

The Winding Valley and the Craggy Hillside

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Appendix IV THROUGH THE YEARS A CHRONOLOGY

- 1803 - For the intent and purpose of this chronology, "The Louisiana Purchase" will serve as an appropriate starting point.

The future "City of Rosedale, Kansas" was in the "Province of Louisiana" that the United States purchased from France.

- 1825 - The Shawnee Indians settled in that section of Wyandotte County South of the Kaw River ... (and adjoining Northeast Johnson County.)
- 1854 - (July 7) Andrew H. Reeder took the oath of office as Governor of Kansas Territory.

The Shawnee Indians remained in possession of the land until 1854 when Kansas was organized into a Territory. Many of the Shawnee sold their land and moved to Indian Territory; now known as the State of Oklahoma.

- 1856 - Surveyor General J. Calhoun's map shows Turkey Creek joins the Kaw River then separates to return to the Missouri River - forming an island between the Kaw and Missouri Rivers.p>
- 1860 - The Kansas City Sun Newspaper, May 8, 1896, published a "Roll of Honor" of those living in Wyandotte County who came to Kansas in 1860 or before. Listed from Rosedale were: 1855, Frank McDowell; 1857, Dr. S.B. Bell, Mrs. M.J. Filkin, Mrs. Freddie Brush, Samuel Bousman, John Bousman, Daniel Bousman, Ellen Lindsay, Rachel Steel, Frank Holsinger; 1858, Mrs. Mary McDowell; 1860, Richard Fitzgerald, Bridget Fitzgerald, Margaret Bell, Thomas Powers, Mary Powers.
- 1861 - (January 29) Kansas admitted to the Union.
- 1864 - Simeon B. Bell bought the farm that later comprised the North part of Rosedale. In clearing his farm, the timber was cut into saw-logs and hauled to the West Bottoms to a saw-mill operated by James E. Fisher, for many years a resident of Rosedale, and Abel Fisher.

1865 - 1870

- 1865 - The End of the Civil War.

The Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad Company was incorporated. The K. & N.V. went thru the Turkey Creek Valley (later Rosedale) to Olathe then south to Baxter Springs, Kansas.

- 1867 - Gottlieb F. Espenlaub and wife, Mrs. Elvira Espenlaub bought a tract of land between what is now Argentine and the Rosedale District. Mr. Espenlaub was the first nurseryman and florist in Wyandotte County.
- 1868 - (Oct. 5) - The forerunner of the Seventh Street Trafficway was envisioned

by Major Joseph K. Hudson and Mathias Marty with fifteen others petitioned the Wyandotte County Commissioners for the most practical route from the Shawneetown and Westport Road to the Kansas River Bottoms.

(Oct. 10) - The name of the Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad Co. was changed to the Missouri River, Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad Co.

(Dec. 16) - The railroad reached Olathe, Kansas and was placed in operation from Kansas City, Mo. To Olathe, Kansas - a distance of 21 miles.

1869 -

1870 - 1875

1870 - Major Frank Holsinger and wife, Mrs. Francis (Fannie) Holsinger settled on a 160-acre farm just southwest of the future City of Rosedale. The nursery business founded by Major Holsinger in the 1870's is still carried on by his descendants.

1871 - Anthony Sauer built his "Castle" on land that later became 945 Shawnee Road.

1872 - (May 16) - The Townsite of Rosedale was platted and then recorded in Wyandotte County, Kansas by James G. Brown and Abraham Granstaff.

(Aug. 22) - Post Office changed to Rosedale, Kansas. Mrs. Jane Dakin was appointed Postmistress.

1873 - Peter Muehlebach, thru land purchases, acquired 35-acres. (Rainbow Blvd. To State Line - 39th to 41st Street - Less the Kerns property.) He planted a vineyard; operated a winery and had a wine garden on his land.

1875 - 1880

1875 - (April 14) - The Kansas Rolling Mill was incorporated in the State of Kansas. The Rolling Mill was established in Rosedale. "Rosedale Grew Up Around The Rolling Mill."

About 100 families came to Rosedale with the Rolling Mill. Some of the Rolling Mill Men were: David Mathias; D.S. Mathias, D.E. Jones, B.L. Stine, George Gilbert, Harry Gilbert, Benjamin Rees, Thomas Evans, William Rankin, William Bowen, T.B. Newton, Joseph Evans.

