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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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RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS FOR 2003

NOVEMBER

A Review of Genealogical Magazine Available in the Kansas Room given by RCGS member

NOTE: Have you noticed the changes in the library. The computer lab is now on the second floor to the right of the main stairway. Newspaper film is now back of the reference desk. **HAPPY HUNTING!**



DECEMBER

The RCGS Board will meet December 9. There is no general meeting in December.

PROGRAMS FOR 2003

JANUARY 20

Westward Ho!! Migration Trails and the American Expansion by Karen Burgess

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2003

21 JUNE 2003

KANSAS COUNCIL OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MCPHERSON, KANSAS.
HOST SOCIETY: MCPHERSON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library will close for relocation on Saturday, December 14, 2002 at 6 p.m. The department will remain closed through the month of January 2003. This is to allow time to move all the materials to an interim location. The current building will be going through renovation and expansion. The projected time frame is 2-3 years.

When the library opens at the interim location, all of the books, microforms and periodicals will be ready for research. The whole collection will be available when the Library opens in late January 2003.

One of the most exciting things about the interim location is that the genealogy collection will be a browsing collection. All the materials will be out and available for the researcher to retrieve them. Materials will not have to be paged; the shelves will be open.

The interim location of the Allen County Public Library will be at 200 East Berry St., Fort Wayne, Indiana. It is 5 blocks to the east from the current library. There will be limited free parking available; there is also a pay parking garage across the street and more than 150 metered spaces in close proximity.

HAVE YOU LIMITED YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH?

By Ruth Filbert

Are you using the internet as your only source of information? What other sources have you explored? I am amazed at the information that is now available on the internet, but that is only a "drop in the bucket" compared to all of the information that is available from other sources that have not been put on the internet.

Have you limited your research to the Family History Library records? Microfilm and microfiche of church, probate and vital records, to name a few of the examples, from all over the world are available from the Family History Library. The records and books that are on microfilm or microfiche can be ordered from your local Family History Center. Again, as large as their collection of microfilms, microfiche and books is, they haven't filmed all of the records you will need to complete your family history.

Have you used all of the resources available from the following sources?

Records can be found in the home, county courthouses, state government offices, state, regional, and national libraries, county, state and special interest museums, the DAR (Daughters of the American Library Revolution) Library, the National Archives Records Administration Library and it's regional branches libraries. Interview relatives, siblings and extended family members.

A word of caution! Not everything you receive from the relative who should know "all about the family" is going to be the absolute truth, nor will everything you find in a book, on the internet or in a legal document be accurate. Remember, humans can err. The best way to document the information that you have is to get several records that verify the data.

Let me end this by asking you to
**DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT,
DOCUMENT**

STORAGE TIPS

You've saved your genealogy on a floppy disk, printed it out on acid free paper and put both paper and disk in a safe deposit box. Your research is safe, right? Well, Maybe not as safe as you think.

The paper (if acid free) has a lifetime of 400 years. Now maybe you think, "I won't be around to see it disintegrate: No, you won't (unless you plan on being froze for the future). But what about that floppy disk life span?

Computer storage has two lifetimes actually. There is the actual life expectancy of the storage media (listed below). But, there is also the life span known as obsolescence. What is current in storage technology today may not be the standard or even available five years from now. For example, storage on a 1/4 MB 3.5" floppy is still more standard than storage on a 100 MB ZIP disk (though the ZIP disk is more convenient for large files). [Remember the 5 1/2 " floppy disk – it's still around, but very rare].

So what do you do? Store your data on the most standard format you have available to you. And plan on copying it over to a newer format often as technology advances. Copy it twice if you want – once on the standard and once on the state-of-the-art media. That way, your obsolescence will take longer (mind you, I said longer, not never). If everybody has one (like a floppy disk drive) that is considered standard. If you don't know too many people that have it (like ZIP drive), that is NOT standard.

So what is the actual life expectancy of the various media?

Opticle CD-ROM – 200 years – read-only
 CD-R disc – 75-100 years (write once, read many times)
 CD-RW disc - 30 years (write many, read many times)
 Magnetic tape – 3-5 years – (note: if you use the tape often to write information, cut the life to 1-2 years)

Computer Hard Drive – 3-5 years
 Floppy disk – 1 year.

Remember, above all, the data is only good if there is equipment AND software around to read it! As equipment changes, your storage media should change right along with it, and don't forget to keep software up to date!

[Taken from the *SSGHS News*, Oct 2000 via Diablo Descendants 9/2001 via *under construction* Quarterly Newsletter of the Mendocino Coast Genealogical Society]

RENO COUNTY MUSEUM

Vaden Stroud Memorial Research Room

Open to the public during museum hours
 Closed Monday
 Tue-Sat 9-5
 Sun 1-5

Contains:

Material Culture
 City directories
 Yearbooks
 Biographical books of Kansas
 1902 & 1918 Plat Books
 Newspaper supplements
 History books on Reno County towns
 Some genealogical publications
 Files on local history topics
 Kansas History
 Western History
 American history
 Issues of the *Sunflower*
Legacy: The Journal of the Reno County Historical Society

Archives

Available to the public by appointment during business hours M-F. Many walk-ins are served, but we reserve the right to make appointments – we prefer to do it over the phone, by e-mail or by mail.

Contains:

Photos
 Documents of all types
 Scrapbooks
 Entire collections of assorted businesses or organizations
 Early textbooks, history books, fiction
 Maps
 Aerial photos of the county (excluding Hutchinson)
 A VERY few land records

Biography file (not put together yet)
School records for county schools

Does NOT contain:

Roster for the Naval Air Base
Student information for the Salt City
Business College or other colleges
Student information for Hutchinson
Schools
Birth Marriage, or death records, tax
records, and most land records

There is no fee for making a research request, but donations are gratefully appreciated. Fees for reproducing items apply.

THE WOES OF A FAMILY HISTORY CENTER LIBRARIAN

Patrons who ask for help finding their ancestors and yet, cannot give us the basic factual information about their family so that we can help them fill out __

- ◆ Family group sheets
- ◆ Ancestor/pedigree charts

By this, I mean their full name, the date & place of their birth and if it applies their marriage date and place of the event. Also helpful would be their parent's names and their dates and places of birth, name/s of spouses and their date & place of birth, and names, dates and places of birth of their siblings.

We get:

- scraps of paper with information about family members (always use an 8 1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper to write notes on and put information about one surname on a sheet)
- envelopes with little pieces of information
- telephone books with birth dates
- unorganized notebooks (no separation between surnames or generations)
- family historians who do not believe that surnames can be spelled many different ways
- people that have found a grave in a certain county and insist that the person died in that county. They have not checked to see if the cemetery was in that county or even that state when the person was buried there. Boundaries do change over the years.
- disagreements between family members over names, dates and place
- genealogists that insist upon your help, but will not follow-up on the suggestions that you give them for further research
- people who become disturbed when a librarian can not find a quick answer for their problem

- Patrons that insist upon a librarians help when they want to use the computer even though what they need to do is visible on the monitor screen

I'm not kidding about the fact that one patron went to get the Fiest Area Wide Telephone Directory when he was asked for the date of his father's birth. It seems that he was calling from the Church to ask someone for the information about his father and the only paper within reach was the telephone directory, so he wrote the information on one of the pages.

Hutchinson Family History Center Librarians are volunteers. We do the best that we can with the information that is given to us. A big "thank you" to the librarian that has helped you would certainly be appreciated.

Bits n' Pieces

Free Census Guide and Research Aid

HeritageQuest has launched CensusSearch.com, a free Census guide and research aid for all Censuses taken from 1790 through 1930.

When you have questions about the Census go to CensusSearch.com to get the answers.

This new site provides the information you need for research in each of the available census years. Maps show U.S. and state boundaries in effect at the time of the census. Also included are lists of suggested genealogy resources you will need for further research.

Found on the home page are six tabs across the top. Click on "Census Search"; "Census Definitions"; "Census Abbreviations"; "Census Microfilm" or "Census Statistics" tabs for more information. The "Census Statistics" tab provides a listing, by year (1790-1990) of the U.S. population, number of states, number of counties, and the "territories" included in that census.

HeritageQuest.com has a listing of state censuses that can be purchased. Remember that the state censuses were taken in the years between the U.S. Federal Censuses. The films can help you fill in missing information about your family members that seem to disappear between the U.S. Federal Census years.

(The information about the Free Census Guide and Research Aid and the state census microfilms was found in the *Genealogy Update, A Heritage Quest Newsletter*, September 2002).

