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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.

Membership in the Reno County Genealogical Society is open to anyone interested in genealogy. 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 1984 to 31 March 1985.

Donations and gifts to the society are tax deductible.

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

The quarterly publication of the Reno County Genealogical Society is mailed in February, May, August and November. The staff welcomes the contribution of records and stories pertaining to genealogy and history.



ADDRESS CHANGE?

If you plan to change your address, please notify the society in advance. Our quarterly is mailed at a special rate of postage and the post office will not forward any with the wrong address. They throw them away.

It's a huge task to keep the mailing list up to date and we need your help. PLEASE TELL US WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS. THANK YOU.

An invitation has been issued by the president of Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society of Wichita, D. JoAnn Schiefelbein, to visit their society for meetings or to use their library.

The library is located in "Historic Cowtown" which is situated at 1871 Sim Park Drive at the northwesternmost edge of the Cowtown Complex. The library is open from 10 AM to 5 PM Tuesday and Saturday with a fee of \$1 for non-members.

Society meetings are held at 2 PM on the second Saturday of each month, with the exception of December, May and September, at the Grace United Methodist Church, 944 South Topeka in Wichita. Parking at the rear and entrance is made from the rear through the north door. Refer to our calendar of events for topics and dates.

ESSAY CONTEST FOR STUDENTS

Garland HENSON has generously donated \$100 to be used for prizes in an essay contest for elementary through high school ages. On the committee to work out the details of this contest are Donna ALLEN, Iris EALES, Jayne PURCELL and Dorothy RAYL.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS AVAILABLE

If you would like to have a membership card, you may obtain one from Edith JONES at regular meetings, or send a SASE to the society and one will be mailed to you.

FROM THE EDITOR

At the last RCGS Meeting, the membership voted to accept a new name and logo. It is being used for the first time on this quarterly. The name "SUNFLOWER" was suggested by Maxine LINDBURG and the logo was designed by your editor [with the help of Harry STANSEL and Pat MITCHELL, who helped execute the design]. It is our hope that the seeds from this SUNFLOWER will sprout and bloom in your genealogical garden in the same abundance that they do along the roadsides of Reno County, Kansas.

Pamala STANSEL, who grew up in Sterling, furnished much of the material on Rice County. We are grateful to Pam, who has also done more than her share of the typing for THE SUNFLOWER.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11 August 1984 - Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society, Wichita, KS, 2 PM, "Area Workshop - Problem Solving; Question and Answers". Areas: 1. Kansas; 2. Indiana-Illinois; 3. Kentucky-Virginia; 4. Ohio-Pennsylvania.

20 August 1984 - RCGS Meeting, 7-9 PM, Auditorium, Hutchinson Public Library. Doris DALE on Research in the Hutchinson Mormon Library.

8 September 1984 - Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society, Wichita, KS, 2 PM, Seminar: Ms Arlene EAKLE of Salt Lake City, Utah. Topics: Arm Chair Research - or Getting the Most Research Dollar Without Leaving Home; Tracing Your 'Lost' Maternal Ancestor When You Don't Think She is Important Anyway; Tracing Your Immigrant Ancestor; How to Find Birth, Marriage and Death Dates Prior to 1900.

17 September 1984 - RCGS Meeting, 7-9 PM, Auditorium, Hutchinson Public Library. Betty WUTHNOW on Indian Research. Betty has a very interesting story to tell about her own life.

13 October 1984 - RCGS garage sale at the home of Garland HENSON, 510 E. 24th. Call Kathy CHANCELLOR for more information. 663-9009.

15 October 1984 - RCGS Meeting, 7-9 PM, Auditorium Hutchinson Public Library. Max MOXLEY, Editor Sterling Bulletin 1945-1975, Sterling, Kansas, on Sterling History.

19 November 1984 - RCGS Meeting, 7-9 PM, Auditorium, Hutchinson Public Library. Linda EVANS from Wagner Memorial Company, on the History of Tombstones.

