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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.

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The Commemoration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the First Church, Charlestown, Mass., Nov. 12, 1882. Presented by Helen (STREETER) ROSENBLAD.

President's Message

With the Kansas State Fair wrapped up, kids or grandkids back in school, most of the gardens laid by, and the hail-riddled roofs repaired, our thoughts turn to organizing all that material we gathered while on summer vacations.

How about sharing your "special finds" with us? And don't forget to allot some time for our special projects. Everett Wells is ready to get going.

Any of you who have been to the library know how noisy it is and how difficult it is to get around because of the construction; however, just keep thinking how nice it will be when it is completed. The library staff has had it rough keeping things going. In spite of all this, the reference librarian, Marilyn Mitchell, has prepared an updated bibliography of the genealogical collection and presented it to RCGS members. The library and Marilyn deserve a special "thank you."

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Raymond and Genevieve Stewart who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, Sept. 23, at Trinity United Methodist Church. Their sons Robert Dean and Evan Ray and their families and a host of friends helped the Stewarts celebrate. Raymond and Vieve are charter members, and Raymond was president 1982-83. Raymond's ancestor chart and Meet the President feature appeared in August 1982 issue of The Sunflower.

Kansas Trivia

[This trivia test by Gladys Rothenberger was printed in the Leaves of Lineage, Osborne County Genealogical Society.]

1. What did the term "jayhawker" originally mean?
2. Where is the Catfish Capital of the World?
3. Dwight Eisenhower was what number president?
4. What professional football player was raised in Centralia?
5. Where is the barbed wire capital of the world?
6. How many covered wagons are on the Great Seal of Kansas?
7. What is Kansas's top tourist attraction?
8. What Kansas town is the windiest city in the U.S.?
9. In what town did the piggy bank originate?
10. What Kansas played Doc on "Gunsmoke"?
11. What was the earlier title of "Home on the Range"?
12. What is the state bird?
13. What is Kansas's longest river?
14. What was the first university opened on the Great Plains?
15. Where is the geographical center of the continental U.S.?
16. What were "Beecher's Bibles"?
17. How tall was Carrie Nation?
18. Who named Kansas?
19. What does "Ad Astra per Aspera" mean?
20. Name 10 Kansas towns that have women's names.
21. What does Topeka mean?
22. Where is the Garden of Eden?
23. How many stars are on the state seal?
24. What was the original name of Fort Larned?
25. Who painted the murals in the Kansas capitol?

(Answers on p. 35)

CHUCKLE — Even a family tree has to have some sap.

The Serendipity Genealogist

by Arless Ellerts

People who have no risk factor should stay away from genealogy. Because of the way this country was originally settled, mostly by very common people looking for a way to escape persecution in some cases and actual incarceration in others, we are what is euphemistically called "the salt of the earth" type. (I always figured that meant people who had to work to survive and, therefore, "salted" the earth with the sweat of their toil.)

Having these very common ancestors means that among the "huddled masses" seeking to be free there were likely to be some real rascals as well as those we don't mind claiming.

Among the patchwork of forebears discovered in my line and my husband's are a few of each kind. Frankly, I enjoy the rascals just as much as the heroes. Unfortunately, some of my more Victorian relatives adhere to the philosophy of keeping the unsavory locked away in the attic.

It may be impossible to write accurate family histories and keep all the kinfolk happy. I still remember an uncle (long since dead) who became irate at a family genealogy bug who had the unmitigated gall to state aloud that an ancestor was illegitimate.

Another relative wanted me to revise the statement that a mutual ancestress died in a "lunatic asylum." Her argument was that we no longer call those places by that name. My argument for leaving it is that the term was the one used in all the papers in 1860 documenting her residency there.

Yet another relative wanted me to expunge her first two marriages, which I considered impossible since her children were created by the first of those unhappy unions.

I am not advocating flaunting the rascals, but it certainly seems to me that they should be given their due place when they crop up in the family history.

If I didn't write "murdered" by Great-uncle George's name, I wouldn't feel right recording Great-uncle Noah's death at the Battle of Stone River during the Civil War.

If we are going to claim kinship with Jesse Chisholm, we must also claim the outlaw Dillon brothers. It isn't right to claim all the preachers in the family unless we also document the occasional jailbird.

To claim all the kith who were on the Colonial side of the Revolution, I must also claim the Hessian grandpa who fought for the British. It's also sort of neat to be so American that there are both Union and Confederate great-grandfathers in our histories.

Searching for one's ancestors means we take what we find and pass it on as accurate history without dressing it up or glossing over the less pleasant discoveries. That's the risk we take when we get into this kind of research.

Rascals have a way of turning up in even the nicest of families.

German French, Early Shoe and Boot Merchant

German French came to Hutchinson in 1873 from Chicago. He brought with him a stock of merchandise and boot makers.

His first store was located in the block north of Sherman Street on the east side of Main Street. The first advertisement in the Hutchinson News shows an address at 12 N. Main. This location was later referred to as and occupied by Young's Boot and Shoe Store.

In August 1876, French had apparently moved to a corner location south of Reno House. The ad sometimes referred this location as the corner store opposite Ruffs. This would be on the southwest corner of the intersection at First Avenue and Main Street.

In 1876 the advertisements indicate that there was a stock of "ready-made" ladies shoes. His boot makers were evidently making "work" shoes and boots for men; but there is no indication of "ready-made" shoes for men. In 1879 he ran an ad consisting of a large blank space with a small notice that he was too busy with ladies "ready-made" shoes at \$1.25 to have time to "make up" an ad.

About 1883, German French closed the store in Hutchinson. He moved his family to a farm southwest of Partridge (SE ¼ of Sec-

tion 34-24-7, Reno County, Kansas). German and Ann Isabella brought a baby boy, Bert, when they came from Chicago. William M. was born in Hutchinson in 1874. Richard, the third son, was born in Hutchinson in 1876.

William and Dick told stories about the Wolcott Livery Stable located across the alley west of the boot store on the corner. They also told stories about the Sun City Stage "hitching and leaving" the stable.