**THERE IS A FINE LINE
BETWEEN HOBBY AND
MENTAL ILLNESS**

Wisconsin Local History on the Web
By Michael Edmonds,
Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Historical Society Library recently mounted more collections on the World Wide Web for genealogists and local historians.

<www.wisconsinhistory.org/wlhba/index.asp>

This site contains nearly 16,000 local newspaper articles published statewide between 1869 and 1940. These consist mainly of pioneer reminiscences, portraits of community institutions, interviews with early settlers, strange anecdotes of eccentric personalities, and other grass-roots information. These real stories of real people have not been altered in any way; images of the original newspaper articles display on the researcher's screen. All of them are easy to search by personal name or a variety of subject headings, about 50,000 pages of local history and genealogy in all.

There is no charge to use this collection. It is made possible by funding from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction through the Library Services and Technology Act and through a very generous donation from the late Scott M. Cutlip, a UW-Madison professor of mass communications.

If you have questions about the website, contact Michael Edmonds, Deputy Director, Library/Archives Division, Wisconsin Historical Society, at miedmonds@whs.wisc.edu.

You may also order Wisconsin Vital Records Online. A new online service from the Wisconsin Historical Society lets you order a search of Wisconsin's pre-1907 birth, marriage and death records over the Internet.

Requesting a search online is quite simple. After receiving your instructions and credit card payment via our secure Web site, staff trained in researching Wisconsin vital records will carefully search for the records you specify and send photocopies of their findings. All orders are guaranteed to ship within 4 weeks; rush service is also available for an additional charge. For more information including the fee schedule, visit the society's Online Genealogical Research Service at <<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy/ogrs/index.html>>.

SENIOR-NEWBIE is not a Web page, but a mailing list for senior citizens who are new to genealogy, the Internet, and/or computers and seek a list that is slower paced and less intimidation. Join this helpful list and/or search its archives: <<http://lists.rootsweb.com/index/other/Miscellaneous/SENIOR-NEWBIE.html>>

GENEALOGY ALERT

At one time it was common practice to have several towns of the same name in the state, and many towns and

cities had former names with a few having had several, so if you have used a current map to find an old town name you may have created your very own brick walls or even worse you have connected with the wrong lines. In Illinois, "Bloomfield" is an excellent example of this common practice. Just look at any current map and find it now in Johnson County, Illinois, close to Vienna. In 1958, it had a population of 80. Did you know there was another Bloomfield in Adams County, Illinois? Close to Quincy, in 1958, it had a population of 25. There are others in Edgar, Fulton, Greene, Johnson and Scott Counties and all spelled "Bloomfield." Plus precincts in John and Scott Counties by the same name of "Bloomfield." Nine localities, all named "Bloomfield." This situation would be true in nearly all states, at least until the US Postal Service began approving names for new towns that wanted postal service.

Many genealogies are out there now with improper connections because an inexperienced genealogist has picked the wrong county and matched up the wrong "Smith" or "Jones" or "Whoever" because they thought they had the right county to choose from. Wrong connections are now made as the names that were available in that county were close so they figured a few misspellings or similar names would suffice. Or the town was the correct town but the county changed several times? Some still can't make the connection and are experienced enough to know that close doesn't always count, so they know they have hit a brick wall.

It is pretty important to jot down the names of the towns your ancestors lived in and check them against a statewide list of all place names. Make sure you have the correct ones in your databases.

(The three articles printed above were from the *Kansas Kin*, Volume 40, No. 3, August 2002).

NATURALIZATION RECORDS

Aliens, who were males twenty-one years and older or single women over twenty-one, were required by law during the period from 1870 through 1906, to have continuous residency within the United States for at least five years before being eligible for citizenship. Two years before applying for citizenship, an alien first made his "declaration of Intention" to become a citizen and renounced his allegiance to his former country (first papers). Second, at the time of admission, he took an oath to support the constitution of the United States. And, third, upon proof of residency in the U. S. at least five years, and within the state one year [(267) Sec. 2165], he was granted citizenship (final papers).

Each of the three steps could be heard before any federal, state, or local court of record. Therefore, an alien's papers may be found anywhere, in one or more

courthouses, between his place of arrival and where he final settled. Most, however, will be found in the U.S. District Courts. In Kansas, Sedgwick and other counties were first part of the ninth judicial district, in 1872 the thirteenth, and in 1883 the eighteenth. By 1891, only Sedgwick County comprised the eighteenth district.

Alien wives, and their children under twenty-one, automatically became citizens when their husbands were naturalized. If an alien had made his declaration of intention but died before receiving his final papers, his widow and children could become citizens, by taking the prescribed oaths. Children, born outside the United States to parents who were citizens, were also U. S. citizens.

Under the age of twenty-one, aliens, who resided in the U.S. three years before reaching the age of twenty-one and continuously after that, could apply for citizenship without the usual two year waiting period following the declaration of intention, provided they had lived in the U.S. at least five years [(269) Sec 2167]. And, if an alien, twenty-one years or older, enlisted in the army and receive and honorable discharge, he could become a citizen by making a declaration of intention and proving residency of one year in the U.S.

Information available in declarations of intentions will vary before 1906 according to area, with more data generally found in the later records. In Reno County, the declaration of intentions from 1879 included the name, age, and native country of the alien. From latter part of 1906, intentions included name, age, occupation, personal description, date and place of birth, U. S. residence, last foreign residence, name of vessel, and date of arrival.

WEBSITES

The Official Website for the church of Ireland - <<http://ireland.anglican.org/home.html>>

"The Ships List" was established to assist those seeking information on the vessels which brought their ancestors to their new home, be that the United States, Canada, Australia, or another part of the world: <<http://www.theshipslist.com/index.html>>

Free Database Name and Keyword Searches - <<http://www.irishorigins.com/>>

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness - <[Volunteer Lookups, Records, Photos, etc. - http://www.raogk.org](http://www.raogk.org)>

The Global Gazette, article about Land Records, (Part I) by Kyle Betit - <<http://globalgazette.net/gazkb/gazkb68.htm>>

Land Records Article, (Part II) - <<http://globalgazette.net/gazkb/gazkb70.htm>>

2002 STATE FAIR GENEALOGY AWARDS

The Fine Arts Department - Genealogy Division

1. Evaluation of entry will include organization of material, sequence, bibliography, etc.
2. Photos, maps and other special items may be included to add interest, with appropriate distinction between fact and family tradition of hearsay.

Listed below are the categories and the winners in each category.

(FA stands for Fine Arts and then the class #.)

FA 828 - Complete Genealogy unpublished.

- First prize — Lanita Miller, Wichita, Sedgwick County
Second prize - Stephen Bohrer, Dodge City, Ford County
Third prize — Louise Nance, Wichita, Sedgwick County

FA 829 - Complete Genealogy published.

- First prize — Charlene Schoonover, Haven, Reno County

FA 830 - Genealogy farthest back in time on any bloodline. The specific line must be indicated..

- First prize — Lanita Miller, Wichita, Sedgwick County
Second prize — Keith Burgess, Hutchinson, Reno County

FA 832 — Junior division - Genealogy - unpublished. Must be under 19 years of age as of Sept. 1, 2002.

- First prize — Megan McKenna, Hutchinson, Reno Co.

I am issuing a challenge to members of the Reno County Genealogical Society. Let's try to have at least two entries by members of the society in each category at the 2003 Kansas State Fair.

A suggestion was made at the last Reno County Genealogical Society Board Meeting that the Society become a sponsor of the Kansas State Fair Fine Arts — Genealogy Division. An award of some type of prize could be given in each category. Does anyone have any suggestions as to what we could award?

(A genealogy book, genealogy software, money or ??????)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Help your membership chairman by paying your dues early. They are due January 1, 2003.

Barbara is now paying 83¢ for each quarterly that is returned when she picks up the mail.

When you move notify the membership chairman of your change of address:

PO BOX 5, HUTCHINSON KANSAS 67504-0005.

RENO'S RESPONSE

History of Reno County's War Work Activities during the World War 1917-1918

Compiled and Edited by Fred Henney City Editor Hutchinson News, Post commander Lysle Rishel Post, American Legion, and formerly Sergeant in 137th Infantry 35th Division

DEDICATED

To our wives and mothers, who so loyally and lovingly stood by us, and were constantly with us in thought and prayer.

"To our comrades, who gave their all, and now lie sleeping neath the poppies of France."

And to those who could not join us in arms, but by their moral backing and means stood behind us to the end—to all these, this history is dedicated—a record of Reno County's share in winning the war.

