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Ringgold Band 1885 - 1886



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Time for dues!

Check your mailing label for your membership expiration date. Please mail your renewal dues by January 15, 2009.

Celebrating Our 30th Anniversary





President's Message

FALL IS HERE. Glorious colors abound. Pumpkin orange, brown milo, the green of new wheat sprouting from the ground and all of the colors imaginable in the leaves that fall to the ground, how can we not be looking forward to the holidays.

October is designated in many U.S. States as "Family History Month". Whether you're new to genealogy, or have devoted a lifetime to it, celebrate Family History Month with your family each October. November is family time. Take the time to visit with family members to learn more about your family's health history. Not only will it save you time when filling out those doctor's forms that ask about the health of your ancestors, but it may save your life.

Since I am writing this before the potluck dinner to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Reno County Genealogical Society, I can not tell you how the evening went. I do know that Gale Wall has spent many hours planning and implementing this event. I want to thank all of our members who throughout the years have supported this society by attending meetings, accepting the duties of a board member, volunteering to be on a committee or the chairman of special projects and giving programs. We will have a new treasurer next year. Jim Stoecklein deserves our thanks for a job well done. He has been a very conscientious treasurer.

Are you writing histories of all of the families that you have been researching for years? Keith Burgess has given several programs on how to enter our histories in the state fair and so far WE just don't get it done. Bill Rexroad's entry won the best documented designation this year and best of show. Congratulations!

The programs at the Kansas State Fair were well attended. In fact, the attendance was better than we expected considering the price of gas and the wet weather. I filled 125 bags with our handouts. I know that some couples who attended took only one bag, so the attendance was greater than 125. This has been a great way to encourage people to find out more about their family and help them get started. Karen Burgess was the big draw with her talks about research on the internet. Forty seven people attended her program on Wednesday. Thanks to Margaret Hermstein for giving her program on land records and how she used them while researching her granddaughter's ancestor. I'm already making arrangements for next year. Will you volunteer to be a helper?

I would like to encourage RCGS members to start a family blog. What is a Blog? A blog is short for web log or web journal. It's easiest to think of a blog as an online newsletter or newspaper. You share your blog with anyone of your choice. My high school classmate started her blog as a way to share her thoughts and events throughout her life with her family members. She has invited me to read her blog. Oh! What memories her stories bring to mind. We often get into long e-mail discussions about our high school days from something she has said on her blog.

That brings up another subject. Have you considered using Rootsweb, Ancestry.com or Geni to share your family history with family members? Some sites are public which means anyone can see what you have put on the site. A private site means that you have to give the person or persons a password to see your research.

Ruth Filbert

Reno Projects

Help Wanted * Help Wanted *** Help Wanted**

Research volunteers / Typist / Index help

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

News & Notes

- Our new email: **RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com**. We will phase out the old email this year.
- Meeting location change - For our regular program meetings we now meet in the auditorium on the 2nd floor - down the hall from the reference desk area.

RCGS 2009 Programs

1/19 - 101 Best Genealogy Research Tips [book provided]

An in-depth look at six of the 101 tips.

2/16 - Census: The Basics

Learn about the different types of census, the information they provide and where you can locate them.

3/16 - Research and Learning Lab

Using Rootsweb.com.

Conduct your personal research using Rootsweb.com and other databases.

4/2 - Family History Center

Film - Update on Familysearch.org.

Resources and rentals.

5/18 - Cemeteries Galore: Continuity & Change in Kansas Graveyards [Kansas Humanities program]

Despite the familiar sameness of most Kansas cemeteries, there are many unique differences in the form of "regimented" church cemeteries, prison and Poor Farm cemeteries, and cemeteries created for various ethnic groups, children, and pets. Discover the many surprising and little known ways that Kansans have chosen to care for their dead. Slides.

6/15 - Maps, Maps, & More Maps

Learn how to locate and use them in your research.

7/20 - Reno County Research Resources

An overview of the records found in Reno County.

8/17 - PERSI and Other Resources

Learn about PERSI and other resources to help in your research.

9/21 - Research and Learning Lab

Using Ancestry.com.

Conduct your personal research using Ancestry.com and other databases.

10/19 - Annual Potluck

11/16 - WorldCat & Interlibrary Loan

Learn about WorldCat & interlibrary loan and how it can assist in your research.

December - no meeting.

RCGS 2008 Programs

11/17 Citing Sources

Dec - No meeting



Editor's Note

It was a busy summer. The web site transition took place a lot sooner than I expected. It is still in transition with the cemetery, obituary and a few other files waiting to be converted. The old cemetery and obituary files are still accessible until then. A lot happens behind the scenes before you see it online. We have managed to add many of the cemetery photos online. ALL

RCGS photos that require a large amount of storage will be posted in our online photo albums. This resource is not limited to a specific type of photos and will eliminate the need to move thousands of photos in the future should our software or hosting needs change again.

