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Ann will get us started on setting up our own web page.
Ann Lambert

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Tentative programs

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THE KANSAS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY DODGE CITY, KANSAS

Programs start at 9:00 a.m. at 2408 West Wyatt Earp Boulevard. Free Lunch at the Convention Center.

Pre-registration: \$15.00 one week in advance. Registration at the door: \$20.00
Dutch Treat Dinners are the evening before at the Dodge House Hostess Room. \$7.50 per person. Prices subject to change.

10 APRIL 2002 — HOLLY HANSEN, Croyden Utah

- Directory of the North American Railroads
- The Exciting Art of Gathering Oral History and Family Tradition
- Getting Things Organized — The Secret to Success
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11 JULY 2002 — PAMELA BOYER PORTER CGRS Chesterfield, Missouri

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- Word Processing Tricks for Genealogists
- Rogues and Rascals: Divorced, Litigious or Downright Criminal Relatives
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10 OCTOBER 2002 — RAY AND PAT GOOLDY Indianapolis, Indiana, Ye Olde Genealogie Shoppe

- How to Find Your Family in Church Records Without Losing Your Religion
- Kentucky Daughter of the East and Mother of the Rest
- The Keystone State (Pennsylvania)
- DUTCH TREAT DINNER: An evening with Pat & Ray

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Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the McPherson Senior Center, 112 E. Euclid, McPherson, KS

March 5

Linn Peterson — McPherson Historical Society

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- 2 **Include dates in this format: Day/Month/Year.**
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- 4 **Tell readers what you need to know.**
- 5 **List the sources that you have consulted and the results of each search.**
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NICKERSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH by MARGARET CHILDS

Records of the Methodist Episcopal Church organized at Nickerson, Reno County, Kansas state: "This class was organized on the 10th day of April A. D. 1875, under the pastorate of Rev. John W. Fox, believed to be the Hutchinson Presiding Elder. (In Present language, the District Superintendent). At the ensuing conference it was annexed to the Sterling charge, where it remained until the conference held in Hutchinson in the spring of 1879. The Sterling charge was divided and Nickerson became a new Charge. The first service was held in a schoolhouse located one mile east of the present site of Nickerson. Soon a Nickerson Episcopal Church was built in 1879 at the intersection of Avenue C and Burr Street.

After a time, this church building was razed in preparation for the construction of a new building. In March of 1911, this new church was dedicated by Joseph F. Berry with S. M. Van Cleve as pastor. That building originally cost between \$18,000 and \$19,000. Attendance at this time numbered close to 300 at the morning service. The tin cornerstone box opened for the Centennial celebration in 1977 contained papers pertaining to the building of the church.

"Mr. Methodist", Roy L. Smith, was born in Nickerson and was a member of the Nickerson Methodist Church until he went to Southwestern College. He often returned to Nickerson to visit friends and preach at special services. Other persons have gone out to serve in the missionary fields and to serve churches as pastors and Christian education workers.

Through the years that church building was lovingly maintained by the people who worshipped there. In 1948, near tornadic winds caused about \$14,000 of damage and destroyed some of the church records. In 1972 and 1973, another big expense was replacing the heating system, installing air conditioning, repairing the roof, redecorating the sanctuary and repairing the outside of the building amounting to \$15,556.85. In 1977, the need for a new parsonage was presented to the congregation. It was completed and dedicated on February 25, 1979 and Rev. LeRoy and Nina Van Verth moved in.

In the early 1990's, it became apparent that either a new building or major remodeling was needed to make the building more adaptable to the needs of the congregation. In April of 1994, committees were chosen to work toward a new church building. The theme "Building on the Wings of Faith" was adopted. At a final church conference held May 18, 1997, ballots were given to the members to vote on the following items: Approve the building floor plans; Approve the financial plan; and

Approve the signing of contracts with Dudley Construction and the lending institution, the Nickerson State Bank. The vote carried and work was started on the property already purchased one mile east of Nickerson at 8200 North Riverton Road. Susan Stover was the pastor.

Many money-making projects have been implemented to raise funds beyond personal giving. The pancake/sausage meal has been served for fifty-one years. Started by the Builders Sunday School Class it has become an entire church project. Usually held in February, it has been a good time for fellowship as well as profit. Other projects have included indoor and outdoor auctions and dinners served at sales and other occasions.

The laying of the cornerstone of this beautiful building was held on August 15, 1999 followed by the first service in the new sanctuary. The original goal of the congregation was to have a building that was handicapped accessible, inspiring for worship, adaptable for learning, inviting for fellowship and suitable for church and community needs. Donna Zwick and Loren Alderson chaired the building committee through many hours of decision-making meetings. Thousands of hour of volunteer labor have gone into the construction as well as the amount paid the contractor. The worth of the building is estimated as \$800,000. Many of the beautiful stained glass windows and other memorials have been incorporated in the new building. It is indeed a beautiful and serviceable building.

The operating budget for the year 2000 was \$82,500. A Wednesday After school program, special activities are in part fulfilling the mission of the church.

Fifty-one pastors have served this church. At the present time, Linda Louderback is pastor, Jeane Devine is District Superintendent and Fritz Mutti is the bishop for Kansas West and East Conferences. In 1983, Rev. Bruce Gotschall made the following statement which holds true for the year 2001 and forward. "Our past has given us that vote of confidence to propel us in the ministry of today and tomorrow. We are the people in this time and place, that have the opportunity to relate and reveal one again that Jesus Christ is the Lord of Life, and the very Christ of God."

HUMOR

The difference between a geologist and a genealogist is that one digs in the dirt and sometimes finds artifacts, while the other digs in facts and sometimes finds dirt.

Four brothers got together to figure out what to put on their mother's tombstone, for she had just passed away. She had been married four times, to a banker, a musician, a minister, and an undertaker. After thinking hard, they came up with this phrase: One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go.

WEB SITES

NEW NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BIBLE RECORDS & IMMIGRATION WEB SITE ANNOUNCED.

"The NGS Board recently launched two technology-based special projects. The first project is the Society's Digital Bible archives initiative. Under the direction of Cyndi Howells, the Society is putting together the hardware and software architectures and developing the processes necessary to have an interactive Web site of Bible records. When developed this site will provide individuals worldwide the ability to upload digital copies of their family Bible records, attach transcriptions and annotations to those digitized documents, and have those records searchable 24-7 from the NGS Web site. We are particularly excited about this initiative as it allows individuals to both preserve their valuable family documents and share the information with a world of researchers. Links to other Web sites containing significant collections of Bible records will also be provided.

The second technology-based special project is a reworking of an earlier initiative by the Society. The North American Immigration Project is being redeveloped under the direction of Barbara Vines Little as an online portal to immigration and passenger list information. With so many sites offering increasing amounts of valuable immigration data, having a portal to this information will be a major benefit to genealogists. This portal may also open doors to collaborative opportunities with publishers, universities and other organizations to make even more immigration data available online. The enhanced applications of search engines and other data-mining protocols will be explored to determine if search templates can be created that will enable users to search across many databases with one search."

