

Newsletter



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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 and historical materials in established libraries and archives.

We are affiliated with the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies and the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (except December) in the Kansas Room of the Hutchinson Public Library, 9th and Main, 7:00-9:00 PM. Guests are welcome.

Membership in the Reno County Genealogical Society is open to anyone interested in Tracing their family tree. Dues are \$5.00 per year single membership and \$7.50 per year per family membership. All dues are paid at once for the period of from 1 April 1982 to 31 March 1983.

All donations and gifts to the society are tax exempt. Dues are not deductible.



CALENDER OF EVENTS

1 March 1982 - "Your Civil War Ancestor", sources to help you collect information about your Civil War ancestor, Newton Public Library, 720 N. Oak, Newton, KS.

15 March 1982 - RCGS Meeting 7:00 PM, Public Library. Annual meeting. Reports from committee chairmen and officers. Election of officers.

28 March 1982 - BEGINNERS WORKSHOP with Becky Hatton, 1:00 PM, Hutchinson Public Library (Co-sponsored by the library and (RCGS)).

6 April 1982 - "Sources for Genealogists", Rebecca Sue Hatton, 7:00 PM, Kansas Room, Hutchinson Public Library.

13 April 1982 - "Passenger Lists and Naturalization Records", Rebecca Hatton, 7:00 PM, Auditorium, Hutchinson Public Library.

19 April 1982 - RCGS Meeting, 7:00 PM, Public Library.

23 April 1982 - Salt Lake City bus trip sponsored by the Kansas Council



FROM THE DESK
OF THE PRESIDENT

My term as president of the society will soon be over. I learned a lot from my two years in office and I would recommend the experience to anyone who wants to learn about genealogy.

I would like to thank everyone who worked with me and made my job so enjoyable. I also urge everyone to take an active roll in our society--it is a real learning experience.
--Maureen Bellizio

Would you be willing to copy some records from the courthouse (not necessarily Reno County) for publication in the Newsletter? You will be given credit for your work by having your name published with the work. Our courthouse has many records that would be nice to print in the Newsletter, but your editor does not have the time to copy them. We also invite your stories of ancestors, wills, diaries, bible records, etc.

jkp

DUES ARE DUE
HERE'S HOW MUCH

by JESSE KING

At the January general meeting, the society voted to set the 1982 dues at \$5.00 per person or \$7.50 per family. The society has been needing additional funds and the idea of \$5.00 per person was proposed, but after it was pointed out that it takes \$2.50 (or a bit more) to publish and distribute the quarterly publication and a family receives only one copy, that the fair way would be to raise the family membership to \$7.50 which is \$2.50 for the Newsletter and the balance to the general fund. Single memberships split \$2.50 for each.

PLEASE PAY DUES AT ONCE--Edith JONES has the receipt book--or you may make your check payable to Reno County Genealogical Society and mail it to P.O. Box 5, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

ELECTION IN MARCH

by JESSE KING

The report of the nominating committee is to be presented at the March meeting for acceptance by the society. Each person whose name is on the slate has been contacted by the committee and agreed to serve. Most showed an eagerness to serve; others were just a bit more reserved, but happy and delighted to have been asked.

A nice balance among age groups has been attained so it is a society for all of us and not just the old fuddie duddies nor the ultra-progressive younger members. It is a slate for all the members.

Officers will take office April 1st. A Program Committee has been recruited by the nominating committee so the responsibility for providing programs is not on one person alone.

Nominating committee members are: Jesse KING, chairman; Danny MILLER and Mrs. William (Glennis AYERS) GOLDSMITH.

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This issue begins my fourth year on the staff of "The Newsletter" and my third year as editor. Sometimes it is difficult to get the publication to press on time. Many things happen, such as my week-long hospital stay in January and the death of my mother-in-law on 21 January after a one month illness.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you kind people who sent get-well wishes while I was in the hospital and your kind expressions of sympathy during our recent sorrow.

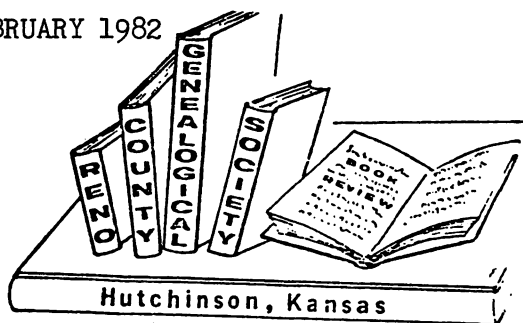
Since the organization of the society in 1978 we have grown from 67 family memberships to 129 family memberships in 1981. That's real growth.

