



**F. Frederick Francis Squire**  
Homesteader, Farmer and Stockman



## Frederick Francis Squire

**Frederick Francis Squire** was born in Bridgeport, Dorset, England on April 13, 1846. He immigrated to the United States with his parents and siblings, arriving aboard the ship Chaos out of Liverpool, on April 22, 1850. The Squire family settled in Eldon, Iowa.

Frederick Squire married **Frances Elizabeth Dean** of Indiana on April 17, 1866. The couple had two children, Lora E. (1867) and Clayton L. (1869) before they homesteaded property in Lulu Township, Mitchell County, Kansas in ~1870. (See homestead document on page 60)

Busy fulfilling their homestead requirements, the Squires did not appear in the local newspapers until 1884. By then Frederick was well on his way to becoming a successful farmer. However, those interim years were filled with trials. The Squires had five more children. Three of their children died as infants/toddlers. Ernest E., John E., and Sidney C. Descendants of the Squire family believe they died of tuberculosis. Two additional children, John Ellery (1874) and Vera A. (1882), lived to adulthood.

By 1887, Frederick Squire was often in the news. There were items about his herds, crops, farm equipment, civic duties and travel.

In 1888, Frederick Squire was enjoying the fruits of his labors. In March he had an addition built onto his house. In October he had a new barn built. This is unusual because most homesteaders built their own barns.

In 1893, twenty three years after he homesteaded his farm in Lulu Township, Frederick Squire moved to Beloit. He purchased the Chapman House, now a historic home, on Campbell Street. His 600+ acres of property were now farmed by others. In 1896 he harvested 550 acres of wheat, the largest acreage in the county owned by one man.

Frederick F. Squire died suddenly of appendicitis in January of 1899. He was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Beloit. His properties were divided among his children, each receiving a farm.

The Squire family did not remain in Beloit.

**Lora Squire**, a Beloit teacher, married Dr. Thomas E. Records. They moved to Manhattan KS where Lora died in 1912. She is buried with her father in Beloit.

**Clayton L. Squire** married Emily Smith and they had a farm 8 miles north of Hiawatha, KS. After visiting the west coast, they sold their farm and moved to Oregon, where Clayton became a Real Estate agent.

**John Ellery Squire** was a Beloit and Scottsville merchant. He lived in the house on the Squire farm but never did any farming. He married E. Winifred Carney in 1904. After his stores went bankrupt, he also moved west. His family settled in Yakima, WA where John managed a feed store for over 30 years.

**Vera A. Squire** married Claud Cross and they too moved to the state of Washington.

Frances Elizabeth Squire, wife of Frederick, moved with her children. After her death in 1926, her body was returned to Kansas to be buried beside her husband, daughter and three infant sons.

When John E. Squire left Kansas around 1915, he rented the Squire farm to Caspar Hennes (my Grandfather) who was living just one mile west.


***Note:** Descendants of the Squire family still own some of the land. Howard Records, who lives in Arizona, is the great grandson of Dr. Thomas E. Records, husband of eldest daughter Lora E. Squire. Mark Hennes of Beloit, farms his land. (2014)*



## The Squires of Lulu Township


In 1850, the seven member **John Squire Family** were among thousands of immigrants who came to the United States in search of a better life. The ship manifest below lists son **Frederick Squire** as age 3. Frederick grew up in Iowa and Indiana and married **Frances E. Dean** in 1866. Like hundreds of others, the young couple bravely carved out land as homesteaders in **Lulu Township**, Mitchell County, Kansas in 1870. Frederick and Frances Squire fulfilled their homestead requirements including building a house, digging a well, plowing, planting crops and living off the land. We can only imagine the hardships they endured and the tremendous courage it took to tame virgin land. In the end, they raised a family and became respected Mitchell County land owners who were responsible for the construction of a most remarkable barn.

