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We are a very flexible group and would welcome assistance from other members. Please call the editor if you are interested in helping with the quarterly.

Reno County Genealogical Society

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 family membership. All dues are paid at once for the period of 1 April 1985 to 31 March 1986.

Donations and gifts to the society are tax deductible.

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

However, while construction is in progress at the library, **regular meetings of the RCGS will be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 105-Curtis Street.** The Kansas Room, while not available for meetings, is still generally open for research although there may be a few days when construction will prevent it from being available.

The quarterly publication of the Reno County Genealogical Society, The Sunflower, 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 is 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.

RCGS Calendar

Aug. 19 Jane Helmer and Martha Kirkpatrick
Helmer and Kirkpatrick, both of Stafford, will present a program about Ireland.

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Sept. 16 Rosa Mary Moore
The Reno County Register of Deeds will discuss the use of land records.

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Oct. 21 Mennonite Press, Newton
Information on publication of genealogy materials.

Presented to RCGS

Xeroxed pages from *History of the Santa Fe Railroads Largest Way Yards*, Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, have been donated by Zona Myrtle (STARKS) BRIDGES.

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Publications of the Brookline Historical Publication Society, 2 vols. First Series: issued 1895, 1896; published 1897. Second Series: issued 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900; published 1900. Donated by Helen STREETER ROSENBLAD, Downs, Kansas.

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Orange County, Calif., Genealogical quarterlies. Donated by Irene CORTEZ, Wichita, Kan.

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Genealogical Workshop Notebook—May, 1985, given by Grace SHAW WOLDT, Manhattan, Kan.

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New England Marriages Prior to 1700 by Clarence Almon Torrey. Donated by Grace SHAW WOLDT, Manhattan, Kan.

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Andover: A Family Portrait, 1879-1979, Andover Lutheran Church, Windom, Kan. Donated by Andover Lutheran Church.

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Hawkeye Heritage by Iowa Genealogical Society, Des Moines, Iowa. Vol. 14, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4; Vol. 15, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4; Vol. 16, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4; Vol. 17, Nos. 1, 2, 3; Vol. 18, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4; Vol. 19, Nos. 2, 3, 4. Donated by Raymond and Viva STEWART.

President's Message

A great **BIG thanks** to everyone who helped with our first seminar in May with Grace Shaw Woldt as our speaker. Without your tireless efforts it would not have been a success.

I keep hearing about the fun genealogical vacations that some of our members have taken or are planning this summer. Perhaps we can hear about them this fall. Have your TRIP TIPS ready for us.

I received an exaggerated postcard (a joke) from Maxine Lindburg from Canada. Thanks, Maxine, you made my day!

Sorry we are having to slow down on your projects while the library is under construction. Everyone can rest and be ready for lots of hard work when things are back in shape.

Take advantage of the recently opened local LDS Branch Library. Doris Dale and her crew are eager to help.

—LIS

The Serendipity Genealogist

by Arless Eilerts

Parapsychology, extrasensory perception, and flying saucers still find me waiting to be convinced, but, I will tell you this: I believe in genealogical hunches.

Several times I have questioned the wisdom of following a hunch. Life is so short and I have so much more genealogical data to dig out that I don't want to waste time shooting arrows into the dark. However, when it comes to following my hunches in ancestor-chasing, I have had remarkable luck.

These good results are what I call serendipity genealogy—lucky chance.

In one case, we were trying to tie one set of my husband's great-grandparents to their forebears. You know the problem: Great-grandma descended from old John (or William or Benjamin) who has been well-documented as one of the first settlers in Grayson County (or Nodaway County or Hagerstown), but you can't put your hands on the evidence to prove the connection.

We still haven't figured out Great-grandpa Hardin Hash's parentage although we are almost certain that the William Hash with whom he was living in the 1850 census has to be his grandfather.

Hardin's wife, Jerusha Tabitha Virginia Jane Phipps Hash, was another matter. We knew she was born in 1842 in Long's Gap, Va.; however, her death certificate is blank on the matter of parents.

Eventually, we learned of a Phipps book and got our hands on a copy. Jerusha was listed as a daughter of Elijah from Ashe County, N.C. The notation by her name, however, was "no record." The book did show that Elijah was married twice, with the first marriage to Elizabeth Long corresponding to Jerusha's birth.

Jerusha was not listed with Elijah in the 1850 Ashe County census, and I had practically memorized the 1850 Grayson County census looking in vain for her.

One of those persistent little hunches kept telling me to look at Grayson County one more time. When I did, there was Jerusha, along with three siblings, living with maternal grandparents, William and Elizabeth Long. My hunch paid off.

Another time I was frustrated in my search for Jacob Miller's data. The offices of three different counties in Virginia had replied negatively to my letters of inquiry. There were no records of Jacob Miller. My little voice kept insisting that a family cannot live in an area for 35 years or more without leaving some sort of record.

This summer we routed our vacation through Gate City, Va., so I could spend some time in the courthouse. The result: I found the partitioning of the estate of Jacob's father and identified Jacob's 10 siblings—information three other researchers had not located.

Serendipity and hunches—I believe in them.

My advice to anyone who wants to become a serendipity genealogist is to listen to that little voice and keep on digging.

