

THE BOHEMIANS IN NEBRASKA.

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According to the 1910 census, there were 50,680 Bohemians in Nebraska. Bohemians born here of Bohemian parents and those who call themselves Austrians, are not altogether included in this amount, so that it really means the figure is higher.

We have tried to get as complete data on Bohemians in the various counties of Nebraska as we could, but while ^{this work} ~~this work~~ is not as complete and authentic as we would like to have it, it is the best of the kind ever got up to date.

BOONE COUNTY.

Postoffice Albion.

Albion was established in the days when Indians attacked the settlers and the white men had to take refuge in one building, in which collectively they offered resistance. The first Bohemian settlers was the family of Joseph Papez, which moved there from Schuyler in 1880. Besides these there are Anton Suchanek, Ed. Oliverious and Mr. Hencik. Quite a few Bohemian farmers live in the vicinity.

BOYD COUNTY.

Postoffice Monowi.

Monowi was established in 1902 by Fred Opocensky, Soulek brothers, J. Vravecek, Stanek brothers, Mr. Slamsidle and others. None of the original settlers is now here. There are only about five families in town and about 72 Bohemian farmers in the county, among them Vlean, Riha, Frank Roczjdl, Slamsidle, Vaclav Matejicek, Uher and others. The Bohemians here have a lodge Lipany No. 56, Western Bohemian Brotherhood and meet at Lynch.

Postoffice Spencer.

Spencer was established in 1892, the first Bohemian settler being Frank Prokes. Now there are about 75 Bohemian families in the county. Some of the first settlers were Frank and Matej Schainost, Josef Pelc, Frank ^{Pokorny} Pokorny, Jan Sedlacek, Matej Sedlacek, Anton Nemec, Jan Fiala, Raimond Hampl and others. Most of them are farmers. There is a Bohemian lodge here, Karlin No. 40, Western Bohemian Brotherhood, with 75 members.

BOX BUTTE COUNTY.

Postoffice Alliance.

Josef Jandera, a tailor, and James Potmesil, are the Bohemian settlers here.

Postoffice Canton.

Jan Moravek, Vaclav Moravek, Alois Barta, Josef Sindelar, Fr. Stransky, Jan Rambousek, Josef Stumpf, Jan Havranek, Fr. Jankovec, Vincenc Konec and Fr. Konec, all farmers, are the Bohemians around here.

Postoffice Hemingford.

The oldest Bohemian settler here is Vaclav Turek, who came here in 1883. Then there are the following: Vaclav Planansky, ^{Vaclav} Vincenc Sokol, Josef Caha, Jan Caha, Raimund Nekuda, Alois Zajic, Josef Kriz, Frank Pelc, Gracian Pergl, Rudolf Dufek, Josef Dufek, Josef Procházka, Karel Procházka, Jan Kovářík, Fr. Turek, Jan Kral, Jan Jelínek (since 1883), Josef Urbanovský, Josef Tucek, Karel Tucek, Tom Tucek, Frank Caha, Josef ^a Pínansky, Valta, Joseph Kapr, Jakub Kapr, Josef Potměšil, Alois Cemek, Fr. Bartos, Joseph Vasek.

Postoffice Marsland. *Same*

The following are settled in the vicinity: Henry Simek, Matej Simek, Jan Simek, Jakub Simek, Jan Hovorka, Tom Hovorka, Fr. Hana,

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Jan Duchon, Frank Duchon, Fr. Matousek, Josef Stiller and Stanislaw Civis.

BUFFALO COUNTY.

Postoffice Pleasanton.

The first Bohemian to settle here was V. Vosejpka, in 1890. He was a blacksmith and lived here many years. Now there are none but Bohemians farmers in the vicinity. Anton Kroc came here in 1890, Joseph and Vaclav Dusek came in 1892. Then there is Josef Vacek, Ondrej Dosek and Henry Munster. The Bohemians in this county belong to the lodge in Ravenna.