Excerpt of 1850 ship manifest for *Chaos* of Liverpool, England.  
The John and Matilda Squire Family



John Squire	Fr	"	"	"
Matilda do	"	"	"	"
Elyza do	8	"	"	"
John do	6	"	"	"
Frederick do	3	"	"	"
Sidney do	1	"	"	"
Annabella do	inf	"	"	"

### Frederick Francis Squire

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- Born April 13, 1846 in Dorset, Bridgeport, England
  - Arrived in US April 22, 1850 with parents on board the ship *Chaos* out of Liverpool, England
  - Married April 17, 1866 to Frances Elizabeth Dean (1847-1926) who was born in Indiana
  - 1870 Census shows F. F. Squires living in Harrisburg, Van Buren County, Iowa
  - They homesteaded the Kansas farm in the same year, July 1870
  - 1880 Census shows F. F. Squire living in Lulu township, Mitchell County, Kansas
  - Died January 1, 1899 in Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas
  - Buried January 3, 1899 in Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas

**Frederick F. Squire and Frances Elizabeth Dean Squire** had seven children.

Lora Elizabeth Squire Records 1867  
Clayton Leslie Squire 1869  
Ernest E. Squire 1871  
John E. Squire 1872  
John Ellery Squire 1874  
Sidney C. Squire 1876  
Vera A. Squire Cross 1882



**Frederick F. Squire Homestead Property Document.**  
**(For farm he settled in Mitchell County, Kansas in 1870)**

The United States of America  
To all To Whom these Presents shall come -  
greeting, Homestead Certificate No 7611 -  
Application 8321,  
Where as there has been deposited in the general -  
Land Office of the United States a certificate of  
Register of the Land office at Concordia Kansas,  
Whereby it appears that pursuant to the act of -  
Congress approved 20<sup>th</sup> May 1862 To secure -  
Homesteads to actual Settlers on the Public -  
Domain And the acts Supplemental Thereto, the Claim  
of Fredrick F. Squire has been Established And -  
duly Consummated, in Conformity to Law for the  
South West quarter of Section Twenty, in Township  
Six South of Range Six west, in the district ~~South~~  
of Lands to Sale at Concordia Kansas Containing  
one Hundred And Sixty acres) according to the  
official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned  
to the general Land office by the Surveyor General -  
(Now Know ye That there is Therefore, Granted by  
the United States unto the said Fredrick F. -  
Squire, the Tract of Land, above described: To have &  
hold the said Tract of Land, with the appurtenances  
Thereof unto the said Fredrick F. Squire And to his Heirs  
And Assigns forever  
In Testimony Whereof I, Rutherford B. Hayes President  
of the United States of America have caused these -  
letters to be made Patent, And the Seal of the general Land  
office to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand  
at the City of Washington the Thirtieth day of March  
in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred And -  
Seventy nine And of the Independence of the United States -  
the one hundred And third. By the President R. B. Hayes  
by S. H. Clark Recorder of the general Land office  
by W. H. Crook Secretary

It took Fred Squire nine years to  
complete the homestead process.

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## Fred Squire in the News

### ***Beloit Gazette***

*December 19, 1884*

**Fred Squire**, of Scottsville, has we hear, lost 13 head of cattle lately. Mr. Mott\*, living in the same place lost 8 head, but claims he has saved many by bleeding them in the neck.

(\* The name Mott is probably a misspelling for Motes)

### ***Beloit Gazette***

*May 11, 1887*

L. D. Cunningham and **F. F. Squire** went to Jewell City last week and purchased three harrows for the purpose of tending listed corn. If these harrows prove to be successful they will be of great value to the farmer.

### ***The Beloit Gazette***

*May 11, 1887*

A valuable colt, belonging to **Mr. Fred Squire**, died last week. Disease not known.

### ***The Beloit Gazette***

*June 8, 1887*

John Wessling is breaking prairie for **F. F. Squire**.

**Mr. Squire** purchased of Joseph Smith, a span of five year old mares, for \$225.

### ***The Beloit Gazette***

*September 1, 1887*

**Mr. F. F. Squire** started to Iowa on business last Saturday morning. He expects to return in about two weeks.

### ***Beloit Gazette***

*September 29, 1887*

**Fred Squire**, of Lulu, called Monday, and was feeling jubilant over Sunday's rain, as he finished putting in 100 acres of wheat Saturday. He has ten more to drill. He looks for a big crop next year, but says he will get his money back in pasture this winter, if he doesn't get a bushel of wheat.

### ***The Beloit Gazette***

*November 22, 1888*

**Fred Squire** started for Iowa yesterday morning, to be absent several weeks. He is called there by the severe illness of a brother.

### ***The Beloit Gazette***

*December 8, 1887*

#### **Jurors Drawn**

Grand Jurors, as drawn for the January term:

W. Y. Crow, Asherville township.

C. Drasher, Walnut Creek township.

**F. F. Squire**, Lulu township

E. P. Bixby, Solomon Rapids township.

Albert Lopp, Asherville township ...

