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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 \$12.00 per year per family, as of 1 January to 31 December of each year.

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

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CAN BE FOUND IN THE
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THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE 3rd MONDAY OF
THE MONTH**

**RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
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CEMETERY RECORDS OF RENO COUNTY

Burials from 1860's through 1978. \$20.00 plus \$2.50 postage and handling. Kansas residents add \$1.50 sales tax.

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\$15.00 plus \$2.25 postage and handling. Kansas residents add \$1.15 sales tax.

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1890-1922 + INDEX, 4 volumes. \$15.00 plus \$2.25 postage and handling. Kansas residents add \$1.15 sales tax.

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**RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY WEB SITE**

Maintained by Ann Lambert

Have you looked at the Reno County Genealogical Society Web site lately? <<http://renocountyks.homestead.com>>

Ann has added an new section to the site. It is called Strangers in a Box. In this section, Ann will put pictures that someone would like to have help identifying. See if you identify the people in the pictures. Check it out
Thanks, Ann.

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR
2001 MEMBERSHIP DUES
DUES WERE PAYABLE AS OF JAN. 1**

PROGRAMS FOR 2001

MARCH — The Book Acquisition committee has purchased a number of CD's (compact discs). See page 8. There will be instructions on using the genealogical resource CD's at the second floor reference computer area.

APRIL — Barbara Murphy — Vital Records: Birth, Christening, Marriage, Death & Cemetery Records. Where these records can be found and ordered from the Family History Center, Southeast Kansas Library System and American Genealogical Lending Library.

MAY — Ruth Filbert — Documentation — Citations and Sources. A preview of the Mini-workshop she will give at the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies Conference at Topeka in June.

JUNE — Karen Burgess — Internet and Genealogy: A preview of her Mini-workshop to be given at the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies Conference in June.

JULY — A Kansas Humanities Program. Topic to be announced later.

AUGUST — Stump Your Genealogy Friends – Members will be asked to submit a genealogical problem by the June meeting. Four problems will be picked for discussion. A panel of three genealogists will study each problem and explain how they would solve the it.

SEPTEMBER — Rita Lingg will report on her genealogical research trip in Germany

OCTOBER — Tentative — Research in the Fort Wayne, IN Library.

NOVEMBER — Our own members: Serendipity stories, successful research trips, and memorabilia found while doing genealogical research.

**JOINT GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE
KANSAS COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES
AND TOPEKA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
JUNE 29 & 30, 2001
MANER CONFERENCE CENTER
TOPEKA, KANSAS
PAUL MILNER, SPEAKER**

KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY Interlibrary Loan Services

Contributed by Wm. D. Rexroad

What is available?

- Census – Kansas, selected federal
- Library Material
 - City Directories
 - Newspapers
 - Plat Books
 - Vertical File — loose papers, clippings, etc.
- State Archives
 - Local Records on microfilm
- Manuscript collections
 - Enrollment Cards of the Five Civilized Tribes
 - Indian Census Rolls, 1885-1940
- Photograph Microfiche – by county & individual collections
 - Allen County
 - Anderson County
 - Atchison County
 - Berryman Collection
 - Buffalo photographs
 - Gannon Collection
- Indexes to
 - Census
 - Corporation Charters
 - Kansas state penitentiary records
 - State militia, Civil War
 - WWI veterans – 1930 enrollment

Patrons may borrow two reels of film for two weeks through their local library or participating LDS Family History Center. Borrowing libraries may have a maximum of eight reels for four patrons at any given time. Patrons must use the film only in the borrowing library. Film is not renewable. Libraries should repair readers that routinely scratch or damage film.

The Kansas State Historical Society does not charge a fee for ILL service, but the Hutchinson Public Library charges a fee of \$1.00 per film which is to be used to purchase permanent film for the library.

OLD WORDS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- a.a.s. (anno actitis suae) died in the year of his/her age
- d.s.p. (decessit sine prole) died without issue
- d.s.p.l. (decessit sine prole legitima) died without legitimate issue
- d.s.p.m.s. (decessit sine prole mascula supersita) died without surviving male issue

d.s.p.s.	(decessit sine prole supersita) died without surviving issue
d.unm	died unmarried
d.v.p.	(decessit vita patris) died in the lifetime of his father
d.v.m.	(decessit vita matris) died in the lifetime of his mother
Et al	(et alia) and others
Inst.	(instans) Present month
Liber	book or volume
Nepos	grandson
Nunc	Nuncapative will, an oral will, written by a witness
Ob	(obit) he/she died
Relict	(relicta/relictus) widow or widower
Sic	so or thus, exact copy as written
Testes	witnesses
Ult	(ultimo) late
Ux	(uxor) wife
Viz	(videlicet) namely

KANSAS COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies will present the following slate of officers for the year 2001-2002.

President — Ruth Hair Filbert

Vice-president — Lee Kensett

Membership Chairman — Ruth Sanderson

The member societies of KCGS will vote for the candidates of their choice by mail ballot. The votes will be counted at the annual conference.

Other RCGS Members in KCGS

Keith Burgess has consented to be on the Standing Rules committee and Karen Burgess (no relation) is the District 8 Representative on the Kansas Council. Karen represents genealogical & historical societies in Reno, Rice, Barton, Ellsworth, Lincoln and McPerson counties. Ruth Filbert is the present vice-president of KCGS.

Bit's n Pieces

Several years ago the Sedgwick County Pioneer Certificate was created to honor those people who helped settle this part of the territory. Many of their descendants still live in this area. The time when Kansas was being settled was a very troublesome time. Often these people risked every thing that they had to move to Kansas. If you have an ancestor who settled in Sedgwick County between 26 February 1867 and 31 December 1880, make application to the Midwest Historical and Genealogical society. Mail a SASE, and the forms will be sent to you.

REGISTRATION OF ALIENS SEDGWICK COUNTY

The Aliens Registration – Sedgwick County information can be found in the *Kansas Review*, Volume 26, No. 2, Nov. 2000, Pages 41-51. In Vol. 26, No. 1, those indicated as registered from Sedgwick, Sedgwick County, actually were registered from Wichita, Sedgwick County. Males were filed in Box 24, females filed in Box 25. Many of these women were nuns, but their religious name was not used—in other counties, this was not the case.

KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKING POOR FARM RECORDS

In an attempt to document a group of Kansans that has gone largely unnoticed, the KSHS is beginning an effort to borrow and microfilm records of County Poor Farms, particularly the inmate registers. We are hoping to gather a list of counties that still have records of their poor farms. If your county had a poor farm and any records of the inmates still exist, please contact: Mary Douglass, CGRS, 259 N. Kansas Ave., Salina, KS 67401-8515 or e-mail mdoug-hm@swbell.net. Thank you for your help.

THE CHANGE FROM THE JULIAN TO THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR

The Julian calendar was introduced by Julius Caesar in 45 BC. It was in common use until the 1500s, when countries started changing to the Gregorian calendar. However, some countries (for example, Greece and Russia) used it into this century, and the Orthodox church in Russia still uses it, as do some other Orthodox churches.

The Gregorian calendar was proposed by Aloysius Lilius, a physician from Naples, and adopted by Pope Gregory XIII in accordance with instructions from the Council of Trent (1545-1563) to correct for errors in the older Julian Calendar. It was decreed by Pope Gregory XIII in a papal bull on 24 February 1582.

The papal bull of February 1582 decreed that 10 days should be dropped from October 1582 so that 15 October should follow immediately after 4 October, and from then on the reformed calendar should be used.

This was observed in Italy, Poland, Portugal, and Spain. Other Catholic countries followed shortly after, but Protestant countries were reluctant to change, and the Greek orthodox countries didn't change until the start of this Century.

Denmark (including Norway): 18 Feb 1700 was followed by 1 Mar 1700.

Finland: Then part of Sweden. 17 Feb 1753 was followed by 1 Mar 1753 Note, however, that Finland later became part of Russia, which then still used the Julian calendar. The Gregorian calendar remained official in Finland, but some use of the Julian calendar was made.