In 1977 I began clipping obituaries from the Hutchinson News. I donated this collection (less than one shoe box) to the library. In the fall of 1979 Evelyn GARDNER took over this job and the collection now fills 6 drawers of the card file in the Kansas Room of the library.

We've published a book on cemetery records and work is progressing on the marriage records book. Lydia STREETER and her helpers are copying Reno County Vital Statistics from microfilm printouts.

Roy GARDNER obtained for us our incorporation papers as well as our tax exempt status.

We have held two large workshops, which were very successful, as well as several mini-workshops. Carla MILLER and Becky HATTON are to be commended for their work on these workshops.



GLEANINGS FROM VIRGINIA

Valuable information is available to the family researcher who is interested in Virginia early times. This information has been compiled by William Fletcher Boogher in his book Gleanings of Virginia History, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1976 (Gen 975.5). The editor of this book gathered original material from various sources for those interested in tracing ancestors. Much of this has not appeared in print before.

Some of the items it contains are: the "Immigrant List of 1707" for Stafford County, the "Rosters of Troops of French-Indian Wars", "Poll Lists for Election of Members of the House of Burgesses" for Prince William and Fairfax Counties, "Muster and Pay Rolls" of officers and men in the Revolutionary War.

In addition to the above mentioned lists, there are genealogies of several Virginia families, a few pages of historical background, some letters written by military men (one of whom was George Washington), a list of "Early Marriages performed by Rev. John Gibson 1800-1846."

All in all, this strange assortment of material is worthy of investigation. For some, it may contain a treasury of clues and knowledge.

--Betty Morgan

PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES GIFTS OF MICROFILM

The Hutchinson Public Library has received microfilm copies of historical material which are available for use in the library's reference department.

They are: Kansas county atlases, a collection of 161 historical atlases for Kansas counties, 1873 through 1971 (Paul Hefling Memorial); and 159 rolls of National Archives microfilm, a collection of ship passenger lists of vessels arriving at New York and Philadelphia for years 1822-1893 (Dr. James Shaw, Jr.).

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR AT MEETINGS

--by Jesse KING

In any organized group such as ours, which follows the Roberts Rules of Order for the transaction of business, there are some basic courtesies that are to be followed:

1. When desiring to speak on a motion or to offer one for consideration, the member rises to his/her feet and waits for the presiding officer to give him/her a nod then addresses the presiding officer thus:

"Madam/Mister President, ----" then proceeds to speak.

2. That is the only time that member may speak on that subject unless special permission from the presiding officer is gained which is done by rising to ones feet (saying absolutely nothing) until the presiding officer recognizes the member with a nod then proceed as in No. 1 above.

3. Seldom will the presiding officer recognize a speaker the second time as all members must receive the same opportunity.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIODS

All members have come to the meeting to learn and become better informed. Should one member dominate the scene with multiple questions, it is both unfair and irritating to the membership.

WHEN ASKING A QUESTION for the speaker to answer, the member rises to a standing position and waits until recognized from the chair/speaker at which time the member says, "Mr. Speaker----" then proceeds with the question.

ONE QUESTION AND ONLY ONE QUESTION IS ALLOWED ANY MEMBER UNTIL ALL HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. Then, if time permits, the speaker may invite a second question from those who have spoken.

The above is offered as part of the training given by the Genealogical Society so that members will know how to conduct themselves at home or away.

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KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY HOURS

The library is located at 10th & Jackson, Topeka, KS. Hours are:

9:00-5:00 Monday thru Friday
8:00-12:00 noon Saturday



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NATIONAL ARCHIVES MICROFILM LOAN PROGRAM

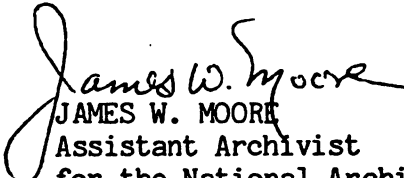
To All Librarians:

Several months ago we notified you of the effects of budget and staff reductions on the interlibrary loan of National Archives microfilm from the Fort Worth Federal Archives and Records Center. Since then, through management initiatives, we increased the level of service, circulating 35,000 rolls of film a month. It is now clear, however, that in order to meet new budget goals, we will have to make additional personnel reductions. The equivalent of 181 full-time positions in the National Archives and Records Service must be eliminated by February 1982.

We regret that the interlibrary loan of National Archives microfilm from Fort Worth must be discontinued. New requests received as of December 10, 1981, or after will not be processed. All requests on hand as of this date will be returned.