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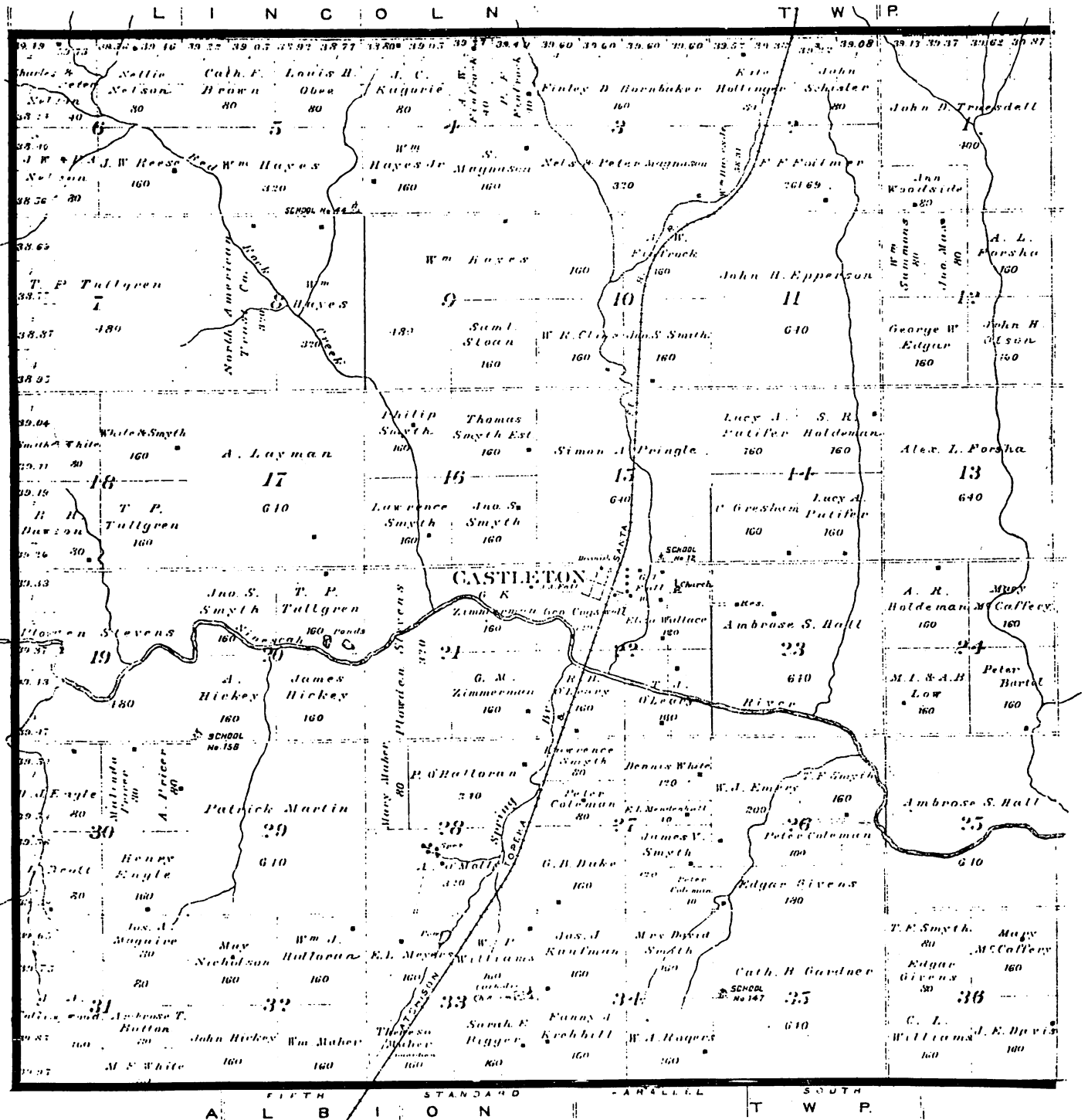
PLAT OF

CASTLETON

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile.

Township 25 South, Range 6 West.

of the 6th Principal Meridian.



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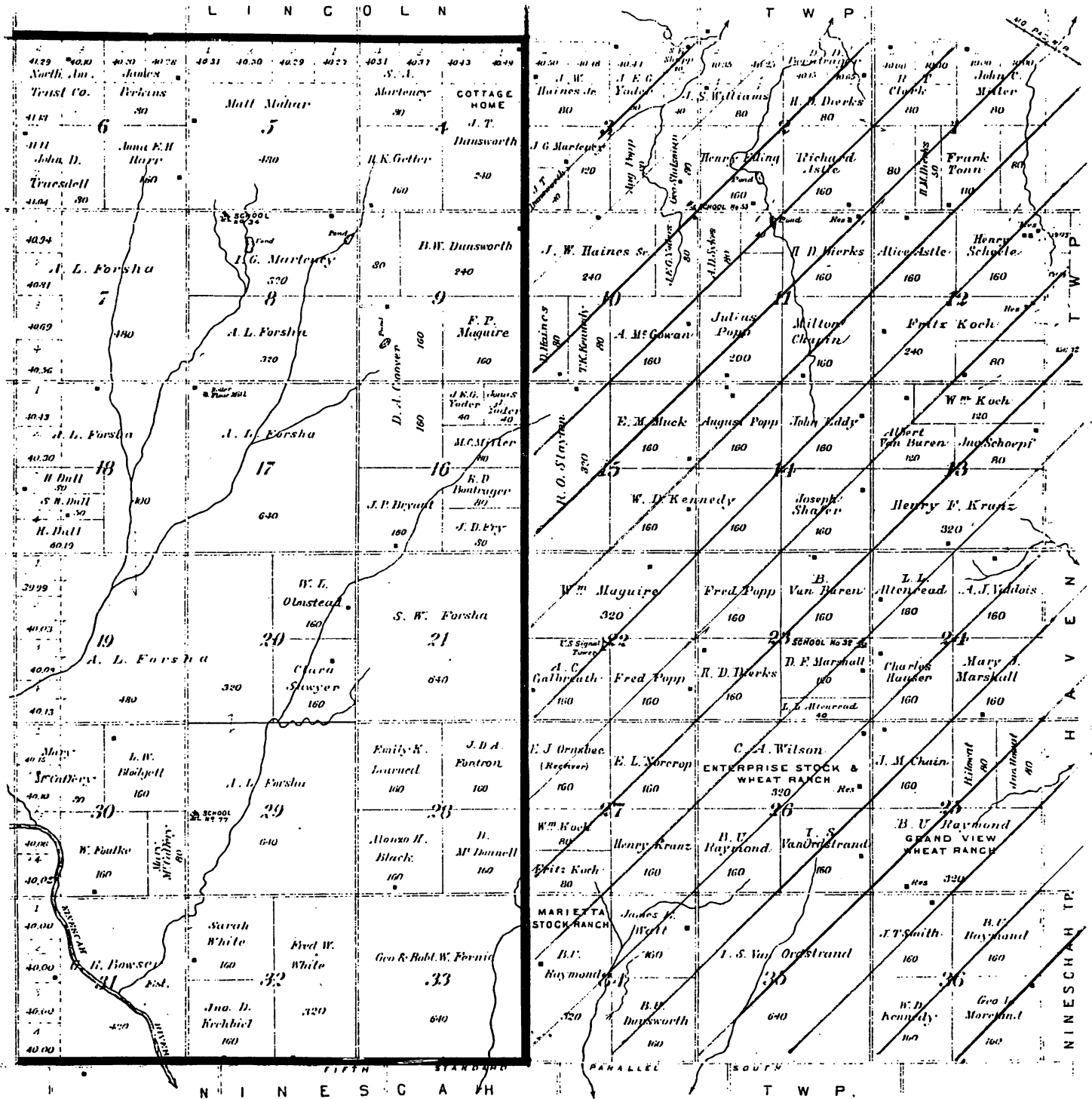
PLAT OF