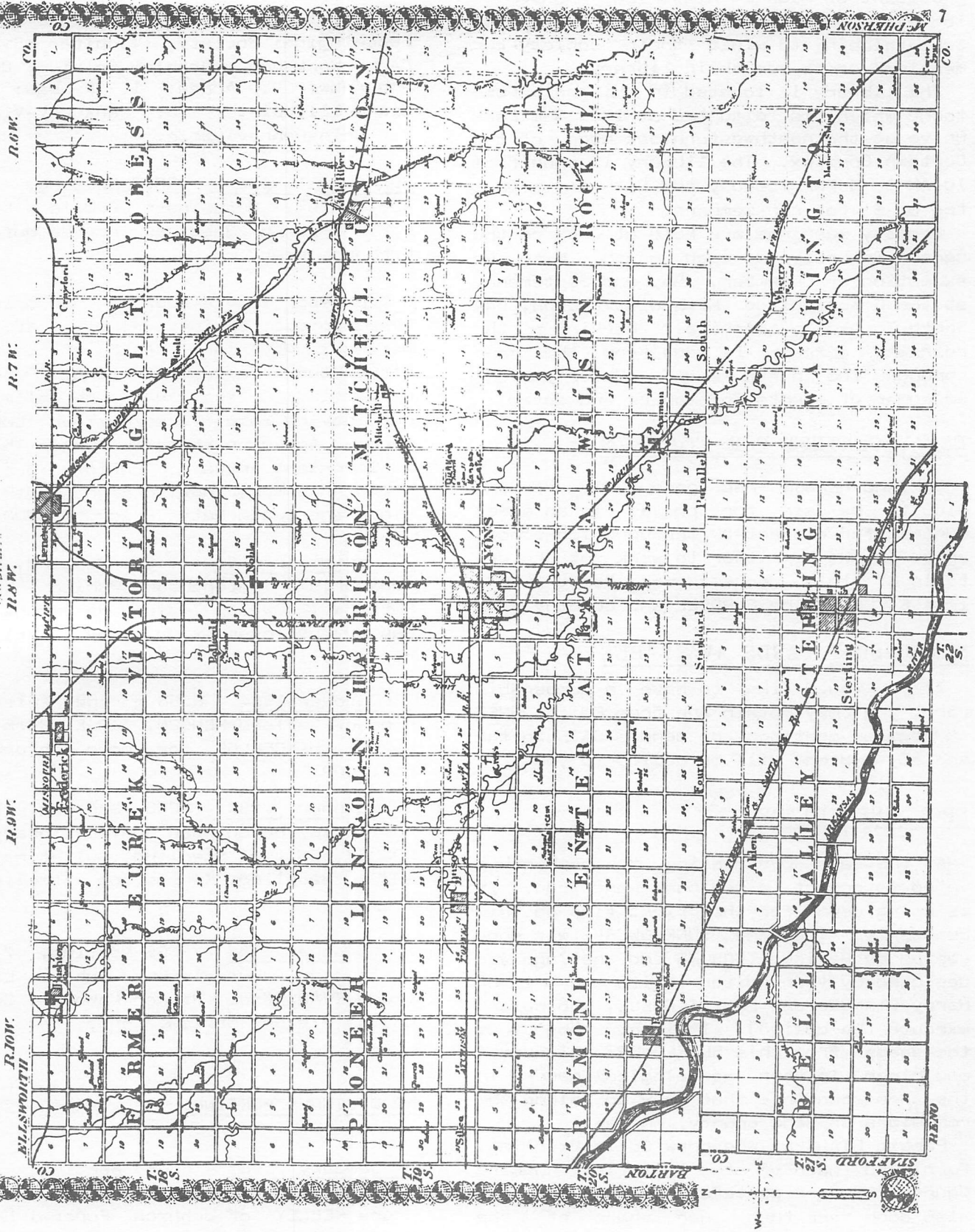
NO DECEMBER MEETING.

21 January 1985 - RCGS Meeting, 7-9 PM, Auditorium, Hutchinson Public Library. Bruce KELLEY of Johnson Funeral Home on Funeral Home Records.

RICE COUNTY

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RICE COUNTY -1870's

Rice County, Kansas, named in honor of General Samuel A. RICE who was killed in battle 30 April 1864, at Jenkins Ferry, Arkansas, is bounded on the south by Reno County, north by Ellsworth, east by McPherson and west by Barton Counties. The county was defined by the state legislature in 1868 and was attached to Ellsworth County until its organization in 1871.

Max MOXLEY, Editor of the Sterling Bulletin from 1945 to 1975 states that the Centennial Year of 1876 was an important one for Rice County. Citizens voted, on April 12 to abandon the original County Seat of Atlanta and to locate the County Government at a new site termed "The Centre"--some two miles northeast of Atlanta. The vote was 457 to 336 in favor of "The Centre" over Peace. Then too, one week later, on April 18, the residents of Peace took action to change the name of that booming young town to "Sterling".

