



Local D.A.R.
and City History
Ottawa, Kansas.

Includes
First meeting of Ottawa Chapter
of D.A.R. -

Ottawa State Convention, 1902.
(4th Annual conference of D.A.R.)

(Local Ottawa history - included
in material at Ottawa Library)

WILL DEED INDIAN CEMETERY TO O. U.

TRANSFER OF HISTORIC SPOT TO COLLEGE WILL BE COMPLETED SOON.

LOCAL D. A. R. GAVE THEIR AID

Mrs. A. O. Rathbun, Regent, Appointed as Member of Board of Directors of Cemetery Association, Will Sign Deed—Tauy Jones, Jotham Meeker Buried There.

Through the activity of General Edward Hand Chapter D. A. R., the Tauy Jones cemetery, four miles northeast of Ottawa composed of five acres is to be deeded to Ottawa university. A deed has been filled out and is now waiting the signature of the board of directors, which is composed of P. F. Kesting, H. G. Smith, Ed. Gaddis, James Beall and Mrs. A. O. Rathbun.

For several years General Edward Hand chapter has been working on the plan to have the cemetery turned over to the Ottawa university on account of the large part of John Tecumseh Jones in founding the institution. Mr. Jones is buried there. The D. A. R. will assist in preserving the burial ground and beautifying it.

The plan was started in the chapter by the late Mrs. M. L. Ward, whose husband, Dr. Ward, was secretary of the Jones estate.

On account of the interest taken by the local chapter D. A. R. Mrs. A. O. Rathbun, regent, was appointed a member of the board of directors by the cemetery association, and her signature will appear on the deed.

Messrs. Kesting and Beall are the only surviving members of the cemetery board and Messrs. Smith, Gaddis and Mrs. Rathbun were appointed to make the required five directors.

Deeded to Indians in 50's.

The cemetery originally consisted of 10 acres and was deeded to the Indian Baptist church of the Ottawa Indians in the early 1850's by the United States. When the Indians went to the reservation provided them, it was deeded to the cemetery association, which a few years later sold five acres to the Gaddis estate, adjoining the cemetery.

As a land mark the cemetery is one of the most important in Kansas on account of the large number of prominent Indians and white people buried there. Rev. Jotham Meeker, one of the early missionaries of the Baptist church to the Ottawa Indians, was buried there in 1855 and a year later Mrs. Meeker, who had long been working with him, passed away and was buried by his side. They were the first white people buried in the Indian burial ground.

Tauy Jones Buried There.

Chief John Tecumseh Jones died in 1872 and was laid to rest in the Indian cemetery. Mrs. Jones, who was an early day missionary whose name was Miss Kelly, died in Yarmouth, Me., and was buried there. For some time before her death she made her home with her niece, Miss Lucy J. Kelly, who is well known in Ottawa. She visited often during her aunt's residence here and made an extended visit in Ottawa four years ago with Miss Julia Walsh.

Among the other prominent white people and early settlers buried in the cemetery are: S. A. Kesting, William C. Fall, Mrs. Gaddis, mother of Edward Gaddis, who lives on the farm adjoining the burial ground; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ham, Mrs. Ellen Way, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Ray, Mrs. Sarah Hamner, Mrs. Errickson and Miss Elizabeth Morris, who was buried there in 1900. Mrs. G. E. Adamson was laid to rest there about a year ago.

Miss Morris was buried in the Indian cemetery in 1900, a score of years after she had worked as a missionary among the Ottawa Indians in this vicinity. She came to Kansas before the state was admitted into the Union and served in Leavenworth county, later going to the Indian territory. In the '60's she came to the Ottawa Indians and worked here a number of years. For several years she lived at Lawrence in a property at 1201 Tennessee street, which she owned.

