BEFORE THE MOVE

EARLY PIONEERS, SETTLEMENTS, SCHOOLS AND TOWNS FROM BOOM TO BUST, MOVING ULYSSES

1879, JOHN O’LOUGHLIN established the Pig Pen Ranch on the Cimarron River in what is now Grant County. In 1889, he began a new Pig Pen Ranch in the northeast part of the county, at the south edge of the sandhills.

RICHARD JOYCE, first permanent resident of Grant County.

JEREMIAH PATRICK SULLIVAN, born May 4, 1888 and DANIEL CHARLES SULLIVAN, born December 22, 1885. Dan was the first white child born in Grant County.

GEORGE W. EARP was only 21 years old when he was elected the first mayor of Grant County.

MARCH 1902, Towler Parlor in the Hotel Edwards. Standing: Thad Towler, Dr. Thompson, Bob Wilson, Ed Towler, Ort Kinche- loe. Seated: Carrie Kimsey, Emogene, Lucille, Estelle, and May Towler.

FOGLEMAN FAMILY HOME, Old Ulysses, from left: Marion, Nora, Mr. Fogleman, Lilly, Minnie, Mrs. Fogleman and Amy.
OLD ULYSSES, 1898, earliest known photograph of the town, but well after the boom.

OLD ULYSSES about 1906 looking east up Central Avenue. (1) Hotel, (2) Blake's store, (3) Earlougher's store, (4) Post Office and Grant County Republican print shop, 5) Williamson's store, 6) Earlougher's barn, 7) School.

T.W. MARSHALL RESIDENCE in Old Ulysses, in the background is the courthouse, school and Hotel Edwards.
THE TOWN OF ZIONVILLE was started on Christmas Day in 1885 by M.M. Wilson. The town was located 10 miles south of the present town of Ulysses. This picture was taken in 1897, after Zionville ceased to be a town and was the Wilson ranch.

TAGGART HOMESTEAD near Zionville. Samuel and Mary Taggart in buggy.

TAGGART FAMILY with collection of stuffed animals native to Grant County.

COYOTE HUNTING. In July 1889, the county commissioners voted to pay a bounty of $1.00 for the scalp of any wolf, coyote, wildcat or fox. There were no game laws in the early days.
STORE FRONT IN GOLDEN, about 1894. Golden, situated 35 miles southwest of Hartland in the beautiful Cimarron Valley. GOLDEN THE PRETTIEST LADY!


FREE DINNER at Shockeyville. SHOCKEYVILLE! The past, the present and the future. Infancy To Full Grown Manhood! Splendid Opportunities! A Southwestern Metropolis! Rich Resources! Two Railroads! A Wealthy Town Company.

HENRY MILLER RANCH, on old Appomattox townsite.
OLD ULYSSES during the boom, probably 1887, photo shows the Opera house under construction.

GRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSE in the 1890's. This building was originally the Opera house when it was built in 1887. Notice the date stone at the roof line. Standing left to right: B.C. Henshaw, C.M. Cox, E.M. Henthorn, Charlie Glazier, Ed McGillivray, C.D. Hickok, Edward Bittiker, Jake L. Harman. Seated: Henry Miller, J.J. Rosson, D.C. Sullivan Sr, John McGillivray, E.F. Towler, J.A. Neely, Joseph Bittiker. Looking out the upstairs windows: left, May Towler; right, Frank Byers and son Ora.

GRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSE prior to the move. Notice the roof line has been changed.
GRANT COUNTY BANK, located on Wall Street, five blocks east of Main Street in Old Ulysses. It was at this location that stagecoaches from Hartland and Hugoton would meet each day at noon to exchange passengers and mail and return to their starting points.

HOTEL EDWARDS as it looked in 1887. The opening of the hotel was an event any old timer will tell you was a high water mark in celebrations. Weeks and weeks the program committee labored and when the fine hotel blazed out on the Kansas prairie like the evening star, the home town thermometer went to the top and broke off.

IN FRONT OF HOTEL EDWARDS, Old Ulysses, from left: Jim Brollier, Vern Brollier, May Towler Beaty, Nellie Reynolds Kepley, Carrie Kimsey, and Ernest Hogan.

CYCLONE, Old Ulysses, 1907.


BLAKE STORE, Old Ulysses 1908.
AN INTERESTED (AND INTERESTING) GROUP IN THE HOTEL IN OLD ULYSSES. Quote from the back of Dr. G.R. Hickok’s picture: “This is Dad Reynolds, and part of his gang of boarders at the old hotel. We were rolling the bones. Frank Lusk, who wears the cob pipe, was fadin’ me at the time. The others could wait their turn, but Little Doc—he of the black whiskers—had to have his money down on every throw. Flinty Bowers is the tall old puncher standing next to Dad Reynolds. Flinty was a genuine pilgrim.” Identification, back row, left to right: Isaac (Dad) Reynolds, Charlie P. Bowers, William Rhoades, E.F. Towler, C.S. Blake. Middle row: Ed Walworth, H.F. McCall, Ernest Hogan, Oliver Gay, Thad Towler. Front row: Earl Blake, Dr. G.R. Hickok (with outflung hand), Dr. Thompson, Frank Lusk.
SCHOOL HOUSE IN OLD ULYSSES, built of brick made near the old town. In 1920, the school was torn down and some of the bricks were used to build the Kepley Brothers Garage on Main in New Ulysses.


CHEESEBOX SCHOOLDISTRICT 14, 1904. Teacher is Miss Ida Marshall.

BERNICE AND EUAL BREWER, at Doby School, 1909.

