

# The Winding Valley and the Craggy Hillside

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## LOOKING BACK ..... AND REMEMBERING

"As dew to the blossom, and bud to the bee, as the scent to the rose, are those memories to me."

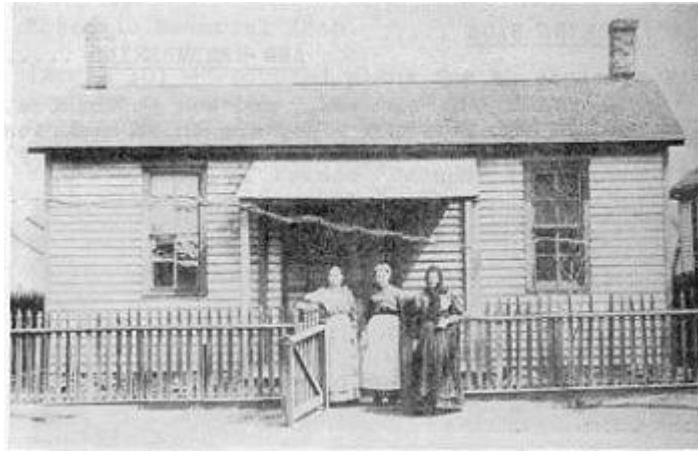
(Amelia B. Wiley)



Anthony Sauer built his "Castle" on land that later became 945 Shawnee Road. The view of the Kaw River reminded him of his homeland and the Rhine River in Germany. This is the oldest residence in Rosedale.



The home of the Major Frank Holsinger family on Fitzgerald Road - originally built by Capt. Ira Harris, of the Rolling Mill. The house was removed in the construction of the Turkey Creek Expressway.



Lizzie Love - Grace Rankin - Jean Rankin  
(Neighbor) - (Mother) - (G. Grandmother)

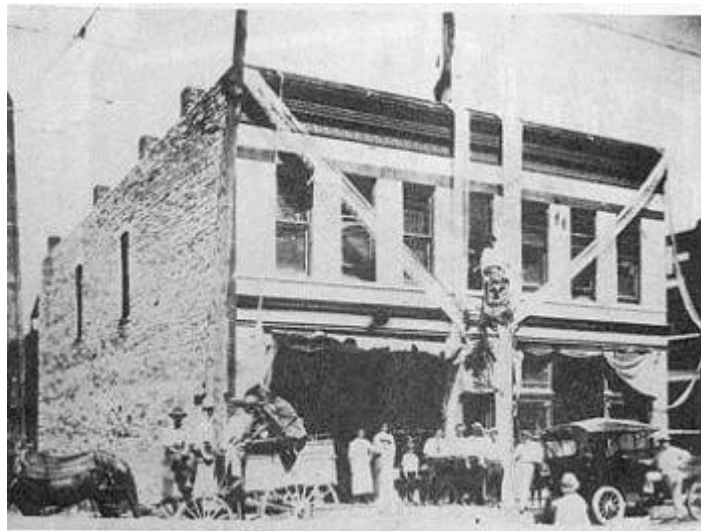
The Rolling Mill built houses in the new town and leased them to the employees with the option to purchase them. This house was at 19 North Rolling Mill Street. It was leased then purchased by William Rankin. This property was in the Rankin Family from 1876 to 1965 - 89 years.



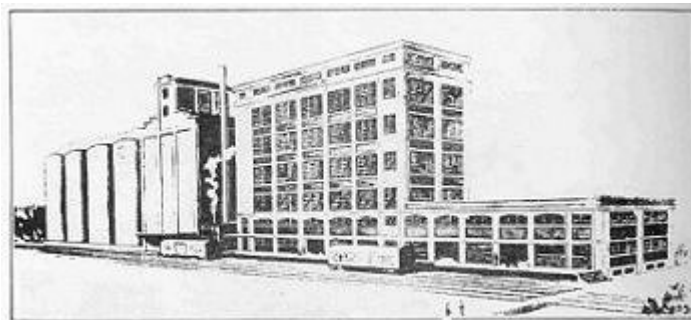
George Rushton, Sr. started the Rosedale Steam Bakery in Rosedale in 1888.  
Delivery wagons and employees of the Bakery on Southwest Blvd. in 1898.



