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MAR. Social Security Records by Peggy Hughes

APR. School Records by Ruth Filbert

MAY Books and Census Microfilm Donated To the Hutchinson Public Library in Memory of Delma Kincheloe Ashcraft and a genealogical question and answer period.

JUN. My Trip to Russia to Visit Ancestral Villages by Harold Balzer

**SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

Anyone can go on the trips sponsored by the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies. Contact the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, P. O. Box 3858, Topeka, KS 66604-6858 for more information.

**NEW MICROFORM COPY MACHINE**

There is a new microfilm/microfiche reader copier near the reference desk on the second floor. The machine is set at a default paper size of 11" x 17", but by pressing a button the size can be changed to use the common 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

The 11" x 17" default setting allows the researcher to copy a full census page from microfilm or fiche or a full page from a microfilm copy of a newspaper. The cost of the larger sheet of paper is 20¢.

Cheryl Canfield gave a demonstration to several members

after the January General meeting. The response from this group of members was very favorable. The print was small but still readable. The quality of the microfilm will determine the readability of the final print.

A future use of the machine, with the addition of a kit, will be to connect it to a computer. This will allow the image on the copier to be transferred to the computer where it can then be copied to a disk. Later the researcher can insert the disk into his/her computer and use it to document an event or transfer the image to their family history or other research paper.

This machine was purchased through funds made available by the Friends of the Library and was expensive. Please support their book sales and the book store that will open soon.

Thanks Cheryl, for thinking of the genealogy researchers that frequent the Kansas Room when you purchased this machine.

**BRITISH RESEARCH**

Are you looking for books about British Genealogy that you can purchase? Use the Web. The address is <http://www.sog.org.uk/bookshop>.

You will find nearly 2,000 items—books, booklets, microfiche, and other items. There are a few items that are from other European countries.

If you are using a 32-bit browser (because you are running Windows 95 or equivalent) you will be able to order the books with a Visa, Mastercard, or American Express card.

Two new CD-ROM Indexes are available from the LDS Church.

To read the press release for the indexes, see: [http://www.lds.org/en/4\\_News\\_Update/19980929\\_Genealogy\\_PR.html](http://www.lds.org/en/4_News_Update/19980929_Genealogy_PR.html) (genealogy is not broken).

British Vital Records Index (1538-1888), (Item #50028) 5 CDs, Price \$15. This product is an index to parish registers, civil registration records and other records collections in parts of England Wales, Scotland and Ireland. Nearly five million names. Four CDs contain birth and christening records; one CD lists marriages.

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Items from the Family History Resource File CD-ROM Series are available from: Church Distribution Center, 1999 West 17700 South, Salt Lake City Utah 84104-4233, Telephone: 800-537-5950.

## SICKMON

The following story was written by Anita Sickmon of Cheney, KS 67025.

David Sickmon was born April 11, 1834, Town of Boston, Erie County, New York. He was the 10th child of Henry and Susan Francis (Walker) Sickmon. David made two trips on horseback to California in the gold rush, he carried a violin that is still in the family. It was surely on one of these trips that he saw the land in Loda township, Reno County, Kansas that he was to homestead later.

I questioned all the family as to how David happened to come to Reno County. No one had any idea, but years after I started my Sickmon search, I received a letter from a Hamlin descendant asking about a great Uncle who lived south of Arlington, Kansas. I later found that H. W. Hamlin had lived in Erie County, New York and then Monmouth, Illinois. So that is why David and Eliza showed up at the Hamlin place in July 1887.

When Eliza Maria Saunders was about 8 years old, David trotted her on his knee and said, "When you get old enough, I will be back and marry you". He was 23 years older and she outlived him just 23 years. The two families were very close, Richard Sickmon married Eliza's aunt, Eliza Marie Walker (her mother's sister). Julia Sickmon married Loren Walker, her mother's brother.

The family tells the story that David stopped on one of his trips across Kansas and picked a large leaf of cactus, rubbed off its spines, put it in his pocket, carried it back to North Boston, New York where he planted it and it grew.

David and Eliza Maria Saunders were married at her Mother's home in November 1877, he was 43 and she was 20 years old. In the spring of 1878 they took the cars (railroad) from Buffalo to Monmouth, Illinois where David's brother, George, had lived since 1844. Eliza kept a diary of her life from her marriage till they had been in Kansas several years. She tell in her diary of their purchasing a covered wagon and team for their trip to Arlington, Kansas. You can trace their route through Missouri towns and on into Kansas. They arrived at the home of friends, Hattie and H. W. Hamlin. They lived less than 3 miles apart.

David and Eliza had four children:

Henry b. 1883, who never married and lived on the family homestead until he retired. He sold the farm to Ethel Cole, his lifelong sweetheart. He died in 1971.

Katie b. 1886, married Elmer Carder. She died in 1966.

Ray Edwin b. 1887, d. Feb 2, 1974. He married Lydia Moore b. 1888, d. April 11, 1983.

Loren b. 1889, d. 1959. He married Edith Wilburn, b. January 21, 1894, d. December 14, 1981.

David's homestead papers were Homestead Certificate No. 5578, dated October 31, 1890 and was signed by President Benjamin Harrison. The legal description was, SE 1/4

of section 3 in township (Loda) 26 S of range 8 W of the 6th principal Meridan in Kansas containing one hundred and sixty acres. The land is now owned in 1997 by the Cole family of rural Arlington.

Eliza's mother, Catharine Walker Saunders b. October 11, 1829 in Vermont, (daughter of Ashley and Polly (Hogle) Walker whose husband was Jacob Saunders. Jacob was killed at the Battle of the church in the civil war. A memorial stone is in the Chestnut Ridge Cemetery, Erie County, New York. Catharine came to Kansas and lived with Eliza and David till her death in 1907. Eliza had a brother Loren Saunders who came to Kansas and lived nearby and died of typhoid fever in 1887 leaving a wife and small daughter. Catharine had lost a daughter in Erie County from typhoid fever a few years earlier.

Eliza wrote in her diary before leaving New York, of the sadness of leaving her beautiful childhood home, never to see it again. It must have been quite a contrast to the hot dry plains in Kansas in July, We visited North Boston and Erie County in the fall of 1978 and it was beautiful.

David and Eliza, her mother Catharine Saunders and most of the rest of the Sickmon clan lie buried in Sego Cemetery a few miles south of Arlington, Reno County, Kansas.

## OBITUARIES

The following obituaries were clipped from the *Rocky Mountain Newsby* Thelma Feese, 1181 S. Julian St., Denver, Colorado

Thursday, November 21, 1996, Business - 14 B.

HERBERT W. SHEETS, 61, of Denver died Nov. 19. Inurnment and services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, at Fort Logan National Cemetery. Mr. Sheets was born in Hutchinson, Kans., on March 6, 1935. He married Dorothy Ann Bowers, 1957. He was a manager for Texaco. He served as a Marine corporal. Survivors include sons Randy, Herbert, Michael and Elbert of Denver, Russell of Dallas; seven grandchildren; a great-grandchild.

