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RCGS PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 20— William Keel — German Heritage in Kansas

OCTOBER 18 at 6:00 p.m.— Delos V. Smith Senior Center Pot Luck Dinner

NOVEMBER 22—Alice Phillips — Photographs Are A Part of Genealogy

DECEMBER — NO MEETING—

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901 N Main, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501
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IN MEMORY OF

Beatrice E. 'Bea' Stansel

Beatrice E. 'Bea' Stansel, 85, died March 20, 2004, at Hutchinson Hospital, Hutchinson, KS.

The daughter of Alfred Smith and Mabel Naomi Morris Gross, she was born 29 Feb 1919 in Pawnee Rock, KS.

In 1936, she graduated from Pawnee Rock High School. She attend Kansas city Business college. A resident of Hutchinson since 1940, she was a homemaker, 28 year employee at the Kansas State Fair. Bea was a charter member of the Reno County Genealogical Society and served as treasurer in 1984 and 1985 and as the society auditor for a number of years.

Bea and F. Harrison Stansel were married the 6th of September 1942 at Pawnee Rock. He survives.

Other survivors include: a son, Lynn and wife, Pam, Hutchinson; two grandchildren, Andrew

Stansel, Boulder, CO. and Malinda "Susie" Rohloff and husband, Joe, Hutchinson; Ken Mendenhall and wife, Louise, Mesa, Ariz.; Lenore Postier, Inman, and John Stansel and wife, Ona, Scottsdale, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by a son, Wayne Alan; and a foster sister, Mabel Deckert.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 at Elliott Mortuary, Hutchinson, with Rev. Robert B. Brooks presiding.

Burial was in the Fairlawn Burial Park, Hutchinson.

Linda Angle

Linda A. Angle, 59, died Feb. 7, 2004 at Hospice House, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Linda was born 11 June 1944, at Cherokee, OK, the child of Amos and Gladys Ward Angle.

Linda lived in Hutchinson and was a member of the Reno County Genealogical Society. She served as recording secretary of RCGS in 1984 and 1985.

She is survived by her father, Haysville; daughters, Susan Stiffler and Deborah Stunkel, both of Hutchinson; two brothers, Wayne and Terry Brayton, both of Oklahoma City; a step-brother, Richard Steadman, South Hutchinson; two sisters Wanda Brayton, Oklahoma City and Patty Brayton, Australia; four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Diana Gale Angle.

Graveside service was held in the Fairlawn Burial Park, Hutchinson. Heritage Funeral Home, Hutchinson is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials continued on page 70.

GENEALOGICAL NOTES

GENEALOGICAL MISTAKES

1. Not using family group sheets and pedigree charts.
 - A. Using slips of paper with family information that can get lost or misplaced.
 - B. Organizing information on family group sheets and pedigree charts shows areas of family research that are missing and helps you organize future research.
2. Not organizing your documentation according to the family it represents.
3. Not using the primary sources: land, probate, church, city records, but relying on printed histories.
 - A. Printed histories are not primary sources. Often they use transcribed or abstracted records OR from somebody's memory of an event that happened.
4. Not making photocopies AND recording the source of the information.
 - A. Make a photocopy of the title page.
 - B. Note on the first page the source and how many pages are included. Number the pages. (1 of 15, etc.)
5. Not making a master copy for your files.
6. Not using maps of the area at the time your ancestors lived there.
 - A. What were the water courses of the area that might have influenced where your ancestors settled.
 - B. Territories became states, counties grew out of other counties, county names changed as the years passed. Construct a map history of the area.
7. Not knowing the history of the area.
 - A. What events influenced the arrival of different ethnic groups into your research area.
 - B. What events of nature may have influenced settlements in an area?
8. Not contacting relatives for assistance.
 - A. How many times has someone said "If I had only talked about family history with my parents, aunts, uncles or old-timers of the area."
9. Assuming that "no one else is working on my line."
 - A. Certainly the internet has changed the way we communicate with researchers that "may" have just the information that you need.
10. Not using common sense when reading family histories or published biographies.
 - A. County biographies are a great example of "telling all that was good about the family". If you bought a book, you were entitled to have your biography published. Do you think anyone would tell all the "bad" things that had happened to their family.
 - B. So many families didn't have the money to purchase a book, so if your family lived in the area during that time period you may not find them in a county biography.
11. Gathering information on everyone by "that" name.
 - A. People were often named after their occupation. Not all Taylor's (tailors) were from the same family.
 - B. The spelling of names have changed throughout the years. (vowels added or dropped, etc.)
12. Not using the local public library and inter-library loan.
 - A. How many places will send you books through interlibrary loan?
13. Not making a timeline.
 - A. A chart showing in chronological order the events of a person's life may show you research areas that you would otherwise miss.
14. Not paying attention to the clues that your ancestors have left.
 - A. Clothing in pictures, dishes, cancelled checks, etc.
15. Not using your imagination on the spelling of names.
 - A. Leave out the vowels and what do you have?
16. **GIVING UP**

**CLIPPINGS FROM
THE HUTCHINSON DAILY GAZETTE**
Saturday, June 8, 1912

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BUSINESS COLLEGE NOTES

The following students entered college this week: Carrie Sommmehous (sic), C. L. Duckworth (sic), Louis Cohn, Harry Cohn of Hutchinson, Myrtle Reynolds (sic), St. John, Kan., Nellie Murphy, Stafford and Miss Henrietta Hurner, of Stafford.

Mr. Albert Earhart, who has been seriously ill, left last Wednesday for his home in Adrian, Mo., where he will undergo an operation for appendicitis. Miss Pearl Erhart accompanied him.

Mr. R. H. Bales of St. John, county attorney of Stafford county, gave a splendid address to the students last Tuesday morning.

Mr. Johnston, Mr. Conrad and Gray Johnston motored to Abbyville and Arlington Tuesday evening.

Miss Amanda Paxton has accepted a stenographic position with the International Harvester Co.

The students are all planning to visit the reformatory this afternoon. They will attend in a body.

Mr. Leroy Cole has accepted a bookkeeping position with the Ryde Paint Co., of this city.

Miss Minnie Azbill left last Monday for a week's visit with relatives in Cherokee, Okla.

Mrs. Anna Walker of Liberal was a pleasant caller at the college Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Rilla McKee has been spending the week visiting with friends in Nickerson.

Mr. Elmer Curry left Thursday for a short visit with home folks in Heizer, Kan.

Beulah Harmon has accepted a position with the International Harvester Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are spending the week end with friends in Sterling.

Last Tuesday evening the students formed a skating party at Riverside.

Mr. H. Stewart of Turon, Kansas, was a caller at the College Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reedy of St. John, called at the college, Saturday.

Miss Estelle Foster lectured in Abbyville last Tuesday evening.

Miss Alma Johnson of Sterling will enter college Monday.

Miss Mattie Lees of Attica entered school this week.

D. F. Hahn began banking Monday.

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Mrs. J. B. Vincent of East First received word yesterday of the death of her father, H. J. Bruce, of Bruceville, Ind., early yesterday morning. Mr. Bruce, was almost ninety years of age, and last fall, Mrs. Vincent and her sister, Mrs. J. W. Cole of Nickerson, went to Bruceville to attend the Bruce family reunion, in the ancient family homestead. The little city was named for a Bruce ancestor, and the old homes of the family are beautiful preserved, with all their old treasures that link the early history of Indiana to the present. Mrs. Vincent and her sister had intended leaving for Bruceville this morning, but the news proved such a shock to the former their journey had to be abandoned.

