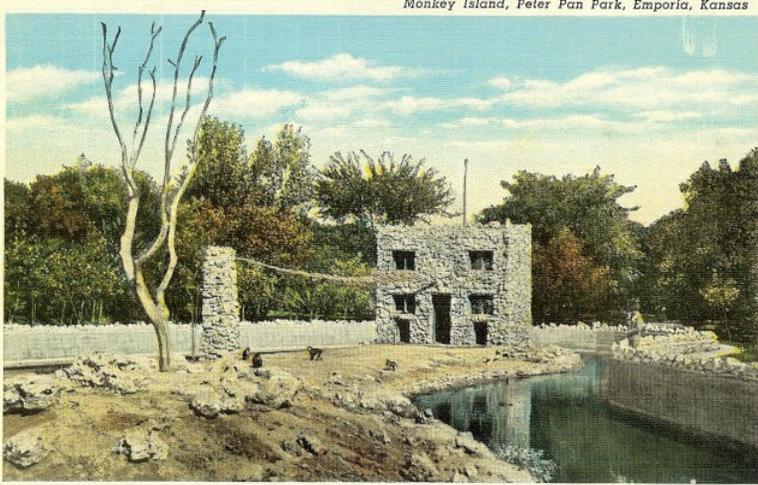


# HISTORIC PLAYING CARD PHOTOS & DESCRIPTIONS

Monkey Island, Peter Pan Park, Emporia, Kansas

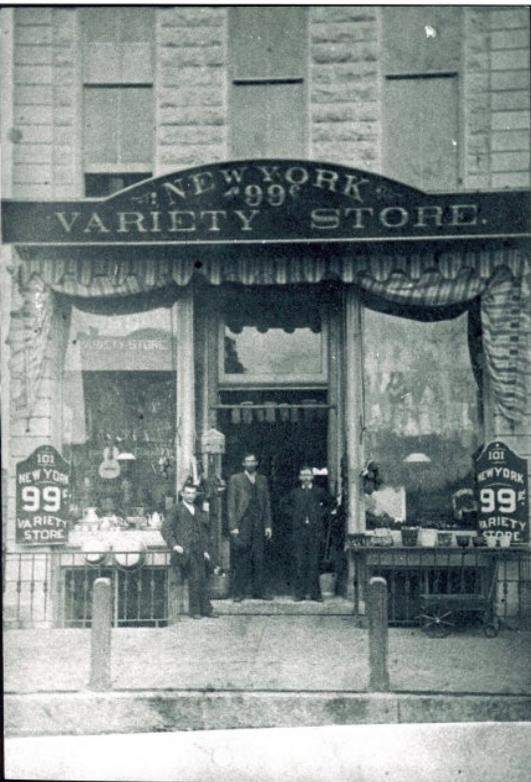


**Ace of Diamonds:** Peter Pan Park once contained a "monkey island". The monkeys have since been moved to the David Traylor Zoo, the largest free zoo in the United States. The monkeys were moved out in the 70's and it was turned into a water fowl exhibit. Since then, the moat has been filled in and the structure is abandoned for all animal exhibits. This photo is sponsored by Dynamic Discs, host of the Monkey Island Open.

**2 of Diamonds:** BLI Rental's building circa 1970s

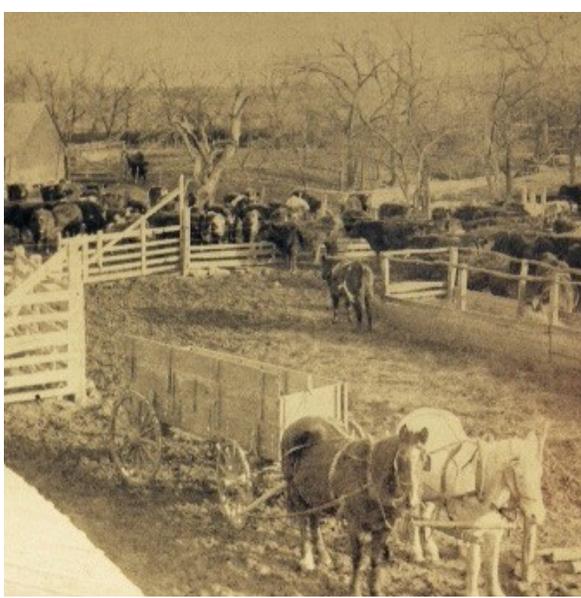


**3 of Diamonds:** The Variety exchange was located at 116 Commercial Street and open from 1951 -1955 selling second hand goods and clothes. Owned by Inez James from 1926-1955. This photo was sponsored by Rockin' Accessories.



