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Office of Undersheriff Established

PRIVATE LAWS OF THE TERRITORY OF KANSAS 1858

Begun at the city of Lecompton the first January of 1858 and concluded at the city of Lawrence K.T.

The authors of the Private Laws of the Territory of Kansas had established that each county in the territory should have a sheriff with duties that only the sheriff could perform. As only the sheriff could perform such functions, a remedy for the absence or inability of the appointed sheriff had to be devised. The solution was provided in Sections 67 and 68 as shown below.

Sec 67. The sheriff of each county shall, as soon as may be after entering office, appoint some proper person, under the sheriff of said county, who shall also be a general deputy, to hold, during the pleasure of the sheriff; and as often as a vacancy shall occur in the office of under sheriff, or he become incapable of executing the same, another shall, in like manner, be appointed in his place.

Sec 68. Whenever a vacancy occur in the office of sheriff of any county, the under sheriff of such county shall, in all things, execute of office of sheriff until a sheriff shall be elected and qualified, and any default or malfeasance in office of such under sheriff, in the mean time as well as before such vacancy, shall be deemed as a breach of the condition of the bond given by the sheriff who appointed him, and also a breach of the condition of the bond executed by such under sheriff, to the sheriff by whom he was appointed.



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**Shawnee County Sheriff
Richard W. Barta**



**Shawnee County Undersheriff
Herman T. Jones**

Sheriffs & Undersheriffs

1800's

#	Sheriff	Start	End	#	Undersheriff	Start	End
1	George W. Berry	08/25/1855					
2	John Wesley Horner	09/24/1855	10/20/1856		No Undersheriff		
3	Benjamin D. Castleman	10/00/1856	03/23/1857		No Undersheriff		
4	James B. Whittaker	03/00/1857	11/30/1857		No Undersheriff		
5	Jehial Tyler	11/30/1857	03/00/1859		No Undersheriff		
6	Thomas W. Maires	03/00/1859	1/8/1860		No Undersheriff		
7	Alonzo H. Hale	1/9/1860	1/10/1864	1	James A. Hickey	1/9/1860	1/10/1864
8	Charles C. Whiting	1/11/1864	1/12/1868		No Undersheriff		
9	Sherman Bodwell	1/13/1868	1/9/1870		James A. Hickey	1/13/1868	1/9/1870
10	Chester Thomas Jr.	1/10/1870	1/11/1874	2	Henry C. Lindsey	1/10/1870	1/11/1874
11	Spencer P. Wade	1/12/1874	1/13/1878	3	W.K. Gilpatrick	1/12/1874	1/13/1878
12	Willis D. Disbrow	1/14/1878	1/8/1882	4	John A. McCall	1/14/1878	1/8/1882
13	Horace E. Bush	1/9/1882	1/13/1884		No Undersheriff		
	Chester Thomas Jr.	1/14/1884	1/10/1886	5	Willis D. Disbrow	1/14/1884	1/10/1886
14	Andrew M. Fuller	1/11/1886	1/12/1890		Willis D. Disbrow	1/11/1886	1/12/1890
15	John M. Wilkerson	1/13/1890	1/7/1894		Willis D. Disbrow	1/13/1890	7/6/1890
				6	David N. Burdge	7/7/1890	1/7/1894
16	David N. Burdge	1/8/1894	1/12/1896	7	Thomas C. Wilkerson	1/8/1894	1/12/1896
17	Robert B. Kepley	1/13/1896	1/9/1898	8	Albertus T. Lucas	1/13/1896	1/9/1898

1900's

18	Porter S. Cook	1/10/1898	1/11/1903	9	William H. Williams	1/10/1898	1/11/1903
19	Albertus T. Lucas	1/12/1903	1/13/1907	10	G.W. Betts	1/12/1903	4/6/1905
				11	John E. Lucas	4/7/1905	1/13/1907
	John M. Wilkerson	1/14/1907	7/12/1909	12	Jonathan D. Norton	1/14/1907	7/13/1909

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1900's Continued

20 Jonathan D. Norton 7/13/1909 1/12/1913	13 Henry M. Bayless 8/4/1909 8/30/1912 14 Josiah Ross 11/5/1912 1/12/1913
21 Lewellyn L. Kiene 1/13/1913 1/7/1917	15 Hugh Larimer 1/13/1913 1/7/1917
22 Hugh Larimer 1/8/1917 1/9/1921	16 Robert Miler 1/8/1917 6/21/1920 17 Clyde O. Tresner 6/23/1920 8/1/1920 Robert Miler 8/2/1920 12/1/1920 18 Gilbert W. Larimer 12/1/1920 1/9/1921
23 Robert Miler 1/10/1921 1/11/1925	19 Oscar W. Carlson 1/10/1921 1/11/1925
24 Oscar W. Carlson 1/12/1925 1/13/1929	20 Wayne Horning 1/12/1925 1/13/1929
25 Wayne Horning 1/14/1929 1/8/1933	21 Everett T. Probasco 1/14/1929 9/15/1932
26 Dean F. Rogers 1/9/1933 1/10/1937	No Undersheriff
27 Roy A. Boast 1/11/1937 1/12/1941	22 George W. Hornbeck 2/1/1937 2/15/1939 23 Kelly Richetti 2/16/1939 1/12/1941
28 William R. Frey 1/13/1941 10/23/1943	George W. Hornbeck 1/13/1941 10/24/1943
29 Elburn M. Beal 10/25/1943 1/12/1947	24 Gerald T. Kreipe 10/27/1943 1/12/1947
30 William P. Coates 1/13/1947 1/7/1951	25 Edward A. Kiene 1/13/1947 1/7/1951
31 Edward A. Kiene 1/8/1951 1/9/1955	26 William P. Coates 1/8/1951 5/10/1952 Gerald T. Kreipe 8/1/1952 6/23/1954 Gerald T. Kreipe 8/5/1954 1/9/1955
32 Allen Engler 1/10/1955 1/12/1957	27 Frank B. Wilcox 1/10/1955 3/1/1955 28 Vernon L. Robinson 3/1/1955 1/13/1957
33 Jerome E. Brown 1/14/1957 1/8/1961	George W. Hornbeck 1/14/1957 5/31/1960 Gerald T. Kreipe 6/1/1960 1/8/1961
34 Vernon L. Robinson 1/9/1961 9/17/1964	29 Repps H. Campbell 1/9/1961 2/15/1963 30 Donald G. Becker 2/16/1963 2/12/1964 31 F.T. "Jim" Chaffee 2/13/1964 9/21/1964
35 Lewis H. Falley 9/22/1964 1/10/1965	32 Jasper R. Wilson 9/22/1964 1/10/1965

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1900's Continued

36 F.T. "Jim" Chaffee 1/11/1965 1/8/1967	33 John H. Lawson Jr. 1/11/1965 1/8/1967
37 Emil E. Stawitz 1/9/1967 1/10/1971	34 Harvey C. Bahner 1/9/1967 5/1/1970 35 Jerome E. Brown 5/6/1970 1/10/1971
F.T. "Jim" Chaffee 1/11/1971 1/9/1981	36 Robert J. Inman 1/11/1971 4/30/1973 37 Robert Kendall Myers 5/1/1973 11/18/1973 38 Robert J. Jackson 11/19/1973 5/30/1975 39 Eugene M. Andrews 6/2/1975 6/29/1976 40 Edward C. Smith 7/19/1976 1/9/1981
38 Edwin E. Ritchie 1/12/1981 1/10/1993	Robert J. Inman 1/14/1981 11/29/1984 41 Dale Collie 11/30/1984 1/19/1991 42 Thomas E. Sargent 1/20/1991 1/10/1993
39 David R. Meneley 1/11/1993 2/24/2000	43 William Dickerson 1/11/1993 2/27/1995 44 William C. Huffmier 6/5/1995 2/24/2000

2000's

40 Richard W. Barta 3/14/2000 Active	45 Daniel J. Breci 11/27/2000 6/16/2001 46 Donald E. Burns 8/27/2001 8/31/2007 47 Scott J. Holladay 9/3/2007 3/11/2011 48 Herman T. Jones 3/28/2011 Active
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JAMES A. HICKEY
Undersheriff

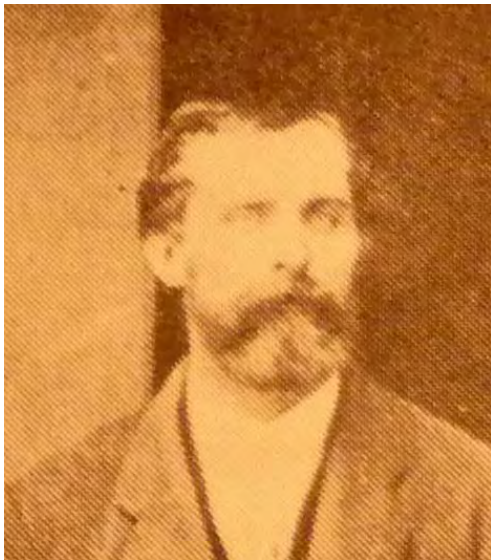
For
Sheriff Alonzo Hale
Jan 9, 1860- Jan 10, 1864

Sheriff Sherman Bodwell
Jan 13, 1868 – Jan 9, 1870

January 15, 1868
Kansas State Record

All Sorts of Items

Sheriff Bodwell has done well in appointing J. A. Hickey his deputy. He is an honest man and will make an efficient officer. He has had experience having served in the capacity under Sheriff Hale.



