

SOME NOTES ON THE CITY DIRECTORY OF LAWRENCE CITY, KANSAS TERRITORY 1855

From the nature of this manuscript I believe it to be the records of the town company that controlled the sale of lots in Lawrence. The main reason for this belief is the fact that many of the names in the directory are repeated many times and are the names of prominent men of Lawrence's History.

There are a few important notes about the directory which will help it's users to understand this transcription. The first note is that the original directory was arranged by the street number and not in alphabetical order. Second there are some discrepancies between the street numbers in the directory and the street numbers of the 1854 map based on the A. D. Searl Survey of October of that year (L. H. Bradford & Company Lith. Boston). Third I believe that the E. A. Co that is listed in this directory as owning a good deal of land in the city is possibly the New England Aid Company which was one of the backers of the venture. Fourth is that several of the entries are not legible and have therefore been transcribed as closely as is possible. These entries have been indicated by having a (?) after them in the street number section. The "do" sections which appear from time to time in the directory may mean "the same as above" and have been handled in this manner in the Alphabetical section of this directory. I have tried to position them in the same areas as in the original in the street number section. Some entries seem to have several versions such as Heirs of Holman or Heirs of A. J. Holman or H of Holman. These are listed seperatly, in the alphabetical section, in order to avoid confusion. All of the listings are in the format that appears in the original except for those listings in the alphabetical section that lists partners. Typical of these entries is Wade, A. B. & Babcock. In the alphabetical section an entry has been made to show Babcock as being intrested in the property by listing the entry as (Babcock & Others). All of the property that Babcock is shown as being the minor owner or partnet is listed under this entry. An example of this would be that Wade, A. B. & Babcock, Baldwin, J - Babcock, and Sawyer, J. - Fitch & Babcock would all be listed under the (Babcock & Others) entry as well as the main entry and in the case of the latter example under (Fitch & Others).

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