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OTTAWA UNIVERSITY,
OTTAWA, KANSAS.

THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR OF THIS INSTITUTION WILL BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 4th, 1872.

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ORIGIN AND HISTORY.

This is the only Baptist School in this State. It was organized in 1860 under the name of the Roger Williams University. During the session of the first Baptist State Convention, held at Atchison in the same year, the location of this Institution was discussed. Atchison, Leavenworth, Lawrence, Topeka, and other places, desired to secure it. Rev. John T. Jones, a delegate from the First Baptist Church of Ottawa (Indian) was present, and addressed the Convention. He said that his people had been contemplating for some time the founding of a school of high grade for the benefit of their children, and as they were all Baptists, he thought they would like to unite with their white brethren in their educational interests, so that their children might be instructed by and under the influence of Baptist men.

The Baptist denomination began missionary labors with the Ottawas as far back as in 1833, when they were but little advanced from their original savage state. They were then living in Michigan, at what was known as the Carey station. Through the labors of these faithful Baptist missionaries (of whom the names of Revs. McCoy and Meeker deserve especial mention) the Ottawas were raised to a high state of civilization, and most of them became members of the Baptist church.

The location of the Roger Williams University was not decided in the meeting at Atchison. On returning home, Mr. Jones informed his people what the white Baptists of the State were contemplating with regard to a school. After a few weeks the Ottawa nation requested the Trustees of the incipient University to visit them. This visit was made in December 1860. After a general and full conference an agreement was entered into, the substance of which was: that the Ottawas would give 20,000 acres of their land, then worth $20,000 to $25,000, to endow the school, the trustees agreeing to board, clothe and educate the children of the Nation between the ages of four and fourteen years. This agreement, with slight changes, was put into a treaty that became a law in 1862. Thus the Ottawa Indians and white Baptists were brought together in their educational interests in this State. In 1865 the Trustees incorporated themselves under the present laws of Kansas, and dropping the name of Roger Williams gave the school the name of Ottawa University. This was done in compliance with the expressed wish of the Ottawas, who desired thus to perpetuate their name. Owing to the disturbed state of the country on account of the war, the school did not get fairly on its way until 1865, when it was started in temporary buildings in the town, with W. S. Kalloch as President, P. Fales as Principal, Miss Lucy Hatch as Preceptor, Miss Carrie Scammon as Teacher in Music, Painting and Drawing, with Miss Fannie Thomas and Mrs. R. S. Mayhew as Teachers in the Indian Department. The school continued until the winter of 1868, when, on account of financial embarrassment, it was suspended until the University building should be finished. The college edifice was commenced in 1865, and completed early in 1869. It cost $40,000. On May 1st, 1869, the school was re-opened with Rev. Robert Atkinson, Miss Lucy Hatch, Miss McClellan and Miss Emma Ford as teachers.

The business management of the University requiring so much of Mr. Atkinson's time, Prof. M. L. Ward, of Norwich, New York, was employed, who commenced his labors with the Fall term, in 1869, with Miss L. Hatch as Preceptor, and Miss C. Farner teacher of music. In the spring of 1870, Mrs. Ruth Giffin was employed to take charge of the Indian Department, and also to teach the primary scholars in the school. Mrs. Giffin having resigned, in
the fall of 1871, Miss Morse, the present teacher, took charge of the Indian Department. This department, for the last three years, has been small, from the fact that some of the Ottawas have attempted to break up the school. This has also materially retarded the development of the whole Institution.

**Studies.**

This Institution embraces in its ultimate aim, a full University course. The departments now organized furnish a thorough Academic education, including a preparation for College.

**Preparatory.**—Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, Reading, Spelling and Penmanship.

**Academic.**—Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Botany, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Physiology, Astronomy, Latin, Greek, French, German, Rhetoric, English Literature, Elocution, Composition, Book Keeping and History

**Terms.**

The school-year consists of 40 weeks, divided into 4 terms of 10 weeks each, commencing respectively, Sept. 4th, Nov. 13th, 1872, and Jan. 29th, April 9th, 1873. Vacations between Christmas and New Year, and eleven weeks at the end of the school year. Public examinations and exhibitions during the year.

**Tuition.**

- Preparatory Department, per term of ten weeks, $6.00
- Academic “ “ “ $8.00
- Drawing (extra) “ “ “ 5.00
- Painting, “ “ “ 10.00

Instrumental and Vocal Music, at the usual rates.

Special rates to students preparing for the Ministry.

Tuition Bills must be settled at the beginning of each Term.

Money refunded only in cases of protracted sickness.

Board can be obtained in town from $4 to $6 per week.

A number of young ladies can be boarded by the Principal, in the College building, at $3.50 per week, for the Fall Term, and $4 for the Winter Term.

All Communications with regard to the School, should be addressed to the Principal, or Rev. R. Atkinson, Business Manager of the University.

By order of the Trustees.

R. ATKINSON, Secretary.  

J. S. EMERY, President.