

# **GARDEN CITY'S JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, AND JUNIOR COLLEGE**

Finney County, Kansas

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The Junior high school has been a gradual evolution. During the years immediately preceding the World War, they held seventh and eighth-grade classes in the old South Side School. There they did departmental work.

In 1918, a building, now known as Sequoya Senior High, was erected for a Junior high school. In September of that year, an intermediate school consisting of seventh, eighth, and ninth grades became organized, and soon they began working on a new building. The junior high school transferred to the old senior high school building one year later, which it now occupies.

In addition to the departmental work, the school now has classes divided into ability groups: junior high tests, weekly assemblies, student council, and other standard Junior high school characteristics.

In 1925, the school was named Andrew Sabine Junior High in honor of Doctor Andrew Sabine\*. For many years, Doctor Sabine was a member of the Board of Education and was a staunch supporter of Garden City education.

The Andrew Sabine Junior High School became organized under the principalship of Mrs. Mary Evans Nichols\*, who contributed largely to the present Junior high school's success during her many years of teaching.

The history of the Senior high school goes back beyond the boom days. The first high school was in a little church, now a second-hand store at the corner of Eighth Street and Fulton. In the first three years, they held larger classes in the Methodist Church and the hall over Pearl's drug store. About 1929, they tore down the drug store and built the Warren Hotel in the same area.

Going back in time, starting in 1882, they built a two-story building where Garfield now stands. This school had two teachers who served as superintendent and principal. In 1887 the south side school was built to take care of the increasing number of students.

The Garfield School burned to the ground in 1901, and they erected the present school building on the same site. In 1910, they built the current Junior high school, and the High School used it until about 1916. Another Junior High School building was

erected, which the Junior high school used for only one year. The Senior high school finally took over the new High School building, and the Junior high school now occupies the present Andrew Sabine Junior High building.

The Junior College, organized in 1918, is in the Senior high school building. In 1929 the Senior high school was remodeled and made more massive, so there were more classrooms and a much bigger library. They built a new auditorium-gymnasium at the same time. It has been used almost continuously since its erection, both for school and community uses.

Garden City schools have shown constant growth and improvement in courses of study, activities, equipment, academic achievement, enrollment, and morale. One of the early and vital steps taken was the observance of Arbor Day; consequently, over the years, the schools have had fine shade trees.

Additional Information  
ANDREW SABINE



SURGEON, ANDREW SABINE  
*76<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry*

ANDREW SABINE, son of John Fletcher Sabine (1802-1891) and Euphemia Clement (1805-1888), was born on 11 Jan 1831 in Milford Centre, Union County, Ohio. In 1856 he was attending Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. In 1860, he was a physician and living in Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.

On 2 Oct 1860, he married SARAH LOUISE LEONARD in Delaware County, Ohio. Sarah, born in 1836, was the daughter of Isaac Leonard (1807-1844) and Jane Findley (1807-1840). She died

on 19 May 1863 in Union County, Ohio, after giving birth to their infant son, who died on 12 Jul 1863 at the age of 2 months and 19 days. Burial for Sarah and their infant son was at the Oakdale Cemetery in Marysville, Union County, Ohio.

In 1880, Andrew married **NANNIE CHRISTABELLE BROWN**, the daughter of William B. Brown and Christabelle Johnson. The 1880 census reveals they lived in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio. Nannie was born on 8 Jun 1845. They had one child, a daughter, **CHRISTABELLE EUPHEMIA SABINE**, born 14 May 1881 in Union County, Ohio.

During the Civil War, Andrew served as the surgeon of the 76th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and credited for being the first to use anesthesia on a battlefield. He was thoroughly competent and an educated physician and surgeon. He had the respect of virtually every soldier that he came in contact with. In later years, he was involved with banking and other city business institutions. He also engaged extensively in cattle ranching.

Andrew and Nannie left Marysville, Union County, Ohio, and arrived in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas, on 1 Jul 1884.

Andrew passed away on 14 Feb 1915 in Garden City, Kansas and Nannie died there on 29 Jan 1923. Burial for both was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City.

### Cemetery Headstones



VALLEY VIEW CEMETERY, GARDEN CITY, FINNEY COUNTY, KANSAS

*Three headstone photographs provided by Greg Campbell*



## Newspaper Obituary

### DR. ANDREW SABINE

*The Garden City (Kansas) Herald – Thursday, 18 Feb 1915*

DR. SABINE DEAD

PASSING OF ONE OF GARDEN CITY'S OLDEST AND MOST HONORED CITIZENS

When the announcement was made Sunday morning that Dr. Sabine had passed to the great beyond, after months of tremendous patient suffering, nearly every resident in the city felt that they had suffered an intimate personal loss. So great had been his work among the sick and afflicted; so long had he rendered invaluable service; so firmly had he left his impress upon the city's public and private life that people regarded him as belonging exclusively to each of them.

Dr. Sabine felt so much love and affection on his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday. Many school children marched to his home so that he might once again look upon their bright faces and hear their youthful voices raised in a patriotic song.

His race, almost run, brought happiness to a heart that always warmed to youth and brought a ray of sunshine to a face that would light up with a smile when meeting those he knew and loved. His thirty years among us were years of achievement and well-doing.

