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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 \$10.00 per year per family, as of **1 January to the 31 December of each year.**

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (except December) in the Children's Story Hour Room (new addition) of the Hutchinson Public Library, Ninth and Main, 7-9 p.m.

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## EVENTS OF INTEREST

### RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

**DEC. No General Meeting. Happy Holiays!**

**JAN. Preservation of the Civil War Monument by Jerry Yoder.**

**FEB. Liberty Jr. High School Contest entrants.**

**MAR. Social Security Records by Peggy Hughes.**

**APR. School Records by Ruth Filbert.**

Do you know someone who would give an interesting program or do you want to give a program on a subject that interests you? Contact any RCGS board member with your idea.



## NEWS FROM THE KANSAS COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

### THE FORGOTTEN SETTLERS CERTIFICATES

Volume 21 is ready to go to the publishers and indexing can now begin on Volume 22. The Master Index to Volumes 11 thru 20 of "The Forgotten Settler's" has been printed and distribution has started.

There have been 674 Territorial, 1863 Pioneer and 398 Early Settler certificates awarded since inception for a total of 2935 certificates.

Have you applied for a certificate for your ancestor or ancestors? The application forms have been revised and anyone applying for a certificate should use the new form. Write to KCGS, P. O. Box 3858, Topeka, KS 66604-6858 for the new forms or ask your district representative for the forms.

### KCGS AWARDS

Each year, KCGS presents an AWARD OF EXCELLENCE and a CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION at the Annual Awards Banquet to member societies and/or individuals who qualify in the following areas:

1.) Outstanding newsletter; 2.) Outstanding quarterly; 3.) Outstanding workshop, seminar or conference; 4.) Outstanding preservation of records; 5.) Publication of local records; 6.) Improvement in library/research center 7.) Outstanding contribution to the Kansas Genealogical/Historical community.

### HARRIET E. HOFFMAN AWARD

This is a special award, not necessarily given each year. The recipient must be connected to Kansas, having made outstanding contributions to Kansas historical and genealogical communities in the fields of:

1.) Enrichment to the genealogical and family history collections of Kansas; 2.) Publication of Kansas genealogical and family history; 3.) Promotion of genealogical education; 4.) Aiding in the improvement of library/research centers; 5.) Supporting genealogical efforts through work in local/state organizations and government.

Any member of KCGS may recommend a society or individual for this award. Recommendations should be given to the state president who with the officers shall select the awardee. Should an officer be recommended, the other officers should select this individual.

The award shall be in the form of a plaque given at the Annual Awards Banquet.

### STERN-NARA GIFT FUND

Broderbund Software is continuing its support of the genealogical community with a matching grant program up to \$10,000. this program make it possible for each society to double its contributions to the Stern-NARA Gift Fund.

For every dollar a society donates to the NARA General

Fund, War of 1812 Land and Bounty Pension Files or United States Colored Troop Compiled Service Records projects, Broderbund will match the contribution up to \$500.

To obtain the matching funds, each society is asked to submit their request to Broderbund Software and choose the fund they wish to have Broderbund match with a contribution.

(For many years the Federation of Genealogical Societies has requested that each society contribute one dollar per member. Would you include an extra \$1.00 with your membership dues of \$12.00 to help preserve records.)

### SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- ◆ June 11 & 12, 1999—KCGS 24th Annual Conference, Four Points Sheraton, 549 S. Rock Road, Wichita, Kansas. Featured speaker, James L. Hansen, Reference Librarian, Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.
- ◆ July 10-19, 1999—KCGS Trip to Washington, D.C.
- ◆ Oct. 3-10, 1999—KCGS Trip to Salt Lake City, UT
- ◆ June 16-17, 2000—KCGS 25th Annual Conference, Wichita Airport Hilton, speaker, Dr. George Schweitzer.

### TIDBITS OF INFORMATION

If writing is too faded to read, use a 75 watt light bulb in any lamp that casts light directly on the written page. The writing will miraculously appear.  
From Palatines to America, Nov 1997

Did you know that the phrase "1st inst." means that first of this month and "1st ult." means the first of last month?

You often find these types of dates in early records. Inst. means instant: i.e., within the same period of time, and ult., an abbreviation for the Latin word "ultimo" which means last, is used to indicate the preceding month.

From Fairfield Trace, Fairfield County Chapter of the Ohio Gen. Soc., Fall 1997

If you have trouble with "bleed through" when copying or scanning documents on thin paper, we have a tip for you. Put a piece of dark paper behind the original. This will help to minimize ghost characters from the back of the original.

From Tree Climber, Stark County Chapter Ohio Gen. Soc., October 1995.

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From the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County, Vol. 20, No. 8, page 4, Aug. 1998.

How would you like to see a copy of the actual land grant to your ancestor signed by the President at the time? If you have an ancestor who may have gotten a Land Grant in one of the Eastern States check out this site. <http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov>

The Home Page will come up, read all the information. they ask you to put in your Postal Code for demographics only. then click on the "Search Land Patents". You will be asked to pick a state. A form will come up asking for any information you know regarding the land or patentee. Fill in what you know, even if it is only a surname. At the end of the form is the line "Genealogical Search Results". Click on this and wait for them to search for your entry. You can print out this listing. When you find one that you want to pursue further, click on Land Patent Search. When that page come up go to the green box in the lower right corner and put in the state and the accession # that was given you on the first search. This will bring up the land description and the location. At the end of this is more information on how you go about viewing the actual document. click on view document and the actual Land Grant will appear.

To view the land grant document your browser has to have a plugin to view a graphic in TIFF format. If you don't have one get the free download by clicking on the GET IMAGE VIEWER on the first page where you put in the postal code. Create a temp. directory and download the file to that directory. Go to your temp. directory and double click on the file. It will open and install itself, but it must be installed to a plugin folder in your browser. After installation the computer has to be rebooted. If you want to send away for a copy of the original there is a box marked to print out the form for requesting the document.

For **IRISH RESEARCH** try <http://www.ihonline.com> by Dwight Radford and Kyle Bettit's, also their publication "The Irish at Home and Abroad".

There is an interesting article on "**Unpuzzling the Soundex Code**" in *Trail Breakers*, Vol. 24, No. 3, Spring 1998.

### **WHY LOOK AT THE CENSUS WHEN I ALREADY KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THESE FOLKS?**

What will I get out of the census? I already know who was in my family and my mom knew all of the aunts and uncles. What I really want is to know more about how they got to California. Here are some folks I met in the census and some information about the family. This is just for fun but the facts are true - or at least that is what I found in the census of 1860 for Stanislaus County (CA).

#### **WHICH WAY DID THEY GO?**

Living in the Emory area was the Mitchell family—David a 48 year old farmer born in Tennessee and his wife, Cynthia,

39, also born in Tennessee. There are six children who appear to be the issue of David and Cynthia: Robert 17, Nancy A. 15, Hiram W. 12 and Eliza Jan 10 were all born in Missouri. Henry G. who is 3 was born in NY. Malinda age 1 was born in California. What does this tell us about how the Mitchell family got to California? How do YOU think that the Mitchell family came to California? Yes, it is most likely that they went to New York and took a ship to come to California.

From *The Stanislaus Researcher*, March 1995.

### **GENERAL HISTORY TIP**

Prior to 1885 many thousands of couples from West Virginia, Ohio and other states eloped to Pennsylvania, eager to be wed in a state which did not require a marriage license. West Alexander, a small village just inside the western Pennsylvania line and halfway between Washington, Pa. and Wheeling, W. Va. on the old National road (Route #40), soon gained a far-flung reputation as a "Gretna Green". The local justices of the peace became famous as "Marrying Squires". They and the village ministers performed some 7,000 marriages during the years until Pennsylvania by act of assembly on Oct. 1, 1885. joined it's neighbors in requiring a license. It has long been a problem for historians and genealogists to find proof of Pennsylvania marriages because so few of these J. P. Books have survived.

