

# Reno County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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## Seminars at Helen Hall residence rescheduled

Snow and blizzard disrupted the January meeting of the society. As a result the seminars at the residence of Helen Hall have been rescheduled.

The first is to be Monday, February 19. Those who were assigned to the first session by the calling committee last month are to attend the Feb. 19 meeting.

The balance of the membership is to attend the February 26 session.

By way of explanation: Mrs. Hall can accommodate a maximum of 25 persons in her home at one time; so half of us go on Feb. 19, the balance on Feb. 26.

The Hall residence is at the foot of Rayl's Hill on W. 4th on the north side of the road. The place where horses and mules were raised for many years. Those not certain of the location may meet in front of the library at 6:30 PM. The library will be closed that day.

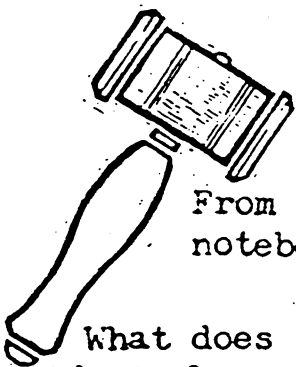
## In honor of, in memory of the memorial book fund

The genealogical book fund at the Public Library which consists of monies donated for the purchase of books in honor of someone or in memory of a departed relative or friend has been used to purchase a number of books this past year.

Please keep this fund in mind. It could be that you would like to contribute to it. The fund is fluid. A contribution of \$1 is most acceptable and a donation of \$100 is always welcomed.

The Hutchinson Public Library has purchased about 100 genealogical reference books since the society was founded; and the people are using them. There is no better way to show our appreciation than by using these books.

☐ Please remember: After using a non-circulating reference book at the library, please, please, leave it on the table. DO NOT PUT IT BACK IN THE BOOKSTACKS!



From the president's notebook

What does the incoming president of any organization fear? He or she fears that he may find too few of the members willing to help him carry on the work of the organization. However, as the newly elected president of the Reno County Genealogical Society, I need not have had this concern. Not only have members responded willingly when they have been asked to do a job, but also many of them have exceeded the requirements of the assigned undertaking. This kind of cooperation makes a president's task easier and makes our Society a vital force. Hence, I would like to thank each of you who has accepted an assignment and has performed it so capably. --Betty Morgan

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For those of you who do not know Helen Hall; she is a genealogist who has written 30 books containing over 200,000 names. Her first book was published in 1955 and was about her Grandfather. She has taken many genealogy courses. Her personal library is extensive.

### The obituary card file

Jayne Purcell has resumed compilation of the obituary card file for Reno County which has been placed in the Kansas Room. Mina Miller took over the task some months ago and finds she should no longer have this responsibility. Thanks to both of them for a nice, comprehensive card file.

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### Genealogical group formed at Syracuse

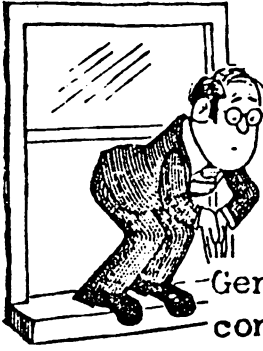
The new Hamilton County Genealogical Society meets the first Monday of each month. Among the aids provided by the society are cassette tapes on Pennsylvania German research. Society officers: Mrs. Emit Jones, President; Mrs. T.M. Grim, Vice-president; Mrs. Karl Vennenbert, Secretary; Mrs. Vic Mjstoe, Treasurer; Mrs. Naomi Grissom, Public Relations.

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### Pope Families Association

The Pope Families Association has many records on file and puts out a newsletter. Write to Mr. Joe W. Pope, 3445 Almand Dr., Apt. 11, College Park, Ga. 30337.

DON'T DESPAIR!



-Genealogy publishing  
consultation scheduled

Those interested in details of publishing a genealogy are welcome to attend a special consultation at the library on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 7 PM.

A number of helpful ideas will be presented so each may be guided toward the better method of publishing his/her genealogy. Costs, technical problems, preparation, etc. will be considered.

HELP! HELP! Smoke signals from a Washington Genealogist

James H. Hawking and his wife Sarah E. Clagett, natives of Maryland, settled in Hutchinson and were living there in 1888. Their children included Frances R., Jimmie, Jesse and Bessie. I know of nothing more recent.

