

# Reno County Genealogical Society Newsletter

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## Council of Genealogical Societies to Meet Here

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The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies will hold its annual meeting on June 9 in Hutchinson with the Kansas Genealogical Society of Dodge City as host and the Reno County Genealogical Society of Hutchinson as co-host.

The meeting is open to any member of a genealogical society in Kansas. Notices will be mailed soon to all Kansas Societies.

Reservation blanks will be available at the May 21 meeting of RCGS. Malinda Peterson and Betty Morgan are in charge of local arrangements.

This meeting is open to all, but voting is limited to two delegates from each society. Our voting representatives will be Veva and Raymond Stewart.

## MAY MEETING

Roger Williams, Manager of the Mennonite Press of North Newton will be the speaker for the May 21 meeting at 7:00 PM at the Hutchinson Public Library.

## Make a Record of the History You Are Making

It is your birthright to preserve your personal history for future generations. More than that, some of us believe it is your bounden duty to do so. Not only your own children, but everyone's children who follow should have available the knowledge set down in the personal history you should be compiling today as you try to glean the truths from the generations before you.

Actually if you record your history as you live it, you may later draw upon this resource as you make plans for the future. Diaries are not a bad idea. But whatever you do, make a record of your life. Short paragraphs about incidents in your life are great. Put a date on happenings suggested by these so those who read them will know that the incident happened in your youth, manhood or old age. Just think how great such writings from your great-great grandfather would mean to you today.

What you are doing now is making history and history is worthy of being recorded

## So, This is the Man Who Founded Our County Seat

(excerpts from a speech by Mr. Justice John F. Fontron at the April 16 meeting of the society.

The town of Bernard, Vermont was the native heath of Clinton C. Hutchinson. He was a man of diverse talents and wore many hats. He was a Baptist preacher, a real estate developer, a promotor, an Indian Agent, a legislator, an author and a dedicated dry. From Vermont he first migrated to Chicago and then to Topeka where, so the record reveals, he occupied a Baptist pulpit (1860-62) and later preached in Lawrence. He founded Ottawa, Kansas before establishing our city.

Mr. Hutchinson's quarrel with demon rum ran deep. He placed clauses in his deeds prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor through 1875 and providing that title should revert in case of a breach. Hutchinson published a brochure proclaiming the virtues of settling in the City of Hutchinson. As a result by August 18, 1872 Hutchinson was incorporated as a third class city with a population of 250 while the census of 1880 recorded 2,006 persons.

C.C. Hutchinson served as a legislator for two terms 1872 and 1874. His first campaign was a hasty affair. A petition to organize the county, containing 600 names was taken to Topeka in the waning days of December 1871. On January 2, 1872 the governor proclaimed the county's organization and appointed three temporary commissioners, C.O. Bemis, Wm. H.

Bell and Thomas Allen, to handle it's interim affairs. Two members met on January 4th. Mr. Bemis was absent and hence was elected chairman. An election was set for February 3 to select a county seat and a special election was called for January 6 (just two days later) to elect a representative to the legislature. At the special election C.C. Hutchinson was the only candidate and was elected unaminously. The Board counted and canvassed the votes immediately, and issued a certificate of election within half-an-hour after the polls were closed. Mr. Hutchinson promptly took off for Newton in a wagon, caught the Sunday train to Topeka and was sworn in on Monday morning without anyone questioning the legality of his election.

The reason for such haste: C.C.H. wanted his town to be the county seat and since it was in the far northeast corner of the county he thought it needed protection. Legislators in those days were accustomed to changing county boundaries frequently, and the members, in this instance, accommodated Mr. Hutchinson by slicing off a row of southern townships from Rice and McPherson Counties and adding them to Reno. (Potential county seat wars were thus averted as Hutchinson was closer to the center of the county.

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Virginia Sidlinger Foster has a copy of the 1900 Hutchinson High School Commencement Exercise Book and will search for names for a SASE. Virginia S. Foster  
P.O. Box 80  
Alliance, NE 69301

From the Desk of  
the Vice-president

There appears to be a need to amend our bylaws; however, the committee that drafted them must be commended. Proposed changes are minor but important.

It has been found that the combined offices of secretary-treasurer should be separated and an additional person be appointed to one of these offices.

A second change to be proposed will be to include the immediate past president as a member of the Executive Committee.

The other change is to permit the President to appoint the nominating committee instead of the present method of requiring that they be elected by the membership.

With the increase in the numbers of people everywhere searching for their ancestors as well as relatives, there is an ever pressing need for research in all areas of our country.