Deed Old Cemetery.—A deed conveying the old Mission burial ground in Ottawa township, to the Ottawa University had been placed on record. It is signed by J. M. Beal, Paul Kesting, H. G. Smith, E. Gaddis, and F. M. Rathbun trustees of the Mission Cemetery association. An attached agreement provides that the cemetery shall be kept in good condition and used for burial purposes only, and that in case the agreement is broken the property is to revert. The con-

INDIAN CEMETERY TO BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

TRUSTEES TO CARE FOR GRAVES AND SELL MORE LOTS.

Indian Founder of Ottawa University Early Missionaries and Many Red-men Are Buried in the Historic Cemetery.

The Mission Indian cemetery, three miles northeast of Ottawa has been fenced and will be opened up as a public burying grounds. At a recent meeting of the trustees of the cemetery, J. N. Beal was elected president, Paul Kesting secretary, and W. J. Hawkins, treasurer. A new wire fence has been placed around the cemetery, which includes five acres, and a gate has been placed at the entrance.

Care For Indian Graves.

The trustees plan to open the cemetery to the public, and the place is to be cleaned up and kept in order. The proceeds from the sale of lots is to be applied to the fund for the improvement of the cemetery. The Indian graves will be kept trimmed and about 500 vacant lots will be available for sale. It is planned to open forty-two lots to the east of the Indian section for immediate sale. It is probable that the members of the D. A. R. will care for the Indian graves.

History of the Cemetery.

The graves of "Tauy" Jones, the Indian founder of Ottawa university of Jotham Meeker and other missionaries are in this cemetery. The graves of many Indian chiefs are among the 100 or more red men's graves. The cemetery came into being as a 10-acre grant from the government to the Indians. Later the control of the burying grounds passed into the hands of the Mission Cemetery association, with the specification that the cemetery should be kept open as a public burying ground. Five acres of the cemetery were sold and in 1885 the cemetery was plotted.

A move was inaugurated last fall for the improvement of the place and the possibility of Ottawa university assuming the control of the grounds was discussed. The present outlook promises that the oldest cemetery in Franklin county will be perpetuated and cared for.

Much Of Ottawa's Legacy Laid To Rest

by ALLEN WINCHESTER
About five miles northeast of Ottawa is a small cemetery that any area residents may have forgotten. The cemetery contains the graves of several persons who were key figures in the early development of this community.
Weeds and wildflowers round the four stone pillars erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1936 to mark the roadway to the cemetery.
A bronze plaque on one of the pillars includes the words Ottawa Indian Mission and Dying Ground—Graves of J. Meeker, founder; Chief Ompchaw (chief of the Ottawa Indians until his death in 1863);

quarter of a mile north of the pillars, via a grassy road. Nothing remains of the mission.
According to a book written by B. Smith Haworth, 807 S. Mulberry, the Ottawa Indians

received a government grant of 74,000 acres in this area, by a treaty signed in 1831.
Haworth, a retired Ottawa University history teacher, wrote a 174-page book entitled "Ottawa University: Its History and Its Spirit."

Haworth made it clear in the book and in a recent interview, that the Indians were consistently taken advantage of by such early figures as John Tecumseh (Taui) Jones and C. C. Hutchinson (who later founded Hutchinson, Kan.)

Rev. Meeker, however, appears to have been an honorable figure. He came to the Kansas territory in 1833 as a Baptist missionary. His purpose was to educate the Indians and

baptized.

Meeker's journal related that he had to cope with such things as an Indian woman who once broke up a prayer meeting by dragging in a butchered hog and

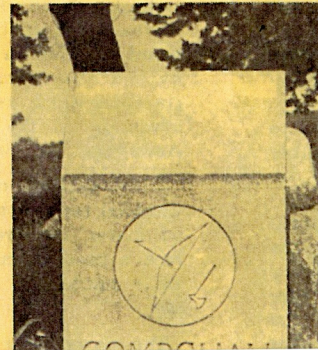
place to sing off its hair.

By 1853 the church that he had thrown it upon an open fire Meeker built had 47 members, although five had been excluded. Meeker died in 1855.

Taui Jones, a half-breed Indian, worked with Meeker at the mission for several years. According to Haworth, Meeker recognized that Jones was a good leader despite evidence that at times he was more interested in trading than in education or missionary work.