Sweden decided to make a gradual change from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar. By dropping every leap year from 1700 through 1740 the eleven superfluous days would be omitted and from 1 Mar 1740 they would be in sync with the Gregorian calendar. In the meantime they would be in sync with nobody.

So 1700 which should have been a leap year in the Julian calendar was not a leap year in Sweden. However, by mistake 1704 and 1708 became leap years. This left Sweden out of synchronization with both the Julian and the Gregorian world, so they decided to go back to the Julian calendar. In order to do this, they inserted an extra day in 1712, making that year a double leap year! So in 1712, February had 30 days in Sweden.

Later, in 1753, Sweden changed to the Gregorian calendar by dropping 11 days like everyone else. 17 Feb 1753 was followed by 1 Mar 1753

GOING TO THE CHURCHYARD

I'm going to the churchyard -
 I'm a genealogist you know
 I've donned my old mac, my gloves and scarf
 (I hope it doesn't snow)
 I've got my pencil and notebook, and
 I'm going to take another peek
 at the wording on the gravestone - the same one I visited
 last week
 I'm kneeling quietly at the grave
 The wind is bitter cold
 (oh, why didn't my ancestors study genealogy -
 before they died or became too old)

I'm talking to him, very quietly but
 he never answers back, then suddenly
 a little girl comes chitter chattering by,
 she stops, and stares at me, and my old mac.

"Mummmmeeee, I think that lady's poorly
 she's fallen on the ground -shall we go and help her"
 Quite startled, I turn around
 "What are you doing to my great uncles grave"
 The little girls mummy was quite upset
 I explained myself politely
 (my story hasn't finished just yet) -
 We chatted for a little while -
 then all at once we knew

We were all related (give a generation or two)
 We hurriedly exchanged addresses, as the snow began to fall

Can't help but think what I would have missed IF
 I had not gone there at all.

(Found on the internet)

OLD ENGLISH MAPS

There are a set of scans of 1886 atlas maps made available by Malcolm Farmer at

<http://med441.bham.ac.uk/maps/SSC/index.html>

These cover some of the counties of interest - Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Cheshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

The Ordnance Survey first edition maps are available at <http://www.old-maps.co.uk/>

A good site for the modern map for a quick look up is <http://uk2.multimap.com/map/places.cgi?client=M6> this is the Ordnance Survey mapping available in a variety of scales.

<http://www.elstead.co.uk/> sells the full range of modern maps and also the Alan Godfrey reprints of old ordnance survey maps.

IDENTIFYING COUNTRY EVENT PLACES

Your editor asked the following question:

Lance, you state that counties in Australia are only mentioned in Titles to property (land deeds). Would you give us an example of what you mean.

Thanks for your query. To give you an example of how "county" is used in Australia, this is how the property we live on is described on our "Certificate of Title": "that piece of Land situated in the County of Stanley, Parish of Yeerongpilly, City of Brisbane".

Because Britain established most of our legal systems in colonial times, many still remain today. The word "parish" in the context above does not refer to a "church parish" as we now commonly use the term. In the UK a "parish" can also be described as "the smallest unit of local government"; or similarly "a political subdivision of a British county, usually corresponding in boundaries to an original ecclesiastical parish". This was because up until the 19th century the Church in England held a great deal of power over local administration. It is in that context that it was applied to Australia.

Interestingly enough in Louisiana a "parish" is described as "a civil division of the state corresponding to a county in other states".

In Australia, the smallest political entity, that is local government, is called a "shire" (another British term). A larger area of population will be described as a "town", and of course the largest areas are described as "cities". So we have local government areas called, for example, "Gayndah Shire Council", "Dalby Town Council" and "Brisbane City Council" - all based on the population contained within their boundaries. If you are interested you can browse this site for more information:

<http://www.nla.gov.au/oz/gov/local.html>

So in Australia, the only time "County" is used is in property description. And the only time anyone becomes aware of which "county" they live in is when they have dealings with the property they own. That might be when they are selling their home (or vacate land they own), or receive their "rates" notice. Rates are the taxes our local governments levy on a property owner to pay for essential services, like water, sewerage, garbage collection, provision of roads, footpaths and parks, etc. (and the sundry other things they all like to add to their charges, I might add!).

We also have State Governments and a Federal Government as you do in the US.

Hope this helps in some way? Perhaps another Australian List member may be better versed in our laws to comment further, but I think that was the outline you were looking for in your query.

In Western Australia I believe the situation to be slightly different, it was settled after NSW, and the use of counties has not been used here. My land title refers only to the "Swan Location". As mentioned before, the local government districts in urban areas were called "municipalities" and the ones, which were mainly rural, were called "shires".

The area I live in has in the last couple of years been divided into two councils being "City of Joondalup" and the "City of Wanneroo", previously both came under the "Shire of Wanneroo", which reflects the increasing urbanization of this area.

I have only ever seen these names in Land Titles and would say that the County names are in common usage for Council areas e.g. Cumberland County Council, Hastings County Council etc.

A County in England would be the equivalent of a State in Australia or Province in New Zealand.

Some examples

Town, County/State/Province, Country

Nuneaton, Warwickshire, England
 Port Macquarie, New South Wales, Australia
 Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand
 Newport, (insert county) North Carolina, United States of America

The information that Robert Heal gave us is very infor-

mative and interesting. I would like to make one small addition with a piece of not too widely known information.

In the state of Rhode Island, USA, (that little state that looks like it might be a part of the state of Massachusetts, USA on the map) the government entities are slightly different. It does go as state, county, town, and village.

BUT the only things that operate on a county level, are the courts and sheriffs. Each town (township) has its own city or town government depending on the size of the municipality. The cities have a mayor and council, and the towns (for the most part) have a town manager and a council. All vital records, probate, and land records are filed and maintained by the individual town or city. The counties have no governing body or influence on the individual towns or cities. To complicate things to some degree, many of the towns in Rhode Island, have a number of post offices with names designated other than that of the town.

For instance the Town of South Kingstown (size approx. 63 acres) has 14 named villages. It has post office mailing addresses designated as Kingston, West Kingston, Wakefield and Peace Dale. These villages have no governmental body and for the most part no legally defined boundaries. Sarah from little Rhode Island

Just to throw in a bit, the county use is not uniform in the USA either. In Virginia, there are counties that contain towns. However, cities are a separate government body from a county and has the same level of authority. I have not had to enter any Virginia cities yet, but I might tend to enter the surrounding county just for reference - but am afraid this is probably not standard. Bill

Despite coming from a small country, may I also add that also other countries in Western Europe are divided into counties, or provinces as they are called here.

In The Netherlands, we don't use the name of the province all the time, especially when the towns are big, but some names of towns exist more than once here so in those cases it is absolutely necessary to mention the province (at least, before the postcode / zipcode was introduced).

For instance: Rijswijk is a place both in the provinces Zuid-Holland and in Gelderland, so when I lived in Rijswijk, envelopes addressed to me always mentioned "Rijswijk (ZH)". And the small town America in the province Zuid-Limburg probably also has the province mentioned all the time, otherwise all mail will be sent overseas.

(Editor's note: As you have probably noticed this was an e-mail exchange between Lance Bates, and others with your editor. Printed with their permission.)

100 YEARS AGO

The average life expectancy in the United States was forty-seven. How many members would we have in the Reno County Genealogical Society if that was still true?

More than 95 percent of all births in the United State took place in the home.

