

*Reno County*  
**Genealogical Society**  
*Newsletter*

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Monday through Friday - 9 am - 9 pm

Saturday - 9 am - 6 pm

Sunday - 1 pm - 5 pm

Membership

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 and historical records in established libraries and archives.

You are invited to become a member. Dues are \$5.00 per household for the year beginning 1 April 1979 and ending 31 March 1980. Anyone joining after 30 September 1979 may do so for \$2.50. Make checks payable to Reno County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

We are affiliated with the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (excepting December) in the Kansas Room of the Public Library, 9th and Main, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Guests are welcome.

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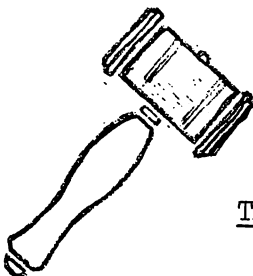
The Reno County Genealogical Society Newsletter is published in February, May, August and November. The staff welcomes the receipt of bible and church records, wills, school and court records, family records, diaries, stories, etc.

BOOK REVIEWS

If you have a book you would like to have reviewed in the Newsletter, send a copy to the Reno County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5, Hutchinson, KS 67501. The book will become the property of the society and be placed on the library shelves. There is no charge for this service. No book will be reviewed from advertising flyers.

MICROFILM

The United States Census on microfilm can be ordered at the Reference Desk in the Public Library. The Library does not charge for this service. You will be notified by phone when your film arrives. A list of microfilm currently on hand is posted on the side of one of the viewers near the Reference Desk.



FROM  
THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

Time has a way of slipping by and one wonders where it has gone. The Reno County Genealogical Society has almost completed its second year and we have accomplished a great deal. We have had hard-working officers and committees and I wish to thank them all. We have had good attendance at our meetings and our membership has increased.

As you all know, it takes a lot of people doing a lot of work to make an organization grow in membership and accomplishments. I would like to see more of the membership taking an active part. If you are asked to serve on a committee, please accept the offer--or volunteer. You will enjoy the challenge.

Some of our members belong to other genealogical societies and they donate their periodicals to the library when they are finished with them. This gives others a chance to enjoy them also. I think this is a good idea and something we should all do.

Thanks, everyone, for your splendid cooperation and help this past year. I'm looking forward to working on my own research and filing the bits of information I have accumulated.

--Maxine Lindburg

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Election of officers will take place at the annual meeting 17 March 1980. The nominating committee is:

- Anita Goldberg, Chairman
- Marie Lackey
- Donna Allen
- Garland Hensen

Nominations may be made from the floor providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

\* 19 February 1980 - RCGS Meeting, Public Library, 7:00 p.m. Wilma Logan, "How to Get the Most From the Genealogical Helper".

28 February 1980 - Newton Library Workshop, 7:00 p.m. Joe Farley and Carl Roylance, Elders of the Newton LDS Church "Doing Research at the Genealogical Library in Salt Lake City and the Mormon Branch Library in Wichita".

17 March 1980 - RCGS Meeting. Malinda Peterson will talk to us about using DAR records.

12 April 1980 - Topeka Genealogical Society Workshop, Sunflower Expo' Fairgrounds, 17th and Topeka Ave. More on page 10.

\* Note the change in day from Monday to Tuesday. The library is closed Monday.

CEMETERY RECORDS PROJECT

Speaking of working hard, what about Art Graves and Everett Wells. They have spent many, many hours and much gasoline on this project. Art says there are 64 cemeteries in Reno County and they have all been recorded. Typing and proof-reading is almost complete and we will soon be going to press.

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MARRIAGE RECORDS

Jim Arterburn will welcome your help with the marriage records project. The information is being recorded from the microfilm. If you have a couple of hours to spare, call Jim at 663-2470 and volunteer to help.

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SURNAME FILE

Carla Miller reports that only a few people have not turned in their ancestor charts. Please take a little time to fill yours in and hand it to Carla at a meeting or mail it to P.O. Box 5.



