

## RESEARCH REPORT: THE JOHNSON COUNTY FAMILY CEMETERY

Email to Johnson County ksGenWeb

June 11, 2025

I'm sharing the preliminary research on a local cemetery. I have found a group of Johnson County deeds and mortgages that refer to a small family cemetery. The legal description is the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 3, Township 12, Range 24. [please see the attached screenshot from the 1874 county atlas showing the farm in question] The owner indicated by the 1874 atlas was "D. Johnson." An 1873 deed from Daniel and Fanny Johnson sold the 40 acres to Moses Johnson, their son. Several censuses enumerated the Johnson family in Johnson County. Daniel and Fanny were born in Virginia. The census identified their race as Black.

The deeds and mortgages refer to an exception in the transfer of title as "a piece of the land of about 8 feet by 12 feet where our Father, Mother and child are buried situated near the southeast corner." This exception actually carried over to transfers of title or mortgages following the sale of the farm by the family. Later documents added that the wife of Moses Johnson was also among the burials.

I have downloaded the relevant documents from FamilySearch if you wish to have all of them for documentation of the burials. A legal notice for a sheriff's sale was published in the Olathe News of July 24, 1890. Even that legal notice carried the identification of the exception in the transfer of title.

This was an interesting discovery and the location of the Johnson farm is only a mile from my home in Shawnee.

Is this cemetery documented in "modern" times? I hope my information is helpful and I look forward to comments.

Russ Czaplewski

Shawnee, KS

## SOURCES

### Newspapers

Newspaper items not directly mentioning the Johnson family property in Johnson County are shared later in this document.

*Olathe News* November 14, 1889

Publication Notice; James Murdock, Plaintiff, vs. John W. Bowen, R. T. Hoffman, Isaac L. Honn, et al, Defendants

District Court; references \$1,200 debt (and interest) from August 26, 1887.

Olathe News

Thu, Nov 14, 1889 Page 6

STEPHEN S. WILSON,

~~1872~~

OLATHE, KANSAS.

**PUBLICATION NOTICE.**

**JAMES MURDOCK,** Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN W. BOWEN,  
R. T. HOFFMAN,  
ISAAC L. HONN. ET AL, Defendants.

In the District Court within and for Johnson County, Kansas.

To John W. Bowen, R. T. Hoffman and Isaac L. Honn, who are non-residents of the State of Kansas:

YOU and each of you will take notice that you have been sued by the plaintiff, **James Murdock**, in the district court within and for Johnson county, Kansas, and that this action is now pending therein; and you are further notified that unless you plead to said action so pending on or before the 25th day of December, 1889, the petition will be taken as true, and a judgment will be rendered against John W. Bowen and Isaac L. Honn in favor of the plaintiff, for the sum of \$1,200 00 and interest thereon since the 26th day of August, 1887, at 8 per cent. per annum; and the court will make its order and render its judgment that a certain mortgage given by John W. Bowen to Isaac L. Honn on the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section three, township twelve, of range twenty-four, Johnson county, Kansas, given to secure the said sum of money be foreclosed and sold without appraisalment and the proceeds applied to the payment of the claim so found due to plaintiff, and that R. T. Hoffman and John W. Bowen set up and claim some right, title or lien upon said land, which said claim, lien or title is subsequent and junior and inferior to the lien of the plaintiff, and void, and that said R. T. Hoffman, John W. Bowen and Isaac L. Honn and each of them and every person or persons claiming under or through them or either of them be forever barred and foreclosed of all right of redemption thereto, and for costs of suit.

**JAMES MURDOCK,**

JNO. T. LITTLE, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Olathe News July 24, 1890

--legal notice of sheriff's sale involving the former Johnson family farm

[First published in Olathe Mirror July 24, 1890]

### Sheriff's Sale Under Execution.

STATE OF KANSAS, }  
 Johnson County, } ss.  
 In the District Court, Tenth Judicial District,  
 State of Kansas, sitting within and for the  
 County of Johnson.  
 James Murdock, Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 John W. Bowen, R. T. Hoffman,  
 and Isaac Horn, Defendants.

**BY VIRTUE OF A SPECIAL EXECUTION** issued out of the Tenth Judicial District Court of the State of Kansas, sitting within and for Johnson county, in said state, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the front door of the court house, Olathe, in said county, on Friday, August 29th, A. D. 1890, at 11 o'clock a. m. of said day, the following described real estate, to-wit:

The southwest quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the southwest quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section three (3), township twelve (12), range twenty-four (24), east, in Johnson county, Kansas, containing forty [40] acres, except a piece of land about eight by twelve [8x12] feet, where **Moses Johnson's** father, mother and child are buried, situated near the southeast corner. Said property levied upon and to be sold without appraisement as the property of John W. Bowen, R. T. Hoffman and Isaac Horn, to satisfy said judgment and special execution.

Dated this 22d day of July, A. D. 1890.

JOHN T. LITTLE, Plaintiff's Attorney.  
 JOHN R. EASDALE, Sheriff of Johnson Co. 41t5

[Published in the Olathe Mirror, July 24, '90.]