The Grasshopper Plague - Grasshoppers washed down stream in Turkey Creek flood.

Previous to the year 1876, the first Mass offered up in the Rosedale area was celebrated by Father Anton Kuhls. The service was held in a log house owned by Richard Fitzgerald.

1876 - (Holy Name Parish) - Rosedale became a Mission. A church was constructed of upright boards.

The Union Sunday School - the 100 or more families that came from Decatur, Illinois with the Rolling Mill attended the Sunday School. Ira Harris, the Superintendent of the Mill, was also superintendent of the Sunday School.

A one-room frame school house was built on the East side of Hudson near 42nd Street. A country school known as "District 39" and "Malvern Hill."

1877 - (Aug. 28) - Having the necessary population of 600, Rosedale was authorized to become a city of the Third Class. D.S. Mathias was elected the first Mayor.

1878 - The Thor Iron Works commenced operation in Rosedale - making bridge castings and girders.

(Feb. 1) - The Constitution of the Rosedale Rolling Mill Beneficial Society was adopted. Officers for 1878: president, William Rankin; Vice-President, Isaac Hines; Treasurer, Henry Jurgens; Secretary, William D. Mathias, Directors: John Hutchison, Sr., Thomas Shinton, Simon Toothill, Ben Rees, William Bowen, William R. Havard, Thomas D. Jones, George W. Derr, Ed. Cassidy and Abe Williamson.

1879 - The first Telephone Directory of Kansas City published. Listed in this directory:
Station D - Rolling Mill Office
Station E - Rolling Mill at Rosedale

Henning Avenue Methodist Church organized. The church building was dedicated November 1880.

(Mar. 22) - The Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad Co. was incorporated.

The Good Templars Lodge was organized.

1880 - 1885

1880 - The first Holy Name Parochial School in Rosedale was conducted for a term and a half.

In searching for coal for the Rolling Mill, the "Mineral Geyser" was found. The Geyser Mineral Spring of Rosedale - later the Rosedale Mineral Bath House.

(June 5) - The Iron City Lodge No. 48 of the Ancient Order of United Workmen instituted. (A.O.U.W). it's membership comprising employees of the Rolling Mill.

(Sept. 28) - "Pride of Rosedale" No. 6683 - The Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters instituted.

1881 - (Aug. 13) - Pioneer Lodge No. 1 (State of Kansas) of the amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers of the United States was instituted. William Rankin was elected President; William Vaughn, Vice-President; James B. Mullay, Recording Secretary; Newton Watson, Financial Secretary; S.P. Lewis, Corresponding Reporter.

(Aug. 13) - The Rosedale Waterworks Company was granted a franchise. Turkey Creek was to be the source of water supply.

(Fall) - The Rosedale Coal and Mining Co., at a depth of 335 feet, struck a twenty-inch vein of coal.

(Nov. 1) - The Kansas City and Rosedale Street Railway Co. was incorporated.

- 1882 - The colored Baptist Society (later the Pleasant Valley Baptist church) built a church on land that had been purchased from Mathias Marty and wife, Amanda Marty in 1880.

(September) - "The Law and Order Society" organized. The purpose: "To oppose in every legal manner the open and repeated violation of the prohibitory law in this otherwise peaceful and orderly city."

(Sept. 9) - Achilles No. 54, Knights of Pythias, (K. of P.) Lodge was established in Rosedale with 46 charter members.

The City owned 2 school buildings. The 3-room school at Kansas City Ave. and Florence had an average attendance of 250. The School at Bluff and Central Streets, a comfortable frame building, had an average attendance of 43.

Peter Clasen came to Rosedale. He started his dry goods and grocery store at 704-705 Southwest Blvd. In 1886. Later his son Samuel Clasen was manager of the store: P. Clasen and Son.

- 1883 - (Jan.) - The Pacific Mutual Telegraph Company was organized. The organization planned lines between principal cities in the West with headquarters in Rosedale. The Home Telegraph and Signal Company was organized about this time. (The Organization was composed mostly of Rolling Mill officers. When the Mill closed, the plans were discontinued.)

The Kansas Rolling Mill closed due to the depressed economy and financial difficulties caused mainly by the railroads changing from iron rails to steel.

(Dec. 6) - "The Kansas Rolling Mill sold at Sheriff's sale for \$100,000. To Jas. Parmalee of Cleveland, Ohio."

