

When Andreas and Eva Schmidt came to Kansas in 1874, father Andreas Schmidt bought the whole Section 15 of West Branch Township, Marion County, Kansas. The Register of Deeds Marion County records the following: The U.S. granted a patent to the Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe Railway and the Railway gave a Warranty Deed to Andreas Schmidt. They set up their homestead on the  $S\frac{1}{2} N\frac{1}{2}$  facing the west road. Son Johann A. Schmidt after his marriage settled on the  $N\frac{1}{2} N\frac{1}{2}$ . Son Jacob A. Schmidt settled on  $N\frac{1}{2} S\frac{1}{2}$ , son Heinrich Schmidt settled on  $S\frac{1}{2} S\frac{1}{2}$ . Son David A. Schmidt being the youngest stayed on the original Homestead. After the death of father Andreas Schmidt each of these four sons came into full possession of each of their 160 acres being a mile long to the east, one 80 joining the other to the east of the section. In the Register of Deeds in Marion, Kansas is recorded the proceedings that each of all the brothers and sister had to give the other a Quit Claim Deed. For instance Johann A. Schmidt received a Quit Claim Deed from Jacob A., Heinrich, Peter A., Abraham A., David A., Maria Schmidt Balzer, Anna Schmidt Unruh and Sara Schmidt Buller. And so the same procedure on the other quarters. The Peter Balzers and Jacob Unruhs settled on Section 21. They each received a Warranty Deed from the Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe Railway. The Balzers made their homestead on the north edge of the  $E\frac{1}{2} E\frac{1}{2}$ . Jacob Unruhs also on the  $S\frac{1}{2} E\frac{1}{2}$ . The land is still in the possession of the children of Jacob Unruh from his second marriage. Only 40 acres is still in possession of the Balzers. Of the David A. Schmidt estate all of it is still in possession of their descendants. The Peter A. Schmidts settled on Section 28 on the  $W\frac{1}{2} N\frac{1}{2}$ . A certain Henry Cornelson had secured the quarter from the U. S. from whom Peter A. secured it. None of their descendants own any of it. Ferdinand Schmidt a descendant of the Jacob A. Schmidt Branch lives on the place. Abraham A. Schmidts settled on Section 22 on the  $N\frac{1}{2} SE\frac{1}{4}$ . A certain J. McKean had bought it from the U. S. from whom Abraham A. bought it. He later sold the 80 acres to Rev. C. Frey and moved to Canton, Kansas. Dan S. Thiesen now lives on the place. Mrs. Sara Schmidt Buller moved into McPherson County. The Greenfield School has been situated on Section 15 facing the west road on the boundary of the  $S\frac{1}{2} N\frac{1}{2}$  and  $S\frac{1}{2} S\frac{1}{2}$ . The school never owned the land. On Section 16 on the  $E\frac{1}{2} NW\frac{1}{2}$  is the Greenfield Cemetery where the parents Andreas and Eva Schmidt are buried. Mrs. Peter Balzer donated one acre of her land for the Tabor Church Cemetery. This is located a quarter west of the Tabor Church. Jacob Schmidt, a brother to Eva Schmidt settled on Section 16, and another brother Heinrich A. Schmidt settled on Section 9 on the  $E\frac{1}{2} E\frac{1}{2}$ . All this is still in the possession of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.