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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.

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THE MONTH

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## RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEB SITE

WEB MASTER - Ann Lambert

Have you looked at the Reno County Genealogical Society Web site lately?

<<http://renocountyks.homestead.com>>

Ann has added a 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.

## KANSAS COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES WEB SITE

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kcgs>

## PROGRAMS FOR 2001

**SEPTEMBER** — The Hutchinson Family History Center will be closed during September. Enjoy the State Fair.

### FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

**12 – 15 September 2001— Davenport, Iowa**  
Quad Cities Conference, Federation of Genealogical Societies, Scott County Genealogical Society, and Blackhawk Genealogical society of Rock Island and Mercer Counties Illinois present Great River Bend Genealogy... a Heartland Gathering.

**SEPTEMBER 17** — A Kansas Humanities Program by Mr. Don Coldsmith of Emporia, Kansas.

"It Happened Here: Kansas & the Civil War." Which state suffered the first Civil War Casualties: Attracted the most feared terrorists of both North and South? Cast the vote that saved Andrew Johnson from impeachment? Discover Kansas' pivotal role in the battle to preserve the Union.

### Kansas Genealogical Society Programs

**11 October 2001 — Dodge City, Kansas**  
Speaker — Mary Clement Douglass, from Salina, Kansas  
If These Hills Could Talk — Research in Tennessee  
Wanted: Men to Walk My Mountains  
The Germana Colonies in Virginia, 1714, 1717 & later  
A Proud Heritage: Are You Eligible for Membership in a Hereditary Society?

**OCTOBER 15** — Ruth Filbert — Report on the Federation of Genealogical Societies 'Quad Cities' Conference in Davenport, Iowa.

**OCTOBER 27** — The Johnson County Genealogical Society and Library, Inc. Annual Workshop featuring James L. Hansen, F.A.S.G. Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites Overland Park, KS

**NOVEMBER 19** — Our own members: Serendipity stories, successful research trips, and memorabilia found while doing research.

**DECEMBER** — There is no meeting in December. Have a Happy Holiday Season.

**JANUARY** — The Reno County Genealogical Society will display articles of genealogical interest in the display cabinets on the main floor of the public library. Do you have something that we could include in the display?

## BITS N' PIECES

### ANOTHER WAY TO READ TOMBSTONES

The best way to read those hard to read tombstones is with a mirror. A compact mirror or cheap 5x7 one will do fine. Hold the mirror to the side of the transcription and reflect the sun's light onto it. The cross light picks up everything. It's fantastic and you don't damage the stone. Try it and you will see. This trick was learned from a fellow whose specialty is tombstones, stone cutting and stonework.

Via the *Jersey County Historical Society's*, Spring 1998 Quarterly Newsletter.

### OHIO DEATH CERTIFICATES

Searchable database of persons who died in Ohio between 1913 and 1937. Basic Search information would include first and last name of decedent, county of death, date of death, volume number and certificate number. Also information on how to obtain a copy of the death certificate. Find it at:

[Http://www.ohiohistory.org/dindex/search.cfm](http://www.ohiohistory.org/dindex/search.cfm)

Source: *Will/Grundy Counties, IL Gen. Soc. Newsletter*, Vol. XIX, No. 9, Apr. 2001.

### MICHIGAN DEATH INDEX

Internet access to information from archived death records can be searched by using decedent's name, father's last name, and year of death. Currently contains 150,000 Michigan death records from 1867-1882, with additional records from 1881 and 1882. Site is updated regularly. Information available includes first and last name of decedent, date of death, father's last name, county of death. Click on name for full record which lists date of death, ledger page, record number, place of death, county of death, sex, race, marital status, age, cause of death, birthplace, occupation, father's name, father's residence, mother's name, mother's residence, date of record. The address is: <http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/PHA/OSR/gendis/index.htm>

Source: *Will/Grundy Counties, IL Genealogical Society Newsletter*, Vol. XIX, No. 9, Apr. 2001.

### MICROFILM

If you are trying to make a photocopy of a MICROFILM and the microfilm is very light, instead of moving the copier setting to "darker" thinking this will improve the quality of your copy, try adjusting the copier setting down to "lighter." This will actually lighten the background of the microfilm and make the print appear darker. It works. Give it a try and tell others!

## BOOKS DONATED TO THE HUTCHINSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The following books were purchased from Arlene Vincent's estate sale and they were donated to the Hutchinson Public Library.

- Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England, by John Farmer, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 355 pages.
- The History of Martha's Vineyard, Dukes County Massachusetts, 3 Volumes, by Charles Edward Banks, M. D. Published by Dukes county Historical Society, 1966. 535, 561 & 573 pages respectively.
- New York Genealogical Research by George K. Schweitzer, Ph.D., Sc.D., 254 pages. Privately pub.
- Gazetteer of the State of New York, 1824, by Horatio Gates Stafford, LL.D. Published by Heart of the Lakes Publishing 1981. 620 pages.
- Somerset County, New Jersey Historical Quarterly, by A. Van Doren Honeyman. Volume 1, 1912, 1996 350 pages.
- Somerset County, New Jersey Historical Quarterly, by A. Van Doren Honeyman. Volume 2, 1913, 1997, 350 pages.
- Somerset County, New Jersey Historical Quarterly, by A. Van Doren Honeyman. Volume 3, 1914, 1987, 350 pages.
- Somerset County, New Jersey Historical Quarterly, by A. Van Doren Honeyman. Volume 4, 1915, 1988, 350 pages.
- Somerset County, New Jersey Historical Quarterly, by A. Van Doren Honeyman. Volume 5, 1916, 1988, 350 pages.
- Somerset County, New Jersey Historical Quarterly, by A. Van Doren Honeyman. Volume 6, 1917, 1988, 350 pages.
- Somerset County, New Jersey Historical Quarterly, by A. Van Doren Honeyman. Volume 7, 1918, 1989, 350 pages.
- Somerset County, New Jersey Historical Quarterly, by A. Van Doren Honeyman. Volume 8, 1918, 1989, 350 pages.

## MORE BOOKS

Two volumes compiled by Patricia Douglass Smith have been donated by the Reno County Genealogical Society.

The first volume, *Kansas Biographical Index: State Wide and Regional Histories* was published in 1994. The second volume, *Kansas Biographical Index: County Histories* is currently being published. This index includes

biographical sketches from 183 volumes of Kansas county histories that were published over a century's time. More than 69,000 people are cited. The volume includes a bibliography of sources.

The third volume, *Kansas Biographical Index: Town, Community and Miscellaneous Histories* is in preparation.

## QUERY

Where are these three siblings?

James Larry Ivie, b 1949 in Wellington, Sumner, Kansas; Mark Dwain Ivie, b 1955 in Clinton, Custer, Oklahoma; Susan Lee Ivie, b 1956 in Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas.

They are the children of Charles & Mavis Lee? Ivie.

Charles Duane Ivie was born in 1926 in Wellington, Sumner, Kansas and died March 1979 in a Houston, Texas Hospital. He married Mavis Lee? 10 Oct 1948 in Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

If you have any knowledge of this family, contact Lola Patton, 3314 Normandy Rd., Hutchinson, KS 67502.

## MARTHA HENDERSON RETIRES FROM THE MID-CONTINENT LIBRARY

Martha, who has been the director of the Genealogy Branch of the Mid-Continent Public Library for over 23 years, retired in July.

She had guided the growth of the genealogy and local history collection since the days when it was housed in the Missouri Room of the North Independence Branch. Now, after several expansions, it is a branch in itself and has it's own 12, 000 square foot wing of the main public library building. The collection now includes over 40,000 rolls of microfilm, 50,000 genealogy and local history books, 100,000 microfiche records and 1,000 maps with more items being added constantly.

The library houses the complete U.S. Census collection, 1790-1920 for the entire country and is one of the most used parts of the collection with the addition of the 1930 census anticipated for April 2002. Visitors come from many parts of the United States to use the resources of the Genealogy Branch, which is staffed by five full-time employees and 25 part-time workers.