German French was active in business affairs of Hutchinson from 1873 to 1883 according to small items in the Hutchinson News of that era.

In October 1879, German French represented the boot and shoe trade of Hutchinson, Kansas, in "Our Fair," and gave a fine, large display of goods in that line (at the fourth annual fair of Reno County).

German French was the grandfather of Marson High French. [This information taken from notes on a speech presented by Lillian C. French (Mrs. Marson H. French) at a Woman's Kansas Day Club in January 1980. Reprinted with the author's permission.]

Early History of Turon . . .

by Jane Helmer

The town of Turon is located in Miami township of southwest Reno County, Kansas. Miami was one of the last townships of the county to be organized. It is adjacent to Pratt County on the west and Kingman County on the south, and diagonal from Stafford County on the northwest. Because of this, the service area for the telephone, post office and schools laps into four counties.

Three factors influenced the first settlers for choosing this spot, the prime factor being availability of water. Silver Creek heads immediately south of Turon. Good sandy loam soil was the second factor in determining a claim. The ease with which the land could be broken and cultivated by oxen or a one- or two-horse team was also a basic consideration.

Next of importance was closeness of other settlers or communities. Often several members of a family would homestead on adjacent claims. These factors probably influenced the site location chosen by the Potter families as well as a nearby post office.

Cottonwood Grove

The location of this post office, called Cottonwood Grove, one mile east of the present townsite was founded as a division point on a Star Route between Hutchinson and Iuka in 1875. J.B. Thacher was the first postmaster.

Mark H. Potter and his son, John B. Potter, are believed to be the first to homestead on Section 9, with T.W. Hickman to the west and John Divilbiss to the north. M.H. Potter soon started a store in the basement of his home since a trail from Hutchinson to Iuka passed nearby. Potter's store soon became a shopping center. A frame store building 14 x 24 feet was erected at the corner of Price and Martin streets.

Pioneer City

After the new store began, the old location in the basement was used for a school. Potter built a home one block south. The new store sold groceries, hardware, tinware, dry goods and about anything the settlers desired. After the erection of a school building across the street to the north, the town was named Pioneer with City being added later in 1878.

Another major event of 1878 was the purchase of a horse-powered threshing machine by Hickman and M.H. Potter. Crops were poor from drouth and insects, and wages were very low.

By 1880, a newspaper called the "Turon Headlight" was being published, but it had been preceded for a time by one called "Bold Eye Opener."

The post office was moved in 1882 from Cottonwood Grove to Doc Taylor's place, located one mile north of Potters Store. Then in 1883, it was moved to Potters Store.

Missouri Pacific Railroad

The Missouri Pacific Railroad was building a track toward Larned from Wichita. In order to persuade them to come through Pioneer City, J.B. Potter, T.W. Hickman, and M.H. Potter gave the railroad 160 acres of land for a town site with the stipulation that the tracks were to be built through the town. The railroad retained 50 percent of the land.

Old Town

On the railroad's arrival in 1885, the first town plat was drawn. Old Town, as it became known, was located just north of the Missouri Pacific tracks and south of Price Street, which is the section line running east and west. A Main Street was established two blocks east of Burns Street, the one now used as the main street. Pioneer City, with a population of about 50, applied for incorporation as of Aug. 11, 1886.

Between 1887 and 1888, the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railroad was built into town and formed its own town company, with M.A. Lowe of Topeka as president. The company promoted moving the town further north on the section line running north and south. This is two blocks west of Main Street. Free lots on

Burns were given to any business which would move. A town feud nearly started between the old town company formed with the Missouri Pacific and that formed by the Rock Island. Most of the businesses moved.

Turin/Turon

The name Turin, after a city in Italy, was chosen for the new town, but because there was another post office in the state using that name, the spelling was changed to Turon.

M.H. Potter was the first postmaster and served 12 years, followed by John Hinds, serving four years. Others were Cal Ely, George Potter, Orlo Jenks and Mrs. Lowe.

Businesses in operation in these early years were: Dr. Dickason, druggist; J.B. Potter, groceries; Potter Bros and Decker, general merchandise; John and Charlie Scott, general store; Gender and Ravescraft, carpenter and contractors; J.A. Kaufman, blacksmith; A.M. Lemley, liveryman; Smedley and Thornley, editors of "The Turon Sentinel," newspaper and printers; J.O. Harris, blacksmith; W.E. Gragg, J.T. Wallace, and M.H. Potter, dry goods, under the name of Gragg Mercantile Co.; Will Hickman, coal man; and the R.R. Lumberyard.

In 1887, J.H. Graham set up a blacksmith shop; the Larrabeees and J.S. McCurdy organized the State Bank of Turon. The Town Company built the Pacific Hotel, later called the White House. Physicians were Dr. Denning and Dr. Dickason.

A mill, which was built by Marsh and Camm, later burned. M.H. Potter and Frank Jenks built and operated a new mill. Will and Frank Jenks sold out their interest to Tyler and Young. This mill also burned but was followed in three years by a mill built by J.R. Price, J.H. Stevenson, and J.S. Tyler at the crossing of the Missouri Pacific and Price Street.

Incorporation

By 1904, the town had a large enough population to become an incorporated third class city. Mr. Henry Stevenson became the first mayor.

Fire destroyed nine businesses in 1905. When these business buildings were rebuilt, bricks were used and cement sidewalks were installed.

A partnership between Greenman and Rowell was formed in 1912. They opened a mercantile store which sold groceries and dry goods.

The Farmers Bank was formed in 1914 by M.H. Potter and E.T. Smith. E.E. Shive was the cashier. The two existing banks merged in 1943.

Schools

The first school in the area was held in the home of J.B. Thacher, postmaster at Cottonwood Grove. Delia Thacher was the teacher, and it was probably a subscription school.

After Potters Store moved to the frame building, a school was held in this basement. A one-room frame school house was built in 1878, mostly by donations. This building was located one-half block west of Burns Street on the north side of Price. It was also used for community meetings, church services, and literaries.

The first term in the new building was taught by Horace Davis. His wife, Emma Morgan Davis, completed the term after his death.

