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Don't forget your raffle tickets

Celebrating Our 30th Anniversary





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The spring months found your editor doing a lot of traveling for pleasure and genealogy. A wedding in April took Ed and I to Lincoln, Nebraska. We went early so that we could visit the American Historical Society for Germans from Russia museum and library. Ed's ancestors were "Germans from Russia", so I was able to do some research on his families. That is a wonderful place to do research.

In May, Sandy Wedman, Rita Lingg, Karen Burgess and I traveled to the National Genealogical Society Conference at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

What a wonderful experience. We missed the first session on Wednesday, but from then on we were on the go all day. There were 5 sessions each day offering ten different topics. The speakers were nationally known and the subjects listed made choosing a workshop to attend each session very difficult. Plus there were luncheons and banquets that were not included in the initial cost of the conference, but they were enticing because the topics and speakers were very interesting. The most popular sessions were those given on technology, such as, DNA research, Ancestry.com, Google, computer software and, of course, the internet. We returned home safely, but not quietly, as we had many things to discuss. For those who did not attend, I want to say that you missed some great speakers and a chance to further your genealogical research.

All of us took the bus trip to the new building that now houses the Midwest Genealogy Center. There was so much work to be done that we couldn't believe it would be completed in June, but it was. We were also given a map of the facility. I can certainly appreciate the spaciousness of new facility, after doing research several times in the cramped former building. We were served what was called a light snack, but which turned out to be a smorgasbord of great food. (Read more about the center in another article). The next evening, Sandy and Karen went to the World War I Museum. They were so impressed with the museum that I wish that I had gone with them. I returned home from the NGS Conference Saturday evening and attended the eighth grade graduation ceremony for our youngest grandson on Monday evening. His parents live close enough that we have been able to attend many of his school and sports events for which we are very thankful.

In June, Ed and I went to Gering, NE to watch our older grandsons play in a golf tournament. For the last two years, the younger brother has won the tournament and a trip to Whistler, British Columbia, Canada to play in a national golf tournament. He took his brother along. This year the oldest grandson invited us to come and watch the tournament, because he said he was going to win and he did. He was competing against 87 golfers from the area. Yes, he is going to take his brother with him to Canada. *Continued on page 72*

RENO PROJECTS



Cemetery records - Phase two: obtain access to cemetery records. Most do not have official records and we will walk each cemetery to obtain the information from the photographed headstones. 34 of 54 are complete. *This phase will be long-term.*

If you are interested in helping please send an email to RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com

On-Going Special Projects

- Newspaper Indexing [take home project]
- Early Year Book Indexing [take home project]

Typist needed

Index help needed

Research Volunteers Needed

- Cities & Townships
- Pioneers & Old Settlers
- Schools
- Old / Historic Buildings



EDITOR'S NOTE

It's been a busy summer! I had hoped to have our new web site up by the end of summer. It may be later before the transition is complete. Our board voted to maintain our web site on Rootsweb.com for the time being. You will notice the masthead they have added to the top of our web pages. This is the cost of having our web site hosted for free and was implemented on all sites hosted on Rootsweb. I will continue to budget for web hosting needs in case we decide to move the site down the road. Other changes Ancestry.com has made involves moving Rootsweb.com to the Ancestry.com platform. What this means for us is that our web url has changed. However, the old one [and your bookmarks / favorites] will still take you to the redirected location. This happens without you even noticing. The next time you visit our site you will see that instead of this address: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ksrcgs>, you see this address: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ksrcgs>.

Our July speaker canceled on us too close to meeting time to find a replacement. We sent out a special email and included it on our events & news blog and the July eNews. This would be a good time to remind our members that have email to make sure we have it on file. If you are not receiving the monthly eNews we do NOT have your email address. We did have time to include this in our notice in The Hutchinson News the Sunday prior to our meeting.

Don't forget to support RCGS and buy your raffle tickets. Help us meet our budget needs.

See you in November! Gale Wall

NEW MEMBERS

Baker, Brenda - Woodland Park, CO
Alford, LaDonna - Daisetta, TX

Welcome

Attention members: Please send us your email to enable us to send our monthly eNews, society updates and communication. Send it to: RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com

If you are not receiving communications from us each month we do not have your email on file.

ON THE COVER

The Kansas State Fair, undated



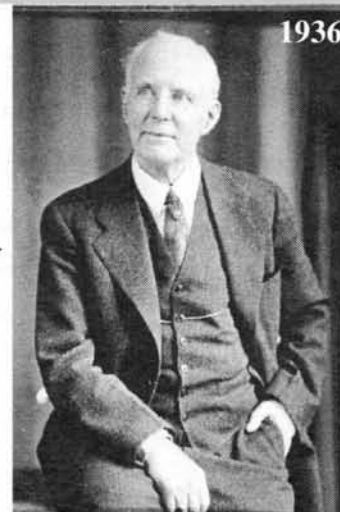
1912

Photographed by Hirst, Hutchinson

Shared by RCGS member, Nancy Moore, great granddaughter of Samuel Hirst [1864-1956]. Samuel was a Hutchinson Photographer for over 70 years.

If you have photos taken by Samuel Hirst or other Hirst family members, including John Bilbrough, please drop Nancy a note at: hirst@hopefulheartinfo.info

Thanks for sharing Nancy!



1936

RCGS at the Kansas State Fair

The society will be presenting genealogy classes at the Kansas State Fair again. Here are the dates and program topics. Stop by and see us!