- 1884 - Rosedale High School was organized under George E. Rose. Mr. Rose served as Superintendent of the Schools until 1887. Then from 1890 to 1894 and from 1904 to 1914.

1855 - 1890

In the 1880's there was a business boom in Kansas City, Missouri that spread to the surrounding areas -- including Rosedale, Kansas.

"The Rising Tide Raises All Boats" (Old New England Saying)

- 1885 - William S. Smith and wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith came to Rosedale. Mr. Smith served the City as Street Commissioner for several years and as a member of the School Board. They were the parents of the "Four Smith Boys of Rosedale."
- 1886 - (May 11) - The great tornado. "It came here from a southwesterly direction and cut a diagonal swath through the city, from around Rosedale to the gas works on the east levee, and it took its awful tragic toll of lives and property all the way."

The first graduating class of the High School with seven graduates. The Schools were under the supervision of Prof. Geo. E. Rose assisted by a corps of five teachers.

Mr. And Mrs. Wm. A. (Billy) Drew came to Rosedale. Mr. Drew worked for

the fire department and the county sheriff's office. He served as Truant Officer for the School Board. He will be especially remembered by any one who "played hookey" from school.

- 1887 - (Spring) - Students from William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, started a Baptist Mission in Rosedale. The Mission developed into the First Baptist Church of Rosedale.

There was considerable building during 1887. Some of the buildings were:

Brick School House - Cost \$8,000.

Kansas City Bridge & Iron Co. - \$5,000.

Edward Bunyar, Florist, built his hot-house and house.

H.W. Gates built a house and barn.

Gottlieb Naschold - the Oldest Bakery in Rosedale. (Later sold to Rushton Bakery).

Rosedale Union of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (W.C.T.U.) was organized with Mrs. Frances J. Lewis as its first president.

(May 17) - Dr. S.B. Bell's College Park plat recorded.

City Limits extended. The City established grades on all the streets.

Dr. Simeon B. Bell offered a strip of 100 feet thru his farm and Albert Marty and wife, Nellie Mary offered a strip of 100 feet thru their property to connect Kansas City Avenue in Rosedale with Southwest Blvd. In Kansas City, Mo. This was the connecting links for Southwest Blvd. And the coming of the horse car to Rosedale.

Trackage Rights Agreement was made between the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad and the Kansas City and Pacific Railway Co. (Later consolidated with the M-K-T). To give the Kansas City and Pacific through service between Kansas City and Coffeyville, Kansas. This trackage rights agreement is still in effect. The Katy uses the Frisco tracks between Paola and Kansas City. The Katy Railroad entered Rosedale via the track agreement.

- 1888 - (Jan. 4) - The Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad and six other companies consolidated to form the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Springfield Railroad Co.

(April 24) - The Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railroad Company was incorporated. An agreement of consolidation by the Kansas city, Fort Scott and Springfield Railroad and the Kansas City, Springfield and Memphis Railroad Co.

John Douglas Patrick, a distinguished artist, first exhibited his painting "Brutality" in Paris at the Universal Exposition. The French Government was so impressed with the painting, they awarded Mr. Patrick a Medal of Honor. Mr. Patrick lived in Rosedale for many years.

Rosedale (Red) Elevator was built. Capacity: 100,000 bushel. Located at Wyandotte Street and the K.C., FT.S. & G. tracks. One of the oldest

elevators in either Kansas City was destroyed by fire in 1938.

The "Brick" School was built on College Avenue between Westport and High Street.

The value of school property, including sites, was \$30,000. The cost of running the schools last year was \$3,000. And this was paid without any assistance from saloon licenses.

The Southwest Boulevard is completed and is the finest drive of nearly five miles in the state.

The Rosedale Steam Bakery was started by George Rushton, who had formerly been engaged in the baking business in England.

- 1889 - The new Post Office Building - built by W.C. Copley and located at 1000 Kansas City Avenue.

During the past year the City equipped and organized a fine Hook and Ladder Company (Volunteer Fire Department.) One of the most necessary things the City has needed for years.

Dr. Simeon Bell commenced the erection of a brick building on the Boulevard near the State Line. This was Bell's Hall, - a 3-story building.

The new Attucks School Building - red brick. Located at Central - northwest corner Bluff Street.