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Undersheriff James Hickey
First Undersheriff

James A. Hickey was one of the founders of Topeka and the one to live the longest in the city, dying June 2, 1913 from complications of a fall from a ladder at the age of 79.

Hickey was born in Ireland, October 28, 1833 and came to the US when he was 12 years old to escape Ireland's Potato Famine. As his father died on the ship during the voyage, Hickey landed in a new country as an orphan.

The New England Emigrant Aid Society helped to finance Hickey's journey to Kansas Territory at age 33. His part of the bargain for travel expenses was to vote for Kansas to be a Free State even as Southerners paid for young men to come to Kansas to vote Kansas a Slave State. No wonder Kansas was known during those times as 'Bleeding Kansas'.

At the time of his death, James Hickey lived on his ten acre fruit farm at 21st and Madison. Before that, Hickey and his wife lived at 412 Woodlawn in Potwin Place.

Hickey had many adventures as he served as deputy sheriff for twenty years, off and on under various sheriffs. In October of 1863 as A.H. Hale was finishing his term as sheriff, Hickey announced that he would be a candidate for sheriff. While the other candidates campaigned, Hickey journeyed out of state to visit his mother who had remarried and moved to the US. Hickey lost the election.

In the earlier years it was expected that an Undersheriff would be elected the next Sheriff as a Sheriff could only serve two terms of two years each. James A. Hickey didn't get to serve as Sheriff.



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Topeka Founders

Standing (L to R) James A. Hickey, Enoch Chase, Daniel H. Horne. Seated (L to R) Frye W. Giles, George O. Wilmarth, Brigdon, and Cyrus K. Holliday

HENRY C. LINDSEY Undersheriff

**For
Sheriff Chester Thomas Jr.
Jan 10, 1870 – Jan 11, 1874**



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Undersheriff Henry Lindsey

Appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Chester Thomas Jr., according to the January 12, 1870 KANSAS STATE RECORD. The newspaper referred to Lindsey as 'Hank' and mentioned that Lindsey had been a soldier in the Civil War and had fought in Indian battles in the Kansas Battalion.

Henry C. Lindsey was born in Iowa City, Iowa August 27, 1844 and came to Kansas with his parents in 1856. The Lindsey's purchased lots at 112 West 5th Street where they built and opened a livery that H. C. Lindsey operated until motor cars made the business obsolete in 1912.

Lindsey's military career began when he enlisted as a drummer in Company E, 11th Kansas Cavalry in August 1862. The next month, September 1862, Lindsey became a corporal and then was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in April of 1864. After being discharged from the Army in 1865, Lindsey enjoyed only two years as a civilian before he was commissioned as Captain in charge of Company A, 11th Kansas Cavalry, serving only from July to November 1867 fighting Indians in Western Kansas before he once again returned to civilian life.

When the Spanish American War began, Lindsey was commissioned once again, this time as a Colonel, but the war was so short that he was mustered out of the Army once again in 1898.

Lindsey's public service began with his appointment as Undersheriff of Shawnee County for four years and continued as he was a County Commissioner for six years and Chief of Police in the city of Topeka for eight years.

Lindsey operated his family livery stable for 48 years as he served in the military and in public service.

Lindsey died in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Katherine Lindsey Perkins at 1178 Fillmore Street of a

cerebral hemorrhage January 3, 1927. He was buried at the Topeka Cemetery.

**January 11, 1874
The Commonwealth**

Spencer Wade, the new Sheriff, has appointed Kerry Gilpatrick his special deputy, and Mr. Dawson as jailor in place of Mr. Disbrow. The new officers will doubtless fill the situations assigned them with great credit.

**WILLIAM K. GILPATRICK
Undersheriff**

**For
Sheriff Spencer P. Wade
Jan 12, 1874 – Jan 13, 1878**

W. K. "Kerry" Gilpatrick settled near Brownsville, now Auburn, with his two brothers in 1854 or 1855. Gilpatrick served as undersheriff during a time of several jailbreaks in the Shawnee County Jail which was located in the courthouse on the southwest corner of 4th and Kansas.



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Shawnee County Courthouse

The jail was located in the basement of the courthouse and had barred windows that were exposed at sidewalk level on the north side, or the 4th Street side. Prisoners could have conversations with people on the

sidewalk and articles could sometimes be passed through the bars.

Jailors often wore their side arms into the jail area and were subject to being overpowered and relieved of their weapons. Other escapes occurred through the shafts of pit toilets in the courthouse that were cleaned through doors in the alley.

The COMMONWEALTH newspaper of December 7, 1875 reports that one of Gilpatrick's brothers died in San Bernardino, California when a loaded wagon he was driving with three oxen struck a tree with a rear wheel. The tree broke off and fell on Gilpatrick's brother, killing him instantly.

**JOHN A. McCALL
Undersheriff**

**For
Sheriff Willis D. Disbrow
Jan 14, 1878 – Jan 8, 1882**



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Undersheriff J. A. McCall

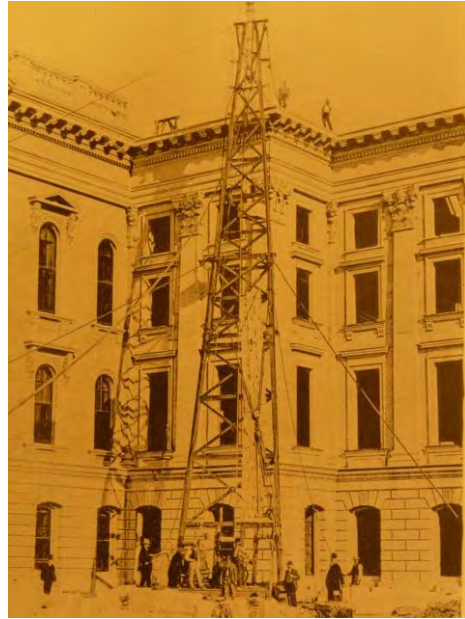
John A. McCall settled in Topeka in 1872 and became a well known and respected citizen and public servant in Topeka until he died July 28, 1920.

McCall was sworn in as deputy and undersheriff when Willis Disbrow took office in January 1878. In the fall of 1881, McCall ran for sheriff against Horace E. Bush.

The election of 1881 was a close one between Bush and McCall with each candidate at different times being declared the winner of the election. Bush was finally declared the winner by only a few votes and McCall contested the results. A special Contest Court was convened to investigate the election and found that both candidates had made illegal promises during the campaign and that several unregistered voters had participated by voting in the election. The Contest Court held that so many irregularities existed in the sheriff's election that the election was void. The Court ruled that each candidate should serve one year of the two year term. Kansas Governor St. John solved the dispute by appointing H. E. Bush to serve the two year term.

McCall was known in Topeka as an inventor, inventing the 'Flambeau Torch'. The 'Flambeau Torch' was an oil fueled torch that was used by marchers in a night time parade. The torch was patented and manufactured in Topeka for use across the country.

Another invention by McCall was an electric elevator to raise materials to the high levels of the new statehouse being built in Topeka. Contractors used the electric elevator, which was mounted on an 'A' frame, for many years after its invention.



(Topeka Picturesque & Descriptive
Art Publishing Company
Capital City - Topeka 1888-89)

Electric Derrick

McCall left Topeka around 1900 and worked as a construction contractor in Oklahoma, returning to Topeka to work once again for the Sheriff's Department, this time as a jailor just a couple of years before he died in 1920. He is buried in Topeka Cemetery.

WILLIS D. DISBROW Undersheriff

For

**Sheriff Chester Thomas Jr.
Jan 14, 1884 - Jan 10, 1886**

**Sheriff Andrew M. Fuller
Jan 11, 1886 - Jan 12, 1890**

**Sheriff John M. Wilkerson
Jan 13, 1890 - Jul 6, 1890**



(The Topeka State Journal)

**Undersheriff Willis Disbrow
Served as deputy, undersheriff and
jailor for various sheriffs for 25 years.**

Willis Disbrow was born in 1836 in Clinton County, Ohio. He moved to Shawnee County, Kansas Territory with his parents in 1858 to a farm seven miles southwest of Topeka where the family developed a farm.

When the Civil War broke out, Disbrow enlisted in the 2nd Battalion of the Kansas State Militia for one year and was mustered out as a sergeant. Within a short time, Disbrow enlisted in Company I, Sixth Kansas Volunteer Cavalry and served until the end of the war. He was discharged again as a sergeant.

In 1870, Chester Thomas Jr. was elected Sheriff of Shawnee County and appointed Willis D. Disbrow as county jailor. From that time onward, Disbrow served as deputy, undersheriff, City Marshal, jailor, and policeman for twenty-five years under various sheriffs and police chiefs. Willis Disbrow was elected for his own two terms as Sheriff of Shawnee County from 1878-1882.

Willis Disbrow is featured in several newspaper stories of jailbreaks, disturbances, and arrests during his 25 years of public service. He was admired and respected by the Shawnee County citizens he served in so many ways.

