in 1962, making the drive to Kingston and Hamilton each day. The new Bank building was built in 1965. Dr. Carter sold his interest in The Kingston Bank to Sam T. Davis and Melvin E. Griffin one month before his death, which occurred in April 1974 at the age of 59 years. J. A. Smith retired in 1974. Dick Shuckenbrock was Vice Pres. starting in Apr. 1974 for about one year. Norval Schwengels was Agricultural Representative between three banks--Braymer, Clarksdale and Kingston for several years.

Samuel T. Davis died Dec. 12, 1977 and the executors of his estate sold to Robert F. Keatley of St. Joseph, his shares in the Kingston Bank, Jun. 11, 1979. Keatley added a new addition on the back of the building plus a drive-in and night depository.

Robert F. Keatley sold to Carl Kleppinger of Rock Port, Mo., Jan. 3, 1983. It was during Carl Kleppinger's ownership that they decided to build a new bank in Hamilton and re-name it the Caldwell County Bank. Kingston was then considered as a branch bank. Lorene Carroll, Assistant Vice-President retired in Jun. 1986 after being employed in the bank 35 years.

Carl Kleppinger sold to Richard Lincoln from Brookfield Aug. 30, 1988. Jeff Elliott was Vice-President and later President.

Richard Lincoln sold to Lawrence Kelly, Jim Anderson and Mike Kelly, Aug. 31, 1990. The Farmers Bank of Polo was, also, purchased by these men on Feb. 22, 1992. All three banks are operated under the name of Caldwell County Bank and have formed a holding company called, Caldwell County Bancshares, Inc. Gary Reynolds is President and works in Hamilton; Charles G. (Chuck) Griesz is Vice-President and works at Polo. So the first known bank in Kingston began in 1882 as the Caldwell County Bank and we end in 1993 with a bank called by the same name. (Lorene Carroll and Marilyn Williams)



CALDWELL - COUNTY - BANK,
Kingston, Missouri.

Does a general banking business and makes collections
KATE M. COX, Cashier.

1891

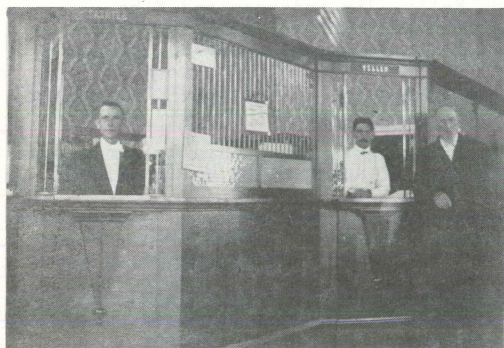
Condensed Financial Statement of
THE KINGSTON BANK
KINGSTON, MISSOURI
At the close of business on June 30, 1958

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$336,754.81	Capital Stock	\$ 30,000.00
Overdrafts	909.88	Surplus	20,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,743.00	Undivided Profits	46,748.85
Bonds and Securities	486,568.84	Deposits	867,324.56
Cash and Due from Banks	135,096.88		
	\$964,073.41		\$964,073.41

Officers and Directors

CRAMER CLARK, President	ARNOLD BLACKWELL, Director
W. V. McNARY, Vice-President	HOWARD CARTER, Director
J. A. SMITH, Cashier	J. P. JONES, Director
LORENE CARROLL, Bookkeeper	C. D. PALMER, Director
MARILYN WILLIAMS, Bookkeeper	WILLIAM T. WAGGONER, Director

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THRIFT Is Now a National Slogan!

The people are waking up—conserving their resources and preparing for opportunities. Bank deposits all over the country are rapidly increasing.

Are you a depositor? If not, begin now! Lay aside a little cash every week. It's worth trying.

The Caldwell County Trust Company

A. D. Otto, Pres. W. C. Paul and G. K. Dodge, Vice Pres'ts.
F. L. Bowman, Treas.

1919

KINGSTON SAVINGS BANK.

KINGSTON, MO.

CAPITAL --- \$10,000.00
SURPLUS, --- 4,000.00

B. F. BROWN, Pres., J. H. BOTHOFF, Cash-
ier and Secretary.

DIRECTORS:

B. F. BROWN, JOHN ORR,
J. H. BOTHOFF, JOHN L. ROSS,
JOHN W. BROWN, JAS. A. RATHBUN,
E. H. JOHNSON.

Special attention given to collections,
and remittances promptly made
on favorable terms.

1891

Condensed Statement of the Banks of Caldwell County at the Close of Business March 4th, 1919

Name of Bank	C. & S. Deposits	Loans	Cash	Total
First National, Hamilton	\$126,970.26	\$733,901.07	\$617,567.53	\$2,058,438.86
Hamilton Trust Co., Hamilton	113,314.46	739,727.49	581,543.43	2,234,685.38
First National, Braymer	142,964.06	515,480.67	568,229.32	1,226,674.05
Caldwell Co. Trust Co., Kingston	74,156.39	482,622.51	308,563.92	1,565,342.82
First National, Cowgill	63,865.68	359,356.68	330,609.51	1,353,831.87
First National, Polo	51,338.52	341,153.48	305,409.01	1,197,901.01
Farmer's Bank, Polo	54,385.43	286,718.91	255,352.89	1,096,457.23
Farmer's Trust Co., Braymer	66,243.28	238,277.43	246,544.61	751,065.32
Breckenridge Savings	53,627.38	249,864.46	218,006.26	721,508.10
Exchange, Breckenridge	27,440.00	195,575.25	148,421.71	571,437.06
Kidder Bank	25,686.95	173,749.99	182,760.48	582,197.42
Bank of Braymer	25,558.52	82,091.51	76,581.75	284,231.78
Nettleton Bank	15,223.79	83,570.66	59,219.62	258,014.07
Farmer's, Mirabile	15,047.64	80,760.52	72,715.18	268,523.34
Farmer's, Kidder	11,000.00	60,899.70	46,178.14	218,177.84
Total	\$868,831.66	4,585,253.04	4,013,872.82	\$1,373,103.56

NORTH MISSOURI FOX HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

Men and women are scattered all over the country, who as children have visited the Otto Grove with their parents or have at least heard stories about the old time reunions or picnics held there. The grove was a picnic place through several generations. People came to the grove when they just had old dobbin and the lumber wagon to come in, later they came in the spring wagon and the red wheeled buggy and then the car. Besides being called the Otto Grove, in earlier days, it was, also, known as the Switzer Grove and the Royer Grove.

It was about 1922 that the North Missouri Fox Hunters Assn. from Lawson, Mo. moved to the Walnut Grove on what we know as the Charley Otto farm, to have their annual hunts. It is located north east of Kingston and now owned by Marion Houghton. Due to the growth of the meetings and the increased attendance each year, it became necessary that the association be incorporated under the laws of Mo. in 1927. Thousands of people attended the meetings and in one newspaper article it stated that 20 states were represented in the 1931 meeting. The association was not formed for the purpose of making money and invested it's earnings in additional programs and attractions. Prizes of hundreds of dollars were offered in the various contests. They furnished free parking, free ice water and free playground, also, the program in the big tent was free. There was always lots of activities besides the dog shows and hunts. Tents were available to be rented for \$3.00 for the entire week's programs; usually four days with two programs each day. The Wayne Theatrical Co. of Kansas City preformed several years and in later years local groups put on the program. Season tickets were 50 cents and could be used to pass in and out of the gate several times a day. It was 10 cents for one day (afternoon and night) with no pass out ticket.

