

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTED

Schools

Settlements became more prevalent in this area after Kansas became a State. Small communities developed around a school. Schools were often started with two or three families agreeing to support a teacher. The "school" was usually a room in one of the family houses. This school arrangement began from the time of the earliest settlers.

In the 1860s, Butler County began recognizing schools which met the qualifications established by the County. That included having a dedicated building. Of course, the school building became the community center and was used for varied

activities throughout the year. Community celebrations, concerts, speeches, family gatherings, Sunday Schools, weddings, etc. all happened at the schoolhouse. Within the current Remington school district, two schools began in 1868 - District 11/Morgan in Milton Township, and District 9 in Fairview Township. (The district numbers were generally assigned in order of acceptance into the Butler County school system.)

Many more of our area one-room schools were recognized in 1872, including the Holden school. It was located one-half mile east of the gas pumps east of Whitewater. The Holden building was eventually moved into Whitewater and used as Whitewater's first school building for the 1888 school term.

