



NORTHWEST GREENWOOD COUNTY

MINI-HISTORY OF NORTHWEST GREENWOOD COUNTY

The first settlers, drawn by the beauty and the apparent fertility of the land, began to arrive in the 1850's. They were a mix of many nationalities. Especially noteworthy was the large community of Norwegians who settled along Fall River. From the beginning, the economy was built around ranching, farming and the necessary support businesses. The discovery of oil in the early years of the 1900's added a new dimension. It remains an important industry in this part of the county today. During these early years a number of communities began to take on the appearance of towns, but eventually all met their demise. Some were farm villages, and some were "oil boom" settlements. Of the 16 post offices established in the northwest quadrant, only Eureka's survives. Forty-six school districts prevailed through the years. All students are now bussed to Madison, Hamilton, or Eureka. We have identified many historical structures and numerous sites of historical or geographical significance. Since they can all be viewed from public roads, we present them to you for your drive-by-pleasure.

NOTE: All places can be seen from public roads. Please do not trespass on private property unless you get special permission from the owners.

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Northwest Greenwood County, Kansas - Tour Guide

1. **SALLYARDS** – (1917-1930's): Oil boom town, Population 150. Schools, stores, office. Disappeared in 1930's. Located .9 mile north of Hwy. 54 on "B" Road.
2. **SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN** – Highest hill in GW County. Spectacular view! Large concrete tank. 2.3 miles north on "D" Road., then .4 mile west on 165th Road, then .7 mile north on "D" Road. Located on east side of road. Enter over cattle guard and take road up hill to concrete tank.
3. **IVANPAH SCHOOL** – (1882): Stone building located on north side of road. Well preserved. Located 5.5 miles west of intersection of 200th Street & "H" Road. (a.k.a. The River Road). Take 13th Street west out of Eureka to get on River Road.
4. **STONE ARCH BRIDGE** - (1909): Roman architecture. Spans west branch of Fall River. Located 2.3 miles west of 200th Street & "H" Road.
5. **CLAYCOMB SCHOOL** – (1884): Where did the children come from?! Approximately 3.9 miles from intersection of 200th Street & "F" Road. Located on north side of road. Structure now has metal siding.
6. **LOY SCHOOL** – (1890) Stone. Reverted to surrounding property owner. Take 13th Street west out of Eureka on the River Road, ¾ mile. Schoolhouse located on north side of road.
7. **WALLACE HOME** – (1891): Stone. Well preserved. Ladder stairway. Go 1.6 miles past Loy School or 5.0 miles west from Main Street & 13th Street in Eureka. It is a white house sitting on west side of road.
8. **NORWEGIAN CHURCH** –The Lutheran congregation formed in 1869. Today's building was built in 1921. Church services are held periodically. Located at intersection of 200th Street & "H" Road. Take 13th Street west out of Eureka on the River Rd.
9. **OLD EIDE PLACE** – (1904) Frame house example of the commonly used style of that era. Located 2.9 miles north of 200th Street & "H" Road / the River Road on west side of road.
10. **HOLVERSON SCHOOL** – (1920): Built to replace stone building. Two rooms housed population influx due to oil boom. Is now used as a community building. Located 3 miles north of 200th Street and "H" Road on west side of road.
11. **ANNIE GLENN'S HOUSE** – (1876): Old stone house inside existing house. On west side of road. Located 3.9 miles north of 200th Street and "H" Road.
12. **LAPLAND SCHOOLHOUSE** – Moved from Lapland Village in recent years. Used as Township Hall for years. Located 4.2 miles north of 200th Street and "H" Road. On east side of road.
13. **SPRING HOUSE** – (1870's) Stone. Located about 100 yards off east side of road. Roof and stone(s) have been repaired. Spring was installed to provide good water. Located .6 mile north of Lapland School.
14. **THE OLSON HOME** – (1927): Oil on property made big home possible for a family of nine children. Located .1 mile north of Lapland School, then .6 mile east of 250th Street and "H" Road.
15. **LAPLAND / LAPLAND STORE** – Farm village. Started in the 1870's. Post office established 1871, with school and 20 farmhouses. Remains of the store are found on the east side of the road at the intersection of 260th Street and "H" Road, or 2 miles north of 250th Street and "H" Road.
16. **RUPE HOME / Old Marshall Place** (1876): Renovated in recent years. Beautiful home. Located on the east side of the road. 1.3 miles north of 260th Street and "H" Road.
17. **SMALL TETER ROCK** – Erected by Merle Teter, Sr., as a memorial to a cowboy who died tending cattle. Fenced. 150 feet off of the road. Located 3.9 miles north of 260th Street and "H" Road.