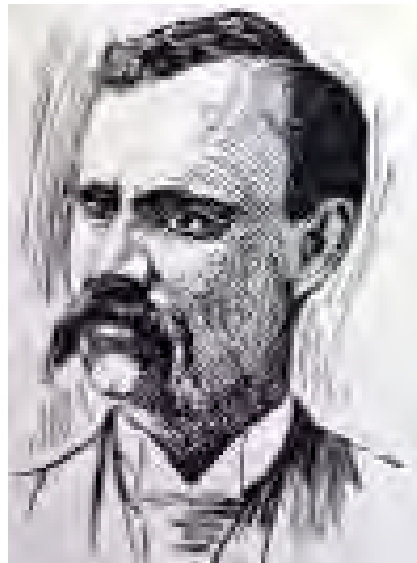
Willis D. Disbrow died at his home at 309 Western on June 27, 1900 and was buried at Topeka Cemetery after a funeral service at the First Methodist Church.

**July 7, 1890
The Topeka State Journal**

D. N. Burdge was today appointed undersheriff of Shawnee County by Sheriff Wilkerson, vice W. D. Disbrow

**DAVID N. BURDGE
Undersheriff**

**For
Sheriff John M. Wilkerson
Jul 7, 1890 – Jan 7, 1894**



(Topeka State Journal)

Undersheriff David Burdge

David Neil Burdge was born in Fulton County Indiana in 1849 and moved to Shawnee County Kansas in 1874.

Burdge served two terms as County Clerk for Shawnee County in the 1880's before being appointed Undersheriff by John Wilkerson in 1890.

After serving four years as Undersheriff, David Burdge ran for Sheriff and was elected for one two year term in 1894. He was defeated in his bid for a second term by Robert B. Kepley.

After leaving the Sheriff's Department, David Burdge became employed by the Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe Railway as a Secret Service officer where he was employed until he became ill with 'Bright's Disease'. David N. Burdge died at his home at 407 Woodlawn October 30, 1908 at age 59 and was buried at Topeka Cemetery.

January 3, 1894
The Topeka Daily Capital

News About Town

Sheriff-elect Dave Burdge announced yesterday that he had appointed T. C. Wilkerson Undersheriff and Dan Jones Deputy Sheriff.

THOMAS C. WILKERSON
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff David N. Burdge
Jan 8, 1894 - Jan 12, 1896

Thomas C. Wilkerson was born in Buchanan County Missouri in 1855. He came to Topeka with his parents in 1865 and lived near Topeka until he moved to a farm near Lawrence, Kansas in 1919.

Wilkerson died at his home near Lawrence as the Topeka State Journal reported February 23, 1935. He was buried in Rochester Cemetery north of Topeka.

ALBERTUS T. LUCAS
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Robert B. Kepley
Jan 13, 1896 - Jan 9, 1898



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Undersheriff "Bert" Lucas

A. T. "Bert" Lucas was born in Brimfield, Ill in July 1867. The Lucas family moved to Mission Township in Shawnee County in 1868. Lucas married Mary Miller, the daughter of former Topeka mayor Bradford Miller, in January 1896.

Lucas was a farmer, ran a livery service, and managed the money wagon for Wells Fargo Express Company. A. T. Lucas also ran a laundry in Topeka. Lucas served two years as Undersheriff for Sheriff Robert B. Kepley.

Lucas continued a practice that was already in place by successfully running for Sheriff of Shawnee County after his boss had served his terms. 'Bert' Lucas served as Sheriff of Shawnee County from 1903 through 1906.

Albertus T. Lucas died May 23, 1911 at age 44 in Topeka, Kansas according to The Topeka State Journal of May 25, 1911. He was survived by his wife, Mary Miller Lucas of the home.

WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Porter S. Cook
Jan 10, 1898 - Jan 11, 1903

W. H. 'Hal' Williams was born December 1854 in Hocking, Ohio. Williams came to Kansas with his parents in 1858. He married Eliza McKeever in 1874.

After serving as Undersheriff for Porter S. Cook for four years, Williams entered the Republican primary as a candidate for the party's nomination for Sheriff. Williams was defeated by former Undersheriff 'Bert' Lucas with a vote of 2789 for Lucas and 1893 for Williams.

'Hal' Williams then went into the real estate business with J. E. Shaffer in an office at 106 East Sixth Street.

GRANVILLE W. BETTS
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Albertus T. Lucas
Jan 12, 1903 - Apr 6, 1905

Granville 'Paddy' W. Betts was born October 1858 in Piatt County, Illinois, the eighth of ten children born to his parents. The Betts family moved to Atchison, Kansas in 1860 where they wintered before moving to a farm just north of Grantville, Jefferson County Kansas.



(The Topeka Daily Capital)

Undersheriff G. W. Betts

It 1887, Betts began employment with the Santa Fe Railway as a blacksmith. After working for the Santa Fe Railway for several years, Betts joined the Topeka Police Department where he worked as a sergeant for four years before being appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Lucas. G. W. Betts married Anna Kimmer in 1889 and they resided at 424 Grant Street in North Topeka.

Betts resigned as Undersheriff in April 1905 so that Bert Lucas's father, John Lucas could fill the position for the remainder of Bert Lucas's term.

In December of 1905, Betts sought the Republican nomination for his own term of office as Sheriff of Shawnee County, but failed to get the nomination.

G. W. Betts was appointed administrator of the Shawnee County Poor Farm in 1908 and served in that capacity for several years. The farm was located on what is now known as the North Community Center on NW 43rd Street.

April 4, 1905
The Topeka State Journal

Paddy Betts Quits

**John Lucas Succeed Him as
Undersheriff**

Undersheriff G. W. Betts handed in his resignation to Sheriff Lucas last night and this morning Lucas appointed his father, John Lucas to be Undersheriff.

The change in the sheriff's force came as a surprise. Betts has been Undersheriff since January 1903, when Lucas assumed the office of Sheriff. Before going into politics, Betts was for many years in the Santa Fe Shops. His first political appointment was a sergeant on the police force. It is understood he is to be one of the police sergeants.

John Lucas has had years of experience as a peace officer in Topeka. He has been on the police force for several years and when he resigned this morning to become Undersheriff it was unexpected. John Lucas was for many years constable in the justice courts. He is one of the most capable and successful policemen the city has had.

JOHN E. LUCAS
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Albertus T. Lucas
Apr 7, 1905 - Jan 13, 1907

John E. Lucas was born in Warsaw, Indiana in 1843. He served in Company D, 8th Illinois volunteer infantry during the Civil War. In 1868 Lucas moved his family to Shawnee County Kansas and farmed in Mission and Auburn townships.



(The Topeka State Journal)

Undersheriff John Lucas

John Lucas served as a police officer for the Topeka Police Department for several years before his son, Albertus 'Bert' T. Lucas appointed his father to replace G. W. Betts as Undersheriff of Shawnee County in April of 1905. John Lucas served through the remainder of his son's second term of office.

John E. Lucas died at the home of his son, Fred Lucas, September 18, 1914. He was buried in Topeka Cemetery.

JONATHAN D. NORTON
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff John M. Wilkerson
Jan 14, 1907 – Jul 13, 1909



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Underheriff J. D. Norton

Jonathan Dorr Norton was born in Harpersfield, Ohio in October 1841. Norton was rejected for active military service during the Civil War because of blindness in one eye, the result of a childhood accident. Norton was accepted by the Ohio National Guard and attained the rank of Colonel in that service.

J. D. Norton became cashier for the Cleveland and Toledo Railroad in Cleveland, Ohio and was elected to the Ohio Senate for one term of two years. In 1887, Norton moved to Topeka, Kansas where he served in the treasury department of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway for five years before assuming duties in the fuel department of the same railway.

In 1906, after being elected Sheriff, John M. Wilkerson offered the Undersheriff position to C. W. Thompson, a North Topeka grocer. Thompson declined the job and Wilkerson appointed Jonathan D. Norton.

In July, 1909, Sheriff Wilkerson was forced to resign and Undersheriff J. D. Norton was appointed to serve the remainder of Wilkerson's term.

Jonathan D. Norton died following a fall on ice January 13, 1922 at his home at 618 West Eighth Avenue. He was buried in Topeka Cemetery.

HIRAM M. BAYLESS
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Jonathan D. Norton
Aug 4, 1909 – Aug 30, 1912



(The Topeka State Journal)

Undersheriff "Henry" Bayless

Hiram Montgomery Bayless was born in Montgomery County, Alabama February 5, 1848. He came to Kansas in 1860. On February 20, 1864, he enrolled as a private in Company M Sixteenth regiment of Kansas Calvary, and received an honorable discharge at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1865. Mr. Bayless owned and lived on a farm in Auburn Township before he was appointed to the office of undersheriff in 1909, after Jonathan D. Norton was selected Sheriff.

Bayless died in September 1912 at his home at 1018 West Sixth Street after a long illness that caused him to resign as Undersheriff and jailor shortly before his death. He was buried in Foster Cemetery which is on SW Burlingame Road near I-470.

November 5, 1912
The Topeka State Journal

Snap Shots at Home News

Deputy Sheriff Josiah Ross has been promoted to the capacity of undersheriff, taking the place of former Undersheriff Henry M. Bayless, who died recently. The announcement of the promotion was announced by Sheriff Jonathan D. Norton this morning. Ross is one of the oldest peach officers in point of service in the county. He has served many years as a member of the Topeka Police force, and also has served as constable and deputy sheriff.