### Sheriff's Sale Under Execution

STATE OF KANSAS, }  
 Johnson County, } ss.

—F. M. Hobson from Paola was in Olathe.

—H. L. Phillips has been confined to his bed since the 1st of July.

Miss Mary Lloyd, of Paola, is visiting her friend here.

—Mrs. W. T. Burbank is home at Niagara Falls today.

—Miss Ida Hendrickson has been confined a few weeks with friends in Kansas.

—Remember the lecture at the Methodist church, Friday evening, July 27th, by C. W. Pool.

—Mrs. S. E. Mack has had a number of her friends here today evening.

—Mr. Vaughn Granger, of Olathe, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edgerton last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Edgerton are visiting relatives here.

—Republican primaries will be held on August 1st.

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*Olathe Daily News* December 7, 1999

“Notice of Hearing on Petition for Eminent domain”

Tract 12 (KS-JO-426)

A long legal notice included the following:

A distance of approximately 1800 feet in:

The West half of the Southwest Quarter, except the North 330 feet of the West 660 feet thereof, Section 3, Township 12, Range 24. . .except that part in roads and except a tract approximately 8x12 feet in the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, where the mother, father and child of Moses Johnson are buried.

[I was surprised to see this 1999 reference. I was not able to connect the tract number of a subdivision to find a recent plat.]

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Maps and Atlases

Atlas Map of Johnson County, Kansas; 1874; page 80

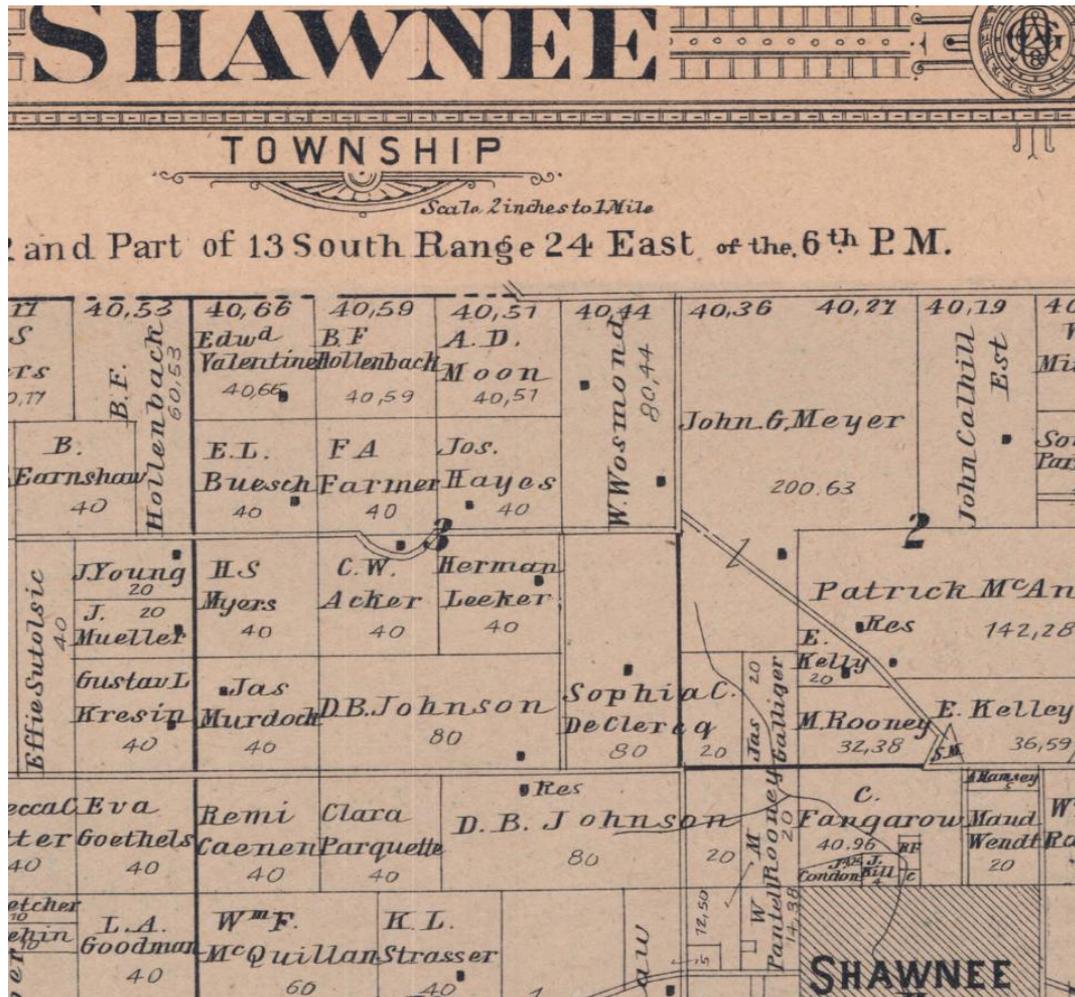
--D. Johnson shown as owner of southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3, township 12, range 24

--the 40 acre parcel has a symbol of a school building in the southeast corner; the school district number is not given [I don't have a district number for that school.]

