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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

On June 29, Lydia Streeter, Ruth Filbert, Barbara Murphy and I drove up to Manhattan, KS to attend the Kansas Council Annual Meeting. The night we arrived we set in on the executive meeting. This itself was very interesting, as we learned more about the functions of Kansas Council. Since we will be hosting the annual meeting next year, we thought that being there would be the best way to plan for ours. The Riley County Genealogical Society was the host for the Saturday event. They did an excellent job, considering their guest speaker had to cancel on Friday afternoon and they had to come up with a new program by Saturday morning.

The speakers and their topics were: Ursula Armstrong, "Finding German Ancestors"; Helen King, "What to do when the Courthouse Burns"; Robert Littrell, J.D. an attorney from Manhattan, "Contents of Legal Records"; and Miriam Field, a handwriting analyst, "Personality Portraits".

In the upcoming months we will start planning the 1991 Annual meeting. Ruth Filbert has graciously accepted the job of chairman. It's my hope that we will all pitch in and give her a helping hand.

On a personal note I really "lucked out" later while browsing at the Riley County Genealogical Society Library. I found the burial records of one set of my g. g. grandparents, and also the maiden name of my g. g. grandmother. Needless to say that I was a very happy person heading home.

Karen Burgess, President

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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 1990. All dues are paid at once for the period of 1 April 1990 to 31 March 1991.

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.

February 16, 1990

Reno County Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 5  
Hutchinson KS 67501

Dear Genealogical Friends:

I am enclosing photocopy of a wonderful picture I found among a collection of other family photos. Because I have been so involved in family history I recognized two of the girls in the orchestra. Now, I am wondering if you have any information on the orchestra, or any of the other members.

Written on of the photo in pencil was the following:

Hinshaw's Orchestra

Mr. Jerome Barnell

Hutchinson, Kansas

Jerome Barnell was my great grandfather and a real shutterbug. I am not certain that he took this photo - probably not, but perhaps he ordered one

The two girls circled in the photo were Maud and Meta West. I'm not sure which was which. They were daughters of Aaron and Ida (Pinyard) West. Aaron West was born Independence Twp., Cuyahoga Co. Ohio.

I have a lot of genealogical information I would love to share with someone who is a descendant of these girls. The families lost touch with each other over the years.

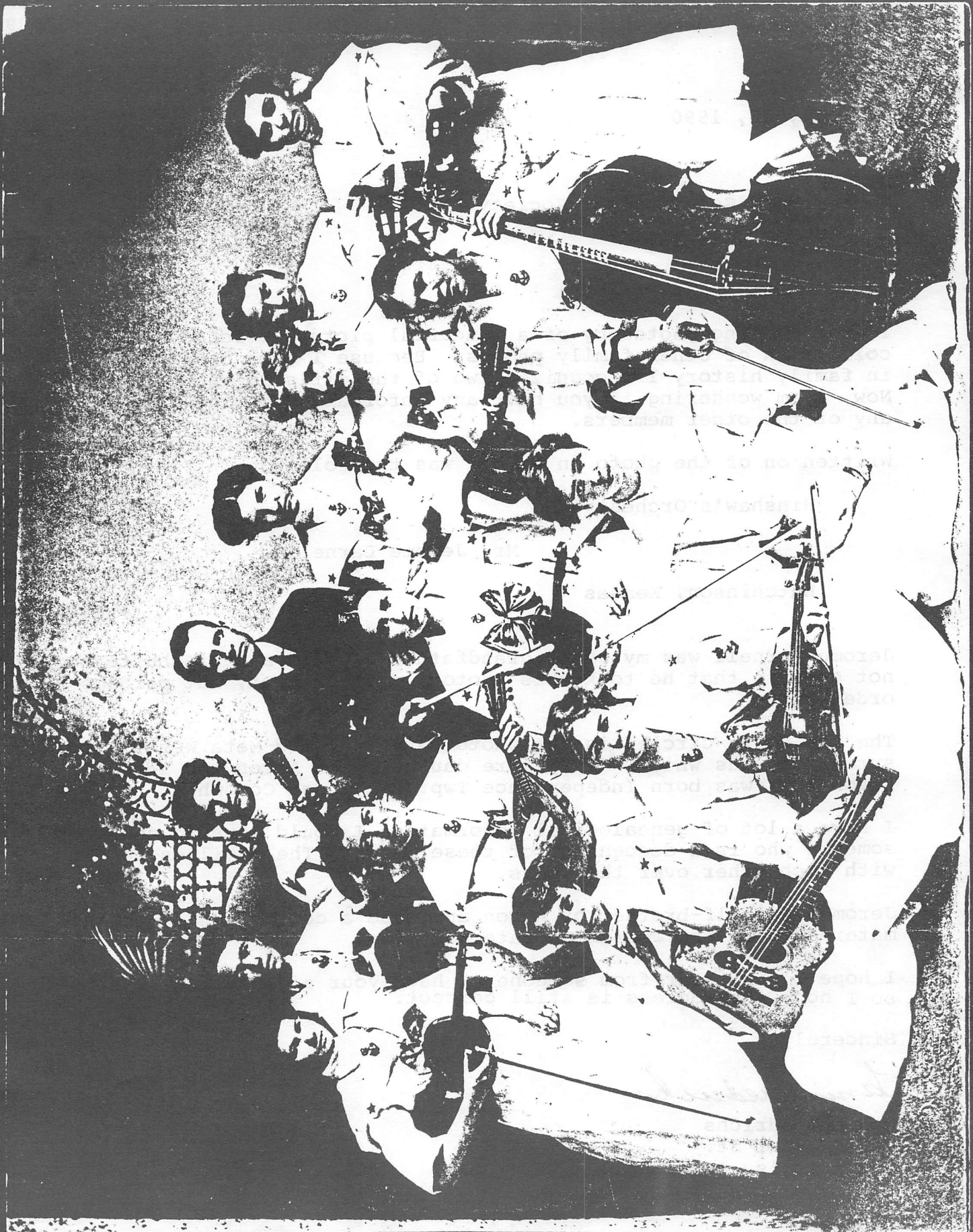
Jerome was half-brother of Aaron and also a cousin. Half-brother on the maternal side and cousin on paternal side.

I hope I will hear from someone. I have your address from the Handy Book, so I hope the address is still correct.

Sincerely,

*Tanis Diedrichs*

Tanis Diedrichs  
2804 Walnut St.  
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613



This photo was taken by my great grandfather Jerome Barnell, who was born in Cuyahoga Co. Ohio, but homesteaded in Saunders Co. Neb. after serving in the Union Army. Besides this family, I think there were some other related Barnells in Kansas - my research is on-going.



The Aaron West family - exact date unknown.