Through her guidance, Martha has developed the genealogy collection at Mid-Continent to the point where it is Number Four in the nation. She has received many national awards for her expanding and developing the library in Independence.

Over the years, she has given many programs to the

Heart of America Genealogical Society on researching and using the Mid-Continent Library.

Martha was honored by a reception on Friday, July 27th at the Genealogy Branch of the Library.

The address of the library is Mid-Continent Library, Genealogy Branch, 317 W 24 Highway, Independence, MO.

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## REUBEN REED

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### The Aged Colored Gentleman, Dead A Slave for 28 Years

Yesterday afternoon at 3 O'clock Reuben Reed, one of the oldest residents of this county and city, died at his home on the Macomb road, just at the city limits of Rushville. Funeral services will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 O'clock at the residence, conducted by Rev. J. R. Van Pelt.

Mr. Reed's life has been one of sacrifice, and for twenty-eight years he was a slave. He was born of slave parentage in Woodford Co., Kentucky, and was reared a slave. He remained a slave in Kentucky for twenty-five years, after which his master brought him north into Ill. And for three years good service after reaching this state the shackles of slavery were shaken from his person. While a slave, Mr. Reed was known to be honest and upright, a principle which every one who knew him during his long residence at this place, that prevailed throughout his entire life. During his first three years in Illinois his services were his master's and at the same time he provided a livelihood for his family. As soon as he gained his freedom he began to accumulate for himself. He first located near Plymouth, Ill., afterward he moved to Frederick, Schuyler county, and shortly after that he came to Rushville, purchased a small tract of land off the Locke place and resided there until his death. He raised a family of twelve children, all living until grown, but five with his wife have preceded him to the other world.

Mr. Reed was 85 years old as near as it was possible for anyone to know, but his exact age will never be known as no record of his birth was kept. Sixty of the eighty-five years of his life were spent in Illinois, and most of it here in Rushville.

For the past seven years his mental condition has been bad, but during that time, until last March, his physical condition had been good. Last March he commenced to fail and since then has been a gradual decline until his spirit passed away yesterday. (Reuben Reed died May 19, 1902. This newspaper clipping is not from THE TIMES, but the name of the newspaper is unknown.) Reuben Reed and his family are buried in the Rushville Cemetery and have markers. His son, John Jordan Reed, served in the Civil War and is the only colored soldier buried in the cemetery.

In the settlement of the estate the following heirs were: Mrs. C. J. Hill of Hutchinson, Kansas; Mrs. Clara E. Cox of Elmwood, Illinois; Mrs. Rachel Fleming of Cullison, Kansas; Mrs. Eliza M. Walters of Rushville, Illinois; Edward Reed of Rushville, Illinois; Roland F. Reed of Chicago, Illinois; Charles A. Reed of St. Paul, Minnesota. [Copied from *The Schuylerite*, Volume 5, No. 1, 1976, Rushville, Schuyler Co., IL.]

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## MISSPELLINGS, ABBREVIATIONS, AND INITIALS

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Databases are imperfect creatures; one key letter read wrong by the database creator can throw a huge wrench into your search. Here are a list of often-confused letters:

L and S  
T and F  
J, G, and Y  
I and J  
K and R  
O and Q  
P and R  
U and W

Vowels are also frequently misinterpreted. That's why switching similar-looking letters or vowels in the surnames you are researching can bring surprising results.

Another way to overcome misspelled surnames would be to try some advanced searches using only given names and try to include other criteria to narrow it down. The success of this method would probably depend on the size and nature of the database, though.

However, given names can present their own difficulties. How often have you seen records listing William as Wm; Thomas as Thos; Robert as Robt; James as Jas; Charles as Chas, etc. And how about initials.

Probably quite often. These are possibilities that should not be overlooked when including a given name in your search. Remember that since you are playing "detective", you must become creative in how you look for your ancestors' names.

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## A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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Drive by shootings — in which teenage boys galloped down the street on horses and started randomly shooting at houses, carriages, or anything else that caught their fancy — were an ongoing problem in Denver and other cities in the West.

(From a book called "*When My Grandmother Was A Child*" by Leigh W. Rutledge, which begins, "In the summer of 1900, when my grandmother was a child...")

### Guide to the RCGS Holdings

The Reno County Genealogical Society (RCGS) library material/holdings, is located in the Kansas Room on the second floor of the Hutchinson Public Library. As you enter the Kansas Room, the RCGS holdings are located on the free standing, short shelves on your left. Most of the RCGS material will have a lime green label. For your convenience, check the RCGS bibliography notebook, (located on the top of the RCGS shelves), for a specific list of available materials.

#### Northside (shelves # 1 - 12)

- # 1 - 6) USA Resources - State and County Histories, Cemetery Records, Census Indexes, marriage records, death records, surname indexes, etc.
- # 7) General Resources - Finding Aids, How to's, & Reference, Colonial, Revolutionary War, Mayflower Descendants, Ship Passenger Reference, & Emigrants
- # 8) Genealogical Journal and Federation of Genealogical Societies, Atlases.
- # 9 - 10) Religion, Cultural & Heritage - Amish, Catholic, Germans, Indians, Russians from Germany, Mennonite, Quaker, Swedish, etc.
- # 11 -12) Family Histories, Family Newsletters, One surname books. Continues on Southside.

#### Southside (shelves # 1 - 12)

- # 1) Family Histories, Family Newsletters, One-surname books continued.
- # 2 - # 12) Genealogical Society Quarterlies : Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois. Quarterlies continued on the tall shelf, south wall. Shelf # 17 (Right behind you.)

#### South Wall, Tall Shelf

- #1 - 16 ) Hutchinson Public library holdings.
- #17) Quarterlies continued : Kentucky
- #18) Kentucky continued, Louisiana, Maine
- #19) Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri
- #20) Missouri continued, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina,
- #21) Ohio
- #22) Ohio continued, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania
- #23) Pennsylvania continued, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Washington
- #24) Texas continued, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Washington

#### Other Available Research Material

- 1) Located on the top of the RCGS shelves, is the RCGS bibliography notebook, Who's New 1986-1997 (5 Vol.), RCGS member ancestor chart notebooks and guest book.
- 2) Obituary & Surname File Cabinet is located on the South Wall, just to the right of the tall shelves.  
On top of the this Cabinet, are notebooks with more obits, and an Anniversary notebook - Mar. 1989 to Nov. 1990
- 3) Funeral notices and Memorial cards, are located in the wooden box, to the right of the Obituary & Surname File Cabinet.

#### Misc. Information

Donations of books and other materials are always welcome. Contact the RCGS at PO Box 0005, Hutchinson, KS. 67504-0005, for more information.

**Don't forget to sign the guest book**

## GRASSHOPPER LEAGUE

### QUALIFIES FOR HOPPER LEAGUE

#### W. D. Jewell Came Here in '72 And Shot Many Buffalo in Early Days

W. D. Jewell, 84 year-old pioneer and Civil War Veteran, residing at 710 Seventh Ave. west, is one of the most promising candidates for membership into the Grasshopper league which is about to be organized here.

Anyone who was here during the famous grasshopper year when the pests literally destroyed everything, is eligible to become a member of the league. Mr. Jewell came to Reno county in 1872 locating on a soldier's homestead in Albion township.

It was two years later that the grasshopper plague nearly wiped out the early pioneers in Kansas.

"They came in the summer and fall," recalled Mr. Jewell, who despite his age, is able to walk around town and visit old friends. "They got all my crops and everything else."

#### Killed Many Buffalo

When Mr. Jewell came to Kansas buffalos roamed the prairies in great herds. He killed hundreds of them for food, selling the hides to fur buyers. The pioneer had several close calls in his buffalo hunts. One time while following a herd on foot with his brother, the animals suddenly turned on their pursuers. Instead of fleeing, Mr. Jewell and his brother stood still and fired shot after shot at the buffalos as they rushed them.