Sunday, December 22, 1996, Business - Page 21B.

ROLAND B. DeWITT, 54, of Denver died Dec. 19. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec 23, at Palm Mortuary, Cheyenne. Mr. DeWitt was born in Hutchinson, Kan., on Aug. 9, 1942. He was in sales. Survivors include wife Annette of Nevada; daughter Stephanie of Nevada; son Randy of Colorado Springs; sisters Leona McVay, Naomi Clark and Irene all of Denver, Pauline Hermance and Betty Moore, both of Arizona; brothers Duane of California, Gerald and Donald, both of Denver; two grandchildren.

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Tuesday, December 31, 1996, Business - Page 14B.

CHESTER A. RILEY, 73 of Arizona, formerly of Colorado, died Dec. 27 of an aortic aneurysm. Mr. Riley was born in Hutchinson, Kan. He was a teacher and administrator in Jefferson County and Englewood. Survivors include his children Pat, Linda, Tad and Susan; four grandchildren.

Saturday, January 25, 1997, Business - 13B.

JUANITA COLEEN FLEMING, 74, of Arvada died January 16. Services were January 22, with burial at Evergreen Cemetery. Mrs. Fleming was born in Hutchinson, Kan., on April 30, 1922.

Thursday, February 20, 1997, Business - Page 14B.

THOMAS W. STERNS, SR., 80, of WheatRidge died Feb. 17. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at Crown Hill Chapel, with burial at Crown Hill Cemetery. Mr. Sterns was born in Hutchinson, Kans., on July 4, 1916. He was a retired mechanic for Continental Airlines. He was a member of ARECA. Survivors include son Thomas Jr. of Lakewood; daughter Susan Juarbe of Denver; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Sunday, May 18, 1997, Commentary - Page 10B.

EMMA R. BISHOP, 84, of Denver, died May 15. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 19, at Fairmount's Little Ivy Chapel, with burial at Fairmount Cemetery. Mrs. Bishop was born Emma Hoffner in Hutchinson, Kan., on Jan. 14, 1913. She married Milo B. Bishop, 1941. She was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband; son Milo of Aurora; daughter Mileen J. Slaven of Missouri; sister Hazel Scantlin of Kansas; five grandchildren; a great-grandchild.

Monday, June 9, 1997, Business - Page 9B.

LLOYD ROBERT WOODALL, 79, of Boulder died June 4. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 12, at First Presbyterian Church, 1820 15th St., Boulder. Mr. Woodall was born in Hutchinson, Kan., on June 5, 1917. He married Virginia May Freeman, 1940. He was in the Navy and served in the Korean War. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Hutchinson and Boulder. He was an accountant for Storage Tech Corp. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife; son William of Boulder; daughter Karen Wickman of Bayfield; sisters Margaret Lowe, Marie Henry, Ruth Holland, all of Kansas, Dottie Erickson of Maryland; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Thursday, July 10, 1997, Business - Page 14B

MABEL E. NICKLAUS, 93, of Littleton died June 24. Services were June 28 in Haven, Kan. Mrs. Nicklaus was born in Haven on Dec. 28, 1903. She married John W.

Nicklaus, 1921. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Methodist Church in Haven, a charter member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Survivors include daughter Dorothy Soukup of Littleton; sister Nettie Astle of Texas; seven grandchildren.

Editors note: Inurnment: the act of burying an urn.

## NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

*Turon Weekly Press*, Thursday, June 28, 1928. Clippings submitted by Karen Burgess.

### LOCAL NEWS

Frank McOsker, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Shumway and their daughter Mrs. J. W. McOsker and little son, called on his daughter Mrs. Cecil Reynolds near Preston Monday and later visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shumway. Tuesday they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Shumway's daughter Mrs. G. W. Figgers and family near Zenith. Mr. Figgers is one of the big farmers in his neighborhood and has lots of machinery that interested Mr. McOsker very much and they all enjoyed the day hugely.

C. E. Cunningham is making a deal this week for the purchase of the garage equipment of Will Long and is planning on moving the machinery to the Hoffman building, formerly occupied by the Preston Theatre. Mr. Long will retain the office in the present location. —Preston News.

### ITEMS FROM NEOLA

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCullough and daughters of Pratt visited relatives here last Thursday and Friday.

Doris Nelson visited a few days last week with the Misses Leota and Letha Irvin near Stafford.

Miss Minnie Black spent several days last week visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Tucker, in Stafford.

Mrs. S. J. Harris was a Saturday night guest of Mrs. Millard Wood.

Mrs. Harry Sherman and daughter Maude, attended a "shower" given Mrs. Fred Sherman at the George Smith home in Penalosa.

Grandma Geisseman, who has been at the Millard Wood home for several weeks, went to St. John to visit her son, Bart Wood, and family until harvest is over.

Ed Newell and daughters Fauna, Mary Pauline and Aunt Sue Smith of Dodge City came Saturday for an over Sunday visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Nelson and family.

Mrs. Eva Hansen of Penalosa visited Friday afternoon with Mrs. Charley Browning.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson, Mrs. Amanda Nelson and Mrs. Samantha Harris of Stafford visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Arch Nelson of Sylvia.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ramsey and son Leo and wife of Moscow visited a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. William Tarrant.

Mrs. M. A. Paynter of Hugoton is assisting Mrs. Tom Marcum with her harvest work.

Miss Mona Guthrie was a Saturday visitor of Miss Ruthis McCarty.

Frank Sherman spent Saturday night with Frank Tubba in Turon.

Willbur Tarrant and son Ernest and daughters Helen and Gail were Saturday night visitors at the Wm. Tarrant home.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Sears and son Buel and wife of Mullinville, Kans., were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Browning. They were formerly neighbors when they all lived near Ensign.

Miss Bertha Neil of Stafford was a week-end visitor of Misses Alcie and Matel Keene.

Mr. J. E. McCarty and daughter Ruth and Mr. and Mrs. Mac McCarty were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherman.

#### Community unknown:

Del Davis and Mrs. Davis were Sunday dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. L. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanley Jones attended church services at Hutchinson Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Jones of Wichita and daughter visited last week with Grandma Whipple and her son Hanley Jones and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wyman attended the dedication of the U. B. parsonage north of Sylvia last Sunday.

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#### **Words of Wisdom:**

Isn't genealogy fun? The answer to one problem leads to two more!

When searching your family tree, go beyond the leaf which bears an illustrious name. You have to go out on a limb and then follow the sap that runs through to the trunk, all the way down to the roots.

#### **YOU KNOW YOU'RE TAKING GENEALOGY TOO SERIOUSLY IF...**

..A magical genie appears to grant your any wish and you ask that the 1890 census be restored.

..On Super Bowl Sunday Ed McMahon, several TV cameras and an envelope from Publishers Clearing House arrive at your door, and the first thing you say is, "Are you related to the McMahons of Ohio?"

## HUTCHINSON DAILY GAZETTE

Continued series

Clipped by Harold Balzer

September 1, 1909, Page 5, Column 4-5 & 6.