CASTLETON, HAVEN AND NINESCAH.

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile.

Township 25 South, Range 5 West.

of the 6th Principal Meridian.



Early History of Castleton

—by Arless (MOSER) EILERTS

About 12 miles south and a little west of Hutchinson, on the north bank of the Ninescah River, lies a small community called Castleton. Other small settlements shown on an 1883 map of Reno County, flourished and turned into cities, but this one didn't. Andreas wrote in 1883, "... the place has not improved since its first impetus" and added, "In reality the place only exists in name (1379)." Today, Castleton has the dubious distinction of being included in Fitzgerald's listing of Kansas Ghost towns.

Early Settlement

After the Civil War, the passage of the Homestead Law drew veterans to Kansas and the settlement of Reno County began in the northern part. More than three-fourths of the county lies south of the Arkansas River which formed a natural barrier to settlement. The only settlers to be found in the southern part in June of 1871 were I.M. Gray and J.B. Risling, who were located in Haven Township, just east of Castleton Township in southeast Reno County (Andreas, 1370).

The problem of crossing the river was solved in the spring of 1872 when county voters approved \$60,000 of bonds, with \$35,000 being used to bridge the Arkansas south of Hutchinson (Andreas, 1371). The settlers already in Castleton Township by that time were William McDermed (McDemmett), Austin W. Smith, John R. Smith, H.T. Wheeler, Anthony Smith, William Hayes, William Wallace and John Medbery.

During 1872 and 1873, the southern part was settled rapidly (Blackmar, 570). The 40-acre Castleton townsite was laid out June 1872 by W.E. and C.C. Hutchinson—at a time when bison still roamed the prairies. In July, the first building was erected by William Wallace (Fitzgerald 243). Wallace used it as a store and dwelling. This structure was followed by a dwelling erected by one of the Smith brothers. The post office was established in the summer of 1872 and Wallace became the first postmaster (Andreas 1379). Castleton Township was created April 12, 1873, in the first division of the county (Blackmar 572), but the township was not laid off until Sept. 1, 1873.

The first schoolhouse was built in 1873 and served until a more modern structure was built in 1902. Another building supplanted that one in 1914. The school closed in 1970, a victim of declining enrollments.

Early Disasters

The early Castleton was a victim, along with the rest of the area, of a number of disasters. In 1873 an agriculture and business depression combined with a severe blizzard which took a toll of both cattle and settlers.

A drought hit in 1874, and there was an Indian scare the same year. The scare turned into a "full-blown panic" with residents hitching their horses and oxen to wagons and departing for either Hutchinson or Wichita to wait it out. A company of about 100 volunteer cavalry stayed ready for about three months to fight Indians. One man and his son were massacred near Medicine Lodge by a lone band of Cheyennes (Fitzgerald 242).

The grasshopper plague was the disaster that took its toll in 1874-75.

First Church

The Harmony Baptist Church was organized Nov. 3, 1875, with 10 members. The first officers were two deacons, H.D. Freeman and H. Bramwell, and a clerk, L.B. Tunnell. The first pastor was A.B. Friorear. The first building was begun in July, 1882, and completed in April, 1883, at a cost of \$1,500. It was dedicated May 20, 1883 (Andreas 1379).

By 1883 Castleton was an important station on the Hutchinson, Kingman and Medicine Lodge Stage Route (Andreas 1379). The horses on the stage line were changed at Castleton and watered

at an open well in front of Wallace's hotel (Fitzgerald 242). The small, rural stage stop was used until 1889 when the Santa Fe built south of Hutchinson.

Railroad Influence

The railroad missed the town by about one-half mile so the town picked up and moved to its present location one-half mile northwest of the stage station on land owned by Austin Smith just west of the Ninescah (Fitzgerald 242-243).