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Mrs. J. L. Penney was the hostess yesterday at a charming informal afternoon given in honor of her daughter, Mrs. John Fontron, of McPherson, who is visiting her. About twenty-five of her friends were guests, and fancywork and an old fashioned afternoon at visiting, with the cool weather out of doors lending pleasant contrast to the cozy comfort within, furnished the diversion. Mrs. A. W. Tyler and Mrs. James Lee Dick gave great pleasure in several songs. Mrs. Fontron will remain until the latter part of the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ax and Mr. John Martin will assist at the morning recital to be given at half after nine Wednesday at the home by Mrs. A. W. Tyler's pupils.

Marion and Margaret Stokely are in Kansas City for a visit with friends. Mrs. J. Stokely and children will leave soon for a summer in Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. E. D. Raffington and daughter Margaret, have returned from a week's visit with their relatives, Dr. L. T. Smith and family of Newton. Charles Raffington is spending his summer vacation on the farm of C. D. Wood, now of Elmdale, but formerly of Hutchinson.

The party that motored to Kinsley Friday in the Larabee car—Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Larabee, Mrs. Rhys Price, Mrs. P. J. Leimbach and Mrs. R. E. Steele, were dinner guests that evening with Miss Nan and Miss Martha Steele, Mr. Eustace Smith and Mr. Bill Hamner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hines, whose house guest was Mrs. F. Dumont Smith, also of Hutchinson, and Mr. Gilmor Brown and Mr. Charles Edwards, of the cast of players in "Midsummer Night's Dream."

Miss Albright, of Pawnee, Nebraska, is here, the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. Haas, and Mr.

Haas, on East Fourteenth, Miss Albright arrived Wednesday.

Miss Margaret Phillips will sing this morning at Grace Episcopal church, Miss Phillips is one of the newly found singers of the city, and her solo this morning will be heard with a great deal of interest. Her first appearance was in the recital given recently by Mrs. Whiteside's pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Beebe, of East Bigger, are entertaining over Sunday Mrs. Cecil Landers of Woodburn, Ky., Miss Velma Wright and Miss Olin Hunt of Halstead.

Mrs. B. M. Kridler has returned to her home in Pratt, after spending a few days in Hutchinson as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lyall, of East B Avenue.

The "firing line" for commencements is a long one. Many of the colleges are already through with their exercises, and many have them in anticipation. Mrs. L. J. White will go to Ferry Hall, in Chicago, this week, for the exercises and to return with Miss Chlora White, who has been a student there. Miss Elizabeth Sargent will return from Ann Arbor, Mich., next week. Miss Hallie Young will make a leisurely trip home from Poughkeepsie, N. Y. where she has been attending Vassar, stopping at points along the way.

Miss Hazel Allison, of Clay Center and Miss Carrie Calhoun, of Fort Scott, both University of Kansas girls, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Walker.

Dr. Meda Brashear, who has been spending the past two weeks with her son, Dr. W. C. Brashear, will return to her home in Missouri today, accompanied by her little granddaughter, Maxine.

Miss Lela Daily of Burrton, spent yesterday with Miss Helen Weich (sic) here. Mrs. Howard Austin, also of Burrton, here for a visit with friends.

Mrs. C. B. Ladd of North Plum, has as guests Mrs. George A. Hinshaw, of New Mexico, and Miss Pierson of Emporia.

Mr. M. Holmes, who has been attending Southwestern College at Winfield, has returned to spend the summer here with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Holmes. Miss Ethel Haas of Wichita, and Paul Holmes, who has been visiting at Wichita, accompanied him home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Talbott, of East Fifth street, have returned from California, where they were called four weeks ago by the death of Mrs. Talbott's brother.

The mission Circle of the First Christian church will meet tomorrow evening instead of Tuesday evening, the change being made on account of the Christian Endeavor convention. Miss June Roberts, on 713 East Sherman, will be the hostess, and the study will be on Canada and the United States, in charge of Miss Mildred Asher. A full attendance is desired.

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Mrs. Ernest Gallup and small daughter, Ernestine, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gallup in Wichita.

Mrs. Robert Springer of Chase, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Cramm, of East A avenue.

Miss Edna Gresham and Miss Anna Cotton are guests today of Miss Gertrude McDermed.

Miss Mary Lippincott and Miss Mabel Phifer will spend today with Wichita friends.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

M. P. Miller was in Dodge City yesterday on business.

Mrs. G. W. Chew of Sterling, spent yesterday here shopping.

Mrs. H. A. Ungles was here from Plevna yesterday, shopping.

Mrs. Pearl was a shopper here yesterday from Yoder.

J. C. Reimer of Meade, transacted business in the city yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. Niver of Inman shopped in Hutchinson yesterday.

Mrs. C. T. Chase of Partridge, shopped in the city yesterday.

Lee Detter of Nickerson, was in the city yesterday on business.

Mrs. R. A. Broughton of Plevna, was here yesterday, shopping.

Miss Aurora Wall of Turon, was in the city yesterday, shopping.

L. Ferguson of Sterling, transacted business in the city yesterday.

G. A. Sanders is seriously ill at 15 West A avenue with pneumonia.

Mrs. J. B. Wilson of Great Bend, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. P. (sic)

Miss Nellie Zemmeht of Hudson, was a shopper in the city yesterday.

George Goodenough of Turon, was a Hutchinson business visitor Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Steele was in the city yesterday from Turon on a shopping trip.

C. A. Marrs of Meade, was in Hutchinson Saturday on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Day were Hutchinson visitors yesterday, from Stafford.

E. J. Kenyon and R. J. Prayor were in Hutchinson yesterday afternoon on business.

Mr. Cady of Langdon, was in Hutchinson yesterday visiting friends, and on business.

H. P. Stark and W. Clyde Pyle were in Hutchinson yesterday from Protection, on business.

Wm. E. Abbott, of Sylvia, was in town yesterday. He reports good rains in his neighborhood.

R. C. Gates was a business visitor here yesterday, from Seward.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Roberts came to Hutchinson yesterday to visit with L. Campbell on East Eighth street.

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RAFF FUNERAL TODAY

To Be Held this Afternoon at 3 O'clock
From the Family Home

The funeral of Sol Raff is to be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the family home, 310 East First, with the Masonic order in charge. Mr. Raff's only sister, Mrs. Elmira, of Chicago, who was visiting in Michigan at the time when the word of her brother's death reached her, will arrive this morning. Interment will be at Eastside cemetery.

AGED MINISTER ILL

Rev. E. P. Roe, Formerly Hutchinson Pastor,
Ill at Mt. Hope Home.

The Rev. E. P. Roe of Mount Hope, formerly a pastor of the Baptist church here, is quite seriously ill, and grave fears are entertained for his recovery. The Rev. Mr. Roe is well known in the county. All eight of the children were summoned the first of the week, and those from a distance are still at Mount Hope. Mrs. N. J. Eby, 122 East Fourth, is a daughter.

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JESSE FISHER TO TALK

Will Tell "How One-Fifth of the World Lives"
Tonight

"How one-fifth of the world lives" will be one of the things that Jesse C. Fisher, recently returned from a long missionary experience in India, will speak about at Hadley church tonight. Mr. Fisher's lecture will be illustrated

with more than 100 views from real life, and among other things he will show the picture of the largest and finest buildings in the world. His views show native life as he saw it in five years spent among them, learning the language and customs. Mr. Fisher was once at Mitchell church.

