

Loup Township

Located in Range 16, six northernmost sections. Pleasanton is located in southeast corner

Loup River winds through the southwest section, then goes south to flow through the next four miles of Rusco Township before coming back north to go through the last two miles of Loup Township. It is at this point that Peter's Bridge was built across the river and a small community which was later called Pleasanton developed.

Excerpts from Bassett, Chapter XXXVIII, p 282

The first settlers in what is now known as Loup Township were H. F. Hand, J. T. Palmer, L. A. Colburn, C. B. Oakley, N. Dick, N. A. Brunce, J. Welch and H. H. Clark, who took homestead claims in the year 1874.

Previous to the year 1880 twenty-nine homestead claims had been filed upon in the township.

In the year 1874 Charles B. Oakley, Louis Colburn and H. H. Clark came looking for free land in the vicinity, and located in Pleasant Valley. The original survey was so faulty it was necessary for Mr. Clark to return to Kearney and secure the services of the county surveyor in order to properly locate their claims. Mr. Oakley located on section No. 8, the others on sections No. 7 and No. 22.

At this date the country was wild, there being many antelope, some deer and a small herd of buffalo. Mr. Clark and Mr. Colburn left the country, but Charles B. Oakley still lives here, and is still enjoying life, having seen the country grow up from a wild region, passing through the sod-house period to one of the many prosperous settlements of Buffalo County. During the grasshopper years most of the settlers left this part of Buffalo County, so that Mr. Oakley has seen this locality settled twice, so to speak, he remaining through all the trials incident to pioneer life.

1882 Assessors Book for Loup Township, Range 16	1876 Assessors Book
Acres	3503
Livestock totals:	
horses 137	26
cattle 639	50
mules 34	5
sheep 376	625
swine	29
Other Personal property:	
carriages & wagons 69	16
sewing machines 20	
dogs	11

Cemeteries in Loup Township

Pleasanton

Pleasant Valley

Pleasanton on the Loup, 1890-1990

Petitioned county supervisors to create Loup Precinct in August 1874

Included ranges 15 north of the Loup, 16, 17, & 18 to include all settlement on Loup River. Present day Beaver (15), Loup (16), Sartoria (17), and Harrison (18) townships
1875 voting took place at the District 21 schoolhouse and Morse's ranch

Dist 21 was 4 miles west of Ravenna in present day Beaver Township

Morse's ranch was on the south side of the Loup so it was in present day Rusco Township

Population in 1877 was 88

John Sheckler – diary

Settled in Sec. 34, a mile west of Pleasanton by a lake

Saw a lot of traffic along the Loup River

Pleasant Valley Cemetery

7 miles northwest of Pleasanton in Sec. 18

1st meeting of cemetery board was May 2, 1898

First grave was August Pearson 1883, daughter of John & Diangta (Aunt Betty) Pearson who gave a corner of their homestead for the cemetery

A nonsectarian church was built on the edge of the cemetery in 1917

Pleasanton Cemetery

On north edge of Pleasanton

One of the first projects of the new village was to acquire and set aside 3 acres for a cemetery – July 1894

Three more acres added in 1945

Perpetual care fund raised and established in 1976