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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 \$10 per year per family, as of 1 April 1988. All dues are paid at once for the period of 1 April 1988 to 31 March 1989.

Donations and gifts to the society are tax deductible. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (except December) in the auditorium of the Hutchinson Public Library, Ninth 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.

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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.

PLEASE TELL US WHEN YOU CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS. Thank you.

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"THE SUNFLOWER" will be edited by Pam STANSEL and Ruth FILBERT beginning with this issue - VOLUME X No. 4. We consented to be co-editors just before Christmas (1989), so we have had a busy month compiling and editing this very late issue.

You will receive VOLUME XI in two publications - issues No. 1 & No. 2 (May-Aug) will be combined as will issues No. 3 & No. 4 (Nov-Feb). By combining two issues, we will be able to include more articles without duplicating the information found in every issue for the same cost of printing & mailing four issues.

We thank you for your patience. We hope to be caught up with the quarterly mailings, so that the May issue VOLUME XII No. 1 can be sent to you on time.

MEETING PLACE:

Hutchinson Public Library  
901 N. Main 316-663-5441  
Hutchinson, KS 67501

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

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NEW MEMBERS 1989

- ANGELL, Norma
- BALZER, Harold M.
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- CHESTNUT, Steven L.  
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- DEHART, Margo
- DOUGLAS, Nellie
- ENFIELD, Janet Sue
- MAGUIRE, Dennis
- NELSON, Paula
- STAPLES, John
- STRICKLAND, J. W.
- WISDON, Eugene

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WANTED

Volunteers to write articles about the following townships and include a plat map circa 1902.

Bell	Ninnescah
North Clay	North Reno
South Clay	South Reno
Enterprise	Roscoe
Grant	Salt Creek
Haven	Summer
Hayes	Sylvia
Lincoln	Troy
Loda	Walnut
Medford	Westminster

We also need articles about the following towns/cities:

- South Hutchinson, Haven, Abbyville, Sylvia & Willowbrook

also Ghost Towns such as:

- Ocoee, Leslie, Elmer, Zenith, Kent, Marietta, Gem, Thurber or pick one not named.

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Researching SALLEE, SALLE, SALLY for a book. Would like to include all Kansas families. Nancy JHOHNSON, 1097 Chineo Rd. Lexington, KY 40502.

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Peel & Stick Mail Labels  
Aren't Tacky, says Postmaster

If you are a computer user, why not use your machine to print peel-and-stick labels? A printed address - in the proper format - only requires a quick glance by a distribution clerk to speed it on it's way.

If you don't use computer-printed labels, here are a few tips on hand addressing to improve readability and speed your genealogy (or holiday) correspondence through the mail:

- Print the address, black ink on a light colored envelopes.
- Keep a uniform left margin, use all capital letters. Make sure they do not touch each other.
- Eliminate all punctuation except for the hyphen when you use the ZIP+4 CODES.
- Make sure the city/state/ZIP CODE line is at least one inch above the bottom edge. If you use address labels, place them one inch above the bottom edge.
- Spell out the City name, but use the two letter abbreviation for states. Use a single space between words and between the state abbreviation and the ZIP CODE.
- In rural addresses, the route number should precede the box number.
- Use the abbreviations: AVE, St, LN and RD for avenue, street, lane and road, use only the first letter for north, south, east or west.

Additional hints for genealogical correspondence:

- Send a LSASE with your correspondence.
- If you have return address stickers, place one after your signature at the end of a letter. Not only does this give the person you are corresponding with a clear concise return address, but it is a reminder of the senders name and address, if the letter is filed for future reference.