ROLL OF HONOR

ANDERSON, EDWIN, Co. E, 137th Inf., 35th Div. Died from effects of gassing in the Argonne. Served on Alsace front and Argonne-Meuse offensive. Was orderly to Capt. Hudson, commanding Co. E in the Argonne battle, when the captain was wounded. Although Anderson was severely gassed, he remained in action until the third day's fighting, Sept. 28, 1918, when he was evacuated to a hospital. Pneumonia set in, from gassed lungs, he died in October, 1918. Parents live in Nickerson.

BALDING, JOHN W., 136th Infantry, 34th Division. Died at Camp Dix, New Jersey, Oct. 21, 1918. Formerly lived at 15th and Adams, Hutchinson.

BALL, EARL LLOYD, 164th Depot Brigade, Camp Funston. Died in base hospital. Fort Riley, Oct. 15, 1917, of spinal meningitis. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Ball, 22 Avenue G East.

BENNETT, WILLIAM EARL, 20th Engineers. Perished on the "Tuscania" in January 1918, while enroute to France, when that vessel was sunk off the coast of Ireland by a torpedo. Was formerly manager of Fair lumber yard at Partridge.

BINKER, ROGER M., Sergeant, Camp Travis, Texas. Died at military hospital, Nashville, Tenn., Sept 5, 1919. Is buried in national cemetery at Nashville. Nearest of kin, Mrs. Almeda Engledow, 1207 East Fourth, a sister.

BLEVINS, EARL F., Stable Sergeant, Headquarters Co., 110 Engineers, 35th Division. Served in trench warfare in Alsace, Argonne-Meuse offensive and Somme-dieu. Was taken sick as result of exposure and gassing, after the Argonne, and died at hospital in Commercy, France, January, 1919. Home, 560 Avenue E West.

BROWNLEE, PAUL, 164th Depot Brigade, Camp Funston. Died there, in December, 1917, of pneumonia. Son of A. D. Brownlee, Sylvia.

BUTSCHER, BERT. Entered service from Hutchinson, 164th Depot Brigade, Camp Funston. Died in service. Formerly lived at 607 North Main.

CASNER, EARL P., Corporal, Headquarters Detachment, 6th Machine Gun Bn., Marines, Second Division. Killed in action at Chateau Thierry, July 5, 1918. Was connected with Hupmobile agency in Hutchinson when he enlisted in the Marines. Home, 201 West Sixth.

CLARK, BURNSIDE, Ensign, Navy. Graduate of Annapolis Naval Academy. Served on convoy duty on the Atlantic, between Hoboken and French ports during the war. Was stricken with influenza, as a result of exposure while returning from France, on one of the trips and died a few days after reaching port, Jan. 12, 1919, at New York. Was a former Hutchinson boy. His widow, Mrs. Helen Clark, resides at 545 Avenue A East.

COOK, CLAUDE, Corporal, Sixth Marines. Killed in action. Enlisted May 3, 1917, shortly after war was declared. Landed in France Oct. 31, 1917, with Hdq. Co., Sixth Regiment Marines, attached to Second Division during the campaign at Chateau Thierry. Was killed in action near Solssons July 19, 1918. Is buried in American military cemetery at Ploisy, Department of the Aisne. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook, 309 North Maple.

CRAIG, OSCAR E., Co. I, 353rd Inf., 89th Division. Mobilized at Camp Funston and went over seas with his regiment, serving in Toul sector in St. Mihiel offensive and Argonne-Meuse offensive. Started with his division on march to the Rhine with Army of Occupation. Was taken sick and died in Belgium, Nov. 25, 1918, on the march into Germany. Son of Mrs. J. W. Craig, 200 East Park street.

CRISWELL, PAUL V., Lieutenant, 115th Ammunition Train, 40th Division. Died in service at Camp Funston. Home in Langdon.

CROW, HARVEY ISAAC, Marines, Second Division. Enlisted in January, 1918 and went overseas with Marines who fought with Second Division on Chateau Thierry

front, in Belleau Wood, since named Bois de la Brigade des Marines. In July, 1918, was sent to base hospital at Vichy for operation. Infection set in and he had to undergo two more operations. In October 1918, was moved to camp hospital. Later assigned

To guard duty with 12th U. S. Marine guards at Brest, awaiting movement home. Was suddenly stricken with spinal meningitis and died at Camp Hospital No. 33, Brest, Jan. 11, 1919. When he enlisted was employed at Hutchinson Post office as clerk. Son of W. R. Crow and Mrs. Minnie Crow, Hutchinson.

DAVIS, AARON RAY, Engineer Corps. Entered service July 15, 1918, in regulars; three months later while at Fort Logan, Col., died of pneumonia, Oct. 20, 1918. Was previously member of Co. E, 2nd Kansas, as bugler, serving for five years in the Hutchinson Company of National Guard. Is buried at Elmer cemetery, southeast of Hutchinson. Home, 418 North Chemical Avenue.

DAVIS, WARREN FRANK, Co. G, 137th Inf., 35th Division. Killed in action. Went overseas with 35th Division from Camp Doniphan. Served in Amiens sector; in trench warfare in the Vosges mountains, in St. Mihiel reserve, and in Argonne-Meuse offensive. Was wounded near Baulny Hill, in the Argonne, Sept. 28, 1918, dying in field hospital the following day. Home in Nickerson with his grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Jeffords, both parents being dead. Is buried in France.

DEALY, BERNARD, Camp Utilities Co. A, Camp Funston. Entered service October, 1917. Six months later was stricken with pneumonia and died at base hospital, Fort Riley, April 1, 1918. Was first soldier from Reno County to die in the service. Son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dealy, Hutchinson, R. F. D. No. 2, now living at 316 Sixth Avenue West.

DRALLE, Albert E., Machine Gun Co., 137th Inf., 35th Division. Killed in action. Went overseas with division from Camp Doniphan; served in Amiens sector and in the Vosges mountains in trenches. Killed in action in the Vosges, near Mittlach, Alsace, July 2, 1918, the first man in the 137th Infantry to be killed. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Dralle, formerly of Nickerson, now of Seward, Kans. Was buried in little cemetery at Mittlach, in a valley in the Vosges.

DUNLAP, ERNEST, 1st Sergeant, 227th Aero Squadron. Went overseas with squadron in September, 1918. While stationed in camp at LeHavre, France, preparing to proceed to front, in October, 1918, was taken sick and died, of pneumonia. Buried at LeHavre. Son of H. Dunlap, 128 First Ave. East. Was formerly connected with Rock Mill & Grain Co. offices.

DUNN, AMOS EARL, Abbyville. Died in the service.

EDWARDS, HOBART D., Corporal, Co. E. 137th Inf., 35th Division. Killed in action. Enlisted September 5, 1916, in Co. E, Second Kansas, going immediately to the Mexican border, serving there until November 12, 1916. Appointed corporal July 23, 1917; mobilized with his company August 5, 1917, for world war, and with the 137th Infantry at Camp Doniphan. Won sharpshooter's rank while in training at Camp Doniphan. Went overseas with 35th Division in April, 1918; served in Vosges mountains in Alsace, in Wesserling and Gerardmer sectors, summer of 1918; St. Mihiel reserve, September; Argonne-Meuse offensive, starting Sept. 26, 1918. In the first day's action Corporal Edwards was wounded in the right arm, but refused to go back to hospital, remaining with his company. He stayed with his squad until Sept. 28, when he was severely wounded in the fighting in Montrebeau Wood. Lay wounded two days on field before he was found. Died Sept. 30, shortly after reaching base hospital. Buried in Central military hospital cemetery at Froidois, Department of the Meuse. Corporal Edwards was born in western Reno County, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Edwards, Plevna.

ELLIOTT, ILIFF L., Co. A, 353rd Infantry, 89th Division. Killed in action. Went overseas in July, 1918; served in Toul sector, Aug. 9 to Sept. 12, 1918; fought in the St. Mihiel offensive. Starting Sept. 12, his division jumped off in front of the Bois de Mort Mare, above Flirey. Wounded in the first day's fighting near Bouillonville. Died three days later, Sept. 15, in base hospital at Toul. Son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Elliott, 725 East Seventh street. Memorial bridge at South Plum street named in his honor.