Aaron West, Ida (Pinyard) West and daughters, Maude & Meta who according to family tradition toured in Chautauqua Circuit playing Piano & Violin

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TURON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

1946

- PATSY BARRETT (CUNNINGHAM) 515 W. Claflin, Salina, KS 67401
- ALLAN BARGDILL (deceased)
- BONNIE COATS (HULL) Oscaloosa, KS 66066
- DEWEY COMPTON Ellinwood, KS 67526
- DONNA DIMITT
- ROBERT GORHAM 711 Badger Circle, Harker Heights TX 76543
- BILL HANSEN 5915 Johnson Dr., Hutchinson KS 67502
- JEAN LASWELL (SHANLINE) 917 Golfview Court, Rochester Hills, MI 40963
- LUCILLE LINDER (VERNON) Box 398, Grove, OK 74344
- MARY ELLEN PARCHER
- RUTH ANN SHUMWAY (WILLIAMS) 1541 W. 19th, Fremont, NE 68025
- EDITH STORY (KESTLER) Arlington, KS 67514

1947

- HELEN ALTHAUS (GOLDSTEIN) 11900 W. 21st N, Wichita, KS 67212
- PEGGY DURHAM (JENKINS) 1415 Downs, Lot 66, Woodward, OK 73801
- AUDRY ELLIOT (NALL) 1070 Capitol Hill Ave., Reno, NV 89502
- JAMES L. FOX 1232 W.K. 143 Highway, Salina, KS 67401
- NORMA GEIST (BRANSCOM) Turon, Ks 67583
- ORVAL LINDER Clay Center, KS 67432
- KEITH O. MARCUM 5505 Navajo, Great Bend, KS 67530
- DALE REAM
- EVERETT SCHMIDT (deceased)
- LUHELEN SMITH (ZINK) RR Box 64, Turon, KS 67583

**NEWSPAPER PRESERVATION ALLIANCE**

by Pat Mitchell

The bad news is that the state historical society is finding it necessary to dispose of their renowned newspaper collection.

The good news is that Hutchinson will, from all indications, become the repository for the Reno County papers. Yes, **ALL** the county papers. Or, at least all those now in the possession of the state society, which amounts to some 1500 cubic feet of them.

The Hutchinson Newspaper Preservation Alliance was born early this year with the intent of obtaining and creating an index for these old papers, and was initially composed of five persons: Pam Stansel of the genealogical society, Michael Knecht of the historical society, Reta Graber from the public library, Bob Mann, representing the Hutchinson Landmarks Commission, and myself. (The landmarks commission actually fathered the organization of the NPA.)

The five of us met for the first time in February at city hall, and I must confess that there was much trepidation and many questions. But also, at least for myself, there was a dream of creating an index that would benefit uncounted genealogists, historians and other researchers for all time. I knew it could be done, for I had developed one on a much smaller scale. The sheer volume of newspapers being considered, however, boggled the mind. Still, we met. And we met a second time in May, and yet a third in June.

Our fourth meeting, held in July, included Roger Verdon and Duane Schrag of the HUTCHINSON NEWS, and Leroy Gattin, the head of the public library.

Those of you, dear readers, who may be shaking your heads at the absurdity of all this - for yes, we are ants climbing Mount Everest - may be surprised at our progress.

Larry Cole has graciously given us storage space in a building he owns. The Dillon Companies have agreed to let us use one of the company's large trucks to transport the papers from Topeka to Hutchinson. The HUTCHINSON NEWS and the library have joined to create a fund to

purchase filing cabinets, folders and other items. The library has given us space in which to work and may even be able to supply a computer.

My original thought, and the plan I proposed to the other members of the NPA, was to develop a computer index based on clippings from the papers. And this is still a possibility. A plan has been formulated whereby volunteer readers would fill out forms for each issue read. Both the papers and forms would then go to a clipper who might also find relevant material, would fill out a form for this, and then clip the designated items giving preference to those with photographs. A photo-copier would serve to save any items printed back to back.

A typist would then enter the headline of the clipping and highlights from it, into the computer. This method, more refined, would give Reno Countians a most acceptable index. The clippings would, of course, be filed in cabinets, although one could just as easily find the story on microfilm once the date of the paper was known.

But there appears to be a better way.

The HUTCHINSON NEWS has been investigating scanners for some time with the thought of purchasing one for their own use. Scanners are available in two forms: a flat bed and a hand-held. With these the text can be read and the information fed directly into a computer. The computer discs familiar to you and me hold a miniscule amount of material compared to some now available. Several years of newsprint can be stored on the larger discs. If this method proves successful only photos will be clipped and filed.

Imagine being able to enter "Maude M. Smith" into a computer someday and finding not only the date of Aunt Maude's obituary, but also the date of any other newsworthy item on her. One might find that dear Maude operated one of Reno County's more infamous houses of ill repute. Or was arrested after a drunken brawl. Oh my!

If the number of newspapers boggles the mind, so should the fact that all the information in that newsprint will someday be available at the touch of the fingers.

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The applications for an index such as this are limitless. Consider that if it were available now, the city could easily find all the forty or fifty-year-old stories dealing with the now controversial Obee dump site.

Obviously, you and I won't be able to use this fabulous storehouse of information tomorrow. It will undoubtedly be years before the project is completed, although it may be usable before that time.

As you've read along here, I'm certain you've noticed the word "volunteer" once or twice. The ultimate success of this project WILL depend on people.

The NPS is optimistic that we can count on each of you.

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**PERIODICALS**

Are you starting to search for your ancestors in a new area? Have you checked to see if the RCGS exchanges a quarterly with a genealogical society in that area? Sources: The Genealogical Helper, July/August issue and RCGS Charter Issue Nov. 1989, page 11.

Do you have quarterlies from genealogical societies that you would share with others or donate to the RCGS? Would you like to have the RCGS subscribe to a state/Area quarterly in the U.S. or exchange with a county genealogical society? See Lydia.

The Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly Volume 20 No. 2 Apr. 1990 has a Directory of KS Vital Records Printed In KS Periodicals beginning on page 40. This valuable tool for research began in April 1976 and has been continued in all April issues except 1979.

From the Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly. The 1920 U.S. Census is scheduled to be released in 1992. In anticipation of this, the Kansas Center for Historical Research will accept donations to help purchase the 1920 Federal Census for Kansas, at a cost of \$2,000. Dr. Ramon Powers said a donation box will be placed in the library for contributions. Mel & Mary Cotton, active genealogists from Manhattan, sent in a check to start the fund.

Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies "The Kansas Review" Vol. 15 No. 4 April 1990 has a listing of Member Societies for 1989-1990.

**Finding The Missing Ladies  
in Your Pedigree**  
featuring Arlene Eakle, Ph.D.

Barbara Murphy & Ruth Filbert contributed the following after viewing the video several times.

- \* The U.S. Government sponsored a pilgrimage, March 2, 1929, to European gravesites of servicemen who were killed during World War I. House Document No. 140, 71st Congress, 2nd Session (1930) lists the names of widows & mothers eligible to participate in the pilgrimage.
- \* Fireland Pioneers, Mrs. John S. Stewart, 45 N. Pleasant St., Norwalk, Ohio 44857. \$10.00 per year 1 periodical, no Queries.
- \* Midwife Records, Northwestern University Hospital, Evanston, Illinois.
- \* Andrea Hinding's, Women's History Sources: A Guide to Archives and Manuscript Collections in the U.S. New York: R.R. Bowker, 1979.
- \* Women Who Were Born or Came to Ashtabula Co., Ohio Before 1850.
- \* Index of North Carolina Ancestors Vol. 2, 1984.
- \* Canadian Land Grants, Township Papers, Ontario, Canada.
- \* Western Reserve Society, Genealogical Society of Western Reserve & Historical Society, Cleveland, OH 44106. Women in the Western Reserve Before 1840-50 in the Counties of Ashland, Ashtabula, Cuykoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lurain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Summit and Turnbull.
- \* Samplers 1620-1830 Wichita Public Library.
- \* Arthur H. Clark 10 Volumes of Diaries, indexed.
- \* Quakers Against Tithes - Gilbert Culp Over 7000 English Women named in the 1659 English Parliament.

