

ALL AROUND THE TOWN

Leader's Guide

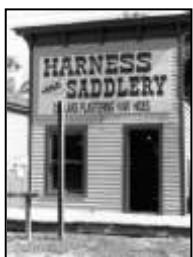
FINDING YOUR WAY IN A NEW (OLD) CULTURE

You are a person of the 1870s! Your family is moving from Indiana and plans to purchase a farm just outside of Wichita, in Sedgwick County. Your father is excited at the prospect of a new beginning. Your mother does not want to leave a perfectly good life for a place that is rough and has coarse people living in it. You are sad to be leaving your friends, but are excited about the adventure of moving near a developing city.

Answer the following questions as you explore and learn about your new community. *(The number in parentheses () next to each question indicates the building where the items can be found. [Refer to the map on the back of this booklet.]*

1. **DROVERS' CAMP. (2)** The cowboys and the farmers did not get along because the Texas longhorns carried a tick that infected the farmers' cattle brought from the east. Also, cowboys had a reputation for trampling fields with their cattle herds. Cowboys were catered to by the townspeople. Activities such as prostitution, gambling and drinking were either ignored or accommodated, until the activities threatened the local people. Bankers also charged the farmers high interest rates though they were a more stable part of the town's economy than the cowboys.

2. **MUNGER HOUSE. (4)** You can tell this is a well-built building by the precise dovetails at the corners and the joint about the kitchen door. The chinking between the logs is smooth and sheds water. Cottonwood is used in its' construction.



3. **SADDLE AND HARNESS SHOP. (5)** Proper ladies rode side-saddle. Notice the side saddles in the shop; they are identified by the single stirrup and large double horn on the side that the lady rested her leg upon.

4. **MARSHAL'S OFFICE. (7)** Stop at the Marshal's office and see where the cowboys placed their guns while they were in town.

5. **BANK. (8)** The land would cost \$200. Interest on the land would be \$8. Interest on the crop/production loan would be \$720. At 4% you would pay only \$80 in interest and save \$640.

6. **JAIL. (9)** Answers will vary.

7. **GENERAL STORE. (10)** There are three kinds of chocolate: Hershey's Cadbury's, and Chocolatina. Shipping by railroad was faster than shipping by wagon. Railroad cars had more space than freight wagons; therefore, merchants could order a wider variety of products.

8. **BLACKSMITH. (16)** Answers will vary. The blacksmith was an important member of a town. He could fix tires, shoe horse and other beasts of burden, and fix or repair anything made of metal. The tools are powered by hand in a hot, dirty environment. In later years machines were developed that imitate human actions and relieve muscle power. These machines were powered by steam with belts and pulleys.

9. **LAND OFFICE. (17)** Flat fields made farm machines work easier. Ready access to water diminished the use of a well to water livestock. Trees provided building materials, fence posts, and firewood.



10. **MEAT MARKET. (18)** Some of the cattle herds sold cattle to the meat market. They were given a premium price. They also did not have to expend the effort your father did in the uncertain art of hunting. Fresh oysters are sold here. They were packed in ice and straw to keep them from spoiling. The railroad could transport goods faster than a wagon, stage, or rider.

11. **1880S DEVORE FARM. (13)** The land was not a desert, though if you were used to tall trees and running streams, it may have looked desolate.

The land was relatively flat making it easier to use the new farming machines. There are two rivers in the area, meaning water might be near the surface for a good well. The breezes kept the air fresh and clean.

CORN: tortillas, corn chips, cornbread, tamales, Johnny cakes

WHEAT: bread, cookies, cakes, pie crust

As a crop, wheat had more diverse uses and was more easily grown in this climate and transported, making it the better crop to sell. Corn was a versatile crop for animal feed and easily stored on the farm, but the increasingly dry climate made its' growth less predictable.

12. **SCALE HOUSE. (19)** Baseball (The picture is on the wall directly behind the counter.)