### GOSSIP OF THE TOWN

James Hipple of Leoti, is visiting Hutchinson friends.

Ernest Lyon returned home last evening from a trip to St. John.

Constable J. B. Carrington is in Haven today serving legal papers.

Miss Elsie Warning of Haven, was an out of town shopper yesterday.

G. B. McGreary of Sterling, was a Hutchinson business visitor today.

Mrs. G. T. Renner of Abbyville, was shopping yesterday in Hutchinson stores.

Mrs. Alice Dobynas, of Sterling, was shopping yesterday in Hutchinson stores.

Rev. Father Wm. M. Farrell, pastor of St. Teresa's Catholic church, is in Wichita today.

Miss Lucy Damel, of Ellinwood, returned to her home yesterday after a visit here with Miss Carrie Sommerhouse.

D. W. Shawhan returned home last evening from a trip to Pueblo, Colo.

M. R. Cain made a business trip today to Wichita in the interest of the strawboard company.

Miss Edith Bavington, of Lyons, was among the out of town shoppers in Hutchinson yesterday.

Mrs. H. C. Totten and son, Clyde, returned last evening from a month's visit in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mrs. Anna Harris has moved to Hutchinson from Rush Center and will make her home at 23 East Sixth avenue.

Henry M. Davis, cashier of the First National Bank of Carthage, Mo., was a visitor in Hutchinson today investigating investments.

Elmer Christner, of Stand Oil company's local force, returned last night from a business trip to Salina. "Never have seen so many broken down horses being driven on the streets as there are in Salina," he remarked. "Hutchinson is a horse paradise compared to Salina."

Miss Edith Harris of St. Louis has accepted a position as head trimmer in the millinery department of the McBurney dry goods store.

A report from the First National bank here shows that the county funds on deposit there have eared \$26.95 in interest during the month of August. The daily balances, upon which the earnings are figured, showed a total of \$492,000, ranging from \$13,000 to \$18,000 each day of the month.

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Your family history lies in more than just one name. (For some reason the following clippings do not have a date attached. They would fall in the August or September 1909 time period.)

### NEWS TERSELY TOLD

Harry Bussinger went to Dighton today on business.

Martin Kelly went to McPherson this morning on business.

W. B. Buck was here today from Wichita transacting business.

Mrs. H. Wilson was a Hutchinson shopper from Burrton today.

Joe Kern returned today from a short business trip to Wichita.

Attorney J. S. Simmons is transacting business in Lane county.

Mrs. E. Blades was here today from Plevna shopping in city stores.

Mrs. J. McNickle of Stafford, was a Hutchinson shopper yesterday.

Mrs. J. Weaver of Partridge, shopped in Hutchinson stores yesterday.

Mrs. J. W. Reynolds of Lyons was shopping yesterday in Hutchinson stores.

Mrs. M. J. King went to Kingman this morning to visit her son, Ira King.

Mrs. Nettie French went to Emporia this morning on a short business trip.

Mrs. G. R. Spiens of Kinsley, was among the out of town shoppers in Hutchinson yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shuler are making an automobile trip to Great Bend and other points in that vicinity.

I. C. Heilbrun, an insurance man of Kansas City is in the city at present looking after business matters.

Mrs. F. A. Simons, who has been in one of the local hospitals, returned this morning to her home in Lewis.

J. M. Sullivan, a secret service man of the Rock Island, is in the city for a few days looking after business matters.

Mrs. F. Bailey and little daughter returned this morning to their home in Darlow after a visit here with relatives.

Mrs. M. R. Clark, of Augusta, who has been here visiting Mrs. C. S. Russell, left this morning for a visit to Wichita.

Attorney R. P. Evans returned to his home in Manhattan last evening after a few days visit in Hutchinson with friends.

W. J. Curtiss, traveling passenger agent of the Santa Fe, is in the city on business. Mr. Curtiss' home is in Topeka.

Mrs. H. M. Crill, who has been here attending the Christian church state convention returned this morning to her home in Kingman.

Cow creek which for the past few days has been higher, due to heavy rain last week in the upper part of Rice county, is again at normal stage.

Roy Guymon, a business man of McPherson, and wife,

are in the city for a few days. They are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Guymon, of North Main street.

Mrs. L. A. Nelson and Mrs. C. C. Palmer, of Torington, Wyo., who are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Anderson, went to Alva, Ok., this morning to visit.

J. D. Coffey, trainmaster of the Santa Fe, whose headquarters are in Dodge City, is in the city at present looking after business connected with the local Santa Fe office.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Brower, who have visited in Hutchinson with O. N. Brower and Fred Brower left today for their home in Sedgwick after a trip to Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Van Heeke returned to their home in Pratt last evening after spending several hours in Hutchinson. Mr. Van Heeke is trainmaster of the Rock Island.

Combs & Ticknor have sold the Mr. Lydia G. Howell residence property 115 West Ninth avenue, to John Hadsall, of the Winchester market, who lives across the street. He bought as an investment.

S. D. Schamp, proprietor of Silver Moon restaurant, has returned from Colorado, accompanied by his wife. Mrs. Schamp has been spending the summer in Colorado Springs, Denver and other western points.

### GOSSIP OF THE TOWN

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.

Harry Burke has returned from a visit to Hamilton, Mont.

John McKenzie went to Wichita this morning 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.

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.

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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. M. J. Wiley, Mrs. T. J. Rutledge, Mrs. N. J. Courson, Mrs. R. Lehman, Mrs. Ellen Shaw.

September 2, Page 5, Column 3.

### SURPRISED THEIR RELATIVES

#### Don A. Sniff and Miss Melissa Beatty Married Last Night

Much to the surprise of relatives and friends of the contracting parties here, Don A. Sniff, 54 years old, a well known carpenter of this city, and Miss Melissa Beatty, 43 years old, for seven years housekeeper for John Wolfer, living just east of the soda ash plant, were married last night at the Grandview Chapel. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Miller, pastor of the church, in the presence of about 60 witnesses. The bridal couple will make their home in Hutchinson.