The McGeorge Block that included McGeorge's Hall, 1207 Kansas City Avenue was built 1889 by William McGeorge. The "Electric Theatre" was at 1205 Kansas City Avenue.



Eagle's Hall was originally built by J.M. Killmer in 1890, located at 1174 Kansas City Avenue. It was razed for the Turkey Creek Expressway Ramp - about 1968.



The Arms & Kidder Flour Mill was built 1898 at State Line north of Southwest Blvd. About 1929, the mill became The Moore-Lowry Flour Mills. Since about 1955, it has been "Sunshine Biscuits - Milling Division."



Union Hall was located at 520 Southwest Blvd. Built 1899. Archie Turner, Henry Keifer and Amos Martin were interested in the building. The second floor was used as a public hall.

Clyde Leavengood started his drug store business here.

The Inter-State News was published here for many years.

The Clasen-Morse Chevrolet Company owned the property when it was included in the Urban Renewal Project.



The North Rosedale Pharmacy was located at 650 Southwest Blvd. John D. Peeples, Proprietor, (Center of picture). He worked for Peter Clasen's Drug Store, then went in business for himself. Lee Iles is second from the left. (Others not identified at this time.)



Chris W. Fincke built this building for his Feed, Hay and Grocery business at 726-728 Southwest Blvd. During the past 76 years, some member of the Fincke Family has been in business in this building. Julius Fincke, the Coal business for many years. Another son, Lou Fincke, the Hardware business. Now a grand-son has the Fincke Tackle Co.



George Gerner went in the Grocery business in 1902 at 900 Southwest Blvd. Next door a Dry Goods Store was operated by his brother-in-law, John Slater. Both families lived over their stores. This building is now a part of the Strasser block.



The Hocker's Grove Line, an interurban, that served the area south of Rosedale. This was before Merriam Boulevard was paved. James (Jim) Smith of Rosedale is the man in the picture.

The Rosedale State Bank opened for business Feb. 2nd, 1903 at 726 Southwest Blvd. (Fincke Bldg.)

This building was built in 1903 at 722 Southwest Blvd.

Dr. Ray Swinney and Dr. John Kennedy had offices on the second floor.

The building was remodeled in 1950.

There was another remodeling program in 1965 and Drive-Up Windows were added.

The move to 3500 Rainbow Blvd. was October 1971.



Bert Chronister, who was the most active in the organization, was associated with the bank for 46 years. Russell Crawford was also affiliated with the bank for many years.

The Officers when the bank was organized:

President - A.J. Poor

Vice-Pres. - E.S. McAnany

Cashier - Bert Chronister

Directors:

Dr. O.M. Longenecker

George Gerner

Clyde Leavengood was a long time Director.



Dr. Simeon B. Bell benefactor of the Eleanor Taylor Bell Memorial Hospital and a donor of a connecting link of Southwest Boulevard.



Louis H. Rose, Postmaster and Civic Leader. Secretary of the Kansas Building and Loan Association.



The Geyser Mineral Springs occupied a 4-acre tract when this building was built in 1914. Modernized in 1952 to a 25-room hotel with "Spa Facilities" under the name of The Rosedale Mineral Bath and Hotel. When the Bath House property was taken for Inter-State 35 construction, The Country Manor Nursing Home was the occupant.

The cornerstone for the Masonic Hall at 912-914 Southwest Blvd. was laid November 16, 1913.

Rosedale Masonic Lodge No. 333 used this hall for 58 years.

A new hall was built in 1971 at Johnson County, Kansas.

This building is now occupied by The Strasser Hardware Co.

Prior to the building of the Masonic Hall, this was the location of the "Gambrina" Hotel and later the "Central" Hotel of Rosedale.





Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Lyles, Mr. Lawrence, Claude Strong  
Minnie and College Avenue about 1915

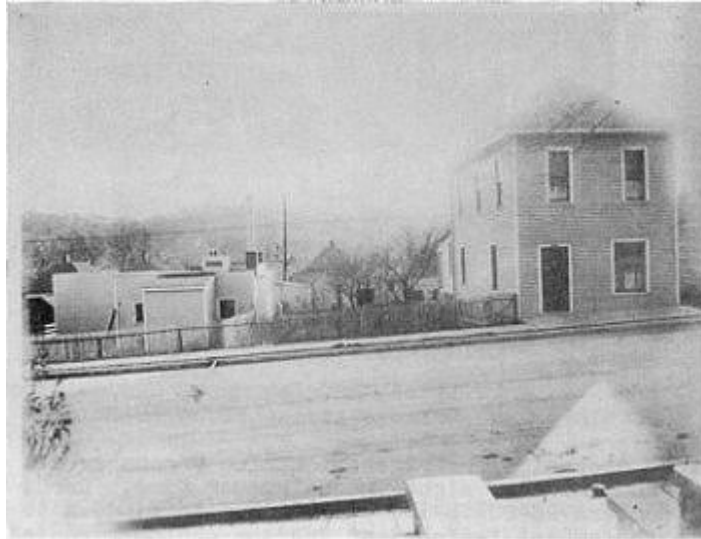
Before mechanical refrigeration, Ice Wagons were a welcome and familiar sight in the summer time. Cards with the numbers 25-50-75-100 were placed in windows to denote the amount (weight) of ice the customer wanted.

Other Ice Routes in Rosedale were the Holsinger Brothers, (George, Charles and John); H.H. Brooks and the McGrew Brothers.

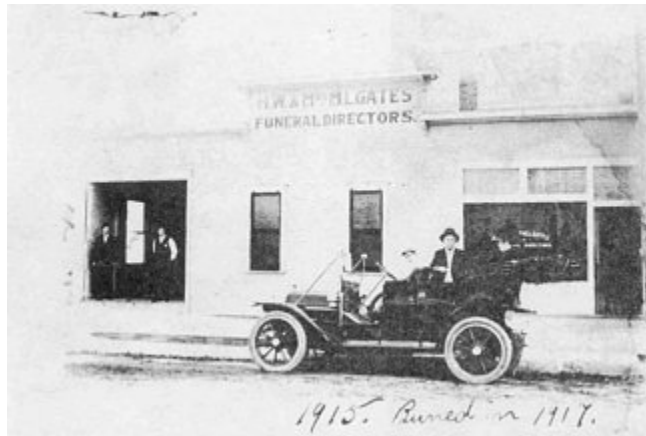


The Superior Oil Company moved to Rosedale in 1915, locating at Shawnee and Valley Streets. James H. Morris, General Manager, F.L. Landis, Secretary and Jess H. Landis, Sales Manager. After being in Rosedale for 45 years, the business was sold in 1960.





The former Bakery and Residence of Anthony (Tony) Johnston, 1621 and 1625 Dodd Street (now 39th Avenue.)



H.W. and Mrs. M.L. Gates, Funeral Directors, State Line and Southwest Blvd. This building burned 1917.



Gates Funeral Home rebuilt at State Line. Their residence on the right. The move to

their present location at 41st and State Line was about 1925 where descendants have continued the business.



Mrs. Mary L. Gates, Rosedale Business Woman for 68 years and active in community affairs.



John Douglas Patrick, famous artist and teacher. Rosedale was his home for 35 years.



