

History

Of

Pleasant

#52

Hill

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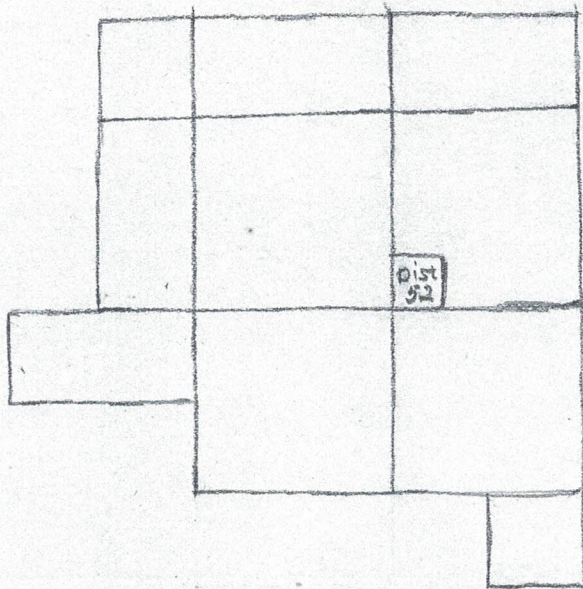
School Board.

Director	-----	M. J. J. Locke
Moderator	-----	Frank Davis
Treasurer	-----	M. Ritchie.

Pupils.

Calvin Sandusky.
Leonard Reuter
Clement Reuter
Harry Hall.
Clarence Workman
Blanche Workman
Newell Crink
Irena Myers
Jennie Locke
Cedric Crink
Gladys Reuter
Selma Drilling.
Bernice Burrow.

Dist 52.



Plan of Dist. 52.

Scale: 1 inch equals 1 mile.

History of Dist. 52.

Very little is known of this district earlier than 1865. There were probably a few settlers here before that time and among them was a man by the name of Mr. Turkum. More is known of the settlers who came in 1865. Those who came in or about that time are as follows: Luther Davis, Maxon Davis, Dr. Maxon, Gilbert Hurley, Samuel Becker, Gyp M^r. Laughlin, Nimrod Keiser, Owen Hales, Joseph Hays, Samuel Highanbottom, Peter Gold and Rev. Genas Turman. Many of these have passed away and very little is known about others. Some of the people who settled in this country in earlier years and are still living are: Peter Gold, Henry Drilling and Mrs. Harriet M^r. Laughlin.

Mr. Gold who is still living in this district, came in 1865. He built a shanty ten feet square in the timber. His neighbors were few and far between.

Mr. Reuter and Mr. Miller being the nearest. There was no building for miles west of him and west of the Memaha, except a dugout belonging to John Wood.

Mr. Gold was the first road supervisor in this part of the precinct. He assisted in opening the public highway through this district and also superintended the building of the first bridges. He assisted in the erection of the first M. E. Church in Table Rock and also the first Presbyterian church. In addition to the things mentioned above, Mr. Gold helped in the organization of the school in district thirty-four.

A few months after the Civil War broke out he enlisted as a Union soldier. Mr. Gold met the enemy in many of the most important battles.

Luther Davis also came to this country in 1865, settling on Kurkum Branch. When he first came to this country Indians were in the neighborhood, making frequent calls

upon him. While he ~~was~~ was plowing in his fields antelope and deer came and stood near him and were not afraid.

Mr. Davis helped Benjamin Clement build the first bridge over the big Muddy, hauling the lumber from John Shooks Mill at Hillsdale on the Missouri. He also helped to make the first road in his part of the district.

Memrod Keiser lived on the little Muddy, later on moving to the farm which is now owned by Mr. E. D. Workman. When he first came to this country he purchased one hundred sixty acres of land including thirty-fives acres of timber, for which he paid seven hundred dollars. He, himself, turned the first furrow, taking possession in 1866. He rented a cabin for two years, hauling lumber for his house from Hillsdale, making the trip in two days.

Mr. Joseph Hays settled here in

1865. He saw the erection of the first house in Humboldt, he also saw the first Court House of Pawnee County in erection. The Court House was built in 1867 and when Mr. Hays saw it it was just three feet above the ground.