Benjamin F. Kincaid, who had been President of the association since 1928, died Jan. 11, 1939, aged 61 years. He had been a representative of Caldwell County in the State Legislature in 1933 and 1934. Officers, the year, following his death were: Clayton Swindler, Pres., Carl Bennett, Vice Pres., Glenn Stubblefield, Master of Hounds & Sec'y. That year 150 hounds were entered in the hunt.

At the beginning of the War the Fox Hunters suspended the meetings as the association did not desire to hold meetings while the war was in progress and the government said that such events should be postponed in the interest of economy in fuels and for many other reasons.

In 1946 the Fox Hunters purchased land south of Kingston and continued their hunts there. The dog barn was moved to the new location and landscaping done on the grounds. They were unable to rent a large tent for the crowds at the program, so bought a large barn from Russell Hill and built a canopy in front of the stage. This canopy became a permanent addition to the Fox Hunt and was much cooler than a tent. Along about this time, the hunts switched to Coon Hunts but were ran by some of the same officers.

In June 1960, the City of Kingston leased the Coon Hunt grounds for the purpose of a ball park.

On April 3, 1975, Stephen J. Millett, President of the North Missouri Fox Hunters Ass'n. signed over the Deed of Trust on the Fox Hunter's grounds to the City of Kingston. The ass'n. was no longer using the grounds which covered about 14 acres along Log Creek and included the location of the baseball park.

So ends the history of the Fox Hunters at Kingston.

H. & K RAILROAD

We shall peek in the past at the old H. & K. Railroad. The H. & K. being the abbreviations for the towns of Hamilton & Kingston. This H. & K. Railroad for a period of a little over 10 years from 1890 until 1901 made the 7 1/2 mile run between the two towns at least twice daily.

At first, when the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad was being considered and planned for, it was thought it might be routed through Kingston -- the County seat of Caldwell. In anticipation of this great event Caldwell County court promised to make a subscription to the stock of the Railroad Company, amounting to \$50,000.00 A survey was made up Shoal Creek, but it was not thought probable that the railroad authorities ever seriously considered building the line through Kingston; that it was just an appeasement quester. But there was one reason for building the Railroad through the northern part of the county -- there was no public subscriptions to pay -- the only subscriptions were private and there was not many of them -- now remember, this was the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad. The land grants by the governor and the ease with which the road could be constructed, made the Hamilton and Breckenridge route a much better suited location. No local pledges were received by the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad so any law suits were avoided and any breaking of public faith on the part of the Railroad -- but many of the people of the township were disappointed.

Kingston had been very disappointed when the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad had not come through their town but thirty-one years after the building of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad in 1859, the old H. & K. Railroad was built between Hamilton & Kingston. Frank Clark was president of the project. The Burlington rented the rails to the H. & K. line, which was constructed in a cheap manner and as we shall see, soon needed repair and new equipment. It was hoped to some way connect the line to the Burlington just south of Polo.

A depot was erected at Kingston and was located two blocks east and one block north of the courthouse. Thus, the dreams of the residents of Kingston and vicinity were coming into reality. On December 5, 1890, the first train steamed backwards into Kingston, where a large crowd gathered for a celebration. It was an exciting day and the celebrating went on into the night. Merchants closed their stores, banks closed and John D. Cox, who had donated a \$1,000.00 gift to use in the construction of the Railroad, drove the golden spike. Most of the then Kingston population of 700 souls attended, along with many others who couldn't miss this great day of excitement when history was in the making.

The train consisted of a locomotive, a beautiful little engine--according to Rueben Hartley's recollection -- all brass trimmed and with a bell and whistle. The train, also, consisted of one passenger car. The other cars were rented from the Burlington. The H. & K. went backwards into Kingston and forward to Hamilton, which was necessary because of the lack of a turntable. It made at least two trips each day. It's most important cargo was perhaps the people, who rode the passenger car and were now able to travel further and with much more ease.

Bessie Entrikin remembered when she and her Mother, who lived in the country between Hamilton & Kingston, were invited to a Hamilton home to visit -- so her Mother used her nice white handkerchief to flag the H. & K. train down, which stopped so they could ride to

HAMILTON & KINGSTON R. R.

Taking effect November 12, 1890.

NORTH--LEAVES KINGSTON.	
No. 1,	Daily, except Sunday..... 7:00 a m
3,	Daily, except Sunday..... 9:30 a m
5,	Daily except Sunday..... 4:00 p m
ARRIVES AT HAMILTON.	
No. 1, 7:35 a m
3, 10:05 a m
5, 4:35 p m
SOUTH--LEAVES HAMILTON.	
No. 2,	Daily, except Sunday..... 8:00 a m
4,	Daily, except Sunday..... 11:45 a m
6,	Daily, except Sunday..... 5:30 p m
ARRIVES AT KINGSTON.	
No. 2, 8:35 a m
4, 12:35 p m
6, 5:55 p m

FRANK CLARK, Sup't.

Hamilton. They, also, road back that evening.

Rueben Hartley recalled that Gus Otto had livestock yards at his farm where stock was loaded on the H. & K. cars to be taken to the Burlington and shipped out.

I should not neglect to mention the role of the H. & K. line played in hauling coal. The Dripping Springs Coal mine was located and operated about one mile north of Kingston. It not only supplied local demands for coal, but many car loads were shipped out over the Hamilton & Kingston Railroad. Coal was, also, shipped from the other mine, called the Gibson Mine or Tom Creek Mine.

The H. & K. Railroad, also, did a large amount of business. In one year, it handled 183 car loads of livestock, 69 of coal, 11 of flour, 13 of grain and 20 cars of miscellaneous, besides 971,623 lbs. of freight in lesser amounts than car lots, and carried many, many happy passengers.

The first depot agent was Arthur Haines. Dr. Miller operated a large hotel in Kingston in those days and came to the depot to meet the drummers or salesmen. This train carried mail, also, which before had been carried by horse and stage coach until in the 1870's & 1880's when Billy Dodge's hack carried mail and passengers between Hamilton and Kingston.