18. **TETER ROCK** – Originally a large pile of rocks stood here as an 1870s landmark for pioneers. Stones were taken to be used in the oilfield without permission. This rock was placed in 1954 after it was discovered while the pipeline company was digging pipeline on the Teter property. Sixteen feet tall on the highest point (south end) of Teter Hill. About 16 feet of rock is also buried. Go 1.5 miles south of Small Teter Rock to intersection of 300th Street and G50 Road, then left .8 mile up the hill to the turn in on the south side of the road. (Sign will be there) Go .8 mile to the rock.
19. **TETERVILLE** – Oil boomtown. Started with oil discovery in 1920. Population 500 - 600. Stores, school, gas station, oil company homes. Nothing remains but the view. Located ¼ mile north of the road across from Teter Rock entrance.
20. **RAVENS CROFT SCHOOL** – (1890): From the intersection of 220th Street and "P" Road, go west on 220th Street 1 mile to "N" Road. Turn left (which is south) on "N" Road and go 2 miles. School building located on east side of road.
21. **EUREKA LAKE** – (1935) WPA project. Was the water supply for Eureka until 1980. Now it is a recreation area and has over 100 cabins on it shore. Go 4.4 miles north from the intersection of North State Street and 7th Street in Eureka on North State Street, "P" Road. Located on west side of the road.
22. **CATAP KNOB FRUIT FARM** – (ca. 1882): Mansion built by George Munger. Sixteen acres catalpa trees, 400 acres of apples, and 20 acres of pears were planted. Mansion burned on a July 4th, early 1900s. A few of the original trees remain on the east side of the road. Located approx. 1.1 miles north of Eureka Lake on the east side of "P" Road.
23. **BERT WIGGINS' HOME** – (1898): Remodeled later. Stately mansion overlooks Bachelor Creek valley. From the intersection of 220th Street and "P" Road, go 2.9 miles east of 220th Street. At "S" Road, turn left (which is north) on "S" Road and go .2 mile. House on left side of road.
24. **WORLEY SCHOOL** - (1875): Students could have been delivered to the door. Go .2 mile east of intersection @ 220th Street and "S" Road. School on north side of road.
25. **STITT'S HOUSE** – (1870s): From the intersection of Hwy. 99 and 212th Street, go west 1.4 miles. House located on north side approx. 300 yards off the roadside. Owned by Scott Wedman, professional basketball player with old K. C. Kings, for a time.
26. **UTOPIA** – Town started with a post office in 1880. Located 2.6 miles west of Hwy. 99 and 209th Street on north side of road. Railroad cattle pens loaded thousands of cattle. Township had a store, church, school and houses. Town disappeared in the 1930s.
27. **WILLIS HOME** – (1870s) Family took clay from banks of Bachelor Creek, built a kiln and made bricks for house. Is now restored inside and out.
28. **TOWNSITE** – Oil boomtown: From Hwy 99 and 365th Street, go west .1 mile. This community was on both sides of road where houses sit today. Metal pipes 2 feet tall were part of baseball backstop on south side of road.
29. **HARRIS PLACE** – One of the oldest homes in Greenwood County. From the intersection of 25th "R" Road and 360th Street, go .3 miles. House on west side of road.
30. **HARRIS FORD** – Located .2 miles south of Harris Place. Situated on the Verdigris River, it was on the old army trail running from Ft. Sill, OK and Ft. Leavenworth, KS. Waterfall is ¼ mile east of ford and was a popular picnic area.
31. **BROWNING SCHOOL** – (1884): Stone. From the intersection of 360th Street and "P" Road, go north .1 mile on "P" Road. School on east side of road.
32. **BROWNING RANCH HOUSE** – (1883): 'Old Starr Place'. Lovely Queen Anne style. Private road to house. The Browning's were a family of doctors. From the intersection of 360th Street and "P" Road, go .4 miles west on 360th Street. House sits on south side of road.
33. **POINTED HILL** – From the intersection of 360th Street and "P" Road, go south .5 mile on "P" Road. Approx. 5 miles to southwest, Pointed Hill presents grand view. Was a landmark on the "Old Norwegian Trail".
34. **KENBRO** – (1923 – 1949): From the intersection of 360th Street and "L" Road, go .1 mile on "L" Road. Small town was situated on east side of road. Nothing remains today.
35. **KENBRO OIL CAMP** – From the intersection of 360th Street and "L" Road, go .7 miles south on "L" Road. Turn left (which is east) on the unmarked road for another .3 mile. Today only sidewalks and foundations remain at this oil camp's site.
36. **BURKETT** – (1930s): This is when this oil boomtown was developed. Brick school, stores, boarding house and private homes. School foundation located on west side of the road, .1 mile north of intersection of "Q" Road and 300th Street. Community also located near intersection.
37. **THRALL** – (1922): Oil boomtown development. A vibrant working community into the 1960s. Population 300. In 1961 a tornado destroyed part of town.

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