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Ancestor Chart

RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Name of Compiler Donna Allen  
Address 10 West 21st  
City, State Hutchinson, KS 67501  
Date January 1980

b. Date of Birth  
p.b. Place of Birth  
m. Date of Marriage  
d. Date of Death  
p.d. Place of Death

4 William W. Johnson  
(Father of No. 2)  
b. 1864  
p.b. IL  
m. 1895  
d. 1935  
p.d. KS

2 Elmore Johnson  
(Father of No. 1)  
b. 1898  
p.b. OK  
m. 1928  
d. 1975  
p.d. KS

5 Harriet Sparkman  
(Mother of No. 2)  
b. 1874  
p.b. KS  
d. 1954  
p.d. KS

1 Donna Allen  
b. 1932  
p.b. KS  
m. 1949  
d.  
p.d.

6 Isbern Berry  
(Father of No. 3)  
b. 1888  
p.b. KS  
m. 1907  
d. 1973  
p.d. OK

3 Elva Berry  
(Mother of No. 1)  
b. 1910  
p.b. OK  
d.  
p.d.

7 Grace C. Barnes  
(Mother of No. 3)  
b. 1891  
p.b. KS  
d. 1913  
p.d. OK

Olin Allen  
(Spouse of No. 1)  
b. 1928  
p.b. KS  
d.  
p.d.

8 William T. Johnson  
(Father of No. 4)  
b. 1842  
p.b. IL  
m. 1864  
d. 1864  
p.d. IL

9 Susan Evertson  
(Mother of No. 4)  
b. 1843  
p.b. OH  
d. 1901  
p.d. KS

10 Oliver Sparkman  
(Father of No. 5)  
b. 1825  
p.b. TN  
m. 1854  
d. 1891  
p.d. KS

11 Hannah ?  
(Mother of No. 5)  
b. ?  
p.b. ?  
d. 1874  
p.d. KS

12 Rufus Berry Jr.  
(Father of No. 6)  
b. 1853  
p.b. IL  
m. 1874  
d. 1934  
p.d. OK

13 Mary Olive Burke  
(Mother of No. 6)  
b. 1854  
p.b. IL  
d. 1953  
p.d. OK

14 Pierce Barnes  
(Father of No. 7)  
b. 1866  
p.b. IL  
m. 1890  
d. ?  
p.d. ?

15 Frances Lee  
(Mother of No. 7)  
b. 1861  
p.b. WI  
d. 1947  
p.d. KS

16 John Johnson  
b. 1806-KY (Father of No. 8,  
m. 1830 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
d. 1864-IL

17 Alla ?  
(Mother of No. 8,  
b. 1812 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
d. ca 1885

18 John Evertson  
b. 1820-OH (Father of No. 9,  
m. 1840 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

19 Rebecca ?  
(Mother of No. 9,  
b. ca 1821-OH Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
d. ca 1865

20 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Father of No. 10,  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

21 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother of No. 10,  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

22 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Father of No. 11,  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

23 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mother of No. 11,  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

24 Rufus Berry Sr.  
b. 1815-ME (Father of No. 12,  
m. 1839 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
d. 1895

25 Caroline Humphrey  
(Mother of No. 12,  
b. 1821-PA Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
d. 1895

26 Robert Burke  
b. 1826-OH (Father of No. 13,  
m. ca 1849 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
d. 1919

27 Artymency ?  
(Mother of No. 13,  
b. 1824-OH Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
d. 1882

28 Adna Barnes  
b. 1824-VT (Father of No. 14,  
m. \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

29 Elizabeth Heinbaugh  
(Mother of No. 14,  
b. \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)

30 Alfred Lee  
b. 1831-England (Father of No. 15,  
m. ca 1856 Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
d. 1899

31 Julie Schermerhorne  
(Mother of No. 15,  
b. 1837-NY Cont. on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_)  
d. 1904

## A BOOK REVIEW

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A bargain in merchandise brings customers flocking to a store. A bargain in information should bring genealogists to a particular book in the Kansas Room of the Hutchinson Public Library. This book is the GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL ATLAS of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA by Kay Kirkham, Everton Publishers, Inc., 1976.