I am publishing a Clagett family book and am determined to deal with the history of these people in Hutchinson as best I can. Send me any information you may have in this regard. Brice M. Claggett, 888 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Nominating committee  
named by president

Freda Ross, chairman; Lydia Streeter and Roy Gardner have been named to the nominating committee by President Betty Morgan. The group will report to the membership in March at which time the annual election is to be held.

Strictly "no-no"  
for genealogists

Some vulnerable points in genealogy, most of which are self-imposed, are strictly no-nos. Among such weaknesses are denying or trying to cover up bastardy; not accepting great-great-grandfather was born three years before his parents were married; hiding Uncle Tom's homicide records, the beautiful malatto servant girl and their "gone to Texas" (G.T.T.) under various non-de-guerre before his becoming an Alamo hero. Even more serious personal faults are allowing skepticism to degrade into cynicism or assuming the position and part of an advocate and playing it with a closed mind.

Dues due

\$3 per individual, \$5 for husband and wife. Pay your dues at the March Meeting.

## Guest Book

Visitors to the library are asked to sign the Guest Book in the Kansas Room, listing the surnames they are working on. Some recent entries include:

Harriet Moss, 5928 Anniston Rd., Bethesda, Md. 20034 who lists King and Landes.

Lois Elson, Nash, Ok. 73761 is working on King and Reid.

Willa Darr, 200 N. Main, Stafford, Ks. 67578 lists Darr, Hartnett, Parker and Fox.

Mrs. Earlan C. Boehm, 2905 S. Barnes, Springfield, Mo. 65804 lists Shepherd, Morrow, Davis and Jones.

Grant White, 121 W. Cleveland, Sterling, Ks. 67579 lists White and Thomas.

Lola Goodrich Tiffany, 1017 W. 4th, Haysville, Ks. 67060 lists Tiffany, Willhour, Mock, Goodrich, Dugan, Cundiff and Bracey.

Dorothy Wilson, Sharon Springs, Ks. 67758 lists Allen.

Eleanor Krukovsky, 174-5th Ave, Neptune City, N.J. lists Rose, Schamp, Reichert, Hulce.

Mrs. Gray Eshelman, P.O. Box 122, Mendocino, Ca. 95460 writes that she has her great-grandmother's diary and will check for names of her relative's friends and neighbors living near Haven in the 1870's. Her great-grandparents were Giles and Dinah (Wilson) Harnden. She would appreciate a SASE with your request. She would also like to hear from anyone who has Wilson connections.

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RCGS aids former  
Reno Countian

Nina Kagarice Bigsby, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan made inquiry relative to obituaries of her grandparents.

The Jesse Kings volunteered to help. They immediately recognized her as the daughter of the man who delivered milk to them the first years they were married.

Newspaper obituaries were readily found and photocopies were sent to her. Her father was C. C. Kagarice, prominent farmer in the Castleton/Elmer area. King fit her with shoes during the 1930s at the old Stones Shoe Store now the Bootery.

She wants to join the Kansas Genealogical Society; then possibly ours.

Thanks to our  
Hutchinson Library

The Kansas Room at the Library has made a terrific place for the meetings of the Reno County Genealogical Society. Such surroundings have helped make this a close knit group.

The informal atmosphere and the opportunity to use it has been most gratefully accepted by the membership. Our collective thanks to Duane Johnson and his staff for making this place available to us and for their splendid cooperation and guidance.



Robertson (mp to King)

The society is most grateful to Jack B. Robinson for preparing and publishing the 38 page Genealogy Collection of books and other reference works at the Hutchinson Public Library. He was assisted in this task by Mrs. Lurye Emig, one of the founders of this society.



We have not activated a fund raising project. It could be that we should as funds get desperately low and hamper some activities we would like.

Report from the  
grave yard shift



Arthur Graves and Everett Wells report that approximately 28,000 names have been recorded from graves in Reno County.

Burials in Memorial Park and Fairlawn Cemeteries are yet to be recorded. This will be done as the weather breaks and folks can get to them readily and regularly.

Forty-five persons have helped so far and the co-chairmen wish to thank them for their efforts. They especially express their appreciation to those who are not members, but friends of the society, who gave time to this project. Wells stated, "We have no idea how many hours have been put into this project, but at Eastside alone it took 290 hours to record the burials.