JOSIAH ROSS
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Jonathan D. Norton
Nov 5, 1912 - Jan 12, 1913

Josiah Ross was appointed Undersheriff shortly after the death of his predecessor, Henry M. Bayless. Ross only had two months to serve as Sheriff Norton was finishing his second term.

Josiah Ross was a career law enforcement officer, serving as a Topeka Police detective and Chief of Police with periods served as Deputy Sheriff.



(Topeka Police Department)

Undersheriff Josiah Ross

Ross died March 8, 1916 at his home at 315 Jackson and was buried at Topeka Cemetery.

HUGH LARIMER
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Lewellyn L. Kiene
Jan 13, 1913 - Jan 7, 1917

Hugh Larimer was born in 1884 in Danville, Kentucky. Larimer was appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Lewellyn L. Kiene in January 1913.

As Undersheriff, Larimer had many adventures as reported in the newspapers of the time. On one occasion,

Larimer was searching a house for a wanted man when he casually opened a closet door in the residence. The outlaw was hiding in the closet and when the door opened, the man shoved a cheap pistol against Larimer's abdomen and pulled the trigger. The firing pin failed to hit the primer and the weapon merely clicked, causing no injury.



(Kansas State Historical Society)

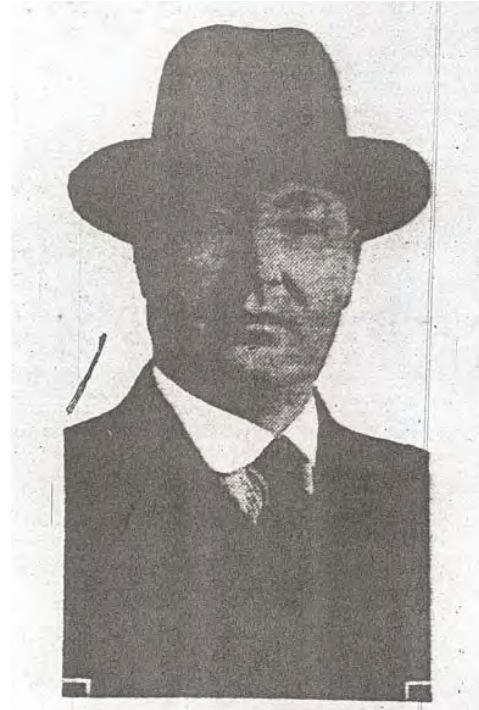
Undersheriff Hugh Larimer

On another occasion, as Shawnee County Sheriff, Larimer and other officers were investigating a house south of Topeka where the illegal trafficking in alcohol was suspected when one of the suspects shot Larimer in the right shoulder. Undersheriff Robert Miler and two Kansas City officers shot and killed the shooter in Kansas City as the shooter tried to escape.

After serving his terms as Sheriff, Larimer moved to Oklahoma where he was employed in the legal department by the Phillips Petroleum Company. Larimer died in October 1958 in Oklahoma City.

ROBERT MILER **Undersheriff**

For
Sheriff Hugh Larimer
Jan 8, 1917 - Jun 21, 1920
Aug 2, 1920 - Dec 1, 1920



(The Topeka Daily Capital)

Undersheriff Robert Miler

Robert Miler was born in February 1871 in Osceola, Iowa and moved to Kansas in 1898. Miler served as a city marshal in Leoti, Kansas before moving to Topeka, Kansas where he became a Topeka police officer. After gaining experience with the Topeka Police Department, Miler moved to Kansas City where he served as a detective. Later, Miler became employed by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway in Chicago as a special agent in charge of the rail yards in Chicago.

Miler returned to Topeka in 1916 and was appointed Undersheriff by Hugh Larimer for two terms.

When Sheriff Larimer was shot and wounded during an investigation, Robert Miler followed the shooter to Kansas City and with two Kansas City detectives shot Larimer's assailant in attempting an arrest.

In June 1920, Miler resigned as Undersheriff to organize his campaign for the fall election where he planned to run for sheriff. Robert Miler was supported by Hugh Larimer in his bid for election as Sheriff of Shawnee County and served two terms as Sheriff.

Robert Miler died October 24, 1934 at age 62 and was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery.

CLYDE O. TRESNER
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Hugh Larimer
Jun 23, 1920 - Aug 1, 1920

On June 22, 1920, The Topeka Daily Capital announced that Clyde Tresner had resigned as a detective on the Topeka Police Department to accept appointment as Undersheriff for Sheriff Hugh Larimer.

Robert Miler had served as Larimer's Undersheriff for nearly four years, but had resigned to prepare for his campaign for Miler's own terms as Sheriff of Shawnee County.

Clyde Tresner was born in Paris, Illinois in 1883 and moved with his parents to Topeka in 1884. In 1919, Tresner was appointed Chief of Detectives for the Topeka Police Department and was instrumental in installing the first fingerprinting system for the department before being appointed to finish Robert Miler's term as Undersheriff.



(The Topeka Daily Capital)

Undersheriff Clyde Tresner

Tresner held a number of important government posts after serving as Undersheriff, ending his career as Election Commissioner for the city of Topeka.

Clyde O. Tresner died in March of 1952 and was buried in Topeka Cemetery.

GILBERT W. LARIMER
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Hugh Larimer
Dec 1, 1920 - Jan 9, 1921

Gilbert W. Larimer, brother of Hugh Larimer was appointed Undersheriff to replace Clyde O. Tresner who, in turn, had been appointed to replace Robert Miler who had resigned to make his own run for Sheriff of Shawnee County.

G. W. Larimer was born in January 1881 in Danville, Kentucky and had lived in Topeka for over 70 years at the time of his death on July 22, 1960.

Larimer had retired as custodian of the Municipal Building in December of 1959.

G. W. Larimer was buried in Topeka Cemetery.

**January 11, 1921
The Topeka Daily Capital**

**Courthouse Officers Show Same Old
Faces**

**Sheriff Robert Miler appoints two
New Deputies and a Jailer
Others Retain Forces**

The only exception is in the Sheriffs Office where a new jailer and two new deputies were inducted. Sheriff Miler, Undersheriff for four years succeeded Hugh Larimer. He appointed Oscar Perkins and Robert Pendleton deputies and H. Taylor as night jailer. These three are the only new men in the office. Oscar Carlson, former deputy sheriff was appointed Undersheriff and C. W. Hixon succeeds R. O. Garrod as day jailer.

(the above is a portion of the article)

**OSCAR W. CARLSON
Undersheriff**

**For
Sheriff Robert Miler
Jan 10, 1921 - Jan 11, 1925**

Oscar Carlson had been a deputy in Hugh Larimer's administration for two years and had worked with Undersheriff Robert Miler when he was appointed Undersheriff when Miler took office as Sheriff in 1921.



(Kansas State Historical Society)

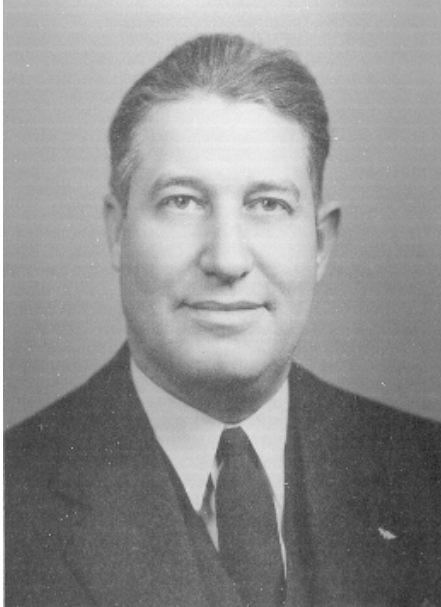
Undersheriff Oscar Carlson

Carlson served as Undersheriff for four years, or two terms, before he followed the pattern of other Undersheriffs of the time and was elected Sheriff for his own two term administration.

During Carlson's term as Sheriff, Shawnee County had paved several miles of roadway and residents complained of vehicles speeding. Carlson observed that Kansas law allowed 40 miles per hour which was 'too fast'. Carlson further observed that he had made several 'special' deputies in addition to the four regular deputies he hired. Carlson said that he expected the special deputies to help enforce the speeding laws.

WAYNE HORNING
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Oscar W. Carlson
Jan 12, 1925 - Jan 13, 1929



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Undersheriff Wayne Horning

Wayne Horning was hired as a deputy by Robert Miler and was assigned traffic enforcement on the new paved roads in Shawnee County. Rural residents complained that city people were driving out into the rural areas and were exceeding the Kansas 40 mile per hour speed limit.

After Oscar Carlson was elected Sheriff of Shawnee County, Horning was appointed Undersheriff, but still addressed the problem of speeders in rural Shawnee County. Wayne Horning was also known as an expert trap-shooter by fellow members of the Isaac Walton Gun Club which was located north of highway 24.

January 14, 1929
The Topeka Daily Capital

Probasco Appointed New Undersheriff

Motorcycle Officer is Promoted
by Horning

Appointment of Everett Probasco as Undersheriff was announced last night by Wayne Horning, who takes office as Sheriff today.

Probasco, like the new Sheriff started his career on the Sheriff's Force as a county motorcycle officer. He served as a motorcycle officer three and one half years under Oscar Carlson, but earned his promotion by distinguishing himself in working on other cases besides catching speeders. Horning declared that his Undersheriff is one of the best criminal men in this part of the country.