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**CHECK YOUR LABEL!!!**

If you have an 89 on your label, you need to pay your 1990 dues. If there is a 90 there, you are paid until March 30, 1991.

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## \*\*\*NEW PUBLICATION\*\*\*

The Reno County Genealogical Society is now offering for sale Books I, II, III & IV (Register of Funerals): Vital Records of Reno County - Deaths 1890 - 1907. (See Items For Sale). Lydia Streeter was responsible for compiling, editing and having the books published. Thank you, Lydia.

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**BIBLE RECORDS PROJECT**

Do you have an old family Bible that contains dates of birth, marriage and/or death dates in Tennessee before 1914?

The Tennessee Bible Record Project would be interested in obtaining a photocopy of the records. For more information write: Tennessee Bible Record Project, East Tennessee Historical Society, 500 West Church Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37902.

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**1920 CENSUS RELEASE**

On March 2, 1992, the National Archives will make available to the public the 1920 U. S. Census on microfilm. The microfilm will be available through libraries participating in the National Archives Microfilm Rental Program.

Advance rental orders will be accepted after September 1, 1991, so that the microfilm can be sent as soon as it is released to the rental program.

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**OHIO RESEARCH**

Are you doing research in Ohio? The 1840 Census Index lists Montgomery and Monroe with the same abbreviation "MON". Check your records! "Ohio Historical Society - "The Certified Copy" Vol. 18 No. 4 of the Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society (OH).

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**SCANDINAVIAN RESEARCH**

"Norwegian Research" written by Carl Erik Johansson is a must read article for anyone starting to research their Norwegian ancestry.

For Swedish ancestry read: "The House of Emigrants, Växjö, Sweden by Pamela Schwannecke Olson.

Both articles may be found in the Nov/Dec 1989 Issue #25 of the Heritage Quest.

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**SWEDISH RESEARCH**

The Swedish Church registers are being microfilmed to allow Swedes abroad to do ancestry research by mail. The seven northern provinces have been completed so far. If you provide the name and date of birth for persons born prior to 1895, you will receive five generations of ancestry. The information covers names, residency, occupation and year of marriage. The cost is SEK 500.00 or about \$80.00. Send inquiries to: Databasen, P.O. Box 45, 593055 Harna, Sweden. Source: A.S.I. 1 Poslen, The American Swedish Institute, Sep. 1987.

Reprinted from "The Past finder", Gen. Assoc. of Southwestern Michigan VIA "The Certified Copy", The Greater Cleveland (OH) Gen. Soc. Vol. 18 No. 3.

**Family Group Sheet Exchange**

A group sheet exchange is being offered by Charlotte Eaton, P.O. Box 1745, Mineral Wells, TX 76067-1745, but this service is limited to families connected to Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee or Texas by birth or death. The husband and/or wife on each sheet must have been born - before 1900 - or died in one of these five states. The charge for this service is at least one family sheet, plus a long self addressed, stamped envelope. If there are family sheets on file, the charge is \$2.00 per surname. You will be told how many sheets available on each surname.



## HISTORY OF RENO TOWNSHIP

by Paula Nelson

When the County was first organized it was put under one township called Reno Township. Little by little the territory was sliced off. A few of these cases were made for convenience, such as for election purposes. What is left of Reno township now is very irregular in shape, it lays partly on the north side and partly on the south side of the Arkansas River. Its overall shape is very irregular.

The first election in the township was held shortly after the first county election. Peter Shafer was the first trustee elected. He lived up on the Cow Creek, which is now in Grant township. D.B. Miller was the townships first treasurer. S.N. Parker was the townships 1st clerk. J. Rhoades and D.D. Olmstead were the first Justice of the Peace in both township and in the county. John McMurry and J. Brown were the first Constables. They were elected to office April 16, 1872.

The first lawsuit was April 23, 1872. The case of action was to recover a gray pony, valued at \$35.00. This case involved Lewis Josephine, plaintiff vs. Jacob Eisenbarger. The result of the case was not recorded. Mr. Eisenbarger had the further distinction of starting the 1st graveyard in the county. He accidentally killed a man called "Mountain Jack".

Valley township was the first to be cut off of Reno township, the election was supposed to have been December 7, 1872, but a prairie fire stopped it until January 8, 1873.

Four others were cut from Reno shortly after Valley, they are Little River, Haven, Castleton, and Center. These townships had filed for petition on the same day May 14, 1874. Lincoln township on November 11, 1873.

Nickerson (Grant) was cut April 28, 1872. (It was named for H.R. Nickerson of the Santa Fe railroad.) The name was changed to Grant by a petition on May 20, 1873. In early 1874 the balance of the county was districted off into townships and petitioned for organization March 24, 1874 Langdon, Medford, Salt Creek, and Troy. These were petitioned off one at a time. Langdon being the last of the four to be cut from the original township.

These 12 townships cut from the original township of Reno made 13 townships. This was then the first Sub-division of Reno county. All present townships, other than the original 13 townships into which all of the land of Reno county was originally cut, has been taken from the territory of those 13 original townships.

The main reasons most townships were created was: 1. For convenience of the citizens, which gave them a more convenient place to vote. 2. The roads in these large townships could not be properly maintained, as in a smaller more compact place. 3. At assessing time it was almost impossible for one man to cover the large territory as it became more populated.

Credited to: Reno County, Kansas by Ploughe.

## 1887-88 RENO TOWNSHIP

All persons were in Hutchinson.