She states in her diary, "Terms were for three months because there was not enough funds for more. Pioneer school had a frame house, plaster, not papered, and a blackboard made by painting a board black."

The next teacher was a Mr. Crowley. This building was later moved and was used as a bank.

A two-room frame building with one room on the lower floor and a second room on the upper floor was built in 1889. Two more rooms were later added, one to each floor. M. Potter gave the site for the new building, on Duncan and Second Avenue.

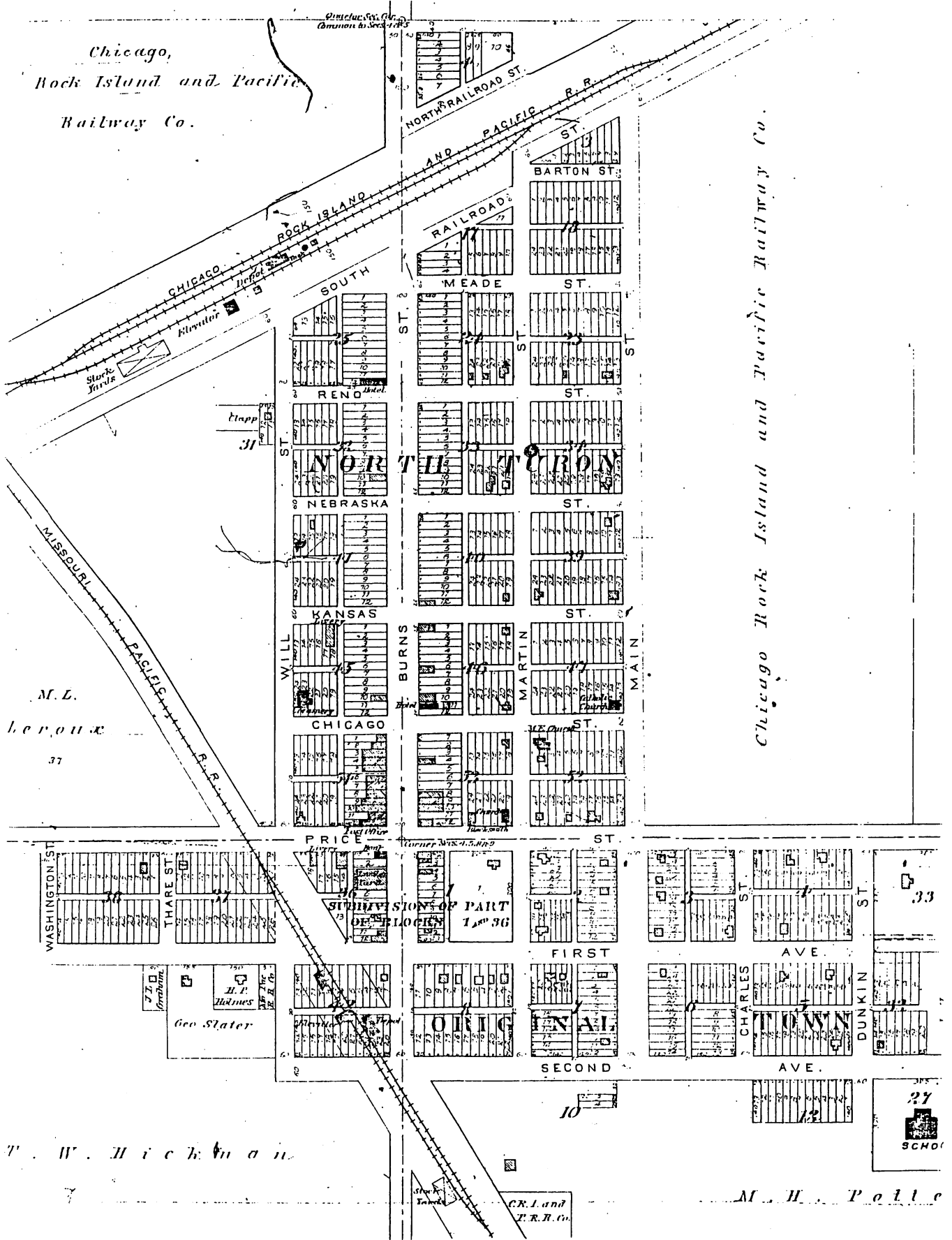
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TURON

LOCATED IN MIAMITWP.

Scale 300 feet to one inch.

1902



*Chicago,
Rock Island and Pacific
Railway Co.*

Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railway Co.

