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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 for a job well done.

KANSAS COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES WEB SITE

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

MONTHLY PROGRAMS FOR 2002

JANUARY 21, 2002—Buffalo Soldiers
by Warren Robinson

FEBRUARY 11, 2002—Regional History Day
by Students from Trinity HS and the Hutchinson
Middle Schools. **Notice: Change of date.**

MARCH 18, 2002
German Heritage of Kansas — Kansas
Humanities Program by Professor William Keel
of Kansas University, Lawrence, Ks.

APRIL 15, 2002—Quaker Research and
Research at Friends University by Rev. Arthur
Binfold .

MAY 20, 2002—Numbering Your Charts the
William Dollarhide Way by Karen Burgess

Tentative programs
Tricks to using the Census Soundex, Digitizing
photographs and What's New at the Family His-
tory Center

WEB PAGES

Check out these websites:

<http://findagrave.com/>

You can search the site and add your own ancestors/
relatives graves to it, add flowers or a photo for free

<http://www.ancestry.com/library/archive.asp>

More than 4,300 free articles including how-to, record
sources, genealogy products.

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~kcngs>

Northland Genealogy Society, serving Clay and Platte
Counties, P. O. Box 14121, Parkville, MO 64152

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~mackley/>

Actual photocopies of census pages for parts of Missouri.

HERITAGE QUEST Has Been Acquired by ProQuest

In a press release dated Aug. 16, 2001, ProQuest's Information and Learning unit announced today it has acquired Heritage Quest, the North Salt Lake City-based genealogical information company. With holdings of more than 250,000, publications and titles, Heritage Quest is the largest genealogical information provider in the United States.

The Heritage Quest product line-which includes the popular Heritage Quest Web-based information service, as well as microfilm, CD-ROMs, and print products (Heritage Quest magazine, Genealogy Bulletin, more than 400 books, and more than 100 indexes) - will be added to ProQuest's genealogical resources, including the Genealogy and local History Online database and Sanborn Maps Online. To date, Heritage Quest information comprises more than 3 terabytes of digitized data, with more digitization planned. Having the entire US Federal Census online, 1790-1920, will make it much easier for genealogists to research their families.

"Genealogical research is a top-ranked hobby in the United States, with over 70 million active participants" said Joe Reynolds, president and CEO of ProQuest Information and Learning. "Most people rely on local libraries to help them find the information they need. With the addition of Heritage Quest information to our collection of some 7 million pages of content, we'll be able to provide libraries and their users with the most comprehensive collection of genealogical information available anywhere designed for use in libraries. "Previously, genealogists had to consult multiple sources to find the information that will be integrated into a single sources," said Reynolds.

SOMETHING TO MAKE YOUR DAY

Taken from actual correspondence received by the Family History Department: "Will you please send me the name of my first wife, I have forgotten her name."

ADDRESS CHANGE KANSAS OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Office of Vital Statistics has moved to a new location.

The office is now in Suite 120 of the new state office building, the Signature Building, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Topeka, KS 66612-2221. The Office of Vital Statistics fulfills requests for certified copies of Kansas birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates.

All telephone and fax numbers remain the same, including the main information number, (785) 196-1400. Internet users may access the office's home page at www.kdhe.state.ks.us/vital.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~mackley/>

HISTORICAL MAPS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

A special collection of more than 325 historical maps of Kansas spanning four centuries is now available on-line at <http://specialcollections.wichita.edu>

"This is one of the largest interactive map collections on the Web of historical images of the West," says curator of special collections at Wichita State University.

Among the maps available is one that contains the first printed reference to Quivira, the term used by Spanish explorers in the 16th century to describe the area that would become Kansas. Another map from the 1850s shows the route to the Kansas gold mines.

The maps are part of the Robert W. Baughman Map Collection in Ablah Library's special collections at WSU. This digital map archive is one of the largest Internet sites of historical maps and the largest site exclusively devoted to Kansas maps.

The maps were scanned in full color with viewers able to zoom in and clearly see small details.

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BOOKS TO BE RELOCATED

Good news for genealogists outside the Washington, DC area. The US National Genealogical Society is moving its library books to the St. Louis County (Missouri) library. In the past, NGS books were available by in-person visit or by mail to NGS members. The St. Louis County Library will do the same but also will make the books available by Interlibrary Loan (ILL). On November 5, 2001, most of the 17,000+ volumes of the NGS library will be shipped to St. Louis and housed there permanently, to be available to the general public.

A few items will NOT be transferred to the St. Louis County Library, including: Bible Collection, American Medical Assoc. Deceased Doctors Card File, Member Ancestor Charts, Germans to America Collection, Hall of Fame material, Rare Books, Manuscript and Reference Collections.

Unlike the NGS, the St. Louis County Library has its card catalog online. You can search for available books at: <http://www.slcl.lib.mo.us>.

Unlike the NGS, St. Louis County Library allows everyone to order Interlibrary Loan of books online. Simply go to:

<http://www.slcl.lib.mo.us/ill/ill/book.htm> to fill out your request. Don't try to order volumes until early next year.

LEAVENWORTH SOCIETY DISBANDS

Due to the dissolution of the Leavenworth County Genealogical Society effective October 6, 2001, Leavenworth County queries are now being handled by: Debra Graden (d.b.a. Grey Ink), P. O. Box 281, Leavenworth, Kansas 66048. E-mail: greyink@idir.net Phone: (913) 680-0337. Call or write for information.

AHNENTAFEL CHARTS AND ANCESTOR CHARTS

An ahnentafel chart, just like the ancestor chart, shows the ancestors of a particular person, usually the dates and places of the event, and has the same numbering system. It is just organized in a different way.

Person No. 1 on both charts is any male/female member you wish to use to begin the chart. Let's assume that you are going to begin with yourself. Persons 2 & 3 are your parents, 4, 5, 6, 7 are your grandparents and etc.

The number of ANY person's father is twice that person's number. The number of his/her mother is the father's number plus one (1).