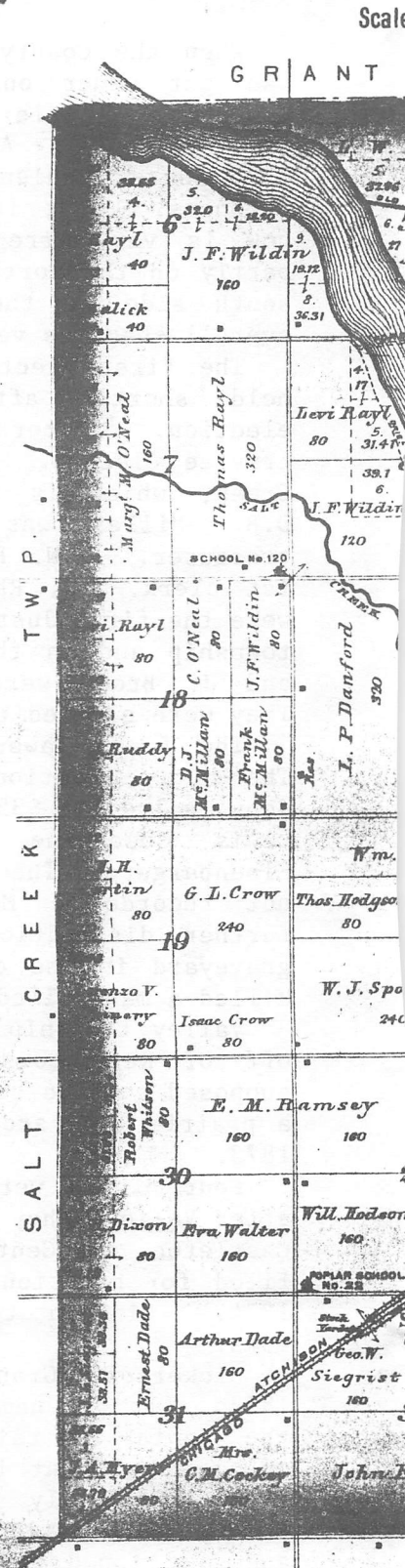
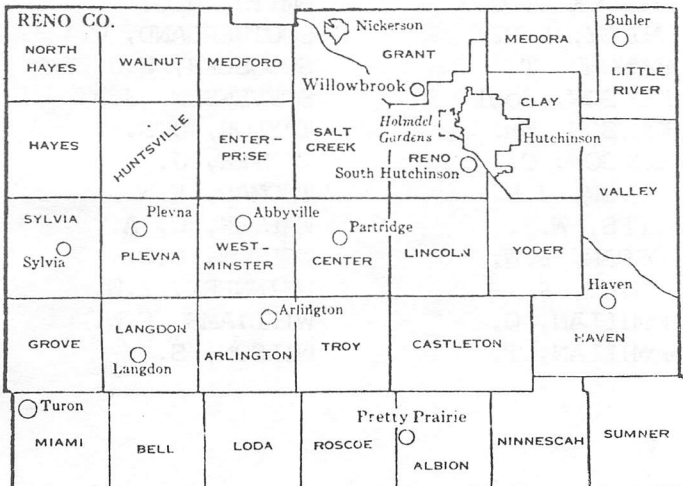
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CROW, M.	PARKER, J.
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HODGSON, C.	TEETER, J.
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JEFFS, W.E.	WALTER, C. A.
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JUSTUS, R.	WHINNERY, Z.W.
McMILLAN, D.	WILLIAMS, E.W.
McMILLAN, T.	WILSON, S.

1897 RENO TOWNSHIP TAX LIST

M.E. Brown	J.J. Measer
John C. Brown	Lawrence Nation
W.S. Brown	Jno. Nelson
R.S. Cunningham	Wm. Nuckolls
Geo. Cole	Will Newlin
G.L. Chesbro	Chester O'Neal
G.I. Crow	L.H. Obee
Ernest Dade	Henry Obee
Arthur Dade	L.A. Pennington
Alex Dade	W.R. Pennington
James Dukelow (twice)	M.J. Ruddy
Frank Davis	S.R. Redd
J.J. Dearth	Lydia Rozell
W.B. Eastman	C.H. Ruple
B.A. Eastman	Geo. Ruple
J.H. Epperson	Perry Rowland
W.L. Grant	R.A. Ross
B.G. Horton	N.R. Raudle
Art Hoagland	William Rayl
Will Hodson	Levi Rayl
Herbert Hadley	J.A. Rayl
L.P. Hadley	E. Rayl
Richard Justice	E.M. Ramsey
W.E. Jeffs	J.P. Shunk
A.E. Jordan	W. Sheey
B.D. Johnson	A.L. Siegrist
James Jackson	John Siegrist
A.J.C. Kuollin	W.J. Sponsler
Mary F. Krous	C.Y. Southerland
E.W. Loveland	L. Swarens
E. Morgan	J.A. Stevenson
Jno. R. Miller	S.J. Teeter
Mary L. Myers	J.S. Taylor
Jno. H. Myers	Z.W. Whinery
D.E. Mash	L.V. Whinery
J.Q. Moore	J.S. Woods
Fred Malick	J.F. Wildin
G.L. Mills	F.D. Wolcott

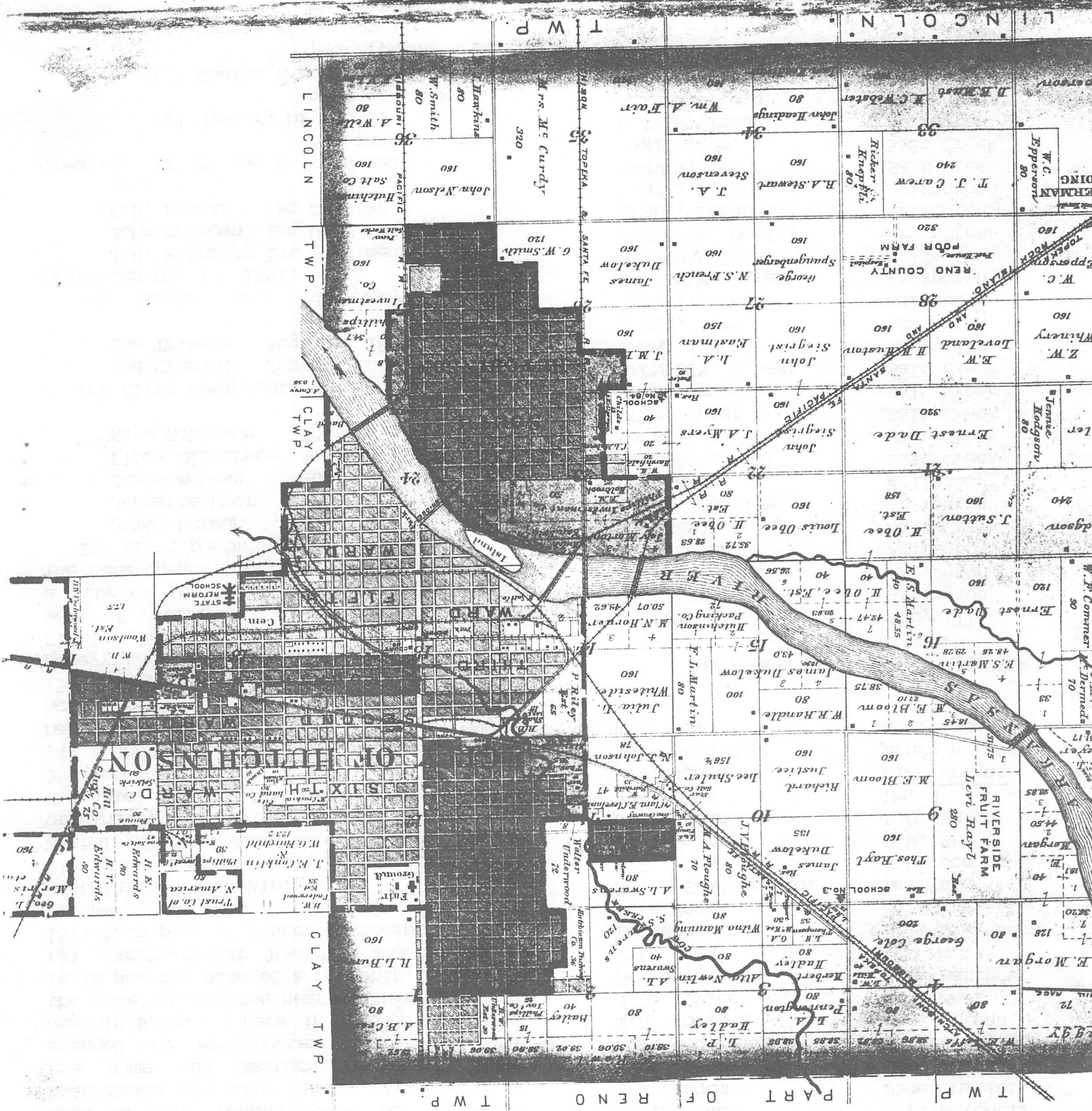
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RENO COUNTY TOWNSHIPS





Township 23 South, Range 6 West, of the 6th Principal Meridian.



