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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

WELCOME TO THE COMING YEAR OF THE RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

As your newly elected president, I am looking forward to working with each of you to make this a successful year. I want to express my appreciation to those accepting positions and duties for the coming year. Some are continuing in positions they served in the past, others are serving for the first time. To all of these I wish them success. Without these dedicated persons the society would not be able to move forward and grow.

Every member can help insure a successful year by attending meetings and presenting your views and ideas. If you have a project, idea or concern please present it to either myself or one of the board members so it can be put on the agenda to receive proper consideration at a board meeting. Please feel free to attend the executive committee meetings.

Remember this is your society, the officers are elected to carry out the desires of the majority. I challenge each of you to step forward with ideas to promote the success of the Reno County Genealogical Society.

All of us working together I am sure that we will be able to leave our footprints in the sands of time as we work "SEEKING TO PRESERVE THE PAST FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS." DP

**FUTURE PROGRAMS**

- MAY --- Adventure in Family History by Zan BORDERS
- JUNE -- Document Your Research by Ruth FILBERT
- JULY--The Draper Papers -- Speaker to be announced
- AUGUST --Planning a Family Reunion by Joan EMERY and Elaine GREGORY
- SEPTEMBER ---- Star Spangled Benner by Ed BRANT
- OCTOBER -- To be announced
- NOVEMBER --- Vicksburg MS Battlefield by Art HENRY
- DECEMBER -- MERRY CHRISTMAS --- NO MEETING
- JANUARY -- Researching On Location by Maxine LINDBURG
- FEBRUARY -- Are You Map Happy? Why Not? by Ruth FILBERT
- MARCH -- Are You Using Your Census? by Barbara MURPHY

## YAGGY SCHOOL

(Editor's Note: This article was extracted from two articles that appeared in *The Hutchinson News*, Monday, Sep. 1959 and Thursday, Sep. 17, 1959. They were written by Laura YAGGY KRANTZ.)

The old Yaggy School, District 97, was located on K96 halfway between Hutchinson and Nickerson. The bell in the cupola began ringing in 1879 and summoned to their books four generations of Grant Townshippers.

Determining the first day back in the "Seventies" is difficult to do because no formal records of this, nor any other school district in Reno County, exist. The story is that an early county superintendent kept all school records in a gunny sack on the floor in the corner of the office of a hide and coal store, where he often played chess with his friends.

The name Salem was given to the present Yaggy community when it was first settled in 1872. Legend says, but does not explain why, the Santa Fe Railroad changed this name to Bath following a train wreck in this vicinity. Apparently the Bath school district was organized in 1879 and in 1880 seven pupils were enrolled.

Bertha PARKER (living at 303 E 12th in 1959) and her sister Margaret attended Bath school in the early 80's (1880's), when they lived with their pioneer parents on the farm now owned by Carelton BENJAMIN. At that time, the teacher was Kittie ST. JOHN.

T. W. MORRIS and Mrs. Anna STERLING recalled that the school term was six months, three in the fall, January and February skipped to avoid severe weather, then three spring months.

The last day of school at Yaggy was June 15, 1951, at which time consolidation with the Mitchell district was effected.

A picture taken in 1884 accompanied the first article. The caption stated: First Yaggy School known then as Bath school, is shown in this picture taken in 1884. The picture is property of Mrs Anna MORRIS STERLING, fifth from the right in the picture. Only others identified are Fred KING, second from left, and Tom MORRIS, ninth from the left. The yellow, fading photograph was restored as far as possible by Hutchinson News engravers.

An early teacher at Yaggy School was Nora SCOTT, who later married Charles BRANCH, a president of the Citizen's Bank of Hutchinson.

The Bath Literary Society met in the schoolhouse during the '80s and '90s. One evening every two weeks the buggies and wagons assembled in the schoolyard and when inside, the lamps in their iron brackets had been lighted and the fire made up in the heating stove, the members were ready for supper, society and a program. Usually this was a debate upon a subject such as "Resolved, Farming Does Not Pay." (A good topic for a debate at the present time?)

John LAWSON, George CUNDAY and Will MORGAN, father of Hubert and Nelson MORGAN, are still remembered in the community for their debating talents, while John BURNS and many others shone in dialogue and recitations, all this cosy indeed and making of the crowded schoolroom a warm island in the windy sea of prairie grass outside.

Laura YAGGY KRANTZ states: "Apparently my grandfather, L. W. YAGGY, a Chicago publisher, suggested naming the school Fruit Valley in the '90s." Mr. YAGGY purchased land and began planting large apple and pear orchards, also experimenting with various varieties of timber trees. His plantings, or "plantations", as they were called by the United States Department of Forestry men, later became known as the Yaggy Plantation. Other fine orchards were adjacent, notably those of the COLE, MORGAN and PENNINGTON families. There is little left to remind one of the venture that identified School District 97 for more than fifty years.

Eventually the building was called the Yaggy School, probably because the Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific railroads both designated this shipping point on their lines as Yaggy.

Classmates of Edward E. YAGGY, Jr. were Marvin SHULTZ, Ellinwood, Ernest E. SHULTZ, RFD 3, Doyle V. WILSON, Wilson Road, and Bryce BROWN, Decatur, Ill, son of Frank A. BROWN, 311 West 11th.

About 1915, S. P. ROWLAND, benefactor to Grace Hospital and other institutions, was the county superintendent.

Among board members of earlier years who served many terms are Fred KING, T. W. MORRIS, G. V. WILSON, Frank BROWN, and my father, the late Edward E. YAGGY. During the 15 years prior to consolidation school board members were W. D. P. CAREY, T. W. MORRIS, Robert A. KRANTZ, Claude E. CHALFANT, Fred CUNDAY, Ernest E. SHULTZ and Claude MORRIS.

Mrs. Charles A. SEARCY, taught 13 years at Yaggy school and is presently (1959) a teacher at Lincoln School.

## BRITISH GENEALOGY

According to Joy Wade Moulton, president of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History, they are interested in helping all researchers with British ancestors, whether it is to contact others working on the same line, or providing information about repositories or resources. The society publishes a quarterly newsletter with much helpful information for researchers in Britain.

For membership information send an SASE to ISBGFH, PO Box 20425, Cleveland, OH 44120.

(ISGS Newsletter, Vol 10, Nbr 11/12, Nov/Dec 1989, OCGS Newsletter Jun 1991, CCNGS, Vol 14, #1.)

## WHAT MAKES A GOOD CEMETERY KIT

**Spray bottle of water** - darkens granite stone.

Shaving cream and squeegee - spray stone with shaving cream then wipe stone with squeegee. This highlights the letters.

Chalk and Bon Ami (cakes)

Liquid graphite - darkens letters on a white stone.

Roll of unwrinkled aluminum foil or large sheet of white paper to bounce light onto a headstone.

Pellon type interfacing or butcher paper - masking tape and boot black for rubbings. The pellon molds itself to uneven or rounded surfaces better than paper.

Whisk broom, grass trimmers and hoe. Sometimes the stones are covered by grass, weeds or bushes.

Rubber bands to put around the bottom of your slacks or chaps - prevents ticks from crawling up your legs. Do not wear dresses.

Notepad 8 1/2 x 11 inches - copy down the information on adjoining gravestones for possible family connections.

Probing rod to find buried stones.

Map to the cemetery at the time of your research trip.

This information was printed with permission from Mr. Leland K. MEITZLER who presented the information at The Heritage Quest Road Show in Wichita, March 5.

## BOOK REVIEW

*RESEARCHER'S GUIDE TO UNITED STATES CENSUS AVAILABILITY, SECOND EDITION 1790-1920.* 1992. By Ann Hamilton. Available from Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Suite 300, BOWIE, MD 20716. Paper, 8 1/2 x 11 inches, 165 pages, Biblio. \$26.50 plus \$3.00 shipping. #H054

This comprehensive guide brings together in one place the essential data researchers need regarding the availability of U.S. census records. The data is presented in chart form for quick look-up and is arranged by state, county and census year. It shows which census exists, which has been lost or destroyed, and which is still available.

Also shown are special censuses, such as mortality schedules and agricultural schedules, as well as partial or reconstructed census records. Special data is also given of existing state censuses, territorial records, county histories, and related records.

## VITAL RECORDS

New fees for copies of Wisconsin records :

BIRTH: \$10.00 MARRIAGE: \$7.00 DEATH: \$7.00  
Additional copies of the same record ordered at the same time are \$2.00.