We will embark upon capturing more of Reno County in the upcoming year. The society invested in a digital camcorder that will give us the flexibility to be creative and showcase many aspects of our county.

This issue completes my 2nd year as editor. As I move into my third year I would like to hear from you on the topics you would like to see covered each quarter. Your help is needed. Share your Reno County family information and photos for publication.

See you in February!

Gale Wall

Please keep us informed of your address and email changes.

New Members

Hand, Oliver - Ellicott City, MD

Prosser, Elizabeth - Oklahoma City, OK

Sage, Sheila - Hutchinson, KS

Sliker, Larry & Nancy - Hutchinson, KS

Wall, Mariann - Plano, TX

WELCOME!

New members - Do we have your email?

On The Cover

Ringgold Band 1885-1886

Shared by RCGS members, Robert Martin & Melody Morgan

Joseph Alexander Martin married Orpha Eudora Wohlfort 11/18/1888 in Hutchinson, KS. He is shown on the cover photo in the center [with the check mark]. Joseph is the grandfather of Robert Martin. Joseph's sister, Sarah Martin Morgan Yoder, is the great-grandmother of RCGS member, Melody Morgan. Joseph and Sarah are the children of Alfred Desire Martin and Mary McKenna.

The Ringgold band was one of the early day bands in Hutchinson that was active in the mid 1880's. Some of the members were: J. W. Havens, Marion Watson, J. T. Holtz, Chas. Stocking, R. B. Shadduck, John Hartman, H. Demuth, Harry Dice, J. W. Bedwell, Fred Raymond, Al Richards, S. H. Sidlinger, Theo Wolfesberger, George Lacy, O. P. Greenfield, Elmer May and Joe Martin. *Source of names: Hutchinson News 2/25/1911*

Kansas State Fair Genealogy Winners

885 Genealogy; unpublished

No entries

886 Genealogy; published (bound book)

Bill Rexroad

887 Genealogy; farthest back in time

Henry Pendleton

888 Computer Generated Narrative

No entries

889 Junior Division

1st **Catherine Pendleton**

2nd **Kristina Lay**

890 Best Documented - All entries

Bill Rexroad

Genealogy Workshops

Saturday, September 6

Beginning Genealogy & Land Records

We had 26 attend the workshop

Sunday, September 7

Beginning Genealogy & Genealogy on the Internet

We had 30 attend this workshop

Wednesday, September 10

Beginning Genealogy & Genealogy on the Internet

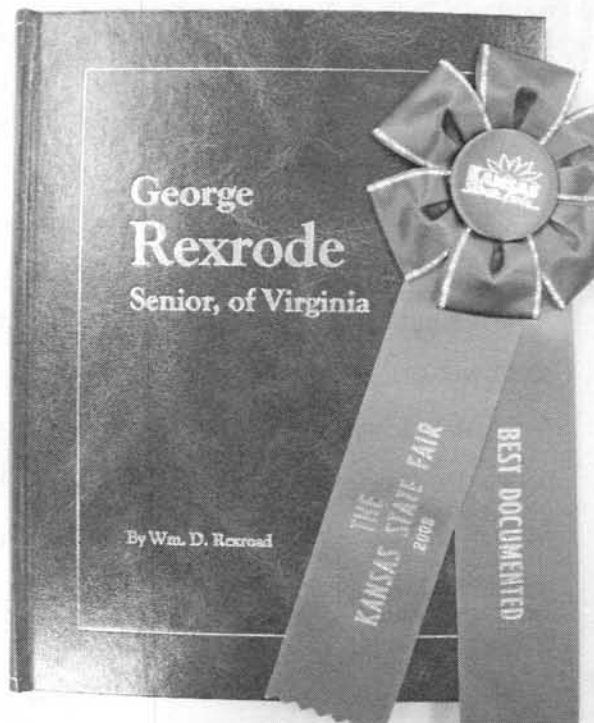
We had 47 attend this workshop

Saturday, September 13

Beginning Genealogy & Forgotten Settlers of Kansas

We had 35 attend this workshop

IT'S A WILD RIDE, BABY.
**KANSAS
 STATE
 FAIR**
 kansasstatefair.com



**Special thanks to these volunteers:
 Karen Burgess, Sally Eubanks,
 Ruth Filbert, Margaret Herm-
 stein, Rita Lingg, Barbara Mur-
 phy, Bill Rexroad, Jim Stoecklein
 & Gale Wall.**