**WESTMINSTER TOWNSHIP**

(1) Westminster is named for the famous Westminster area of London, England. This area is more commonly known for the Abbey that bears the same name. The origin of the name was "Western Monaster", then changed to Westmunster and finally to Westminster. Here in Kansas it became the name of a place near Hutchinson, where it is now the name of a township.

(2) Westminster Township was formed in 1874 from part of Center Township. In 1879 Plevna township was formed from Westminster township.

(3) The largest town in the township of Westminster is Abbyville. Abbyville was originally just a station by the name of Nonpariel. In 1910, it was reported to have 300 people.

(4) Abbyville was named for the first baby that was born in the town, Abbey McLean.

(5) Abbyville was originally spelled Abbeyville. This city is located on the Kinsley branch of the Santa Fe Railroad, west of Partridge. It was incorporated as a city of the 3rd class on April 6, 1888. The name change took place June 1, 1866.

The first postmasters were:

James McLean	June 1, 1866
Jennette Wyer	June 11, 1889
James McLean	Aug. 11, 1893
Flora Oliverson	Aug. 2, 1897
Kate Robinson	No date given

The first newspapers were:

The Cronicle	June 4, to Oct. 9, 1897
The Tribune	Aug. 26, 1886 to 1887

The State bank of Abbyville was organized May 13, 1901.

J.H. McSherry	1st President
John McKeown	1st Vice-president
F.S. Hinman	1st Cashier

- Credits:
- (1) Kansas Place Names  
by John Rydjord
  - (2) History of Kansas  
by Andres (vol.2)
  - (3) Kansas A to I - History  
(vol. 1)
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by John Rydjord
  - (5) Reno County Kansas  
by Ploughe

**1897 Westminster township  
Tax List**

G.F. Baggs	Jno. Martin
J.A. Birket	F. McLean
W.A. Birket	G.E. Mitchell
E. Bridgeman	James Miller
Robt. Cade	Geo. McIver
G.K. Cogswell	Walter McIver
T.A. Corr Co.	Jas. McLean
J.A. Davies	S.S. Meal
Herman Davis	J.B. Matthews
F.E. Durall	Lou Norris
Lawrence Deck	R.T. Oliverson
Pete Deck	M. Pottswait
Davis Saddlery Co.	Wm. Rank
T.J. Fraser	G.M. Schurr
D.J. Fair	D.W. Stull
Jacob Fraser	L.C. Smith
J.W. Hock	Wm. S
S.P. James	A.H. Wright
Karr Gain Co.	Henry Weiver
W.R. Love	W.M. Wood

**1887-1888 WESTMINSTER TOWNSHIP**

ATHERTON, J.R.	Abbyville
BAGGS, Robert	Arlington
BAILEY, Arthur	Arlington
BICK, John	Arlington
BRIDGEMAN, E.	Salt Creek
CECIL, Charles	Arlington
COX, Wm.	Arlington
DAVIDSON, Amzi	Salt Creek
DECK, Isaac	Salt Creek
DECK, Peter	Salt Creek
DUNN, James	Salt Creek
GAGNEBIN, James	Salt Creek
GINN, Joseph	Abbyville
GUYER, John	Arlington
HADLEY, L.W.	Arlington
HARRYMAN, Elias	Arlington
HARRYMAN, J.S.	Arlington
JOHNSTON, Daniel	Arlington
LEMLE, Sebastian	Arlington
LENTZ, A.J.	Arlington
MARTIN, John	Salt Creek
MARTIN, Wm.	Salt Creek
McIVER, Isaac	Arlington
McIVER, Lewis	Arlington
McIVER, Thomas	Salt Creek
McLANE, James	Arlington
MEAD, S.S.	Salt Creek
NEILL, Jacob	Arlington
OLIVERTON, R. T.	Arlington
STEPHAN, J.H.	Arlington
WILLIS, B.F.	Arlington
WRIGHT, A.H.	Salt Creek
WRIGHT, B.F.	Salt Creek

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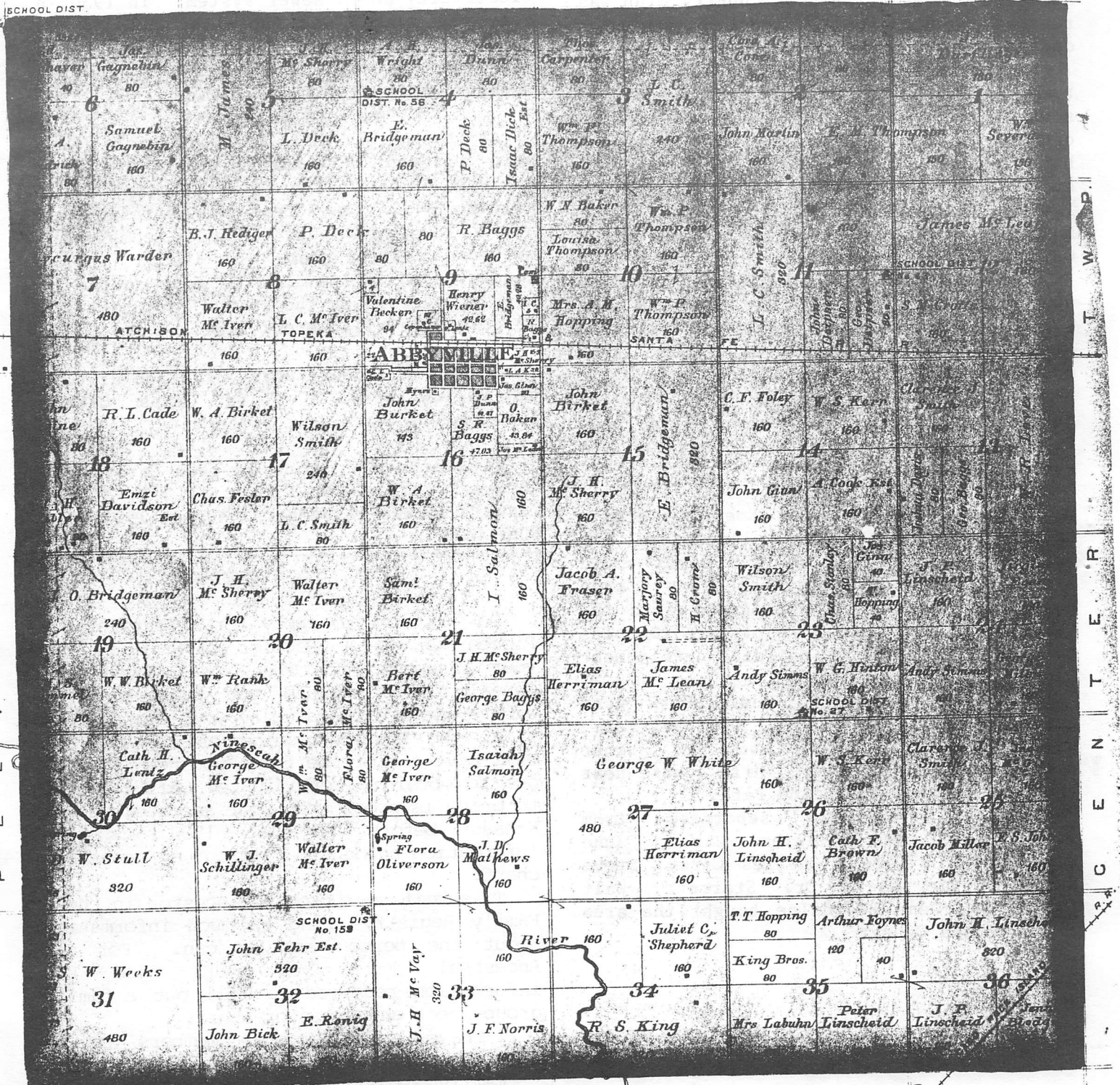
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### WILLOWBROOK