Mary L. Henke. From the Indiana County's PAgWeb Page via The Ark Valley Crossroads, Vol. 9, #4, Oct., 1998, page 19.

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### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**REMEMBER:** Your 1999 Reno County Genealogical Society membership dues of **\$12.00** should be paid by January 1, 1999.

Send your dues to: Reno County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 5, Hutchinson, Kansas 67504-0005.

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**BEFORE MOST PEOPLE START BRAGGING ABOUT THEIR FAMILY TREE, THEY DO A GOOD PRUNING JOB.**

**AFFIDAVITS OF DEATH**

Extracted entries from microfilmed Reno County Court House records.  
(Extracted was only the name of the deceased and name of heirs, not  
extracted was listing of real and personal property that deceased owned.)  
This microfilm is located at the Hutchinson Public Library.

BOOK A, Continued from *The Sunflower* Vol. XX, # 3

209. MOUNT - Cyrus Mount died 2 Oct. 1908 at Reno County, KS Heirs:  
Mary C. Mount, age 65, Haven, Kansas  
Hattie L. Thorp (nee Mount), age 41, Haven, Kansas  
Fannie Morton (nee Mount), age 38, Wichita, Kansas  
Clarence E. Mount, age 33, Haven, Kansas  
Lottie A. Henderson, (nee Mount), age 30, Haven, Kansas  
Edward L. Mount, age 28, Haven, Kansas
210. PENNER - Cornelius J. Penner, died 29 Oct. 1908, at Buhler, Kansas Heirs  
Elizabeth Penner, age 56, Buhler, Reno County, Kansas  
Elizabeth Patzkowsky, age 25, Buhler, Reno County, Kansas  
Cornelius Penner, age 23, Buhler, Reno County, Kansas  
Aganeta Penner, age 21, Buhler, Reno County, Kansas  
Anna Penner, age 19, Buhler, Reno County, Kansas  
Dietrich Penner, age 14, Buhler, Reno County, Kansas
211. FARNEY - Annie Farney, died 7 November 1907 at Reno County Kansas Heirs:  
Christian Neuhausen (half brother) age 50, Harper, Kansas  
Katie Schwetzer (nee Farney), age 43, Sterling, Kansas  
Valentine Farney, (brother), age 42, Abbyville, Kansas Rt. 2  
Mary Farney (sister), age 40, Sterling, Kansas
212. GROVER - Charles B. Grover, died 10 Nov. 1908 at Reno Co. Kansas Heirs:  
Ida Reed, (daughter), age 49, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
Arthur L. Vinecke, (Grandson), age 19, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas
213. JOHNSON - James S. Johnson died 2 Dec 1908, at Reno County, Kansas Heirs:  
Taylor Y. Johnson, age 25, Partridge, Reno County, Kansas  
Carl F. Johnson, age 22, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
Fannie Ingrain (nee Johnson) age 19, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
Lottie Mae Johnson, age 17, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
Carrie Kosh Johnson, age 13, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas
214. DANELL - Hannah M. Danell, died 18 Dec. 1908, at Hutchinson, Kansas Heirs:  
Charles H. Shirk, sole legatee, age 41, Hutchinson, Kansas
215. SHOWALTER - Edith M. Showalter died 2 Jan 1909 at Reno CO. Kansas Heirs:  
Russell D. Showalter (husband) age 28, Darlow, Reno County, Kansas  
Dale Showalter, (son), age 1 year, Darlow, Reno County, Kansas  
Nellie C. Henderson, nee Beuthusen, daughter, age 50, res. unknown
216. COMPTON - Belle Compton died 4 Jan. 1909, Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas Heirs:  
J. F. Compton, age 29, Turon, Reno County, Kansas  
Marie Compton, age 5, Turon, Reno County, Kansas  
Virgil Compton age 11 months, Turon, Reno County, Kansas

217. HOBBS - Benjamin F. Hobbs died 4 Jan. 1909, a Reno County, Kansas Heirs:  
 Elva L. Hobbs, (widow), age 42, Reno Township, Kansas  
 Alvin F. Hobbs, (son), age 7, Reno Township, Kansas  
 Elma J. Hobbs, (daughter), age 5, Reno Township, Kansas
218. SMITH - John E. Smith died 22 Jan. 1909, at Reno County, Kansas Heirs:  
 Delia E. Smith (widow), age 35, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
 Ralph D. Smith (son), age 8, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas
219. NETTLETON - Earl Nettleton died 12 July 1907 at Reno CO. Kansas Heirs:  
 Allie A. Nettleton, age 35, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
 Tulley A. Nettleton, age 8, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas
220. RICKSECKER - Solomon Ricksecker died 10 Jan. 1909 Reno CO. Kansas Heirs:  
 Ellen Ricksecker age 58, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
 Allen S. Ricksecker, age 32, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
 Nettie P. Adams (nee Ricksecker), age 30, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
 Maude Wiley (nee Ricksecker) age 27, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
 L. Beatrice Ricksecker, age 24, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
 William H. Ricksecker, age 20, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
 R. Ray Ricksecker, age 17, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
 Otto D. Ricksecker, age 14, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
 Ollie A. Ricksecker, age 14, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
 Jesse P. Ricksecker, age 13, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
 Ogilvia Curtis Ricksecker, age 35, Wilonet, Stark County, Ohio
221. TIPPETTS - John N. Tippetts died 22 Jan. 1888 Reno County, Kansas Heirs:  
 Mary M. Tippetts died 30 Jan. 1909 Reno County, Kansas  
 George W. Tippetts, age 50, Turon, Reno County, Kansas
222. ELLIS - Philander A. Ellis died 8 March 1909, Nickerson, Kansas Heirs:  
 Helen J. Ellis age 59, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
 Henry F. Ellis, age 41, Elsmore, Kansas  
 Ernest L. Ellis, age 39, Haviland, Kansas  
 Edith A. McCalister, (nee Ellis), age 37, Mapleton, Kansas  
 Elizabeth L. Hanclett (nee Ellis), age 32, Larned, Kansas  
 Lora May Salmons, (nee Ellis), age 30, Hanston, Kansas  
 Augie C. Burditt (nee Ellis) age 28, Larned, Kansas  
 Lee E. Ellis, age 25, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas  
 Roy W. Ellis, age 22, Larned, Kansas  
 Earl E. Ellis, age 20, Harper, Kansas  
 Herbert B. Ellis, age 15, Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas
223. FARNEY - Christian P. Farney died 11 Feb. 1909 Meadow, McLain Co. IL  
 Heir: Barbara Oyer, age 53, Meadows, Illinois
224. MILLER - Christian J. Miller died 27 Jan. 1909 Reno County, KS Heirs:  
 Barbara A. miller, widow, age 54, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
 Susan Yoder (daughter) age 32, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
 Lydia Miller, (daughter) age 30, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
 Harvey C. Miller ( son) age 28, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
 Mahala Fry, (daughter) age 24, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
 Clemens Miller, (son) age 20, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
 Elizabeth Miller, (daughter) age 16, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
 Barbara Miller (daughter) age 12, Haven, Reno County, Kansas