Genealogical Society of Stanislaus County, *Stanislaus Researcher*, Volume 23, Number 12, December 2001, Page 137.

SSDI Social Security Death Index [Http://ssdi.rootsweb.com](http://ssdi.rootsweb.com)

SCOTTISH WEB SITES

The Family Tree Publication

From the Ellen Payne Odom Library

[<http://www.scottishtales.com/familytree/>](http://www.scottishtales.com/familytree/)

Stone Mountain Highland Games & Scottish Festival

[<http://www.smhg.org/>](http://www.smhg.org/)

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games & Gathering of the Scottish Clans

[<http://www.gmhg.org/>](http://www.gmhg.org/)

Complete Online for United States Scots

[<http://www.usscots.com>](http://www.usscots.com)

The Scottish Genealogy Society

[<http://www.scotsgenealogy.com/>](http://www.scotsgenealogy.com/)

Welcome to Scotland

[<http://geo.ed.ac.uk/home/scotland/scotland.htm>](http://geo.ed.ac.uk/home/scotland/scotland.htm)

The Ultimate Search Site – If you can't find it here it's not on the web!

[<http://www.CyndisList.com/scotland.htm>](http://www.CyndisList.com/scotland.htm)

1901 ENGLAND AND WALES CENSUS

The Public Record Office (England) recently announced the completion of a project to digitize the 1901 census returns of England and Wales. Beginning 2 January 2002, an Internet site will go on-line with an index to the 32 million names and digital images of the census forms.

Users will be able to search by name, place, address, institution or vessel. The index may be searched for free, but there will be a small charge to view the digital images of the census forms. Users may pay by credit card or by prepaid voucher. More information about this new Web site can be found at www.census.pro.gov.uk/factsheet.htm.

NEW DATABASE OFFERED BY GENEALOGY QUEST

Genealogy Quest is inviting subscribers to a sneak preview of a brand new database: English Denization Records, 1560-1563. The new database was first announced to subscribers in November. It will be available to the general public.

[<www.genealogy-quest.com/cgi-bin/genealogy-quest/denizations.cgi>](http://www.genealogy-quest.com/cgi-bin/genealogy-quest/denizations.cgi)

RECORDS FROM VIENNA, AUSTRIA

The Family History Library collection includes two microfilmed sets of residential registration cards for Vienna, Austria. Every move into, within, or out of the city of Vienna and its suburbs had to be registered with the *Einwohnermeldeamt* (registration office). An Austrian had citizenship rights in the worn where his or her family originally came from, even if he or she had never lived there, until application was made for citizenship elsewhere.

Theoretically, a new card was filled out every time a person moved. A variety of information was recorded, but not all data is given for each person. Cards may include the following information:

- Complete current address at the time
- First and last name
- Occupation
- Town and country of birth

Continued on the next page

- Town where citizenship is held
- Age or birth date
- Religion
- Name of spouse and children
- Former residence, when moved, and the new address
- Date of registration
- Signature of the registrar

A card may also contain ethnic origin (*Abstammung*), marriage date, parents' names, or date of death.

One set, titled "Meldekartei, 18.-20. Jahrh (18th to 20th Century)", consists of 1, 237 roll of microfilm. The second set of 3,168 rolls of microfilm is titled "Meldezettel, 1850-1920". Both sets appear in the CD-ROM version of the Family History Library Catalog. Click *Place Search* and type in Wien, Austria>Search>Austria, Niederosterreich, Wien>Austria, Niederosterreich, Wien – Population.

Microfilm copies can be ordered by family history centers, but copies are not currently held in the Family History Library because of limited space. A patron who wishes to view them during a visit to the library should call or write in advance and request the specific microfilms they need. Copies of the microfilms will then be sent to the library on the dates requested.

Patrons should contact:

Family History Library, B-1 Library Attendants, 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150. Phone: 800-453-3860 ext. 2-2334 or 240-2334 (Salt Lake City Area).

YOU ONLY THOUGHT YOU WERE CONFUSED!

Submitted by Delbert Wise

You only thought you were confused before. If a reference is made to a person having been born in Virginia as early as 1728 or as late as 1863, it could mean that he or she was born in any part of:

- Illinois from 1781 to Statehood in 1818
- Indiana from 1781 to Statehood in 1816
- Kentucky from 1775 to Statehood in 1792
- Maryland from 1775 to Statehood in 1792
- North Carolina from 1728 to 1799
- Ohio from 1778 to Statehood in 1803
- Pennsylvania from 1752-1786
- Tennessee from 1760 to 1803

or

- All of West Virginia from 1769 to 1863

The River's Bend, the Newsletter of the Northland Genealogy Society, January 2002, Volume 5, No. 1.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Have you mailed a records request to the National Archives and Records Administration in the last few

months? If you haven't received a response yet, don't wait by the mailbox. Anthrax threats closed the archives' Washington, D C, mailroom in late October, and it hasn't been opened yet. Until it does, "no completed orders are being mailed to customers," according to a recent NARA statement. Those orders include all NATF 81-86 requests for passenger arrival and census records, Eastern Cherokee applications, land records, pension applications and military service records. Orders addressed to NARA's College Park, MD., mailroom were not affected by the anthrax threats.

<www.nara.gov/research/mailalert.html>

Persons annoyed with lengthy response times when requesting Civil war records from the National Archives will be interested in a new service offered by Broadfoot Books of Wilmington, NC. Broadfoot has a research service which can be used to order compiled service records, pension records, and unit histories for Union or Confederate soldiers. Check out this service at the following URL:

[Http://broadfoot.wilmington.net/ResearchServices.htm](http://broadfoot.wilmington.net/ResearchServices.htm).

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OFFERS \$50,000 FOR INFORMATION REGARDING FIRE AT STORAGE FACILITY

College Park, MD...Archivist of the United States John W. Carlin announced a reward of \$50,000 for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons who are responsible for the 4th December fire at the National Archives storage facility in Suitland, MD. Mr. Carlin said, "We have information that the recent fire at the Suitland facility was deliberately set. We will not tolerate this attempt to jeopardize the safety of our employees or our records. By offering this reward, I am sending a very strong message that we will find the perpetrator, prosecute the individual, and make every effort to ensure that this does not happen again."

At the same time, I want to reassure the community that the safety measures that were in place at the facility worked. The sprinkler system was activated, the alarms sounded, the fire department responded promptly. Several employees were able to bring the fire under control within a few minutes using fire extinguishers. National Archives conservators arrived at the scene within the hour to help assess the damage and begin conservation treatment to ensure that the affected records will be preserved."