Standard Atlas of Johnson County, 1902; p. 19

--the landowner is "Jas. Murdock"

--the school symbol is not present



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**Deeds**

Grantor: Daniel and Fanny Johnson [both signed with X]

Grantee: Moses Johnson

Vol. 28, p. 274

Southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3, township 12, range 24; 40 acres

Date: May 21, 1873

Filed: April 24, 1874

Consideration: \$400

Grantor: Moses and Mary Johnson (of Miami County, KS) [Moses signed with X]

Grantee: Isaac L. Honn

Vol. 52, p. 369

Southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3, township 12, range 24; containing 40 acres "(except, a piece of the land of about 8 by 12 feet where our Father, Mother and Child are buried) Situated near the South East corner"

Date: April 6, 1886

Filed: June 5, 1886

Consideration: \$650

Grantor: Isaac L. and Addie Honn

Grantee: John W. Bowen

Vol. 54, p. 358

Southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3, township 12, range 24; "40 acres except a piece of the land of about Eight by twelve feet where the Father, Mother and child of Moses Johnson and Mary Johnson his wife are buried, situated near the South East corner."

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Date: August 25, 1887

Filed: October 3, 1887

Consideration: \$2,400

Grantor: John W. Bowen

Grantee: R. T. Hoffman

Vol. 54, p. 359

Southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3, township 12, range 24; 40 acres  
“except a piece of the land of about eight by twelve feet, Where the Father, Mother and  
child of Moses Johnson and Mary Johnson his wife are buried (situated near the South East  
corner)

Date: October 1, 1887

Filed: October 4, 1887

Consideration: \$6,000 (with \$1,200 mortgage)

Grantor: John W. Bowen

Grantee: James Murdock

Vol. 63, pp. 558-560

Sheriff's deed for Southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3, township 12, range  
24; “except a piece of land about 8x12 feet where Moses Johnsons father mother & child  
are buried, situated near the South East corner”

Date: September 4, 1890

Filed: May 24, 1894

Consideration: sold at auction for \$500 on August 29, 1890; \$1,432 was owed on the  
property

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Grantor: James Murdock

Grantee: Samuel Affolter

Vol. 65, p. 171

Southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3, township 12, range 24; "Except a piece of the land about Eight feet by Twelve feet, where the Father, Mother and child of Moses Johnson and Mary Johnson his wife are buried, situated near the South East corner"

Date: September 29, 1890

Filed: December 15, 1890

Consideration: \$1,600

Grantor: Samuel and Sarah B. Affolter

Grantee: James Murdock

Vol. 78, p. 595

Southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3, township 12, range 24; "Except a piece of land about Eight feet by Twelve feet. Where the Father, mother and Child of Moses Johnson and Mary Johnson his Wife are burried. Situated in the South East corner."

Date: April 5, 1899

Filed: May 15, 1899

Consideration: \$1,500

### **Mortgages**

John W. Bowen to Isaac L. Honn

Vol. 3, pp. 156-157

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Repeats the exception found on deeds: “where Moses Johnson father, mother and child are buried”

Date: August 25, 1887

Filed: October 1, 1887

Consideration: \$1,200

Samuel and Sarah Affolter to James Murdock

Vol. 8, pp. 49-50

Repeats the exception: “Except a piece of land about eight feet by twelve feet where the Father Mother and child of Moses Johnson and Mary Johnson his wife are burried [sic], situated in the South east corner”

Date: September 29, 1890

Filed: September 30, 1890

Consideration: \$1 and \$400 promissory note

### **Marriage record**

Vol. C, p. 343

Moses Johnson (26) to Mary Smith (18)

April 21, 1877 Shawnee Township by Justice of the Peace Allen

Census

# Moses Johnson

in the Kansas, U.S., State Census Collection, 1855-1925



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**Detail** Source

Name	Moses Johnson
Census Date	1 Aug 1865
Residence County	Johnson
Residence State	Kansas
Locality	Monticello
Birth Place	Missouri
Family Number	544
Marital Status	Single
Gender	Male
Age	17
Birth Year	abt 1848
Race	Black
<b>Household Member(s) (Name)</b>	
	<b>Age</b>
Danl Johnson	65
Fanny Johnson	60
<b>Moses Johnson</b>	<b>17</b>

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1870; Shawnee Township (p. o. Olathe); p. 33; household 237