Saturday, September 6

1:00 p.m. Beginning Genealogy -- Ruth Filbert

2:00 p.m. Land Records -- Margaret Hermstein

Sunday, September 7

10:00 a.m. Beginning Genealogy -- Ruth Filbert

11:00 a.m. Genealogy on the Internet -- Karen Burgess

Wednesday, September 10

1:00 p.m. Beginning Genealogy -- Ruth Filbert

2:00 p.m. Genealogy on the Internet -- Karen Burgess

Saturday, September 13

1:00 p.m. Beginning Genealogy -- Ruth Filbert

2:00 p.m. Forgotten Settlers of Kansas -- Ruth Filbert,
Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies

We hope there will be a lot of entries in the genealogy competition this year. The *Competitive Exhibits Entry* deadline is August 15th. We'll report the category winners in our November issue.

885 Genealogy; unpublished

886 Genealogy; published (bound book)

887 Genealogy; farthest back in time

888 Computer Generated Narrative

889 Junior Division

890 Best Documented - All entries

Visit the Kansas State Fair online at: <http://kansasstatefair.com>



The Story of a Pioneer

John Myers, who has lived in Valley township, east of Hutchinson for forty years, is one of the earliest settlers of this section. In an account of the early days, he writes:

“Something over forty years ago, while living in Illinois, I made up my mind to go west and grow up with the country. A boy friend of mine owned a good team of mules, and also had the western fever. So we rigged up our outfit and started for Kansas the first of September 1871. We made the trip in three weeks. Newton was the end of the Santa Fe at that time and I well remember the day we arrived there. On that date a gang of cowboys engaged in a gun fight on the streets of Newton and eight of their numbers were killed. I don't think anyone was ever brought to trial for the killing. The bones of the victims lie buried somewhere in Newton today. We came on to what is now the north end of the main street of Burrton and stopped in front of Father Day's place. He had the only house between Newton and Hutchinson except Lacey's dug-out this side of Little River. We went into camp and located some vacant land and filed on it at Augusta. In October we went to work grading on the Wichita branch of the Santa Fe, south of Newton. When that was finished we went to Hutchinson and spent the winter. In the spring of '72 the railroad was completed to Hutchinson. That spring I got a team and built a shanty on my claim and went to breaking sod. I raised some corn and that fall, after I had gathered it, I and several other boys went to Osage City and stripped coal all winter. I have my old pick lying around here yet. We made our board and some of us had enough left to pay our fare back home. In '74 we were visited by the grasshopper scourge which left desolation in its wake and drove many settlers back to the eastern states. 1875 was as fine a season as I ever saw. I raised 500 bushels of wheat that year and got \$1.12 1/2 per bushel for it. In '76 we had another raid of grasshoppers. They stayed longer this time and did lots of damage, but left our fall wheat all right. In '77 we had rain - floods of it and everything grew. I raised 1,150 bushels of wheat that year and got 93 cents for it. '78 was about the same - wet and a good crop about the same results except prices were not so good. During those years we had many bright prospects blasted by a few days or weeks of hot winds but when a bountiful year did come all those calamities were forgotten.”

Hutchinson News Weekly 3/14/1912 Page 3

John Myers 11/14/1847 - 11/6/1933

Mary Florence Hunt 3/14/1856 - 1/13/1936

Married 11/9/1873 Burrton, Harvey County, Kansas

1930 Burrton, Harvey County, Kansas

1920 Burrton, Harvey County, Kansas

1910 Valley Twp, Reno County, Kansas

1905 Valley Twp, Reno County, Kansas

1900 Valley Twp, Reno County, Kansas

1895 Valley Twp, Reno County, Kansas

1885 Valley Twp, Reno County, Kansas

1880 Valley Twp, Reno County, Kansas

1875 Valley Twp, Reno County, Kansas



Mary & John Myers

Burrton Cemetery, Harvey County, Kansas

Pioneer Gets His Last Wish

Can't Comply With Request

Reno County Pioneer Wanted To Be Laid at Rest Here

Because of provision of the quarantine regulation forbidding it the body of Bradford P. Hanan, an old resident of Reno county, cannot be laid at rest by the side of his wife at Langdon as he had requested before death.

Mr. Hanan died at the National Soldiers Home at Leavenworth last week where he had been for two years. He was 82 years of age. His body was interred at the Home cemetery at Leavenworth, although it had been his request that he be buried in the Old Langdon cemetery and be given a Masonic burial.

Mr. Hanan located in Reno county in 1875 settling on a claim five miles west of Arlington. For years he was engaged in the nursery business at Arlington.

Hutchinson News Weekly 2/23/1911, Page 5

Brought Body Back Home

Remains of B. P. Hanan Laid at Rest Beside Wife

From the Saturday Daily

The body of B. P. Hanan, an old soldier of Reno county who died about three weeks ago at the soldiers home at Leavenworth, was laid at rest today beside his deceased wife in the Old Langdon cemetery.

When Mr. Hanan died there was a smallpox quarantine at the home and the body could not be brought here then. It was his request that he be buried beside his wife. The funeral occurred under Masonic auspices today.

Hutchinson News Weekly 3/2/1911, Page 7

The Hanan headstone contains information on Bradford, his first wife, Martha, and his mother, Polly Sullivan. A newspaper account from 1/26/1888 reports that Martha Hanan died after eating canned peaches believed to be poisoned from the cans.