*M. L.
Beroux
37*

Geo Slater

T. W. Hickman

27
SCHOOL

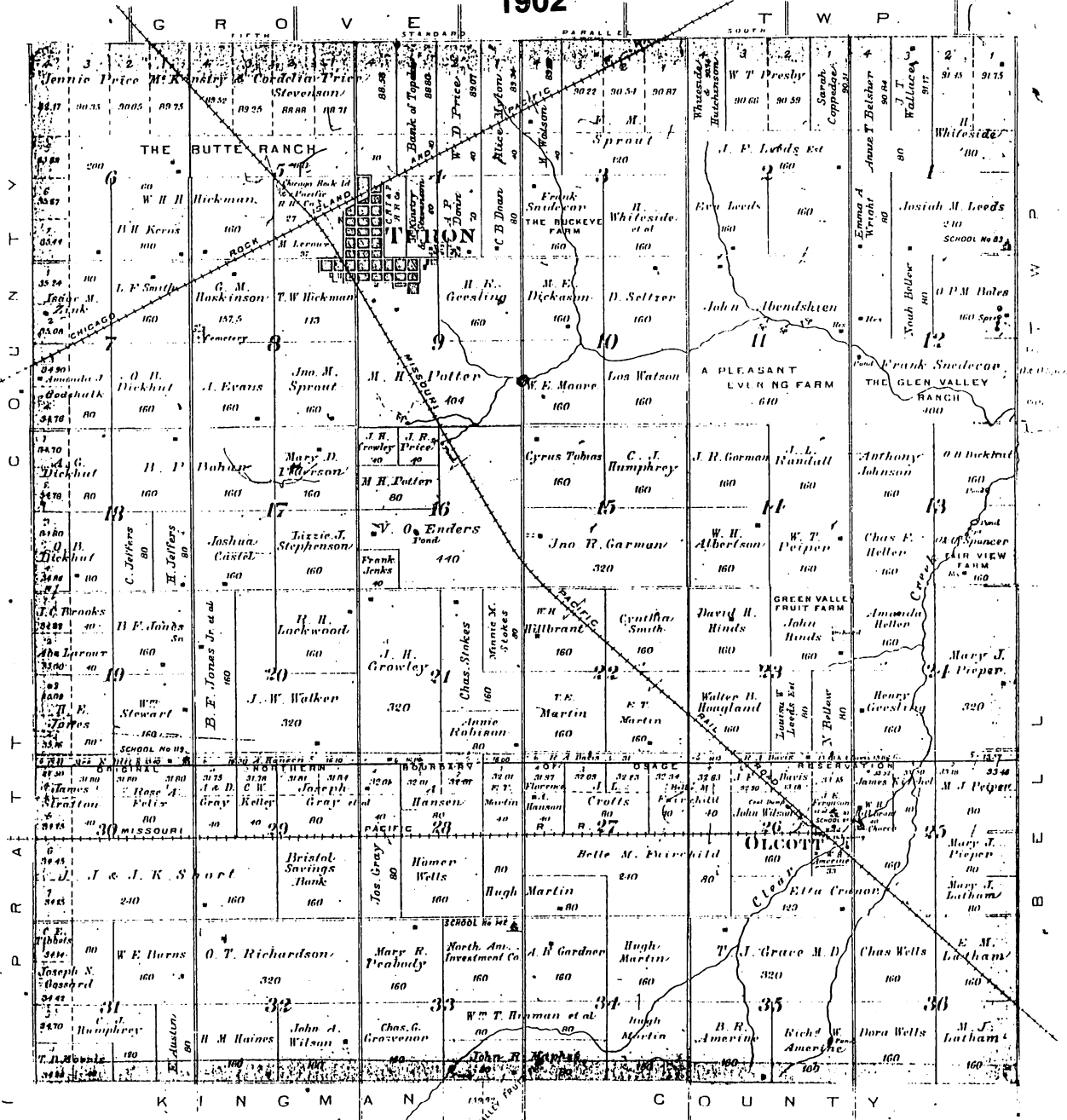
M. H. Pottle

*CK. Land
T. R. R. Co.*

PLAT OF

 MIAMI

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile. Township 26 South, Range 10 West. of the 6th Principal Meridian
 1902



High school building

The need to add high school classes led to the building of a brick edifice in 1910. It contained two stories plus a basement. Four classrooms were on the first floor with two classrooms for the high school and an auditorium on the second floor. The basement contained a hot water heating system.

High school classes inaugurated in 1910 became accredited in 1915-1916. The superintendent was D.S. Lauver, and the school board consisted of J.J. Lamont, R.A. Greeson, and Dr. M.S. Thacher.

By 1917, several rural schools had consolidated with Turon, and there were 150 students enrolled. "Kid" wagons transported the

rural children. Many activities were offered in sports, music and forensics.

More room was again needed by 1927. The two-story brick building was constructed facing Price Street and Duncan. This building, in addition to classrooms, contained a combination gymnasium and auditorium.

Consolidation in 1960

The consolidation of the high schools of Turon, Langdon, Plevna, and Abbyville into the Fairfield District was completed in 1960, with Sylvia and Arlington soon following. A new high school was (continued, p. 31)

built north of Langdon in 1963. Before long the elementary schools joined the Fairfield District.

Turon Grade School was moved from the 1910 building to the newer building on Price Street in 1963. A kindergarten was then added to the curriculum.

Churches

Religion played a major role in the development of the town. The first church established was the United Brethren. However, the Methodist Church was actively functioning by 1887. Their first minister was Edward R. Williams, who led their services until 1888.

Two other churches were active by 1910: the Christian and the Catholic. The Christian Church, under the name Church of Christ, was organized in 1906 with the help of the Langdon church. The first meeting was held in the M.E. Church. Regular meetings were then held in the opera house. The first regular minister was the Rev. C.W. Van Dolah of Hutchinson. The current building was dedicated in 1955. Later denominations to meet were the Assembly of God Church and the Baptist Church.

Growth and decline

A steady growth in population and business continued. By 1940, there were at least 50 businesses in operation in the area, with two railroad stations, four churches, and many civic clubs. After World War II, the shift of the rural population to larger towns had a disastrous effect. By 1980, only 12 businesses remained and both railroad stations were closed.

Turon now

The community, with a determined effort, has built a new restaurant building and a senior citizens center in one of the older buildings and has promoted the building of a feedlot to the north of the town. A good library and city office are also being maintained.

Sources

Christian Church records.

A history of the town written by W.H.H. Hickman, June 17, 1910, which was found in the cornerstone of the school building when it was torn down.

The Old Trail and the New, a 1918 annual for Reno County.

A partial history of the Methodist Church.

Happy Holidays!

During this family time of the year,
take time to enjoy
your family of the present
as well as your family of the past.

A genealogist is a collector — of ancestors — and all available information that can be found about them. We know that our physical appearance and personality traits are determined by the genes we inherit from our forebears. As we have two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents — and these keep doubling every generation, by the time we get back 10 generations or so, many lines have crossed and we find a great number of persons wherever we go who are definite lookalikes to some of our immediate families. Strange as it may seem, these unknown persons probably have inherited some of the same genes that the members of our own families have inherited also. By the tenth generation we have 512 ancestors who are our seventh great-grandparents. The tenth generation would take us back 200-250 years, so it is readily seen how our ancestors multiply very rapidly and account for our similarities and our differences.