13. **ARKANSAS VALLEY GRAIN ELEVATOR. (19)** Wheat must be harvested when it is ripe, threshed and stored under roof rather quickly. Farmers stored their crops in the elevator until they had to sell it or they could get the best price based on supply and demand.

14. **DEPOT. (21)** The Wichita and Southwestern links with the Atchison, Topeka, and the Santa Fe Railroad. The depot sent and received mail and telegraph messages to communicate over long distances.

15. **HENRY WULF HOUSE. (22)** The Wulf family is from Germany. Immigrants came to this country for many different reasons. Reasons include: religious freedom, economic opportunity, cheap land, adventure, and other reasons clustered under "a better life."

Answers will vary.

16. **LIVERY STABLE. (23)** The veterinary surgeon and horse trainer

17. **TURNVEREIN HALL. (24)** The Turner Society was a German organization that focused on physical fitness. During the day it would be used as an exercise facility. At night it could be converted into a lecture hall or place for dancing. As a fraternal organization, it let people of similar backgrounds gather to relive old traditions and speak their original languages.

They also held many social functions, balls, and parties to enrich the cultural climate of the town.



18. **SOUTHERN HOTEL. (25)** Answers will vary.

19. **DRUG STORE. (27)** Medicine today is not evaluated on how it tastes but rather its effectiveness. Much is done to modern medicines to make them easy to take by adding flavors and sweeteners.

20. **BARBER SHOP. (28)** Regulars are noted by having their own shaving mugs. Women were not permitted in this establishment. In many ways it was the “Old Boys Club” where talk of politics and business were discussed. Almost all women of the 1870s wore their hair long. When their hair needed to be trimmed, they did it themselves.



21. **LAW OFFICE. (29)** The fee for drawing a deed is \$1.50.

22. **FECHHEIMER CLOTHING STORE. (30)** Men could buy clothing manufactured in their size; women’s clothing was made at home or by a dressmaker. They would buy/select the fabric and have their clothing made especially for them.

23. **THE WICHITA CITY EAGLE PRINT SHOP. (31)** The front page is the source of much practical information about the growing town. The date on The Wichita City Eagle in the window is October 29, 1874. The eastern Express #2 mail train leaves at 1:40 a.m. The cost for one issue with a subscription rate of \$2.00/year is rounded to 4¢ (\$.04).

24. **CARPENTER’S SHOP. (33)** Enjoy your visit with the carpenter.

25. **ONE-ROOM SCHOOL. (34)** The desks are different sizes because students of all ages (and sizes) attended this school. A paddle was often used to discipline students.