The railroad caused the town to boom. At its peak it had three general stores, a lumber yard, meat market, restaurant, blacksmith shop, hotel, bank, post office, lodge hall, township hall, dispatch office and Santa Fe depot (Fitzgerald 243).

Decline

By 1910 the population was 275 and the town boasted a bank, grain elevator, hotel, money order post office with one rural route, and express and telegraph offices.

The Castleton State Bank folded in 1926 and merged with the Pretty Prairie State Bank. The economic situation produced by the 1929 stock market crash and the depression that followed severely affected the town. The demise of the town was also partially a result of the advent of the automobile which allowed residents to shop for their needs in Hutchinson (Fitzgerald 243).

Movie Location

In the Aug. 26, 1951 Kansas City *Star* the last great gasp of Castleton was reported in detail when Hollywood producer Harry King used the village as the location for filming scenes for the movie "Wait Till the Sun Shines, Nellie." Castleton played the role of the early stage of the mythical town of Seville, Ill. The movie starred David Wayne and Jean Peters.

The current Castleton contains about a dozen dwellings, two churches (St. Agnes Catholic Church and Castleton Union Church), a small park, a Co-op complex with an elevator, and one deserted store building which still bears a sign reading "Sam Eichenbogen General Merchandise and Store," a visible reminder of the town's role in the 1951 movie.

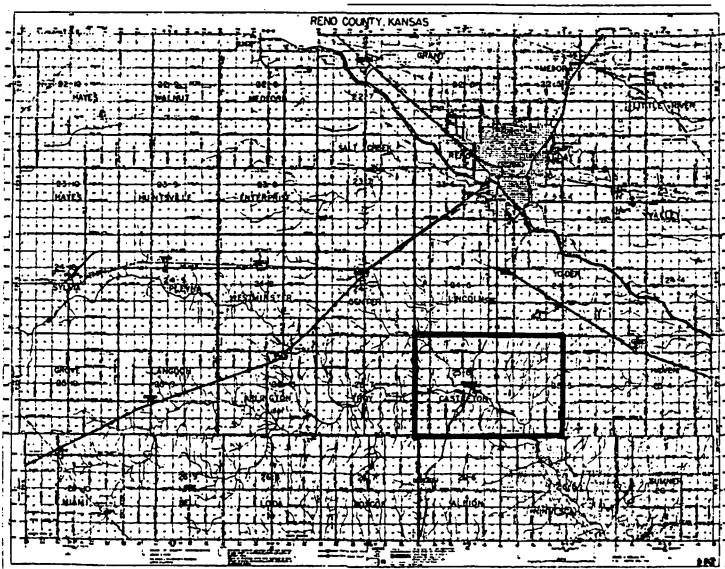
Political Leanings

Castleton was one of the voting districts showing strong Democratic voting tendencies in what started out as a strongly Republican area, having been settled by Civil War veterans from nearly every state, but with a strong migration from Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, states all strongly Republican in sentiment (Aldrich 4-6).

In the 1892 election, 30 Castleton voters supported the Republican Presidential Electors, 87 the Peoples Party candidates, and none those of the Prohibition party. In the national congressional and state gubernatorial elections the same year, Castleton's Peoples Party leaning was overwhelmed by the overall Republicanism of Reno County. In 1894 the split was 73 Peoples Party and 38 Republicans, with ballots cast pretty much on party lines.

The results for presidential electors in 1896 were 43-45 Republican, 81-83 Peoples Party, and none for the other three parties. In 1900 Republicans garnered 60 votes and the Peoples Party 70. In 1904 a shift occurred: Republican votes tallied 87-88, Democrats 34, Prohibition 1, Socialists 6 and Peoples Party 0. In 1908, however, the Republicans and Democrats split evenly at 80 votes each while the Socialist Party got 3.

By 1912 the vote shifted back, with the stronger Democrats tallying 74 to the Republicans' 49, Independents' 39, and Socialists' 5. In the 1916 elections, voting directly for president and vice-president, Castleton voters tallied 137 Democrat ballots, 96 Republican, 9 Socialist, and 4 Progressive. In 1920 the



Castleton voters liked the Republican presidential candidates best, casting 115 Republican votes, 76 Democrat and 3 Socialist (Aldrich 83-100).

Aldrich explained the leaning toward the Democrats as being related to the strong Catholic influence.

Early Settlers

Among the early residents of Castleton Township was farmer and stock raiser **John H. Medbery** who came to Newton in March, 1872, and moved on to Hutchinson April 1 of the same year where he was a prospector for a few months. He then located on the north fork of the Ninnescah River, on Section 26, where he owned three quarter-sections. He received his title to one quarter under the pre-emption laws, and another was a homestead claim. When he first took up his claim, there were no other white settlers within 10 miles so he broke the first land and raised the first crop (corn) in the Castleton area.

Medbery's first neighbors were brothers **Austin B., Anthony, and John Smith** who settled at Castleton in the summer of 1872. By 1883 Medbery had at least 300 of his own acres in cultivation and as much more rented out. He organized Castleton Township, was its first trustee, and held the office of justice of the peace for two years.

Born 7 Apr 1848 in Milwaukee, Wis., Medbery was educated in private and public schools in Milwaukee and at Racine College. He married Flora Harsha 11 Feb 1880 in Hutchinson (Andreas, p. 1379).

George Zimmerman was the "proprietor of a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres in the Castleton Township (Ploughe 238)." He served as township trustee and as a stockholder of the elevator company at Castleton. Born on a farm in the Castleton area 26 Aug 1874, Zimmerman was the son of G. Milton and Priscilla (Carroll) Zimmerman, pioneers of the area. His brothers, Samuel B. and Harvey, were pioneer Reno County educators. G. Milton taught one term before marrying and going into farming.