## LOUISIANA SURNAME LIST

Louisiana has begun a surname list which will allow researchers who are searching for the same surname to find each other. It is not limited to Louisiana names. Write for information from the STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIVISION OF ARCHIVES, P.O. BOX 94125, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804.

## KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

### MARRIAGE RECORDS

Branches and Twigs has published two volumes of Kingman County, Kansas Marriage Records. Volume 1 1875-1920 is approximately 300 pages and GBC Ringbound. The price is \$15.00 which includes postage. There are a few copies left.

Volume 2 is 298 pages and contains approximately 7,150 marriage records. Of the 7,150 couples, about 6,741 are from the time period beginning 1 January 1920 and concluding 31 December 1988. The remaining approximately 409 couples are from a supplement for the period 30 April 1913 to (Cont.)

May 1917. The latter group covers a time period for which the original completed license book has disappeared from the County Courthouse-only the application book remains. By searching newspapers and contacting family members, many marriage dates have been added for this group. Volume 2 is \$40.00 plus \$4.00 shipping costs.

BRANCHES AND TWIGS, KINGMAN CARNEGIE LIBRARY, 455 NORTH MAIN, KINGMAN KS 67068

## WYANDOTTE COUNTY, KANSAS CEMETERY RECORDS

Compiled by Joan KUSEK over 4500 individuals listed, with 13 cemeteries included. Tombstones as well as some Sexton records are included. Every name index, 265 pages, softbound, \$27.95 + \$5.00 p/h.

KUSEK GENEALOGICAL SERVICES, P.O. BOX 2060,  
SHAWNEE MISSION KS 66212-2060. (913)  
383-2458

## SWEDISH ANCESTORS?

For those of you with Swedish ancestors, one source of information is the Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Augustana College, 639 38th Street, ROCK ISLAND, IL 61201-2273

## MIDWEST HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY RULES

As in real life, the innocent become victims. Due to our loss of library books in the past year, the Library Committee has established new rules for the use of the library. These rules have been endorsed by MHGS Board of Directors. Effective April 1, 1994 the following rules will apply:

1. No tote bags, breifcases or large pocketbooks will be allowed in the reading rooms. Please lock your valuables in a car. There will be compartments in the foyer, also, to place tote bags, briefcases and large pocketbooks. MHGS will not accept any responsibility for your lost valuables in or on MHGS's property.
2. Researchers in the Kansas Room will sign in, with time given, with the volunteer at the front desk before entering Kansas Room. When leaving the Kansas Room, sign out with the front desk volunteer.
3. Non members research fee will be \$4.00 a day or \$2.00 for either morning or afternoon research. I.D. will be required.

## JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS CEMETERIES INDEX

An 836 page volume containing tombstone inscriptions from every cemetery in Johnson County with nearly 28,00 names. Indexed. Hardbound. 6x9 inches. Published by Walworth Publishing Company. Limited edition. \$34.50 + 6.5% KS sales tax and \$3.50 postage. JOHNSON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY AND LIBRARY, INC., P.O. BOX 8057, SHAWNEE MISSION, KS 66208-0057.

## IOWA

Iowa Old Age Assistance Records are a valuable source for finding parents' names, including the mother's maiden name. These exist on 196 rolls of microfilm covering 56 counties, and list the names of Iowan's subject to a tax to help care for the elderly during the 1930's. Copies of these records are in the assessor's office in the county court house or at THE IOWA GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY, P.O. BOX 7735, DES MOINES IA 50322-7735. [Northwest Iowa Root Diggers, July 1993 via The Sun Cities Genealogist, Spring 1994.]

## OTHER VITAL RECORDS

MISSOURI has decreased the cost of Birth and Death records from \$22 to \$5.

VERMONT has a new address for requesting vital records: GENERAL SERVICES CENTER REFERENCE AND RESEARCH SECTION, 133 STATE STREET, MONTEPELLIER, VT 05633-7601.

CALIFORNIA Until further notice, California vital records are not available from the office of the State Registrar of Vital Statistics in Sacramento. Order these records from the recorder of the county where the event occurred.

IOWA The state of Iowa has increased the cost of obtaining vital records to \$10.00 per certified copy.

TEXAS Death records have been closed because of their misuse by illegal aliens, who were using them to establish an identification.

NEW YORK The New York State Archives will search one vital records index (birth, death, marriage) for one name for a three year period. The request must be submitted on a Vital Records, Index Search Request Form, along with a statement that the person is deceased & a \$5.00 search fee.



# The Oregon Trail Project

*A project of the Idaho Genealogical Society*

**NEWS RELEASE:** For Immediate Release

**Contact:** Jane Walls Golden

**Phone:** (208) 384-0542

## Genealogical Society Offers Oregon Trail Certificate

The Oregon Trail Project is issuing special certificates to anyone whose ancestors came west via the Oregon Trail between the years 1811 and 1911.

"This is a tribute to those hardy pioneers who came overland by wagon, handcart or foot along the Oregon Trail," said Jane Walls Golden, chairperson of the Oregon Trail Project. "Entire families, with all their worldly possessions in tow, left homes and loved ones to follow an inner voice that promised a better life 'out west'."

Recognizing descendants of Oregon Trail travelers commemorates the sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) of the peak year of westerly migration, Golden explained.

"People began to head west of the Missouri River in 1811 using the Old Platte Road," she said. "But the exodus was at its height in 1843, and the Old Platte Road then became known as the Oregon Trail."

To qualify for an Oregon Trail certificate, Golden said applicants must prove direct descent from a person who traveled any part of the Oregon Trail between 1811 and 1911. To receive an application or more information, write to the Oregon Trail Project at 4620 Overland Rd., #206, Boise, Idaho 83705. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The Oregon Trail Project of Idaho is a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting, archiving and publishing data about the Oregon Trail.

## INMAN'S OLD GERMAN SCHOOL SLIPS INTO HISTORY

(Extracted in part from the *Hutchinson News*, Sunday, Oct. 6, 1968)

INMAN - This was a private school built in 1876 for children of Mennonite families in the Inman community. For nearly four decades children trudged to the two-story school building to learn reading, geography, arithmetic, and world history, all in German.

When the school was built, it stood 1 1/2 miles south of Inman. Later it was moved a half mile west of its original location.

Then came the advent of World War I, and with it anti-German sentiment. The German private School as it was known, was closed in 1914.

During the early years German school had six-month terms. After the German term ended, some students studied the remaining school year in the public grade school. In its last years German school had four-month terms from September until Christmas.

The first teacher was the late Klaas TOEWS. Four teachers are still living: Mrs. Sarah KROEKER ANDERSSON, a former missionary to the Congo, now living in Sweden; Mrs. H. T. NEUFELD (nee Anna HARDER), a retired missionary to American Indians, now in Denver City, Tex.; Miss Marie RICHERT, now a deaconess at Bethel Hospital, Newton; and Mrs. WEINS (nee Nettie VOGT).

Among the other teachers were David UNRUH, Peter GOERTZ, a Henry or Peter NEUFELD, John KLASSEN, David FAST, Amelia JANTZ, George WARKENTINE, and Mary THIESSEN.

KLASSEN, schoolmaster for seven years, was one of the sternest disciplinarians. Oldtimers recall he allowed little nonsense.

At one time the German school had 72 pupils from ages 7 to 19. The building was partitioned to separate the older and younger students.

A photograph taken in 1989 accompanied the article in the *Hutchinson News*. (Does anyone know the names of the students and parents who were in the picture? I would be interested in printing the names in the next issue. RHF)

## LETTER TO MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Friends: I am not working on any new surnames, but have been busy trying to get all my information typed and in book form.

Last year, for our BELL (BEALL) family reunion I typed up and organized that material and a cousin in California had it printed. Sold them at the reunion at cost. \$10.00 a book which contained 176 pages. We could have sold a lot more had we had them printed. I have really had some nice comments back on it, so that spurred me on to finish. I have a few lines that I do not have back as far as I would like, but have used the expandable form of back so that any information I may later find can be easily added.

I still miss the group at Hutchinson. Since coming to Johnson City, which will soon be nine years, I have been busy with the Church Senior Adults and am Church Library Media Coordinator besides keeping three large bulletin boards current. The Senior Adults make a once a month one day trip out of town and about once a year we do an overnight trip. There are certainly many interesting places to visit in this area.

My mother is still living and still on the farm. My son, Charles and I are going out the last of the month to help her celebrate her 93rd birthday.

If any of you are ever out this way doing research or just on vacation please look me up.