In 1856, border guerrillas burned Jones' house and threatened his life, after he befriended John Brown.

Haworth considers Jones as an early promoter of OU, rather than its founder. In 1860, Jones



October 1953.



D.A.R. MARKER — Mrs. H. H. Fowler, regent of General Edward Hand chapter of D.A.R., is shown above pointing to the inscription on the gatepost marker at the entrance of the old Indian cemetery in Taub neighborhood, three miles northeast. The chapter placed the marker, commemorating Rev. Jotham Meeker, in 1936. At left is Miss Mary Fowler and at right are Miss Marcia Baty and Mrs. Edwin Abels of Lawrence. Miss Baty is corresponding secretary and Mrs. Abels regent of the Kansas Society of D.A.R. (Herald photo by Lois Smith.)

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Nancy,

Here are some items you might like to have.

NIP

The Centennial History Book

Old History of General Edward Hand

Daughter of the American Revolution Magazine

DAR History Notebook from Emily Kirkpatrick

4 spiral note books from Barbara Dew

2 notebooks of certificatedse

If I find other items, I will bring them to you.

Dee Ellen

In Indian Cemetery

ans at this time had any understanding of a liberal arts degree," Haworth said. "The ans were more interested in elementary education for their children." Few ever

received any education, he added.

Only 640 acres of the original 20,000 acre grant were used for the university. The rest was sold at great profits by the original trustees of the university who were: I. S. Kalloch, Taui Jones, John Pratt, James Wind, Joseph Wind and C. C. Hutchinson.

The profit from these land sales is unaccounted for.

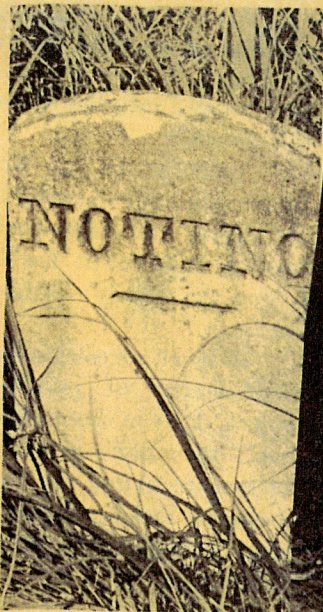
Later, another 28,400 acres were to be sold by the government for benefit of the tribe. Of that, 20,700 acres were sold by Hutchinson, acting as Indian agent. He received a deficit of \$30,603.94 of which the government collected \$5,571.24. The remaining \$25,032.70 was never turned over to the Indians.

The other 7,700 acres were sold to the university trustees in 1867 and resold for a profit of \$20,950.73 of which very little, if any, went to the university, Haworth said.

Taui Jones' role in most of this is unclear, although being half Indian, did put him in a position to bargain with the

Indians for land. Jones died in 1873.

Today, only the graveyard, a few vague and incomplete records and Taui Jones Hall on the OU campus remain.



CITIZEN OF YEAR—Don Woodward, left, director of the Ottawa Boys' Club, discusses the club's Good Citizenship award which was presented minutes earlier to Wilmer Thompson Jr., 16, shown here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Thompson Sr., 122 S. Poplar. The winner of the award, which is sponsored by the Gen. Edward Hand Chapter of the D.A.R., is selected in an election by all the members of the club.

Report of State Convention held in Ottawa, Kan., Wed. Nov. 3.

In Social Circles

State Meeting of The Daughters of the Revolution Occurs Yesterday—Social Notes and Mention.