Why do I think this book is a bargain? Because I paid several dollars for a small portion of the information before I learned it was available in this library volume. Now you are wondering what is so valuable in this book. I'll tell you.

First, there is a brief outline of the important events in the history of the United States and also a historical outline for each state. Granted, you already know about U.S. history; however I doubt that you are completely familiar with the historical events in the states from which your ancestors came. Remember, any researcher needs to know U.S. and state historical background to help him understand his family history.

Second, the book has an invaluable collection of territory and state maps reprinted from early books and atlases. These maps show the changes in boundaries and bounty lines. Let us say, for instance that your ancestors came from Ohio. You would find maps of Ohio for the years 1804, 1810, 1823, 1838, 1863 and 1909. If your great-grandfather was born in the Western Reserve of Ohio, you could look at one of the maps to learn exactly where that was. One word of caution--the print on some of the maps is very small. Thus, it would be wise to have a magnifying glass with you.

Third, there is an alphabetical list of every county, city, town, village and post office in the United States during 1880. Also, there are population figures for each one of these. This means that if your ancestors lived, during the second half of the 1800's, in a small village that is no longer in existence, you could probably find it in this list.

Finally, the historical outlines, the old maps, and the complete list of cities and towns in the 1880's are three good reasons why you should consult this book. Indeed, no one should pass up such a bargain.

--Betty Morgan

## ANOTHER FINE GIFT FROM THE HUTCHINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Jack Robertson, Reference Librarian, has prepared for us a supplement to his Genealogy Collection Bibliography, which was published about a year ago. Just a few of the books listed in the supplement:

- PIONEER FAMILIES OF NORTHWESTERN NEW JERSEY, William C. Armstrong. 1979
- MAYFLOWER FAMILIES THROUGH FIVE GENERATIONS. Volume 1 and 2. General Society of Mayflower Descendants. 1975.
- OBITUARIES AND MARRIAGE NOTICES FROM THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST 1844 - 1862. 1979
- SHIP PASSENGER LISTS: THE SOUTH 1538-1825. Carl Boyer. 1979
- NEW WORLD IMMIGRANTS. Edited by Michael Tepper. Volume 1 and 2. 1979
- THE VITAL RECORD COMPENDIUM. John D. Stemmons. 1979
- ANCESTRAL ROOTS OF SIXTY COLONISTS WHO CAME TO NEW ENGLAND BETWEEN 1623 and 1650. Frederick L. Weis. 1976.
- LISTS OF INHABITANTS OF COLONIAL NEW YORK. Edmund Bailey O'Callaghan. 1979.
- DESCENDANTS FROM FIRST FAMILIES OF VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND. Maude Crowe. 1978.
- NEW YORK STATE AREA KEY. Florence Clint. 1979.
- GUIDE TO GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN PENNSYLVANIA. Floyd G. Hoenstine. 1978.
- THE COUNTY COURTHOUSES AND RECORDS OF MARYLAND. Morris Leon Radoff. 1963.

If you did not attend the last RCGS meeting, stop by the reference desk and pick up your copy of this supplement. A few copies of the bibliography are also available if you missed getting one.

We are indeed grateful to the library staff for this fine gift. Our special thanks to Jack Robertson for the many hours of his own personal time he devoted to this project.

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FORGOTTEN POSTOFFICES  
OF RENO COUNTY

In the February 1979 issue of the Newsletter, we published a list of Reno County Postoffices that "once were, but are no more". The list evidently provoked a response and several of our members have submitted stories about some of these forgotten postoffices. We print them here.



Queen Valley

10 January 1871 to 2 February 1872

W.H. Caldwell was a man with a vision, too. A vision of a town, with himself as the founder. He had heard from officials that the Santa Fe railway was coming toward Reno County, and he surmised it might cross the Arkansas River near the mouth of Cow Creek. That, he declared would be an ideal spot for this town all the other settlers were expecting to build. So he built a sod house, operated a store, maintained a postoffice and even opened an inn on which was displayed this sign. "Pro Bono Publico".