He first homesteaded a tract of land east of the Pretty Prairie site, but sold that and bought a quarter section in Castleton Township, one-half mile from the village of Castleton. After he married Laura Button 12 Nov 1900, he moved to another Castleton area farm and also managed his father's farm.

He took an active part in community affairs, serving on the school board in addition to his other activities. He and his wife had five children: Rachel (b. 4 Jan 1902), John (b. 28 Oct 1904), Hazel (b. 14 Nov 1906), Ray (b. 25 Jul 1910), and Josephine (b. 22 Jun 1913) (Ploughe 238-240).

George Nicholson (b. 1 Nov 1859 in Clinton Co., Ill.) farmed 160 acres about five miles north of Pretty Prairie. He had moved with his parents to Miami County, Kansas, after the Civil War. After about five years there, the family homesteaded in Castleton Township in the winter of 1872-73.

Nicholson grew up on the homestead. After he married Clara May Robinson (1 Nov 1884), the younger Nicholson made their home on the old Nicholson homestead. They had five children: Grace (m. David Wallace), Ninon (m. Clarence Dillman), William, and Caroline (m. Harvey Givens of Castleton Township) (Ploughe 426-427).

Dr. Albert S. Fountain of Castleton was born 31 Oct 1869 in Sangamon Co., Ill. He arrived in Reno County 16 Mar 1875, growing up on the home farm in Lincoln Township. He farmed in his early life and homesteaded in Oklahoma, proving up on his claim in January 1901. The town of Fountain, Okla., is named for him.

In 1902 Fountain decided to make the practice of medicine his profession, entering medical college at Keokuk, Iowa, and graduating in 1906 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Immediately afterward he opened an office in Castleton.

Fountain married Maude Wolf 11 Nov 1894. She was the daughter of Roman and Ruth (Hedrick) Wolf who farmed 10 miles south of Hutchinson.

Prominent among early settlers of Castleton Township was **John Hickey**, who came to Reno County in 1876. A native of Ireland (b. 1 Jun 1822), John came to the United States as a young man. At 28 he married Mary Bailey in New York City. After the marriage the couple lived in Illinois until 1876 when they came to Kansas.

Hickey traded one of his teams to a squatter for a homestead right to a quarter section of land in the southwest part of Castleton Township. He gathered buffalo bones and hauled them to Hutchinson to sell for seed money to get his first crop. Over the years he added to his holdings until at the time of his death in 1905 he owned 570 acres.

Some of the Hickeys' eight children remained in the east. Those who lived in Reno County were Mrs. Kate Haines, A.J., James and May (Ploughe 552-553).

Fred A. Forsha, manager of the "great Forsha ranch" in Castleton Township was born in Schuyler Co., Mo., 2 Dec 1862. His parents moved to Reno County in 1883. Fred's father, Col. Alexander A. Forsha, had a handsome house in Hutchinson. After the elder Forsha's death, Fred's brother Samuel managed the ranch until his death. In 1903 Fred was called home to take charge.

Fred married Minerva G. Hill 12 Nov 1884. The couple had a daughter Jeane, who married Millard Russell, a sugar broker from Kansas City.

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In Future Newsletters

The staff of the "Sunflower" intends to have histories of other early towns in Reno County in future newsletters.

We are looking for knowledgeable people to write histories of those we haven't yet covered, including Buhler and Haven.

Anyone interested is urged to contact the editor. If you don't want to write the article, but have historical data to provide on any of the Reno County settlements, we would also appreciate hearing from you.

Missouri Genealogical Research

As most of my ancestors settled in Missouri, I have spent a lot of time researching there. One of the best resources which I have used is the Missouri State Archives. They have a "Genealogical Request Form" which, when filled out, may give you one of the following records: marriage, deed, will, census, cemetery, birth, death, circuit court, or probate. Forms can be requested from:

Missouri State Archives
Records Management and Archives Services
Office of the Secretary of State
P.O. Box 778
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Birth and death records are available only for the period of 1883-1893, and even then were not kept in all counties. Official birth and death records were kept by the state beginning in 1910 at the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Jefferson City.

I have had some success at the Missouri Historical Society on the University of Missouri campus in Columbia. The area in which it was the most helpful was in finding old newspaper articles. There are a couple of card indexes which are very useful. One lists newspaper titles and dates held, by coun-

ty, and the other lists towns with references to the county. I was excited to find a 1910 obituary of one of my ancestors that filled more than one column of the front page of the *Union Star Herald*. Also in the library's holdings are microfilm rolls listing Missouri Civil War soldiers serving on both sides.

Quite a bit of my time has always been spent in the reading room where there are many indexes and county histories. There is also a card file which lists by surname individuals included in the histories. There is also a card catalog listing books in the rest of the collection. I appreciate the fact that this is an open stack collection since I love to browse.

Beyond these sources, I have visited several of the counties where my ancestors lived with good luck in finding deeds and city directories. I have also come upon information in local cemeteries. At one in Sedalia, I was shown the list of burials which gave me more information about the family as well as the particular gravestone for which I was searching. Many Missourians have been helpful in pointing me towards people in their community who have information which I could use.

—Deborah Williamson

Networking—The Only Way to Go

One of the most delightful and productive approaches to genealogy is networking. There are several advantages to pooling information with others researching the same lines.

Obviously, there is the two-heads-are-better-than-one advantage. A problem is often solved more easily when two or more "cousins" work on it together. Accuracy is improved, too, when two or more people are in agreement on data.