FENTON, NEIL D., Corporal, 26th Infantry, First Division. Killed in action. Enlisted May 14, 1916, stationed in Brownsville, Texas; when war was declared went overseas with medical detachment, 26th Infantry. Served in Lorraine, east of Nancy, October and November, 1917; and in trenches in Toul sector January to April, 1918; on Montdidier front in April, 1918; Cantigny, May 28; Meaux, May 31 and June 1; Chateau Thierry front in July. Was wounded in Second Battle of the Marne in attack on Soissons heights, July 18; recovered in time to rejoin his regiment in September. Was with his regiment when the First Division relieved the 35th in the Argonne, Oct. 1; was killed Oct. 9, 1918, north of Exermont, while trying to save a wounded comrade. Was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary bravery. Is buried in the American cemetery at Romagne, in the Argonne. Citation, in awarding posthumous D. S. C. to Corp. Fenton, says: "He volunteered and went forward in face of a direct, concentrated machine gun fire, to rescue

of a wounded man. Was killed in the attempt to rescue his comrade." Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. Fenton, 622 Avenue B West.

FERGUSON, JOHN H., Machine Gun Co., 137th Infantry, 35th Division. Killed in action. Enlisted in January, 1916; served on Mexican border with 2nd Kansas Machine Gun co. Went with 35th Division to France. Served in Vosges trench sector and Argonne-Meuse offensive. Was killed in action in the Argonne, September 1918. Home, First Avenue West, Coliseum Hotel.

FIORI, SERAPHIN, Corporal, Machine Gun Co., 137th Infantry, 35th Division. Killed in action. Enlisted when war was declared, while attending Reno County high school, going to Camp Doniphan with Machine Gun Company from Hutchinson. Went overseas with 35th Division, serving in trench warfare in Alsace; in St. Mihiel reserve, and Argonne-Meuse offensive. Was wounded in fighting at Baulny Hill, in the Argonne, Sept. 28, 1918, and died from wounds Oct. 5, 1918. Was native of Sanvito, Italy, and made home at Nickerson in family of Capt. Chas S. Gibbens, who mourns him as a son. One of the first at Nickerson to enlist. American Legion post at Nickerson named in his honor.

FOSTER, LESTER O., Corporal, Co. E, 137th Inf., 35th Division. Killed in action. Served on Mexican border in 1916 with Second Kansas; went to France with 35th Division, serving in Vosges mountain trench sector; St. Mihiel reserve; Argonne-Meuse offensive. Was wounded at Charpentry, in the Argonne, Sept. 28, 1918, dying from wounds Sept. 30, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Foster, 306 Carpenter street.

FOX, CHESTER, 164th Depot Brigade, Camp Funston. Died in the service at Camp Funston. Son of Mrs. Jacob Fox, of Walnut township.

FULLERTON, ED, Engineers Unit, A. E. F. Died Feb. 16, 1920, at his home in Bell Township, near Langdon, from remote effects of gassing and shellshock received in service in France.

GARRISON, HARLAND I., Coast Artillery. Killed by accident in Service. Enlisted in Hutchinson, January 27, 1913; trained at Fort Logan, Col. Served with 33rd Company, C. A. C., at Fort Columbia, Wash., for three years, advancing to grade of first-class gunner. In 1916, re-enlisted for duty in Coast Artillery in the Phillipine Islands. Was serving there when the war broke out. On Oct. 17, 1917 was accidentally killed while on duty with Co. F, Coast Artillery, near Manilla. Remains were sent home to Hutchinson and laid at rest in East-side cemetery.

Was son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Garrison, formerly of 119 South Main, and now residing at Lone Springs, Ind.

GIBBS, JESSE, 137th Infantry. Enlisted from Meade county. Home formerly in Hutchinson. Mobilized at Camp Doniphan with 137th Infantry and died there, in base hospital, February, 1918.

GOODWIN, JAMES. Entered service from Hutchinson. Died in the service.

GOETZE, ARTHUR C., Sergeant, 79th Co., Sixth Marines, Second division. Killed in action. Distinguished himself in the assault and capture of Bouresche, June 6, 1918, and was cited and recommended for decoration "for conspicuous gallantry in handling his platoon while under heavy fire." Later, in the advance against the heights of Soissons, July 18 to 20, again distinguished himself. Here fell in action. All the officers of his company having fallen, he was in command. He was one of three men in his platoon to survive when the Chateau-Thierry-Soissons road was reached. He was last seen leading his section in attack against the German lines near Vierzy, six miles south of Soissons, against a fearful machine gun and artillery fire. He was seen to fall, but shouted to his companions to "Go on; I'm not hit bad." He was taken back to a hospital in the rear, where he was seen by men who knew him some weeks after the battle. Since then all trace of him has been lost. The war department's report is that he died from the result of wounds received July 19. Whether he died in a hospital or is in an insane ward, mentally stricken as a result of shellshock, and unable to reveal his identity remains a mystery. Was cited a second time for gallantry and recommended for commission for gallantry in the Soissons battle for remarkable ability in the way he led his section under a violent machine gun fire." Home at Hudson, Stafford county, when he enlisted. Son of Mrs. Laura Goetze, 127 West Fourth.

GROW, LESLIE ENOCH. Enlisted in Hutchinson Aug. 31, 1918. On duty at Fort Riley with Provisional Ambulance Company D, M. O. T. C. Transferred to Base Hospital 103 at Fort Sheridan, Ill. Died there Oct 4, 1918. Employed by the Newlin dairy near Hutchinson when he enlisted.

HANSLEMAN, DAVID, 164th Depot Brigade, Camp Funston. Died at base hospital, Fort Riley. Home, Valley Township.

HARRIS, CHARLES. Entered service in Reno county; 164th Depot Brigade, Camp Funston. Died at Fort Riley, October 18, 1918.

HASTON, SAMUEL C., Co. H, 140th Infantry, 35th Division. Killed in action. Enlisted September 18, 1917, and after training at Camp Funston with Co. E, 353rd Infantry, 89th Division was sent overseas with replacements in the 35th Division in April, 1918. Served in Alsace and in the St. Mihiel reserve, and Argonne-Meuse offensive. Was killed in action in the Argonne, Sept 26, 1918, in the first day of the battle. Was youngest son of Mrs. James Haston, of Walnut township, now of Sterling. He was employed as head of shipping department of Kansas Packing Co. in Hutchinson when he entered the service. Was first reported "missing in action," and it was not until nine months later that official notice came of his having been killed.

HIPPLE, EUGENE. Served in M. O. T. C., Fort Riley. Died at base hospital, Fort Riley, October 12, 1918. Son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hipple, 20 East Ninth. Was a member of firm of Liberal Elevator Co.

HODGSON, CARROLL D., Headquarters Co., 137th Infantry, 35th Division. Killed in action. Enlisted in Co. E Second Kansas Infantry, and mobilized with his company in Hutchinson. At Camp Doniphan was transferred to Headquarters Company. Went overseas with 35th Division, serving on Alsace front and in the Argonne offensive. Was killed in action Sept. 28, 1918, in the Argonne battle near Montebeau wood. Son of Mrs. Hilda J. Hodgson, Hutchinson, R. F. D. No. 1.

HOLMES, WILLIAM G., Ninth Field Signal Battalion, Fifth division. Enlisted January, 1918, in signal service, assigned to Co. C, Ninth Field Signal Bn., at fort Leavenworth; later to Camp Morse, Leon Springs, Texas. Overseas with Fifth Division in the spring of 1918. Served in Alsace-Lorraine, June to August, 1918; St. Mihiel offensive, September, 1918, and in Argonne-Meuse offensive, October 12 to 17. Was taken sick from exposure in Argonne drive and died at base hospital 26 Dec. 8, 1918. Is buried on a slope facing the Seone, at Allerey, France. Son of Mrs. J. H. Holmes, of Langdon. Was employed as electrician at Soda Ash works in Hutchinson when he enlisted.

HOWARD, LERLOWE E., Co. A, Second Engineers, Second division. Killed in action. Enlisted in May 1917, and went overseas with the Second division in September, 1917. Served in Verdun sector, March to May, 1918; on the Marne, June; capture of Belleau wood, June 4; Boursches, June 6; Vaux, July 1; Chateau Thierry front, July; Marne counter-offensive launched July 18 against heights of Soissons. Was wounded in first day's assault, July 18, 1918, near Tigny, and died July 21 from wounds. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Howard, 924 North Main.

JENKINS, GUY. Entered service from Pretty Prairie, where he was employed on Mart Collingwood's ranch. Was sent to Nashville, Tenn., to government munitions work, and died in hospital in Nashville.