Pioneers Remembered. Dedicated 9/10/1961 by the Reno County Historical Society

PIONEERS & EARLY SETTLERS * PIONEERS & EARLY SETTLERS



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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Aelmore, John P. | Colladay, Frank | Edwards, M/M Jacob |
| Ahlich, Frank | Collingwood, M/M Thos. | Edwards. Mrs. Icea |
| Astle, Frank | Collins, Mrs. C. E. | Fehr, M/M J. A. |
| Astle, M/M Henry | Comstock, Sylvia Stephenson | Field, Senator F. C. |
| Astle, M/M Joseph | Crotts, M/M S. M. | Fisher, M/M Amos C. |
| Bacon, Dr. Charles H. | Crotts, M/M Thomas J. | Fontron, M/M J. A. |
| Beltz, M/M Mat | Dean, William H. | French, Helen High |
| Benjamin, M/M George W. | Demoret, Samuel | French, M/M German |
| Benjamin, Merle C. | Dick, George G. | French, William Marson |
| Bigger, L. A. | Dix, M/M C. H. | Fryar, M/M O. J. |
| Bogner, M/M Mike | Dixon, M/M Wm. Penn | Graham, H. Byron |
| Bostick, M/M L. T. | Dixon, Ralph H. | Gresham, Sr., James H. |
| Brainard, M/M Jesse | Donaldson, M/M Thomas | Haines, Charles |
| Bunker, L. A. | Drolte, Lewis M. | Haines, M/M Clayton T. |
| Burling, M/M S. P. | Dukelow, Elmer R. | Haines, Mrs. John C. |
| Buser, M/M A. M. | Dukelow, M/M James | Harsha, M/M J. P. |
| Calverley, M/M Richard | Dunn, M/M Francis M. | Hartford, Col. And Mrs. Henry |
| Canning, M/M J. F. | Dunn, M/M John P. | Hazen, M/M D. W. |
| Chain, M/M John M. | Dunsworth, M/M Ed | High, J. N. |
| Chambers, Lee | Dunsworth, M/M Otis | |
| Chesky, M/M Jos. | Eales, Mrs. Gertrude | |
| Cole, M/M Thomas | Edwards, Bub | |

- High, Marion P.
 Hill, M/M Joseph
 Hipple, M/M Geo. E.
 Hodge, M/M L. D.
 Hollenback, M/M C. M.
 Hornbaker, Chas.
 Horton, Daisy Wright
 Horton, Gertrude Hanan
 Hutchinson, C. C.
 Hutchinson, W. E.
 Jeffs, M/M Wm E.
 Jordan, M/M Walter H.
 Justus, M/M J. F.
 Justus, M/M John
 Kautzer, M/M John
 Kincaid, M/M M. F.
 King, M/M W. P.
 Kinkel, William P.
 Kinnamon, M/M Richard
 Kirkhuff, M/M I. L.
 Klein, F. F.
 Lawson, M/M J. H.
 Leighty, M/M E. A.
 Lewis, M/M Frank Y.
 Long, William E.
 Love, M/M R. J.
 Lowe, M/M G. P.
 Lowe, Wesley
 Lyman, H. S.
 Lyman, M/M Hamilton
 Martin, Herbert
 Martin, M/M F. L.
 Martin, M/M J. L.
 Maughlin, M/M C. S.
 May, Dr. and Mrs. J. S.
 McNew, J. O.
 Meyer, M/M E. L.
 Miller, Clark C.
 Miller, M/M John M.
 Montford, M/M C. V.
 Moore, Mrs. Glenna Snay
 Nation, M/M Pet
 Nelson, M/M John W.
 O'Halloran, M/M Patrick
 Oswald, C. W.
 Penney, M/M J. L.
 Pennington, L. A.
 Pennington, W. R.
 Poorbaugh, J. H.
 Potter, Rev. Joseph L.
 Priddle, M/M Vincent
 Prigg, Judge and Mrs. F. F.
 Ragland, M/M B. J.
 Ramey, Mrs. Bert
 Reno, Gen. Jesse L.
 Richardson, Mrs. Esther H.
 Rowland, M/M C. W.
 Scheble, A. R.
 Schlickau, M/M George
 Schoonover, M/M John U.
 Sears, Morris B.
 Shaddock, Sr., Robert B.
 Shuler, D. D.
 Sidlinger, Dr. S. H.
 Sponsler, A. L.
 Sponsler, M/M W. J.
 Stecker, Christian
 Stevenson, M/M J. A.
 Stoughton, M/M Samuel
 Strandberg, P. J.
 Teter, M/M S. P.
 Valdois, M/M August J.
 Vansickel, M/M W. J.
 Waddles, M/M Howard
 Wagler, M/M Simon P
 White, Albert E.
 White, James
 White, M/M L. J.
 Wilson, Mrs. Nettie Jo
 Winchester, M/M Charles S.
 Winchester, M/M Stanley A.
 Wolcott, M/M Frank D.
 Wyman, M/M David
 Wyman, M/M John M.
 Wyman, Max
 Wyss, John
 Young, M/M Jacob A.