(the above is a portion of the article)

EVERETT T. PROBASCO
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Wayne Horning
Jan 14, 1929 - Sep 15, 1932



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Undersheriff Everett Probasco

Everett Truman Probasco was born in September 1901. Probasco served as a motorcycle deputy under Sheriff Robert Miler before being appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Wayne Horning who had also been a motorcycle deputy, but under Sheriff Hugh Larimer.

Probasco started an investigation which broke up a ring of motor car thieves and recovered 14 stolen cars. He played a prominent part in the capture of a ring of livestock thieves and captured a third worker. He also has the distinction of capturing the largest carload of liquor up to that time and did it alone.

Probasco was defeated in a field of 15 candidates for Sheriff in 1932 election.

Everett T. Probasco died in March of 1938 and is buried at Penwell-Gable Cemetery.

No Undersheriff

**For
Sheriff Dean Rogers
1/9/1933 - 1/10/1937**

**December 7, 1932
The Topeka Daily State Journal**

Two Stay on Job

**Bill Frey and Ed Mays Remain on
Sheriff's Force**

**Paul Anderson, Former Patrolman,
Chosen First Deputy**

When Sheriff Wayne Horning quits his office next month all but two of his deputies will leave with him. The two who will remain on the county pay roll are Bill Frey and Ed Mays, motorcycle patrolmen. However, Mays will serve as a deputy on foot and a new deputy was named to ride with Frey.

No Undersheriff has been named, Sheriff-Elect Dean Rogers announced today. However, Paul Anderson, whose name has been freely mentioned as the

probable Undersheriff, will be "first" deputy under the new sheriff and will draw only slightly less than the Undersheriff's salary.

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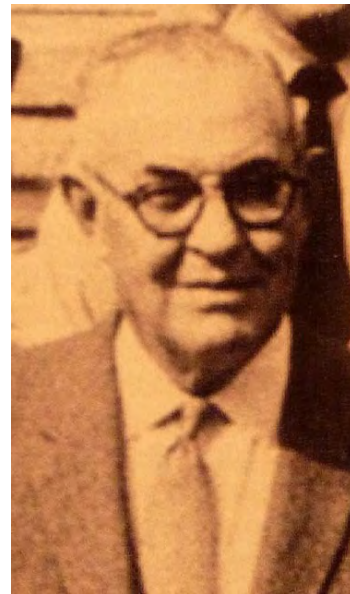
GEORGE W. HORNBECK Undersheriff

**For
Sheriff Roy Boast
Feb 1, 1937 - Feb 15, 1939**

**Sheriff William R. Frey
Jan 13, 1941 - Oct 24, 1943**

**Sheriff Jerome E. Brown
Jan 14, 1957 - May 31, 1960**

George Hornbeck was born in August 1892 in Weston, West Virginia and moved to Hiawatha, Kansas in 1910. Hornbeck enlisted in the Army for World War II in 1917 and served in France.



(Agency Photo)

Undersheriff George Hornbeck

After discharge from the army, Hornbeck moved to Topeka and worked construction as a painter. Later Hornbeck became Parks Commissioner for the City of Topeka for several years before being appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Roy Boast.

As Park Superintendent, Hornbeck supervised as many as 600 WPA workers on projects at Gage Park. Hornbeck retired in 1960 after serving three Sheriffs as Undersheriff. George W. Hornbeck died October 27, 1970 and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery.



(Photo provided by Jean Beal Fitzgibbons)

**Sheriff Roy A. Boast (seated)
Standing (L to R) Dep. Jerry Kreipe,
Undersheriff Hornbeck, Dep. William
Frey, and Dep. Elburn Beal (1938)**

**December 13, 1940
The Topeka Daily Capital**

**Frey Names Hornbeck
as his Under Sheriff**

George Hornbeck, Undersheriff, and Deputy under Sheriff Roy Boast, will be Undersheriff when William Frey becomes Sheriff in January, it was announced yesterday. Hornbeck has been a member of the Sheriff's Force four years.

Other members of Frey's force are Elburn Beal, Gerald Kreipe, Leo Boos, Miss Julia Cotton, Charles Bradbury, Danford, Smyth, Charles French and Dean Rogers. Mrs. Pearl Martin, widow of the late Sam Martin, will be Matron of the County jail. A. C. Newton will return as jailer.

**KELLY RICHETTI
Undersheriff**

**For
Sheriff Roy A. Boast
Feb 16, 1939 - Jan 12, 1941**

Kelly Richetti was appointed Undersheriff of Shawnee County by Sheriff Roy A. Boast in April 1939 when Undersheriff George Hornbeck resigned to run for Parks Commissioner of Topeka.



(The Topeka Daily Capital)

Undersheriff Kelly Richetti

Richetti died in August 1958 at age 62. At the time of his death, Richetti was chief evaluator for the motor car insurance division of the State Motor Vehicle Department.

GERALD T. KREIPE
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Elburn M. Beal
Oct 27, 1943 – Jan 12, 1947

Sheriff Edward E. Kiene
Aug 1, 1952 – Jun 23, 1954
Aug 5, 1954 – Jan 9, 1955

Sheriff Jerome E. Brown
Jun 1, 1960 – Jan 8, 1961.



(The Topeka Daily Capital)

Undersheriff Jerry Kreipe

When Sheriff William R. Frey resigned as Sheriff of Shawnee County in 1943 to enlist in the U.S. Navy during World War II, George Hornbeck was serving as Undersheriff. Elburn Beal was appointed Sheriff to replace William Frey and Hornbeck resigned as Undersheriff to allow Beal to appoint someone of his choosing. Beal would have preferred Hornbeck to stay in the position of Undersheriff, but Hornbeck refused. Elburn Beal then appointed Gerald T. Kreipe as Undersheriff of Shawnee County.

When William Coates resigned as Undersheriff in May of 1952, Sheriff Edward Kiene appointed Kreipe to complete Coates' term as Undersheriff.

Kreipe was called upon a third time to be Undersheriff, this occasion by Sheriff Jerome Brown, after George Hornbeck called in quits in late May 1960. Kreipe served the remaining six months as Undersheriff in Sheriff Brown's regime.

Gerald T. Kreipe was born in January 1906 on a farm near Tecumseh, Kansas. Kreipe was a farmer and served as a member of the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department for a total of 25 years during his working career. Kreipe later worked in the legal department of the State Highway Department until he retired in 1968.

Gerald Kreipe died June 18, 1976 and was buried in St. Peter's Cemetery in Big Springs, Kansas.

EDWARD E. KIENE
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff William P. Coates
Jan 13, 1947 – Jan 7, 1951

Edward A. Kiene was born in Valencia, Shawnee County Kansas in January 1906. Kiene's uncle was Sheriff L. L. Kiene of Shawnee County (1913-1916). Before being appointed Undersheriff by William Coates, Edward Kiene has served as clerk at the Topeka Police Department for six years.

Edward Kiene was elected Sheriff of Shawnee County in 1951 and served two terms. After leaving the Sheriff's Department, Kiene served as a parole officer for the State of Kansas until he retired in 1963. Kiene was a veteran of World War I, serving in Battery A, 130th Field Artillery, 35th Division.



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Undersheriff Ed Kiene

Edward A. Kiene died February 11, 1978 and was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**WILLIAM P. COATES
Undersheriff**

**For
Sheriff Edward A. Kiene
Jan 8, 1951 - May 10, 1952**

After completing his two terms as Sheriff of Shawnee County, William P. Coates was appointed Undersheriff by the new Sheriff, Ed Kiene, who has served as Coates' Undersheriff. Coates had thirteen years service with the Topeka Police Department before he became Sheriff in 1947.

William Coates had been a pilot during World War II and flew in the China-Burma-India area delivering war supplies to the Chinese over the Himalayan Mountains. He was discharged from the Army Air Corps as a Captain.



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Undersheriff William Coates

William P. Coates resigned as Undersheriff in May of 1952 to look after his car dealership in Coffeyville, Kansas. Coates died in September of 1961 at his residence at 312 Greenwood in Topeka.

**August 2, 1952
The Topeka Daily Capital**

Tecumseh Man to Undersheriff Post

Jerry T. Kreipe, Tecumseh, Friday was appointed Undersheriff of Shawnee County by Sheriff Ed Kiene.

He will succeed William Coates, former Sheriff, who resigned as Undersheriff several weeks ago.

Kreipe, who began work in the Sheriff's Office 15 years ago Friday, has served in office continuously since then with the exception of two years following World War II.

He served as Undersheriff for three years, from 1944 thru 1946, under Sheriff Elburn Beal, now register of deeds.

Kiene said Kreipe is acquainted with the work handled by the Sheriff's Office, particularly that dealing with the serving of process papers and restraining orders.

Kreipe, a native of Shawnee County, attended county grade schools and high school at St. Marys. He is married and has one son, Paul, who lives Wichita.

FRANK B. WILCOX
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Allen Engler
Jan 10, 1955 – Mar 1, 1955

Sheriff Allen Engler hired and appointed Frank B. Wilcox as Undersheriff as Engler began his first term as Sheriff in January 1955.

In February 1955, Frank Wilcox announced that he would be a candidate for Water Commissioner in the city of Topeka. Wilcox resigned his position as Undersheriff effective March 1, 1955.