MISSOURI DEATH INDEX

Online Missouri Death Index
<http://members.nbci.com/nettiemae/>

NEW ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT ADOPTION RECORDS

A growing number of midlife and older Americans are being confronted with an unexpected choice: whether or not to meet adult children given up for adoption years ago. Until recent times, identities of birth parents and adoptive families were most often kept secret from one another, making reunions between child and birth parents rare. But recent changes are removing barriers to finding information on birth families.

Several factors are driving this trend: the loosening of state laws on open adoptions; the need for the adopted to know their genetic histories; and the growing access to information through the Internet.

Adoption records in the United States began to be sealed in 1917, often a mixed blessing for birth and adoptive parents. While sealed records kept information about unplanned pregnancies and out-of-wedlock births private, they also prevented children and birth parents from ever knowing one another and prevented adopted children having access to important health information.

Most state laws restrict adopt persons access to original birth information, but search registries are helping both the adopted and their birth parents find out more about one another.

Newly opened adoption records in Kansas helped my nephew (who had been adopted by a family in St. Louis) find my sister (his birth mother) and his birth father just three years ago. My nephew was interested in finding his birth parents because of health concerns that he had for his daughter. He learned his mother's name from birth records he was able to access through the State of Kansas and found family names from my father's obituary, which was published in the Kansas City Star. He contacted my sister and we have welcomed four new family members (including his wife and children) into our family and extended our family tree.

Some resources available to help in searching adoption information include:

- International Soundex Reunion Registry is a free service helping birth relatives find each other. Write to P. O. Box 2312, Carson City Nevada 89702 or visit <www.plumsite.com/isrr>.
- Adoptees in Search, a nonprofit organization, helps those looking for birth parents. Write P. O. Box 41016, Bethesda, Maryland or visit the website <www.adopteesinsearch.org>.
- The Barker Foundation provides comprehensive adoption and post-adoption services. Write to 7945 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 206, Cabin John, Maryland 20818 or visit <www.Barkerfoundation.org>.

- Holt International's Post-Adoption Service assists with searches in Asia and offers other services. Write them at P. O. Box 2880, Eugene, Oregon, or e-mail them at <info@holtintl.org>
- National Adoption Information Clearinghouse covers a wide range of topics, including state laws on access to birth records. Call 888-252-0075 or visit <www.calib.com/naic>.

Submitted by Carol L. Kuhns to the Northland Genealogy Society quarterly *The Rivers Bend*, Volume 5, No. 1, January 2002. Information for this article and the listed resources were excerpted from *Ties That Bind*, AARP bulletin, May 2001, Vol. 42, No 5.

LEVACHLEAN HENRY HAIR And the Hunt for His Children

The Hutchinson Family History Center received a new CD titled: *Australian Vital Records Index, a Family History Resource File*. Included in this index: New South Wales Pioneers Series 1788-1888, 1997, by State of New South Wales; Tasmanian Pioneers Index, 1997, by State of Tasmania; Victorian Pioneers Index, 1997, by State of Victoria; and Western Australian Pioneers Index, 1997 by State of Western Australia.

I have a connection to the surname "Hair" in New South Wales, specifically Levachlean Henry Hair who married Emmaline Jane Ireland in February 1872. The following children were named in his will in 1931; three sons: Alfred, Bert, and Auburn and seven daughters: Mrs. C. (Eliza Jane) Ahmelman, Mrs. Will Andrews, Mrs. Edward Andrews, Mrs. Harry Andrews, Mrs. Will Thoms, Mrs. Ivy Messervy, and Mrs. W. Brown John. Since I knew the names of some of the children, I decided to see how many other children I could find.

What did I find? Eliza Jane b. 1872, the birth and death of a son by the name of Charles b. 1876, died in 1877, Jessie M. b. 1878, Mary Ann b 1880, Frederick W. b. 1882, Gilbert (Bert) b. 1886, and Mignonette b, 1888. When and where were the other children born? Was Jessie M. a female or male? The daughters married men with the surname of Andrews, Thoms, Messervy & John. Who married whom?

To make the search even more interesting I found the name of the children's father listed as: Henry, Lewisham Henry, Leachlean H., Henry L., Henry Leochlean, and Lachlan H. and the mother's name as: Emma J., Emma Jane, Emma, and Emily J.

So many of the pieces of the puzzle are missing. I need to learn more about Australian and New Zealand research to continue my search for the descendants of George Bush Hair and his son, Levachlean Henry, who emigrated to New Zealand in 1846.
Ruth Hair Filbert

QUERIES

I've Hit a Brick Wall

My problem is: I have researched my family on my father's side. I do not know where to go before 1770's. It is believed the Mennonites fled the Netherlands after the Reformation (1600's) to Prussia (Poland) along the Vistula River to reclaim swampland in to productive farm land.

I have done the following research:

- 1 Genealogy Registry and Database of Mennonite Ancestry GRANOMA 3
- 2 Herald of Faith, Vol. 7, No. 4. Elkhart, Indiana, April 1870 Whole #78.
- 3 Mennonite Quarterly Review. Pages 244-249.
- 4 Smith Story of Mennonite. Page 173.
- 5 Carl Stump's Map of West Prussia.
- 6 Mennonite Encyclopedia Vol. I, A-C. Page 217.
- 7 The Balzer Family News - by Alvin Balzer, 1915-52, Renolds St., Northridge, CA, Pages 7-10.
- 8 West Prussian Church Records in the Mennonite Library and Archives, Film #3, .

Heinrich David Balzer, son of David Balzer, was born 18 Aug 1773, married 9 May 1815 in Tragheimer Weide Church, West Prussia, died 3 Sep 1842 Grossweide, Molotschna, South Russia.

Anna Ewert (third wife), daughter of Peter Ewert and Sarah Kasper (m 5 Nov 1793, Klein Schardau, Prussia) was born 13 Feb. 1796 in Klein, Schardau, Prussia, died 6 Nov 1866, Grossweide, Molotschna, South Russia.

Children of Heinrich and Anna

- 1 Jacob, 25 June 1816 Schweingruber
- 2 Peter, 11 Feb 1818 Schweingruber
- 3 Anna, 18 Jul 1819 West Prussia
- 4 Wilhelm, Nov 1820 Grossweide
- 5 Johann, 23 Mar 1823 Molotschna
- 6 Anna, 21 May 1825 South Russia
- 7 Peter, 11 Aug 1827
- 8 Katherina, 21 Jun 1835

The Heinrich Balzer family emigrated from West Prussia to South Russia (1200 miles) in 1819. It is believed they left shortly after the birth of Anna (July 18) when a group left for Russia.

Can you help Harold Balzer find information about his family?

Harold Balzer, P. O. Box 59, Buhler, KS 67522

Mrs. Carina Slack, 300 Carleton Dr., Cocoa, FL 32922-7008 writes: I am particularly interested in finding some information on my Nease family. My great grandparents and great uncle Harvey Nease are buried in a mausoleum. Where is the mausoleum located?

I am interested in the surnames: NEASE, SIMON, GILSON, PLUMB & BALCOMB.

