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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.

RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all the officers and committee chairmen for a job well done and for the support of society members this past year.

Leona KELLER has provided us with interesting programs which have been well attended.

We had a successful garage sale in November. Proceeds from the sale will be used by the committee to purchase books for the Hutchinson Public Library.

Everett WELLS is working at getting the 1880 Reno County Federal Census transcription underway. We appreciate all the volunteers who are working on this project.

Our Spring Seminar, featuring Grace (SHAW) WOLDT of Manhattan, Kansas is set for May 4. Delma ASHCRAFT and her committee are making the arrangements. Watch for more details. It will be a good day.

A big thanks to all those who helped make this a pleasant and rewarding year. I know you will continue to give the new officers your loyal support. You're a grand bunch.

--Lydia STREETER

DOWSER'S SERVICES AVAILABLE

G.A. WEGELE of Otis, Kansas says he can locate unmarked graves, building foundations, trails and water. He charges \$8 per hour plus 20¢ per mile. (He lives 100 miles from Hutchinson). Call him collect around 6:30 PM when he is usually in the house, or write to him at Otis, KS 67565. Phone (913) 387-2367.

BOOKS - GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY

CHEROKEE ANCESTOR RESEARCH by Dick CLARK donated by Lydia STREETER.

GUIDE TO GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES by Archives Division Texas State Library donated by Maxine LINDBURG.

INDEX OF DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS HISTORY Decatur County Genealogy Soc., Inc. 1984, compiled by Jack BENTON, Oberlin, Kansas donated by Elsie E. HAYES.

KLECK FAMILY compiled by Rose ZIMMERMAN BRATTON donated by the author.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This is my last issue as editor. After more than six years, I have decided to pursue some of my own interests. I sincerely thank those of you who have submitted material for publication, but most of all I thank those who have offered moral support and encouragement for a job that has not been easy. As Joyce HENSON said in the Fall issue of the Federation of Genealogical Societies Newsletter, "Thank God there are hundreds of you who appreciate for every ONE who 'sticks pins' (complains) and we appreciate that".

I particularly want to thank Lynn STANSEL for his excellent proof-reading, Pam STANSEL for her cheerful help with the typing and my wonderful circulation crew. Edith JONES, Carla MILLER, Maxine LINDBURG and Lydia STREETER helped to get almost all of my 25 issues ready for mailing. (Did you know that Carla's husband, Lee MILLER, is retiring from Hutchinson Community College at the end of this school year and they are moving to Tennessee? Happy retirement, Carla and Lee).

Arless (MOSE) EILERTS, journalism teacher at Hutchinson Community College will be our new editor. Arless is a very busy person and deserves all the help you can give her. Please don't wait to be asked, but rather submit material for publication to her. It will make her job easier. I'm sure she would welcome articles about how to do research in a particular area you may have worked in, bible records, wills, courthouse records, etc. It isn't easy to fill all those blank pages in a quarterly.

Best wishes to each of you with your personal research. My prayer for the society is that it will continue to grow and be even more effective in helping individuals with their genealogical research.