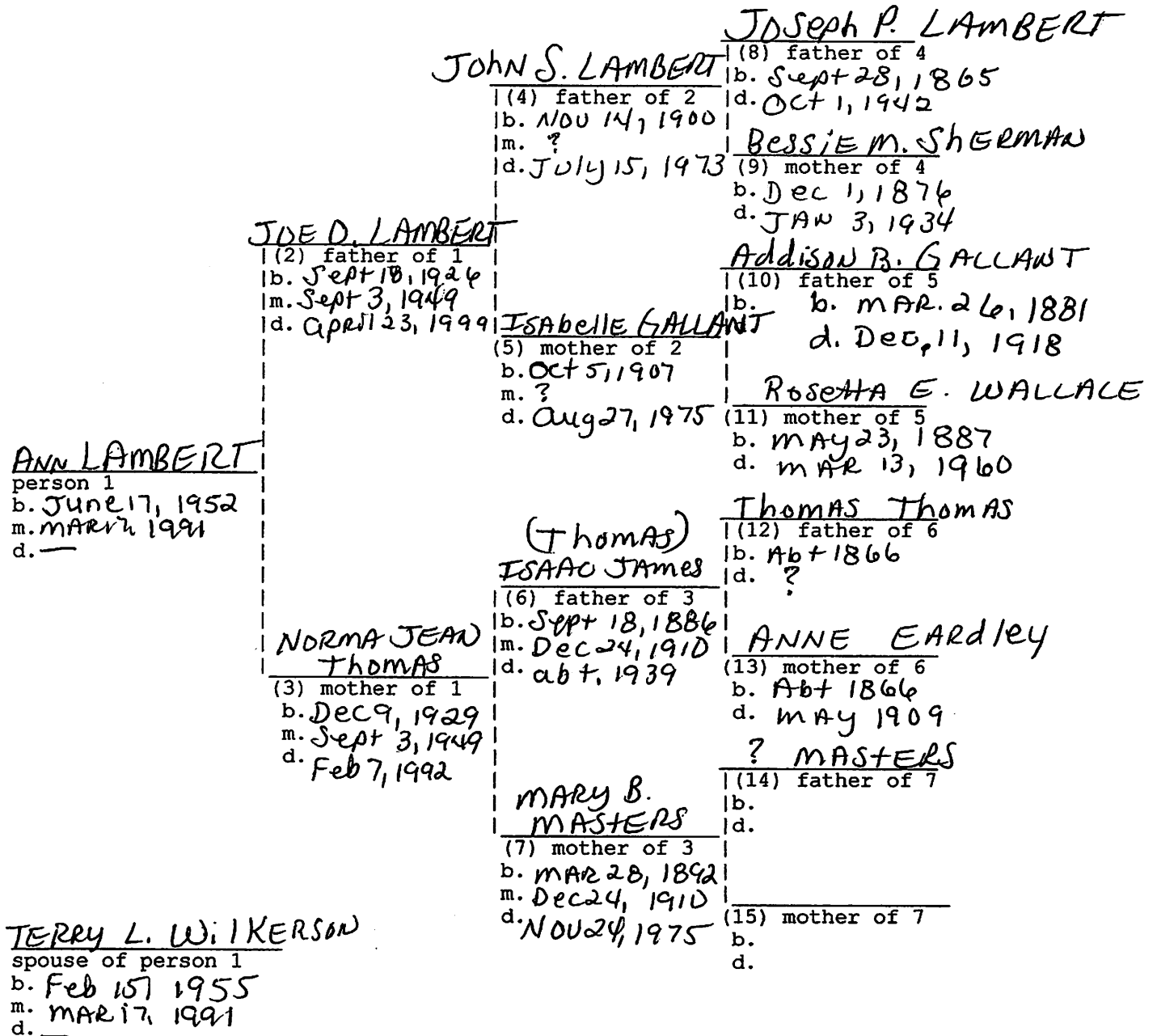
AHNENTAFEL CHART

1. Yourself
2. Your father. [Father of No. 1 ($2 \times 1 = 2$)]
3. Your mother. [Mother of No. 1 ($2 \times 1 + 1 = 3$)]
4. Your paternal grandfather. [Father of No. 2 ($2 \times 2 = 4$)]
5. Your paternal grandmother [Mother of No. 2 ($2 \times 2 + 1 = 5$)]
6. Your maternal grandfather [Father of No. 3 ($2 \times 3 = 6$)]
7. Your maternal grandmother [Mother of No 3 ($2 \times 3 + 1 = 7$)]
8. Your paternal grandfather's father. [$2 \times 4 = 8$]
9. Your paternal grandfather's mother. [$2 \times 4 + 1 = 9$]
10. Your paternal grandmother's father. [$2 \times 5 = 10$]
11. Your paternal grandmother's mother. [$2 \times 5 + 1 = 11$]
12. Your maternal grandfather's father. [$6 \times 2 = 12$]
13. Your maternal grandfather's mother. [$6 \times 2 + 1 = 13$]
14. Your maternal grandmother's father. [$7 \times 2 = 14$]
15. Your maternal grandmother's mother. [$7 \times 2 + 1 = 15$].

AHNENTAFEL CHART

Name	Birth Date and Place	Marriage Date and Place	Death Date and Place
1. Ann LAMBERT	17 Jun 1952	17 Mar 1991	
2. Joe O. LAMBERT	18 Sep 1926	3 Sep 1949	23 Apr 1999
3. Norma Jean THOMAS	9 Dec 1929		7 Feb 1992
4. John S. LAMBERT	14 Nov 1900	?	15 Jul 1973
5. Isabelle GALLANT	5 Oct 1907		27 Aug 1975
6. Isaac (Thomas) JAMES	18 Sep 1886	24 Dec 1910	abt 1939
7. Mary B. MASTERS	28 Mar 1892		24 Nov 1975
8. Joseph P. LAMBERT	28 Sep 1865	?	1 Oct 1942
9. Bessie M. SHERMAN	1 Dec 1876		3 Jan 1942
10. Addison B. GALLANT	26 Mar 1881	?	11 Dec 1918
11. Rosetta E. WALLACE	23 May 1887		13 Mar 1960
12. Thomas THOMAS	ABT 1866	?	?
13. Anne EARDLEY	ABT 1866		May 1909
14. ? MASTERS			
15. ? ?			

ANCESTOR CHART



HUTCHINSON CONNECTION

The following news item was found in the *Ness County News*, Volume 64, No. 33, Thursday, July 1, 1948.]

EARLY RESIDENT VISITS

Mrs. Alice Stephens-Baker (sic) and three daughters, Mrs. Mildred Lewis, Mr. Lola Jones, Mrs. Ruth Meranda, all of Heber, Utah stopped in Ness City last week following a visit with Mrs. Barkers brother, Jim Shephens in Hutchinson. Mrs. Barker is a member of the pioneer Stephens family which settled on SW ¼ of 30-18-23 most of which now includes west Ness City.

While here they took several pictures, including one of the present historical building on East Sycamor, which was the first schoolhouse here and where Mrs. Barker attended her first school. At that time her brother-in-law, the late John F. Wood, was the teacher.

On their return trip they planned to visit Harrison Stephens and Alfred Stephens in Colorado. While here they were guests at O. J. Marhofers.

[Editor's note: The following was sent to KCGS members and I thought that the secret should be shared.]

Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Prior Service By Suzanne Guinn

I just wanted to let you in on a little secret. The Kansas State Historical Society has some Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Prior Service records that hopefully will be released in the next few months for research. I have been working on them as an intern since the first of the summer. I don't know exactly when they plan to release them for research, but it shouldn't be in the too distant future.

These records have a lot of birth information in them in some cases death information as well. There are as many as four different types of forms that all have birth information and on one form, even the parents' names. I have even found one instance where a medical certificate was included from a physical. It gave the person's height, weight, color of eyes and hair, complexion and marks on hands or face. These also provide the work history of the individual and quite often what they were paid.

This will be a big boon for folks that had relatives who worked for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company.

HUTCHINSON DAILY GAZETTE

Continued series. Clipped by Harold Balzer.

THE SOCIAL WHIRL

September 25, 1909 Page 6, Column 1-2

Thirty Couples Attend Country Club Dance

Thirty couples attended the weekly dance at the Country club last night. Lloyd Holaday furnished the music for the dancers. Among the out of town guests were Miss Nell Dodge of Bushnell, Ill.; Miss Della Cowan, Mrs. Claude Cowan, Ottawa; Mrs. Maude Vandivert, Lyndon.

Mrs. J. C. Hedrick, of 614 West Seventh, was hostess yesterday to the F. A. embroidery club. The afternoon was spent with fancy work. At 5 o'clock the hostess served light refreshments. Mrs. B. L. Puckett was a guest. In two weeks Mrs. Chas. Mallick of 611 West Seventh avenue will be the hostess.

Mrs. W. H. Lewis and Mrs. C. W. Hill have returned home from Clay Center where they went as delegates to the state W. C. T. U. convention which was in session at that place this week.

Mr. And Mrs. H. G. Phillips are the guests of Mr. And Mrs. G. W. Maloney, enroute to their home in Pratt from a trip to Colorado Springs, Colo.

Mr. And Mrs. Ernest H. Hogueland (sic) left this morning for a visit in Holton. From there they will go to Topeka to make their future home.

Mrs. D. R. Nutting, sister of Mr. V. Wiley, passed through to her home in Emporia, from a trip to Colorado.

Mrs. D. Mitchell of Virginia, Ill., who is visiting in Hutchinson with Dr. and Mrs. W. I. Burney, went to Halstead today for a visit.

Miss Nell Dodge of Bushnell, Ill., is the guest of Mrs. George S. Bentley of East A avenue.

Mrs. L. McKnight will arrive Monday from Fort Wayne, Ind., to visit with her sister, Mrs. L. C. Pound of East Eleventh avenue.

Mr. J. R. Van Zandt will come from Wichita Monday for a few days visit in Hutchinson with his son, Mrs. W. G. Van Zandt.

Miss Monica Allen who is teaching school in Plevna, is spending Saturday at her home in Hutchinson.

Mrs. Jessie Holmes and Miss Gladys Holmes of Sterling, will be the Sunday guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Ebright.

Miss Martha Steele leaves tomorrow for Los Angeles, Cal., where she will attend Marlborough school.

Mrs. J. B. McClure of Fowler is the guest of Mr. And Mrs. W. H. Cool of 709 East First avenue.

Mrs. H. M. Kincaid of Dodge City is the guest of Miss Pearl Hawley of East Fourth avenue.

Miss Nellie Leland and Howard Cook left today for Hiram college, Hiram, O.

Mr. And Mrs. A. W. O'Brian left today for an extended visit in New York.

Mrs. L. R. Lockwood went to Anthony this morning to visit over Sunday.

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Miss Louise Talmadge was the guest today of friends in Castleton.

Mr. E. Langille left this morning for a four weeks' visit in Chicago.

Miss Jennie Wood will visit at her home tomorrow in Burton.

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Langdon

The Langdon school began Monday. W. E. Sharp as principal and Miss Golda Kingston, of Hutchinson, as primary teacher.

Eugene Catte is having his house plastered this week.

L. Y. Brawshaw and wife took Sunday dinner at H. T. Railsback's.

A S. S. convention will be held at Langdon October 3. All are invited to attend.

The Royal Neighbors will give an oyster social Saturday evening, Sept. 25 at the hall.

Joseph Sherow and wife made a flying trip to Kansas City to purchase his winter goods.

Wm. Miller of Meade, Kans., is visiting with his parents and other relatives for a few days.

Mrs. Ira King and daughter, Gladys and Mr. And Mrs. William Criswell visited with Geo. Criswell's Sunday.

Little Velma Duncan of Wichita, is staying with her grandparents, Mr. And Mrs. J. L. Duncan, and going to school.

The ladies of the Methodist church met at Mrs. Geo. Duncan's and the ladies of the Christian church met at Mrs. Dr. Ives' (sic).

L. C. Tibbits and Joseph Cattes each bought a new piano from our piano agents here in town. They have sold a car load.

Wm. Railsback, Jesse Miller, Frank Parker and Gertrude Miller left the first of the week for Manhattan to attend school this winter.

Mrs. Louisia Ralston, Miss Alpha Wendling and Mrs Belle Munger and daughter went to Sylvia Thursday afternoon in an automobile.

W. M. Adams and Roy Railsback are delegates for the Christian church at the state convention that convenes at Hutchinson next week and Mrs. J. W. Jones represents the S. S.

Mrs. L. Ralston gave her little niece, Lulu Collins, a pleasant birthday party Tuesday afternoon, it being Lulu's ninth birthday anniversary. A number of her little friends were invited. Refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream and cake. The little folks were entertained by playing games enjoyed by all.

Wherry

Charlie Van Ardale was a Nickerson visitor Monday.

Mary Boock (sic) visited Minnie Hanschild Tuesday night.

L. J. McIver and wife were Sterling shippers Friday.

Geo. England and family visited Joe Hanschild Sunday.

George Thede and family visited at Jacob Hanschild's Sunday.

C. T. Shuler and wife attended church at Nickerson Sunday.

Jake Johnson and daughter, Rosa returned home from Oklahoma last week.

William Timpkar was at Sterling Saturday having dental work done.

L. Dresback of Hutchinson was out in the sand hills Thursday looking after his cattle.

Charlie Pate and wife called on Miss Ethel Pate Sunday afternoon. Miss Ethel is very sick with the typhoid fever.

Valley

Born, to Mr. And Mrs. Alfred Baker, Sept. 16, a son.

Miss Alma Comes opened her school at Midland Monday.

H. Baughman delivered hogs to the Burrton market Wednesday.

COUNTY NEWS

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Arlington

John Craig of Partridge spent Sunday at home.

Walt Reynolds was among the county seat visitors Monday.

King Boody and family of Plevna were visitors here last week.

Westminster school began Monday with Emily Linchild as teacher.

Chas. Baker has begun building his house in the west part of town.