**Memorial located
 on the Kansas State
 Fair Grounds.**

Reno's Colored Scrappers - WWI

Fifty-six colored men from Reno County responded to Uncle Sam's call and took up arms for the defense of the country.



Chester I. Lewis was the first colored man to be drawn for the draft. Chester served as Sergeant, Headquarters Detachment, 92nd Division. He served in France June 19, 1918 to February 8, 1919. He served in St. Die sector in Vosges August and September; Marbache sector in October and offensive operations of Second Army in November.

Chester was the Editor of The Hutchinson Blade. He was born 5/21/1894 in Hutchinson. He died 2/23/1952 and was buried at Eastside Cemetery in lot 842A



Chester's brother, Claude Preston Lewis, served as Sergeant in Company E, 803rd Pioneers. He saw service in Argonne-Meuse. Claude was a mail carrier at the time of his draft registration.

VETERANS * VETERANS

Akles, Lenion	Jackson, Edward	Reynolds, Vern
Allen, Robt. L.	Jackson, James	Saunders, Geo.
Augustus, Buford L.	James, Geo. W.	Stewart, Luther A.
Blanton, Lawrence	Johnson, Leonard	Snyder, Delbert S.
Blanton, Louis A.	Jones, Alex	Stapleton, Samuel W.
Bailey, Sibbett	Jones, Claude E.	Snyder, Wesley
Boswell, Harry C.	Jones, V. M.	Thomas, Ben H.
Buffaloe, Wm. O.	Lewis, Chester I.	Thomas, Marshall
Burton, Edward C.	Lewis, Claude P.	Talbert, Wm.
Butler, Sol.	McCalep, Merritt C.	Vick, Jake
Crowe, Jasper M.	McCalep, Leo W.	White, Wm.
Essex, Houston	Martin, Henry A.	Walker, Lee
Gothard, Ralph O.	May, Eugene D.	Waller, Ray
Green, Clifton C.	Millar, James C.	Watts, Bert
Gatland, Claude	Morgan, John H.	Wells, Henry
Harvey, Jesse	Pope, Kay C.	Wheeler, Fred J.
Hannon, Gillespie R.	Rhoten, Marion C.	Williams, Homer
Harrison, Wm. D.	Reaves, Phillip Ray	Woodson, Leslie
Jackson, Wm.	Reaves, Clarence C.	

Note: The title "Reno's Colored Scrappers" is from the book "Reno's Response".

Membership Renewal

Soon it will be time to renew your membership. Before you do, we would like to tell you about a second membership level we are introducing. It is our hope that you will consider renewing at this optional level. Whatever level you choose, please renew by January 15th. **We appreciate your continued support of our society.**

The board has invested a lot of time developing and implementing ideas that improve interaction with our membership and connect us with our community. Each year we are faced with rising costs. The most noted is postage costs. Instead of raising dues or eliminating activities that promote stability and growth of our society we have tried to develop other ideas to offset these costs. This year we held a raffle and raised \$250 - meeting our goal. Thank you to everyone that supported us by purchasing tickets. This will become an annual event. We use our current dues of \$12 primarily to print and mail this quarterly. \$8.24 of your dues is used for this purpose. [This is before the postage increase scheduled for May 2009]. That leaves little to use toward programs with outside speakers and handouts, other administrative and project needs. Our 2009 budget will be presented for approval to the membership at our November meeting. Our Treasurer's report is presented each month and recorded in the minutes. This information is always available to you.

New Membership Level

Level 1 - \$12 Basic

Level 2 - \$15 Community Connection

Level 2 memberships support our community connection projects, such as, but not limited to:

- free genealogy workshops [we have a tentative date of March 28, 2009 and at the Fair in September]
- books or microfilm placed in the library
- marking an unmarked grave
- working with other organizations to promote genealogy.

Membership requests received after August are applied to the following year and a complimentary November quarterly is mailed. It costs less to provide one complimentary issue than mail the new member packet with all back-issues.

Time to renew your membership. Please submit your dues by January 15th.