— From "What Is Genealogy?" in *The Colonial Courier*, Vol. XXXI, Summer 1985, p. 10. (Contributed by Maxine PARKER LINDBURG)

Ancestor Chart of Ruth Marie (HERLACHER) CHRISTIAN

No.		Birth	Marriage	Death
I.	1. Ruth Marie HERLACHER.....	1926, Okla.....	1946, Okla.	
II.	2. Frank(Iin) James HERLACHER.....	1892, Kan.....	1918	1964, Texas
	3. Eva Lena KEY.....	1897, Texas		
III.	4. Calvin Franklin HERLACHER.....	1857, Wisc.....	1886	1917, Texas
	5. Marie GALLANT.....	1867, Ill.....		1945, Texas
	6. Reuben Isaac KEY.....	1875	1895	1936, Okla.
	7. Nora BURROW.....	1878, Texas.....		1971, Texas
IV.	8. James M. HERLACHER.....	1833, Pa.....	1853	1885, Kan.
	9. Harriet Catherine ROTHROCK.....	1937, Pa.....		1927, Kan.
	10. John Daniel GALLANT.....	1796, Ky.(?).....	1866(?)	1867, Ill.
	11. Asenath Jane RICHEY.....	1834, Ind.....		1912, Kan.
	12. Nathan Micajah KEY.....	1851, Ala.(?).....	1870	1890, Texas
	13. Mary Jane GROVES.....	1850, Miss.....		1924, Texas
	14. James Milton BURROW.....	1848, Tenn.....	1870	1928, Okla.
	15. Elizabeth TRUITT.....	1855, Texas.....		1930, Okla.
V.	16. Jacob HORLACHER.....	1805		1888
	17. Susanna CLEM MENS.....	1805		1872
	18. Isaac ROTHROCK.....	1798		1872
	19. Susannah SWENK.....	1814		1852
	22. Isaiah RICHEY.....	1808(?)	1827	1874
	23. Catherine LEMING.....	1809(?)		
	24. Lawrence KE.....	1825		1855
	25. Jane MC GEHEE.....			
	26. Daniel GROVES.....	1818(?)		
	27. Susannah.....	1824(?)		
	28. John A. BURROW.....	1827		1890
	29. Catherine.....	1830(?)		
	30. Levi Marion TRUITT.....	1827		1905
	31. Louisiana MORRIS.....	1834		1898

For further information about any of the above, contact: Mrs. Harold Christian, 19341 Knotty Pine Way, Monument, CO 80132.

Ancestor Chart of Lydia Iola (HEWITT) STREETER

No.		Birth	Marriage	Death
I.	1. Lydia Iola HEWITT.....	1921, Kan.....	1954, Kan.	
II.	2. Frederick Walter HEWITT.....	1878, Iowa.....	1910, Ark.....	1975, Kan.
	3. Katie Rae FULLER.....	1889, Kan.....		1975, Kan.
III.	4. Jonathan Irvn HEWITT.....	1827, Ohio.....	1873, Iowa.....	1894, Kan.
	5. Lydia Rebekah BROWN.....	1851, Pa.....		1932, Kan.
	6. James Benjamin Franklin FULLER.....	1857, Mich.....	1887, Kan.....	1933, Kan.
	7. Jennie Hurst RITER/REITER.....	1859, Ill.....		1929, Kan.
IV.	8. Jonathan HEWITT.....	1790, Ire.....	1815, Ire.....	1842, Iowa
	9. Jane BROWN.....	1795, Ire.....		1846, Iowa
	10. James BROWN.....	Pa.....		1870, Iowa
	11. Catherine THOMAS/TOMER.....	1818, Pa.....		1897, Iowa
	12. Chester FULLER.....	1825, N.Y.....		1904, Okla.
	13. Dolly.....	1823, N.Y.....		
	14. Nicholas RITER/REITER.....	1825, Ger.....	1852, Ill.....	1904, Okla.
	15. Sarah C. DAVIS.....	Ill.....		1870, Ill.
V.	16. John HEWITT/HEWET			
	18. Robert BROWN			
	30. John F. DAVIS.....		1835, Ill.....	1863, Ill.
	31. Rachel CHENOWETH.....	1813, Ky.....		1883, Ill.
VI.	62. Jonathan CHENOWETH.....	1779, Va.....	1808, Ky.	
	63. Polly FEEGLEY.....	N.C.		
VII.	124. Jonathan CHENOWETH.....	1757, Va.....	1779	
	125. Chloe ATCHISON			
VIII.	248. William CHENNERWORTH.....	1732, Md.....		1772, Va.
	249. Ruth CALVERT			
IX.	496. John CHINOWETH.....	1806, Md.....	1730.....	ca 1771, Va.
	497. Mary SMITH			
X.	992. John CHINOWETH.....	ca 1682, Wal....	ca 1705.....	ca 1746, Va.
	993. Mary CALVERT			
XI.	1986. Charles CALVERT, 3rd Lord Baltimore.....			1714, Eng.
	1987. Mary BANKS			
XII.	3972. Cecilius (Cecil) CALVERT, 2nd Lord Baltimore.....			1675
	3973. Anne ARUNDEL.....	ca 1616.....		1649, Eng.
XIII.	7944. George CALVERT, 1st Lord Baltimore.....	1578-82, Eng....	1604, Eng.....	1621, Eng.
	7945. Anne MINNE/MYNNE.....	1579.....		1622
	7946. Lord Thomas ARUNDEL of Wardour.....			1639
	7947. _____, 3rd dau. Miles PHILIPSON.....			1637
XIV.	15888. Leonard CALVERT of Danby Wiske.....	1550.....	ca 1575	
	15889. Alicia (Grace) CROSSLAND			
	15890. George MINNE/MYNNE.....			1581, Eng.
	15891. Elizabeth WROTH.....			1614
	15892. Sir Matthew ARUNDELL of Wardour			
	15893. Margaret _____			
	15894. Miles PHILIPSON of Crook			
	15895. Barbara _____			
XV.	31776. John CALVERT of Kipling			
	31778. Thomas CROSSLAND of Crossland.....			1587
	31779. Joanna HAWKSWORTH.....			1575
	31782. Sir Thomas WROTH of Durance.....	1519.....		1573
	31783. Mary RICH			
	31784. Sir Thomas ARUNDEL			
	31785. Margaret HOWARD			
	31786. Sir Henry WILLOUGHBY.....			1598
XVI.	63565. Joan HAUTE			
	63566. Richard, Lord (Chancelor) RICH			
	63570. Lord Edmund HOWARD			
XVII.	127130. Sir Thomas HAUTE			
	127131. Elizabeth FROWICKE			
	127140. Thomas HOWARD			
XVIII.	254260. William HAUTE			
	254261. Elizabeth WOODVILLE			
XIX.	508520. Piers Fitz HAUT			