Mr. And Mrs. Richardson returned home Sunday after a few days' visit with relatives at the county seat.

Miss Maggie Beatty of Parallel was among the visitor here Monday.

Chet Warner and wife moved to the Warner farm, south of town, last week.

Pearl McSherry spent a few days with her mother at Hutchinson last week.

Lila Guyer returned to Nickerson Sunday after spending a few days at home.

Mr. I. S. Puckett of Pratt was a business visitor here a short time Wednesday.

Ive Carson and wife spent a few days at the county seat the last of the week.

Percy Carter was the guest of his mother at the county seat the last of the week.

Sheriff Duckworth found it necessary to transact business in our little city Saturday.

Bill Stull returned home the last of the week from his Canadian trip. He reports a fine time.

Mr. Bodwell is having his new house plastered this week. Norman Guyer are doing the work.

Lucy McGriff of Hutchinson visited relatives here over Sunday. Her sister, Dotty accompanied her home.

Mrs. Jones, of Dalhart, Texas, is here visiting her husband who is doing some cement work for the R. I. Company.

Bill Rutledge, who lives south of town, is having an addition built to his house. When completed he will have a large farm house.

Bill Cecil and niece, Gena Beaman, of Oklahoma, who have been visiting relatives here for the past couple of weeks, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Thompson and little daughter of Missouri, who have been visiting her sister, Mr. And Mrs. Leo Taton, for the past few weeks, have returned home.

Geo. Murphy, who recently came here from Liberal, has accepted a position in the city meat market. Henry Feese of Plevna, who had the job, quit and returned to his home.

Yoder

Jeni Mullet returned from Garnett Tuesday evening. Eli Schrock commenced building his new house Wednesday.

Miss Helen Lyman of Elmer, spent Sunday with Miss Ethel Switzer.

Mr. Jacob J. Yoder having sold his farm known as the Old Place, to his son-in-law, Sam M. Meller, will build and move to Yoder.

Harper Leighty is reported on the sick list but is some better at this writing.

Miss Neta Coover of Hutchinson, will spend the last of the week with Miss Gladys Switzer.

John Moreland and family, who have spent the past month in Colorado arrived home Wednesday morning.

Those who attended the Wichita Fair from here Wednesday were Mr. And Mrs. A. M. Switzer, Dan Muck, L. M. Smiley and Henry Johnson.

Quite a number of the young people went down to Forsha Monday evening and visited the soldiers encamped there.

East Lincoln

Miss Jay Rexroad is on the sick list.

Geo Gilman shelled corn Thursday.

Miss Minnie Klein visited Miss Emma Justice Sunday.

Tom Downs and wife visited Geo. Halloway's Sunday afternoon.

Mr. And Mrs Ferris of Ellsworth were visitors at Mrs. Gaston's last week.

Mrs. Hallie Essex of McPherson is visiting her niece, Miss Edith Mills, this week.

Miss Augusta Parker, our school teacher this term, boards with Mrs. Ott McNew.

Mrs. John Gaston of Larned visited friends and relatives and the big fair last week.

Mrs. McHarg of Wichita visited her son, Arthur McHarg, from Saturday and returned Monday.

Mrs. Blanche Clickner and Mrs. Jessie Wells went to Wichita Thursday to attend the fair there.

Miss Sara Holloway enrolled for this term of school at Hutchinson high school Monday morning.

Mr. Orlie Jones and wife of Finney county and Mr. Charley Bowers of Rush county, visited J. P. Klein last week.

Those who have been down sick with la grippe recently were Mrs. Blanche Clickner, Mrs. Gussie Downs and Mr. Ott McNew.

Rev. Walter Robertson and family of Pawnee Rock and Mrs. Brode and son of Newton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robertson.

Mr. J. P. Klein and Geo Holloway drove Mr. Klein's cattle home from Nantz's Wednesday. He intends to ship two car loads of them next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Walters of Seward, Kans., spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Downs and attended the big Hutchinson fair.

As numerous coyotes and chicken hawks are in this neighborhood it's a wonder there are any chickens left. Ten coyotes were seen in one bunch in J. P. Klein's pasture and there are flocks of hawks about as thick as black birds.

North Grant

Harry Boak(?) Is putting up hay this week.

Will Pike was a Hutchinson visitor Thursday.

Ida and Minnie Spung spent Monday with Mrs. John Sallee.

Plen Moon and wife were visiting through these parts last week.

Bird Spurg of Turon spent Friday with his folks near Nickerson.

Elmer Moats was threshing alfalfa seed for Harry Boak.

Bodie McKee and wife were visiting through there parts Sunday.

Mrs. John Sallee is enjoying a visit from her sister, who lives in Texas.

Frank Leimbach, who has been living in Wichita the past few months is going to move to Nickerson this week.

Most everyone through this vicinity spent from one to three days at the Hutchinson fair and everyone report a fine time. They had a good display of everything and good racing and good order. Hutchinson always has a good fair. Wonder how Topeka and Wichita likes to hear about the large attendance at the Hutchinson fair?

Plevna

Mr. Noah Abbott was in Sylvia Tuesday.

Sybil Josephson spent Sunday with Grace Edwards.

Miss Essie Correlly of Stafford was in town Saturday.

Mrs. W. L. Davis called on Mrs. F. H. Poore Monday.

Mrs. Anderson of Salina is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis.

Mr. Nixon of Hutchinson was transacting business in Plevna Tuesday.

Miss Clara Spaniol left Monday for Manhattan, where she will attend school.

Mr. Jake Spaniol and nephew, Russell of Huntsville were in our burg Monday.

Grayce Likens spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Withroder near Huntsville.

Rev. F. H. Poore and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Porter one day last week.

Miss Eccie Likens visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moffit of Abbyville, Saturday evening.

Mrs. W. E. Roache and daughter Laurel, visited Mr. T. J. McKiver at Abbyville Saturday evening.

Mr. E. M. Roache and wife and Nelson Smith and wife were in Hutchinson Monday evening.

Mr. Clarence Holcomb and Miss Clara DeMuth took dinner Sunday with Ada and George Hooker.

Mr. Joel Cope and wife, Mr. Emmert Hinshaw and wife, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Dan DeMuth and wife.

Mr. Albert Wester and wife of Savonburg, Kans., are visiting Mrs. R. W. Wester and family and other relatives here.

Flossie Davis Boarded the evening train Monday for Manhattan, where she intends to attend school this coming term.

Mr. Noah Abbott and sons, Everette and Ward, also his daughter, Susie, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Withroder, near Huntsville.

Messrs. I.(?) D. Likens, J. W. McRevey and R. W. Burtch were Hutchinson visitors Monday evening. They went down in McRevey's auto.