Charles Dallas, Samantha,
Benjamin & Clara Violet
Macklin. On Samantha's
lap is Harry O. Macklin

Shared by Janet
Donner of Illinois



Top: Benjamin Macklin

Right: Eliza, David & William Conley



Shared by Phyllis Long



Edward Overton Humiston



Humiston's July 1914

Front: Carrie, Hod, Eddie / Back: Mae, Bud, Fern



Elizabeth Maxine Humiston

Elizabeth Maxine Humiston

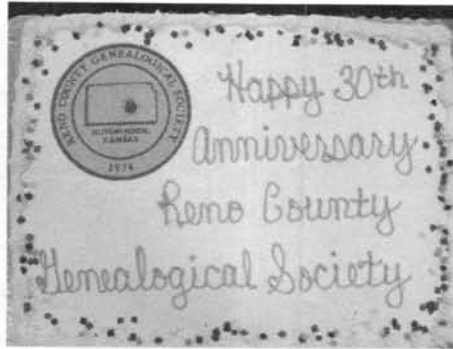


Mae, Carrie & Fern Humiston 1917

PHOTOS & POSTCARDS * PHOTOS & POSTCARDS

Annual Potluck & 30th Anniversary Celebration

Thank you to our members and guests that attended. We hope everyone enjoyed the potluck and celebration.



Charter members present were: Jo Longhofer, Delores Moore, Pam Stansel & Lydia Streeter.

See more pictures online. Look for the link on our home page.

Everyone brought "old stuff" for show & tell, except RCGS charter member, Pam Stansel. Her show & tell was only 6 weeks old.



Sheila Sage checking out the show & tell items.



Caught! Sally Eubanks enjoying her meal!

Favorite Ancestor Story contest winners:



Jo Longhofer

Accident Near The Falls In Jacobs Creek



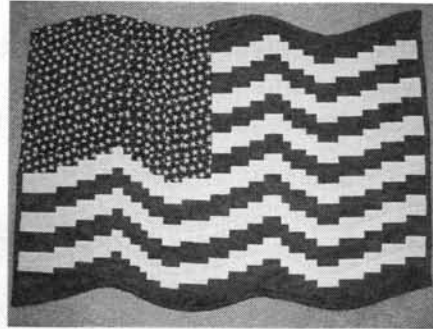
Margaret Childs

The Latin Professor, John K. Jenkins

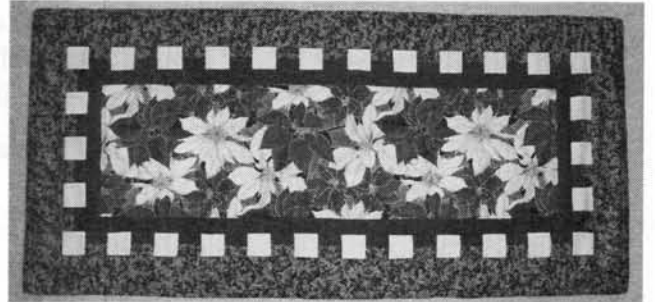
Raffle Winners



**Debra Gray
Plano, TX**



**Dorothy Wall
Hutchinson, KS**



**Ella Schwartz
Hutchinson, KS**

Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets. We sold tickets up to the night of the drawing and raised \$249.00. Bill Rexroad donated \$1 to help us meet our goal of \$250.00. Thanks, Bill!

Raffle items were made and donated by: Ruth Hair Filbert, Gale Stafford Wall & Dorothy Shultz Wall
We have some ideas for next year. If you would like to help sponsor an item please let us know.

Show & Tell - Most interesting item prize winners:

Thank you to RCGS member, Nancy Moore, for creating and donating these beautiful bookmarks. The tokens are from the Hutchinson Bus & Cab Co. Thanks, Nancy!

Congratulations!



1st Place - Rita Lingg



We had a large number of wonderful show & tell items.



2nd Place - Jo Longhofer

Volunteer Recognition



Volunteer of the Year!

Congratulations to Melody Morgan of Plano, TX. Melody is our volunteer of the year. She has spent countless hours on the quarterly surname index, cemetery photo indexing and lot card files along with other tasks.

Thank you for the many hours given to our society.



Thank you to all of our volunteers. We appreciate you!!!