225. GREEN - Kate C. Green died 13 July 1909 Pueblo, Pueblo, Colorado Heirs:  
Margaret Green, age 76, Pueblo, Pueblo County, Colorado
226. COCKEY - Clara M. Cockey died 27 March 1909 Sedgwick CO. Kansas Heirs:  
John P. Cockey, age 41, Hutchinson, Kansas  
Thomas R. Cockey, age 37, Fountain, Oklahoma  
Edna E. Gaston, (nee Cockey) age 35, Wichita, Kansas  
Eldon M. Cockey, age 33, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
Annabel Haines (nee Cockey), age 31, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
Will W. Cockey, age 29, Wichita, Kansas  
Nelle M. Cockey, age 27, Hutchinson, Kansas
227. OTT - Thomas A. Ott died 27 March 1909 Hutchinson, Reno CO, Kansas Heirs:  
Noah Ott, (brother), age 54, New Paris, Indiana  
Alva H. Ott, (nephew), age 20, Milford, Indiana  
Laura Marie Ott, (niece) age 11, Milford, Indiana
228. SCHOONOVER - John U. Schoonover died 21 March, 1909 at Haven, KS Heirs:  
Elma J. Schoonover, age 62, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
Mrs. Susie Duke, age 39, Hydro, Oklahoma  
Charles O. Schoonover, age 38, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
Mrs. Mary E. Forker, age 36, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
Geo. H. R. Schoonover, age 34, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
Hattie J. Schoonover, age 31, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
Lucy R. Schoonover, age 29, Haven, Reno County, Kansas  
John J. Schoonover, age 26, Haven, Reno County, Kansas
229. GHORMLEY - William Ghormley died 17 March, 1909 at Hutchinson, KS Heirs:  
Sarah H. Ghormley (widow), age 58, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
Carrie Jane Flagg (daughter), Hoopston, Illinois  
D.W. Ghormley (son), Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
Hattie E. Hamilton (daughter), Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
Charles E. Ghormley (son), Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
Jessie Pearl Murphy (daughter), age 25, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
John Ray Ghormley (son), age 21, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas
230. RANDALL - Clinton W. Randall died 7 Sept. 1908, Hutchinson, Kansas Heirs:  
Eula B. Randall (widow), age 39, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
Florence A. Randall (daughter), age 9, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
Helen A. Randall (daughter), age 8, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas
231. DEMORET - Samuel Demoret died 14 March 1909 Hutchinson, Kansas Heirs:  
Mary Catherine Smith, age 57, Crawfordsville, Indiana  
Johnson Demoret, age 55, Pretty Prairie, Reno County, Kansas  
Joseph Demoret, age 48, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
Francis Ellen Hogue, age 46, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
Samuel G. Demoret, age 44, Pretty Prairie, Reno County, Kansas  
Sephronia Shadduck, age 42, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
Sarah J. Richardson, age 40, Pretty Prairie, Reno County, Kansas  
Rosalee Richardson, age 38, Jonesborough, Kansas  
Leora Green, age 36, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
William P. Demoret, age 34, Pretty Prairie, Reno County, Kansas  
Lonzo Demoret, age 28, Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas  
Albert Michael, age 37, Crawfordsville, Indiana  
(Albert is son of Elizabeth Ann Michael, deceased daughter of Samuel Demoret. Elizabeth died 1872 in Crawfordsville, Indiana)

**HUTCHINSON DAILY GAZETTE**

Continued series  
Clipped by Harold Balzer

Aug. 27, 1909

**NEW FAIR GROUNDS PLAN SHOWS  
ELABORATE SCHEME**

Contemplate the Expenditure of \$150,000 Immediately--To Cost More Later On.

A. L. Sponsler, secretary of the Central Kansas Fair Association, has received a revised plat of the new fairgrounds. The new plan arranged ample walks from the entrance to the grand stand, through the center of the grounds. The walks pass a plaza, in the center of which is a band stand. On each side of the plaza is a restaurant. Farther on, directly in the central way, is the building to be used for horticultural and agricultural exhibits, and still farther on is the grand stand and the race track.

At the left, just inside the main entrance, stands the secretary's office, and beyond is a lake. Farther on is a long "midway" where various amusements will be situated. A number of booths occupy space beyond the amusements, and still beyond, near the stables for track horses, is the horse exhibit building.

To the right from the main entrance stands the auditorium, and a park just beyond. The woman's building comes next, followed in quick succession by the dairy products, poultry, implements and livestock buildings. A space is left for outdoor exhibits, and sheep and swine pens occupy the extreme corner at the right of the race track.

The plans contemplate the immediate expenditure of approximately \$150,000 and further improvements to be added each year for many years to come.

**DEATH OF BABY GIRL**

The two-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Smith of 1109 East Fourth avenue, died this morning at 6:30 o'clock. Mr. Smith is employed at the Standard Oil company in East Hutchinson. The funeral services will be held at the residence this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Burial will be in Eastside cemetery.

Friday, August 27, 1909, Page 3.

**BARACA CLASS ENTERTAINS FOR  
PHILATHEA GIRLS**

Baraca class of the First avenue Baptist Sunday school entertains ..... evening in the church parlors the Philathea girls. The rooms were decorated in the two class colors of blue and white. Pennants decorated the walls. Punch was served the entire evening. during the evening Miss Margaret Smith sang while Miss Leela Sanders played and Miss ..la

May Keith gave a reading. Hosts served light refreshments that carried out the color scheme as far as possible. (Sections of this piece were hard to read or missing, so the entire article was not copied.)

Mrs. Park Johnson of West Tenth avenue, gave a pretty 7 o'clock dinner last evening for her sister, Miss Dorothy Miller. Mrs. Grace Craig assisted the hostess in entertaining. The place cards were pretty pen and ink sketches. Dinner was served in four courses. Covers were laid for Miss Miller, Mrs. H. M. Stewart, Miss Ruth Randle, Miss Minnie Yerkes, Miss May Carbiener, Miss Pearl Carbiener, Miss Nita Might, Miss Anna O'Halloran, Miss Helen Martin, Miss Irene Little and Miss Carrie Gustafson.

Mrs. A. W. O'Brian of East B avenue, entertained St. Teresa's guild of the Catholic church yesterday afternoon at her home. There were twenty-two members present. The guild guests were Mrs. S. J. Soper, Mrs. Moritz Guth, Mrs. C. H. Dix, Miss Mabel Costello, Miss Maggie Costello and Miss Susie Soper. At the afternoon's close, the hostess served a dainty luncheon. The guild will be entertained next week by Mrs. S. F. Johnson of 128 West B avenue.

Mrs. Henry Hartman, Mrs. W. R. Underwood, Mrs. H. Snyder, Mrs. Frank Thompson and Mrs. A. Routledge are entertaining this afternoon for Mrs. C. H. Rogers at the home of Mrs. Hartman, 321 West First avenue.

Mr. Alonzo Bradbridge announces the marriage of his daughter, Lucile, to Mr. Gladwin O. Davis, of Omaha Nebr., to take place Wednesday, September 8, at the bride's home, 910 North Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Messner are the guests of Mr. A. C. Malloy enroute to the Pacific coast. Mr. Messner is president of the Potomac National bank at Potomac, Wash.

Mrs. M. H. Russell returned this morning to her home in Kansas City after a few months' stay with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Forsha at the Forsha ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Westmacott, Mr. and Mrs. Plagius Williams of Emporia, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Westmacott on East A avenue.

Miss Beck Pickens, who has been visiting Mrs. Harry Bussinger for the last month, left last evening for her home in Augusta, Ill.

Miss Marian Wesphaling will come Saturday from Atchison to visit in Hutchinson with her mother, Mrs. Harriet Westphaling.

Mr. s I. V. Stewart of Spearville is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Leidigh on North Main street.

Mrs. W. J. Rutledge went to Abbyville this morning, called there by the serious illness of her brother, will McIver.

Mrs. Ida C. Thomas and daughters, Katherine and Hazel, left this morning for a visit in Kansas City.

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Miss Anna McDonald of East Fifth avenue, entertained the Sodality girls last evening at her home.

Miss Inez Payne returned home today from a visit to Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mrs. D. M. Holaday will leave tomorrow evening for Peoria Ill., for a visit with relatives.