JOHNSTON, CARL, Co. F, 117 engineers, 42nd Division. Killed in action. Served on the Lorraine front, in Champagne, and on the Marne. In the action at Sergy, in the Marne offensive, the 117 Engineers were engaged in throwing a bridge over a river. The fighting was very severe, Sergy being taken and lost five times during the day, July 29, 1918. The engineers had been working all night under fire. As the second battalion was moving back through a wheat field on being relived July 30, the column was shelled. Johnston was killed by shrapnel. Astor McDermed, formerly of Hutchinson, was with him at the time. Johnston's father lives in San Diego, Cal. He formerly lived in Hutchinson and has three sisters and a brother in this county: Mrs. John Hurty, 621 East First; Mrs. Roy Hammond, 427 Avenue C East; Mrs. Chas. Olson, Darlow and Richard Johnston, 512 West Sherman.

JONES, WILLIAM N., Langdon. Died in service.

KINCHELO, DON A., South Hutchinson. Died in service.

KINGSBURY, LARUE S., Co. C, 353rd Infantry, 89th Division. Killed in action. Served in Toul sector, Aug. 9 to Sept. 12 to 16; Envezin sector, and the Argonne-Meuse offensive, in October. Was killed in action Oct. 24, 1918, at Bantheville wood, in the Argonne. Was in front line with first battalion when killed by a direct hit by a shell. Was employed by Soda Ash Company, in purchasing department, in Hutchinson when he entered service. Home, 106 Avenue A East.

KIRKPATRICK, WALTER, 1st Lieut., 137th Inf., 35th Division. Enlisted when war broke out as medical officer Second Kansas Inf., giving up medical practice at Home. Mobilized with regiment and commissioned first lieutenant in 137th Inf., as medical officer at Camp Doniphan. Went overseas with 35th Division. Served in British training area, back of Albert, in May and June, 1918; served in Vosges mountains on Alsace from June 30 to Sept. 1, 1918. During trench warfare in Alsace distinguished himself by rescuing wounded men from the barb wire under heavy fire and was cited in General Orders No. 59 for gallant conduct in action against enemy in raid at Landersbach, July 20, 1918. Served in St. Mihiel reserve, Sept., and accompanied 137th Infantry in the jump-off in the Argonne offensive, September 26th, as medical officer with the third battalion. Was severely gassed Sept. 29, on fourth day of the battle, but although his lungs and heart were badly affected, continued at his post, aiding in care of wounded, until completely prostrated. For this was a

second time cited in General Orders, G. O. 98, dated Nov. 13, 1918, citing him "for continuing to work while violently ill from gassing, repeatedly refusing to stop until forced to do so by the regimental surgeon." Sent to hospital; later on duty in convalescent camp at Bordeaux, and finally rejoined regiment in Lemans area, returning home with division. Because of disability could not resume medical practice and was taking special course at Harvard Medical University when he was stricken dead with heart failure, result of gassing in service. His tragic death occurring while he was boating on a lake in Massachusetts, May 30, 1920, his little son, Phillip, his only child, perishing with him by drowning when the boat capsized, as his father fell dead. Remains of father and son were laid at rest with military honors in East-side cemetery, Hutchinson. Was son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kirkpatrick, of Abbyville. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Edna Kirkpatrick.

LAKE, BENJ. HARRISON, Sergeant, Co. G, 357th Infantry, 90th Division. Killed in action. Served in St. Mihiel operation, and was killed in action, Sept. 15th, 1918, northwest of Vilcey-sur-Trey. His wife Mrs. Gertrude L. Lake, resided in Hutchinson.

LAUGHLIN, LAWRENCE ORVIL. Died in December, 1919, at Holtville, Calif., from disability incurred in service. Son of N. J. Laughlin, Haven township.

LENNON, SCOTT, Second Lieutenant, Co. C, 9th Infantry, Second Division. Wounded in Belleau Wood, June 6, 1918, and died from the wounds July 2, 1918. Was probably the first Reno county man in the Second Division to be a casualty. Formerly a student at the Salt City Business College. Son of Mrs. Frank Lennen, formerly of Little River now of Soldier, Kans.

LEVENS, LAWRENCE, Medical Corps. Served with medical detachments at Fort Riley, Douglas, Ariz., and Prescott, Ariz. Died at Prescott Nov. 9, 1918. Son of P. C. Levens, Turon.

LIBBEY, FRANK, Naval Service. Enlisted for the second time in the navy when the war broke out, re-enlisting April 11, 1917. Was located with naval force at Constantinople, Turkey, when he died of pneumonia in January, 1920. Remains brought to the United States and interred in Arlington National Cemetery at Washington. Was son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Libbey, formerly of Hutchinson, and was born near Hutchinson, in 1886. Parents now live at Atascadero, Calif.

LUPTON, ELLIS A., Battery E, 21st Field Art., Fifth Division. Killed in action. Went overseas in March, 1918, and served June 15 to August 23 in trenches in the Vosges mountains on the Alsace-Lorraine front. The division

jumped off in the St. Mihiel offensive at Regnieville-en-Haye, Sept. 12, 1918, and the following day, in the fighting east of Thiaucourt, Lupton was killed in action. Son of D. A. Lupton, of Nickerson.

LYNN, ALVAH S., Sergeant, 51st Field Artillery. Served on Mexican border in 1917 with cavalry; transferred to field artillery at Fort Sill, Okla., and then to Camp Funston. Was taken sick and died at hospital at Fort Riley Jan 30, 1919. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Lynn, of Nickerson.

McCLURE, EDWARD ARETUS, 30th Engineers. Enlisted Dec. 12, 1917, in Hutchinson; assigned to 27th Recruit Company, 30th Engineers, Gas and Flame Section, Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Died there Jan 10, 1918, of pneumonia. Home, 24 First Avenue West.

McDONALD, CHARLES A., Coast Artillery. Died in camp at Del Rio, Texas. Home, Nickerson.

McGAHEN, LESLIE LIONEL, Co. F, 166th Inf., 42nd Division. Killed in action. Served on Toul front, Champagne; Marne; St. Mihiel; Argonne-Meuse offensive. Was reported killed in action Oct 8, 1918. Mother lived in Hutchinson at 329 Third Avenue East.

McKEE, ARDEN H., Corporal, Co. E, 137th Infantry, 35th Division. Killed in action. Enlisted when war broke out in Co. E. May 7, 1917. Went overseas with 35th division in April, 1918. While in Alsace he attended the Intelligence school at Epinal for two weeks, in July, 1918. Served in the trench warfare in Alsace, and the Vosges, and in reserve in the St. Mihiel sector. Went over the top with Co. E in the Argonne drive, Sept. 26, 1918. At 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 27, the second day of the offensive, while Co E was advancing through heavy shelling flanked by machine guns and howitzers, Corporal McKee was seen leading the second platoon of Co. E forward against a machine gun nest on the brow of a hill. In the third day's fighting, Sept. 28, he volunteered to take two squads of men to bring up rations badly needed, although it was necessary to carry them through a field swept by fire. At 1:30 p.m., Sept. 29, while leading his platoon toward the front on the Baulny road under heavy shell fire, a high explosive shell burst in their midst, killing Corporal McKee almost instantly, and either killing or wounding most of the men of the platoon, fourteen others being stricken by the shell. He was buried near Charpentry, but his remains now rest in the large national cemetery near St. Romagne. He was twice recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross. When offered the privilege of returning to the states for duty as an instructor in the summer of 1918 he declined, declaring he had enlisted to fight. Was son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McKee of south of Sterling, and formerly of Hutchinson.

McKEE, EDWARD W., Sergeant, Machine Gun Co., 137th Infantry, 35th division. Enlisted in Second Kansas machine gun company in 1916 and served on the Mexican

border in 1916 as corporal. Mobilized with his company August, 1917, for the world war and went to Camp Doniphan. Became sergeant there. During the winter of 1917 became disabled from exposure, and was in base hospital when 35th Division went overseas. Was discharged for disability at Camp Doniphan. Sent to college at Ames, Iowa, for vocational training, as disabled soldier and died there, January, 1920, as direct result of military service. Son of Mrs. E. B. McKee, 207 east Fourteenth. Buried in East-side cemetery, Hutchinson with full military honors by American Legion.

McLANE, WILLARD GRAY. Served with engineers unit in France. Died at base hospital Royet, France, Oct 18, 1918, of bronchopneumonia. Is buried on "Plot 5, Row 2, Grave 79," in an American cemetery in France. Formerly of Hutchinson. Son of Mrs. Wm. McLane, of Fowler.

MAIRS, NED J., 3rd Co., 32nd Replacement Unit, Camp McArthur, Texas. Went overseas in September, 1918. Was taken sick on the way across and died soon after, October 9, at camp near Brest. Body was brought to the state in summer of 1920 and laid at rest in national cemetery at Arlington, near Washington, D. C. Was son of Mrs. Eva Mairs, 934 East Fourth Avenue.

