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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 1987 to 31 March 1988.

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.

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.

The Sunflower Staff and Contributors

The Sunflower staff, those who have participated in researching, writing, stapling, and distributing the quarterly, include: Arless (MOSER) EILERTS, Editor; Ruth (HAIR) FILBERT; Edith (DUFFIN) JONES, Maxine (PARKER) LINDBURG, Carrolyn (BURDETTE) MILLER, Danny MILLER, Betty MORGAN, Jayne (KOEPE) PURCELL, Lynn STANSEL, Pam STANSEL, Lydia (HEWITT) STREETER, and Arlene VINCENT.

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.

President's Message

As you may remember, our Society voted to establish a book fund. This is to purchase books to be placed in the Genealogical Library, books that will help you and others in doing genealogical research. Ruth Filbert is serving as chairperson of the book purchase committee. If you would like to have a certain book purchased for your and others' use, please let Ruth know your wish.

Originally the book fund was to be funded from the labels we have been collecting and turning in each month; however, the lady who has been processing and paying us for the labels has accepted a full-time job. She will no longer accept labels. So, you who have been collecting labels should discontinue the practice, at least for the society.

At the October meeting, Lynn and Pam Stansel suggested that we save newspapers and aluminum cans to augment the fund. They have offered to pick up these items from anyone who has accumulated a supply. This is certainly a nice gesture and contribution on their part. We appreciate their interest and effort.

Cash contributions to the book fund will always be appreciated. Make checks payable to the Reno County Genealogical Society Book Fund.
—LJC

Season's Best!

Bits and Pieces

Michigan Microfilms

Microfilms of Michigan newspapers (60,000 reels, more than 1,110 newspaper titles representing 292 cities and villages in 77 counties going back to the 1840s) are available from: Library of Michigan, P.O. Box 30007, Lansing, MI 48909.

[Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society (Wichita) Newsletter, June 1987.]

Inevitable Laws of Genealogy

The records you need for your family history were in the courthouse that burned. Brittle old newspapers containing the information you desire have fallen apart on the names and dates and places.

[St. Charles County Genealogical Society Newsletter, May/June 1987.]

National Archives Resources

Federal population census schedules (including slave schedules), soundexes 1790-1910, American Revolutionary War service records and index, Revolutionary War pension and bounty-land warrant applications are available from the National Archives.

Write for the Microfilm Rental Program Brochure, National Archives Rental Program, P.O. Box 2940, Hyattsville, MD 20784.

Individuals can now participate. New lower rental fees are now available for direct rental as well as through libraries and societies.

[From *News 'N' Notes*, St. Louis Genealogical Society, June 1987.]

Missouri Newspaper Microfilms

Microfilms of Missouri newspapers may be borrowed on interlibrary loan.

[From Phillips County Genealogical Society, Phillipsburg, Kan., *Tree Trackers*, Spring 1987.]

Kansas Certificates

The new address for death and birth certificates in Kansas: Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Landon State Office Building, 900 S. Jackson, Topeka, KS 66612.]

Kansas City Archives—New Hours

The National Archives—Kansas City Branch (3312 E. Bannister Road, Kansas City, MO 64131) is open the third Thursday of each month from 8 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. This is in addition to regular hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Queries. . .

Judie Fox Petty, 11453 Brick Road, Turner, OR 97392, needs the first name and marriage date of a **Mr. Hogg** and **Rachel C. (Terry) Fox** who were married between 1903 and 1908. They had a cattle ranch in Pratt County Kansas.

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David Newcomer Ropp died 5 or 15 July 1872 and **Alexandria Joseph Ropp** died 30 Aug 1870. They were both Civil War soldiers who died in Kansas. **Mrs. Shelia Chambers**, 6703 Red Jacket Road, Springfield, VA 22152, is trying to locate their place of birth.

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My great-grandfather, **Edward Benjamin Wood**, a veteran of the Civil War, left Ohio in 1860s and subsequently lived near Sterling, Kan. I am anxious to know when he lived in Kansas and if he was a homesteader. **Victor C. Wood**, 34869 Golf Club Drive, Salem, OH 44460.

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Mr. Carter bought a German Bible at a sale in Hutchinson. The family record starts with a **Joseph Zimmerman** (b. 1833, Basel, Switzerland; d. 1917) and his wife **Kristina** or **Christina** (1840-1910) who came to America and settled in Reno County. The record all in German has information on family members up to and including the year 1916. Anyone interested in a part of their family history, please contact Mr. Ted Carter, Route 4, Box 419 D, Grove OK 74344.

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Marian A. Taylor, 975 Forbes, Apt. 9, Lakeport, CA 95453, is seeking information on the **Julius E. Patterson** family who lived in or near Hutchinson, Kan., in 1907.

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Address queries to Arlene Vincent, RCGS, P.O. Box 5, Hutchinson, KS 67504-0005.

The Serendipity Genealogist

by Arless Eilerts

For several years I had heard vague rumors that somewhere—in someone's attic, among someone's keepsakes—a letter from my great-great grandfather Cummins had been preserved.

Someone was always going to remember to send me a copy. Finally, someone did—my second cousin Joyce Drummond.

The letter is a mixture of pathos and hilarity. Grandpa was writing to his wife from the gold fields in California. He told her first about the death of their son John. Grandpa told her that he did "everything a father could do," which included buying a casket for the son (something that was not customary in California, he informed her).

The recounting of the son's death is strangely matter-of-fact. However, later in the letter Grandpa tells Grandma that the joy of life has dimmed since the son is no longer there.

Grandpa provides a catalog of all the Missouri men in his camp and their ailments. He assures Sarah (his wife) that they have laid in \$300 worth of supplies for the winter.

At one point he tells her that he will come home if she wants him to—all she has to do is tell him so. He also tells her that he believes he can make some money if he stays there. A footnote added by a later descendant says that he did indeed stay—for three years—and that when he returned to Missouri, he had \$12,000—a pretty hefty sum in those days.

He gives her a running account (pun intended) of his own ailments and tells her exactly what various necessities cost him.