Miss Abbie Clark was the guest in Burrton today of Miss Lizzie and Miss Buelah Davis.

Miss Myrland DeVoss has returned home from a visit to the western part of the state.

Miss Blanche Blanpied and Miss Grace Shelley were visitors today in Burrton.

Miss Nellie Duffin returned home last evening from a week's visit in Wichita.

Miss Florence Simpson of Stafford is the guest of Miss Edna Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Townsend spent the day in Burrton.

Miss Lucile Asher has returned home from a trip to Colorado.

#### Start on Sewer Soon

Work will begin on the northwest sewer as soon as the pipe arrives. Harry Atkinson, who has charge of the work for Oscar Davis, said this morning that he expected to receive the pipe with a few days.

#### NEWS TERSELY TOLD

J. N. Brown was here yesterday from Plains.

Miss Pearl Ball is visiting friends in Nickerson.

J. W. Aiton went to Harper yesterday on business.

S. G. Demoret was here from Pretty Prairie yesterday.

J. F. Greeson and wife of Partridge were city visitors yesterday.

Mrs. J. B. Hodge was the guest today of friends in Ablyville.

Mrs. Walter Hayes was here yesterday from Arlington shopping.

Charles Hutte is home from a two weeks' visit in Hodgman county.

J. T. Potter of Turon was a business visitor in Hutchinson yesterday.

E. J. Thayer of Liberal, was a business visitor in Hutchinson yesterday.

Mrs. S. C. Kessler and brother, Ben Hoch, left this week for a visit in Colorado.

Mrs. A. Purcel and daughter, Gladys, went to Great Bend this morning to visit.

Miss Gladys Payne and James Fowler attend the A. H. T. A. picnic at Burrton today.

Mrs. A. J. Spence of Arlington was among the out of town shoppers in Hutchinson yesterday.

Mrs. W. Y. Armstrong returned home yesterday from a month's visit in Russell and Ellsworth.

Miss Rose Hockenbarger went to Larned this morning to visit relatives and friends for a few weeks.

The Rev. O. L. Cook and family returned this morning from King City, Mo. They have been attending the chautauqua at that place.

#### FUNERAL OF MRS. HARRISON

Will be held at Parents' Home Tomorrow Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Eva Holloway Harrison, the young bride, who died yesterday morning, will be held at the home, 313 East First avenue at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The Rev. H. E. Wolfe of the M. E. church, and the Rev. O. P. Harnish of the United Brethren church will conduct the funeral services. Burial will be at the East Side cemetery.

Mrs. Harrison was born February 13, 1886, at Wabash, Ind. She was the daughter of Dr. A. L. and Cynthia E. Holloway, 313 East First avenue. She moved with her parents to Hutchinson in 1896 and graduated from the high school in the class of 1906. She was married to John W. Harrison July 8, 1909. While on her wedding trip she was stricken with typhoid fever in Colorado. She was removed to her home and died at the end of two weeks.

Mrs. Harrison united with the Friends Church in childhood. She leaves her husband, father and mother and one sister to mourn her loss.

#### DRIVES TO PICNIC IN A BURNING BUGGY

J. B. Egbert, a farmer living near Langdon, has suffered the novel experience of having a buggy catch fire beneath him, while he was driving along the country road. When the blaze was discovered it had gained such headway Mr. Egbert only had time to unhitch his horse and let the burning vehicle go.

Mr. Egbert, in company with Professor Edward Kelley, of Wellington, were on their way from the home of the former to attend the Woodmen's picnic at Langdon Saturday. During the trip, by some means unknown, a fire started under the seat, and for some distance the travelers left a trail of smoke behind them, while they proceeded on their way all unconscious of the blaze.

A neighbor attempted to tell them the buggy was on fire, but Mr. Egbert failed to hear, and drove on. When they neared the picnic grounds another neighbor stopped them, with the same story. This time he was understood, and Mr. Egbert lifted the flap at the back of the vehicle, to be met with a sudden burst of flame, and in a moment everything in the vicinity of the seat was afire.

Without ceremony, Mr. Egbert frantically unhitched the hose while the picnic crowd gathered around, and a moment later about all there was left of the vehicle was the frame.

The cause of the fire remains a mystery. Mr. Egbert has a theory, but the only thing of which he is sure is that his buggy was on fire when discovered, and that subsequently the body and seat burned up. He believes a match must have been dropped under the cushion, and that during the drive it was struck and set fire to the excelsior. The fire smouldered for some time, and when given air when Mr. Egbert lifted the flap at the back of the buggy, suddenly burst into flame.

### GOSSIP OF THE TOWN

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Mrs. M. Littrell left today for a visit in Kansas City.  
 J. A. Pritchard of Great Bend, was in Hutchinson today.  
 M. H. Potter, of Turon, was here yesterday on business.  
 Robert Milton was here today from Stafford transacting business.  
 Dr. Ernest McDonald has returned home from a trip to Chicago.  
 Miss Donna Shields is visiting this week with friends in St. John.  
 W. F. Coe went to Humboldt this morning on a short business trip.  
 J. C. Anderson of Haviland, is a business visitor in the city today.  
 Harry Bussinger has returned home from a business trip to Oklahoma.  
 W. F. Hill left today for Eldorado to advertise the Kansas State Fair.  
 J. H. Harper went to Canada, Kas., this morning on a short business trip.  
 The Jenkins' Music company is having a new floor layed in its building.  
 A boy baby was born at 6 o'clock this morning to Mrs. Robert Cutshaw, wife of the former member of the police force.  
 W. S. Young and a party of tourists were here from Larned this morning.  
 Mrs. M. K. Stephen and son went to Enid, Okla., this morning for a short stay.  
 Miss Ada Commerce went to Haven this morning to visit a few days with friends.  
 J. Goldberg of Kansas City was transacting business in Hutchinson this morning.  
 Vernon Crippen and Thomas Arbuckle, of Nickerson, were in the city yesterday.  
 Mrs. Laura Morris and children went to Kingman this morning for a few weeks' visit.  
 W. R. Chumpton of Great Bend, who is building the Kansas Northwestern railroad, was here yesterday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Miller of Colchester, Ill., are visiting in Hutchinson with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dunsworth on East Third avenue.  
 Miss Irene Byall and Miss Alice Snyder of Sterling, were Hutchinson shoppers yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ortman of Sterling, were visiting friends in Hutchinson yesterday.

Bruce Gray left this morning for Reding, Iowa, to visit several weeks with friends and relatives.

Mrs. W. C. Walker and Mrs. M. E. Cross went to Nickerson this morning to spend the day.

Mrs. B. H. Eversill of Newton, is the Hutchinson guest of Mrs. A. J. Friend, of East Seventh avenue.

Miss Elanore Lyon and Miss Gertrude Shawhan went to St. John this morning to attend the Stafford county fair which is being held there this week.

A number from out of town attended the W. C. T. U. convention held yesterday at the Presbyterian church. Among those from Nickerson were Mrs. J. J. Wiley, Mrs. T. J. Rutledge, Mrs. J. J. Courson, Mrs. R. Lehman, Mrs. Ellen Shaw.

No date (Possibly the last of August 1909, as the other clippings before and after it), Page 6, Columns 1-2 & 3.

### SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Reception Tonight in the Presbyterian Church for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Price—Other events of the week.

A family reunion was given yesterday at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Phillips, 220 East B avenue. At noon a dinner was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Phillips and family, Mr. O. G. Phillips and children and Mrs. O. G. Spahr of St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tharp and family and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Crupper and children.

The C. W. B. M. society of the Christian church will hold their annual picnic Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hooper of Elmer. The members of the congregation and their friends are invited to attend. The picnickers will go early in the morning. The election of officers will take place during the short business session.