The following is a letter the genealogical society received from Ralph Hawkins, 1425 Country club Drive, Concordia KS 66901-3907 1-800-398-9259 ext 46379 or 47948

The PLUSH family recently purchased the old Bank/Post Office building in Penalosa, & we are in the process of restoring it. Our goal is to get it restored to as close to the 1935 time period as possible. I have seen old photo's of the building, and am searching for even more photo's and articles/information about the building as possible.

We recently had the roof repaired, and soon a group of us will begin fixing up the inside. Please ask around to members of your societies to see if any information is out there. We would greatly appreciate any and all information provided, and will gladly pay for any copying involved. Eventually, it will serve as an area historical site, and we even plan on submitting for County, State and National historical status in the future. I realize that Penalosa is in Kingman County (they're getting letters as well), but it is so close to Reno County, that I can't help but ask you folks as well.

Thanks for your time. Signed Ralph Hawkins

GENEALOGY AND SCRAPBOOKS

F&W Publications, parent company of *Family Tree Magazine* and Betterway Books, recently announced the acquisition of the Denver-based Satellite Publishing, Inc. publisher of *Memory Makers* magazines and books. The bimonthly *Memory Makers* is one of the leading magazines in the fast-growing scrapbooking field, with a total circulation of 210,000 and has a popular Web site at www.memorymakersmagazine.com.

Michele Gerbrandt, founding editor of *Memory Makers*, says "F&W's dedication to creative enthusiasts, along with their strong sense of moral and ethical obligation is matched with *Memory Makers*' philosophy. We share the mission to provide innovative ideas and inspiration to people who believe in keeping scrapbooks and the tradition of the photo historian alive."

PERSI AND GPAI

From *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy* by Christine Rose and Kay Germain Ingalls is the following: There are hundreds of genealogy periodicals with thousands of articles. How to find the articles that might lead to information on your family? Consult PERSI and GPAI.

PERSI is the PERiodical Source Index published by the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Their massive indexing project covers hundreds of periodicals in their library. Retrospective indexes in 16 volumes cover periodicals published from 1847 through 1985. Articles were indexed by subjects, locations and surnames. Every year since 1986, PERSI has published an annual supplement of periodicals published during that year. A CD-ROM version includes all of the indexes.

The GPAI or Genealogical Periodical Annual Index C has been published since 1962. It indexes genealogies, lineages, Bible records, source records, and book reviews that appear in various periodicals. Use both PERSI and GPAI to get a broad coverage. When you examine these for the surnames and regions of interest, you will be astounded at what is in print. If you cannot locate the magazine once you have determined there is an article, the Allen County Public Library provides a copying service for a small fee.

If the article contains records that were obtained from a city, county, state or other governmental agency, go directly to that source for a copy of the record.

The Reno County Genealogical Society has been exchanging periodicals with other societies for many years. The exchange periodicals can be found on the RCGS shelves and along the south wall in the Kansas Room. Use PERSI to help you find articles in periodicals and then check to see if that periodical is available at the Hutchinson Public Library. The HPL does have some GPAI available.

PERSI is available in book form at the Wichita Public Library, as a CD for purchase through Ancestry.com and through the subscription web page Ancestry.com on the internet. MHGS, Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society, [1203 North Main, P.O. Box 1121, Wichita, KS 67201-1121] has 15 books of the Genealogical Periodical Annual Index in their library.

MIDDLE NAMES

The sole purpose of a child's middle names is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY HANDY INTERNET URLS

- Kansas Newspaper database:
www.kshs.org/library/news.htm
 Kansas Census reel listing:
www.kshs.org/library/censks.htm
 Kansas County Histories/Bibliographies:
www.kshs.org/library/kscoa.htm
Ones below require Adobe Acrobat
 Guide to Kansas Research Resources:
www.kshs.org/research/findaids.htm
 Researcher's Guide to Local Government Records:
www.kshs.org/research/findaids.htm

NEW WEB SITE

<http://www.genhelp.org>

Several well-known Webmasters have combined their talents and created a must-see Web site. Called GenHelp, the site is designed by five experienced genealogists who are dedicated to freely helping all genealogists, from novice to advanced, improve their research skills.

They offer free articles, research tips and Genealogy Tutorials to assist everyone visiting the site. One of the best features of the site is that each article and tutorial allows the reader to respond or request further assistance. This is done by using a text box to write your question or comment. The site is adding new articles weekly, If you register for the site (it's free), you have lots of great customization options. These include:

- Post comments with your username
- Send news with your username
- Have a personal box on the homepage
- Select how many news items to show on the homepage
- Customize the comments
- Select different themes
- And lots of other cool stuff....

Some of the excellent articles are on Native American genealogy, genealogy search engines, land records, military records, immigration and much much more.

Be yourself because no one else is qualified.

1930

UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS

The National Archives has announced that the 1930 census will be opened to the public on April 1, 2002.

The 1930 population census schedule form has 32 columns within 12 main categories as follows:

Place of Abode:

- 1 A street number, avenue or road
- 2 A house number in cities and towns
- 3 The number of dwelling house in order of visitation
- 4 The number of the family in order of visitation

Name:

- 5 Listing the surname, first name and middle initial of each person in a household as of April 1, 1930

Relation:

- 6 Listing the relationship of each person to the head of house (indicated with "H")

Home Data (for head of household only):

- 7 Whether the home was owned or rented (O or R)
- 8 The value of the home or monthly rental (for non-farm families only)
- 9 Whether the home had a radio set (R)
- 10 Whether the family lived on a farm

Personal Description:

- 11 The person's sex (M or F)
- 12 Color or race, coded to indicate White (W), Negro (Neg), Mexican (Mex), Indian (In), Chinese (Ch), Japanese (p), Filipino (Fil), Hindu (Hin), or Korean (Kor), or any other races spelled out in full.
- 13 Age of each person at last birthday
- 14 Marital statues (S, M, Wd, or D)
- 15 If married, the person's age at first marriage

Education:

- 16 Listing whether the person attended school or college any time since September 1, 1929.
- 17 For all persons 10 years of age or older, whether able to read and write.