After telling his children he has heard a rumor that some of them are thinking of getting married, he orders them not to do so.

The serendipity in the letter shows up in another note appended to Grandpa's message. The unknown writer says that the Cummins came to Missouri from Lexington, Ky., where they had a tobacco plantation and many slaves, and that the Elliots (Sarah's family) came from the same background and location.

I've been wandering around in Kentucky data for years trying to get a place to start—thanks to serendipity again, I know where to write and visit. I am not foolish enough to believe that all the family myths are true (I'm not even going to worry about the rumor that we are direct descendants of Daniel Boone), but it is nice to have a little guidance from the past.

Early History of Arlington . . .

by Arless Moser EILERTS

Arlington is located 18 miles southwest of Hutchinson on the Rock Island railroad. Established on the route of the "Sun City Trail" of early days, Arlington was a stopping place for haulers because of the plentiful water and grass. Later it was near the trail over which cattle were driven from Texas to Abilene.

The townsite was laid off in August 1877 by A.K. Barrel (or Burrell) and G.T. Empey. Impressed by the rapid, steady flow of the Ninnescah River, Empey and Burrell built a mill road and mill in 1877 naming the "meager community which crept in around it" Arlington after the famous Arlington Heights overlooking Washington, D.C. (History 73).

The first building

The three-story frame mill was the first building in the town. It was 30 by 40 feet, with four buhrs and a daily capacity of 50 barrels. During the several years the mill operated, it was a convenience to people southwest of Hutchinson, providing the nearest flour supply.

The mill and its pond became popular with farmers and hunters; however, without a railroad, the town did not hold much promise.

Additional firsts

The next building was Arlington House, a hotel built by P. Howell. The first post office was established Feb. 7, 1878. H.H. Purdy was the first postmaster. The first store was established by M.C. Rogers. The first school in 1878 was taught by Miss Juliet Courtright in a small, privately owned log building. In 1879, a frame building was constructed to be replaced later by a brick building.

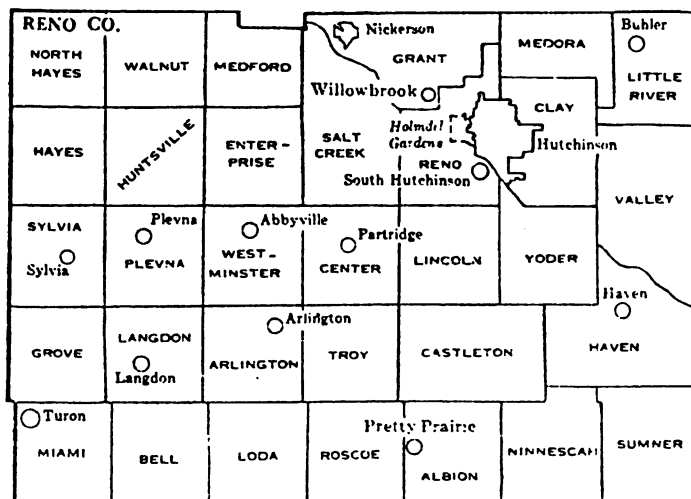
Creating a township

On Jan. 4, 1881, Robert Burling and 56 others presented a petition to create a new municipal township. The territory was to come from the east half of what was then Langdon Twp. The new township was Township 25, Range 8 West. The first officers were elected Feb. 5, 1881, but the results were misplaced so the names of the first officers were never filed.

Railroad comes

For almost a decade after its origin, the town was static. In April 1886, the news was spread that the Rock Island extension would cut across Reno County.

To express the community's interest in the railroad, a petition was circulated beseeching the railroad officials to include Arlington on their line.



The Arlington citizens decided to model their campaign after the successful effort Turon had launched earlier. The Arlington leaders formed a town company and offered 51 percent of the stock to the Rock Island.

Mr. Ewing, the Rock Island's right-of-way man, arrived and purchased a "swatch of land" that took the houses of Lom Cecil, W. Filey, Dick Cecil, J.E. Taylor, D.M. Elliot, Chas Cecil, and Mrs. Jane Filey, as well as the M.E. parsonage.

The railroad bought the lots and the people moved the houses.

Commercial growth

Arlington became a bustling railroad town. The commercial establishments increased. Seven contractors were in business. Before the track arrived, hotels and restaurants were started, along with two drug stores, two millineries, a jewelry store, and a photographer. There was a brick yard which employed 15 men who produced 10,000 bricks a day. The Arlington nursery was founded.

