



Facts and Fiction

Towns are centers of people. Ghost towns, then, logically should be centers of *ghosts* of people. —Or don't you agree?

Perhaps this is not the case, but no one can be absolutely certain that ghosts do not live in ghost towns . . . can he?

Admittedly, ghost towns are more often defined as towns that no longer have post offices, but inhabitants (living ones, at least) of such towns tend to resent the implications. Ghost towns as considered in this issue of the *Heritage* are towns that no longer have inhabitants (living ones, of course), but that once were thriving communities.

But enough of this teasing; let's get on to more serious business.

The author of "Some Ghost Towns of Kansas," W. Marvin Richards, really needs no introduction. For one thing, he wrote "Fencing the Prairies" for *Heritage of Kansas* last year (May 1960). For another thing, this man has "been around" in the state and a lot of people know him, if not from personal contact, then at least through the books he has co-authored with Bliss Isely.

You remember Mr. Richards—the man with the twinkling eyes and the vast knowledge of his native state of Kansas; the man who's been collecting material on Kansas for over fifty years, always with a true understanding of people and of values; the man who knows a lot of things about a lot of things. That's the man, W. Marvin Richards, who has written "Some Ghost Towns of Kansas."