The class of 1909 of the Hutchinson high school will have a picnic tomorrow evening at the country home of Mr. Frank Downey. The class members will meet at the home of Mr. Chester Tedrick, 113 East Eighth avenue and go from there to the Downey home.

Three automobile parties came from Great Bend yesterday and took dinner last evening at the Bisonte. Those in the parties were Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, Miss Sutton, Miss Mabel McLaughlin, Dr. Russell, Mr. J. E. Reser, Miss Irene Hooper, Mr. George Bowles and Miss Beulah Dumont.

Miss Virginia Elward, Miss Eula Nation and Miss Young, Mr. Clyde Leigh, Mr. Van Martin and Mr. Brehm, composed a dinner party at the Country club last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Houston, Mrs. C. V. Davenport and Mr. H. G. Haney were here from Wichita yesterday in an automobile and dined at the Bisonte last evening.

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Mrs. Lillian Lynche and daughter Nina, who have been here Miss Ida Lewis, 221 East First avenue, returned to their home in Chicago Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Feagen, who live near Kingman, were visitors in Hutchinson today. They have been visiting in Sterling with Mrs. Feagen's relatives.

Mr. L. H. Falley has returned home from a visit in Colorado Springs, Colo. Mrs. Falley and daughter will remain in Colorado for a few more weeks.

The Women's Mission Circle of the First Avenue Baptist church will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. P. C. Branch, 507 East First avenue.

The Myrtle Rebekah lodge will hold their picnic Thursday afternoon at the fair grounds. The Odd Fellows lodge will be invited guests.

Miss Correa Walter of Kingman returned to her home this morning after a visit here with Miss Ruth Randle of North Main street.

The Sodality girls of the Catholic church will meet every two weeks instead of every week. They will not meet this week.

Miss Jennie Wood, cashier of the McBurney dry goods store, has returned from her vacation in Kansas City and Burrton.

Miss Edith Brooks left this morning for Sterling where she has accepted a position with the Fair Lumber company of that city.

The Altar Society of the Catholic church will meet Wednesday after noon with Mrs. Moritz Guth on East Seventh avenue.

Mrs. Claude Mayfield and Mrs. L. A. Bunker will be the hostesses to the Wednesday morning party at the Country club.

Miss Grace Potter, returned this morning to her home in Norwich, after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lemmon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chubbuck and Mr. J. Cummins of Des Moines, IA., were dinner guests last evening at the Bisonte.

Mrs. S. F. Johnson of 128 West B avenue, will be the hostess to St. Teresa's guild Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Walter Riddell left today for Winfield where he with his family expect to make their new home. Mrs. Riddell will stay in Hutchinson some time before going to Winfield.

On account of the rainy weather the program committee of the Domestic Science club postponed their meeting of Saturday until Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Samuel Hirst on East B avenue.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the First M. E. church will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. H. H. Heylman, 123 East First avenue.

The W. S. S. embroidery club will be entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Frank Gallup, 409 West Sherman street.

Mrs. Elizabeth Leighty went to Chickasha, Okla., this morning, called there by the serious illness of her daughter.

There will be special parties given at the Country club during tournament week commencing September 1.

Mrs. Matthew Smith and children left this morning for

Lawrence, where they will make their future home.

Miss Ruby English of Eureka, is the guest of Mrs. D. E. Willms and is visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Susan Lockwood returned this morning to Anthony after a visit at her home in Hutchinson.

Miss Lizzie Brown returned home Saturday from Haven, where she has been spending her vacation.

Mr. E. L. Wellman with a party of five, composed an automobile party from Sterling yesterday.

Miss Minnie Fisk, of Sterling, was the Sunday guest of Miss Wilson in 500 North Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Russell have returned home from an extended visit in Eldorado Springs.

Mrs. A. A. Tanner and son, Delbert, went this morning to Pretty Prairie to visit.

Mrs. H. P. Swisher went to Quenemo this morning to visit her parents.

Mrs. J. S. Miller left this morning for a month's visit in Cleveland, O.

Miss Abbie Clark of McPherson is the guest of Miss Sarah Grimes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kirkpatrick leave tomorrow for their new home in New Mexico.

Miss Opal Ambler returned home this morning from a visit in Newton and Wichita.

#### GOSSIP OF THE TOWN

E. T. Smith of Turon, was a visitor here yesterday.

Ben Prather was here from Wichita Sunday visiting.

Frank Woodruff, of Wichita, was here yesterday visiting.

George Thompson was here this morning from Burrton.

Will Gillispie was here today from Valley township on business.

Sam Hayes was here today from Kingman transacting business.

Charlie Malthy went to Medora this morning to visit relatives.

J. W. Moorehead of Greensburg, was a Hutchinson visitor yesterday.

D. W. McCally, of Langdon, was a business visitor here this morning.

Mrs. George Adams of Medford, Okla., visited Hutchinson relatives yesterday.

Mrs. J. V. Coleman and daughter, Ruth, went to Darlow this morning for a short visit.

Mrs. J. S. Milam and daughter, Miss Grace, will visit this week with friends in Varner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sampson and children left this morning for a visit in Woodward, Okla.

Mrs. H. J. Miller left this morning for a visit in Topeka. From there she will go on to Detroit, Mich.



Assistant Examiner J. F. Hoch, who is acting superintendent of public schools, spent Sunday in Arlington visiting.

James Gilson, who has been visiting his sister in Hutchinson, Mrs. J. W. Simon, left this morning for his home in Manchester, Okla.

Miss Ethel Dodson of Enid, Okla., who is here visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. Palmer, went to Kingman this morning to spend the day.

#### **FUNERAL OF GEORGE CLARK**

The funeral of George E. Clark, who died Thursday, was held yesterday afternoon from his former home at the corner of D and Elm streets. The Odd Fellows lodge conducted the funeral and attended in a body. Mr. Clark came to Hutchinson a short time ago from Hill City, Kans. He leaves a widow.

#### **HOTEL CLERK LEAVES**

Frank Gore, day clerk in the Bisonte, leaves tonight for Shawnee, Okla. He is to take a place in a hotel there during this week, while the state convention of Elks is in Shawnee. After a visit with his parents there, he expects to find another hotel position in the Northwest. His successor at the Bisonte has not yet been sent out from Chicago.

#### **MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Albert F. Davis, Dalhart, Tex....26 and Rosetta Johnson, Winfield, Kansas.....21.

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#### **NEWS TERSELY TOLD**

Paul Mustard was here yesterday from Sterling.

P. Westmacott made a business trip today to Bentley.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Wiley spent the day in Burrton.

Fred Ray was here today from Sterling on business.

Sheriff George M. Duckworth is in Sylvia today on business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Barth were guests today of friends in Darlow.

Mrs. Robert Ambler of Haven was a Hutchinson shopper today.

Jacob Schroeder, of Buhler, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Charlie Reed and children went to Darlow this morning to visit.

Miss Nina Wester of Nickerson was shopping in Hutchinson stores Monday.

F. M. Longshore left this morning for a business trip to Manchester, Okla.

Mrs. J. H. McNair was here today from Halstead, shipping in city stores.

Mrs. H. Cecil and daughter, of Arlington, were in the city this morning shopping.

Mrs. M. D. Davis went to Castleton this morning to visit this week with friends.

Mrs. W. D. Adkins and daughter, Miss Golda, of Burrton, were city shoppers today.

Philip Robison, of Chicago, son of Fred Robison, who was formerly a resident of this city is here visiting his aunt, Miss Eva Beem, 208 West First avenue.

Lloyd Holaday went to Kingman today. From there he will go to Anthony to visit.

Miss June Slocum visited Hutchinson friends last evening enroute to her home in South Omaha, from a visit in Dodge City.

Professor Howard Payne of Turon was here yesterday, leaving last night for Herrington, where he will spend several days visiting.