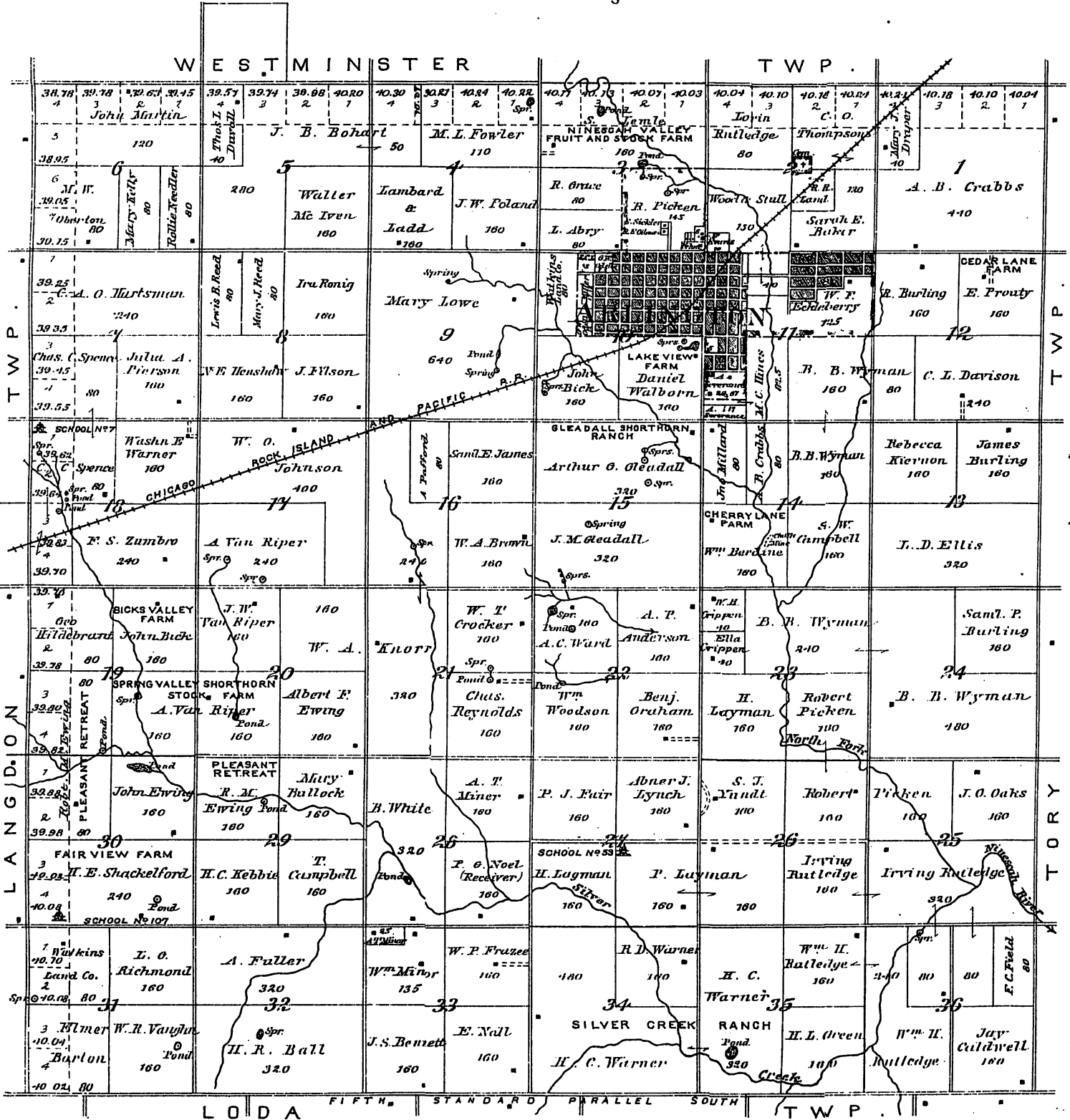
Four additions were made to the original platted town. Arlington had dreams of becoming a great watering place—the mill pond was to become a lake where yachts would sail.

The promise began to dull though when a railroad bond controversy brought political turmoil. This was followed by a protracted drought.

PLAT OF
ARLINGTON

Township 25 South, Range 8 West.

of the 6th Principal Meridian



History of Arlington, (continued)

Early Settlers

Alfred L. Sponsler came to Reno County in late 1886 from Aledo, Ill., where in the law firm of Pepper and Sponsler he practiced law after being admitted to the bar in May 1885. He located in Arlington, expecting to engage in practical law, but instead he became involved in real estate until November 1889 when he moved to Hutchinson.

It was during the time in Arlington he made one of the most remarkable political races in the history of the state, running as a Republican candidate for the nomination for state senator from his district. The Senatorial Convention, meeting in Pratt, was deadlocked from the first ballot. After three days, it adjourned to meet again at Turon where three more days were lost in ineffectual balloting, after which it adjourned. At the next call of the district committee, the convention, again at Turon, cast several hundred ballots without a nomination. Sponsler, who was several times within one vote of those needed for nomination, withdrew releasing his delegates, and the nomination went to F.E. Gillette.

In 1889, Alfred and his brother John L., founded the Hutchinson *Times*, in 1890 adding the *Republican* and later four other small papers, merging them with the *Times* until 1891 when they purchased the Hutchinson *Daily News* with which the *Times* was merged. They continued publishing until the fall of 1895 when they sold out to William Y. Morgan. Sponsler later joined Thomas Armour in establishing a printing and publishing house in Hutchinson.

Sponsler continued to be active in politics and served as secretary of the Kansas State Fair.

Alfred was born 30 Apr 1860 in Mercer County, Ill., the third son, fifth child of Lewis and Maria Wolfe Sponsler. He married Minnie Bentley 27 Sep 1887 (she was born 5 Sep 1862, Mercer Co., Ill., daughter of James L. and Nancy Smith Bentley). Alfred died 10 June 1915 at his home at the corner of 12th and Washington.

Layman

Preston Layman (b. 13 Sep 1833, Newport, Tenn.) left his southern home to serve with the Union Army—Company E, 2nd Tennessee Cavalry—serving until the end of the war. In February 1882, he settled in Arlington Twp., buying 110 acres from George Alexander and adding land until at the time of his death 27 Nov 1909 he owned 1,120 acres.

His wife was Harriet McNabb (b. 4 May 1843, dau. of John and Elizabeth Ruga McNabb). Their children were Roscoe C. (b. 21 Nov 1875), William C. Della, and Arthur, all born in Newport, Tenn.

Roscoe C. was married 3 May 1899 to Emma E. Fuller, daughter of Daniel E. and Amy Lynch Fuller of Arlington. He attended normal school at Emporia and taught two years before becoming principal of the Langdon Twp. school for two years. He then farmed in Arlington Twp. until 1909 when he moved to Hutchinson.

Roscoe and Emma Layman had two children: Zora Mabel (b. in Langdon) and Velma Gwendolyn (b. in Hutchinson). The family home was at 307 12th Avenue, East.

Crabbs

Abraham B. Crabbs was another early Arlington resident, arriving with his parents in 1884. Born 9 Apr 1851 in Richland County, Ohio, Abraham was the son of Jacob M. and Catherine Bollman Crabbs.

Head of the firm of A.B. Crabbs & Company, real estate and loans, at Arlington, he was also one of the largest landowners in Reno County, a pioneer merchant at Arlington, and president of the first bank organized there.

Abraham's brothers were John L. and Albert E. One sister, Jennie, lived to adulthood. John L. was associated with A.B. Albert E. was a well-known Arlington merchant.