Nina Wester came home one evening last week from Nickerson to spend a few day with home folks. Nina is attending school at Nickerson this fall.

Mrs. F. H. Poore and son, Raymond, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Everette and daughter, Hazel, at Wichita a few days.

Ninescah

L. S. Ayers finished threshing last Tuesday.

Ed Watt took wheat to Haven Monday.

Joe Schwager is able to do his farm work again.

Will Walker is going to farm Mrs. Burch's place.

Lee Hale is putting out seventy acres of wheat on his father-in-law's place.

John Smiley came near dying last week, but is much improved at this writing.

John Weve pulled his threshing machine in last Monday until after wheat sowing.

Miss Lula Hendrixson stayed over night and all day Tuesday with Miss Florence Watts.

Mr. Russell is farming Mr. Burch's place where John Cook lived before he moved to town.

Mr. J. C. Hendrixson is going to take care of his father's property while he is visiting in Indiana.

Misses Florence Watts and Lillie Krehtiel were visiting with Miss Hendrixson and Mrs. Pieplow Monday.

Charles and James Walker have been helping John Weve on his machine and Charles is working for him by the month.

Richard Ayers is going to Grant county, Oklahoma, to shuck corn. Dick says corn there will make forty bushels to the acre.

Mr. And Mrs. H. A. Hendrixson and son, Frank, are contemplating a visit to Indiana in the near future to visit with Mrs. Hendrixson's relatives there.

Lerado

There will be a Sunday school convention at Pleasant Hill next Sunday.

Frank Fullerton has bought a Reo touring car of Joe Trimble of Arlington.

Alfred Bradshaw delivered 40 head of cattle Saturday that he sold to Jed Raines.

Mr. Curt Hewitt is delivering wheat to Penalosa. He is getting \$1 per bushel.

Miss Nora Hewitt was home to stay over Sunday. She is attending school at Preston.

Dr. Luther Brown was called to Fred Reece's Wednesday night to doctor a sick horse.

Mr. And Mrs. Enos Dutton of Penalosa took dinner Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Oscar Reece.

Mrs. Della Reece went to Penalosa Wednesday to stay with her sister, Miss Jennie Dutton, while Mr. And Mrs. Dutton went to Wichita.

Walter Brown is in bed quite sick. Doc Ramsey is

attending him. It is hoped that he will be up and around before long.

Mr. And Mrs. Cline and Charley and Dick Cline, also Miss Sally Kline and Mr. And Mrs. Hibbert took dinner with Mr. And Mrs. N. B. Bryant Sunday.

L. C. Hibbert is living in what is known as the Charley parish house, south east of Langdon. There was no empty house in or around Lerado that he could get.

Abbyville

Miss Ross is boarding at Mrs. Ed Feese's now.

Roy Priest has charge of the livery barn now for Stephen Baggs.

Mrs. Lena Snyder and children returned to Hutchinson Monday evening.

Mrs. O. F. Barber called on her daughter, Mrs. Ray, Tuesday afternoon.

Frank Lantz helped Mr. Ray do some plastering on the hotel. Now Mr. Ray is painting the inside wood-work.

Mr. And Mrs. James McLane came home Wednesday morning from Colorado, where they have been to spend the summer months.

The Farmers' Telephone are putting in new poles of their own and moving the switch board into King's new hardware store.

Last Thursday Mrs. Julius Grabeyewski and Mrs. John Hugg came to attend the fair and make Mrs. F. G. Ray a visit. They left Saturday evening for their homes at Larned, Kans., after seeing the auto and motorcycle races.

Partridge

Fred French is very sick.

Mr. And Mrs. W. R. Avery of Cloverdale spent a few days here.

Clarence Hamilton fell down at school and broke his shoulder.

Mrs. John Sutton returned home from Topeka Wednesday evening.

Mr. Howard Hemphill spent Sunday at Pretty Prairie with relatives.

Mr. And Mrs. R. T. Cassidy of Hutchinson, spent Wednesday here.

Misses Anna and Hannah McCoy returned to their home in Manhattan last Friday.

Mrs. Young and daughter of Hutchinson, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. (McGrath?).

Mr. And Mrs. Bachman of Illinois, are the guests of Mr. And Mrs. Jow Dellenbach, sr.

Mrs. J. L. Bartlett and son, Loomis, left for their home in Brooklyn, N. Y., Wednesday evening.

Mr. And Mrs. German French and sons of Tonkawa, Okla., are visiting relatives here for a few days.

Mr. Clifford Hamilton and Miss Lacie White were married at the home of the bride's parents last Wednesday evening.

Clay

Don Jennings is mowing the golf grounds.

Ed Burgess made a trip to Sterling Monday.

Anthony Gardner is stacking his cow peas. He has 160 acres.

Wilson O'Neal made a trip in Lincoln township Tuesday afternoon.

F. L. Parker has installed a 2 1/2 horse power gasoline engine to pump water for his green house.

North Reno

Mr. Randle thrashed his millet on Wednesay.

Mr. Stuart Rowland is very sick at his home in North Reno. He has typhoid fever.

School commenced Monday at Prosperity school district; Miss Tremaine is teacher.

Mr. W. A. Gilkison received first premium on his team of miles at the State Fair. They are fine mules.

Mr. And Mrs. Clarence Gilkison of Eureka, visited with Mr. Gilkison's parents in North Reno last week.

A horse and buggy belong to W. J. Morgan was stolen Saturday night from a hitching post at the corner of First and main street in Hutchinson. All efforts to secure the missing property and thief have been in vain.

THE SOCIAL WHIRL

September 28, 1909

A surprise in the way of a party was planned and successfully carried out last night on Mr. C. L. Parks by the members of his Sunday school class of the First M. E. church at his home, 215 East Sherman street.

**MR.
PARKS
MADE THE
GUEST OF
HONOR**

The guests met at the church and went in a party to the Parks' home. A program of musical games were played. Several members of the class made short talks

on the history and work of the organization which has an enrollment of fifty members. Light refreshments were served during the evening. A fine modern teacher's Bible was presented to the guest of honor.

Among those present were the husbands or wives of some of the class members. The list included Mr. And Mrs. Mark Fletcher, Mr. And Mrs. Clark Martin, Mr. And Mrs. G. S. Tiffany, Mr. And Mrs. E. M. Scott, Mrs. And Mrs. Sherman Ploughe, Mr. And Mrs. W. S. Hamby, Mr. And Mrs. J. E. Bassett, Mr. And Mrs. W. E. Barnett, Mr. And Mrs. J. M. Wyman, Mr. And Mrs. Geo. A. Wehe, Mr. And Mrs. W. J. Myler, Mr. And Mrs. E. M. Yoder, Mr. And Mrs. Edward Crocker, Mr. And Mrs. E. A. Robertson, Mr. And Mrs. F. A. Coffin, Mr. And Mrs. Albert Thompson, Mr. And Mrs. E. C. Mitchell, Mr. And Mrs. H. A. Shuyler, Mr. And Mrs. G. F. Baker, Mrs. Charles Peterson, Mrs. R. C. Miller.