Also, the touchy matter of "The Strip", the contested south boundary of the county was more or less resolved in that year. In 1872 the State Legislature had removed from Rice County and included in Reno a five-township strip that included Hayes, Walnut, Medford, Salt Creek and Grant--Township 22, ranges 6,7,8,9 and 10. In 1876 a strong effort was made by D.J. FAIR, Hon. Ansel CLARK, legislator; J.H. RICKSECKER and others, to have this land returned to Rice County; but the campaign failed and the matter settled for all time.

The Atlanta Town Company was organized in 1870 and laid out a town site. Among other buildings erected was the Atlanta Hotel, which was used as a courthouse until May of 1876.

In the beginning there were only three townships. Atlanta, Spencer and Sterling. By 1876 the townships were Atlanta, Farmer, Raymond, Sterling, Union and Washington. Spencer Township was absorbed by Raymond and Washington townships.

Atlanta Township was named for Atlanta, Georgia to favor some Georgians who had become members of the "Atlanta Town Company". At the first election on 2 April 1872, G.W. BRUNER was elected township trustee; E.H. DUNHAM, clerk; C.W. SHUMWAY, treasurer; Ferguson CHITTY, and Norman REED, road overseers; G.W. POOLE and John WHIPPLE, constables.

At the first township election in Farmer Township in April of 1874, officers elected were: H.L. GREEN, trustee; S.P. MONROE, clerk; J.C. McNAMUS, treasurer; F.C. SHAW, justice; J.M. and A.L. WEAVER, constables; W.C. SUMMERS, J.B. PARKS, William CAMPBELL and Moses BURCH, road overseers.

Raymond Township was named for Emmus RAYMOND, a director of the Santa Fe. The first township election was held in April of 1874 with the following officers elected: H.J. TIBBETTS, trustee; Charles BELL, clerk; J. M. PROFFITT, treasurer C.D. STEVENS, justice; John PETRIE and A.M. PEACHAM, constables; and John COLE, road overseer.

The first township election in Washington Township was held 28 April 1874 with these officers elected: John IMBLER, trustee; N.L.D. SMITH, clerk; Norman REED, treasurer; P.R. BROWN and J.K. MILLER, justices; P. KINDER and S.C. BRADY, constables; and C.M. CASE and David ENGLAND (?), road overseers.

Sterling Township held its first election on 2 April 1872 electing W.H. HUNT, trustee; A.G. LANDIS, clerk; Daniel ASHTON, treasurer; R.V. YATES, road overseer; Weston PATTON and E.M. CAMPBELL, constables; and W.A. ATKINS and Edwin S. HADLOCK, justices. Sterling Township was named in honor of Sterling ROSAN, one of its early settlers. The city of Sterling was incorporated in 1876.

E. Branson COWGILL wrote in the Sterling Gazette in 1876, "A more thriving town can not be found in Kansas than Peace now is. The population of Peace was a little over 400 in 1876. COWGILL wrote, "There is not a pauper in the town. There are in all 75 dwelling houses in Peace, and in no frontier town are the people so uniformly well provided with comfortable homes. While there are no extravagant edifices, there is no squallor. The total value of dwelling houses is \$37,500.

If one is working with land records in Rice County, it might be important to know that the waterways were listed as Arkansas River, Little River, Cow and Little Cow Creek, Plum Creek, Lost Creek, Owl, Jarvis and Sand Creeks.

The information for this article was taken from a booklet entitled "Rice County, 1876" by John M. MUSCOTT.