--Jayne (KOEPE) PURCELL

PENNSYLVANIA RESEARCH

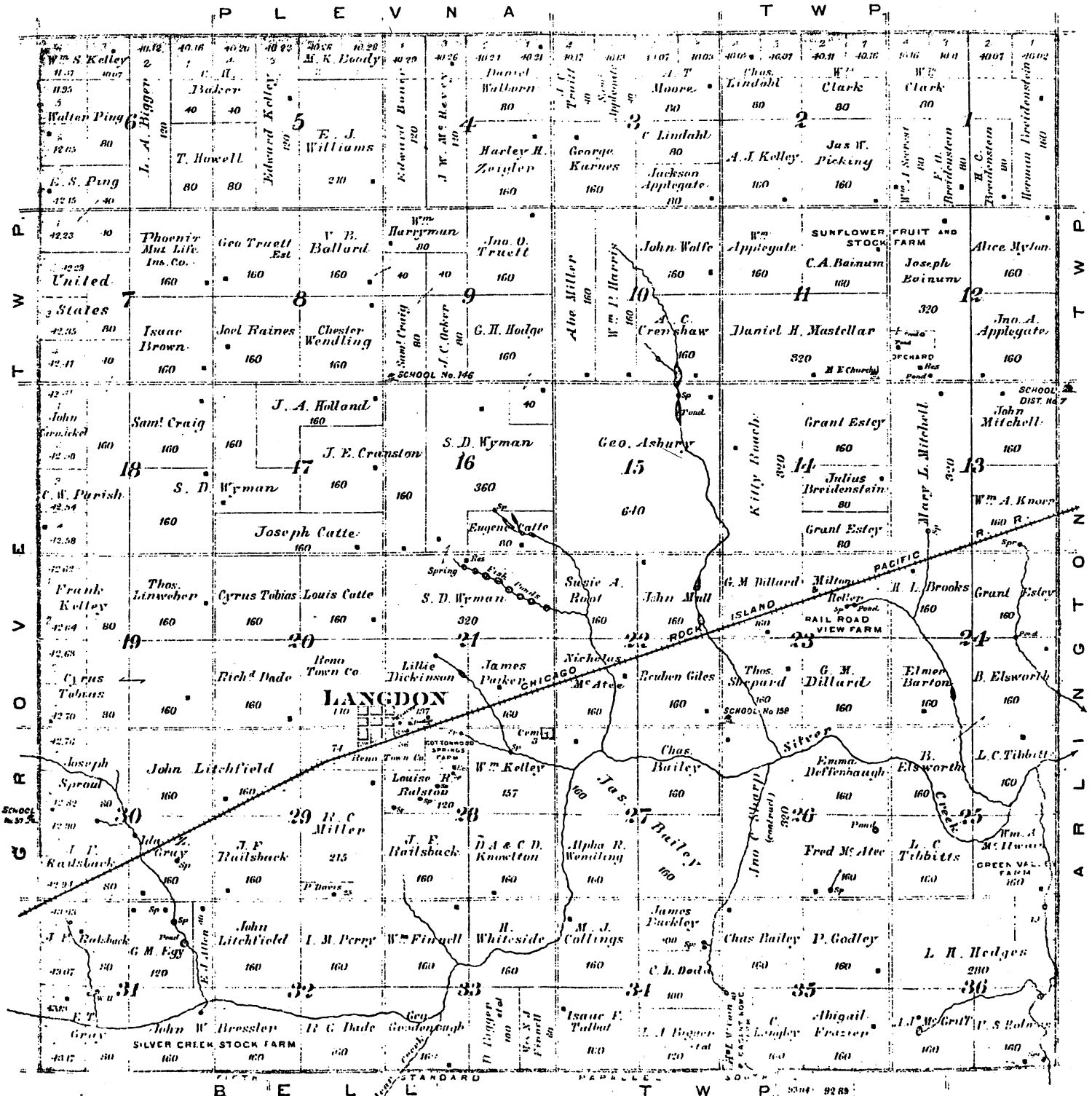
Township tract maps are available for some counties. For information write to Pennsylvania Bureau of Land Records, Harrisburg, PA 17101.

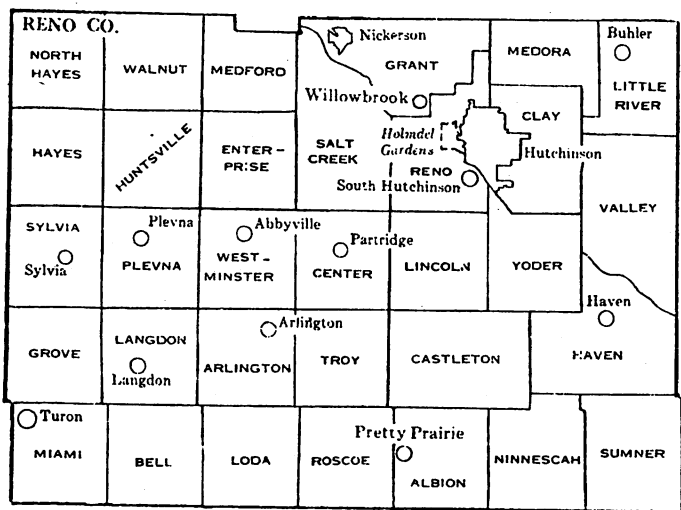
LANGDON

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile.