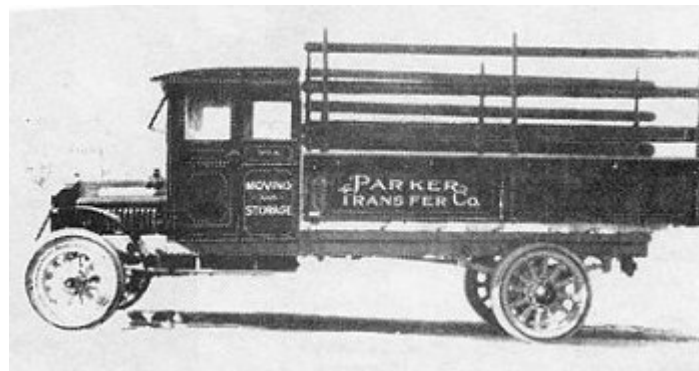
Louis R. Gates, Rosedale's City Attorney, State Representative and Federal Judge.



Frank Rushton, President of School Board, Civic Leader and Business Man.



Wm. L. Morgan retired in 1970 after 65 years in the cleaning business in Rosedale. In 1922 as West End Cleaners at 1306 Southwest Blvd. Later as Rosedale Cleaners at 1419 Southwest Blvd.



Parker Transfer Company started in business (1919) at 1201 Southwest Blvd. Later at 734 Southwest Blvd. as The Parker Transfer and Storage Company.



Mrs. Minnie Y. Trickey was elected president of the Commercial State Bank in 1911. She was the first woman bank president in Kansas. From an account in the Inter-State News, (Official Rosedale newspaper) "One of the few ladies at the head of banking institutions in the country."

Mrs. Trickey also served the City of Rosedale as Treasurer from 1902 to 1912.

Mrs. Trickey and her husband, L.C. Trickey, both taught in the first school in Rosedale at Cook's Hall.



Samuel Clasen .... "The Boy Mayor of Rosedale."

Later, (1927) he became "Mr. Chevrolet" of Rosedale.

Cornerstone - Rosedale City Hall  
Erected 1912

Samuel Clasen      Mayor

Aldermen

A.T. Stewart	N.C. Gray
J.R. Wimmer	L.P. Chapman
J.L. Stuhlman	A. Anderson
J.E. Harris	J.F. Watson



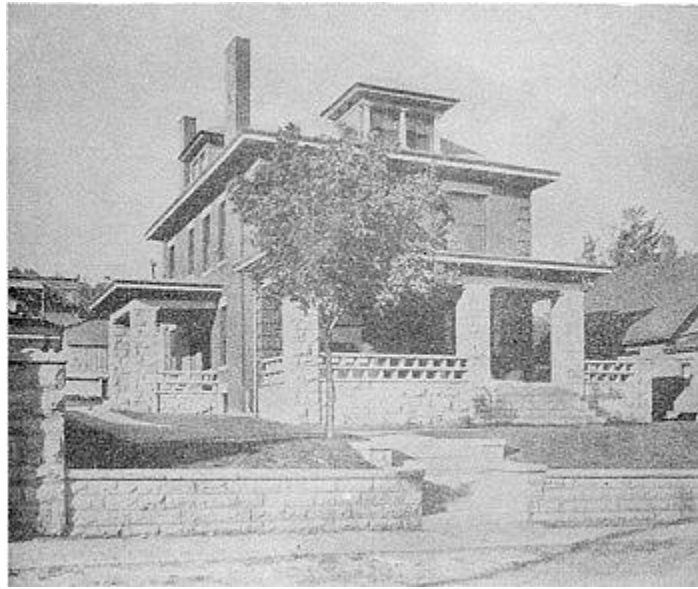
The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Martin, Second and Division Streets. Mr. Martin was a grain merchant and operated an elevator.