B. P. and 2nd wife, Eleanor. Photo shared by Brian Hanan, GGG grandson of B. P. Hanan.

Our Absent Brothers - Elks Memorial Service

Hutchinson Lodge 453 B. P. O. E. 12/7/1913



The Years Honored Dead

John T. Wood
 J. K. Cochrane
 C. K. Stoddard
 John L. Neill
 L. A. Bigger
 S. K. Winemiller
 James T. Cross

Those Who Have Passed On

Elmer May	J. U. Brown
W. G. Funk	T. McKinney
James Budge	A. B. Glaze
W. M. Felsirger	J. D. Coffey
C. M. Duval	E. H. Madison
W. M. Pancosts	W. R. Underwood
Peter Spaniol	Sol D. Schamp
J. R. Johnson	Herbert Porter
Jas. McKinstry	Lee Hipple
Sam. W. Forsha	E. E. Barton
Chas. B. Winslow	J. S. May
W. L. H. Adams	Allen Shaffer
W. L. Bochemohle	C. M. Beeson
K. B. Ringle	T. W. Moseley
Geo. A Vandever	
John R. Riggs	
R. S. Treat	
O. P. Scarce	
Burton F. Cox	
Lloyd Evans	
Joseph Clark, Jr.	
Hugh McDonald	

The Year's Honored Dead

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 J. K. COCHRANE
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 JOHN L. NEILL
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 S. K. WINEMILLER
 JAMES T. CROSS

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W. L. H. Adams	T. McKinney	T. W. Moseley

Grand Army of the Republic

A fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army. Founded April 6, 1866 in Decatur, Illinois by Benjamin F. Stephenson, M.D. The last member, Albert Woolson, died in 1956 at the age of 106 (some reports state 109). The G. A. R. is divided into departments at the state level and posts at the community level. The Kansas Department was organized in 1866 and reorganized in 1880.

G.A.R

Court Room, Court House

Hutchinson, KS, July 4, 1879

All old soldiers [after adjournment of the meeting of the soldiers] who wished to form a post G.A.R. met and organized by electing comrades H. Hartford, President and S. A. Atwood, Secretary. All who wish to form a Post G. A. R. were requested to sign the roll. Almost the whole number signed, The Secretary was requested to procure the necessary papers to organize a Post. Meeting adjourned subject to call of President.

S. A. Atwood, Secretary. H. Hartford, President

Courtroom, Court House

Hutchinson, KS, July 5, 1879

Meeting convened at call of President, at 8 p.m. with comrade H. Hartford, President and S. A. Atwood, Secretary. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. By unanimous consent it was agreed to establish Post of G. A. R. Each member was assessed 50 cents toward defraying expenses of organizing the Post. On motion, proceeding to elect officers for the Post G. A. R and the following comrades were elected to respective offices, to wit: Comrades S. B. Zimmerman, Post Com.; J. H. Leeman, Sen. V. Com.; J. McMurry, Jr. V. Com.; S. A. Atwood, Q. Master; F. L. Mintie, O. of day; J. A. Roosa, Jr. Adjutant; W. R. Truesdell, O. of Guard. By motion election of Chaplain Surgeon deferred. Secretary was instructed to write to A. G. of G. A. R., Leavenworth, Kansas, for papers and instructions. A vote of thanks tendered Comrade Brown, of Kansas City, for information given. Secretary instructed to furnish copy of proceedings to each of our county papers with request to publish. Each comrade requested to bring one recruit next meeting. After singing "John Brown's body lies moldering in the ground," adjourned to meet again Saturday evening, July 12, 1879. S. A. Atwood, Secretary. H. Hartford, President.

Hutchinson Herald, July 12, 1879

G. A. R.

The charter for the above organization having arrived, all soldiers are notified that the Post will meet for muster at their room in the Court House, Saturday, July 26th, at 7 o'clock, p.m., sharp.

Committee: S. A. Atwood, John Roosa

Hutchinson Herald, July 26, 1879, Page 3

Purchased on Ebay by Gale Wall



FRANK MARTIN.
 Kansas State Industrial Reformatory,
 HUTCHINSON KANSAS.
 REWARD
 \$50.00

FOR ARREST AND DETENTION
ESCAPED.
JUNE 24, 1908.
 \$50.00

FRANK MARTIN. Color white. Height 5 ft. 9½ ins.
 Age 22. Complexion medium fair. Eyes blue. Hair brown.
 Scar across nose. Linear scar on shin, and one on left side of
 head. Build medium slender.

Arrest and wire SUPERINTENDENT J. A. CADY,
 Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kans.

PHOTOS & POSTCARDS * PHOTOS & POSTCARDS

**W. H. Moorman & Sarah
 C. Anthony Moorman**

**Seated:
 Lizzie Moorman Campbell**

**Shared by Russell
 Moorman**





Purchased on Ebay by Gale Wall

The Leon Hotel [above] and the Baker Hotel [left] are present-day apartments buildings.

My interest in them was because my son rented his first apartments here.



PHOTOS & POSTCARDS * PHOTOS & POSTCARDS

Annual Potluck & 30th Anniversary Celebration

We celebrate our **30th Anniversary** in 2008 and have the following activities planned:

- Monthly trivia question in eNews. The answer can be found on our website. A small prize will be awarded to the first *member* to email the answer to RCGS@cox.net.
- March - May: We had a book sale.
- October: **Annual potluck** - with a special cake.
 - ~ Favorite Ancestor Story contest winners will be announced.
 - ~ Raffle drawing.
 - ~ Door prizes awarded to attendees and also for our out of town/state members.
 - ~ Volunteer Recognition.
 - ~ Show & Tell - bring an interesting family item to share or display. Prize for most interesting!



October 20, 2008

6:00 p.m.

Delos V. Smith Center

101 W. 1st Street

Hutchinson, KS

Bring a covered dish and join us!

