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102 = City of Lindsborg 2003 -  
= Lindsborg [Film] Studio (Lease) 2004 - 2005  
Reach Entertainment  
= Dance Studio; Dahlsten, Tamara 1993-2002  
= Lindsborg Library 1973-1993  
= Furniture Store; Pennington, Dewey \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
= "Klothes Kloset" & Beauty Salon; [1968?] 1965 - 1970  
Richmond, Dale & Lucille  
= King Oscar Coffee House; Fredrickson, Titus 1960-1964  
= Lucille's Dress & Beauty Shop; 1950 - 1963  
Richmond, Dale & Lucille  
= Coffee House; Davis, "Coffee" Lester 1940- 1960  
= Dry Goods; Bertschinger & Sattler. (1929 - 1932)  
= Clothing Store; Sundstrom, J. O. 1879 - 1984  
& Bergsten, J. G.  
2<sup>ND</sup> Floor; [of 102-104-106]  
[Apartments & Art Studios]  
[Meetings, Court, School, Church]  
Don Weddle \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
Carl Peterson \_\_\_\_ - 2005  
Dr. Pihlblad, Arvid (1922 - 1923)  
Masonic Hall; [104] (1930)  
Dentist; Johnson, Henry G. ('19 & '20)'30s - '40s  
Dr. Graf, \_\_\_\_\_ 1900s  
Basement;  
'The Record'; Ringwald. August 1895?-1896?  
Barber; \_\_\_\_\_ 1891

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Building 50' X 50', stone, 2 stories, built 1879 by Sundstrom, J. O. and Bergsten, J. G. On lots # 102, 104, 106.

Prior building the ARK - see #104.

104 = City of Lindsborg 2003 -  
= Lindsborg [Film] Studio (lease) 2004 -2005  
Reach Entertainment  
= Lindsborg Antique & Craft Shop; 1990s - \_\_\_\_  
Hopkins, Ed  
= Hardware; Dahlberg, Elaine 1988 - 1990  
= Hardware; Johnson, Margaret & Daryl 1985 - 1988  
= Hardware; Johnson, Warren & Margaret 1960 - 1985  
= Hardware; Johnson, Vernon 1950s - 1960  
= Hardware; Barnes, K. L. 1946 - 1950s  
= Hardware; Moyers, Claude 1944 - 1946  
= Hardware; Myers, Mike 1930s - 1944  
= Clothing Store; \_\_\_\_\_ 1896  
= Grocery Store; \_\_\_\_\_ 1891  
= Dry Goods; Sundstrom, J. O. 1879 - 1984

Building 50' X 50', stone, 2 stories, built 1879 by Sundstrom, J. O. and Bergsten, J. G. On lots # 102, 104, 106.

ARK = Building moved to 117.5 East Lincoln 1879

Carlson moved to 102/04 South Main 1875

= Store; Carlson, C. R. & Johnson, Daniel 1872 - 1875  
= Store; Carlson, C. R. 1871 - 1872  
= Millinery Store; Blan, Mrs. 1871 - \_\_\_\_  
= First floor: Post office & Store; 1870 - 1871  
Johnson, J. M. > Lindgren, S. P. > Carlson, C. R.  
= Second floor: County Offices & meeting space.

ARK = First building on #102 & #104 1870 - 1879

The Swedish Agricultural Society; 30' X 40', 2 story, frame.

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106 = City of Lindsborg 2003-  
 = Lindsborg [Film] Studio 2004 - 2005  
     Reach Entertainment  
 = Rosemerry's Crafts; \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
 = Viking Auto Supply; Bloomberg, Dennis \_\_\_\_ - 1990  
 = Viking Auto Supply; McClellan, Lauren \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
 = Plumbing; Butterfield, \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
 = T. V. Service; Frey's \_\_\_\_\_ 1971  
 = Hav-a-Snack [Pizza] ; Allison, \_\_\_\_\_ 1968- 1969  
 = Hot Car Racetrack; \_\_\_\_\_ 1959 - 1960  
 = Fabrics; Johnson, Sue-Ann's 1957  
 = Dry Goods; Johnson, Mary Ann 1957  
 = Grocery; Elvin, Leland \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
 = Grocery; Peterson, Eldon \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
 = Groc. & Meat Mkt.; Hjerpe 1914? - 1921?  
 = Grocery; Anderson's, Hilding \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
 = C & H Grocery; Carlson & Hanson ('23,'24) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
     Rear; Meat Market; Hjerpe ('21-'24) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
         Gunnarson, "Cotton" Leonard \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
 = Hardware; Sundstrom, J. O. 1879 - 1891  
 = Grocery; Sundstrom, J. O. 1879 - 1884

