

# HISTORY HIGHLIGHTED

## Milton Township

There are 29 Townships in Butler County, Kansas. Generally, a township is a block six miles square or 36 square miles; one square mile equaling one Section, containing 640 acres. Thus, one Section contains four Quarters of 160 acres each. Township and Range numbers for our area begin at the intersection of the 40th North Latitude (the Kansas/Nebraska state line) and the 6th Prime Meridian (Meridian Street in both Newton and Wichita). From that point, townships of the Remington School District are south and east. The sections of a township are numbered contiguously from 1 to 36 beginning in the northeast corner.



In 1868, Milton C. Snorf moved to the area and settled in the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 24, South, Range 3, East, Butler County, Kansas. This description was established by surveyors in the 1850s but there was no organization of the township at the time. On January 6, 1873, a petition was filed for a new township to be organized for the legal description of Township 24, South, Range 3, East. The petition was granted and an election held for township officers and trustees.

Milton Snorf was identified as the first settler within township 24 and so the organized township was so named.

The first Post Office in Milton Township was Holden in 1871. It was located on section 18, the north edge of current Whitewater. It was moved a few years later to section 8, just northeast of Whitewater. The Post Office was moved to Brainerd in 1886. The first two post offices were not associated with any town, only a central location to send and receive mail.