Caldwell called his operation a town and named it "Queen Valley". He reckoned without the Indians, without C.C. Hutchinson, and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, respectively.

The Santa Fe was going south to San Antonio, Texas. Hutchinson had decided to go with it. He had made valuable railroad connections during his preliminary days in eastern Kansas and it was not difficult for him to come to terms with the Santa Fe. He arranged for the transfer to himself of a section of land adjoining the tracks, half of the proceeds of the sale of town lots to go to the railroad in return.

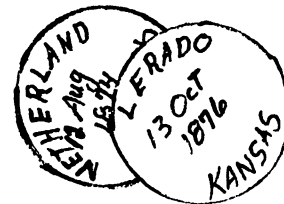
Had the railroad stuck to its original plans, there probably never would have been a Great Bend or a Dodge City, the

Comanche pool would never have been organized and Hutchinson would today be only a village, if more than a rural crossroads intersection. It was fitting that Indians were the first Hutchonians. They were also the reason the town got a railroad and a lease on life.

In company with S.T. Kelsey and A.F. Horner, C.C. Hutchinson drove overland to find a site for his city. He looked at "Queen Valley" at the mouth of the Cow and shook his head. His information was later and better than Caldwell's.

Caldwell did not yet know his tip on the town's location was wrong. He did not know it until the city of Hutchinson was laid out. Then, in disappointment, he and the settlers around "Queen Valley" gave up the idea of their town and turned to developing Valley Township into one of the richest in the county. They never fully forgave Hutchinson.

Copied from the Hutchinson News Centennial Edition - 4 July 1972 by Lillian French.



Netherland and Lerado

Netherland Postoffice was established in August 1874 by a group of settlers from Tennessee. They were of Dutch descent, so they picked the name of their homeland. The community thrived.

The little community of Buffalo was one mile north. The other settlers didn't like the name Netherland, so they proceeded to have it changed. Buffalo was chosen, but since there was already a postoffice by that name in Kansas, they had to choose another. As they looked over a list of postoffice names, Laredo Texas attracted their attention. The person filling out the papers mis-spelled it so it became "Lerado". They asked for a change, but it was denied.



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Netherland, or Lerado, was located in the SW corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 14-26-9, which would be five miles south and 2 miles east of Langdon in Bell Township.

The town of Lerado was promoted and laid out by a promotor from St. Louis on the strength that the Rock Island Railroad would run through it. They asked for free right-of-way, but the promotor would not give it; so they turned a few degrees north and went through Langdon and Turon. The town of Lerado collapsed.

Olcott

11 March 1904 to 31 December 1907

Olcott, Kansas was a small railroad connection town. It was on the Missouri Pacific Railroad which ran from Wichita to Larned. At this point there was a branch of the railroad west to Iuka. In the late 1880's and 1890's it was a prosperous, small town serving the people in this part of the county. It supported a grocery store, hardware and blacksmith shop, school, church and a hotel. Later a grain elevator was erected here. This was an important stop for the railroad in that it was a coal and water station for the old steam locomotive. As more people began to use automobiles, traveling to Turon and Penalosa, the town began to dwindle. The last thing to go was the railroad depot, coal chute and water tank.

Olcott was located in the S.E. corner of NE $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec 26-26-10 in Miami Township. The location can be seen by traveling three miles East and three and a half miles South of Turon.

The Postoffice was apparently moved from Dresden in Kingman County 15 January 1903. Dresden Township in Kingman County adjoins Miami Township in Reno County on its southern edge. No information was available about a town in Dresden Township in Kingman County from which the Olcott postoffice was moved.

Submitted by Everett Wells from personal knowledge.