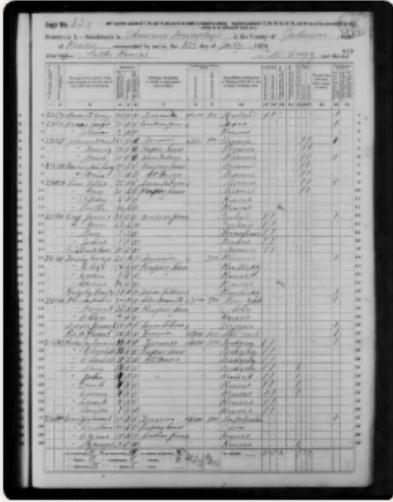
Daniel Johnson; age 60; b. VA; black

Fanny Johnson; age 50; b. VA; black

Moses Johnson; age 21; b. MO; black

# Daniel Johnson

in the 1870 United States Federal Census



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**Detail** Source

Name	Daniel Johnson
Age in 1870	60
Birth Date	abt 1810
Birthplace	Virginia
Dwelling Number	232
Home in 1870	Shawnee, Johnson, Kansas
Race	Black
Gender	Male
Post Office	Olathe
Occupation	Farmer
Cannot Read	Yes
Cannot Write	Yes
Male Citizen Over 21	Yes
Personal Estate Value	100
Real Estate Value	150
Inferred Spouse	<a href="#">Fanny Johnson</a>
Inferred Children	<a href="#">Moses Johnson</a>

Household Members (Name)	Age
Daniel Johnson	60
<a href="#">Fanny Johnson</a>	50
<a href="#">Moses Johnson</a>	21

# Moses Johnson

in the Kansas, U.S., State Census Collection, 1855-1925



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## Detail Source

Name Moses Johnson

Census Date 1 Mar 1875

Residence County Johnson

Residence State Kansas

Locality Shawnee

Birth Place Missouri

Family Number 154

Gender Male

Age 24

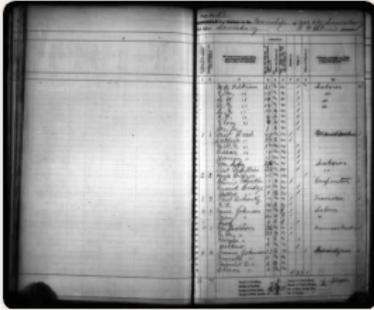
Birth Year abt 1851

Race Black

Household Member(s) (Name)	Age
<a href="#">Fany Johnson</a>	70
<b>Moses Johnson</b>	24
<a href="#">Margret Moss</a>	15

# Moses Johnson

in the Kansas, U.S., State Census Collection, 1855-1925



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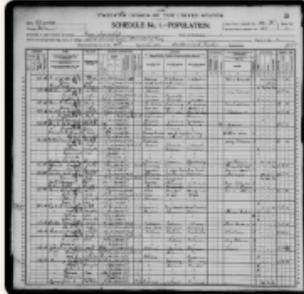
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<u>Detail</u>	Source
Name	Moses Johnson
Census Date	1 Mar 1885
Residence County	Miami
Residence State	Kansas
Locality	Louisburg
Birth Place	Missouri
Family Number	4
Marital Status	Married
Gender	Male
Age	40
Birth Year	abt 1845
Race	Black
<b>Household Member(s) (Name)</b>	
<b>Moses Johnson</b>	<b>40</b>
Mary Johnson	24
May Johnson	4

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# Moses Johnson

in the 1900 United States Federal Census



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**Detail** Source

Name	Moses Johnson [Mary Johnson]
Age	52
Birth Date	Mar 1848
Birthplace	Missouri, USA
Home in 1900	Wea, Miami, Kansas
Sheet Number	4
Number of Dwelling in Order of Visitation	103
Family Number	105
Race	Black
Gender	Male
Relation to Head of House	Head
Marital Status	Married
Spouse's Name	Mary Johnson
Marriage Year	1877
Years Married	23
Father's Birthplace	Virginia, USA
Mother's Birthplace	Virginia, USA
Occupation	Farmer
Months Not Employed	0
Can Read	Y
Can Write	Y
Can Speak English	Y
House Owned or Rented	Own
Home Free or Mortgaged	F
Farm or House	F
Neighbors	<a href="#">View others on page</a>

Household Members (Name)	Age	Relationship
Moses Johnson	52	Head
Mary Johnson	40	Wife
Mary J Johnson	19	Daughter

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## Moses Johnson

in the 1910 United States Federal Census



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<u>Detail</u>	Source	Discover
Name		Moses Johnson [Mooes Johnson]
Age in 1910		60
Birth Date		1850 [1850]
Birthplace		Missouri
Home in 1910		Cherryvale Ward 3, Montgomery, Kansas, USA
Sheet Number		17b
Street		Catherin Street
House Number		410
Race		Black
Gender		Male
Relation to Head of House		Head
Marital Status		Married
Father's Birthplace		Virginia
Mother's Birthplace		Virginia
Native Tongue		English
Occupation		Cook
Employer, Employee or Other		Wage Earner
Home Owned or Rented		Own
Home Free or Mortgaged		Free
Farm or House		House
Able to read		Y
Able to Write		N
Enumeration District Number		0159
Years Married		33
Out of Work		N
Number of Weeks Out of Work		0
Enumerated Year		1910
Neighbors		<a href="#">View others on page</a>
Household Members (Name)	Age	Relationship
Moses Johnson	60	Head
Mary Johnson	50	Wife

Newspaper items

**THE LOUISBURG HERALD.**  
OFFICIAL CITY PAPER

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**R. H. Cadwallader, Ed. and Pub.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1902.