Finally disaster struck, the rent on the rails and new equipment was needed but the worst blow came when the bridge over Shoal Creek washed out during a flood. After this the trains came only to the north bank of Shoal Creek and then the passengers had to walk to Kingston. This method continued for most of one year. The H. & K. Railroad could not get ahead financially and there was no money to rebuild the bridge, so the old H. & K. line was abandoned in 1901, after approximately 10 years of service. The Burlington pulled up their rails, after having blocked the efforts of the local company to extend the line south of Polo. For a time, efforts were made to re-establish a Railroad or build a trolley line but all came to naught and Kingston was left an inland town. The coal mines, also, were abandoned after the rail line was gone. This disappointment was difficult for Kingston to hear and it's growth dwindled until in 1922, it stood at 400. But this town of Kingston serves we, of Caldwell County well -- as our county seat, but being human, we still reminisce and wonder how our county seat would appear today if the old H. & K. Railroad line had of been successful and especially if the hook up with the Burlington at Polo had materialized -- Kingston may have become a big City! Well, so much for dreams.

As a little note of interest, I might add that Rueben Hartley was asked by Frank Clark to make a stand for the old bell and whistles from the old H. & K. line. He complied and the stand with the relics was place in the Penney Library at Hamilton, in memory of Frank Clark who served as President of the old H. & K. line.

This "Peek in the Past" was given by Ruby Ely on K.M.R.N. radio station at Cameron, on behalf of the Caldwell County Historical Society.

THE KINGSTON COAL COMPANY

On December 15, 1890, a corporation was formed under the laws of the State of Mo. to be known as "The Kingston Coal Company". Its capital stock consisted of \$10,000.00 divided into one hundred shares of the par value of \$100.00 each. The names of the shareholders were:

Name	Residence	No. of shares
I. N. Hopkins	Kingston, Mo.	12 shares
S. C. Rogers	Kingston, Mo.	4 shares
James A. Rathbun	Kingston, Mo.	10 shares
C. S. McLaughlin	Kingston, Mo.	6 shares
Harry Roloff	Kingston, Mo.	4 shares
T. W. Hines	Kingston, Mo.	4 shares
W. S. George	Kingston, Mo.	4 shares
M. A. Switzer	Kingston, Mo.	10 shares
Perry Tantlinger	Kingston, Mo.	8 shares
J. F. Madden	Polo, Mo.	12 shares
E. H. Johnson	Kingston, Mo.	12 shares
J. H. Botthoff	Kingston, Mo.	14 shares

Then, we find on Apr. 18, 1892, Joseph M. Smith, a single person deeded to The Kingston Coal Co., one acre and the right away for a public road 30 ft. wide from the Hamilton and Kingston public road to the above conveyed land. The land to be used for mining purposes only and to revert back to the landowner when it ceased to be used and occupied for mining purposes, located in Sec. 15, Twp. 56, Rg. 28.

May 4, 1899 -- Another corporation was formed, called "The Dripping Springs Coal Mine". The capital stock was \$5,000.00 divided into two hundred shares of par value of \$25.00 each. The names of the shareholders were:

Name	Residence	No. of shares
Robert W. Cox	Kingston, Mo.	34 shares
Kinsey Rehard	Kingston, Mo.	33 shares
Bolin F. Brown	Kingston, Mo.	33 shares
A. W. Bishop	Kingston, Mo.	34 shares
Frank Clark	Hamilton, Mo.	33 shares
Hiram Tilley	Hamilton, Mo.	33 shares

In July 1899, The Dripping Springs group bought the foreclosure trustee deed of the Kingston Coal Co. from Robert W. Cox, Admin. of the estate of John D. Cox.

When the H. & K. Railroad ceased operating, it put a strain on the coal mine, as there was no easy way to move the coal out. So, on Jun. 11, 1904, The Dripping Springs Coal Co. sold at the court house, their coal mine, coal leases and all machinery, buildings and property for \$250.00 to Chas. Anderson. The land reverted back to Joseph Smith.

On the following pages, you will find some clippings about the Coal Mine that I think you will find quite interesting.

COAL MINE

It has always been claimed that coal could be found near this place at a depth of 200 feet, and when that point was reached and passed without securing the black diamond, some of our citizens began to feel discouraged. When a depth of 216 feet was reached it was decided to stop blasting and sink a test hole to see if coal could be found. Drilling was commenced last week. After drilling down about 20 feet the coal was found. The vein is supposed to be about three feet thick. Samples of the drilling were brought to town and tested and prove to be a superior quality of coal.

When the news reached town that coal had been discovered it spread like wild fire. Every face wore a smile and everybody were talking coal. Scott George was so happy that he rolled out his anvils and burnt powder for an hour. The mandolin club was out making music, while the drum corps marched the street with life and drums until a late hour.

The long looked for has at last been found. For many years Kingston has been striving for a railroad and a coal mine and now she has both. Truly the future of our town is bright. With coal and a railroad will come other industries. "It will not be long ere the smoke of factories and machine shops will be ascending heavenward, and a hundred whistles calling laborers and factory hands to their daily toil around Kingston. The time is not far distant when Kingston will be the Pittsburg of Missouri.

Hurray for Kingston and her new coal mine.

THE WASHOUT.

This county was visited by a terrible rain storm last Friday night and Saturday morning. The streams all over the county were flooded and much damage done to roads and bridges. Shoal creek was on a "regular tare," and as a result the railroad bridge just north of town was demolished. Five bents of the bridge were washed away by high water and drift wood. This is quite a loss to the railroad company and will necessitate the building of a new bridge. We learn that the company are now going to build an iron bridge with an hundred foot span, which will give ample space for water and drift to pass through without damage to the bridge. Work will begin at once on the new bridge. Until it is completed passage and freight traffic will start from the north side of Shoal creek. The TIMES is glad to know that the new owners of the road are making every effort to put the road in good condition, and before long we will have as good railroad facilities as any town in the county.

Kingston Coal Company.

In taking a jaunt a few evenings since to the Kingston Coal Shaft, we were surprised to see the real, substantial work over the shaft and all appearances calculated to impress one that they really meant business. The sinking of the shaft has been let to Messrs Hines and Tanna. The shaft is 6x16 feet, well timbered or curbed in a workman-like style, and divided into three compartments. Two are 6x6 feet and the other cages for hoisting; the last for an air and pumping shaft if it becomes necessary to use a pump in the working. One can not be otherwise than convinced that our town of Kingston will soon become a coal-producing town. The Kingston Coal Company deserve much credit for the energy and enterprise they have shown in this great work. They have not whined and asked why capital did not come to help them, but put their shoulders to the wheel. God helps those who help themselves. We believe from the augmented strata of rock passed through in the development thus far, that they will be rewarded with larger bodies of coal than has been found in other parts of the county. We will await developments.

Jan 30, 1891

BLACK DIAMOND.

The Kingston Coal Company
Strikes it Rich.

A THREE FOOT VEIN AT A DEPTH
OF 240 FEET.

Everybody Rejoice Over the Discovery
Our Prosperity Assured.

The citizens of Kingston are now rejoicing and well may they rejoice and feel happy. They have a cause to rejoice. All on account of having struck the best coal vein in North West Missouri.

Our readers are aware that a coal company was organized here in January last of local capitalists to sink a shaft for coal. Mr. Hines and Tanna were given the contract to do the work. Machinery and material was put upon the grounds and the work of drilling and blasting has been going on night and day ever since.