We are exploring ways that this service might be resumed on a fee basis by a private sector firm. We have maintained records of all libraries that have borrowed film from Fort Worth and will announce future developments.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we have worked together to provide the public with this very popular service. More than 1 1/2 million rolls of film have been loaned since 1971, when the service began. We ask your further cooperation in the coming weeks in seeing that all microfilm is returned to Fort Worth. In the meantime, we urge all those who can do so to use the microfilm in reading rooms at the National Archives Building and in the 11 Federal Archives and Records Centers around the country, or to purchase the film at a price of \$15.00 per roll from the Publications Sales Branch (NEPS), NARS, Washington, DC 20408.


JAMES W. MOORE
Assistant Archivist
for the National Archives

RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

FEBRUARY 1982

CIVIL WAR LETTERS

This is the first of a series of letters from the past written during the Civil War by Dr. William T. KIRK to his father, Allen Taylor KIRK. Dr. KIRK was the Great-great Grandfather of Debbi (COLLE) SNYDER, RCGS member.

18 November 1862 - Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Father:

I wrote you two or three weeks ago and as yet I have received no answer.

You may not have received my letter. I am in the army, Surgeon of Miller's Battery. We have been in the city several weeks. I have seen Allen and Enoch WEBB and Georgia WEBB is in town now. She says she has not received a letter from Ellen for a great while. Sis and the children are in Shelbyville.

I am tolerable well. The Battery has been ordered and have gone to Lebanon, this state. I have remained behind to take care of the sick and will remain about 10 days when I will join the Battery.

I want you to write just as soon as you get this letter as I want to know if you are all safe. Be sure and write immediately and direct Ill. Battery, Louisville, Ky.

If I go before it reaches me it will follow me. Give my love to mother and the family. When you write tell me the number of Anthony's regiment.

Your son, William T. Kirk

Note: William T. Kirk was mustered into the Union Army, commissioned Assistant Surgeon, First Illinois Light Artillery, 25 September 1862 by Governor Richard YATES of the State of Illinois and on that date reported to Battery M of said Regiment for duty-at-once. Soon after he joined said Battery was ordered to Louisville, KY where it arrived about 1 Oct 1862.

The battery was then ordered to join General Gilbert's command to assist in the capture of General John Morgan who led many cavalry raids into TN, KY, OH and neighboring states. After marching over a considerable portion of KY during the months of Nov and Dec 1862 (much of the time without shelter), the battery was ordered to Louisville, KY about 1 Jan 1863 and from there sent to Nashville, TN for a few days, then to Franklin, TN arriving there the last of Jan or first of Feb 1863.

The 'Anthony' referred to in the above letter is a brother who is on the Confederate Side, while William is on the Union side.

11 December 1862 - Columbia, KY

Dear Father and Mother:

I have written you several times in the past three months, but as yet have not heard from you. I was in Louisville nearly six weeks and wrote you twice from there. While I was in Louisville, I did not get to visit Simpson and neighborhood but saw several from there. Allen and Enoch WEBB, Georgia WEBB and several other acquaintances.

Uncle Tom came down to see me also. He was getting along tolerable well, is a very strong Union man. Was taken prisoner by BRAGG'S forces who tried to make him take the oath but he would not do it and they in their hurry of skedaddling turned him loose.

He said a man by the name of CARICO, came from Uncle Ben's neighborhood last summer and stated that Uncle Ben was captain of a guerilla band and in a skirmish with a Union Party from the same neighborhood and was

killed. Uncle Tom believes the story as he was acquainted with CARICO.

Sis is in Louisville now under Prof. MILLER'S treatment. She had improved considerable before I came to Kentucky and Dr. Miller thinks he will soon have her well. The children are well, or were when I heard last.

We will probably stay here all winter. We have several regiments of Infantry and a Battery of light artillery, of which I am the surgeon.

I would like to hear from some of you very soon. I think certainly some of my letters must have been lost.

Your son, William T. Kirk



26 December 1862 - Camp near Campbellsville, KY

Dear Father:

After so long a time I have heard from you. I was much pained to hear of Matt's death. Are there no physicians in your neighborhood at all. I would have to be very sick to neglect one of my patients on such an occasion. Matt has had a hard time of it and in the distracted condition of the country it may be for the best, who can tell.

I was fearful something had befallen you not hearing from you for so long. Mother should have the bone taken out and then her finger will get well, but if it remains it will take much longer for it to heal. Fannie never should have the chills if it can be avoided and I think it could be by continuing tonic treatment.

I am fearful that your moving to Union City was a bad thing if not pecuniarily (means financially) at least as regards the health of the family.

