Scenes from the Past

Brick factories provided employment for many people in the early 1900s. Pictured in the top left photo are some of the employees of a brick factory in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1914. The top right photo was taken at the Johnstone Harvester Co., a frequent gathering place for those in need of farm machinery and parts. Below left: A man afraid of hard work and long hours would not last long working for the railroad. William "Bill" Poston, second from the left, is shown with a railroad crew at Baring, Mo., during the late 1890s. This crew had the job of all excavation before the tracks of the Santa Fe were laid. Below right: The dress style of these immigrants shows the European customs brought with them to America. This photograph was taken in Adair County during the early 1900s.