

(That's a well known community in a lot of history books.)

Yes. There's more people, I guess, that know about it more than I do, but they are getting far between now.

WHY ARE COMMUNITIES NAMED PRAIRIES

(Speaking of these Prairies, there are three well known Prairie communities, I'd call them. They are Rose, Lowry, and another down here, is it Beautenot?)

Yes, and there's a place down there called Welch Prairie but that's a small one.

(Do you have any idea why they name places like that by a prairie?)

Well, it's by the people that lived down there on the places. Rose Prairie got the name - I don't know where it came from but it wasn't a very big place, but it, I guess it was because there was a lot of wild roses there. But Leaches - there was a family by the name Leach that lived up in that country. What's that little town? A little prairie out west, no out east of Little Kansas, Long Prairie, yes. Cowskin Prairie was bound on the south by Honey Creek and on the north by Cowskin River, it is called Elk River now. And then on the west by Grand River, and on the Missouri line.

A RAILROAD BUILT TO GROVE IN 1900

(Well, that's very interesting. I've never known these boundaries before.)

And Dodge town was a little town that was established on Cowskin Prairie after - 'course Grove was the first one. And then when they built the railroad there in 1900 and 1901, this little town Dodge was established about half way between Southwest City and Grove. Then there was no other towns - that is Grove was the end of the railroad. That is there were no other roads until you got to Afton and Fairland, west of there.

(Well, the mode of traveling in those days must have been pretty hard. There was just wagons and horses.