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THE OLDEST IN THE STATE.

Emporia Paper Tells of an Aged Pair of Twins in Lawrence.

Mrs. Sarah Mayville and Mrs. Gemma Evans were born in Carter county, Kentucky, January 6, 1830, and were two of a family of ten girls and three boys, says the Emporia Gazette. They came to St. Joseph, Mo., with their parents, Zacheariah and Elizabeth Jones, in 1848, traveling all the way by boat. In 1850 Gemma was married to R. M. Howard, who in 1854 crossed the plains to Old Mexico, as wagon boss for the government. On this trip fifty-two six mule teams and fifty-two men froze to death, and only Howard and his assistant and one other got through alive, and they camped at Council Grove for three weeks on a pint of meal a day, when the pony express riders sent them aid from Fort Leavenworth.

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard four girls and two boys were born. One boy, William, and Mrs. Mary Nickel are in California, J. M. and Mrs. Lacy De Haizer are in Jefferson county, Kansas, two girls, Mrs. Sarah Meadows and Mrs. Lizzie Fine are dead. R. M. Howard dies in 1848. In 1845 Gemma married Jack Evans of Williamston, Kan. About two years ago they sold their farm and moved to Lawrence, Kan. where they own a pleasant home.

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Mrs. Sarah Mayville, who looks the younger, but who is about one hour the older, was also married twice. In 1853 she married John Son, who was killed by accident at St. Joseph, about a year afterward. To this union one son was born, J. W. Son, who is a farmer in Greenwood county, near Hartford. In 1880 she married John Mayville. Mr. Mayville landed on Kansas soil in 1839 and was one among the first white men to come here. He shot buffalo and fought Indians all over Kansas. He died at Fort Gibson, I. T., in 1870. To this union one boy and two girls were born. J. H. Mayville was born February 9, 1861, and was the first boy born in Atchison county after Kansas