Best Wishes to all, Carla MILLER

Editor's note: Carla was an active member of the society while she lived in Hutchinson. I attended many of her workshops and enjoyed all of them. RHF

## NEW KANSAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ORGANIZED

The Meade County Genealogical Society will meet the 4th Saturday of every month. Dues are \$10.00.

For more information contact: J. M. FRIESEN, P.O. BOX 655, MEADE KS 67864-0655,

## IN MEMORY OF

Ruth DEWATER MARTIN -- 6 MAY 1994

## TREASURER RESIGNS

Roy GARDNER, a charter member of the Reno County Genealogical Society, has resigned his position as Treasurer and Resident Agent.

# RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOOKSHELF NEW ADDITIONS

492. **RUSSELL REGISTER.** [Newsletter] 401 Redley Road, #18, Riverside, CA 92509. Vol. 12 #4; Vol. 13 #1-4; Vol. 14. #1,2,3; Vol 15. #1,2. Donated by Marie Musgraves, 116 West 23 Ave., Hutchinson, KS 67502. D Jun 1993
493. **ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO.** Quarterlies. Donated by Marie Musgraves, 116 West 3 Avenue, Hutchinson, KS 67502. D Jun 1993
494. **RESEARCH GUIDE TO GERMAN-AMERICAN GENEALOGY.** May 1991. By Mary Bellingham, Dr. Edward R. Brandt, Kent Cutkomp, Kermit Frye, and Karen Whitmer. Published by Germanic Genealogy Society, P. O. Box 16312, St. Paul, MN 55116 formerly the German Interest Group, a branch of the Minnesota Genealogical Society. P Jun 1993
495. **THE HOOSIER JOURNAL OF ANCESTRY.** Published by Naomi Keith Bexton, P. O. Box 33, Little York, Indiana 47139. Vol. III (1971); Vol. V (1978); Index to Vol. VI #1-5 (1979); Vol. VII #1-4 (1980); Vol. VIII #1-4 (1981); Vol. IX #1-3 (1982); Vol. X #1-3 (1983); Vol. XI #1-3, index (1986); Vol. XII #1-3 (1987); Vol. XIII #1-5 (1988/89). Donated by Ruth Walters, 12 East 28 Avenue, Hutchinson, KS 67502. D Jun 1993
496. **THE GOODWIN NEWS.** [Family Newsletter] Published by The Goodwin Family Organization, 13430 Mirella Street, Pensacola, FL 32507 & 39 Lost Trail Road, Roswell, NM 88201-9509. Vol. VI #4 (Oct 1984)-Vol. XIII #2 (fall 1991). Donated by Ruth Walters, 12 East 28 Avenue, Hutchinson, KS 67502-2402. D Jun 1993
- 497/8. **WHO'S NEW.** Volume III (1990-1991), Volume IV (1992-1993). Clipped from newspaper by Doris Phillips and put on computer by Harry Stansel. D Jul 1993
499. **INTERMENT LISTING MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY.** Hutchinson, Kansas 1925 to May 25, 1993. Compiled by Kimberlie K. Hady and Jill Jacobs. A computerized print-out. Donated by the Memorial Park Cemetery Association, 5905 West Fourth, P. O. Box 462. D Jul 1993
500. **SYLLABUS OKLAHOMA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR.** June 1992. Major Cherokee Genealogical Records; Oklahoma Territory: Identifying Boomers, Sooners & 89ers & ..... Oklahoma Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 12986, Oklahoma City, OK 73157. Donated by Garland Henson, 3207 East Nutmeg Lane, Hutchinson, KS 67502 D Jul 1993
501. **PLEVNA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HISTORY, 1914-1962.** Plevna, Kansas. Donated by \_\_\_\_\_ D Oct 1993
502. **INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH OUTLINES** by Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah. (Canada, China, England, French Reppublican Calendar, German, Korean, Latin America, Norway, Norwegian, Phillippines, Polish, Sweden). Donated by Ruth Hair Filbert. D Oct 1993
503. **OKLAHOMA GENEALOGICAL QUARTERLY** published by Oklahoma Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 314, OKC, OK 73101. Vol. 24 1979 no's 1,2,4; Vol. 25 1980 no's 2,3; Vol. 26 1981 no's 1,2,3,4. Donated by Betty Surginer, P.O.Box 343, Buhler, KS 67522. D Nov 1993



504. **FOOT STEPS** published by Stephens County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 1850, Duncan, OK 73575. Vol. 1 1986 no's 1,2,4; Vol 2 1987 no's 1,2,3,4; Vol. 3 no's 1988 2,3,4; Vol. 4 no's 1,2,3,4; Vol. 5 1989 no's 1,2,3,4; Vol. 6 1991 no's 1,2. Donated by Betty Surginer, P. O. Box 343, Buhler, KS 67522. D Nov 1993
505. **BACKTRACKER** published by Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society, P. O. Box K, Rogers, AR 72757. Vol. 15 1896 no's 1,2,3,4; Vol. 16 1987 no's 1,2,3,4. Donated by Betty Surginer, P. O. Box 343, Buhler, KS 67522. D Nov 1993
506. **HISTORY OF SANTA FE, STEPHENS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA** 1974. by Foldelle Hootan Gates. Pub. by Miran Publishers, 248 Ridglea Bldg., 3327 Winthrop Ave., Fort Worth, TX 76116. Donated by Betty Surginer, P.O. Box 343, Buhler, KS 67522. D Nov 1993
507. **VELMA, [OK] ONE HUNDRED YEARS, 1886-1986** Compiled by Joyce Pierce of Velma-Alma Schools, assisted by: Gifted Classes 1983-1986. Typist - Michelle Howard, Laura Swanson Bradshaw, Cynthia Norton, and B. J. Morris, September, 1986. Donated by Betty Surginer, P.O. box 343, Buhler, KS 67522. D Nov 1993
508. **HISTORY OF STEPHENS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA** c 1982. Pub. by Stephens County Historical Society, P.O. Box 1294, Fuqua Park, Duncan, OK 73533. Donated by Betty Surginer, P.O.Box 343, Buhler, KS 67522. D Nov 1993
509. **THE FORGOTTEN SETTLERS**, volume 16. Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, P. O. Box 3848, Topeka, KS 66604-6858. P Feb 1994
510. **REFLECTIONS OF KANSAS 1900-1930. A PRAIRIE POST CARD ALBUM** by Frank Wood and Scott Daymond. 1988. First Edition. ©1988. LC # 88-71928. ISBN # 0-9621273-0-2. Daywood Publishing Co., P. O. Box 9547, Wichita, Kansas 67277-0547. Donated by Frank Wood April 18, 1994. D Apr 1994
511. **THE HANCOCK FAMILY OF ENGLAND AND AMERICA** by Arvil Dale Hancock. © 1993. LC # 92-85520. Pub. by Gateway Press, 1001 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Donated to HPL & RCGS by the author at the suggestion of Mike Nolde. Arvil Dale Hancock, 726 Jura Way, Sunnysdale, CA 94087, (406) 733 9231. Received 2 May 1994. [Book given to HPL for their shelf 3 May 1993.]
512. **THE FAMILY PIERSON AND THOSE RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE 1550 -1992** by Vera Pierson Firebaugh, 65 Twin Oaks Circle, Odessa, Texas, 79762. 3 October 1992. Received 2 May 1994. D May 1994
513. **PIERCE GENEALOGY** by Clifford George Hurlburt; **William Hurlburt Genealogy** from Thomas Hurlburt - 1635; **Saxton Genealogy** from James Saxton - 1730; **Montgomery Genealogy** from Elias Montgomery - 1775; **Clarke Genealogy** from Joseph Clarke of R. I. and John Clarke of England. Photocopy. Donated by Darrell L. Corkins, 1008 North Baker, Hutchinson, KS 67501. Received May 3, 1994. D May 1994

## COLORADO WOMEN GET UNEXPECTED HELP FROM RCGS MEMBERS

Karen BURGESS, Ruth FILBERT, Barbara MURPHY and Don PHILLIPS met at the Hutchinson Public Library on the Friday morning before our last general meeting to plan the programs and speakers for future meetings and to discuss the need for a new treasurer.

After our meeting, Barbara approached two women who had entered the Kansas Room while we were discussing the items on our agenda. They were a mother and daughter from Greeley, Colorado who had made the trip to Hutchinson to do research. They were looking for information about an ancestor with the surname DADISON.

