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.
As a landmark 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 been working with him, passed away and was buried by his side. They were the first white people buried in the Indian burial ground.

Tauty 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 day missionaries buried in the cemetery are S. A. Keating, William C. Fall, Mrs. Gaddis, mother of Edward Gaddis, who lives on the farm adjoining the burial ground; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ham, Mr. and Mrs. Ellen Way, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Ray, Mrs. Sarah Hammer, Mrs. Errickson and Miss Elizabeth Morris, who was buried there in 1900. Mrs. G. E. Anderson 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 1860'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 was signed by J. M. Beal, Paul Keating, H. G. Smith, E. Gaddis, and Mrs. A. O. Rathbun, regent. The cemetery board and Messrs. Smith, Gaddis and Rathbun were appointed to make the needed improvements.

**Deeded to Indians in 1858.**

The cemetery originally consisted of 10 acres and was deeded to the Indian Baptist church of the Ottawa Indians in the early 1858'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.
Much of Ottawa's Legacy Laid To Rest

by ALLEN WINCHESTER

About five miles northeast of Ottawa is a small cemetery that

remains the graves of several

who were key figures in

early development of the

community.

Weeds and wildflowers

round the four stone pillars

erected by the Daughters of the

Revolution in 1936 to

mark the roadway to the

eternity.

A bronze plaque on one of

e pillars includes the words

Ottawa Indian Mission and

lying Ground—Graves of J.

Meeker, founder; Chief

Emphaz (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 (Tauty) 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

baptize.

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

throwing it upon an open fire

Meeker built had 47 members,

although five had been excluded.

Meeker died in 1855.

Tauty 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 1858, Jones

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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 Tany 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.)
June 19, 2017

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

...and at this time had any understanding of a liberal arts education," Haworth said. "The Indians 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, Taun 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.

Tauy 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 Tauy Jones Hall on the OU campus remain.

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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.
In Social Circles

State Meeting of The Daughters of the Revolution Occurs Yester-

day—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 Zue 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.

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-sack 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. Melbourne, of Lawrence.
organizations in Ottawa. It is the Edward Hand Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution. The Chapter received 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 Minnie Crawford. As this was the first meeting of the Chapter since its organization, the time was principally taken up with the trans- action 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; registra- tor, Miss Mabel Crawford; historian, and corresponding secretary, Miss Pannie 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 M. V. M. 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 Thelma Flesh Miss Pannie Benson Miss Florence Robinson Miss Laura Sheldon Miss Anna Hansen

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. Grace 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 beauti- fully 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 ses- sion. 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 wel- come extending to the freedom of the historic city to its invited guests. Mrs. E. Stanley, state regent, re- sponded 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, re- ported $18.40 in the treasury. The state regent’s report was very en- couraging, 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 and hopes soon to get the necessary forms to organize an association.

Regents are at work at Salina and Ness City.

“Eunice Sterling” chapter, Wichita, reported 46 members, two real daugh-

General Edward Hand chapter, reported 22 members.

“Betty Washington” chapter, Law-

ence, reported 47 members enrolled in 34 active members and one real daugh-

ter. Topeka chapter has 74 members.

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

After these reports were read Mrs. Dr. Huizs sang “When Mable Sings,” so acceptably that an encore was de- 

manded 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 valuable services in genealogical research. Her resignation was accepted with re- 
gret and a vote of thanks given her for her faithful and efficient services.

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

The members present pledged them- 

selves to display the flag on all national holidays. The following offi- 
cers 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 daisies, flags and palms. The dinin- 
g 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 even-
ing and Mrs. Lyons sang two num-
bers.

Friday morning the visitors, accom- 
panied 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, and also to the domestic science teacher and her helpers. The ladies of Lawrence Chapter also re- 
ceived a vote of thanks in apprecia-
tion of their generous hospitality.

After lunch many of the ladies at-
ed chapel exercises, where 800 pupils assemble daily for a short de-

votional service.

The teacher of vocal music, A. Robbins, charmed her hearers with a song.

This visit closed the program of the meeting and another very successful state conference was over. The dele-
gates dispersed to meet next year in State.
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. F. Pendleton, Regent.

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

Librarian General.

Memorial Continental Hall
Washington, D.C. March 26, 1928
OTTAWA U. BORN OUT OF PIONEER SACRIFICE

Responsible for Growth of Ottawa University

Deal Made With Indians by Baptists in 1860.

Stone House on Farm of Tauny 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 Ottawas' thru their leader, Tauny Jones, then living on Tauny 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 establishment of a college in Ottawa. Tauny Jones was present in behalf of the Indians, who were for the most part Baptists. After much delay the trustees incorporated under the laws of Kansas, 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 1872 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 recollections of the early days of O. U. He is believed to be the only man now living who assisted in the construction of the first building.

Tauny Jones

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The Jones house, which will probably 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 hauling this stone is still in existence. The Kansas Historical society and several colleges of the state have made requests for it, but the present owner, Mr. H. Woodlief, has not yet decided what disposition he will make of it.

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