Abraham opened his store in August 1885 with about \$6,000 worth of merchandise. In 1887 he organized the town's first bank, the Arlington State Bank, selling out to the Citizens State Bank in 1889 although retaining his financial interest in the bank. In 1889 he and his brother John erected a grain elevator which they ran until 1904 when they sold out to Hoffman Grain Co., of Enterprise.

In 1902 Abraham became associated with J.S. Trembley in the hardware business in which he was connected until 1915. He own-

ed about 4,000 acres, mostly in Reno County. As he aged, Abraham's eyesight failed. He never married.

Mastellar

D.H. Mastellar farmed in Langdon Twp and retired from farming to Arlington where he was engaged in the insurance business. He was born in Columbia Co., Pa., 29 Mar 1850, the son of Aaron and Elizabeth Dresker Mastellar.

Mastellar came to Kansas in 1874, locating first in Minneapolis, Kan. After that he went to Texas, spending four years there in government service. In 1885 he married Emma A. May and came to Reno County to "settle down." He bought one-half section of land in Langdon which he farmed until retiring to Arlington. The Mastellars had three children: Guy (who died in early youth), May, and Josephine.

Barrett

M.L. Barrett was the editor and publisher of the Arlington *Enterprise*. He was born in Conneaut, Ohio, 26 Feb 1866, the only child of J.M. and Catherine Barrett, early settlers of Arlington.

He was educated in the academy at Pierpoint, Ohio, after which he served an apprenticeship to the tinner's trade for three years. In Oct. 1893 he bought the Arlington *Enterprise* from J.E. Eaton.

Barrett married Jesse M. Hayes 10 Sep 1885. They had two children: Charles H. (who married Lillian M. Gordley of Arlington) and Rose J., both associated with the publication and job printing business. The Barretts were members of the Presbyterian Church and Republicans.

Hinman

Milton E. Hinman, a rancher and miller at Sylvia, was born 21 Nov 1873 in Franklin Co., Ill. His father homesteaded in Huntsville Twp. Milton attended the Hinman district school then the Nickerson schools. He attended a course at Baker University at Baldwin, graduating from the normal department in 1898. He served as principal at Sylvia 1892-95, at Arlington 1896-97, at Plevna 1899-1902. He married Blanche Axtell (from Sterling) 2 Aug 1899. Their children were Helen (b. 1901), Lew (b. 1903), Dorothy (1908) and Dorr (b. 1913).

[All information about early settlers comes from Sheridan Ploughe's *History of Reno County Kansas, Volume II*, Indianapolis, Ind.: B.F. Bowen & Co., Inc., 1917.]

Process for getting information on Homestead Land Patents

To obtain patent information on homestead land: first, contact the recorder of the county in which the land is located to get the legal description (township, range, section, and legal subdivisions); second, contact the Bureau of Land Management, giving the legal description. They supply copies of the patent for 50 cents per page—payment in advance.

The addresses for the district offices and the state(s) for which they maintain records follow:

Alabama—Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin—350 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304.
Alaska—555 Cordova St., Anchorage, AK 99501.
Arizona—2400 Valley Bank Center, Phoenix, AZ 85073
California—Federal Building, Room E 2841, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.
Colorado—Colorado State Bank Building, 1600 Broadway, Denver, CO 80202.
Idaho—P.O. Box 042, Boise, ID 83724.
Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota—P.O. Box 30157, Billings, MT 59107.
Nevada—Federal Building, Room 3008, 300 Booth St., Reno, NV 89509.
New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas—P.O. Box 1449, Santa Fe, NM 87501.
Oregon, Washington—P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208.
Utah—University Club Building, 136 E S. Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84111.
Wyoming, Kansas and Nebraska—P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, WY 82001.

Third, write the National Archives, giving the name of the person filing, legal description of the land, patent number, date of patent and land office of issuance. (Current fee unknown.) Reference Branch, General Archives Division, Washington, D.C. 20409.

[From *Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County California Newsletter*, May 1987.]