In just a few moments, they were surrounded by four eager genealogists looking for a mystery to solve. City and county directories were consulted, the books published by the RCGS were brought out and looked at, someone looked through the obituary file, the DADISON name was found in the Family Registry and a lead to the families residence in another state established along with the submitter's name and address. They were inundated by suggestions for more research which they wrote in their notebook along with directions to the cemetery, courthouse and Family History Center. I'm sure that the hour or more that we spent with the two ladies left their heads spinning.

There are a few things that we didn't do. One, we didn't get their full names (most telephone books list the husband's name, not the name of the wife) addresses and phone numbers. Two, find out where they were staying while in Hutchinson. Three, this is a question for you. What didn't we consult in the Kansas Room that would have given us the best lead of all?

To continue, that afternoon Lydia STREETER called Barbara about an unrelated subject and the subject of the Colorado researchers was discussed. Lydia told Barbara that Harry ASHCRAFT'S mother's maiden name was DADISON. Delma Ashcraft was contacted and was eager to offer any help that she could. I called many motels trying to reach them with no results.

Delma used the Phone-disc program at the Hutchinson Public Library to locate their address in Greeley, CO. No luck! Later, we discovered that they had signed the guest register at the Family History Center. Now we had their names and the towns where they resided. Delma used the Phone-disc program again and obtained the complete address

and phone number of one of the ladies.

Delma has corresponded with the two ladies and they were amazed to learn that she knew of their search. (If you didn't already know it, there is a very efficient grapevine operating amongst RCGS members.)

In regard to the DADISON surname, Delma has been corresponding with a gentleman in New York that is gathering information about the DADISON surname especially the family that the Colorado ladies were tracing. She has sent both parties the other's address.

This brings up another interesting story about this surname. Months ago, the gentleman in New York asked Delma to contact a lady in Wichita that had promised to send him some information about the family. When Delma was in the Midwest Gen. Soc. Library several weeks ago, she asked if anyone knew how she could reach the lady. The reply was that she couldn't be reached, because she was dead. But, all of her records had been donated to the Midwest Gen Soc. library.

Was serendipity at play?

Remember! if you are from Nickerson don't give Hutchinson as your address. Leave your full name, mailing address and phone number with any person who helps you do research. You could be the lucky person to receive information after you return home.

What was the lead in the Kansas Room that we never followed? The Surname File which gives lists of the surnames that members are researching. Sorry, Caroline, I know how much work it is for you to make all of the cards and file the ancestor charts in the notebooks.

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## RCGS NEW MEMBERS

Kendall & Sylvia J. GRIGGS --- Member # G-21

Sandi IMMESOTA --- Member # I-01

Lula TONER --- Member # T-21

Leota (Lee) PALMER --- Member # P-26

Lester M. and Kay (CLIFFORD) REITER -- # R-21

Maurine (MARTIN) LONG --- Member # L-26

Re-instated Member

Mable Clara BUHLER --- Member # B-08

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CHANDLER & MARQUERITE RUDICEL, 23808 SE  
225th STREET, MAPLE VALLEY WA 98038-8442

LARRY E. DODGE, 814 E. 5th AVE., HUTCHINSON  
KS 67501-2207

Send your change of address to: KAREN  
BURGESS, P.O. BOX 5, HUTCHINSON KANSAS  
67504-0005. *Before the mailing of the next  
quarterly.*

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP DUES, THIS IS THE LAST  
QUARTERLY YOU WILL RECEIVE.** Can't  
remember! There is a "95" on your address label to  
show that your membership has been renewed.

## FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

### NEW COMPUTER SOURCES AT LIBRARY

The Family History Library is now offering two new  
computer resources on an experimental basis:  
electronic bulletin boards and new compact disc  
sources.

**Electronic Bulletin Boards.** The Family History  
Library now gives patrons access to on-line computer  
services (electronic bulletin boards), including  
CompuServe, Genie, Prodigy, and America Online.

Through these bulletin boards, patrons can read  
messages and queries left by other researchers and  
post their own queries. The bulletin boards also  
include shareware genealogy programs and compiled  
genealogies that patrons may download. There is a  
small fee based on connect time to use these services.

**New Compact Disc Resources.** The Family  
History Library is also testing several commercial  
databases on compact disc. These include phone  
directories for the United States and Germany, several  
United States census indexes, query files, automated  
family pedigrees, some United States marriage  
records, the *Biographical and Genealogical Master  
Index*, Pennsylvania newspaper abstracts, and the  
*National Inventory of Documentary Sources*.

**Using the Resources.** These resources are  
available in the Data Center on the main floor of the  
Family History Library. Patrons may reserve computers  
in the Data Center for 30 or 60 minute time blocks.

The Family History Library has made these data-  
bases available so that patrons and staff can evaluate  
their usefulness in family history research. No plans  
currently exist to make these sources available in  
family history centers.

### CORRESPONDENCE SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY

Family History Library staff members recently began  
answering questions on four electronic bulletin boards.  
Although they cannot do research for you, staff  
members will answer basic questions such as where a  
specific town is, if records are available for a given  
location, or how to use FamilySearch.

The questions and answers are stored on the  
bulletin boards. Before asking a question check  
existing answers to see if it has been answered  
already.

The following chart lists the bulletin boards and the  
identification numbers where this service is available:-

Bulletin Board	ID Number
GEnie (Research questions)	F.H.Library
GEnie (FamilySearch questions)	FamilySearch
America Online	FamHistLib
Prodigy	FHLS98B-
	FHLS98F
CompuServe	70007,3253
National Video Text (Research questions)	FHLibrary
National Video Text (FamilySearch questions)	FAMSearch

(News of the Family History Library, 35 North West  
Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150 Vol 5,  
No. 3 Summer 1993)

## HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

These facts were gathered from the first records of the minutes of the Reno County Genealogical Society books by past Historian and Charter Member William G. Tucker.

In February of 1968 the organization was first called the Hutchinson Genealogical Society. The Society prayer was: "Our Father, We come together as a friendly fellowship of genealogy searchers because we treasure LIFE and the lives of our present family whom we love and serve each day. We treasure our people, past, who gave us our genes, our lives, and our goodly heritage. We treasure the members of this group. We enjoy those who are present, remember those who are absent and revere the memories of those who are "away". Bless us in our separate lives and in our fellowship one with the other. Amen.

The Hutchinson Genealogical Society members were as follows:

Miss Mina MILLER, Mrs. Grant HEGARTY, Mr. Chris FRY, Mr. Jimmy W. HEITMAN, Mrs. Lewis (Marlene) ZMEK, Mr. Robert D. LAFEVER, Mrs. Ester Mae LAFEVER, Mrs. Boyd STARNES, Mrs. Elma (Augusta) SHEHORN, Mrs. Mary R. ROBINSON, Mrs. Stanley (June) SMALL, Mrs. Melvin (Pauline) DURHAM, Mrs. Clarence (Louise) TERRY, Mrs. E. J. (Ethel) BARNES, Mrs. Howard (Arlene) HOY, Mrs. Ruth (SMITH) LEWIS, Mr. James G. PAYTON, Mrs. Alvin (Jerry) WISE., Mrs. Fay (Rose) HOLMES, Mr. Ralph TYLER, Mrs. Max (Marjorie) EMBREE, Mrs. Ruth E. STEFFEN, & Mr. Leo BAINUM.

One of the early meetings of the Hutchinson Genealogical Society was announced in a letter to David R. MACKEY of radio station KWHK, asking him to broadcast the next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at Evergreen Manor Nursing Home, 2301 North Severance, Hutchinson, KS. Special Guest Speaker will be Mr. Virgil L. GRESHAM. As a local school teacher he will give his results of four years of study in "*Genealogical Searching and Pedigree Work On Family Trees.*" Any interested people in family research are cordially invited.

### New Officers for 1968

President, James G. PAYTON; Vice President, Mrs. Max (Marjorie) EMBREE; Sec-Treasurer, Leo H. BAINUM; Historian & Librarian, Mrs. Howard (Arlene) HOY.

I was unable to find any records from February 1968 to 1976!

On Saturday 13th November 1976 at 1:00 P.M. a meeting was held in the Hutchinson Public Library. DAR Regent appointed Mrs. B. J. DOUGHERTY as

chairman to organize a group in Hutchinson for genealogical research.

On Monday, 7th March 1977 at 7:00 P.M. a meeting was held in the Hutchinson Public Library with the purpose of organizing a Genealogical Society. Garland HENSON conducted the meeting with approximately sixty people present. A working committee was appointed. The following were named to the committee: Mrs. Melvin EMIG, Mrs. William PETERSON, Mrs. Robert U. GLENN, Mr. James H. ARTERBURN, and Mr. Garland F. HENSON.