Township 25 South, Range 9 West.

of the 6th Principal Meridian.





Store.

One of the first settlers was John Wesley JONES, originally from Illinois, who came to Langdon from Missouri in 1875 looking for a homestead site. One of his daughters, Ethel MILLER, just died a few years ago at the age of 99. She told of her father hauling cow chips and buffalo bones to Sun City to trade for fence posts and other supplies. He owned a steam threshing machine and did custom threshing. Mrs. MILLER also tells of her father taking a load of wheat to Hutchinson to buy five pair of shoes.

Actually the birth of Langdon came about because of the struggle over the railroad between Turon to the west and Lerado to the south.

Every community had some social life. In Langdon there were box suppers, dances (held in barns) and there was a skating rink. Langdon boasted a baseball team in 1915. In 1912 you could attend a picture show for a dime.

Mr. CATTE had a fish hatchery a mile north and a mile east of Langdon. He had ponds out there where he cleaned out the springs. He raised fish and sold them to the government. There was a diving board and it was quite a gathering place with **waterlilies in a pond.**

After World War II, the town started to decline. The young people were becoming better educated and were going off to other places to earn a living. The bank closed in 1941 and the lumber yard folded in 1950.

There is still a post office, an antique store and a service station.

The Langdon Cemetery was first located one mile east on the north side of the road. Part of it was moved to the south side of the road and called the Maple Grove Cemetery. I remember my father, Frank E. PARKER telling about it. He owned the land. He farmed around the graves, but eventually started using the land. Several times he thought he had plowed up bones.

Doyle MAUCK owned land adjoining the cemetery and in 1951 he sold some land to enlarge the cemetery.

Because of some legal problems, the Maple Grove cemetery had to be abandoned.

LANGDON, KANSAS

--by Maxine (PARKER) LINDBURG

The Reno Town Company was incorporated in September of 1886 and the town of Langdon was platted in 1887; however, it was not until 1912 that Langdon became incorporated as a third class city. Langdon is located about 25 miles southwest of Hutchinson on Highway 61.

The town was named for a man named LANGDON (no one knows his first name) who settled four miles east and two miles north of the present location. He built a small building and called it "The Langdon Store". In 1874 he sold it to John ULMER and moved to Oklahoma where he died in 1914.

A great many of the early settlers were Union Army Veterans. Just out of service and anxious to establish homes, the Kansas Homestead Land looked very good to them. By 1875 there were 56 heads of families listed as having come from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Iowa.

The settlers had filed on their homesteads, broken sod and planted the spring crops in 1874 when the grasshoppers came eating everything that was green excepting the castor beans. They also had an appetite for leather, probably because of the salt and oil in them. The bugs were so thick on the steel rails of the railroad tracks that the engines could not start because of slipping. That year was also very dry, hot and windy. The settlers were broke. The government allowed them to go back east and get work to get money to help over the emergency. Collections were made in the east for the "Starving Kansans". Supplies were sent to the ULMER

THE CHURCHES OF LANGDON, KANSAS

--by Guilford R. RAILSBACK

The Langdon Christian Church was organized 1 April 1889 in the home of my grandfather with ten charter members.

Prior to that time, an occasional church meeting was held in a school house with services conducted by a traveling minister as early as 1886.

The story was told of a farmer being pressured to join the church. He refused, explaining that he was involved in listing a field that had been sod the year before and that the work was so aggravating that he could not refrain from swearing. He promised that once the listing was completed, he would join. He kept his word and was a faithful member of the church until his death.

The Christian Church was built in 1892, and moved to its present location in 1912.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1892 meeting at the Jordan Springs School. At a meeting held on 2 May 1892 in the home of John LITCHFIELD, Maxine LINDBURG's grandfather, J.H. PARKER moved that a church building be constructed in the town of Langdon. The motion carried and the Langdon Town Company was paid \$1 for lots in the northwest corner of the town. J.M. MOORE, contractor, built the original frame building at a cost of \$870.00. A Methodist Episcopal church in Philadelphia donated \$250.00 and loaned another \$50.00 toward construction. The mortgage was paid off 4 January 1901. The parsonage was built in 1913 and in 1921 the building was enlarged. The Methodist Church celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1967. The church closed in 1976.