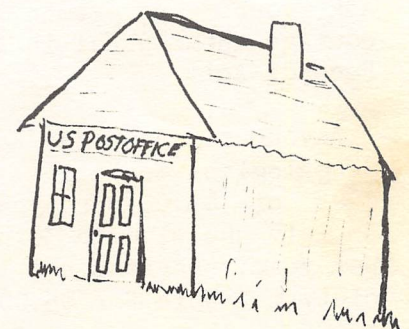


Thurber

Thurber Postoffice was established on 11 September 1899 and discontinued on 31 July 1901. It was located on the southeast corner of Sec 5, Walnut Township in Reno County, on land then owned by James Haston (who also owned all of the buildings in the town). A store, blacksmith shop and a telephone exchange were all operated and maintained by the Haston family. Some of the buildings still remain on the northwest corner of the intersection of Langdon Road and Rattlesnake Road, and are now a part of the Wellman Ranch.

Thurber can be reached from Hutchinson by driving west on 4th Street for 21 miles to the Huntsville Station, then seven miles north on the Langdon Road. Or, follow K-96 to the Rattlesnake Road which is just south of the Arkansas River Bridge south of Sterling then west to the Langdon-Alden Road (approximately 7 miles).

--Harold F. Evans



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KANSAS COUNCIL OF  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

The council has planned for two trips to the LDS Library at Salt Lake City in 1980. Lodging will be at the Temple Square Hotel, which is three blocks from the library.

Plans have been made for a Trailways bus that holds 46 people and for a flight from Kansas City or Wichita if 20 or more people would like to fly. The bus will be driven straight through, stopping only for meals and to change drivers. Bus fare is \$80.00 and plane fare is \$175.00.

The Spring trip leaves April 25 and returns May 4. Reservations with a deposit of \$40.00 must be in by Feb 1 with the full amount paid by March 1. (Note--the notice of this trip was not received by this society until Jan 24, so we assume the Feb 1st deadline will be extended.)

The Fall trip leaves Sep 19 and returns Sep 28. Deposit by July 1 and full amount by Aug 1.

Maxine Lindburg has the hotel rates, schedules, etc. or you may write to Mrs. LaRita Neeley, R.R. 1, Silver Lake, KS 66539. Phone 913-582-4303.

The council asks that we remind you of the Open Records Act and Senate Bill #283 which will affect all Kansas genealogists. This proposed law will bring together and give clarification of the position of the Kansas State Historical Society as the State Archives. It will also make clear that county officers cannot destroy any records without proper authorization, put a 75 year limit on closed records provide means for researchers to get access to closed records and provide for regional archives throughout the state. Ask your congressmen about it and encourage them to act in favor of this Open Records Act.

Anyone may join the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies. The society pays dues of \$5.00 per year. Members of a society who wish to join may do so for \$3 per year. Persons not belonging to a society may join for \$5.00. We are supposed

to receive a quarterly newsletter, but they have been having problems with it. If anyone in our society wishes to assume the responsibility of editing the Council Newsletter, please tell one of the officers.

LAND RECORDS

The Eastern States Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 7981 Eastern Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910 stores and maintains over 5 million individual documents for Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin. You may write to them and request "A New Free Fact Sheet, BLM Eastern States Land Records" which details a variety of records and research available to the public.

FROM THE KANSAS CITY GENEALOGIST

To alleviate the long wait you have been experiencing for your publication, get into the act; volunteer your help so that a few of your fellow members will not be overburdened by having the work of the society entirely to themselves.

You say you are too busy? Remember, the busiest people are the achievers. No matter how little time you have to spare, get in touch with your Executive Committee or any volunteer, and learn where you can be of help. The busier you are, the happier you'll be--especially when you are working in the field you love.

