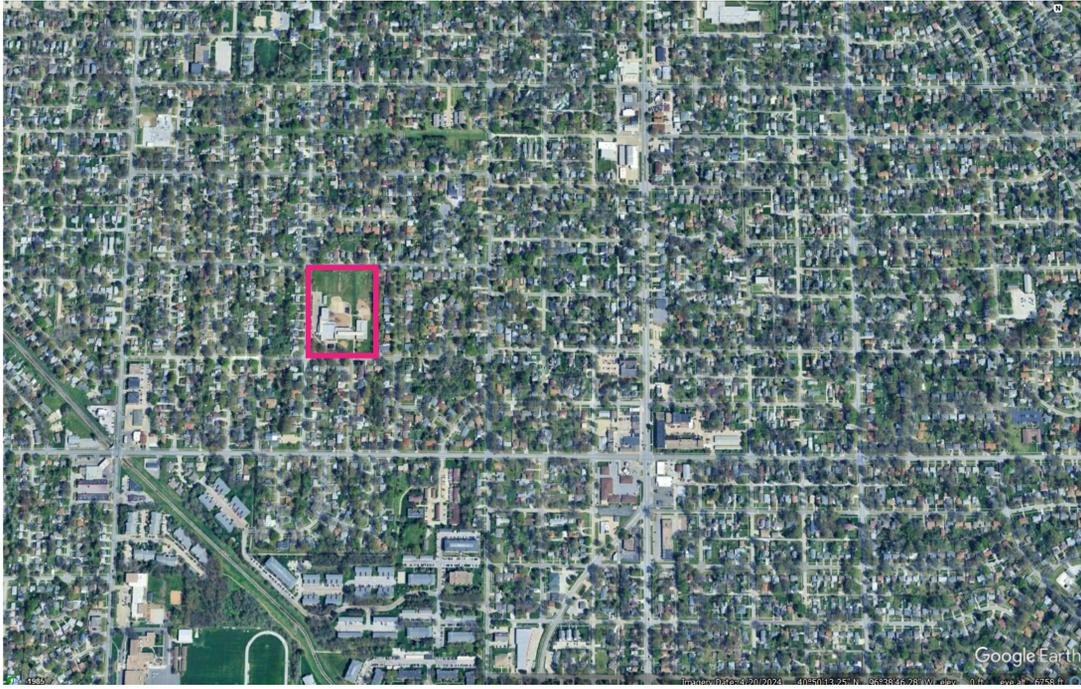


We are located in: T10N-R7E-Sec16



The biggest mystery we solved is why people call our neighborhood Bethany. We use to be our own town called Bethany!

We found old movies of what was once our town of Bethany, NE.

We discovered that the corner bakery in our neighborhood was once the Bethany Public Library (color 1940's movie at Lincoln City Libraries website), and before that the town's bank.

We found an old building that is the only building left from Cotner College. It was the girls' dormitory, and is now apartments.



Ayleswoth House across from school

We discovered our streets had different names! We solved the mystery of what the students' streets use to be called.

We discovered there was an actual puppet theatre in our town. We couldn't solve the mystery of what building it was in!



Our previous school building

We had a lot of grocery stores, we don't have any now, but we solved the mystery of the IGA grocery store. (its now an archery range).

We discovered our town had street cars! They ran right by our school.



The reason for our town-Cotner College

We solved the mystery of where our school was before 1960. It's still here, but is part of a retirement community. The kids had May Day celebrations. The school was diverse

We solved the mystery of our neighborhood's mansion. It was someone's house and then an orphanage.



We had street cars that ran right by our school

We solved the mystery of our school's street name. The town's college had a professor named Aylsworth. We found out a student lives in his house across the street from the school.

We (maybe) solved the mystery of the oral history that our school was built on a pear orchard.

We found three old movies about our town!!!!!!



Bethany Park was a forest

We discovered that our town was known for its hills and hollows. We solved the mystery of how "Dead Man's Run" (a stream that runs through) got its name!!!