Thursday, 10th March 1977 the working committee had a meeting at 2:00 P.M. in the Hutchinson Public Library. Mrs. GLENN, was selected as Acting Secretary. Others in attendance were: Jim ARTERBURN, Garland F. HENSON, and Mrs. William PETERSON. The next meeting of the working committee was Sunday the 27th March 1977.

Monday, 28th March 1977 at 7:30 P.M. a general meeting was held at the Hutchinson Public Library. Mrs. EMIG distributed questionnaires regarding genealogical interests of the group.

Saturday, 16th April 1977 9:00 to 3:00 P.M. there was a Genealogical Workshop sponsored by the Hutchinson Public Library.

Tuesday, 26th April 1977 at 7:30 there was a general meeting and workshop in the Kansas Room.

Saturday, 7th May 1977, 9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P.M. there was a workshop for advanced students conducted by Mr. Allen GARDINER of Topeka, KS.

Monday 23 May 1977 at 6:30 the working committee held a meeting with Dr. Donald J. MARTIN of Salt Lake City. Immediately afterwards the general meeting was held with Dr. Donald J. MARTIN as the guest speaker for the evening.

Wednesday 4th January 1978 at 7:00 P.M. the working committee met at the home of Malinda PETERSON with Jim ARTERBURN and Lucille GLENN. Dr. Donald J. MARTIN was a guest and advisor for the group.

On the 23rd of January 1978 form letters were mailed to all those who had attended the workshop meetings of the Genealogical group from March 1977 to January 1978. The list was compiled by Malinda PETERSON and the letters composed and mailed by Jim ARTERBURN. Ninety five letters were mailed out.

Up until the meeting on Monday, March 20th, 1978, the formation of the Reno County Genealogical Society was a lot of work and meetings. The work was finally over and the word was *lets get on with it*. A resume of the information gathered from their recent question-

(cont.) naires showed that of the 95 questionnaires mailed, 60 were returned.

Question #1 - Formally organize, elect officers, and set dues. 41 Yes --- 3 No --- 16 Not Marked

Question #2 - Will help on a special Function Committee. 36 Yes --- 12 No --- 1 I will try --- 11 Not Marked.

Question #3 - Will share time on special projects. 40 Yes --- 12 NO --- 8 Not Marked

The following members volunteered to serve as an Officer, or Co-chairperson on a Committee or Project, if elected: Anita GOLDBERG, Arthur GRAVES, Patricia HOFFMAN, Jess E. KING, Mrs. Wm. A. LACKEY, Ruth MARTIN, Richard T. McCREEDY, Mrs. Betty MORGAN, Jayne PURCELL, Margaret RAMSDALE, Steve SHORTER, Robert E. SPENCE, Chandler C. RUDICEL, Everett WELLS, Wanda LINDBLOOM, Lurye EMIG, Malinda PETERSON, Garland F. HENSON, James H. ARTERBURN.

So on the night of Monday, March 20th, 1978 at 7:00 P.M. the working committee was disbanded and a General Meeting was held at the Hutchinson Public Library. The group was formerly organized and the Officers were elected.

#### New Officers for 1978:

President, Betty (MYERS) MORGAN; Vice-President, Jesse E. KING; Sec-Treasurer, Anita GOLDBERG; Corresponding Sec., Jayne (KOPKE) PURCELL; Membership Chairman, Garland F. HENSON; Program Chairman, Marie LACKEY.

On Monday, April 17th at 7:00 P.M. at the General Meeting the By-Laws were read and accepted with 38 Charter Members present.

The first Newsletter Vol. 1 #1 was printed in February 1979. Betty MORGAN, President; Jesse E. KING, Editor; and Jayne PURCELL, Typist.

There you have the start of the Hutchinson Genealogical Society in 1968 to the organization of our present Reno County Genealogical Society with the first two years November 1976 to March 1978 chronicled. We would be remiss if we didn't look back on things that happened in the last 16 years and the dedication of all the people who are working so hard to keep us going. There are so many of them it would be impossible to name them all, so I say **Thank You** for the dedication to our Society.

Thanks for the November 1989 issue of "The Sunflower", honoring it's Charter Members as put together by Ruth FILBERT and Karen BURGESS.

William TUCKER, Charter Member & Former Historian

## KANSAS STATE CENSUSES

by

Ruth KEYS CLARK, President, Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies

It has been called to my attention that many of you do not know that the Kansas State Censuses have been indexed 1855 through 1875. Some counties have been indexed for 1885 and work has started on counties for 1895. These alphabetized index cards can be found at the Center for Historical Research of the Kansas State Historical Society in the Memorial Building in Topeka. **It is an excellent resource.** Some cards have been filmed and are available for use. Volunteers are needed to help with this indexing project. Current volunteers are working with the 1895 census. Douglas county is completed and the city of Hutchinson is being alphabetized, work is in progress for Shawnee, Labette, Thomas, Reno, Mitchell, Sedgwick, Marshall and the city of Pittsburg. If any of you can volunteer some time for this worthwhile project, please contact Mary Lou ANDERSON at KSHS.

**Help for researchers:** Many people make their capital "S" and capital "L" to look very much alike. If you are researching a surname that begins with either of these letters make sure you check under both letters for your name. Most resource materials are not cross indexed to show this similarity. You also need to know that a capital "I" and "J" are often indexed together and are also interchangeable. When using the film of the census records mentioned above, you may find that your family is placed under the "L" instead of the "S" or vice versa. To make a correction, please contact Leslie CADE at KSHS.

Only one volume of the Forgotten Settlers of Kansas series remains to be indexed. (RCGS members Larry and Vicki MOORE are indexing one volume. RF)

Most of you are aware that the KSHS Research center will move to the building under construction adjoining the Museum. There will be no additional space in this new building. At this time the microfilming department of the KSHS is very busy filming material so that it can be stored in less space to make the new facility more usable. For those who have not visited the new construction recently, we can report that work continues to progress. As you know this will be an addition to the Museum and built in what was formerly the parking lot.

## ARE YOU USING THE NEW PAF UPGRADE?

PAF (Personal Ancestral File) is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints home computer software for compiling and organizing genealogical information.

A new release for MS-DOS computers is available (Release 2.3). All registered users of release 2.2 should have received a letter explaining how to obtain the update. The \$4 maintenance release package comes with both the 3.5-inch and 5.25-inch diskettes in the same package. A README file which explains all of the enhancements and improvements is included in the software. A four page document Features Added to Personal Ancestral File Since Release 2.2 can be found in the package.

Those who are not registered users may purchase the complete PAF 2.3 package for \$35 from the Salt Lake Distribution Center. The toll-free number is 1-800-537-5950. PAF can also be purchased at the Hutchinson Family History Center. (Please call to find out if one is available, because we have none on hand at the present time.) Release 2.2 users who have not sent in the 2.2 upgrade registration card will receive the Release 2.3 upgrade package by mailing or taking their 2.2 registration card, together with \$4, to the Salt Lake Distribution Center (1999 W. 1700 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104. If you have not upgraded your 2.0 or 2.1 PAF software, write to the above address for instructions.

Release 2.3 features the following improvements: Improved printing capabilities. These include the ability to designate beginning and ending points for sorted names lists by letter of the alphabet and to print separate pages for names on this list that begin with the same letter of the alphabet, the option of printing family group records while printing the related descendency and cascading pedigree charts, and the ability to print a three-generation-per-page chart.

Focus/Design Reports is more powerful. Users can focus on empty fields, perform "wild-card" searches and narrow their search to the focus list itself. Focus lists can be saved to disk. They also can be used to create a GEDCOM file. In designing reports, users now can designate "father", "mother", and/or "spouse" as separate fields.

The configuration can be designated to go right to "Pedigree Search". In "Pedigree Search" users can perform all of the functions listed on the "Main Menu". This is especially useful if you have a "mouse". PAF is very "mouse compatible". Command characters are highlighted for those who don't use a "mouse".

Additional "Match/Merge" options. They include

performing a match/merge for individuals with or without matching ID numbers, using less-restrictive rules to generate a list of possible matches, saving the automatic merge list if the user does not finish a match/merge, and printing a report which lists all records merged.

GEDCOM program improvements, including the ability to select a range of families in a GEDCOM file, select up to 250 generations of an individual's ancestors and descendants for a GEDCOM submission, and use the same key strokes to mark or unmark individuals in a GEDCOM file for addition to Family Records information.