Vital Records of Reno County, Kansas—Book II, Deaths 1896

Name	Age	Date	Place
ARDERY, Will	21yr	28 Sep	Hutchinson
BABBITT, Mrs. L.	74yr	16 Jan	Arlington
BAGGS, M.M. [female]	43yr	19 Oct	Abbyville
BAILY, Clyde	3mo	16 Aug	Hutchinson
BALDIN, Len or Leu [black]	20da	11 Oct	Hutchinson
BALDWIN, _____ [male]	2hr	23 Dec	Reno County
BADWELL, Infant [no sex given]	[stillborn]	1 Jan	Hutchinson
BARNETT, L [black, female]	1	18 Aug	Hutchinson
BEATTIE, Lizzie	24yr	2 Dec	Reno County
BEATTIE, Sue	17yr	23 Nov	Reno County
BECK, V. [male]	83yr	17 Jan	Nickerson
BENTLEY, James	8yr	28 Oct	Hutchinson
BERRY, Edward O.	7mo	11 Feb	Hutchinson
BERRY, Ocar [black]	1	12 Feb	Hutchinson
BICKNELL, Mrs.	46yr	5 Aug	Reno County
BIGGER, Irma C.	45yr	7 May	Hutchinson
BIRCH, Infant [no sex given]	8mo	26 Mar	Medora
BOWMAN, C.L. [male]	48yr	5 Jun	Hutchinson
BOWMAN, Eli	55yr	21 Jun	Hutchinson
BOYD, Wm. A.	33yr	4 Jul	Hutchinson
BRADSHAW, Leonia	27yr	23 Feb	Lerado
BRIGGS, Julia E.	82yr	2 Apr	Hutchinson
BROWN, J.B. [male]	56yr	18 Sep	Hutchinson
BRYANT, Wm.	26yr	8 Aug	near Arlington
BURRILL, J.K. [male]	68yr	26 Sep	Hutchinson
BUTTERWICK, Ellen	65yr	16 Oct	Hutchinson
CAMPBELL, Emma G.	19yr	24 Oct	Hutchinson
CAMPBELL, Mrs. J.J.	36yr	6 Dec	Sylvia
CAREY, Nancy	54yr	2 Jul	Hutchinson
CHENOWITH, Elias	55yr	7 Jul	Partridge
CLOSSON, Infant [no sex given]	8mo	25 Mar	Hutchinson
COCHRANE, Mrs. L.	73yr	14 Feb	Hutchinson
COCKEY, Ollie [female]	12 yr	20 Jan	Reno County
CONKLING, Maud	2	10 Oct	Hutchinson
COOK, Infant [no sex given]	[no age given]	[no date]	Hutchinson
COPLE, Charles	10yr	19 Feb	Haven Twp.
COTTON, R. [male]	6mo	16 Jun	Hutchinson
COX, Infant [male]	3da	11 Dec	Valley Twp
CRAIG, Mrs. D.	65yr	29 Feb	Reno County
CRAIG, Mrs. L.	83yr	2 Jan	Hutchinson
CROWE, Infant [male]	[stillborn]	5 Feb	Reno County
DAUBER, Charles	2	4 Aug	Hutchinson
DAVIS, Arthur	9yr	27 Oct	Hutchinson
DAVIS, Hattie	19yr	16 Apr	Sylvia
DAVIS, Hattie [reported twice]	19yr	16 Apr	Sylvia
DAWES, Paul	3yr	29 Oct	Hutchinson
DEVENISH, P. [male]	68yr	2 Aug	Castleton
DIX, Infant [no sex given]	1yr	9 Jun	Lincoln Twp.
DODGE, Anna	64yr	18 Jul	Kent
DUKE, Infant [no sex given]	6mo	13 Jul	Castleton
EVANS, Ed	6mo	28 Jun	Hutchinson
EVANS, Peter	67yr	4 Oct	Hutchinson
FAIRES, Myrtle	15da	14 May	Nickerson
FERRIS, Infant [no sex given]	6	21 May	Castleton
FINNEL, Mr.	71yr	26 Nov	Langdon
FLANIGAN, Caroline	60yr	12 Jul	Medora
FRYE, Infant [no sex given]	[no age given]	3 Jan	Reno County
FURGUSON, Mrs. K.	57yr	22 Nov	Haven
FYFE, Infant [father Tom]	4 mo	28 Aug	Hutchinson
GASTON, Will	1	20 Nov	Haven
GILLOCK, Jane A.	25yr	9 Feb	Reno County
GLASS, Infant [father J.W.]	3mo	27	Hutchinson
GOLDSMITH [see Smith, Gold]			
GOURDAN, Jesse [male]	1½	2 Dec	Reno County
(G?)RANDON, C.M. [black]	4mo	9 May	South Hutchinson
GRAPER, _____ [female]	13yr	24 Mar	Hutchinson
GREEN, Jane J.	80yr	18 Oct	Nickerson
GROVER, Celina	65yr	16 Sep	Reno County

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Vital Records of Reno County, Kansas—Book II, Deaths 1896 (continued)

Name	Age	Date	Place
GUYER, Leo	17mo	23 May	Arlington
HARRIS, Mrs.	[no age given]	5 Aug	near Arlington
HARTMAN, Infant [no sex given]	[stillborn]	7 Feb	Hutchinson
HAUGHEY, Matthew	22yr	25 Mar	Hutchinson
HOBSON, Thos.	1	14 Oct	Hutchinson
HOLANG, Infant [male]	[stillborn]	30 Dec	Hutchinson
HILL, Mary	18yr	16 Mar	Nickerson
HURTY, Wm.	6mo	31 May	Reno County
HUSTON, Anna	26yr	4 Sep	Reno County
JOHNSON, Evelyn	20yr	28 Apr	Hutchinson
JOHNSON, Lilly	25yr	15 May	Hutchinson
JONES, Heber [male]	45yr	17 Apr	Hutchinson
KELLAM, Mattie	33yr	19 May	Hutchinson
KENAZER, Pearl	2	18 Feb	Kent
KENNOYER, Stella	22yr	24 Jun	Reno County
LEYS, W.B. [male]	25yr	16 Jul	Hutchinson
KING, Mrs. F.C.	45yr	22 Jul	Hutchinson
KOONTZ, Anna	40yr	5 May	Hutchinson
KOONTZ, Infant [female]	[no age given]	3 Jan	Arlington
LABUHN, Harry	[no age given]	22 Dec	Arlington
LACKEY, Chas. E.	4mo	16 Jul	Rice County
LAMBARD, L.P. [male]	36yr	1 Jan	Hutchinson
LANABEE, Luna A. [female]	79yr	27 Jan	Hutchinson
LAWSON, L.E. [female]	58yr	29 Dec	Hutchinson
LIEBMAN, Alma	2	15 May	Reno County
LYNCH, Mrs. A.	38yr	16 Jun	Arlington
LYON, Infant [no sex given] [black]	1wk	3 Jun	Hutchinson
MC ATEE, Mrs.	[no age given]	23 Nov	Langdon
MC COLM, Infant [no sex given]	1mo	6 Jun	Hutchinson
MC KEE, Gertrude	5	16 Oct	Hutchinson
MC KEE, W.G. [male]	40yr	19 Jun	Hutchinson
MEASER, Jane	55yr	8 Aug	Reno County
MENDINGHALL, Lillie	1	2 Jul	Castleton
MILHON, Owen	9yr	31 Mar	Reno County
MILLER, D. [male]	50yr	27 Jan	3 mi. south of Nickerson
MILLER, F.O. [male]	16yr	[no date]	Hutchinson
MITCHNER, Mabel	5	18 Oct	Reno County
MOORE, Roxie	12yr	4 Apr	Hutchinson
MORGAN, Henry	45yr	4 Apr	Hutchinson
NICHOLS, S.L.D. [male]	23yr	18 Aug	North Reno Twp.
NORMAN, Mrs. Bell	39yr	17 Jan	Arlington
OLIVERSON, Mrs. R.	70yr	11 May	Abbyville
PHIPPEN, R. [male]	11mo	24 Jul	Hutchinson
PITNEY, G.W. [male]	[no age given]	1 Feb	Arlington
POWERS, Infant [no sex given]	2	27 Jan	Hutchinson
RAWLINGS, Flora	22mo	8 Oct	Hutchinson
RAY, A.J. [male]	[no age given]	23 Aug	Langdon
RAY, _____ [female]	9mo	10 Mar	Sego
REDGATE, Infant [male]	3	18 Aug	South Hutchinson
RILEY, Infant [no sex given]	[stillborn]	12 Feb	Poor Farm
ROBINSON, H. [male]	35yr	31 Oct	Reno County
ROGERS, Jay K. [male]	3mo	14 Aug	Arlington
RUSSELL, Infant [no sex given]	3wk	9 Feb	Nickerson
SCHULER, Sarah A.	57yr	13 Oct	Reno County
SCHWAB, Gertrude	2¼	8 Dec	Reno County
SCHWAB, Mary	7yr	22 Nov	Reno County
SEELEY, Emma	47yr	7 May	Reno County
SHAW, Fred	3mo	28 Apr	Lincoln Twp.
SHIFFER, Infant [male]	2	5 Feb	Hutchinson
SIMPSON, Albert	20mo	16 Jun	Hutchinson
SIMS, _____ [no sex given]	1	7 Jun	Partridge
SISK, Infant [no sex given]	4da	20 Jun	Hutchinson
SMITH, Gold [Goldsmith?] [male]	18yr	11 Jul	Hutchinson
SMITH, Mary J.	32yr	14 Apr	Reno County
SMITH, Nancy	36yr	28 Feb	Hutchinson
SNYDER, Florence	1	30 Jun	Hutchinson
SNYDER, Infant [female]	[no age given]	31 Oct	Hutchinson