## SOCIETY

### MISS LEILA REITZ HAS AFFAIR GIVEN FOR HER

Mrs. O. B. Ticknor Has Her Embroidery Club—  
Mrs. John Rawlings Is Surprised by Friends—  
Personal Notes

Mrs. Will Campbell of 124 East Eleventh avenue, delightfully entertained this afternoon at her home for her niece, Miss Leila Reitz. The guests were invited for 2 o'clock. The house decorations were fall flowers. Several guessing games were given. The hostess was assisted in serving the light refreshments of Mrs. A. R. Scheble and Mrs. Clark Hereford. The guests were Miss Florence Updegraff, Miss Marguerite Graybill, Miss Leah Kirkman, Miss Cornelia Ryker, Miss Mary George, Miss Elizabeth Martin, Miss Myrtle Talmadge, Miss Louise Talmadge, Miss Dorothy Daykin, Miss Thelma Welsh, Miss Edna Shunk, Miss Edna Schlaudt, Miss Ruth Huffmeyer, Miss Sarah Grimes, Miss Bernice Baker, Miss Bernice Sentney, Miss Chlora White, Miss Anna Steele, Miss Martha Steele, Miss Mildred Hickman, Miss Hallie Young.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. P. C. Branch, Mrs. Walter Cook and Mrs. J. H. Perkins entertained the Mission Circle of the First Avenue Baptist church at the home of Mrs. Branch. There were thirty members present. After the devotional exercises led by the president a short business session was held. Mrs. G. Barth, Mrs. M. A. Carpenter and Mrs. A. A. Tanner were elected delegates to represent the circle at the association to be held at Stafford the last of this month. Mrs. F. Williamson had charge of the program. The lesson subject was "The Africa." The following papers were read: "Education of the African Woman," Mrs. M. C. O. Mammel; "Use of Brass Rods and Beads," Mrs. E. A. Robertson; "Home Life in Africa," Mrs. Walker and Miss Nettie Fallis; "A Cry From the Congo," Mrs. Frank Gunning; "An African Palavera," Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. H. C. Barrett, Mrs. N. A. Carpenter, Miss Thompson, Mrs. W. J. Chubuck, Mrs. J. A. Leggett, Mrs. Parks and Mrs. G. Barth. The program closed with a vocal duet by Mrs. Mammel and Mrs. Tanner. The hostess served a dainty luncheon at the afternoon's close. The circle will meet with Mrs. J. C. Baddley in October.

Mrs. John Rawlings of 229 West Ninth avenue, was given a pleasant surprise yesterday afternoon by the members of the Relief Corp in celebration of her sixty-fifth birthday anniversary. During the pleasant social afternoon light refreshments were served.

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The guests were Mrs. H. Slayton, Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Ella Craig, Mrs. Eliza Keys, Mrs. M. Miller, Mrs. Margaret Haggerman, Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. W. M. Townsend, Mrs. John Forsythe, Mrs. E. M. Botkin, Mrs. F. J. Mitchell, Mrs. M. E. Rogers, Mrs. S. McGlasson, Mrs. Elizabeth Eberle, Mrs. J. E. Boyd and Mrs. Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. John N. McKeown of Abbyville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Fannie May McKeown, to Mr. Glenn Coffman of Dodge City. The wedding is to take place at their home in Abbyville Saturday September 11. Miss McKeown is well known in Hutchinson, having visited often in the city.

The H. 3 H. embroidery club was entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. B. Ticknor on North Main street. Fancy work and music were the afternoon's diversions. At 5 o'clock the hostess served a dainty luncheon assisted by Mrs. D. E. Wilms. Mrs. E. Eustis, Mrs. Day and Mrs. Harry Bussinger were club guests. The club will meet in three weeks with Mrs. L. Stewart of West Tenth avenue.

Pretty fans were the prizes awarded to Mrs. L. D. Dresbach and Mrs. W. S. Thompson as the fortunate ones in the bridge and euchre games at the Wednesday morning party at the Country Club. Mrs. Claude Mayfield and Mrs. L. A. Bunker were the hostesses. Thirty guests were entertained. Mrs. J. H. Elward and Mrs. J. H. Shrive will be the hostesses for the next meeting.

Mrs. Gertrude K. Johnston, president elect of the Rebekah state assembly, of McLouth, is the guest of Mrs. D. D. Colglazier and is the guest of honor at the Rebekah picnic this afternoon. Tomorrow she will be the guest of Mrs. C. C. Chapin of 620 East Sherman street, where an informal reception will be held for her tomorrow afternoon.

Miss Eva Beem gave a picnic party yesterday afternoon at Riverside park in honor of her little nephew, Master Philip Robinson, who is visiting here from Chicago. The guests were Carrie and Clifford Schamp, Charles and Wilson Tyler, Lucile Noah, Lucile Hartman, Jane Manning, Alice Marsh and Florence Delano.

Mrs. Moritz Guth of East Seventh avenue, entertained the Altar society of the Catholic church at her home yesterday afternoon. There were twenty-six present, including a number of special guests. The next meeting will be in three weeks with Mrs. Elizabeth Foley of West Fifth avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell of East Eleventh avenue, had as dinner guests at their home this evening, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Scheble and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hereford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pallardy and son, of Clayton, Ohio, who are here visiting Mrs. A. McElroy on West Sherman street, went to Great Bend this morning to visit.

Father W. F. Farrell, Mrs. Margaret Farrell, Mrs. Lincoln Stewart, Mrs. Leona Mills and Miss Bertha Parker went to Castleton this morning to spend the day.

Mrs. D. E. Willms and daughter, Margaret, went to Larned this morning. They were accompanied by Fern Wedge, who has been their guest.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Coe of 106 West Eleventh avenue, who has been seriously ill, is a great deal better.

Mrs. Claude Carey and little son, accompanied by Miss Harriet Welch, went to her home this morning in Sylvia.

Mrs. R. J. Adkinson who has been the guest of Mrs. D. H. Nichoys, left this morning for her home in Helena, Okla.

Miss Myrtle and Master William Talmadge went to Castleton this morning to visit the rest of the week.

Mrs. David Taylor left this morning for Davenport, Ia., to visit her son, who is attending school there.

Miss Lulu Rust has returned home from a month's visit in Milwaukee, Chicago and on the Lakes.

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### Points About People

Mr. C. F. Hodges of Chicago, representing Stoddard's Lectures is in Hutchinson, Stopping at Midland Hotel.

The first of the special patrolmen to be appointed for duty during the fair week was appointed and sworn in last evening. He is J. G. Willard, of 701 North Main Street.

Louis E. Fontron, manager of the Fontron Realty Company who has been at Excelsior Springs, Mo., for the past week, taking treatment for a case of rheumatism (sic) returned home today.

R. W. Crocker, who has been employed by the Hutchinson Carpet company, has accepted a position with Jones' Bros. Dry Goods company at Kansas City, Mo. He left last night.

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Someone in the 700 block on East C avenue telephoned the police last evening that a beggar was operating in that block. The patrol wagon was sent out after him, but after a drive of many blocks the patrolmen returned empty-handed. The beggar had flown.

Mrs. C. B. Doan, of Turon, of Turon, who had been attending the funeral of Mrs. W. H. Tamplin left last evening for her home. Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Day of Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. George Tulgren, of Castleton, and Jos. Thornhill, of Wichita, who also had been attending the funeral, returned home yesterday.

"I had more applications from women for jobs yesterday than I have had in a month past," remarked E. E. Wilson, an employment agent at 111 1/2 South Main street last evening. "They were mostly applications for jobs in hotels or restaurants. I think there were something like thirty applications of this kind."

As soon as J. H. Felt of Kansas City, the architect, who is drawing the plans for the new High school building, arrives with them, the board of education will hold a meeting to consider the plans. Mr. Felt has been expected for several days. The regular meeting of the board will be held Monday night, but a special session will be held if Mr. Felt arrives before then.