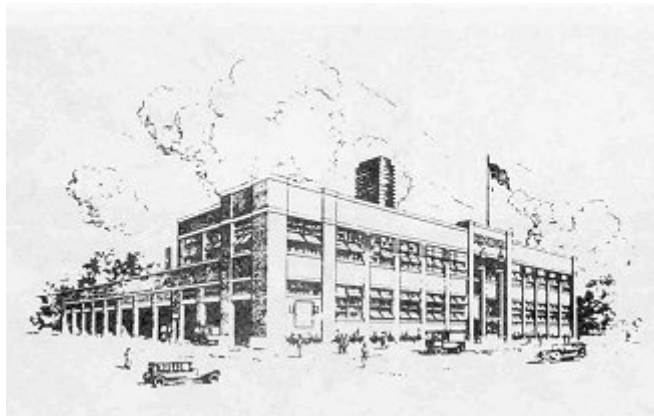
The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Turner, 111 Southwest Blvd. Mr. Turner was a contractor.



Residence of Dr. and Mrs. B.M. Barnett, 819 Southwest Blvd.



Residence of J.R. Kaufman, Corner Dodd Street and Washington Avenue.



The George Rushton Baking Company, in the 800 block of Southwest Blvd. was built in 1920. The Rushton Family operated a bakery for 58 years in Rosedale. The bakery was sold in 1946.



The Twin-City State Bank at 43rd and State Line was opened June 28, 1920. H.W.

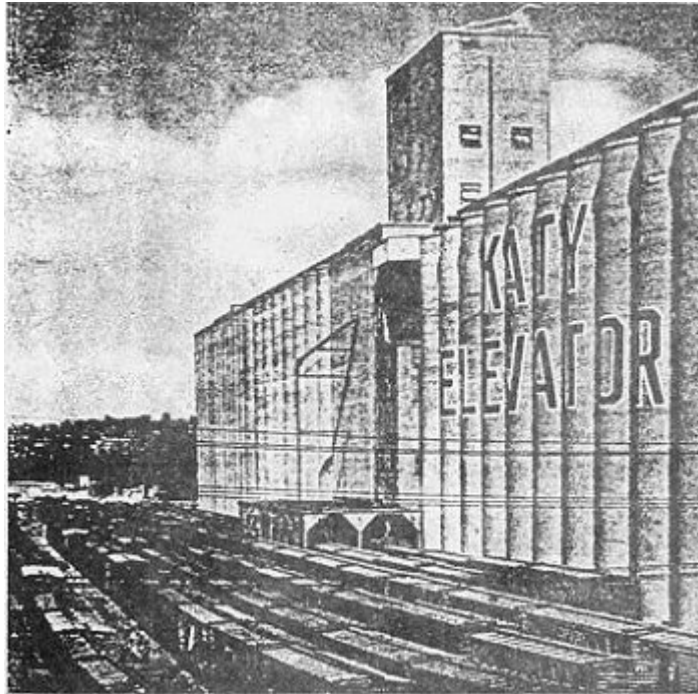
Gates, President; C.E. Williamson, Cashier. Oscar Magnuson and S.H. Rennick were among the founders.



Before Rosedale High School had a football field games were played at The Rosedale Ball Park. A game played between Rosedale and Argentine, 1920. The Rosedale Ball Park was located at St. Charles Street, Frisco Railroad Tracks and South Rosedale Avenue. The Grandstand and Bleachers are pictured at the left.



The E.R. Slater Motor Company, 641-649 Southwest Blvd. The first Ford Agency in Rosedale. The corner building was built about 1921.



The Katy Elevator was built in 1923. Since 1951 it has been operated by the Bunge Corporation. The elevator has been enlarged to a capacity of 4,300,000 bushel. (Southwest Blvd. at 7th St.)

Zeff's Clothing Store 1145 Southwest Blvd. was started in 1914 by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Zeff. Beginning as a shoe repair shop and branching out until it became a family clothing store.

A son, Isadore Zeff, took over the business in 1946. The store closed in June 1975, after the Zeff Family had been in business in Rosedale for 61 years.







The High School Steps -- 180 steps to "Higher Education" on one of the loftiest hills in Rosedale -- Mount Marty. (Originally 166 steps, 14 were added in the 1955 building program.)

Each page in this compilation presents some facet of the history and heritage of the City of Rosedale, Kansas.

As you read and remember, may you also recall memories that are cherished by you individually.