

by his accomplished wife. He owns a splendid  
 former list of patrons but is daily adding new ones.  
 is well known all over Cowley county, having



C. C. CRAIG

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served four years as clerk of the district court, during which time he proved his efficiency as an official and gained a deserved popularity. Since he assumed the duties of this office the confidence of the people in him has been justified. He was for a number of years, preceding his election to office, a resident of Arkansas City. He was born in Washington, Iowa, May 25, 1867. He was educated in that state being a graduate of Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa. On August 3, 1897 he was married to Miss Ruth Gantt of Arkansas City. They live at 1426 South Fuller street. Mr. Craig is a member of the Unitarian church and of the A. F. & A. M. Winfield No 58. K. P. and R. A. M. lodges.

**T. A. MORRISON**

Don't like the pulse of music?  
 That store across the way  
 Is brimming o'er with music lore  
 For those who sing or play.  
 And instruments the choicest  
 Are sold on terms so free  
 That every home can afford to own  
 An aid to rhapsody.

Of the many wide awake and enterprising establishments of Winfield, there are none more deserving of praise than that of Mr. T. A. Morrison, who ten years ago opened and stocked a music store in Winfield, and since that time has given his entire attention to that one interest; yearly increasing his stock by adding to its immensity every new and improved musical instrument, every new piece of music that he could find on the market until he has as large and as good an assortment of the kind in Cowley county. He carries all the leading brands of pianos and organs. In Mr. Morrison's store can be found the A. B. Chase, Needham, Story & Clark, Newman Bros., and D. H. Baldwin pianos and the Kimball, Newman Bros., and Bourdette organs. There can also be found the highest grade of violins, guitars, zithers and banjos, in fact everything from a mouth organ up. Mr. Morrison carries a full line of sewing machines, including the New Home, Wheeler & Wilson and other grades that are cheaper, also



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field. He was born in Sennacaville, Ohio, November 8, 1841, and in April 1871, he was married to Miss Catharine N. Cozad of Victoria, Illinois. They are the parents of one girl and two boys, one of the boys having died at the age of five years. Mr Morrison is a member of the A. F. & A. M. Winfield No 58, I. O. O. F., K. & L. of S. and G. A. R. In 1861 he enlisted in Company, B. 1st Ohio Cavalary. He was three years in the regimental service and six months a scout under Gen. O. O. Howard. At the battle of Chicamauga he was captured and for six months was a prisoner of war.

In 1873 he came to Kansas, located at Homer and there he became a member of the G. A. R., then in '91 he moved to Winfield and became a member of Siverd Post. In '97 he was elected Junior Vice Commander of the G. A. R. department of Kansas. Mr. Morrison's place of business is at 903 Main street and his residence is at 311 East seventh avenue.

**A PIONEER,  
 A GENTLEMAN  
 AND A SOLDIER**

One of the most unostentatious and kindly business men of the city, an independent and straightforward business man, who has helped the growth and development of Winfield, one who is loved and respected by rich and poor, one whose counsel is sought on all questions of vital importance, and whose assistance to the needy and deserving has often been along channels of which the public knew but little, is our worthy and honored townsman, Col Henry C. Loomis. His integrity of character and straightforward manner, has made him friends, who are not moved by spirit of creed or party bias. An index of his character may be had by recalling some expressions made to a group of friends not long ago within the hearing of the writer, when he gave the guiding principles of his life by saying that he had tried, in all of his career, to be independent, and that he hoped when his earthly career was ended he would have some friend kind enough to include in his epitaph a statement that he had been independent: that it had been his aim to do his duty as he saw it, regardless of consequences. While he admits that there are honest differences of opinions, he thinks each should stick and stand by the dictates of his conscience. It is doubtless this rule of his heart that has made him a host

(Courtesy of Cowley County Historical Society, Winfield, Kansas.)