Hooking up with a network that can provide general family background can prevent a beginning researcher from following mistaken clues that the old hands all know about it. While it is never advisable to accept without question someone else's work, using that material to provide clues to one's own search can certainly speed up the process.

The biggest problem with networking is finding the other people who are out there somewhere chasing the same ancestors you are. A few false starts are inevitable when a person first attempts to contact others researching the same line—we can't all be descended from the same John Smith, Harry Jones, or Dick Brown.

One way to find the right network is to follow up on leads in *The Genealogical Helper* or from L.D.S. records. A well-written letter outlining the writer's connection with a line and inquiring about possible common ancestors is usually welcomed by another genealogist, especially if it is accompanied by the old, familiar SASE and an offer to pay for copying

and mailing relevant material.

Of course, it always pays to advertise. Queries in family newsletters and genealogical society publications can lead to networks. If there is no family newsletter and no genealogical society in the area of the search, a letter to the editor of the nearest commercial newspaper may be productive. If the newspaper doesn't print genealogical letters, a classified ad may be a relatively inexpensive option.

One of the prices a person pays for networking is time spent on corresponding. Even though a particular trail grows cold, it is important to keep the letters going out regularly just to keep the channels open. In this way, networking provides motivation to keep working during those frustrating times when it seems no progress is being made. Sometimes sharing knowledge may appear to be one-sided, but eventually those who give will also receive.

Another approach to networking is to create your own network by getting members of the family interested in helping with the research. This is not a suggestion that researchers should wear out their welcome with relatives by providing information and encouragement where it is not welcome. However, serving as a resource to those who are really motivated will be rewarded by their eagerness to share with their "teacher" the information they find.

The most rewarding aspect of networking is the feeling it produces of belonging to an extended family.

Vital Records of Reno County, Kansas—Book I, Deaths 1890

(continued from Vol. VII, No. 1, May, 1985)

Name	Age	Date	Place
HURLEY, Infant [no sex given]	7mo	17 Sep	Hutchinson
HURLEY, Mrs. Norilla (or Novilla)	22yr	5 Aug	Hutchinson
JEFFRIES, Warren	20mo 20 da	27 Jul	near Nickerson
JENKINSON, M.H. [male]	55yr 6mo 5da	24 Jan	Hutchinson
JEWELL, M.A. [no sex given]	72yr	13 Jul	Hutchinson
JOHNSON, Jessie	28yr	30 Oct	Nickerson
JOHNSON, Thos.	30yr	14 Feb	Sylvia
JONES, Lew L.	30 yr	13 Aug	Hutchinson
JORDAN, Elmer	12yr	20 May	Hutchinson
KELMAN, ——— [female]	30yr [no age, date, or deathplace given, filed with Jan 1890 deaths]		
KENNEDY, Mrs. Mattie	43yr	20 Jun	Hutchinson
KENT, Letta	5yr	12 Mar	Hutchinson
KENT, Mrs. Mary A.	[no age given]	3 Jun	Lincoln Twp.
KOCK, Mrs.	[no age given]	27 Nov	Haven
KOONTZ, Wm.	17da	26 Nov	Hutchinson
LANGLOIS, Geo. W.	2yr 11mo 7da [no date, filed with Feb 1890]		Salt Creek Twp.
LAUNDRY, Mrs. James	[no age]	18 Apr	Castleton
LINDERSMITH, Bessie	3yr 8mo	8 Jan	Hutchinson
LOCKRIDGE, D.M. [no sex given]	62yr	5 Nov	Hutchinson
LUMAN, Nellie	18yr 6mo	31 Jul	near Hutchinson
MALLORY, Maud	27yr	24 Dec	Arlington, burial Conneaut, Ohio
MARTIN, Chas. E.	19yr 1mo 11da	24 Aug	Hutchinson
MAXWELL, Infant	Stillborn	18 Apr	Hutchinson
McCORMICK, ——— [female]	[no age or date given, filed with Jan 1890, no place]		occupation—housewife
McFADDEN, Nellie	9mo 25da	13 Oct	near Nickerson
McFARLAND, Della	19yr	28 Mar	Hutchinson
McGUIRE, Lucy	5yr	12 Dec	near Castleton
McKINSTRY, Hugh	4yr 1mo 6da	11 May	Hutchinson
McKINSTRY, Phillis B.	27da	27 Jan	[no deathplace]
McLAUGHLIN, Mrs. Ann	70yr 3mo 6da	6 Apr	Hutchinson
McMAHAN, Elizabeth J.	33yr 11mo 21da [no date, filed with Feb 1890]		Nickerson
McMAN, George	1mo 23da	14 Apr	Nickerson
McMURRY, Nancy	[no age]	6 Jun	Lincoln Twp.
McMURRY, Russell	1yr 7mo 18da	2 May	Elmer
MILLER ——— [no sex given]	[no age given, burial 10 Jan]		Hutchinson
MILLER, Infant of David Miller	stillborn	19 May	Castleton
MILLER, Infant [male] of Sam Miller	10mo	23 Oct	near Hutchinson
MILLER, Eliza	1yr	1 Sep	Hutchinson
MILLER, Louisa A.	2yr	8 Apr	Hutchinson
MOOREHOUSE, H.C. [no sex given]	29yr 7mo	4 Apr	Hutchinson
MYERS, Hannah	40yr 4mo 17da	17 Jan	[no deathplace]
NAGLE, Michael A.	[no age]	21 Jun	Hutchinson
OGG, Naomi	1yr 6da	25 Jan	[no deathplace]
PARHAM, Inez V.	6yr 9mo 1da	7 May	Nickerson
PARKER, Percy	10mo 6da	8 May	Turon
PARSONS, ——— [no sex given]	[no age, no date, filed with Jan 1890]		
PERRY, L.M. [no sex given]	3mo 6da	18 Mar	Hutchinson
PETERS, ——— [no sex given]	4da	11 Mar	Hutchinson
PIERSON, Swan J.	34yr 4mo 11da	15 Sep	Hutchinson
PILCHER, Mrs.	71yr	4 Apr	Partridge
PLANTON, Infant [no sex given]	3mo	18 Sep	Hutchinson
POPE, J.R. [no sex given]	26yr	3 Jul	Hutchinson
POPP, Lena [no sex given]	1yr 1mo	8 Aug	Reno County
POSTIN, Mrs. E.	25yr	18 Sep	near Hutchinson
PRICE, ———	stillborn [no date, filed with Jan 1890]		[no deathplace]
PUGH, Horace	15yr 1mo 5da	18 Sep	Hutchinson
RADER, ——— [female]	31da	23 Apr	Hutchinson, bur. Sedgwick Co.
RAMSEY, William	39yr 6mo 9da	3 May	Nickerson
REAL, Sarah Ann	53yr 11mo 26da	28 Jun	Sylvia, bur. Wheeling, Mo.
REED, Mrs. Geo. E.	26yr	5 Jul	Hutchinson
REED, Nellie H.	20yr 7mo 16da	5 Jul	Hutchinson

