

(The following page is a facsimile of the title page of the *Compendius*)

☞ WE LIVE IN THE CENTRE OF THE UNITED STATES ☞

COMPENDIOUS HISTORY

—OF—

ELLSWORTH COUNTY,

☞ KANSAS ☞

*FROM ITS EARLY SETTLEMENT TO
THE PRESENT TIME*

EMBRACING THE EXECUTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL DEPART-
MENTS, POPULATION, SKETCHES OF PROMINENT
MEN, GENERAL CHARACTER OF THE LAND,
AND CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE

DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE EMIGRATION AND TO DEVELOP THE
RESOURCES OF THE GREAT CENTRAL COUNTY
OF THE STATE.

FIRST EDITION.

ELLSWORTH, KANSAS:
PRINTED AT THE REPORTER OFFICE.
1879.

Introduction

In 1879, Chas. J. Lyon wrote a "Compendius History of Ellsworth County". It was printed by the *Ellsworth Reporter*, the newspaper at Ellsworth, Kansas at that time. At the present time only one original copy of the Compendius has been found, a copy at the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka, KS. The Compendius was reprinted in the July 13 through the Nov. 2, 1911, issues of the *Ellsworth Reporter*. The *Ellsworth Reporter* newspapers are on microfilm and were viewed at the Ellsworth High School and the J. H. Robbins Memorial Library, both in Ellsworth, Kansas. Because history as written from that time period is important as a primary source, I have retyped the articles as they were in the *Ellsworth Reporter*. The *Reporter* titled its series "LYON'S HISTORY OF ELLSWORTH COUNTY". I also obtained a copy of the first 22 pages from the original Compendius. The Compendius was a soft cover book. I have made a facsimile of the title page and the next page of the original copy because these pages had interesting information on them.

There were typing errors in the newspaper and I have left these errors as they were with a (ms) behind the word meaning that I typed the word as it was in the 1911 newspaper. This (?) appears in my manuscript when I was unable to read the word from the copy I made.

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