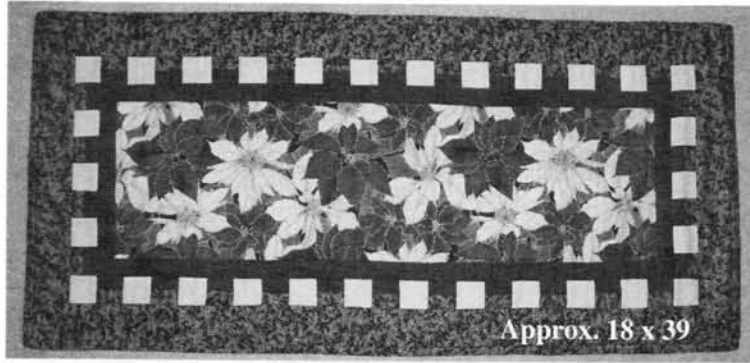
Favorite Ancestor Story Contest

Everyone has a story to tell!

- Submission due by September 15, 2008
- Submission may be emailed to RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com [can also be mailed]
- Preferred format is Word or RTF, if emailed
- Story must be titled
- Story must be typed
- Story should include "why" subject is favorite
- Story should contain family relationship and time-frame ancestor lived
- Subject does not need to be direct lineage [we know other family members can be fun to research]
- Submission grants RCGS permission to include story on our web site or quarterly
- Note - ancestor does not need to have Reno County roots. [some members have no local connection]

We had some great submissions last year and hope to have even more this year. You can read the winning stories on our web site on the MISC. page.

Reno County Genealogical Society Raffle



Raffle tickets - \$1

Holiday Table Runner: by Dorothy Shultz Wall

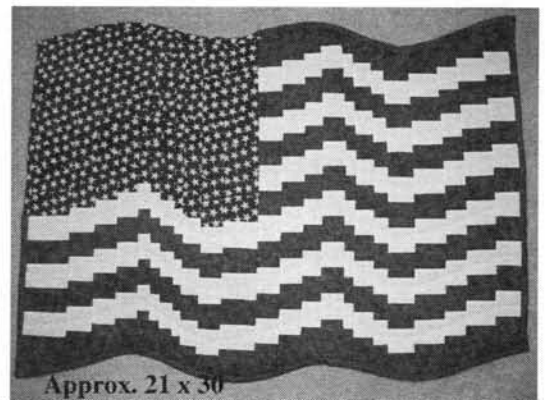
RCGS Tote Bag: by Ruth Hair Filbert

Flag Wall Hanging: by Gale Stafford Wall



Don't forget your raffle tickets

Note: Order form must be received no later than October 15, 2008



Reno County Genealogical Society Fundraising Raffle

I would like to purchase the following raffle tickets:

_____ tickets @ \$1 each for the Holiday Table Runner

_____ tickets @ \$1 each for the RCGS Tote Bag

_____ tickets @ \$1 each for the Flag Wall Hanging



Raffle tickets - \$1

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip + 4 _____

Phone : _____ Email: _____

Please return [1] completed form and [2] Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to:

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

Raffle tickets - \$1

Real Estate Deals

Property Sold and Deeds Recorded During the Past Few Days. The following are the real estate transfers from May 19 to 23 as reported by C. E. Hall:

- James Roberts to J. D. Larabee - NE quarter of section 4, twp 25, range 10. \$593.
- E. L. Meyer to W. G. Stout - Lot 116, Third Avenue East, city of Hutchinson. \$20.50.
- Harriette Walton to John Gorman, east half of south half of southwest quarter section 30, township 26, range 7. \$175.
- Reno county to J. S. Wagner, lot 25, Avenue A west. \$191.26
- Sarah A. Harkan to Francis Harman, lots 13 and 14, Mulkey's add to city of Hutchinson. \$500
- Amos Davis to S. D. Miller lot 6, block 4, D. B. Miller's addition to city of Hutchinson. \$18.69.
- Wilhem Unruh to Jacob Willems, 6 acres in Buhler township, east half of block 12. \$550.00.
- Annie P. Hutchinson to L. M. Hutchinson, east half of lots 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174 and 176, East Sherman Street, city of Hutchinson. \$6,000.
- Lizzie Mounts to Sarah Mounts, south half of southwest quarter of section 19, township 23, range 6. \$1,600.
- James Buckley to J. A. Buckley, the south 60 acres of the northeast quarter and the north 40 acres of the southeast quarter of section 34, township, 25, range 9. \$800.
- Financial Association to Lillie W. Hartman, lot 7, block 2, Woodward & Frost addition to Hutchinson. \$300.
- Nettie Moore to Cynthia L. McMullen, lot 2, Miskimen's addition to Hutchinson. \$125

Hutchinson News Weekly May 26, 1898

President's Message *cont'd*

I returned home in time for the KCGS Conference. Attending from RCGS were Bill Rexroad, Karen Burgess, Ruth Filbert, Rita Lingg, Gale Wall and Sandy Wedman. Pamela Boyer was the speaker at the KCGS Conference in McPherson in June. The McPherson Genealogical Society was the co-host and it was held at The Cedars retirement campus. Again, if you did not attend, you missed a wonderful speaker. Thanks to all of the helpers, it was a successful conference.

I can't leave out our granddaughter who has been competing for the first time in the Hershey Field and Track events this spring. She and her track mates have been doing very good in their events and made it to Olathe for the state track competition.

E-mail from KCGS President, William Ballard:

Good News Everyone:

We now have a signed contract with Megan Smolenyak for June 20 next year. So we can move on with planning the conference which will be held in Wichita.

Our lectures will be:

1. Trace Your Roots with DNA
2. Welcome to Roots Television (wired internet access needed)
3. Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding Your Lost Loved Ones.
4. Find That Obituary: Online Newspaper Research.

Ruth Filbert

Divorces Wanted

Martha Gillen has filed her petition for a divorce from her husband George Gillen on the ground that he is addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors and has failed to provide for the support of his family. She also asks for the custody of two minor children.