MAYNARD, JAMES E., Medical Corps. Killed in action in France. Nearest of kin, children residing with their grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Clark, Hutchinson, R.F.D. No. 6.

MARTIN, VAN M., Naval Air Service. Volunteered for service July, 1918; reported for active duty October 12, 1918, at U. S. Naval Detachment Training School at University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., as a student officer in Naval Reserve Flying Corps. He died while in service from bronchial pneumonia, October 21, 1918, nine days after having entered service. He was an attorney, a member of Martin & Martin, being the only attorney of the Reno County Bar to lose his life in service. Memorial services were held by Reno County Bar Association November 15, 1918. Son of Judge and Mrs. F. L. Martin, 213 East Sixth.

MASTELLER, WILLIAM G., of Arlington. Enlisted in Coast Artillery March 13, 1918, and was sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Died there two weeks later on March 30, 1918, of pneumonia. Left little son one year old, his wife having died a year previously. Son lives in Arlington now with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jessee. Had made his home in Arlington since a boy of seven. Raised in the family of Dan Masteller.

NEWCOMB, JOHN G., Co. M., Second Infantry. Died in Hawaii. First enlisted April 15, 1899, and had almost twenty years continuous service with the regular army, most of the time overseas. Served as corporal of Co. I, 30th Infantry, in the Philippine campaign. Participated in battle of Imus River, P. I., October 3, 1899; in the China

Relief Expedition, fighting at Put Tsung, China, August 5, 1900 the battle of Yang Tsung, China, August 6, 1900, and in the assault and capture of Peking, August 14 and 15, 1900, and the assault and capture of PaTachum, China, September 17, 1900. Discharged April 14, 1902. Re-enlisted in January, 1905, serving another three years in the Philippines. Discharged in January, 1908, and remained in service in the Ordnance Corps at Manila depot for two and a half years. Afterwards was clerk in office of paymaster at U. S. Naval Station, Cavite, P. I. After his return to the United States remained in government civil service and was connected with Hutchinson post office. When world war broke out he promptly tendered his services, enlisting as a private in the regulars May 23, 1917, and assigned at Fort Logan, Colo., to Co. M, Second Infantry. Instead of being sent to France, as he had hoped, was sent to Hawaii, being stationed at Fort Shafter, H. T. Within a few days after arrival took sick with pneumonia, and died there June 14, 1917. Was son of Mrs. Mattie Taylor, 611 Avenue B West.

NEWTON, ROY H., 110th Ammunition Train, 35th Division. Enlisted May 2, 1914, in Co. E, Second Kansas Infantry, serving for nearly four years in that company. Served on Mexican border in 1916. Mobilized with 137th Infantry. Transferred at Camp Doniphan to ammunition train. Served in the Vosges mountains, Alsace, in St. Mihiel reserve, Argonne-Meuse offensive and Somme Dieu sector. Was taken sick as result of exposure and died December 9, 1918, at hospital in Commercy, France. Home, 120 Seventh East.

NORRIS, FRED, Co., A. 110th Engineers, 35th Division. Killed in action. Enlisted when this unit was organized in Hutchinson by Capt. G. L. McLane, mobilizing at Topeka with the Hutchinson detachment and going to Camp Funston. Overseas in May, 1917. Served Wessering and Gerardmer sectors, Alsace front; in St. Mihiel reserve, and in Argonne-Meuse offensive. On September 29, 1918, fourth day of the Argonne battle while the 110th Engineers were holding the line against a Boche counter-offensive, Norris was killed in action. Is buried in the Romagne Cemetery in the Argonne. Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Norris, 301 East Twelfth.

OBBERG, ALBERT W., Corporal, 313th Engineers, 88th Division. Went overseas with his division, but was taken sick shortly after arrival there, and died June 20, 1918, in France. Was driver at No. 1 fire station, Hutchinson when he entered the service.

PARKS, JOHN SAMUEL, Co. 22, 165th Depot Brigade, Camp Travis, Texas. Reported died in service. Was son of Mrs. Angeline Stevens, 420 East Park street. He lived at 704 Avenue G East when he entered the service.

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

From the Reno County Genealogical Society

Index to Naturalization Records of Reno County, Kansas 1875-1955

This index lists the names of the citizens who filed at the Reno County Court House for Naturalization Papers. It lists the name of the applicant and the date the document was filed. Compiled by Jolene (Mitzner) Cook. \$12.50 + Kansas residents add 7.05% sales tax of \$.88. Postage & handling is included in the price.

Example of text:

Col. 1 – Name of Applicant; Col. 2 – Roll Number of microfilm; Col. 3 – Page # of the original record book; Col. 4. – Date of the original record; Col. 5 – not applicable in all cases; Col. 6 – 1—Declaration of Intent; 2—Petition for Naturalization & 3—Final Naturalization record.

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BERNARD, Laussucy	2	0099	1880 Nov 13		3
BERRY, Myrtle	1	0314	no date		2
BERRY, Myrtle	1	0314	1949 Apr 05	#46	3

Recorded Homestead Records of Reno County, Kansas 1875-1945

Lists the names of those who filed homestead claims in Reno County, Kansas. Gives the location of the homestead and the date filed. Five volumes of records are alphabetized by book. Compiled by Lester & Kay Reiter, Edited by Gay Hewitt. \$21.50 + Kansas residents add 7.05% sales tax \$1.52. Postage and handling is included in the price.

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NAME:	BK/PG	CERT. NO.	APPLN. NO.	LAND DESC RECORDED VOL/PG	DATE GRANTED DATE FILED
Abry, Louis	1/616	3972	6462	4-25-8 SE 8 413	15 Jan 1883 6 Dec 1884
Acker, Jacob	1/557	3525	6133	22-24-4 E2 of SE 7 466	9 Apr 1881 26 Apr 1884

Teachers of Reno County, Kansas 1884 to 1966

Lists the early teacher of Reno County, Kansas. It gives the dates of service and at which school they taught. A map in color that shows the school districts of Reno County is included. Compiled by Gay Hewitt. \$27.50 Kansas residents add 7.05% sales tax \$1.94. Postage and handling is included in the price.

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R5Jt	Geisert, Alice Herman	1961	R4	Ghormley, Quinton	1957

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**FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION'S
68TH Premier International Motorhome Extravaganza
Kansas State Fair Grounds Hutchinson, KS
September 30, Oct 1-3, 2002**

Ruth Filbert was contacted in May by Helen Molloy, Convention Activities Assistant. Ruth was asked to give a genealogy seminar at the convention. When asked if she could have helpers the answer was, "Yes". Little did Ruth know that this seminar would be scheduled for the same day that Hutchinson would have second largest rain storm of the year. [We really needed rain. "BUT" Did it really have to be over 4 inches of the wet stuff.]

Karen Burgess, Ruth Filbert and Barbara Murphy braved the pouring rain at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 2 to reach our destination, the 4-H Building on the Fair Grounds. Since the big overhead door was open on the north side of the building, Ruth drove her car into the building to unload the books, handouts and other materials that they had prepared for their talks.

A large crowd braved the weather to learn more about "Searching for Ancestors". There couldn't have been a more receptive and spirited audience.

**RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL
SOCIETY SURNAME FILE**

Did you know that the Reno County Genealogical Society maintains a Surname File? What is it? Where is it? How do I use the surname file?

When a person joins the society, the membership chairman gives that person a membership number and sends the persons name and address and membership number to the Surname File Chairman. An ancestor chart with the membership number is sent to the new member with instructions to fill out the chart with the information that they know and send it back to the society or to the Surname File Chairman. The member is also requested to sign a slip giving the society permission to print the chart in the society quarterly. The ancestor chart is put in the latest Ancestor Chart notebook in the RCGS section in the Kansas Room of the Hutchinson Public Library.

A 3 x5 inch card is filled out with the information about each ancestor on the ancestor chart, the chart number and the card is then filed alphabetically in the Surname File Drawer. A card is also filled out with the members membership number and name and address. All of the cards are cross referenced.

If you find a card in the Surname File that interests you, locate the membership card and contact the member or look at the ancestor chart for more information.

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Do you have your Kansas Territorial, Pioneer or Early Settler Certificate?

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You may request an application, with complete instructions by writing to the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Box 3858, Topeka, KS 66604-6858.