Built by J. O. Sundstrom, 1879, Lots # 102, 104, 106

108 = Lindsborg Antiques; Weaver, Helen 1998 -  
 = Barbo/Carlson Printing; Barbo, Dave etal 1993 - 1998  
 = Drug Store; Hanson, Jay 1960 - 1993  
 = Drug Store; Liscum, Charles 1940s - 1960  
 = Drug Store; Stockenberg, Lucille (1930) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
 = Drug Store; Stockenberg, J. O. 1905 - 1924

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EAST LINCOLN - NORTH SIDE

101 = Cleaners; \_\_\_\_\_ 1930

111 = = City of Lindsborg 2003 -  
= Lindsborg [Film] Studio leased 2004 - 2005  
Reach Entertainment  
= vacant \_\_\_\_\_ - 2003  
= Razor's Edge; Hair Salon; \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
= Barber Shop; Lucas, Bob's  
= Hardware, Crafts & Appliances; Johnson, 1950 - 1985  
Warren, Margaret & Daryl  
= Clothing; Gottfried Sisters \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
= Bus Station  
= Western Union Telegraph 1930 - 1940  
Second Floor:  
= Beauty Shop; Lindholm, Clara Belle 1940 - 1944

113 = = City of Lindsborg 2003-  
= Lindsborg [Film] Studio leased 2004 - 2005  
Reach Entertainment  
= vacant \_\_\_\_\_ - 2003  
= Smoky Valley Travel; Rawson, Louise 1992 - 1996  
= CPA; Merz, Linda 1986 - 1992  
[Moved to 202 S 2<sup>ND</sup> - old Meth. Church]  
= Real Estate; Perrin Agency 1980's  
= Insurance, State Farm; \_\_\_\_\_ 1974?  
= Insurance; Sidlinger, Bill 1960s  
= Lawyer; Altenborg, John E. 1958 - 1963  
= Office; Sundstrom, J. O. 1879 - 1919  
Second floor = Masonic Lodge 1920s - 1930s

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- 115? = Chamber of Commerce (8/'47)
- 117 = Royal Flush Plumbing etc; Flynn, Mark 2005 -  
= Smoky Valley Baptist Church 2002- 2005  
= Folk Life Institute; Esping, Mark  
=D. S. & O. Rural Electric, R.E.A. 1948 - 2001  
= Garage; Highley, \_\_\_\_\_ 1940's  
= Post Office 1904 - 1935  
    2<sup>ND</sup> Floor -  
    Publishing Co; Peterson, Chester Jr. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
    City Hall 1903 - \_\_\_\_\_  
    Chiropractor; Langerman, P. D. (1930)  
    Chiropractor; Dr. Cordia (1923) - \_\_\_\_\_  
    Chiropractor; Miss Culler (1921 - 1922)  
    L'borg Historical Society (1920)
- 117.5 = Royal Flush Plumbing etc; Flynn, Mark 2005 -  
= Storage; Elmquist, Larry \_\_\_\_\_ - 2005  
= D. S. & O. Rural Electric, R.E.A. 1948 - 2001  
= Garage; Highley, \_\_\_\_\_ 1940's  
= Fire Hall 1903 - 1926  
    Rear - Jail? 1940s? 1903 -  
    2<sup>ND</sup> Floor - City Hall 1903 - \_\_\_\_\_
- 119? = Chamber of Commerce (1930) 1933 - \_\_\_\_\_
- 131 = United States Post Office; 1935 -
- 321 = Mid-Kansas Co-op Service Station \_\_\_\_\_ -  
N. of 321 = Farmer's Union Locker Plant. 1961 - 1974 ?  
    Ice Plant; \_\_\_?\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Coal; \_\_\_?\_\_\_ (1923 - 1930)  
= Coal & Ice; Bloomgren, M. T. (1919 - 1924)  
= L'borg Ice & Alfalfa Mill (1914 - 1917)