America is so used to claiming the largest buildings, the longest canyon, the most wonderful things in all lines that it is a real shock to find that in the hands of the East Indians, architecture has found its noblest expression and art the most wonderful development. The colored views show some of the wonders of the Oriental land.

TAYLOR IS REFEREE Hutchinson Motor Car Dealer Gets State Appointment

Harry H. Taylor, of the Taylor Motor company, has received an appointment as contest referee for the American Automobile Association of Kansas. The notification came from D. E. Watkins, secretary of the Kansas branch. Mr. Taylor's duties will consist of settling disputes in all contest that may arise on all runs pulled off by motorists in the state. In other words, Mr. Taylor will sit as a court of arbitration in all disputes between contestants for honors in auto runs. The A. A. A. maintains a referee in each state, but hitherto has not had one in Kansas.

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MARRIED HERE Larned Couple Married Here— Return to Larned Tuesday

John H. Weber and Miss Ona Carel, both of Larned, were married yesterday at 7:30 at the home of Justice Gallup. They will be here until Tuesday with relatives, and will return to Larned. They are visiting a brother, George Weber, of the detective agency.

CHURCHES

UNITED BRETHERN CHURCH

First Church — Corner Fifth and Walnut. C. E. Heisel, pastor.
 Second Church — Corner A and Monroe. C. E. Heisel, pastor, Miss Elsie Baker, deaconess, 600 B West.

HADLEY M. E. CHURCH

Corner of Avenue F and Elm street. Rev. J. A. Holmes, pastor.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Corner of Fifth avenue and Main street. Rev. W. Calvert, pastor, 110 A East.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Century Hall, corner Main and First streets.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Corner Poplar and Sherman, Rev. John S. Blaney, pastor.

FIRST AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner First avenue and Maple street. Dr. F. W. Cook, superintendent.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN. (Dunkard.)

Corner of Eighth street and Ford. A. G. Miller, pastor.

IRWIN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth avenue east corner, Severance. Judson L. Underwood, pastor.

SOUTH HUTCHINSON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Chas. Huffman, pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Corner Eleventh and Walnut. A. Toothaker, pastor.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Corner Fifth and Main. O. L. Cook, minister.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Corner of Maple and First East. Rector C. S. Sargent, D. ID., rector.

HUNDRED FEET OF FIGURES

Hutchinson Girl Makes Thousands of Numbers in Footing up Records.

It takes thousands of figures to make a string of them a hundred feet in length, but this is accomplished nearly every day by a Hutchinson girl. She is Miss Pearl Lee, daughter of County Assessor G. W. Lee, who is a deputy clerk in her father's office at the court house.

Just now the reports of all the township assessors which have been filed with the county assessor, are being footed up, and to Miss Lee fell the task of doing this. From the time she reaches the office in the morning until she quits work in the evening, she is busy pecking away on an adding machine, and about her is strung over the floor scores of feet of a thin strip of paper covered with figures. In the eight hours she puts in footing up these records each day, she estimates she covers with figures a strip of adding machine paper at least a hundred feet in length.



**POTLUCK DINNER
 OCTOBER 18—6 P.M.**

**DELOS V. SMITH SENIOR CENTER
 101 WEST 1ST, HUTCHINSON, KS**

MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES

**Drinks, cups, plates, napkins and
 silverware will be provided**

GENEALOGICAL NOTES WEB RESOURCES

Hamrick Software has created a Web site in which you can view a graphical distribution of a surname at four different time periods: 1850, 1880, 1920, and 1990s. The U. S. surname Distribution tool is at <www.hamrick.com/names/>

Enter a surname into the search field and you can quickly see where that name was found on a U.S. Map for each of these years. This site does not work for all surnames, however. If you enter a surname that is not in their database you will see the following message: Our database contains the 50,000 most commonly occurring names in the United States. Unfortunately, the name you selected isn't contained in this database. Try using a slightly different spelling of this name." If you're wondering where a family was in any of these four time periods, this site may just give you some clues.

Along the same line, here is a site that is just plain fun. It presents an animated narrative of the growth of the United States from 1789 to 1959. Point your browser to

<www.animatedatlas.com> and click on "movie" link. If you're on a dial-up connection it may take a while to download, but broadband connections receive the ten-minute movie very quickly. You can select any of three segments individually: Completion of Territory (1789 to 1853), Civil War (1853-1865), or Post Civil War (1865 to 1959), or you can view the entire movie by one click. So turn up your speakers and enjoy!

And speaking of fun, member Bill Korn has found a free translation service at <<http://world.altavista.com>>. Simply type up to 150 words of text in the box and select from the list of languages to translate from and to. Languages include: Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

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GENEALOGICAL NOTES

SURVEYORS MEASURES

1 link	7.92 inches	
1 chain	100 links	66 feet
10 square chains	1 acre	
1 pole	1 rod or 16.5 feet	
1 section	1 sq. mile	640 acres
1 township	36 sq. miles	23,040 ac.
1 range	1 tier of townships	
1 league	4.428.4 acres	
1 labor	177.14 acres	
1 vara	33 1/2 inches	
1 arpent	100 sq. perchese	51.07 Metric acres
1 Pershese	22 sq. pied de roi	1 rod or pole
1 Canadian Arpent	180 French feet	
1 Canadian perchese	18 French feet	
1 pied de roi	03248 meters	
1 yard	8 feet or .9144 meter	
1 Great Britain yard	8 US yard	
1 Mexican yard	83.8 meters	

COMPUTER SYMBOLS

The complete set, 110 symbols, alt 0145 to alt 0255 is listed here:

http://home.earthlink.net/~awinkelried/keyboard_shortcuts.html

But even better, get your own converter that works with any font you have installed on your system here:

<http://www.woundedmoon.org/win32/extendedcharactermap141.html>

COMPUTER TEMPLATES

The following website is for genealogical templates.

<http://office.microsoft.com/templates/category.aspx?CategoryID=CT063459251033&CTT=6&Origin=TC010186191033>

There is no "-" after Cate. (?CategoryID=)

Codicil to a Will

(Copied from the "Old Fort Log" Spring 2004. Old Fort Genealogical Society of Southeastern Kansas, Inc., Fort Scott, Kansas)

The following was published on some county mailing lists; as with all legal matters check requirements in your state. Needs to be signed in front of a notary public.

A Genealogical Codicil to My Last Will and Testament

To my spouse, children, guardian, administrator, and/or executor:

Upon my demise it is requested that you DO NOT dispose of any or all of my genealogical records, both those prepared personally by me and those records prepared by others which may be in my possession, including but not limited to books, files, notebooks or computer programs for a period of two years. During this time period, please attempt to identify one or more persons who would be willing to take custody of the said materials and the responsibility of maintaining and continuing the family histories. [If you know whom within your family or friends are likely candidates to accept these materials, please add the following at this point: "I suggest that the persons contacted regarding the assumption of the custody of these items include but not be limited to" and then list the names of those individuals at this point, with their addresses and telephone numbers if known]

In the event you do not find anyone to accept these materials, please contact the various genealogical organizations that I have been a member of and determine if they will accept some parts or all of my genealogical materials. [List of organizations, address and phone numbers at bottom; include local chapters, with their addresses, phone numbers and contact persons if available as well as state/national contact information and addresses]

Please remember that my genealogical endeavors consumed a great deal of time, travel and money. Therefore it is my desire that the products of these endeavors be allowed to continue in a manner that will make them available to others in the future. Please do not put any information about living individuals on a web site or in a published book without their consent.