**4 of Diamonds:** This photo was taken at the 20th Anniversary of the Topic Cafe in Downtown Emporia and shows some beautiful floral arrangements like this photos sponsor, Paula's Creations, makes!





**5 of Diamonds:** Horses belonging to Owen Hughes wait as the cattle of Dan Richard are fed in this early 1900 photo. Richards' farm was southeast of Emporia. This photo was sponsored by the Flint Hills Shopper

**6 of Diamonds:** The Granada Coffee company, who sponsored this photo is currently located next to the Granada Theater. The Granada Studio Photography previously occupied this store front which was later purchased by SC Dixon Photography.



**7 of Diamonds:** This photo was sponsored by Redline Trucking.



**8 of Diamonds:** The Warren W. Finney house, located at 927 State, is now the owned by Deborah Huth, who sponsored this photo. Warren Finney was a prominent citizen of Emporia. He owned telephone companies and several banks. Warren Finney and his wife, Mabel Tucker Finney, built this house in the early 1930's. Finney and his son were involved in the Kansas bond scandal of the 1930s.



**9 of Diamonds:** The Lenox Cafe was located at 419 Commercial, where At Home Healthcare (who sponsored this photo) is now. This photo was taken around 1910. Photo courtesy of the Walter M. Andersen Collection, Emporia State University, Special Collections and Archives.

**10 of Diamonds:** Myers Bros Furniture was located at 1111 Commercial from 1951-1953. By 1955 the name had changed to Mutual Furniture Service, which was its name from 1938-1949. This photo was sponsored by Forget Me Not Productions.



**Jack of Diamonds:** The Poehler Mercantile Co. building used to be a wholesale grocer in downtown Emporia now hosts one of the largest antique malls in eastern Kansas. If you look on the left, you can make out a ramp and a rail road platform that used to accept goods and people. One of the rooms on the south side of the building has extremely thick walls, because at one time the room stored ammunition and explosives!



**Queen of Diamonds:** The Cross House was built in 1894 by Emporia's first Mayor, H.C. Cross, It has passed hands many times and has served many different uses from a Fraternity & Sorority houses, apartments, personal residence, and a hotel. The home is now owned by Ross MacTaggart, who sponsored this photo. He has begun restoring the house and plans to use it as his personal residence.



Civic Auditorium, Emporia, Kansas

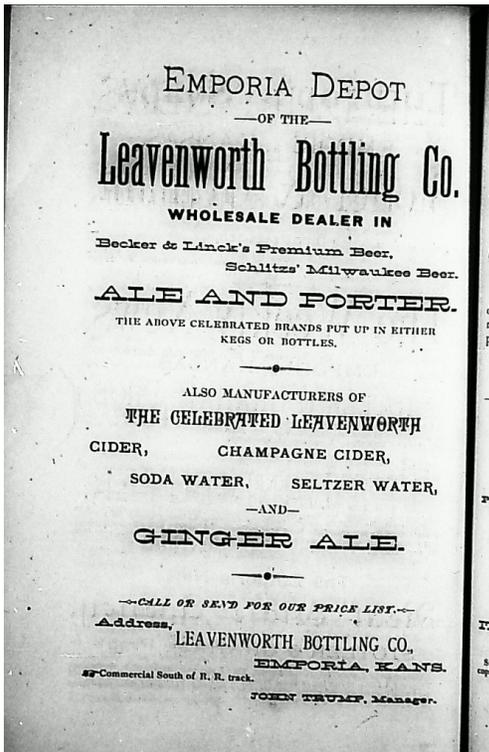


**King of Diamonds:** Construction began on The William Lindsey White Auditorium (Civic Auditorium) in 1938 and it opened in May of 1940. The city threw a 5 day celebration called the Fiestaval to honor the auditorium. This photo was sponsored by The City of Emporia.