Mr. Kemp erected the largest building Rosedale at the corner of Hill Street and Kansas City Avenue. The upper story was used as a hall. (Kemp's Hall.)

Edward Bunyar, Florist at 636 Southwest Blvd. Built two green-houses.

1890 - 1895

- 1890 - (Jan. 10) - Rosedale Lodge No. 333 A.F. & A.M. was constituted. Dr. B.M. Barnett was the First Master. The Lodge met at McGeorge's Hall, 1207 Kansas City Avenue.

The new Killmer Building - 40 feet by 70 feet -- 2-stories was built at 1174 Southwest Boulevard. It later was the Eagle's Hall.

(April 12) - New electric street lights were turned on. There were 42 incandescent street lights.

- 1891 - The First Baptist Church of Rosedale built a frame building on property at Shawnee and Summitt Streets.

- 1892 - After her marriage to H.W. Gates, Mrs. Mary L. Gates became associated in business with him as Undertakers. Mrs. Gates was the first woman to be licensed in Missouri as an embalmer and is believed to be the first in the United States. The business has been continued by their descendants.

Fred Larson started his dairy business on Ely's Hill. Five years later moved to Southwest Blvd. and built his home at 331 Division Street.

- 1893 - After several years of being the "Public School" Whitmore School was named after the school's first teacher, a Professor Whitmore. The name was

submitted by Helen Espenlaub. (Whitmore School was razed December 1973.)

The "Brick School" was named Columbian for the Columbian Exposition. The name Columbian was submitted by Carrie Wohlfarth (the late Mrs. D.J. Harding). (Columbian School was razed in 1966 in the Urban Renewal Program.)

- 1894 - Walnut Street Methodist Church, South, was founded under the direction of Bishop E.R. Hendrix of Kansas City; Rev. T.C. Downs, presiding elder and Rev. H.D. Hogan. (Walnut Street Methodist and the Rosedale Methodist Church merged in 1943.)

Dr. Simeon B. Bell offered College park, in Bell's Third Sub-Division, to the State for a medical hospital and school for teaching of the last 2 years of the University Medical Course.

A.P. Warrington and R.M. Killion served as school superintendents between the years of 1894 and 1904.

Among the early Rosedalians were: E. Blanford, Tom Love, The Helmreich Family, Thomas Worthington, William Ball, D.J. Leavengood, William Purviance, Archie Turner, B.L. Stine, James M. Killmer, Solomon Jones, M.L. Brophy, L.L. Potter, H.F. Chick, William Hampton, Jim Christopher, John Manke, Dave Buckland, Louis Althoff, Grant A. Woodcock, H.S. Woodcock, Rush Fissette, Phillip Erhardt, J.M. Byerly, Amos Martin.

1895 - 1900

- 1897 - (May 15) - Louis H. Rose was appointed Postmaster. He served as Postmaster 13 years.

(May 25) - The Mule Cars made their last trip on Southwest Blvd. The new West Side Electric Road to Rosedale was opened and ran from Second and Wyandotte Street to Rosedale.

(September) - Jewell Rebekah Lodge #329 was organized. Mrs. George McGarry was elected Noble Grand.

(Dec. 24) - Rosedale was incorporated as a City of the Second Class.

- 1898 - Arms and Kidder Flower Mills built at State line and Southwest Blvd. Edward Arms and R.E. Kidder, proprietors. Capacity: 60,000 bushel. (This mill was later operated as Moore-Lowry Flour Mills and is currently operated by Sunshine biscuit Co. - Milling division.)

The First Baptist Church moved their frame building to a new location at Wyandotte and Southwest blvd.

(Aug. 13) - bids were to be received for new Whitmore School ... 8 rooms and 4 room addition.

- 1899 - Clyde Leavengood started in business. His first venture was the drug store business in Union Hall, 520 Southwest Blvd. Another store was opened later across from Whitmore School.

(April 7) - The Rosedale Council 647, Knights and Ladies of Security was

organized. The charter members were: H.E. Kiefer, B.T. Sharp, W.J. Isaac, William Robbins, W.E. Huntington, Amos Martin, John Cessna, Robert E. Page, John Robinson, John Kraxner, John Duback, D.J. Leavengood and John Lloyd.

1900 - 1905

- 1900 - The Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, 1013 Bluff St. built a new unit to their church.