July 17, 1891
While the weather gauge let blip a storm or two Uncle Jerry now seems to have a firm hold on the "Safety Valve" and is dealing out just the kinds of weather that makes the farmers heart rejoice.

We learn that the grading for the switch at the coal mine is about completed and that the ties and rails will be laid this week. This switch will be used for switching the engine until the bridge is built.

Every reader of the TIMES is requested to turn to the last page and read the grand production on "Temperance" by Lou A. Mumpow. Miss Mumpow's production would be a credit to a Willard or a Foster.

This paper ought to be preserved for future reference. The G. A. R. columns will become a part of the history of Caldwell county and the financial exhibit of the railroad subscriptions shows the determination of our citizens to have a railroad.

The Hamilton & Kingston railroad will be in operation again in a short time. The coal mine is yielding encouragingly and a switch is being placed to the home of the black diamonds. Kingston coal will soon be on the market.—St. Joe News.

Oct 16, 1891

Dripping Springs Coal mines,

The first of this week we made a trip over to the Dripping Springs coal mines, where we found superintendent Hines in charge, and a force of workmen busily engaged putting in the hoisting cages and completing the engine house and hoisting tower. We learned the following: the company have purchased and have it set up and running a forty-five horse power engine with all of the modern improvements, an iron-drum six feet in diameter used for hoisting the coal cars with an indicator attached that shows the engineer when the cage is at the bottom of the shaft. A Cameron pump that throws out about forty barrels per hour is used in pumping the water out of the shaft. The hoisting tower is 48 feet high and is substantially constructed. They will have twenty cars in the mine. Seven miners are at work this week, the number will be increased to thirteen next week. As room is made the force will be increased from time to time.

From what we could see and learn, the company has spared no expense in having everything first class. Ere long the black diamonds will be brought to surface and the Dripping Springs coal will be furnishing light and heat for the citizens of Kingston and vicinity.

The Kingston coal mine is to be put in operation again. This time it will be operated by a company of men with sufficient capital to make it a success. The new company is composed of Frank Clark and H. Tilley, Hamilton; Robert W. Cox, Gould Farm; A. Bishop, Bowlin F. Brown and Kinsey Rhoad, Kingston. Already the water has been removed from the air shaft and miners are at work to complete it. About 70 feet more of excavation and the air shaft will be down to the first vein of coal. Hands have been at work several days removing the water from the main shaft. It is expected that the water can all be taken out in a week or ten days longer, then preparations will be made to bring out the black diamond. The shaft has already been sunk to the second vein, and work will be commenced on that as soon as possible. The coal from this mine is considered among the best in Missouri and will find a ready sale

when placed on the market. The TIMES is glad to know the outlook is favorable for good results for the Kingston coal mine. We hope the new company will meet with no misfortunes, but that prosperity and success will crown their every effort.

The good quality of the Kingston coal is made manifest by the way dealers are offering prices. Judge A. W. Bishop, manager of the Dripping Springs mines, has just received an offer from the Van Dooran Fuel Co., of Atchison, Ks., of 35 cents more per ton for the coal mined here, than for any other coal in the State of Missouri, and agrees to take five car loads each week. This is certainly very complimentary for the quality of coal mined at this place. The good quality of the coal has long been known here and the people abroad are now beginning to find it out. The demand for Kingston coal is increasing, and if the right kind of shipping rates can be obtained there will be a large amount of coal mined and shipped from this place in the future. *Aug. 25, 1899*

A later coal contract was drawn up at Kingston, Jun. 13, 1933. This agreement was between Lee Bridgewater, Hal Bridgewater, Otie M. Adams and Ethel Robinson of Caldwell County (lessors) and M. O. Neblock, B. M. Neblock of Chariton County and C. H. Hill of Ray County. (lessees)

It consisted of 5 A. situated in Sec. 28 Twp. 56 Rg. 28, on the south side of the Rock Quarry site, operated by A. L. Houghton, on which lessees agree to sink a coal shaft. They, also, leased 298 A. of land adjoining said tract. Lessees agreed to pay Lessors 8 cents per ton on each and every ton of coal mined and sold and to pay on the 1st and 15th of each month.

Lessees agreed to keep mine in operation at least 8 months during each year but if mine is not kept in operation more than 6 months during the year, lessees agreed to pay lessors rent, the sum of \$20.00 a month during such time as said mine was not in operation after the six month period.

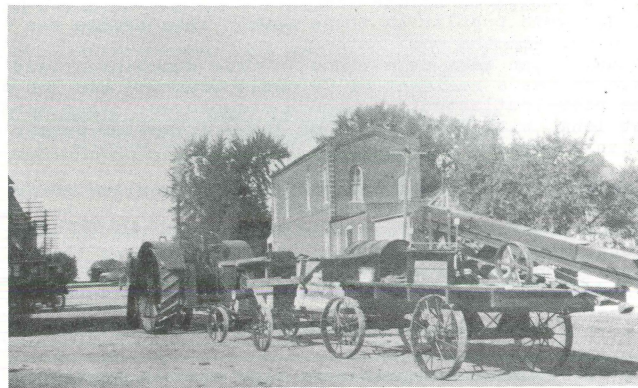
Active work of sinking said mine was to begin Aug. 13, 1933. It has been told that this coal mine only lasted a year or two and was filled in with dirt in 1942.

EVERETT QUARRIES

The picture on the following page is a portable rock crusher operated by A. L. Houghton, which was pulled to an area near where the gravel was needed and set up to crush rock. Later, he operated 1/4 mile south of Kingston. In 1946, Houghton Stone Co. was formed with W. W. Thieman and A. L. Houghton as partners. It produced agriculture limestone and crushed rock. Buford Everett purchased this business in 1957 and moved the equipment to a location 1 3/4 miles southeast of Kingston where the new company became known as the Kingston Stone Co. Buford Everett died in 1962 and his widow sold Everett Quarries Co., Inc. and Kingston Stone Co. to Clarkson Construction Co. of Kansas City, Mo. in Aug. of 1963. At this time Kingston Stone Co. became known as Everett Quarries Co., Inc.

At this time two people are employed to run the scales and loader on a full time basis. The crushing is done by a portable crushing plant and a crew of twelve men.

—The new town of Smithville is located at the Dripping Springs coal mine. Three new houses have been erected. Two are occupied and the other will soon be filled.



COVERED BRIDGE

I wonder how many Caldwell County residents are aware that our first bridge in Caldwell County was a wooden covered bridge across Shoal Creek north of Kingston.

Let us turn our minds back and peek into the past to the year of 1859. Up to this time if men, riders, wagons or stages wished to cross streams, they forded the streams. From the time the first settlers came to our county, they sought out crossings in the creeks and streams where the banks were sloping and the streams were small and these crossings were called fords. In other words, they forded the creeks and streams. Perhaps Flat Rock Ford in Rockford Township is Caldwell County's most noted crossing, the Mormons having used it to cross Crooked River when first coming to Caldwell County. Even before this time the Indians used the crossing--for here evidence was found of a large Indian battle. This was before white men entered our county. The Mormontown Ford is, also, prominent in the history of our county, but now better known as Haun's Mill site. There were many other fords -- where there was a stream, there had, of necessity, to be a crossing.