Measured in time, they were short, but he managed to crowd more in them than most men. His professional services were always at the command of rich and poor alike, whether his remuneration was great or small, or whether it was nothing at all made no difference, and he always gave the best that was in him. The day was never too cold or the night too dark to respond to the call to duty, and until a few years ago, when advancing years compelled him to ease up, no physician in Western Kansas had such an extensive practice, both in medicine and

surgery. But notwithstanding the great demand upon his service, he found time to devote his energies and ripe experience to many public affairs.

He was not an office seeker, but the city demanded his services as mayor, and he responded. The town's excellent schools also owe an outstanding debt to Dr. Sabine, for he was untiring in giving the children every advantage of a good education.

When the Great War broke out, he was among the first to relieve the sick and the wounded in the field and hospital, and when the conflict closed, he was still there doing his duty. According to a government report, he was the first division surgeon to employ anesthetics in his work, which at that time was a comparatively new thing. Dr. Sabine was a man of strong constitution, and during his long service in the army, he was never off duty due to sickness.

Dr. Sabine never affiliated with any particular church, but he was a firm believer in all they did, for each was teaching the same great truths, and that was sufficient for him as he was a man of strong faith, and every action of his life was that of the Christian.

He was ever the courteous gentleman and the upright man, and he set an example that is worthy of being followed by all. His presence at the sickbed inspired confidence and comforted those watching over the sickbed of a loved one. If the silent messenger came despite human endeavor, he was there to offer his sincere sympathy and help.

Garden City has lost one of her noblest citizens, and mere words cannot express the debt of gratitude many of our citizens owe to Dr. Sabine. The following is from a biographical history of Ohio. It covers but a part of the records of his long and honorable life.

Andrew Sabine was born in Maryville, Union County, Ohio, on 11 Jan 1831. His mother, Euphemia Clement, was a descendant of the Holland Dutch, who settled in New Amsterdam, now New York. His father, John Sabine, was born in Vermont and immigrated to Ohio in 1812. Dr. Andrew Sabine was a descendant of William Sabine, one of the founders of Rehoboth, Massachusetts. William Sabine was a Huguenot, a man of considerable culture and wealth, and had much influence in Plymouth Colony.

Dr. Sabine obtained his early education in the common schools of the day until he entered the academy at Marysville. There, he received a thorough academic training preparatory to a collegiate course at Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. Dr. Sabine taught school to obtain funds to carry him through medical college and graduated from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia in 1856. He located first in Rosedale, Ohio, and afterward was appointed physician of the Central Lunatic Asylum at Columbus, where he remained for three years. He then moved to Atchison, Kansas, where he remained until the war broke out when at the request of the surgeon general of Ohio, he accepted the appointment of assistant surgeon on the 26<sup>th</sup> of 1861.

He was then with Buell's army in the campaign against Bowling Green and Nashville and

assisted in taking care of the wounded at Shiloh and Corinth. In the summer of 1862, he was on the line from Corinth to McMinnville, Tennessee. At that time, Dr. Sabine was detailed as a field surgeon in General Crittenden's command at Stone River, and there gained the reputation of a skilled and successful surgeon. Next came the promotion, "Surgeon of the 76<sup>th</sup> Ohio." He was present during the capture of Jackson and at the siege of Vicksburg. During this siege, he was one of three surgeons who constituted the operating board of General Steel's division. He participated in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and the struggles of the Atlanta campaign. From 1864 to 1865, he was with Sherman's army in the Carolinas. He was present at the capture of Columbia and finally participated in the grand review in Washington at the close of the war. For over four years, He was always at his post during all these sieges and battles. His reputation as a surgeon was nationwide, and he was among the most successful army surgeons.

He was married on 28 Oct 1879 to Miss Nannie Christabelle Brown, eldest daughter of William B. Brown, who survives him. To this union, one daughter, Mrs. Christabelle Meade, was born.

The funeral service was held in the Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 and was very simple but impressive. Rev. Moore offered a prayer, and then Judge Henry F. Mason delivered a very touching address on the life and labor of the deceased. Judge Mason was an intimate friend of Dr. Sabine and admired him greatly as a man and a physician. Rev. Judd made the concluding prayer. The G. A. R. conducted the services at the gravesite. There was a profusion of flowers, and the large church was inadequate to accommodate all those who came to pay their last respects to a friend and neighbor.

### Additional Information MARY (EVANS) NICHOLS

MARY EVANS, daughter of Lewis C. Evans (1840-1929) and Rachel Jane Jones (1849-1936), was born in October of 1871 in Missouri. She married JOHN B. NICHOLS on 24 Jun 1896 in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas. He was born in 1868 in Missouri. John was a farmer at the time they were married and worked as a Brakeman. He learned the printing trade and worked for the Garden City Herald Newspaper in the 1920s and 1930s. Mary became a teacher in 1902, serving as the Garden City, Kansas Jr. High School principal from 1912 to about 1922.

John and Mary had one daughter, DOROTHY E. NICHOLS, born in December of 1899. Dorothy married Donald J. Moore on 24 Nov 1919 in Golden, Jefferson County, Colorado. They later divorced. One daughter, Martha Louise Moore, was born in their marriage. She was born on 11 Jul 1921 in Garden City, Kansas.

John B. Nichols died on 28 Jan 1951 in Garden City. Mary Evans Nichols died in 1952. Burial for both was at the Valley View Cemetery in Garden City, Finney County, Kansas.