John D. Peeples came to Rosedale. Later he purchased the North Rosedale Pharmacy.

About the turn of the century, Chris W. Fincke built the building at Lincoln Street and Southwest Blvd. for his feed, hay and grocery business.

Mrs. Chris Fincke was "a fancier of fine horses.: She had the first rubber tire buggy in Rosedale.

- 1901 - The St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad entered ROSEDALE Kansas by long-term lease of the lines of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railway Co. - - extending service from Kansas City to Memphis and Birmingham.

S.H. Rennick was in Rosedale by this time. He later served six terms as Mayor of Rosedale.

The Walnut Street Church, South, built a new and larger church at Walnut Street and Florence St. (After its merger with the Rosedale Methodist Church this property was converted into their parsonage.)

The superstructure of Holy Name School was finished. Miss Lena Kraft was engaged as a teacher and opened school with fifty pupils. Rev. Anthony Dornseifer was in charge of the school.

- 1902 - Rosedale's Volunteer Fire Department had four hose companies.

George Gerner went in the grocery business at 900 Southwest Blvd.

Kimball-Fowler Cereal Mill was built on Division Street between Wyandotte and Shawnee Streets. Later operated as the Kimball-Sawyer Milling Company. (Destroyed by fire July 7, 1924.)

Chas. Engler built the Mill at the corner of Southwest Blvd. and Westport. Richard Engler was manager of the Mill. (Filling Station now on this property.)

The Frisco Elevators - "The Frisco" and "The Memphis" came to Rosedale.

The Progressive Council 704, F.A.A. (Fraternal Aid) was organized. By 1912 the F.A.A. had a membership of 425.

- 1903 - (Feb. 2) - The Rosedale State Bank opened at 726 Southwest Blvd.

(May 30) - The 1903 flood. Water stood 14 feet deep in the Turkey Creek Pumping Station. The Kaw River water flowed into Turkey Creek and thru

the West Bottoms to spill into the Missouri River along Santa Fe Street.

The Fifth Street Bridge was built after the flood of 1903. The bridge across the Kaw River was an access to Armourdale, Argentine and Minnesota Avenue.

The Inter-State News, the Weekly Newspaper, was started by Hugh J. Wallace and Mrs. Grace Wallace.

(Sept.) - Gold Bonds were sold by the Kansas City and Olathe Electric Railway for the Interurban that served the area south of Rosedale.

(Oct. 18) - The Malvern Hill L.D.S. Church, Hudson near 42nd Street. The Latter Day Saints Church was organized at the Malvern Hill School House.

Rosedale High School had only a three year's course. The course was changed in 1903 and the school was made a qualified high school.

The Rosedale Mining and Milling Co. was incorporated for mining and milling at Mt. Sheridan, Wichita Mountains, Territory of Oklahoma. T.B. Newton was President and F.A. Starbuck, the Secretary.

The Southern Milling Co. (Feed Mill,) Division and the S.W. Corner First Street was built by Amos Martin, proprietor. Capacity: 10,000 bushel. (Destroyed by fires 192_).

1904 - (May 27) - Abdiel Chapter No. 267 O.E.S. was constituted. Mrs. Jane Rushton was the first Worthy Matron and Dr. B.M. Barnett was the first Worthy Patron.

Construction began on the Missouri and Kansas Railway Co. line from Kansas City to Lenexa. The Interurban Railway went thru Rosedale and was also known as The Strang Line.

1905 - 1910

1905 - (April) - Albert Marty gave five acres to the City of Rosedale for a park.

(June 5) - Rosedale Aerie No. 1100 F.O.E. (Eagles) was organized. Henry Kiefer was the first president; Hugh J. Wallace, first secretary and Dr. D.I. Blanford, physician. 54 charter members.

(Aug. 27) - Construction contract awarded for the Eleanor Taylor Bell Memorial Hospital and the Medical School of the University of Kansas.

Dr. Simeon B. Bell sold the Glenn Park and other property to the Missouri-Kansas- Texas Railroad for \$3,000. per acre for about 40 acres.

Dr. O.M. Longenecker built a 2-story brick building at 1324 Southwest Blvd.

Wm. L. Morgan started in the cleaning business in Rosedale. He operated as The West End Cleaners and The Rosedale Cleaners. (He was in business for 65 years, retiring in 1970.)