For LDS Church members the PAF 2.3 is compatible with TempleReady, the FamilySearch program which allows members to verify Church information for their ancestors and prepare diskettes for use at LDS temples. A Conversion Program enables Church members to convert the old two-letter temple codes to new five-letter codes.

Editor's Note: PAF Release 2.3 with the ability to switch between the "Main Menu" selections without leaving the Family Group Record screen is the feature I like best. There are a few "kinks" in the program, but Vance PARKER in Volume 6, Number 1, First Quarter 1994 of "PAF Users Unlimited QUARTERLY" offers some solutions and Fred ANDERSON of Olathe will keep us informed about solutions.

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## IRELAND RESEARCH OUTLINE

The latest research outline to be received at the Family History Center is the "RESEARCH OUTLINE---IRELAND".

This outline includes tips for finding your ancestor's place of origin under "Ireland Search Strategies". The "Records Selection Table" helps you select records to search. "Records the Family History Library" describes the library's Irish collection and the "Family History Library Catalog™" section explains how to use the catalog to find specific records in the library's collection.

This 48 page outline is available for \$.75 at most Family History Centers. There is a \$2.00 minimum order from ---Family History Library--Correspondence Unit, 35 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.

## NEWSPAPER EXTRACTIONS

(The Daily Independent, Friday, Sep 6, 1907, Vol VI, Page 5, Col 3. Continued from the Feb. issue of *The Sunflower*.)

Miss Katie MILLER who has been the guest of Mr. & Mrs. E. M. BUSSINGER returned this morning to her home in Kent

Mrs. John MARSHALL who has been visiting relatives and friends in Hutchinson returned yesterday to her home in Mt. Hope.

Mrs. Cora BRIDGEMAN returned this morning to her home in Abbyville. She has been the guest of relatives in Hutchinson for several days.

Mrs. G. W. LIVENGOOD and Clara and Fay LIVENGOOD have returned home from spending the summer at Green Mountain Falls, Colo.

The Daily Independent, Monday, Sep 9, 1907  
VOL VI Page 4 Col 3

CITY NEWS: Personal Notes.

Miss Ida BERTRAM was the guest of friends in Mt. Hope yesterday.

G.L. THOMAS went to Caldwell, KS this morning on business.

Mr. & Mrs. L.A. PENNY spent Sunday in McPherson with friends.

Miss Goldie BRINK, of Nickerson was the guest Sunday of Miss Zaza WEATHERS.

W.H. WILSON returned home today from a three week trip through California.

Mrs. R.F. GILMORE, of Arlington, was among the Saturday shoppers in Hutchinson.

Miss Josephine CRONICAN returned to Herington today after a visit to Hutchinson.

Austin EARHART and R. GRESHAM, of Partridge, were Sunday visitors in Hutchinson.

Ben WOFFORD of Burrton has accepted a position in the grocery department of the Cooperative Store.

Mrs. W.G. BARR, after several days visit with friends here, returned today to her home in Stafford.

Mrs. D.C. WILLMS and little daughter returned home Saturday from several days visit with relatives in Larned.

Mr. and Mrs. W. BARRETT and Miss Leota WENDLING, of Arlington, were the guests of Miss Lola MOORE yesterday.

Miss Bertha PEACHEY and Mr. DeWitt PEACHEY left this morning for Winfield, where they attend college.

### Short News Pg 5 Col 4

Joe KERN is visiting in McPherson.

J.M. WYMAN was in Nickerson yesterday.

Mrs. C.H. McNAIR was here from Halstead today.

Miss Goldie BLASDELL was the guest of friends in Burrton yesterday.

Mrs. Gordon ALLEN, of Stafford, was the guest Sunday of Mrs. S. W. CLARK.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom WADE and children are here visiting from Newport, Ind.

A.W. JOHNSON, of Sylvia, was in town taking in the Springfield series of ball games.

F. Lynn SMITH has returned to Hutchinson from a several months' stay in White City, KS.

Mr. & Mrs. A. D. CROTTS returned this morning to Kansas City, after a visit in this city with friends.

O.F. BARR and family have moved here from Buhler and will make their home at 207 East Tenth Street.

Jasper EDWARDS who is studying law in a Chicago school, is here visiting friends. He formerly lived near Turon.

Mr. & Mrs. J.C. COATES, of Chicago, who have been the guests of Mr. & Mrs. E.E. YAGGY, left today for their home.

Miss Grace MAXWELL of Partridge, has accepted a position in the Kern dry goods store and will make Hutchinson her home.

Miss Lutie McELROY returned a few days ago from Colorado, where she visited several points, going to Trinidad to spend a few days with Mr. & Mrs. S.E. LEEMAN, who formerly lived in Hutchinson.

## HAVING PROBLEMS WITH YOUR GENEALOGY

As you study the facts on your pedigree chart and other records, ask yourself these questions and **MAYBE** you'll find some **SUGGESTIONS** that will assist you in your further research.

1. Have ALL birth, marriage and death records been checked?
2. Have wills and/or estate/probate records been searched for and checked?
3. Have church records been checked for proof of birth/death/marriage?
4. If pertinent, have military records been ordered and checked?
5. Was there an application for military service pension; widow's pension; land grant based on military service?
6. What about schools, colleges, societies/fraternal organizations, business associations?
7. Surely review has been made of appropriate Federal and/or state censuses?
8. Has contact been made with persons of the same surname **NOW LIVING** in the geographic area where the ancestor lived? Particularly if a small, rural town/village.
9. Have the so-called "family associations" been investigated? Join for at least a year, get **YOUR** family in their records.
10. Have ALL of the following records been reviewed: civil and criminal court, voter's registration, tax rolls, vital statistics, divorce naturalization?
11. Has contact been made with all **LIVING** relatives, regardless of how far "removed"? In-laws? Friends of older relatives?
12. Have all known family histories been read?
13. How about town/county/state histories?
14. Has contact been made with state archives/libraries/historical societies for information as to family and/or area histories?
15. In contacts with archives/libraries, was inquiry made as to location of old newspapers? Check family association old issues for queries.
16. Have ALL cemeteries been checked and tombstone data recorded?
17. Does your research package include a **GOOD** map of the area in which research is being conducted?
18. Has the WPA Survey and Inventory of County Records been reviewed?
19. Has a church survey from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah been requested?
20. Have all relatives/in-laws/friends been queried regarding location of family Bible(s)?

**SO** - if you've done **ALL** of the above -- and you're **STUCK, LEAVE ALONE FOR AWHILE -- TAKE A TRIP NOT CONNECTED WITH GENEALOGY -- OR -- TAKE ONE AND RESEARCH ANOTHER LINE.** Many times when you return to your problems, after a period of time **AWAY** from them - you can see things that you did not see before.

Sorta like, not being able to 'see the forest for the trees'.

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## OBTAINING VITAL RECORDS FROM THE STATE OF KANSAS

Vital Records in Kansas are not public records. Certified copies of a vital record are released to the person named on the record, the parents, or immediate family named on the record, a legal representative, or anyone that can prove a direct interest, such as a name beneficiary, or someone who jointly owns property with the person who record is requested. Kansas will not release certificates to individuals who has an adversary interest in the record. Proof of legal representation, direct interest, or written authorization is required. Copies of Vital records may be obtain by mail or in person.

## By mail:

**BIRTH RECORDS** - Kansas has birth certificates on file beginning July 1, 1911 and some delayed birth certificates dating back to 1875. In your written request, state the following. The name on the certificate, date of birth, place of birth, father's name, mother's name (including maiden name), your relationship to the person who's record is being requested and the reason for requesting the record. Indicate if you would like a certified copy or a wallet size card. Also include your daytime phone number, and a personal identification number, such as driver license or Social Security number. Do not send in an original license or card. Kansas fees for birth certificates are \$10.00 for the first certified copy or card, and \$5.00 for each additional copy or card of the same record ordered at the same time.

**DEATH RECORDS** - Kansas has death certificates of file beginning July 1, 1911. In your written request, state the name of the deceased who's record is being requested, date and place of death, your relationship to the deceased, and the reason for requesting the record. Include your daytime phone number, and a personal identification number, such as driver license or Social Security number. Do not send in an original license or card. Kansas fees for death certificates are \$10.00 for the first certified copy and \$5.00 for each additional copy of the same record ordered at the same time.

**MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE RECORDS** - Kansas has marriage records on file beginning May 1, 1913 and divorce records beginning July 1, 1951. For records prior to those dates, contact the Clerk or the District Court in the county where the event occurred. In your written request, state the names as they appear on the record, and place and date where the event took place. State your relationship to the person who's record in being requested and reason for requesting the record. Include your daytime phone number, and a personal identification number, such as driver license or Social Security number. Do not send in an original license or card. Kansas fees for marriage or divorce certificates are \$10.00 for the first certified copy and \$5.00 for each additional copy of the same record ordered at the same time.