Postoffice Ravenna.

In 1878 Frank Fiala settled in Sherman County and soon after that Vaclav Hervert in Buffalo County, and these two were the founders of a Bohemian colony that numbers over 500 people. In the whole county there are 600 Bohemians.

The first settlers used to ride 40 miles to the railroad. In 1886 the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy was being built to Seattle, Washington, and at that time Ravenna was established. At the time the town was platted, Josef Bohac and Barta Kase settled here. They were followed by Frank Vokoun, Frank Backora, Vaclav Karel, Vaclav Polka, Frank Skocdopole, Josef Wittera, John Fiser, Vojta Holub, Josef Krs, Josef Eberle, Frank Havlik, Vaclav Kostal, Frank Cap, Anton Jelinek, Barta Weiberk and others. There are about thirty Bohemian business men in Ravenna, but our people are mostly farmers. Ninety percent own their homes or farms.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Postoffice Abie.

Abie was
Abie was established in 1870. The first Bohemian settler was Frank Faytinger. There are about 1000 Bohemians here and about 7000 in

the county. Some of the oldest settlers are: Josef Cuda, Matej Masek, Vaclav Koskan, Vinc. Koskan, Josef Gruntorad, Mrs. Marie Marusak, Mrs. Anna Vyskocil, Matej Hasik and Jan Pavel. Our people are all farmers, except those that are business men in the town.

Postoffice Brainard.

Brainard was established in 1877 by the Omaha & Republican Valley Railway. Bohemians began to settle here in 1884. One of the first was Antonin Caban. There are about 1500 Bohemians here and in the vicinity. Of the older settlers some are: S. J. Kavalec, Karel Smrz, Anton J. Posvar, Jan Dus sr., Jan Milacek, Stanek and Anton Bruner. Our people are mostly farmers.

Postoffice Bruno.

Our colony was settled in 1887 by V. Blatny, J. Stava, Jan Texl and Anton Dobry. Bohemians began to settle here in 1873, the first being Jan Stuchlik. There are about 900 Bohemians here and in the vicinity, mostly farmers, with the usual percentage of business men.

Postoffice David City.

David City was established in 1873 by Mrs. P. N. Miles. The Bohemians first settled here in 1878, the first being Frank Dvorak and Josef Sramek. There are about 200 families here and in the vicinity.

Postoffice Dwight.

Dwight was established in 1887 by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. Bohemians began to settle here in 1893, the first being Frank Mares. There are about 200 Bohemians around here. Some of the older settlers are: Josef Coufal, John Coufal, Filip Novak, Frank Mares, James Mares, Frank Houska, James Krenk, Leo Hotovy, Mike Hotovy, Josef Moravec, John Tesina. Our people are mostly farmers, some of course are in business.

Postoffice Linwood.

Linwood was established about 30 years ago by Mr. Richardson. Bohemians began to settle here in 1868, the first being Tomas Vitamvas, Frank Svoboda and others. There are about 350 Bohemians here and 300 in the vicinity. Some of the oldest settlers are: Tomas Vitamvas, Tomas Duda, Jan Peltz, L. Sedlicky, Albert Prai, Julius Ustohal, Jakub Savlik, Josef Savlik, J. B. Tichacek, Josef Bunda, Julius Cihacek, Frank Svoboda, Josef Mensik and others. Our people are mostly farmers. Of course there is the usual percentage of business men.

Some of the pioneers used to walk sixty miles to earn some money. They used to walk twenty and thirty miles to town with their products, or with wheat to the mill. There were no roads and few bridges. The first Bohemian business man was Frank Mares, who had a general merchandise store in 1875.

CASS COUNTY.

Postoffice Platts mouth.

Plattsmouth was established about sixty years ago. The first Bohemian here was Jan Svoboda, and Bohemians began to settle here in 1864.