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## FEATURE ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN PAST RCGS NEWSLETTERS &amp; QUARTERLIES

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|---|--|
| Reno Co. Genealogical Soc. Newsletter<br>Vol. I No. 1 Feb. 1979   | Vol. III No. 3 Aug. 1981   |
| CLAGETT Family Book   | Tips for Early Census Calculations                                     |
| C. C. KAGARICE, farmer, Castleton/<br>Elmer   | Vol. III No. 4 Nov. 1981   |
| History of the early days of our<br>Kansas Post Offices (Reno Co.<br>& some from surrounding Counties)<br>by James H. ARTERBURN     | Dating Photographs of the 19th Century                                 |
| Vol. I No. 2 May 1979   | Vol. IV No. 1 Feb. 1982  |
| So this is the Man Who Founded our Co.<br>Seat (From speech by Justice F.<br>FONTRON)   | Civil War Letters  |
| List of Reno County Newspapers (James<br>H. ARTERBURN)  | Vol. IV No. 2 May 1982   |
| Vol. I No. 3 Aug. 1979  | Civil War Letters  |
| -----   | Vol. IV No. 3 Aug. 1982  |
| Vol. I No. 4 Nov. 1979  | Researching Probate Records  |
| Migration and the Telephone   | Kansas County Atlases - on Microfilm                                   |
| Using old Newspapers in Genealogy   | Vol. IV No. 4 Nov. 1982  |
| Bible Records - NEIGHBOR - Information<br>copied from the Bible in posses-<br>sion of Gloria & Darryl NEIGHBOR<br>by Barbara MURPHY | Kansas County Censuses - on Microfilm                                  |
| Vol. II No. 1 Feb. 1980   | Kansas Pioneer Certificates  |
| Forgotten Post Offices of Reno County   | Reno County Fairs  |
| First Church in Reno County - First<br>Presbyterian Church  | Vol. V No. 1 Feb. 1983   |
| Vol. II No. 2   | Reno County Births - 1890  |
| Diary of Fletcher Moses CANFIELD  | Vol. V No. 2 May 1983  |
| Vol. II No. 3   | Church Rivalry in Langdon  |
| Mennonite Immigration   | Reno County Ramblings - As The County<br>Grew                          |
| Vol. II No. 4   | The Organization of Reno County -<br>First Census of Reno County       |
| The Ebenezer Church - Buhler Menno-<br>nite Brethern Church   | Reno County Births - 1891  |
| Volume III - New Masthead for front cover<br>of Newsletter - designed by Glen<br>FRAGER   | Vol. V No. 3 Aug. 1983   |
| Vol. III No. 1  | Huntsville Township, Reno Co., KS                                      |
| Roster of Company "E", Spanish Amer-<br>ican War - Reno County, KS  | Huntsville Township School Records                                     |
| Vol. III No. 2  | Huntsville Township 1902 Plat Map                                      |
| -----   | Reno County Births - 1892  |
|   | Vol. V No. 4 Nov. 1983   |
|   | First Wedding in Reno County   |
|   | Stafford County's Neola Cemetery                                       |
|   | School Records, Rising Sun School,<br>District No. 92, Huntsville Twp. |
|   | C. W. PECKHAM of Haven Township  |
|   | Reno County Births - 1893  |
|   | Vol. VI No. 1 Feb. 1984  |
|   | Reno County Births - 1894  |
|   | Vol. VI No. 2 May 1984   |
|   | The CROTTS Family - Partridge, KS<br>Pioneers                          |