Jeremiah Gillmore wants to be separated from his wife, Mary G. Gilmore. Jeremiah claims that Mary has treated him with extreme cruelty by inciting his sons to strike and otherwise abuse him. He also claims that his wife keeps the society of lewd men and has refused to live with him as a wife. They were married in 1870 and have seven children, the youngest a girl of 16. He also asks for an equal division of the property owned by them.

The Hutchinson Times, Saturday, November 16, 1907

Notice

Notice is hereby given that my wife, Lillie May Shores, having left my bed and home, June 7, 1908. I will no longer be responsible for any debts she my hereafter contract. W. M. Shores. October 17, 1908.

The Hutchinson Times, Friday, October 30, 1908

Back To Reformatory

David Livingston and C. P. Van Hoozier Did Not Long Enjoy Liberty

David Livingston, who escaped from the reformatory on the night of July 6, was captured a few days ago at Bennett, Nebraska, while on his way to the home of his parents in Lincoln. He was brought back to the reformatory Saturday night by Officer Edw. Breuner.

Livingston had been a trusty and would have been eligible for parole this month if he had not made the break for liberty when he did. Livingston simply walked off early one evening, following the Rock Island through the sand hills to Medora. He was seen at that place by the station agent who telegraphed the authorities in Hutchinson, but Livingston caught an east bound train before he could be captured. He told Officer Breuner that he had been so homesick he could not resist the temptation to escape when opportunity offered.

C. P. Van Hoozier who was paroled three months ago was brought back to the reformatory Wednesday. Van Hoozier was paroled on account of ill health, but instead of going to Colorado to recover, as it was intended he should, he made things lively in the Mount Hope neighborhood. He was arrested Saturday at that place for gambling, etc., and the authorities at the reformatory notified of the broken parole.

The Hutchinson Times, August 6, 1909

Successful Operation

Miss Elsie, daughter of Rev. J. M. Baker, pastor of the United Brethren church at Turon, was successfully operated on at one of the hospitals in this city Wednesday for appendicitis. She was accompanied by her father and Dr. Tretbar of Hudson. Rev. Baker and family formerly lived in Hutchinson and Miss Elsie was many warm friends who are hoping that she may speedily regain her health.

The Hutchinson Times, Saturday, November 16, 1907

Frank & Sallie Humiston Family**Name: Frank S. Humiston**

 Birth: 16 Mar 1873 Galesburg, Knox, Illinois
 Death: 17 Oct 1928 Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas
 Burial: 19 Oct 1928 Eastside Cemetery, Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas
 Father: Cyrus John Humiston (1833-1902)
 Mother: Elizabeth Ann Weir (1839-1909)
 Marriage: 9 May 1901 Rice Co., Kansas

Spouse: Sallie Tilden (Sarah) Hickman

 Birth: 30 Aug 1876 Oak Hill, West Virginia
 Death: 31 Oct 1949 Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas
 Burial: 2 Nov 1949 Eastside Cemetery, Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas
 Father: John Hickman (1821-1906)
 Mother: Mary Miley Huddleston (1844-1901)

Children:**1 F: Evelyn Fern Humiston**

 Birth: 28 Sep 1901 Valley Center, Kansas
 Death: 15 Jan 1987 Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas
 Spouse: Homer Floyd Hull
 Marriage: 24 Aug 1921

2 F: Anna Mae Humiston

 Birth: 23 Nov 1902 Newton, Harvey, Kansas
 Death: 2 Feb 1999 Cassville, Barry, Missouri
 Spouse: Earl Sylvester Byrd
 Marriage: 26 Jun 1925 Alva, Oklahoma

3 M: Raymond Frank (Bud) Humiston

 Birth: 4 Jan 1904 Huntsville, Reno, Kansas
 Death: 3 Jun 2000 Inman, Kansas
 Spouse: Ruth Pauline (Peg) Griggs
 Marriage: 18 Aug 1929 Lyons, Rice Co., Kansas

4 M: Edward Overton (Eddie) Humiston

 Birth: 25 Jul 1908 Ingalls, Gray, Kansas
 Death: 8 Sep 1974 Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas
 Spouse #1: Averil Fuqua
 Marriage: 10 Sep 1938
 Divorce: Jan 1943
 Spouse #2: Doris Marie Shufelberger
 Marriage: 18 Jan 1945 Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas

5 F: Carrie Lorraine Humiston

 Birth: 12 Feb 1910 Sterling, Kansas
 Death: 23 Oct 1934 Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas
 Spouse: Harry Chumos

6 M: William Howard (Hod) Humiston
 Birth: 11 Oct 1911 Mitchell, Kansas
 Death: 28 Dec 1987 Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas
 Spouse #1: Anna May Clark
 Divorce: 1930
 Spouse #2: Marjorie Duke
 Divorce: 17 Apr 1932
 Spouse #3: Delcie Darleen Wray
 Marriage: 22 Aug 1942

7 M: Harold Harley Humiston
 Birth: 5 Sep 1915 Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas
 Death: 22 Jul 1998 Topeka, Shawnee, Kansas
 Spouse: Marion Eleanor Lawman
 Marriage: 18 Apr 1941 Little Rock, Arkansas

8 F: Elizabeth Maxine Humiston
 Birth: 6 Jul 1919 Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas
 Death: 10 Dec 1983 Hutchinson, Reno, Kansas

Frank S. Humiston | Sallie & Frank Humiston



Sterling Mennonite Church Cemetery

Walnut Township

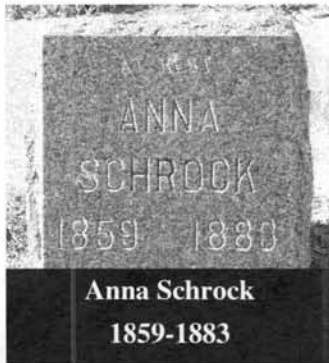
The first building was erected in the Spring of 1885. The thirty-two by forty foot building cost \$908.84 with all of the labor being donated. The pews and pulpit were constructed at this time. Before this families met in various homes and later in the Hodge and Centennial schoolhouses, alternating due to the distance. Isaac Zimmerman deeded the plot of ground where the present day church now stands.