Two of the oldest settlers were Anton Kanka and Josef Kolasek. There are about 250 families here. Some of the pioneers are: Jan Svoboda, Anton Kanka, Fr. Janda, Ondrej Matous and Vaclav Hadraba. The Bohemians here are quite generally employed in the Burlington & Missouri shops.

CHEYENNE COUNTY.

Postoffice Lodge Pole.

Lodge Pole was established in 1887 by Vaclav Kucera. In that year about 50 Bohemian families settled here, but on account of drouth most of them moved away. About 15 families remained and they are now in good circumstances. Each owns several hundred acres well improved.

At first they engaged in raising cattle, as the country settles up more and more, they are farming. During the last ten years the times have been so good that some of those who ran away at first have come back and are doing well. There are about 50 families around Lodge Pole and about 70 more in the county. Some of the oldest settlers are: Vaclav Kucera, F. S. Vosika, Adam Simek, Vaclav Vacik, Vaclav Verner, Josef Oliverious, Frank Oliverius, Vaclav Mika, Josef Jenik, Anton Henzl, Vaclav Seda and others.

~~CLARKSON COUNTY.~~

Colfax County.

Postoffice Clarkson.

Clarkson was established in 1886, but twenty years before ^{that} the farmers began to settle in the vicinity. Bohemians began to settle here in 1866, the first being Frank Novotny. There are about 800 Bohemians here and 1600 in the vicinity. At least half of the entire county is composed of Bohemians, by nativity or parentage. Some of the pioneers are: Anton Odvarka sr., Josef Koranda, John Koza, John Petr, Jos. Faltys, John Sousek, Jos. M. Mundil, John Chleboun, Frank Zrust, Fr. Ondra, Jos. Walla sr., Frank Klauda, Ignac Indra, Anton Zastera, Frank Tudek and Jos. M. Lopour. Most of our people farm and raise stock. There are about 35 Bohemian stores in the town, which is entirely Bohemian.

Postoffice Schuyler.

Schuyler was established about 1862 by General Schuyler Colfax, Bohemians began to settle here about that time, the first being Frank Folda and Jan Sobota. Both came from Wisconsin, Sobota taking up a claim here and Folda starting in business. There are about 600 Bohemians here and about 200 in the vicinity. Bohemians compose about half of the population in the county. Some of the old settlers are:

John Novotný, Josef Smatlan, Anton Langer, Joseph Herzan and others. Our people are mostly farmers, some of course are in business.

Postoffice North Bend. *bridge*

North Bend was established in 1870 and Bohemians began to settle here in 1878. The first settler was Ferdinand Doubrava. There are about 60 Bohemians in the town and 100 more in the vicinity. Some of the old settlers are: Anna Datel, Ferdinand Doubrava, Julia Buchta, John Cerny, Josef Roubal, Frank Datel, Frank Hruza and Tomas Kastl.

DOUGLAS COUNTY.

(For Omaha see "Bohemian Pioneers of Omaha")

Postoffice South Omaha.

South Omaha was established in 1884 by the Union Stock Yards Co. Bohemians began to settle here in 1885, the first being Frank Pivonka. There are close to 5,000 Bohemians here and about 500 in Sarpy County. Some of the older settlers are: A. Belohlavek, F. Laitner, Vaclav Jaros, Jan Subrt, Josef Kudrna, M. Lisee, Tom Lisee, Mrs. F. Sileny, Mrs. F. Dolezal, Jos. K. Sinkule, Fr. Fittle, Jos. Pivonka, Ed. Pivonka, Mrs. Fr. Pivonka sr., V. Kostal and others. Most of our people are employed in the stock yards, with the usual percentage of business men.

FILLMORE COUNTY.

Postoffice Milligan.

Milligan was established in 1888 by the Burlington & Missouri. Bohemians began to settle here prior to that, the first being Josef Svec. There are about 500 Bohemians here and 150 families in the vicinity. Some of the old settlers are: Jan Capek, Jan Hromadka, Josef Svec, Josef Vavra, F. V. Kučera, Jan Placek, Frank Fujan, Josef Ondrak, Josef Vejraske, V. Bernasek, Josef Janousek, Vaclav Kotas, V. Motyka and others.