Signature _____ Date

Witness _____ Date

Witness _____ Date

**FORSHA FAMILY
OF CASTLETON TOWNSHIP
IN RENO COUNTY**

(The following information about the Forsha family was compiled by Jay and Mary Russell of Santa Fe, New Mexico. It was sent to the Reno County Genealogical Society.)

**HUTCHINSON NEWS
Thursday, November 13, 1884, Page 5**

HILL—FORSHA

Wednesday evening a brilliant crowd of invited guests assembled at the residence of Mr. E. M. Hill to witness the marriage of Mr. Fred Forsha to Miss Minnie Hill. Mr. Forsha has only been in this community a year but he has made a host of friends. Miss Hill is well known to the public, having been a resident here for many years and also a teacher in the public schools several terms. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. O. Mead, of the Methodist church, he using the Episcopal service. An elegant lunch was served at 10:30. We had intended giving a list of guests and the many presents but they were sent in too late for this week.

NICKERSON REGISTER

Last Wednesday evening, Mr. Fred Forsha and Miss Minnie Hill were married at the residence of the bride's parents in Hutchinson. The bride is one of Hutchinson's fairest ladies; until a short time ago she has been a teacher in the public schools for two years and is highly esteemed by a host of friends. The groom is a rising young broker, and in his straight-forward business dealings has won the respect and confidence of the business fraternity of that city.

Their many friends in Nickerson wish that their life boat may float out upon one of earth's rivers, and out of the coves and bays that skirt the thousand islands of their earthly pathway may the glad hearts and sunny temper, which like the peerless diamond is forever flashing out imprisoned sunlight still go with them; then in the soft haze of life's evening, 'neath a sky ablaze with crimson and gold may they at last

drop their anchor in a harbor of endless peace.
— *Nickerson Register*

**THE HUTCHINSON NEWS
(Weekly), Thursday November 20, 1884**

GENEROUS LIST

The following is a list of the presents bestowed upon Mr. and Mrs. Fred Forsha at their wedding last Wednesday evening. They really made a handsome lot. The newly married couple have taken up a residence with Mr. A. L. Forsha on Sherman street.

Groom to bride, silver tea set, coffee urn and salvor.

Dinner and tea service of Haviland china, hand decorated, 177 pieces, table linen and napkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Forsha.

Set silver knives, forks, table and tea spoons, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hill.

Silver sugar and mustard spoon, E. G. Hill.

Half dozen solid tea spoons, Arthur, Allie and Gertrude Hill.

Silk Quilt, Grandma Forsha.

Lace pillow shams, Grandma Full, Baltimore, Md.

Group Rogers statuary from Othello, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bigger.

Reading table, Mr. and Mrs. E. and E. B. Wilcox.

Plush upholstered patent rocker, Misses Lucy Meyer; Jessie Hale; Daisy Mulkey; Bertha Gregg; Jennie Richardson; Mary Innes; Dora Richardson; Lizzie Hetlowall (sic).

Crimson plush easy chair, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Atkinson.

Set silver nut picks, Miss Effie Marshall, Unionville, Mo.

Book, L. O. Mead

Select poems, Miss D. Millington.

Pair silver napkin rings, Snow and Nettie Wilcox.

Satin hand painted banner, Mr. Jesse Ward, Huntington, W. Va.

Gilt card receiver, Misses Mary and Agnes Hill, Nevada, Mo.

Silver water set, Mr. and Mrs. Lusk.

Amberina lemonade set, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Innes.

Bisque vase, Miss Mary Innes.

Handsome painted satin handkerchief sachet, H. White-side.

Pair candelabra, Miss Keedy, St. Joe, Mo.

Elegant hanging lamp, Leo H. Albright.

Silver card receiver, Harry Winslow.

Set of table linen, Mr. and Mrs. H. Raff.

Decorated salad dish and dozen salts, Amberina, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Campbell.

Silver and crackle ware dish, W. L. Irvin, Huntington, W. Va.

Mirror with brass responses frame, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hoyt, Brooklyn, New York
 Check for \$25, Miss Hill, Montreal, Canada.
 Beveled edge mirror in embroidered frame, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hutchinson.
 Velvet and satin whisk holder, Mrs. Geo. S. Harris, Unionville, Mo.
 Perfumed stand and gold tooth pick, Sarah Lumbeck.
 Silver pickle castor, M. and Mrs. Sol Raff.
 Embroidered satin handkerchief satchel, Miss May Williamson.
 Silver and glass jelly dish, Mrs. J. Barbee.
 Silver water set, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ward, Huntington, W. Va.
 Embroidered hand mirror, Miss Linda Cundiff, St. Louis.
 Embroidered plush pin cushion, Mrs. Geo. Harris, Unionville, Mo.
 St George Elliott's works, Dr. and Mrs. Justice, Lancaster, Mo.
 Set Dickens works, Messrs. Collier, Kirkpatrick, Hutton, Foote, Patee, and Morton.
 Dozen solid silver tea spoons, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Winslow.
 Half dozen solid silver tea spoons, Mrs. W. F. Staples, Unionville, Mo.
 Amberina vase, Mr. and Mrs. Pueady, Decatur, Ill.
 Set silver fruit knives, Ed Moore, Peru, Ill.

(The following newspaper article did not have a publication date, possibly April 13, 1921).

THIS IS THE ANNIVERSARY

STREET CARS

Thirty-four years ago today, April 13, 1887, the first street cars ran on Hutchinson streets.
 The street car track had just been completed from the Missouri Pacific depot, then on Avenue G to Twelfth avenue, on North Main. The trial trip was made by two cars 34 years ago this afternoon, between the Cow creek bridge and the Missouri Pacific. The bridge was then being rebuilt, but it was expected it would be completed by the 14th, when regular services would be started on the street railway.
 The street cars were horse cars. There were six closed cars and two summer cars, 16 feet long. Later on lines were built on other streets, Avenue F, Avenue A and Fourth avenue. But to start

with the Main street line was the only one. Ten minute service on North Main was the schedule to start with.

A. L. Forsha was president of the street car company; John Severence, vice president; S. W. Campbell, treasurer; Fred A. Forsha, secretary; and these four, with John Puterbaugh, H. Raff and John F. Smith the directors.

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FUNERAL SERVICES

Of Colonel Forsha
Tomorrow Afternoon at 2 O'clock

The funeral of Colonel A. L. Forsha will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence on Sherman east. Rev. Rogers will conduct the service.

The funeral party with the family left Kansas City this afternoon at 2:30 and will arrive in Hutchinson this evening at 9:30.

A very pretty tribute was paid to the memory of the colonel by the Scottish Rite Masons at the Wichita consistory this morning. The 16th degree was to have been exemplified and in the ceremony Sam. W. Forsha had Had one of the leading parts. The Rite decided out of respect to Colonel Forsha to suspend the exemplification of this degree entirely.

A number of the 32nd degree Masons will come from Wichita tomorrow to attend the funeral.

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**SORROW IS
OUR PORTION**

**Death of One of the Great Young
Men of Kansas**

**Sam W. Forsha Passes the Portals That Lead
to the Life Beyond**

DEATH'S SHINING MARK

A Life That Could Illy be Spared

**And a Character That is Rich in Memories
for the Many Who Mourn**

Our Friend is dead.