SPECIAL CHARACTERS

To type special characters into your genealogical research:

1. Be sure the Num Lock option on your keyboard is on.
 2. Locate the cursor where you want the character to print
 3. While holding down the Alt key, type the number of the character you wish to enter from the following table.
 4. Release the Alt key
- Alt +

156 = £ (English pound)	153 = Ö
173 = ÿ	162 = ó
168 = ç	225 = ß
174 = «	129 = ü
175 = »	150 = û
0227 = ã	154 = Ü
131 = â	163 = ú
132 = ä	171 = ½
133 = à	172 = ¼
142 = Ä	0191 = ¾
160 = á	155 = ø
135 = ç	246 = ÷
130 = é	196 = -
136 = ê	20 = ¶
137 = ë	21 = §
138 = è	145 = æ
144 = É	167 = ° (degree)
139 = ï	0156 = œ
140 = î	225 = ß
141 = ï	
161 = í	
164 = ñ	
165 = Ñ	
0245 = ò	
147 = ó	
148 = ô	
149 = ò	

There are many more diacritics available, but these are the most commonly used.

Does anyone know if there is a diacritic for trademark (TM) that uses alt +?

Another way to get diacritics is to Click: File/Programs/ Accessories/ Systems/ Tools.

Open Character Map, Select/Copy the character you need. Go back to your source. Place the cursor on where you wish to insert the character and press CTRL-V and there it is.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

For those who don't have time or access to the NARA web site, below are the basic fees. The revised fees went into effect November 13.

Information on the fee schedule is published on NARA's web site at <http://www.nara.gov/nara/newfees.html>.

The NATF form 80 is replaced by NATF form 85 for pension files.

They will have two different files to choose from, a Pension Documents Packet for \$14.75 which will include the following if they are on file: Declaration of pension, Declaration of widows pension, Adjutant General statements of service, Questionnaires completed by applicants, "Pension Dropped" cards, Marriage certificates, death certificates, discharge certificate.

The second option is the complete file (all pages) for \$37.00.

Type of Record	Order form	Price
(1) Passenger arrival lists....	NATF Form 81.....	\$17.25
(2) Federal Census requests...	NATF Form 82.....	\$17.50
(3) Eastern Cherokee applications to the Court of Claims		
	NATF Form 83.....	\$17.50
(4) Land Entry records.....	NATF Form 84.....	\$17.75
(5) Bounty land Warrant application files		
	NATF Form 85.....	\$17.25
(6) Pension files more than 75 years old		
	NATF Form 85 - complete file.....	\$37.00
(7) Pension documents packet..	NATF Form 85.....	\$14.75
(8) Military service files more than 75 years old		
	NATF Form 86.....	\$17.00

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLISHING WEB PAGES ON THE INTERNET

Recommended by the National Genealogical Society, May 2000.

Appreciating that publishing information through Internet web sites and web pages shares many similarities with print publishing, considerate family historians —

- ◆ apply a single title to an entire web site, as they would to a book, placing it both in the <TITLE> HTML tag that appears at the top of the web browser window for each web page to be viewed, and also in the body of the web document, on the opening home, title or index page.
- ◆ explain the purposes and objectives of their web sites, placing the explanation near the top of the title page or including a link from that page to a special page about the reason for the site.
- ◆ display a footer at the bottom of the each web page which contains the web site title, page title, author's

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- ◆ name, author's contact information, date of last revision and a copyright statement.
- ◆ provide complete contact information, including at a minimum a name and e-mail address, and preferably some means for long-term contact, like a postal address.
- ◆ assist visitors by providing on each page navigational links that lead visitors to other important pages on the web site, or return them to the home page.
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Paul Milner, Conference Speaker

BOOKS AND COMPACT DISC'S

The following Compact Disc's have been purchased by the Reno County Genealogical Society and will be given to the Hutchinson Public Library to start a collection of genealogical resources on compact disc.

#650 Kentucky Land Records 1774-1924. Five volumes of Kentucky land records listing 100,000 individuals.

#517 Early South Carolina Settlers, 1660's-1800's. Eleven books covering the early settlers of South Carolina. Passenger and naturalization records, land records, land grants, census schedules, jury lists and will abstracts for approximately 120,000 individuals.

#235 Tennessee Marriage Index, 1851-1900. 439,000 indexed individuals.

#401 New York Marriage Index, 1639-1915. 604,000 indexed individuals.

#402 New York Marriage Index, 1740-1880. 100,000 indexed individuals.

#250 Illinois Marriage Index, 1851-10—. 707,000 indexed individuals.

#228 Illinois and Indiana Marriage Indexes 1790-1850. 380,000 indexed individuals.

#002 Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee Marriage Indexes, 1720-1926.

#222 Iowa Marriages Indexes 1851-1900. 157,000 indexed individuals.

#234 Missouri Marriage Index, 1850-1900. 430,000 indexed individuals.

#651 Ohio Land and Tax Records, 1787-1840. Ohio's early land and tax records from 5 titles. 96,000 individuals.

#512 Pennsylvania Colonial Records, 1600,s-1800's. Newspaper abstracts, naturalization records, land records, court records and family histories compiled and indexed, approximately 190,000 individuals.

#209 Pennsylvania Wills, 1682-1834 from the following counties—Berks, Bucks, Chester, Cumberland, Delaware, Lancaster, Montgomery, Philadelphia, and York. 27 Volumes, over 250,000 individuals.

The above were ordered from Family Tree Maker.

Books:

Tennessee Land Grants, D-De by Bryon Sistler, 64 pgs.

Tennessee Land Grants, R-Rz by Bryon Sistler, 58 pgs.

Missouri Taxpayers, 1819-1826 by Stanley and Wilson.

Ohio Newspapers 1802-1818 by Green, 362 pgs.

Internet — The British Isle

Internet — 50 States and DC.

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- ◆ #4890 Pennsylvania Germans in the Revolutionary War by Henry M. M. Richards \$27.50
- ◆ #6313 Barbour Collection-Branford & Bridgeport Connecticut by Lorraine Cook White \$30.00
- ◆ #4308 Ohio Source Records from the Ohio Genealogy Quarterly \$40.00
- ◆ #175 Tennessee Pensioners, 2,400 individuals by Zella Armstrong \$9.00
- ◆ #2776 South Carolina Marriages, 1688-1820 by Brent Holcomb \$9.00
- ◆ #2783 North Carolina Grants in South Carolina by Brent Holcomb \$20.0

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- ◆ #PA281 The First Tax List for the Province of Pennsylvania, 1693 by Adams Apple Press \$12.00
- ◆ #SC130 Petitions for Land from the South Carolina Journals, Vol. 6, 1765-1770 by Brent Holcomb \$45.00
- ◆ #SC131 Petition for Land from the South Carolina Journals, Vol. 7, 1771-1774 by Brent Holcomb \$45.00

22 November 1999**(Memorial books)**

- ◆ #3660 Maryland Colonial Wills, 1634-1777 by James M. Margruder, Jr.
This is a Memorial for Grace Snodgrass Bradford McKenzie given by Mary P. Royall, 318 Abbington, Henderson, NV 89014-4936
- ◆ #1120 Early Settlers of Maryland 1751-1765 by Peter Wilson Coldham
- ◆ #4695 Ohio Tax Records by Esther Weygandt Powell \$40.00.

The above two books are Memorials for Alta Proctor given by members of R. C. G. S.

- ◆ #1479 Scottish-American Heirs 1683-1883 by David Dobson.

This was a Memorial for Betty Morgan.

18 February 2000

- ◆ Index to the U. S. Military Pension Applications of Remarried Widows 1812-1911 by Virgil D. White. \$120.00

Reno County Genealogical Society Book Shelves.

World War I Kansas Alien Registrations 1917-1918. Compiled by National Archives-Central Plains Region Volunteers.

Andrew L. Moore, 336 Saver Road, PA 16055 donated two books to the R. C. G. S. that he had written. **Mitchell** — related families, Brocken, Brady, Dougherty, Harrod, Kinney & Smock.

Moore — related families Bayne, Hays, Lewis, Milton, Sorency, Thomas & Wilson.

The Reno County Genealogical Society requested the Hutchinson Public Library to bind the following Quarterlies.

