

History of the State of Kansas, Atchison County, William G. Cutler, Published in 1883 by A.T. Andreas, Chicago, IL

Elias B. Lesh, merchant, was born in Perry County, Pa., January 9, 1840. He received an academic education and when eighteen years of age engaged in teaching. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted as a Corporal in Company E, Nineteenth Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, known as the Curtin Horse Guards, called into service to resist the raid into Pennsylvania by the Rebel Army of Northern Virginia under Generals Lee and Early. He participated in several skirmishes with the enemy, but was engaged in no heavy fighting. Remained in service six months, then returned to his home and resumed teaching, in which he continued with exception of two years, when he was engaged in mercantile business until he came to Kansas in the spring of 1870. He then located in Americus and taught in the schools of Lyon and Chase Counties for about six years. In the spring of 1877, in connection with his brother, **Jacob W.**, he established a general store at Americus, under the firm name of Lesh Bros. They carry a stock of groceries, boots, shoes and notions. **Mr. Lesh** has been Township Treasurer two years and a member of the Board of Education three years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Americus and a member of Americus Lodge, No. 28, A. O. U. W. He married **Miss Mary E. Moreland**, of Perry County, Pa., January, 1868, by whom he has two children - **David K.** and **Charles M.**

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