## Fred Goodholm

FRED GOODHOLM. Having identified himself with the business community of Lindsborg in 1879 Fred Goodholm is a veteran merchant and citizen of that community and his life has been productive of good, has resulted in a satisfying prosperity for himself, and the influence he has exerted in his home city and the worthy family that surrounds him are tokens of a worthy and active career.

Mr. Goodholm was born December 24, 1848, at Filipstad, Sweden, a son of Anders and Charlotte (Lind) Goodholm. His father, who was born in 1822 and died in 1878, spent his active career in Sweden as a railroad trainman. He was a devoutly religious man. His wife was born in Sweden in 1820 and in 1885 came to America to join her children, and she died in Chicago in 1894. She was also active throughout her life in the Swedish Lutheran Church. She and her husband were married in 1846 and had seven children, three sons and four daughters, of whom Fred is the oldest. Sophia, born in 1854, married N. J. Nelson in 1875, and now likes[sic] in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Henry, born in 1857, married in 1884 Sophia Erickson and is a resident of Lindsborg. Charlotte, born in 1859, was married in 1897 to Axel Carlson, and is a resident of Chicago. Andrew, born in 1861, married Agnes Lindbloom in 1897, and lives at Oklahoma City. Carl, born in 1863, was presumably lost in the San Francisco earthquake and fire. Elizabeth, born in 1868, was married in 1905 to John Forsberg and now lives at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Fred Goodholm, who was reared and educated in his native land, left Sweden in 1872, at the age of twenty-four, and on coming to America located in Chicago, in which city he spent seven years. Two years of that time he was employed in a rolling mill and the remaining five years as a grocery salesman.

Lindsborg was a very small village when he was added to its citizenship in 1879. His previous business experience brought him a place in the pioneer mercantile establishment of J. O. Sundstrom, and he had the distinction of making the first sale for that early merchant. With him he remained, six years and in time became a partner in the business. In 1885 Mr. Goodholm embarked in business for himself as a book and stationery merchant and jeweler. That business he has built up to large proportions and he has now the leading book and jewelry house in the city and he takes great pains to keep his stock modern in every particular. He has a finely appointed store.

A short time before coming west to Lindsborg Mr. Goodholm was married in Chicago, January 25, 1879, to Miss Anna Anderson. She was born in Sweden February 19, 1858, daughter of Anders Anderson. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Goodholm, four sons and one daughter: Elizabeth, the oldest, died in infancy. Reuben, born September 19, 1882, was educated at Bethany College at Lindsborg, and is also a graduate jeweler and optician and is now associated with his father in business, having charge of the jewelry and optical department. Valdemar, born March 14, 1885, was educated in Bethany College and is also a business associate of his father. He was married November 1, 1904, to Mabel

Smyser, who was born in Minneapolis, Kansas, September 28, 1884, a daughter of Milton and Jeanette (Zinn) Smyser, natives of Pennsylvania and of German stock. Valdemar Goodholm and wife have three sons: Milton, born June 16, 1908; Clifford, born August 3, 1910; and Evald, born October 3, 1914.

Clarence Goodholm, the third son, was born April 16, 1887, and finished his education in Bethany College. Ludwig, the youngest, was born May 9, 1890, attended Bethany College, and was married in 1906 to Alma Hemstrom. They have one child, Inez.

Mr. Fred Goodholm has always exemplified the highest degree of public spirit in his community. He served as a member of the city council from 1882 to 1886, and since the latter year has continuously filled the office of justice of the peace. From 1889 to 1904 was secretary of the Swedish-American Insurance Company. Politically he was a republican, and is an active member of the Swedish Lutheran Church, which he has served as secretary-treasurer.

