

miles southwest of Topeka, Kansas. Sometime during his early age his mother suffered a long illness, and a kindly Indian woman nursed him back to health and strength. Then by the age of nine he was hunting and trapping along the Wakarusa.

At the age of twelve he was unacquainted with the alphabet and was teased by his peers. Then at the age of sixteen he was so ashamed of his ignorance in intellectual areas that he refused to attend the village school.

After acquiring \$600.00 by the age of seventeen he packed up his belongings and headed for the State Normal School in Emporia , Kansas. He remained here for three years. In the fall of 1877 he enrolled in the middle preparatory class at the State University in Lawrence. He arrived in Lawrence with a friend their means of transportation being a covered wagon. Having no place to reside and lacking in funds they situated their wagon in a ravine near the present site of the Natural Museum building.

There they lived until the frost fo winter drove them to a rooming house. Dyche began his college career with the study of the classics, but his love for nature took him into the field of the sciences.