Present day Sterling Evangelical Bible Church

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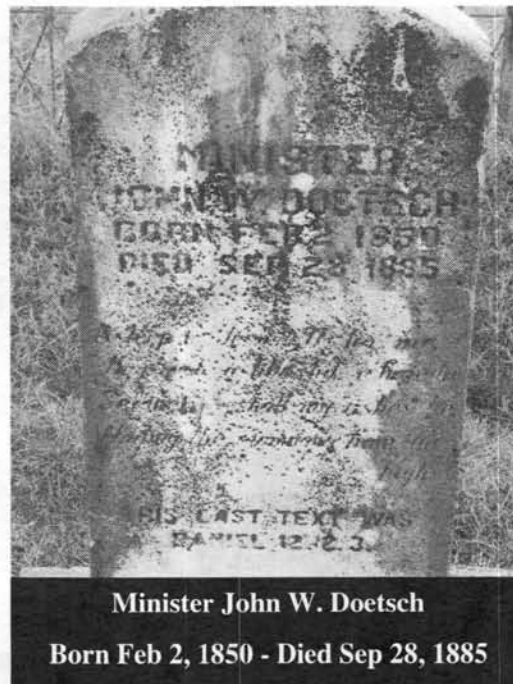
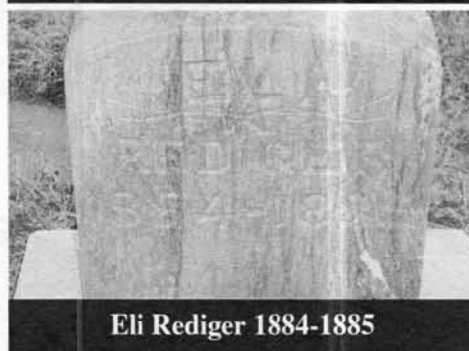
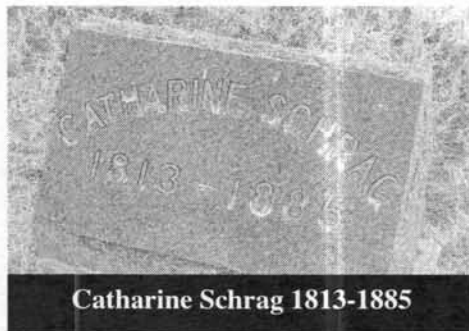


Funerals



Prior to the first church building funerals were conducted in the home of Daniel Schmucker. The first funeral was that of Anna Schrock. She was buried, along with several others, in the cemetery site on the Jacob Miller farm. A burial site was also located on the John Yaggy farm south of Nickerson. After the church was built and a cemetery started all of the bodies were moved to the church cemetery.

The first burial in the new cemetery was that of Catharine Schrag [Grandmother Schrag], mother of Mrs. Albrecht and Mrs. Fliginger. The second was baby Eli Rediger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Rediger. Rev. John Doetsch was the third burial.



Special thanks to Tawnya Byarlay, SEBC Secretary, for her help with the cemetery records and church history.

History of the Sterling Evangelical Church, October 1977 by Mrs. Lavonne Farney.

A video of the cemetery is on the RCGS YouTube channel, linked from our web site.

Six Chairs for Mourners



There were six chairs for the mourners, but no one came to sit in them. Garner F. York, 56, was buried matter-of-factly Wednesday afternoon in the

crowded section of Eastside Cemetery set aside for indigents. Only a minister, a funeral director, his assistant, a News reporter, and a photographer, were at graveside. Four cemetery workers, dirty from the day's work, waited under a shade tree to lower the coffin. York died Monday afternoon in the city jail of what an autopsy showed to be far-advanced lung cancer with pneumonia complications. He crawled off a freight train in Hutchinson Saturday. No one knew where he was going or from where he came. No one claimed the body. A sister in Texas was too old and too ill. A brother, also a drifter, either couldn't be located or couldn't help. One person at the service might have been a relative. The minister, it was said, thought he was a cousin. The funeral home said the minister had never seen York and preferred not to be identified. York was buried in a wooden coffin. The cemetery workers lifted the coffin from the shiny white hearse and placed it in position over the grave. The only tombstones nearby were broken and wobbly. Grave markers were wooden crosses with names scrawled in black or yellow paint. Some graves were not marked at all. Earlier workers had lined six wooden chairs alongside the grave. No one sat down. The minister spoke a short prayer, read several brief Bible passages, and closed with a second prayer. The service ended in less than five minutes.

Maximum Allowed

County Welfare authorities agreed to pay \$300 for funeral expenses, the maximum allowed by state law. Welfare also will pay \$60 for cemetery expenses. York, according to an acquaintance in Carlsbad, Texas, and a sister, was never known to have a job. He was sitting against a building in the 200 block of West D when an officer spotted him Saturday.

