

# ALL AROUND THE TOWN

## 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.]*

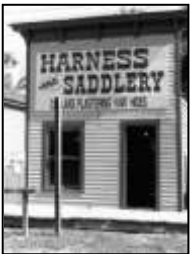
1. **DROVERS' CAMP. (2)** You passed a cowboy camp, and your farmer father is not pleased to see them here. The Texas cattle are a problem and so are the cowboys.

What are two reasons the farmers and cowboys did not get along? 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. **MUNGER HOUSE. (4)** Your father wants to get ideas on the proper way to build a house. The Munger house was built of native wood by a master carpenter.

List one feature that tells you it is a well-built house. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What native wood was used to build this house? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



3. **SADDLE AND HARNESS SHOP. (5)** Now that you have picked a horse and have a wagon, you will need to buy the harness to attach the horse to the wagon. Your mother had heard that ladies in this part of the country used the same saddles as men, but was very pleased to find that this man sells a proper ladies saddle. Can you locate a riding apparatus that would be made especially for women in dresses?

What evidence do you base this idea on? \_\_\_\_\_  
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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)** Your father goes to the bank to get a loan to buy farm property. The price for the 160 acres he wants is \$1.25 per acre.

What is the total cost of the land? \_\_\_\_\_

At an interest rate of 4%, how much simple interest per year will he pay to the bank for the loan to buy the land? Hint (total land x .04) \_\_\_\_\_

Having not saved enough, he must also get a loan to run the farm until his first crop is harvested. With high demand and little competition from other lenders, banks charge high

interest rates for this type of loan. The lowest interest rate you found was 36%! How much simple interest will you pay on your loan of \$2,000? \_\_\_\_\_

To keep cattle brokers coming to their banks, they usually charged 4% interest. How much money would your family save if they only have to pay 4% simple interest on your crop loan?  
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6. **JAIL. (9)** Last night two men got into a fist fight. The police broke it up and took the men to jail to calm down. They could be fined \$5-\$8 (Cowboys earned about \$1/day)

Do you think it would be worth it to fight if it would mean you would have to go to jail? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

7. **GENERAL STORE. (10)** Your mother thinks she could sell her butter in town at the General Store where she can buy a wide variety of things. What brands of chocolate are sold here?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

The storekeeper orders items from the largest city in the area, Emporia. What are two reasons he is glad that things are shipped to him by railroad now instead of freight wagon?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

8. **BLACKSMITH. (16)** Your father notices that a tire on one of the wagon wheels is loose, so he takes it to the blacksmith for repair. After the blacksmith has told you about his work, list a good and a bad aspect of his work.

Good \_\_\_\_\_ Bad \_\_\_\_\_

9. **LAND OFFICE. (17)** Your father visits the land office to find out what land is still available for purchase. To demonstrate the productivity of the land, there are displays of the crops from the area. Why is your father looking for land that—

Is very flat? \_\_\_\_\_

Has water near by? \_\_\_\_\_

Has a stand of trees? \_\_\_\_\_



10. **MEAT MARKET. (18)** After the crops are planted, your father who is a good hunter might make money by selling wild game to the meat market. What did the cowboys have to sell that required a lot less effort than your father would use to hunt? \_\_\_\_\_ Why would your father be angry

that the cowboy could sell what he did? \_\_\_\_\_

This store also sell seafood from the east coast. What type of fresh seafood is sold here?  
\_\_\_\_\_ How do they keep it from spoiling? \_\_\_\_\_

What method was used to ship fresh seafood quickly enough to keep it from spoiling?  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. **1880S DEVORE FARM. (13)** Your father wants to see the farm of Mr. DeVore, a modern, progressive farmer who is well established with many outbuildings, animals, and machines. Many of your fathers' friends teased him about going to farm in the Great American Desert. Do you think a desert would be a good place to have a farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Does Kansas actually look like a desert? \_\_\_\_\_ If you knew how to farm, would you consider farming here? Does it look possible? Why? Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

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The 2 main crops farmers grew were corn and wheat. Name 3 products made from each.

**CORN/CORNMEAL**

**WHEAT/FLOUR**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle** the crop you think he will consider more valuable to sell and want to grow more of.

Why do you think the crop you circled is the more valuable crop? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. **SCALE HOUSE. (19)** At the scale house beside the grain elevator, your brother is pleased to see the owner is interested in his favorite sport. (Notice the picture on the back wall.)

What is it? \_\_\_\_\_



13. **ARKANSAS VALLEY GRAIN ELEVATOR. (19)** As a farm family, this tallest building in town is crucial to you. One crop you can store on your farm with ease, but the other crop must be harvested right away and stored right away. Which of the two grains listed above must be handled quickly? \_\_\_\_\_

How will this building help your family be successful while dealing with uncertain and fluctuating grain markets? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. **DEPOT. (21)** Your father is pleased to move to a town with a railroad. He will be able to sell his grain to the rest of the nation rather than just use it to feed his family.

