

who settled in the vicinity of Deweese. In the nineties the following were living there:

P. O. Deweese:

Joseph Fořt, born in Lukavice; Cyril Muřík, Dolní Loučka, Tiřnov; Frank Pochop, Kaly, Tiřnov; Fr. Pyřný, Domanřn, Bystřice; Frank Svoboda, Źďár; Frank Beran, Loučka, Tiřnov; John Sýkora, Bobrovka, Nové Město; Joseph Chvála, Cvrčoves; Fr. Muřík, Dolní Loučka, Tiřnov; Frank Dobeř, Horní Loučka; Metoděj Mazour, Kaly; Rudolph Melichar, Źdárec; Bedřich Vap, Vykonřn, Tiřnov; Ignác Vap, Vykonřn, Tiřnov; Thomas Kadlec, Vykonřn, Tiřnov; Frank Mazour, Kaly, Tiřnov; Joseph, John, Frank and Jos. H. Bárta, Leřtina, Čáslav; Frank Bradač, Albrechtice, Bystřice; Frank Bednář, Horní Loučka, Tiřnov; Fr. Skalka, Domanřn, Bystřice; Jacob Petr, Nebřtych, Velká Byteř; Joseph Borek, Horní Loučka, Tiřnov.

P. O. Fairfield:

Václav Vlk, Tvrzice, Volyň; Florian Čermák, Konopiřtě, Prachatic; Vojtěch Janda, Doubrava, Vl. Březí; John Peřek, Tvrzice, Volyň; Fr. Zlatkovský, Strařek, Bystřice; Joseph and Frank Loup, Strařek, Bystřice; John Sláma, Tři Studně, Nové Město.

P. O. Spring Ranch:

Čeněk Hubáček, Janovice, Bystřice; Ignác Mazour, Kaly, Tiřnov; Severin Pavelka, Štěpánovice, Tiřnov; Joseph and Frank Koukal, Diviřov, Bystřice; Matěj Čarda, Hrdlořezy, Třeboň; Ignác Friček, Plasy, Královice; Joseph Střítecký, Dolní Ůjezd, Litomyřl; Frank Nejezchleb, Babice, Brno; Marie Hlavatý, Chvalovice; Enos Svoboda, Albrechtice, Bystřice.

Webster County - 1874

This also is one of the counties containing small settlements that have never grown to any proportions. However, the Czech pioneers here have gained fame in Nebraska literature, for it is about them that Miss Willa Cather has written with such rare understanding and sympathy. Black Hawk in her book "My Antónia" is Red Cloud, her own home town. It is very unusual for an American, be he or she ever so kindly and broadminded, to entirely grasp the psychology of a foreign people, but Miss Cather has done it thoroughly.

Czechs in this county live around Red Cloud, Bladen and Blue Hill.

1874—The Following Came:

Jacob Polnický, born in Kojetín, Německý Brod; John Havel, Smrdov, Habry.

1876—The Following Came:

Matěj Kudrna, Matěj Štrobl, John Zajíc, Joseph Bárta—all from Smrdov, Habry; Joseph Šídlo, Třebíč, Moravia.

All of these settled five to eight miles south of Red Cloud. In the early nineties the following were living there:

In Red Cloud:

John Polnický, born in Kojetín, Čáslav; Frank Strobl, Smrdov, Habry; Joseph Kubíček, Všebrady, Plzeň.

P. O. Red Cloud:

Anton Sadflek, unknown; Joseph Šídlo, Třebíč, Jihlava; Matěj Vavříčka, Matěj Štrobl, Frank Bárta, M. Kudrna, John Havel, Jos. Kudrna, Joseph Jelfnek, John Zajíc—all from Smrdov, Habry; Joseph Pavlík, Kojetín, Čáslav; Joseph Polnický, Kojetín.



John Polnický

P. O. Bladen:

Rudolph Zajíček, Újezd, Zbirov; Frank and Václav Zítek, Drozdov, Hořov; V. Hubatka, Karez; Frank Souček, Volešinky, Bystřice.

P. O. Blue Hill:

K. Lukáš, Ostrov, Žd'ár; F. Mazel, Volešinky, Bystřice; J. Hubáček, Janovice, Bystřice; V. Heřman, Žd'ár; Fr. Zelený, Ostrov, Žd'ár; Karel Novák, Šímanov; John Dušek, B. Lhota, Ledec; Joseph Pavelka, B. Lhota, Ledec; Florian Hájek, Ostrov, Žd'ár.

At the present time there are about twenty-five families around Red Cloud and twenty more between Bladen and Blue Hill.

Howard County - 1875

Howard County was organized when a bill, authorizing same, was passed in our legislature March 28, 1871. The Czech colony in this county was established with the aid of the Slovakia Colonization Club in Omaha, mention of which has been made in the introduction. In March, 1875, Václav L. Vodička and Matěj Němec of Omaha and Vavřínek Dobeš of New Prague, Minn., as committee were sent out to investigate suitable lands for a colony. They