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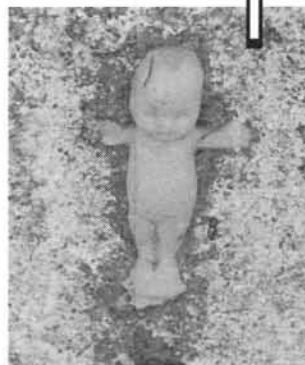
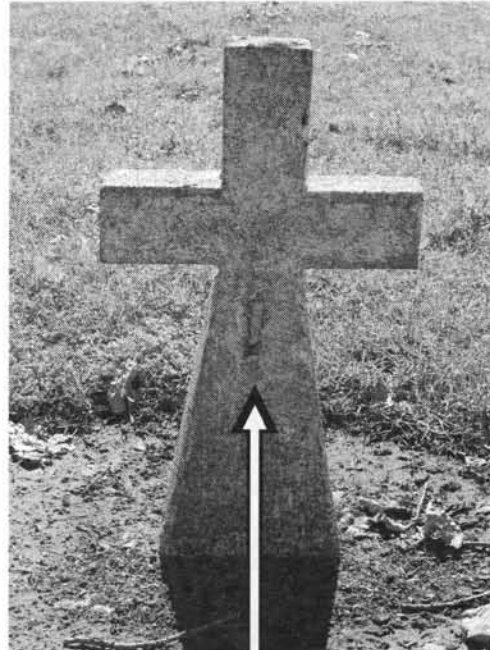
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[Buried Tier 24 of the county ground section]

Everyone deserves to be remembered!

Featured Cemetery Pictures



Unknown grave at Eastside Cemetery in the City Ground area also known as Potter's Field.

Samuel J. McMurry

Born Oct. 22, 1848. Killed by Indians on the Cimeron in New Mexico July 4, 1874



Fairview Elmer Cemetery

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Reno County Graduates, Class of 1896

The following is the list of graduates from the district schools of Reno County, for the year 1896, with post office addresses and number of district. The class numbers eighty-two, of which thirty-eight are males, and forty-four females.

<u>Dist</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
73	Augustus, Charles	Turon
102	Austin, Pearl	Sylvia
22	Babb, Lida M.	Hutchinson
24	Baker, Irene	Nickerson
190	Burns, John D.	Wellsford
49	Bathey, Avice	Nickerson
99	Battis, Evena	Arlington
84	Blades, Bessie	Plevna
40	Blaine, Otto	Huntsville
145	Brownlee, Mathew	Sylvia
24	Byers, Alice	Nickerson
84	Campbell, Alonzo	Plevna
66	Chamberlain, Minnie	Pretty Prairie
55	Chapin, Dilla	Haven
131	Cheatum, Iona	Lerado
139	Cochrane, Harriet	Haven
128	Coleman, Chas.	Peace Creek
102	Copas, Alice	Sylvia
73	Dean, Dora	Turon
84	Dilley, Ralph	Plevna
65	Downie, Arthur G.	Hutchinson
65	Downie, Earnest R.	Hutchinson
3	Dukelow, Elmer R.	Hutchinson
56	Dunn, Jenus	Abbyville
123	Eaton, Nettie L.	Sterling
57	Egy, Eva	Langdon
73	Ely, Devier	Turon

139	Erwin, Pearl	Haven	99	Pitney, Gus	Arlington
102	Fishback, Mattie	Sylvia	102	Pruner, Mildred	Sylvia
125	Fossey, Lila	Nickerson	57	Railsback, Roy A.	Langdon
100	Hansen, Gertie	Olcott	57	Richardson, Daisy	Turon
84	Harryman, Julia	Plevna	16	Rogers, Lillie	Pretty Prairie
28	Hornbaker, Chas. C.	Booth	24	Rupert, Frank	Nickerson
49	James, A.J.	Nickerson	139	Schoonover, Lucy	Haven
93	Janney, James G.	Lerado	99	Sharp, William	Arlington
119	Jones, Alonzo	Turon	154	Smith, Marshall F.	Abbyville
102	Jones, Laura	Sylvia	84	Stanley, Maud	Plevna
73	Jordan, Clarence	Turon	59	Stevens, Chlora	Sego
97	Lawson, Grace	Hutchinson	59	Stevens, Madge	Sebo
26	Leighty, Harper	Booth	20	Taylor, James A.	Yoder
86	Long, Bertha	Kingman	22	Walters, Max	Hutchinson
24	McClarren, Mayme	Nickerson	22	Walters, Rhoda G.	Hutchinson
22	McMillian, Nora	Hutchinson	102	Watson, Dode	Sylvia
99	Macy, Alexander	Arlington	24	Williams, Fred	Nickerson
82	Marks, Homer H.	Pretty Prairie	24	Wise, Ethel	Nickerson
82	Marks, Fannie	Pretty Prairie	84	Wolfe, Fred	Plevna
42	Maxwell, Maud	Partridge	155	Wright, Clara G.	Lerado
4	Michaels, Virginia	Haven	56	Wright, John	Abbyville
28	Miller, Bruce A.	Booth	82	Young, Carrie	Pretty Prairie
62	Miller, Louis	Langdon			
62	Miller, William	Langdon			
1	Moore, Dennis W.	Hutchinson			
20	Murphy, Green J.	Yoder			
102	Nelson, Johanna	Sylvia			
102	Ogilvie, Maude	Sylvia			
49	Olmstead, Edith	Nickerson			
94	O'Sullivan, Timothy	Kent			
84	Packwood, Anna	Plevna			
42	Paine, Harry W.	Partridge			
100	Pieper, Thomas	Olcott			

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Nathan H. Shepherd

Nathan Hampton Shepherd was born and lived in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, until middle life. He was a large farmer and dealer in stock, and was known in all the surrounding county. The family was large. His brothers and sisters still live and are influential citizens of that section of Ohio.

