

Taken from the John Grey Scrap Book.

Auston Spalding and wife, son H. C. and daughter Elsie and Ida, came to Kirwin from Janesville, Wis., in 1872. He homesteaded five miles up Deer Creek from Kirwin. He brought some money with him and was not among the indigent poor that settled here, so he never suffered from the pinching of cold as some did. But the year following settlement here his wife and daughter Elsie died, and there being no public burying ground at that time they were ~~buried~~ buried near his home. In 1875 his daughter Ida married Eugene Germain. Mr. Germain died and she later married J. F. Morse of Phillipsburg. In 1875 Mr. Spaulding married Anna Wells, a widow who lived and proved up on a homestead up on Ash creek near Logan. She came here in 1870 with four children and lived till she could prove up on the land. In the fall of 1876, his son, H. C. Spaulding was elected probate judge, holding the office for many years thereafter, in addition to being postmaster at Phillipsburg for a long period. Spaulding was a very fast driver of horses and had one of the first buggies coming to this part of Kansas. But he was an extra horseman and always had his animals looking well. He died in 1891.