

Section 1 & 2 Kearney

Portion of plat of City of Kearney showing Sections 1 and 2, Township 8, Range 16, from Standard Atlas of Buffalo County, 1907.

Boundaries: 11th Street on the south, 17th Avenue on the west, 24th Street on the north, and Avenue M on the east; dividing line of sections is between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. Note numeral 2, approximate location of original Junction House in the center of Section 2.

Bits And Pieces: Locating Kearney Junction by Gene E. Hamaker, *Buffalo Tales*, Volume 4, No. 2, February, 1981

“The possibility exists that Smith had targeted Section Two as the junction point in order to disguise his real intent from the Union Pacific until the purchase of Section One was made.²⁵ Subsequent events seem to bear this out. The survey of Section One as the town site was carried out in the summer of 1871 and the plat filed in the fall. Settlement on the town site will commence afterward, particularly in 1872, although the first town lot sales are not made until after the B & M completed its track to Kearney Junction September 1, 1872. The Union Pacific, however, will refuse to stop at Kearney Junction, continuing on to the Junction House in Section Two.²⁶ The impasse between the two railroads persists until the B & M sells one half of the town lots in Kearney Junction to the Union Pacific in mid-September 1872.²⁷”