GAGE COUNTY.

Postoffice Beatrice.

Beatrice was established May 21, 1857 by a company of 32 people travelling up the Missouri on the steamboat Hannibal. The president of the company was J. T. Kinney. The first Bohemian settler, whose name is unknown, was a tinner, who died by his own hand in 1872. Emil Lang, a Germanized Bohemian, came here in 1871. We now have about 65 Bohemians here. The older settlers are: Edward Neugebaur, John Kopecký and Pavel Kopecký. Our people work at various trades and some are engaged in business.

Postoffice Odell.

The Bohemian colony here was established in 1878 by Matej Triska, Jos. Mentlik, Matej Pribyl. The next year came Jos. Bures, Pecka, Sala and others. Now there are 70 Bohemians here with 398 in the vicinity. Some of the older settlers are: Jos. Bures, Fr. Masek, Bednar, Fr. Sala, Anton Beran, Fr. Kostal, Fr. Sanek, Grandma Himon, Mrs. Krotz and others. Our people are mostly farmers.

Postoffice Virginia.

Virginia was established about thirty years ago by the Rock Island. Bohemians began to settle here in 1880, the first being Vojtech Hubka.

There are about 150 Bohemians here and 150 in the vicinity, about 500 in the whole county. Some of the older settlers are: Jos. Dezort, Vaclav Hubka, Jos. Hubka, Jan Krikava, Tomas Svehoda, Jan Svehoda, Vaclav Fisher, Anton Hubka, Jos. Bostik, Anton Vokac, Frank Novotný, Jos. Kozak, Frank Kozak. They are mostly farmers.

Postoffice Wymore.

Wymore was established in 1882 by Samuel Wymore, although Bohemians began to settle here four years prior to that. Some of the first were: Frank Tejčka, Jan Hroch and Albert Bednar. There are

about 50 Bohemian families here. Some of the oldest settlers are: Albert Bednar, Jos. Sedlacek, J. Novotny, John Pisar. Our people are mostly farmers.

GAGE AND JOHNSON COUNTIES.

Postoffice Crab Orchard.

Our colony is one of the oldest in the state, being founded in 1855 by L. Laflin. Bohemians began to settle here in 1867, the first being Anton Sikyta. There are 49 Bohemians here with 13 in the vicinity. Some of the oldest settlers are: Anton Broz, Frank Sikyta and Frank Kunc. Our people are all farmers.

GARTFIELD COUNTY.

Postoffice Burwell.

The first Bohemian who settled here was John Slobodny in 1885, but he sold out that year to Lorenz Novak and moved away. The first Bohemian woman to live in the town was Mrs. Kate Tuma sr. There are a number of Bohemian business men in town and quite a number of farmers in the county.

Postoffice Elyria.

The first Bohemian to settle here was F. Hajek in 1892, the next John Tuma, in 1893. There are some Bohemian families scattered to the northeast.

GREELEY COUNTY.

Postoffice Wolbach

There are about 10 Bohemian families in the vicinity of Wolbach. Although Wolbach is in Greeley county, most of these Bohemians live in Howard county, their postoffice being Wolbach. The first Bohemian settler here was Josef Rocek who came in 1879 and was followed by Josef Bartunek, Fabian Kolar, Frank and Jan Vopat, Josef Rocek and others.

HOLT COUNTY.

Postoffice Atkinson.

Atkinson was established in 1880, at which time Bohemians began to settle here. The first were Jan Coufal, Frank Dvorak and J. Nozicka. There are about 60 families (Bohemian) in this vicinity and some of the pioneers are: Martin Rigl, Jiri Jonas, Frank Kaplan, Jan Zahradnick, Josef Zeman and Mr. Zizka. Jan Coufal, Jan Nozicka and Josef Zeman suffered great hardships during the winter of 1880, before the days of the railroad.