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- Vol. VI No. 2 (cont.) May 1984  
 Plat Map of Center Township - 1902  
 Santa Fe Railroad in Partridge, KS  
 Partridge, KS (Carolyn & Danny MILLER)
- Volume VI Number 3 - New name for the RCGS publication - "THE SUNFLOWER" and the RCGS seal for masthead.
- Vol. VI No. 3 Aug. 1984  
 Map of Rice County, KS  
 Rice County - 1870's  
 Rice County Marriages 1872 - 1877  
 Rice County persons featured in "A Biographical History of Central Kansas"  
 William H. RIFE - A Biographical Sketch
- Vol. VI No. 4 Nov. 1984  
 The Story of Jesse Lee RENO - (Pat MITCHELL)  
 What's in a Name? In Surnames, Plenty! (Reggie JARRELL)  
 An Augenblinch (Alta [ENGLER] PROCTOR)  
 Gone West Index - California's Major Gold Region, 1840 - 1980
- \*\* The Beginning of the Society calendar year changed from February to May, so Volume VII has two quarterlies designated Vol. VII No. 1.
- Vol. VII No. 1 Feb. 1985  
 Plat Map of Langdon Township - 1902  
 Langdon, KS (Maxine [PARKER] LINDBURG)  
 Churches of Langdon, KS (Guilford R. RAILSBACK)  
 Schools of Langdon, KS (Guilford R. RAILSBACK)  
 Tales on a Tombstone (Jane & Michael STERN)
- Vol. VII No. 1 May 1985  
 Plat Map of Nickerson, KS - 1902  
 Early History of Nickerson, KS (Arless [MOSER] EILERTS)  
 Degrees of Cousinship  
 Reno County Deaths - 1890
- Vol. VII No. 2 Aug. 1985  
 Missouri Genealogical Research - (Deborah [HODGES] WILLIAMSON)
- Vol. VII No. 2 (cont.)  
 Early History of Castleton - (Arless [MOSER] EILERTS)  
 Plat Map of Castleton, KS - 1902  
 Reno County Deaths - 1890
- Vol. VII No. 3 Nov. 1985  
 German FRENCH, bootmaker - (Lillian [CROTTS] FRENCH)  
 Early History of Turon, KS - (Jane HELMER)  
 Plat Map of Turon, KS - 1902  
 Map of Miami Township - 1902  
 Plevna High School Graduates - 1914-1915
- Vol. VII No. 4 Feb. 1986  
 Early History of Pretty Prairie - (Tim STUCKY)  
 Map of Albion  
 Reno County Deaths - 1892  
 Hutchinson Business Directory - 1882-1883  
 Plevna High School Graduates - 1916-1920
- Vol. VIII No. 1 May 1986  
 Amish Settlement in Yoder Township - (Jayne [KOEPEKE] PURCELL)  
 Map of Yoder Township - 1902  
 Reno County Deaths - 1892  
 Roster of G.A.R. - Reno County, KS - 1894  
 Plevna High School Graduates - 1921-1924
- Vol. VIII No. 2 Aug. 1986  
 Early History of Haven, KS - (Arless [MOSER] EILERTS)  
 Map of Haven Township  
 Reno County Deaths - 1893
- Vol. VIII No. 3 Nov. 1986  
 Early History of Buhler, KS - (Janice HENDRICKSON)  
 Directory of Reno County, Little River Township, 1887-1888  
 Plat Map - Medora & Little River Twp. 1902  
 Plat Map - Little River & Valley Twp. 1902  
 Genealogical Research using Homestead Papers (Ruth [HAIR] FILBERT)

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Vol. VIII No. 3 (cont.) Nov. 1986  
 Reno County Deaths - 1893  
 Plevna High School Graduates - 1930-1934

Vol. VIII No. 3 Feb. 1987  
 Laura [REED] YAGGY by Betty MORGAN  
 YAGGY Plantation by Arless [MOSER] EILERTS  
 Reno County Deaths - 1894  
 Plevna High School Graduates - 1935-1939

Vol. IX No. 1 May 1987  
 Death and Life in Early Reno County - by Arless [MOSER] EILERTS  
 Early Doctors in Reno County  
 Medical terms from Late 18th Century  
 Reno County Deaths - 1894 (continued)  
 David P. GUMP, Early Reno County Settler  
 Plevna High School Graduates - 1939-1942

Vol. IX No. 2 Aug. 1987  
 Emerson CAREY - He Did It All by Sharon KIDWELL  
 Vital Records of Reno County, Book II Deaths 1895  
 Why Do You Insist Your Ancestors Couldn't Have Come From Barbados by Beverly BAUMER  
 Alexander & Margaret [COUCH] DENNING  
 Reno County Firsts  
 Colonial Occupations  
 Plevna Graduates 1942-1947

Vol. IX No. 3 Nov. 1987  
 Early History of Arlington, KS by Arless [MOSER] EILERTS  
 Plat Map of Arlington Township - 1902  
 Getting Patent Information  
 Vital Records of Reno County, Book II, Deaths 1896  
 Turon Business Directory - 1887-1888  
 Reno County Directory 1887-1888, Turon  
 Turon High School Graduates 1914-1921