"There are too many undesirable citizens in Hutchinson now," remarked Assistant Chief of Police C. B. Yost last evening as he detailed a patrolman to order a crowd of men who were loafing along South Main street to get out of town or go to work. "A number of suspicious characters, both male and female, have floated into the city, without any apparent means of support and they are a nuisance."

Dated September 1, and filed for record this morning, a deed signed by J. W. and Lucy E. Mitchell, husband and wife, conveys 160 acres of land in Langdon township, for \$75 an acre, aggregating \$12,000. The land is located in section 13 of the township, and is situated on the edge of the township, about midway between the towns of Arlington and Langdon. It is the northeast quarter of the section.

According to the members of the board of education the board will decide at their regular meeting Monday evening just what to do with the High school classes pending the completion of the new building. Some of the members favor the idea of holding half day sessions of the High school in the old building and using it for the grade pupils during the other half day. Another plan is to rent quarters for the grade pupils and retain the High school in the old building until the new structure is ready.

According to J. A. Black, a former Hutchinson and Sylvia man, who is now engaged extensively in business at Liberal, the broom corn crop in that locality will be almost a total failure. He writes that they have no had any rain there for weeks, and that the broom corn has been practically killed.

Broom corn is an important crop there, Liberal being, it is claimed, the largest shipping point of that product in the United States. An immense warehouse has just been completed to accommodate this season's crop, but there will be little use for it.

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### IS WILLING TO WORK NOW

James Rakestraw May Shovel Snow Unless a Parole Comes.

James Rakestraw, the convicted bootlegger, who had strenuously opposed going to work in the city weed cutting gang, has "seen the light" after a little conversation with Chief of Police George Hern. He is now working with the gang, and according to Chief Hern is about the best man on the force. Rakestraw will have to stay in the city jail for about a year if he lays out all the fine and costs accumulated against him, but he has hopes of a parole.

There are seven men on the city force at work in the weed campaign along Cow Creek. John Little, who had been with the force, serving time for being drunk, paid his fine yesterday afternoon and secured his discharge.

### WOMAN PAYS, MAN IN JAIL

Judge Jolted Varicolored Affinities In Police Court

Possibly figuring that Eve was a little bit more to blame than Adam, and that the same rule applies today. Police Judge R. A. Campbell yesterday afternoon fined Jack Washburn's colored affinity five dollars more than he did

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Jack. The man was fined \$10 and costs and the woman, Maud Jackson, \$15 plus costs. They were tried separately on charges of immoral conduct and both were convicted. Washburn, who said he is boarding at a South Main street boarding house and working here as a laborer, could not pay the fine and was committed. A negro friend of the Jackson woman, from Newton, paid her fine.

## HERBERT CHENOWETH DIES

South Reno County Resident Is a Victim of Typhoid.

Herbert Chenoweth, a prominent young farmer residing three miles southwest of Partridge died last night of typhoid fever, after a long illness. He was 30 years of age, and leaves a wife and one child. He had lived nearly all of his life in this county. The funeral will be held tomorrow forenoon at 10:30 from the family home. Interment will be at Partridge cemetery.

## SOCIETY

EMBROIDERY CLUB MEETS INFORMALLY

—Mrs. S. F. Johnson Entertains For Visiting Guest—  
—Other Society News and short Personal Notes—

Mrs. Sarah Malick entertained the W. S. S. embroidery club yesterday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Gallup, on West Sherman street. There were sixteen members present and one club guest. There will be no meetings of the club until after Fair week.

At a reception for Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Rogers, held last night at 402 B East, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hirst, there were shown very strong evidences of the love and good will entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Rogers by the members of the Hutchinson parish. Mrs. Hartman in appropriate words, presented to each of the two good people a gold mounted silk umbrella, at the time referring to the high appreciation in which the seven years' pastorate of Dr. Rogers is held here. A short musical program was given, and excellent refreshments were served by the ladies of the Aid Society. Dr. Rogers had a short, but very earnest reply to the words spoken by Mrs. Hartman. It will be with sincere regret that the parting words will be spoken when Dr. and Mrs. Rogers start for his new field of labor in Texas.

Every club meeting and church society are being postponed until after the Fair week. Embroidery work is being laid aside and housekeepers are getting their houses in order to entertain out of town guests, for everybody has company. No entertainment has to be planned for these guests, for they have come to attend the fair and this will be amusement enough. Church societies are postponing their

work and planning for stands at the grounds to feed the hungry, so that all will be busy.

Mrs. S. F. Johnson of 126 West B avenue, entertained St. Teresa's guild of the Catholic church yesterday afternoon at her home in honor of her guest, Mrs. William Knox, of Lincoln, Nebr. The afternoon was spent informally. At 5 o'clock the hostess served light refreshments. The guild guests were Mrs. T. Roy Campbell, Mrs. George Bentley, Mrs. Martin Kelley, Mrs. L. D. Pollock, Miss Imogene Pollock, Mrs. E. S. McSherry, Mrs. B. L. Yohe, Mrs. Will Briggs. there will be no more quild meetings until after the fair.

About one hundred and twenty-five people attended the picnic yesterday at the fair grounds given by the Rebekah state assembly of Kansas with their friends were special guests. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Reger, of Enid, Okla., and Mrs. Gertrude K. Johnston of McLouth, were guests. At 6:30 o'clock a picnic supper was served.

This afternoon an informal reception is being held for Mrs. Gertrude K. Johnston, president elect of the Rebekah state assembly of Kansas and Mrs. J. L. Reger, past president of the Rebekah state assembly of Okla. homa. The affair is being given at the home of Mrs. C. O. Chapin, 620 East Sherman street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Colladay and Mrs. Dora Menke have issued invitations for a party at the Country club next Thursday evening, complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scheble of Sabinos, Old Mexico.

Miss Dean and Miss Clara Miller and Miss Nellie Byers of Ulysses, were the guests yesterday in Hutchinson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bussinge(r) enroute to Manhattan to attend college.

Mrs. T. M. Gilbert of Oklahoma City, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. Wren on East First avenue left this morning for a visit in Kinsley, enroute home.

Mrs. P. J. O'Farrell, who has been here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Byrnes, for the last six weeks, returned today to her home in Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hall, who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Ghormley in Hutchinson, from Los Angeles, Calif., went this morning to Sterling for a visit.

Mrs. Edgar Cochraine and children arrived today from Ness City for a visit in Hutchinson with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Roof, on North Main street.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith returned this morning to their home in Geary, Okla. They have been the Hutchinson guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kirkman.

Miss Maude Welsh left this morning for her home in Checota, Okla., after an extended visit in Hutchinson.

Miss Eunice Stormont, who has been visiting relatives here, returned to her home this morning in Sterling.

Mrs. A. Van Zandt and son, Vernon, of Wichita, are the guests of Hutchinson relatives.

Mrs. N. H. Kilmer of Kingman will be the guest of Miss Leila Duffin next week.

Miss Ada Roof of St. Louis is the guest of Mrs. E. A. Roof of North Main street.