Rice County Marriages

- MOORE, James A.
Cartwright, Ida
1 Jan 1872
by Levi Jay, P.J.
- CHERINGTON, James W.
Comes, Emma J.
7 Jan 1872
by Levi Jay, P.J.
- BELL, Daniel M.
Hanks, Mary M.
19 Apr 1872
by Levi Jay, P.J.
- BUGBEE, Thomas S.
Dunn, Mary C.
13 Aug 1872
by Edwin S. Hadlock, J.P.
- RIFE, William H.
Conner, Matilda J.
23 Oct 1872
by Levi Jay, P.J.
- SIMONS, William E.
Berne, Sarah Louisa
27 Oct 1872
by Levi Jay, P.J.
- CLIFTON, John B.
Murray, Irene J.
11 Nov 1872
by Norman Reed, J.P.
- RICHARD, John R.
Willard, Sarah
15 Dec 1872
by Norman Reed, J.P.
- HOWARD, Andrew J.
Hodgson, Annie E.
7 Jan 1873
by Rev. M. J. Morse
- NICHOLAS, William T.
Griffith, Amelia J.
12 Jan 1873
by Rev. F. J. Griffith
- STILWELL, Elias H.
Cress, Emily R.
24 Mar 1873
by C. W. Boyer, J.P.
- CARNS, David
McNames, Dene
20 Apr 1873
by Orison McNames, J.P.
- LAMAR, S. W.
Burch, Mary
29 May 1873
by Rev. R. D. Stephenson
- DUNHAM, Edwin H.
Cutting, Relda
31 Jul 1873
by Rev. M. J. Morse
- KIMBALL, C. M.
Jenkins, Lucinda
30 Aug 1873
by E. C. Jones, J. P.
- ROBISON, Benjamin
Copesticks, Laureta N.
30 Sep 1873
by Wm. B. Conner, P.J.
- TUCKER, Marquis D.
Glaze, Rebecca J.
3 Oct 1873
by Rev. M. J. Morse
- MC NAMES, Robert
Burgess, Susan
20 Oct 1873
by Chas. W. Boyer, J.P.
- POAGE, James S.
Conner, Mary A.
26 Oct 1873
by Rev. M. J. Morse
- PEACHIN, Amiel
Gilmore, Mary
13 Nov 1873
Rev. J. R. Proffitt
- BAKER, Moses H.
McCune, Elvira
24 Nov 1873
by E. C. Jones, J.P.
- WHITE, E. C.
Shaw, Hattie
5 Jan 1874
by Rev. M. J. Morse
- RENNER, Levi
Burge, Eliza
2 Dec 1873
by E. C. Jones, J.P.
- WRIGHT, Winfield S.
Nason, Julia C.
27 Nov 1873
by Rev. H. T. Besse
- WEAVER, John
Wilson, Mira
4 Feb 1874
by W. V. F. Earl, J.P.
- REED, John
SIMS, Mary
8 Mar 1874
by E. S. Hadlock, J.P.
- SMITH, James H.
Taber, Mary A.
8 Mar 1874
by Rev. H. T. Besse
- READ, Philander
Muscott, Mary
29 Apr 1874
by _____
- CONNOR, John H.
Carnahan, Effie A.
16 May 1874
by Rev. H. T. Besse
- SHERWOOD, Thomas M.
Davis, Julia C.
24 May 1874
by Rev. S. P. Monroe
- HILTON, James
Thompson, Tillie S.
19 May 1874
by Rev. John Clark
- FAIR, D. J.
Walker, Dennie A.
3 Jun 1874
by Rev. J. B. Schlichter
- ENGLAND, David
Flaunt, Christina
15 Jun 1874
by J. K. Miller, J.P.
- BLAIN, Alex
Perkins, Maria
23 Jun 1874
by Rev. John Clark
- LYONS, Henry
Slyter, Mary E.
31 Jul 1874
by Rev. S. P. Monroe
- BURCH, Abner
Reece, Lulu M.
10 Sep 1874
by Rev. R. J. Davis
- HOYT, Clarence J.
Grover, Carrie M.
28 Sep 1874
by Jerome Lott, J.P.
- SANDERSON, Abbott W.
Howard, Lucinda
11 Oct 1874
by Rev. W. A. Howard
- HODGE, Charles
Walker, Tillie J.
8 Oct 1874
by E. S. Hadlock, J.P.
- LOWREY, M. G.
Hanks, Nettie J.
24 Dec 1874
by G. W. Voys, P.J.
- FINLEY, John
McClure, Eminett
4 Feb 1875
by Rev R. A. Ward
- HOWARD, J. M. D.
Fulton, Dora A.
25 Mar 1875
by Rev. M. J. Morse
- SUMMERS, Daniel F.
Smith, Mary J.
1 Apr 1875
by Rev. S. P. Monroe
- IZARD, A. H.
Clark, Silva A.
10 Apr 1875
by G. W. Voys, P.J.
- CLARK, W. O.
Postlethwait, Katie
28 Mar 1875
by Rev. Philander Read

