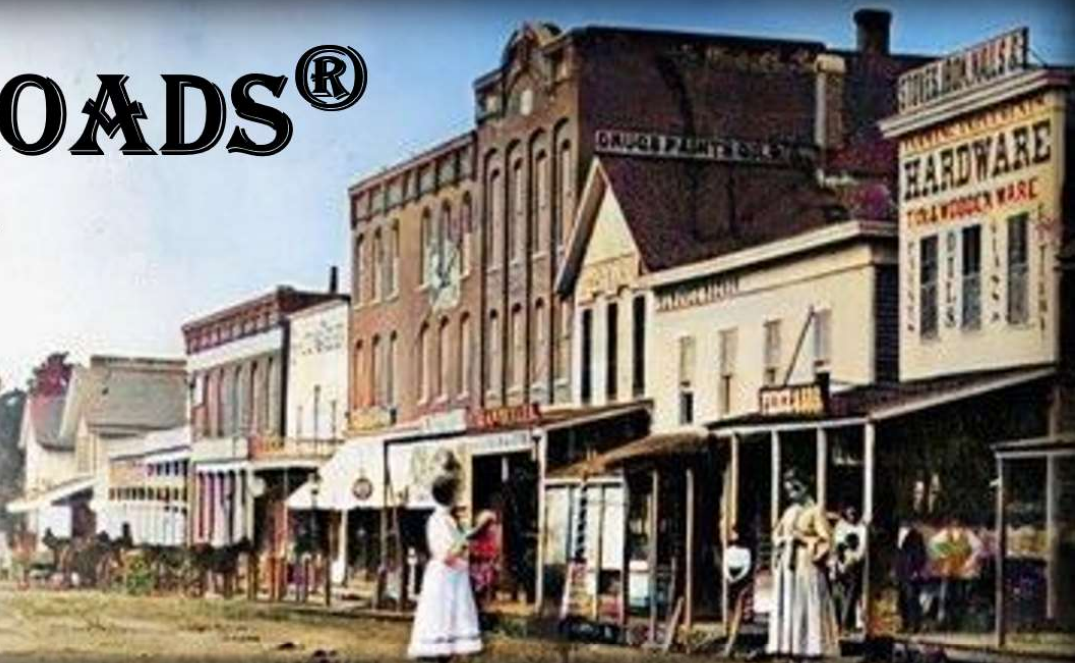


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Pancho Villa – There's (Usually) More to the Photo.

The caption for the photo to the right is accurate, but there's more information which can be included.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1914, thousands of Kewaneeans swarmed to the business district for the Kewanee Elks' Club celebration of the Elks' Home Coming with a parade led by Colonel Ring Bum's circus parade. Included in the parade were Kewaneeans Ed Hirschy, dressed as General Pancho Villa in Villa's typical apparel and mounted on his steed, and Bill Gulshen as a Mexican officer on foot.

Old photos of historic events are precious and add texture to any



Corner of First and Tremont Near the Star Courier Building

Based on the car and dress it could be 1910 to 1915 -- might be part of a circus parade

Circus Parade Greatest Event Of Its Kind Enjoyed Here

General Villa There.
Ed Hirschy following next in the procession went big as General Villa. He was dressed in the typical apparel of the Mexican officer. He was mounted on a burro and following directly behind him was "Bill" Gulshen as an inferior officer.

From the October 6, 1914,
Kewanee Daily Star Courier,
pages 1 and 2.

story. But the story gives meaning to the photo, adds needed context and often reveals so much more. Photos without a story or a story without photos are like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches missing either the peanut butter or the jelly.



Kewanee businessmen Ed Hirschy, dressed as a mounted General Pancho Villa, and Bill Gulshen, outfitted as a Mexican officer on foot, in the Bums' Circus parade. They are on First Street beginning to turn north on Tremont Street. The Star Courier Building is in the background on the northwest corner of the intersection.