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1882 and built a larger plant which he named Smoky Valley Roller Mill. The dam was rebuilt to make more power. Theodore Teichgraeber bought the dam and mill in 1889. He owned it until his death in 1907. The mill burned down in 1897, and was rebuilt. Several additions have been built the past years such as a storehouse for grain and other buildings. The business is now taken care of by the Teichgraber brothers.

Johan Welin built a blacksmith shop in 1874, where Bethany Book and Printing Company is now located. The same year he bought the shop owned by N. P. Swenson which was located where B. G. Grondal has his photographic studio. He worked alone for several years until Peter Granquist became a partner. Mr. Granquist bought out Mr. Christian in 1885, but in a short time sold the shop to O. Berglund, who in turn sold it to Janne Johnson and Oskar Holmberg. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Holmberg are still in the blacksmith shop.

Many various businesses were begun between 1871 and 1874 but were of short duration.

The first furniture store was opened in 1874 by L. F. Anderson where the Erickson brothers now have their business. A small building was erected at first, but in 1883 a larger one was built which is still in use. Mr. Anderson sold his business to Frank Lindberg who carried on for four years and then sold it to Emil Anderson. Mr. Anderson sold to the Erickson brothers who now own the building.

La Boyteaux erected a hotel in the fall of 1874 where the Brunswick Hotel now stands.

Mr. Nix built a blacksmith shop in 1873, where C. V. Rosberg now has his furniture store.

Mr. Wm. J. Henry built the Union Hotel in 1873. This hotel has had many managers during its time.

G. Nelson and Olof Swedlund opened a store of miscellaneous merchandise in 1874, south of the Farmer's State Bank. It burned down within a short time and was never rebuilt.

The railroad that came through wrought great changes. A new era arose. The settlers were widely separated, the farmers had no convenient market for their produce before the railroad. They had to drive twenty miles to Salina, a time-consuming and difficult trip. Naturally, after they had sold their produce they would

purchase what they needed in the stores in Salina. This made it difficult for the local merchants to operate. The building of the railroad had a remarkable effect on the business houses in Lindsborg. The railroad workers bought their necessities here. The people who wished to travel had greater conveniences. It is noted that within a short time various kinds of business houses were opened such as grain elevators, lumber yards, banks and coal yards. People came into closer relationship with each other, because Lindsborg became incorporated July 8, 1879. John A. Swenson was the first mayor.

J. G. Bergsten and J. O. Sundstrom opened a business in the fall of 1879 where J. O. Sundstrom still has his business (corner Lincoln and Main). "The Ark" which was on the lot, was removed and remodel into a house. J. G. Bergsten and J. O. Sundstrom built a store 50x50 feet. M. J. Hasselquist joined the firm in 1881, but already in 1882 sold his share. Bergsten sold his interest to Sundstrom in 1884. Mr. Sundstrom is still in business.

John Anderson erected a grain elevator, 1879, west of the Union Pacific Railroad. Mr. Anderson also dealt in broomcorn. Chas. Gunnerson built a grain elevator east of the same railroad which he called Farmers' Elevator. These two enterprises aided the farmers in selling their products.

The brickyard south of town by the Smoky Hill River was built by A. J. Swanson in 1879. It was moved to the Francis Johnson farm (2 miles west  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile south) in 1901.

The first newspaper, The Localist, was printed in Lindsborg in 1879 by Mr. Wm. McClintock. The next year it had two different editors, Walter Younger and J. H. Hyde. Mr. McPhail bought the paper in 1880. It was leased by other newspaper companies until it became a part of the Smoky Valley News in 1881. August Ringwald published the paper until 1891. The newspaper, in the meantime, changed name and was called "The Lindsborg News." G. E. Eberhardt was editor during 1891 and 1892, when it was sold to Frank Nelson and J. B. Nelson. They were publishers until 1900, when Miss Anna Carlson and Martin Bloomgren became the owners. They are now located in a new building built in 1906. Another paper, Kansas-Posten (Kansas-Post) was begun in 1882 by Dr. Carl Swensson. This was begun in 1882 by Dr. Carl Swensson. This was

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The Bethany Publishing Company started "Lindsborgs-Posten" in 1896, and bought out the English newspaper. The printing shop was moved across the street to the building which now houses Nelson's harness shop. A new building was built in 1900 on the corner of State and Main Streets. The book department was bought by Thorstenberg and Brandt and the name changed to Bethany Book Concern. Mr. Andrew Monson became manager. A new company was organized, after the death of Dr. Swensson, which was called Bethany Book and Printing Company. This Company took over the Bethany Book Concern. Andrew Monson remained as manager until 1906 when Sidney A. Henmon became manager.