### POINTS ABOUT PEOPLE

S. G. McAdams, a merchant of Texhoma, Okla., was a visitor in the city last evening.

Attorney Carr Taylor left last night for Topeka where he will devote two days in trying a lawsuit in the Shawnee county district court.

Robert Myers Brehm, who has been spending a week in Denver, Colo., visiting with his sister, Mrs. Nell Seivert, is expected home today.

W. H. White, who is associated with Judge F. L. Martin in his law office, returned last night from a two days' trip through Rice and McPherson counties.

Mrs. A. M. Reitzell, a former resident of Hutchinson, is visiting friends in Burrton this week and will spend next week in Hutchinson. She now resides at Wellington.

Charles Tyler, the eight year old son of City Attorney A. W. Tyler was taken to the Stewart hospital this morning for treatment. A minor operation will be performed.

C. V. Keller and H. J. Keller, who have for the past fourteen years been engaged in the barber business in Hutchinson, have sold the Star barber shop to Hillis Luberin and they expect to leave Hutchinson soon.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Poe, of West Eleventh avenue, who has been dangerously ill with spinal meningitis, is reported today to be some improved, although still in a serious condition. The little one had been unconscious for some time.

At the meeting of the Anti-Horse Thief association the election of delegates to attend the state convention of the order this fall at Pittsburg was deferred until September 23. At this date the new officers will be elected by the local chapter as well as the delegates.

L. F. Landis, who is farming an 800 acres farm between Burrton and Patterson was in Hutchinson last evening, with his wife, on business. Mr. Landis reported that his

corn crop is in excellent shape, notwithstanding the drouth, and that he will have about as large a crop as ever. "The corn in that part of the country is making thirty bushels to the acre," he declared.

L. H. Obee and family, who have been spending about four weeks visiting the big exposition at Seattle, returned last night and went home to their farm a few miles from the city. In speaking of his trip Mr. Obee said he enjoyed every minute of it, but that he is tired and wants to make a good, long rest before he does anything else. He was well pleased with everything he saw, and says the trip was well worth the price—including getting tired.

### NEWS TERSELY TOLD

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A. P. Wade will go to Wichita tomorrow to visit Miss Mande Pucket of Partridge, was a city shopper today. O. S. Boone was here yesterday from Salina on business. Miss Minnie cline went to Sylvia this morning to spend the day.

Sam Hedrick is here from Colorado Springs, Colo., visiting relatives.

W. H. Dunsworth of Haven was a business visitor in Hutchinson today.

Miss Edith Reeves left today for a week's visit with her mother in Kansas City.

Mrs. A. Hoffman of Cullison, was in Hutchinson this morning enroute to Nickerson to visit.

Mrs. John Conn and daughter, Sarah, of McPherson, were in Hutchinson this morning enroute to Wichita, where Miss Conn will enter school.

A. M. Jewel has returned home from a two months' trip to Lewiston, Maine, Boston, Mass., and Chicago. While in Maine, Mr. Jewel attended a family reunion and a college reunion. Mr. Jewel gave an address on "Kansas" at his meeting.

### MEMORIAL BOOKS

Kentucky Atlas & Gazetteer: Topography Maps of the Entire State

North Carolina Atlas & Gazetteer: Topography Maps of the Entire State

Oklahoma Atlas & Gazetteer: Topography Maps of the Entire State

Tennessee Atlas & Gazetteer: Topography Maps of the Entire State

Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer: Topography Maps of the Entire State

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## WARD FAMILY BIBLE

### Ancestor's Bible generates a feeling of closeness in family.

Wilmer V. "Bill" Ward's eyes fill with tears as he touches his family's Bible.

For 250 years and seven generations, Wards have treasured that King James Bible. Jonas Ward brought it with him when he immigrated to America in the 18th century.

The deerskin-wrapped Bible is brittle now, and many of the pages are pulling away from the binding. "It is extraordinary that it is still in the same family," said Mike Kelly, curator of special collections at Wichita (Kan.) State University's Ablah Library.

"Normally family Bibles, just because of migration patterns and people being able to take along only a limited number of belongings, have been lost. Certainly there are books that old still around, but to have a Bible in the same family and to be cared for and cherished by all those generations is extraordinary."

Ward family members are once again turning to the Bible - as well as to the Internet - as long-lost relatives search out missing pieces in their family tree.

Last summer, Jay Mavity of Norcatour, Kan., whose mother is a Ward, was searching the Internet for some Ward family information when Pat Juon of Iowa sent her a message saying she was a cousin and had information about the family.

As Mavity and Juon sent messages back and forth, Mavity discovered that 50 years ago, The Wichita Eagle published an article about the Ward family Bible - then owned by Ira A. Ward, Bill's father.

Intrigued, and wanting more family history, Mavity started a search for Bill Ward. He found him in Hutchinson, Kan.

The history of the Ward family Bible almost parallels the nation's history.

Jonas Ward gave the Bible to his son, Jonas Ward Jr. Family History says the son feared that the already well-used book would fall to pieces. So he killed a deer and tanned the hide, which now wraps the book.

The Bible, stored in his knapsack, was with the elder Ward when he joined the minutemen and fired on the British June 17, 1775, at Bunker Hill.

Bill Ward was brought up thinking of the book as something special.

"I remember my dad and grandfather talking about the importance of this Bible when I was about 6 years old," said Ward, 79.

The Bible has been handed to each firstborn son. When Jonas Ward died in 1812, the Bible went to Jonas Jr., who in turn handed it on to Tartus Manchester Ward. He gave

the book to his son, Elias Perry Ward, who gave it to his son, Fred S. Ward.

Fred Ward, who lived in Wichita at the turn of this century, was Bill Ward's grandfather - and a minister in the Mormon Church.

Ward says that when he dies the tradition may be broken. He has no sons but is considering passing the Bible on to his first born daughter, Sue Ann Osterhut of Hutchinson.

"I don't want it to be sold in a flea market or to a collector," he said. "I know my daughter. She really wants it - and she'd take care of it.

This story was written by Beccy Tanner of the Wichita Eagle, Wichita, Kansas. Reprinted in the *Capper's*, November, 17, 1998, Page 10.

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Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer: Topography Maps of the Entire State

Genealogical & Local History Books In Print: General Reference & World Resources Volume. Compiled & Edited by Marian Hoffman

Genealogical & Local History Books In Print: Family History Volume. Compiled & Edited by Marian Hoffman

Genealogical & Local History Books In Print: U. S. Sources & Resources Volume. Compiled & Edited by Marian Hoffman

The North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register. Volume 1. Edited by J. R. B. Hathaway.

The North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register. Volume 2. Edited by J. R. B. Hathaway.

The North Carolina Historical and Genealogical Register. Volume 3. Edited by J. R. B. Hathaway.

There will be at least one more book and several census microfilm ordered from this memorial fund.

A society member was excited to find several family history books pertaining to her research listed in the Family History Volume by Marian Hoffman after the February RCGS Board meeting.