For further information about any of the above, contact: Mrs. Lydia Streeter, 407 E. 16th, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

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Name	Age	Date	Place
Unknown child	no age	23 Feb	Reno County
AELMORE, Matilda	27yr 1mo 10da	1 Jan	Hutchinson
ANDREW, Miles Andrew	84yr 7mo 23 da	9 Feb	Hutchinson
ANKERHOLZ, Mrs. Wilhelmina Mother of C.W. ASTLE	40yr 1mo 10da [no age]	9 Aug [no date]	Hayes Twp. Haven
AYERS, A.A.	28yr 8da	6 Apr	Nickerson
BACHELDER, Infant of C.P.	stillborn	16 Apr	Hutchinson
BARNETT, Mrs. M.A.	46 yr	25 Apr	on the cars [R.R.]
BEARD, W.C. (W.C.L.)	38yr 1mo 6da	27 Mar	Hutchinson
BEYER, Louis	69yr 3mo 26da	10 Feb	Hutchinson
BLANCHFIELD, Baby	1yr 7mo 1da	13 May	Huntsville Twp.
BOON, Twin Infants of Chas BOONS [sic]	1da	26 Jun	Hayes Twp.
BRADY, Infant	2yr	31 Oct	Reno County
BRAMWELL, H.V.	42yr	28 Jun	Bernal
BREHM, Mrs.	70yr	2 Jul	Hutchinson
BROWN, Mrs. I.I.	[no age]	6 Oct	Langdon Twp.
BROWN, N.J. [female]	38yr	23 Oct	near Langdon
BROWN, Mary Jane	31yr 4mo 7da	23 Oct	Langdon
BURWELL, J.L.	38yr	14 Jan	Hutchinson
BUSHONG, Arthur C.	3mo	31 Oct	Hutchinson
CAMPBELL, Anna	13yr 3mo 18da	21 May	Hutchinson
CARR, Elizabeth	44yr 9mo 27da	8 Mar	Hutchinson
CAVANAUGH, Mary	48yr 3mo 7da	3 Aug	Hutchinson
CHRISTENSON, Batta	3mo 6da	15 Apr	Nickerson
CLARK, Eliza	79yr 5mo 5da	6 Jul	Hutchinson
COFIELD, T.T.	2yr 6mo 4da	13 Jul	Arlington
CONLEY, Justine	2yr	20 Aug	Hutchinson
COOK, Wilfred Arthur	5yr 11mo 8da	8 Oct	Abbyville
COPENHAVER, M.	21da	1 Jul	Abbyville
CRAIG, J.A.	47yr	29 Oct	Hutchinson
CRAIG, James A.	46yr	28 Oct	Hutchinson
CROTTS, Mrs.	34yr	23 Jun	Partridge
CROW, Mattie	[no age]	12 Sep	Hutchinson
DORSEY, Elizabeth	66yr 11mo	5 Feb	Hutchinson
DRAPER, Susie	24yr	27 Jul	Hutchinson
DUECK, Nora	11yr 4mo	24 May	Hutchinson, bur. Arlington
EDDINGTON, Chas.	6yr	12 May	Hutchinson
ENDERST, Mrs.	37yr 2mo	1 Oct	South Hutchinson
FOLTZ, Infant	1mo 2da	6 Sep	Hutchinson
FORSYITE, Infant of J.	8da	29 Apr	Nickerson
GALLUP, Infant of J.W.	stillborn	4 Apr	Hutchinson
GOODRICH, child of C.A.	8da	8 Oct	Arlington
GOODSELL, Richard	11yr	9 May	Reno County
GRIMES, Infant	1yr 2mo	12 Sep	Hutchinson
HAINS, Mrs.	64yr	25 Sep	Abbyville
HALOWELL, Law	60yr 3mo 1da	1 Jul	Hutchinson
HARDIN, Infant	6mo	13 Jan	Plevna Twp.
HARRIMAN, William	6yr 4mo 24da	3 Nov	Westminister Twp.
HATCH, Claude	7yr	4 Feb	Hutchinson
HESS, Clifton F.	2yr 6mo	7 Jan	Hutchinson
HOLADAY, Nora	30yr	23 Mar	Haven
HOLLISTER, Lee	68yr 5mo 3da	3 Jun	Arlington, bur. Halleck, Ill.
HOLMES, Issia	17yr 6mo 1da	23 Aug	Hutchinson
HOUSE, W.A.	46yr	12 Jun	Haven
HUSTON, Wm. J.	6mo	14 Sep	Hutchinson
JONES, Infant	8mo	6 Sep	Hutchinson
JUSTICE, Susan	[no age]	1 Oct	Reno County
KELLER, Floyd	21yr	6 Oct	Salt Creek Twp.
KENAPP, Nancy	42yr 11da	6 May	Hutchinson
KINNAMAN, Samuel	72yr	5 Mar	Sylvia Twp., bur. Plevna
LEWIS, Infant	stillborn	18 Aug	Hutchinson
LIEBEMAN, Maggie	1yr 2mo 18da	19 Feb	Hutchinson