Willowbrook was founded by Emerson Carey. He didn't intend to establish a city - all he wanted to do was find a new site for the Hutchinson Country Club, when he took an option on land owned by Mr. Dukelow northwest of Hutchinson. Several other directors disagreed with his choice and took an option on land owned by Mr. Levi Rayl. When the final decision for the new site of the Hutchinson Country Club was reached, Mr. Carey's location was not chosen.

Emerson Carey purchased the land he had taken an option on and at the urging of his sons decided to build a one-story version of his home in Hutchinson. The house was built in 1921 with the idea that a second story could be added, if Mr. Carey liked living outside the city limits of Hutchinson. The second home in Willowbrook was built for Howard Carey.

Landscape architects were hired to draw up plans for gardens, trees, and the swimming pool. Perry Maxwell of Oklahoma City, OK laid out the nine hole golf course. Mr. Maxwell plotted the Prairie Dunes Golf Course at a later date. Many of the flower beds and trees have been replaced by lawns and buildings as the years have passed.

### Island Park

Eighty acres south of Emerson Carey's estate were plotted and landscaped for building sites. All of the homes would face a park. Behind the homes was a nine hole golf course that connected with the Carey golf course to give players 18 holes to play. He named his building development "Island Park".

The first homes in Island Park were built by Jim Lee Dick, Dr. Starrett, William Carey, Emerson Carey Jr. Arthur Carey, Emerson's brother, built a home near the outside road to Island Park.

Island Park was separated from Willowbrook when William Carey, June (Emerson Jr.) Carey, Charles Carey, Steve Horrell, Jim Dick, Dr. Starrett, Walt Boehm, and Gene Beardslee bought the area from Emerson Carey.

### Third Class City

In 1952, Willowbrook and Island Park were incorporated as one city. Willowbrook was now a third class city.

Willowbrook has a Mayor and City Council form of government. There are no schools or commercial buildings (nor will there ever be). Fire protection is provided by the county with the big wells in the area supplying water for fire fighting equipment. Willowbrook has always had electricity and a sewer system. In 1930, a city gas system was installed and updated in 1963. Each home has its own water wells and the fairways and greens have an underground sprinkling system.

### Flood Control

At the time that flood control dikes were planned for Hutchinson plans were included for flood protection for Willowbrook. Cow Creek was straightened and a large dike was built to completely surround Willowbrook in 1953. This necessitated shortening the golf course to nine holes, six on the Island Park side and three on the Willowbrook side.

Source: L. Robert Boyd, Jr. "The History of Willowbrook, a Third Class City". Submitted by Ruth Hair Filbert.

To learn more about Emerson Carey see: "Emerson Carey - He Did It All" by Sharon Kidwell Volume IX Number 2 August 1987 "THE SUNFLOWER".

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RCGS AUGUST MEETING

Do you want to apply for a Territorial, Pioneer or Early Settler Certificate for your ancestor from The Kansas Council of Genealogists? Would you like to find others who are researching your surname?

At the August meeting of the RCGS, I will have all of the forms you need to fill out to obtain a certificate. All you need to bring is proof that your ancestor was in Kansas before 31 Dec 1900 and the information needed to fill out an ancestor chart.

To submit your problem ancestor in the Family Registry bring as much information about the person as you can. For the Ancestral File you will need the information required to fill out a family group sheet and ancestor chart.

I have asked several members to be available to assist you.

Family Registry and Ancestral File are programs from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

## GENEALOGICAL WORKSHOP

The Reno County Genealogical Society is planning a Beginner's Workshop which will cover six topics. The workshops will be held in Conference Room 2 of the Hutchinson Public Library starting September 19th and ending October 24th. They will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. From 11:30 until noon, there will be a question and answer period for those who wish to stay.

September 19---Let's Get Organized

September 26---How to use Family Group Sheets and Ancestor Charts.

October 3-----Family Resources

October 10-----Vital Records

October 17-----Census Records

October 24-----Correspondence, Periodicals and Query Resources.

There will be a \$10.00 fee for this series of workshops.

A three ring binder with notepaper, Family Group Sheet Packet, Ancestor Chart Packet, Census Packet and other research forms and genealogical aids will be included in the fee.

If you cannot attend the Wednesday morning series, but would be interested in a Saturday afternoon series or for more information call 663-2804 or 662-8549.

## MISSOURI RESEARCH

The Missouri Historical Society has established a special research service designed to assist historians and genealogists unable to visit the Societies Research Library and Archives. For additional information write: Researcher in Residence, Missouri Historical Society, Jefferson Memorial Building, Forest Park, St. Louis, MO 63112

There are two Missouri resources, of which, researchers can take advantage without leaving the comfort of home (or at least one's hometown): The State Historical Society of Missouri's newspapers and the Missouri State Archive's microfilms of Missouri county records. The State Historical Society of Missouri, 1020 Lowry Street, Columbia, Missouri 65201 (located in a wing of the Ellis Library, University of Missouri at Columbia) will loan microfilm copies of it's excellent collection of Missouri newspapers through the interlibrary loan system. The key to the collection is their "A Catalog of Missouri Newspapers on Microfilm", available from the Society for \$10.00.

Although they don't make their microfilms available on interlibrary loan, the Missouri State Archives, P.O. Box 778, Jefferson City, MO 65102, does sell microfilmed copies of county records for a very reasonable \$5.00 per roll. Researchers can determine the exact reel or reels in which they are interested by using a microfilm entitled, "A Roll by Roll Listing of County Records on Microfilm", available from the Archives.