The annual state conference of the Daughters of the Revolution was held in this city on Wednesday. Representatives from Lawrence, Wichita, and Topeka were present and were entertained by the members of the Ottawa division—The Edward Hand chapter. The convention was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Davis, where at noon an elegant lunch was served the visiting ladies by Mrs. W. Sheldon, Mrs. John Davis, Miss Winnie Smith, Miss Fannie Benson, and Miss Mollie Wilkinson. A business session and short program occupied a greater part of the afternoon. Mrs. A. H. Thompson, State regent, presided. Each lady was presented with a dainty card in blue and white the D. A. R. colors, bearing the following program:

Invocation, Mrs. A. H. Thompson
Music, violin solo, Miss Grace Smith.
Reports from Chapters—Topeka chapter by Mrs. Harrison; Betty Washington, Lawrence, Miss Clark; Eunice Sterling, Wichita, Mrs. Gov. Stanley; Edward Hand, Ottawa, Mrs. Ward.

State Regents' Address, Mrs. A. H. Thompson, of Topeka.

Paper, Historical Notes, written by Miss Zu Adams of Topeka and read by Miss Grace Meeker, of Ottawa.

Election of officers. Intermission.

Paper, "The Causes of the Civil War," written by Mrs. S. S. Ashbaugh, of Wichita, and read by Mrs. Governor Stanley, of Wichita.

Paper, "Notes Upon Mrs. C. I. H. Nichols," written by Miss Lucena B. Mattoon, of Topeka, and read by Mrs. Rodgers, of Topeka.

Solo, Miss May Beatty.

Paper, "A Trolley Trip in New England," by Mrs. Edna B. Fuller, of Lawrence.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson, of Topeka, was re-elected state regent. At eight o'clock in the evening a reception was tendered the visitors. The

spacious home of Dr. and Mrs. Davis was beautifully decorated for the occasion. In each room was hung a portrait of George Washington. Beautiful large flags were used as draperies for the archways and above the mantles. In the front parlor white was the predominating color, white chrysanthemums being the flower used. The back parlor was lovely in yellow chrysanthemums and yellow candles. The guests were greeted by Mrs. Davis, Mrs. A. H. Thompson and Mrs. M. L. Ward. During the evening a recitation was given by Miss Frances Norris and a solo by Miss Leone Good.

In the dining room where dainty refreshments were served, pink and white were the prevailing colors. Mrs. J. D. S. Riggs superintended the serving, assisted by Misses Allie Gilley, Leone Good, Sadie Houghton and Lila Beach. Of great interest was the picturesque den where were on display a great many interesting relics, among which were whale oil lamps, a short gown, resembling the dressing-sacque of today, old china helmet pitcher, sand-box, stocks, ancient

silver buckles, a pocket made in 1780, old fashioned quilts, Indian silver peace metal, Mrs. General Hand's wedding ring, an invitation to tea from John Adams to General Hand and a letter from George Washington to General Hand.

The delegates left for their respective homes this morning. The next conference will be held at Topeka. The out of town guests were: Mrs. W. E. Stanley, of Wichita; Mrs. Thompson, of Topeka; Mrs. Handy, of Topeka; Mrs. Rodgers, of Topeka; Miss Florence F. Clarke, of Lawrence; Mrs. Edna B. Fuller, of Lawrence; Mrs. Lou R. Moore, of Lawrence; Mrs. Lillian P. Hall, of Lawrence; Mrs. Alice Bird, of Lawrence; Miss May H. Spencer, of Lawrence; Mrs. Mary Haskell, of Lawrence; Miss Haskell, of Lawrence; Mrs. Melborne, of Lawrence.

An entirely new society has been added to the already long list of ladies'

organizations in Ottawa. It is the Edward Hand Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution. The Chapter receives its name from an ancestor of Mrs. J. Davis and Mrs. H. W. Gilley, who served with distinction in the Revolutionary war. On last Friday afternoon the members met with Miss Mabel Crawford. As this was the first meeting of the Chapter since its organization, the time was principally taken up with the transaction of business and discussion of plans. The following officers were elected for the year: Regent, Mrs. M. L. Ward; vice regent, Mrs. J. Davis; recording secretary, Laura Sheldon; treasurer, Mrs. J. D. S. Riggs; registrar, Miss Mabel Crawford; historian and corresponding secretary, Miss Fannie Benson. Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Davis were chosen representatives of the Chapter at the state meeting of the D. A. R., which will be held in Topeka next month. Mrs. Ward, who is also vice regent of the Mt. Vernon association, will give a paper at this convention. The next meeting of the Chapter will be held December 15 at the home of Mrs. Davis, and will be an Edward Hand meeting. The members of the society are:

Mrs. M. L. Ward	Mrs. J. Davis
Mrs. J. D. S. Riggs	Mrs. E. M. Sheldon
Mrs. W. E. Beach	Mrs. H. W. Gilley
Miss Grace Meeker	Miss Mabel Crawford
Miss Helena Beach	Miss Fannie Benson
Miss Florence Robinson	Miss Laura Sheldon
Miss Fannie Benson	

D. A. R. STATE CONFERENCE.

Miss Grace Meeker's Report to the Local Chapter Saturday Afternoon.

At the meeting of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Horace J. Smith on Elm street. Miss Grace Meeker submitted the following interesting report of the recent state conference of the society as Lawrence:

This year the delegates to the sixth annual conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Kansas were the guests of the "Betty Washington" chapter at Lawrence. They met in that city October 20 and 21.

Their first gathering was at the home of Mrs. George A. Banks, 1345 Tennessee street, where a luncheon was served in rooms beautifully decorated with scarlet salvia, red dahlias, ferns and palms. The flag was used in drapery and in the hall was placed the insignia of the society that had been carried on the decorated tally-ho which won a prize in the civic parade of semi-centennial week.

The guests found their places at the table marked by place cards bearing the names and decorated with the insignia in blue. Under each card was the program of the meeting.

An elegant luncheon of five courses was served.

Immediately after luncheon the ladies assembled for the business session. Mrs. Paul Brooks, regent of Lawrence chapter, presiding. After prayer, and reading from ritual by Mrs. Ward, regent of Ottawa chapter. Mrs. Brooks read the address of welcome extending the freedom of the historic city to its invited guests. Mrs. W. E. Stanley, state regent, responded in a few well chosen words. Mrs. Brooks then presented Mrs. Frank Banks, who played a piano solo to the pleasure of her hearers.

Mrs. Stanley as state regent took charge of the business meeting. Miss Meeker of Ottawa, was appointed temporary secretary. The report of last year's meeting, prepared by Miss Z. Adams, state secretary, was read and accepted for record. The state treasurer, Mrs. Hall of Lawrence, reported \$18.40 in the treasury. The state regent's report was very encouraging, showing the formation of one new chapter with 15 members at Newton and another with the same number at Parsons.

Sterling chapter has ten members ready and hopes soon to get the other necessary to form an organization.

Regents are at work at Salina and Ness City.

"Eunice Sterling" chapter, Wichita, reported 46 members, two real daughters.

"General Edward Hand" chapter, Ottawa, reported 22 members.

"Betty Washington" chapter, Lawrence, reported 47 members enrolled. 34 active members and one real daughter.

Topeka chapter has 74 members. Newton chapter, the latest of the roll, has 15 members.

After these reports were read Mrs. Dr. Hultz sang "When Mable Sings," so acceptably that an encore was demanded to which she responded with a charming lullaby.

Miss Adams, who had acted as state secretary for the year, having found it impossible to accept the position again, asked to be relieved from its duties, at the same time expressing her willingness to continue her valuable services in genealogical research. Her resignation was accepted with regret and a vote of thanks given her for her faithful and efficient services.

Ottawa chapter was asked to furnish a design for a state badge.

The members present pledged themselves to display the flag on all national holidays. The following officers were elected: Mrs. W. E. Stanley, state regent; Mrs. Eugene Ware, vice state regent; Mrs. Clarence A. Hall, state treasurer; Miss Grace Meeker, state secretary.

The invitation of "Eunice Sterling" chapter, Wichita, for the next annual meeting was accepted.

A most enjoyable reception was held in the evening at the home of Mrs. Alex Marks, 700 Louisiana street. The rooms were decorated with red dahlias, flags and palms. The dining room was lighted with red candles.