IN MEMORY OF

CLIFFORD BURDICK

## 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, # 4*

232. SICKMAN - Daniel Sickman died 3 April 1909, Hutchinson, Kansas      Heirs:  
Artaussa Sickman, widow, age 65, Hutchinson, Kansas; Jesse Austin  
Sickman, son, age 41, Hutchinson, Kansas
233. PING - Walker Ping died 30 Mar 1909 at Reno County, Kansas      Heirs:  
Evan S. Ping, son, age 49, of Langdon, Kansas; Mary Carmichael, nee Ping,  
daughter, age 46, of Langdon, Kansas; Cordia Blair, nee Ping, daughter,  
of Sylvia, Kansas; Harley Kelley, Grandson, age 8, minor heir of Fanny  
M. Kelley, nee Ping, his daughter, of Sylvia, Kansas.
234. FORSYTH - John D. Forsyth died 20 April 1909 at Hutchinson, KS      Heirs:  
Carrie L. Forsyth, widow, age 63, 918 E. 4th, Hutchinson, Kans.; Ollie  
Robinson, nee Forsyth, daughter, age 50, Kansas City, Kans.; Christina  
Phelps, nee Forsyth, daughter, age 48, Waynoka, Oklahoma; Grace De Yoe,  
nee Forsyth, daughter, age 45, Wellington, Kans.; Marion Forsyth, son,  
age 40, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Mary Hart, nee Forsyth, daughter, age 40,  
Caldwell, Ks.; Nellie Fehir, nee Forsyth, daughter, age 38, Ellendale, OK.
235. SALLEE - Samuel Sallee died 20 January 1909 at Reno County, Kans.      Heirs:  
Adresta Blanchet, daughter, age 51, Norwich, Kans.; Ella Moore, written  
Ellen Moore in his will, his daughter, age 47, Hutchinson, Kans.; Mary  
Devoe, his daughter, age 60, Quincy, Illinois; Delilah Halstrom, his  
daughter, age 50, Morocco, Indiana; Emma Murray, his daughter, age 44,  
Penalosa, Kans.; John J. Sallee, his son, Penalosa, Kans.
236. NANTZ - Harvey Nantz died 13 April 1909, at Darlow, Kans.      Heirs:  
Minerva Nantz, his widow, age 40 Darlow, Kans. and daughters, Flora,  
Eula, Lola, and Harvena Nantz all of Darlow, Kans.
237. ATWOOD - Nellie Atwood died 1 May 1909 at Kingman Co. Kansas, Nellie  
resided in Reno County, Kansas;      Heir:  
Ethel May Atwood, age 7, Castleton, Kansas
238. RISLEY - Samuel D. Risley died 15 May 1909 at Reno County, Kans.      Heirs:  
Mary B. Risley, his widow, Nickerson, Kans.; Sarah Shaw, nee Risley, his  
daughter, age 38, Nickerson, Kans.; Clarence E. Risley, his son, age 27,  
Nickerson, Kans.; Nellie Risley, his daughter, age 25, Nickerson, Kans.
239. KOCH - John Koch died 2 June 1909 at Haven, Reno County, Kans.      Heirs:  
William A. Koch, son, age 29, Haven, Kans.; Fred H. Koch, son, age 24,  
Haven, Kans.; August K. Koch, son, age 22, Haven, Kans.; John A. Koch,  
son, age 18, Haven, Kans.; Augusta Koch, widow, age 52, Haven, Kans.
240. ROETHEMEYER- John Christian Roethemeyer died 19 June 1909 at Reno County  
Kansas.      Heirs: Selina Jasper, daughter, age 29, Hutchinson, Kans.;  
Louise Seagrass, daughter, age 36, St. Louis, MO; John C. Roethemeyer,  
son, age 34, Hutchinson, Kans.; Amanda Roethemeyer, daughter, age 45,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

## PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

Extracted entries from microfilmed Reno County Court House records.

(Extracted was only the name of the deceased and name of heirs)

This microfilm is located at the Hutchinson Public Library.