Three Searcher	Vol. 33-35	1991-1993
	Vol. 36-38	1994-1996

The Sunflower	Vol. 11-16	May 1990-Nov 1994
	Vol. 16-10	May 1995-Nov 1998

Forgotten Settlers of Kansas , Volume 19
 Forgotten Settlers of Kansas , Volume 20
 Forgotten Settlers of Kansas , Volume 21
 Forgotten Settlers of Kansas , Volume 22
 Forgotten Settlers of Kansas , Volume 23
 Forgotten Settlers of Kansas, Index to Volumes 1-10
 Forgotten Settlers of Kansas, Index to Volumes 11-20

11 January 2001**Books donations by the Smoky Valley Genealogical Society to the Reno County Genealogical Society**

- ◆ Shenandoah Valley Pioneers and their Descendants, A History of Frederick Co., VA. By T. K. Cartmell, 1909.
- ◆ Adventurers of Purse and Person 1607-1624/25 and Their Families by Order of First Families 3rd edition, 1987.

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- ◆ An Index to the Will Books and Intestate Records of Lancaster Co., PA, 1729-1850 by Eleanore Jane Fulton and Barbara Kendig Mylin, 1974.
- ◆ Marriage Bonds and other Marriage Records of Amherst Co., VA, 1763-1800 by William Montgomery Sweeny, 1973.
- ◆ A History of Orange Co., VA 1734-1780 by W. W. Scott, 1974.
- ◆ Early Marriages, Wills and Some Revolutionary War Records, Botetourt Co., VA by Anne Lowry Warrell, 1985.
- ◆ Virginia Genealogical Research by George K. Schweitzer, PhD., ScD., 1982.
- ◆ A History of Scott Co., VA by Robert M. Addington, 1977.
- ◆ Die Liebenthaler und Ihre Kirche. A Bicentennial-Centennial Tribute 1776-1876-1976. Liebenthal, KS.
- ◆ Six Generation Ancestor Tables Kansas Genealogical Society. Dodge City, KS, 1976.
- ◆ West Virginia Estate Settlements, An Index to Wills, Inventories, Appraisements, Land Grants and Surveys to 1850 by Ross B. Johnston, 1988.

TRANSCRIPT OR ABSTRACT?

Are you reading a transcript or an abstract?

A transcript, which is a word for word write-up of a document, provides more information than an abstract, which lists merely the high points. However both can be fraught with errors due to handwriting and abbreviations, the age of the document or quality of the microfilm.

In a book or online listing of abstracts of wills, you are likely to find.

- ◆ Name of deceased
- ◆ Locality
- ◆ Date of will
- ◆ Heirs

However, the full transcript may provide details of Real Property, such as the family homestead.

Equipment, such as horses, plows, wagons, and buggies.

Personal items such as a watch & chain, furniture, books, a linen shirt, etc.

Personal comments, such as "my beloved wife".

Unusual notes "my son who went west to Seattle". (This was actually found in a Jackson family will)

From this comparison, you can see that relying on an abstract or index for merely a name and a date of the will is like wearing blinders. You are forced to look in one direction completely missing the delightful details of the periphery. These details may lead you to other source documents, such as homestead papers or military service records, thereby giving you a better view of the life and times of an ancestor.

HUTCHINSON DAILY GAZETTE

Continued series. Clipped by Harold Balzer.

September 29, 1909, Page 4, Column 6.

POINTS ABOUT PEOPLE

Mayor F. L. Martin transacted legal business at Ness City yesterday returning this noon.

Albert Landers left last night for Lawrence to visit his parents. He will return tomorrow.

Albert Watkins has sold property on A avenue just west of the Business college to R. F. McDermed and R. C. Getter. The consideration is \$3,000.

Mrs. Maragret Fearn, was granted a decree of divorce in district court late yesterday afternoon, from her husband Edward Fearn, car foreman of the street railway company. The case was not contested.

Rev. Paul S. L. Johnson, who has been engaged in evangelistic work among the Jews of the country is in the city and will hold meetings tomorrow at the English Lutheran church, afternoon and night.

Ola M. Fraley, a Sylvia girl, aged 21 years, was taken to Parsons today to be treated for epilepsy in the state hospital. She had been adjudged a fit subject for the asylum by the probate court yesterday afternoon.

O. T. Shaffer recorded four deeds with the register of deeds yesterday by which he became possessor of four lots in the city of South Hutchinson for 72 cents a lot. He bought them in for taxes and tax deeds were filed.

George Combs has purchased a tract of vacant land, consisting of 7 1/2 acres, located at the west edge of First avenue, west of the drainage canal. The property was bought from Allen Winchester, as an investment.

Isaac Butler has purchased a vacant lot on South Main street just south of the creamery, from C. S. Winchester, paying \$1,500 for the lot. He also owns the lot adjoining and expects to build a brick business block soon. Combs & Ticknor made the deal.

Rev. J. A. Cornelius, pastor of the Christian church at Liberal, is in the city attending the convention and visiting friends. "The people of the church here," he said this morning, are doing all in their power to make the visiting delegates enjoy themselves, and we certainly appreciate it." He says the attendance at Hutchinson this year is larger than it has been for several years.

District Judge C. E. Branine has invested in Reno county property and has bought through Combs & Ticknor of this city, the fruit farm of Ben F. Hoch, consisting of 100 acres, located 3 1/2 miles north of Hutchinson. Mr. Hoch will have a public sale next Tuesday, commencing at ten o'clock. He will soon move his family to Colorado for the benefit of his wife's health.

County Clerk A. R. Hamma received a letter this morning from his brother at Great Bend, announcing that the

hunting in the Cheyenne bottoms is better than it has been in years. The bottoms are reported to be alive with ducks. Last year the bottoms were dry, but the first of last week a seven inch rain fell which flooded the bottoms and hipboots are now needed by the hunters.

THE SOCIAL WHIRL

September 20, 1909, Page 6, Column 1 & 2.

Mr. And Mrs. J. M. Cowan of West Twelfth avenue, entertained at a family dinner yesterday. Covers were laid for Mr. And Mrs. Harry Elbrader, Mrs. Maude Vandivot and Miss Della Cowan, Lyndon; M. Claude Cowan, Ottawa.

The Sixth District Federation of Women's clubs will hold its annual meeting in Ellsworth October 26, 27 & 27. (Sic) The officers of the federation are Mrs. George P. Griffith, Hays city, president; Mrs. Alice B. Long, Ellsworth, vice president; Mrs. C. B. Walker, Norton, secretary; Mrs. Kirk, Jr., Burr Oak, treasure; Miss Elizabeth Schwalle, Hays City, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Charles Kendall, Colby, auditor; Mrs. D. D. Haggard, Phillipsburg, historian.

Mrs. J. W. Haughtey, who have been here with Mr. Haughey, who is with the Mutual Life Insurance company, returned today to their home in Topeka. Miss Haughey, while in the city, has been the guest of Miss Virginia and Miss Georgeann Bostick.

Mr. Bert Russell, formerly of the McBurney shoe department, has accepted a position as traveling salesman for Hannah-McCarty of Auburn, N. Y. He will make his headquarters in Hutchinson and will live at 1206 North Main street.

Mrs. B. I. Wells of Langdon and Mrs. E. E. Wells, of Plevna, who have been visiting Mr. And Mrs. H. H. Wells, went to Langdon this morning to visit relatives and friends.

Mrs. F. Dumont Smith, of North Main street, received word this morning announcing the death of an uncle in Dixon, Ill. She left for that place on train No. 2, of the Santa Fe.

Mr. And Mrs. John Russell and Mr. Mack Russell of Aline, Okla., have been the Hutchinson guests of Mr. And Mrs. Bert Russell. They returned this morning to their homes.

Miss Blanche Bailey will come tomorrow from Lyndon to be the Hutchinson guest for a few days of Mr. And Mrs. J. M. Cowan of 101 West Twelfth avenue.

Miss Jessie Ivey will leave tonight for her new home in Ottawa. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Fred Burns and children, who will visit there for a few weeks.

Mrs. M. L. Freeland and daughter Miss Anna Freeland, returned yesterday to their home in Kansas City.

