

Logan Township

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LOGAN TOWNSHIP--TOWN NO. 10, RANGE NO. 18

1878--C. A. Willis, Ella A. Willis.

1879--Anton Rager.

1880 Census – Kearney City

Willis, Charles W. S. – 56, married, carpenter, born in New York

Amanda M. – 55, wife, married, keeping house, born in New York

Charles A. – 24, son, single, farmer, born in New York

Ella A. – 23, daughter, single, dress maker, born in Wisconsin

Coney, Alice – 18, adopted daughter, single, keeping house, born in Wisconsin

1876 Assessors Book for Buffalo Township 10-18, now Logan Township

Recorded by Samuel Harbaugh

Real Estate – All odd numbered sections belonged to the Union Pacific Railroad. There were no other land owners.

Personal Property – Totals

7 Horses

4 Mules

12 Cattle

8 Carriages

4 dogs

Individuals & their property –

Armstrong, A. L – 2 horses, 1 cattle, 1 carriage

Brown, Harvey – 2 mules, 2 cattle, 1 carriage

Fennell, A. J. – (no personal property)

Grove, John - 2 horses, 3 cattle, 1 carriage

Harbaugh, Hal - (no personal property)

Hamilton, Oscar - 2 cattle, 1 carriage

Harbaugh, Samuel – \$10 other property

Harbaugh, B. F. - (no personal property)

Mackey, John - 1 horse, 2 mules, 1 cattle, 2 carriage

Miller, Robert - 2 horses, 1 cattle, 2 carriages

Mercer, John – 2 cattle

Smith, John - \$6 other property

Smith, William - \$10 other property

Wilcox, John - \$20 other property

1880 Census – Buffalo Precinct

Mercer, John – 34, single, farmer, born in Scotland

Smith, William – 33, single boarding with Oscar Hamilton, farmer, born in Ohio

Hamilton, Oscar – 34, farmer, born in Ohio

Charlotte, 38, wife, born in Ohio

2 children, one 9 other born last Dec

Harbaugh, Samuel – 71, born in Kentucky, farmer

Amelia, 70, wife, Born in Ohio

Benjamin F. – 26, son, at home, born in Indiana

Mackey, John – 33, farmer, born in Pennsylvania

Julia A – 33, wife, born in Illinois

3 children, 10, 7, one born in Apr. in NE, two older ones in Illinois

Mackey, Henry C. – 27, farmer, born in Illinois

Louisa – 33, born in Kentucky

2 children 3 & 1, older one born in Illinois, younger in NE

David – 18, brother, farm labor, born in Illinois

Wade, Joseph – 19, brother-in-law, farm labor, born in Illinois

Wade, Greenbury(?) – 58, father-in-law, farmer, born in Kentucky

Wade, Elijah – 26, farmer, born in Illinois

Hannah – 24, born in Illinois

3 children, 6,3,1, all born in Illinois

Wade, Robert – 29, farmer, born in Illinois

Anna – 28, wife, born in Illinois

4 children, 8, 5, 3, & born in Feb. First three born in Illinois, youngest in NE

Groves, John, 38, farmer, born in Ohio

Emily – 35, wife, born in Ohio

5 children, 9, 7, 5, 3, & born in Mar. Two oldest born in Missouri, rest in NE

Probate Record

Charles W. S. Willis – died 3 Oct 1894, age 71
Heirs: son Charles A. and daughter Ella A. No widow
Charles executor of estate.

2005 Farm & Home Plat & Directory

15 Sections with no farmsteads, even empty ones
38 farmsteads & 7 empty

Elm Creek Centennial Book

Fairview Christian Church

7 miles north of Elm Creek on east side of Highway 183
Christian Church established in 1904
Had a big Sunday School.
Merged with church in Elm Creek in 1948.
Building sold to Jay Atkinson who moved it to his farm. Later when he sold his farm the building was torn down and lumber went to houses being built in Elm Creek
Bell in front of the church in Elm Creek in a low brick belfry

Fairview Cemetery

Cemetery across road, land deeded in 1907 from Charles A. Willis for \$75
Last burial in 1956

Geographical description

Highway 183 goes east/west about 1 ¼ miles east of county line
Many streams (dry?) drain north, east, south but no defined watershed ridge

Kearney Hub

July 11, 1889 – H. H. Bowie came in from Logan Township to sit with the Supervisors
Oct. 24, 1889 – Superintendent of Poor Farm

The county board of supervisors this afternoon elected Mr. Powers, of Logan Township, as superintendent of the poor farm at the salary of \$750 per annum. Supervisors Benschote, Killbie, and Bohrer were candidates.

W. A. Downing, P. Frame and S. T. Trott are the committee in charge of the poor farm and are invested with the power to discharge the superintendent for just cause.

The building will be furnished as soon as possible and is expected to be ready for occupancy in about three weeks time.

July 15, 1890 – New Amendment Leagues

The organization of non-partisan prohibitory amendment township leagues goes right on through the hot weather. When these leagues are organized all the townships in the county will be organized except Logan and Center. There is an organization at Elm Creek to which most of Logan Township is tributary but another will probably be organized. Buffalo county will be in good trim to fight the amendment campaign.