Place of birth (without abbreviating):

- 18 The place of birth of each person enumerated
- 19 Place of birth of the person's father
- 20 Place of birth of the person's mother, and for columns 18, 19, and 20 distinguishing Canada-French from Canada-English and Irish Free State from Northern Ireland

Mother Tongue (or Native Language) of Foreign Birth (for foreign born person):

- 21 The language spoken in the person's home before coming to the United States (without abbreviating; and codes in column 21(A) to indicate the state or mother tongue 21(B) country, and 21 (C) nativity

Citizenship, Etc:

- 22 The person's year of immigration to the U.S.
- 23 Indicating whether naturalized (Na), alien (Al) or first papers filed (Pa)
- 24 Whether able to speak English

Occupation and Industry:

- 25 The person's occupation, trade, profession, or particular kind of work, as spinner, salesman, riveter, teacher, etc.)
- 26 Industry or business, as cotton mill, dry goods store, shipyard, public school, etc
- 27 Class of work, indicating whether an employer (E), wage or salary worker (W), working on own account (O), or and unpaid worker as a member of the family (NP)

Employment:

- 28 Whether the person was actually at work March 31, 1930
- 29 If not at work, the line number on the unemployment schedule

Veterans:

- 30 For all persons 21 years of age and over, whether the person was a veteran of U.S. military or naval forces (Yes or No)
- 31 Codes indicate a war in which the person served: World War (WW), Spanish-American War (p), Civil War (Civ), Philippine Insurrection (Phil), Boxer Rebellion (Box), or Mexican Expedition (Mex)
- 32 If the person lived on a farm, the number on the farm schedule

1930 Soundex Index (partial). In addition to the population schedules, a Soundex index exists for the following states:

Alabama	Arkansas	Florida
Georgia	Louisiana	Mississippi
North Carolina	South Carolina	Tennessee
Virginia		

Also partial state index exists for other states such as Kentucky and West Virginia.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2002 MEMBERSHIP DUES?

The Reno County Genealogical Society dues January 1 to December 31 of each year are \$12.00 per family.

RCGS, P. O. Box 5, Hutchinson, KS 67504-0005

ROSTER OF UNION SOLDIERS ARRIVES AT WICHITA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wichita, KS — July 16, 2001

Do you think your ancestors may have participated in the Civil War? Do you know if they were on the Confederate or Union side? Chances are, if they lived in or near Kansas in the 1860's they were Union soldiers. Now there is a great way to find out, right here in Wichita.

This week, the Genealogy Section at the Wichita Public Library received its much anticipated full set of the Roster of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865. The set is published by the Broadfoot Publishing Company, and was edited by Janet B. Hewett, who was also responsible for the Roster of Confederate soldiers and is a noted authority on Civil War History. A reviewer from the Library of Congress calls the books "essential tools for genealogists and Civil War researchers."

"This set is the library's first major purchase for genealogical reference regarding the Union side of the Civil War," said Local History Librarian Heidi Dressler. "For many years, mainly Confederate Soldier information has made up the Genealogy Section's Civil War resources." The Genealogy Section is pleased to make this new resource available to family, local and military historians as well as the general public.

The Roster of Union Soldiers is a 33 volume set comprising registers of Civil War soldiers from 30 states, including Kansas, Missouri and other nearby states. There are also registries of Colored Troupes and Regular Army lists of officers and enlisted men. Information contained in the books has been transcribed from records previously only available through the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), so the purchase of these books will be a great convenience for local researchers. The books are easy to use, as names are listed alphabetically within each state or specialized category, and instructions are provided on how to obtain copies of actual military records from NARA.

The purchase of the Union Roster was made possible through endowment distributions from a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant. The books are shelved in the Genealogy area on the lower level of the Central Branch, at 223 South Main Street, and there is no charge for their use. For more information, call the Genealogy Section at 316-261-8509.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES TIP

By Bill Rexroad

(Editor's note: This article was written in June 2001 before all of the events mentioned in other NARA articles in this quarterly happened.)

The tip is this: Follow up! Be persistent, but be polite.

I had hear stories about long delays in receiving information from the National Archives. It was a topic of discussion at our June meeting, with lots of complaints being voiced. In some cases it had taken as long as a year for a request to be filled. I didn't want to wait that long, but I needed the pension file on my ggg grandfather from the War of 1812 so I sent in their Form 85 and started the countdown.

The form said to allow eight to ten weeks for processing. Ten weeks went by without a reply. I waited two more weeks, then sent an e-mail asking politely the status of my request. I got a phone call that same day telling me that the documents I requested had all been pulled and sent to the area where they would be copied. I should expect to receive them within thirty days. A follow-up e-mail came later in the day from the supervisor of the person who called me. It was all very impressive, and indicative that the people there sincerely strive to do a good job.

And they do. At least they did in my case. Thirty-two days later a package arrived at my door via express mail. It was the pension file I had ordered. It contained a wealth of information about my ancestor that I had not previously known. It took four months overall and was well worth the wait. But I believe it would have taken much longer had I not followed up. It's the squeaky wheel syndrome.

You may request forms from the National Archives reference and information service by e-mail using this address: <inquire@arch2.nara.gov> . The word form or forms in the message will generate a reply message that includes the names of the Customer Services Division team members and the e-mail address of their supervisor, with an invitation to contact him with comments, complaints, or congratulations for a job well-done. He was the one to whom I sent my follow-up e-mail. I also sent him a thank-you after receiving the material.

A STONE FOR LUCY

By Bill Rexroad

It took the better part of two years to track my great grandmother, Lucy Rexroad. She was born in 1852 in Highland County, Virginia. She was sixteen when she married my great grandfather and namesake William Rexroad. They moved to Greenwood County, Kansas, soon thereafter where she gave birth to my grandfather, Edgar, in 1870. Six more children followed. William went down to the Unassigned Lands in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) in April 1889 for the Great Land Run and acquired 160 acres of land there. Lucy and the seven children followed a few weeks later. They lived near present-day Guthrie for over fifteen years as the children grew up, married or moved away, and two died.

Then it appears there was some marital strife between Lucy and William. She left him around 1908 and went to live with one of her sons in Pawnee, Oklahoma. Oddly, she claimed herself to be a widow in the census of 1910, even though William was still living. She actually became a widow in 1916, then moved back to Guthrie and lived by herself. It was after 1920 that her trail became cold.

The cemetery index at Guthrie showed that she had been buried there in 1932. But there was no physical evidence of it. Her husband's grave was there, and those of two of their daughters. But there was no sign of Lucy other than an entry in the cemetery record. Furthermore, there was no record of her death there, not even at the Oklahoma Department of Vital Statistics. She had to have died in another state.

Her oldest son, my grandfather Edgar, had moved to Arkansas in 1930. When I went to Fayetteville to research him, I found that Lucy had moved there, too. It turned out that she had moved there in 1928 and Edgar followed her. Lucy died there in Arkansas in 1932 in a little cabin up on the side of a mountain. Her son, Edgar, and a daughter who lived a few miles away had her body transported back to Guthrie for burial. The cemetery record was correct. Lucy had been buried there beside her husband, but her grave was never marked. When I talked to the cemetery caretaker about these events, he showed me the barely discernable depression in the ground where the record said she had been buried.

Why didn't they put up a gravestone? Maybe they simply couldn't afford to. This was during the depression years. Edgar was poor; the records show that. I don't know about the sister, but it may have

been all they could do just to pay for getting her body back to Oklahoma. Whatever the reason, Lucy has been there all these years in an unmarked grave. After Edgar and his siblings died in the 1940's, no one in our family even knew that she was buried there. Lucy was a lost soul.