Mrs. J. E. Craft and Mr. S. Tanner who have been the Hutchinson guests of Mr. And Mrs. H. H. Carrier, left today for their homes in Greensburg.

The Westminster guild of the Presbyterian church is being entertained this afternoon by Mrs. A. R. Schable at her home on South Factory street.

Mr. J. T. Dunkin, of Yelton, Okla., returned to his home this morning after a visit here with J. S. George and family on East Sixth avenue.

Miss Nellie Frisby and Miss Pearl Folkerson of Kingman, were the guests yesterday of Miss Stella McVey on East Seventh avenue.

Mrs. D. P. Grover and Miss Edith Norton left today for their homes near Chicago, after a visit here with Mr. And Mrs. J. R. Lovelace.

Miss Leeta Ingalls, who has been the Hutchinson guest of Miss Elese Westmacott, returned to her home this morning in Halstead.

The I. C. club will hold the first meeting of the year Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. William Montgomery, 210 West A avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Holaday had as their dinner guests yesterday at their home on East Twelfth avenue a number of friends.

Miss Josephine Barron, who has been visiting Miss Helen Lamborn returned to her home this morning in Kingman.

The Altar society of the Catholic church will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. Folye, on West Fifth avenue.

Mr. Claude Cowan, of Ottawa, who is here visiting Mr. And Mrs. J. M. Cowan, left today for a visit in Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Bert Dukelow is the hostess to the Westside Social club at her country home on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. And Mrs. Percival Westmacott went to Halstead today to visit with Mr. And Mrs. T. F. Burrows.

Mr. Claude Adams entertained a number of friends at dinner at the Country club last evening.

Mr. Walter Jones and Mr. Leslie Cain were dinner guests at the Bisonte last evening.

The Country club will hold their regular weekly dance next Friday evening.

Miss Cleo Ritter of Turon was the guest Saturday of Miss Jennie Colladay.

Mr. And Mrs. W. P. Stormont visited yesterday with friends in Sterling.

Mr. Fred Wood entertained at dinner last evening at the Country club Miss Cordelia Young, Miss Grace Wood, Miss Lucile Wood, Dr. R. Y. Jones, Mr. Harry Wood, of Saribault, Minn.

.....after a visit here with their daughter and sister, Mrs. D. Ernest Forsythe. (Editor's note: evidently the first part of this item was omitted from the newspaper page when it was edited.)

The W. C. T. U. will meet Wednesday afternoon with Dr. Frances Cady.

Mr. Lacy Rozier entertained at dinner at the Country club last night.

The Social Whirl

Tuesday, September 21, 1909, Page 3, Col. 4 & 5

Mrs. A. R. Scheble entertained the Westminster Guild of the Presbyterian church yesterday at her home on South Factory street. This was the guild's first meeting of the year. For their study this winter they will take the regular guild course. There were nineteen members present. The next meeting will be in two weeks with Mrs. W. F. Reber.

Mr. Herbert Ramsey entertained at dinner at the Country club last evening Mr. And Mrs. Frank Hettinger, Mr. And Mrs. James Hettinger and Mr. And Mrs. E. M. Ramsey.

The W. C. T. U. held a called meeting yesterday at the home of Dr. Frances Cady. The W. C. T. U. district convention is meeting in Clay Center this week and the meeting was held yesterday on this account. Mrs. C. W. Hill and Mrs. W. H. Lewis went as delegates from the local union.

The marriage of Miss Maude Curtis to Mr. L. M. Warden took place this morning. Probate Judge J. M. Jordan performed the ceremony. Mr. And Mrs. Warden left this morning for Kansas City. From there they will go to Hastings, Nebr., where they will make their home.

The Philathea girls of the First M. E. church met last evening with Miss Mabel Round of West Seventh avenue. After plans were discussed by the class members for the winter work, a social time was enjoyed. The next meeting will be in two weeks with Miss Edith Pells.

Mr. And Mrs. Ed Achepohl and Miss Thelma Achepohl of Wichita and Miss Marie and Mr. Edwin Tracy of Wellington, have returned to their homes, after spending a week in Hutchinson the guests of Mr. And Mrs. K. Mayo Lewis.

Mr. G. M. Manning and little daughter, Jane, left today for Stanton, Neb. From there they will go to Jefferson, O., to attend the funeral of his brother, Governor A. H. Manning, who died last Sunday at Atlantic City, N. J.

A number of the friends of Ewing Stumm were entertained at his home last evening at an informal dancing party. Mrs. Stumm served light refreshments to the guests.

Chapter S, P. E. O., will hold their first meeting of the year with Mrs. D. Ernest Forsythe of West Eleventh avenue, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. DeVors and son, Jr., came today from Wich-

ita, to be the guests of Mr. And Mrs. W. C. McMackin of 617 North Main street.

Miss Beryl Lippincott and George Lippincott returned this morning to their home in Kingman, after spending Fair week in Hutchinson.

Mr. And Mrs. Galen H. Welch left today for Chicago. From there they will go on to New York and will visit other Eastern points.

Mrs. W. C. McMackin, who has been ill at the Stewart hospital for the last three weeks, was able to return to her home today.

Mrs. J. M. Anderson and her guest, Mrs. J. F. Dauber of Lindsborg, went to Abbyville this morning to visit friends.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Irwin Memorial church, will give a watermelon social this evening at the church.

Miss Mary Gabrielson and Miss Lulu Stallman, left today for Manhattan to enter the Kansas State Agricultural college. They will take a course in domestic science.

Mrs. E. B. Sawyer of Medford, Or., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Lincoln Stewart, of West Tenth avenue.

Mrs. H. E. Stewart and sons, Leonard and Frank, left today for a trip to Seattle, Wash. And Boise, Idaho.

Mrs. L. T. Crotts went to Partridge this morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. Pollie Crotts.

Mrs. D. H. Holaday has returned home from a few week's visit in Peoria, Ill.

SOCIETY CALENDAR

Tuesday.

Ladies' aid society of Irwin Memorial chapel give social at the church.

Wednesday.

Westside social club entertained by Mrs. Bert Dukelow.

Mrs. E. B. Sawyer and Mrs. E. E. Bloom hostesses at Country club.

I. C. club meets with Mrs. W. A. Montgomery.

Chapter S, P. E. O. holds first meeting with Mrs. D. Ernest Forsythe.

Altar social meets.

Thursday.

W. S. S. club meets with Mrs. C. D. James, 225 West A avenue.

Friday.

Mrs. J. C. Hedrick has the F. A. embroidery club.

Country club dance.

COULDN'T BUY THE LAND

School Board Says Funds Too Low To Invest in School Site.

The Hutchinson school board met in regular session last night. The principal question before the board was the advisability of buying the lots in the northwest part of the

city. A proposition had been offered the board for the sale of a site for another school building. They had been offered over one-half a block of land located between Fourteenth and Fifteenth avenues and Jefferson and Madison streets for \$2,900.

There was no intention of building another school immediately, but it was thought that perhaps in the near future larger school facilities would be necessary and that the purchase of this land would be a good investment. The board decided however that there was no sufficient funds in the treasury to warrant the purchase and the idea was given up.

The board passed a resolution to sign the refunding resolution to refund the outstanding warrants. This matter was taken up some time ago, but nothing was done with it. The outstanding warrants amount to about \$19,000.

An estimate was made on the work of W. E. Keir, on the new grade school building on Maple street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues and a resolution passed to make a payment of \$4,000 of the original contract price to Mr. Keir.

RENO COUNTY NEWS

ABBYVILLE

Ollie Stewart spent a few days in Hutchinson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Ray spent Tuesday and Thursday at the fair.

Mr. Barber took Willis Havercroft and wife to attend the fair Wednesday.

Clint Snyder is hauling his wheat in this week from roth of Pekin.

Mr. A. Wright was here Wednesday from Plevna with nice fresh meat.

Ed Ray is having his plowing done with a steam plow. Amiel Oyer is doing the work.

Noah Zimmerman's little girl who lost her feet last week, is getting along very nicely.