Sorrow fill the hearts, words of grief are on the lips of the people of Hutchinson today. And not only in Hutchinson but in all parts of Reno county, all over the state of Kansas, and far and near wherever those who knew him reside there is mourning for the loss that has come in the death of Sam W. Forsha. A little over ten weeks ago he began the battle with the deadly typhoid fever. By his side was his loving and devoted mother who never gave up the fight so long as life endured. His brother, Fred Forsha and Mrs. Fred Forsha gave their strength and their love to help him. All that medical science could find and all that skilled nursing could do was put in the scale in his behalf. Patiently, cheerfully, unselfishly, he faced the enemy. But finally when the fever was about broken, a complication of pneumonia made its appearance and his robust constitution enfeebled by the long struggle with the fever, was not able to overcome the new foe, and at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon he passed from this world to receive the reward that is his for the good work he has done. At his bedside, in the University hospital at Kansas City were the brother and sister and the mother whose life would gladly have been given for the splendid man who had blessed her and made happy every

moment of her life.

From boyhood to manhood Sam Forsha has grown up in Reno county. No one doubts but that he was the pride of the people who had marked the development of his ability and his character. His life was the amplification of the golden rule. His unselfishness was known to those whom he assisted in the greater affairs of life and by the poor and humble who never had to seek to find a friend in him. The grasp of his hand, the truth in his glance, the sweetness of his friendship, the sincerity of his life, have made many a heart happier, have relieved many a suffering, have made the world better for his having lived in it. Called to assume great responsibilities he never faltered or failed. The men who worked for him and the men who worked with him, loved him for his gentleness and his helpfulness, as they admired him for his power and his achievements. Rarely are these qualities of force and energy, ability and success, unselfishness and humanity, combined in one man, but they were in our friend, our neighbor and our leader, Sam W. Forsha. No monument can ever be made so beautiful and so high that it will equal the one he has left in the hearts of the thousands who knew him and loved him.

Only 35 years old the 4th of last December, the future of no man was more promising for honor for himself and the betterment of the world than that of Sam Forsha a few weeks ago. And now he has gone from us, gone to a better world, but the aching void he has left in this world is hard to endure. It seems to us that no man could have been so illy spared, no life so untimely cut off. And yet he has done a work for good in the short space in which he has been with us that would be an honor to a life ten times as long.

When Sam was a boy his parents Colonel and Mrs. A. L. Forsha came from his birthplace, Schuyler county, Missouri, and located in Hutchinson. Colonel Forsha was one of the great men who helped make Kansas what it is. The mother is one of the great women whose life helps all with whom it comes in contact, and whose sons have matured to sturdy manhood to

the honor of their mother and the profit of the world. Before Colonel Forsha's death, a little over a year ago, Sam was the manager of the big Forsha ranch of 6,000 acres. Under his supervision one of the large and profitable mills of the state was added to the resources of the ranch famous for its wheat, its alfalfa and its well fed cattle. Other large undertakings were planned and successfully executed by the young man who never deceived the hopes of his friends or failed to exhibit the requisites of success. In every enterprise success followed his efforts because success was deserved. The ranch which was his pride, was the show place of the county, just as it was a mine of wealth to its owners. He was as solicitous of the comfort, the health and the happiness of his employees as he was of the prosperity of his business. Not one of the many who have worked for him but tells the same story of the man who always stood for them and the man they would have stood by because they loved him.

In public affairs Sam. W. Forsha was known all over Kansas for his honesty, ability and loyalty. He was a partisan Republican but no political adversary but gave him the appreciation that comes to a fair and honorable opponent. He could have had any position within the gift of the people of his county. Two years ago he was Reno's favorite son for Congress, and his canvass extended his acquaintance and his prestige. No one doubts but that if he had lived and had been ambitious for political preferment the gate of opportunity would have swung open before him.

One of the important works of his life was in connection with Masonry, an order whose precepts he loved and whose teachings he practiced. He was especially interested in Scottish Rite Masonry and one of the active workers in the Wichita consistory, a thirty-second degree and Knight Commander and on the sure road to early advancement to the thirty-third degree. He was a member and had been master of the Haven lodge and was a member of Reno commandery, (sic)

Knights Templar, and the R. and S. M. of Hutchinson. He was also a member of the Elks and the U.C.T. He was a believer in Christianity, of a deep and sincere though unostentatious religious mind, and his life was an example of character and virtue.

Words of sympathy come from all sides to the grief-stricken family. In life he was devoted to his good mother, whose sorrow would be too great to bear if she were not sustained by the knowledge of the love and affection for her and the greatness of the soul of the boy who for many years had been her baby and always her pride and joy. The close and loyal attachment between Sam and his brother, Fred was always kept, and one of the sad incidents of this death was that it came just as these two strong men had formally begun the work of a great business together. To these and to the friends in every walk of life from the senator in Congress to the poor to whom he was always a friend, the death of Sam Forsha comes as a sickening blow, and they mourn together the loss from the world which can spare such men so poorly, the strong and able man, the successful master of affairs, the unselfish, the loyal, the loved and loving friend.

Funeral Service

The funeral service will be Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence on Sherman street east. It will be conducted by Reno lodge No 140 A. F. and A. M. Rev Rogers will deliver the funeral sermon. Honorary pall bearers will be taken from the Masonic bodies, all of which will join in the service. Colonel T. G. Fitch, of Wichita, grand master of Masonry in Kansas; Judge S. R. Peters, senior warden, and other of the great Masons of the state will be present.

ALFALFA

Alfalfa the "Best Bet."

Hence, to me, a man seeking a future dependence on land, alfalfa blossoms forth every future independence. I have read alfalfa books and interviewed alfalfa growers since alfalfa was new, ten years ago, in southern Kansas. Colburn, the

Kansas secretary of Agriculture, had been preaching it in the papers for several years, but the Kansas farmer was wary. Corn and wheat were good enough for him.

One man in Kansas had faith in the sandy soil and the shallow water and in the Colburn teachings, and he planted hundreds of acres—that was Sam Forsha, a big rancher near Hutchinson. Forsha showed me his ranch then—the second or third year after planting. He was then taking the third cutting which netted him twice the income of wheat fields.

“Alfalfa is the crop of the future. It is a gold mine for the stockman as well as the farmer,” said Forsha. The profits cleared by Forsha on his Kansas ranch started alfalfa growing in the Sunflower state.

Alfalfa is grass—it blooms and leafs like red clover. It produces three to seven cuttings every year, and it lives from five to fifteen years without renewal. At three years alfalfa spreads over the ground so thick there is room for little else. At four years its roots have found a water level, no matter how deep.

Alfalfa first attracted my attention because a man who owned a 320 acre field of it made so much money he went away every winter, sailing in southern seas, to get rid of his surplus dollars.

(Hutchinson Daily News, Thursday, June 27, 1907, Page 6.)

IN SOCIETY

A beautiful mid-summer wedding celebrated last evening was that of Miss Jean Forsha and Mr. Millard Howell Russell of Kansas City. The prominence of the bride's family makes the wedding of great interest here as well as Kansas City where the groom is well known socially and in a business way.

The marriage occurred at the family home on East Sherman street, and was marked by the charming simplicity in all the appointments. The house was decorated for the most part with garden flowers. On the wide piazza were palms and jars of pink hollyhocks, which flowers were also used effectively in the reception room. In the

ceremony room, which was long and so arranged as to make the entrance of the bridal party particularly impressive, were more hollyhocks, while flanking the bay windows was filled with palms which formed the back ground for the pretty picture made by the bridal party. In the dining room were pink sweet peas. The table was overlaid with lace lilies and in the center stood a basket of flowers tied with tulle. The candle shades were pink and all the other accessories of the serving were in harmony.