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Name	Age	Date	Place
RHITER, Infant [no sex given] of Chas. Rhiter	1yr	26 Jul	Hayes Twp.
RICHMOND, Amy Belle	8yr 8mo 24da	15 Apr	Arlington
RILEY, John	7mo	24 Sep	Hutchinson
RILEY, Nathan	38yr 3mo 20da	5 Sep	Hutchinson
ROBERTS, Carl	6yr 2mo 25da	9 Sep	Hutchinson
ROBERTSON, N.T.P.	63yr	18 Dec	Hutchinson
ROBINSON, Charles	30yr	28 Oct	Nickerson
ROSS, Richard	83yr 3mo 20da	31 Aug	Hutchinson
RUMBLE, Thomas Oram	68yr 11mo 5da	11 Mar	Grant Twp.
RUPEL, Lettie	34yr	2 Aug	Hutchinson, bur. Templeton, Ind.
SAVILLE, Infant	stillborn	4 May	Hutchinson
SAWYER, Sarah H.	47yr 8mo 11da	18 Jan	[no deathplace]
SCHISLER, Matilda	44yr 2mo 28da	12 Jul	Roscoe Twp.
SCHMEELBERGER, ----- child of Daniel Schmeelberger	1yr 8mo 21da	14 Aug	near Turon
SCHROCK, Daniel	67yr 4mo 7da	12 Sep	Partridge
SCOTT, Freddy C.	2yr 11mo 24da	16 Apr	Hutchinson
SCOTT, Martin H.	3mo	27 Jun	Hutchinson
SCOTT, Myrtle W.	3mo 16da	23 Jul	Hutchinson
SEAMAN, Infant of Henry Seaman	stillborn	17 Jun	Roscoe Twp.
SEARLS, Elmer	28yr	2 Jul	Hutchinson
SECORD, child [no sex given]	9mo	26 Jul	Hutchinson
SHON, Harry	28yr	23 Oct	Nickerson
SHOULER, Lee	9mo	28 Mar	near Nickerson
SICKLER, Harry	14da	6 May	Hutchinson
SIMMS, Mrs.	[no age]	11 Jan	Peace Creek
SIMONS, Infant [female] of David Simons	7mo	4 Jul	Nickerson
SIMPSON, Albert	2yr 8mo 18da	5 Dec	Hutchinson
SNOW, Anna C.	25yr 1mo 13da	23 Dec	Hutchinson
SNOW, Hattie M.	3yr 8mo 26da	29 Nov	Hutchinson
STANFORTH, J.J. [male]	2yr 9mo	22 Mar	Hutchinson
STRONG, Mrs. T.B.	63yr	1 Apr	Hutchinson
STRUPE, Sallie	20yr	29 Nov	Nickerson
THOMAS, ----- [female]	5da	29 Mar	Bone Springs
THOMAS, William	1yr 9mo 20da	6 Aug	Nickerson
THOMSON, Flora B.	25yr 9mo 27da	14 Aug	Arlington
TRACEY, Hannah	[no age] [no date, filed with Jan 1890]		[no deathplace]
THEISS, Carrie Ellen	3yr 2mo 15da	20 Oct	Reno Twp.
TODD, J.W. [no sex given]	49yr 8mo 10da	29 Dec	Medora Twp.
TRESTEN, child of J.W. Tresten	6mo	31 Jul	near Hutchinson
TROSTLE, P.J. [no sex given]	35yr	7 Nov	near Nickerson
TURNER, Leo Daniel	10yr 1mo 21da	15 Oct	Sylvia
WAGNER, Nellie	19yr 10mo	16 Apr	Nickerson
WEATHERS, Ralph	26yr	22 Oct	Hutchinson
VAN ARSDEL, Thomas M.	16yr	1 May	Hutchinson
WAUGHOP (or WANGHOP), Frankie	3mo 4da	16 Jan	[no deathplace]
WEBB, Emma	4yr	30 Mar	Hutchinson
WEBB, Mary	8yr	27 Mar	Hutchinson
WEIGHT, Annie Z.	32yr 3mo	14 May	Hutchinson
WHITELOW, Mrs. E.M.	72yr 5mo	23 Dec	Hutchinson
WILKER, A.W.	79yr	26 Dec	Hutchinson
WILKSON, William	1yr 8mo 7da	2 Jul	Nickerson
WILLIAMS, Maggie	[no age]	5 Apr	Reno County
WILSON, ----- [no sex given]	[no age]	16 Apr	Hutchinson
WILSON, Infant of Wm. Wilson	stillborn	3 Mar	Hutchinson
WILSON, Child of Isaac Wilson	1yr 6mo	13 Aug	Arlington
WINTERS, Ethel V.	11mo 16da	13 Mar	Hutchinson
WYATT, Ed	17yr	30 Oct	Sylvia
WYSS, Infant [no sex given]	1yr 6mo	23 May	Peace Creek
ZONKERHOLTZ, Mrs.	40yr, 9 Aug 1891 [filed bet. 29 Dec 1890 and 1 Jan 1891]		near Nickerson

Queries. . .