(The Topeka State Journal)

Undersheriff Frank Wilcox

Frank B. Wilcox was a 1942 graduate of the Washburn School of Law and later owned a liquor store and had his private law practice.

Wilcox died February 18, 1998 and was buried in the Osage City Cemetery.

VERNON L. ROBINSON
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Allen Engler
Mar 1, 1955 – Jan 13, 1957

Vernon L. Robinson was born in May 1925 in Clayton, New Mexico and spent his boyhood in Boise City, Oklahoma before moving to Topeka, Kansas in 1948. Robinson was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict.

After returning from service in Korea, Robinson joined the Topeka Police Department in 1953 as a patrolman. He was hired as a deputy and appointed Undersheriff by Allen Engler in March 1955.



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Undersheriff Vernon Robinson

Robinson was elected Sheriff of Shawnee County in 1961 after failing to gain the Democratic nomination to Ira Price in 1956. After serving two terms as Sheriff, Robinson was employed by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company until February 1972 when he died of a cerebral aneurism at age 49.

Vernon L. Robinson was buried in the Auburn Cemetery.

**January 8, 1961
The Topeka Daily Capital**

Robinson Names Staff for Office

Vernon Robinson, who becomes Shawnee County Sheriff at noon on Monday, announced appointments to his office staff Saturday.

Robinson said Repps H. Campbell has been named as Undersheriff while J. R. Wilson will be patrol captain. Investigator will be Donald Becker.

Other appointees and their positions are: Jim Neal, Charlie Hooper, process servers; Stan Johnson, process server and warrants; Pauline Burkhart, switchboard operator and clerk; Joan Gardner, personal secretary; Mary Baldock, in charge of delinquent taxes; Daniel M. Murell, Otto Vaughn, Claude L. Lee, dispatchers and in charge of jail; Duane Warner, Dean L. Anderson, Harold L. Martin, Ralph E. Smith, Ralph H. Davis, James L. Filkins, Clyde E. Conner, Lawrence E. Good, patrolman.

**REPPS H. CAMPBELL
Undersheriff**

**For
Sheriff Vernon L. Robinson
Jan 9, 1961 - Feb 15, 1963**



(The Topeka State Journal)

Undersheriff Repps Campbell

Repps H. Campbell had retired from 23 years service with the U.S. Marshal's service when he was appointed Undersheriff by Vernon Robinson. Campbell had campaigned to be elected Marshal of the Court of Topeka unsuccessfully in 1960.

In February 1963 Campbell resigned as Undersheriff without comment about the reason from either Campbell or Sheriff Robinson.

Repps H. Campbell moved to Ft. Scott, Kansas where he died in 1964.

DONALD G. BECKER
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Vernon L. Robinson
Feb 16, 1963 – Feb 12, 1964



(Agency Photo)

Undersheriff Donald Becker

Donald G. Becker was born in Topeka, Kansas in August 1927 and served in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

In his bid for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff in 1964, Becker claimed seven years experience with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department as a patrolman, investigator, chief investigator and Undersheriff.

Donald G. Becker died February 6, 1981 of a heart attack at age 53. He was buried at Mount Hope Cemetery.

FESTUS T. CHAFFEE
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Vernon L. Robinson
Feb 13, 1964 – Sep 21, 1964



(The Topeka Daily Capital)

Undersheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee

F. T. "Jim" Chaffee was born in Almena, Kansas in 1916. He served in the Merchant Marine during World War II and returned to Topeka after the war to work with his father in his plumbing company, Chaffee and Son Plumbing and Heating.

Chaffee was appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Vernon Robinson in February 1964 and became Acting Sheriff for a short time when Robinson was ousted from office. Sheriff Lew Falley was appointed Sheriff of Shawnee County in September 1964 and removed Chaffee and other deputies from office.

Chaffee ran for office against the appointed Sheriff Lew Falley and won a two year term. Chaffee returned as Sheriff of Shawnee County by winning a two year term, 1971 and 1972 and then won two four year terms, 1973 through 1980. Chaffee was the longest serving Sheriff of Shawnee County at the time.

F. T. "Jim" Chaffee died October 2, 2001 and was buried at Mount Hope Cemetery.

JASPER R. WILSON
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Lewis Falley
Sep 22, 1964 – Jan 10, 1965

When Sheriff Vern Robinson was ousted from office in September 1964, Lewis H. Falley was appointed Sheriff of Shawnee County to replace Acting Sheriff F. T. “Jim” Chaffee. Sheriff Falley declined to hire Chaffee, who had been Undersheriff and other officers employed by Robinson. Jasper R. “Jap” Wilson was appointed Undersheriff for Falley’s time in office.

“Jap” Wilson was appointed Captain in the Shawnee County Sheriff’s Department in 1957 by then Sheriff Jerome “Red” Brown and had continued employment through the Robinson administration.



(Agency Photo)

Undersheriff “Jap” Wilson

Jasper R. “Jap” Wilson died in May 1967 at age 87. He was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery.

JOHN H. LAWSON JR.
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff F. T. “Jim” Chaffee
Jan 11, 1965 – Jan 8, 1967

John H. Lawson was born in Tipton, Pennsylvania in August 1933. He served in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict and was vice-president of Lapeka, Inc at the time of his death.



(Agency Photo)

Undersheriff John Lawson Jr.

Lawson died in September 2002 at age 69 and was buried in Blair Park Cemetery in Bellwood, Pennsylvania.

January 10, 1967
The Topeka Daily Capital

New and Re-elected County Officials
Assume Positions

Emil Stawitz, Sheriff, said “I’m pleased with the way things have gone so far. It’s been a smooth transition and we’ve had good cooperation.”

Stawitz said his department “had a car on the road 33 minutes after we walked in the door.”

Stawitz has retained 12 deputies from former Sheriff F. T. “Jim” Chaffee’s staff.

Harvey Bahner has been named Undersheriff with Harvey Coulter, Lester Bonjour and Larry Good appointed sergeants in the new force. Stawitz has eliminated the position of heads of departments with rank of captain.

HARVEY C. BAHNER
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Emil E. Stawitz
Jan 9, 1967 – May 1, 1970

Harvey C. Bahner was born in August 1911 in Dubois, Nebraska. Bahner played professional baseball for the Nebraska State Baseball League before moving to a farm north of Silver Lake, Kansas.

Bahner worked for Firestone and Goodyear tire stores for several years. He was hired as a deputy sheriff by Elburn M. Beal and remained a deputy through the administrations of William P. Coats and Edward A. Kiene before being appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Emil Stawitz.



(The Topeka Capital Journal)

Undersheriff Harvey Bahner

Bahner resigned as Undersheriff in April 1970 to begin his own campaign to be elected Sheriff of Shawnee County. He was defeated by F. T. "Jim" Chaffee.

Harvey C. Bahner died in May 1991 at age 79 and was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery.

JEROME E. BROWN
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Emil E. Stawitz
May 6, 1970 – Jan 10, 1971

Jerome E. Brown was born in April 1903 in Topeka, Kansas. Brown served on the Topeka Police Department from 1927 to 1954, retiring as a detective. Brown was elected Sheriff of Shawnee County and served two terms.

When Harvey Bahner resigned to run his own campaign for Sheriff of Shawnee County, Sheriff Emil Stawitz appointed Jerome Brown to replace Bahner as Undersheriff.



(Kansas State Historical Society)

Undersheriff Jerome Brown

Jerome E. Brown died in February 1989 and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery.

ROBERT J. INMAN
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee
Jan 11, 1971 – Apr 30, 1973

For
Sheriff Ed Ritchie
Jan 14, 1981 – Nov 29, 1984



(Agency Photo)

Undersheriff Bob Inman

Robert J. Inman was born in Fresno, California in 1935. He moved to Burlingame, Kansas in 1948 where he graduated from high school and then attended the University of Oklahoma and Washburn University.

Inman joined the Shawnee County Sheriff's department in 1961 under Sheriff Vernon Robinson. He also served under Sheriffs Lewis Falley, Emil Stawitz, F. T. (Jim) Chaffee and Ed Ritchie.

During his service with the Sheriff's Department Inman worked as a patrolman, dispatcher, jailor, detective and finished his career in administration.

ROBERT KENDALL MYERS
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee
May 1, 1973 – Nov 18, 1973

Kendall Myers was hired by Sheriff F. T. (Jim) Chaffee in April 1964 in the new position of Juvenile Officer created by Sheriff Chaffee. Myers was born in 1938 in Chanute, Kansas.

Prior to his appointment by Sheriff Chaffee, Myers served as a policeman for Newton, Kansas for over two years and as a Harvey County deputy sheriff for over two years.



(Photo provided by Jean Myers)

Undersheriff Kendall Myers

Kendall Myers resigned as Undersheriff to assume the rank of Captain under the new Shawnee County Civil Service in 1973.

Myers died July 1, 1992 after retiring with twenty years service with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department.

ROBERT J. JACKSON
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee
Nov 19, 1973 – May 30, 1975

Robert J. Jackson came to the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department from the Independence, Missouri Police Department where he had served since 1962.

Jackson was a graduate of the Andrew Drumm Institute, a home and school for homeless boys in Independence, Missouri that existed from 1929 to 1984. Robert Jackson gained a desire to work with youth from his own background.