"Just before they got to us they spread and we escaped," he related. "If we had run away they would have killed both us. That's what they wanted us to do, to run. But when we stopped and fired at them they didn't know what to do."

#### Another Narrow Escape

On another occasion Mr. Jewell was chopping sown a tree along a creek in the southwestern part of the county. After a few blows with his axe he happened to glance back of him and there stood an enraged buffalo, ready to charge him. As the animal rushed in Mr. Jewell struck it in the head with the axe, killing the buffalo.

"If it hadn't of been for the buffalos we would have starved many times," he declared.

Mr. Jewell spent three years as a soldier with the Union forces in the Civil War, engaging in 28 battles and being wounded five times. The 48th Indiana, Mr. Jewell's regiment, engaged in some of the bloodiest battles of the war and he was right in the thick of things, participating in battles at Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and later in the Atlanta Campaign with

Gen. Sherman. Mr. Jewell was under Gen. Thomas when the Rebel forces under Lee finally surrendered at Appomattox.

When asked if he was the Gen. Sherman on the latter's famous march to the sea the old soldier replied: "No I wasn't with Sherman on that march. He left us to do the fighting while he went to the sea."

[Name of paper unknown, Page fourteen, date unknown.]

#### Leaders Anxious to Enroll All Old Timers in Reno County

A total of 165 Reno county residents have enrolled, to date, in the Reno County Grasshopper Club, Augustus Myers, of Haven, secretary of the club announced today. "This is the club, organized by Judge Frank Vincent, recently, and membership in which is confined to those who were here in the grasshopper year, 1874".

"No doubt there are others in the county who would like to join the Grasshopper Club," remarked Mr. Myers. "All who wish to do so are asked to kindly send me their names, addresses, township in which they settled and the date of coming to Reno County. No membership fee and no dues are to be paid. We want to register every man and woman in the county who was here at the time of the grasshopper invasion in 1874".

Following are those who already have enrolled: A. D. CROTTS, Jacob A YOUNG, David F. McCLELLAN, D. W. PECKHAM, Thos. COLLINGWOOD, Amos RODGERS, Nelson HESS, Warren JEWELL, Geo. S. BISHOP, H. S. LYMAN, L. C. CUPPS, Hattie L. THORP, John HESS, Charles SMITH, Helen T. DOLES, Elma J. SCHOONOVER, Mary E. FORKER, John HARTMAN, Mrs. John HARTMAN, Ed M. MOORE.

W. J. SPONSLER, Gene McINTURFF, G. H. FREEMAN, M. B. COCHRAN, Augustus MYERS, E. J. PARKER, C. R. ASTLE, C. J. RYDE, Nellie RYDE, W. F. WILLIAMS, Anna HAMLIN, Emma PRENE, Olive BURTON, Jennie WATKINS, Mrs. J. A. STEVENSON, W. B. HOAGLAND, Lydia MARK, J. P. TALBOT.

John S. SOPER, Stella DEAN, J. M. SAMPLE, Mrs. PEARSON, Ada PEARSON, Ada KIRCHER, J. STEPHENSON, J. M. HEDRICK, Mrs. L. J. GOSSON, Rose D. WARNER, H. W. HARMS, O. P. MITCHELL, Emma CHITTENDEN, John COLLINWOOD, Ella DEMORET, Wm. BRAMWELL, Flora SIEBERT, Mrs. Carl STEPHENS, Mrs. Wm. WALLACE, Mrs. G. N. ZIMMERMAN, George ZIMMERMAN.

Frank VINCENT, Mrs. Frank VINCENT, Wm. HAYS, Maggie HAYS, Geo. HERN, Fred WHITE, Mrs. A. L. SPONSLER, Wm. WALLACE, Jr., Steve CRONIN, Lyman CROTTS, Sam CROTTS, Arthur EVERET.

H. T. O'HARE, A. J. STOUT, John LEEBURG, Pete SWANSON, Fred WALKER, Mrs. P. J. STABERG, Joe IJAMS, Charles DIX, J. B. CLOTHIER, Mrs. G. A. SHUYLER, R. C. MILLER, E. R. WATKINS, Carr W.

Mr. Otto Williams and cousin, Mr. Clyde William, of Oklahoma, called at Mr. Dave Shuler's Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Brown's father, from Emporia, visited him last week and spent several days at the fair.

Misses Zella and Hallie Morriss who are attending school at Sterling came home to attend the Fair.

Mrs. Will Kite of Oklahoma who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Campbell, returned to her home Saturday.

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### HAVEN

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Mrs. J. Schafer has been quite ill the past week.

James Ferkes? was a Hutchinson visitor last Monday.

Guy Van Buren is having his house and barn treated to a coat of paint.

Harry Moreland is painting his new cement house which has recently been completed.

Robert Patterson's new house in the east part of town is being built very fast.

Mr. And Mrs. John Worthington have a new auto which they purchased in Hutchinson.

Mr. And Mrs. Charley Cram went to Iowa for a visit with relatives, and will stay for a while.

Mr. And Mrs. Amos Bender took Mr. And Mrs. Hylard to Hutchinson in their auto last Sunday.

Mrs. John Peckham of Wichita, is spending a few days with her parents Mr. And Mrs. George Vanburan.

Jesse Tyler has purchased two lots just north of Henry Astle's residence and will soon have a new cottage erected there.

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### GOSSIP OF THE TOWN

Fred Dissler returned yesterday from Pratt.

E. A. Durflinger was here today from Burrton.

C. C. Hayden, of Greensburg, is in the city today.

Mrs. E. A. Budge left today for a visit in Chicago.

W. H. Minesly of Emporia was in Hutchinson today.

Miner Rexroad is taking in the Fair at Wichita this week.

T. J. Ryan went to Wichita this morning to attend the fair.

Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Webster were visitors today

from Burrton.

John Reddenbaugh was a business visitor from Burrton yesterday.

W. S. Hayes, of Burrton, was a visitor here yesterday.

G. W. Norris of Burrton, was a Hutchinson business visitor today.

Mr. And Mrs. Will Guldner went to Wichita this morning for a short visit.

Mr. And Mrs. Ira E. Meyers, of Kiowa, are visiting friends in Hutchinson.

J. W. Moorehead, of Greensburg, was in Hutchinson a few hours yesterday.

Mrs. W. W. Cotton of St. John, was shopping yesterday in Hutchinson stores.

Gertrude Rodell left last evening for a short visit with relatives in Kansas City.

Miss Tilly Lashure and Miss Sylvia Ratliff will spend a few days at the fair at Wichita.

Division Freight Agent C. A. Walker, of the Santa Fe, has gone to Garden City on business.

F. G. Delano, of the Sellers Motor Car company, drove over to Sterling this morning in a Sellers machine.

Arthur Schwardtzenbauch arrived last evening from Dennison, Iowa, to take a position at the Oxford Café.

Mr. And Mrs. G. W. Riggs of Waterloo, were Hutchinson visitors yesterday. They went to their home.

F. Fitzpatrick, a Missouri Pacific detective, was in Hutchinson yesterday looking after some business matters.

Ed Sweet, Phil Hostutler and Geo. E. Gano were among the Hutchinson people to go to Wichita this morning.

J. I. Addis returned last night from Los Angeles for a short visit with his mother, who lives at 321 East Sixth avenue.

G. C. Brown, a general merchant of Plains, was in the city for a few hours this morning. He was on his way to St. John.

B. G. and F. A. Lyman left last night for their home in Dennison, Iowa, after having spent Fair week with their brother, C. E. Lyman.

Wm. McKee and wife and daughter will return today to their home in Eustis, Iowa. They have been visiting with E. G. Eustis and family.

C. C. Merrill, general agent of the New York Central lines, with headquarters at Kansas, City, was in



the city yesterday on business matters.

Dave Lingenwater was injured in an automobile accident during Fair week, is much better. He will leave tomorrow for his home in Halstead.

H. H. Taylor, Harry and R. W. Kerby and A. L. Gustin drove over to Wichita yesterday afternoon in one of Mr. Taylor's cars and attended the carnival there. They returned last night.