1906 - Rosedale High School was built at a cost of \$25,000. The site for the school was given to the City by Albert Marty.

Oak Street Baptist Church started as a Baptist Mission. (Later the State Line Baptist Church.)

- 1907 - In the High School and Three Ward Schools, the enrollment was about 1,230. 25 teachers were employed in the schools. Armon P. Vaughn came to Rosedale.

(July 9) - The Commercial State Bank was opened at 1401 Kansas City Avenue. Major Frank Holsinger, President; Jas. P. Burney, Cashier, Mrs. M.Y. Trickey later was elected President. (The bank closed Sept. 18, 1930.)

Rosedale Camp 141, Woodman of the World (W.O.W.) was organized. Another W.O.W. group was The Rosebud Grove No. 39.

- 1908 - (March 29) - First Methodist Church, Southwest Blvd. and Florence, dedicated new stone church. (Organized in 1879 as Henning Avenue Methodist Church.)

(Sept. 28) - The Kansas Building & Loan Association chartered. L.H. Rose served as secretary until 1930. Robert B. Rose succeeded his father and served until his death in 1963. After 57 years in business in Rosedale at 1000 Southwest Blvd., The Kansas Savings and Loan Association moved to Roeland Park, Kansas in 1965.

Rosedale State Bank built a new building at 722 Southwest Blvd. After 68 years in business on the Boulevard, the Bank moved October 1971 to a new building at 3500 Rainbow Boulevard.

The political parties of the 1908 election were the "Progressive" and the "Citizens." E.J. Eicholz was elected Mayor.

- 1909 - Congregational Church started as Maple Leaf - became The First Congregational Church of Rosedale in 1911, 4326 Lloyd.

1910 - 1915

- 1910 - Harry C. Hough became Superintendent of the Rosedale Branch Post Office. The Post Office was moved to 1002 Kansas City Ave., Rosedale, Kansas.

(May 8) - The First Christian Church of Rosedale was organized at Eagle's Hall. (Now Rosedale Christian Church, 2330 So. 9th St.)

The Far Famed Meat and Sausage Company started in business at 743 Southwest Blvd. Chris Schoeller was associated with the meat Market for many years.

(November) - The Holy Name Council No. 1523, Knights of Columbus was organized with 75 members.

Dr. P.J. O'Connell began his practice of medicine. He honored his profession for 62 years, retiring in 1972.

Rosedale had two theatres: The Electric Theatre at 1205 Kansas city Avenue and The Palace Theatre, 527 Southwest Blvd.

- 1911 - (April) - Samuel Clasen was elected Mayor. The youngest mayor in the State of Kansas. City Physician, Dr. P.J. O'Connell was the youngest City

Physician.

(April) - Contract awarded for 3-story building west of the "Medical Pavilion" to be used as an Infirmary and a Ward for crippled children.

Bonds voted for 2 new school buildings. One of the new grade schools was The Noble Parents School (Dodd Street near the western limits of Rosedale.) The other located on Maple Hill, the Maple Leaf School, 43rd and Pearl. (Later named Snow School.)

The Board of Education was composed of 10 members. Two from each of the 4 wards and 2 from the outlying districts.

L.H. Rose was President of the Wyandotte County Trafficway Commission whose objective was to build a united and greater Kansas City. In 1912, he was President of the Cross-Town Trafficway.

Maccochaque School, up to now a country school, known as "District 39" and also "Malvern Hill" became a part of Rosedale by extending the City Limits.

(October) - Father Anthony Dornseifer received from the Palmer School of Penmanship a gold medal in honor of his Parish School ranking highest in penmanship in the Leavenworth Diocese.

1912 - (February 20) - The Security State Bank, 39th and State Line opened. J.C. Simpson, President; W.R. Parker, Cashier. In 1922 the name was changed to the Roanoke State Bank. (The Bank closed December 21, 1926.)

(March) - Horse Drawn Fire Equipment was purchased from the City of Atchison, Kansas. Cornelius T. Geary was appointed Fire Chief.

(June 2) - New Holy Name Church, Southwest Blvd. And Shawnee Street dedicated.

(June) - Rosedale Ball Team was organized by John Shaw. The Rosedale Ball Park was located at St. Charles Street and Frisco Railroad Crossing.