It is estimated 18,000 names are yet to be recorded. Following that comes the alphabetizing and typing.

Please call Everett Wells at 662-7852 or Arthur Graves at 662-6542 to volunteer for this project.

by James H. Arterburn

The history of the early days of our Kansas Post Offices

Being confined to the house (snow bound) these first weeks of January 1979, I was introduced to a most interesting book "Kansas Post Offices" compiled by Robert W. Baughman and published by the Kansas State Historical Society in 1961.

Having collected stamps as a boy and still having my collection, this "kid" learned new items and relearned old items about the Louisiana Purchase. This purchase, made from France in 1803 for the sum of fifteen million dollars, covered that vast territory from west of the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. There were no scheduled means of transportation nor of sending or receiving mail. When one crossed the Mississippi River and traveled 100 miles west, you were right out in the boondocks, surrounded by buffalo.

Eight pre-territorial post offices were established before the organization of the Kansas Territory, May 30, 1854.

1. Cantonment Leavenworth	29 May	1828	
2. Fort Leavenworth	19 October	1841	(Still in operation)
3. Fort Scott	3 March	1843	(Still in operation)
4. Crawford Seminary	22 August	1848	
5. Delaware	10 September	1850	
6. Uniontown	18 March	1851	(Wyandotte Co.)
7. Fort Atkinson	11 November	1851	
8. Walnut Creek	22 August	1853	

The first four post offices established after the organization of the Kansas Territory.

1. Marysville	11 November	1854	(Still in operation)
2. Richardson	9 January	1855	
3. Lawrence	13 January	1855	(Still in operation)
4. Kickapoo City	24 January	1855	

Marysville, Kansas was also the home base of the now famous Pony Express Mail Service. The stone building, quartering both men and ponies under one roof, has been restored and is now a worth seeing museum.

It is the hopes of this writer that space will be granted in future issues to browse through this most interesting book and learn of towns that had flourishing businesses and busy post offices; but now the town and all it's buildings are gone. Nothing remains to mark the spot where grandma once got her mail. (Note: If you have a letter mailed from one of these towns and the cancellation mark is in good condition, please take it out of the box of stamps or packet of old letters where you now have it and have the entire envelope laminated between two sheets of plastic--you have a very valuable item.

Since we named ourselves the Reno County Genealogical Society, let us review those towns in Reno County that once were, but are now gone without a trace.

Note: When an \* accompanies "from", both the name and the site were changed.  
 An \* after the recorded date, the name of the office became the one stated in the name changed column.  
 When an \* accompanies "to", both the name and the site were changed.