**King of Clubs:** The historic Granada Theatre was constructed in 1929 at a cost of \$350,000, this would be over \$4 million in today's currency. Its 1,400-seat capacity made it one of the largest movie palaces in Kansas. The theatre was dedicated on October 3, 1929, in a speech by "The Sage of Emporia," William Allen White.



**Queen of Clubs:** The Ad on the left is an example of an ad from a bottling company. This photo was sponsored by Mulready's Pub



**Jack of Clubs:** This is a photo of the Kansas State Teacher College wives outside of a discount store. This photo was sponsored by Junque Drawer Emporium





**9 of Clubs:** This photo is of the original Emporia State Bank founded by Will Wayman (Jim Wayman, Bill Wayman and Karen Wayman Sommers Great Grandfather) at 601 Commercial, where Brown's Shoe Fit Co is today. This photo was sponsored by ESB Financial

**10 of Clubs:** Dirty Kanza Promotions sponsored this picture of



**8 of Clubs:** When ESU was Kansas Normal School, it was exclusively a teacher's college. Because of that, many other colleges existed in addition to Kansas Normal School and the College of Emporia. the Emporia Business College was one of them and was eventually absorbed into ESU. This photo was sponsored by the ESU School of Business



**7 of Clubs:** This photo, sponsored by the Emporia Gazette, is of the cover of the paper on June 9th after the 1974 tornado.

Extra THE EMPORIA GAZETTE Extra

Sunday, the Ninth Day of June, MCMXXIV

TORNADO KILLS SIX

Hundreds Homeless  
Over 60 Are Hospitalized  
Shopping Center Smashed

The area around a check-out counter at Wal-Mart was a shambles.

As many as eight were killed, more than 60 hospitalized and hundreds of people made homeless by a powerful tornado that struck the southeast corner of Emporia with Sunday evening. The victims included a woman who was killed in the Village Mobile Home Park and the First 15th Village Shopping Center.

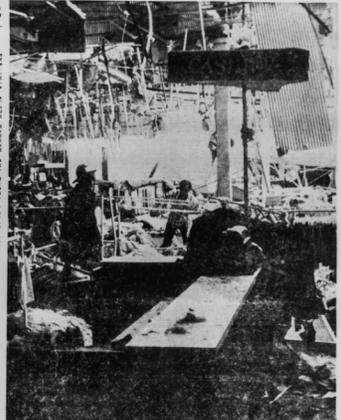
The tornado, which was estimated to be 100 feet wide and travel at 100 miles per hour, struck the town at 7:30 p.m. and caused widespread destruction. The damage was particularly severe in the area around the shopping center, where a large section of the building was destroyed.

The tornado also caused significant damage to the town's infrastructure, including the destruction of several homes and businesses. The damage was so severe that many people were left homeless and in need of immediate assistance.

The Emporia Gazette reported that the tornado was the most powerful to strike the town in many years. The damage was so extensive that it was estimated that the cost of repairs would be in the millions of dollars.

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ONCE WAS QUIET—An upside-down car and the mangled metal shell of an apartment sign are higher than the rest, but free regions at the

Quintana Apartments were that no one was hurt in the morning evening tornado. Six were killed at Lincoln Village.

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**6 of Clubs:** Located at 501 Commercial, the Palace Clothing Store was open from about 1940-1962. This photo is sponsored by a similar business, Studio 50.4 located at 504 Commercial.

**5 of Clubs:** This photo shows what a theater concession would have been like. Today, we go get our chocolate fix from the Sweet Granada, who sponsored this photo.