PICKING UP PRAIRIE GRASSOLINE (CHIPS). From left: Edith Johnson (Mother), Edith, Maye, Ethel and E. M. Johnson, (father of Maye Mitchell)

HORSE-POWERED water well drilling rig owned by Ira W. Coats. Drilling area was kept saturated with water from tank at right. Horses pulled the cable around the turntable, lifting the heavy ram to the top of the derrick, then it was released and pounded into the well.
THIS PROBABLY IS THE OLDEST BUILDING in Grant County in continuous use since its first occupation. Built in old Ulysses in 1888 as the residence for Judge Wm. E. Hutchison, before the Terrills bought it, it was moved with the town in 1909 and remodeled by the Colyar Terrills. It is located at 219 South Simpson.

PIG PEN RANCH HEADQUARTERS, located in northeast Grant County, Barney O'Connor, foreman.

RICHARD JOYCE and son Harry at Joyce Homestead on the Cimarron River. The Joyce Ranch is the site of Wagon Bed Springs and was the first homestead of record filed in Colyer County.

ISAAC ROSEL RANCH on the Cimarron in SE Grant County 1890's. Notice the stocks in the foreground.
T.X. RANCH Nov. 1907, from left: John with his horse Chester, Paul Yohomus with horse Dan Tucker, Lena and Louise Berns on horseback, owner Mrs. Mary Anna Berns and Mary Theresa in buggy.

JOHN FOGLEMAN, working cowboy about 1900.

AFTER TRAIL DRIVING cattle into Dodge City, cowboys get their picture taken. Standing at the left is John Fogelman, father of Ray Fogelman. 1889.
MAT O'DEA SODDIE in the Waterford vicinity. Waterford located on 33-30-35 was a post office and store established in a farmhouse to serve the Irish settlement on the border of the Cimarron in SE Grant County.

J. L. HICKMAN homestead soddy, in East Grant County, about 1900.

BALES HOMESTEAD in NE Grant County. The Bales moved to Grant County from Stafford Co. in 1906.

LOUIS KOLB'S adobe house built in 1908 in S.E. Grant County.
ABOUT 1895: Ella and Rufus Kendall herd sheep on their mother’s homestead two miles southeast of Old Ulysses.

TOBE BREWER showing off his horse to little brother, Eual, 1909.

NELLIE BYERS, Gladys Bittiker, and Clara Miller pose with guns and horses near the brick school in Old Ulysses.
FOR A WEDDING, birthday party or celebration it was the custom to invite the entire county. Pictured is the 1898 wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Stuart. Mrs. Stuart was the former Eva O’Dea. The Stuart home was located in Southeast Grant County.

WEDDING PICTURE of Jennie (Binney) Wilson and Robert Wilson. The Wilsons were married at the home of the bride’s parents on October 16, 1904.

GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE TOWLER HOME on the Cimarron River February 24, 1904 for the wedding photograph of Anna May Towler and Russell Beaty are: Dr. G. R. Hickok, Ethel Hickok (Beaty), M. M. Wilson, Ralph Beaty, Thad Towler, Mother and Dad Towler, Estell, Lucille Towler, Aunt Eva Satterlee, Russell and May Beaty and Rev. Ide.

PICNICKING AND FISHING on the Cimarron River, 1903. From left: H.V. Maxwell, Clint Brollier, Fred Maxwell in bonnet, Noble and Sadie Henshaw with children, India Maxwell, Jennie and Bob Wilson, Mae Maxwell in buggy.
1903, HULBERT'S GROVE OF MULBERRY TREES. It was the annual custom for all families to take basket dinners and meet in the grove spending the day visiting and enjoying sports.

WATERMELON FEED, ABOUT 1908. Lemuel Binney, Steve Davis, Mrs. Binney, Mrs. Davis and R.R. Wilson.

MELODRAMA, OLD ULYSSES. Bob Wilson, standing third from left. Jennie Wilson, bottom row, far left with hat. Others not identified.

WILL AND NORA CHRISTIAN leaving the McGillivray house in Old Ulysses.

ETNAH TOWLER AND NELLIE BROLLIER, riding side-saddle.

J. A. NEELY'S FIRST AUTO. 1908 Buick, two-cylinder.
1908. LOCAL RESIDENTS OF OLD ULYSSES form a line between the courthouse and the hotel. From left: Duck Kepley, John Stewart, Pern Mustoe, Nellie Byers, Grace Blake, George Baster, Charles Ladner, Clarence Kepley, unidentified, Clarence Jones and Charles Leierer.

ETNAH TOWLER HOLDING REINS, Jennie Binney and Nellie Brollier on horseback.

MANDY AND CHARLES HEINLIN, note: sidesaddle and chaps.

WILL R. CHRISTIAN, with mule.

R. R. WILSON AND RACE HORSE, "OLD CAP". Old Cap was on the race track several years in Grant County on the Fourth of July and Old Settler's Picnics. He was never beaten.
THE EDWARDS HOTEL had to be cut into three sections and then moved one section at a time. It took several days to move some of the buildings.

RESIDENTS OF OLD ULYSSES commenced moving the buildings in February of 1909. The move took two to three months. The courthouse, schoolhouse, and post office were left on the townsite until the new town could establish a post office and call for an election to move the county seat to New Ulysses. The brick schoolhouse remained on the old townsite until the 1920's.
1909—ready to move the courthouse safe. Sitting on safe: Dr. Buckmaster, Coroner; J. F. Parsons, Commissioner; Ira Marshall, Treasurer. Below, from left: Dave Nicholson, Sheriff; C. H. Binney, Register of Deeds; Herbert Rhoades, Attorney; Harry Earlougher, Commissioner; Wm. Bechtleheimer, Probate Judge; Rena McGillivray, Superintendent of Schools.

TERRILL HOUSE ready for the move.

RESIDENTS with teams of horses begin the move.

1909: Moving the livery stable.