R. Nordyke, of Harper, was in Hutchinson a few hours yesterday on his return from a visit to the coast. Mr. Nordyke is in the commission business in Harper and is well known in Hutchinson.

The Missouri Pacific runs three trains to Wichita today. One left this morning at 7 o'clock, the regular train left as usual at 9 o'clock, and the second section of the regular train was a special which left at 1 o'clock.

W. A. Scothorn, general manager, and J. E. Humbert, cashier of the street railway here, have gone to Wichita to attend the annual convention of the Kansas Gas, Water, Electric Light and Street Railway association, which is to be held tomorrow. Mr. Scothorn is the president of the organization.

**THE SOCIAL WHIRL**  
**COUNTRY CLUB PARTY**  
**MEETS INFORMALLY**

FORTY GUESTS ARE DELIGHTFULLY  
ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Elmer Bloom and Mrs. E. B. Sawyer are the  
Hostesses — Mrs. Ernest Forsythe Has the  
P. E. O. Chapter

Forty guests were entertained at 1 o'clock luncheon yesterday at the Wednesday card party. The hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. E. E. Bloom and Mrs. E. B. Sawyer. During the afternoon, bridge and euchre were played. The bridge prize was won by Miss Mary Shreve and the euchre prize was received by Mrs. W. M. Conneely (sic). Both prizes were pretty water colored hand-painted heads. The hostesses for next week will be Mrs. J. C. Petro and Mrs. W. M. Connelly.

The past presidents of the Women's Relief Corps, were entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. F. Keys, 322 East Fourth avenue. A short business session was held during the early part of the

afternoon. During the social hours the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. M. Snyder served light refreshments. The guests were Mrs. R. A. Campbell, Mrs. A. A. Pineyerd, Mrs. B. O. Botkin, Mrs. J. R. Lovelace, Mrs. Sherman Hendrick, Mrs. Ollie May, Mrs. A. Constant, Mrs. E. K. Mauck, Mrs. Martin Hoagland, Mrs. E. Houser, Mrs. R. O. Slayton, Mrs. M. B. Cochran, Mrs. C. O. Chapin, Mrs. Jennie Boone, Mrs. Alice Taylor, Mrs. G. W. Cooter, and Mrs. Alice Hartford.

Mrs. W. A. Montgomery of West A avenue, entertained the members of the I. C. club and a few special friends at her home yesterday afternoon. At 5 o'clock the hostess assisted by Mrs. John Alexander served a dainty luncheon. Mrs. K. Mayo Lewis will have the club next Wednesday afternoon. There were nine members present. The club's guests were Mrs. John Alexander and daughters, Ruth and Ethel, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Miss Croker of Cincinnati, O., and Mrs. Edwards.

A number of the friends of Miss Susie Shawhan went to her home last evening, 309 West Sixth avenue, and gave her a pleasant surprise in celebration of her birthday anniversary.

The Altar Society of the Catholic church was entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Foley on West Fifth avenue. There were twenty numbers [members] present. The society will meet again next week.

Mr. And Mrs. Charles Lechler will arrive in Hutchinson tomorrow from Philadelphia, Pa., to visit a few days with Mrs. Lechler's father, Mr. W. C. McMackin, en route to their new home in Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. Emma Putnam, who has been visiting in Hutchinson with Mrs. Chester Rizer enroute from a visit in the West, left today for her home in Topeka.

Mrs. D. C. Webb, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. G. Puterbaugh, returned to her home today in Kansas City.

Mr. And Mrs. E. S. Handy will return home Saturday from an extended visit in Seattle, Wash., with their daughter, Mrs. Gray.

Mrs. E. E. Kiplinger, who has been the guest here of her sister, Mrs. A. Wickendoll, left today for her home in Los Angeles, Cal.

Miss Bernice Baker left today for Pasadena, Calif., where she will attend this winter the English Classical school for girls.

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

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

**PART 3  
1911 through 1925**

**1911** U.S. President William Howard Taft visits Hutchinson, speaks to over 50,000 at State Fair, lays cornerstone of Convention Hall, thirteen special trains bring people to Hutchinson from around state

Reno County Young Republicans organize

Fish farm near Langdon ships 12,000 bass to Pennsylvania

Bread war breaks out in Hutchinson, prices drop to one dollar for forty loaves

**1912** Reno County High School at Nickerson wins state basketball championship

New Carey salt plant produces 700 barrels per day

Hutchinson population tops 20,000

Convention Hall opens in Hutchinson

Teddy Roosevelt speaks in Hutchinson during his presidential campaign

Robenia Davis named Partridge postmaster, serves thirty years without missing a day

**1913** State legislature declares Hutchinson official home of Kansas State Fair ending long battle with Topeka for the honor

Reno County votes to buy fairgrounds, deed it to state

Buhler incorporated, levies poll tax to pave city streets but allows work in lieu of cash

First J.S. Dillon store opens in Hutchinson

Hutchinson mayor Fontron denies Equal Suffragists' request to put woman on police force

- 1914** Motor fire truck replaces last fire horses in Hutchinson
- Ground sinks near Morton salt plant, equipment lost in hole
- Hutchinson Board of Health fly-killing contest brings twenty-four pounds of dead flies
- Barney Oldfield drives racecar in Hutchinson
- Day nursery established to help working mothers in Hutchinson
- 1915** First rural high schools in the county established at Abbyville, Arlington, Langdon, Partridge, Plevna, and Pretty Prairie
- Over 1300 automobiles registered in Reno County
- Partridge Co-Op formed
- Adding machine and typewriter put into use for first time at Hutchinson's First National Bank
- Hutchinson Municipal Band established; Dr. Holaday, conductor
- 1916** Units of Hutchinson's Company E, Kansas National Guard dispatched to Mexican border in July, returned home in November
- Reno County branch of National Surgical Dressings Association organized, 50,000 dressings made for war in Europe
- 1917** Cyril Bassett volunteers to join the Army, the first of over a thousand Reno County residents to do so in World War I; three thousand register for service
- Reno County Council of Defense organized after U.S. enters WWI
- Reno County chapter of Red Cross organized
- Hutchinson's National Guard units mobilize at state fair grounds, sent to Camp Doniphan, Oklahoma, for training
- First Girl Scout troop west of Mississippi organized in Hutchinson
- Y.W.C.A organized in Hutchinson
- 1918** Reno County units of 137<sup>th</sup> Infantry embark for overseas duty, two die enroute
- County-wide drive begins for war savings bonds, food and clothing for overseas

**1918** Two Reno County families have five sons serving in war: Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Pollock of Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Edwards of Plevna  
(cont'd)

Forty-one Reno County women join Army Nurse Corps, Navy Corp, Red Cross; many serve overseas

Lysle Rishel first Reno County soldier killed in WWI, American Legion post later named in his honor

Flu epidemic strikes, over three hundred die, Hutchinson Elks Club turned into emergency hospital

World War I ends with over 2,240 from Reno County having served, 102 died, 131 wounded, \$7.7 million raised in bond drives

**1919** "Welcome Home" parade held in Hutchinson for returning Reno County soldiers

New Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce organized

**1920** Soldiers and Sailors Monument erected at First and Poplar in Hutchinson

Field artillery battalion of Kansas National Guard organized in Hutchinson, Major Guy Rexroad commanding

St. Elizabeth's Catholic hospital dedicated in Hutchinson

**1921** Boy Scout Council organized in Hutchinson

State convention of American Legion held in Hutchinson

**1922** Thirty-five reformatory inmates paroled to help with harvest

Carey Park opens in Hutchinson, picnics and band concerts held

Oil prospecting begins around the county

**1923** Homes and businesses destroyed by Partridge tornado

Carey salt mine dedicated by Kansas Governor Jonathan Davis and U.S. President Warren G. Harding

**1924** Reno County court house and county jail condemned following collapse of underground salt well

Haven bridge over Arkansas River completed

1924 Warren G. Harding Memorial erected at Rayl Hill west of Hutchinson with funds raised  
(cont'd) by Reno county school children

Oil struck in northern Reno County

1925 Grace hospital dedicated in Hutchinson

Oil wells in north Reno County big producers

Crop irrigation experiments begin in county

Massey-Harris opens manufacturing plant in Hutchinson

### End of Part 3

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**HUTCHINSON DAILY GAZETTE**

Continued series. Clipped by Harold Balzer.