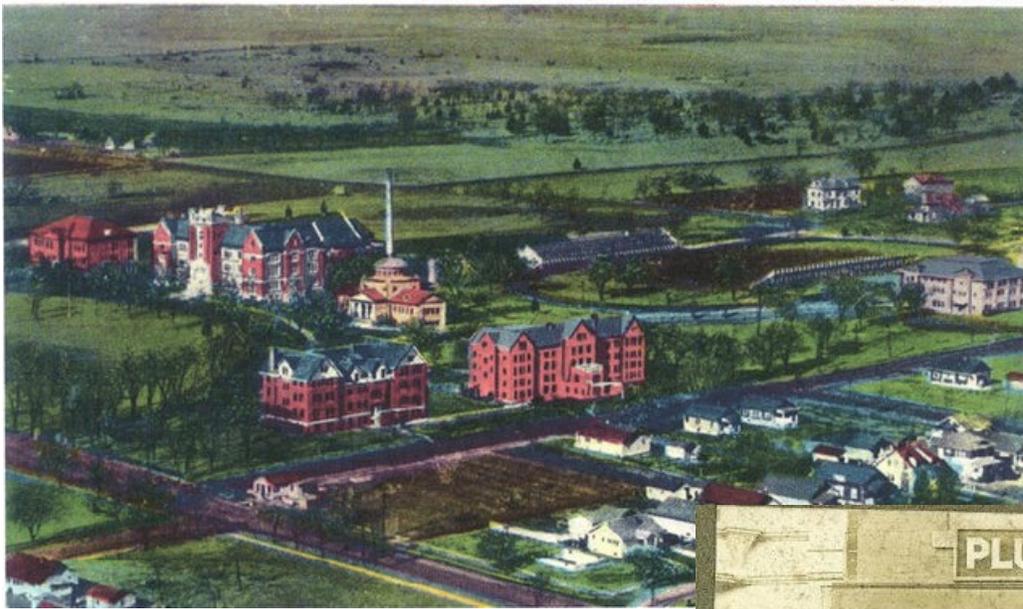


**4 of Clubs:** The Burnap Building was built in 1920. This photo was sponsored by Burnap Bros Plumbing

**3 of Clubs:** The date of this photo is unknown, but it shows a server in a cafe! Sponsored by Bobby D's BBQ

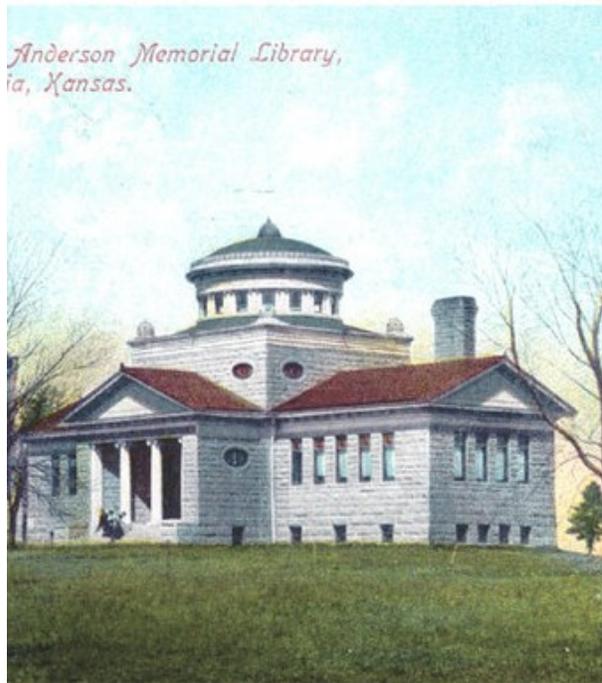
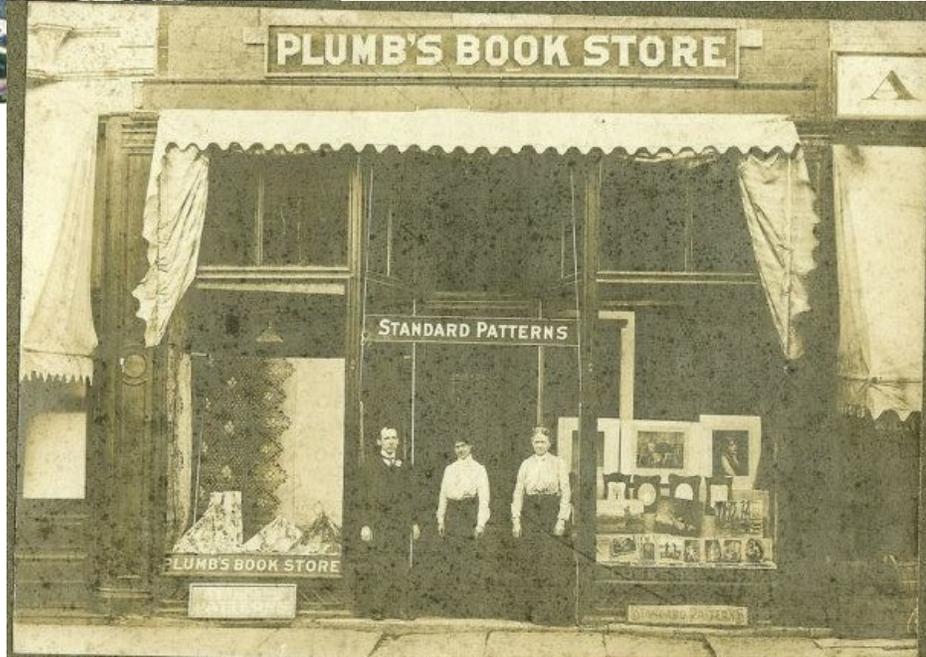


