

BALDWIN CITY *THEN & NOW*



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Inspired by a 1908 booklet highlighting significant buildings of its time, this compilation features photographs of historic structures in and around Baldwin City, Kansas, both past and present. It was made as part of Red Bricks and Storied Structures, a historic preservation conference taking place in Baldwin City July 22 & 23, 2021. We hope you enjoy this glimpse of what makes this part of Douglas County, Kansas so charming and unique.

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INTRODUCTION

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY



Morse, Sidney E. (1844). *A map of the Indian territory: Northern Texas and New Mexico; showing the great western prairies*, by Josiah Gregg. Entered ... 1844, by Sidney E. Morse and Samuel Breese ... New-York. (to accompany) *Supplement To The New-York Observer. The Cerographic Atlas Of The United States. No.3. 1845.*

EARLY HISTORY

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY

Prior to Anglo-European settlement of the area, Douglas County was land for many Native Americans including the Kansa (or Kanza or Kaw), Osage, Wichita, and more. The Indian Removal Act of 1830 forced Native Americans from their homes east of the Mississippi River to areas west of the Mississippi River causing relocation of many Native American people to Kansas. Beginning in 1828 until 1831, land reserves for Shawnee and Delaware tribes were made within Douglas County. The Delaware tribe, though displaced from their original home land, adapted to Kansas and farmed land and hunted buffalo in nearby plain areas. However, the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 once again forced removal of Native Americans from Kansas to what is now the state of Oklahoma. The Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 was specifically created to endorse white settlement of areas that had been home to Native Americans with little regard to the displacement of these people who first lived, hunted and cultivated the land here.

White settlement of Douglas County also changed the natural resources of the area. Prior to white settlement, the County was approximately 87% native prairie, the remaining land was a mixture of forest, wetlands and marshes. Natural lightning storms and the Native Americans maintained the native prairies with burnings. Native prairies provided a source of food, medicine and hunting grounds for the local people. The 2015 survey of natural resources in Douglas County revealed only 0.5% of native prairie still remains.

EARLY HISTORY

PALMYRA WELL



PALMYRA POST OFFICE



SANTA FE TRAIL SITES



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SANTA FE TRAIL SITES

OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH



SIGNAL OAK



SANTA FE TRAIL SITES



SANTA FE TRAIL SITES

BUTELL HOMESTEAD



JARDON (TOP) & MCQUILL(I)AN HOMESTEAD



Edwards, John P. Edward's map of Douglas Co., Kansas. Quincy, Ill.: John P. Edwards, 1887. Map. <https://www.loc.gov/item/2012593090/>

HOMESTEADS



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

HOMESTEADS

OLD CASTLE



PULLIAM HALL



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BAKER UNIVERSITY



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BAKER UNIVERSITY

PARMENTER HALL



CASE HALL



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BAKER UNIVERSITY

MULVANE HALL



MEMORIAL STADIUM



BAKER UNIVERSITY



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JOLLIFFE HALL



RIPPEY-TAYLOR-MABBEE



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BAKER UNIVERSITY

RICE AUDITORIUM



HARTER UNION



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COLLINS LIBRARY



OSBORNE CHAPEL



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NORTHEAST GATE



EAST GATE



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SOUTHWEST GATE



Library and Roman Gateway, Baker University,
Baldwin, Kansas.

WEST GATE



BAKER UNIVERSITY



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TAFT BRIDGE



GRAPE ARBOR & 10 O'CLOCK BELL

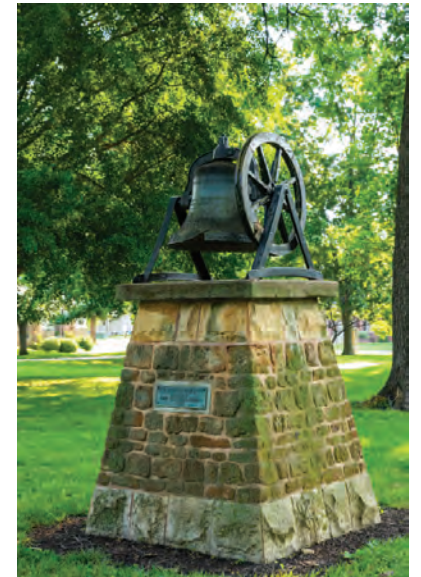


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BAKER UNIVERSITY

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BALDWIN CITY HALL



EIGHTH AND HIGH STREETS -BANK



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DOWNTOWN BALDWIN CITY



DOWNTOWN BALDWIN CITY

8TH AND HIGH STREET NORTH



8TH AND HIGH STREET NORTH



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PALMYRA MASONIC LODGE



SOUTH SIDE HIGH STREET



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GEM THEATRE



GAS STATION



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LUMBERYARD



METHODIST CHURCH



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DEPOT



WOMENS BRIDGE



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EBRIGHT HOUSE



ZETA CHI HOUSE



BALDWIN NEIGHBORHOODS



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HISTORIC PHOTO



Some of the Buildings in Baldwin, Kansas, Built by J. W. Spurgeon

SPURGEON BUILDINGS

QUAYLE HOUSE (DREAMHAVEN)



ALDERDICE HOUSE



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SPURGEON BUILDINGS



SPURGEON BUILDINGS

PARMENTER HOUSE



GARRETT HOUSE



SPURGEON BUILDINGS



SPURGEON BUILDINGS

LOUDERMILK-WOLF HOUSE



SWARTZ LEAVITT HOUSE



SPURGEON BUILDINGS

SPURGEON BUILDINGS

DELTA DELTA DELTA HOUSE



DELTA TAU HOUSE



SPURGEON BUILDINGS



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PIONEER CEMETERY



OAKWOOD CEMETERY



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CEMETERIES

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