Our society is being asked to do research for others. If you have the desire to help someone in another city or state, let us know. Write it down and mail it to the Reno County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

--Raymond Stewart

Morsels of Wisdom  
and Musings

The misrepresentation of objective truth increases when it comes to family histories. One can find great surprises when

looking into some family histories.

For instance: the great-grandfather who is said to have been a propertied land owner and a highly educated man turns out to be a day laborer.

A certain ancestor was a Deputy Marshall in a little Swiss village, a position comparable to a middle-bracket civil servant. This ancestor developed in the imaginings of his descendants first into a knight and finally into a member of an old established military family in the nobility. We can find family histories that can be verified and truthful, but some researchers declare that it is certain more than half of what is told as personal or family history has nothing to do with what actually happened, purely objectively speaking, and this without the narrator being conscious that he is misrepresenting the truth.

Families like nations, need traditions on which to grow. Some of these will be more mythical than actual; but myth combined with actual is not all bad, however, it is better if we tell the truth. It is not all that bitter --truth actually is sweet.

So, as you write, watch it! Keep your imagination under control.

(The above was suggested by a newsletter "Under Construction" published by the Mendocino Coast Genealogical Society, Ft. Bragg, CA)

## A New Department Who Are You Seeking to Find?

The editors have decided that it might be a good idea to have an exchange column each month in which a member lists an ancestor and asks if anyone can possibly provide some information about ancestors or descendents of the person listed.

To start

LEE, Samuel Morris, b Mountain Grove, MO 3 Mar 1852. Family tradition has it that he was a cousin of Gen. Robert E. Lee. I would like the names of ancestors of Gen. Lee to see if I can tie them into my family tree. Zona M. Bridges, 10 Sunset Dr., ph 662 0763.

MARR, Thomas b 1804 in VA. Married WILLIAMS, Sarah (Sally) 15 Mar 1827 in Barren Co., KY. She was b ca 1811 in SC. Ch: Albert, Robert, Julia Ann, Kitty Ann, twins William and Lucy S., James Henry, Elizabeth, Sarah and George Ann. Need parents of Thomas Marr and where in VA he was b. Jayne (Koepe) Purcell, 323 E. Ninth, ph 662-4966

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From the Christian Science Monitor comes these bits of unusual happenings among the youth of Texas, genealogically. History moved out of the classroom and out of the textbooks in 140 Texas communities to become a living and continuing chronicle of these communities. These thousands of

junior high and high school students who belong to the historical association have a lot to do with making history a living force as they rummage through attics and photo books, bombard old timers with questions and crank up the tape recorders to develop oral history.

The Texas State Historical Society has developed a sponsors' handbook for the junior historian clubs. This handbook provides everything from a rationale to help students discover local history--a living history--"where he lives and goes to school", to how to raise funds for local junior historian chapters.

The association publishes a journal of research papers "Texas Historian", exclusively for student publication. Recent titles reflect the variety of this research; "Log of a Cowboy", "A Visit to Jefferson in 1781", "Waco's Suspension Bridge", "First Girl Page of the Texas Senate", "Waxachahie's Chautauqua", and "Gunfight in the Big Bend".

This kind of research helps students to discover their own communities and often to discover their own parents and grandparents. One student discovered his father had captured a bandit in a cave, another that his grandfather had trailed cattle to Colorado. Another talked with a neighbor who 'flew the airmail' before airlines carried passengers and another that her aunt had been a justice of the peace.

There is no end to the beauties of genealogical research. Topics such as these unfold the background of our communities and let us get to know each other better.

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**New Genealogy Materials at the Hutchinson Public Library****U.S. Census Indexes for the following states:**

1840 Illinois  
1850 Illinois  
1850 Indiana  
1860 Kansas  
1840 Kentucky  
1850 Kentucky  
1830 Ohio  
1840 Ohio  
1850 Ohio

**Microfilm of the Kansas State Agricultural Censuses for Reno County for years:**

1875 1 roll  
1885 2 rolls  
1895 5 rolls  
1905 4 rolls  
1915 7 rolls

**New Entries in the Guestbook at the Library****DICKHUT, HAFEMAN**

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**Workshops at the Newton Public Library**

Rebecca Sue Hatton, Reference Librarian at the Newton Public Library, is conducting a workshop the third Wednesday of every month from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. She will be on hand to help with research problems and to answer questions. Sometimes take-home packets are available. The library is located at 720 North Oak.