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**NEWS TERSELY TOLD**

Ed King is a Fair visitor in Wichita this week.

Mrs. M. Jacob, of Claflin, is visiting friends here.

W. H. Hinshaw, of Sylvia, is in the city today.

W. H. Klaver, of Kingman, was in the city yesterday.

J. C. Lavoni went to Wichita today to attend the Fair.

W. J. Porter, of Abbeyville, is a business visitor here today.

H. L. Jones of Meade is a business visitor in Hutchinson today.

Miss Mary Kelley of Alden was a Hutchinson shopper yesterday.

Mrs. T. Davis of Burrton was an out of town shopper yesterday.

Will Haddock is here from Kansas City visiting relatives and friends.

F. G. Walker of St. Joseph is in Hutchinson this week on business.

Mrs. T. T. Taggart of Nickerson, was shopping yesterday in city stores.

Mrs. Sam Foreman of Partridge, was shopping today in the city stores.

A. C. Hoagland and Archie Talbott were business visitors in Wichita today.

Constable C. H. Shirk left last evening for Arlington on official business.

D. E. Brown, of Minneaola, was a business visitor in Hutchinson yesterday.

Mrs. H. H. Saunders left this morning for Arapahoe, Okla., for an extended visit.

Attorney Howard Lewis returned yesterday afternoon from a business trip to Chicago.

M. T. Fletcher and R. J. Galle, of McPherson, were in the city a few hours yesterday.

Chas. A. Richard, superintendent of the reformatory, is in Topeka today on official business.

Mrs. E. C. Hammond, who is visiting here from Lincoln, Nebr., went to Kingman this morning to visit.

Mrs. A. C. Clark left this morning for Albuquerque, N. M., where she will visit with relatives and friends.

W. S. Blue, who has been visiting friends here for the past few days, left yesterday for his home in Kansas City.

A. W. Garnett, traveling freight agent of the Grand Trunk system, has been transacting business in the city.

Cleo Ward was in the city this morning to see his father-in-law. He left this morning for his home in Haven.

K. C. Branch, of Sterling, a brother of C. M. Branch of the Citizens bank, was in the city yesterday on business matters.

Mrs. Elmer Humphreys and her guest, Mrs. T. S. Humphries (sic), of Brookfield, Mo., went this morning to visit friends.

Sheriff G. M. Duckworth and Deputy Sheriff Harve Miller were in Wichita today attending the carnival and looking for suspects.

Mrs. T. Allen, mother of Mrs. W. A. Sturgeon, of East Avenue A., left this morning for her home in Kansas City. She has been visiting with her daughter all summer.

John J. Faulkner returned today to Kansas City after a short visit with his parents. He has a position as chemist at Kansas City.

F. J. Galle, formerly district judge of this judicial district, was a visitor in Hutchinson today. He is now practicing law at McPherson.

**NONE SERIOUSLY INJURED**

**Three Persons Hurt during Fair Week are Getting Better**

The three victims of Fair week accident who are under treatment at the Stewart hospital are reported today as nicely improving from their injuries.

Merle Livingston, the twelve year old boy who was thrown on the "human roulette" at the Fair grounds and Dave Langenwaller, of Halstead and R. R. McGahey of Emporia, who were run over by automobiles, are all still at the hospital, but none are in serious condition.

The Livingston boy, who was at first thought to have a fractured skull, proved not to be in a dangerous condition. Neither of the automobile victims sustained fractures.

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## RENO COUNTY NEWS

### MITCHELL

H. Kollhoff and family visited the city Saturday.

Miss Meda? Buskerk is to teach school in Hutchinson this term.

W. D. Shuler and wife visited G. S. Sours Sunday after Sunday school.

Grover Sours got out a fine load of sweet potatoes Saturday for the market.

Mr. Amer Walker and wife and son and daughter all went to the city Saturday evening in his fine auto.

Mrs. Smith teaches the Mitchell school, which has a term of seven months, beginning Monday, the 20th of September.

Mr. Kite and some of his folks from Missouri that were out here visiting his daughter, Mrs. Lee Campbell went home Friday. They attended the Fair too. He said our Fair was a grand affair. The best he had seen for some time.

Mrs. W. Brown's funeral service was preached at her home near Yaggy on last Saturday at 2 P. M. by the Presbyterian minister of Hutchinson. A pretty large gathering of old friends and relations were there. She was one of the early settlers of this county, coming her 36 years ago, when she was a small girl.

### LANGDON

Mrs. Jackson Applegate just returned from a short visit to Indiana.

Mrs. Charley Bailey has gone to Colorado Springs for her health.

Mrs. B. E. Cole received the sad news of the death of her father, who lived in Mountain View, Okla.

Mrs. Halston is enjoying a visit with her sister, Mrs. Belle Munger, and daughter from Dalhart, Tex.

Mr. John Litchfield has returned from a short tip to Colorado, during the warm months of summer.

Mrs. Sarah Hensley and sons have returned to their home at Greensburg, after a short visit with her brother, Joseph Sherow.

Rev. Harris, pastor of the M. E. Church, filled his appointment Sunday, after having spent a vacation in the mountains of Colorado.

Mrs. U. S. Holmes acted as rural mail carrier on Route No. 1 Thursday of this week, while Mr. U. S. Holmes attended the Fair at Hutchinson.

Little Iva Sherow celebrated her tenth birthday anniversary Thursday of this week. Iva entertained her friends from 2:30 to 5 o'clock by playing various games enjoyed by children. Refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream and cake, bananas and lemonade. Those present were Pearl and Annie Davis, Gladys Bates, Ruth Mauck, Mildred Catte, Dell Cole, Hazel Duncan, Lulu Collings, Ruby and Minnie McAtee, Hazel and Velma Catte, Gladys King, Dollie and Ida Holmes. Each little girl brought a present as a token of remembrance.

### RED ROCK

Andrew Miller lost a valuable mare last week.

Jake Zook is finishing his threshing this week.

Mr. Jeff Lewis and daughter, visited Mr. John Lewis Sunday.

Roy Williams, wife and son, spent Sunday with Ira Tuggle's.

Uncle John Showalter is having his barn painted which improves the looks.

Miss Celia Holloway of South Hutchinson is visiting in this vicinity for a few days.

Mrs. Criswell is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Moran, of Greensburg, Kan.

Grandpa Oakes is reported as being very sick at this writing. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Lou Goatley entertained her aunt, Mrs. Andy Miller, of South Hutchinson, the past week.

Mr. Wolfe and daughter Libia, of Protection, Kan., are visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ray Williams.

James Williams went to Hutchinson Sunday evening, where he will attend high school the coming winter.

### GRANT NEWS

Mrs. Esther Briggs called on Mrs. Nolder Saturday. Valley school began Monday with a good attendance.

Mr. O'Hara and family were shopping in Nickerson Saturday.

Miss Rebekah Smith spent from Saturday until Monday with Miss Julia Shuler.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Annadown, who has been very sick, is improving.

Mr. Will Sallee and family of Oklahoma have been visiting his brother, Mr. Garrett Sallee.

TAYLOR, Jess HUSTON, Mrs. Henry HARTFORD, H. P. McMILLAN, Frew W. COOTER, G. M. DUCKWORTH, Grant HANDY.

Jas. REXROAD, Mary SILLSBY, Mrs. T. W. PAYNE, Mrs. Joe WELSH, Jno. NELSON, Fred HIRST, Sam HIRST, Sophia KLEIN, Christie GILMAN, Mrs. Maggie ELLIS, Mrs. J. W. JONES, Mrs. Della HOUSE, William MOORE, Della BEAN, Sam TEETER, Geo. SEIGRIST, T. B. ROSS, John THORP, Mrs. William MILLER, Mrs. Harry WRIGHT, Harry WRIGHT.