Vol. IX No. 4 Feb. 1988  
 Finding your way around the Oklahoma Land Records  
 Mary COLLINGWOOD - Pioneer Woman  
 Vital Records of Reno County, Book II, Deaths 1897

Vol. IX No. 4 (cont.) Feb. 1988  
 Grove Township Directory  
 Turon High School Graduates - 1922-1927

Vol. X No. 1 May 1988  
 Houston WHITESIDE - Hutchinson Pioneer by Sharon KIDWELL  
 Using Deeds for Genealogical Research  
 Highlights of RCGS by Betty MORGAN  
 Vital Records of Reno County, Book II, Deaths 1898  
 Advice to Beginning Genealogists  
 Plevna City Directory  
 Plevna Township Directory  
 Plevna Business Directory  
 How to Send Money to Another Country- by Ruth [HAIR] FILBERT  
 Turon High School Graduates - 1928-1932

Vol. X No. 2 Aug. 1988  
 Early Maps of Reno County  
 Vital Records of Reno County, Book II, Deaths 1899  
 Turon High School Graduates 1933-1936

Vol. X No. 3 Nov. 1988  
 The Early History of Hutchinson by Arless [MOSER] EILERTS  
 Vital Records of Reno County, Book II, Deaths 1900  
 Helpful Abbreviations  
 Notes From The Past - 1876 by Delma [KINCHELOE] ASHCRAFT  
 Turon High School Graduates - 1936-1938

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CHANGE IN CENSUS BUREAU SEARCH FEE

The Bureau of Census, Personal Census Service Branch, Pittsburg, KS 66762 has increased it's fee from \$15.00 to \$25.00 for its "age and citizen searching service" in decennial census records. Additional hand-script copies are \$2.00 ea. Full schedules (for genealogy) will be furnished on request at a charge of \$6.00 ea. The new form number to be used is BC-600 which will be supplied by the Bureau on request.

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MAYORS OF HUTCHINSON, KS. 1872 - 1988

City of 3rd Class on 15 Aug. 1872

- 1872 - Taylor FLICK (Elected on Aug. 26)
- 1873 - C. L. KENDALL
- 1874 - J. B. BROWN
- 1875 - E. WILCOX
- 1876 - Geo. W. HARDY
- 1877 - E. WILCOX
- 1878 - L. A. BIGGER
- 1879 - A. K. BURRELL
- 1880 - John MC CULLOUGH
- 1881 & 1882 - S. H. SIDLINGER
- 1883 - J. T. LANE
- 1884 & 1885 - S. W. CAMPBELL

City of 2nd Class on 26 Mar. 1886

- 1886 - 1888 - L. A. BIGGER
- 1889 - Hiram CONSTANT, died  
J. V. CLYMER (protem)
- 1890 - John SEVERANCE
- 1891 - R. A. CAMBELL (resigned 31 OCT 1891)  
W. L. WINSLOW (protem)
- 1892 - 1896 - Frank VINCENT
- 1897 - 1900 - J. P. HARSHA
- 1901 - 1902 - Frank L. MARTIN
- 1903 - 1908 - J. P. HARSHA

On 2 March 1909, the Council form of Government was changed to Commission form.

- 1909 - 1910 - F. L. MARTIN

City of 1st Class - 1911

- 1911 - 1912 - Frank VINCENT
- 1913 - L. S. FONTRON
- 1914 - 1915 - F. W. COOK
- 1916 - A. C. GLEADALL
- 1917 - F. W. COOK
- 1918 - Frank VINCENT
- 1919 - 1920 - C. H. HUMPHREY
- 1921 - 1922 - George E. GANO
- 1923 - 1926 - Walter F. JONES (resigned  
7 Jan 1927)  
C. M. WILLIAMS (protem)
- 1927 - 1928 - G. E. LYMAN
- 1929 - 1930 - H. J. HASKARD
- 1931 - A. L. OSWALD
- 1933 - C. L. BURT
- 1935 - 1937 - D. J. WILSON
- 1939 - 1941 - Willis N. KELLY
- 1943 - H. H. HEAPS
- 1945 - Albert D. BELL
- 1947 - Frêd Hanney (City Manager - form of  
gov. election 5 Nov. 1946)
- 1948 - Will S. THOMPSON
- 1949 - 1950 - L. E. BAIRD