HOWARD COUNTY.

Postoffice St. Paul.

The first Bohemian settler here was John Vacek. There are about 50 Bohemian families in this town and 200 in the vicinity, about 800 in the county. Some of the old settlers are: Matej Cilek, James Kotik, Albert Sevcik, John Horky, Anton Hurt, Jakub Sevcik, Frank Manasil, C. V. Svoboda, Anton Gruber, John Jares, Frank Polansky. Our people are mostly farmers.

KNOX COUNTY.

Postoffice Jelen.

A colony called Bohemia, now Jelen, was established in 1904 by Anton Jelen. Bohemians began to settle here in 1878. There are about 100 Bohemian families here, about 25 in the vicinity and about 2,000 in the county. Some of the old settlers are: Frank Nikl, Josef Vavak, Jan Viterna, Vaclav Pavlik, Josef Janak, Jan Pavlik, Matej Kripner, Josef P. Sedivy, Mrs. Antonie Jelen, and others.

Postoffice Niobrara.

Niobrara was established in 1869 by a colonization society or club called "Ceska Osada" (Bohemian Colony) in Chicago. In that year the Bohemians began to settle here, some of the first being Josef

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Sedivy, Jan Holecsek, Josef K^{mu}picka, Fr. Tichy, Jan Hajek, Fr. Vokner and Frank Klíma. There are about 200 families here and about 300 in the vicinity. Some of the older settlers are: Jan Hajek, Vojtech Tichy, Tomas Tikalský, J. V. Holecsek, Fr. Tichy, Jan Beran, ~~Jan~~ Jan Tikalsky, Mrs. Pavelka, Mrs. Vokner, Mrs. Havlíček, Anton Houzvička, Josef Janák.

Postoffice Pishelville.

Pishelville was established in 1869 by the following Bohemians: Behm, Janousek and Pishl, who represented the colonization club "Česká Osada" in Chicago. Some of the first settlers were: Matej Hodek, Franta Tuch, Jan S^{trajer}ražer, Anton Pishl and others. There are about 250 Bohemian families here. Of the older settlers the following are yet living: Jan Barta, Frank Tuch, Jan Drzak and Ignac Marshall. This Bohemian settlement is noteworthy because ever since the beginning we have not had one law suit of any kind among the settlers.

Postoffice Verdel.

Verdel was established in 1893, when the Bohemians began to settle here. The first settlers were: Frank and Anna Cuhel, Matej and Katerina Kubanek, Tomas and Eva Staiebach.

Postoffice Verdigre.

Verdigre was established in 1887 by George Quimby. Bohemians began to settle here in 1888, the first being Albert Pavlik and John Beran. Some of the old settlers are: Albert Pavlik, John Tíkalsky, John Beran, Frank Maly, Josef Pavlik, Kamel Pavlik, John Kounovsky, Jos. P. Sedivy, Jan Tikalsky, Jan Hájek, Vojtěch Stoural, Jakub F. Kolar.

MADISON COUNTY.

Postoffice Madison.

Madison was established by Vaclav Vanek, Josef Danek and Frank Mrkvicka in 1874. Bohemians began to settle here in 1880. There are 700 of them in this vicinity. Some of the older settlers are: Mrs. Marie Vanek, Vaclav Skala, Ondrej Poncar, Josef Storek, Frank Ambroz, Josef Finkral, Tomas Ambroz, Josef Dvorak, Vaclav Adamek, Jan Dvorak, Frant. Pospisil, Frank Broz, Jan Broz and Frank Broz Sr.

PAWNEE COUNTY. *Pawnee.*

Postoffice DuBois.