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Name	Age	Date	Place
STEVENS, _____ [male]	8yr	17 Oct	Hutchinson
STOUT, _____ [male]	[no age given]	30 Oct	Reno County
STOWE, Christopher	25yr	1 Jan	Partridge
STRAUSS, A.J. [male]	45yr	21 Mar	Turon
TAGGART, Wiley	2	13 Mar	Reno County
TRESCOTT, James	62yr	11 Feb	Hutchinson
TYLER, Ruth [black]	10mo	23 Jul	Hutchinson
VANOCKER, Mr.	[no age given]	17 Jun	Langdon
VENAMON, John	24yr	3 Mar	Hutchinson
VINCENT, Infant [male]	[no age given]	23 Dec	Reno County
WALTER, _____ [male]	50yr	19 Apr	Hutchinson
WARNOCK, L.C. [male]	64yr	31 Jul	Salt Creek Twp.
WEBB, L. [female]	2	9 Jun	Hutchinson
WELTON, L.C. [male]	79yr	15 Jun	Hutchinson
WENZIL, Maud	28yr	10 Mar	Hutchinson
WIBLE, Oril F. [female]	8yr	10 Feb	Hutchinson
WIENDIETE, Richard	78yr	1 May	Nickerson
WILCOX, Emma	62yr	5 Jan	Hutchinson
WILLIAMS, J.M. [male]	[no age]	27 Dec	Hutchinson
WILSON, R.B. [male]	34yr	19 Jan	Hutchinson
WILSON, R.T. [male]	65yr	20 Feb	Hutchinson
WINDSOR, Mrs. James	[no age given]	29 Mar	Turon
WISNER, C.F. [female]	77yr	16 Nov	Hutchinson

Turon Business Directory

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Agricultural Implements

Conner, Aaron, Main Street, between First and Second avenues.

Attorney

Shank, C.M.C., corner Price Avenue and Main Street.

Bank

Farmer's Bank, R.S. Smedley, cashier, Main Street

Billiard Hall

Baker and Slater, Main Street, between First and Second avenues.

Blacksmith

Graham, J.L., First Avenue, between Main and Marin streets.
Harris, J.O., corner Charles Street and Price Avenue.

Boot and Shoe Dealers

Potter Brothers & Decker, corner First Avenue and Main Street

Scott, J.H., Main Street, between First and Second avenues.

Carpenters and Builders

Everett, Thomas.
Gander & Ravencroft, Charles Street, between Price and First avenues.

Church Societies

M.E. Church, E.R. Williams, pastor
United Brethren

Corporation

Turon Town Co., Potter & Wallace, agents, office over Potter Brothers & Decker's store.

Druggists

Dickason, J.S., corner Main Street and Price Avenues.
Star Drug Store, Main Street, between First and Second avenues.

General Merchandise

Potter Brothers & Decker, corner Main Street and First Avenue.
Scott, J.H., Main Street, between First and Second avenues.

Grocers

Miller, C.A., Main Street, between First and Second avenues.
Potter Brothers & Decker, corner Main Street and First Avenue.

Hardware Dealers

Conner, Aaron, Main Street, between First and Second Avenues.
Potter Brothers & Decker, corner Main Street and First Avenue.

Hotel

Turon House, O.P. Blossom proprietor, corner Price Avenue and Main Street.

Justice of the Peace

Carr, H.H., corner Main and Price streets.

Lumber Yards

McCollum, F. & Co., J.E. Jones, Manager, Martin Street, between Price and First avenues.
Wakjerm, R. & Co., corner First Avenue and Charles Street.

Lunch Room

Hooper & Son, Main Street, between First & Second avenues.

Newspaper

Turon Rustler, Graham & Carr, proprietors and publishers.

Notaries

Potter, M.H.
Smedley, R.S., office Farmer's Bank.

Paint Shop

Joy & Rogers, Main Street.

Post Office

corner of Main Street and First Avenue, M.H. Potter, postmaster.

Physicians

Dickason, J.L., corner Main Street and Price Avenue.
Dunning, F.L., office in drugstore, Main Street, between First and Second avenues.

Restaurants

City Restaurant, Mrs. Emma B, proprietress, corner of Price Avenue and Main Street.