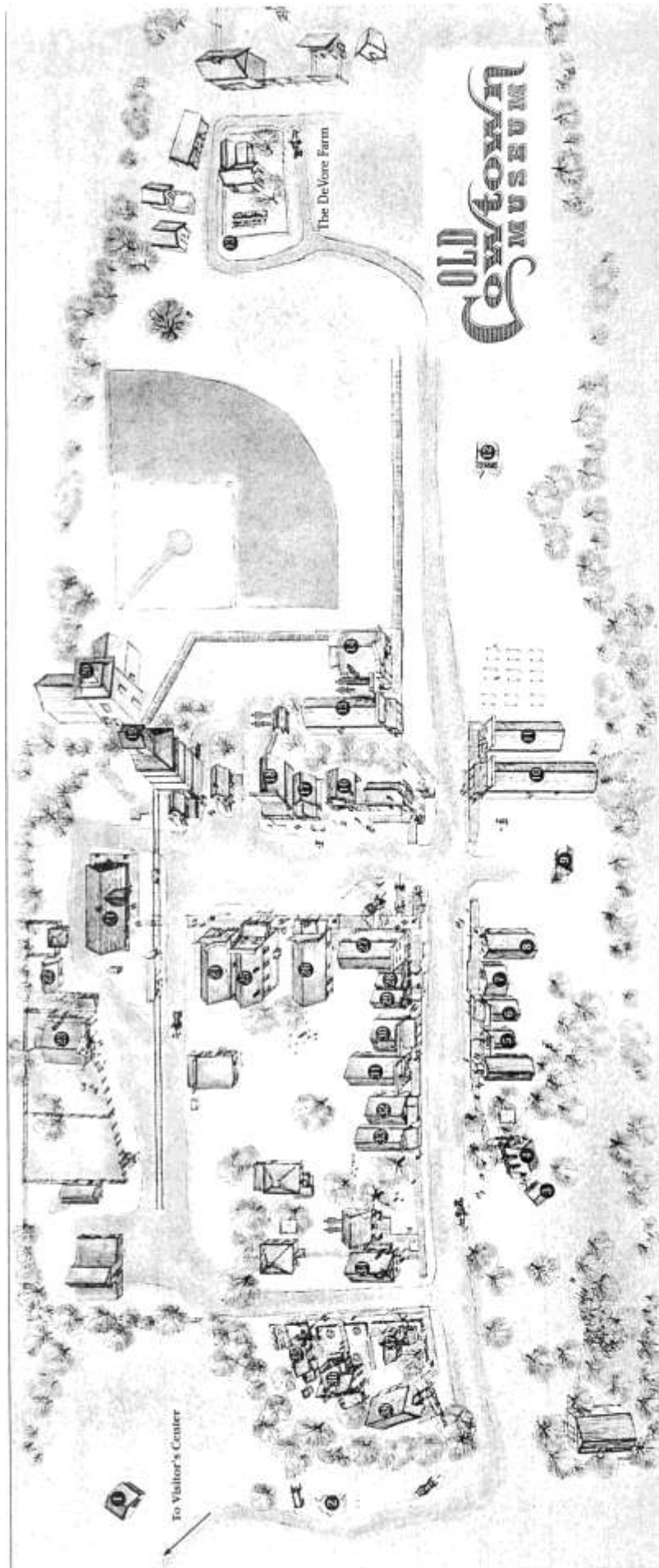


26. **STORY-AND-A-HALF AND MURDOCK HOUSES. (35, 36)** Enjoy your tour of the residential area.

27. **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. (38)** Yes, music was a large part of the lives of the people who worshiped and preached here.

Sadly, your father decides that a night in the hotel is too expensive, and he wants everyone to take a good look at the land he has chosen to buy. Your horse is well, and your wagon is fixed and loaded. You are all set to go for the night.

CONGRATULATIONS! The day has provided you with lots of experiences, and you are well on your way to becoming an informed citizen of Sedgwick County, Kansas. If you decide that this is a very good place to live, you might send a telegram or write a letter to encourage your friends to come here, too!



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| 1. Heller's Cabin | 12. Booth Family Homestead | 22. Wolf House | 33. Carpenter's Shop |
| 2. Buffalo Hunter's Camp and Chockswagon | 13. DeVore Farm | 23. Livery Stable and Veterinarian's Office | 34. One-Room School |
| 3. Trapper's Cabin | 14. Empire House | 24. Turnverein Hall | 35. Story-and-a-half House |
| 4. Munger House | 15. Empire Hall | 25. Southern Hotel | 36. Mudlock House |
| 5. Harness and Saddlery | 16. Blacksmith | 26. Fritz Snitzer's Saloon | 37. Parsonage |
| 6. Baldwin's Old Time Photos | 17. Land Office | 27. Drug Store, Doctor and Dentist Offices | 38. First Presbyterian Church |
| 7. Marshal's Office | 18. Meat Market | 28. Barber Shop | |
| 8. First Arkansas Valley Bank | 19. Arkansas Valley Grain Elevator and Scale House | 29. Law Office | Restrooms |
| 9. Jail | 20. Lakawds Administrative Offices | 30. Fechtelmer's Dry Goods and Clothing | |
| 10. General Store | 21. Wichita and Southwestern Depot | 31. City Eagle Print Shop | |
| 11. McGinn's Feed and Seed | | 32. Gill Mortuary | |