Charter members were J.F. RAILSBACK, Carrie I. RAILSBACK, H.F. NAYLOR, John W. DODGE, Mrs. H.M. GRAVES, Mrs. Mary E. DODGE, Mrs. Cora MOON, Mrs. Hannah WYMAN and Mrs. Jennie JONES. The minister was D.W. NAY from LaCrosse.

Later that month, those who joined with the charter group were: Belle DODGE (APPLEGATE), Etta DODGE (POWELL), John C. and Catherine SHARP, Claude, Will and Roy RAILSBACK, Robert C. and Frances MILLER and Harriet CRISWELL. Brother Jos. TOMLINSON of Leesburg was called to preach part time.

In November of that year, Brother NAY came again for another revival and among the new members were: The MISNERS, the FINNELLS, the William MILLERS and Sam AP- PLEGATE. In 1890 and 1891 the rolls were increased by: The William KELLYS, Elmer E. and Amanda BARTON, the Daniel DAVIS family, Mr. & Mrs. Tom COATS, the DILLIARDS, Junia RAMEY (PARISH) and George CRISWELL.

In 1893, more of the FINNELS and DAVISES joined as well as Lewis and Tabitha DALTON, Maud SHARP (LYONS), Isa DODGE, Albert WILLIAMS, Guilford G. RAILSBACK, Frank MILLER, Will SHARP, Minnie SMITH (DUNCAN), the W.C. RAMEYS and A.R. DODGE.

The year 1895 saw the addition of Mabel JONES (WRIGHT), Ethel JONES (MILLER), Ada DODGE (MILLER), Edith DODGE, Mary RAILSBACK (DODD), Nell WILLIAMS (CRANSTON), Elsie FINNELL (BLACK), Josie HOLMES, Robert WILLIAMS, Charlie COLLINGS, Chester WENDING, Abner FINNELL, Cora CRENSHAW, Elmer and Frances LOCK, Ed HOLLAND and the Isaac BROWNS.

New members in 1896 included Thomas POWELL, Birdie LOCK (DODGE), Annie DAVIS and Ed APPELLEGATE. In 1897 there were Mrs. Lucy JONES (Langdon postmaster from 1897 to 1911) and her daughters, Arie and Jessie.

Some of the others to follow were: The EGYS, the Enoch WILLIAMS family, the FULLERS from Arlington, the Roscoe LAYMANS, the Joseph CRANSTONS, the GREERS, the McADAMSES, the PURDYS, the CHRISLIPS and the W.E. RAILSBACKS.

Others included Nellie G. RAILSBACK, Mrs. Joseph SHEROW, the L.Y. BRADSHAWs, King and Sylvia BOODY, Gertrude MILLER (HURST), Mr. & Mrs. Bert DAVIS and their daughters Clara, Daisy and Mamie. Mrs. Catherine GOODENOUGH, Mr. & Mrs. C.E. POWELL and children, Mrs. Cora SHACKLEFORD, Mrs. Minnie MAUCK, Reg and Eugenia BARTON (CRAIG), Mervin BROWN, Nellie MURPHY, Frank SHARP, Charlie DADE, Billie McCALLA and the PING family, the DODDS, the HOLMESES, the Albert TRUITTS and their daughter Josie (FRANKLIN), Lucy PARKER (POPEJOY), Sadie SMITH (SWAN) and Mrs. Carrie TRUITT CATTE. Many more were to follow.

THE SCHOOLS OF LANGDON TOWNSHIP
--by Guilford R. RAILSBACK

Although white men settled in Langdon Township in early 1873, there were no schools in the area until about 1875 when Mrs. John W. JONES, mother of the late Mrs. Frank MILLER, taught at Old Langdon, four miles east and two miles north of the present town.

By 1880 there were three schools in the Langdon vicinity: the one at Old Langdon, which is just over the line in Arlington Township; one at Maple Grove, District 62 organized 29 September 1877, located one mile east of the present town; and one at Jordan Springs, two miles west and ½ mile south. Keep in mind there was no town of Langdon at that time. The town actually developed with the coming of the Rock Island Railroad in 1887.