Basgall, Shirley

Brown, Cordelia

Brown, Marilyn

Burgess, Karen

Childs, Margaret

Dankanyin, Kathleen

Eubanks, Sally

Filbert, Ruth

Gobin, Dwayne & Vivian

Goheen, Esther

Harrington, Marguerite

Head, Rebecca

Heller, Jo

Hermstein, Margaret

Johnston, Marilyn

Kleiber, Irene

Lewis, Diane

Lingg, Rita

Longhofer, Jo

McMannis, Darren

Moorman, Russell

Morgan, Melody

Murphy, Barbara

Oxley, Ellis

Pitzer, Phillip

Poulton, Sharon

Reiter, Kay

Rexroad, Bill

Schwartz, Ella Mae

Stevens, Marie

Stoecklein, Jim

Wall, Dorothy

Wall, Gale

Warn, Denton

Wedman, Sandy

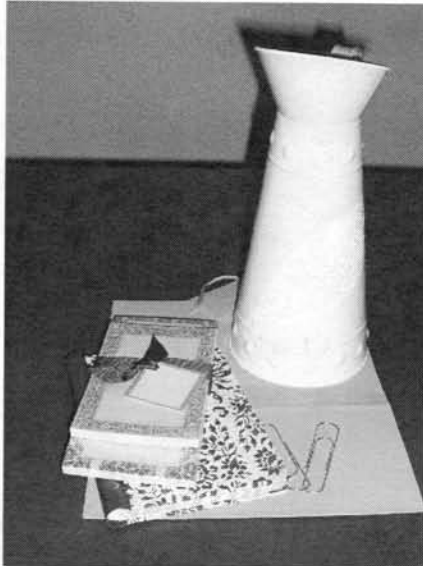


Thank you to my fellow board members for surprising me with this beautiful Willow Tree gift.

Gale

Door Prizes

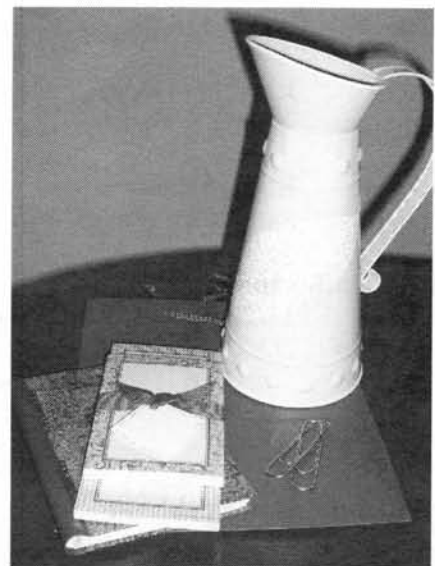
Local Winners



Sharon Poulton



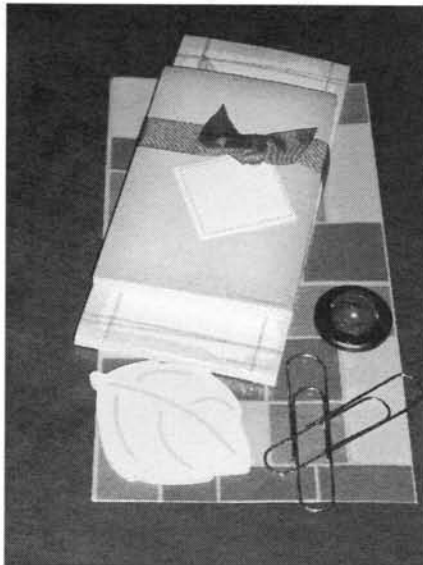
Delores Moore



Kathleen Dankanyin

Congratulations!

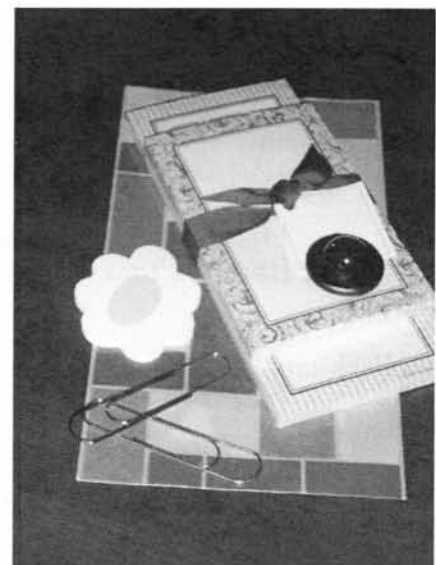
Remote Winners



Jerry McMillan
Saratoga, CA



Helen White
Kansas City, MO



Freda Lea
Phoenix, AZ

Charles Wesley Peckham & Family

Charles Wesley Peckham

Born: 3/26/1849 Maumee, Lucas Co., Ohio
 Married: 2/19/1874 Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Died: 6/18/1928 Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Burial: 6/21/1928 [Haven] Priest Cemetery, Haven, Reno Co., Kansas

Father: Jonathan Dennis Peckham
 Mother: Alzina S. Brush

Spouse: Kate Hutton
 Spouse: Sarah Catherine Hess

Sarah Catherine Hess

Born: 11/29/1850 Hartford City, Indiana
 Died: 2/3/1926 Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Buried: 2/6/1926 [Haven] Priest Cemetery, Haven, Reno Co., Kansas

Children:

John Donaldson Peckham

Born: 11/5/1874
 Married: 9/5/1897
 Died: 1/19/1955
 Buried: Fairlawn Cemetery, Hutchinson, Reno Co., Kansas
 Spouse: Harriet R. VanBuren