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Volumes 1-25 are available for \$15.00 each plus \$3.00 for postage and Kansas residents add \$1.30 sales tax. Master Indexes Volume 1 and Volume 2 are available for \$10.00 each plus \$2.00 postage and Kansas residents add \$.86 sales tax. Order from the address above.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER NEWS

The Hutchinson Family History Center has received a new flatbed microfilm reader. It was a greatly appreciated addition to the library. The old flatbed microfilm reader was kept in running order by Donald Derr after the repairman said that parts were no longer available to fix it. Thanks, Don. Come and see the new one.

There is an update to the International Genealogical Index (IGI) which is available on the internet only. The Family History Library has no plans to update the IGI on microfiche at the Family History Centers.

Hint: To narrow your search for an ancestor in a particular state or country try the "Keyword Search" option instead of the "Surname" option. Type in the surname and then the country or state: Burgess England.

The 1880 U. S. Federal Census, 1881 British Census, and 1881 Canadian Census are now available online. Vital records are available from Mexico, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

The Pedigree Resource File has additional compact disks bringing the total to 45. Be sure to check these for the surnames in your research.

INDIAN ANCESTRY

[The following information was excerpted from *More are tracing their ancestry to American Indians* by Mark E. McCormick, The Wichita Eagle, an article in the *Sunday Eagle*, October 20, 2002, Page 1A & 8A.)

John J. Hawkins-Pyles, director for the work force investment act program at the Mid-America All-Indian Center, said the center has had "phenomenal" phone traffic from people seeking information about their possible American Indian past.

Wichita is lucky, he says, to have the Indian Center. People elsewhere have to call the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D. C., for similar assistance.

Hawkins-Pyles offered these tips for genealogical sleuths to follow before calling:

- ◆ Start putting together a family tree. Gather birth and death certificates.
- ◆ Determine which of your family members had American Indian relatives. List them and as many of their immediate relatives as you can.
- ◆ Take that information to the lower level of the Wichita Public Library downtown, 223 S. Main St. The librarians have access to the Dawes Roll file, a list of roughly 650 tribal names. Find a relative on that list, and the chances are good that you have American Indian lineage. [In Hutchinson, go to the Kansa Room of the Hutchinson Public Library or to the Hutchinson Family History Center.

If all else fails, call the Indian Center, 650 N. Seneca St, Wichita, Kansas 316-262-5221.

In 1990, the Kansas population consisted of:

White:	2,233,897
Black:	141,957
American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut:	23,350
Asian or Pacific Islander:	31,114
Other race:	47,356

In 2000, the Kansas population consisted of:

White:	2,363,412
Black:	170,610
American Indian & Alaska Native	47,363
Asian:	56,049
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander:	3,117
Some other race:	107,789

The number of Kansans claiming an American Indian ancestry doubled from about 24,000 in 1990 to about 48,000 in 2000, according to the U.S. census, which for the first time allowed people to choose more than one racial box in describing their ancestry. Jerry Shaw,

instructor of ethnic studies at Wichita State University's school of community affairs, states "American Indians have become cool".

[The complete article is worth reading, especially so, to those trying to find proof of Indian blood or to genealogists who volunteer in libraries or family history centers.]

RENO COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

October 21, 2002

Rice Park Shelter House

The Reno County Genealogical Society held its October General Meeting at the Rice Park Shelter House. A pot-luck dinner at 6:00 p.m. was enjoyed by 45 members and their guests.

There was an abundance of great tasting food. Members were asked to bring ethnic foods or foods that were family favorites.

Each member took part in the program by showing a family heirloom and telling a story about it, displaying a family history book, or telling about an incident that occurred while they were searching for their ancestors. Everyone had a very fascinating story to tell. Some of the articles displayed included: Three shadow boxes which included pictures of three generations of soldiers with their war ribbons; a large framed marriage certificate; an old Bible with important birth, marriage and death pages filled out; a picture of soldiers in World War I which included the members grandparent and grand uncle; a bell made of iron by the members ancestor; a black powder horn; several family histories in book form and other items.

The following persons were honored for their contributions to the society. Lydia Streeter for her leadership and work as the society librarian for many years. Lester and Kay Reiter and Gay Hewitt for their contributions towards the books that are being published. Doris Dale for her contribution towards the genealogical community as the director of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Hutchinson Family History Center. Doris Phillips for her work as the Chairman of the RCGS Library Volunteers. Ruth Filbert, editor of the RCGS Quarterly, *"The Sunflower"*.



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

Compiled by Wm. D. Rexroad, 2001

**PART 8
1985 through 2001**

1985 Hutchinson Mall opens

Crime Stoppers of Reno County gets underway; rewards offered for reporting criminals

Hutchinson's Fox Theater closes

Peel family of Hutchinson among hostages on plane hijacked over Mediterranean; family eventually released unharmed

Reno County 911 emergency telephone system begins operation

Muhammad Ali visits Hutchinson to check oil interests; speaks at Sherman middle school

Sheriff and Hutchinson police arrest nineteen prominent citizens on commercial gambling charges after eight-month investigation

1986 Reno County Museum moves to new home in Hutchinson

New Hutchinson zoo opens in Carey Park

Reno nurse fired for refusing to treat AIDS patient

Computer card catalog system goes into operation at Hutchinson library; expansion and renovation of library completed

Nickerson school board buys Fun Valley office building to use as administration center

1987 Quest Center established in Hutchinson to help new businesses get started

Nickerson man threatens to blow up courthouse; killed on courthouse steps by police sharpshooter; bombs found on body

Liquor-by-the-drink goes into effect in county following voter approval the previous year

County officials open new bridge over Cow Creek diversion canal on Hutchinson's West Fourth Street

Medora post office closes

Seventy retailers throughout county sell tickets as Kansas Lottery begins

- 1988** Lois Schlickau of Haven is first woman president of Kansas State Board of Agriculture
New cancer treatment center opens near Hutchinson Hospital
Hutchinson Community College wins national basketball championship
County landfill employees party with contraband liquor discarded by Hutchinson police
Wrecking ball brings down Hutchinson's seven story Walcott building; built in 1937
Major drug operations broken up in Hutchinson and Reno County to stop flow of drugs from California to local area, reformatory, southwest Kansas
Hutchinson man dies in explosion of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland
- 1989** Interfaith Housing Services begins operation; New Beginnings shelter for homeless of Reno County opens
Plevna evacuated when anhydrous ammonia tank springs leak
Half-pound of metal bed springs and razor blades removed from stomach of reformatory inmate; swallowed in failed suicide attempt
Two Hutchinson savings and loan companies fail; taken over by federal government
Federal, state, and local authorities stage largest-ever drug bust in county; three arrested; eleven pounds of cocaine confiscated
- 1990** Reno County Farmer's Market opens in Hutchinson; named Onjes Pavilion for Max and Elizabeth Onjes who donated the money for it
Hutchinson's popular Fourth of July celebration HutchFest is created in merger of PrairieFest and Main Street Event
Hutchinson/Reno County Arts Commission formed
Hutchinson man impaled on five-foot-long steel bar in fall from ladder; bar enters at groin, exits at shoulder; man survives after surgeons remove bar and repair organs
Reno County service men and women see duty in Persian Gulf war; reservists and National Guard also called to serve in Operation Desert Storm
- 1991** Tornado devastates Willowbrook; Turon, Abbyville, Nickerson also hit
Test-tube baby born to Hutchinson couple
Nickerson post office and two other downtown buildings collapse
Reformatory suspends visitation rights of women videotaped having sex with inmate husbands; story covered on national TV
Halloween costumes banned at several county schools; might frighten youngsters

1992 New public library opens in Haven

Several prominent Hutchinson businessmen arrested in major drug bust

Powerful wind and hail storm roars through county; damage in the millions

First annual Prairie Skies Air Show put on in Hutchinson

Hutchinson Hospital opens new emergency treatment area and rehabilitation center

1993 Hutchinson's Patty Carey named Distinguished Kansan of the Year for Cosmosphere work

Reno museum director quits when county commissioners refuse to levy tax approved by voters for museum

Hutchinson post office robbed at gunpoint; employees locked in cage; thief arrested two years later in Great Bend; gets fourteen years in prison on guilty plea

County commissioners decide Reno landfill will take trash from other counties

Lerado family of four murdered; house set on fire with bodies inside to cover crime; victims' relatives stunned when jury convicts Penalosa man of lesser charges; killer sentenced to 51 years in prison

1994 Six injured in explosion of gasoline fumes at reformatory

Hutchinson Community College wins NJCAA national basketball tournament

County plagued by series of prairie fires; over 1200 acres burned; damage exceeds \$60,000

Nickerson farmer Lester Colle harvests his 70th wheat crop

Buhler gets new water tower

Ten-year-old Hutchinson girl pilots airplane to all states west of Mississippi; flies to all states east of Mississippi following year