- HOLMES, James H.
Bohrer, Emma J.
28 Mar 1875
by Rev. Philander Read
- LOERONE, S. J.
Sherwood, E. J.
6 May 1875
by Rev. J. A. Vickers
- RODGERS, Albert T.
Thompson, Minnie
20 May 1875
by Rev. J. B. Schilochter
- HIMROD, Patten
Lacy, Clara
6 Jun 1875
by Rev. J. A. Vickers
- FULTON, F. J.
McClure, Allie
25 Jul 1875
by Rev. J. A. Vickers
- MATHERS, J. M.
Lindsay, Hannah M.
11 Aug 1875
by G. W. Voys, P.J.
- JOBSIN, Robert J.
Hawkins, Sarah A.
2 Sep 1875
by Rev. J. A. Vickers
- THOMPSON, Wm. D.
Runyan, Hester
19 Oct 1875
by G. W. Voys, P.J.
- SLOAN, Austin H.
Betts, Mary E.
21 Oct 1875
by G. W. Voys, P.J.
- HIRTH, John
Hall, Frances E.
30 Oct 1875
by Rev. J. A. Vickers
- KELLY, Charles H.
Slyter, Amy
9 Nov 1875
by Rev. J. A. Vickers
- MUSCOTT, Geo. A.
Chitty, Katie
14 Nov 1875
by Rev. T. H. Watt
- DOWNING, Israel
Day, Frances
4 Dec 1875
by Jeremiah Conway, J.P.
- DAVIDSON, A. J.
Kiblin, Fannie
28 Nov 1875
by Rev. J. A. Vickers
- BUNGER, Squire
Goodrich, Mary
18 Dec 1875
by Rev. T. H. Watt
- SMITH, J. N.
Young, A. M.
5 Jan 1876
by Rev. J. A. Vickers
- WATT, Geo. R.
Hartman, Mary J.
17 Feb 1876
by Rev. T. H. Watt
- GASSMAN, Richard
Race, Minna
10 Apr 1876
by Wm. Thewlis, J.P.
- PROFFITT, J. M.
Browning, Abbie L.
20 Apr 1876
by Rev. J. R. Proffit
- BRADY, Jas. P.
Lackey, Jeraldin
10 May 1876
by A. S. Wakefield, J. P.
- ENGLAND, George
Johnson, Annie
2 May 1876
by Wm. Thewlis, J.P.
- EMBREE, Robert T.
Morse, Ency S.
24 Feb 1876
by Rev. J. A. Vickers
- MC FARLAND, Robert J.
Bell, Ida M.
8 Jun 1876
by Rev. B. F. Wonder
- LINDELL, C. S.
Williams, Mary F.
16 Jun 1876
by G. V. Ricksecker, P.J.
- MULLEN, John G.
Crow, Alvina
3 Jul 1876
by G. W. Voys, P.J.
- KEATING, James
Melson, Ella J.
6 Jul 1876
by Earl Joslin, J.P.
- COAN, James
Justice, Sarah C.
7 Aug 1876
by A. J. Foote, J.P.
- BARBER, O. F.
Hamercroft, Mary
11 Sep 1876
by Rev. B. F. Wonder
- HILL, Newsome
Bates, Lizzie A.
21 Sep 1876
by G. W. Voys, P.J.
- ERNST, Stephen M.
Monroe, Ida J.
12 Sep 1876
by Rev. B. F. Wonder
- MCNAMES, James B.
McHugill, Martha J.
22 Sep 1876
by Earl Joslin, J.P.
- BASOM, T. R.
McKinnis, Lydia
25 Oct 1876
by Earl Joslin, J.P.
- BURK, John
Bentis, Mahala J.
31 Oct 1876
by Rev. R. W. Parks
- ADAMS, Noah
Taylor, Sarah J.
5 Nov 1876
by Rev. B. F. Wonder
- SICKLER, Julius
Mack, Jane
12 Nov 1876
by J. Conway, J.P.
- NICKEL, J. P.
Meyers, Mary J.
15 Nov 1876
by Rev. Geo. W. Honey
- NUFFING, W. Z.
Howell, Mary E.
11 Nov 1876
by Rev. Geo. W. Honey
- WILLCOX, J. H.
Gravitt, Ida E. M.
23 Nov 1876
by Rev. W. A. Howard
- ENGLISH, Wm. A.
Wynn, Mary E.
26 Nov 1876
by Rev. Geo. W. Honey
- PAGE, Wm. H.
Brown, Ella
30 Nov 1876
by Rev. Geo. W. Honey
- MOON, T. O.
Whiteane, M. E.
6 Dec 1876
by C. G. Cleland, J.P.
- LONG, Mathew
Lane, Margaret
31 Dec 1876
by J. Conway, J.P.
- MOORE, Willis B. F.
Herrington, Rosetta J.
11 Feb 1877
by I. D. Black, J.P.
- HANENKRAT, Morris
Watson, Eliza
18 Feb 1877
by I. D. Black, J. P.
- WHITELOCK, Geo.
Burch, Lulu M.
8 Mar 1877
by Rev. S. P. Monroe
- SMITH, John H.
Miller, Mary M.
22 Feb 1877
by Rev. B. F. Wonder
- PRICE, Edward
Marvin, Pauline L.
20 Mar 1877
by Wm. Thewlis, J. P.
- REEVES, Chas. H.
Watson, Anna M.
31 Mar 1877
by G. W. Voys, J.P.
- EDWARDS, Wm. T.
Earp, Adelia D.
12 Apr 1877
by Rev. H. W. Conrey
- EMBREE, J. M.
Wright, Marieta C.
11 Apr 1877
by Rev. M. J. Morse
- MC EIWAIN, R. H.
Adamson, Martha J.
11 Apr 1877
by Rev. B. F. Wonder