Mr. And Mrs. Martin Hoagland entertained last evening at 7 o'clock dinner at their home on West Fifth avenue. Covers were laid for Mr. And Mrs. P. M. Killam, Mr. And Mrs. A. C. Hoagland, Mr. And Mrs. Frank Foeltz, Blackwell, Okla., Mrs. Iona Staub, Cripple Creek, Colo.

Mrs. Edward Crocker will leave tomorrow for a visit in Wichita. From there she will go to Cheney, where she will join her aunt and uncle, Mr. And Mr. N. B. Hern in a ten days' automobile tour in Kansas and Oklahoma.

About thirty-five of the friends of Mr. And Mrs. Ray Cole went to their home last evening at 224 West Second avenue and surprised them with a miscellaneous shower in celebration of their first wedding anniversary.

Mr. And Mrs. J. W. Mitchell and little daughter, passed through Hutchinson this morning enroute to their home in Emporia from Colorado where they have been for their little girl's health.

Mrs. Dan Mitchell of Virginia, Ill., who has been here for the last three weeks, visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. I. Burney, left this morning for Kansas City enroute home.

Mr. And Mrs. J. H. Hodge were the guests yesterday in Hutchinson of Mr. And Mrs. M. L. Klinck enroute to their home in Wakita, Okla., from a visit in Colorado and Utah.

The Social Hour club will hold their first meeting of the year next Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Laura Hamby, 724 North Main street.

Miss Grace Davis left today for a visit in Peabody. From there she will go to Kansas City. She expects to be gone for two weeks.

Mrs. E. E. Marshall and her sister, Mrs. H. H. Holcomb of Woodward, Okla., were the guests to day of Dr. and Mrs. Burriss in Burton.

Mrs. Frank Foeltz left today for her home in Blackwell, Okla., after a visit here with her sister Mrs. A. C. Hoagland.

Mrs. Viola Roberts, who has been visiting Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Welsh, left today for her home in Brownstown, Ind.

Mr. And Mrs. J. M. Wyman entertained at dinner last evening, the Rev. and Mrs. He E. Wolfe and children.

Miss Myrtle Talmadge and Miss Birdie Rogers are home from a few days' visit to Castleton.

Mr. And Mrs. W. A. Barnes left this morning for a visit in Pond Creek, Okla.

Miss Elese and Mr. Tom Westmacott visited with friends yesterday in Halstead.

Mr. And Mrs. H. T. Igon and children were guests today of friends in Kingman.

Mr. And Mrs. K. Mayo Lewis have returned home from a week's visit in Wichita.

Mrs. W. R. Tedrick left last evening for a trip to San Francisco, Cal.

Mrs. J. J. Graybill visited in Newton today.

GOSSIP OF THE TOWN

September 18, 1909, Page 5, Column 3.

Mrs. Anna Nesbit is visiting friends in Anthony.

R. P. Stone of Newton is in the city on business today.

Mrs. S. Baker was the guest today of friends in Abbyville.

E. D. Swift has gone to San Francisco to spend the winter.

Attorney W. H. Lewis was in Lyons last evening on legal business.

B. F. Raymond of near Haven, is in the city today transacting business affairs.

Mrs. Clarence Palmer went to Nickerson this morning to visit with relatives.

G. W. Holloway returned home this morning from a business trip to Kansas City.

A. R. Murray has sold his farm in Rice county and will move his family to Hutchinson.

Will Wickham is here from Canton this week attending the Christian church state convention.

Joe Bailey went to Wichita this morning over the Missouri Pacific. He will return this evening.

Mr. And Mrs. Ralph Ritter of Manhattan, came in this morning for a few days visit with friends.

Misses Minnie and Bessie Enfield have returned from Larned, where they have been spending their summer.

H. C. Elder a traveling man went to Inman and other points along the Rock Island this morning on business.

A. N. Talbot left yesterday afternoon for Hancock, Ia., where he will spend a few days looking after his farm.

J. W. Jones, a former sheriff of Reno county, is here from Grove township, with his wife, attending the convention.

W. G. Van Zandt of the Peru-Van Zandt Implement company, returned yesterday evening from Wichita in his automobile.

Mrs. C. R. Lindenberger of Canton, is visiting in Hutchinson this week and attending the Christian church state convention.

J. F. Springfield receiver of the Water Light and Gas company, has gone to Chicago and other eastern points on business.

R. L. Burns of the B. & B. Telephone company, and W. E. Kier, the contractor, were out hunting yesterday at the salt marsh.

Mr. And Mrs. Wm. Kelley went to Wichita this morning. Mr. Kelley will attend the convention of the Southern Kansas Millers.

George W. Rutledge of Tinmath, Colo., is visiting in the city with his brother, the Rev. E. L. Rutledge pastor at the Hadley chapel.

Myer Rubin left last night for Ann Arbor, Mich. He will enroll as a student in the university of Michigan and take up the study of law.

Mrs. H. W. Brownfield returned this morning to her home in Anthony. She has been the Hutchinson guest of Mrs. R. M. Raymond.

Mrs. Maude Hepper, who has been the guest in this city of relatives and friends for the last few weeks, returned to her home in Alva, Okla., this morning.

Mrs. Ella Barnhill, of Nardin, Okla., who has been visiting in Hutchinson with her niece, Mrs. C. E. Wolf, 122 East First avenue, has returned to her home.

Miss Minnie Hawley and Miss Orga Hammond, who have been the Hutchinson guests of W. E. Hawley and J. M. Norvell, returned this morning to their home in Lewis.

Wm M. Briggs of this city, has gone to Seattle and other Pacific coast points. While away he will take in the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition and visit among relatives and friends.

H. L. Reed, superintendent of this division of the Rock Island, whose headquarters are at Dalhart, Tex., passed through here last night on train No. 2. He was on his way to Herrington.

Elder C. E. Wolfe, of the Church of the Brethren, and wife, Mr. And Mrs. A. M. Baughman and Mrs. Sarah Gaskin attended a business council of the church held at Darlow the past week.

H. C. Davidson, manager of the Larabee Milling company, has gone to Wichita to attend the meeting of the Southern Kansas Millers association, which is to be held there today. From Wichita, Mr. Davidson will go to Oklahoma City and Kansas City on business matters.