### ***The Beloit Gazette***

*December 13, 1888*

Miss Squire informs us that her uncle in Iowa, whose sickness we mentioned two or three weeks since, is dead. He died of cancer, a few hours after an operation had been performed. **Her father, F. F.**, was with his brother when he died.



**Fred Squire in the News (cont.)*****The Beloit Gazette***

*March 22, 1888*

F. F. Squire, one of the substantial farmers and stock raisers of Lulu township, commenced the erection of an addition to his residence this week, which will make him one of the best houses in his township. A. E. and S. P. Hillman are doing the work.

(see house on page 63)

***The Beloit Gazette***

*January 3, 1889*

Judge Rowley, Judge Sturgis, and F. F. Squire made the regular quarterly examination of the county treasury last week, finishing Saturday. They, of course, found everything all right.

***The Beloit Gazette***

*October 17, 1889*

F. F. Squire will feed forty-five head of cattle this year, as will Sidney Knapp also.

***The Beloit Gazette***

*December 19, 1889*

F. Squires' flock of steer are fattening space, and worth looking at. He fears the stalk fields\* and keeps them out; well to be cautious; hope he will hit a favorable market.

\* Refers to a livestock disease in the area.

***The Beloit Gazette***

*May 15, 1890*

F. F. Squire went to Kansas City Tuesday, with two car loads of cattle.

***The Beloit Gazette***

*February 5, 1891*

Mr Squire has been digging a well, to replenish the supply of water for his stock. He did not find a new vein.

***The Beloit Gazette***

*March 3, 1892*

F. F. Squire and family have moved in from Lulu township and occupy the old Woody residence, corners Lincoln avenue and Fourth Street.

***The Beloit Gazette***

*March 3, 1892*

George Hook boards at Mrs. Hartman's while farming the place he rented of F. F. Squire.

***The Beloit Gazette***

*March 10, 1892*

Mr. Gilbert will break 200 instead of 130 acres. The Crawfords will break a large area, and F. Squire contemplates doing the same.

***The Beloit Gazette***

*March 24, 1892*

Mr. Squires was shelling corn last Monday.

***Tri County News***

*June 1896*

Fred Squire and his men are right in the midst of harvesting his 550 acres of wheat in this township (this is the largest acreage we have heard of in the county owned by one man.) Mr. Squire thinks his wheat will average 25 bushels per acre. He has offered a \$25, \$15, and \$10 prize to his men who raise the three best pieces and the wheat will be weighed and the question of the yield accurately determined.

***Tri County News***

*August 1897*

Fred Squire was out Tuesday to see how his farmers were getting along with their plowing and found it pretty dry.

***Tri County News***

*August 1898*

F. F. Squire's farms in this township have raised 11,854 bushels of wheat this year, B. F. Lamborn raising nearly half of it. Mr. Squire also has 4,000 bushels of old wheat and 16,000 bushels of old corn on the old home farm. while Mr. Lamborn has purchased the F. M. Culp farm.