For copies of any of the above records - Make your check or Money Order payable to Vital Statistics. No cash please. Forward payment along with your request and a business size self address stamped envelope to Office of Vital Statistics, Landon State Office Building, Room 151, 900 S.W. Jackson, Topeka, Kansas 66612-2212.

### QUERIES

- WILMOT  
HALL  
TONER
- Need information of Miles G. WILMOT and his wife Adelithia HALL. Both died in Rockcastle Co. KY before 1871. They had children Miles N., George W., and Nancy C. Miles N. was b. 1848 in KY and died 1924 in Reno Co., KS. Does any of Miles N. descendents have more information on his parents? Lula TONER, 28448 E. 121st., Coweta, OK 74429-5971
- MORGAN  
SNEAD  
MILLER
- I need help in locating descendents & death & burial place of Rodolphus L. & Isabel L. MORGAN. Rodolphus was b. 1855 in MI. Isabel was listed as widow in Reno Co. in 1920 living with dau. Lilla & son/law Preston HUGHES. Another dau, Nellie married a John R. SNEAD. John SNEAD parents, James and Jeanette SNEAD lived in So. Hutchinson in 1920. Melvin MILLER, 2405 100 South, New Castle, IN 47362
- WADDLE  
LA RUE
- Is there someone in Reno County that is doing research on the WADDLE surname? I am researching George & Agnes WADDLE who moved to Abbyville in 1925. Please contact me if you know of this family.  
Barbara LA RUE, P.O. Box 9000-1583, Quartzsite, AZ 85346
- GAMBLE  
WELLS
- Samuel GAMBLE, born abt 1824, died between 1872 - 1880. Susan, (Samuel's wife) born in 1828 & died in 1883 in Bates County, MO, is listed as the head-of-household in the 1880 Salt Creek Township, Reno County, KS Census. Does anyone know where Samuel is buried?  
Kent R. WELLS, 1300 Lime Rock Drive, Round Rock, TX 78681



## National Archives—Central Plains Region

2312 East Bannister Road Kansas City, Missouri 64131

### M1301- APPLICATIONS FOR ENROLLMENT OF THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES, 1898-1914, 468 rolls

The Central Plains Regional Office of the National Archives now has the complete set of these microfilm rolls.

Researchers of information regarding The Five Civilized Tribes who have access to records in this Archives are now extremely fortunate. First timers seeking records involving these tribes may now examine both the census cards and the applications from which those census cards were prepared. Those who have found applicable census cards in the past may now examine the original application proceedings for data which was used to formulate the census cards. Often in contested cases these proceedings yield far greater returns for the searcher than can be found on the census cards; some consisting of several dozen documents.

The Central Plains Regional Office is one of the very few sources in the United States offering the M1301 microfilm rolls for review at this time.

At the April Reno County Genealogical Society Board of Directors meeting the following budget for the year beginning April 1, 1994 was approved for presentation to the members at the April General Meeting. The members present at that meeting voted to accept the budget as presented by Ruth FILBERT.

Cash on hand	April 1, 1993	\$1428.51
Cash on hand	April 1, 1994	\$1499.14
		(+ \$70.63)

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INCOME:		
Book Fund	\$37.50	\$25.00
Chart Sales	137.21	140.00
Donations/Memorials	87.00	50.00
Interest Bank checking acct.	2.98	5.00
Membership dues	1310.00	1300.00
Quarterly	20.00	10.00
Research	294.20	250.00
Workshop	<u>225.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total	2113.89	1880.00

EXPENSE:		
Book Fund/Memorial	648.06	400.00
Charts	47.08	50.00
Operational	270.76	250.00
Quarterly	694.93	850.00
(\$ .0808 per page x 96 pgs. = 775.68) +\$74.32 exp. increase		
Research	51.61	50.00
Speakers	166.82	180.00
Workshop	<u>164.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	2043.26	1880.00

### CALENDAR OF UP COMING EVENTS

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9-18 July 1994	Fifteenth Annual trip of the Kansas Council of Genealogical Society to the Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT.
14 July 1994	July Seminar and Guest Day Kansas Genealogical Society, Gunsmoke Restaurant, South Hwy 283, Dodge City. Speaker Jimmy Parker, UT on Ohio and Midwestern States Research.
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			16 Joseph DERR-2198-----
		8 Jacob Franklin DERR-2195-----	
		: B: 28 May 1834	
		: P: Centerville,Snyder,PA	17 Susannah CLICK-2199-----
		: M: 5 Dec 1865 --946	
	4 Henry Ambrose DERR-29-----	: P:	
	: B: 17 Mar 1867	: D: 19 Jan 1881	
	: P: Buffalo twp,Union,PA	: P: Brookfield,Linn,MO	18 Jacob MILLER-2200-----
	: M: 29 Jan 1894 --9		
	: P: Brookfield,Linn,MO	9 Sarah MILLER-2196-----	
	: D: 11 Jun 1949	: B: 19 Apr 1835	19 C KREINSCHNIDER-2201-----
	: P: Sturkie,,AR	: P: Upper Guilford t,L,PA	
		: D: 5 Sep 1884	
		: P: Brookfield,Linn,MO	20 James INMAN-44-----
2 Glenn Andrew DERR-9-----		10 Henry William INMAN-36-----	
: B: 21 Nov 1898		: B: 18 Oct 1844	
: P: Bucklin twp,Linn,MO		: P: Louisville,,KY	21 Matilda JEFFERS-45-----
: M: 1 Dec 1921 --4		: M: 23 May 1864 --10	
: P:		: P:	
: D: 1 Dec 1984	5 Ida Dean INMAN-30-----	: D: 8 Jul 1893	
: P: Hutchinson,Reno,Kansas	: B: 12 Sep 1878	: P: Brookfield,Linn,MO	22 Joseph P DONOVAN-2204----
	: P: ,Clark,IL		
	: D: 19 Jul 1910	11 Aradney DONOVAN-37-----	
	: P: West Plains,Howell,MO	: B: 16 Sep 1846	23 Margaret Ann CLOE-2205---
1 Donald Dale DERR-1-----		: P: ,Clark,IL	
: B: 18 Jul 1930		: D: 1 Nov 1924	
: P: Hutchinson,Reno,Kansas		: P: ,Cherry,NE	24 Ephraim SHATTO-450-----
: M: 13 Oct 1956 --1			
: P: Hutchinson,Reno,Kansas		12 James F. SHATTO-442-----	
: D:		: B: 10 Jun 1839	
: P:		: P: OH	25 Elizabeth (Betsy) ?-451--
: Iola Marie SWANK-2-----		: M: 10 Oct 1858 --152	
: Spouse	6 Elsworth Elmer SHATTO-439-----	: P: Lake Co.,OH	
	: B: 22 Sep 1864	: D: 29 Oct 1902	
	: P: Cleveland,OH	: P: Norman,Cleveland,OK	26 Horace HUNT-3843-----
	: M: 16 Jul 1906 --151		
	: P:	13 Hannah M. HUNT-443-----	
	: D:	: B: 1843/1844	27 -----
	: P:	: P: OH	
		: D:	
3 Alice Rosetta SHATTO-10-----		: P:	28 Mathies JOLDRICHSEN-2156
: B: 31 Jul 1905			
: P: Hutchinson,Reno,Kansas		14 Joldrich S JOLDRICHSEN-2146-----	
: D: 2 Jan 1966		: B: 26 Mar 1858	
: P: Hutchinson,Reno,Kansas		: P: Uphusum,S,H,Germany	29 Anna K L HANSEN-2157----
		: M: --926	
	7 Anna Catherina JOLDRICHSEN-440----	: P:	
	: B: 21 Apr 1879	: D: 22 Oct 1900	
	: P: Maasbull,SH,Germany	: P: Niebull,S,H,Germany	30 Jacob CARSTENSEN-2163----
	: D: 16 May 1955		
	: P: Wichita,,KS	15 Dorothea CARSTENSEN-2147-----	
		: B: 22 Dec 1854	31 M CHRISTIANSEN-2164-----
		: P: Lindholm,S,H,Germany	
		: D: 11 Oct 1924	
		: P: Maasbull,S,H,Germany	

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16 William Aaron SWANK-521---

