

# The Winding Valley and the Craggy Hillside

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## Chapter IV THE EARLY CHURCHES OF ROSEDALE

The presence of the Rolling Mill in Rosedale led to the organization of churches, schools and other cultural institutions.

It is interesting both from a religious and historical view-point that the early churches, thru the years, have "carried on" and are still "going and growing" organizations.

The first Mass offered up in Rosedale was some time previous to 1876. The service was held in a log house owned by Richard Fitzgerald. The Mass was celebrated by Father Anton Kuhls, then pastor of St. Mary's Church.

1876, Rosedale became a Mission and was attached as such to Shawnee.

This frame Church of Holy Name was built in 1880 At Kansas City Avenue at Shawnee Street.



The present stone church of Romanesque architecture was dedicated June 1912.

### HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

Southwest Boulevard and Iowa Street.

### THE UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Union Sunday School was an active organization in the early days of Rosedale having an attendance of 275. Many Rolling Mill families attended the Sunday School. D.S. Mathias was superintendent of the Sunday School. Capt. Ira Harris was superintendent of the bible Class.

The Sunday School was noted for its musical talent with the Choral Society and orchestra of eight pieces.

THE HENNING AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH was organized 1879. Many of the members were Rolling Mill people.

The Church located at 14 North Henning Avenue was dedicated in 1880.



First Methodist Episcopal Church, Rosedale, Kansas.

The Henning Avenue Church was the forerunner of THE ROSEDALE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Church on Southwest Boulevard was dedicated 1908.

After annexation, the churches that had the word "First" in their title became "Rosedale." (Now: Rosedale-United Methodist Church.)



THE PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH built their first building in 1882. Services had previously been held in the homes and in the School House.

A new unit was built in 1900. They have added to the church on its original location: 1013 Seminary Street.

THE ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH was started as a Baptist Mission in 1887 by students from William Jewell College.

The frame church was used from 1896 to 1916.

Original location was Shawnee and Summitt Streets.



The present building - of dark red brick and an architectural type styled "Pseudo Gothic" was dedicated in 1916.

Rosedale Baptist Church Southwest Boulevard at Cherokee Street.

THE WALNUT STREET METHODIST CHURCH -- (South) -- was organized 1894 was located at Walnut and Florence Streets. It merged with The Rosedale Methodist Church in 1943.

The pulpit and pews used in the Walnut St. Church were from the Old Shawnee Methodist Mission. They have been restored to the Mission in Johnson County, Kansas.



There have been other churches and denominations in Rosedale but these were the early ones.

CHURCHES IN 1922 [1]  
WHEN ROSEDALE WAS ANNEXED TO KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

BAPTIST

First 901 Southwest boul.  
First Row nw cor McDowell  
Mt. Carmel 906 w. 39th  
Olivet 45th and Westport  
Primitive 529 Tangent  
Pleasant Valley 1012 College (Bluff)

METHODIST EPISCOPAL (SOUTH)

Walnut Street Florence ne cor Walnut

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Holy Name Shawnee av and Southwest boul.

OTHER

American Rescue Workers Mission 746 Southwest boul  
Church of the Nazarene 2515 Orchard  
Plymouth Community Church E Park and college av  
Rosedale Christian Church 1172 Southwest boul

CONGREGATIONAL

First 4326 Lloyd av.

United Brethren Church 4716 Quapaw

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 2310 W. 40th

METHODIST

First Southwest boul sw cor Florence  
German 4300 Cambridge  
Second AME 106 Shawnee

St. Paul AME Zion 4000 Adams