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LITRELL, Minnie	25yr	4 May	Huntsville Twp
MALMANICK, Olive	3yr	4 Oct	Hutchinson
MARLEY, Infant of John	8da	17 Feb	South Hutchinson
MATHES, Henry Harrison	71yr 11mo 22da	28 Jun	Hutchinson, bur. Rice Co.
MATHEWS, _____	44yr	1 Jul	Hutchinson
MAX, John	55yr	20 Jan	Castleton
MAYES, Infant	stillborn	14 Oct	Hutchinson
MAYS, Infant of Jesse	stillborn	13 Oct	Hutchinson
MOON, Mrs J.B.	58yr	16 Apr	Nickerson
MUNDON, Wm.	[no age]	10 Jul	Reno County
MC CANDLESS, Sam	46yr 2mo	15 Jul	Reno County
MC DANIEL, Norah	18yr 2mo 7da	19 Jul	Elmer
MC DONALD, D.	[no age]	21 Sep	Reno County
MC MILLAN, Eliza	62yr	16 Apr	Hutchinson
MC MILLAN, Liza	62yr	16 Apr	Salt Creek Twp, bur. Hutchinson
NEWMAN, Mrs.	33yr	2 Aug	Hutchinson
NICKOLSON, Anna	33yr	12 Jun	Castleton
OBERG, Bessie	3mo 2da	23 Aug	Hutchinson
OLMSTEAD, Leo	22mo	11 Aug	near Nickerson
OTTERCRANS, Fredolf	2mo 1da	21 Mar	Hutchinson
PIERCE, Nellie	12yr 3mo	23 Mar	Medora
PLOUGHE, Alford	69yr 9mo 15da	15 May	Hutchinson
RADER, Lula	11da	12 Apr	Hutchinson
RANKIN, Mabel	12yr 10mo 28da	6 Oct	Hutchinson
RANKIN, Mable	[no age]	6 Oct	Hutchinson
RANKIN, Maud	[no age]	12 Oct	Hutchinson
RANKIN, Maudie May	3yr 3da	15 Oct	Hutchinson
REYNOLDS, Hattie A.	30yr	22 Aug	Arlington
RICE, Vernie	6yr 3mo 20da	24 Mar	Hutchinson
RISINGER, John	27yr 3mo	30 May	Booth
RUGAN, Elizabeth S.	70yr	24 Feb	Hutchinson, bur. Terra Haute, Ind.
RULE, Henry	58yr 7mo 16da	19 Apr	Huntsville Twp.
SAMPSON, Geo. E.	62yr 10mo 20da	12 Apr	Hutchinson
SARGENT, Ellen	50yr	3 Nov	Sylvia
SAVAGE, John	[no age]	16 Jan	Hutchinson
SAYGER, Infant	8mo	10 May	Reno County
SCOTT, Lesley	1yr 2mo 11da	21 Jun	Hutchinson
SECOY, Mrs. G.A.	45yr	12 Apr	Nickerson
SELEY, C.	6da	8 Aug	Nickerson
SEVERANCE, Paul L.	10mo 1 da	13 Mar	Hutchinson
SHARP, A.E.	35yr 8mo 16da	21 Jan	Hutchinson
SHEAN, child of David	4mo 8da	25 Mar	Hutchinson
SHEAN, Dave	40yr	13 Apr	Hutchinson
SHIELDS, Mrs.	67yr	3 Jul	Hutchinson
SHIELDS, Flora	1yr 8mo	7 Aug	Hutchinson
SLOCUM, child of S.L.	stillborn	2 Mar	Hutchinson
SMITH, son of D.P.	20yr	11 Oct	Langdon
STRANDBERG, Hilda	[no age]	13 Oct	Hutchinson
SWANSON, Oscar	1yr 2mo 12da	4 Mar	Nickerson
SWIFT, Josiah	74yr 4mo 12da	14 Jun	Hutchinson
TAYLOR, _____	[no age]	7 Oct	[no place given]
THOMA, Infant	[no age]	10 Aug	Hutchinson
THOMAS, Purle May	2yr 12da	20 Jun	Walnut Twp.
TUCKER, George B.	[no age]	13 Jun	Arlington
UNDERWOOD, Ray	13yr	6 Apr	Hutchinson
VANEMAN, Maud	2yr 2mo 20da	30 Mar	Hutchinson
VANHOOYER, Walter	1yr 4mo 3da	14 Aug	Hutchinson
WEISSER, Jacob	27yr	23 Jun	Plevna
WILCOX, Infant of O.R.	4da	[no date, filed with Jan deaths]	Hutchinson
WILLIAMS, Alexander	8yr	9 Oct	Hutchinson
WILLIS, Eliza Thayer	83yr 10mo 12da	27 Feb	Hutchinson, bur. Haven Twp.

Queries. . .

Alfred MORRIS b. ca 1841 Va., removed to Valley Township, Reno Co. in 1876 from Rockingham Co., Va., with his brother **Iverson MORRIS**, wife **Louise ACKER**, and children **Sally GARRETT** and **A.D. MORRIS**. Lost track of them after 1895. Any information regarding this family would be greatly appreciated. Micki Crozier, Route, 2, Box 130, Sedgwick, KS 67135.

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Can you advise me? What agency (name and address) has land records for Reno Co. prior to its creation in 1867 when it was still an unorganized territory? I'd like to check land records as far back as 1840 for the surname **ERNSTING**. L. Burney, 621 Sneath Way, Alpine, CA 92001.

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I am searching for descendants of my great-grandparents, **James William HERN** and **Martha Ann DE FREESE**, who were married 1875 in Hutchinson, Kan. Would like information on **Jim HERN**, **Martha Ann (STEWART)**, and **Lillian Albertine (DE FOREST)**, all born in Hutchinson, dates unknown. My great-grandmother b. 1854 in Edwardsville, Ill.; mother was **Mary Ann GARDNER**, father unknown. Will exchange information on **HERN** families. Mrs. Betty Lou Fowlie, General Delivery, Bindloss, Alberta, Canada TOJ OHO.

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I would like any information on **James ANGLE**, b. Ky., ca 1 Jun 1822. I will share any information. Linda Worley, 803 N. Plum, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

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I would like any information on the family of **Noah Beacher WARD**, b. 26 Apr 1824, Decatur Co. Ind. His mother b. Ky. Will share any information. Linda Worley, 803 N. Plum, Hutchinson KS 67501.