Mrs. JENKS, Mattie McFADDEN, J. B. SLACK, Ruth GRAVES, Clem MERCER, J. O. WRIGHT, D. T. THORP, D. A. MOORE, Wm. GILLISPIE, Art HOAGLAND, Mrs. Martin HOAGLAND, Mrs. Jesse BRAJNARD, Mrs. Wm. SKEEN, Mrs. John MILLER, Ollie MAY, J. A. REED, Mrs. J. A. REED.

B. J. RAGLAND, Mrs. B. J. RAGLAND, Chas BRANCH, Wm. BURGESS, R. D. CUTSCHALL, Mrs. Fred MALLICK, Harless RAYLE, Mrs. Jessie BENNETT, H. WHITESIDE, E. L. MEYER, S. H. SIDLINGER, W. H. LEWIS, John L. CONN.

H. G. JOHNSTON, Mary E. JOHNSTON, Fred ALLEN, Mary HANDY, Mrs. S. F. RAFF, Mrs. Harry SCOTT, Mrs. O. K. LEIGH, Mrs. F. L. MEYER, Mrs. J. L. PENNEY, Mrs. S. F. SUTTON, Mrs. C. A. CONKLIN, Mrs. J. M. BREHM, Mrs. E. P. PUTT, Mrs. F. R. CHRISMAN.

R. C. HODGE, T. W. PAYNE, J. W. JONES, Wm. FRENCH, Frank BEAM, John SAGER, Pete NYBERG, M. NYBERG, W. H. ELLIOTT, Etta PATNAUD, A. J. VALDOIS.

[Name of newspaper unknown, Friday, April 20, 1928.]

## GRASSHOPPER CLUB OF COUNTY MEETS

### Thirty Members Partake Of Basket Lunch At Fair Grounds

Members of the Reno County Grasshopper Club of 1874 met yesterday to observe the 54th anniversary of the coming of the hordes of insects into Reno county.

The plates of fried chicken and the basket lunches at the fair grounds were indeed a more tempting sight to pioneer eyes than the millions of insects that stripped the fields of all vegetation years ago.

There was no change in the officers for the coming year. It was decided that the next meeting of the club would be held in conjunction with the Old Settlers picnic at Haven, early this fall.

Anyone who was living in Kansas in 1874 at the time of the invasion of the grasshoppers, now residing in Reno county is eligible to membership in the Reno county organization, according to a change made yesterday in the membership rules. Three or four new members were added to the membership yesterday as a result of this change.

There was no special program for the occasion except the bas-

ket lunch and the business meeting. According to Frank Vincent, attendance was light because of the excessive heat. Thirty members were present.

## THE ELUSIVE ANCESTOR

I went searching for an ancestor, I cannot find him still.  
He moved around from place to place and did not leave a will.  
He married where a courthouse burned, he mended all his fences.  
He avoided any man who came to take the U.S. census.

He always kept his luggage packed, this man who had no fame,  
And every 20 years or so, this rascal changed his name.  
His parents came from Europe, they should be on some list  
Of passengers to the USA, but somehow they got missed.

And no one else in this world is searching for this man,  
So I play "geno-solitaire" to find him if I can.  
I'm told he buried in a plot, with tombstone he blessed;  
But weather took engraving and vandals took the rest.

He died before the county clerks decided to keep records.  
No family Bible has emerged in spite of all my efforts.  
To top it off this ancestor who caused me many groans,  
Just to give me one more pain betrothed to a girl names JONES.

Author Unknown (via the Internet)  
Source: Boone County, December 1996

## MEMBERS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Three members of the Reno County Genealogical Society attended the joint conference of the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies and the Topeka Genealogical Society in Topeka, June 29 and 30.

Karen Burgess, District 8 representative to the Kansas Council, gave a mini workshop on Genealogy, The Internet and CindisList; Ruth Filbert, vice president of the Kansas Council, conducted a workshop on Documentation: Sources and Citations; and Barbara Murphy's talk was on Beginning Genealogy 101.

The featured speaker was Paul Milner, a professional genealogist and lecturer. His after dinner speech Friday evening was "Myths About Immigrations" and his subjects Saturday morning and afternoon were "Has Your British Isles Research Already Been Done?"; Tips and Tools for Navigating the English Probate System" and "Scottish emigration to North America: Before, during and after the Rebellions".

Kansas is divided into districts with each district having a representative on the executive board of the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies. At the annual meeting held Saturday, Ruth Filbert, Hutchinson, was elected President of the organization. Any genealogical or historical society in Kansas may become a voting member of the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies and individuals and libraries may become affiliate members.

The 2002 Annual Conference of the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies will be held June 21-22 at the Airport Hilton in Wichita, Kansas.



## COPYRIGHTING GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION

Following are paragraphs taken from an article by Steve Paul Johnson, Sep. 15, 1999 printed in *Jersey County Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter*, Vol. 3, No. 1, Spring 2000 via *Ogle County Links Newsletter*, Ogle County, Illinois, Genealogical Society, Vol. 21, No. 3, July 2001.

“With access to the internet, people today are publishing creative works more than ever. Genealogy web sites are springing up everywhere. Can copyright protection extend to genealogical information?”

“Lately, I have noticed much discussion about copyright protection for genealogical information. Someone creates a web site of their family history, publishes on the Internet, and someone else ‘steals’ the information and publishes it on their web site. People get upset after spending so many months and years to collect and validate the information, and then many hours to create the web pages, only to have someone take the information and publish it elsewhere.”

“What protections do the copyright laws provide?”

“In general, copyright protection extends to ‘original works.’ That is, anything you create, is automatically protected as soon as you complete the work, and present the work in a fixed format. A ‘fixed format’ is anything that presents the work in physical form. That is, if you create a work, but is stored only in your, brain, it is not protected.

The operative word in the above paragraph is ‘original.’ If it does not already exist, it is original. If you create a work that is derived from an existing work, it is not original, and you’d be violating someone else’s copyright protection.

Copyright protection does not extend to factual information. You cannot publish a fact, and then claim copyright protection of that fact. This is because facts are not ‘original’ works. No one creates a fact. It occurs and exists on its own. It is public information.

However, any book that is written which contains these facts is protected. That is, the ‘book’ is protected, not the ‘facts’. The book is the original work, which includes the layout of the book, the format of the pages and any thoughts which are written down. The presentation of the facts is protected, but not the facts themselves.

Genealogical information is factual information, and is not protected under copyright law. A birthday is factual information. The burial location is factual information. A maiden name is factual information. If a web page is created that contains these fact, and nothing more, only the web page is protected. Not the facts. If any additional writings, ideas, comments, or anything else I create, they would be protected, but not the facts.”

“So what does this mean to us genealogists? It means that anyone can lift the genealogical information off of our web sites, and publish it elsewhere, without consequence. The information may even be sold, and we couldn’t do anything about it. What may be protected is the presentation of that information, and any other ideas, opinions or fiction we create.

Because facts are free, we are all able to create works, and created works that compete against each other. Yes, it is frustration that all the labor you spent to collect factual information can be freely republished by someone else. But then, I always believed that genealogical information should remain free for use by anyone, without restriction. That’s why today, we are able to use census records, cemetery records, vital statistics, and all the other genealogical records.”