Minnie Peckham

Born: 1/19/1877
 Married: 1/22/1896
 Died: 1/5/1956
 Buried: Anthony, Kansas
 Spouse: William E. Bishop

Flora Peckham

Born: 4/5/1879
 Married:
 Died: 11/15/1885 Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Buried: [Haven] Priest Cemetery, Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Spouse:

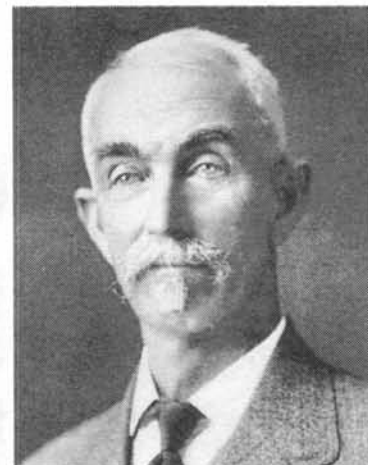
Ella Peckham

Born: 7/19/1881
 Married:
 Died: 2/14/1900
 Buried: [Haven] Priest Cemetery, Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Spouse:

Arthur Leroy Peckham

Born: 7/7/1883 Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Married: 4/19/1905 Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Died: 10/22/1974 Wichita, Kansas
 Buried: Wichita, Kansas
 Spouse: Tecie Ola Bobbitt

[this is LaDonna's grandfather]



Charles Wesley Peckham



Sarah Hess Peckham

Bertha Peckham

Born: 11/27/1884 Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Married: 9/5/1905 Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Died: 10/17/1973 Oregon
 Buried: 10/19/1973 Oregon
 Spouse: Ralph Williams

Cora Peckham

Born: 5/27/1886
 Married:
 Died: 9/13/1975
 Buried: Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Spouse: Douglas Guy VanBuren

Edward D. Peckham

Born: 1/14/1887 Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Married: 1/1/1908 Haven, Reno Co., Kansas
 Died: 5/6/1957 LaJunta, Colorado
 Buried: 5/8/1957 Fairview Cemetery, LaJunta, Colorado
 Spouse: Ruth H. Atkins

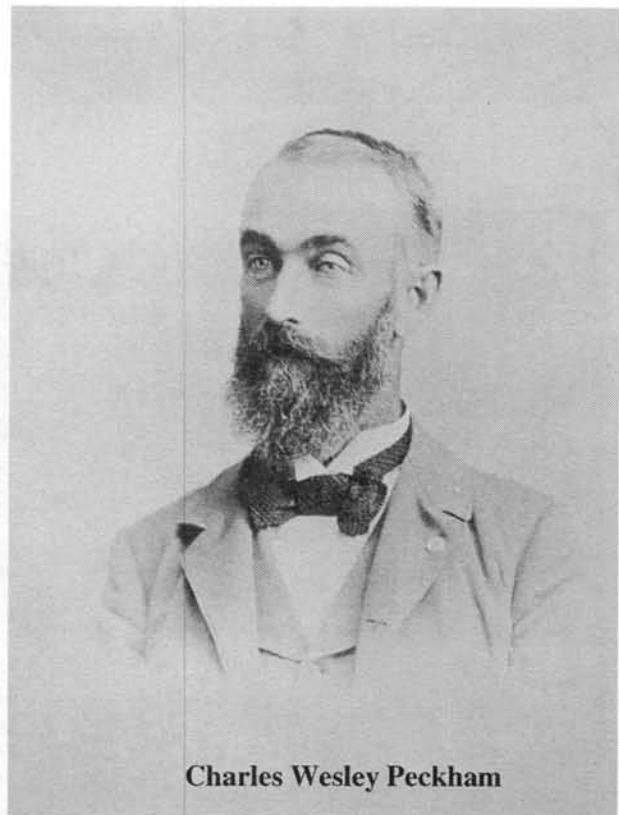
Ira Peckham

Born: 5/19/1889
 Married: 8/24/1911 Hutchinson, Reno Co., Kansas
 Died: Possibly Eugene, Oregon area
 Buried:
 Spouse: Lura Hoskinson

Laura Bush [Brush?] Peckham

Born: 6/4/1891
 Married: 6/29/1910
 Died:
 Buried:
 Spouse: Guy William Astle

Shared by LaDonna Alford



Charles Wesley Peckham

White Bronze Monuments

The Monumental Bronze Company in Bridgeport, CT and its subsidiaries manufactured White Bronze Monuments. The product is actually pure zinc and it is said the term white bronze was used to make the product sound more appealing.