Mrs. Henry Fey and Mrs. Gene Fey were in Hutchinson today enroute to their homes in Anthony from a visit in Halstead.

Miss May Stevens returned this morning to her home in Stafford after visiting her brother in Hutchinson, W. L. Stevens.

Mrs. G. W. Adams and children returned this morning to their home in Medford, Okla., after a short visit with relatives.

Miss Hazel Tozer, who has been the Hutchinson guest of Miss Katherine Fenn, went to Newton this morning to visit enroute home.

Mrs. W. S. Grosvenor, of Kingman, and Mrs. M. A. Norton, of Buffalo, N. Y., were in the city this morning enroute to Kingman, from a trip through Colorado.

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#### **SOCIETY**

Many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Price attended the farewell reception held for them last evening in the parlors of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Price have held prominent places in the church and society circles of the city. Mr. Price has been especially interested in the business and welfare of Hutchinson. Last night's affair was to show, to some extent, the esteem in which they are held by Hutchinson's best citizens. During the evening speeches were made. Mr. J. H. Harper in behalf of the board of deacons of the Presbyterian church, presented to Mr. Price a handsomen umbrella. Mr. Price thanked them. Mr. A. W. Tyler, Mr. James Hettinger, and Mr. W. K. McMillan gave short speeches. Mr. Price responded with a splendid farewell address. No other program was given and a pleasant informal evening with conversation was enjoyed.

Mrs. Kate Coffman, general field secretary of the Women's Missionary association of the United Brethern church, whose home is in Dayton, O., has been the guest the last week of the Rev. O. P. and Mrs. Harnish. Mrs. Coffman left this morning for Omaha, Nebr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McHarg, (Ione Wash.) and little son, Bruce Marsden, Jr., of Hutchinson, came Saturday to spend a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Walsh, of 240 New York avenue.—Wichita Beacon.

Miss Madalena Heryer will leave this week for her school, Knox conservatory of music in Galesburg, Ill. Enroute she will visit in Wichita, Emporia, Kansas City and Quincy, Ill.

The 1909 class of the Hutchinson High school are planning for a good time tonight at their picnic to be held at the country home of Frank Downey.

Mr. Carl Scheble came today from Sabinos, Old Mexico for a visit with Hutchinson relatives. Mrs. Scheble has been visiting here for some time.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the First M. E. church will meet on Friday afternoon with Mrs. H. I. Helymun of East First avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Duffin came from Kingman today to visit Mr. Duffin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duffin, on East Fourth avenue.

Mr. D. R. Hawley and son, Herschel, of Michigan Valley, are the guests of Mr. Hawley's brother, S. K. Hawley, on East Fourth avenue.

Miss Leetha Wolfe of Eskridge was the guest last evening of Miss May White, enroute to her home from a visit in Partridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Applegate and children and Mrs. E. W. White left this morning for a visit in Missouri and Illinois.

Miss Jessie, Miss Neleta and Miss Maude Rockenfield have returned home from a visit in Woodward, Oklahoma.

Mrs. John Dowell and daughter Faye, returned home this morning from a trip to Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mrs. E. R. Haines and Miss Nell Cockey were guests today of their brother in Whiteside.

Miss Mary and Master Ralph Gray went to Topeka this morning to visit for a short time.

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## MEMORIAL BOOKS

The following books have been purchased by the Reno County Genealogical Society from donations to the Delma Kincheloe Ashcraft Memorial Book Fund. They are now in the new book section in the Kansas Room of the Hutchinson Public Library and they will later be placed on the shelves.

This is a partial listing.

- \* Abstract of Probate Records Washington Co., OH.
- \* Historical Collections of Harrison Co., OH.
- \* Pioneers of Old Monocacy (Frederick Co., MD)
- \* Patents and Deeds and Other Early Records of NJ.
- \* Persons Naturalized in the Providence of PA.
- \* Maryland Rent Rolls.
- \* Families of Bergen Co., NJ.

Donations to the fund were received from members of the

Reno County Genealogical Society and from the following persons who sent memorials in care of the Johnson & Sons Funeral Home:

Etrua Pocheiska, Sandra Greenstreet, Joe & Emma Clara Stucky (Stucky-Red Bluff, Inc.), Jennifer B. Dyke, Ms. Jack Kincheloe, Mrs. Winnie Hendershot.

There were others who donated funds directly to Harry Ashcraft and he asked several friends of Delma's to select and order some books in her memory. This list will be available for the February issue.

## RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL OFFICERS FOR 1999

The following officers were elected at the November General Meeting of the Reno County Genealogical Society:

President, Art RILEY; Vice President, Jo HELLER; Treasurer, Pam STANSELL; Recording Secretary, Rita LINGG; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara MURPHY.

## QUARTERLIES

### HELP!!!

The Baton Rouge Genealogical Society has decided to stop exchanging with the Reno County Genealogical Society to reduce their postal costs.

The officers of the RCGS decided to take a look at some of the other exchange periodicals and decide which out of state ones we needed to keep on our mailing list. The ones that are not in demand will be replaced with quarterlies published by Kansas societies.

Now they are appealing to you! Are you reading and/or relying on any of the quarterlies for research from the following societies:

Central Missouri Genealogical Society—Columbia, MO.  
 Clark County Genealogical Society—Marshall, IL  
 Clark County Genealogical Society—Vancouver, WA  
 Clark County Genealogical Society—Las Vegas, NV  
 Cobb County Genealogical Society—Marietta, GA  
 Greater Cleveland Genealogical Society—Cleveland, OH  
 Holland Genealogical Society—Holland, MI  
 Idaho Genealogical Society—Boise, ID  
 Mendocino Coast Genealogical Society—Fort Bragg, CA  
 N. W. Nebraska Genealogical Society—Alliance, NE  
 Rowan Co., NC Genealogical Society—Salisbury, NC  
 S. E. Colorado Genealogical Society—Pueblo, CO

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S. W. Nebraska Genealogical Society—McCook, NE  
 Seeking 'N Searching Ancestors —St. Elizabeth, MO  
 St. Charles Genealogical Society— St. Charles, MO  
 St. Louis Genealogical Society—St. Louis, MO  
 Stanislaus County Genealogical Society— Modesto, CA  
 Sun City Genealogical Society—Sun City, AZ  
 Tuolumne County Genealogical Society—Sonora, CA  
 Wyoming Co. Genealogical Society—Tunkhannock, PA

**The quarterlies that we keep on the list will depend upon the response that we get from you, the readers.**

## POSTAL INFORMATION

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Self-addressed stamped envelopes (SASE) folded inside a letter is a violation of postal regulations because they jam postal sorting machines. This may cause the letter to be sent to the "dead letter" section. It is recommended you use a No. 9 envelope, which will fit inside the regular No. 10 business envelope without folding.

The post office sells a "message reply" double postal card for forty cents. If you're requesting a brief reply this is the most economical way to go.

## OBITUARIES CAN BE INFORMATIVE

### OBITUARY

Frederick William Hoffman was born October 5, 1847, in Niederhofen by Niewied on the Rhine, Germany. He died in his home near Preston, Kansas, June 17, 1928.

In the fourteenth year of his age, he came to the United States and located in Pennsylvania. It was in Pennsylvania, at Jackson, in Columbia county, that he was married to Caroline Wagner on April 27, 1872.

To the union of William Hoffman and Caroline Wagner eleven children were born. Two of the children died as infants. One son, Charlie died when twenty-one years old. The aged mother and eight of the children are living. Those children are Mrs. Ella Truitt of Langdon; Ira Hoffman of Turon; Mrs. Emma Deffenbaugh of Willow Springs, Mo; Mrs. Lillie Trinkle of Preston, and Clarence, Oliver and Ed Hoffman also of Preston and William Hoffman of Cullison, Kan. Forty-one grandchildren and four great grandchildren are living.