It was in Feb. of the year of 1859 that the Hannibal and St. Joseph R.R. was completed. It was, also, the year of 1859 when that first covered bridge was built across Shoal Creek a little north of Kingston. The fact that these two grand events happened the same

year, may be the reason the covered bridge is so little mentioned in our county's history. Perhaps the building of the R.R. overshadowed the building of the first bridge, because the R.R. would certainly benefit many, many, more people.

So-- in 1859 a covered bridge was constructed over Shoal Creek. Covered bridges were popular in those days. This bridge was enclosed at both the sides and the top, rather like a building or house. It was said to have been dark as a tunnel. Orie Hutchinson laid the stone piers. He was a resident of Caldwell County. His job was well done, as the piers outlasted two wooden structures. This first bridge was 120 feet long, with floors made of heavy crosswise beams, covered with long planks running lengthwise. The cost of this bridge was \$6,000.00.

Geo. Streeter, a pioneer of Caldwell County recalled going over the bridge in the 1860's. He was driving a team of oxen to his cart and lost a wheel -- probably the reason he remembered the incident.

This bridge proved very useful and important during the Civil War years. Union troops and supplies were moved over it. The Southern sympathizers decided to stop this flow of troops and supplies, so planned to destroy the bridge. They smeared and soaked the wood of the bridge with turpentine and were ready to set it a fire, when they received an alarm that the Union troops were on the Hamilton road -- so the "rebs" or southern sympathizers fled without finishing their job.

This bridge was extensively repaired in the 1870's.

Chas. Burnett, another old pioneer recalled going over the bridge in 1878 with his folks when they were on their way from Indiana to Caldwell County to make their home.

In the middle 1880's, the lower stringers of the bridge broke in two, or rotted out, making the bridge unsafe. The Caldwell County Court suspended travel over it, declaring it dangerous. Workmen started the repair. While the repair was in progress all travel was compelled to again ford the creek and climb the banks, as in pioneer days.

The bridge was said to contain enough lumber to build two bridges. When finished with the repair, the county court approved the bridge for travel, but somehow, many were still afraid and considered the bridge still not safe.

The old Hamilton and Kingston R.R. used the bridge for awhile but in July 1894 it was razed and a new steel bridge erected. The later bridges have not been built on the old covered bridge sight -- as over the years the new roads constructed have changed location slightly.

As we look back to those years long past and learn of Caldwell County's only covered bridge, we sincerely wish it could have been saved so that we, who have followed and the ones that are yet to come, could have enjoyed this, one and only, covered bridge built by our pioneer fathers.

This information was taken from Dr. Bertha Booth's article and old Hamilton newspapers and given by Ruby Ely on the "Peek In The Past" program on the K.M.R.N. radio station at Cameron, Mo.

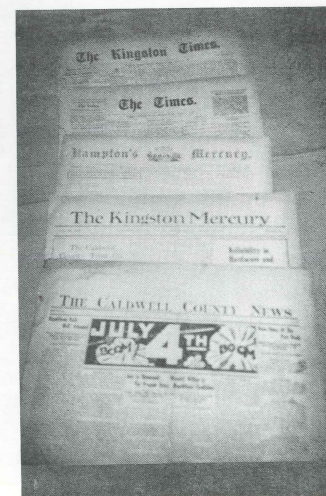
MILLS

The first mill in Caldwell County was that of the Lyon Bros. at Salem, built in 1833. In 1837, a mill was partly erected by Mormons a short distance west of the bridge across Shoal Creek, north of Kingston, but was abandoned soon thereafter, when they were forced to leave the county. It was later completed by Joe Wilhoit and Samuel Massingale and operated for several years.

NEWSPAPERS

Caldwell County Beacon	1860-	Wilbur F. Boggs
Caldwell County Banner of Liberty	1864-1866	George W. Buckingham
Age of Freedom	Aug. 16, 1866 for 1 year	John T. Ross & Anson B. Mills
Sentinel	1872-1881\2	Anson B. Mills & Levi M. Spivey
Caldwell County Citizen	1873-1878	G. W. Hendley & R. E. Chonstant
Caldwell County Sentinel	1881	C. W. Higgins
The Kingston Times	1885-1898?	Levi M. Spivey
Caldwell Republican	1894-1898	S. H. Wilson
Hampton's Mercury	1895-1917	P. W. Hampton
Kingston Mercury	1917-1921	D. P. Dorsey
Caldwell County News	1921-1953	

This paper was first published by O. G. Bratcher. G. A. Puckett was owner and editor from 1926 until 1942, when it was leased to U. V. Wells of St. Joe for one year. From 1943 until 1948, Arthur Eugene (Gene) Francis, a newspaper man from Stewartville was the owner and editor. In Feb. 1943, the paper was sold to M. O. Ridings and Vivian Bridgewater was editor. Billy Murray became editor later that year. Because of increased production costs and steadily declining revenue from the Caldwell County News, on Feb. 19, 1953, The Advocate-Hamiltonian closed out the business at Kingston and a special section about Kingston has been included in their paper ever since.





ELMER STRATTON FLOYD STRATTON RAYMOND LEWELLEN ABOUT 1935
(HOME OF AMBULANCE AND HEALTH OFFICE, TODAY)



