

HISTORY

of the

State of Nebraska;

containing

A FULL ACCOUNT OF ITS GROWTH FROM AN UNINHABITED TERRITORY
TO A WEALTHY AND IMPORTANT STATE;
OF ITS EARLY SETTLEMENTS; ITS RAPID INCREASE IN POPULATION,
AND THE MARVELLOUS DEVELOPMENT OF ITS GREAT NATURAL
RESOURCES. ALSO AN EXTENDED DESCRIPTION OF ITS

COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWN AND VILLAGES,

THEIR ADVANTAGES, INDUSTRIES, MANUFACTURES AND COMMERCE;
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES, PORTRAITS OF PROMINENT MEN AND EARLY
SETTLERS; VIEWS OF RESIDENCES AND BUSINESS BLOCKS, CITIES AND
TOWNS.

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Part 5: Kearney (cont.): [Biographical Sketches](#)

DAVID ANDERSON, farmer, located in Kearney Precinct four miles west of the city of Kearney, on Section 6, on a homestead of 160 acres, in March, 1872. He has since added to his farm, and now owns 240 acres, of which 210 acres are improved. He first located in Elm Creek in the spring of 1871, and farmed a year. He was born in Lake County, Ind., April 28, 1839. He lived on a farm with his parents until he was eighteen years of age. He then visited many portions of the United States and California, where he engaged in mining and prospecting. He went from the latter State to Nevada in 1860, locating at Mono Lake, and engaged in mining for a year, then returned to Indiana. He enlisted in Company K, Fifth Regiment Indiana Cavalry, in August, 1862. He was promoted to

Orderly Sergeant, Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant and then to the Captaincy of the company. He participated in all of the campaigns of Gen. Stoneman--campaigns of Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Virginia and many engagements and raids; was in the raid after Gen. Morgan; and assisted to capture his (Morgan's) officers, numbering sixty-two men, including Charles Morgan, from whom Mr. Anderson captured his pistols. Mr. Anderson was made prisoner near Macon, Ga., July 28, 1863, and was held until September 28, 1863. He was mustered out in September, 1864, after which he re-enlisted as Captain of Company I, Sixth Regiment Indiana Cavalry; was engaged in scouting, and served until the close of the war, and was then mustered out in Murfreesboro, Tenn., in November, 1865. He returned to Indiana, then went to Woodford County, Ill., and farmed for five years, after which he traveled as salesman of patent rights for two years; then came to Nebraska. He was elected Sheriff of Buffalo County, Neb., in the fall of 1874, and held the office three terms. During his term of office he took thirty-two prisoners to the State prison, among whom were the notorious murderers--Jordan P. Smith and S. D. Richards, the murderers of Mrs. Harlston and her three children. This same Richards was known to be the murderer of eight persons, and was captured through the influence of Mr. Anderson at Steubenville, Ohio. He also captured Dutch Henry, a notorious horse-thief of Western Kansas and Southwest Nebraska. The sheriff was obliged to shoot him before capturing him. Twenty-seven bullet marks were found on his person. He has made at least one hundred important captures during his term of service. He was married in Woodford County Ill., January 24, 1867, to Miss Maggie Sinclair, a native of Tazewell County, Ill., born in 1849. **Mrs. Anderson is noted as preventing the escape of eleven notorious prisoners, two of whom were murderers and the balance horse-thieves, in March, 1878. The prisoners had made an opening through the stone wall on the south side of the jail by removing a large stone. One of the worst of the gang had just got through the opening, and was on the outside of the jail, when Mrs. Anderson took a revolver and obliged him to go back into his cell.** Mr. Anderson is a member of the I. O. O. F. of Kearney. They have a daughter and a son--Jennie and Charles D.