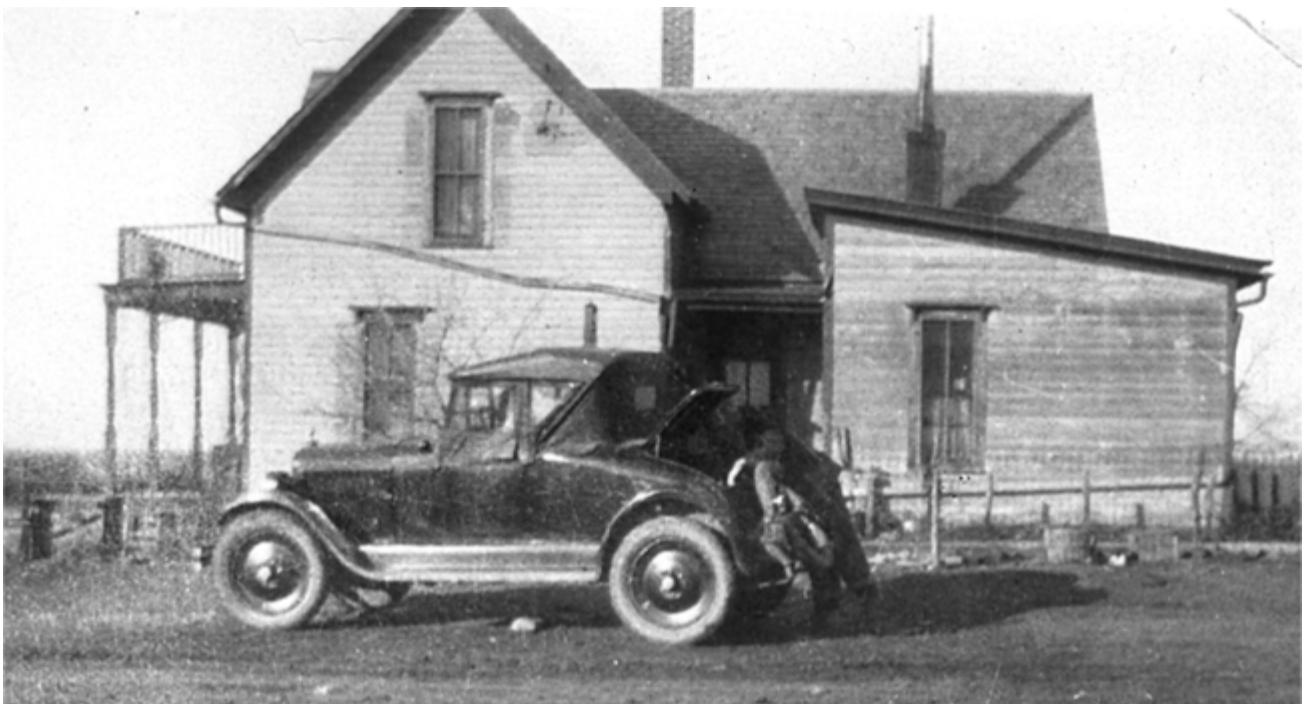
(Wheat stored on Mr. Squire's farm)



## The Squire House



These are the earliest photographs of the Frederick Squire house (1918 -1920). It is the same house mentioned in the news clip on page 62. It was used by the Squire family and then by my family until 1944 when it was moved to make way for a larger home.





## A Definitive Answer

After months of searching and wondering if I would ever find the one piece of information I was looking for...

**THERE IT WAS!!!!**

**S. H. Dodge**, editor of the *Beloit Gazette*, had recorded these few lines of copy that confirm the builder, date, and size of the Squire-Hennes barn.

**Hamilton Lee Wiley built the barn for Frederick F. Squire in 1888.**

### Beloit Gazette

Thursday, October 25, 1888

Page 4 under "City News" column

F. F. Squires, one of the good Lulu farmers, has just completed a barn 40x58 feet, 32 feet high. It was put up by H. L. Wiley, of this city, and McElroy is painting it. Mr. Squires is one of the farmers who is prospering, always having something to sell. He was in the city Monday selling some wheat, of which he had 1,800 bushels in the bin, at \$1.00 per bushels. He will hold part of it for higher figures.

This photograph of the Squire farm was taken (~1918-1920).







## A Move to Town

In 1893, twenty three years after he homesteaded his farm in Lulu Township, Frederick Squire purchased the Chapman House on Campbell Street in Beloit. Today, this house is a historic Beloit landmark.

## History of Chapman house

## Beloit Call

December 4, 2009

The research for the history of this lovely old home was done by Gladys Miller with the assistance of Judy Pettijohn at the Registrar of Deeds and Marla Evert at the Port Library.



(Gladys Miller provided the following historical information about the Chapman house).

In March of 1872, Alexander and George Campbell, Canada natives bought the land that was to be the site of a 2 story native stone house, from Timothy Hersey and A.A. Bell. The Farm Implement dealers who also sold lumber had relocated from Missouri in 1871 to Mitchell County Kansas. The brothers were very involved in the planning of the city. Alexander was also Vice President of the First National Bank according to the Western Democrat in 1889. The Morris's, from whom the Chapman's purchased the home, believe that the house was built in 1872 by a Campbell and that it was the 3rd house, in what was to become later that year, the city we now know as Beloit. = In 1876 George deeded his half to Alexander and his new wife Lillias. The Campbells had one son and one daughter. Alexander died in 1901 in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

In 1893, the home was bought by Fred F. Squires for \$3000. According to the Beloit Western Call, the house had been rented by H. C. Annan after the Campbells moved to Stillwater.

Fred Squire was born in England and came to America when he was 5. He and his wife, Frances, came to Kansas from Iowa in 1872. They had 7 children. He was a farmer and businessman. When Mr. Squire died in 1899 the house was deeded to his widow.