Dr. Swensson's plan was that the Bethany Book and Printing Company should be run for the benefit of Bethany College. The company has carried on that plan. It has a large sale of books and music, publishes Lindsborgs-Posten and Record, and prints all kinds of business material. The hope is that in the near future it will become a valuable asset to the College.

Munter and Carlson, jewelers. This firm was established in 1902 and has its headquarters in the Bethany Book and Printing Company's building. It has a large and well-chosen assortment of articles. J. C. Munter is a goldsmith from Sweden and is well-qualified for his work. Gustaf Carlson has a diploma from the Western Optical College. These gentlemen, both old-timers in Lindsborg, have been able to develop a good and profitable business in less than six years.

Andrew Beckstrom bought C. Lundquist's grocery business in 1889. Lundquist had for ten years carried on his business where Peterson's Clothing Store is now. The business continued here until 1901 when a new building was erected south of Bethany Book and Printing Company. A new stock of various articles was added. The firm, A. Beckstrom and Company, as it was known, continued until 1901 when it was incorporated under the name "The Lindsborg Mercantile Company."

The following have been postmasters in Lindsborg: John Henry Johnson—1871, C. R. Carlson—1872, William J. Henry—1873 to 1885, J. R. Lynch 1885 - 1898, Luther Swensson from 1898-1906, Eben Carlson 1906 to the present. A new postoffice was built in 1904.

The prosperity the whole nation has experienced since 1900 has also been seen in Lindsborg, by additions to old business houses, as well as many and new enterprises. Several imposing business houses have been built. The town is becoming more and more important as a business center. The following business firms have been established: Commercial State Bank, G. E. Eberhardt, treasurer; Train Brothers and Company, hardware and machinery; Wilbur and Davis, groceries; O. B. Runbeck, groceries and butcher shop; Erickson Brothers, furniture and contractors; Jacob Peterson, clothing; Mrs. Oscar Lundquist, clothing; N. O. Carlson, and J. R. Anderson, lumber business; John V. Anderson, lumber business; John A. Holmberg, tinsmith; S. E. Nelson, harness shop; John A. Lysell, harness shop; E. S. Orndorff, grain and fodder business; Arch Shields, poultry business; John A. Bolander, poultry business; Olson Brothers, blacksmith; Gunnerson and Lysell, paint-shop; Gibson and Tudor, bakery and cafe; Claus Anderson, coal; Gust Lundgren and Robert Johnson, grain, feed shop, and fodder; Hagstrom Brothers, factory (which makes its own patents).

The following physicians and doctors are located in Lindsborg: G. E. Bergquist, M.D.; Arvid Pihlblad, M.D.; J. W. Simmons, M.D.; Edw. Graf, M.D.; H. G. Johnson, dentist; O. O. S. Carlson, dentist.

Business houses on the east side of Main Street from the north: B. G. Grondal, photographer; Gibson and Tudor, bakery and Cafe; Swedish-American Insurance Company; Andrew Monson, real estate; Lindsborg Electric Construction; Gunnerson and Lysell, paint-shop; Lindsborg Laundry; Johnson and Holmberg, blacksmith shop; Lundquist and Berggren, tailor shop; John A. Lysell, harness shop; Gustafson and Stockenberg, drugstore; J. O. Sundstrom, General Merchandise; Farmers State Bank, John A. Levin, grocery and dry goods; Olson Brothers, blacksmith shop; E. S. Orndoff, feed store; John A. Bolander, poultry shop; Nelson and Peterson, livery stable; A. Childs, poultry shop.