**Charts for Sale**

Our Vice-president Raymond Stewart, 2806 Pama Lou, has adequate stocks of Ancestor and Family Charts which the Society has had printed for the convenience of the members.

The current supply is of somewhat better quality than before as the paper is 25% cotton and will keep white and for at least 25 years.

**The Hayes Family Genealogy**

The Kagarice sisters have published a 32 page Hayes Family History and a copy has been placed in the library by the society.

Both sisters have expressed interest in joining the society. They are Reno County Natives. Mrs. Nona Bisby lives in Saskatoon, Sas., and Mrs. Wayne D. Yoder in Colorado Springs. Members of the society were able to assist them in gathering information for their history.



The dues are \$5.00 for single or husband and wife memberships. The reason being that \$3.00 just wasn't enough and the Executive Committee felt that a flat \$5.00 for a household would likely give us funds needed for publication of the Newsletter and some other items.

**Dues are due**

Please mail your dues to:  
Reno County Genealogical Society  
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The Reno County Genealogical Society of Hutchinson, Kansas was founded in 1978 for the purpose of fostering genealogical research, promoting the exchange of information and encouraging the deposit of genealogical records in established libraries and archives. We are affiliated with the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies. You are invited to become a member of RCGS. Dues are \$5.00 per household for the year 1 April 1979 to 31 March 1980. Make checks payable to: Reno County Genealogical Society P.O. Box 5 Hutchinson, KS 67501

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden name in parenthesis)  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

From the President's Notebook

At the April 16 meeting, Judge John Fontron gave a very interesting talk about C.C. Hutchinson, the founder of our city. Judge Fontron is president of the Reno County Historical Society and we are looking forward to working with that organization in the future.

Carla Miller is working on a surname file. She will soon be asking you to fill out a pedigree chart which will give us the information needed for this file.

I wish to thank everyone for their help in getting this year off to a good start.

--Maxine Lindburg

MOORE, William who married MOORE, Sarah at Bellefontaine, OH 4 Nov 1819. They lived in Union Twp, Logan Co., OH where they raised a family of four boys and four girls. Desire names of both ancestors and descendents. Jesse E. King, 1228 N. Jackson, ph. 662-8374.

THANKS TO JIM ARTERBURN FOR COMPILING THIS LIST OF RENO COUNTY NEWSPAPERS

Listed here are the towns in Reno County that at one time had at least one newspaper. All of these papers are on microfilm and can be found in the Reference Department of the Hutchinson Public Library. This listing is by no means complete. There are about another half dozen short run newspapers (Some with but a single issue) that are gathered together on one film.

Town	Name of Paper	Established	Discontinued
Abbyville	Chronicle	4 June 1897	10 Sept 1897
	Tribune	26 Aug 1886	3 March 1887
Arlington	Enterprise	1 Apr 1886	25 Dec 1970
	Crusader		1970
	Herald	23 Oct 1913	30 July 1914
Buhler	News	17 Aug 1922	10 Aug 1923
	Three-thirteen	1969	1970
	Dispatch	21 July 1888	12 Jan 1889
Haven	Independent	10 June 1886	2 June 1888
	"	19 Jan 1889	23 March 1889
	"	9 Jan 1890	16 Nov 1893
	Item	23 March 1894	27 Dec 1895
	Journal	8 Aug 1896	11 Nov 1909
	"	24 Oct 1913	1970