The guests were met at the door of the reception room by a charming colonial "mistress of ceremonies," Miss Oreta Moore, who presented them in turn to the receiving party. Other young girls in colonial costume, served punch and ices. They were Misses Sarah Piatt, Mary Jewett, Gertrude Gilmore and Anna McGrath. An orchestra played during the evening.

ing and Mrs. Lyons sang two numbers.

Friday morning the visitors, accompanied by some of the Lawrence Daughters, about fifty in all, were driven to the Haskell Institute. After a brief inspection of the building the ladies sat down to a dainty lunch prepared and served by the teacher of domestic science and her class. A hearty vote of thanks was offered Superintendent Peirs for his kindly courtesy, also one to the domestic science teacher and her helpers. The ladies of Lawrence Chapter also received a vote of thanks in appreciation of their generous hospitality.

After lunch many of the ladies attended chapel exercises, where 800 pupils assemble daily for a short devotional service.

The teacher of vocal music, Mrs. Robbins, charmed her hearers with two songs.

This visit closed the program of the meeting and another very successful state conference was over. The delegates dispersed to meet next year in Wichita.

The General Edward Hand chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution met with Mrs. J. D. S. Riggs on last Saturday afternoon. A large number of members were present. Several visitors were also present among whom was Mrs. Sleeper, of Iowa, a charter member of the club. She gave an interesting account of the Ellsworth family to which she belongs. Elmer Ellsworth was called a martyr of the Rebellion and several members of the family took active parts in the battle of Santiago. Mrs. Riggs read an excellent paper on the Dutch of New York.

Programs for 1904 have been printed for the Ottawa Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution. They are artistically done in old blue and white, the colors of the order.



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Library

Has received "Personal Narrative of a Woman Emigrant," and

"St. John Paper."

A Gift

From General Edward Hand Chapter, Mrs. E. P. Pendleton, Regent.

For which I have the honour to return a grateful acknowledgment.

Lucy Stone Landon

Librarian General.

MEMORIAL CONTINENTAL HALL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 26 1928

OTTAWA U. BORN OUT OF PIONEER SACRIFICE

Deal Made With Indians by
Baptists in 1860.

Stone House on Farm of Taury Jones,
Founder, Still Stands—Built of
Native Stone.

Ottawa, Kan., June 10.—(Special)—
The founding of Ottawa university was
made possible by a gift from the Ot-
tawas thru their leader, Taury Jones,
then living on Taury creek, about four
miles northeast of the present site of
Ottawa.

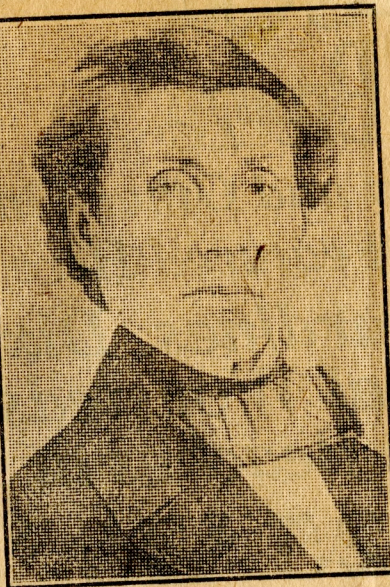
Jones owned 300 acres, well fenced,
raised 1,000 bushels of grain, had large
herds of cattle and fourteen horses.
His farm was known as the Ottawa
Jones place and is now the Woodlief
farm. Around this farm center many
interesting events connected with the
early history of Kansas. Founder's day
is celebrated at this interesting old
place each year by Ottawa university.

Formed in 1860.

In 1860 the Baptists of Kansas held
a convention in Atchison, in which
they formulated plans for the estab-
lishment of a college in Ottawa. Taury
Jones was present in behalf of the In-
dians, who were for the most part Bap-
tists. After much delay the trustees
incorporated under the laws of Kan-
sas, naming the institution the Ottawa
university, agreeing to educate fifty
of the Indian children and at the end
of thirty years to give the Indians ten
perpetual scholarships.