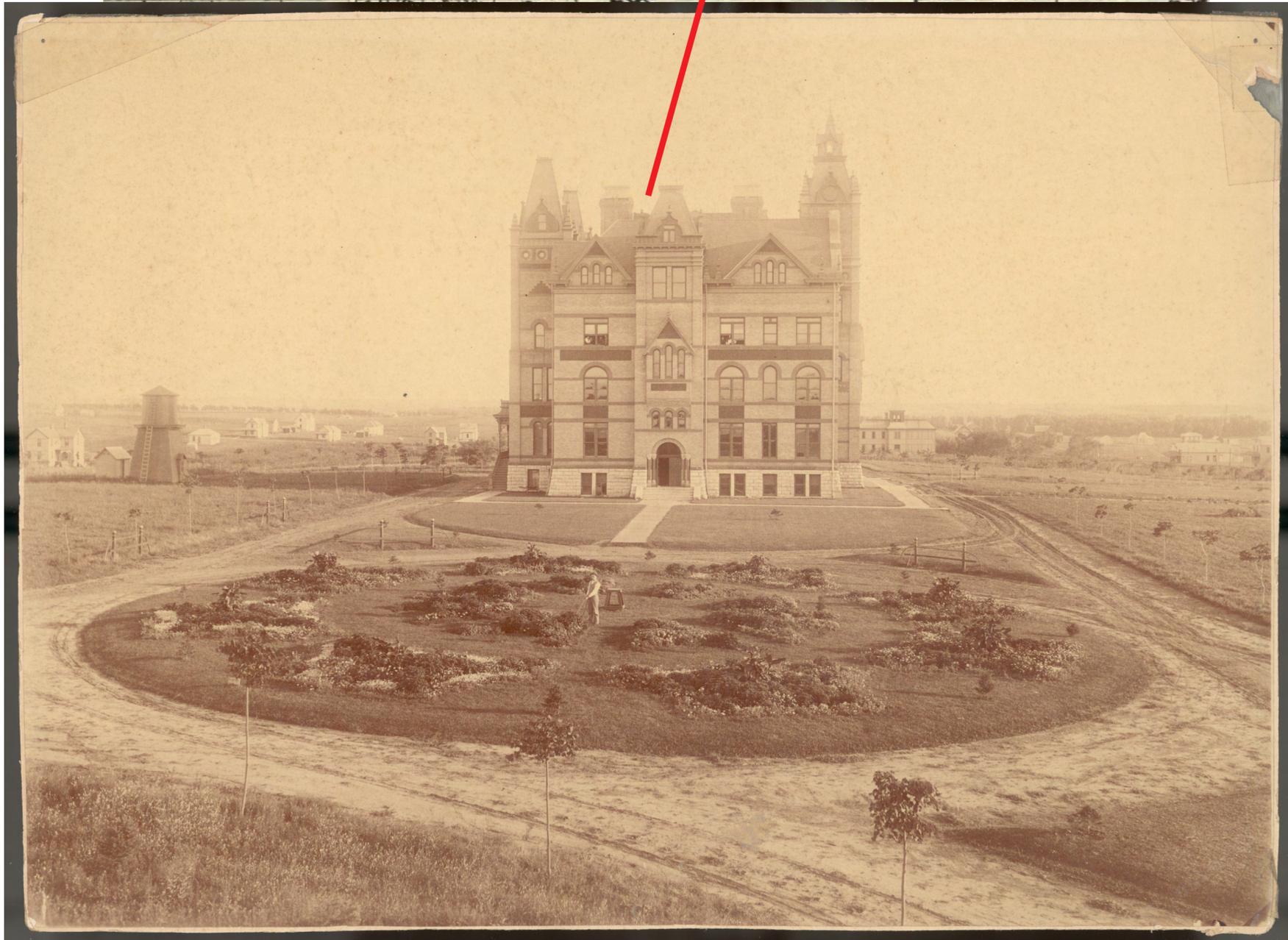
Before the trees grew so large, you could "look up" from Saunders (Cotner Ave) to see your house!



The old dorm from Cotner College is still here

We had lots of businesses: A salad dressing factory, our own post office, a tile factory, a brick factory, a street car depot, waterworks, lumberyards, at least six grovery stores, fancy gas stations, and much more.

Map #2



We learned that our neighborhood/town was centered on this beautiful old building. We read about the college and that the building was torn down 80 years ago. Both the college and our first school building had kerosene lights and coal stoves for heat.

Map #1

1857 (169 years ago)

We found our section # (#16) We noticed the "Salt Springs", and remembered that our local baseball team is the Saltdogs.

Mystery #1:
The map looks empty. Was anyone here?