Mrs. Joan R. Renek, 1307 Menor, Winfield, KS 67156, is researching the names of **BELSCHNER, CARRITHERS, COUVENHOVEN (CONOVER), EVANS, FLEMING, HUTCHINSON, and MAXWELL**. Is anyone else in the area searching for the same ancestors or names?

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PRESTON, SPAETH, WAGONER, WYCKOFF, FENTON, and REVARD are the people Mrs. Joan R. Renek, 1307 Menor, Winfield, KS 67156, would like to find information about. Is someone else researching the same names?

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I am searching for descendants of my great-aunt and her husband, **Jaque and Julie (CALAME) GAGNEBIN**. Their children were Amelia (b. 1857), Julia (b. 1858), Emma (b. 1859), Helen (b. 1862), James (b. 1864), Edward (b. 1866), Lena (b. 1868), Della (b. 1870), Elizabeth (b. 1872), Laura (b. 1874), Samuel (b. 1876), Louis (b. 1878), and Joseph (b. 1880). Virginia C. Schewe, Rte. # 1, Box 25, Smithboro, IL 62284.

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Mrs. Leonard W. Sculley, 3412 Munsil Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502, will gladly exchange information with anyone needing the **HAYS** line. Her great-grandparents were **William Thompson** (b. 1836) and **Oliva Jane (ARMSTRONG)** (b. 1838) **HAYS**. They are buried Peace Creek Cemetery. Her grandparents were **George** and **Mary (HAYS) SLAGLE**.

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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Dutch Naming Pattern

A practice commonly used until the beginning of the 20th century was the consistent pattern used to name the children after close relatives. The most common system is listed here:

Naming Sons

First son named for his paternal grandfather; second, for his maternal grandfather; third, for his father's paternal grandfather; fourth, for his mother's paternal grandfather; fifth for his father's maternal grandfather; sixth, for his mother's maternal grandfather.

Naming Daughters

First daughter named for her maternal grandmother; second, for her paternal grandmother; third, for her mother's maternal grandmother; fourth, for her father's maternal grandmother; fifth, for her mother's paternal grandmother; sixth, for her father's paternal grandmother.

If the family was very large, or children of one sex predominated, the system can be extended along

the same pattern. Sometimes the first son was given the full patronymic of his grandfather instead of receiving a patronymic from his father.

The province of Drenthe had several extra rules: If a son was born after his father died, he was given his father's name. If a widow remarried, the first son of that marriage was given the name of the deceased husband. The same rule applied to naming a daughter after a deceased mother.* To confuse things, children were often named for relatives from whom they were expected to inherit.

—From Dutch Genealogical Research by Charles M. Franklin, published in *The Van Zandt Record*, Vol. 10, No. 2, June 1985. Contributed by Danny Miller.

* [Editor's note: Meaning, I presume, that if a mother died between the time a child was born and baptized, the infant was named for the deceased mother and that if a widower remarried, the first child by the second wife was named for the first wife.]

Announcements

Anyone who has material to share may contact the editor or one of the members of *The Sunflower* staff to get a notice in the next quarterly.

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Deadline for the November issue of *The Sunflower* will be October 10. Please keep an eye out for items that would be valuable to other members.

Information Exchange

Everett WELLS (662-7852) has cassette tapes on North Carolina research which he would share. Call him if you are interested in borrowing them. People who have listened to them say they are excellent.

Arless (MOSER) EILERTS (662-5714) has new material available on researching in Pennsylvania (especially the Pennsylvania Archives) which she would lend. She also has family newsletters on the Hash, Phipps, Cummings, and Miller lines.

Fun With Names

One of the reasons genealogists do genealogy is because they enjoy it. Certainly a sense of humor is useful in facing what they "dig up" sometimes. Nowhere is the genealogist's native sense of humor more evident than in the naming of genealogical society newsletters.

Among the many exchange newsletters which RCGS receives are some fascinating examples of genealogical fun at work.

"Kin in Linn" is the appropriate title of the Linn County GS newsletter (Pleasanton, Kan.). The Cherokee County GS of Southeast Kansas (Columbus, Kan.) calls theirs "Relatively Seeking." From the Greater Cleveland GS in Ohio comes "The Certified Copy."

The most popular type of name seems to be some form of take-off on trees. "Waconda Roots and Branches" is distributed by the North Central Kansas GS and Library of Cawker City, Kan. "Family Tree" comes from the Northeast Cobb GS in Marietta, Ga. Our neighbor to the north, Salina, is the home of the "Tree Climber," distributed by the Smoky Valley GS and Library.

Other interesting titles include "Yesteryears," from the Jefferson County Historical Society and Jefferson County GS in Oskalooska, Kan.; "Rooting Around" from the Leavenworth County GS; and "Family Ties" put out by the Holland GS, Holland Mich.

This is by no means an exhaustive listing. If you are looking for a laugh some day when you are in the Kansas Room at the HPL, take a few minutes to check out the newsletter file.

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