

Factory: **Kearney Stone Works**

Location: Railroad & Ave C; between B & C south of the Burlington

Years of operation: 1889

June 3, 1889 - Advertisement in paper

June 10, 1889 – Put stone floor in Water Works bldg on 21st and putting stone walks in Kenwood

July 12, 1889 – Employing 12 men, expect to set up saws and other machinery in the yards next week. Working on orders for stone for the Andrews Bldg, Frank house, E. K Greene’s house, and Midway Annex.

Aug. 3, 1889 – J. T. Donahue, foreman

Sept 25 1889 – James T. Donahoo no longer employed by Stone Works. The will not be responsible for contracts signed by him or debts contracted by him after Sept. 22. J. W. Holmes, manager

Dec. 12, 1889 – Expanding. More machinery ordered to move and cut stone. Purchased quarries – stone in Rounds, CO., redstone in WY & CO in addition to what they already have. Employ 50 in Kearney and 60 in quarries.

Feb 21, 1890 – Moved office to 3rd floor of new City Nat. Bank building. Had been under Jenkin’s Shoe Store.

Mar.5, 1890 – Got contract to furnish gray sandstone from Rawlins, WY quarry for county courthouse at Beatrice. Stone will be prepared in Kearney.

Apr. 10, 1890 – tool house burned, volunteer fire department was quick to respond

May 24, 1890 – N. R. Steadman of Warsaw NY was visiting. He is father of Mrs. George Frank and H J Steadman of the Stone Works.

June 6, 1890 – M E Hunter of the Stone Works

July 31, 1890 – Plans for the Opera House released. Front to be of gray Rawlins stone furnished by the Stone Works

Aug. 3, 1890 – Controlling interest owned by Le Veille

Sept. 20, 1890 – J J Osborn now treasurer of Stone Works

Oct. 22, 1890 – W M McAlister resigned as foreman, replaced by R. E. Evans

Dec. 14, 1890 – J W Holmes returned from Rawlings where he has been in charge of the quarry. No more stone to be removed this winter.

Apr 30, 1892 – Despite “backwardness of the season” general agent for Stone Works has orders for a thousand cars of Rawlins gray stone.

June 25, 1892 – Rumor that the Stone Works was negotiating with Burlington RR (who are interested in coal land) for sale of Rawlins gray stone quarry.

April 17, 1894 – In Aug 1893 the Stone Works had borrowed from Kearney National Bank which was now foreclosing. The following items were to be sold at a sheriff’s sale: [list sounds like the whole business.]

June 1, 1894 – Men at Stone Works yard cutting stone for fountain for front yard of George Meisner home at Shelton

Dec. 17, 1894 – Stone Works has been closed. Iron building will be moved to a site adjacent to the power house of the Kearney Electric Company over the wheel pit. Tracks will be laid so the electric cars may be run under the cover during winter storms. Cars have been left exposed to the weather since they stopped running. The building is 30 x 70 and quite heavy.

June 14, 1904 – Thomas Hutchinson was putting down a cement walk from the sidewalk to his residence. The blocks were a production of the Kearney Stone Works.

Comments: Used 300 carloads of stone for building in 1888-1889
40 Stone cutters employed
Got stone from Colorado and Rawlins, Wyoming
Nov. 13, 1889 – Buy cut stone caps and sills.