The guests were received by the parents of the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Forsha and Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Russell of Kansas City. Mrs. Forsha was in lavender Marquisette, elaborate with lace and Mrs. Russell in black lace over white. A mandolin orchestra played while the guests were arriving.

The ceremony took place at 7 o'clock. “Schubert's Serenade” was played immediately before the ceremony, the music changing to the bridal chorus from Lohengrin as the ribbon bearers, Miss Christine Evans and Miss Margaret Carter of Kansas city, advanced slowly through the long room, marking a passage for the bride. She was preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Adelina Richards of Kansas City and was escorted by her father. At the altar arranged in front of the palms, she was met by the groom and his best man, Mr. Roy Russell. There the service was read by Rev. Paul R. Talbot of the Grace Episcopal church, the bride and groom kneeling on white satin cushions for the final blessing. The Mendelssohn march was played immediately afterward.

The gowning of the bridal party was charming, the bride's costume being especially handsome and becoming to her tall graceful figure and blond beauty. It was of white liberty messaline, the skirt draped in long sweeping lines and untrimmed button folds around the hem. The bodice was a mass of rare lace, the yoke, collar and cuffs were of duchesse and rose point, while draped in berth effect across the front and falling in soft cascades over the tops of the sleeves was rose point of exceptional beauty. The same

lace caught at the shoulders in the back and drawn down into a pearl buckle at the waist formed long ends that fell over the back of the skirt. The long tulle veil was held with sprays of lilies of the valley and the bouquet was a huge shower of the same blossoms. The bride's only jewel was a diamond pendant, the gift of the groom.

Miss Richards' toilette was only less beautiful than that of the bride. It was of white marquise, princess with the empire back sweeping into a demi train. The décolleté bodice was elaborately trimmed with lace in which was woven a touch of gold and pink, while in the back, long sash ends of lace touched the pink, fell over the train. Her bouquet was a shower of pink sweet peas. She wore a knot of white tulle in her hair, as did the other girls. They all also wore the brides gifts, gold bar pins.

Miss Evans and Miss Carter were gowned alike in pink chiffon cloth over white liberty satin. The skirts were cut empire, and trimmed around the foot with pink lace. The bodices were décolleté, with pink lace through which ran a thread of gold. Their bouquets were also showers of pink sweet peas.

After the newly married couple has received the congratulations of their friend they went into the dining room where the bride's and groom's cakes were cut and appropriate refreshments were served.

The bride's bouquet, thrown by her from the stair case was caught by little Miss Frances Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell left on a late evening train and will spend their honeymoon in the mountains of British Columbia, most of their time being spent at Banff. They will be at home after September 1, in Kansas City at Broadway and Eighteenth street where a bungalow is now building for them.

The bride's going away costume was a dark tailored suit, severely plain, worn over a bodice of fine chiffon cloth and lace. Her hat was of natural straw with blue wings.

Among the guests from out of town who were

present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Russell, Miss Dorothy Russell, Mr. Roy Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Richards, Miss Adelina Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Arnold. Miss Margaret Carter, Miss Christine Evans, Mr. Edwin Dunlap of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cummings of Omaha, Mrs. Emma Barbee, Miss Buelah Barbee of Chicago, Mrs. E. M. Hill of Lawrence, Mrs. Louis A. Springer of New York, and Mr. Jesse Ward of Chanute.

The Hutchinson News, Tuesday, September 3, 1918, Page 7.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DEATH OF FRED A. FORSHA IN NEW YORK MONDAY

The death of Fred A. Forsha, which took place yesterday afternoon in New York City closed the life chapter of one of Hutchinson's best known men, whose last three years have been clouded in the lost identity which is one of the results of paresis, the disease which the physicians diagnose as the cause. Three years ago when in New York he disappeared and only a chance brought him homeward in the last hours. He was not able and could not recall his old personality except in a few flashes of memory when with his brother-in-law, Louis Springer, of New York and Howard S. Lewis, who was summoned to that city last week to make sure of his identity.

The facts of his last three years were fairly well gathered from a friend who brought him to New York, not knowing the real man with whom he has been well acquainted. When Fred left New York, he went to Hayti (sic), where he engaged in the lumber business, doing satisfactory work for his employer and making many acquaintances. His name was Thomas Jefferson Forest, and on one, and least of all himself, probably connected him with Fred Forsha. A short time ago he was taken with a tropical fever and a friendly Haytian planter, Mr. Pool, who was coming to

New York, brought him along at his request. While ill on shipboard he mentioned the name of Louis Springer, of the New York Sun, and that was the only clue the planter had to locate a friend. Mr. Pool called Mr. Springer, but he knew nothing of T. J. Forest. At the suggestion of Mr. Pool, Mr. Springer went to see the sick man and he was Fred Forsha. No doubt all these years of absence were spent by him without a knowledge of his own past.

When Mr. Lewis reached New York Fred was close to the end of life. He finally seemed to recognize Mr. Lewis but could recall little to the suggestions that he made, remembered nothing of his going away and little of the affairs, family and friends, knowledge of whom had been taken from him by the peculiar development of the brain disease.

Fred A. Forsha was born in Glenwood, Missouri, and came to Kansas and to Hutchinson with his parents in 1883. When he grew to manhood he engaged in business with his father, when they owned the first street railway. Then he turned his attention to livestock, was a large dealer, and commission man and lived several years in Kansas City. On the death of his father and brother he returned to the Forsha ranch and was managing that when he went to New York in 1915 to make a war contract for the sale of horses.

The family now consists of his mother, Mrs. A. L. Forsha, his wife, Mrs. Minnie Forsha, a daughter, Mrs. Jean Russell of Oklahoma City. Many friends of the family and of Fred will sympathize most deeply with them at this sad time.

The body will be brought home from New York, and laid to rest beside his father and brother.

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FEBRUARY 22, 1922, Page 6.**

A LARGE FUNERAL

Remains of the Late Mrs. A. L. Forsha Laid at Rest This Afternoon

A large gathering of the old friends and neighbors of Mrs. A. L. Forsha, at one time prominent in Hutchinson club and social circles, attended the funeral, held this afternoon at the Johnston funeral parlor, and escorted the remains of Mrs. Forsha to their last resting place at East-side cemetery.

She was laid at the side of her husband, the late Col. Forsha and her son, Sam Forsha.

The funeral sermon was by Rev. Father M. L. Kain, rector of Grace Episcopal church. The floral tributes were very beautiful.

Among those from out of town here for the funeral were Mrs. Fred Forsha and Mr. and Mrs. Millard H. Russell of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Florence Emington and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ward of Chanute, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hill and Harry Arnold of Kansas City, Mo.

The Hutchinson News, Wednesday 17, 1960, Page 11.

Deaths

Mrs. Minnie Forsha

Mrs. Minnie Forsha, 96, early settler of Hutchinson, died Tuesday in Oklahoma City, where she had made her home with her daughter, Jean.

Mrs. Forsha came to Hutchinson with her husband Fred, from Kansas City in 1912. They made their home here for many years. After the death of Mr. Forsha, she spent several years in California.

There will be a graveside service at 3 p.m. Monday at the Eastside Cemetery.