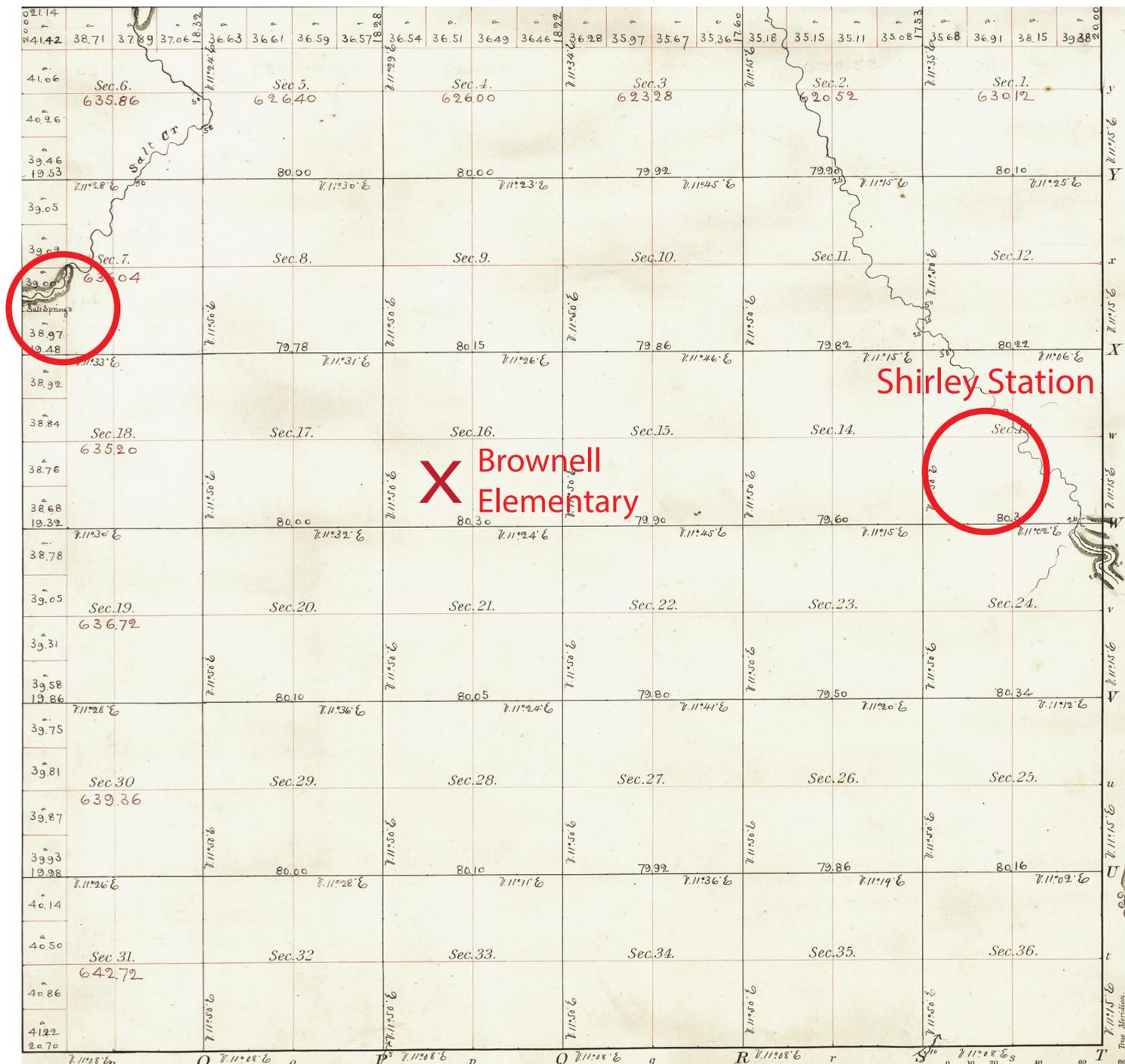
(newspaper article):

1. On this map in 1857, there was maybe few European settlers. The settlement was called Shirley Station (1860's). The first or second European born in the county, was born there (3 miles from the school). We found a picture of the "tavern" from the station. We learned that there is still a "hidden" cemetery there that we can visit.

Mystery #2

Where is Dead Man's Run on the map. What does the name mean?

We learned from a newspaper article that in 1851, two gold miners from California found a dead man in "the hollows of Bethany", and so the nearby stream was named "Dead Man's Run". We learned that a "run" is an old name for a stream that enters a creek.



Our School is 60 years old, but the very first school in our neighborhood was founded 128 years ago. We couldn't find photos of the first school building, but we think we might see it in the background of Cotner College's photos from the 1890's.

Our First School

Bank in movie here

Movie of 1931 school kids here

School May Day Celebration filmed here 1931



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