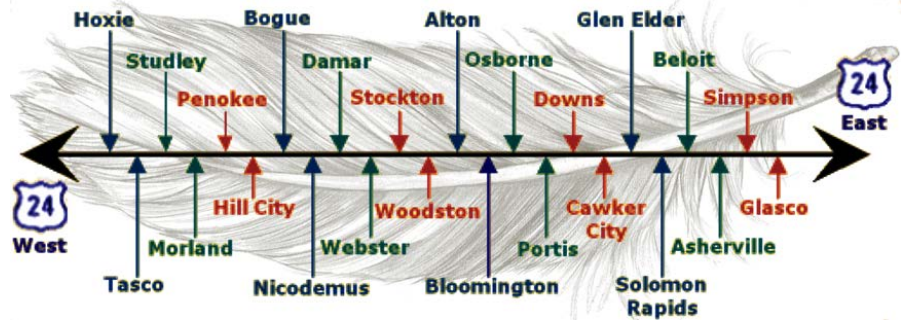
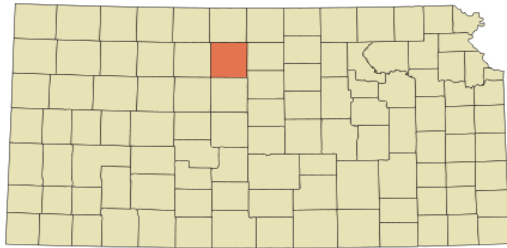




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A Brief History of Osborne

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Nestled in the Blue Hills Uplands, Osborne was founded in May 1871 by the Pennsylvania Colony. It was declared the county seat of Osborne County the next year only after much discussion and four county elections. Many of the downtown buildings were erected in the 1880s from limestone quarried a mile north of town.

Osborne lies in the South Fork Solomon River Valley, an area rich in plant and wildlife that was prized by both the early Indians and then by the later settlers. Visitors will enjoy the Shady Bend Recreation Area, where one can fish, play baseball and golf, and try your expertise at one of the finest shooting ranges in the region.

The cornerstone for the present Osborne County Courthouse (431 West Main Street) was laid in 1907. Retaining most of its original sculpture and artwork, the building was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001. Osborne County will celebrate the courthouse's centennial with a celebration on September 15, 2007.

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