241. DUNNETT - D.W. Dunnett died 21 April 1902 Heirs:  
 Mry J. Dunnett, widow, South Hutchinson, Kans.; Harry L. Dunnett, son,  
 age 31, Iowa City, Iowa; Carrie A. Carden, daughter, age 27, South  
 Hutchinson, Kans.; Ray M. Dunnett, son, age 17, South Hutchinson, Kans.
242. DETRICK - Jacob H. Detrick died 26 Sept. 1902 Heirs:  
 Hannah Detrick, widow, age 77, Hutchinson, Kans.; Mary Chapin, age 57,  
 Hutchinson, Kans.; Katie Wille, nee Sterwitt, age 47, Chicago, Ill.
243. MARKS - Enoch C. Marks died 17 September 1902 Heirs:  
 Mary J. Marks, widow; Morton Marks, son; Clift G. Shuler, daughter,  
 all of Hutchinson, Kansas
244. NORTON - William H. Norton died 27 September 1902 Heirs:  
 Mary Ann Norton, widow, age 51, Haven, Kans.; Ida Beltz, daughter,  
 age 32, Haven, Kans.; Julia Beltz, daughter, age 28, Walters, Oklahoma  
 Territory; Charles Norton, son, age 24, Haven, Kansas; Lulu Miller,  
 daughter, age 29, Haven, Kansas.
245. McKIEMAN - Hubert McKieman died 5 October 1902 Heirs:  
 Annie McKieman, widow; Mary Ann, daughter, age 12; Catherine, daughter,  
 age 10; Patrick James, son, age 5. no residence given
246. HOLLOWAY - Richard C. Holloway died 15 November 1902 Heirs:  
 James W. Holloway, father, age 83, Partridge, Kans.; Rosa E. Williams,  
 sister, of Reno County, Kans.
247. ATKINSON - Stafford Atkinson died 14 November 1902 Heirs:  
 Wesley S. Atkinson, son, age 42, Haven, Kans.; Martha A. Atkinson,  
 widow, age 64, Haven, Kans.; Emma C. Atkinson, daughter, age 35, Haven,  
 Kans.; John C. Atkinson, son, age 33, Haven, Kans.; Elizabeth McCollum,  
 daughter, age 25, Mt Hope, Kans.; Nellie J. Atkinson, daughter, age 21,  
 Haven, Kans.; Charles E. Atkinson, son, age 38, Address Unknown
248. MEIER - Henry Meier died 24 Nov 1902 Heirs:  
 Caroline Meier, widow, age 52; Henry W. Meier, son, age 31; August  
 Meier, son, age 25, all of Haven, Kansas.
249. KEMP - Sarah Kemp died 28 November 1902 Heirs:  
 Oscar Kemp, husband, age 59, Partridge, Kansas.
250. FRENCH - Ann Isabell French died 4 July 1902 Heirs:  
 German French, husband, age 56; Elbert French, son, age 30; William  
 French, son, age 29; Richard French, son, age 26; German French, son,  
 age 24; Fred French, age 15; Clara French, daughter, age 19, all of  
 Reno County, Kansas
251. MANTELE - Brunno Mantele died 21 December 1902 Heirs:  
 Augusta J. Mantele, age 27, Hutchinson, Kansas
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252. RECTOR - Morris Rector died 29 January 1903 Heirs:  
Mary Rector, widow, age 72, Abbyville, Kans.; Jermone B. Rector, son, age 50, Carsville, Oklahoma Territory; Emma Scott, nee Rector, daughter, age 47, Reading, Iowa; Harriet Havercraft, nee Rector, daughter, age 40, Abbyville, Kans.; Mary Snodgrass, nee Rector, age 37, Abbyville, Kans.; Auriel Cooper, nee Rector, age 32, Dodge City, Kans.; Lena Winters, nee Rector, age 30, Pekin, Reno County, Kansas.
253. PILCHER - William Pilcher died 27 January 1903 Heirs:  
Bulah Cooks, Elmer Cooks, William Cooks all of state of Washington  
(Note, the name Cooks was very hard to decipher and may be incorrect)
254. THOMAS - David D. Thomas died 17 July 1901 Heirs:  
Catherine Swan, daughter, age 44, Sylvia, Kans.; Many J. Smith, daughter age 40, Prihger, Iowa; Jennie A. Phillips, daughter, age 38, Divide, CO; Margaret E. Thomas, daughter, age 22, 213 Colorado Ave, Colorado City, CO; Daisy Cooley, daughter, age 22, Aspen, CO; David J. Thomas, son, age 33 deceased; Ruth Thomas & Luce Thomas, daughters of David J. Thomas, ages 2 and 5 years, c/o Mrs. Augie Hunter, their mother, Chickasha, Indian Territory; Mary Thomas, widow of David D. Thomas, 213 Colorado Ave, Colorado City, Colorado.
255. GRESHAM - Uriah Gresham died 20 May 1903 Heirs:  
Flora E. Gresham, widow, age 38?; Bertha Gresham, daughter, age 19; Mary Gresham, daughter, age 16; Jessie Gresham, daughter, age 12; Julian Gresham, son, age 9; Leroy Gresham, son, age 7; Nellie Gresham, daughter, age 5; Uriah S. Gresham, son, 18 months, died June 3, 1903.
256. MORSE - Charles O. Morse died 10 March 1903 Heirs:  
Elbert O. Morse, age 43, Hutchinson, Kansas; James M. Morse, age 40, Inman, McPherson, Kansas
257. CRAIG - Henry H. Craig died 11 March/April 1903 Heirs:  
Rosa J. Craig, widow, age 37; Jesse Craig, son; Ida V. Craig, daughter; Minnie Bell Craig, daughter; Harry Craig, son, age 16; Emanuel Craig, son, age 14; Henry Craig, son, age 12; Helen Craig, daughter, age 10; Samuel Craig, son, age 8; Lloyd Craig, son, age 6; Nina Craig, daughter, age 1, all of Hutchinson, Kansas.
- 258 CHERRY - James R. Cherry died 29 May 1903 Heirs:  
Mary Cherry, widow, age 74; Carrie W. Cherry, daughter, age 35; and grandchildren, Ethel Cherry & Richard Cherry, children of James Cherry deceased; and grandchild, Frank Cherry, son of William Cherry, deceased.

Since 1995, The Sunflower, has printed extraction's from the microfilmed Reno County record, "Affidavit of Deaths, Book A". Book A has the following records, Affidavit of Deaths, Petition for Probate of Will, and Petition for Admission of Foreign Wills to Record. Most of the Petition for Probate of Will are repeats of the Affidavit of Death, naming the same heirs. For this reason, we will not continue with the extraction's of the Petition for Probate of Wills, and with the next issue of The Sunflower, the extraction's will be of the Foreign Wills. This film is located and can be viewed at the Hutchinson Public Library.



## WHEN WORKS PASS INTO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

Includes material from new Term Extension Act, PL 105-298

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DATE OF WORK	PROTECTED FROM	TERM
Created 1-1-78 or after	When work is fixed in tangible medium of expression	Life + 70 years <sup>1</sup> (or if work of corporate authorship, the shorter of 95 years from publication, or 120 years from creation <sup>2</sup> )
Published before 1923	In public domain	None
Published between 1923 and the end of 1963	When published with notice <sup>3</sup>	28 years + could be renewed for 47 years, now extended by 20 years for a total renewal of 67 years. If not so renewed, now in public domain
Published 1964-77	When published with notice	28 years for first term; now automatic extension of 67 years for second term
Created before 1-1-78 but not published	1-1-78, the effective date of the 1976 Act which eliminated common law copyright	Life + 70 years or 12-31-2002, whichever is greater
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1 Term of joint works is measured by life of the longest-lived author.

2 Works for hire, anonymous and pseudonymous works also have this term. 17 U.S.C. § 302(c).

3 Under the 1909 Act, works published without notice went into the public domain upon publication. Works published without notice between 1-1-78 and 3-1-89, effective date of the Berne Convention Implementation Act, retained copyright only if, e.g., registration was made within five years. 17 U.S.C. § 405.

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## TIDBITS OF INFORMATION

### COPYRIGHT LAW

On October 27, 1998, President Clinton signed a bill that will extend the term of copyright protection by 20 years.

The Reno County Genealogical Society has considered a plan to publish the obituaries that are found in the Obituary File in the Kansas Room. This is no longer a possibility. Passage of this bill means that newspapers published after 1922 (obituaries, especially) will now be in copyright for another 20 years. That is, 20 years beyond the former date before they can be published or put online for free.

Old genealogies, historical materials or obscure works whose copyright status is uncertain or where the heirs cannot be tracked down, which might be useful if reprinted, cannot be freely reprinted or placed online for an additional 20 years.

For a detailed description of the impact, look at: <http://www.public.asu.edu/~dkarjala>.

(This is an excerpt from an article found in UGANNEWS, November, 1998 and originally found in Dick Eastman's On-Line Genealogy Newsletter, November 7, 1998.)

### UNCLAIMED MAIL

Once in a while when researching an ancestor, you may come upon an old newspaper that lists unclaimed mail for

him at the local post office. Do not assume that the person to whom the mail is addressed has moved away. He may well have remained in the area, but may not have had the money to claim it. Before 1845, postage was paid for by the receiver. And it was expensive, 25¢ for a distance over 500 miles and only a little less for shorter distances.

### LETTER FROM CARLA MILLER

I received a letter from Carla Miller which contained an article regarding the "Lost State of Franklin" and the Tipton Haynes Historic Site, which is located just a short distance from where the Millers live. I will try to print the article in the next issue of *The Sunflower*.

Carla states that they enjoy living in East Tennessee and having the children all close by. Carla goes on to say that she would love to visit RCGS members again, but due to health problems it is doubtful that they will return to Kansas.

Carla finished her Family Book several years back and she has distributed copies to her children, brothers and sisters and first cousins. She adds new information to her personal copy, but doesn't do any research any more.

"Tell everyone 'Hello' for me. Would love to hear from any who would care to write" Carla states in her letter.

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