of friends, and a long list of business associates, who accept his statement without question, and has added greatly to the upbuilding of Winfield and Cowley county. Twice mayor of Winfield and during his two terms it is the general verdict of the people that no mayor ever did more for the general improvement and the upbuilding of the city than did Col. H. C. Loomis. In fact, his record was so good that there seems to be no doubt of his re-election at the coming spring election. He was the first county clerk of Cowley county. He has been one of the leading promoters of our railroads. He has served several terms and is now vice-president of the Chautauqua Assembly and on all public occasions he is one of the leading spirits. Besides being one of the leading Masons of the state, he is also a member of B. P. O. of Elks and R. M. But grandest of all, he is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal

commissioned as its lieutenant colonel. After leaving the army he went to the oil fields of Pennsylvania where he remained but a short time. He then became interested in the rafting of logs and lumber down the Ohio river. This not being to his taste he next landed in Topeka, Kan., where for several months he was connected with the Santa Fe Railroad. He helped to build the road from Topeka to Emporia a distance of forty miles. He then came to Winfield just prior to its organization June, 1871, and located at once on 160 acres, 100 of which is now a part of the city. His first work was as commissioner of the town site, an arduous and unthankful task at that time. After retiring from this position he turned his attention to farming with success. Since the town began to grow he has always filled positions of honor and trust in the community. He was a member of the first board of trade established in the city. He was one of the leading factors in securing all the railroads that have entered Cowley county. He reorganized and was Capt. of Company C 2d Regt. K. N. G. which became afterward a part of the 21st Regt. and was the crack company of that regiment during the Spanish-American war. Col. Loomis is the present post commander of Siverd No. 85 G. A. R., Department of Kansas, not only a commander in name and office, but in reality as well. One that the comrades may well be proud of, a man born to lead and command, tall, stately and dignified in appearance. A kind, but rigid disciplinarian, showing at a glance every inch of him to be a soldier. A man who would lend dignity to the state as department commander, or the nation as national commander. The post that he is now serving as commander—Siverd No. 85,—was organized and mustered by Judge Advocate L. H. Lang, a member of Post 27 of Caldwell at the Masonic Hall, July 13, 1882. The name selected for the Post was Winfield and the number given it was 85. Of these twenty charter members there are but 3 who still remain as members of the Post. Six of the comrades having answered the final roll call. Others have taken their transfers and belong elsewhere. Since the second meeting of this Post they have been tenants of the Odd Fellows' Hall, northwest corner of Main street and Ninth avenue. As a Post it has prospered since the day of its muster, but like all posts it has had its years of enthusiastic action and its years of depression. This Post had the honor in 1887 of furnishing the department commander for this department in the person of Comrade T. H. Soward, who also selected his A. A. G.—Comrade A. H. Limerick and the A. Q. M. G.—Comrade A. B. Arment from this Post. Through the efforts of this Post, Winfield was honored with the Department Encampment of 1888. One of the saddest events in the history of the Post occurred Oct. 25 1893. A comrade, Capt. H. H. Siverd, then serving his second term as commander, and at the same time constable of the township was foully murdered while in the performance of his duty. This occurred on the corner of one of the principal streets in the city. The spot where he fell is marked today in the center of the flag stone walk by a large metal star, as an evidence of the high esteem in which he was held. The metal of which this star is made was composed of badges which were contributed by the members of the various orders to which he belonged. The star is composed of copper, silver and gold, Odd Fellows, Masonic, A. O. U. W., Grand Army badges and buttons, all of which he was an honored member. On November 14, 1893, the Post by an unanimous vote adopted the name of their dead commander as the name by which the Post shall ever after be known as "Siverd." We are indebted to Comrade O. H. Coulter, editor of the Western Veteran, for the greater portion of the Post matter contained in the above article. Comrades can procure a complete history of the above Post by applying to Past Department Commander O. H. Coulter, Topeka, Kansas.



COL. H. C. LOOMIS  
COMMANDER OF SIVERD POST NO. 85

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Legion of the United States, Commandery of Kansas, headquarters at Leavenworth, Kan. Col. Loomis was born March 16, 1834, at Loomis Corners, in the town of Otto, Cattaraugus county, New York. At the breaking out of the civil war, he was pursuing the laudable occupation of a farmer. As soon as the flag of our country was fired upon he enlisted in Co. C 64th N. Y. Vol. Infy., and was elected and commissioned its first lieutenant and for several months acted as regimental adjutant. At the battle of Fair Oaks in June, 1862, Lieut. Loomis while leading his company, was twice severely wounded, so badly so that he was sent home and while convalescing, helped to recruit and organize the 154th N. Y. Infy., and was



Henry C. Loomis