In May 2001, I had a gravestone made for Lucy. I took it to Guthrie and set it in the ground myself. Then I said a few words to her. Now we know where she is.

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 S W 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/>>

DIGITAL CAMERAS AND GENEALOGY

Learn how to import pictures using a digital camera to enhance your genealogy on the computer. Brian Mitchem from CompUSA teaches classes on this subject so you should learn a lot from him at the June 21, 2002 KCGS Annual Conference in Wichita.

ANCESTOR CHART HAROLD A. PRICER

More information about the ancestor chart on page 13.

Persons # 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 are all buried in Grace Hill cemetery in Perry, Oklahoma.

Persons # 8, 9, 10, 11, & 16 are all buried in Segoe Cemetery, Loda Township, Reno County, KS.

Persons # 20 & 21 are buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Marion County, IA.

Person # 17 is buried in South Salem Cemetery in Ross County, OH.

Persons # 18 & 19 are buried in Edmiston Cemetery on Pricer Ridge Road in Ross County, OH.

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| | | | 16 Henry PRICER-1805----- |
| | | 8 David PRICER Jr.-735----- | |
| | | B: Dec 1825 | |
| | | P: ,Ross,OH | 17 Ann Maria B BENNER-1801-- |
| | | M: 20 Nov 1851 --277 | |
| | 4 Austin PRICER-309----- | P: ,Ross,OH | |
| | B: 8 Sep 1852 | D: 27 Jul 1891 | |
| | P: ,Ross,OH | P: | 18 John EDWISTON-813----- |
| | M: 14 Dec 1871 --136 | | |
| | P: Des Moines Twp.,Jasper,IA | 9 Malinda EDWISTON-736----- | |
| | D: 10 Sep 1932 | B: 26 Dec 1825 | 19 Malinda TETTER-814----- |
| | P: Perry,Noble,OK | P: ,Ross,OH | |
| | | D: 19 Jan 1902 | |
| | | P: | 20 Henry Shaw ELWOOD-795---- |
| 2 Albert Leo PRICER-47----- | | | |
| B: 13 Mar 1888 | | 10 John Sinclair ELWOOD-782----- | |
| P: ,Kingman,KS | | B: 2 Nov 1822 | |
| M: 15 Nov 1917 --24 | | P: ,,OH | 21 Sarah SINCLAIR-796----- |
| P: Perry,Noble,OK | | M: 29 Apr 1848 --283 | |
| D: 26 Nov 1964 | | P: ,Clinton,OH | |
| P: Hutchinson,Reno,KS | | D: 28 May 1900 | |
| | 5 Mary Delcenia ELWOOD-310----- | P: Casleton Twp.,Reno,KS | 22 George HODSON-1788----- |
| | B: 30 Aug 1854 | | |
| | P: ,Jasper,IA | 11 Eliza HODSON-783----- | |
| | D: 20 Feb 1929 | B: 19 Jul 1832 | 23 Mary Ann DRISKILL-1789--- |
| | P: Perry,Noble,OK | P: ,,OH | |
| | | D: 21 Jan 1893 | |
| 1 Harold Albert PRICER LCU-1----- | | P: ,Kingman,KS | 24 Peter SCHOMAKER-78----- |
| B: 7 Aug 1920 | | | |
| P: Perry,Noble,OK | | 12 Johann SCHOMAKER-62----- | |
| M: 4 Feb 1943(div) --2 | | B: 4 Feb 1834 | |
| P: Waco,McLennan,TX | | P: Mehedorf,BB,H,Germany | 25 Anna Christine HOLST-79-- |
| D: | | M: 20 Feb 1859 --30 | |
| P: | | P: Gnarrenburg,,H,Germany | |
| Minnie Jo DANBELLEY-2----- | | D: | |
| Spouse | | P: | 26 Hinrich PRIGGE-64----- |
| | 6 Henry SCHOMAKER-49----- | | |
| | B: 15 Mar 1864 | | |
| | P: Augustendorf,,H,Germany | | |
| | M: 11 Sep 1890 --65 | | |
| | P: Spring Valley,M,KS | 13 Meta PRIGGE-63----- | |
| | D: 23 Mar 1923 | B: 12 Dec 1836 | 27 Hibbel RUGEN-65----- |
| | P: ,Garfield,OK | P: Huttendorf,BW,,Germany | |
| | | D: 28 Apr 1893 | |
| | | P: Augustendorf,,Germany | 28 ----- |
| 3 Martha Elizabeth SCHOMAKER-48----- | | | |
| B: 11 Aug 1898 | | 14 Michael SEBHAVER-51----- | |
| P: ,Garfield,Oklahoma Terr. | | B: 13 Sep 1815 | |
| D: 11 Nov 1991 | | P: ,,Prussia,Germany | 29 ----- |
| P: Vacaville,Solano,CA | | M: Dec 1842 --25 | |
| | | P: ,,Germany | |
| | 7 Caroline Auguste SEBHAVER-50----- | D: 8 Jan 1909 | |
| | B: 1 Dec 1863 | P: | 30 Johan SCHERBARTH-6969---- |
| | P: Logan Twp.,Perth,O,Canada | | |
| | D: 5 Mar 1941 | 15 Eva Rosine SCHERBARTH-52----- | |
| | P: Perry,Noble,OK | B: 13 Aug 1823 | 31 Anna HARKWARD-6970----- |
| | | P: ,,Germany | |
| | | D: 20 Jul 1893 | |
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**A Time Line of Events in
THE HISTORY OF RENO COUNTY, KANSAS**

Compiled by Wm. D. Rexroad, 2001

**PART 5
1945 through 1958**

- 1945** War ends, over 8000 men and women from Reno County served, 325 died, 223 decorated
Gus Leonida, owner of Hutchinson's Hollywood Grill, personally sold over \$10 million in war bonds during campaign
\$3.3 million flood control project approved for Hutchinson
Reno County population tops 50,000
- 1946** Hutchinson's James Rexroad tries Nazi war criminals in Germany
Infantile paralysis sends 109 to hospitals
Hutchinson Recreation Commission established
Hutchinson and Reno County celebrate Diamond Pow Wow, 3000 dancers swing and sway with Sammy Kaye at Convention Hall
Four-day Pony Express run for celebration brings mail to Hutchinson from St. Joseph, Missouri, letter from President Harry S Truman included
Kansas Flying Farmers hold fly-in at Hutchinson; 300 planes land, including B-29 and C-54 loaded with fresh fruit from California
- 1947** City commission form of government established in Hutchinson, city manager hired
Hutchinson U.S.O. closes
Reno farmer C.W. Roland plants corn in county seventieth consecutive year
Hutchinson's Bisonte Hotel turned into American Legion clubhouse
Court orders three Hutchinson rainmakers to halt attempts during Kansas State Fair
Krause Plow announces major expansion program in Hutchinson, new foundry and new office building to be built
- 1948** National Junior College Athletic Association Basketball Championship comes to Hutchinson; tournament held at Convention Hall
Tornado damages Morton salt plant in South Hutchinson