(June) - New School Building contract on the Maccochaque site awarded to F.H. Crites, Kansas City, Mo. The Maccochaque School property was acquired by the University of Kansas Medical School in 1958. (The building was razed in 1968 and is now a parking lot.)

Rosedale Post Office moved to 1419 Southwest Blvd. The Post Office was at this location until 1951 when it moved to 4207 Rainbow Blvd. After 20 years at the Rainbow Blvd. Location, the Post Office was again moved to the present location - 2200 W. 36th St.

J.R. Kaufman, grocer, 1629 Dodd St. completed a big barn on his premises for feeding mules for market.

The new Rosedale City Hall and Fire Department Headquarters completed. Located at 1154 Southwest Blvd. No. 1 Fire Station was located in the Hall.

Rosedale Athletic Club was organized. Officers were: Mike Wavada, President; Howard Harding, Vice-President; Tom Smith, Manager, Jack Whalen, Official Timer and Scorer; and LeRoy Marshall, Captain First Basket-Ball Team.

Other Fraternal Organizations and Lodges of Rosedale meeting in 1912 included:

Inter State Lodge No 477, Independent Order Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.)
Charity Camp 1425, Royal Neighbors of America
Degree of Honor
Rosedale Camp 6062, Modern Woodmen of America (M.W.A.)
The Knights of Father Matthew (K.F.M.)
Olive Conclave No. 4, Order of True Kindred
Holy Name Circle No. 146, Daughters of Isabella
The Ladies of the Maccabees of the World were represented by two groups:
Rosedale Hive No. 34 - L.O.T.M.
Progressive Hive No. 31 - L.O.T.M.

1913 - (Jan. 18) - Dr. Simeon B. Bell died. Buried DeSoto, Kansas.

(June 24) - City of Rosedale passed an Ordinance confirming agreement with Kansas City, Mo. For Turkey Creek Tunnel.

(July 15) - Special Election - The Question of Annexation. Annexation of the City of Rosedale, Kansas with Kansas City, Kansas. The vote carried but was not certified at this time.

(Summer) - Rosedale High School Annex (Gymnasium) was built.

South Rosedale Baptist Church ne cor. 45th and Westport started. (Later the Olivet Baptist Church.)

(Nov. 16) - The Cornerstone for the Masonic Building at 912 Southwest Blvd. was laid.

Rosedale had four public halls; McGeorge's Hall, Bell's Hall, Union Hall and Kemp's Hall.

1914 - Sam Zeff started his Shoe Repair Business. In 1920 he built a 2-story brick building at 1145 Southwest Blvd. With his wife, Mrs. Mollie Zeff, expanded the business to include Dry Goods.

1915 - The Geyser Mineral Springs Building was built with hotel and mineral bath facilities at 301 South Rosedale Avenue.

(Sept. 8) - The "Wettest September" on record and the worst Turkey Creek flood.

New Motor Propelled Combination Fire Car was purchased. (Included pumper and hose, water and side ladders.)

The Superior Oil Company moved to Rosedale, locating at Shawnee and Valley Streets.

The third building of the Eleanor Taylor Bell Hospital was erected. It was used as the Hospital Dispensary and Laboratory.

(December) - The Granite Bituminous Paving Company completed the paving of Southwest Blvd. From the West Line of Rosedale Avenue to the Missouri-Kansas State Line.

1916 - (March 5) - the new brick building of the First Baptist Church of Rosedale, Southwest Blvd. And Wyandotte St. was dedicated.

(Nov. 17) - Ordinance No. 1446. Rosedale passed Ordinance authorizing the execution of contract for the Diversion of Turkey Creek.

(Dec. 4) - The Commerce State Bank, Southwest Blvd. And State Line opened. A year later the name was changed to the Inter-city State Bank. Clayton Bodley, President; Lee Williams, Cashier. (The bank closed Dec. 30, 1926.) The Inter-City Bank Building later housed Goulding's "First Chance - Last Chance" Saloon. The building has been dismantled.

1917 - (May) - Purchase of a Ford Roadster for \$369.35 for the City Water Department.

The City also purchased a 5-Passenger Ford Touring Car for \$384.35 for the Police Department.

Adolph Strasser started in business in Rosedale as The Rosedale Plumbing and Electric Co. at 1002 Southwest Blvd. Descendants continue the business on an enlarged scale as The Strasser Hardware Co., 912 Southwest Blvd. (The Strasser Block).