## INTERNET LINKS FOR KANSAS INFORMATION

**Access Kansas**

<http://www.accesskansas.org>

**Kansas Department of Commerce & Housing**

<http://www.kansascommerce.com>

**Kansas State Historical Society**

<http://www.kshs.org>

**Wings Over Kansas**

<http://wingsoverkansas.com>

**Kansas Collection – full text & digital historical materials:** <http://raven.cc.ukans.edu/carrie/kancoll/>

**Cutler’s History of the State of Kansas**

<http://www.ukans.edu/heritage/towns/kanmap.html>

**Blue Skyways Kansas – History**

<http://www.skyways.lib.ks.us/history/index.html>

**Kansas Newspapers – Current**

<http://www.kspress.com/members.html>

**Kansas One Room Schoolhouse Project**

<http://history.cc.ukans.edu/heritage/orch>

**Kansas Preservation Alliance – historic preservation in Kansas**

<http://www.kpalliance.org>

**Interactive Map of Kansas**

<http://ukans.edu/heritage/towns/kanmap.html>

Thanks to Wichita Public Library, Wichita, Ka.

Mr. And Mrs. John Collingwood returned this morning to there home in Pretty Prairie after a short visit in Hutchinson.

Chapter S, P. E. O. held their first meeting of the year yesterday with Mrs. D. Ernest Forsythe on East Eleventh avenue. No program was given. .... The next meeting will be in two weeks with Mrs. William Kinkel.

Mr. J. Von Harten arrived last evening in Hutchinson from Evansville, Ill., for a visit with Mr. And Mrs. J. T. Yerkes.

The Westside Social club will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Bert Dukelow.

Mr. Claude Cowan came today from Denver, Colo., for a visit here with relatives enroute to his home in Ottawa.

Mrs. E. Barrows of Burrton, was the guest today of Mr. And Mrs. Percival Westmacott on East A avenue.

Miss Opal Baker returned last evening from a visit in Greensburg with Mrs. E. B. Corse.

Miss Mynn Coggsell was the guest today of friends in Nickerson.

Mr. And Mrs. W. G. Brown went to Wichita today for a few days' visit.

Mrs. R. P. Smith was the guest today of friends in Sterling.

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### NEW SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN

#### Plans Are Prepared For a \$1,600 Building.

Kelso, Man & Kelso, the architects, have just completed the plans for the new St. John High school. It is to be a fine two story building. As the basement is high above the ground it makes practically a three story building.

It is estimated that it will cost sixteen thousand (sic) dollars. The high school has one large assembly room, five large class rooms, several laboratories and reception rooms.

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### Points About People

Dr. W. Ralston is at Garden city this week looking after real estate interests there.

J. H. Shreve, manager of the Hutchinson Gas & Fuel company, was in Wichita on business last evening.

Wendall Burch left yesterday afternoon for Phoenix, Ariz., where he will engage in real estate business.

Henry D. Krebbiel has bought an eighty acre farm in Ninnescah township from F. C. Unruh, paying \$4,150 for the place.

Patrolman Guy Olmstead of the city police force, was much in demand as a witness in district court yesterday, five different subpoenas having been served on him in as many cases.

W. A. Scothorn, general manager of the street railway company, is attending a state convention of street railway and electric light men at Wichita. He was on the program today to respond to the address of welcome.

County Assessor J. E. Conklin is having a lull of business just now. The season of complaints regarding assessing for the past year is all over and the kicking season for the new year will not open until tax paying begins November 1.

Mrs. Clarence Heberlig, who has been visiting relatives in Hutchinson the past two or three weeks, left for her home in Spearville last night. Mr. Heberlig, who was formerly connected with the Star Clothiers, is no assistant manager of a large mercantile establishment at Spearville.

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### THEY WOULD BE CITIZENS

#### Reno County Farmers Apply For Naturalization Papers.

Carl Dalman and Andrew Schwartz prominent farmers, near Pretty Prairie, were at the district clerk's office at the court house today, to make application for their final naturalization papers. They came to Reno county from Russia, eight years ago. They were accompanied by John Graber, a well-to-do farmer of Pretty Prairie, as a witness to vouch for them.

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### GOSSIP OF THE TOWN

Milt Cheatum was here today from Halstead.

C. F. Bunte was in Mr. Hope today on business.

The Rev. I. A. Bartholomew was here today from Sylvia.

Dr. J. F. Ives was a business visitor from Langdon today.

W. H. Tamplin returned last evening from a trip to Wichita.

Miss Lesta Seward of Sterling, was shopping today in city stores.

Clem Hess has returned home from Wichita, where he has been attending the Fair.

Mrs. J. W. Harris and family left today for their new home in Farmington, Wash.

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#### Points About People

Jack Griffith and wife of Pratt were in the city between trains yesterday evening. They returned home on No. 3.

Earnest Murphy of the C. E. Hall abstract office, and wife, and Mrs. Wm. Ghormity have left for an extended visit with relatives in Indiana and Kentucky.

Chas. A. Richard, superintendent of the reformatory, returned this morning from a pleasure trip to Seneca. He stopped over in Topeka yesterday to attend to some business matters connected with his work.

Rev. Dr. H. E. Wolfe, who has resigned the pastorate of the first Methodist church to accept a call to the church at Lawrence, will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday. In the morning he will speak specially to the older people of the church and in the evening to the young people.

L. B. Young and wife, of Lyons, are in the city on business and visiting friends. Mr. Young is engaged in the elevator business at Lyons, and was for a number of years secretary of the Kansas Grain company, with headquarters in this city. He and his wife drove across in their Franklin touring car.

R. B. Slaymaker, who for the past 18 years has been a member of the Peabody fire department, was in the city last night. For the past five years he has been chief, and has seen a great deal of improvement in Peabody's fire department. He was on his way home after attending the convention at McPherson, where he says they were entertained royally. The convention next year will be held at Eureka.

Joe Williamson, a conductor on the street railway, has returned from Wichita, where he spent a few days attending the Fair there.

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#### NEWS TERSELY TOLD

Miss Anna Wiens was here yesterday from Inman, shopping.

J. E. Conklin has returned from a hunting trip in Kiowa county.

E. A. Mowrey went to Wichita this morning to take in the Fair.

Dr. E. N. Webster and wife, of Burrton, were city shoppers yesterday.

Mrs. C. P. Dutton of McCracken, was shopping yesterday in city stores.

Mrs. S. L. Shepherd of Lyons, was among the out of town shoppers in Hutchinson yesterday.

Harry Sturgeon and wife, of Sterling are in the city for a few days visiting with relatives.

J. D. Coffey, trainmaster of the Santa Fe at Dodge City, is in the city today on business.

Mrs. E. F. Bixler returned yesterday from a three weeks' visit with her brother at Denver.

George Moyes and C. E. Lyman of the Oxford Café, are taking in the sights at Wichita today.

J. L. Crotts and E. E. Shive, business men of Turon, are in the city today transacting business.

Irwin Connelly leaves for Wichita today, where he will take in the Fair and visit a few days with relatives.

The foundation is being put for the large two story addition to the State Exchange bank building on West First avenue.

It is believed here by Kelso, Mann & Kelso that in about a month St. John's new high school will be under construction.

J. D. Mountain, chief of the fire department at Cherryvale, was in the city this morning. He is on his way home from McPherson.

Rex Nordrike is looking over this city for a few days. He has just returned from Seattle exposition and is stopping here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Hoar of La Grand, Cal., who are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Smith, left this morning for a visit in Garfield.

J. M. Connell, general passenger agent of the Santa Fe, with headquarters at Topeka, was in the city a few hours this morning on business matters.

A two story brick addition is being built on the west end of the Chas. Dix livery barn, 15 West First avenue. The brick work is now in course of construction.

J. E. Humbert has returned from Wichita, where he was a delegate to a convention of the Kansas Gas, Water, Electric Light and Street Railway association.

I. S. Pratt, who for some time has been telegraph operator at the local Rock Island office, has gone to Liberal to take a similar position with the Rock Island there.

According to all reports the duck season which opened September 15, is going to be a very enjoyable one for many of the local nimrods. R. L. Burns, C. H. McBurney, M. F. Martin and H. J. Miller were out to the Salt Marsh yesterday hunting and had good luck.

Mr. And Mrs. R. H. Stormont, Mr. And Mrs. R. P. Stormont, Mrs. J. C. Bridgeman and the Rev. W. R. Gray went to Sterling this morning to attend the funeral there this afternoon of Miss Stella Stormont. The Rev. Mr. Gray had charge of the funeral services.