Poultry and Produce

- EGGS—20¢ per dozen
- BUTTER—18¢ to 25¢ per pound
- HENS—10 cents per lb.
- OLD ROOSTERS—3½ cents per pound
- SPRING CHICKENS—12 @ 14¢ lb.
- TOMATOES—2½ cents per pound
- ONIONS—2 @3¢ per pound.



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RENO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Members of the Reno County Genealogical Society, librarians at the Hutchinson Public Library and librarians at the Family History Center have for some time been aware of the complaints about the treatment received at the Reno County Courthouse. Complaints have come via e-mail, personal contact and by mail from fellow researchers both in and out of state.

Although genealogists do not request or require special treatment, anyone wanting to see public records should be treated courteously and with respect. If the workers in the department would take the time to provide some guidance, everyone would leave the courthouse with a better attitude.

The letter on page 80, dated October 1, 2001, was sent to the Reno County Commissioners with the approval of the Reno County Genealogical Society Board Members.

Keith Burgess had several interesting phone calls after the letter was sent to the Reno County Commissioners. One thing became quite clear, the County Administrator, Mr. Ed Williams, is only in charge of the workers that are hired. Elected officials are only accountable to the people that elected them.

As voters our job at the next election will be to elect people that know how to do their job and that includes serving the people that ask for help in their office and doing it with a smile and a friendly attitude.

The Hutchinson News, Western Front,
27 November 2001

A letter sent to the Western Front from Shelly Schroeder of Hutchinson contained the following statements. I was glad to her that Reno County commissioners discussed the need to make the main first-floor area of the courthouse look more professional and function efficiently.

The first thing that needs to be done is for the employees to take a course in public relations. Nowhere else can you be treated as rudely as at the courthouse. Instead of the "How may I be of assistance?" attitude, it's the "Boy, are you an interruption to the gossip I just heard from the other desk" attitude.

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Job descriptions for the personnel must include, "Must not be able to smile." Are these people unhappy or what? Every employee is a "receptionist" for Reno County. They should meet and greet the public as valued clients.

Why is it that I feel like a whipped dog when I leave? Instead of being helpful, they take every opportunity to make sure that extra steps are involved.

Also the place looks like a carnival with all the personal "collections: on each person's workplace. A family photo would not be appropriate, but the other junk is distracting!

I have nothing against occasional "casual" attire day, but the dress code is very lax. Even our elementary schools have discovered that a uniform dress code is beneficial. There is nothing "professional" about the dress code at the courthouse. If employees wore suits and skirts, it would make a more respectful environment.

The courthouse can be overwhelming and intimidating to anyone. What impression do visitors or newcomers to our county get? Commissioners should ask the public what they would like changed at the courthouse instead of spending money hiring a business to evaluate it. Good luck to those involved. They will need it!

Shelly Schroeder, Hutchinson

The following letter was sent to The Hutchinson News by Keith Burgess with the backing of the RCGS Board Members. Published December 7, 2001.

27 November 2001

The Hutchinson News
Att: Western Front
300 West 2nd Street
Hutchinson, KS 67504-0190

RE: Reno County Courthouse

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in response to the letter published 27 November 2001 in the Western Front portion of your newspaper: specifically, the letter by Shelly Schroeder regarding the Reno County courthouse.

On the first of October of this year, I wrote a letter to each of the County Commissioners stating a very similar sentiment. I received replies from Mrs. Garcia

and Mr. Ed Williams. Both apologized for any inconvenience or rudeness; however, both made mention that little could be done regarding the elected officials. Mr. Williams reassured me that this matter had been handled and should not happen again.

My original letter dealt with complaints received by the Reno County Genealogical Society about rude behavior and refusal to assist in finding records that are being sought. Genealogy is now second only to stamp collecting as a hobby. With the increased efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism and Visitors Bureau, more and more events and people are coming to our city and county. The 2002 Golf Tournament and the Family Motorcoach Association events will bring many more visitors to our area. What image will they take home with them of Hutchinson/Reno County?

Mr. Williams asked me to bring in specific situations that demonstrate our concern. I took time off from work to do just that. I sat outside his office for over an hour waiting for someone to help me. After waiting, I asked the only employee I knew by name for an interoffice envelope and placed the requested information on his secretary's desk.

I agree some of the employee's personal "collections: do get out of hand. As for a dress code, I believe any professional person has a good idea as to what is appropriate and what is not; however, perhaps a more clear cut policy would be helpful.

I cannot help but reiterate the part that "every employee is a 'receptionist' for Reno County". Each employee should ask himself or herself, would I be allowed to treat a customer as I have treated his person if I worked in the private sector? Being a government employee does not negate the responsibility of good customer service. If you are so dissatisfied with your employment, find work elsewhere. Life is too short to be so trapped and unhappy.

Keith Burgess

1 October 2001

Board of Reno County Commissioners
206 W. 1st Street
Hutchinson, KS 67501

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express concern about the image that Reno County is getting because of employee attitudes at the courthouse. As President of the Reno County Genealogical Society, I have received numerous complaints as to the rudeness and unwillingness to assist a visitor trying to find public records. During the recent "Samboree" of the Good Sam organization, our society received three complaints of nasty behavior and refusal to help locate records. A lady from Wichita wrote with similar complaints. Genealogy is now second only to stamp collecting as a hobby. With such interest, I expect to hear more of the same criticisms.

With the increased efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and the Tourism and Visitor's Bureau, more and more events and people are coming to our city and county. The 2002 Golf Tournament and the Family Motorcoach Association events will bring many more visitors to our area and will increase the activities of genealogy as well. What image will they take home with them of Hutchinson/ Reno County?

Not only are our visitors being mistreated in this fashion, some of our own citizen members have had difficulties as well... myself included.

Any and all assistance to bring a resolution to this matter will be greatly appreciated by our membership. We ask that public records be maintained as open records as mandated under the Freedom of Information Act.