- 1948 Tornado hits Nickerson, every building damaged or destroyed
(cont'd) New public library completed in Hutchinson
- 1949 National Guard airplanes drop bombs on Cow Creek ice jams to alleviate flooding
Federal rent controls lifted in South Hutchinson, then all of Reno County
Hutchinson begins city-run trash and garbage pickup
Regular gasoline sells for 16.9 cents per gallon during Hutchinson gas war
October tornadoes cause heavy damage in Arlington and rural areas
Post office reminds patrons of new two-cent stamp requirement for Christmas cards
- 1950 Prairie fires rage across county under high winds and little moisture
Korean War brings food and automobile shortages, Reno draft board calls men to service, Hutchinson naval reservists report for duty
Dedication ceremonies held for completion of surfacing on K-61 highway from Hutchinson to Partridge, Arlington, Langdon, Turon, and on to Pratt
Broadacres county home dedicated
Hutchinson mail deliveries cut to one per day from two, complete street addresses required on envelopes
- 1951 Draft calls increased by Reno draft board
Parts of movie *Wait 'Til the Sun Shines Nellie* filmed in Nickerson, Castleton, Hutchinson, and near Pretty Prairie
Wind and rainstorm hits Sylvia, destroys buildings and power lines, bridges washed out
Hutchinson voters approve \$485,000 to remodel Convention Hall and \$994,00 to build Sports Arena
Fan dancer Sally Rand performs at Kansas State Fair
- 1952 Hutchinson Sports Arena dedicated, NJCAA basketball tournament held there for first time
Hutchinson Naval Air Station reactivated as Korean War continues
Record 8.92 million bushels of wheat harvested in Reno County
Movie *Wait 'Til the Sun Shines Nellie* premieres in Hutchinson, Hollywood stars attend, big parade draws over 20,000
Willowbrook incorporated

- 1952** Dial telephone service begins in Hutchinson, eventually expands throughout county
(cont'd)
- 1953** Armistice signed to end Korean War, over 800 from Reno County served, 17 died
First television station in Kansas begins broadcasting from studios in Hutchinson;
transmitter tower east of town is tallest structure in the state
Three die when Collingwood elevator explodes in Hutchinson
Twin Oaks home for troubled boys established in Hutchinson
Countywide, mile-long Christmas parade held in Hutchinson
- 1954** Blizzard paralyzes western Reno County
Baker Hotel opens in Hutchinson
Co-op elevator built at Partridge
Reno County declared disaster area from drought
South Hutchinson enacts zoning ordinance
- 1955** Hutchinson Flood Control Projected completed
Salk polio vaccinations begin in county
Scenes for movie *Picnic* filmed in Nickerson and Hutchinson
New Santa Fe train station opens in Hutchinson, replaces one used since 1897
Southhutch drive-in theater opens
- 1956** Milk war forces prices down to \$.54 per gallon in area stores; dairy farmers hurt
Navy Reserve Training Center opens in Hutchinson
First statewide tryouts for Liberal pancake race held in South Hutchinson; televised nationally
Sheriff resigns amid accusations of drinking and carousing in courthouse
Tire marking to prevent meter feeding begins in Hutchinson; parking fines produce thousands of dollars in revenue
New Jefferson Street bridge over Arkansas River opens between Hutchinson and South Hutchinson; controversy continues over exit ramps on Hutchinson side
- 1957** Arlington band rides bus on new Kansas Turnpike to play for Governor George Docking's inauguration in Topeka

- 1957** Gas leak causes explosions in two homes near Hutchinson airport
(cont'd) State prevents Hutchinson school board from annexing Obee school district for its high valuation
Government intention to close Hutchinson Naval Air Station announced
- 1958** Reno County welfare work program started; able-bodied men must work to receive welfare payments
Turon's Jane Bauman begins writing popular newspaper column that she continues for over forty years
RFD1 residents complain to county commissioners of offensive gas odors from propane storage facility near South Hutchinson
Reno County commissioners discontinue two-dollar bounty for coyote ears

End of Part 5

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**The
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of
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Leslie Smith Collier,
noted genealogist and speaker

June 21-22, 2002

**Wichita Airport Hilton
2098 Airport Road
Wichita, KS 76277**

**Conference Schedule
Friday, June 21,**

- 11:00 Vendors Open
11:00-12:30 Registration
12:30-12:35 Welcome and announcements
12:35- 1:45 A. From Digital Camera to Genealogical Program *Brian Mitchem, CompUSA, Wichita*
2:15- 3:30 "Sherlock Holmes and the Write Way to Research"
Guest Speaker, Leslie Smith Collier
4:00- 5:00 B. The 1930 Federal Census *Marilyn Finke, National Archives, Central Plains Region*

Friday Evening

- 5:00- 6:15 Break and Browsing, Take time to visit the Vendors' Room for your genealogical needs.
6:15 Awards Dinner - *Guest speaker - Leslie Smith Collier*
"Unlucky William Casteel: Confessions of a Hurried Genealogist"

Saturday, June 22

- 8:00-10:00 Registration
8:30-8:35 Welcome and announcements
8:35-9:45 C. Capture your Life Story, on Video, CD or in a Book
Memory Catchers, Cindy Geist, Scott City and Robin Rowland, Wichita,
D. Researching in Wichita - Quaker Records at Friends University
Rev. Art Binford, Friends U.; Beverly Malone, Midwest Gen. Soc.; Wichita Gen. Soc.
E. Begining Research *Barbara Murphy, Hutchinson*
10:15-11:15 "Piggyback Genealogy", *Guest Speaker, Leslie Smith Collier*
11:30-1:00 Luncheon and Annual Meeting
1:15 - 2:30 F Adventures in Web-paging *Ann Lambert, Hutchinson*
G. America, the Melting Pot. Irish Stew, Borscht or Gumbo? A Session in the study of
our immigrant ancestors, their history, life style, and the foods that they ate.
Food samples and a sharing of recipes included in the class. *Jean Vorhees, Fredonia*
3:00-4:00 "Timelines and Lifelines - Developing a Chronology",
Guest Speaker, Leslie Smith Collier
Questions and Answers

Note: If you plan on attending mini session G. America, the Melting Pot, Jean suggest that you bring copies of your ethnic recipies to share..

We are limiting the door prizes this year to just 10. Five prizes will be given away at each the Friday Awards Dinner and during Saturday lunch.

Leslie Smith Collier

from Dallas Texas, is a nationally-known genealogical speaker, director and course coordinator for the Institute of Genealogical Studies held annually in Dallas, past-president of the Dallas Genealogical Society, and a genealogical instructor at Eastfield and Richland Community Colleges. She specializes in problem-solving strategies needed to locate elusive ancestors.

Programs presented by Leslie Smith Collier

“Sherlock Holmes & The Write Way to Research” - Learn a specific method of stepping back and reassessing your problems to clarify new approaches and records to search.