- 1951 - Wm. C. SHAW, Jr.
- 1952 - J. W. VANDAVEER
- 1953 - Charles N. BROWN
- 1954 - Robert G. KING

Additional Information After 1954

	<u>Elected to</u> <u>Commission</u>
1955 - John B. OLSON	Apr. 1955
1956 - Joe E. BENNETT	Apr. 1955
1957 - Vern MINOR	Apr. 1957
1958 - Ted SCHROLL	Apr. 1957
1959 & 1960 - Jerry STREMEL	Apr. 1959
1961 - L. W. SEAT	Apr. 1961
1962 - H. W. THIESSEN	Apr. 1961
1963 - W. H. "Hod" HUMISTON	Apr. 1963
1964 - Harold D. DUFEK	Appointed by Comm. May 29, 1962
1965 - Walter E. BROOKS	Apr. 1963
1966 - Merl SELLERS	Apr. 1965
1967 - Robert UPP	Apr. 1965
1968 - Burt LYMAN	Apr. 1967
1969 - Ken KEAST	Apr. 1969
1970 - Jim MARTINEZ	Apr. 1969
1971 - Dave MACKEY	Apr. 1971
1972 & 1973 - Larry KNIPE	Apr. 1971
1974 - John NICKELSON	Apr. 1973
1975 - John NEAL	Apr. 1975
1976 - CLARKSON, Resigned July 16, 1976	
1976 - Burt ALUMBAUGH	Apr. 1975
1977 - John L. COREY	Apr. 1977
1978 - Bill BORNHOLDT	Apr. 1977
1979 - Joan B. SCHRAG	Apr. 1979
1980 - Ralph "Doc" GINGRICH	Apr. 1979
1981 - John L. COREY	Apr. 1981
1982 - Dan L. ROBISON	Apr. 1981
1983 - Joan B. SCHRAG	Apr. 1983
1984 - Ralph "Doc" GINGRICH	Apr. 1983
1985 - Frances J. GARCIA	Apr. 1985
1986 - John L. COREY	Apr. 1985
1987 - Joan B. SCHRAG	Apr. 1987
1988 - Ralph "Doc" GINGRICH	Apr. 1987

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Some pitfalls to watch out for in doing Genealogical research are:

NEPHEW - Comes from a Latin word for Grandchild.

TRADITIONS - check those against facts you can learn.

CRAZY - in old terms meant feeble health.

First National Bank of Hutchinson  
Centennial Edition Sunday, May 2, 1976  
By Wayne LEE and Dean HINNEN

Directors of the First National Bank  
of Hutchinson, Kansas

I. T. HOSEA	1876-1883
John S. LEMON	1876-1883
S. W. CAMPBELL	1876-1883
E. WILCOX	1876-1879
H. RAFF	1876-1883
W. C. EDWARDS	1876-1881
G. W. HANDY	1876-1876
John B. BROWN	1876-1895
E. L. MEYER	1879-1935
C. B. WINSLOW	1878-1879
H. WHITESIDE	1881-1886
L. A. BIGGER	1883-1913
E. S. HANDY	1883-1887
J. M. MULKEY	1885-1886
A. S. JOHNSON	1886-1895
C. S. KEMPER	1887-1887
B. G. HORTON	1895-1899
L. C. WELTON	1895-1896
F. N. ROWLEY	1896-1897
John H. WOOD	1897-1898
C. M. BRANCH	1897-1901
W. H. FAGAN	1898-1903
James F. REDHEAD	1899-1903
B. G. HORTON	1902-1908
N. B. SAWYER	1903-1943
Pet NATION	1903-1936
A. W. EAGON	1908-1909
B. G. HORTON	1910-1910
Fred C. FRENCH	1910-1944
George E. GANO	1913-1952
E. W. MEYER	1935-1963
C. C. KELLY	1936-1964
A. D. RAYL	1943-1967
Claude E. CHALFANT	1944-1967
Nation MEYER	1953-
Guy W. ASTLE	1953-1960
Leonard J. BEUTLER	1953-
J. V. FLEMING	1953-
Max ONTJES	1964-
Charles RAYL	1965-
Peter MacDONALD	1967-
Wendell HOLMES	1967
Michael CHALFANT	1967-
J. H. DEAN	1969-
Albert VOGT	1971-1976
Arthur LONG	1975-
Sara FAIR SLEEPER	1975-
George VOTH	1975-