Real Estate, Loan and Insurance

Carr, H.H., near corner of Main Street and Price Avenue.
Potter & Wallace, over Potter Brothers & Decker's store, corner Main Street and First Avenue.
Smedley, R.S. & Co., office in Bank building, Main Street.

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B

Bach, Louis, carpenter, residence corner Main Street and Second Avenue.
 Baker and Slater, (Henry F. Baker and R. Slater) billiard hall, Main Street, between First and Second avenues.
 Baker, Henry F., (Baker and Slater), residence corner Dunkin Street and Second Avenue.
 Baker, Mrs. Emma, proprietress of City Restaurant, corner Price Avenue and Main Street.
 Blossom, O.P. proprietor of Turon House, corner Price Avenue and Martin Street.
 Brooks, Chas., hostler, residence Martin Street, between First and Second avenues.
 Bruner, Wm., residence Price Avenue, between Brittain and Erwin streets.

C

Carr, H.H., real estate dealer, residence corner Second Avenue and Erwin Street.
 Carr, Abram M., (Graham & Carr) residence corner Second avenue and Erwin Street.
 Casady, A.L., carpenter, residence Main Street, near First Avenue.
 City Restaurant, Mrs. Emma Baker, proprietress, corner of Price Avenue and Main Street.
 Conklin, Frank, section hand, boards First Avenue, between Martin and Burns Street.
 Conner, Aaron, hardware, store on Main Street, between First and Second avenues.
 Cramer, John, bridge carpenter, boards City restaurant.
 Cunningham, Samuel, section hand, boards City restaurant.

D

Decker, E.S. (Potter Brothers & Decker) residence First Avenue, east, near corner Charles Street.
 Dickason, J.S., physician, residence Martin Street, near Price Avenue.
 Dunning, F.L., physician, office in drug store, Main Street, between First and Second avenues.

E

Everett, Thomas, carpenter and contractor, boards City Restaurant.
 Everett, Zene, carpenter, boards City restaurant.

F

Farmer's Bank of Turon, (J..R. Huffman, president, R.A. Smedley, cashier) Main Street.

G

Graham & Carr, (J.O. Graham, and Abram M. Carr) proprietors of Turon Rustler, Main Street, over Potter Brothers and Decker's store.
 Graham, J.O., (Graham & Carr) residence First Avenue, between Martin and Burns Street.
 Graham, J.L., blacksmith, residence Third Avenue.

H

Harris, J.O., blacksmith, residence corner Price and Brittain streets.
 Hickman, A.J., residence corner Martin Street and First Avenue.
 Hipple, Bert, clerk at Scott's, boards at Turon House.
 Hooper & Son, (James Hooper, and Wm. Hooper) Lunch room on Main Street, between First and Second Avenues.
 Hooper, James, (Hooper & Son) boards at corner of First Avenue and Charles Street.
 Hooper, Wm., (Hooper & Son) boards at corner of First Avenue and Charles Street.
 Hoskinson, Geo., nursery, boards at City Restaurant.
 Huffman, Frank, carpenter, boards at Turon House.
 Huffman, L.H., carpenter, boards at Turon House.

J

James, J.C., depot agent, boards at Turon House.
 Joy & Rogers, (W.R. Joy, and D. Rogers) painters, Main Street.
 Joy, W.R., (Joy & Rogers) boards at Turon House.

K

Kell, Chas., barber, boards at City restaurant.

Koufman, J., fireman, residence on Dunkin street, between First and Second avenues.

L

Lamont, M., hostler, residence First Avenue, between Main and Martin streets.
 Leer, I.W., works on C.K.&W. railroad, boards at Turon House.
 Lemley, J.L., assistant engineer on C.K.&W. railroad, boards at Turon House.
 Lemley, Alex, livery, feed and sale stable, corner Martin Street and First Avenue, residence Martin Street, between First and Second avenues.

M

Mank, B.F., real estate and loan, boards on First Avenue, between Martin and Burns streets.
 McCullam, F. & Co., J.E. Young, manager, Martin Street, between Price and First Avenue.
 McGetrick, M., section foreman, residence Main Street, between First and Second avenues.
 McGetrick, Peter, section foreman, residence Main Street, between First and Second avenues.
 McOsker, J.A., residence Price Avenue, between Charles and Cunkin streets.
 Miller, C.A., & Co., grocers, Main Street, between First and Second avenues.
 Miller, C.A., (C.A. Miller & Co.) residence corner Martin Street and Second Avenue.

P

Pliier, Frank, laborer, boards First Avenue, between Martin and Burns streets.
 Pliier, Cornelius, barber, shop and residence First Avenue, between Martin and Burns streets.
 Porter, J.L., carpenter, residence _____.
 Potter Brothers & Decker, (J.R. Potter, G.B. Potter, and E.S. Decker) general merchandise, store corner Main Street and First Avenue.
 Potter, J.B., (Potter Brothers & Decker) residence Price Avenue, between Dunkin and Johnson streets.
 Potter, G.B., (Potter Brothers & Decker) residence corner Charles Street and First Avenue.
 Potter & Wallace (_____ Potter, and James Wallace) real estate, loan and insurance, office over Potter Brothers and Decker's store, corner Main Street and First Avenue.

R

Ravenscraft, Noah, carpenter and contractor, residence corner Price Avenue and Brittain Street.
 Robinson, J.H., manager, F. McCullum & Co., lumber yard, boards Turon House.
 Rogers, D.F., (Joy and Rogers) boards Turon House.

S

Sampson, J.O., mason, residence corner Charles Street and Railroad Street.
 Scott, J.H., general merchandise, store on Main Street, between First and Second avenues.
 Seltzer, Bert, drayman, residence Price avenue, between Charles and Dunkin streets.
 Shanks, S.M.C., attorney, residence corner Price Avenue and Charles Street.
 Slater, R., (Baker & Slater) residence corner Dunkin Street and Second Avenue.
 Slater Brothers, (R. Slater and V.V. Slater) livery, feed and sale stable, First Avenue, between Main and Martin streets.
 Slater, V.V., (Slater Brothers) residence First Avenue, between Main and Martin streets.
 Sleeper, A.A., tinner, boards at Turon House.
 Smedley, R.S. & Co., (R.S. Smedley, president and manager, land, loan and insurance, office on Main Street.
 Smedley, R.S., (R.S. Smedley and Co.) cashier Farmer's Bank.
 Smedley, L., agent for R.S. Smedley and Co., residence Price Avenue, between Thayer and Washington streets.
 Straight, Lacy, tank builder, residence on Dunkin Street, between First and Second avenues.