“Unlucky William Casteel: Confessions of a Hurried Genealogist” - This tale of an Indiana farmer who homesteaded far too close to history is a lesson in using history to find records of your ancestors instead of using records to suggest history.

“Piggyback Genealogy” - If you have researched and not found answers, then you have to expand your search to ask questions of your ancestor’s relatives, friends, and neighbors. Learn whom to ask, and what you ask them!

“Timelines and Lifelines: Developing a Chronology”

No matter their quirks, our ancestors were likely more normal than abnormal, and certainly lived their lives one day at a time. Have you used this to predict where records about them were created?

Vendors

All members societies of the Kansas Council of Genealogical societies are invited to request one table in the vending area. The request for one free table must be accompanied by a paid registration. Additional tables are available for \$20 each upon request by May 30, 2002.

The Vendors’ Room will be open for browsing and shopping at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, June 21. Books, genealogical supplies, computer software, and archival supplies will be available from the Ye Olde Genealogy Shoppe.

The Vendors’ Room is open to the public and local genealogist are invited to shop with the vendors even if they cannot attend the regular conference sessions.

For additional conference information write:
K.C.G.S. PO Box 3858, Topeka, KS 66604-6858
or email Karen Burgess at casey@southwind.net

Hotel Accommodations and Conference Location

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference participants until June 7th, 2002, at the Wichita Airport Hilton, 2098 Airport Road, Wichita, KS 67272, or 1-800-247-4458.

All sessions will be held at the Airport Hilton and Executive Conference Center. Free parking will be available. See Map showing the location below.

Registration form

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
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Four surnames will be printed in the syllabus if they are received by May 30, 2002. Please list your surnames below.

1. _____ 2. _____
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Following is the schedule of conference fees. a syllabus will be included with registration.

PLEASE NOTE:

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The Family History Library is the largest library in the world. Its collection of genealogical records includes over 2.2 million rolls of microfilm; 742,000 microfiche; 300,000 books and over 4,500 periodicals. All may be ordered into a local Family History Center except the books and periodicals. Many of the records may be found on the Internet at www.familysearch.org.

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FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG or FHLC; A listing of all the records in the collection at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. You may search Locality, Subject, Author-Title and Surname. Most of the records can be ordered into a local Family History Center to be viewed. It is available on compact disc or microfiche.

SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX OR SSDI; An index of names of people who had Social Security numbers and who died between 1960 and 1999, it lists name, date of birth, date of death, state that issues number; Social Security number, benefits location. This is on 3 CD's.

MILITARY INDEX; An index of United States soldiers who died in the Viet Nam and Korea Wars during military service, 1950 to 1975. The Military Index is on CD.

ACCELERATED INDEXING SYSTEM OR A.I.S.; AIS is a commercial company that indexes genealogical records. The AIS are alphabetical listings of some of the people living in the US between 1607 and 1906. The information comes from federal and state census, tax lists and other sources. It is on microfiche in the black drawers.

1851 BRITISH CENSUS; Counties of Devon, Norfolk, and Warwick only. Information from 31 March 1851 with fully indexes names, ages, relationships, occupation, and birthplaces. This index is on CD.

AUSTRALIAN VITAL RECORDS INDEX 1788-1905; New South Wales 1788-1888, Tasmania 1806-1899. And Western Australian 1871-1905. This CD contains births, christenings, marriages and deaths. This index is on 4CD's.

MIDDLE AMERICA-MEXICO VITAL RECORDS INDEX; This CD contains about 1.9 millions births and christenings and 300,000 marriages from 1659 to 1805.

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1880 US CENSUS AND NATIONAL INDEX; this set of 55 compact discs contains the complete 1880 United States Census plus a National Index. Census information is shown by household or institutions for approximately 50 million individuals.

SCANDINAVIA VITAL RECORDS INDEX; DENMARK, FINLAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN; This set of CD's contains about 3.6 million births and christening records and 1 million church marriage records. Denmark 1630-1905, Finland 1656-1890, Norway 1650-1903, Sweden 1610-1888.

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There is no fee for researching at the Family History Center. There are fees for ordering microfilm and buying microfiche. We have ancestral charts, family group sheets, etc. for sell at a minimal cost.

Microfilm Rental is \$3.50 for 6 weeks, and can be extended for 6 weeks for \$3.25 and for \$3.25 extended permanently.

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All rental material is to stay at the Family History Center premises.

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IN MEMORY OF Helen Chrislip Bunte

Charter Member Dies

Helen Geneva Bunte, who died at Hospice Residential Care Center, Hutchinson, February 4, 2002, was the daughter of Reno County pioneers Gipson R. and Fannie Reynolds Chrislip. She was born February 22, 1903, east of Langdon, Kansas. Helen was the widow of Herman C. Bunte former longtime City engineer of Hutchinson. She was the fourth of six children, one of whom, Mildred Fenn, San Antonio, Texas Survives her. Eleven nieces and nephews and their families also survive Helen.

Helen was an accountant/cashier at the former Gordon's Ready-to-Wear, Hutchinson, for many years. Helen and Herman had a beautiful landscaped garden where many young people were married, and friends and acquaintances held reunions and parties.

On September 27, 1929, she married Herman C. Bunte at Hutchinson. After Herman's retirement they traveled the world over until his death November 21, 1981. They visited approximately 30 countries and attended Kiwanis conventions in both Europe and the United States. After her husband's death, Helen continued working with Kiwanis and the Park Department of Hutchinson. During this period, she was instrumental in helping to establish the Herman Bunte Park in the Larkland subdivision near their home.

A memorial service at Elliott Mortuary Chapel, Hutchinson will be held Tuesday February 12th at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Melvin Walton presiding. A private graveside service will be held in Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson.

Memorials may be sent to Kansas Kiwanis Foundation, Boy Scout of America, Quivira Council or the Hutchinson Library, all in care of Elliott Mortuary, Hutchinson.

NEW GENEALOGY LIBRARY

The Jackson County Genealogical Society (MO) has opened it's new library at the Truman Depot, 1111 W. Pacific Street in Independence, Missouri. The library will serve as a research tool for genealogists seeking information about Jackson County families. It contains microfilm of all early county records, complete with readings of pioneer cemeteries and an obituary index dating to 1890. The library will be open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment. For more information call 816-252-8128.

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9 a.m. - Noon**

**Archives Open House & Research time
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Cost: \$4.00 if preregistered
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Call the Museum Office with questions or to register
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Each census had an official date. This is the date that in theory the census material covered. In fact, the census frequently was taken as much as months later, but was to record the data as of the official date. This is why you occasionally find persons listed in two very different places on one year's census return.

The first authorizing act of Congress stated that the date of the first census was to be:

- 1790 First Monday in August in 1790
- 1800 First Monday in August 1800
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"Obstacles are what we see when we take our eyes off our goal.."
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