THE CONNETT FAMILY

Like so many children I enjoyed going to the cemetery with my parents. And Memorial day was something that I looked forward to. Of course we called it Decoration Day then. On these remembered trips in the early 1950's, my mother would point out graves of grandparents, great-grandparents and great uncles and aunts. Some of these graves were not even marked with a stone, but I put these things in the back of my mind and never forgot them.

But it wasn't until I got older that I really became interested enough in tracing my ancestors and finding out just who these named and nameless people were who were pointed out to me so many years ago. I, like so many others, started with just a name or two. In this case, Ann and William CONNETT, who have rested in the Haven Cemetery for as long as anyone could remember.

But through perseverance, and a lot of help from others, I've since found out many things about my great great-grandparents, William and Ann CONNETT. I now know that William was born in 1801 in Ohio and was a veteran of the Civil War. I know that Ann was born in 1836 in Wales. She came to America with her father Rev. Richard MORRIS, her mother Catherine, a brother and two sisters, when she was four years old. They came from Indiana in 1878 and settled on a fraction of a section of land along the Arkansas River near Haven. As William says in his own words, as taken from the land records of Reno County, "I built my sod house in February 1878." They had three children: Richard, John and Elizabeth. Elizabeth later became Mrs. John SMART as well as my great-grandmother. She is the mother of my grandmother Annie KING and the grandmother of my mother Helen KEFFER of Hutchinson. Annie was a life long resident of the Haven area.

The CONNETT farm is today the home to a great great-granddaughter of the CONNETTS, Sharon GREEN. Sharon and her husband Gerald have lived there for several years. It has been the home to six generations of the same family for over 100 years. And as such, it was designated a Kansas Tradition Farm in an award signed by Governor Mike HAYDEN and Secretary of Agriculture Sam BROWNBACK on April 25, 1988. An appropriate tribute to some, now nearly forgotten, Reno County pioneers.  
\*Jim TIPPIE, Box 2388, Hutchinson, KS 67504  
PH. 665-5277.



YOU KNOW YOU'RE MARRIED TO A GENEALOGY BUFF WHEN . . .

- . . . your spouse wants a trip to the State Archives for an anniversary present.
- . . . your spouse reads microfilmed newspapers and goes straight to the obituaries.
- . . . your spouse gives you a copy of a published family history for Christmas after you asked for hand tools.
- . . . your spouse gets his exercise walking an 800-grave cemetery rather than an 18-hole golf course.
- . . . the mail's arrival is the high point of the day and the lowest if nothing "interesting" comes.
- . . . your spouse pays the phone bill rather than explain the long distance phone calls.
- . . . the magazine subscription titles change from Ladies Home Journal or Field and Stream to genealogical quarterlies from places you have never heard about.
- . . . your postage and stationery bill becomes a major household expense.
- . . . your summer vacation is planned around where the family used to live.
- . . . the walls are cluttered with framed memberships in hereditary societies.
- . . . your spouse's most prized possession is the new magnifying glass.
- . . . your spouse packs a flashlight and dustcloths to go to the Courthouse.
- . . . she squeals with delight in finding a grandmother who has been dead over 200 years.
- . . . the file cabinet you bought to hold the insurance papers, the income tax information, and the house papers overflows with birth, marriage and death records of people you don't know.
- . . . you and your spouse attend a convention out of town and she spends all her time in the local library while the other wives are out shopping.
- . . . your spouse acquires a new vocabulary with words like "relict, et al, mortality schedules, dower rights, metes and bounds".
- . . . the spouse who slept through geography and hated history becomes fascinated with early migration trails and the history of obscure counties.
- . . . your spouse gently agitates for a new typewriter, starts a fund for your own copy machine, and looks longingly at the Radio Shack computer catalog.