Mrs. Carl Fountain is enjoying a visit from relatives from the East the latter part of this week.

The big Barnum & Bailey show was fine; there were quite a number who went from Pekin and Abbyville.

Mr. O. F. Barber took Mr. and Mrs. John Ramsey and daughter to Hutchinson Friday to the show in his auto.

Misses Virginia and Delila Barber and Harry Havercroft came down and went to Hutchinson on the excursion Wednesday to attend the fair.

NINNES

Mrs. John Holloway was in this vicinity Sunday.

Mr. H. A. Henderson and family attended the fair last Wednesday.

(Ed. Where was Ninnes located?)

Mr. J. W. Smiley and family were shopping in Andale a few days ago.

Mr. Ed. Mae of near Haven, is working for Bert Ostrander by the month.

Mr. Dick Ayers in going to Oklahoma this fall expecting to shuck corn there.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Walker and family were guests at Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hendrixon Sunday.

Several report a good time at the Fair this year, and those who know say it is better than before.

Mr. Roy Hendrickson is hauling sand up to Red Hill school house, preparatory to fixing the pump.

Several from this vicinity attended the Barnum & Bailey show at Wichita September 11. All report a good time.

Mr. Herbert L. Collier who left this vicinity a few days ago, and went to Wichita joined the navy at that place, friends and relatives of this vicinity wish him good luck and many happy days during his four years with Uncle Sam.

DARLOW

F. F. McMurray and wife took dinner last Sunday with Milas McMurray.

A. L. Franklin is enjoying a visit with a sister who is here from the east.

Rev. W. B. Robertson of Pawnee Rock, is here visiting relatives. He brought his family with him.

A lady relative who has been visiting M. J. Dix and family left for her home in Indiana last Tuesday.

Hugh McMurray had a runaway with a disc last Tuesday. No serious damage was done however.

Rev. A. G. Miller of this place filled one of the pulpits in Hutchinson last Sunday both morning and evening.

The S. S. Convention at Elmer was a success, one of the good things being an address by the Rev. W. R. Gray of Hutchinson.

PARTRIDGE

Mrs. Lawrence of Carbonvale, Ill, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Eleanor Martin of Cloverdale spent a few days at this place recently.

Rev. Isard gave a lecture on Turkey with illustrated views Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Culver of Little River spent a few days with relatives here.

Little Miss Malinda Crotts of Hutchinson spent a few days with her grandparents of this place.

(Editors note: Mrs. William Peterson nee Malinda Crotts was a charter member of the RCGS.)

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. King and Miss Eva Fern and Miss Mattie Maxwell left for California the last of the week.

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VALLEY

Mr. A. O. Sproul bought an auto last week.

Mr. A. N. Culberson hauled oats to Hutchinson Tuesday.

Mrs. W. C. Thompson has company from Kansas City.

Maggie and Minnie Culberston (sic) were Haven visitors Friday.

Mrs. J. E. Hall and Mrs. Al Hammond and daughter Mabel were Hutchinson visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ross, Mr. T. J. Brewer and Miss Gladys Priest spent Sunday at A. G. Jewell's.

GOSSIP OF THE TOWN

21 September 1909, Page 4, Column 6

Geo. Curtis of Stafford, is in the city today.

Earl Phillips will attend the Fair at Wichita.

W. P. Bunyan of Fowler, is visiting friends here today.

Mrs. C. W. Ross went to Kingman this morning for a visit.

Mrs. G. L. Beebe was the guest today of friends in Darlow.

Mrs. W. H. Hodge of Great Bend, was a city shopper today.

W. D. Daily was here today from Burrton transacting business.

Dr. Alexandria of Sherman, is with his sister at Stewart hospital.

J. J. Williamson left this morning to attend the Fair at Wichita.

Ed Tamplin returned home yesterday from a short visit in Wichita.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Jones, of Liberal, are visiting friends in the city.

W. A. and J. W. Farmer, of St. John, were business visitors here yesterday.

Mrs. Clarence Moore of Pratt, was shopping yesterday in Hutchinson stores.

Mrs. Edna Hutchinson went to Seward this morning to visit the rest of the week.

O. D. Rose, left today for Newton, where he will attend to some real estate business.

J. L. Johnson and wife are in Hutchinson this week. Mr. Johnson is a post office inspector.

J. L. Adams, an attorney of Wichita; is here attending to business matters in district court.

Mrs. O. Nearhood and daughter were here yesterday from Sterling shopping in the city stores.

Mrs. R. F. Sommers went to Nickerson this morning to visit relatives and friends for a few days.

J. W. Greenleaf, a prominent stockman of Greenleaf, is here today looking after some business matters.

Mrs. Will Smith returned this morning to her home in Kingman, after a visit here with relatives and friends.

Helen Lusk, of Pratt, went through this morning on her way to Wichita, where she will attend the Fair there this week.

The will of the late Watson Failes, of Haven township, was admitted to probate in probate court yesterday afternoon.

The district court has confirmed the sale in the suit of G. A. Morris against John Burke, and ordered a certificate issued.

The directors of the Fair association will be called together by Secretary A. L. Sponsler as soon as he has received complete reports from all departments of the fair.

SEVERAL SANTA FE CHANGES

G. H. McKinstrey Replaces E. H. Hogueland Oct. 1

October 1 will mark some important changes in the offices of the Santa Fe here. E. H. Hogueland who has held the office of traveling freight agent for the past few years, has resigned his position and will accept a position as assistant in the office of John S. Dawson, attorney for the board of railroad commissioners.

The vacancy thus created will be filled by Geo. C. McKinstry, who, at present, is holding the position of chief clerk in the office of C. A. Walker, division freight agent here.

McKinstry is a Hutchinson boy and has been in the employ of the Santa Fe for a number of years. The vacancy made by Mr. McKinstry will be filled by Mr. Davis of Topeka, who has been in the general offices at that place for a number of years.

GETS LIGHT SENTENCE

Brice Miskimen Pleads Guilty to Petty Larceny

Brice Kiskimen, a farmer of northwest of Hutchinson, who was sometime ago arrested charged with trying to steal a herd of hogs from a neighbor, pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon in district court to the charge of petty larceny, and was fined \$100 and costs. Miskimen was charged with grand larceny, a penitentiary offense, but on the recommendation of the county attorney he was let off with the lesser plea.

(Editor's note: The farmer's name was spelled Kiskimen and Miskimen in the article).

THE SOCIAL WHIRL

September 22, 1909, page 6, column 1-2-3

Today a number of the clubs are holding their first meeting of the season. The hot weather months are passed and the work for the coming winter is being arranged for by the clubs. With the cooler weather interest in the meetings are restored and the year promises to be a flourishing one for club workers. This afternoon chapter S. P. E. C. met with Mrs. D. Ernest Forsythe to make plans for the year's work.

The embroidery clubs that meet this week are the I. C., W. S. S., F. A. clubs. More clubs have called meetings for next week.

Mrs. D. B. Zimmer left today for Chicago for a visit with her sister, en route to her home in Sioux Falls. She has been the guest here of her mother, Mrs. M. Nelson of 512 North Main street, for two weeks.

The men of the First M. E. church have issued invitations to the women of the Sunday school board and the official board of the church for an informal evening next Tuesday evening in the church parlors.

The women at the head of the twelve divisions of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First M. E. church were entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. W. R. Tedrick and Mrs. R. A. Campbell at the home of Mrs. Tedrick, complimentary to Mrs. H. E. Wolfe. During the social hours the guest of honor was presented with a dozen linen napkins. At the close of the afternoon dainty refreshments were served. The guests were Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Galen H. Welch, Mrs. W. S. Randle, Mrs. John Chrissman, Mrs. A. M. Jewell, Mrs. Colin Campbell, Mrs. A. English, Mrs. D. A. Moore, Mrs. A. P. Johnson, Mrs. C. N. Payne, Mrs. I. W. Rees, Mrs. J. A. Pudviance, Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Mrs. W. H. Brooker, Mrs. J. C. O. Moore, Mrs. C. L. Parks, Mrs. T. D. Talmadge, Mrs. George Dively, Mrs. Charles Sweet, Mrs. Ed Sweet, Miss Mary Grant.