One of the early teachers at Maple Grove was Ella PRY, daughter of a Baptist minister and great-aunt to Mrs. Emily HUGHES, the present Mayor of Langdon. Mrs. HUGHES was the recent winner of the Krause-Carey award at the Hutchinson Hospital. In a picture of Mrs. PRY and her pupils, several adults appear. Apparently having your picture "took" was somewhat of an opportunity in pioneer times.

In the school year 1879, a teacher at Maple Grove was paid a total of \$72.00 for a six-months school term. Other expenses for that year totaled \$1.35 which included fuel, repairs and incidentals.

The original Maple Grove building was made of sod and stood on the cemetery corner. Later a frame building was built on the north side of the road, directly across from the cemetery. When the Langdon School District was organized and became District 62, the Maple Grove School was moved another mile east. A one-teacher school continued in operation there until 1926 when the two DILLIARD girls (Mrs. Agnes MOORE and Mrs. Helen HOBBS) were graduated. In the last year Maple Grove was in session, the two DILLIARD girls were the only pupils, school having been continued there that long because of the insistence of their Grandfather DILLIARD, an early settler who lived nearby.

In 1880 the Jordan Springs School was

a sod building. The teacher received the princely sum of \$15.00 per month. Twenty-two pupils were enrolled, but the average daily attendance was 15.

Mrs. Frank MILLER told us that her mother drove a horse and buggy four miles each morning to the school, arriving at 8:00 AM to start the fire in the stove, teaching all eight grades of 32 pupils and then after school sweeping the floor and doing the other janitorial work. All this at the age of 16!

After the Langdon District was formed in 1893, a large frame building was erected in the northeast corner of Langdon and two teachers were hired. Enrollment was 58 in 1906 and additional teachers were hired.

Among Langdon Grade School principals were Wm. E. SHARP, who later served as Reno County's Superintendent of Schools; Claude MOORE, later a prominent motor car dealer at Arlington; and Guy C. HOUSTON, who subsequently went to the Nickerson School system.

Langdon Grade School moved into a four room brick building in 1913. The high-school began 4 September 1916 occupying part of the grade school building until 1918 when a modern brick high school was constructed. The first student of the high school was graduated in 1919.

Langdon High continued until 1959 when the Fairfield District was organized including Plevna, Abbyville, Turon and Langdon. Later Sylvia and Arlington joined with this consolidation.

Langdon Grade School continued until 1965 when it closed because of decreased enrollment.

Among the rural schools that consolidated with Langdon over the years were: Maple Grove, Jordan Springs, U.S. School, Hopewell, Clark, Fountain Green, Pleasant Hill, Bell, Lerado, New Home, Belmont, Walnut Grove and Pleasant View. Today there is no school in Langdon although Fairfield High School stands one mile north of the town. Time marches on.

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SPRING SEMINAR - 4 MAY 1985

The orange flyer attached to this issue describes the seminar we will host 4 May at Morgan School. Deadline for reservations is 20 April.

It is a wonderful opportunity to learn from an expert in the genealogical field such as Grace (SHAW) WOLDT of Manhattan.

From Kansas DAR NEWS, February 1985:

Grace Woldt Receives Plaque

In appreciation for her years of service to Polly Ogden Chapter, the Kansas DAR Society, and the community, an engraved plaque was presented to Mrs. Woldt by Ruby Williams, Chapter Regent, on Grace Woldt Day, Dec. 3, 1984, at a dinner meeting at the Ramada Inn in Manhattan, Kan. Mrs. Woldt's granddaughters: Barbara Brean, Tuscon, Ariz., and Berna Hahn, San Diego, Calif. also attended the dinner.

As a teacher of mathematics and as a genealogist Mrs. Woldt has given generously of her time and knowledge. She taught high school mathematics in every community in which she lived and taught mathematics at Kansas State University from 1946 to 1969 when she retired.

Mrs. Woldt taught courses in genealogy for the Continuing Education Department of Kansas State University; the Manhattan area Vocational-Technical School; and the Manhattan Middle School. She has also conducted workshops for the state meeting of Librarians of Public Libraries in Kansas and for the Riley County Genealogical Society. She was a consultant for the publication, "Your Family Tree," put out by the Kansas State Cooperative Extension Service.