--the above is based on the experiences of husbands and wives of members of SVGS.

We Joel Watters and William Sweeten acknow-  
 ledge ourselves indebted to the Commonwealth of  
 Kentucky in the sum of £ 50 which payment  
 will and truly to be made we bind ourselves  
 and each of us here jointly and severally firm-  
 ly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated  
 this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 1813

The condition of the above  
 obligation is such that whereas the above bound  
 Joel Watters is about to obtain from the Clerk  
 of the Clay County Court a license to  
 authorize a marriage entered between the sd  
 Joel Watters and Nancy Sweeten now should  
 there be no lawful cause to otherwise said  
 marriage then this obligation to be paid shall  
 to remain in full force and virtue

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**MARRIAGE BONDS**

Marriage bonds were not required by all colonies or states but are found extensively in the South and New England. Bonds were posted prior to the issuing of the required marriage license in some states and were the sole document required in others. Bonds were posted by the groom alone or with a second person, usually the father or the brother of the bride, to defray the costs of litigation in the event the marriage was nullified.

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PROLOGUE

Prologue, Quarterly Publication of the National Archives, has a new feature for genealogists. "Genealogy Notes" in each issue will offer practical advice on how to use the rich resources of the National Archives for research in genealogy & local history. Scheduled articles include an introduction to National Archives finding aids (Fall 1989); genealogical research in the regional archives (Winter 1989); St. Albans manifests for Canadian crossings (Spring 1990); and preservation of family documents (Summer 1990).

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For those using the Personal Ancestor File computer program there are some new features that may be added to your program. Call 1-800-453-3860 Ext. 2584 Salt Lake City for more information.

Virginia SIDLINGER FOSTER will photocopy any page from her autograph book. It contains members of the 1932 graduating class, but was written in Sherman Jr. High in 1928. See Nov. 1989 Special Issue for more names. Virginia SIDLINGER FOSTER, P. O. BOX 271, Hastings, NE 68902.

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The directory provides information on how to locate present, former and retired members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Reserves and National Guard. Addresses and phone numbers of base/post locators, Veterans' bulletin-board locators, armed forces worldwide locators, patriotic and veterans' organizations and military reunion associations are listed in the book. The directory may be ordered by sending a check or money order for \$11.00 to Military Information Enterprises, P.O. Box 340081, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234.

American Legion Magazine. October 1989.

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St. Louis Marriages July 1857-Mar 1858

Are you trying to find a marriage in St. Louis, MO between July 1857 and Mar. 1858? See the St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly Volume XXII No. 3 Fall 1989 for the article Long-Lost Marriage Records of Justice Fr. FLACK.

OHIO BOUNTY LAND WARRANTS

Do you have ancestors that lived in Ohio, who may have been Revolutionary War Soldiers. If so, I would suggest that you read the article on page 29 of the Jan/Feb 1989 Heritage Quest magazine titled "U.S. Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrants Used in the U.S. Military District of Ohio and Related Papers (Acts of 1788, 1803, 1806)".

U.S. Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrants, dated 1789 - 1833 and related papers as late as 1880 are discussed. Until 1830 all U.S. Revolutionary War bounty land warrants, as distinct from Revolutionary War bounty land warrants issued by the States or through special acts of Congress could be used to locate land only in the U.S. Military District of Ohio.

This article ends with a reading list pertaining to bounty land warrants, legislation and administration.

Ruth HAIR FILBERT 663-2804

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\*\*From the English Researcher published by Krans Buckland Family Association. Editor: Joyce BUCKLAND Feb. 1989.

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