

REAL people amongst "Taylor Villagers"

Many of the "Taylor Villagers" are simple depictions of life in the village between 1880 and 1920. However, a select few were taken from historical photographs or pictures of residents in period costumes. These treasured villagers are...

4 Ralph Hodson

Ralph Hodson stands at the Bowley-Hodson Farm, established in 1917. Ralph and Blanch (Bowley) Hodson moved to the farm in 1935 where they raised their 12 children. In the early 1940s Ralph put down one of the earliest irrigation wells in Loup County, located to the southwest area of the field Ralph now stands in. The family was awarded the Nebraska Pioneer Farm Award for 100 years of continuous family ownership.

9 Kevin Brown

Kevin Brown was raised in Burwell by Vern and Maxine (Scherzberg) Brown. He taught English and speech at the Loup County High School for 28 years. He's also known for leading the historical society with numerous research projects and improvements to the Loup County Museum grounds. His passion for local history and genealogy started at an early age, encouraged by his Grandmother Scherzberg.

12 Delpha Predmore

Delpha Predmore started her business venture in the restaurant business in Taylor in 1957. Delpha is most remembered for her restaurant/bar The Hole in the Wall, known far and wide for great food, weekly dances, free annual Christmas dinners, and St. Patrick's Day parties. After 20 years in the restaurant business and raising 9 children, she built and operated the J&D Motel, still in operation today as the Starr's Wildlife Inn. Today, the figure of Delpha stands at the Lazy D Restaraunt, which is owned and operated by her granddaughter. (Cover photo)

* Brochures paid for by Loup County Lodging Tax.

33 George Brock

George and Lela (Hennings) Brock were ranchers in the northwest part of the county until George was elected county sheriff in 1934. The family then moved into Taylor where Brock also served as village marshal. Sheriff George Brock was killed in the line of duty after serving for 6 years. It is one of the most well known tragedies in Loup County.

36 Raymond & Agnes Poland

Raymond was raised on a homestead between Sargent and Taylor, acquired in 1883 by George and Margaret (Vanderveen) Poland. He graduated from Loup County Public School and then entered the army, which became his career. He married Agnes Appleton, the daughter of Martin and Anna (Backstrum) Appleton.

38 Alice Tracey

Alice Tracey was raised in western Loup County by Ida (Lewis) and Albert Coleman. Ida was a descendant of Henry Hooper, one of the first homesteaders in Loup County. Alice lived in or around Taylor her entire life as a mother, rancher, gardener, and cook. She always loved chickens, and at one time her flock numbered over 200!

43 Jesse & Viona Sandoz

This cowboy and his wife are Jesse and Viona (Dunbar) Sandoz. Viona was born and raised in western Loup County by Chet and Rita (Hyde) Dunbar. Jesse was the second cousin of the NE author Mari Sandoz. He was raised near Ellsworth, NE by Gustof and Iva (DeBord) Sandoz. After living most of their married life in SD, they retired in the home which stands south of their figure.

52 William & Ella Moninger

William and Ella (Brown) Moninger came to Loup County in a covered wagon in the late 1800s and homesteaded in western Loup County. William helped build the first Kent bridge east of Taylor so they could get the wagon over the river. Through the years William also served as Loup County sheriff and judge. The couple stand by the house they built in Taylor.

53 Tom Moore

Tom Moore was born in the log cabin on his grandparents' (Thomas and Mary Williams) homestead on the east edge of Taylor, and the log cabin still stands on the homestead today. He was a very happy and giving man, and he always had a good joke to share. He farmed the family homestead for 67 years.

55 Ellis Bohy

Ellis Bohy was the son of Ernest and Martha (Taylor) Bohy and the great nephew of Ed Taylor, whom the Village was named after. For his 15th birthday he asked for a swarm of honey bees, and he continued beekeeping for the rest of his 98 years. In addition to beekeeping, Ellis was a "day hand" and carpenter. He built a home for his family in Taylor, which still stands southeast of his figure.

58 Ruth Powers

This scene depicts Ruth (Moss) Powers standing up on the family horse, Tony, beside her sister, Betty. Ruth and Betty Moss were raised by Eban and Lulu (McKenzie) Moss in Garfield County. Ruth married Stan Powers when she was 17, and they raised their family in Loup County. Ruth lived 70 years of her life here as a teacher, superintendent of schools, upholstery business owner, artist, and writer.



66 Mable Hyde

Mable Hyde was a single cattle rancher who was born, raised, and died on the land she loved in western Loup County. Her parents were Sebastian (Battie) and Ettie (Cheeseman) Hyde. Mable loved training and riding horses, and she rode in the Loup County parade regularly until she was 94.

67 Cowboy Elmer

Elmer Kruml was raised by Albert and Josephine (Sindar) Kruml in neighboring Custer County, but he lived over 40 years of his life in Loup County. During this time, he enjoyed the rodeo, especially bareback and saddle bronc riding, and country music. He played the pump organ, accordion, piano, and guitar. He served in the U.S. Army and was a ranch/farm hand, bricklayer, and mortar tender.

TAYLOR "VILLAGERS" MAP

"CAPTURING THE SPIRIT OF OUR PAST"