In 1877, Mr. Hoffman brought his family to Kansas and settled near the town of Larned. Ten years later they moved to Langdon, and in 1900 again moved, this time into Pratt county, locating near Preston. In the home just south of Preston he lived for the last twenty-eight years. It was there that he died.

With the spirit of the pioneer, Neighbor Hoffman and his faithful wife endured the hardships of a new land uncomplainingly. They had their part in the "Winning of The West."

Comrade Hoffman during the Civil War was a member of Company H, of the 79th Pennsylvania Infantry. He was the last member of The Old Army to leave Preston Community.

Services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon June 19, 1928, at the family home. The sermon was preached by Howard L. Williams, Methodist pastor at Preston, Brother L. E. Marvin, pastor of the Baptist Church at Preston, assisted in the service. Music was by a mixed quartet of Preston friends and by two young ladies, the Misses Anna Petrowsky and Stella Studer, who sang in the Tongue of the Fatherland. Burial was in the cemetery at Langdon.

Comrade Hoffman has entered The Low Green Tent, whose curtain never outward swings. Taps have sounded — Lights are out — The Soldier sleeps.

Contributed.

What can your find out about the family by reading this obituary? I have made a timeline of the information that I found in the obituary and some comments about other information that could be found in other sources.

1847—William Hoffman was born October 5, 1847. In Niederhofen by Niewied on the Rhine, Germany. (There may be many places named Niederhofen in Germany. The addition of "by Niewied on the Rhine" narrows the search for the location of his birth.)

1861 — When he was fourteen years of age he emigrated to the USA and located in Pennsylvania. (Did he come alone or did he come with his parents and siblings? What immigration records are available?)

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1872 — He married Caroline Wagner on April 27, 1872 in Jackson, Columbia county, PA. (Check the 1870 census for his parents and other Hoffman family members. Was Caroline listed as a member of a family in 1870? Check the county records for their marriage.)

1877 — The family of William and Caroline Hoffman moved to Larned, Kansas. (Check the land records for Pawnee county, Kansas for their place of residence. There could have been children born in Pennsylvania before they came to Kansas. Check the 1880 Pawnee county, Kansas census for the family. Did other Hoffman or Wagner families come to Kansas at the same time? What school did the children attend? What were the children's names? Are there any records of deaths in Pawnee county during 1877 and 1900? Look at marriage records for any of the children in Pawnee county)

1887 — William Hoffman moved his family to Langdon, Reno county, Kansas. (Are any of the children buried in the Langdon cemetery? Are their marriages for any of the children in Reno county? Check the books, "Cemetery Records of Reno County" and Early Marriage Records of Reno County 1872-1913" for more information. Do any land records give his place of residence?)

1900 — William Hoffman moved his family to near Preston, Pratt county, Kansas. (Check land records for the place of residence in Pratt county. Check school records for the names of the children still attending school. Some of the children may have married in Pratt county. Look for their marriages.)

1928 — William Hoffman died in the family home south of Preston, Pratt county, Kansas. He was buried in the cemetery in Langdon, Kansas. (Check the book "Cemetery Records of Reno County" for other family members buried in the Langdon cemetery.)

William's daughters married men with the surnames of Truitt (Langdon), Deffenbaugh (Willow Springs, Mo), Trinkle (Preston) as of 1928. His sons lived in Turon, Preston and Cullison, Kansas. William had 41 grandchildren and four great grandchildren at the time of his death. Check the 1920 census for their families.)

William served in the Civil War as a member of Company H, of the 79th Pennsylvania Infantry. (What war records are available for Company H? Did he get a pension? Did Caroline apply for a pension?)

Things I haven't mentioned are newspaper articles for this family. There should be probate records for William Hoffman. Obituaries for Charles Hoffman, Caroline Wagner Hoffman and possibly for the children who died as infants. Church records are another possibility, as two churches are listed in William's obituary.

To organize your thoughts when an obituary like William Hoffman's is found, take a family group sheet and start filling out the blank spaces with the information that you find. Under notes include church references, ages at time of death, places of residence and then make a timeline of the events that are given in the obituary.

I certainly find this obituary informative and I want to thank Karen Burgess for giving it to me. Karen copied this from the Turon Weekly Press, Thursday, June 28, 1928.

Below are some of the other articles found on the page Karen copied.

### LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. L. P. Millsbaugh and sons Maurice and Bobby drove to Turon yesterday afternoon to visit her brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barrett, and new baby girl who arrived at their home yesterday morning.

H. W. Bunzel was in Wichita Tuesday on business.

G. T. Fergus, traveling Live Stock Agent for the Missouri Pacific, passed through Turon Tuesday afternoon with several officials of the road who were on a tour of inspection. "Tom," as we all knew him is the same jovial fellow as in days of yore and the associate editor of the Press, in company with Will Thompson, enjoyed a quarter hour visit with him while they were in town.

Sam Newbrough, of Waldo, Kan., has purchased the Yates property just north of the Grade school building and will move his family here in the near future and occupy the property. Mr Newbrough and family lived here some years ago and he says they are anxious to return to Turon as they always liked the town and the people here. Mr. Newbrough is a brother of Mrs. Chas. Hagan.