I wrote you from Columbia about two weeks since, since then we came to this place and may move again soon, cannot tell.

I had hoped that you were a Union man. I know that things are not as they should be. But I can never give my consent to see this country separated and I do not believe it will be. Things may look dark but they will brighten. I do not believe the people of this country will consent to have a Mexico.

I am glad that you are getting in a better condition pecuniarily. I saw Mrs. HARDIN (that lived opposite us in Simpson) in Louisville. She thought that you would do well there again as the people had gone to spinning again.

Some of our relatives whom I saw want me to locate in Simpson as there is no one there now but Dr. ATKISSON and Dr. HANSBROUGH, the first of whom is not able to do much and the latter drinking all the time.

When I went through Simpson to Shelbyville to see Sis and the children I was struck with the desolate appearance of Simpson and neighborhood. Everything seems to have gone to rack, houses, orchards and all.

I am fearful from what you say Mother has the dropsy. You had better consult a physician.

Give my love to Mother and the family and write soon. Ellen must write to Sis.

Your son, William T. Kirk, Miller's Battery, 34th Brigade, 10th Div., Army of the Ohio via Louisville, KY

13 February 1863 - Near Franklin, Tennessee

Dear Father:

I received your letter in Louisville the day I left there. We were ordered from where I wrote you before, to Louisville and from there to Nashville, and from there to this place. We came from Louisville by river, passed Caseyville in the night. I thought I might get a chance to see you but the boat did not stop. We reached Nashville last Sunday and came from there to this place yesterday.

The country around Nashville is the finest I nearly ever saw. Think I would like to live in this part of the country. I am glad that the health of the family is improving. About going somewhere else, Mrs. HARDIN, who lived opposite us in Simpson told me she wished that you were back in Simpson and said that you could do well there for spinning wheels were in great demand and no one to furnish them.

I do not recommend or advise but it seems to me that a man of your age had rather spend the rest of his days among his relatives and friends. As for myself, I do not know where I will locate after the war is over. It is an open question with me. I feel that I must make some effort to find a place where I will do well and be convenient also to good schools.

Sis' health is improving slowly. If the trouble in Kentucky blows over and her health is sufficient, she will visit you in the spring or summer.

I received a letter from Cousin Dick WEBB'S family a few days since. Why does not Ellen write to Lucy? Sis will write to you or Ellen as soon as she is able.

My health is tolerably good. Have an occasional diarrhea. Give my love to Mother and the family and write soon.

Your son, William T. Kirk



Note: Soon after arriving at Franklin, he was taken sick with inflammation of the stomach and bowels caused by exposure and severe marching--much of the time night and day during the pursuit of General MORGAN--and the inferior quality of food with which the Battery was supplied during said pursuit. This was followed by a tedious convalescence accompanied by diarrhea and rheumatism.

On or about 1 May 1863, he received official notice from the War Department, dated 25 April 1863, informing him that he could not be and was not recognized at that office as an officer in the U.S. Army as the office for which he held a commission and into which he had been mustered had not been provided for by law and that he must cease to do duty with the Army as such. Immediately thereafter he made a contract with the Medical Director on General Gordon GRANGER'S staff, Surgeon William VARIAN and entered on duty as a contract surgeon. The contract was entered into 1 March 1863 (apparently back-dated) at Franklin, TN and he was continued on duty with Battery M.

About 1 June 1863 Battery M was ordered to Triune(?) TN and soon thereafter he was taken sick with "malaria fever" which confined him to bed for several days. About 15 July 1863 the Battery was ordered to Shelbyville, TN when he, not having recovered fully while at Triune, was taken worse and in connection with the fever was granted a leave of absence for fifteen days, dated 17 August 1863.

13 March 1863 - Camp near Franklin, TN

Dear Father:

Your letter of March 1st came to hand yesterday. It was mailed on the 6th, several days after it was written. Was glad to hear from you all and hope your health will at least grow no worse if no better. If it is Mother's right thumb which is affected, she never will sew so readily as before.

Since I wrote you I have had a severe attack of inflammation of the stomach confining me to bed for two weeks, for the first week I vomited incessantly. I lost about 30 lbs. of flesh during this attack. I am now gaining fast. Have been on duty nearly two weeks.

I suffered a great deal for want of ice. If I had had that I would have gotten along better. I have been using milk most of the time since the attack. Have to pay from 40 to 60 cents per gallon for it. A big price but I could not get along without it, other things here are in proportion.