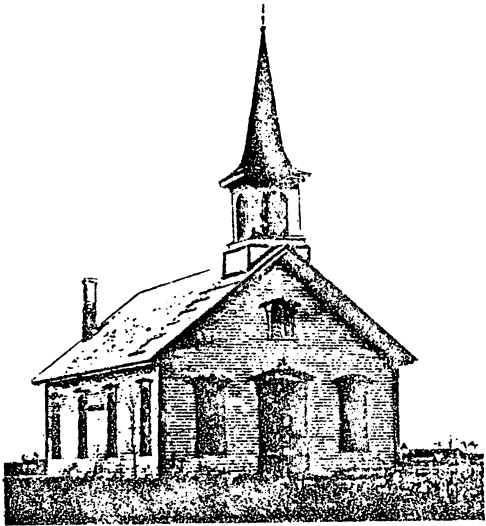
HOW TO PRESERVE NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

From "Ancestors Unlimited", McCook, Nebraska comes this tip on how to preserve newspaper clippings; Dissolve a Milk of Magnesia tablet in a quart of club soda overnight. Pour into a pan large enough to accommodate the flattened newspaper clipping. Soak clipping for one hour, remove and pat dry. Estimated life - 100 years.

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# First Church in Reno County

From "Centennial, First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson, KS 1872 - 1972. Information for this article submitted by Roy and Evelyn Gardner, RCGS members.

The earliest Hutchinson pioneers took immediate steps to satisfy their spiritual hunger by holding their first religious service in December 1871. This was a Sunday School held in a butcher shop, with planks laid on kegs forming the pews. Rev. M. Griffith, who was also a mail carrier and brought the mail from the end of the railroad at Newton, was the speaker.

On 9 March 1872 the first church services were led by the first minister to visit the new town, the Rev. Joseph Woodruff, a transient home missionary from Cincinnati, OH (some sources say it was Rev. J.S. Saxby, a baptist.) From this time on, a storeroom on Main Street served as a church and for "evening services" worshippers brought their own candles. A poll was taken to determine the denominations represented and it showed that a majority were Presbyterians.

Plans were made to erect a church building. C.C. Hutchinson, the town founder, led the subscription list by giving \$100 cash and two lots at the corner of Sherman and Poplar--the site of the first little church building and the site of The First Presbyterian Church today.

The congregation was organized 28 July 1872; however the first church building was formally dedicated 29 Jun 1873. The building was dedicated free from debt, with 29 members on the roll. At the time of the organization of the First Presbyterian congregation, sixteen people were received as charter members:

Dr. Thomas D. DeWitt, physician  
Mrs. Taylor Flick, wife of attorney  
Mrs. Mary W. Lewis, wife of D.M. Lewis, county surveyer  
Martin Hoagland, farmer 12 miles east of town  
Mrs. E. Hoagland, wife of Martin Hoagland  
Mrs. M.E. Lawson  
Mary Lawson, daughter of Mrs. Lawson  
John Sultz  
Mrs. E. Wilcox, wife of hardware merchant  
W.A. Wible  
Mrs. Phoebe Wible, wife of W.A.  
H.W. Beatty, attorney and county commissioner  
John Brehm  
James Bell  
John Bell  
Samuel Bell

Some of the early ministers included:

Dr. Timothy Hill  
Rev. Lackey of Peabody, KS  
Dr. McCabe of Topeka, KS  
Rev. Joseph L. Potter of Cincinnati, OH  
Nov 1872 - Jun 1873  
Rev. D.M. Moore from Illinois  
Jan 1874 - Jan 1881  
Rev. H.M. Shockley of McPherson, KS  
Jul 1881 - Jul 1884  
Dr. David Stewart from Iowa  
Sep 1884 - Dec 1888  
Rev. F A. Irwin of Peoria, IL  
Feb 1889 - Mar 1902  
Rev. Hugh T. Kerr of Pittsburg, PA  
Oct 1902 - Mar 1908

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### EXCHANGES

We are exchanging periodicals with several societies. These are housed on the East Wall of the Kansas Room in the public library.

KANSAS KIN - Riley Co. Genealogical Society, Manhattan, KS.

The August 1979 issue contains a history of the Pottawatomie Indians along with the 1863 Tribal Roll. A very impressive piece of work.

THE SEEKER - Crawford Co. Genealogical Society, Pittsburg, KS.

MIDWEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY REGISTER - Wichita, KS.

GENEALOGICAL AIDS BULLETIN - Miami Valley Genealogical Society, Dayton, OH.