Mrs. Squire lived in the home until she sold it to B.C. Brumage in 1908 for \$4000. Mr. Brumage was born in West Virginia and...

**Beloit Call,**  
*February 9, 1903*

FOR SALE

A nice lawn fence nearly new.

Inquire of **Mrs. F. E. Squire**,  
303 North Campbell Avenue d-2t

Excerpt from the 1900 U. S. Census:  
Beloit, Mitchell county, Kansas  
Lines 69-73

Frances E. listed as (Head of house)

Children: Lora, Clayton (farmer), John E. (Clerk) and Vera (student)

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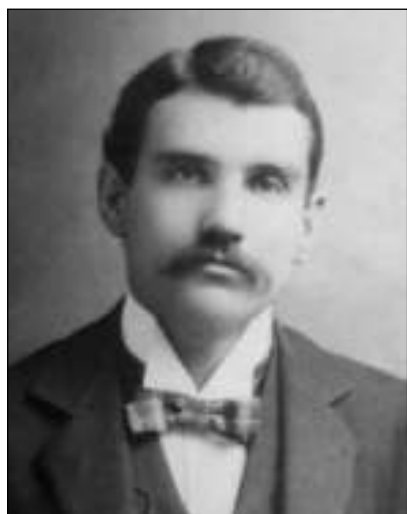


## Squire Family Photos

**Frances Elizabeth Dean Squire**



**Clayton Leslie Squire**



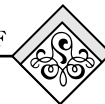
**John Ellery Squire**



Right:  
**John and Matilda Squire,**  
Frederick's parents.

Left:  
Their gravestone in  
Eldon, Iowa





## Fred and Frances Squire Obituaries - Estate

After a brief illness, Frederick Squire died unexpectedly in January of 1899. His farm properties were divided among his children.

### ***Beloit Gazette***

*January 5, 1899*

#### **Obituary.**

The death of Mr. F. F. Squire came as a shock to our citizens. Very few of the people knew that he was so seriously sick. But the disease with which he was attacked—appendicitis—claims very many of its victims, and Mr. Squires succumbed last Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

He was operated on last Thursday. The operation was successful, but Mr. Squire was so weak he could not rally.

Mr. Squire was born in England, April 13, 1844. He came with his parents to this country when he was three years of age. He was married to Miss Frances Dean, April 17, 1866. There was born to them seven children—five boys and two girls. Three children are now dead.

Mr. Squire came to Kansas in 1872 from the state of Iowa. Six years ago he moved to the city of Beloit.

As a farmer and business man Mr. Squire was eminently successful. Those who have known him speak of his honesty in all of his dealings, and his unswerving loyalty to his convictions.

The funeral services were conducted at the home last Tuesday morning by Elder W. T. Hilton. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of sympathizing friends and neighbors.

We extend to the bereaved family our sympathies, and commend them to the Father of Mercies and God of all Comfort. COM.

### ***Beloit Gazette***

*January 12, 1899*

#### **F. F. Squire's Will.**

The will of F. F. Squire, recently deceased, has been filed in the probate court. It was made Dec. 27, 1898, witnessed by F. J. Knight and Charley Graves, Mrs. Squire assenting to its provisions. The eldest daughter, Lora E. Squire, is appointed executor.

The will gives to Lora E. Squire 240 acres of land in Lulu township, and \$2100 in bank stock.

To Clayton L. and John E. Squire, each 160 acres, and \$2100 in bank stock.

To Vera a. Squire, 320 acres and \$2100 in bank stock.

None of the children to sell, or dispose of any interest in the real estate during their lives.

To the widow he left the home in Beloit and \$2100 in bank stock, to remain hers until marriage or death. Also, the children to pay her \$375 each per year from the proceeds of the real estate left to them.

Out of the proceeds of the sale of the personal property, aside from the bank stock mentioned above, Mrs. Squire to have \$1000; the balance to be divided among the children.

Mr. Squire owned 880 acres of land at the time of his death.

## **July 1926 - Yakima, WA Funerals**

### **Mrs. Frances Squire**

Funeral services for **Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Squire**, aged 79 years, who died Friday in the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Cross, were held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the Shaw & Sons chapel, with the Rev. C. L. Owens officiating. Last night the body was placed on the train for Beloit, Kansas, where it will be buried beside her husband. She had lived in Yakima for 12 years.