<u>Town</u>	<u>Name of Paper</u>	<u>Established</u>	<u>Discontinued</u>
Hutchinson	Blade	20 Dec 1919	1 Apr 1922
	Daily Call	11 Apr 1888	18 June 1888
	Daily Bee	19 March 1902	10 July 1905
	Daily Gazette	1 Jan 1919	1 June 1924
	Daily Herald	12 Apr 1887	31 Dec 1887
	Daily Herald	3 June 1924	31 Dec 1942
	Daily Patriot	10 July 1893	19 Sept 1893
	Daily Gazette	2 June 1908	31 Dec 1913
	Daily Independent	1 July 1905	30 May 1908
	Clipper	11 Feb 1889	13 Jan 1902
	Gazette	4 Sept 1890	19 Dec 1902
	Semi-Weekly Gazette	Jan 1903	Dec 1909
	Democrat	7 Jan 1883	29 Aug 1890
	"	6 Apr 1895	30 May 1902
	Examiner	22 Mar 1876	23 Nov 1876
	Headlight	6 Oct 1893	22 March 1895
	News	4 July 1872	
	Herald	5 Apr 1877	3 Jan 1885
	Interior Herald	10 Jan 1885	23 June 1903
	Interior	18 Jan 1877	26 Dec 1885
	Independent	22 Jan 1902	30 May 1908
	Kansas Herald (German)	28 Apr 1888	19 Apr 1890
	Kansas	3 Jan 1896	26 Aug 1898
	Mail	3 Sept 1898	30 Nov 1901
	Reformatory Herald	28 Jan 1916	18 Dec 1948
	Republican	23 March 1889	28 June 1890
	Saturday Bee	21 Dec 1895	8 July 1905
	Times	6 Dec 1889	30 March 1889
	"	30 Nov 1906	17 Dec 1909
	Harbinger	1950	1968
	High School Buzz	1931	1970
	Labor Review	1926	1957
	Observer	1915	1920
	Our Messenger	1897	1899
	Southwestern Retailer	1924	1926
	Times	1932	1934
	Tradesman	1903	1907
	Wholesaler	1909	1917
	Journal	11 May 1888	16 March 1889
	Leader	30 Nov 1886	26 Aug 1887
	Saturday Review	10 Sept 1887	24 May 1890
	Record	29 Jan 1926	1970
	Leader	23 Nov 1911	31 Oct 1918
	"	1 Sept 1922	10 Oct 1930
	Ledger	4 Nov 1886	12 Jan 1888
	Word	---	---
	Argosy	7 Dec 1878	1970
Chronicle	1894	1895	
Record	6 March 1895	3 June 1896	
Register	6 Sept 1884	10 June 1890	
Daily Register	2 Aug 1887	4 Oct 1887	
Press	11 Jan 1889	1 Nov 1889	
Cricket	21 Oct 1886	29 Apr 1887	
Weekly Press,	5 May 1887	20 Oct 1887	
Republican	6 Mar 1896	27 June 1897	
Reno Co. Journal	30 Nov 1894	7 Dec 1894	
Bulletin	18 Aug 1922	22 Jan 1926	
Newsette	1945	1952	
Torch Light	14 June 1888	15 Aug 1889	
South Hutchinson			
Langdon			
Lerado			
Navel Air Station			
Wickerson			
Olcott			
Partridge			
(two issues)			
Plevna			

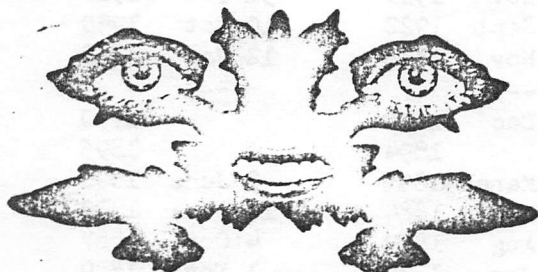
	<u>Name of Paper</u>	<u>Established</u>	<u>Discontinued</u>
Pretty Prairie	Chronicle	21 July 1899	1 Jan 1900
	Press	7 Feb 1894	28 March 1895
	Record	23 Feb 1906	8 Feb 1907
	Times	26 Jan 1911	1970
Sylvia	Banner	6 Dec 1889	24 May 1895
	Chronicle	10 July 1896	4 Dec 1896
	Herald	4 July 1889	29 Aug 1889
	Independent	4 Dec 1897	7 May 1898
	Press	1952	1963
	Reno County Globe	30 June 1899	15 Dec 1899
	Siftings	17 June 1898	3 Feb 1899
	Sun	10 Aug 1900	13 Sept 1901
	"	30 May 1902	29 May 1952
	Telephone	25 May 1886	26 Apr 1889
Turon	Bulletin	1 Mar 1967	19 Oct 1971
	Headlight	2 May 1889	8 Sept 1893
	Press	4 Apr 1895	1 Apr 1909
	"	16 March 1911	8 Sept 1966
	Republican	8 Dec 1893	22 June 1894
	Rustler	14 Oct 1886	31 Jan 1889

Hutchinson, the county seat of Reno County, was a mecca for almost all traffic beyond Wichita. They came by wagon trains, or by railroad box cars with the entire family and their belongings in one car and the livestock in a cattle car. The land proved a disappointment to those people who were used to the black loam of the Eastern states and they scattered in all directions.

It took the experienced dry land farmers of Germany and Russia to stabilize the population of the county from about 1880 to 1885. Next came the boom of merchants, newspapers and all who provided a service to the people who began the struggle to become first and best on a permanent basis.

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I'm a Genealogy Bug

NOT CRAZY!