(Agency Photo)

Undersheriff Bob Jackson

As Undersheriff, Bob Jackson developed a training manual modeled after the Los Angeles California Police Department. The training manual gave instructions on when to use force, public relations, recruiting, and many other topics useful

in law enforcement. The training manual replaced six pages of general orders.

EUGENE M. ANDREWS
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee
Jun 2, 1975 – Jun 29, 1976



(Agency Photo)

Undersheriff Gene Andrews

Eugene M. (Gene) Andrews was raised in the Oakland area of Topeka. In addition to serving as Undersheriff of Shawnee County, Andrews served as probation and traffic officer under Judge Kay McFarland in the Shawnee County Juvenile Court; continued in juvenile court under the supervision of Judge Bill Honeyman as chief clerk and later court administrator.

Andrews resigned as Undersheriff in June 1976 to present himself as a candidate for a position on the Shawnee County Board of Commissioners.

Eugene M. Andrews died September 4, 2003.

July 19, 1976
The Topeka Daily Capital

Reserve Leader New Undersheriff

Shawnee County Sheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee today named Edward C. Smith, formerly in charge of the Topeka Police Department reserve force, as Undersheriff.

Smith, 1032 Winfield, is owner of E. M. Smith Plumbing Co., 1017 Oakland.

Smith succeeds Gene Andrews, who resigned June 29 to campaign for the Democratic nomination for election to the Board of Shawnee County Commissioners from the 2nd District.

Chaffee said Smith, 42, was hired because of his law enforcement experience. Smith was a member of the police reserve for 17 years, the last seven as commander. Smith was a major in the reserve unit for the last four years and will have the equivalent rank as undersheriff.

Smith took a leave of absence from the reserves on July 14.

Smith said he averaged 100 hours a month on the reserve force during the last six to eight months.

Smith will receive a salary of \$15,000.

Smith has been both a Democrat and a Republican, but said he now is an independent. He ran as a Republican against Chaffee in 1972 and lost.

Smith was selected from among eight applications, one of whom was a woman, Chaffee said.

EDWARD C. SMITH
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee
Jul 19, 1976 - Jan 9, 1981



(Agency Photo)

Undersheriff Ed Smith

Edward C. Smith was born in 1933 in Topeka and graduated from Washburn Rural High School. Smith served in Japan and Korea during the Korean War.

Edward Smith was a Republican candidate for Sheriff of Shawnee County against incumbent Democrat F. T. (Jim) Chaffee but lost the election to Chaffee. Chaffee appointed Edward C. Smith as Undersheriff when Eugene Andrews resigned in 1976. After Chaffee retired as Sheriff in 1980, Edward Smith again ran for Sheriff, this time against Ed Ritchie and lost that election.

Edward C. Smith died March 18, 2002 and was buried in the Silver Lake, Kansas Cemetery.

**Thursday, January 15, 1981
The Topeka Capital Journal**

**New Sheriff Ritchie Says Things
Won't Be the Same**

Shawnee County got a new Sheriff Monday and might have gained a new Undersheriff Wednesday.

Sheriff Ed Ritchie who was sworn into office Monday, announced his choice for Undersheriff Wednesday. Bob Inman, 45, a 19-year veteran of the department, was introduced by Ritchie as the county's new Undersheriff at an afternoon press conference in the Sheriff's Office

"I wanted a professional officer" said Ritchie, adding later he did not want to appoint a "political hack" as the county's No. 2 law officer.

Ritchie said he considered more than 12 persons for the post.

(the above is a portion of the article)

**MERTON "DALE" COLLIE
Undersheriff**

**For
Sheriff Ed Ritchie
Nov 30, 1984 - Jan 19, 1991**



(Photo provided by Collie Family)

Undersheriff Dale Collie

Merton Dale Collie was born in 1932 in Ionia, Kansas and graduated from the Ionia High School where he played basketball.

Collie served in the U.S. Navy as a Radar and Radio technician aboard the USS Coral Sea. He began his career with the Topeka Police Department and retired with the rank of Captain shortly before being appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Ed Ritchie after Undersheriff Robert Inman reverted to his Civil Service rank of Major with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department.

Dale Collie retired from the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in 1991.

THOMAS E. SARGENT
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Ed Ritchie
Jan 20, 1991 – Jan 10, 1993



(Agency Photo)

Undersheriff Tom Sargent

Thomas E. Sargent was born in Ponca City, Oklahoma in 1947. He joined the U. S. Navy in 1964 and served as a Seaman Radioman on the USS Fort Marion LSD 22 during the Vietnam War.

Tom Sargent entry into a career in law enforcement began in Hillsboro, Kansas where he served as a patrolman for a few months before being accepted for employment as a deputy on the Geary County Kansas Sheriff's department. Sargent served as a deputy sheriff from June 1967 until August 1971.

In September 1971, Thomas Sargent began his employment with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department as a deputy and jailor. Sargent was responsible for organizing the first Narcotics Unit (1974) at the Sheriff's Department. Sargent also served as Sergeant and Lieutenant of Detectives.

In 1991, Lt. Thomas E. Sargent was appointed Undersheriff of Shawnee County by Sheriff Ed Ritchie where he served until 1993 when he returned to his rank of Lieutenant where he remained until his retirement in 1996.

WILLIAM M. DICKERSON
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Dave Meneley
Jan 11, 1993 – Feb 27, 1995



(photo provided by Joyce Dickerson)

Undersheriff Bill Dickerson

William M. Dickerson was born in Parsons, Kansas in 1945. He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Dickerson became an officer with the Topeka Police Department in 1970 and retired from there in 1993.

Sheriff David R. Meneley appointed William (Bill) Dickerson as Undersheriff when Meneley began his administration in 1993. Dickerson resigned as Undersheriff in 1995 for health reasons and died July 30, 1997. He was buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Lecompton, Kansas.

WILLIAM C. HUFFMIER
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Dave Meneley
Jun 5, 1995 – Feb 24, 2000



Undersheriff Bill Huffmier

William C. Huffmier began his Topeka Police Department career as a traffic control officer and was promoted to Corporal in 1974 and to Detective in 1980. Huffmier was promoted to Detective Sergeant in 1986.

“Bill” Huffmier spent most of his time, at TPD, as a detective and detective sergeant working in the Juvenile Section where his duties were involved in dealing with juveniles who had committed crimes as well as with juvenile runaways.

Undersheriff William C. Huffmier was relieved of his duties by the Shawnee

County Board of Commissioners when Sheriff David R. Meneley was ousted from office in February 2000.

DANIEL J. BRECI
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Richard Barta
Nov 27, 2000 – Jun 16, 2001

Daniel J. Breci was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1954 and spent his childhood in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Breci owned and operated the Breci Investigative Agency in Columbia, South Carolina from 1979 to 1985 when he joined the U.S. Army and served in the Military Police.

After leaving the U.S. Army, Breci served in the Junction City Police Department from 1989 through 1995 when he became an officer with the Topeka Police Department.



(Personal Photo)

Undersheriff Dan Breci

Daniel J. Breci was appointed Undersheriff of Shawnee County by Sheriff Richard W. Barta in November 2000 and resigned in June 2001.

DONALD E. BURNS
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Richard Barta
Aug 27, 2001 – Aug 31, 2007



(Agency Photo)

Undersheriff Don Burns

Donald E. Burns was born in Carbondale, Kansas in 1937. He began his career in law enforcement with the Kansas Highway Patrol in 1964 and resigned in 1971 to accept a position as Special Agent with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. Burns was promoted to Special Agent in Charge in 1977 and retired from the KBI in 1993.

Donald Burns served as the Barton County Community College Director of Security from 1993 to 1998 when he resigned to become a special investigator for the Kansas Supreme Court Disciplinary Administrators Office until he resigned to accept the appointment as Undersheriff by Sheriff Richard W. Barta.

SCOTT J. HOLLADAY
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Richard Barta
Sep 3, 2007 – Mar 11, 2011



(Agency Photo)

Undersheriff Scott Holladay

Scott J. Holladay was raised in Wamego, Kansas and started his career with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in 1977. Holladay began his employment with the Sheriff's Department in the Shawnee County Jail which was then under the authority of the Sheriff.

In 1979, Scott Holladay completed his time in the jail and joined the newly formed Traffic Unit. Holladay's next appointment was in the Criminal Investigation Unit where he was promoted to Detective and spent several years working in Narcotics and later in Drug Enforcement Unit.

Holladay moved into Administration in 2000 as a sergeant and quickly moved through Lieutenant and Captain before he was appointed Undersheriff by Sheriff Richard W. Barta in September 2007. Holladay retired as Undersheriff in 2011.

HERMAN T. JONES
Undersheriff

For
Sheriff Richard Barta
Mar 28, 2011-Present



(Agency photo)

Undersheriff Herman Jones

Herman T. Jones was born in 1958 in Kansas City, Missouri. He graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1976 and from Emporia State College in 1991.

Jones began his employment in law enforcement as a dispatcher for the Emporia State College Police in 1977 and moved to the duties of Patrolman and Sergeant before leaving those duties to join the Emporia Police Department in 1982.

In 1982, Herman Jones joined the ranks of the Kansas Highway Patrol where he was employed until 1992 when he became a police instructor at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Academy.