What railroad company is the depot linked to? \_\_\_\_\_

Your mother wants to let relatives in Indiana know that your family has arrived safely. In what two ways could the clerk pass on this information?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

15. **HENRY WULF HOUSE. (22)** The Wulf family is from Germany. Think of 2 reasons why he might have left his home Country? \_\_\_\_\_

You can see some German writings on the wall. Mr. Wulf wants more land and a nicer house in which to raise his family. He says "opportunities abound" so he works as a



What must those who can't buy clothes here do to acquire clothing? \_\_\_\_\_

23. **THE WICHITA CITY EAGLE PRINT SHOP. (31)** To get to know the town very quickly, you go to The Wichita City Eagle newspaper office. The printer will tell you why this newspaper was so important and how it was made. The front page, left-hand column, has basic information about the town.

What is the date on the paper in the window? \_\_\_\_\_

What time is mail sent east on the Express No. 2 train? \_\_\_\_\_

This newspaper was published once a week and cost \$2.00 per year. What would be the cost for one issue? \_\_\_\_\_

24. **CARPENTER'S SHOP. (33)** Your father wants to see how the carpenter works. He may hire him to fix the inside of your soon-to-be-built house.

25. **ONE-ROOM SCHOOL. (34)** It will soon be time to enroll for the new school term and your mother wants to visit the school. (*If a class is in session, please enter and observe quietly.*) What do the different sizes of desks tell you about the students who will be attending with you?

How did the teacher keep things orderly in this school? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your teacher to use the same method? \_\_\_\_\_



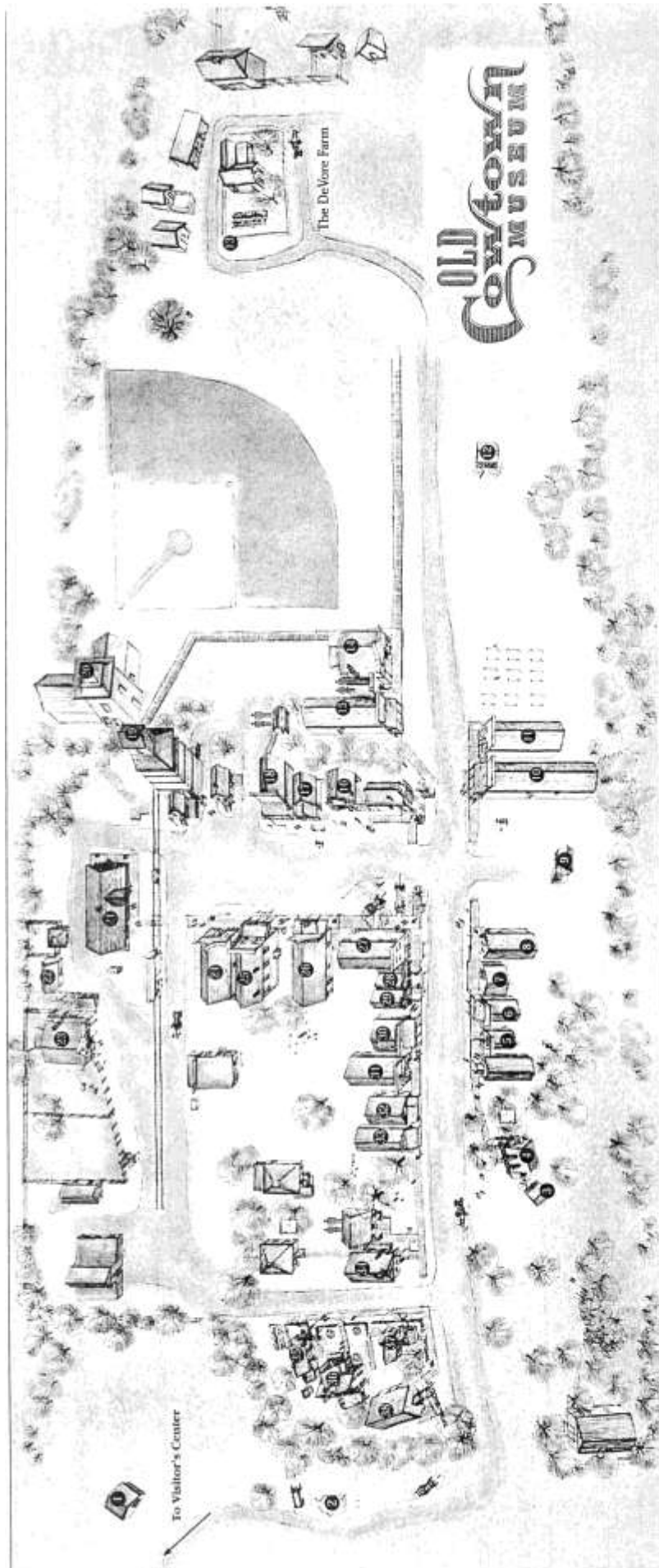
26. **STORY-AND-A-HALF AND MURDOCK HOUSES. (35, 36)** Stop by these houses to see how the newspaper editor (Murdock) and those with more modest incomes lived.

27. **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. (38)** There are two churches in town; your parents do not belong to either. The First Presbyterian Church is the largest one in town, and your mother hopes that it does not forbid the use of musical instruments. Visit the church and parsonage to find out if instruments were a part of worship at this church?

YES            NO

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                             | Restrooms                     |
| 8. First Arkansas Valley Bank            | 19. Arkansas Valley Grain Elevator and Scale House | 29. Law Office                              |                               |
| 9. Jail                                  | 20. Lakewide Administrative Offices                | 30. Fechtelimer'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                           |                               |