DuBois was established in 1886 by A. W. Mallory and John Miner. Bohemians began to settle here in 1870, the first being Frank Pesek, Alois Slama, Jan Rakosnik, Josef Blecha and Mr. Brzon. There are about 63 Bohemian families here and in the vicinity. The oldest living settler is John Klima, now in Frankfort, Kansas, the others are Fr. Pesek, Jan Rakosnik, Josef Blecha and Fr. ~~Han.~~ *Jan.*

Postoffice Table Rock.

Table Rock was established in 1854 by Rev. *Hiddins.* ~~Hiddins.~~ Bohemians began to settle here in 1867, the first being: Blecha, Kovanda, Hubka, Zelenka, Verner, Dufek and others. Some of the old settlers are: Frank Kovanda sr., A. R. Kovanda, Vojtech Zelenka, Josephine Vrtiska, Marie Beránek, Frank Dudar, Mathilda Verner, Frank Kovanda, Vaclav Blecha and Václav Kubicek.

PIERCE COUNTY.

Postoffice Foster.

The first Bohemian settler was John Kubista who came here in 1878. In 1882 Emil Merha and Anton Caban settled near Pierce. Some of the old settlers are: John Kubista, John Pospisil, John Kratochvil

and Anton Turek.

Postoffice Pierce.

Bohemians began to settle here about 1884, the first being Anton Caban and Emil Merha. There are about 200 men, women and children in town and 35 families in the country.

RICHARDSON COUNTY.

Postoffice Humboldt.

Bohemians began to settle here in 1860, the first being Karel Zulek, who came to St. Joseph, Mo. in 1855 and then moved to Arago. He used to walk to St. Joseph for provisions, and when he had a larger load, he would carry half a ways, set it down, go back for the other half, and so continue until he got it home. When the Homestead Act became a law, Bohemians began to come to Nebraska, and the first to take up a claim in this county was Frank Skalak. He became acquainted with Zulek by accident, in Arago, where Zulek was trying to borrow some money. Although it was the first time they had seen each other, Skalak lent Zulek the money and then came with him to Humboldt, where he took a claim. Vaclav Skalak, a son of Frank Skalak, remembers when he worked for Zulek for \$40.00 per year, and how he broke the ^{virgin} sod walking in grass as high as his waistline, and how he plowed with a 24 inch plow, using three to six oxen. He used to walk to Arago or Nebraska City to get his plow sharpened and for provisions. In 1867 Ruel, Nims and Co. opened a store where young Vaclav was employed for five dollars per month. The next year he got ten dollars per month. Now he owns a large implement store and is a prominent citizen of Humboldt. Some of the older settlers ^{were} are: Jan Vokoun, Anton Eis, M. Nemecek, Fr. Fiamuc, Jan Petrasek, Vaclav Prachajl, Vaclav Holeccek, Jan Janata, Frank Blecha, Frank Nemecek, Josef Musil, Jan Cisner and Vaclav Hlavaty but ~~all except~~ Frank Nemecek sr. are dead. This

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is the oldest Bohemian colony in the state.

SALINE COUNTY.
Postoffice Crete.

The colony at Crete was established in 1865 by Frank Jelinek and Frank Krten. Bohemians began to settle here soon after that and now there are about 850, with 3,000 in the vicinity. Some of the old settlers are: Joseph Jelinek, Frank Jelinek, Frank Znamenacek, Frank Nedela, Frank Trnik, Josef Srajhane, Matej Kovarik, Vincenc Akasmit, Vaclav Krejci, Anton Belka, Frank Pizar, Frank Bauer and Frank Brt.

Postoffice De Witt.

De Witt was established in 1873 by the South Platte Land Co. Bohemians began to settle here in 1893, the first being J. E. Brajer. There are about 23 Bohemians here and 69 in the vicinity. Some of the old settlers are: Josef Brajer, Jan Kuhovec, Jan Skrdla, Anton Sebek, Anna Melichar, Mrs. Kaura, Mr. Triska, Jan Vloek and Vaclav Kaspar.

Postoffice Dorchester.