Aeroplane View of College of Emporia Campus, Emporia, Kansas



**2 of Clubs:** This is an arial shot of the College of Emporia Campus. Sponsored by Four Seasons Apartments

**Ace of Clubs:** The Plumb bookstore was owned by Ellen Plumb, Preston Plumb's sister and one of the first ESU grads. It was located in the 500 block of Commercial and was in business for many years. The store sold other things such as wallpaper and window shades. Town Crier, who sponsored this photo, is a modern example of this business.



*Anderson Memorial Library,  
Emporia, Kansas.*

**King of Hearts:** This library was commissioned in 1900 for the College of Emporia (later the Way College of Emporia from 1975 to 1989). That small college has today been absorbed by Emporia State University. This structure was built using the designs of Kansas architect Charles W. Squires. It stands at 1300 West Twelfth Avenue at the site of the old college campus. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. For a time, the city of Emporia had two functioning Carnegie

**Queen of Hearts:** The old Crawford building is the new home of ERG (who sponsored this photo), Studio 11, and Java Cat Coffeehouse



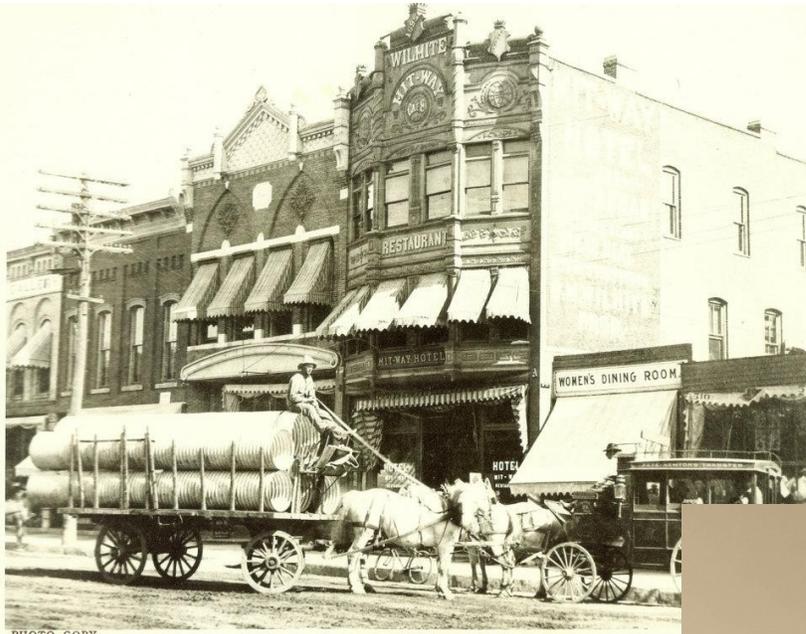


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**Jack of Hearts:** The Mitway Hotel once stood where Flint Hills Eye Care's office stands in downtown Emporia. The hotel was open 1893-1989 at 510 Commercial Street. It served as a hotel, restaurant and boarding house. A billiards room was added at some point. This photo is sponsored by the Emporia CVB.

**10 of Hearts:** The Mary Herbert Education Center was once an elementary school. Today it serves as offices for the school district. This photo was sponsored by FHTC.



