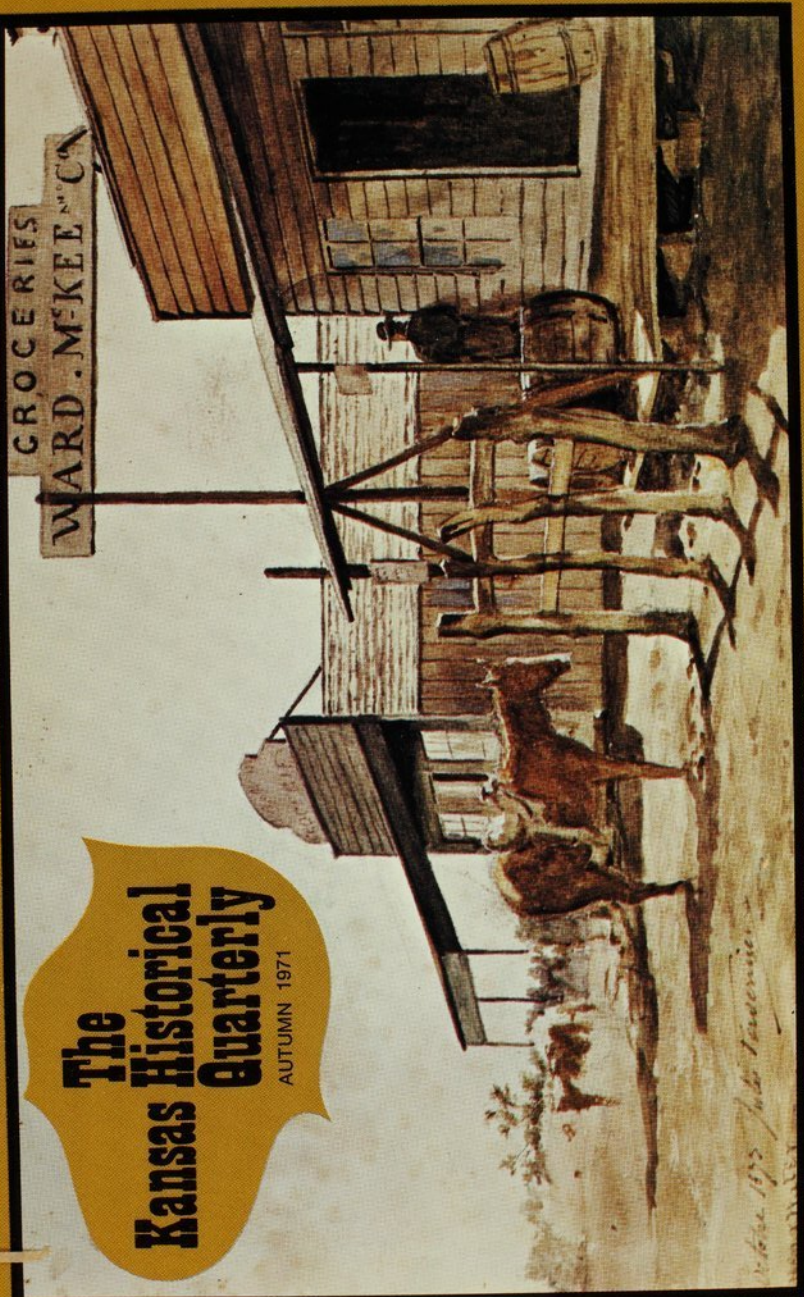


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Old Clearwater, as painted in water colors by Jules Tavernier, an artist who came up the Texas (Chisholm) trail early in October, 1873. The store in the background had been McLean and Russell's Ninnescah ranch house. It is more clearly depicted in the sketch appearing *between* pages 248, 249.