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The Collapse of Small Towns on the Great Plains: A Bibliography. By Nancy Burns. Emporia State Research Studies, vol. 31, no. 1. Emporia, Kans.: Emporia State University, 1982. 36 pp.

This short essay and bibliography on small towns on the plains is a useful guide to the literature on the decline of small service centers. In the introductory essay Burns describes alterations in the settlement pattern related to social, economic, and technological change. It is a valuable summary, although the reader will encounter one or two problems. For example, the definition of the Great Plains that is given on page 5 is very broad, and it conflicts with the usage employed by many of the authors summarized later.

The bibliography has been carefully selected. It is not intended to be exhaustive, but given diligent use, it provides access to a great part of the literature of small towns on the plains. The work deserves a place in reference collections.

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