This is a splendid country, homes and gardens well improved. Fine houses, hardly ever see a poor house. It beats Kentucky what I have seen of it. But the war is playing mischief with it. Three or four of our Regiments got a little too far from this place and they were captured or most of them, by VAN DORN after a severe little fight. On last Monday a considerable force started after VAN DORN but he skedaddled and got across Duck River and by the time we got up to it, it had raised so much that we could not get across and we came back to this place. I went with them, we were gone 4 days during which time it rained most of the time. We may get the individual yet before he is aware of it. (VAN DORN was murdered in May 1863 at Spring Hills, TN by Dr. PETERS, a personal enemy).

I think that the report of Enoch WEBB that Anthony is a Confederate general is a hoax. I think you will find him a high private. They generally make their Generals south out of their Aristocracy or some Renegade Northerner. If that Mr. YOUNG saw him, he certainly would have known it. Did he say what part of Tennessee he was in and under whose command? Whether BRAGG'S, VAN DORN'S or someone else?

I have not seen any of these gins you spoke of. I have seen while traveling along what I supposed to be a gin, but it was run by horse power and could not be moved easily. If I should see one and it can be sent I will try and send it to you. The best plan would be to get a description or drawing of one and then make it under his direction.

Since I wrote you Sis has had considerable trouble with her lungs. Dr. MILLER thinks that if she can get over that, she will be completely cured and regain her health. She is in Shelbyville now, she was in Louisville several weeks this last time. She will send you or Ellen my likeness, it will be a photograph and if there is no place to keep it put it in a book, which will protect it very well. As many as you please can be taken from it.

I will try and write frequently. You must do the same. Your son, William T. Kirk

FEBRUARY 1982

Ancestor Chart for Andrew STANSEL, son of Lynn & Pam (THOMPSON) STANSEL, 429 W. 13th, Hutchinson, KS 67501

	<u>BIRTH</u>	<u>MARRIAGE</u>	<u>DEATH</u>
<u>Generation I</u>			
1. Andrew Lee STANSEL	1978 KS		
<u>Generation II</u>			
2. Lynn Eldon STANSEL	1947 KS	1975 KS	
3. Pamala Lynn THOMPSON	1953 KS		
<u>Generation III</u>			
4. Francis Harrison STANSEL	1922 KS	1942 KS	
5. Beatrice Elaine GROSS	1919 KS		
6. Philip Elvin THOMPSON	1933 KS	1953 KS	
7. Verta Irene ANDERSON	1932 KS		
<u>Generation IV</u>			
8. William Bridgens STANSEL	1888 KS	1919 KS	1977 KS
9. Rose Frances BARNA	1893 KS		1974 KS
10. Alfred Smith GROSS	1886 PA	1911 KS	1959 KS
11. Mabel Naomi MORRIS	1886 KS		1963 KS
12. Merle Edward THOMPSON	1909 ID	1929 KS	
13. Doris Ersuella BISHOP	1906 KS		
14. Melvin (none) ANDERSON	1902 KS	1924 KS	1967 KS
15. Marvel Iva SMALL	1904 KS		1976 KS
<u>Generation V</u>			
16. Harrison STANSEL	1847 IL	1874 IL	1924 KS
17. Lois A. BRIDGENS	1847 PA		1919 KS
18. Jean Francis BERNE'	1839 France	1874 IL	1912 KS
19. Rose Delima CHARTIER	1854 IL		1942 KS
20. Isaac Christian GROSS	1821 PA	1880 PA	1905 PA
21. Anna (SCHMIDT) DIRKS	1851 Prussia		1926 PA
22. Thomas Henry MORRIS	1860 IL	1883 KS	1941 KS
23. Ella Nora WILLIAMS	1864 IL		1944 KS
24. Charles Henry THOMPSON	1872 IA	1898 KS	1952 CA
25. Maggie HACKER	1879 MO		1912 KS
26. Oscar Philip BISHOP	1868 OH	1897 KS	1942 KS
27. Rosa May ROLAND	1876 OH		1948 KS
28. Alonzo Alfonso ANDERSON	1854 AL	1897 KS	1942 KS
29. Temperance Elizabeth JONES	1875 KS		1960 KS
30. John Franklin SMALL	1872 KS	1903	1946 KS
31. Lizzie Mae MITCHELL	1877 IL		1936 KS
<u>Generation VI</u>			
32. James STANSEL	1816 NY	1842 IL	1892 IL
33. Nancy KECK	1817 NY		1897 IL
34. John BRIDGENS	1800 PA		1880 KS
35. Ruhamah HALL	1810 PA		1888 KS
36. Lezier BERNE'			
37. Ame SABOULAR			
38. Placid CHARTIER	1812 Canada	1832 Canada	1893 IL
39. Flora (Flavia) BOUDREAU	1815 Canada		1894 IL
40. Christian GROSS	1776	1803	1865
41. Barbara WISMER	1798		1816
42. Peter SCHMIDT	1802 Germany		1879 KS
43. Anna JANTZ (JANTZEN)	1822		1841 KS
44. John Piercy MORRIS	1823 Wales		1892 IL
45. Anna REESE	1829		1887 IL
46. Anderson WILLIAMS	1838	1857 IL	18__ KS
47. Mary Ann HORNBECK	1839 KY		1875 IL
48. James THOMPSON	1832 England	1860 IL	1905 KS
49. Tryphosa Almira ALDERMAN	1842 PA		1913 KS
50. James D. HACKER	1828 IN		1924 KS
51. Elizabeth _____			
54. Jacob ROLAND	1838 PA	1866	1917 KS
55. Nancy CLAY	1849 OH		1927 KS
56. William Quincy ANDERSON	1824		1865 KS
57. Nancy CURRY	1831		1904 KS
58. Richard JONES	1852 Wales	1872	1924 KS
59. Mary ADKINS	1853(55) MO		1924 KS
60. Reuben Overton SMALL	1844 IN	1867 IN	1926 OR
61. Ruth SLYTER	1846 IN		1913 OR
62. John Adams MITCHELL	1844 Scotland	1867	1879 KS
63. Margaret HARRISON	1846 England		1919 KS

RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

7th: 64. Henry STANSEL b 1790 65. Mary DRUSE b 1793 70. Jesse HALL SR. b 1779 71. Elizabeth JOHNSON b ENG
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 154. Pierre BOIVIN 155. Marie-Anable GOVETTE b 1758 156. Joseph BOUDREAU 157. Marie-Joseph BOUDREAU 158.
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 313. Madeleine CLOUTRE b 1731 314. Antoine BOUDROT b ca 1730 315. Marie LEBLANC b ca 1735 316. Joseph
 MICHEL 317. Marie-Anne LAURE 318. Michal BOUCHARD 319. Marie-Joseph SENEGAL 396. Michael JACKSON b 1735
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 VAUDRY b ca 1668 1220. Pierre ROY 1222. Martin THIBI b ca 1680 1223. Marie LAMOTTE 1228. Jean Baptist
 ST.AUBIN b 1672 1229. Marie Jeanne ALARD b 1676 1230. Jean VIGIANT 1231. Marie-Anne PERIER b 1694 1232.
 Pierre BOIVIN b 1643 1233. Etienne FAFART 1234. Pierre POULIN b 1664 1235. Anne GUGUERRE b ca 1666
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 b 1662 1244. Etienne FONTAINE chr 1686 1245. Marie Madeline FOURNIER chr 1694 1246. Jacques DAGNEAU chr
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 aniel DUNHAM b 1665 1593. Mary TILSON b 1669 1594. Thomas BARROWS 1595. Abigail 12th: 2434. William
 BROOKS 2435. Mary BURT b 1635(36) 2436. Antoine COURTEMANCHE b 1642 2437. Elizabeth HAGUIN b 1646 2438.
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 LOMOTTE 2447. Genevieve LEVERD 2458. Julien ALARD b 1645 2459. Marie MERCIER b ca 1654 2460. Francois
 VIGIANT 2461. Jeanne BASIN 2462. Laurent PERIER b 1670 2463. Marie Madeline BASSET b 1668 2464. Pierre
 BOIVIN 2465. Anne LECOQ 2466. Etienne FAFART 2468. Claude POULIN b 1615 2469. Jeanne MERCIER b 1622
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 Jean BOUDOIN 2487. Nathalie LAUDREAU 2488. Etienne FONTAINE b 1661 2489. Marie CONILLE b 1665 2490. Simon
 FOURNIER 2491. Ann Catherine ROUSSEAU b 1668 2492. Jean DANIAUZ (DAGNEAU) b 1637 2493. Marie Louise MIC-
 HAULT (MICHAULD) 2494. Philippe DESTROISMAISONS 2495. Martha CROSNIER 3176. Samuel WILLCOCKSON SR. b 1640
 3177. Hannah RICE 3178. Sgt. John GRIFFIN 3179. Anna BRANCROFT 3184. Joseph DUNHAM b 1637 3185. Mercy
 MORTON 3186. Edmond TILSON 3187. Elizabeth 13th: 4870. Henry BURT b ca 1590 4871. Uralia (Eulalia)
 MARCH b ca 1600 4872. Pierre COURTEMANCHE b FRA 4873. Marie HOUDE 4874. Abraham HAGUIN 4875. Marie
 DECALOGNE 4876. Adrien VAUDRY 4877. Martha DESCHAMPS 4878. Vincent RENAULT 4879. Marie MARTIN 4892.
 Claude LOMOTTE 4894. Jean LEVED 4895. Francoise DELASTRE (DELATIER) 4918. Julien MERCIER b 1626 4919.
 Marie POULIN b ca 1640 4924. Laurent PERIER 4925. Marie GILLARD 4926. Jean BASSET (BESSET) 4927. Anne
 LESEIGNEUR 4932. Laurent FAFART (LA FRAMBOISE) 4933. Marie SIDILOT b 1627 4942. Pierre MIVILLE b ca 1604
 4943. Charlotte MAUGIS b ca 1608. 4960. Pierre GOGUET 4961. Judith MARTIN 4962. Charles GARNIER 4963.
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 MARCH 9836. Francois MERCIER 9837. Roberte COUVILLAU 9838. Claude POULIN b 1615 9839. Jeanne MERCIER
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 PENTER 15th: 19676. Pascal POULIN 19677. Marie LEVERT 19924. Louis HEBERT 19925. Marie ROLLET 19926.
 Pierre DES PORTES 19927. Genevieve DU FUY