**CHURCH SERVICES.**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**—Regular services at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning and evening at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. **A. M. MANN, Pastor.**

**Ladies' Aid Society**  
Of the Presbyterian church will give an entertainment at the church next Thursday evening, May 1. A popular lecture by Dr. G. A. Boyle and other exercise, music and a pleasant time. Seats free. A collection will be taken. All are invited.  
**COMMITTEE.**  
**Democratic Caucus.**  
Middle Creek township will meet at Spring Valley school house Saturday, April 26th, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of electing fifteen delegates to the County Convention.  
**GEO. T. WILSON, Committeeman.**

**Attention Woodman.**  
A lecturer for the M. W. A. will address the Woodman of Miami county in Paola on May 13, on the readjustment of assessment rates. All Woodmen should make calculations to attend.

**Official Notice.**  
Everybody must keep their live stock either lose or staked out, off the streets. Take notice.  
**S. S. HINDS, City Marshal.**

**A. H. Baldwin Promoted.**  
We are both glad and sorry that A. H. Baldwin has been promoted from the service of the "Katy" at Louisburg to a station at Iola, Kansas. Some people may get the idea that the "Katy" is not a great railroad, judging by the sample here seen at Louisburg, but it is really a great system. They have just built in to Iola.  
Mr. Baldwin has all the people here for friends and well wishers. He may

**Gun Club Shoot.**  
Following is the score of yesterday's contest out of a possible twenty-five perfects shots.

Casbeer	04
F. Goebel	12
B. Weaver	03
Earl Myers	15
C. C. Williar	15
W. Vohs	11
T. Bowes	10
Ed. Weaver	17
Henneigh	19
Caster	07
A. Reed	06
Schwartz	20
M. Williams	18
Ed. Thompson	11

The next shoot will be Wednesday, May 7, at 3 p. m.

**WHAT THE EDITOR SAYS.**  
CONGRESSMAN BOWERSOCK voted to give the people cheap sugar last week. Bowersock is a friend of the people.

IF pleasures are greatest in anticipation, just remember that this is true also of trouble.—Hubbard.

THE county commissioners will investigate the record of Tom T. Kelly as County Clerk of Miami county at his request. Glad to hear it.

THE HERALD has no rocks to throw at weather prophet Hicks. He advises farmers to cultivate well whether rain comes or not, and says if they keep the cultivator going they will raise corn. Ire L. Hicks is a friend of the people. Hurrah for Hicks.

JUST do a thing and don't talk about it. This is the great secret of success in all enterprises. Talk means discussion; discussion means irritation; irritation means opposition; and opposition means hindrance always, whether you are right or wrong.—Sarah Grand.

WE hope that all our agricultural passengers will read this item and paste it in their heads. Plan to get your crops in at the earliest possible moment, and resolve that you will not let the ground bake hard after a single shower, but that you will keep it stirred, weedless and soft, even if the dust should become knee deep in your fields. Do this and you can hardly fail to make a crop.—Hicks.

AN agricultural exchange says these are hard times. We let our timber rot and buy fencing. We throw away ashes and buy soap. We raise dogs and buy

**Mr. and Mrs. Moses Johnson Surprised.**

We had the pleasure of being with the crowd who surprised Uncle Moses and Aunt Mary Johnson last Monday night. It was their Silver wedding anniversary. Mrs. C. C. Williar and Mrs. John Howard, two of the best women in town, got it up. The folks met at John Howard's residence at six o'clock and proceeded in a body with lunch baskets in hand and with Wm. Abney in the rear with a fine new cupboard in the wagon. Moses was out in the back yard straightening things up a little and Aunt Mary was in the front room talking to her mother when the cavalcade arrived. "Well laws a me" she cried, "what are you all up to, anyway? I was just sitting here talking to Maw, with my old dress on, not expecting company. You just completely got me." J. M. Reed, in a neat speech, presented the following presents:

Cupboard, partial set of dishes, set of silver knives and forks, given by donation of friends. Individual presents, meat platter and white linen table cloth by Mrs. John Howard; sun bonnet given by a friend; two shirts by Mrs. Jane Williar; set of silver teaspoons, set of silver forks, white linen table cloth by Mrs. Sophia Smith, [Mrs. Johnson's mother]; silver butter knife by Mrs. Foster; silver sugarshell by Mrs. Jackson both of Johnson county Kansas.

After the presentation speech everybody got to work and tables were set in the yard, it being impossible to take care of the sixty people present in the house. Dr. Kelly produced a paper of safety pins and the table cloths were pinned on to the tables, a high wind which had been blowing for three days and nights made it necessary to hold to things. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves in regular picnic style. The exentprized marriage ceremony was pronounced by Rev. Houston. Rev. Houston, who considers the marriage ceremony too sacred a compact to be used for other than its intended purpose, improvised one that answered every need and brought out the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Johnson still considered each other as good looking and likeable as when they were first married, twenty five years ago.

great style. Those brothers who were not present missed a treat.

The fact that you have had the old fashioned measles will not act as a bar against these new fangled German measles now going around.

**Moses Johnson** sold his place to Fred Steineck for \$600 and has removed to Cherryvale, Kansas. Mr. Steineck will rent the property to a good tenant.

