

HISTORY HIGHLIGHTED

Annelly

Where the Missouri Pacific crossed at point six miles west of Brainerd, another town was established. The town was named for a railroad official's wife and daughter, Ann and Elly. The town was organized July 5, 1885. Annelly had all the expected businesses, school, churches, and post office.

Annelly had no expectations of a second railroad so, in that light, saw benefit in Whitewater gaining another station. An article in The Weekly Republican, Newton, Kansas, September 9, 1887, says this in relation to Whitewater: "We haven't seen anyone moving out of Annelly yet. We hope they will have a station anyway, and grain and stock buyers, so that we farmers will have some benefit of the new road."

Although John Eilerts added on to his farm implement business in February 1886 and built a new residence in July 1887, he appears to be among the first to leave Annelly in August 1888. Most of the town soon followed.

The Post Office remained in service through the end of 1921.

Harvey County School District 28 was established in 1877 and became the Annelly School when the town was founded in 1885. The school was closed in 1953 but the building was used as a community building for many years. It remained as the sole remains of Annelly until it was moved a few miles in 1993.

