

## In 1998, Tiemeir General Store Closed its Doors after 110 Years of Service in Lincolnvile, Marion County, Kansas

Lincolnvile sits on Clear Creek in Marion County, Kansas. Its current population is around 203. In 1998 this town bid a sad good-bye to the Tiemeir General Store that was founded in 1887 by Henry J. Tiemeier and his wife Minnie (Henke). They ran the store until their son Otto and his wife Ella (Holmes) took it over. For over 110 years, the store was an important meeting place for the adults of the town and a place of wonder for the children. Here the children of the town, for generations, came into the store, picked out their favorite kind of candy, placed their choices on the scales and paid the clerk their pennies. In 1998, after the death of Edgar Tiemeier, his widow Mabel found it necessary to close the store. It was sold at auction in November of that year. Below is a picture of the store as it looked in 1988, with its solid oak shelves and its popular candy counter.



Tiemeir's General Store, 1988. Photographer unknown.  
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The town of Lincolnvile was platted on May 18, 1872, by Robert C. McAllister, but for some unknown reason the U. S. government did not grant the patent until August 23, 1878. In 1887, the Chicago, Kansas & Nebraska Railway built a branch from Herington in Dickinson County, through Lincolnvile to Caldwell in Sumner County. Today this railroad is the Union Pacific, which still passes through the town from Herington. Lincolnvile had three newspapers since its beginning. The *Star* in 1887, the *Courier* from 1888-1889 and the *Marion County Lance* in 1907. The post office was

established in 1865, and its first postmaster was Thomas J. Wise, also one of the first settlers to the area, coming in 1863. One of their first schools Bethel School, and that building still stands and has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a large stone building with the same design as almost all one-room schools in Kansas. The school and Tiemeir Store defined this community for decades.

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