N. Blood as postmaster. Soon the town and postoffice moved to the southern site, and J. M. Cavaness became postmaster and held the job for years.

The settlement of Eudora is of especial interest. A group of Chicago Germans decided to found a town in Kansas, and a commission sent out to seek a site, chose that of the present city of Eudora. The movement to found the town began in '56, the commission came to Kansas in 1857 and the city was incorporated in 1859. The townsite consisted of 800 acres running two miles north and south. It was named for the daughter and the Indian Chief from whom the land was purchased, and the first white child born in the city was named Eudora. The postoffice was located in 1857.

It is interesting to note that the first postmaster was A. Summerfield, xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx the father of Elias and Marcus Summerfield, afterwards well known in Lawrence, Marcus being the father of Solon Summerfield, who established the Summerfield scholarships at Kansas University.

Big Springs, founded in 1854, really placed in early Kansas history. It was named for springs of water, now non-existant, which were known to the travelers of the Oregon and California trails. The Free State Party was organized there, by a vast gathering of pioneers, in September, 1855. And it was here that the first temperance group protested against the opening of a saloon, and publicly burned a barrel of whisky.

Vinland, which originally may have been Vineland, was established in 1854, among its founders being W. E. Barnes, George Cutter, F. B. Varnum, Chas. W. Dow, Jacob Branson, William White, and Francis M. Coleman. It had a sawmill, a school house built by private capital