<u>Office</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Established</u>	<u>Discontinued</u>	<u>Name Changed</u>
Abbyville	Reno	1 Jan. 1836	---	From Salt Creek*
Arlington	Osborno	5 Apr. 1871	22 Aug. 1872	To Tilden*
Arlington	Reno	7 Feb. 1878	---	
Avery	Reno	16 Feb. 1885	31 July 1901	
Bernal	Reno	3 Sept. 1887	15 Feb. 1913	
Bland	Reno	2 Feb. 1900	31 Jan. 1905	
Bland	Bourbon	13 Apr. 1894	15 Aug. 1894	
Bone Springs	Reno	12 Oct. 1874	29 Nov. 1902	
Booth	Pawnee	28 Sept. 1881	2 Dec. 1884	From Ft. Larned*
Booth	Reno	29 March 1890	2 Oct. 1900	to Darlow
Buhler	Reno	20 Oct. 1888	---	From Hamburg
Burrton	Reno	29 Apr. 1872	8 Nov. 1872	
Burrton	Harvey	3 June 1873	---	
Castleton	Reno	6 Dec. 1872	28 June 1957	
Christopher	Reno	19 Dec. 1882	15 Nov. 1892	
Cottonwood Grove	Reno	19 Sept. 1877	2 Dec. 1881	To Turon*
Darlow	Reno	2 Oct. 1900	31 Jan. 1936	From Booth
Dean	Reno	19 Apr. 1881	2 Aug. 1886	
Desire	Reno	24 Jan. 1877	23 Aug. 1878	
Forsha	Reno	3 Oct. 1896	31 May 1907	
Hamburg	Reno	30 Jan. 1888	20 Oct. 1888	To Buhler
Haven	Reno	10 Apr. 1873	---	
Huntsville	Reno	11 Jan. 1878	31 July 1905	
Hutchinson	Reno	6 Dec. 1871	---	
Idaville	Reno	15 Feb. 1875	31 Jan. 1876	To Nonpariel*
Jordan Springs	Reno	18 Jan. 1875	19 Oct. 1887	
Kent	Reno	16 Oct. 1882	31 May 1901	
		9 June 1902	30 Nov. 1904	
Langdon	Reno	16 Dec. 1873	28 Apr. 1881	From Leonville*
	Reno	20 June 1881	---	
Leonville	Reno	26 June 1873	16 Dec. 1873	To Langdon*
Lerado	Reno	2 May 1884	13 Feb. 1904	From Netherland
Leslie	Reno	16 Mar. 1874	19 Aug. 1880	
		22 Nov 1880	16 Aug. 1887	To Medora*
Line	Reno	17 June 1879	9 Sept. 1879	
Mariette	Saline	23 June 1874	10 Nov. 1874	
Marietta	Reno	1 Aug. 1878	5 Oct. 1887	
Marietta	Marshall	21 Apr. 1890	15 July 1895	
Marietta	Marshall	22 July 1895	28 Feb. 1959	
Medora	Reno	16 Aug. 1887	---	From Leslie*
Mona	Reno	20 Jan. 1879	29 June 1901	
Mount Liberty	Reno	3 Feb. 1873	31 July 1886	
Netherland	Reno	12 Aug. 1874	2 May 1884	To Lerado
New Haven	Reno	15 Feb. 1877	15 Dec. 1887	
New London	Reno	17 Nov. 1873	12 Jan. 1881	(Est. in Rice Co.)
Nickerson	Reno	21 Jan. 1873	---	
Nonpariel	Reno	31 Jan. 1876	26 Dec. 1879	From Idaville*
(Nonpareil)		5 April 1880	12 Jan. 1881	
Ocoee	Reno	28 Mar. 1879	1 Sept. 1881	
Og	Reno	15 Mar. 1880	12 Dec. 1882	
Olcott	Reno	6 Apr. 1887	15 Jan. 1903	From Dresden, Kingman Co.*
Olcott	Reno	11 Mar. 1904	31 Dec. 1907	
Ost	Reno	3 Mar. 1882	28 Feb. 1911	
Partridge	Reno	24 May 1886	---	From Reno Centre*
Peace Creek	Reno	26 May 1876	31 July 1905	(Est. in Barton Co. later in Stafford

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Pekin	Reno	21 Aug. 1897	31 July 1905	
Plowma	Reno	25 Oct. 1877	---	
Pretty Prairie	Reno	26 Jan. 1874	---	
Purity	Reno	19 Jan. 1880	31 July 1893	
Queen Valley	Reno	10 July 1871	2 Feb. 1872	
Reno Centre	Reno	12 Dec. 1873	24 May 1886	To Partridge*
Riverton	Reno	15 Feb. 1875	30 Sept. 1890	
Riverton	Cherokee	11 July 1919	---	
Salt Creek	Reno	8 Dec. 1873	1 June 1886	To Abbyville*
Sego	Reno	12 Oct. 1874	14 Jan. 1905	
So. Hutchinson	Reno	22 Aug. 1887	19 July 1898	
Stells	Reno	24 Mar. 1894	11 May 1886	
Stells	Wilson	16 Feb. 1898	15 Dec. 1900	
Sylvia	Reno	23 Apr. 1887	---	From Zenith
Stallville	Reno	4 Sept. 1879	28 Dec. 1830	
Thurcer	Reno	11 Sept. 1899	31 July 1901	
Turon	Reno	2 Dec. 1881	---	From Cottonwood Grove*
Westminister	Reno	4 Dec. 1873	10 Nov. 1881	
Woodberry	Reno	21 May 1876	15 Dec. 1887	
Yaggy	Reno	10 Jan. 1900	16 June 1900	(Rescinded)
Yaggy	Reno	6 Feb. 1901	13 May 1901	(Rescinded)
Yoder	Reno	25 Nov. 1889	---	
Zenith	Reno	12 May 1876	23 Apr. 1887	To Sylvia
Zenith	Stafford	25 Feb. 1902	---	

--James H. Arterburn

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