## The Squire Graves - Elmwood Cemetery, Beloit KS



The Squire burial plot  
in Elmwood Cemetery  
Beloit, Kansas  
(Pictures taken 2009)

**Frederick Francis Squire**  
B April 13, 1846  
D January 1, 1899



**Frances Elizabeth Dean Squire**  
B October 8, 1846  
D July 16, 1926



**Lora E. Squire Records**  
B 1867  
D 1912



**Ernest E. Squire**  
B 1871  
D 1873



**John E. Squire**  
B 1872  
D 1873



**Sidney C. Squire**  
B 1876  
D 1876

Three Squire boys died as infants.





MAP OF  
**LULU**  
TOWNSHIP  
Township 8 South Range 6 West of the 6th P.M.

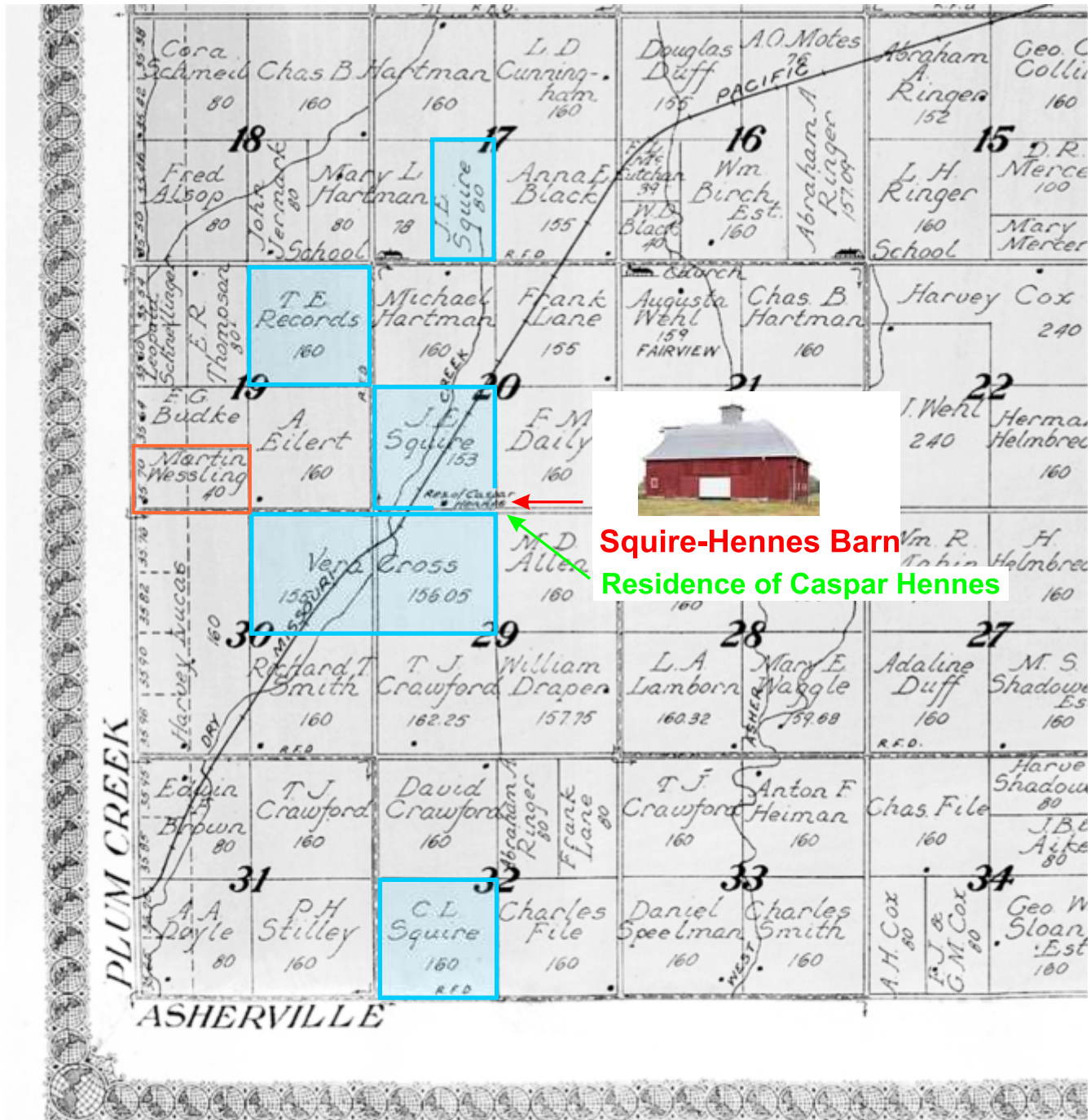
1902 Map shows the expanded Frederick Squire Properties.