TRUE GARRETT BARBERSHOP



LOAL JEWELL GROCERY STORE 1927



POSTOFFICE RAN BY JOHN ESTEB ABOUT 1895

STORES

T. G. Curtis-sold to I. P. Kiple Aug. 1891-Dry Goods, Clothing, Groc. I. P. Kiple died 1893; Glen A. Lewis-Staples & Groc., 1891; Madden & Johnson-Dry Goods, Clothing, Groc.; Ab Howard purchased 1/2 interest in grocery store with E. E. Van Slyke & Co. 1892; Ab Howard selling out 1919; Parlor Meat Mkt.-Jos. F. Clark 1892; Harry Roloff Store-Hdw. & Lbr., 1891; McDonald Bros.-Managers of the Racket 1902; J. A. Mumpower, wanted hides, furs, pelts & poultry, 1903; The Fair, Novelty Goods, located in W. H. Cadman bldg.; A. Harrison, only tinner in southern part of County, sold tools, stoves & carriages, 1899; August Mack & Son; Wm. Paul & Son, Lbr. yard, 1892; Jacob V. Kiple, 1891; A. G. Brewer, Jeweler, 1891; Racket Goods, Glen A. Lewis, 1891; J. F. Heiser, Furniture & Undertaking, 1892; T. C. Jones Hdw., 1903; Rudolph Kresse, Hdw., 1903; Z. A. Place, Baker, 1921; Sam Bridgewater ran a grocery and general store for many years; died Aug. 9, 1937; The Cash Store 1907; W. S. Bathgate, Hdw., 1912; Chas. Palmer Grocery 1906; C. W. Sargent at Smith Bldg. wanted Hides, Pelts, Furs, Poultry, Eggs, Tallow, Beeswax, Etc.; John T. Smith, Hdw. Store, 1897/99; A. W. Bishop, Gen. Store 1906; Bert Grigsby Store & Lbr. Yard; Albert Nelson Grocery sold to A. L. Deal in Dec. 1932; Deal's A. G. Mkt. (Archie & Helen Deal) sold to Derrell & Deanna Butler, 1972; Butlers sold to Bob & Clara O'Dell 1980; Virtue's Mkt. 1940; Anderson Groc.-Opal M. Anderson, 1937; Cassity Groc. sold to Chas. Brown, 1937; Kingston Re-Sale Store, Steve Stubblefield & Letha Houghton, she died in Feb. 1944 and he died Apr. 1944; Stephen Albert Bugg Groc. Store; Bugg sold to Jewell's Groc.-L. M. Jewell; Jewell's sold to Murrays (Bill & Mitiz) 1945; Murrays sold to Shaffer's Mkt.-Harold and Bessie Shaffer; Aldridge's Mkt.-Owen & Ollie Aldridge; Esteb's Groc.-Mont E. Esteb, operated the grocery store 18 years, died Jul. 1954; Dunn's Toggery-Ben Dunn; The Rural Supply Store 1947; McBrayer Adv. Co., Gladys McBrayer, 1946; Clark's Store, Cramer & Alma Clark; Hubert Spainhower, Ice and Coal Dealer, 1938; Spainhower Hdw. Co., 1938; Puckett's Typewriter Exch., G. A. Puckett, 1939; King's Second Hand Store, 1935;

DRUG STORES

Dr. G. R. Alexander, druggist in Kingston for 16 years, beginning in 1885; W. H. Edwards, Druggist-1906; Morgan Drug Store-W.S. Morgan owned a drug store for many years and later was connected with the Farmers & Merchants Bank. They left Kingston in 1912; W. A. Bates Drug Store in Commerical House, 1891; Bates & Stahl, Druggist, East side of square-Cadman Bldg.; Smith Drug Store; J. O. Bowers & Co., 1892; Glenn's Drug Store, 1937; The Soda Grille, Drugs, Gifts & Office Supplies-Gladys McBrayer-1946; Mid's Sundries, Mildred Swaithes.

CAFES

Al Toon Cafe; Henry Otto Cafe sold to Kenneth & Paul Palmer; Mid's Cafe, Mildred Swaithes, 1937; Kingston Cafe, 1938; Cowley Cafe, 1938; Stratton's Cafe, Mrs. F. F. Stratton, 1935; Leota Clevenger Cafe; Old Style Inn, 1939; Chas. Brown Cafe, 1935; Ferril's Cafe, Ernest & Lola Ferril, 1935; Hi-Way Cafe, Mrs. Lavena Gear & son, 1945; Capital Cafe, Peggy Jo Buddenberg & Marian Bretz, 1946; Capital Lunch, Goldburn & Mamie Kimbrough-1947; Goby's Cafe, Goldburn Kimbrough (operated a cafe in three places from 1947 to 1956, also,

Goby's Pkg. Store; Rhea's Cafe, Fred & Earl Rhea, 1956; Bishop Restaurant, Chester Bishop, Prop., sold to Earl Thompson, 1919; A. B. Allen Cafe, 1906; Ray Kirkpatrick, (father of Jas. C.) operated a restaurant in Kingston; Jones Cafe, 1935; Boner's Cafe & Groc.; Lewellen's Sandwich Shop, Ruth Lewellen; B. & E. Delicatessen & Cafe, Bob & Edith Dickinson, 1940's; Ross Cooper's Cafe, 1940; Davis Tea Room, Chicken Dinners \$1.00, 1947; Yocum's Cafe, Howard & Daisy Yocum, 1947-1955; Nelson Cafe, Edith Nelson; Wilma's Cafe, Wilma O'Dell; Dan & Ann's Cafe, Dan & Ann Chadwick, 1975-1977 sold to Pat Fee; Pat Fee's Cafe, 1978; Nellie's Cafe, Paul & Nellie Heuman; Apple Annie's Cafe, Forest & Pat French.

PRODUCE HOUSE

Albert Turner, Poultry & Feed business, 1918-1920; Kingston Mill, C. E. Livick, 1919; Kingston Produce Co., D. P. Wolf, 1938-1946; Kingston Produce Co., A. Marion Houghton, 1947; Ray Myers, Produce & Feed, 1950; Orr's Livery & Feed Stable, Walter Orr, in connection with the Kingston House, 1892; Carney Mill, 1935; Kingston Mill & Feed Co., Guy Hawley, 1937; E. W. Ackerly, Poultry, 1906-1919; Henry Otto Feed Store; Lowell Bennett Feed Store; Johnson's Livery Barn.

FILLING STATIONS

A. L. Houghton built the service station where the health office is located; Strattons (Floyd & Elmer) bought the station from A. L. Houghton about 1935; Stratton Oil Co., Dale Stratton, 1939; Lee Jones bought from Stratton, 1941; M. & M. Service Station, Marvin Bethel & Gladys McBrayer, 1946; Lewellen Service Station, Raymond Lewellen; Nelson Bros. Service Station, 1946; Stade Service Station, Frank Stade, 1950; Keith's Sinclair Service, H. M. Keith, 1955; Frys Service Station, Jim & Virginia Fry; DeWalt's Service Station, L. H. DeWalt, 1934-1972; Rupp Service Station has been run by Merle, Jane & Ronnie Bratcher, John & Connie Green, Fred Gregory, Ryland Burnett and Karle & Mary Ann Kresse.

MISC.

Townsend Antiques; Heuman's Antiques, Paul & Nellie Heuman; Royce Nelson T. V. Shop; J. A. Mumpower, ice man, 1906; Harlow Trucking Service, Russell Harlow; Moss Garage, Russell Moss, 1937; Jack Bethel Garage & Repair Service; Robison Tastee Freeze, Maurice & Ruby Robison; Howell Real Estate & Ins., Riley & Florence Howell, 1970's. Jim's Tire Service, Jim & Virginia Fry, 1969-1990. Claud Baird, Blacksmith; Claud Bozarth, Blacksmith; H. Minshall, The Taylor; The Palace Saloon, D. S. Shriver; Kelley Stone, Tonsorial Artist, 1889.

BARBERS

Alvanzo Bell, 1891; T. O. Esteb, 1906; F. W. Heiser, 1906; D. E. Jones, 1906; D. T. Hilliard, 1935; Claude Clevenger, 1935 & True Garrett; Henry Eastin; James R. (Pete) Tinsley, died 1981 aged 83 years old. He was born at Polo and was a life long resident of Caldwell County. He was a barber for 69 years with shops in Kingston and Polo before retiring in 1980.