HENDERSON, James
Meyers, Eveline
 26 Apr 1877
 by Rev. B. F. Wonder

HAUSCHILD, Joseph
Dorer, Anna
 12 Apr 1877
 by Wm. Thewlis, J.P.

TAYLOR, John C.
Hine, Rosetta
 3 May 1877
 by Earl Joslin, J.P.

HURT, Jesse G.
Holland, Lucy A.
 3 May 1877
 by G. W. Voyls, P.J.

DAVIS, H. H.
Proffitt, Alice
 12 Apr 1877
 by Rev. D. M. Gregor

MILLER, Charles B.
Almond, Annie
 13 May 1877
 by Rev. B. F. Wonder

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MARRIAGE BY MOONLIGHT
ON THE TRAIL

From a History of Rice County by John M. MUSCOTT published in 1876.

Ex County Commissioner D.M. BELL, having reached the conclusion that it was not good for a man to be alone, and Miss Mary M. HANKS, being of the same opinion, with a company of mutual friends on horseback, assembled on the trail at 8 o'clock PM [Santa Fe Trail, 19 April 1872, near Little Cow Creek in Atlanta Township].

The telltale moon shown gloriously, and by its light, to their surprise they saw emerging from a thicket of sunflowers bordering the trail, Judge Levi JAY, evidently in search of probate business! The Judge was instantly captured and compelled to perform the marriage ceremony which was done while the parties and their friends were quietly seated on their horses.

The following names are people from Rice County whose personal histories appear in A Biographical History of Central Kansas: Lewis Publishing Co., 1902.