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I would like any information on the family of **Edward or Edmond SLATER**, b. 7 Feb (?), possibly England; m. **Flossie COLEMAN**. They had eight children, some b. ca 1900 at Belle Plain, Kan. I will share any information. Linda Worley, 803 N. Plum, 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:

- Mary FRY
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- Jim TIPPIE
P.O. Box 2388, Hutcninson, KS 67504-2388

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Name	Age	Date	Place
WILSON, Infant of S.A.	stillborn	3 Mar 1890 [filed with 1891 deaths]	Hutchinson
WILSON, Infant of S.A.	stillborn	6 Jan 1891	Hutchinson
WILSON, Infant	1yr	20 Aug	Hutchinson
WILSON, Mary	3yr	30 Oct	Hutchinson
WISLER, Lewis	68yr 23da	26 Jun	Hutchinson
WOLCOTT, O.	64yr	24 May	Hutchinson
WOLFERSBERGER, Mr. M.A.	[no age]	2 Jul	[no place given]
WOOD, Girdie E.	25yr 5mo 5da	8 Sep	Hutchinson, bur. Maryville, Texas
WOOD, Mary E.	44yr 6mo 28da	19 Sep	Hutchinson, bur. Maryville, Texas
WOODS, Mrs. W.	45yr	21 Sep	Hutchinson
WORTHINGTON, child of Elias	1mo 7da	8 Mar	Haven
YOUNG, _____	[no age]	10 Oct	Medora

No deaths recorded for year 1891 after November 3.

Announcements

Remember the society is still meeting at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 105 Curtis. Park in the south lot and enter by the south door. This alternate meeting place will be used until the library construction is completed.

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The Washington, D.C., trip, Nov. 1-10, sponsored by the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies has been cancelled because the registration was insufficient.

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The 1984 updated IGI microfiche are in at the LDS library and ready to use. (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 18-17th Crestview)

The hours when the library is open are: Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday hours are being considered.

All librarians are capable of offering individual help.

RCGS Calendar

Nov. 18 **Show and Tell**
Bring something interesting pertaining to your family to show and tell about, or be prepared to relate an interesting genealogical or family story.

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December **No meeting**

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Jan. 21 **Lawrence Cox**
Information on computers.

Answers:

1. Horsethief; 2. Chetopa; 3. 34; 4. John Riggins; 5. LaCrosse; 6. 2; 7. Front Street and Boot Hill in Dodge City; 8. Dodge City wind averages 14 mph; 9. White Cloud; 10. Millburn Stone; 11. Western Home; 12. Western Meadowlark; 13. Arkansas River; 14. University of Kansas; 15. Near Lebanon; 16. Rifles; 17. 6 ft.; 18. Stephen Douglas; 19. To the stars through difficulties; 20. Catherine, Ramona, Augusta, Delia, Beverly, Sharon, Edna, Mildred, Pauline, LuRay, Leona; 21. a good place to dig potatoes; 22. Lucas; 23. 34; 24. Camp Alert; 25. John Curry.

History of Plevna High School

[Editor's note: Following is the preface to a directory of Plevna High School graduates, ca. 1949. Beginning with this issue of the Sunflower, we will print the names of the graduates as space permits. The material was contributed by Lawrence N. Smith.]

High school work was first given in Plevna in 1910 with T.C. Oyler as principal. The school board members were E.W. Hinshaw, J.E. Davis, and Dr. J. Davis Horton. In 1914 the first class was graduated. The members of the class were Nathan (Jack) Hinshaw, Bess Liken, and Winifred Davidson.

In the spring of 1915 petitions were circulated asking the Board of County Commissioners to establish a rural high school district near Plevna. The petition was granted after approval was given by the voters of the district. The first Plevna Rural High School Board elected was P.T. Snyder, William Shuyler, and C.S. Applegate.

The proposition to build a new building was rejected by the voters in 1915. In 1918 the old building was struck by lightning and completely destroyed. The present building was erected in 1919. The auditorium-gymnasium was begun in the fall of 1937 and completed in the summer of 1938. Governor Walter Huxman spoke at the dedication services. The cost of the building was \$40,000 of which the federal government paid \$18,000 and the local district paid \$22,000.

For several years after the high school was established a banquet was given by the community honoring the graduates. It was not until March 1927 that the Plevna Alumni Association was formed at the instigation of Beatrice Howell of the class of 1926.

Beatrice says she got the brainstorm when she was on her way home from visiting Ethyl McRevey, who was a student at McPherson College. She was riding with Prof. and Mrs. Kinzie, who had been to an Alumni Home Coming. She discussed her idea with them and they advised her to contact some of the former graduates. She received the most encouragement from Fred Shuyler, Clayton Dennis, Ethyl McRevey and Harold Shuff. As usual, she contacted some who thought she was nuts and others who thought it was a good idea but would rather let somebody else do it.

They finally decided to have a banquet, which called for a lot of work getting out invitations, decorating, etc. The Congregational Ladies Aid served the banquet. The classes of '26, '27, '28, and '29 did the most of the work and at first the responses did not come in very good but before the banquet was served every place was taken and additional places had to be set. Everybody was served but the ice cream had to be served in rather small servings to make it go around.

After getting a good start, the organization functioned, holding an annual meeting almost every year with the exception of some years in the 30's and the war years of the 40's. The meetings have not always been banquets but in recent years have been a picnic style supper with a short program and a time for visiting.

In 1946 the office of historian was created and Winifred (Davidson) Lovan, class of '14, was elected the first historian.

At the 1948 meeting it was voted at the suggestion of the president, Dick Fox, class of '33, to publish an alumni booklet in 1949. Virgil Geist, class of '32, was elected as his assistant to get the booklet published.

During her history of 35 years Plevna High School has graduated more than 290 pupils who are scattered far and near. May Plevna High School continue to send out good citizens into this community and into the world.

Class of 1914

WINIFRED (DAVIDSON) LOVAN—Plevna, Kan.—married and has no children. Mr. Lovan teaches in Plevna High School.

NATHAN HINSHAW—Plevna, Kan.—married and has one child. He has a general store and farming interests.

BESS (LIKENS) MEDSKER—Langdon, Kan.—is married and has one child. She is a housewife on a farm.

Class of 1915

BEULAH (BROOKS) BARSHNER—Prattville, Mich.

ANDY HOFFMAN—Alden, Kan.—married and has six children. He is a farmer.

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