Mrs. N. B. Sawyer and daughter, Miss Florence Updegraff, left this morning for Washington, D. C., where Miss Updegraff will attend school this winter.

Mrs. M. Grant of Excelsior Springs, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rozell on East Second avenue, left this morning for Great Bend.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Universalist church will meet tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Henry Hartman of 321 West First avenue.

Miss Helen Jackson, who has been visiting in Hutchinson with Mrs. H. D. Jordon, returned to her home this morning in Sylvia.

Mrs. Fisher Asher of East Seventh avenue, had as her dinner guest last evening Mrs. Wallace Dodge of Great Bend.

Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Harrison of Scranton arrived in Hutchinson today to visit Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Foltz.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Iola, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Faulkner on East Sherman street.

Miss Grace Ford of Dwight, Ill., is the Hutchinson guest of Mrs. Roy Dinwiddie on East Sixth avenue.

Miss Cree Morse leaves this week for New York City, where she will spend the winter studying music.

Miss Margaret McCandless and Miss Arta Jones went to Wichita today to attend the Fair.

Mrs. C. M. Snyder and daughter Margaret, left today for a visit in Oklahoma City.

Miss Flora Tedrick went to Partridge this morning to be gone indefinitely.

GENEALOGY TASKS FOR THE TEMPORARILY HOUSEBOUND

GC Extra

Elizabeth Kelley KERSTENS, CGRS

I live in the snow-covered Detroit metropolitan area where many of us were stranded in our own homes on Monday after receiving 8-12 inches of the white stuff overnight. (Written 12/14/2000) What to do, what to do?

Often when we suddenly find ourselves with unplanned free time, we don't know where to start. We get the "kid in a candy store" syndrome and want to do everything we've been saving for that proverbial rainy day. I'd like to share a few suggestions that might help you get over the hump and be productive.

- ◆ **1. Clean off your desk or clean out your inbox.** Do you have place where your "stuff" just keeps piling up? Now's the time to tackle it. You may not think this is a useful task for a gift of free time, but I contend that you're more productive if you tackle piles in your way or within your line of sight. There's a great sense of satisfaction that comes upon seeing a clean desktop after months of trying to remember what that desktop looked like. A word of caution: Cleaning your desktop doesn't just mean moving one pile to another location. It means going through the pile and putting each item in its proper destination.
- ◆ **Enter data from unfiled genealogical documents into your genealogical program, then file the documents—properly!** Often, we return from genealogy adventures and don't have time to finish the research process by entering all of the data we found into our genealogical and /or filing programs. These items are frequently the cause of new piles forming in various spots around our homes or offices. Why not select a stack and start methodically entering the information from each document into whatever programs you use to keep track of such items? Once you have recorded all of the relevant information, systematically file each document so you can find it again.
- ◆ **Install and learn to use new software.** Many of us are probably guilty of purchasing new software (or upgrades to existing software) and then letting the programs sit unopened on our shelf for months. Why not take this opportunity to install the software, peruse the manual, and start learning to use the software? Sometimes, if we purposely take the time to learn a new software program, we'll ultimately save ourselves many hours of frustration that might come in trying to make the software conform to how we think it should work.

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- ◆ **Browse some educational genealogical Web sites to learn what's new in genealogy.** In my GC Extra column of 9 November 2000, I discussed some Web sites with free educational material. With lots of time on your hands, now might be the best time to read what is offered on these pages.
- ◆ **Pick a family, and do some Internet searches on it.** You may already do this on a regular basis, so maybe it's time to pick a family for which you haven't yet conducted Internet searches. Visit the popular Web sites for searches, including **Ancestry.com**, **RootsWeb.com**, and **FamilySearch.org**. When you conduct these searches, be sure to keep track of exactly what you were researching, which individuals you were researching, where you conducted the search, and the date of the search. This information is necessary in order to remember what you've already searched, but also as a record of your search. I have free, downloadable Internet Research Calendar in WordPerfect 8.0 template format available on my Web site (<http://www.ancestordetective.com>). This template will assist you in keeping track of the items mentioned above.
- ◆ **Write correspondence to record repositories.** Many of us have to-do lists containing correspondence tasks that have been left untouched. Today's the day to tackle some of these. We can't always get everything we need over the Internet; sometimes it takes a snail-mail letter to a county clerk to get a copy of a deed we're missing. If you take the time today to write some of these letters, imagine the jubilation you'll feel when you start receiving the responses to your requests in the mail! Back before e-mail, we all had to correspond this way, and the mail carrier was our best friend. He or she still can be, but we've got to initiate the correspondence. Just don't forget to send self-addressed, stamped envelopes with your correspondence so you'll be more likely to receive a reply.

These six items should give you enough ideas to start tackling some of your long-overdue projects. If you have other ideas for a housebound kind of day, please send them to me at the e-mail address below, and I'll share them with readers. Now, I've got to get out and shovel some snow.

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AncientFaces www.ancientfaces

The Reno County Genealogical Society received a brochure in the mail that may be of interest to members of this society.

The brochure states:

"To lose the past is more than a shame, it is truly a crime." AncientFaces helps genealogists complete their family research by adding a visual element to their lists of names and dates. Visitors can upload their photos for free and share their visual past.

AncientFaces is the premier, 100% Free online photo genealogy website. Distant relatives can share their memories through old photos. Genealogists can use AncientFaces to bring a face to their lists of names and dates.

Every day, visitors are finding photos they didn't know existed and relatives with whom they have lost touch.

For veterans, and those specifically interested in the military, there is also a separate military section. All military photos are divided by branch of service, war, and/or last name.

Shared by visitors, family stories are a combination of both history and family myth.

Visitors also share their cherished family recipes that have been passed down through generations.

Download photos, documents, stories, and recipes for your own enjoyment.

Editors note:

The day after I received this brochure, I visited my cousin in Ness County. He is recovering from a very serious operation and has had the time away from a farmers usual winter activities to go through some of his dad's family items.

He brought out a photo album that was literally falling apart and asked me if I knew who the people were in the pictures. Now I could help him with some of them, because I was able to put towns where the pictures were taken and family members together, but many are lost forever. COULD I USE AncientFaces? I will go to the web site and investigate, but it is certainly worth a try.

**A Time Line of Events in
THE HISTORY OF RENO COUNTY, KANSAS**

**Compiled by Wm. D. Rexroad
2001**

**PART 1
From the Beginning Through 1888**

- 1803** The Louisiana Purchase
- 1821** Major Jacob Fowler leads early explorers into the area that will become Reno County
- 1825** Treaty signed with Osage Indians to buy land that includes present-day Reno County
- 1861** Kansas becomes a state
- 1868** Reno County created by Kansas Legislature
- 1870** Lewis M. Thomas is the first settler to file a claim for land in Reno County
- 1871** J.H.D. Rozan and Luther Dodge establish the first two settlements in what is now Reno County (then Rice County)
- First herd of Texas cattle driven into Reno County from up the Chisholm Trail
- First school established in Reno County, first teacher was Jennie Hodson
- C.C. Hutchinson buys from the Santa Fe Railroad land on which the city of Hutchinson will be located
- Castleton town site laid out
- Mail service established in Hutchinson with first mail coming from Newton via stagecoach; John A. Clapp the first postmaster
- 1872** Reno County organized and first county officers elected
- C.C. Hutchinson elected to the state legislature, the first from Reno County
- Kansas Legislature shifts the borders of Reno County
- Election passes bond issue to build the first bridge across the Arkansas River and the first County Court House and County Jail

1872 Hutchinson incorporated, town government organized, Hutchinson named county seat
(cont'd)

Reno School District No. 1 organized, W.E. Hunt elected superintendent

First term of the District Court for Reno County opened, Judge W.R. Brown presiding