Mr. Hays took his produce to Brownville, thirty miles away. For wheat which he hauled to Brownville he received thirty cents per bushel.

In the eastern part of this district is a stream called Kurkum Branch. This Branch was named after Mr. Kurkum, who has been mentioned before as an old settler. Mr. Kurkum was at one time supposed to have owned a pot or a box of gold. One time the Indians attacked and chased him. He took his pot of gold and fled, and for safe keeping he buried it. The place where he buried it, is thought to have been near Kurkum Branch. So safely did he

hide his money, that when he returned to get it, he could not find the place where he had buried it. The gold is supposed never to have been found. The land passed from the hands of Mr. Kurkum to Mr. Joseph Hays and is now owned by Mr. Frank Davis, son of Luther Davis.

In this same Branch, just before it crosses the road into Richardson County, are the remains of an old Indian Ford. The old roads where the the Indians traveled are can still be seen, one leading towards Humboldt and the other towards Table Rock.

In the early years of settlement Mr. Hays and Mr. Keiser caused the erection of a rude school house. This school house was just an old cotton wood structure and the school of about twelve children was taught by Miss Julia Ferguson. This was the first school house built in this district.

There was at one time an old shack just one mile and a half north of the present school house. It was built in a shed roof fashion and was used for a school house in the spring of 1872. It was taught by Mr. Jim Hays. The land where this rude school house stood is now owned by Mr. Jake Reuter.

The present school house was built in 1872. The building cost just four hundred dollars. It was built by a carpenter from Pawnee, whose name was Hawley. The first teacher, who was Jim Hays, was employed by using bonds and he received twenty dollars per. month. The land for the school grounds was given by Mr. Joseph Hays. Mr. Peter Gold was treasurer for a number of years. Luther Davis and Memrod Reiser were moderators at different times, Mr. Davis being the first moderator.

The school house built in 1872 is still standing, with only a few changes having been made.

District fifty-two has always been called Hays School. It was probably named this because a Mr. Hays was one who caused its erection, and a family by the name of Hays has always lived in this district.

The correct name for the school is Pleasant Hill. As near as can be found out it was named this because of its situation on a small hill, hence the name of Pleasant Hill.

The chief amusements in District fifty-two, in the pioneer days were Singing, Spelling and Writing Schools.

The teachers who taught in District fifty-two are as follows:-

1872 Jim Hays

1873 not recorded.

1874 not recorded

1875 not recorded

1876 W. P. Stearns

1877. Olive Maxon and Mathew Wing.

1878 Not recorded

1879 not recorded.

1880. J. Q. Lathom.
1881. Annie M^{rs}. Clintock
Mrs Della Wallace.
Addie Kelley.
1882 Della Mims
Anna Pangburn.
1883 not recorded.
1884 W. M. Pangburn.
1885. May Becker.
1886 May Becker
1887 May Becker
1888 May Becker.
1889. Anna Blacklaw
1890 Ida Fowler - Annie Blacklaw
1891. Anthony Day
Goldie Kelley.
Carrie Burnett.
1892. Ida Kramer.
H. L. Sams.
1893. Minnie Boggs.
W. L. Turman.
1894. F. J. O'Connell.
H. L. Sams.
1895. Miss Whitaker
Ida M. Shoemaker
Elsie Fisher.

1896. W. W. Chammackel
1897. A. J. Day.
1898. Lula Layman
1899. Maggie Engbery.
1900. Ethel Meyer.
Jim Talbot.
1901. Mary Goodrich
1902. Miss Olive Schiriff.
1903. Miss Wilcox
1904. Miss Snoke.
1905. Miss Snoke
1906. Lora Norton
1907. Mrs. M. E. Patterson.
1908. Cecil Harlow.
1909. Julia Striye
1910. Julia Striye
1911. Hazel Wiar
1912. Julia Striye
1913. Ada Talbot
E. P. Huff.
Ana Bily.
1914. Milis Carter
1915. Mary E. Ault
1916. Mary E. Ault.

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