Business houses on the west side of Main Street from the south: Brunswick Hotel; C. Palmlof, tin smith; Wilbur and Davis, groceries; P. J. Lindquist, tailor; Fredrika Swenson, clothing; Erickson Brothers, furniture store and contractors; First National Bank; J. M. Nelson and company, hardware; D. Johnson, department store; J. H. Hanson, Lawyer; A. Wilbur, real

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estate; Lindsborg Hardware, Seed and Implement Co.; Oscar Berglund, druggist; J. Peterson, clothing store; F. Goodholm, book store; C. V. Rosberg, furniture and contractor; O. B. Runbeck, groceries; J. P. Peterson, restaurant; H. H. Berggren, restaurant; Commercial State Bank; Thorstenberg and Anderson, men's clothing; A. W. Nelson, barber shop; Racket (5c & 10c) Store; Mrs. Oscar Lundquist's Dress Shop; Lindsborg Mercantile Co.; Bethany Book and Printing Co., bookstore and publisher of Lindsborgs-Posten. Munter and Carlson, jewelers and optician.

East Lincoln Street from Main Street, North: Postoffice, Eben Carlson, postmaster; town hall and fire department; Eberhardt Lumber Co.; C. F. Rosine, builder and contractor; Ludvig Nelson, alfalfa mill; Olson, porphyry grinder and polisher.

East Lincoln Street from east, south side: Carlson and Anderson, lumber company; Billing and Rooth, carpenters and contractors; Erickson and Train, automobiles; John A. Holmberg, tinner; Lundgren and Johnson, coal and feed; City Cycle shop; The News, publishers of Lindsborg News; S. E. Nelson, harness shop; barber shop "Ounen" (Eagle); The Lindsborg Telephone Exchange; Joseph Brandt and Co., real estate.

West Lincoln Street, south side: Train Brothers and Company, hardware and machinery.

Business houses outside the town's business section: The Smoky Valley Roller Mills; The Broom Factory; Lindsborg Water Plant and Electric Light Plant; A. J. Swenson brickyard; The Lindsborg Milling and Elevator Co.; The Star Hagstrom Brother's Manufacturing Co.; Claus Anderson, coal.

This is in short a history of the business life in Lindsborg. A sound conservatism with energy and foresight have been characteristics found in our business men. There have been very few bankruptcies. Each one has endeavored to keep in mind the good of the community as well as personal gain.

Our town is one of the most beautiful in the country. The streets are clean and neat, there are brick sidewalks almost everywhere, the lawns are well-kept, and many shade trees are well cared for, the homes bespeak taste and neatness, the waterworks and our electric plant are kept in perfect order. It is true, whoever sees our little Swedish town by the Smoky Hill River, longs to return.

Lindsborg has about 2,000 inhabitants. Smoky Hill Township, where Lindsborg is located, has around 700 inhabitants. The town has about \$2,000,000 worth of taxable property, the township about \$1,500,000. This shows how much the financial situation has increased during the past forty years. It is the same in other townships. The richest Swede in the Valley is worth about \$150,000, many have property valued at \$50,000, and a great many at \$25,000. The residences are large, comfortable and modern. Some are palatial. Oxen that drew sleds have been exchanged for horses and carriages. Several city dwellers and farmers own automobiles. There are, it is true, some who are not wealthy, but there are very few poor people.

The population of other Swedish towns in the Valley, according to the 1908 census is as follows: Marquette, 723, Assaria 320, Falun 73 and Smolan 52. Neither Salina nor McPherson can be classified as Swedish towns, but the Swedes do have a great influence. Salina has a population of 9,749 and McPherson 3,540.

—Sidney A. Henmon.

## KANSAS CONFERENCE

## HISTORY WRITTEN BY DR. J. E. FLOREEN

(later moved back to Sweden)

Many Swedish people came to the territory which comprises the Kansas Conference in the 1850's. They first settled in the rich Blue Valley, in what is now Mariadahl. A great many came to Kansas during 1868 and 1869. Many indus-

trious sons and daughters came from Olof Olsson's province directly to the rich Smoky Hill Valley, others came from Chicago, Andover, Galesburg and other places in Illinois. Some had settled in Nebraska and Missouri at the close of the 1860's. The Swedish people had found their way even to the famous plains and valleys of Texas.