Bohemians began to settle here in 1870. Some of the older settlers are: Karel Kozak, Tomas Divoky, Vaclav Brydl, Josef Duba, Jan Duba, Ignac Zoubek and Vaclav Kastanek.

Postoffice Friend.

Friend was established in 1866 by Charles Friend. The first Bohemian settler was Martin Bedlan. Bohemians began to settle here in 1870. There are about 250 in the vicinity of Friend and some of the older settlers are: Martin Bedlan, Frank Ptak, Fr. Mika, Jan Barta and Anton Ceordle.

Postoffice Peasant Hall.

Bohemians began to settle here in 1870.

Postoffice Wilber.

Bohemians began to settle around here in 1870. Wilber was established by C. D. Wilber and Jacob Mowery in 1873. The first Bohemian settler was Vencel Vilda, others were: Josef Hynek, Jan Herman, Robert Shary, Vozab brothers. The first to settle in the town were Josef F. Prokes, Frank Stepanek, Frank Seidel and Herman brothers, who had the first general merchandise store. There are 1300 ^{inhabitants} ~~Bohemians~~ in here of which three-fourths are Bohemians, and there are almost again as many Bohemians in the vicinity. Some of the older settlers ^{in the county} are: Frank and Josef Jelinek, Tomas Kovarik, Vencel Vilda and Vaclav Kubicek.

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SAUNDERS COUNTY.

Postoffice Cedar Bluffs.

This was established in 1874, the first settlers being: Karel Vesely, Frank Vesely and J. Vesely and Josef Smith. There are 28 Bohemians here and 8 in the vicinity.

Postoffice Morse Bluff.

Morse Bluffs was established in 1888 and some of these first settlers were: Frank Soukup, James Racek, Jan Virka, Josef Hines, Anton Walla. Bohemians began to settle around here in 1867, the first farmer being Anton Hajek, who came here in that year. There are about 150 Bohemians in the town and 250 in the vicinity. Some of the old settlers still living are: Vaclav Nesladek, Jakub Tranta, Mr. Ekstein, Mr. Mares, Frank, Josef and John Hines, Jan Virka, Jan Zakovec and John Beranek. Our people are mostly farmers.

Postoffice Prague.

The colony hereabouts was established in 1867, the first Bohemian settler being Peter Kastl. In 1868 came others, namely: Josef Simanek, Tom Simanek, Jan Vancous, Jan Kubalek, Jan Placek, Vaclav Vavak,

Josef Kaspar, Vaclav Kaspar. J. Cizek, V. Mikulas, Anton Sedláček, Ondrej Knajdl, Josef Pop, Michal Petrzela, Jan Kubálek, Martin Mahlík, Vaclav Novák, O. Voita, Jos. Pop, Matěj Váchal, Jan Sedlacek, M. Vanek, Martin Havel, Jiří Mašek and Frank Matejka. There are 500 people in the town, which is entirely Bohemian.

Postoffice Touhy.

Touhy was established in 1890 by Vaclav Maly, Vaclav Carka and Anton Capek. Bohemians began to settle around here in 1878, the first being John Kavan. There are about 48 Bohemians here and 360 in the vicinity. Some of the older settlers are: Jan Kavan, Anton Dvorak, Vaclav Kohout, Filip Kavan, Josef Cejka, Vaclav Maly, Vaclav Musil, Josef Vogltanz and Jan Maly. ^{Our} people are farmers.

Postoffice Valparaiso.

Valparaiso was established in 1877 by R. K. Johnson, W. J. Royce and C. C. White. Bohemians began to settle around here in 1890, the first being Jan Chmelka, Josef Sarf and others. There are 32 Bohemians in the town and 300 in the vicinity. Some of the older settlers are: Jan Chmelka, Pavel Bartěk, Edward Pecha, Vaclav Lukeš, Josef Vondra, Vaclav Skokan, Lukas Bartěk, Matěj Bouc. Our people are farmers.

