

"MORE ABOUT 'OTTO'"

Miss Ada Skjelver writes from Pemberton, Minn.:

"I don't know how Otto post-office was started but it was named in honor of my father, Otto Skjelver, Sr. It was at F. E. Payne's home at first, a short distance east of New Virginia cemetery, I believe it is Sec. 34, Catherton Township. I can remember getting the mail there in 1890 but I do not know when it was started. Payne's sister, Mrs. A. A. Cooper, took care of the mail. Wm. Bretthauer hauled the mail from Inavale there. Cooper moved to another farm so that was "Otto" postoffice. A few years later, E. J. Petersen had the postoffice at his home until free delivery of mail was started. I do not remember the names of the different men who brought mail to Otto postoffice. I shall enclose the envelope from one of my old letters to prove that there really was such a postoffice. Our teacher boarded at Cooper's so it was no trouble to get the young men to ride over there for the mail in the evening once or twice a week." Miss Skjelver included in her letter an envelope addressed to her at "Otto, Nebraska," and postmarked at Campbell, Neb., July 19, 1899. Thanks a lot, Miss Skjelver.

Still More About "Otto" Postoffice

Commercial Advertiser, Red Cloud, Nebr.—I, too, can certify that there was once a postoffice named Otto in Webster county as I received several letters from there in 1899. My husband, H. G. Keeney, taught the New Virginia school at that time.

He boarded with a family named Lambrecht. We were married in 1900 and I received those letters in Cowles. Cowles postoffice went out of existence this year on Feb. 1, so that little town is now part of the ancient history of Webster county, and "belongs to the ages." In its day it was a busy, prosperous community, and it is still happily remembered by many former inhabitants who are now scattered far away.—Mrs. H. G. Keeney.



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