8 John SWANK-506-----  
 B: 23 Mar 1847  
 P: Unionville, Appanoose, IA  
 M: 9 Feb 1874 --182  
 P: Unionville, Appanoose, IA  
 D: 6 Nov 1922  
 P: Buffalo, Dallas, MO

17 Elizabeth B ETNIRE-522---

4 Robert Milton SWANK-494-----  
 B: 8 Jun 1884  
 P: Unionville, Appanoose, IA  
 M: 4 May 1902 --180  
 P: , Harrison, MO  
 D: 21 Oct 1965  
 P: Kansas City, Wyandotte, KS

9 Lydia Caroline C POLAND-507-----  
 B: 5 Aug 1846  
 P: , Jefferson, IA  
 D: 21 Dec 1911  
 P: Buffalo, Dallas, MO

18 Robert POLAND-537-----

2 James Martin SWANK-491-----  
 B: 18 May 1912  
 P: , Kearney, KS  
 M: 21 Jun 1931 --179  
 P: Deerfield, Kearney, KS  
 D:  
 P:

10 John SNIPES-511-----  
 B: 30 Oct 1835  
 P: , Bartholmew, IN  
 M: 28 Mar 1869 --183  
 P: , Harrison, MO  
 D: 15 Mar 1922  
 P:

21 Margaret CAMPBELL-548----

5 Isabel Myrtle SNIPES-495-----  
 B: 15 Jan 1882  
 P: Bethany, Harrison, MO  
 D: 17 Aug 1962  
 P: Hillsboro, , OR

11 Christianna A. FLUKE-512-----  
 B: 27 Feb 1847  
 P: , , PA  
 D: 13 Apr 1922  
 P:

22 Emanuel S. FLUKE-557-----

1 Iola Marie SWANK-2-----  
 B: 13 Jul 1932  
 P: Lakin, Kearney, Kansas  
 M: 13 Oct 1956 --1  
 P: Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas  
 D:  
 P:  
 Donald Dale DERR-1-----  
 Spouse

12 Jasper Warren CONN-736-----  
 B: 17 Feb 1832  
 P: , Lafayette, IN  
 M: 18 May 1876 --276  
 P:  
 D: 31 Mar 1904  
 P:

23 Mary E. DONALDSON-558----

24 John CONN-757-----

6 Harry Robert CONN-730-----  
 B: 1 Sep 1877  
 P: Plattsmouth, Cass, NE  
 M: 29 Oct 1904 --275  
 P: Yates Center, Woodson, KS  
 D: 17 Dec 1962  
 P: Lakin, Kearney, KS

13 Ellen May DONNELLY-737-----  
 B: 11 Apr 1842/1848  
 P: , Cork, Ireland  
 D: 17 Jun 1917  
 P: Dodge City, Ford, KS

25 Elizabeth CHAMPER-758----

26 Domanick DONNELLY-768----

3 Helen Lucille CONN-492-----  
 B: 19 Jul 1906  
 P: Yates Center, Woodson, KS  
 D: 26 Nov 1976  
 P: Hutchinson, Reno, KS

14 Adelbert Deforest WOOD-790-----  
 B: 10 Jun 1858  
 P: Clayton, Jefferson, NY  
 M: 27 Apr 1880 --297  
 P: Americus, Lyon, KS  
 D: 27 Jun 1944  
 P:

27 Jane MC DOUGAL-769-----

28 Lafayette A WOOD-797-----

7 Cecil Bell WOOD-731-----  
 B: 8 Apr 1883  
 P: Americus, Lyon, KS  
 D: 7 Nov 1969  
 P: Lakin, Kearney, KS

15 Ella Rosalie ROYAL-791-----  
 B: 17 Dec 1857  
 P: Mazon, Grundy, IL  
 D: 11 Dec 1943  
 P: Mound City, Linn, KS

29 Harriet A. BABCOCK-798----

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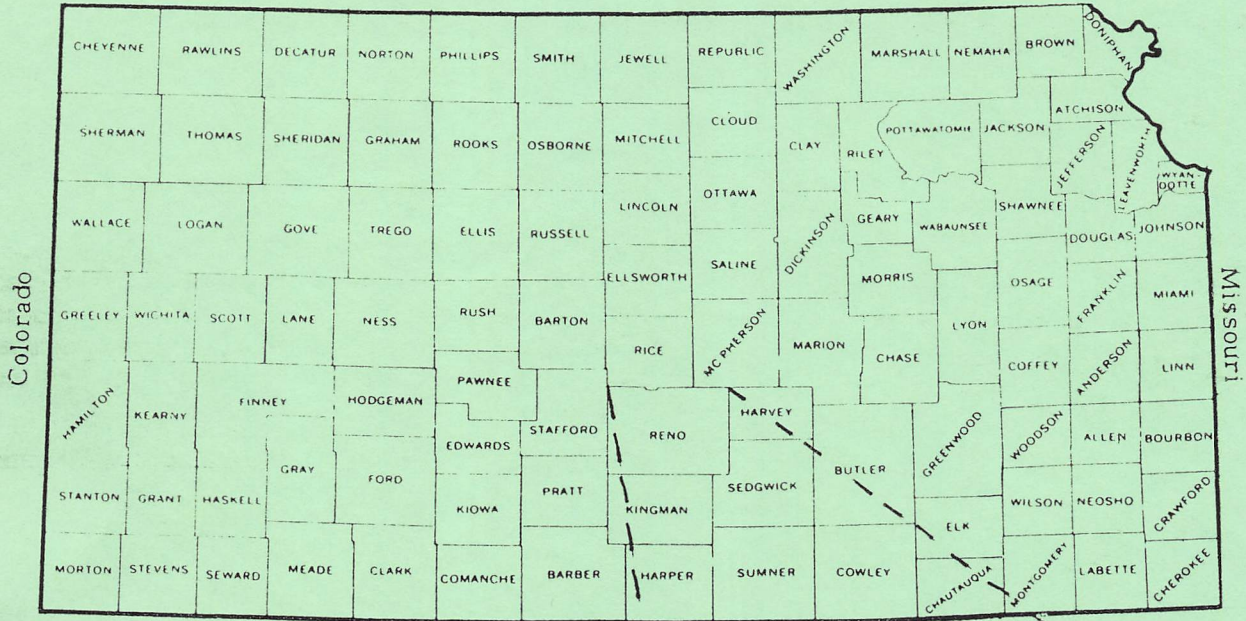
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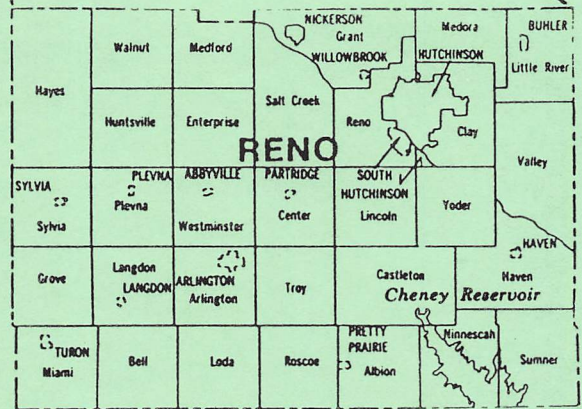
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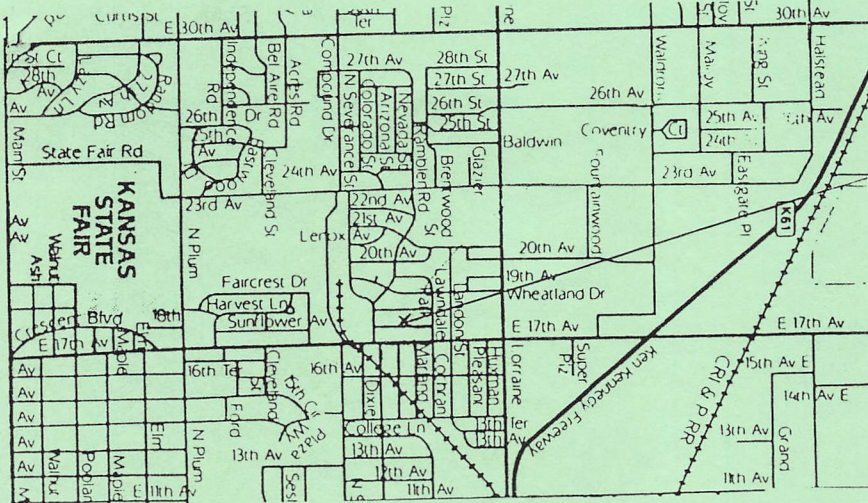
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