Thank You,

Sincerely,

Keith Burgess, President
Reno County Genealogical Society

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

Compiled by Wm. D. Rexroad, 2001

**PART 4
1926 through 1944**

- 1926** Santa Fe completes new roundhouse and switching yards at Hutchinson
- Buhler Main Street improved with 300 tons of gravel
- Haven High School basketball team achieves 9-0 record, beats Buhler and Pretty Prairie
- 1927** Tornado hits Hutchinson, homes and salt plant damaged
- Our Lady of Guadalupe church opens to serve Spanish-speaking residents, Father Gabriel Perez from Mexico is priest
- Oil struck near Arlington
- Two reformatory escapees captured near Partridge, marshal battered in struggle, one escapee shot
- 1928** Hutchinson Municipal Airport opens
- Hutchinson voters approve junior college, 209 students enroll, C.M. Lockman is dean
- Krause Manufacturing Company organized
- Oil well in north Reno County produces over 500 barrels per day
- Richardson Auditorium dedicated at Hutchinson High School
- 1929** Cow Creek levee breaks causing worst flood in history of Hutchinson
- First traffic lights installed in Hutchinson
- Reno County has eighty-four miles of paved highways, most in state
- Automobile tag factory built at state reformatory
- Loud speaking apparatus with moveable microphone installed at Hutchinson's Convention Hall

1929 South Hutchinson grade school closed due to outbreak of diphtheria

(cont'd)

1930 New Reno County courthouse completed

Hutchinson News sponsors first annual Reno County Farm & Home Week

Evangelist Billy Sunday holds revival meetings in Hutchinson's Convention Hall

George Gano builds 2-million bushel grain elevator in Hutchinson, later enlarges it to 3.3 million bushels

1931 Reno County farmers hold Pioneers Day to celebrate 60th anniversary of farming in Reno county

Three miles of concrete put down for first paving of streets in South Hutchinson

Fox Theater opens in Hutchinson

1932 Buhler waives poll tax and cuts water rates because of nation-wide economic recession

Hutchinson celebrates 60th birthday

Adela Hale School opens in Hutchinson

Streetcars end operations in Hutchinson

Two one-armed fiddlers compete during Reno County Farm and Home Week, one has stub, the other has hook; stub wins (George Nall)

1933 Governor Landon orders Kansas banks closed for one week, Reno banks stay healthy as nation endures economic recession

Memorial fountain and arch built at Hutchinson's Carey Park to honor Emerson Carey

County suffers record heat and drought

Women of Ku Klux Klan mobilize, opposed to prospect of illegal drinking, gambling, white slavery at proposed Hutchinson night club

1934 4-H Club encampment building opened on state fair grounds, will house and feed 800

Record heat and three-year drought continue, temperatures above 100 degrees fifty-two days of summer

1935 Dust storms blacken skies over Reno County, crops blown away

- 1935** Haven streets paved using federal work grant
(cont'd) Tornado hits Hutchinson, three homes destroyed, church damaged
Radio station KWBG goes on the air in Hutchinson, later becomes KWBW
- 1936** August Huxman of Reno County becomes Governor of Kansas
Buhler Main Street paved using WPA funds and work crews
Fourth Street viaduct completed in Hutchinson
Hottest day in Hutchinson history as temperature climbs to 116 degrees
- 1937** Prairie Dunes Golf Course opens
Haven bank held up, banker kidnapped, released near Moundridge, crooks captured in Nebraska
Seven-story Walcott Building completed in Hutchinson
Reno County harvests record eight million bushel wheat crop
County economic health good but welfare payments and WPA projects continue as national recession wears on
Police confiscate 1680 bottles of booze from Hutchinson home
- 1938** Ice and snow storm paralyzes county
Five convicts escape reformatory, later captured in Kansas City, Arkansas, California
Three die as tornado sweeps south Reno County
Truck burns in county, Hutchinson firemen ordered not to leave city limits
- 1939** Eleanor Roosevelt visits Reno County, inspects *New Deal* shelterbelt plantings
Reno man freezes to death in cold wave, another dies when furnace flu clogs
First presentation of Handel's *Messiah* by Hutchinson Community Chorus
Hutchinson Junior Chamber of Commerce formed
U.S. Social Security office established in Hutchinson

1940 Pretty Prairie Rodeo becomes annual, professional event

Thousands attend tenth annual Farm and Home Week

National Guard mobilized, Reno County draft board established as war grows in Europe

New post office dedicated in Hutchinson

1941 Over 125,000 attend Hutchinson's three-day Prairie Pow Wow

Continental Airlines brings first air passengers to Hutchinson, leaves with first airmail from the city

Cow Creek floods Reno County, Hutchinson inundated as dike gives way, man dies when basement gas leak explodes

Eight Reno County men killed in Pearl Harbor attack

Civilian Defense Council established in Hutchinson

1942 Reports pour in of Reno County servicemen killed and wounded in war effort

U.S. Naval Air Station opens near Yoder

U.S.O. opens in Hutchinson

Women Justices of the Peace elected in Castleton and Medford townships

1943 Navy patrol frigate U.S.S. Hutchinson launched, christened by Mrs. Arthur T. Cole

Hutchinson begins work on flood control plan with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

May snow falls on Partridge

Food rationing tightens as war intensifies, new ration books issued, more victory gardens urged, Reno farmers receive higher war production goals

Two die in first fatal accident of Hutchinson Naval Air Station as plane crashes into Rayl Hill

\$4.3 million in war bonds sold in Reno County

Five die in outbreak of infantile paralysis, sixty others hospitalized, public facilities closed to those under sixteen, functions cancelled, school opening delayed

1944 Six sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Cole of Hutchinson serving in U.S. Navy; Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Graber of Pretty Prairie have five sons and daughter in service; several Reno families have five and four children serving

Over \$5 million in war bonds sold in Reno County

85 tons of waste paper gathered in one-day Hutchinson paper drive

Women's groups serve sandwiches and cookies to servicemen passing through on troop trains

Reno County Red Cross sends 11,000 Christmas boxes to servicemen overseas

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IN MEMORY OF E. ESTHER GRISWOLD

HADDAM – E. Esther Griswold, 94, died Oct. 11, 2001, at Belleville Health Care Center, Belleville.

She was born Feb. 11, 1907, in rural Haddam, the daughter of Francis and Maud E. Cox Griswold. Graduating from Haddam High School in 1924, she received her BS degree from Emporia State Teachers College and MS degree from University of Iowa, with additional study at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, and American University, Washington, D.C. Formerly of Hutchinson, she taught at Hutchinson Junior College from 1959-1972.

She belonged to Haddam United Methodist Church, Daughters of American Revolution, Ophel Chapter No. 115, Order of Eastern Star, Belleville, the Reno County Genealogical Society and Republic County Retired Teachers Association. She was a life member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the alumni associations of Emporia State University and Hutchinson Community College. She was past president of Hutchinson Altrusa, Uvedale Chapter and a former member and past president of the Hutchinson Business and Professional Women's Club.

Survivors include several cousins.

She was preceded in death by four brothers.

Graveside will be at 3 p.m. today at Haddam Cemetery, Haddam.

Memorials may be sent to Haddam United Methodist Church, in care of Bachelor Faulkner-Dart-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville.

Editor's note: Esther was a charter member of the Reno County Genealogical Society and became a guiding light for the new members.

Esther could often be found in the Kansas Room of the Hutchinson Public Library and didn't hesitate to offer her help to others when they were trying to find research resources and she was willing to share her knowledge with fellow researchers.

Her presence was missed when she moved to Belleville several years ago.

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