GENEALOGY and

THE HOOSIER GENEALOGIST - Indiana State Historical Society, Indianapolis, IN.

NEWSLETTER - North Central Genealogical Society, Cawker City, KS.

The September 1979 issue contains a Naturalization List for 1875 - 1883.

THE WAGONER - Northwest Nebraska Genealogical Society, Alliance, NB.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION - Mendocino Coast Genealogical Society, Ft. Bragg, CA.

BRANCHES AND TWIGS - Genealogical Society of Vermont, Putney, VT.

ANCESTORS UNLIMITED - Southwest Nebraska Genealogical Society, McCook, NB.

See page 11 for a list of free brochures regarding Tennessee research.

### MISSOURI RESEARCH

The Springfield News and Leader publishes a genealogical column "Ozarks Genealogy" with free queries. Write to Lena Wills, 635 East Bennett, Springfield, MO 65807.

### THINK ABOUT THIS

What will happen to my collection after I am gone? Will all these years of loving work be tossed into a trash can? It seems it would be in order to have a will leaving all research materials to a library or genealogical society, rather than taking a chance on how my descendants will dispose of it. jkp

### TOPEKA WORKSHOP

The Topeka Genealogical Society's 9th annual workshop will be Saturday, 12 April 1980, 8-5, at the Sunflower Expo' Fairgrounds, 17th and Topeka Avenue.

Speaking on "Ohio, Indiana and Illinois --America's Heartland" will be John Insley Coddington. Besides the featured speaker, there will be mini-sessions on Lineage, Archives, How to Keep Your Records, Preparing for a Research Trip, Home Resources and an Early-bird Beginners Session. There will be display tables, free hand-outs and door prizes.

For more information write: Topeka Genealogical Society, Workshop Committee, P.O. Box 4048, Topeka, KS 66604.

### A DEFINITION OF GENEALOGY

A genealogy is the study of family pedigrees; a pedigree is the origin and history of something; history is a chronological record of significant events; and a chronology is an arrangement of events in order of occurrence. Therefore, based on the fuller definitions and derivations of the four key words a genealogy is: the study of the origin of a family, an account of the descent of a person or family from an ancestor, the arrangement of significant events in the order of occurrence, including an explanation of their causes and thus assigning to events their proper dates by means of a register recording the line of ancestry.

A complete genealogy should include, not only a history of significant events within a pedigree (i.e. dates of birth, marriage and death of each member) but also a history of significant events within a particular person's life. Thus the separation between 'genealogy' and 'biography' becomes imperceptible. Indeed, genealogy is biography and vice versa.

--Phil Schlee

(The above was taken from "Kansas Kin", the quarterly publication of the Riley County Genealogical Society, Manhattan, KS - August 1979).



## QUERIES

Queries are free to members and to others as space permits. Please print or type (double space) all names giving dates and areas. At least one date must be given with each name. Do not abbreviate.

In replying to a query, write directly to the person submitting it. Don't forget to include your SASE.

KENNEDY - Curtis Kennedy b Aug 1882 KS. Par Thomas Kennedy and Lillian Edna Brewster. Marr Rosa Fetzer at Kingman, KS 20 Jun 1904. Div 1908-9. May have moved to Salem OR with bro Leroy (Roy) and his married sisters. Started laundry business. Curt had six ch, lost a leg in a dock accident. Donna Taggart, 504 E. 7th, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

ELLIOTT, BROWN - William Henry Elliott was early Reno Co. settler. Dau Etta supposedly first white child b in Reno Co. (12 Dec 1873 at Medora). John Douglas & Louisa (Hymer) Brown came to KS in early days. John D. Brown d 1886. Where bur? Peggy (Elliott) Reiss, 515 Acorn Hill Lane, Oak Brook IL 60521.

PROCIOSUS - Seek info on John Calvin Prociuous b 17 Jan 1856 Armstrong Co., PA. May have had daus Lelah Mae and Susie; son Ray. Lucille Prociuous, P.O. Box 64 New Bethlehem, PA 16242.

