1901 Arcanum Telephone Directories

In 1901, the village of Arcanum had two individual telephone companies serving the village residents. It is interesting to note that those subscribing to one company could not contact by telephone those subscribing to the other company. Each company had their individual lines. Apparently there was not a telephone book for either company, as the following two lists of subscribers was printed in two issues of The Weekly Times.

Arcanum Home Telephone Company Directory

List issued Saturday, June 15, 1901 as published in the Thursday, June 20, 1901 Weekly Times

Arcanum Times, newspaper – 50 Arcanum Marble Works - 18 Arcade Saloon - 3 on 30 Burnett, Geo H – residence – 55 Burnett, A.A. – residence – 8 Carter & Co, Druggists – 35 City Building (Mayor, Marshal

& Fire Dept) - 65

City Livery Barn – 39

Cline Bros C.&A.E., office – 56 Coal Oil Johnny, office – 48 Commercial House, hotel – 22 Commercial Exchange – 2 on 30 Cushwa, J.A., saloon – 3 on 30 Cushwa, J.A., residence – 2 on 30

Dynes, J.F., painter – 47 Flory, A.M., residence – 53 Flory & Hall, hardware - 31 Frees, Wm, residence – 10 Gower, T.B., hotel -33

Hansbarger, F, Mineral Water - 49 Hapner, G.F., residence – 60

Hoffman, J.S., undertaking & furniture – 34

Hoop Factory, office – 24 Kaylor, Sampson, furniture – 28 Kepner, H.A., residence – 14 Kester, Harry, laundry – 5 Kiester, Dr W.H., office – 54 Kiester, Dr W.H., residence - 16 Klinger, A.J., residence – 60 Lightner, Dr H.A., office – 37 Lowder, Wm, residence – 25 City Marshall - 58 or 65 McCue, Ed. residence – 17 McGuire & Clark, saloon – 41

McGuire, M.S., residence – 2

Miller, Jacob Jr, office – 18

Miller, J.D., publisher – 50

Muccie, Dennis, oil & gasoline - 48

Minnich, S.E., livery – 39 Minnich, Chas, residence – 38

Mumma, Dr. E.R., office – 63

Mundhenk, Mayor J.B. - 65

Olwin, E.E., residence – 6

Parks, C.F., grain elevator – 45

Parks, C.R., residence - 44

Pierce, O.B., carpenter – 46

Pierce, Thos S, barber - 64

Poe & Son, undertakers & furniture - 33

Pop Factory, office - 49 U.S. Post Office - 61

Ratcliff, Dr W.W, residence - 19

Robbins, A, flour mill - 43

Rogers, Mart, residence - 7

Rosser & Son & Co, lumber - 32

Rooks, W.H., residence - 59

Shepherd, J.H., tinner - 27

Shuler & Son, carriage mafgrs - 36

Siler, P.O., residence - 58

Smith, A.F, residence - 9

Smith, L.H., residence - 26

Smith, M.M., residence - 13 Smith Co, The John, store - 40

Smith, T.D., residence - 12

Spitler, Clopper & Co, hardware & furniture - 29

Star Flour Mill, office - 43

Star Laundry, office - 5

Stevens, Geo W, saloon - 42 Strader, Emanuel, residence - 21

Taylor, W.S., residence - 57

Times Office - 50

Township Clerk - 3

Trump, J.C., residence - 11

Welbaum, R.H., Livery - 23

Wilkinson, Dr. W.E., office - 52

Wild, M.E., residence - 3

Williams, Chas F., residence - 15

Wittenmyer & Byers, Drs - 1

Zimmerman, C.W., restaurant - 4

Zipperlen, J., bakery & restaurant - 51

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Arcade Saloon – 3 on 17 Arcanum Times – 14 Baker, Ezra, residence – 33 First National Bank, office – 30 Big Four Depot – 2 on 9 Clar, R.O., residence – 34 City Building – 2 on 15 Mayor, Marshall & Fire Dept

Mayor, Marshall & Fire Dept Commercial House Hotel – 12 Cushwa, J.A., saloon – 3 on 17 Cushwa, J.A., residence – 3 on 9 Forbes, B.M., residence – 3 on 9 Fourman, Francis, residence – 18 Gasell, O.W., coal office – 1 Gower, T.B., hotel – 12

Hamiel & Johnson, druggists – 40

Hawes, Drs S.A.&I.H., Drs office – 2 on 21

Hawes, I.H., residence – 3 on 21 Hawes, S.A. – long & short on 21

Hoffman, C.O, residence – short & long on 21

Hoffman, J.S., undertaker & furniture – 36 Kiester, Dr. W.H., office – 2 on 24

Kiester, Dr. W.H., residence – 3 on 34

Long & Stubbs, grocers – 25 City Marshall office – 2 on 5 Maylor office – 2 on 5 Mays, Anna, residence – 19 Mellinger, J.M., planning mill – 1 Mellinger, J.M., residence – 27 McCue, Ed, residence – 4 Miller, Guy, residence – 8 Miller, J.D., publisher – 14 Minnich, S..E., livery – 2 on 13 Minnich, S.E., residence – 3 on 13 Mundhenk, J.B., residence – 3 on 5 Niswonger, H.J. & Co, store – 2 on 15 Niswonger, H.J., residence – 3 on 15

Parks, C.F., grain office – 7 Robbins, A, flour mill – 22 Rogers, Martin, residence – 2 Rosser, W.F., residence – 35 Shuler, A.F. & Son, office – 11 Shuler Carriage Works, office – 3 Smith, M.M, residence – 6 Smith, The John Co, store – 16 Spitler, Cloppert & Co, hardware – 10 Times Office, Job printing – 14 Weider, J.B., residence – 4 on 9 Weisenbarger, M.L. & Sons, store – 23 Welbaum, R.H., liver – 20

Wilkinson, W.E., dentist office – 2 on 31

Wilkinson, W.E., residence – 3 on 31 Wilson, James, residence – 29

Long Distance connection with Bell Telephone Lines.

It will be noticed that due to two separate telephone companies it was necessary for many businesses, Individual subscribers, etc to have telephones with both companies.