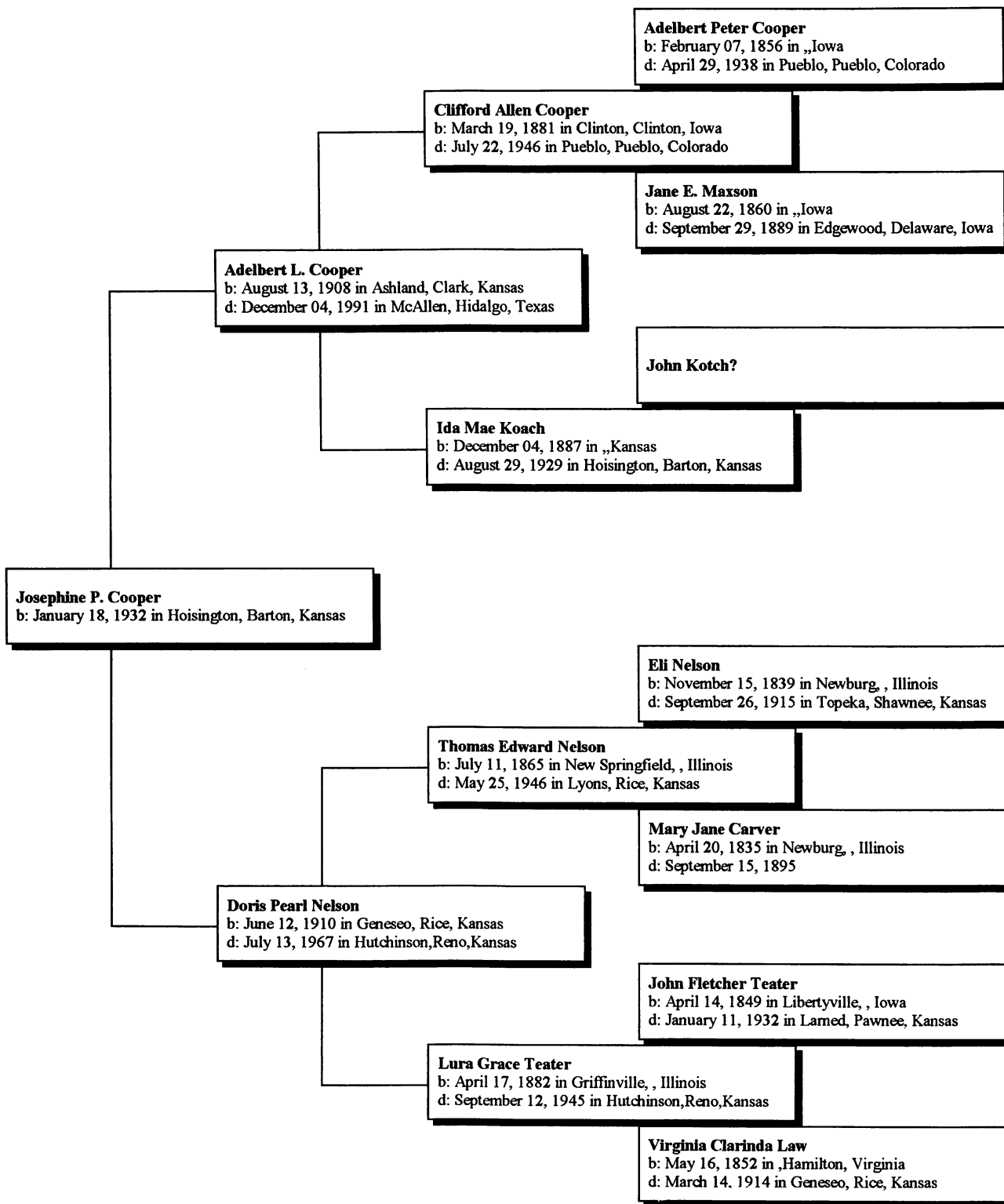
### CELEBRATES 85TH BIRTHDAY

The children and relatives of Mr. Abe Leroux, a pioneer resident of the community east of Preston, gathered at the home of Alva Huff Sunday to help Mr. Leroux celebrate his 85th birthday.

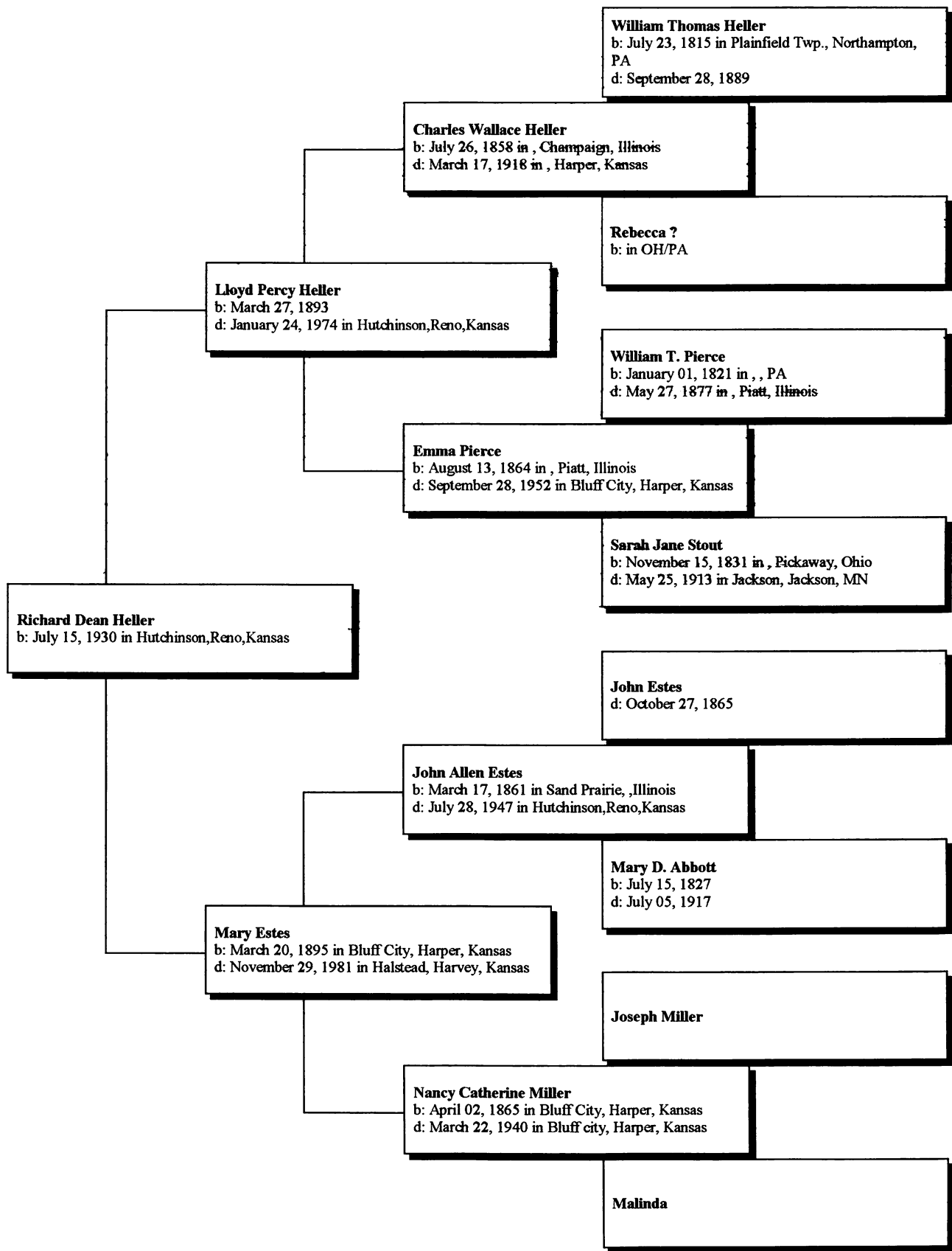
The occasion was greatly enjoyed by the fifty-four persons present. A picnic dinner was served at noon on tables set in the yard at the Huff farm. The tables were laden with good things to eat.

Those present were: Gabe Leroux and family, Frank Selle and family, Alva Huff and family, Melvin Stewart and family, Lawrence Leroux and family, Alex Leroux and family, Jack Leroux and family, John Shrum and family, Ted Fisher and family, Floyd Leroux and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. VanDolah, Mrs. Chas. Geist and daughter Ruth, and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Geist and baby of Aline, Okla., Mrs. Lizzie Leroux and Mrs Ida Graff of California, Mrs. Jane Huss of Lawrence, Kan., and Mervin Parker. — Preston News.

*Ancestors of Josephine P. Cooper*



*Ancestors of Richard Dean Heller*





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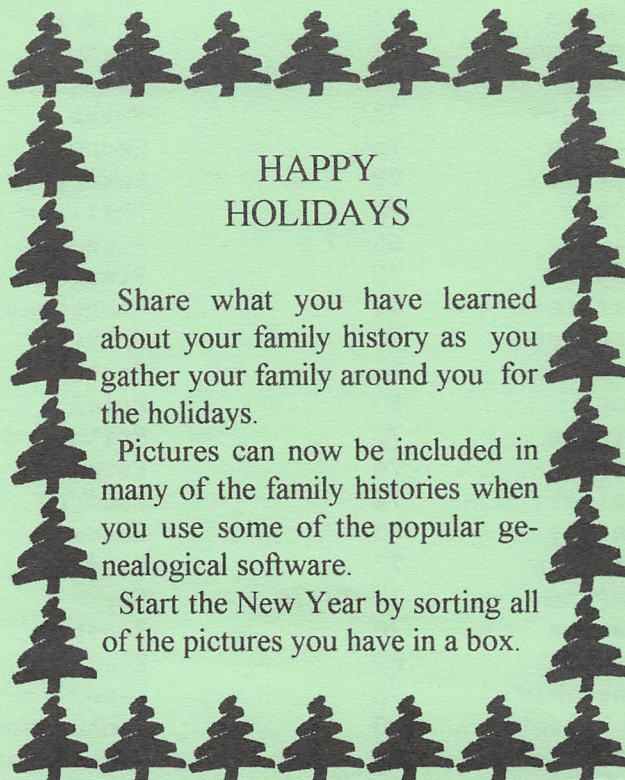
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