FORSHA MILL TRANSFERRED

**The St. John Milling Property
Sold to Wichita Concern.**

THE SALE PRICE, \$45,000

**Family Retires From the Milling
Business After Quarter Century.**

After the family has been engaged in the milling business in this section of the state for fully a quarter of a century, the Forsha mill has finally passed into other hands.

Fred A. Forsha announced today that the deal has been closed and the property turned over by which the Forsha mill at St. John is sold to the Kansas Milling company, of Wichita.

The consideration is \$45,000. The plant will be operated by the new owners under the old name, the St. John Mill & Power Co., and the officers of the company will be the same as those of the Kansas Milling Co.

The company will operate the St. John plant full time, and the present intention is to market a large part of the product to the west.

Although the Forsha family thus retires from the flour milling business the family name will be retained on the brands of the St. John mill, "Forsha's Famous," "Santa Fe Trail" and "Forsha's Standard," and the merchandising of the flour will be handled as heretofore.

The Kansas Milling company operates a large mill at Wichita, under the direct management of Henry Lassen and C. M. Jackman.

The Forsha mill was started on the old Forsha ranch, south of Hutchinson, by Col. A. L. Forsha, in the '80s. It became famous and Forsha flour has ever since had a high reputation. After the death of Col. Forsha in 1903, his two sons, Sam and Fred A., took charge of the business. The former brother died a year later, and since then Fred A. Forsha has had charge of the mill. The old Forsha mill on the ranch was closed down, eventually, a large modern plant erected at St. John, which has now been sold.

Mr. Forsha will now devote his attention to the livestock business and the handling of his ranch in this county.

FARMING BY MOTOR

Gasoline is a Big Factor at the Forsha Ranch

**Crops on the 4,000-acre Tract Planted,
Reaped and Threshed by Engines.**

PLOWING A 12-FOOT FURROW

**Tandem of Binders cuts 35-Foot Swath of
Wheat**

**Forsha Wheat Special "Train" Runs From
Ranch to Point Where Grain is Sold.**

Wheat + gasoline equal \$.

That is the golden equation which Fred A. Forsha has worked out on the 4,000-acre Reno county Forsha ranch, twelve miles south of Hutchinson. He has found that gasoline farming is profitable.

Fred Forsha is a big brainy man and with his ranch as one factor, he has had to find the missing "+" which would bring the coveted answer of dollars.

Mules and horses were tried and they wouldn't do, steam power was used for three seasons and it had its disadvantages, but now Mr. Forsha is letting gasoline do the work.

Outside of rain and sunshine, gasoline is the big factor in the crop life on the Forsha ranch from the time the seed bed is made until the threshed grain is placed in the freight car ready for shipment.

How Gasoline is Used.

Let's follow a tank of gasoline out to the broad Forsha acres and see what it does in a season. First let me state that Mr. Forsha has three internal combustion traction engines. Two bought from the International Harvester company, of 35 H. P. rating, and a 15 H. P. Rumley Oil pull engine, a road tractor, with a speed of four miles an hour.

They plow with gasoline when they get the Forsha seed bed ready for wheat planting, and they plow deep, too. No hen scratches go—big deep honest furrows.

One trip across the field and each engine leaves a 12-foot furrow behind it. The land is then double disked. The discs are set tandem at an angle, five trailing each engine, so that the soil is cut and thrown in and then cut and thrown back by the second row of discs. Thirty-five feet is disked at a time. The ground is harrowed 80 feet at a clip.

Comes time to sow and one of the engines is harnessed to four 22-hole drills and the crop is put in. When the sowing is done, from then until harvest time the engines are

used in other branches of farm work—hauling a train of hay wagons loaded with baled hay for shipment, pulling trains of wagons laden with salt and oil cake for the Forsha beeves—hauling manure and spreading it on the fields—plowing for spring crops, such as corn and oats—and countless other tasks.

Comes time of harvest with newspaper stories of harvest hand “famines” and men and teams at fabulous prices. Mr. Forsha simply buys more gasoline.

Cutting a 35-Foot Swath

If the wheat is headed, horses are used, but if it is cut by binders, gasoline has its inning. Five McCormick binders, each cutting a seven foot swath, are harnessed tandem to a gasoline tractor with a special prepared hitch. Thirty-five feet in one swath!

While one engine is dragging its voracious trail of binders, another is running a threshing separator. Bundles are hauled to the machine by a train of five hay racks, drawn by the 15 H.P. road engine.

The Forsha Wheat “Special.”

After the day threshing crew has blown taps, the night crew comes forth—for there is a night crew at the Forsha ranch, and it is probably the only farm in existence that has a bona fide night shift. A train of five wagons, containing 1,000 bushels of wheat is made up to the night run for the point where the grain has been sold, either Hutchinson, Castleton or Yoder. The engineer runs out the 15 H.P. engine, lights his headlight, couples up to the train, (the wagons are strung on a steel cable) and whistles the two short blasts which in railroad parlance signifies “out of town.” The schedule is four miles per hour, and the train crew find that the night hours are best for a quick run. The train’s tonnage is 60,000 pounds.

There are no teams at night to scare at the locomotive headlight and train and it seems that the internal combustion engines run better at that time. The wagons are equipped with sliding doors in the side and if the wheat is to be loaded directly into a freight car, the grain is delivered to the hopper of a portable elevator, driven by a 5 h. p. gasoline motor which rests on the same platform with the portable elevator and raises the grain into the car. There is no shoveling—totally gasoline.

Yes, There Are Horses

Yes, there are horses on the Forsha ranch, but they are only used to cultivate corn and kafir corn, and in the hay field to mow, rake, and pull the go-devil. When ground is listed, in preparing corn or wheat land, it is done by the gasoline engines with three two-row listers.

This year there are a thousand acres of wheat at the Forsha ranch. It was a big yield and the exact figures are not yet obtainable, but one piece of land which netted Mr. Forsha something like \$67 last year bore 4,000 bushels of

wheat this season. Gasoline put in the crop.

1,500 Acres of Wheat

Next year there will be 1,500 of wheat. The ground is ready now, plowed, disked, and harrowed.

For three years plowing was done by steam—it took five men. This makes the second season for gasoline plowing and only two men are required—one on the engine and plow.

The cost. Farming with gasoline costs 50 percent less than it does with horses, according to Fred A Forsha, and in actual service, the engine costs in the ratio of 54-76 as compared to horse cost. The engines do the work, running night and day, of sixty horses and when it rains or there is no work, they don’t eat. But the argument about gasoline versus the horse is a whole story in itself.

Kaffir corn (definition) [n] great millet, kaffir, kaffir corn, sorghum bicolor, see also sorghum. Human or animal food.

HAD TO POST BALL SCORES

Kansas Farmers Experience Difficulty in Retaining Harvest Hands

Hutchinson, Kan., June 30.—A new difficulty in the matter of harvest help was experienced this week at the big Forsha ranch, nine miles south of here. The baseball fever is at its height, and all the hands engaged in the wheat harvest at this ranch struck Wednesday and came to town to see the ball game.

The ranch folks were up against it for help in saving their wheat until Manager Fred Forsha conceived a bright idea and agreed to put up a big bulletin board at one end of the field to keep the workers posted on the game. The board was erected and the hands returned to work.

This afternoon the result of the game was telephoned to the Forsha ranch by innings and posted on the board for the benefit of the workers.

SWEDISH SEMINAR

I received word from the people at the Old Mill Museum in Lindsborg that there will be a seminar on Swedish genealogical research coming soon. The date is set for October 12 but the time has not been set. It will probably be a half day session.