Junior High School, Emporia, Kansas

**9 of Hearts:** Lowther South, the former middle school, is now the home of the Emporia Humanitarian Center, who sponsored this photo. The Emporia Humanitarian Center houses non-profit businesses and agencies under one roof.



**8 of Hearts:** This photo was taken for a Life Magazine shoot celebrating William Allen White's 70th birthday in January of 1938. The building behind the man is where Town Royal, who sponsored this photo, is located today.

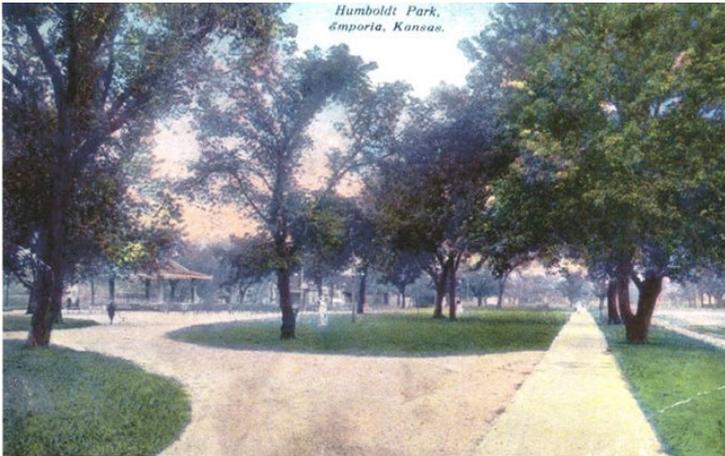


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**7 of Hearts:** This photo of cars lining the 500 block of Commercial was sponsored by Williams Automotive



**6 of Hearts:** The Didde building was located where C Allen Doors, who sponsored this photo, is today.



circa 1912

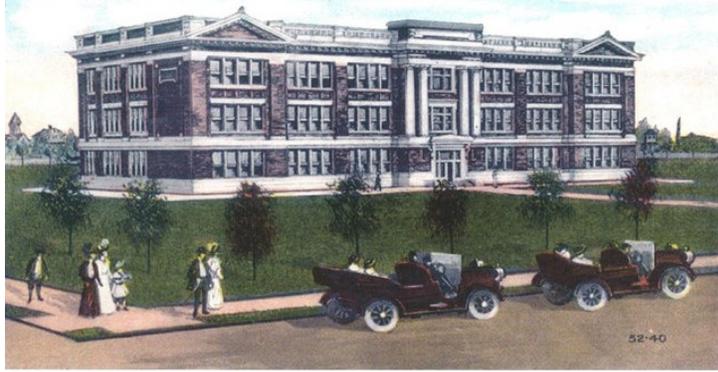
The current Rec. Center is located at the site of Humboldt Park

**5 of Hearts:** This picture, sponsored by AKA The Sports Fan, shows Humboldt Park circa 1912. The Emporia Rec Center currently sits where Humboldt Park used to be.

**4 of Hearts:** The old Kansas Avenue is now the home of the Turning Point Academy. This photo was sponsored by Emporia Public Schools.



Emporia 1913



circa 1913

**3 of Hearts:** Lowther North, which is 91,827 square feet, opened in 1913 as Emporia High School, housing grades 10-12. An addition was built in 1958. It closed as a high school in 1973-74 when the current high school was opened. In 1976 sixth grade students moved to Lowther North. Lowther North is the future home of the Historic Breckenridge Hotel, who sponsored this photo.



**2 of Hearts:** The Kress building was built in 1929 and is located at 702 Commercial. The building is owned by John & Sophie Mallon, who sponsored this photo.