In 1979 she was presented with the KSDAR State Conference Award for dedicated service to the Kansas Society and outstanding contribution to genealogical research through the conducting of family history workshops for Kansas chapters.

She is a member of numerous patriotic, genealogical, and educational organizations and has held office in many of them. She served as Regent of Smoky Hill Chapter and was Regent of Polly Ogden Chapter from 1980-1983.

Tales on the Tomb

JANE & MICHAEL STERN

A tombstone—the last chance for famous, infamous, or just plain folks to speak their piece. It is here that the deceased (or their survivors) can set the record straight, sum things up, even settle an old score. And they often do so with an ingenuity that defies time.

Sometimes the stone itself presents a rich opportunity for creative or expressive masonry. Grover Cleveland's Secretary of Agriculture, J. Sterling Morton, marked his final resting place in Nebraska City's Wyuka Cemetery with a tall granite tree surrounded by little stumps—a reminder to visitors that he invented Arbor Day. Country and western singer Hank Williams lies interred in a Montgomery, Alabama cemetery beneath a patch of AstroTurf and a concrete cowboy hat.

The grave site can convey a message, too. Houdini's monument is carefully placed so that his granite bust stares intensely at the locked gate of the Machpelah Cemetery in Queens, New York. In Fall River, Massachusetts, Lizzie Borden had her stone placed at the apex of a triangle above her parents' graves.

It is the writing on the tombstone that tells the most interesting tales. Surely there is no epitaph more startling than that designed by Herman Melville for his plot in Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx, New York—a headstone covered with an empty scroll—a wordless, enigmatic blank.

But many who were not professional scribes have waxed poetic in the face of death. Their words, inscribed in stone, prove the epitaph to be a lively literary form indeed.

BEARDED

Cowboy epitaphs are customarily short and to the point:

Here lies
Lester Moore
Four slugs
From a forty-four
No Les
No More.
— Boot Hill Cemetery,
Tombstone, Arizona

He called
Bill Smith
A liar.
— Cripple Creek, Colorado

George Johnson
Hanged by Mistake.
— Boot Hill Cemetery,
Tombstone, Arizona

Bad deeds way outlive the ne'er-do-well.

Here lies the body of Mannie,
They put him here to stay;
He lived the life of Riley
While Riley was away.
— Death Valley, California

Here lies the body of poor Aunt
Charlotte
Born a virgin, died a harlot;
For sixteen years she kept her
virginity,
A damn'd long time for this
vicinity.
— Death Valley, California

Those that knew him best
deplored him most.
— John Young,
Staten Island, New York

A person's profession often suggests a last morbid joke:

My trip is ended.
Send my samples home.
— Thomas W. Campbell, Salesman,
Burlington, Iowa

The name of the deceased may suggest some verse:

Here lies old Rastus Sominy
Died a-eating hominy
In 1859 anno domini.
— Savannah, Georgia

Haine
haint.
— Arthur Haine,
Vancouver, Washington

Here lies
Johnny Yeast
Pardon me
For not rising.
— Ruidoso, New Mexico

Under the sod and under the
trees
Lies the body of Jonathan
Pease
He is not here, there's only the
pod;
Pease shelled out and went to
God.
— Nantucket, Massachusetts, 1880

Fatal accidents inspired these lines:

Here lies one wh
os life thrads
cut asunder she
was stroke dead
by a clap of thunder.
— Marcy Hale, 1719,
Glastonbury, Connecticut

Here lies the body of Susan
Lowder
Who burst while drinking
Seidlitz powder;
Called from this world to her
heavenly rest
She should have waited till it
effervesced.
— Burlington, Massachusetts

Looked up the elevator shaft to
see if the car was on the way
down. It was.
— Harry Edsel Smith,
Albany, New York

These angry spouses immortalized their domestic problems:

Sacred to the memory of
Anthony Drake
Who died for peace and
quietness Sake;
His wife was constantly
scolding and scoffin';
So he sought repose in a
twelve-dollar coffin.
— Burlington, Massachusetts