John Shelhammer and wife visited friends and relatives in town last week. They have sold their farm near Osawatomie, and are looking for a location.

An Atchison girl was writing a letter the other day, and found that she couldn't spell the word "proposal." You would think any girl could spell that word.

Phin Hennigh, W. H. Smith and others were down to the mining camp on Sam White's place. They brought

regret their departure from our midst, and the kind words spoken by all show the respect and esteem in which they were held by all.

**Mr. and Mrs. Moses Johnson.**

To our friends who we did not see to bid goodbye we bid you so through the HERALD. To express our deep gratitude towards the citizens of Louisburg who have made these twenty years those of happiness would almost be impossible; and the present presented on the evening before our departure only makes home and friends dearer. The talk made by Rev. Holmes and Rev. Stickle would give greater zeal to ever strive to be noble and true. To know of the happenings of Louisburg we shall subscribe for the HERALD, which will be held as one of the favorite papers of the home. Wishing all well, and a hearty welcome to our many friends to our new home we remain yours respectfully.

**MOSES JOHNSON** AND FAMILY.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1905.

**Stock Sale.**

I will sell at public auction on the Peter Miller farm, 7 miles north and 1 mile east of Louisburg, 3 1-4 miles east of Bucyrus, and 3 miles south of Stilwell on

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17.**  
 Commencing at 10 o'clock:

67 Head of live stock: 6 head of horses, 1 span gray mares, ten years old. 1 span bay horses, coming three years old. 1 bay mare, coming four years old. 1 bay horse nine years old.

31 head of cattle: 1 high grade Hereford bull. 3 two year old steers. 8 yearling steers. 4 yearling heifers. 3 steer calves. 4 heifer calves. 7 cows, six giving milk, one fresh soon.

30 head of hogs: 26 shoats. 4 large brood sows.

1 Champion reaper, good as new.

**TERMS:** All sums of \$10 and under, cash. On all sums over \$10 a credit of 12 months on bankable note, without interest if paid when due and if not so paid to draw 8 per cent from date of sale. 6 per cent discount for cash on all sums over \$10.

**ANNIE MILLER.**  
 WEIR & THOMPSON, Auctioneers.  
 J. H. SECK, Clerk.  
 Lunch stand on the ground.

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We have many subscribers in other states and several of them say that they get much pleasure out of the "What They Say," column. They like to hear from the old friends. Take Will Small, W. H. Wheatley, Tom Combs, Charley Town, Willis Simmons, J. R. Rogers and a lot of other subscribers down in Oklahoma. About all they hear from our folks is what they read about Louisburg people. John McNelly, Colorado, is another exile like Henry Owens. There is Charley Woosley, on the ranch in Chase county. Do you doubt but that he finds all these little items of interest? Arthur Williams, now cashier of the Spring Hill bank, keeps posted on the happenings here. Then Harry Livingston, who insists on living in Linn county, why, we cannot imagine, keeps track of the other Livingston boys through this column. Bedford Brown, of Ottawa, another good man can't get weaned from Louisburg, but reads "What They Say," and wonders, probably, why no one ever says anything about him. You remember Henry Schumacher? He is living on his fine farm near Rockport, Indiana, but has not forgotten Louisburg friends. The Weedman boys up in Iowa, where they always raise good crops, have not forgotten us yet. When you think of something that you believe our old friends far away would like to hear, do not fail to tell us about it. You forgot how many read the "What They Say."

**Assistant Editors.**

The folks who help us out in the "What They Say" column are assistant editors of the HERALD. We need a column of such matter every week and it rests with our readers to supply it. Billy Richards asks for pointers as to the respective merits of ensilage and shredded fodder and offers a case of honey as a prize. Do you know which method of preparing feed costs the most? John Wolf, who shredded a good deal of fodder this fall, says that there is very little in it for him at the rate he charges for shredding.

**Winter Plowing.**

Walter Phillips, George Ferrell, Emmett Dellinger, Clarence Barker, Emory Roberts and Charley Hinds began the New Year by plowing, Monday. A good start. Ira Hand was cutting stalks. We can plow in Kansas in January, once in

**Letters from Subscribers**

CHERRYVALE, KAN., December 31 '04.