Nov. 5, 1889 – General election results

Boyd was running for gov.

Against prohibition 649 in city

For Prohibition 748 in city

In townships

For Prohibition	Against Prohibition	
74	40	Armada Poor house bonds snowed under
40	6	Harrison
106	5	Center
37	22	Sartoria
		Schneider & Cedar no vote reported
90	58	Grant
27	27	Logan
69	165	Garfield
30	35	Elm Creek
		Odessa no vote reported
20	46	Scott
48	70	Divide
		Gibbon & Platte no vote reported
		Sharon carried by a small majority
88	54	Riverdale
21	64	Rusco
34	65	<u>Thornton</u>
684	657	

June 18, 1892 – H. H. Bowie of Logan Township was the chairman of the board of supervisors. The county appropriated some money to the Logan Township road fund. Bowie was charged with malfeasance in the handling of the funds. He gave an accounting and the board supported him.

Sept. 2, 1892 – Debates between political candidates is not a new idea. The candidates for county attorney met for 3-hour discussions of the issues at 26 places around the county in towns and rural schoolhouses. In Logan Township it was in the Dist. 83 school called Bowie.

Oct. 10, 1892 – At a caucus Bowie was nominated for supervisor from Logan Township for the 4th time. He was in town to file his certificate

June 12, 1893 – Mrs. Bowie won a bedroom of furniture in a drawing at the Opera House.

(Hub reported when H. H. Bowie was in town on business or to attend a program at the Opera House.)

June 16, 1893 – During a board of equalization meeting Bowie and the Harrison Township representative, John Jones, got into an argument over a road which led to blows. Friends stopped them so they went into a side room where the fight continued. When other members of the board realized what was happening, they put a stop to it. Jones required a “liberal supply of court plaster” but Bowie did not. The reporter called him the Corbett of the fight.

July 1, 1893 – Oliver Turnbull of Logan Township turned in 121 squirrel scalps.

Jan 29, 1894 – report of a home that burned 6 miles north of Elm Creek in Logan Township on “old Armada road.”

May 24, 1894 – Large barn burned on Bowie farm. 18 horses died, harness, farm equipment, hay and lost. \$3,000. No insurance. Farm hands were smoking upstairs in the house. Set the straw tick on fire. They threw it out the window, toward the barn, thought the fire was out. Fanned by the wind, the fire reignited and started the barn on fire. By the time it was discovered it was too late. Bowie had just put in a “large acreage of corn and the loss of the stock will cripple him in its cultivation.”

Feb. 2, 1895 – County Relief Committee Reorganized. State Relief Committee had shipped some supplies to township committees. Half of 322 50-lb sacks of flour went to Logan and Odessa Townships. Much of potatoes and turnips shipped to other parts of the county were frozen.

Feb. 23, 1895 – H. H. Bowie died at the Winsor Hotel following a brief illness. He was serving on the county board of supervisors and was a member of the county relief committee. He was in town on relief committee business. “Mr. Bowie and Dr. Adair went to Lincoln Wednesday morning and returned Thursday evening. On Wednesday, Mr. Bowie complained of his throat, on Thursday morning it was so much worse he could not swallow for the pain, therefore he did not attempt to eat anything during the day. Thursday evening upon his return to Kearney he summoned a physician, his throat was so badly swollen that it was impossible for him to swallow anything whatever. Friday morning he was no better and during the day he suffered greatly. In the afternoon his physician lanced his throat but without affording any relief. The swelling gradually extended downward and produced a dropsical condition of the larynx which was the immediate cause of his sudden death.”

Bowie was a contractor on the cassion work on the Brooklyn Bridge in New York and had the record of staying in the compressed air chamber longer than any living man. He had to leave that job for his health and had attacks suggesting paralysis occasionally. He had mentioned he thought an attack was coming Monday. It is thought this had some bearing on his death.

He had lived in Buffalo County 12 years, on the county board for 11 years, a Republican in a township where republicans were outnumbered. Described as a “man with a fine physique, generous but perhaps a little quick tempered.” Had 25 \$1,000 bills when he came to the county but was not in good circumstance when he died. Had let his insurance lapse in the last year or so. Left wife and one young daughter.

August 5, 1896 – Logan Township had been voting populist, one man who has helped organize a McKinley and Hobart committee says they will go republican this time.

April 5, 1899 – S. C. Cheney and Nina McCartney were married at the home of the bride's parents in Logan Township Tuesday, April 4. Rev. S. J. Medlin of Elm creek officiating.

July 12, 1899 – Lightening struck Bessie school house in Logan township Sunday evening, shattering the belfry and damaging the house

October 16, 1900 - J. E. Harris of Logan Township was a republican candidate of house of representatives

Jan 5, 1901 – he must have been elected because the Hon. J. E. Harris was visiting his home in Logan township and would be returning to Lincoln

New Era Standard – Feb 4, 1898

A Grange Hall from Dawson County was moved across the county line to Logan Township to be fixed up to be a church. Al Brodine was heading up this effort.