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Stromyer, Wm., hostler, residence Martin Street, between First and Second avenues.

T

- Thornley, W.H., (R.S. Smedley & Co.) residence First Avenue, between Martin and Burns streets.
- Thornley, D.M., (R.S. Smedley & Co.) residence First Avenue, between Martin and Burns streets.
- Tunnell, S.T., carpenter, residence on Price Avenue, between Erwin and Brittain streets.
- The Turon Rustler, Graham and Carr, proprietor, office on Main Street over Potter Brothers & Decker's store.
- Turon House, O.P. Blossom, proprietor, corner of Price Avenue and Martin Street.

V

Vanscork, Miss G.A., residence, Price Avenue, between Dunkin and Johnson streets.

W

- Wallace, James, (Potter & Wallace) boards Turon House.
- Williams, Rev. E.R., pastor M.E. Church, residence rear Main Street between Price street and First Avenue.
- Wills, Walter, clerk, boards Turon House.

Y

- Yonker, John, bridge carpenter, boards City restaurant.
- Young, J.E., manager F. McCullam & Co's. lumber yard, residence Martin Street, between Price Street and First Avenue.

Turon Business Directory (continued)

Stables, Livery, Feed and Sale

- Lemley, Alex, corner Martin Street and First Avenue.
- Slater Brothers, First Avenue, between Main and Martin streets.
- Taylor, S.B., corner Charles Street and First Avenue.

School House

Price Avenue.

Tin Shop

Sleeper, Robert A., First Avenue, rear of Potter Brothers & Decker's store.

Wagon Makers

Gander & Ravenscraft, Charles street, between Price and First Avenues.

Announcements

Remember there is no RCGS meeting in December. The next one will be in January.

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Is there enough interest in the 1880 Reno County census to justify printing it? If so, how many copies would we need to print?

Jolene Cook wants to know. If you would buy a copy, call her at 662-6278, or write to her at 17 Truman Drive, S. Hutchinson, KS 67505. Or, better still, clip the form below, fill it out, stick it in an envelope and mail it to her.

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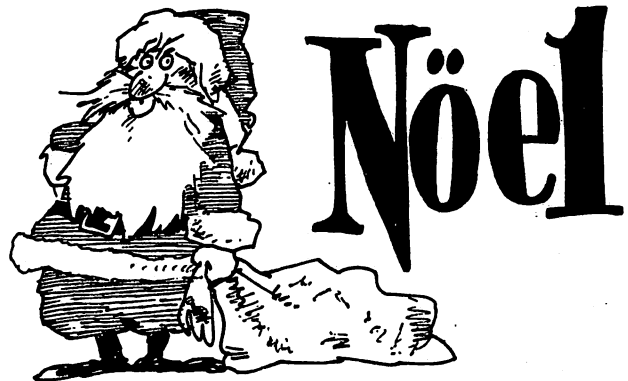
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- Freda M. WERNER
413 E. First, Hutchinson, KS 67501
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2828 King St., Hutchinson, KS 67502



Turon High School Graduates

[**Editor's note:** The names of Turon High School's graduates come from the 1987 alumni booklet provided at the annual reunion of the students graduating through 1962, the last class of Turon High School before it became part of Fairfield.]

Class of 1914

HOMER BARGDILL (deceased)
PAUL GRAY (deceased)
ERNEST MARTIN (deceased)
GUY ZONGKER (deceased)

Class of 1915

No class.

Class of 1916

VAN MEEK (deceased)
RUTHERFORD R. ROWELL (deceased)
MARGUERITE TALBERT (HYDER)
GRACE YATES (STARK) (deceased)

Class of 1917

ELSIE ELLIOT (SCHWEIZER) Nursing Home, No. Y-12, 1007 Johnstown St., Salina, KS 67401
JOSEPHINE FULKS (O'CONNOR) (deceased)
DORIS LAMONT (TRUITT) (deceased)
EMMA LOU MESSERLI (YODER) (deceased)
L.E. MORGAN (deceased)
MARGARET WATSON (PEAL) 9 North Ayr St., Leesburg, VA 22075

Class of 1918

ESTHER PEGGY ATHEY
GERTRUDE GEESLING (THACHER) 700 W. Monterey, No. 215, Hutchinson, KS 67502
DELNA GRIEVE (MARTIN) 12100 Wornall Road, Apt. 235, Kansas City, MO 64145
HARRY STAIB (deceased)

Class of 1919

ROSE COMPTON (HOLMES) (deceased)
LEO DUNN (deceased)
HAROLD ELY (deceased)
EILEEN SPROUT (HERMAN) 2128 E. Ina, Tucson, AZ 85718
OMA LAMONT (STROBEL) (deceased)
LAURA LOTSPEICH (REAM) (deceased)
JAMES MARTIN (deceased)
ONIS MORGAN (deceased)

Class of 1920

MABEL CARLILE (STAIB) 1401 Springfield, Apt 37C, Cincinnati, OH 45215
CHESTER ELY (deceased)
PEARL GONDER (BARBER) (deceased)
MARIAN SYDNE BRAY
JAMES TAYLOR
ELIZABETH TAYLOR (deceased)
VIRGINIA TAYLOR (MEEK) 2662 E. 2nd, Long Beach, CA 90803
JAMES WHITE (deceased)

Class of 1921

LAWRENCE ELY (deceased)
DENA EDWARDS (deceased)
HUBERT FORNEY (deceased)
ETHEL MARTIN (deceased)
KATHRINE POULTON (REED)
FIRMAN STAIB
GLEN TEGARDEN (deceased)
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