To the HERALD and many friends: As this is the last day in the Old Year and I am back in good old Kansas, enjoying Xmas, in our new home, it seems right we should give some account of ourselves. Eight months have passed since we bid farewell to our Louisburg friends, still, being gone that length of time never have we once forgotten our former home and surroundings. As the song goes, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." How true it seems, sometimes as papa was saying today: "Louisburg is the grandest town and contains the best people I ever met." There are ties of home which can never be severed, though we may have everything ever so pleasant. When these changes come in life we can only make the best of it. Although we prize Louisburg and citizens to the highest while in your midst yet can we realize the true value of friendship more since leaving. The only person we have met in business here with a familiar name is Dr. Casebeer. Cherryvale is a place of industry and is thriving nicely. We live on one of its best streets and are enjoying our home in this locality. There is a gas lamp on our corner and two more on opposite streets from us and all these blending, throw light over all the premises. This, of course, drives away the fear of ghosts and other hobgoblins that are supposed to make their circuit on dark nights. The light we receive from the gas lamp is so bright that we can go in any part of the house and get what we wish. So you can know our situation is nice. We like our new home quite well yet we miss our good friends. Louisburg is fast rallying to high standard. Glad to hear of such fine prospects for so good a supply of gas and hope it may prove satisfactory. It can not be excelled when one has become used to it and can use it with out fear. The burden of carrying in wood and coal on a real cold winter's morning can be laid aside. We have all enjoyed the family reunion of the holidays. Monday, I return to my school. Number enrolled, twenty-five, but more to begin after holidays. This number gives me sufficient work to do yet I enjoy teaching. So wishing all well and a Happy New Year we are,

**MOSES JOHNSON** and family.

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against him. Just prior to that Harold Turner and Gregg had a knock out and the two white faces were going the rounds until Gregg got his knife, but Turner got his gun in action and at the crack of his 45 colts Gregg jumped so high and sprang for the door. There was no trial. But George Peace drew his gun and now it seems to be a serious case. What a contrast!

Miss Mary Johnson, one of our best young ladies and the daughter of Mr. Moses Johnson (Cherryvale's colored magnate) will soon take her departure to Oklahoma to teach school.

I don't see why there are not more readers of the VINDICATOR in Cherryvale than there are. They all hunt it but there are only a few taking it. The following

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## CHERRYVALE, KANSAS

Miss Mayme Johnson (colored) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Moses Johnson**, living on 420 W. 3rd. St. returned Saturday to her home from Kingfisher Okla., where she has just closed a very successful term of school. He many friends are glad to have her with them again.

**Ratcliff-Johnson Nuptials.**

Miss Mayme Johnson and Thomas I. Ratcliff, both colored, were married last evening, at 8 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Moses Johnson**, 420 West Third.

The home was prettily decorated with a profusion of flowers. The bridal party arranged themselves under a large white wedding bell in one corner of the parlor, which had been decorated with potted plants and blue and white crepe paper ribbons. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Teal of Independence in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The bride wore a pale blue silk gown and carried white carnations, the bridesmaid, a sister of the groom, wore white silk. The groom and his best man wore conventional black. After congratulations a bountiful supper was served the 6-guests. The presents were numerous and beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Ratcliff will leave Friday at 10:40 for their future home near Hennessey, Okla., where the groom owns a farm.

Mrs. Ratcliff is a highly respected young colored woman of this city and has numerous friends whose best wishes are extended her.

to the state.

**Standard Men Summoned.**

Topeka, June 24.—Attorney general Fred D. Jackson wants to know about their own business has subpoenaed all of them connected with the company's affairs in Mid-continent oil field and will their evidence before Commis. Keplinger.

**Chinks' Pictures.**

Sheriff Love has received photographs of Leon Ling and Chung the Chinese wanted for the murder of Elsie Sigel in New York City pictures indicate that these Chinks are very ordinary looking men of their race and what on earth the love of a pure, sweet, American girl, is beyond the writer's power of conjecture.

**To the Northwest.**

Chas. Yoe, of the Independence Tribune will leave shortly for a tour to the Northwest with his wife. He will visit Yellowstone park, the cattle exposition, Vancouver, B. C. and numerous intermediate points.

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dragged for a distance of fifty feet.

**Mary Johnson Ratliff Dead.**

A good many Cherryvale people, both white and colored, will be interested in news of the death of Mary Johnson Ratliff, colored, formerly Mary Johnson, daughter of Mose Johnson of Cherryvale. She died at her home near Hennessy, Okla., July 19 and was buried last Sunday. Death was due to lock bowel. The father and mother were with her in her last hours and returned to Cherryvale last evening. She was aged 30 years.

Deceased was a graduate of the Paola, Kas., high school and taught a number of terms of school in Oklahoma. She was married three years ago last month to Thomas Ratliff.

Deceased will be remembered by a good many Cherryvale people. She was a highly respected colored girl with some accomplishments. A member of the Baptist church, she worked faithfully and hard for betterment of her race and was true to the principles of right as she believed and understood them. She was a radical temperance adherent and on her death bed refused to take whiskey even as prescribed by a physician. Hers was in many respects a blessed life and the parents and husband have a blessed memory of a true and useful life cut off in the flower of her youth.

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relic will have to be seen to be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. **Moses Johnson,** of Cheryvale, Kansas, contributed a wooden spoon and fork which are two very fine specimens of mechanical work. They also contributed a beautiful shell pocket book which belonged to their daughter, Mary. In their letter to the cabin manager, they write that they wanted to be represented in the historical log cabin, so sent these tokens. The Johnson family lived in Louisburg a good many years and have a host of friends here, and we are glad to be remembered as one of them.

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J. A. RICKART, Market Corres.  
to \$5.75, goats scarce, \$3.50 to \$4.00.