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APPEL, George A.	1	371
BAILEY, John P.	2	1398
BAKER, Ira	1	381
BAKER, Lew	1	117
BARKELL, Michael	2	1432
BEAMON, Alonzo	1	693
BEAN, Nathan A. C.	1	529
BEHAM, L. P.	2	1326
BISHOP, G. A.	1	473
BENNETT, Edward T.	2	1487
BLACKHALL, John	1	515
BLACKMORE, Samuel C.	2	1067
BLAKELY, Henry H.	1	400
BOARD, Jacob K.	2	1197
BOBB, Aaron	1	216
BOY, Charles	1	631
BOYCE, David	1	477
BRAYTON, L.	2	811
BRIGHT, J. D.	2	1381
BRINKERHOFF, Jermain W.	1	398
BROTHERS, Ira S.	2	1630
BROWN, Jesse	1	45
BURKE, Laurence	1	737
BUSH, G. Edwin, M.D.	2	1184
BUTLER, Horace	2	1331
CADY, Lewis R.	2	1297
CAIN, Charles	2	902
CALLIS, David H.	2	962
CAMPBELL, William	2	1344
CHISHOLM, Benjamin F.	2	1307
CLAYTON, W. B.	1	670
CLUTTER, Samuel	2	1314
COLLINGS, Adam	2	1158
CONKLING, Clark	1	388
CONNER, Judge W. B.	1	168
COOK, S. C.	2	1605
GRAMM, George	2	886
CROWL, John F.	2	1178
DAVIS, Caleb R.	1	126
DAVIS, J. C.	1	343
DAVIS, Nathan M.	2	1515
DEAN, C. A.	1	408
DEEDS, J. L.	2	1335
DILLEY, Thomas	2	1552
DORR, Josephus	1	509
DOTSON, John W.	1	119
DUKE, David Washington	2	1198
DYMOND, James	2	1174
ELLIOTT, William Q.	2	1336
EVANS, John G.	1	703
EVANS, Perry A.	1	198
FINLEY, M.	1	208
FISHER, E. C., M.D.	1	152
FITZPATRICK, William	1	95
FLORA, Asbury	2	795
FLORA, Levi	2	1574
FORD, Patrick O.	1	662
FORTNA, David K.	2	1173
FOSTER, Frank H.	1	73
FRY, Frank A.	1	392
FULLER, F. E.	1	250
GIBSON, J. S.	2	1192
GILMORE, Jeremiah J.	2	1403
GINTER, George W.	1	526
GRAY, Solon	2	1475
GREEN, H. L.	2	893
GREEN, John	2	1395
GREENLEE, Jasper J.	1	757
GREGG, Andrew J.	1	250
GREGG, Currence	1	63
GRIFFITH, Capt. Frederick	1	320
GROVE, Henry	2	1392
GUIER, Charles	2	1159
GULDNER, Benjamin	2	1155
GULDNER, Edward	2	1157
GULDNER, George	2	1153
GULDNER, Gustave	2	1156
GULDNER, John	2	1152
GULDNER, Nicholas	2	1154
GULDNER, William	2	1156
HAGER, Zachariah	2	1187
HANDY, William	1	749
HARRISON, William J.	1	118
HATHAWAY, John L.	2	1185
HAUSCHILD, Jacob	1	307
HAUSER, George F.	1	207
HILTON, James	1	621
HINDES, William P.	2	1168
HODGDON, David Parker	2	1046
HODGSON, George W.	2	1577
HODGSON, H. C.	1	122
HOFFMAN, George M.	2	804
HOLMES, John B.	1	342
HOLSCHER, Herman	2	882
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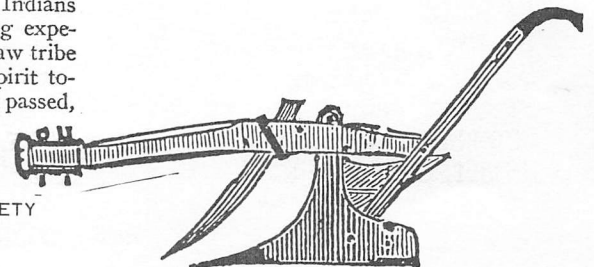
In pioneer days in the history of Rice county William H. Rife became a resident of central Kansas, and his interests have since been identified with this portion of the state and he labored earnestly in promoting public progress along substantial lines of improvement. He was born in Ohio, August 1, 1849, and was reared on a farm, acquiring a limited common-school education. His parents were Joseph H. and Elizabeth (Mott) Rife, who were born, reared and married in Ohio, whence they came to Iowa in 1851. The paternal grandparents, however, were of German descent. The father of our subject became a pioneer in Clarke county, Iowa, where he entered land and improved a farm, remaining there until 1862, when he enlisted in the Sixth Iowa Infantry as a defender of the Union. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee, with General Sherman in command. Owing to the exposure and hardships of war Mr. Rife contracted a fever, and was placed in a hospital at Lagrange, Tennessee, where he died and his remains were there interred. He was a plain, honest farmer, never aspiring to public office or notoriety, yet living a life in harmony with the principles and teachings of the Christian church, of which he was a worthy member. He gave his life upon the altar of his country and left to his family the record of brave military service and of an untarnished

career. His widow afterward married William Mouck, a retired farmer, who has put aside the active cares of business life and now resides in Fairfield, Iowa, where he and his wife are enjoying the fruits of well spent lives. Her grandfather Mott was a Revolutionary soldier, who served throughout the war that brought independence to the nation. He was twice married and reared a family of twenty-nine children, and lived to the age of one hundred and four years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Rife were born eight children: James C., who served by his father's side in the war of the Rebellion, and at its close returned safely to his home, being now a resident of Wisconsin; William H., of this review; Jane, the wife of L. Decker; George W., who is living in Nebraska; Frank, who makes his home in Iowa; Joseph H., also a resident of Nebraska; Mrs. Calista Pritchett, of Iowa; and J. W., of Nebraska. The mother has long been a devoted member of the Christian church, and upon the minds of her children she early impressed the lessons of industry and honesty, thus fitting them for the practical duties of life.

The subject of this review was less than two years of age when he came with his parents to Iowa, where he was reared to manhood. During the war of the Rebellion he was his mother's main assistant in carrying on the farm. At the age of seventeen he began earning his own livelihood, being employed as a farm hand in Iowa, and when nineteen years of age he went to Missouri, where he worked in that capacity for one year. During the second year he cultivated a rented farm, and in 1870 he came to Kansas, locating in Rice county, where he filed a claim to a quarter-section of land southwest of Lyons. Mr. Rife owned that property until 1873, and upon it built a sod house and stable and broke and cultivated some of the prairie. He then sold the farm and removed to Mitchell township, where he secured a homestead claim, upon which he has made excellent improvements, and it is still his place of residence. He hauled the lumber from Sterling in order to erect his first frame residence. With characteristic energy he began improving his farm which has become a valuable property, equipped with all the modern accessories and conveniences. He lived in the county at an early day when the hunters had ample opportunity to indulge his love for the sport for many kinds of game could be secured in central Kansas. Mr. Rife at one time killed two buffaloes at a single shot,—a remarkable occurrence, such a feat being accomplished by but few men. Some stray bands of Indians roamed over the country on hunting expeditions. They were mostly of the Kaw tribe and always manifested a friendly spirit toward the white settlers. As the years passed,