First Reno County newspaper published – *The News* – at Hutchinson on July 4

First public religious service in the county held in a Hutchinson meat shop, Rev. J.S. Saxby of the Baptist Church presiding

First bank organized, later to become the First National Bank of Hutchinson

The Santa Fe Railroad comes to Hutchinson

First marriage in Reno County; James Carrington to Emma Coombs

1873 New county jail completed

Stagecoach line begins run from Hutchinson to Medicine Lodge

Wheat first sown in the county

Nickerson post office established; Amanda Sears, postmistress

1874 Grasshopper invasion destroys crops following heat wave and drought

First grain mill built

First bridge across the Arkansas River completed, 1625 feet long

Last buffalo in Reno County is killed

1875 First salt plant opens, producing thirty barrels per day from marsh brine

First county fair is held

First city band organized in Hutchinson

Nickerson town site laid out

Five county men die in blizzard

1876 Second grasshopper invasion destroys all vegetation

First Y.M.C.A organized

1877 Cow Creek floods Hutchinson

Arlington town site laid out

1878 Prohibition voted in

Arlington post office established; H.H. Purdy, postmaster

1879 Nickerson incorporated

1880 General U.S. Grant visits Hutchinson

1881 First bicycle in Hutchinson, brought by Amos Plank

Telephone line connects Hutchinson to Arlington and beyond

1882 First opera house opens in Hutchinson

Stagecoach fare from Hutchinson to McPherson was two dollars

1883 Sugar factory starts up, making sugar from cane

1884 First triplets born in the county to Mrs. George E. Miller

First stone pavement laid on Main Street in Hutchinson

1885 Hutchinson selected as site for State Reformatory

First curb and gutter ordered by Hutchinson city council

1886 Major blizzard hits, no mail for three days, coal supplies depleted

The Missouri Pacific Railroad comes to Reno County

Hutchinson Water, Light, and Telephone Company chartered

Cow Creek floods Hutchinson

Haven townsite laid out

Partridge incorporated, formerly Reno Center

Turon established

Sylvia established

1887 Ben Blanchard finds underground salt deposit while drilling for gas and oil

City mail delivery established in Hutchinson with four carriers employed

Mule-drawn streetcars begin running in Hutchinson

Langdon incorporated

Medora town site map registered

Hutchinson Humane Society organized

Electric streetlights go on in downtown Hutchinson

1888 Abbyville incorporated

First salt produced using brine wells to draw salt up from underground, ten salt plants start up

Barnum and Bailey's Circus comes to Hutchinson, draws over 30,000 people to city

Hutchinson Stock Yards Company organized

End of Part 1

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NEW HOME FOR THE PALATINES

Palatines to America, the twenty-five year old national German genealogical society, is now in its new home in Columbus, Ohio, announced President Clara Harsh. The society's growing library spurred the move to larger quarters, after many years on the Capital University campus. Visitors to the Palatines to America library and office will find handy access to I-71, ample parking, and unique help in researching their German speaking immigrant ancestors.

Palatines to America was organized in 1975 to promote the study of Germanic immigration to North America, to publish information of general interest and to provide a means for members to exchange information and share research. Annual dues in Palatines to America are \$28.00, which includes membership in one chapter of choice.

The Society welcomes those researching German-speaking ancestors who arrived in North America in any century. Membership in Pal-Am brings access to the Palatine Library, in person or through research by volunteers, the quarterly journal, *The Palatine Immigrant*, and the newsletter, *The Palatine Patter*, which carries queries. Our annual three-day conference each June is a great opportunity for learning more "how to" and "where to" research your German-speaking ancestors. Chapters encourage personal participation and fellowship, and hold spring and fall conferences in Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. For further information about membership or the conferences write or telephone: Palatines to America, 611 East Weber Road, Columbus, OH 43211-1097; voice (614) 267-4700; fax (614)267-4888; e-mail <pal-am@juno.com>; or visit the Pal-Am Web site <<http://palam.org/>>. [Information from an August 1, 2000 Pal-Am press release that was printed in the FGS Forum, Volume 12, Number 4, Winter 2000].

EARLY TENNESSEE SETTLERS, 1700's-1900's

There were many questions asked about the Family Tree Maker CD's that have been purchased by the RCGS and especially #511 that was held up as an example at the February meeting.

The information on this CD is a collection of cemetery

records, vital records, biographical sketches, family histories, probate records, census returns and pension lists for approximately 165,000 individuals in early Tennessee. The collection is from the following fourteen volumes all published by the Genealogical Publishing Company: *Tennessee Records: Bible Records and Marriage Bonds* by Jeannette Tillotson Acklen; *Tennessee Records: Tombstone Inscriptions and Manuscripts* by Jeannette Tillotson Acklen; *Tennessee Soldiers In The Revolution: A Roster of Soldiers Living During the Revolutionary War in the Counties of Washington and Sullivan* by Penelope Johnson Allen; *Some Tennessee Heroes Of The Revolution and War of 1812* by Zella Armstrong; *Index To The 1820 Census Of Tennessee* by Elizabeth Petty Bentley; *1770-1790 Census Of The Cumberland Settlements: Davidson, Sumner, and Tennessee Counties* by Richard C. Fulcher; *Record of Commissions Of Officers In The Tennessee Militia, 1796-1815* by Mrs. John Trotwood Moore; *Pioneers of Davidson County, Tennessee* by Edythe R. Whitley; *Overton County, Tennessee: Genealogical Records* by Edythe Rucker Whitley; *Red River Settlers: Records Of The Settlers Of Northern Montgomery, Robertson, And Sumner Counties, Tennessee* by Edythe Rucker Whitley; *Sumner County, Tennessee Abstracts Of Will Books 1 and 2 (1788-1842)* by Edythe Rucker Whitley; *Tennessee Genealogical Records: Records Of Early Settlers From State And County Archives* by Edythe Rucker Whitley; *Henry County, Tennessee Old Time Stuff* by Edythe Rucker Whitley.

The cost of the CD was \$9.90 + shipping and handling. That amounts to approximately 80 cents a book.

GERMANY RESTRICTS LDS FILMS

(This article was copied from from the Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County *Stanislaus Researcher*, Volume 23, Number 2. The article was originally published in the *IMMIGRANT GENEALOGICAL NEWSLETTER* #201 December 2000.)

Just as we returned from the Sept. FEEFHS Convention in Salt Lake City, we were alerted by a member, Edna Goodwin, that there are now restrictions on use of films of all German civil records at the LDS Library in Salt Lake Library.

Edna had requested a film of Pomeranian civil records at her local LDS Stake Library. The Salt Lake Library informed her that the film could be used only in the Salt Lake Library. Edna forthwith went to Salt Lake. At the Library there, she had to fill out a detailed form showing the person she wished to research and her relationship to them. This form had to be approved by specified officials and her identity proven by proper identification before she could receive up to 5 of the specially marked rolls of film.

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CORRECTION

In the November 2000 issue of *The Sunflower*, I stated that Beverly Baumer died recently and that her estate donated many books from her personal genealogical library to the Hutchinson Public Library.

Ms. Baumer, who is not deceased, did donate her books to the Hutchinson Public Library in memory of her parents.

I apologize for printing incorrect information. I did not check to see if the information that I received was correct.

The list of books that Beverly Baumer has donated was in the Hutchinson News and they covered a large section of the eastern part of the United States. Be sure to check the bookshelves the next time you are in the Kansas Room of the Hutchinson Public Library.

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If she wanted to use additional rolls, the whole process had to be repeated. In addition, you are not allowed to make copies from restricted films.

Beginning about October, the German government has insisted that the SLC Library enforce Germany's 120 year privacy restrictions on use of LDS films. This means only a direct descendant with need for a specific record may use civil records less than 120 years old. Fortunately, these restrictions do not apply to church records of Melde (Police) Registers.

You would face this same situation if you travel to Europe to find records. It points out the wisdom of using records here whenever possible, even if they are restricted. At least direct descendants CAN see some records. These restrictions make filming of German church records even more important.

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