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**THE SOCIAL WHIRL**  
**MRS. BADDELEY ENTERTAINS**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMBERS**

Mrs. J. C. Baddeley entertained yesterday afternoon at her home, 411 East First avenue, the members of the Home Department of the First Avenue Baptist church. The new pastor, the Rev W. B. Hutchinson, was a guest.

The W. S. S. Embroidery club met Tuesday of this week with Mrs. C. D. James. This was the first meeting of the year. The club will be entertained Thursday, October 7, by Mrs. J. Y. Shelley on West Sherman street.

Mrs. T. L. Humphres (sic), who has been here visiting Mrs. Elmer Humphres, went to Newton today for a visit enroute to her home in Brookfield, Mo.

Mr. And Mrs. N. E. Williams and little daughter left yesterday for Manzanola, Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo., for a ten days' visit.

Mr. And Mrs. A. A. Tanner left today for Oklahoma City. From there they will go to Dallas, Tex., for a few weeks' visit.

Miss Gladys and Miss Maetie (sic) Crawford have returned home from a visit to Sawyer.

Mrs. J. W. Bean, who has been here visiting her son, Mr. H. R. Bean and wife, enroute from a visit in Ohio left this morning for her home in Seward.

Miss Fay Willett, left this morning for her home in

Blackwell, Oklahoma, after a visit here with her sisters, Mrs. Albert Thomson and Miss Beth Willett.

Miss Zelta Burrows will come tomorrow from Halstead, to be the guest of Miss Elese Westmacott over Sunday.

Miss Grace Myers returned this morning from a visit in Burrton with her sister, Mrs. Jake Dick.

Mr. George Moore went to Newton today to accept a position in a clothing firm of that city.

Mrs. L. W. Miner was the guest today in Partridge of Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Miner.

Mr. And Mrs. David Taylor were guests yesterday of friends in Wichita.

Mr. A. A. Thiessen left this morning for a trip to Wisconsin.

**NEW HOTEL FIRE ESCAPES**

A Hutchinson Firm Is Equipping the Midland.

The Midland hotel is putting in new fire escapes that will figure very prominently in making the three story brick building free from all injuries in case of fire. This makes two fire escapes for the Midland, one in front and one in the rear, both standard sizes and made of heavy iron. The new one is now being placed there by the Nelson foundry and machine shops.

**NEWS TERSELY TOLD**

R. A. Campbell went to Wichita today.

Walter small of Sterling, was here today on business.

Mable Houston and Meta West are in Wichita today.

George Adams went to Wellington today on business.

Miss Hattie Benson of Utica, was a city shopper yesterday.

County Treasurer F. J. Altswager is in Topeka on business.

R. J. Kessler went to Wichita this morning to attend the fair.

L. M. Ipson was a business visitor here yesterday from Plevna.

Miss Nora Lanning of Kent, was a Saturday shopper in Hutchinson.

City Commissioner C. W. Oswald was in Kingman on business today.

Mrs. George Phillips of Herington, is here visiting relatives and friends.

J. G. Anderson of Wellsford is a business visitor in Hutchinson today.

Mrs. Ed Perkins of Wellington, is in Hutchinson today visiting friends.

C. Cochran of Lewis, is spending a few weeks in Hutchinson with relatives.

Mrs. L. A. Markham of Partridge was shopping today in city stores.

The little child of Mr. And Mrs. D. D. Colglazier of West Eighth street, is sick.

Ed. King returned home from Wichita, where he has been attending the fair.

Mrs. J. A. Scharden of Abbyville, was among the out of town shoppers in this city today.

Miss Nellie and Miss Stella McClure of Sterling, were shopping today in Hutchinson.

Miss Cora Blain, of Nickerson, has accepted a position as teacher in the Hutchinson schools.

June Fisk, Ana Deck, and Fley Slike will spend Sunday in Wichita visiting with friends.\

Mrs. R. J. Welsh of St. John was in Hutchinson this morning enroute to her home after attending the W. C. T. U. state convention which was in Clay Center this week.

Mrs. Rose Stewart, acting county treasurer, transacted official business in Partridge yesterday.

Fred Campbell returned home this evening from Wichita where he has been attending the fair.

Mrs. A. J. Knight is visiting with relatives in Newton this week and will remain over Sunday.

Mrs. S. E. Burns of Nickerson, is visiting in the city a guest of her daughter, Mrs. K. C. Beck.

Mr. And Mrs. G. W. McGlothlin expect to go to Sterling this evening for a short visit with relatives.

R. B. Ruffan an attorney from Kansas City, is in Hutchinson today looking after some business matters.

Every morning the county treasurer reports to the county clerk's office the daily balance of county funds. The balance on hand today is reported as \$75,171.

Mrs. John Nelson returned to her home today in Sylvia after a few days visit here with relatives and friends.

Attorney C. M. Williams will have four law suits to try in the district court of Stafford county next month.

The Rev. W. B. Robertson of Pawnee Rock, is visiting old friends in Hutchinson. He formerly lived here.

Mr. And Mrs. C. A. Austin and Miss Ethel Stewart visited in Hutchinson for a few days enroute to their home in Pratt, from a visit in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Seargent (sic) and Mrs. John Bretell went to Wichita this morning for a short visit with friends. Mrs. Bretell expects to go on to Coffeyville for a short visit with her parents.

## FAMILY REUNIONS

By Ruth Hair Filbert

I have attended two reunions in the past two years. The first one was a "Hair" family reunion held in Ness City last June. The "Halderson" family reunion was held August 11 & 12 in Salina.

I grew up in close proximity to my "Hair" first cousins. The second and third cousins are now scattered all over the United States, so some of them meet for the first time at the reunion.

Exactly the opposite was true with my "Halderson" cousins. My grandmother, Amelia Halderson, who married my grandfather, Everett Dickerson moved to Ness County from Cloud County shortly after they were married. The distance between the two counties prevented many visits between relatives, so I never had the chance to become acquainted with the members of this family.

To help myself and the members of both families at the reunions find what generation we were in and who our cousins were, I made English-style pedigree charts.

The charts followed this format:

		Ed and Fern			
	Ruth			Karen	
David		Dan		Julie	Jeffrey James

Andrew - Matthew    Seth - Sophie    Nathan - Katie

I included the following information for each person. Full name, birth year, birth place, death date & place, name of spouse and marriage year.

The chart attracted many of the younger members of the family, who in turn would get their parents and often their grandparents involved. The older generation would start to tell tales about the family members and that became very interesting for all the members of the family. Of course, I had my notebooks and ancestor charts, but for a way to get the younger generation involved a pedigree chart can't be beat.

Try making one for your family. You'll be surprised.

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**CHARTER MEMBER DIES**

Arlene E. Vincent, 89, died July 27, 2001, at Dillon Living Center, Hutchinson.

She was born Sept. 25, 1911, at Alden, the daughter of LeRoy C. and Mary Jane Stryker Vincent. She graduated from Sterling High School and attended Sterling College and Friends University, Wichita. A longtime resident of Hutchinson, formerly living and working in Sterling and Wichita, she was a retired supervisor and operator for American Telephone and Telegraph and Southwestern Bell Co.

She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Daughter of the Revolution, Telephone Pioneers of America and the Reno County Genealogical society and was a volunteer at the Hutchinson Public Library.

Survivors include: a sister, Gertrude Herriman, Hutchinson; three nieces; and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lloyd Vincent; and a sister, Faye Birket.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Elliott Mortuary, Hutchinson, with Vince Herriman presiding. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson.

Memorials may be sent to the Hutchinson Public Library, in care of the mortuary.  
The Hutchinson News,

Arlene Vincent was the researcher for the Reno County Genealogical Society for many years. She set a standard of excellence that the researchers following her were challenged to follow. The set of books that she maintained contained the letters requesting research and her replies showing the results. This has helped later researchers bring people doing research on the same families in contact with each

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