The Culp properties have also changed and expanded.



## The Division of the Squire Properties

This close-up of the 1917 Lulu township, Mitchell County, KS map shows how the Fred Squire properties were divided among his children following his death. The map also shows Caspar Hennes as the farm's resident.







## Frederick's Son: John Ellery Squire

After the Squire family moved to Beloit and following the death of Frederick in 1899, son John E. Squire, lived on the farm in Lulu Township, although he was not a farmer.

In 1902, John invested in two general stores in the nearby towns of Scottsville and Beloit. He formed a partnership with Art Newburger whose father had previously run the stores. It is not clear why the partnership failed but John took over management of both stores. He eventually closed them, the Beloit store in 1902 and the Scottsville store in 1906.

John married E. Winifred Carney of Beloit, on September 14, 1904. They had two sons, Fred C. and John Junior.

In 1915, the family moved west for a fresh start and settled in the state of Washington. The Kansas farm was rented by my Grandfather, Caspar Hennes. The Hennes family had previously resided just one mile west of the Squire farm.

The 1915 U.S. Census lists the J. E. Squire family living in Kansas while the 1920 census shows them living in Fruitvale, Yakima, Washington.

John Squire's obituary 9/19/1957 says he ran a farmers supply store in Yakima for over thirty years.

### Daily Call

April 6, 1902

Newburger & Squire  
DRY GOODS, SHOES, MILLINERY  
AND NOTIONS

Art C. Newburger came to Beloit from St. Louis and with his father opened a store five years ago. Two years ago Newburger senior retired from the business and **John E. Squire** purchased an interest forming the present firm of Newburger & Squire. The gentlemen compromising this firm are, young, active and enterprising and they have a store and stock of which this city is justly proud.

## CLOSING OUT SALE!

The late dissolution of partnership of the firm of Newburger & Squire was not effected at that time because of the inability of Mr. Newburger to fulfill his part of the agreement. In order to protect myself I have obtained the interest of Mr. Newburger in the Beloit store and am compelled to take charge of both stocks. I can't manage the two, so the elegant stock of merchandise at Beloit **MUST BE SOLD AT ONCE**.

I haven't the time or space to quote you prices in this issue, but an inspection of the stock and prices will convince you that these goods are being **SOLD AT LESS THAN WHOLE-SALE PRICES**.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the firm of Newburger & Squire and A. C. Newburger will please call and settle at once.

Respectfully,

**John E. Squire.**

Except from the 1915 U.S. Census  
for Mitchell County, Scottsville, Kansas  
Lines 16-19

Lists: John E. Squire, Winifred, Fred and John Jr.

R. 47	40	Squire J E	40	M	W
		Winifred E	38	F	W
		Fred C.	9	M	W
		John Jr.	4	M	W

### Scottsville Advance

August 7, 1904

**John Squire** is repairing and remodeling his house. Frank Christman\* has the work in charge.

\* Refers to the Squire house. (see page 63)

### Scottsville Advance

December 28, 1904

**John Squire**, wife and baby spent Christmas with their parents in Beloit.

Except from the 1920 U.S. Census  
for Fruitvale, Yakima, Washington  
Lines 29-32

Lists: John E. Squire, Winifred, Fred and John Jr.

R. 29	40	Squire John E.	40	M	W
		Winifred E.	38	F	W
		Fred C.	9	M	W
		John Jr.	4	M	W



### ***Farewell to Kansas***

**Frederick F. Squire** came to Kansas as a young pioneer in 1870. He homesteaded land in Mitchell County and become one of it's most successful farmers. In 1888, he had a barn built on his property by local contractor, **Hamilton Lee Wiley**.

After Fred Squire's death in 1899, his farm properties were dividend among his children. (See 1917 Lulu map on page 70.)

The Squire's did not stay in Kansas. One by one, they moved away to the American northwest. John E. Squire, Frederick's youngest son, lived in the house on the Squire farm and managed two dry goods stores, in Beloit and Scottsville. After the failure of these businesses, he rented his farm to neighbor, Caspar Hennes, and moved his family to the state of Washington.

We can only imagine how Caspar felt the first time he walked into the Squire-Hennes barn, knowing that he was **now its keeper!**