The speaker, Peter Wallenskog, will be presenting two resources for Swedish research in church records, the online subscription service Genline and a new book, *Your Swedish Roots* on doing Swedish research. The man is mostly doing larger cities in the U. S. but, because of Lindsborg’s Swedish focus, will also be there.

CCGS President, Rowena Olsen

MEMBER'S PROFILE

With this issue, *The Sunflower*, will include information submitted by a member.

Marie, enjoyed your phone call last night, so will get this written and off before I get involved in something else. One thing the members of our Genealogy Society, especially me, enjoy seeing in your quarterly is information on places to research our families. Be sure to include what is available in Reno Co. I think your idea to get acquainted with other members is a good idea. Right here I will write what our local Genealogy Society has been working on so maybe if you have members researching in Hodgeman County they can contact us for information or go online to see our Cemetery information.

Member Cynthia Bach

My name is Cynthia Bach, my husband is Herb, we live in the city of Jetmore, both retired, Herb from working 43 years as station agent and telegrapher for the Santa Fe Railroad, most of the years in Jetmore. I had an upholstery business that I retired from when Herb retired and also various volunteer jobs which I have not retired.

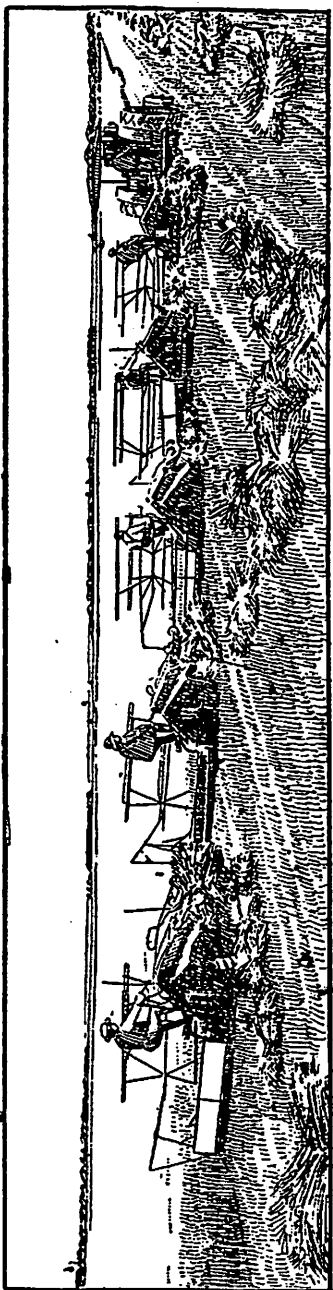
At present I am President of our Jetmore Library Board, VP of the Jetmore HUD Housing Commission, and Secretary-Treas. of our Genealogy Society. We raised three sons and one daughter, they are all married and we have a total of eleven grandchildren.

I joined the Reno Co Genealogical Society as I am researching my father's side of the family in Hutchinson. His name was Fred R. Dice, my grandfather's name was Fred Dice, also. My Great-Grandparents were Hiram and Clara Johnson Dice, they moved to Hutchinson in 1872.

My grandmother's name was Olivia Wright Dice and her parents were William and Rebecca Catherine Crail Wright. All my great grand-parents and my grandparents Dice are buried in Hutchinson. I am starting on the Wright side now and would appreciate any information. You can reach me at PO Box 54, Jetmore, KS 67854. I will enjoy meeting the Genealogy Society members through THE SUNFLOWER.

Hodgeman county

Hodgeman County Genealogical Society has been working on Cemetery records and obit books these last two years. We have been to all seven of our Cemeteries in the County and recorded the information from the tombstones and where they are located in the cemetery, also checked Church records for more birth and death dates if not on the stones. You can access these records at



TRACTOR PULLING FIVE 8-FOOT BINDERS CUTTING 40-FOOT SWATH IN THE 1,200-ACRE FORSHA WHEATFIELD NEAR HUTCHINSON, KAS.

<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/hodgeman/hgcmtry.html>

. We helped with the planning of the Fairmont Cemetery Directory and keep it up to date plus the Veterans Memorial for the County in the same location. We have been making obit notebooks so we can send the obituaries to people who request them. We have six books completed so far mostly covering the 1930's thru 60's. We will keep working. You can request a copy through our Jetmore Public Library, PO Box 608, Jetmore KS 67854, since our Genealogy Society will do the research we request at least a self addressed stamped envelope. Use the address of the Library for the Hodgeman County Genealogical Society.

FREE ENCYCLOPEDIA

In Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter, Dick Eastman states "I find it intriguing that one online encyclopedia has more than 336,000 articles in English, more than five times that of MSN Encarta Plus and the Encyclopedia Britannica Online combined. It also contains over 530,000 articles in more than a dozen other languages. This encyclopedia is growing daily. If you ever find anything that is missing in this encyclopedia or an article that needs improvement, you can even add to it yourself. Best of all, this online encyclopedia is open and free of charge for all."

He further states, "I went to Wikipedia and searched for the word "genealogy." I was pleasantly surprised to find a 2,000+ word article that describes genealogy techniques rather well. It starts with an introduction that quickly debunks the claimed ancestries that are considered by modern scholars to be fabrications, especially the claims of kings and emperors who trace their ancestry to gods or the founders of their civilization. For example, the Anglo-Saxon chroniclers traced the ancestry of several English kings back to the god Woden. Not true, according to Wikipedia.

Next, a few paragraphs discussed modern genealogy research techniques. The following section described the use of records in genealogy research, followed by a long list of links that point to additional information about every type of record listed. A short section then discussed "Sharing data among researchers."

Best of all, the next section was a long one entitled, "Reliability of Sources." This five-paragraph section did an admirable job describing the reasons that genealogical "facts" can be unreliable. Finally, a long list of links points to addition sources of information that are external to Wikipedia."

<<http://en.wikipedia.org>> <<http://en.wiktionary.org>>

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Ira Lee Dale

Ira Lee Dale, husband of Reno County Genealogical Society charter member, Doris Dale, died 4 July, 2004, at his home.

He was born 21 April 1928, at Hutchinson, the son of Rolley Lee and Mabel Justine Houghton Dale.

He had lived all his life in Hutchinson. He retired in 1990 from the Carey Salt Co. He was the owner/operator of Dale's Radio & TV Repair, Dales's Construction Co. and Dales's Apartments.

He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the Central Kansas Landlord's Association.

He married Doris Ellen Raymond on the 21st of Aug. 1947 in Hutchinson, Kansas. She survives.

Other survivors include: two sons, Raymond Keith, Kansas City, KS and Randall Lee, Hutchinson; a daughter, Justine Marie Cunningham, Hutchinson, two sisters, Lena Alice Barker and Ellen Marie Penner, both of Hutchinson; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Albert Nathan, Johnny Allen, Clyde Alvin and Melvin Ray; and two sisters, Nellie Irene Beeding and Carol Justine Dale.

Memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints, Hutchinson. He was cremated and inurnment will be in the Penwell-Gabel Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson. Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home and Crematory, Hutchinson was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials to be sent to the Family History Center of the church in care of the funeral home.

OBITUARIES

You can find the obituaries for Bea Stansel in the Hutchinson News, March 22 & 23, 2004; Linda Angle in the Hutchinson News, Feb. 8 & 9, 2004 and Ira Dale in the Hutchinson News, 6 July 2004.

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