At the close of the war, however,
the Indians were removed to Indian
territory by treaty and in 1873 they
gave up their rights in the university.
Five thousand of the 20,000 acres were
sold to procure funds for necessary
buildings and equipment.

Dean Emerson, present county clerk
of Franklin county and a resident of
Ottawa, has some interesting recollec-
tions of the early days of O. U. He is
believed to be the only man now liv-
ing who assisted in the construction
of the college building.



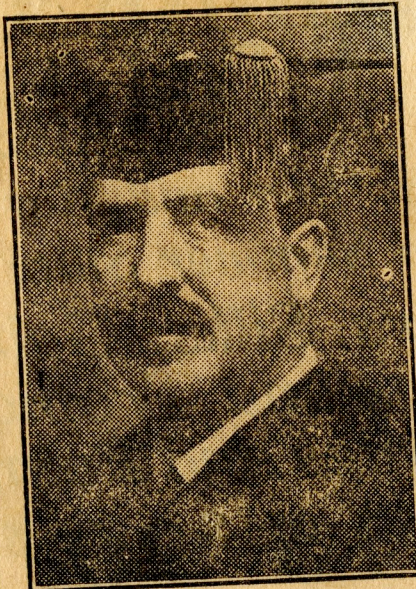
TAURY JONES

nothing was saved from the house but
later it developed that she had placed
all their gold in two bags which she
had strapped around her waist and hid
by her clothing.

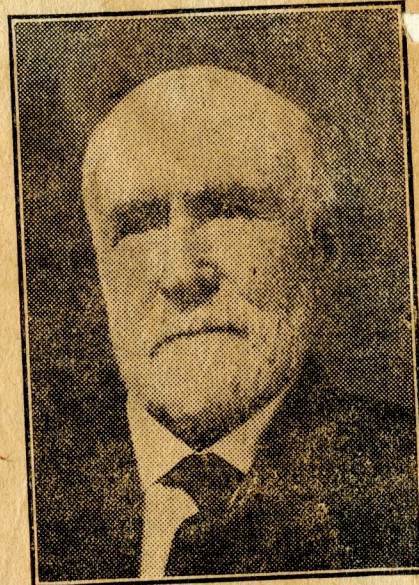
The Jones house, which will prob-
ably be standing after another century
has passed, is built of solid cut stone,
which was hauled from Fort Scott by
ox teams. This stone, also that in the
first college building was all cut by
Dean Emerson's father. One of the
ox yokes worn by the oxen while haul-
ing this stone is still in existence. The
Kansas Historical society and several
colleges of the state have made re-
quests for it, but the present owner,
Mr. H. Woodlief, has not yet decided
what disposition he will make of it.

Lincoln and Greeley There.

This historical old house has enter-
tained some prominent people in its
day. One guest of honor being none
other than President Lincoln himself,
who slept in the east room on the sec-
ond floor. Horace Greeley was an-
other prominent guest to occupy the
same room.



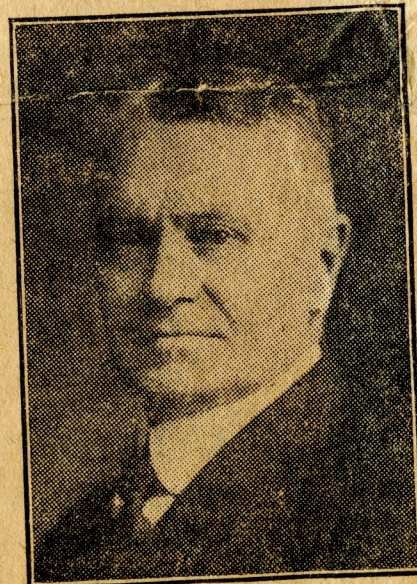
DR. S. E. PRICE



MILAN L. WARD



MRS. TAURY JONES



DEAN EMERSON

many associations of interest cluster
whose grave the Indians placed a
Mrs. Jones lived for some