

# HISTORY HIGHLIGHTED

## Historic Cemetery in Murdock Township



Early history in Kansas commences nearly 80 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Butler County was recognized in Kansas Territory in 1855. Kansas became a State in 1861. About the time Butler County was officially organized, a family cemetery was initiated in Murdock Township, within the area of the current Remington School District.

There is little known about the situation. Information available

indicates that a family named Johnson lived in a dugout in the bank of the Whitewater River. They were buffalo hunters. The parents died of smallpox and were buried nearby by their two sons. A short time later, one of the boys was killed by an arrow and the surviving son buried his brother next to the parents' graves.

The obscure cemetery was cared for by a later occupant of that land. Because of that respect, the primitive and simple cemetery remains visible, about 170 years later.