U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

LAND DESCRIPTION DIAGRAM

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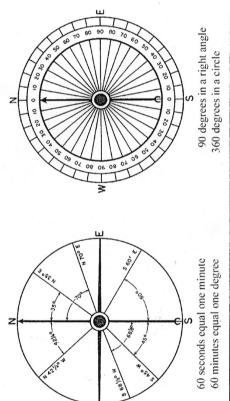
Diagram showing division of tract into Townships

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Sectional map of Township showing adjoining Sections



Diagram illustrating division of Fractional Section into Government Lots



BO RODS	1/2 NE 1/4 80 ACRES		1320 FT. N 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4	20 ACRES S 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4	20 ACRES	NE 1/4 SE 1/4		% 38 %	4
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Table of Land Measurements

SQUARE MEASURE	144 sq. in. = 1 sq. foot 9 sq. feet = 1 sq. yard 30½ sq. yds. = 1 sq. rod 16 sq. rods = 1 sq. chain 1 sq. rod = 272½ sq. ft. 1 sq. ch. = 4356 sq. ft. 10 sq. chs. = 1 acre 10 sq. rods = 1 acre 160 sq. rods = 1 acre 4840 sq. yds. = 1 acre 4840 sq. yds. = 1 acre 640 acres = 1 sq. mile 1 sq. mile = 1 section 36 sq. miles = 1 Twp. 6 miles sq. = 1 Twp.
ASURE	1 link 1 foot 1 link 1 foot 33 inches 1 vara 1 yard 16 ½ feet 1 rod 1 chain 1 rod 1 chain 1 mile
LINEAR MEASURE	1 inch = 7.92 inches = 12 inches = 12 inches = 1 3/4 feet = 3 feet = 25 links = 25 links = 16½ feet = 5½ yards = 4 rods = 66 feet = 8000 links = 5280 feet = 5200 feet = 1760 yards = 16000 links = 160000 links = 1600000 links = 160000 links = 1600000 links = 160000 links = 1600000 links = 160000 links = 1600000 links = 1600000 links = 16000000 links = 160000000 links = 1600000000000000000000000000000000000

An Acre is:

660 feet x 66 feet.	160 square rods.	208' 8" square.
43,560 sq. feet.	165 feet x 264 feet.	198 feet x 220 feet.

or any rectangular tract, the product of the length and width of which totals 43,560 sq. ft.

Researching Your Home and the People Who Lived There

Sedgwick County Resource List Developed by Diana Staresinic-Deane

Resources

Finding the Legal Description of Your Property

- The legal description will appear on documents like the deed to your property, mortgages, and in abstracts.
- Use Sedgwick County's Property Appraisal's Search through the Appraiser's website: https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/appraiser/
- The Register of Deeds Office can also help you identify your legal description

Sedgwick County Register of Deeds Office

- https://www.sedgwickcounty.org/register-of-deeds/
- · Ownership history, plat maps, oil and gas leases, mortgages, sheriff's sales
- The Register of Deeds and staff keep the history of property transactions in the county, and they tend to love history!

U.S. Bureau of Land Management Tract Books

- The Kansas Historical Society has links to the KSHS Guide to Kansas Tract Books, and a link to where you can find the Tract Books online for free (you will need to create a free login)

 https://www.kshs.org/p/land-records-and-maps/11083
- The Bureau of Land Management has uploaded all early GLO maps, tract books, and other documents to their website: https://glorecords.blm.gov

Land Acknowledgement: Identifying Indigenous Nations

- Native Land: A Canadian non-profit with a searchable map of North American Indigenous nations. https://native-land.ca
- Code for Anchorage SMS service: text your ZIP code to (907) 312-5085 to learn about the populations who lived in your area

Early Maps

- Plat maps may be available at the Register of Deeds office (and possibly historical societies and libraries).
- Plat books are available online through:
 - The Kansas Historical Society at https://www.kansasmemory.org/ (free) (1882, 1905)
 - Historic Map Works at http://www.historicmapworks.com/ (free to look, \$ to print or download) (1882, 1962, 1978, plus oil maps from the 1950s and 1960s)
- Sanborn Fire Maps:
 - Online maps for Cheney (1893, 1899, 1905, 1911), Wichita (1884, 1886, 1887, 1892, 1897, 1903, 1914, 1935, & 1935 updated in 1950), Mulvane (1893, 1897, 1902, 1911, 1922, Sedgwick (1884, 1892, 1899, 1915)
 - Online through KU Spencer Research Library: https://digital.lib.ku.edu/ku-sanborn/root
 - Online through Library of Congress: https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/
- Other historic maps:
 - Early Kansas Territory maps, tribal lands, railroad maps, etc.: https://www.kansasmemory.org/
 - Kansas Historical Society visit the archives in person
 - Local historical societies

U.S. and Kansas Census Records

- Available free through Kansas State Library at http://kslib.info/221/Online-Databases (click on Heritage Quest)
- More extensive collections are available at Ancestry.com (\$)

City Directories

- Not every city or town has historic directories
- Available at libraries, genealogical societies, historical societies
- Names (not businesses or reverse addresses) are searchable in Ancestry.com (\$)

Probates/Wills

- Contact Sedgwick County District Court; probates and wills are public record
- Sometimes records are available in libraries or historical societies
- Records searchable by name are available at Ancestry.com (\$)

Vital Statistics

- County records are public; state records are not. Most county records end in the early 1910s. Depending on the
 county, pre-1911 records may have been donated to local historical societies or, sadly, destroyed.
- Some information can be found at Familysearch.org: https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Kansas_Online_Genealogy_Records
- More can be found at Ancestry.com (\$)

Cemetery Records

- Public libraries and historical societies, county clerk or register of deeds
- Findagrave.com

Other Records and Photographs

- · Yearbooks are available at the historical societies and museums
- Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum: https://www.wichitahistory.org/
- Wichita Genealogical Society: https://wichitagensoc.org/
- Wichita State University-University Libraries-Special Collections: https://libraries.wichita.edu/sc/home
- Wichita Public Library: https://www.wichitalibrary.org/Research/LocalHistory
- Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society: https://mhgswichita.org/
- Other local historical societies
- Kansas Historical Society: https://www.kansasmemory.org/
- K-State Hale Library Kansas Agricultural and Rural Life Publications Digital Collection: https://lib.kstate.edu/research-find/digital-archives/
- K-State Chapman Center for Rural Studies: https://www.k-state.edu/chapman/
- University of Kansas image collections: https://digital.lib.ku.edu/islandora/root
- Wichita Photo Archives: https://www.wichitahistory.org/discover/exhibits/photo-archive/
- Local Facebook groups dedicated to history, abandoned buildings, historic photos
- Cutler's History of Kansas (1883) includes local history and biographies of early residents, businesses, and communities https://www.kancoll.org/books/cutler/

Newspapers

- Searchable content for Kansas papers available through the Kansas Historical Society at https://www.kshs.org/p/kansas-digital-newspaper-program/16126
- Microfilm through libraries and historical societies
- Subscriptions available through newspapers.com and newspaperarchives.com

Architecture

A Field Guide to American Houses (Revised): The Definitive Guide to Identifying and Understanding America's
 Domestic Architecture by Virginia McAlester, Lee McAlester (book)

 An easy-to-use guide that will help you identify your house architecturally; The revised edition includes information on the development of neighborhoods.

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