however, the incoming tide of civilization changed all these conditions and the land has now been divided into farms which are highly cultivated and yield a good return to the individual owners. In addition to the cultivation of the fields, Mr. Rife has engaged in the raising of stock, thus following diversified farming. He has won success by hard work and honorable dealing, and has added to his property until he now owns eight hundred acres of fine land all under a good state of cultivation. His home farm is well improved with a two-story frame residence, large barn and out-buildings and many other modern conveniences, together with a good orchard and fine grove. All this renders his place very attractive and has largely increased its value. The Rife home is pleasantly situated one mile east of Mitchell and thus the advantages of town life are easily secured.

In 1872 Mr. Rife was joined in wedlock to Miss Matilda J. Connor, who was born in Iowa, February 26, 1850, and is a lady of culture and intelligence. Her father was Judge W. B. Connor, a distinguished citizen of Rice county. Their union has been blessed with eleven children, namely: Berton L., born August 17, 1873; Denva A., born August 5, 1874; Asby, who was born January 7, 1876, and is the wife of P. P. Martina; Mary G., born April 10, 1879; Ruth, born May 10, 1880; Lydia, born February 17, 1882; Carl P., born April 8, 1883; Martha A., born April 2, 1885; William M., born July 24, 1888; Joseph B., born September 24, 1891; and Harvey H., whose birth occurred March 15, 1894. All of the children are yet living,—a remarkable record. The parents are devoted members of the Methodist church, at Mitchell, and Mr. Rife has served as trustee, steward and treasurer of the church. He is now a member of the board of trustees, is superintendent of the Sunday-school and is a leading and influential member of the organization. He also belongs to the Alliance Aid Society. In manner he is pleasant and genial and is popular with a large circle of friends. He belongs to the Reform party politically, and has been called upon to serve in several local offices. Although he has undergone the hardships and trials of pioneer life here, he is now in comfortable circumstances, having won a competence through honest and indefatigable purpose.



Queries

Seek info on Louise Bishop WEST (widow of James T.) b ca 1821 Bourbon Co. KY, Res Sumner Twp, Reno Co., KS 1880 with her children: Henry 1854, Nancy Jane 1857, Wilmer (Willie) 1860, John 1863 and George 1864, all b Vermillion Co IL. Will exchange. Thomas G. WEST, Rte. 1, Box 25, Veedersburg, IN 47987.

Information needed on Carl Julius Walter NACK who was b 14 Jan 1881 between Hutchinson and Pratt to Julius and Augusta NACK. The family had only recently come from Germany. Mrs. H.W. NACK, 18112 S.E. Haig Drive, Portland, OR 97236.

Seek information of Horace W. HAMLIN b NY State 1841, living in Reno Co, Loda Twp KS 1880. Wife Harriet d 1882 Arlington, KS. R. HAMLIN, jr., P.O. Box 802, Proctor, TX 76468.

Jack (John) Russell CHINN b 1894 Nicker-son, KS, was one of six sons and 2 daughters of Elijah and Emily (JACKMAN) CHINN. Any information appreciated. Tina CHINN, 412 4th St., S.W., Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Anna Edith RUMMERFIELD MONTGOMERY b 20 Dec 1888 in Inman, KS. Mother's maiden name was SCHLATTER. Families that sent flowers or attended funeral in 1942 were: Mrs. George L. (Sadie) SYMAR, Violet NICHOLSON, Charles L. MORRILL and the following SCHLATTER's: Jerome, Will, Laura, E.C. and John. Nancy KNIGHTLY-VOGEL, 5736 S. 112th St., Omaha, NE 68137. Any info appreciated.

Henry CLOUD settled in Washington state in the 1880's and died in Kitsap Co, WA on 13 Mar 1924. His only children died in early childhood along with his young wife, Mary J. CLOUD in the 1870's, probably in Reno Co KS. Henry's second marriage was to Almira EWING in Hutchinson, KS on 27 Dec 1876. If you have information on this family, please write Mrs. Mary GORHAM, 2409 North Washington St., Tacoma, WA 98406

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