

Name to number street name change

Email from Dave Evans to eastlawrence@yahoo.com, August 13th at 4:13pm

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Ordinance 973 passed Dec. 3, 1913

<http://www.lawrenceks.org/documents/Ordinances/Ordinances-0900s/Ord973.pdf>

(a copy of this is hanging up in the Register of Deeds office above the Xerox machine)

Many of the district's earliest elementary schools, such as Pinckney, New York and the former Quincy School, were named after the streets on which they were located, according to former school board member Austin Turney. In the original town site, the streets running east to west were named for individuals who were "distinguished for their Patriotism, Philanthropy, and Love of Liberty," according to New England Emigrant Aid Company secretary Thomas Webb. In 1913, the city council switched the names of east-west streets to numbers. So, Pinckney Street was renamed Sixth, and Quincy Street became 11th, making their connection to the schools less obvious.

<http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2012/apr/29/whats-name-lawrence-school-names-are-nod-sometimes/>

Old Home Town - ten years ago 1956

J-World - Sept. 12, 1966 -

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=1L9TAAAAIIBAJ&sjid=rzgNAAAAIIBAJ&pg=3587%2C1401333>

Lee Sheppard wrote a feature on the street names of Lawrence, which had been changed many times. Before 1913, the east-west streets had had names of famous men; then numbers were declared easier to find. Now here is a Mitchell Road changed to Arkansas, Sunset to Engle, Michigan to Naismith, even Easy Street, which the Commission did not like. (There was also a Shady Lane which had a short life).

J-World - Sept. 5, 2004 -

<http://news.google.com/newspapers?id=YtQzAAAAIIBAJ&sjid=ROgFAAAAIBAJ&pg=3288%2C4522228>

The Lawrence streets named for states can trace their roots back to the beginning of the city, but numbered streets weren't always here. According to the Kansas State Historical Society, the original north-south streets were named for the 13 original colonies after the streets were platted and surveyed in the fall of 1854 by Albert Searl, a 23-year-old civil engineer from Massachusetts.

But the cross streets initially were named for Revolutionary War heroes Pinckney, Henry, Lee and Winthrop.

from wikipedia

Streets -- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawrence,_Kansa

Originally, north-south streets were named after the states in the order they were admitted to the union and east-west streets were named after people involved in the American Revolution. Massachusetts was selected for the main thoroughfare since the original settlers came from Massachusetts. Over the years, however, this plan became marred

causing Oregon Street to be placed before Delaware, North and South Carolina being represented by a single Carolina Street near Lawrence High School and nine states not being included as a few examples. The state street naming was abandoned with Iowa Street, which runs through the center of Lawrence. In 1913, east-west streets, originally named for important people of the American Revolution, were renamed to numbered streets.