WEST - Seek info on Asabel M. West who lived in Hutchinson 1888. Riverside Salt Co. organized June 1888 by J.M. Mulkey, W.F. Mulkey, N. White, J.F. DeBrass, A.M. West, W.E. Hutchinson. Aug 1890, ownership passed to Kansas Salt Co. which then became property of Morton Salt Co. Mary Jean (West) Stewart, 1832 Ranser, Manhattan, KS 66502.

PHILLIPS - Seek info on Isaac Phillips, a physician who is listed in 1880 Census living in Sumner Twp, Reno Co., KS. Sons William, Woodford and Isaac. Patricia Holsworth, 27485 Hollywood Dr., Westlake, OH 44145.

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## LETTERS

Mrs. Ruth Christiansen, Hunter, KS.; You furnished a contact from my query that I think will give me names, dates and other information.

Madeline R. Barnett, Ph.D., 1538 Western Oaks Dr., Waco, TX 76710 wrote to ask for information on Elisha Dow Barrett, who lived in Diamond Springs, KS, Morris Co. She didn't know where Diamond Springs was, but we located it on a map, looked up the Census for 1880 and sent her the information. Received a thank-you note stating that this was the first time she had the names for the children. jkp

## THE HUTCHINSON NEWS 30 August 1904

Abstracted by Virginia (Sidlinger) Foster Alliance, NB and former Hutchinson resident.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Switzer in the country has been a scene of social pleasure this afternoon. The ladies of the Acacia chapter of the Eastern Star are enjoying an afternoon there and later the gentlemen will join them in the country and the good time will be prolonged into the evening. The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Switzer is an ideal one and their friends are enjoying their hospitality to the utmost.

The number who are of the party include Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Pollack, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. DePry, Mr. and Mrs. William Pells, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Poehler, Mr. and Mrs. P.J. Weggen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chipchase, Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Knowlton, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Mahaffey, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Oswald, Mrs. A.B. Coustant, Mrs. Hendrick, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Nellie Hutchinson, Mrs. Minnie Herman, Mrs. Colin Campbell, Mrs. Olive Lloyd of Lawton, OK, Miss Jessie Wilson, Miss Lepha Asher, Miss Imogene Pollack, Miss Lillis Carris, Dr. W.L. Hoagland of Kansas City, Mrs. Will Herman, Mr. Phillip Hostutler, Mr. Will Johnson, Mr. J. Bigger.

Mr. R.R. Conklin, who has been the guest of his cousin, Miss Imogene Pollack, left today for his home in Leavenworth.



MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

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The Reno County Genealogical Society extends a warm welcome to the following new members. Each has been asked to fill out a four generation chart. Information from these charts will be transferred to the SURNAME FILE which is housed in the Public Library.

Mrs. Harrison M. Ashcraft (Delma Kinche-  
loe)  
16 Truman Drive 665-7946  
So. Hutchinson, KS 67501

Mrs. L.C. Cover  
Rte. 6, Box 730  
Clarksville, TX 75426

Miss Mary Ann Fast  
2419 Waldron 662-6847  
Hutchinson, KS 67501

Randy Sawatzky  
P.O. Box 462  
Buhler, KS 67522

Change of address:

Mrs. Weldon Cook (Joleen Mitzner)  
17 Truman Drive 662-6278  
So. Hutchinson, KS 67501

DUES ARE DUE NOW. \$5.00 per household.  
Delinquent after 31 March 1980. Please  
send your check to P.O. Box 5.

TENNESSEE RESEARCH

Brochures are available free of charge from the Tennessee State Library and Archives, 411 -7th Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37219.

Civil War Records in the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Land Records in the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

An Introduction to the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Genealogical Sources in the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Papers of the Governors of Tennessee in the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Writings on Tennessee Counties Available on Interlibrary Loan from the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

For 25¢ you can obtain Records relating to Tennessee in the North Carolina State Archives. Ask for Information Circular No. 3. State of North Carolina, Dept. of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27611.

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