Samuel Clasen of Rosedale, served in the Kansas House of Representatives from Wyandotte County.

Rosedale World War I.

(Aug. 5) - Headquarters Motor Co., Ammunition Train, Kansas National Guard, Rosedale, Kansas Orders for Mobilization and Duty at Drill Grounds, Thirty-Ninth and Hudson Road. The first six companies of the 117th Ammunition Train had been recruited in Rosedale on Mount Marty.

Rosedale was represented in other Divisions of the Army - The Navy - Marines and other branches of the Service.

1918 - (March) - Work started on the Turkey Creek Tunnel.

1919 - (May 12) - The 177th Ammunition Train, a part of the Rainbow Division, greeted with home welcome.

Rainbow Boulevard named in honor of the Rainbow Division, World War I. Formerly named Westport Road and Hudson Road.

Parker Transfer Company founded by Carl Parker. Louis Helmreich joined the company in 1927. The business was sold about 1967, after 48 years in business in Rosedale.

Sidney R. Williamson was a member of the House of Representatives, for

the years 1919 and 1920, from Wyandotte County, District 9, Kansas.

1920 - 1922

1920 - Plans for New Hospital.

(March) - The City of Rosedale voted \$35,000. in bonds for the new hospital. Rosedale was to furnish the land. The Kansas Legislature appropriated for the school \$200,000. There was a campaign to raise the additional \$35,000. to purchase the ground for new buildings for the Kansas Medical School and Bell Memorial Hospital.

(May) - The Kerns Property, (approximately 12 acres) at 39th St. and Rainbow Blvd. was purchased for \$65,000. for the new hospital to be known as "Bell Memorial Hospital" and the Kansas Medical School.

(June 28) - The Twin-City State Bank, 43rd and State Line opened. A new building was built about 1950. Another 2-level addition was opened September 1972. Four Drive-In Customer Lanes were part of the new addition. The Drive-In Bank at 4020 Rainbow was opened June 1965.

The new George Rushton Bakery erected - after fire destroyed their second bakery in 1917.

Other bakeries in Rosedale about this time were: Naschold's Bakery, Midwest Bakery, Myer's Bakery and Reiger's Bakery.

Before the days of the "Super Markets" and the "Chain Stores," the "Corner Grocery Store" and the "General Merchandise Store" were the source of supply and where people "did their trading."

Rosedale had a number of neighborhood grocery stores. Among them were: Benj. Bernard, 535 Southwest Blvd.; Herbert E. Kyte, 1701 Southwest Blvd.; Newton & Son, 100 N. Rosedale Ave.; Jesse P. Preston, 402 Southwest Blvd.; Harry Ringer, 198 So. Rosedale Ave.; Ray Russell, 900 Southwest Blvd.; Suter Brothers, 4301 Lloyd; Fred Taylor, 704 Southwest Blvd.; Joseph Trabon, 1308 Southwest Blvd.; George West, 407 Southwest Blvd.; J.W. Davis & Son, 2033 Freeman.

(And do you remember the sack of candy the kids got when you paid your bill?)

1921 - Completion of work on the "Upper Section" and the "Lower Section" of Turkey Creek and the Turkey Creek Diversion Tunnel. (The "Upper Section" referred to the straightening of the channel of Turkey Creek.)

(Sept.) - The Rosedale American Legion Post #346 was organized with John B. Smith as Commander.

1922 - The Trusswall Stone Company moved to Rosedale - locating on old Rolling Mill property.

George S. McAnany and Son, 1904 West 39th Street -- "Insurance Since 1922".

The Katy Elevator and original units were built. The enlarged elevator is now

operated by The Bunge Corporation.

Rosedale Memorial Arch.

(April 10) - Proposed plans for an Athletic Field and Arch as a memorial to those who served from Rosedale were approved. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held July 20, 1923 on the crest of Mount Marty. General Henri Gouraud of France "turned the ground for the Arch with a gold spade." The Rosedale Memorial Arch was unveiled September 7, 1924. (November 11, 1962, the Arch was rededicated to the Veterans of all American Wars.)

The new \$30,000. Rosedale Theater located at 1405 southwest Blvd. was opened. T.L. Ricksecker was the owner.

(April 25) - The City of Rosedale, Kansas became a part of Kansas City, Kansas by Annexation after overcoming many legal obstacles and much political opposition.