Postoffice Washoe.

Washoe was established in 1865 by F. M. Stratton, S. M. Stratton, M. L. Lee and P. Lee. Bohemians began to settle around here in 1873, the first being Josef Dolezal, Frank Symondynes and J. Cech. There are about 500 Bohemians in the town and 400 in the vicinity. Some of the old settlers are: Tomas Zimola, Frank Kralik, Josef Svoboda, Jan Marsalek, Josef Jonas, Frank Symondynes, Jan Koutny and Frank Albert.

Postoffice Weston.

Lomas, J. J. Hull

Weston was established in 1877 by Dick Thompson, J. Hull, Jacob Mock and Carl Stevenson. Bohemians began to settle around here in 1869, the first being: Frank Kubalek, Jiri Hejtman, Jan Maly. There are about 250 Bohemians in town and 500 in the vicinity. Some of the old settlers are: Jiri Hejtman, Frank Kubalek, Vaclav Cuda, Josef Kastl, Josef Maly, Vaclav Soukup and Jiri Simanek.

SHERIDAN COUNTY.

Postoffice Hay Springs.

Bohemians began to settle around here in 1885, the first being Frank Vorel. There are about 150 Bohemians here and 150 in the vicinity. Some of the old settlers are: Anton Serbousek, Josef Vybiral, Anton Kadlecek, Mrs. Anna Dremea, Fr. Pliska, Fr. Cilek, Martin Cilek, F. Vomocil, Ed. Kruml, Adolf Kruml, B. J. Chalupa and F. Stava. Our people farm and raise cattle.

Postoffice Marple.

Bohemians began to settle around here in 1885, the first being Vaclav Krejci. Other old settlers are: Josef and Vaclav Krejci and Frank Mracek.

Postoffice Rushville.

Rushville was established in 1884 by J. V. Vorel, a Bohemian. Bohemians began to settle around here in 1885 and now there are about 150 with 78 in the vicinity, about 300 in the whole county. Some of the old settlers are: John Dolezal, Josef Vybiral and F. L. Novotny. Our people farm some, but more raise cattle, this being the country for that industry.

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THAYER COUNTY.

Postoffice Galead.

Bohemians began to settle around here in 1882, the first being: Hussa, Hruska, Komrs, Shainost, Bulin, Borovicka and Radil with families. They were all farmers.

Postoffice Hubbell, settlement Pleasant Ridge.

Bohemians began to settle here in 1880, the first being Mr. Cervený who came away back in 1869. There are 17 Bohemian families here and 40 in the county.

THURSTON COUNTY.

Postoffice Thurston.

There are 22 Bohemian families here, mostly renters, the land belongs to ^{Indians} farmers.

VALLEY COUNTY.

Geranium and Comstock.

These towns were established in 1875 and Bohemians began to settle here in 1886, the first being: Vaclav Holan, Jos. Ptačnik and Jan Beran. Counting both places, there are about 1500 Bohemians here and many in the vicinity. Some of the old settlers are: Josef Ptačnik, Vaclav Mottl, John Rybin, John Benda, Frank Hasek, Vaclav Zadina, John Pesek, Karel Cernik, Mike Novotny, Frank Vodehnal, Mat. Voracek, John Nekuda, Vaclav Cadek and Martin Veverka. Our people farm and raise cattle.

Postoffice Ord.

Ord was established in 1878 by Jan Zabloudil, Jan Vobornik, Vaclav Holan, Karel Severin and Jan Beran, Bohemians. Bohemians began to settle here in 1878, the first being: Jan Zabloudil, Jan Vobornik, Jan Beran, Vaclav Holoun and Karel Severin. There are about 375 Bohemian

families here and 200 in the vicinity. Some of the oldest settlers are: Jan V. Beran, Matej Vavra, Jan Rybin, Alois Dehnal and Josef Ptacnik. Our people are mostly farmers, some raise cattle, and there is the usual quota of business men in the town.