In the picture: Joe & Pauline Swaithes & Corrinne Garrett

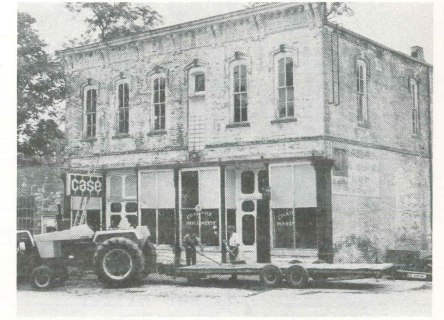
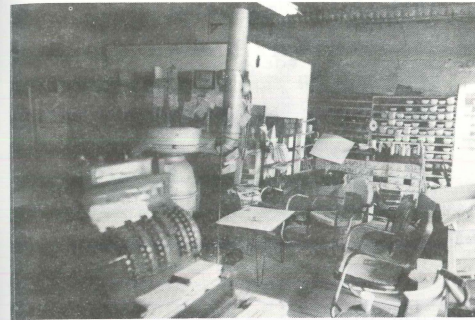
In 1934, the building pictured above, on the corner of the intersection of Hwy. 13 and Kingston's main street was remodeled for a Phillips 66 Filling Station. The lower story was removed 20 ft. back for a cut under drive, where the pumps were located. A large room was constructed on the west for a store room and Harold DeWalt put in a cream, feed and poultry station in connection with the gas station. The upper story was, also, remodeled and built into an apartment in which the DeWalts moved in to. The upper story at one time was used for the Masonic Hall. The lower floor was known as the Smith Drug Store for many years. In later years, it was the location for the world known Heiser Boring Machine Co., which flourished until the electric invention forged ahead. DeWalt's retired in the early 1970's and Riley & Florence Howell had a new building built there which housed their Howell Real Estate and Ins. business, as well as several government offices. Open house was held Apr. 6 & 7, 1973.



Joseph Orr
and his Mail Wagon



Capitol Cafe
Peggy Jo Buddenburg



CHADWICK'S HARDWARE & IMPLEMENT

These pictures should bring back memories to the many people who did business or loafed around the "pot bellied stove and spun their yarns" while Bill Chadwick had the hardware store and Case Dealership in Kingston from 1959 to 1983. Some of the owners before him were: Marion Houghton, Sullenger Bros. (Wm. G. & Wilbur C.) and Henry Otto.

Below are listed the known car dealerships in Kingston.

Chandler Motor Cars	--	George Early	1920
Buick, Reo & Dodge Cars	sold at	Feltis Garage by	M.E. Feltis 1916
Ford Auto and complete line of Tires		A. L. Houghton	
He ran a Horse & Auto Livery from about 1917-1929 and it has been told, he sold 56 International Tractors in one year.			

CAWTHON'S GARAGE

Floyd & Maud Cawthon obtained the John Deere Dealership in 1935 and opened a garage in Kingston known as Cawthon's Garage. Later, their son Donald joined them in the business. In December 1944, the garage burned to the ground but was rebuilt the following year. While rebuilding, they did business from the brick building directly east of Cindy's Magic Mirror. They lost the John Deere Dealership in 1952 but continued in the garage until about 1956. Floyd died Dec. 20, 1960 at his farm south west of Kingston.

REST HOMES

In 1873 Caldwell County purchased a farm, 4 miles nw of Kingston where a home for the poor was provided. This farm was sold to Francis Williams in 1950. At that time, a place was purchased in Kingston by the County, from Henry Otto. This place was purchased by Charles and Bessie Berry in 1959 and with extensive remodeling was made into Berry's Rest Home. In 1962, it was sold to W. A. & Ruby Draves; in 1963 to Herbert & Jean Redmond and in 1971, it was purchased by David W. & Beverly Cathcart, who called it Beverly's Inc.. They went out of business about 1975 and the property is now owned by Jim Hogsett and Ronnie Kipp.

PROBATE JUDGES

1856-1862	Wilbur F. Boggs	1899-1902	Wm. McAfee
1863-1864	Lemuel Dunn	1903-1918	Geo. K. Dodge
1865-1866	Geo. W. Buckingham	1919-1925	Ira D. Beals
1866-1870	John Wright	1926-1938	D. O. Love
1871-1872	Henry Hayden	1939-1970	A. B. Cleaveland
1873-1874	Thos. J. Reid	1971-1971	Paul Knudsen
1875-1882	John Wright		(d. Sept. 1971)
1883-1892	James McMillan	1971-1982	Stephen J. Millett
1893-1894	W. J. Wyatt	1983-1990	James S. Millett
1895-1898	R. L. Dodge	1991-	Daniel Chadwick

COUNTY CLERKS

1860-	Ed Ennis	1910-1917	Harley C. Shively
1868-1873	Walker Miller	1918-1929	J. H. Eckelberry
1874-1881	Samuel Russell	1930-1938	E. A. Merryman
1882-1885	W. H. B. Carter	1939-1946	R. G. Geilker
1886-1893	D. P. Stubblefield	1947-1958	Linus O. Chadwick
1894-1901	Noah T. Frederick	1959-1990	Mayo J. Anderson
1902-1909	Roy A. McCoy	1991-	Shari Lee

CIRCUIT CLERK & RECORDER OF DEEDS

1837-1839	John Cleminson	1903-1910	Frank B. Veatch
1840-1845	Elliott Roberts	1911-1918	James E. Gartside
1846-1853	W. S. Pollard	1919-1926	Otho Switzer
1854-1865	Lemuel Dunn	1927-1934	John A. Hendrix
1866-1872	John Williams	1935-1941	Stella Hall Thompson
1873-1877	Joseph Williams	1941-1943	John Miller
1878-1882	Winifield Miller	1944-1946	Ruth Miller
1883-1890	C. W. M. Love	1947-1958	Bart C. Fulton
1891-1894	W. S. Deam	1958-1958	Kathlyn Youngblood
1895-1902	Wm. N. Brazelton	1959-	Dean R. Trosper

Stella Hall Thompson left office Aug. 1941 after serving 7 years. She resigned when she was named Supt. of the Industrial Home for Girls at Chillicothe, Mo.

Bart C. Fulton resigned in the spring of 1958 to accept a position at the State prison in Ga.