**Ace of Hearts:** This photo was taken on 6th avenue pointing towards Commercial. You can see this block hasn't changed much. This would be where The Scoreboard, Total Technology, Old Pyramid Pizza & Mr Sister's Sweets are. This photo is sponsored by Ash, LLC

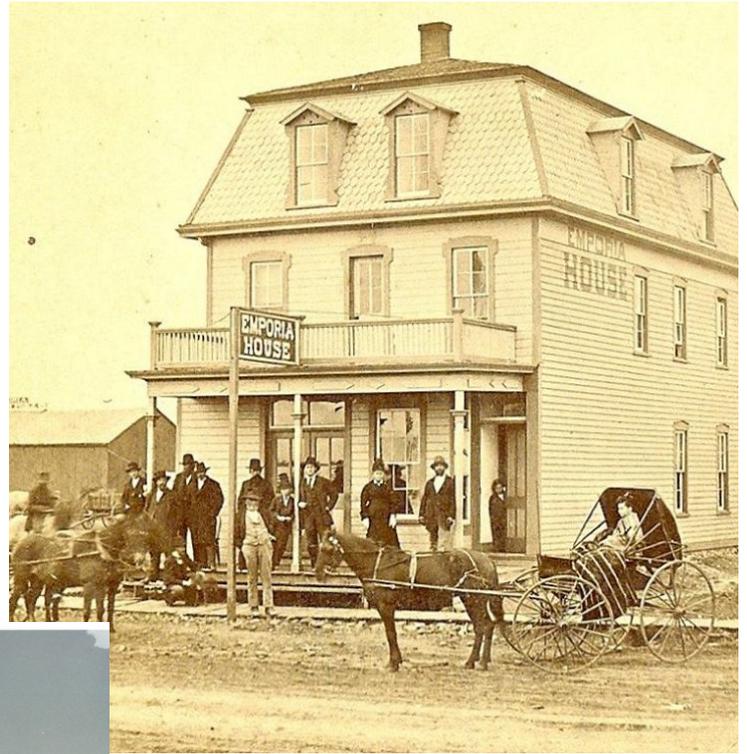
**King of Hearts:** This photo was taken during a scrap metal drive for WWII efforts. This photo is sponsored by Green Door Recycling





**Queen of Spades:** The Capitol Federal Building was originally the Kanza News established June 6 1857.

**Jack of Spades:** This building once stood approximately where the new Lyon County State Bank branch is today on the south west corner of 6th and Commercial. It served multiple functions, and decedents of

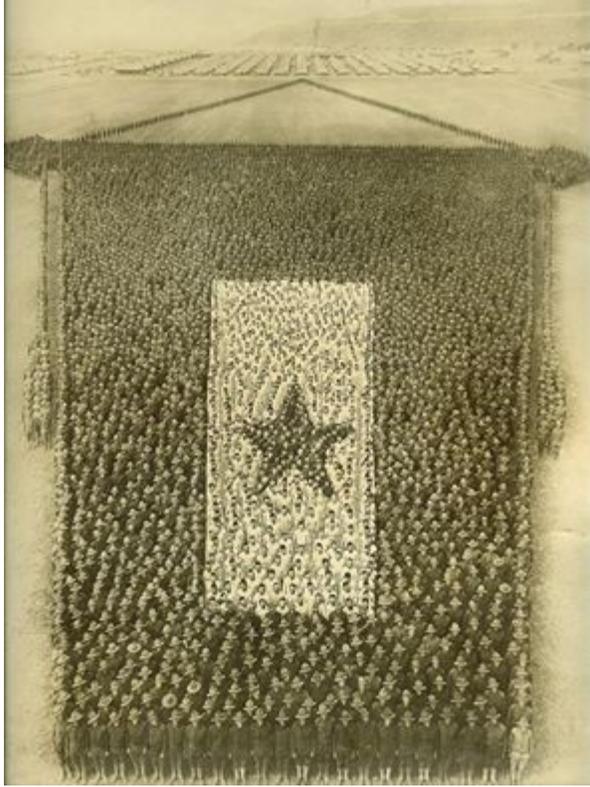


**10 of Spades:** This photo, sponsored by Larry Putnam, is of his first law office in downtown Emporia.



**9 of Spades:** This photo was taken of the interior of The Whitley Opera House, which burned to the ground in 1913. This photo is sponsored by the ESU Theater Department





**8 of Spades:** 164th Depot Brigade at Camp Funston, Kansas. This photo was sponsored by JavaCat Coffeehouse



**7 of Spades:** This photo, sponsored by Rhinestone Cowgirl Salon, shows the barber shop located in the Mitway Hotel which used to be located on Commercial.