The Archives, also, furnish a limited research service in indexed records, provided that the request is made using one of their forms and it is properly completed. Types of records which can be searched include: Marriage, Deed (Grantor or Grantee), Will, Birth (1883-1893), Death (1883-1893), Circuit Court, Probate (specify Letter of Administration, Inventory, Appraisement, Final Settlement) French-Spanish Land Grant, U.S. Land Sales, (1818-1893), Federal Census, County History, or Cemetery. Only one request at a time and each request must be accompanied by a legal-size SASE.

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BARTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
RESEARCH SERVICES

For a charge of \$10.00 plus cost of photocopies, BCGS researchers will check Will-Intestate records, Deeds, Marriages, Cemetery records and (if an exact date can be found) extract obituaries from local newspapers on microfilm. Proceeds from this service purchase supplies for the library. Please enclose an Ancestor Chart.

## RCGS GENEALOGICAL BOOK SECTION

The following books were purchased at The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies annual meeting in Manhattan, Ks. Lydia Streeter has placed them in the library.

WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS OF CLINTON COUNTY, MISSOURI 1833-1870 compiled and published by Nanon Lucile Carr

MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CLAY COUNTY, MISSOURI 1822-1852 compiled & published by Nanon Lucile Carr

MARRIAGE RECORDS OF CLINTON COUNTY, MISSOURI 1833-1870 compiled & published by Nanon Lucile Carr

GUIDE TO THE MICROFILMED MANUSCRIPT HOLDINGS OF THE TENNESSEE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES published by Tennessee State Library and Archives, Dept. of State, Third edition, 1983.

THE FORGOTTEN SETTLERS OF KANSAS VOLUMES 11, 12 & 13 published by The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies.

## MICROFILM AT HPL

The following films were donated to the Hutchinson Public Library Kansas Room Collection by the Reno County Genealogical Society with the remaining funds from the Mrs. Marson H. (Lillian Crofts) French Memorial.

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T624 441 -- Greenwood, Hamilton, Harper, Kearny, & HARVEY counties.

T624 443 -- Johnson, KINGMAN, Kiowa, and Labette (ED's 138-153) counties.

T624 446 -- MC PHERSON, and Marion cos.

T624 454 -- Republic, RICE, Sheridan, Riley and Sherman counties.

T624 455 -- Russell, Stanton, Stevens, Wallace, Wichita, Saline and SEDGWICK (Ed's 78,79,81-99) counties.

T624 456 -- SEDGWICK (Ed's 80, 100-146) counties.

T624 458 -- Smith, Thomas, STAFFORD, Trego, and Sumner (Ed's 148-170, 176) counties.

## RCGS DECIDES TO BIND QUARTERLIES

At the May 1990 RCGS Board Meeting, a discussion about binding some of the quarterlies exchanged with other societies led to a motion that we bind the Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterlies, Vol. 16, 17 & 18 into one book.

Lydia Streeter, RCGS librarian reports that several issues are missing from the Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society "Register" file. Please return them if you have "borrowed" them. They will have to be replaced before this set can be bound.

Mr. Peter MacDonald donated the following magazines after his excellent talk on Scotland at the May meeting: "Highlander" Jan/Feb and Mar/Apr 1990; "Scottish Queries" Winter 1989 & Spring 1990; and Does Your Family Have a Clan compiled by Mr. MacDonald for the Hutchinson Folk Festival 1990.

Donated to the RCGS by Mrs. Glennis Goldsmith were four volumes of "Kent (England) Family History Society Journals" and "Distant Crossroads" Hawkins County Genealogical Society quarterlies (Rogersville, TN).

The RCGS donated Ancestry's REDBOOK: American State, County and Town Sources, edited by Alice Eickholz Ph.D., C.G. with maps by Wm. Dollarhide to the Hutchinson Public Library.

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Heart of the Lakes Publishing Co., 2989 Lodi Rd., P.O. Box 299, Interlaken, NY 14847, has a long listing of published books, many of which have been out of print until recently.

(From Iowa Genealogical Society Newsletter, N W Root):

Canadian Name Places: For location of place names and hamlets which cannot be found on maps, write: Ministry of Energy, Mines and Resources; Surveys and Mapping Branch, Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographic Names, Ottawa, Ont. K1A DE9, Canada. From Gas Lites, Vol. 10, No. 4 Sacramento, CA. Via N W Root.



## HUTCHINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The following books have been added to the Genealogy Section in the Kansas Room.

## C. R. &amp; Salena Tullis Trust Fund

MARRIAGES OF SOME VIRGINIA RESIDENTS 1607-1800 Vol. 1 and 2 by Dorothy F. Wilbeck

GENEALOGIES OF CONNECTICUT FAMILIES, Vol. 1, 2 & 3

FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF AMERICA: INDEX BARBADOS RECORDS: BAPTISMS 1637-1800 by Joanne M. Sanders

COLONIAL SOLDIERS OF THE SOUTH 1732-1774 by Murtie June Clark

LINEAGES OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE PILGRIMS Vol. 1 & 2

AMERICAN WILL & ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY 1610-1857 Compiled by Peter Wilson Coldham

THE COMPLETE BOOK OF EMIGRANTS IN BONDAGE 1614-1775 by Peter Wilson Coldham

NORTH CAROLINA TAXPAYERS 1701-1786 by Clarence E. Ratcliff

GEORGIA INTESTATE RECORDS by Jeannette H. Austin

THE BRISTOL REGISTERS OF SERVANTS TO FOREIGN PLANTATIONS 1654-1686 by Peter Wilson Coldham

DIRECTORY OF SCOTS IN THE CAROLINAS 1680-1830 by David Dobson

THE GEORGIANS: GENEALOGIES OF PIONEER FAMILIES by Jeannette H. Austin

INDEX TO THE PREROGATIVE WILL OF IRELAND 1536-1810 by Sir Arthur Vicars

A GUIDE TO IRISH PARISH REGISTERS by Brian Mitchell

NEWBERRY CO., SO. CAROLINA: HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL ANNALS by George L. Summer

MARRIAGE RECORDS OF BERKELEY CO., VIRGINIA 1781-1854 by Guy L. Keesecker

MARRIAGES OF CLARIBORNE & CAMPBELL COS., TN. 1838-1853 by Edythe Johns Rucker Whitley

MARRIAGES OF GRAINGER CO., TN. 1796-1837 by Edythe Johns Rucker Whitley

VIRGINIA'S COLONIAL SOLDIERS by Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

RECORD OFFICES: HOW TO FIND THEM 4th ed. by Jeremy Gibson

VIRGINIA NORTHERN NECK LAND GRANTS 1694-1742 by Gertrude E. Gray

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS 1750-1920: ENGLAND AND WALES CHANNEL ISLANDS; ISLE OF MAN compiled by Jeremy Gibson

## MORE BOOKS

ANDERSON DIARY Escape & List of Dead by John L. Ranson

THE AMERICAN GENEALOGIST Vol. 39-41 Index by Donald Lines Jacobus

THE RESEARCHERS GUIDE TO AMERICAN GENEALOGY by Val D. Greenwood

TRACING YOUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTOR by Bertram Hawthorne Groene

INTERNATIONAL VITAL RECORDS HANDBOOK by Thomas Jay Kemp

GOING TO SALT LAKE CITY TO DO FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH by J. Arlyel Parker

MY BALL FAMILY by Lois Shaw Arnold

GENEALOGY OF SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHN WEBSTER OF IPSWICH, MASS, IN 1633 by Wm. B. Lapham, M.D. & J.O. Webster M.D.

A GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THAT BRANCH OF THE ALBER FAMILY WHICH SPRINGS FROM THOMAS ALGER OF TAUNTON & BRIDGEWATER, IN MASS. 1665-1875 by Arthur M. Alger

THE MC FARLANDS OF HANCOCK COUNTY, ME. by Daniel Y. McFarland

A PRATT FAMILY HISTORY - ABRAHAM..THE FATHER OF US ALL by Kenneth Charles Pratt

DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL STURTEVANT by Robert Hunter Sturtevant

INDEX TO THE DESCRIPTIVE INVENTORY OF THE ARCHIVES OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS by Robert E. Bailey & Elaine Shemoney Evans

YEARBOOK OF THE SOCIETY OF INDIANA PIONEERS THE LAND OF TANEY by Elmo Ingenthron

HISTORY OF LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO by Ansel Watrous

## Ancestor Chart for Nancy (KNIGHTLY) VOGEL

NO.	NAME	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
I.				
1.	Nancy Marie KNIGHTLY	1955 GA	1977	
II.				
2.	Robert Montgomery KNIGHTLY	1931 KS	1953	
3.	Reva Marie FRANZ	1931 KS		
III.				
4.	John Joseph KNIGHTLY	1903 KS	1927	1982 CA
5.	Marjorie MONTGOMERY	1906 KS		1954 KS
6.	Fayette Henry FRANZ	1891 KS	1917	1945 KS
7.	Ruth Marie BADGLEY	1895 OH		
IV.				
8.	Robert Joseph KNIGHTLY	1871 MO		1932 KS
9.	Marcella (Stella) J. LANGAN	1876 KS		1927 KS
10.	William Amos MONTGOMERY	1884 IN	1905	1942 MO
11.	Anna Edith RUMMERFIELD	1888 KS		1942 KS
12.	John Charles FRANZ	1852 IL	1874	1936 KS
13.	Anna Eudora BROWN	1859 NY		1908 KS
14.	MacClain BADGLEY	1868 OH	1892	1955 KS
15.	Frances Beatrice STRODE	1879 OH		1939 KS
V.				
16.	John Robert KNIGHTLY	1845	1865	1889
17.	Sarah Jane RUSK	1847		
18.	Matthew J. LANGAN			
19.	Mary _____			
20.	William Craigmile MONTGOMERY	1840	1874	1918
21.	Delia FINNEY	1851		1925
22.				
23.				
24.	Henry FRANZ			1866
25.	Elizabeth _____		GER	1866
26.	Ariel Harmon BROWN	1816		1887
27.	Anna Victoria TUCKER	1828		1968
28.	Henry Cornelius BADGLEY	1843	1868	1891
29.	Lodena TOLLE	1848		1917
30.	Elisha Stephen STRODE	1845		
31.	Martha Ellen HOOP	1843		1898

For further information about any of the above, contact: Nancy Vogel, 5736 S. 112th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68137.

## Ancestor Chart for Ruth M. (BIRKET) WALTERS

NO.	NAME	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	DEATH
I. Generation				
1.	Pamela Sue WALTERS	1952 KS	1976 KS	
II. Generation				
2.	John G. WALTERS	1919 KS	1937 KS	
3.	Ruth M. BIRKET	1918 KS		
III. Generation				
4.	Charles Henry WALTERS	1859 IA	1918 KS	1926 KS
5.	Anna Elizabeth GILBERT	1885 NC		1959 KS
6.	William W. BIRKET	1878 IL	1913 KS	1947 KS
7.	Alta A. GOODWIN	1894 OK		1976 KS
IV. Generation				
8.	John M. WALTERS	1836 IN	1859 IA	1912 TX
9.	Elizabeth W. BABB	1835 OH		1863 IA
10.	Stephen D. GILBERT	1848 NC	1869 NC	1919 NC
11.	Sarah Jane BROWN	1848 NC		1915 NC
12.	William A. BIRKET	1836 IL	1860 IL	1920 AR
13.	Sarah Jane WILSON	1836 IRE		1909 KS
14.	Charles B. GOODWIN	1867 IN	KS	1929 KS
15.	Myrtle Lella BOLSER	1874 IN		1899 KS
V. Generation				
16.	Conrad WALTERS	1794 PA	1817 OH	1870 IA
17.	Sarah Ann HEATON	1798 OH		186 IA
18.	Sampson BABB	1807 OH	1830 OH	1868 KS
19.	Jane WALL	1811 OH		1881 KS
20.	John J. GILBERT	1813 NC	1839 NC	1894 NC
21.	Annie SIDES	1813 NC		1853 NC
22.	James M. BROWN	1803 NC	1826 NC	1853
23.	Elizabeth B. MASTERS	1805 NC		1857 NC
24.	John BIRKET	1798 ENG	1831 IL	1874 IL
25.	Marjoria THOMAS	1801 OH		1852 IL
26.	Dr. John WILSON	1802 IRE	1828 IRE	1837 IRE
27.	Sarah BUCHANAN	1803 IRE		1875 IL
28.	Wesley B. GOODWIN	1834 IN	1853 IN	1898 KS
29.	Catharine WILLIAM	1836 IN		1897 KS
30.	John M. BOLSER	1844 IN	1865 IN	1910 OK
31.	Mary Stacey MORRISON	1843 IN		1881 IA

For further information about any of the above, contact: Ruth M. Walter, 12 East 28th, Hutchinson, Kansas 67502.

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Ancestor chart	.07	SURNAME FILE INDEX	2.50
15-Generation Ancestor Chart	1.25	1985 SUPPLEMENT (to above index)	1.50
Census worksheet 1790,1800-10,1820,1830-40,1850, 1860-70,1880,1900,1910	.07	(Add \$1.00 postage and handling for each item ordered over \$1.00.) Kansas residents add 5.75% sales tax. Send orders to: RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 5, HUTCHINSON, KS 67504-0005.	
Family sheet	.07		
Additional Children sheet	.07	CEMETERY RECORDS OF RENO COUNTY Burials from 1860's through 1978. \$20 plus \$1.75 postage and handling. Kansas residents add \$1.25 sales tax.	
Vital Records Application sheet	.07		
Federal Census Searched sheet	.07		
Census worksheet packet (10)	.70	EARLY MARRIAGE RECORDS OF RENO COUNTY 1872 - 1913. \$20 plus \$1.50 postage and handling. Kansas residents add \$1.25 sales tax.	
Additional Children packet (10)	.70		
Family Chart packet (25)	1.75	<b>NEW!</b> 1880 CENSUS RENO COUNTY, KANSAS <b>NEW!</b> \$15.00 plus \$1.50 postage and handling. Kansas residents add \$.95 sales tax.	
Ancestor Chart packet (25)	1.75		
Beginners packet	1.75	Graves in North Inman Cemetery, Superior Township, McPherson Co, KS	
RCGS Note Pads--ruled, unruled	1.00	\$5.00 plus \$1.00 postage and handling. Kansas residents add \$.29 sales tax.	
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