He moved to Harvey County, Kansas, in 1876, where he lived for three years, and then moved to this section of Reno County. He was the manager of the Thompson stock ranch, was one of the charter incorporators of the city of Sylvia and has ever, with abiding faith, maintained that there was no better section for success in life than was offered here for the man who was willing to work. Many a man who was discouraged and ready to leave would listen to his predictions of "better times to come," take new heart and courage that would make success possible. He was always prominent in every movement that would build up and advance the best interests of the community. He was a man of strong and decided convictions and one who had the courage at all times to defend his honest belief and, while others might not agree with him on political and social questions they gave him that respect and admiration that all will have for those who are honest and brave.

The death of "Uncle Nate," as all familiar called him, though expected for many days, struck on the hearts and minds of all that a friend had gone, that one who was a familiar, genial companion would no more be met in his accustomed place or on the street. Perhaps no one in the community would be missed as he has been. For a year Uncle Nate was gradually failing. No certain disease seemed to prey on him, but a gradual giving way of the vital forces and each partial rally only left him weaker than before, but he had a will and vitality that was wonderful, for days when life seemed with him, but a "passing breath" he patiently waited, never complained, never expressed a regret, with a look of recognition to the loved ones and friends that surrounded his bed to the last, he gently and peacefully passed away, "and life's labor was done." "And may we, as did he, when life duties are done well, wrap the mantle of our good deeds around us and lie down to pleasant dreams."

Forty - five years ago Nathan H. Shepherd married Lucinda Mardias in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, who still survives him. In this long companionship together how many have been the joys, the triumphs, the hardships shared together and incidents to the early settlement of Kansas but through it all they have lived a life of faith that in the "great beyond" they would together enjoy a life of "bliss eternal". Aunt Cinda is left alone, but cherished by the love and affection her children and all who know her. Uncle Nathan died on the 19th day of October, aged 73 years. The surviving children are Mesdames May Thompson, and Dollie Smith, and John Shepherd of Sylvia, Kansas, James H. Shepherd of Hutchinson, Kansas, Mrs. Emma Turkee, of Valley township, and H. T. Shepherd of Kansas City, Missouri. All are prominent in the communities where they live and the example and character of their honored father lives in them.

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Typed by Kathleen Dankanyin - RCGS Obituary Coordinator

Note: Our obituary card files are missing a few years, from the best we can guess, since the 2005 time-frame. 2007 to current 2008 were saved and have been clipped and laminated thanks to the wonderful help given to Kathleen by RCGS member, Kay Reiter. THANK YOU, Kay for volunteering to help with this project. Kathleen is now in the process of analyzing the card files to determine what records will be indexed from the microfilmed newspapers.

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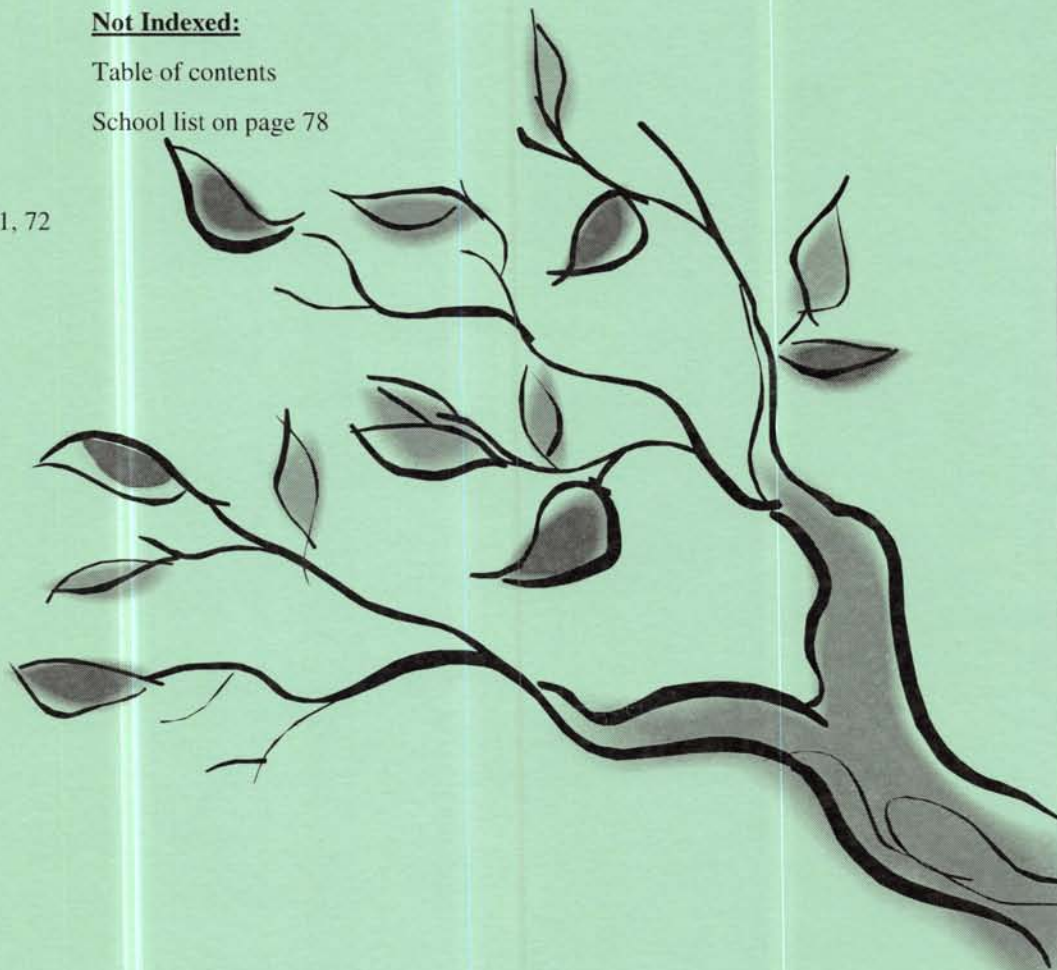
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