1995 Golf course created from wheat field at Pretty Prairie

Hutchinson Boys and Girls Club opens

Hutchinson's historic Convention Hall renamed Memorial Hall; renovation begins

Reins of Hope program begins; provides equestrian therapy for ill and handicapped

1996 Two injured when explosion rips South Hutchinson propane plant; fire triggers more explosions; nearby school and businesses evacuated

Seven from Reno County carry Olympic torch as it passes through Kansas

- 1996** Reformatory inmates riot causing two-day lockdown; poor food blamed
(cont'd)
Shotgun-toting farmers capture fleeing criminal in Walnut Township
Hospice of Reno County moves into new quarters at Hutchinson Hospital
- 1997** First open-heart bypass surgery performed at Hutchinson Hospital's new cardiac unit
Jim P. Martinez Trail dedicated in Hutchinson; provides 3.2 miles of pavement for hiking and biking between Rice Park and Carey Park; more miles added later
Record 15.0 million bushels of wheat harvested in Reno County; average yield is record 52 bushels per acre
South Hutchinson woman bites lip off man trying to kiss her; lip reattached by surgery
Woman dies, six others injured in fire started by careless smoker at Pheasant Acres nursing home (formerly Broadacres) near South Hutchinson
Staff at Reno County Museum claims ghost roams halls
- 1998** New county jail annex opens; operated on contract by private company
K-96 highway expanded to four lanes between Hutchinson and Wichita
Turon mayor embroiled in controversy; two recall petitions thrown out by judges; mayor receives threat to be tarred and feathered; finally voted out in 1999 primary
Reno County Teen Center opens in Hutchinson
Buhler, Hutchinson, Nickerson-South Hutchinson school districts offer preschool program for at-risk children
- 1999** Fox Theater reopens in Hutchinson following \$4 million restoration
Obee Grade School named National Blue Ribbon School
County commission hires first county administrator; establishes office of district attorney
New fire station opens at Pretty Prairie
Haven member of State Board of Education casts deciding vote to drop evolution from state science teaching standards; Kansas becomes national laughing stock
- 2000** Reno County Fire District No. 2 merges with Hutchinson Fire Department
Buses begin running to provide countywide transportation in system called RCAT (Reno County Area-wide Transportation)
Decades-old north-south division resolved at Hutchinson's Sherman and Liberty schools; one school now for seventh grade city-wide, the other for eighth grade

2000 Roundabout completed at Hutchinson intersection after months of controversy; proves
(cont'd) success in moving traffic, reducing accidents

New technical lab and gymnasium open at Nickerson High School

2001 Gas explosions rock Hutchinson, buildings destroyed, two killed, neighborhoods
evacuated

Hutchinson High School boys basketball team wins state championship

New \$2.5 million school opens in Partridge; serves kindergarten through eighth grade

Outbreak of hepatitis A hits county; 88 cases diagnosed

County sheriff resigns; faces criminal charges of accepting \$284,000 in bribes

Reno County law enforcement agencies put on alert when terrorists attack New York
City and Washington, D.C.; local firefighters raise tens of thousands of dollars to aid
victims; anthrax scares temporarily close courthouse and Hutchinson post office

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ONLINE BRITISH MAP SITES:

<http://www.hds.essex.ac.uk/hpew/>

History Data Service offers historical boundaries of parishes on maps you can order. They also have surname distribution maps.

<http://www.multimap.co.uk>

Put in an address you got from a Census record and see what happens. You can get a very detailed map of the area of interest. You can click on the screen and it will zoom in. Remember, these are contemporary maps.

http://www.ordancesurvey.co.uk/products_new/historical/index.cfm

An extensive Historical Map Archive, with more than 500,000 maps, dating back to the early 19th century. This covers every village and town in Great Britain. Expensive!

Canterbury Wills Index

An Index to the Prerogative Court of Canterbury Wills for 1750 to 1800 is now available online. There are 208,000 entries created from the typewritten index and you can order hard copy extracts. For details, see: <http://www.englishorigins.com/help/pccwills-details.aspx> Although English Origins is not free of charge, the ability to search electronically is a great time saver.

Password Central

If you belong to several Rootsweb mailing lists, you may wish you had a list of them, so that you could be sure of un-subscribing from them all while you are on vacation. This keeps your mailbox from overflowing. See: <http://passwordcentral.rootsweb.com/>

Type your E-Mail address and ask for a list of all the mailing lists to which you are a subscriber. The list will arrive in the mail. Send an E-Mail with only the word un-subscribe in the message. This goes to EVERY list in this format: NAME-OF-LIST-L-request@rootsweb.com or NAME-OF-LIST-D-request@rootsweb.com if you get your messages grouped in a digest form. Reverse all this when you return.

The key to getting this to work is in the word "request." When you see a message in your mailing list that says un-subscribe, you know that someone sent that message to the regular mailing list address, instead of the address that includes the word "request."

Why do some messages appear twice? That happens when the message sender sends it twice—once to the L list and once to the D (Digest) list. All messages that have genealogical content should only be sent to the L list. They will arrive in the D list on their own.

Another common error is replying to the list without cutting out the messages you didn't intend to reply to. If

you get the Digest version, you should be extra careful to avoid that error.

The biggest error of all is losing patience with subscribers who don't know as much as you do. Never send a rude comment of any kind. Others will pack the list with lectures to you and support for the poor soul you scolded, which just makes things worse.

(Found in the UGSNEWS, July-August, 2002, page 4.)

World War I Draft Registration Cards

Ancestry.com is digitizing and indexing them. Ancestry.com has announced that more than 24 million WWI draft registration cards are being made available through their subscription Web site. (Remember, any LDS Family History Center with an Internet connection is eligible for a free Ancestry membership.)

There weren't 24 million doughboys fighting in World War I? No, but ANY eligible citizen or resident alien had to register—and give his full name, age, home address, date of birth, citizenship status, birthplace, occupation, marital status, number of children under age 12, any exemptions, height, build, eye & hair colors, whether bald, or disabled, and furnish a signature.

The first 100,000 or so have been posted. They are fully indexed, but you see the actual image of the card. When it is completed you will be able to search by name, state, county, and birth date. If your ancestor was born between 1873 and 1900, you should look into this resource. 25% of the existing population registered between 1917 and 1918.

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Pound (Sterling) Sign Tip

Use Alt + 44444 on your numeric keypad to get the pound sign. (Num Lock must be ON, but it usually is.)

- Hold the Alt down first.
- Then hit the 4 on the keypad five times.
- When you let the Alt key up, there's the pound sign. £

There are many other methods for getting the pound sign, but the beauty of remembering the Alt and the 44444 is that it works in most E-Mail and other programs as well and save keystrokes or mouse clicks over some software-specific methods.

For those interested in finding other extended characters, here's a Web site:

http://www.webopedia.com/TERM/E/extended_ASCII.html

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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FORMER MEMBER DIES IN NEBRASKA

Virginia Sidlinger Foster

HASTINGS, Neb. – Virginia Sidlinger Foster, 88, died Oct. 5, 2002, at Perkins Pavilion, Hastings, Neb.

She was born Oct. 30, 1913, at Hutchinson, the daughter of William Noah and Lydia Montgomery Sidlinger. She graduated from Hutchinson High School, Hutchinson Junior College, both of Hutchinson, and Kansas State University, Manhattan, with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She belonged to the Kansas State University chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. She was a veterinary assistant, and business office manager of Physician Building, Hastings, Nebraska.

She belonged to First Presbyterian Church, and was active in Synod Skippers as president and served on the national board, both of Hastings, Neb.

On Aug. 8, 1940, she married Dr. Neil C. Gustafson. On July 8, 1967, she married John B. Foster at Hastings, Neb. He died in 1999.

Survivors include: two sons; a daughter; eight grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Neb. With Dr. Carl W. Utley presiding.

Livingston-Butler-Volland Funeral Home, Hastings, Neb. Is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia operated a genealogy book store in Hastings, Nebraska and could be found at many genealogical conferences in Kansas, including those in Hutchinson, and Nebraska.

The Hutchinson News, Obituaries, Tuesday, October 8, 2002, page A11

2003 IS COMING

What are your expectations for the new year?

- Do you have an ancestor that will get all of your attention for the following year?
- Are you going to enter your family history in the State Fair Genealogy Division?
- Have you made sure that your immediate family has copies of their family tree?
- Will you finally get the time to sort through all of the pictures in "that box" and put them in scrapbooks and in your genealogy program?

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