In 2000, Jones returned to the Kansas Highway Patrol where he served as

Director of Administration until his appointment as Undersheriff in March 2011.

April 5, 2011
The Topeka Capital Journal

New undersheriff being sworn in

Herman T. Jones will be sworn in as the new undersheriff for Shawnee County on Wednesday.

Jones replaces Scott Holladay, who retired in March. Holladay worked for the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office for 34 years, having served in a wide range of capacities since beginning his career with the agency in 1977. He was named undersheriff in September 2007 at the age of 51.

Jones will be sworn in at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, said Shawnee County Sheriff Richard Barta.

"Through the Years"

SNSO personnel located during research & recent hires
not found in the 2005 150th Anniversary Book

1870's		Years	
DAVIS, ED	DEPUTY	1871	
O'DELL, BOB	JAILER	1876	
WEYMOUTH, WILLIE	JAILER	1876	
1900's			
HENDRICKS, FRANK	JAILER	1901	
KING, JOE	JAILER	1905	
MANSON, DOC	DEPUTY	1906	
MILER, C. D.	DEPUTY	1904	
PATTERSON, EDWARD	DEPUTY	1907	
PATTERSON, J. W.	JAILER	1904	1906
SAULS, LON	DEPUTY	1905	1910
WHITTAKER, FRANK	DEPUTY	1909	
1920's			
HEMPSTEAD, MAYNARD	DEPUTY	1929	
LARIMER, GILBERT W.	UNDERSHERIFF	1921	1921
TRESNER, CLYDE O.	UNDERSHERIFF	1920	
1930's			
GREEN, DORA	MATRON	1933	1937
WRENN, CHARLES	DEPUTY	1937	1938
1940's			
ROSS, CHARLES O.	DEPUTY	1944	1946
1950's			
FRANKS, CLARENCE	DEPUTY	1955	
1960's			
			Years
COOPER, D. L.	DEPUTY	1964	
JAMES, RICHARD	JAILER	1964	
THOMPSON, EVERETT	JAILER	1969	
1980's			
ESQUIBEL, LARRY	DEPUTY	1989	1997
HAMILTON, VICKI	ANIMAL CONTROL	11/1/1982	Active
2000's			
ABANKWAH, THADDEUS	DEPUTY	10/13/2008	4/23/2009
ANDERSON, SHAYNA	DEPUTY	5/22/2006	Active
AKERS, MATTHEW	DEPUTY	5/4/2009	Active
BEIGHTEL, JACE	DEPUTY	4/16/2007	Active

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CHARLES, DEREK	DEPUTY	1/5/2009	7/1/2010
COCHRAN, CRAIG	DEPUTY	12/4/2006	Active
COCKRAN, KYLE	DEPUTY	4/2/2007	Active
COFFIN, ERIC	DEPUTY	1/14/2008	Active
CULVER, JOHN	DEPUTY	3/20/2006	Active
CUSTENBORDER, NICK	DEPUTY	1/14/2008	Active
DIAL, MELISSA	DEPUTY	5/27/2008	Active
DICKEN, STEPHANIE	DEPUTY	1/14/2008	Active
DUCKWORTH, RONNIE	ANIMAL CONTROL	8/24/2009	Active
FORSHEE, JOSEPH	DEPUTY	5/4/2009	Active
FOSTER, JESSE	DEPUTY	5/22/2006	Active
HARMON, HENRY	DEPUTY	3/20/2006	Active
HAWKINS, COLE	DEPUTY	3/24/2008	Active
HILDEBRAND, COLLIN	DEPUTY	4/16/2007	1/11/2010
HOSS, BRETT	DEPUTY	9/8/2008	Active
HOTTMAN, JUSTIN	ANIMAL CONTROL	2/14/2005	Active
JOHNSTON, MATT	DEPUTY	7/6/2004	4/13/2007
		3/3/2008	Active
JULIAN, JESSE	DEPUTY	1/5/2009	Active
LECHNER, JENNA	DEPUTY	10/6/2008	Active
LOGHRY, JAMES	DEPUTY	4/16/2007	Active
MARTIN, MATT	DEPUTY	4/2/2007	8/3/2007
MERGEN, ANDREW	DEPUTY	12/4/2006	Active
MILLER, PAUL	DEPUTY	10/6/2008	2/13/2009
PIPKIN, ABBY	DEPUTY	7/13/2009	Active
RIEGER, LUKE	DEPUTY	1/5/2009	3/18/2010
ROBERTS, JUSTIN	DEPUTY	3/20/2006	Active
SCHEID, BENJAMIN	DEPUTY	5/4/2009	Active
SHINN, MALARY L.	DEPUTY	7/13/2009	Active
STEINEBACH, ABRAHAM	DEPUTY	7/13/2009	9/2/2009
SWORDS, SEAN	DEPUTY	5/4/2009	Active
TOMASSI, DAVID	DEPUTY	6/25/2007	Active
VARNER, JOSH	DEPUTY	3/24/2008	2/12/2009
2010's			
BOLING, MATTHEW	DEPUTY	5/23/2011	Active
COHEN, DANE	DEPUTY	6/14/2010	Active
JOHNSON, COLTON	DEPUTY	5/23/2011	Active
JOHNSON, KODY	DEPUTY	6/14/2010	4/18/2011
JONES, HERMAN T.	UNDERSHERIFF	3/28/2011	Active
LA ROW, STEPHEN	DEPUTY	6/7/2010	3/27/2011
SCHEID, MARCUS	DEPUTY	6/7/2010	Active
SCHMIDTLEIN, AARON	DEPUTY	5/23/2011	Active
VAUGHN, TYLER	DEPUTY	6/14/2010	Active

Shawnee County Sheriff's Office Personnel.....since 2006



**Deputy Matt Akers
since 2009**



**Deputy Jace Beightel
since 2007**



**Deputy Craig Cochran
since 2006**



**Deputy Kyle Cochran
since 2007**



**Deputy Eric Coffin
since 2009**



**Deputy Dane Cohen
since 2010**



**Deputy John Culver
since 2006**



**Deputy Nick Custenborder
since 2008**



**Deputy Melissa Dial
since 2008**

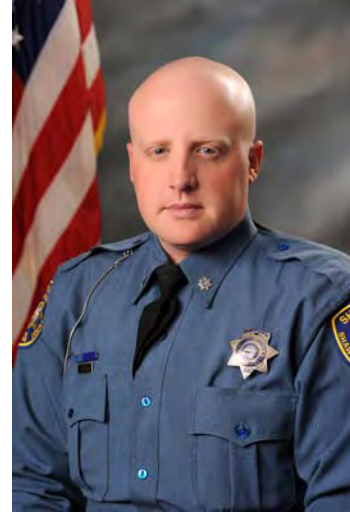
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**Deputy Stephanie Dicken
since 2008**



**Deputy Joseph Forshee
since 2009**



**Deputy Jesse Foster
since 2006**



**Deputy Henry Harmon
since 2006**



**Deputy Cole Hawkins
since 2008**



**Deputy Brett Hoss
since 2008**



**Deputy Shayna Anderson
since 2006**



**Deputy Matt Johnston
since 2004**



**Deputy Jesse Julian
since 2009**

Shawnee County Sheriff's Office Personnel.....since 2006



**Deputy Jenna Lechner
since 2008**



**Deputy James Loghry
since 2007**



**Deputy Andrew Mergen
since 2006**



**Deputy Abby Pipkin
since 2009**



**Corporal Justin Roberts
since 2006**



**Deputy Benjamin Scheid
since 2009**



**Deputy Marcus Scheid
since 2010**



**Deputy Malary Shinn
since 2009**



**Deputy Sean Swords
since 2009**

Shawnee County Sheriff's Office Personnel.....since 2006



**Deputy David Tomassi
since 2007**



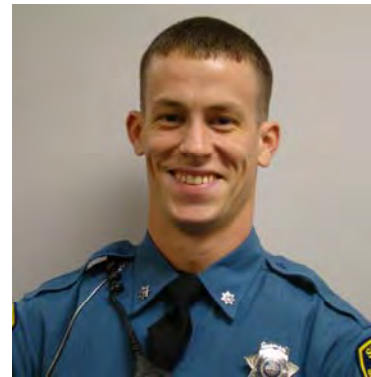
**Deputy Tyler Vaughn
since 2010**



**Deputy Colton Johnson
since 2011**



**Deputy Aaron Schmittlein
since 2011**



**Deputy Matt Boling
since 2011**



**ACO Ronnie Duckworth
since 2009**



**ACO Vicki Hamilton
since 1982**



**ACO Justin Hottman
since 2005**

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BOLO:

NEXT SNSO BOOKLET – KANSAS POLICE AND FIRE, RETIREEES, 1986-2012. CONTENT OF THE BOOKLET WILL INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF KPF AT SNSO AND PROFILE INFORMATION ON ALL SNSO RETIREEES. AVAILABLE FALL/WINTER 2012.

WANTED FOR QUESTIONING:

ANY AND ALL PERSONS WITH INFORMATION RELATED TO THE SHAWNEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SHARE SOME OF THAT MEMORABILIA - PHOTOS, NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, OLD MEMORANDUMS, OTHER AGENCY DOCUMENTS, PERSONAL SCRAP BOOK ITEMS, ETC, PLEASE CONTACT:

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