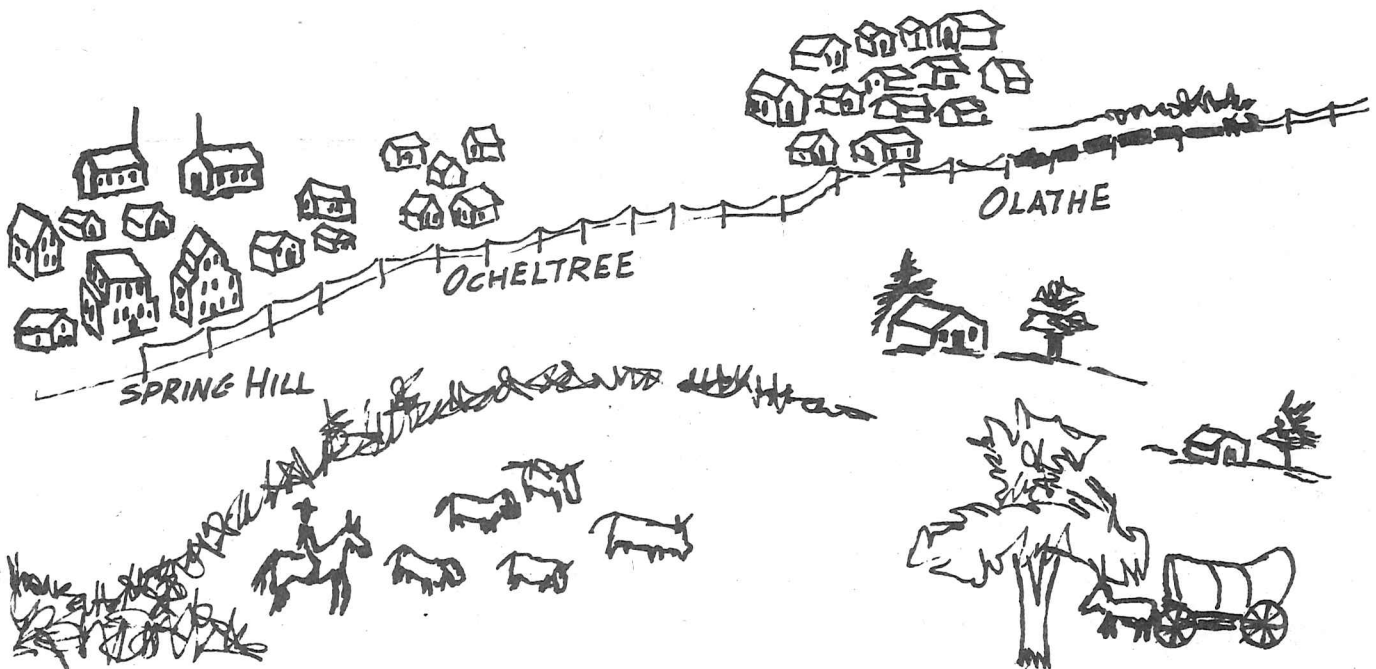


A History
Of
Spring Hill, Kansas
1857 - 1983





About the Cover: Mr. George Miller, industrial arts instructor at the local high school made the drawing from a sketch in the 1874 Atlas of Johnson County.

Opposite Page: Mr. Miller made the wall hanging for the Methodist Church's 125th Anniversary. It is 39" x 84". It depicts the first minister, the Old Hotel where the first services were held; the first church of which we have record and the present building as it was before the entrance was remodeled in the 70s.



"Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the opening day."

Isaac Watts used these words from the 90th Psalm to express poetically our feeling of history. The Spring Hill Methodist Episcopal Church has shared 125 years of this community's history. Sharing sons and daughters who have called Spring Hill "home."

Members of the Spring Hill United Methodist Church offer this collection of material as a history of the community. We respectfully present this book in appreciation of our shared heritage. All that is contained within these pages represents an attempt of many members of the church and community to render fair, factual, and sometimes humorous, highlights of our community life from 1858 to 1983.

Many hours of research, reading of other histories, visits with "old timers," and various interested persons have gone into the composition of this history. Often it has been difficult to know whose memory or what material was the best when recording some of those events. At best we have captured a few, and we may have missed some of the best events of the development of Spring Hill. The greatest task has been the decisions with regard to what shall be printed and what shall not. We regret we cannot publish every name and story.

We invite your comments and corrections. May all who read this history be enlightened and encouraged and find enjoyment in our attempt to honor Spring Hill, our town.

Donald D. Powell, Pastor

