

Merchants of Augusta, Kansas: 1870-1880

Augusta, Kansas began with the opening of southern Butler County to for settlement. Southern Butler County was Osage Indian lands officially open for settlement in 1870. The first store, a log cabin building, was opened in 1868 and with the opening of the US Land Office for registering claims in 1870 the town grew quickly.

Understanding the merchants and their wares helps fill our knowledge of how our pioneer ancestors lived. This 224 page book describes in detail all the merchants who lived or worked in Augusta during the ten year period 1870-1880. From newspapers of the era, courthouse records, census data, maps, local histories, photographs, and insurance maps. We have traced the names, natures, and locations of the merchants and stores for that ten year period.

The data is extensive and concentrates on the 1870-1873 era, the 1875 merchants and the 1880 merchants. Street addresses based on today's addressing protocols are given for every building. The photographs of the old stores and interiors are captivating and the thought process used to reconstruct the locations of the stores is clearly articulated.

This is the only publication that has ever provided a complete look at the merchants -what they sold, who they were, and where they worked. An every name index makes it easy to find a specific person or store.

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