COUNTY TREASURERS

1878-1879	George Kautz	1912-1919	Linus Hopson
1880-1883	James A. Rathbun	1920-1929	Charles Doll
1884-1885	B. C. Hicks	1929-1932	Frank Seitter
1886-1889	D. A. Glenn	1933-1944	Glenn M. Setzer
1890-1891	M. F. Nevitt	1945-1956	Raymond H. Cox
1892-1895	J. P. Henkins		(d. Apr. 1956)
1896-1897	Joab Houghton	1956-1956	Carl D. Rogers
1897-1897	B. F. Brown	1957-1964	Grace M. Strade
1898-1901	J. M. Waggoner	1965-1989	Thomas W. Holman
1902-1905	W. B. White		(d. Nov. 1989)
1906-1911	Albert Howard	1989-	Laurel Miller

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS

1872-1875	Crosby Johnson	1927-1930	Thos. Leigh
1876-1879	Wm. McAfee	1931-1934	O. J. Adams
1880-1881	Crosby Johnson	1935-1938	Crosby C. Johnson
1882-1883	Frank H. Braden	1939-1942	Stephen J. Millett
1884-1885	Stephen C. Rogers	1943-1946	Andrew Field
1886-1887	Wm. McAfee	1947-1948	Stephen J. Millett
1888-1891	S. M. Young	1949-1949	Crosby C. Johnson
1892-1895	W. S. Leeper		(d. 1949)
1896-1897	John H. King	1949-1950	O. J. Adams
1898-1899	W. S. Leeper	1951-1952	O. C. Tee
1900-1903	Frank B. Klepper	1953-1970	Paul Knudsen
1904-1907	Dorman E. Adams	1971-1978	James S. Millett
1908-1911	L. R. Kautz	1979-1987	James A. Broshot
1912-1915	L. W. Reed	1988-1990	Dennis W. Smithmier
1916-1918	A. B. Cleaveland	1991-	James S. Millett
1919-	Crosby C. Johnson		

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In the 1990 election, Geo. M. Ely was elected by two write in votes but refused to serve. James S. Millett was appointed.

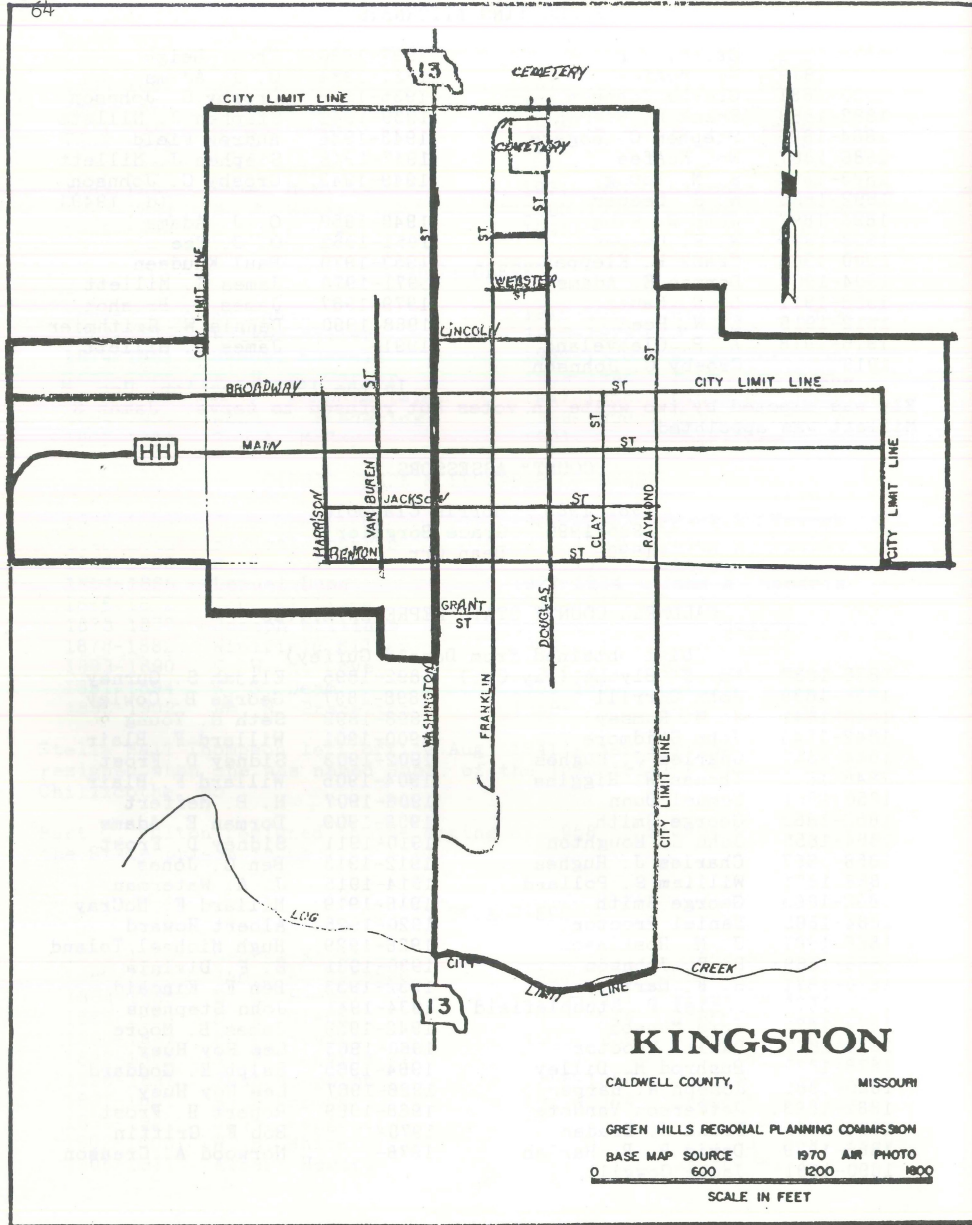
COUNTY ASSESSORS

1892-1895	Morris Claypole
1895-1990	Grace Borgmier
1990-	Dean Orr

CALDWELL COUNTY STATE REPRESENTATIVES

(List obtained from Donald Guffey)

1836-1837	Wm. R. Blythe (Ray Co.)	1892-1895	Elijah S. Gurney
1838-1839	John Corrill	1896-1897	George B. Cowley
1840-1841	J. M. Ramsey	1898-1899	Seth M. Young
1842-1843	John Skidmore	1900-1901	Willard F. Blair
1844-1847	Charles J. Hughes	1902-1903	Sidney D. Frost
1848-1849	Thomas W. Higgins	1904-1905	Willard F. Blair
1850-1851	Lemuel Dunn	1906-1907	H. B. Meffert
1852-1853	George Smith	1908-1909	Dorman E. Adams
1854-1855	John S. Houghton	1910-1911	Sidney D. Frost
1856-1857	Charles J. Hughes	1912-1913	Ben C. Jones
1858-1861	William S. Pollard	1914-1915	J. A. Waterman
1862-1863	George Smith	1916-1919	Millard F. McCray
1864-1865	Daniel Proctor	1920-1925	Albert Howard
1866-1867	J. M. Hoskinson	1926-1929	Hugh Michael Toland
1868-1869	R. F. Johnson	1930-1931	E. F. Divinia
1870-1871	S. F. Martin	1932-1933	Ben F. Kincaid
1872-1873	Daniel P. Stubblefield	1934-1941	John Stephens
1874-1875	Ezra Munson	1942-1959	James B. Moore
1876-1877	Daniel Proctor	1960-1963	Lee Roy Huey
1878-1879	Bushrod M. Dilley	1964-1965	Ralph E. Goddard
1880-1881	Joseph W. Harper	1966-1967	Lee Roy Huey
1882-1883	Jefferson VanNote	1968-1969	Robert H. Frost
1884-1885	Frank H. Braden	1970-	Bob F. Griffin
1886-1889	David R. B. Harlan	1976-	Norwood A. Creason
1890-1891	James Cowgill		



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