**6 of Spades:** Current site of the Trusler Business center, owned by Alfred King, who conceived the idea for Veteran's Day. This photo is sponsored by Brown's Shoe Fit Co.

**5 of Spades:** Newman's Department Store was located 511 Commercial, operated 1890-2003. Locally owned by G.W. Newman. This photo was sponsored by Donna & Greg Seibel



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NEWMAN'S

**4 of Spades:** The Strand Theater was built in 1915 and was located at 709 Commercial. It later converted to a twin and renamed the Petite Theater. It was open until about the mid 1980's. This photo is sponsored by CableOne.



**3 of Spades:** This postcard of the Stone Bridge near Emporia was sponsored by Kaw Valley Engineering.

**2 of Spades:** This photo, sponsored by Moon Title, was taken of the 400 block of Commercial



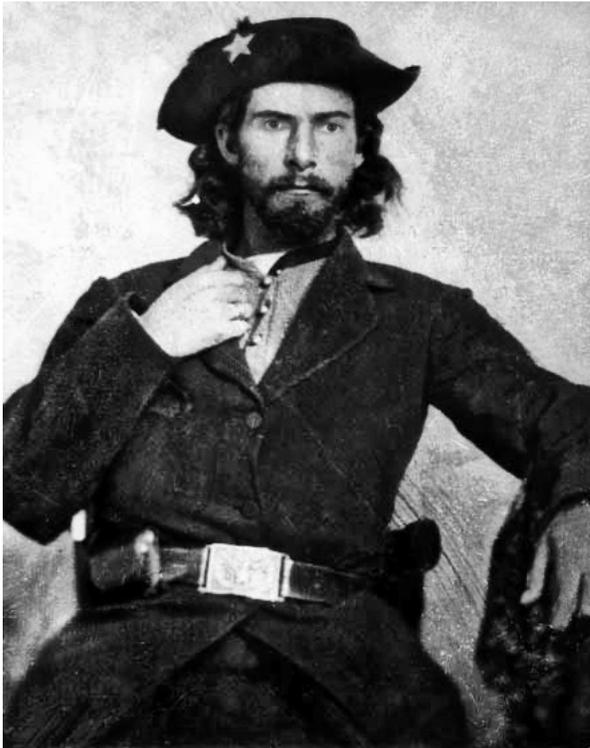
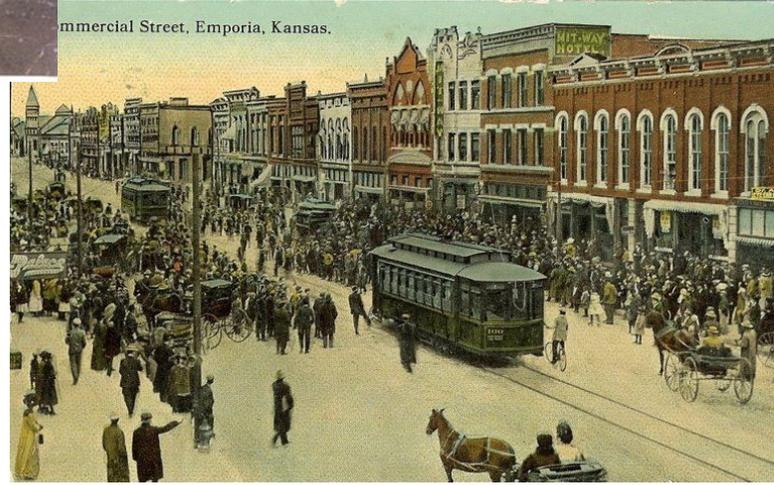
3427. State Normal School, Main Building, Emporia, Kansas,



**Ace of Spades:** The Emporia State University Alumni Association sponsored this photo of what was then Kansas Normal School.

**Joker 1:** Electricity was once seen as a sign of affluence, as many communities did not have it. Cable cars were one way communities could show off the fact that they had electricity. Today, we try and hide our cables and lines, but back when this picture was taken it was a statement about Emporia's success.

Commercial Street, Emporia, Kansas.



**Joker 2:** The man is Bloody Bill Anderson who is from Lyon County. He rode with Quantrill's raiders. This photo was sponsored by the Lyon County Historical Society

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