MARSHALL

He	Willie	She
Never	1872-1944	Always
Did	His Wife	Did
	1876-1964	Her
		Best

— Hardwick, Vermont

My wife from me departed
And robb'd me like a knave
Which caused me broken
hearted
To descend into my grave.
My children took an active part
And to doom me did contrive
Which stuck a dagger to my
heart
Which I could not survive.
— Seth J. Miller,
Rehoboth, Massachusetts

A solecism may give new meaning to a tale:

To the memory of
Abraham Beaulieu
Accidentally shot
As a mark of affection
from his brother.
— La Pointe, Wisconsin

Sometimes just a wrong or missing letter conveys an inadvertent thought:

Gone to be an angle.
— Gertrude Walker,
White Horn, Tennessee

Lord, she is Thin.
— Susannah Ensign,
Cooperstown, New York

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For reservations at the Red Coach Inn call (913) 825-2111.

Queries

Luis PESSETTO, born Italy 1881, came to Hutchinson in 1918. He moved to Topeka in 1941. Where did he live before coming to Hutchinson (1900-1918)? Evelyn TREGANZA, Star Route Box 105A, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

Need place of death and obituary for Margaret Elizabeth (MYERS) WILMOTT, wife of James Monroe WILMOTT who died between Abbyville and Dodge City on 29 August 1887. Lula Belle TONER, R.R. 1, Box 16 E, Coweta, OK 74429.

Leroy DECK lived at Abbyville, Kansas and was buried at Emporia, Kansas 1948. Need day and month of death and a copy of his obituary. Lula Belle TONER, R.R. 1, Box 16 E, Coweta, OK 74429.

The ELY HERITAGE, a family newsletter, is published quarterly. Subscription is \$12.00 per year. Featured are wills, deeds, heraldry, military records, family history and pictures, abstracts, and a free query column. Write to Theresa RYAN, 501 N. Paradise Road, Aberdeen, MD 21001.

CORRECTION:

In the November 1984 issue, Lydia STREETER's Query should have read as follows:

Searching for parents of Chester FULLER b NY 23 Jan 1825 and his wife Dolly _____ b NY 22 Mar 1823. Did Chester and Dolly marry in Steuben County, NY? Who was Dolly? Was their son James Benjamin Franklin FULLER born in Hillsdale County, Michigan?

Who are the parents of Betsy MERRILL? She married Levi STREETER 30 Jul 1818. Where? She died 7 Aug 1861 at Weedsport, NY.

Need info on Peter GUILFOOS(E) who married Huldah CROWELL on 6 Mar 1853. Lydia (HEWITT) STREETER, 407 E. 16, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

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:

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TIME TO PAY DUES

Membership dues are payable now and will be considered delinquent 1 April. The society would appreciate receiving your remittance as soon as possible. A handy form is attached to this issue to help you remember. Please mail it today.

PRESIDENT SIGNS S.905 - NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION ACT

In a statement released to the press, President REAGAN said "I am pleased to sign today S.905, the National Archives and Records Administration Act of 1984.

This legislation established the National Archives and Records Administration--currently part of the General Services Administration--as an independent agency within the Executive Branch. The agency will be headed by the Archivist of the United States, who will be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The principal purpose of S.905 is to extend independence to an agency that many believe has suffered as a result of its placement within the General Services Administration in 1949. I concur in this assessment, and my Administration has supported independence for the Archives.

The public papers and other materials that the Archives safeguards are precious and irreplaceable national treasures, and the agency that looks after the historical records of the surate with its important responsibilities. Independence for the Archives this year, in which we are commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of its creation, is a particularly fitting step, both practical and symbolic, in achieving that important goal".

Dr. Robert M. WARNER, the present Archivist has informed the White House that he does not wish to be considered for the position and will leave office on April 15. He will return to the University of Michigan as Dean of the School of Library Science. He has been on leave from the University since July 1980 when he became Archivist. B.E. FRYE, Vice-president of the University for Academic Affairs and Provost, hailed "WARNER'S accomplishments during his more than 25 years of service to the University...and his leadership in the successful movement to secure legislation to reestablish the National Archives as an independent agency, a goal long sought by the American academic community".

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