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THE FOLLOWING STORY WAS RECOUNTED IN THE KINMUNDY CENTENNIAL (1857-1967) BOOK-LET.

IN AN OLD PART OF EASTLAND CEMETERY IS A GRAVE WITH A HEADSTONE WHICH READS "ENNIS TAYLOR, HAMPSHIRE CO., VA. A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER." FOR A LONG TIME THIS WAS KNOWN AS KINMUNDY'S UNKNOWN SOLDIER.

THE STORY GOES THAT DURING THE CIVIL WAR A PRISON TRAIN STOPPED IN KINMUNDY ON ITS WAY TO EXCHANGE PRISONERS. ONE YOUNG SOLDIER, WHO HAD DIED EN-ROUTE, WAS BURIED HASTILY IN A SHALLOW GRAVE BY THE RAILROAD TRACKS. ISAAC EAGAN, UPON DISCOVERING THIS, HAD THE BOY PROPERLY BURIED AND MARKED. MANY YEARS LATER, A KINMUNDIAN, WHO HAD COME FROM WEST VIRGINIA, RECOGNIZED THE NAME AND GOT IN TOUCH WITH THE FAMILY.

IN A LETTER RECEIVED BY MRS. PEARL FISHER, WHEN SHE WAS HEAD OF THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, A SISTER-IN-LAW WROTE THAT A COUSIN HAD BEEN ON THE SAME PRISON TRAIN AND HAD TOLD THE FAMILY OF THE DEATH AND BURIAL. THEY HAD NOT EXPECTED TO EVER BE ABLE TO FIND THE GRAVE AND WERE OVERJOYED TO LEARN WHERE IT WAS, AND THEY CAME TO KINMUNDY ABOUT 1920. THEY WERE TOUCHED BY THE KINDNESS SHOWN TO THEM AND THEIR LOVED ONE AND LATER SENT MONEY TO HAVE THE GRAVE PUT IN PERPETUAL CARE. ON MEMORIAL DAY, THE GRAVE IS NOT FORGOTTEN BY PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE STORY.

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THE TEMPERANCE LEADER, CARRIE NATION, MADE SEVERAL APPEARANCES IN MARION CO., ONE OF WHICH WAS AT ROSE LAKE IN IUKA IN JUNE OF 1901. ON THAT OCCASION THE IUKA BEE PRINTED THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT:

"MRS. NATION, THE KANSAS 'JOINT SMASHER' WILL POSITIVELY BE AT ROSE LAKE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH, WITHOUT FAIL UNLESS IN CASE DEATH OR BAD ACCIDENT BEFALLS HER. DON'T FAIL TO SEE AND HEAR THIS GREAT WOMAN WHO HAS AWAKENED THE ECHOES IN THE HEARTS OF AMERICA'S NOBLE WOMEN AND MEN. THE ADMISSION ON JUNE 30TH WILL BE ONLY TEN CENTS NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REPORT TO THE CONTRARY, WHICH IS FALSE."

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IN A STAND OF COTTONWOODS ON THE BANKS OF BEAVER CREEK IN SMITH CENTER, KAN. IS A ONE-ROOM LOG CABIN WHICH IS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. HOW DID THIS DILAPIDATED CABIN FIND ITS WAY ONTO A LIST WHICH INCLUDES SUCH PLACES AS MOUNT VERNON, MONTICELLO, ETC.? BECAUSE IT WAS THE HOME OF DR. BREWSTER HIGBEY. AND WHO WAS DR. HIGBEY? HE WAS THE AUTHOR OF "HOME ON THE RANGE." THE INCLUSION OF THIS CABIN IS NO STRANGER THAN SOME OF THE OTHER PLACES ON THE REGISTER. THERE ARE BARS AND BROTHELS AND LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSES. THERE ARE NUMEROUS DISTILLERIES, BREWERIES AND SALOONS. ONE INTERESTING FACT ABOUT DR. HIGBEY IS THAT WHEN HE MOVED TO SMITH CENTER FROM OHIO IN 1872, HE HAD OUTLIVED THREE WIVES AND WAS RUNNING AWAY FROM A FOURTH. NO WONDER HE PREFERRED THE PEACE AND QUIET OF A PLACE WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAMED AND THE DEER AND THE ANTELOPE PLAYED.

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PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH, A HIGH GERMAN DIALECT, WAS FIRST IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES BY GERMAN EMIGRANTS TO PENNSYLVANIA AFTER 1683. THESE EMIGRANTS CAME FROM THE LOWER RHINE PROVINCES OF BAVARIA AND SAXONY. OWING TO THEIR RURAL LIFE AND THE SEGREGATION OF THEIR RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES, THEY KEPT THEIR HIGH GERMAN UNMIXED WITH ENGLISH FOR A LONG TIME. SO, THE HURRIER I GO THE BEHINDER I GET.

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THE PHILLIPS CEMETERY IN OMEGA TWP. DATES BACK TO 1852. ONE OF THOSE BURIED THERE IS NICHOLAS HANKS (1799-1880) WHO CAME TO THE AREA FROM INDIANA. HIS FATHER, WILLIAM, WAS A BROTHER OF NANCY (HANKS) LINCOLN, MOTHER OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN. THUS, NICHOLAS AND PRESIDENT LINCOLN WERE FIRST COUSINS. NICHOLAS HANKS' CHILDREN WERE: JAMES STEWARD, MRS. LANE (PERMELIA HANKS) POSEY, MRS. JOHN (LUCINDA HANKS) HOCKADAY, MRS. JAMES (LOUISA HANKS) FOGERSON, MRS. NANCY (HANKS) LOVE, WILLIAM, AND AUSTIN.