

Dr. R.E. Howlett

Pioneer Doctor

One of the area's more famous pioneer doctors was R. E. Howlett, who was born in Otterville, Missouri, on January 15th, 1870.

In his young manhood he chose the medical profession for his life career and attended Beaumont College (which later became St. Louis University). He graduated with his degree in 1891 at the age of 21.

That was the same year he married Margaret Reed of Cooper County, Missouri. Shortly afterward, the couple came to this part of Missouri, settling at Nebo, where he practiced his medical profession for a number of years in Laclede and Pulaski Counties. Their marriage produced five children.

Margaret died in 1922. A few years later, Dr. Howlett married Effie Adkison from Laclede County. Three children were born during this marriage--Roy, Clay, and Margaret.

Dr. Howlett died on June 4th, 1949, at the age of 79.



Quiz Answers

1. (B) RICHLAND. Richland residents numbered 884 while Dixon counted 715. With only 257 residents, Waynesville wasn't even close!

2. (A) 1910-1920. The county population declined by about 1000 citizens.

3. (C) BETWEEN WAYNESVILLE AND CROCKER. Castie Cliff was the name natives gave to the hill just a bit north of the current Crocker Bridge in an area across the Gasconade River from Pike's Peak.

4. (A) IBERIA.

5. (C) GLEN E. HENDRICKS, who served as county collector from 1945 through 1984.

6. (B) 14.

7. (B) A POLISH GENERAL.

8. (A) FRANK STENZEL, the switchman who served at this site east of Dixon for the Frisco train line. It was, after all, Frank's switch.

9. (B) WAYNESVILLE. Yes, Waynesville was in the Frisco League when its renowned team took second place in the state in 1951.

10. (A) RICHLAND, where Wet Glaize was 10 miles northeast; Toronto, 14 miles north; Tribune, 22 miles southeast; Faith, 15 miles northeast; Brownfield, 16 miles southeast, and Waynesville, 13 miles southeast.

11. (B) There's a SHARP BEND in the river there, where timber being floated down the Big Piney would often become jammed.

12. (C) Devil's Backbone.

13. (B) Hohenschield.

14. (B) 1969.

15. Even though there are places like Lane's Prairie and Mary's Home in our state, there was no Leonard's Woods. The answer is (A) A FAMOUS ARMY DOCTOR.



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