When the writer lived at Louisburg a good many years ago there was just one colored family in town. The other folks treated them just as though they were white folks and they enjoyed all the social affairs of the town. To their credit it must be said that they were well-behaved citizens, who were never in any trouble. Some years ago Moses Johnson and his family moved to a larger town, and there they were compelled to associate with their own race. In time Mrs. Johnson began to worry over lack of opportunity to associate with the white folks and now she has gone crazy through her worry.—Wellsville Globe.

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**Colored Man Dead.**—Moses Johnson, colored, died Saturday afternoon at his home, 420 West Third at the age of 66 years and 3 months. Funeral services were held this afternoon from the colored Baptist church, conducted by Mr. Walker, and interment was in Fairview cemetery.

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burg cemetery.

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### Moses Johnson Dead.

Moses Johnson, a former citizen of Louisburg died Saturday, September 11th, at his home in Cherryvale, Kansas.

He was born in Pettis County, Missouri, near Sedalia, moved to Johnson County and from there came to Miami County, settling at Louisburg where he and his family united with the Baptist church of which there were no more exemplary members. His word could be relied upon and although a poor man could get credit where the wealthy might fail. Always true to his church, exemplary in his life I believe his reward will be sure in the Beyond to which we are all hastening.—N. C. P.

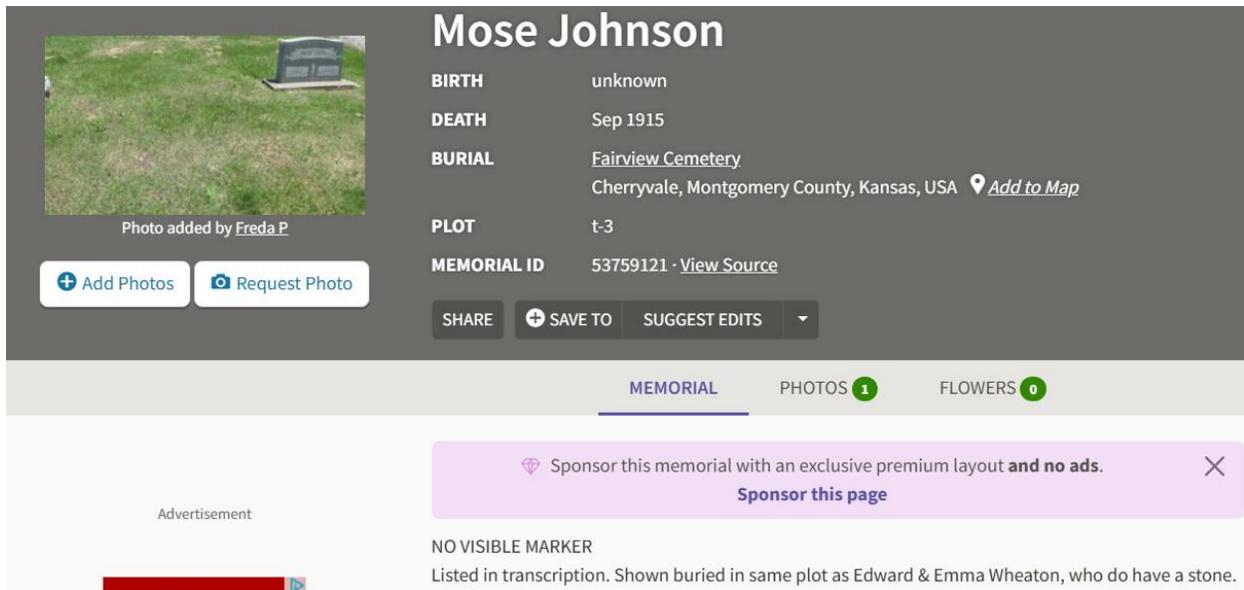
# RESEARCH REPORT: THE JOHNSON COUNTY FAMILY CEMETERY

## Cemetery records

--I do not know if the Johnson family cemetery is identified in the hardbound county cemetery book

From Find A Grave:

--I would like to create memorials for the additional family members in time.



The screenshot shows a memorial page for Mose Johnson on Find A Grave. The page includes a photo of a grave marker, a list of biographical details, and interactive options. The details listed are: BIRTH: unknown; DEATH: Sep 1915; BURIAL: Fairview Cemetery, Cherryvale, Montgomery County, Kansas, USA; PLOT: t-3; MEMORIAL ID: 53759121. There are buttons for 'Add Photos', 'Request Photo', 'SHARE', 'SAVE TO', and 'SUGGEST EDITS'. A navigation bar at the bottom shows 'MEMORIAL' as the active tab, with 'PHOTOS 1' and 'FLOWERS 0' also visible. A purple banner offers to 'Sponsor this page' with an exclusive premium layout and no ads. Below the banner, it states 'NO VISIBLE MARKER' and provides a transcription note: 'Listed in transcription. Shown buried in same plot as Edward & Emma Wheaton, who do have a stone.'

**Mose Johnson**

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**DEATH** Sep 1915

**BURIAL** Fairview Cemetery  
Cherryvale, Montgomery County, Kansas, USA [Add to Map](#)

**PLOT** t-3

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