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REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSIONS

BY John C. Dann (copied by Alta Proctor)

These pensions are kept at the National Archives. They contain some of the most valuable sources for studying the American Revolution.

There are 80,000 applications for pensions and bounty lands on file, part of Group 15 of the Records of the Veterans Administration. They can be purchased on microfilm from the National Archives, Microfilm Publication M-804, which contains 2,670 reels; the entire body of the pension files. Microfilm 805-898 contains the applications themselves, contemporary supporting data and selected correspondence of later date.

The records are listed by name and state for which the veteran served in the Index of Revolutionary War Applications in the National Archives, Washington, D.C.: National Genealogical Society, 1976.

Congress enacted pension legislation in the early days of the war, providing half pay in 1776 for officers and servicemen disabled in U.S. service.

In 1778 those officers agreeing to remain in service for the duration of the war and for seven years more, were to receive half pay. (Changed in 1783 to 5 years full pay) and in 1780 pensions were provided for widows and orphans for Continental Army Officers who had enlisted for the war and 7 additional years. This was mainly to encourage enlistment and affected relatively few persons.

In 1789, after its institution, the federal government gradually took over invalid pensions from the states. In 1818, for the first time trying to reward veterans, rather than to entice men to enlist, Congress granted half pay to all Continental Officers and enlisted men, to members of the U.S. Naval Service and to marines if they were now in need of financial assistance. A supplementary act of 1820 required that the applicant submit certified schedules of personal property and income.

In 1832 Congress passed the first comprehensive pension act, providing a yearly grant to everyman who had served 6 months or more. To be eligible, a soldier no longer had to be poor or disabled and service in any military organization was OK as long as this service could be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

A person with 2 years of active duty was eligible for full pay for his lifetime and a proportion of this was awarded for any service of more than 6 months.

Widows married at time of war were also eligible. Provisions for wives were extended during the next 46 years.

ALTERED SURNAMES

by Betty MORGAN

Any family researcher knows that often surnames have been changed in the United States, but recently I found four examples of this trend among six people.

First, one man's last name was La Gree. When he said his name was French, I realized that it was probably La Gris (the gray) originally--the spelling had been changed to fit the pronunciation. Second, another man's name was spelled Kesler. Since this name is usually spelled Kessler, the man said he thought the name had been spelled with two "s's" long ago. Third, when Dr. Mc Cray went to Scotland to search for his family roots, he learned that his name should have been spelled Mac Rae. Again, the name was spelled the way it sounded to another person. Fourth, Mrs. McCray's family had the French name of Du Mont (of the mountain). In America, the "Du" was dropped. Later, the "Mont" was changed to "Mong", a name which sounds as if it were Chinese rather than French. Hence, these examples are further evidence of how surnames may have been altered slightly or drastically in our country.

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IN MEMORIUM

RCGS member Earl J. Logan passed away 21 January 1982 after a long illness. Born 14 October 1905 at Greensburg, he married Wilma ODLE ESTES 22 June 1940 at Hutchinson.

He was a retired linotype operator for Central Press, lived in Hutchinson since 1940 and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. He was a veteran of WW II.

Survivors: widow of the home; sister Stella MONTGOMERY, Canon City, CO. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson.

RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Queries

Queries are printed free of charge as space permits. Each query is limited to 50 words and must be clearly printed or typed. Please give full names and dates.

Searching for information on Oscar ROBINSON b 1820 and his wife Caroline A. b 1829, d 1902 Reno Co., KS. Mrs. J. R. Edwards, 6008 So. Main St., Anderson, IN 46013.

Need place and date of marriage of my grandparents, Frank NEVITT, b MI and Mary Ellen MILLS, b KS ca 1899.

Need info on George Washington WINGO, maybe b IN, m Josephine BONER, 25 Aug 1884 Reno Co. KS. One child Rose b 5 Jul 1885 in Reno Co. They were div 12 Jan 1866 Rice Co. KS. Where did he go?

Seeking whereabouts of Mrs. Judy EVANS, lived Morencie, AZ 1977. Mrs. Thelma FEESE, 1181 So. Julian St., Denver, CO 80219.

Need marriages in Pretty Prairie, KS area 1872-1890 for following names: MC CLAREN, SHOWMAN, CLARK, also a Robert Ray who married a CLARK.

Also need info of a DAILEY, female who died after 1875, mother of 3 children, the last a ELIJA, b KS ca 1876. Marie BERCKE-FELDT, 1601 Bunker Hill, Pueblo, CO 81001.

Seeking help with SWEM family who came from Iowa to Reno CO KS. Son Asa was first boy born in Reno CO (1871) near Buhler. He lived with foster family of FINLEY and was one of 3 orphaned children. Parents died in 1874. Mrs. E.S. (Bertha REYNOLDS) Wilson, 2988 Chestnut St., Riverside, CA 92501.

Need information on BRAMWELL family: Hugh S. BRAMWELL b 1825 IN and children John, Mary, William, Joseph and Alzurah in Castleton twp Reno CO KS in 1875. Was the J.T. BRAMWELL who married Philadelphia A. WATSON in Nickerson, KS 1882 Jan 18 son of Hugh S. BRAMWELL? Hugh's parents were John b 1793 KY and Mary UNDERWOOD b 1794 KY. Jolene COOK, 17 Truman Drive, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES INCREASES FEE FOR VETERANS RECORDS

The fee for ordering veterans records from the National Archives has been increased to \$5.00 and must be prepaid. Payment may be made by check, money order or Master Charge or Visa credit cards. For order forms write to Military Service Records (NNCC), National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408. Request NATF Form 26.

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MEET LYNN AND PAM STANSEL

Lynn STANSEL was born in Hutchinson and has lived here all of his life. He attended Union Valley Grade School, Buhler High School, HCJC and Ft. Hays College. In 1969 he joined the Navy and served two tours of duty overseas. He was discharged in December of 1973 and started work at Krause Plow Corporation in 1974.

Pamala (THOMPSON) STANSEL was born and raised in Sterling, Kansas. She attended elementary and high school there; and HCJC in 1971. During the summer she worked as a farm hand and pumped gas at the Fina Station in Sterling. She moved to Hutchinson in 1974 and worked as a secretary.

Pam and Lynn met and were married in 1975. In 1977 Pam stopped working to become a homemaker. Their son Andrew was born in December of 1978 in Hutchinson. They expect their second child in July.

Pam is recording secretary for RCGS and Lynn is in charge of selling forms for the society. Pam has also helped with the typing for the cemetery book and is now working on the marriage records book.

Andrew's ancestor chart appears on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

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NEW MEMBERS

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

Thelma Feese
1181 South Julian
Denver, CO 80219

Harold A. and Mildred J. Pricer
1725 Michigan St. 425-9004
Fairfield, CA 94533

Rita H. Townsend
1606 N. 3rd
Garden City, KS 67846

GENEALOGY DONE CHEAP

(From the Tri-State Trader, 5 December 1981)

If you want your family history traced and don't have the time or money, a friend offers this bit of advice: "Just run for public office, the higher the better."

WILL LOCATE RARE BOOKS

Anabel Collins knows of a man who will try to locate out of print books. He is Ron Bever, Rte. 3, Box 243-B, Edmond, OK 73034.

VITAL STATISTICS

Lydia Streeter and her helpers have been busy copying these records from prints taken from microfilm. They cover birth, death and marriage records in Reno County from 1890 to 1893. If you have a spare hour or two during the week, call Lydia and offer to help with this project.

EXCHANGE PUBLICATIONS

Our society exchanges publications with many other societies. Maxine Lindburg and her committee have been busy putting these into expando binders. A great big thank-you to Everett Wells for constructing and installing the shelves in the library to house this collection.



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