The listing in *New York's Great Industries, Its Merchants and Manufacturers*, published in 1884, describes the monuments as "...second to no other of its class, and may justly claim to combine the richest embellishments of art with unsurpassed workmanship. The perfection now attained in this direction by the monuments and statuary of the company cast in white bronze, which is zinc refined and made pure as silver, then superbly finished and frosted by the sand-blast and oxidized, is such that they present a beautiful silver-gray color, remaining unchanged for ages".

The company made monuments from 1874 to 1914. The government took over the plant for the manufacturing of munitions during World War I. After the war the demand for the monuments had faded, and the company was dissolved in 1939.

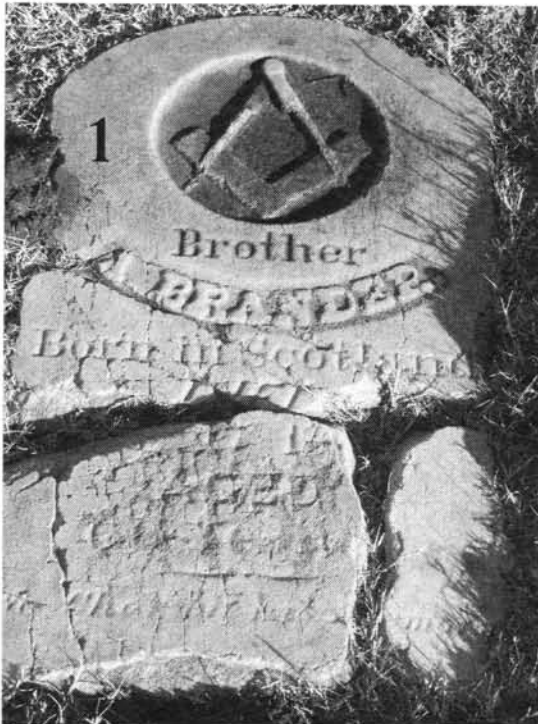
Subsidiaries were established throughout the U.S. in an attempt to expand their business. The first was opened in Detroit in 1881. Detroit Bronze operated until about 1885. In 1886 subsidiaries were opened in Chicago and in Des Moines. American Bronze operated in Chicago until 1909 and Western White Bronze Company in Des Moines, IA until 1908. These locations did not do the original casting, but acted as finishing stations for the monuments. All the original casting took place in Bridgeport Connecticut.

Not all of the monuments are marked but some found in Reno County were provided by the subsidiary Western White Bronze Company, Des Moines, IA. Too bad the company went out of business. Most I have found are in wonderful condition and those with damage is likely due to mowers and maintenance of the cemetery.



Importance of Cemetery Photo Project

These photos best explain the need and urgency for us to record our cemeteries through photography. Photo 1 was taken in December 2005; photo 2 in December 2006 and photo 3 in October 2008. I have been to this grave several times hoping to better identify the person. I believe this grave to be one of the earlier burials in Eastside, for which there are no records. I've seen it in different seasons and different light and the photo I snapped in 2005 captures the information the best. Digital cameras are much more affordable these days. The next time you have the opportunity to preserve family headstones through photography do so, because time may erase the only known record, on the face of the stone.



Lot 255 Eastside Cemetery



CEMETERY CORNER * CEMETERY CORNER

1914 Seniors**Hutchinson High**

Alliphin, Verne
 Baer, Adeline
 Bailey, Ladessa
 Brink, Lorena
 Buskirk, Alys
 Butler, Isaac
 Chaffin, Lurissa
 Clark, Walter
 Conaway, Anna
 Crotts, Ferne
 Crow, Oberia
 Dana, John
 Fearl, Helen
 Frame, Ruth
 Gardner, Grace
 Gardner, Ruth
 Garman, Mary
 Hargis, Robert
 Henning, Frank Lawrence
 Hettinger, Florence
 Hill, Mabel
 Johnson, Minnie
 Jones, Faye
 Jones, Ora
 Jones, Marion
 Lewis, Claude
 Manning, Winifred
 Nelson, Beulah
 Newlin, Nina
 Niles, Marjorie

Norris, Fred
 Pattinson, Darwin
 Payne, Russell
 Petit, Zena
 Powell, Gladys
 Rankin, Beatrice
 Rowland, Harry
 Scales, Marjorie
 Scothorn, Carl
 Smith, Eldon
 Soper, Gail R.
 Sponsler, Gertrude
 Sprowl, Clara
 Stevenson, Louise
 Stewart, Frank
 Sweet, Gilberta
 Switzer, Ethel
 Tague, Golda
 Underwood, Frances
 Wallace, Irma
 Watts, Vern
 Wilkie, Eva
 Wyman, Max
 Zeigler, Fern
 Zeigler, Keith

1916 Seniors**Reno County High School**

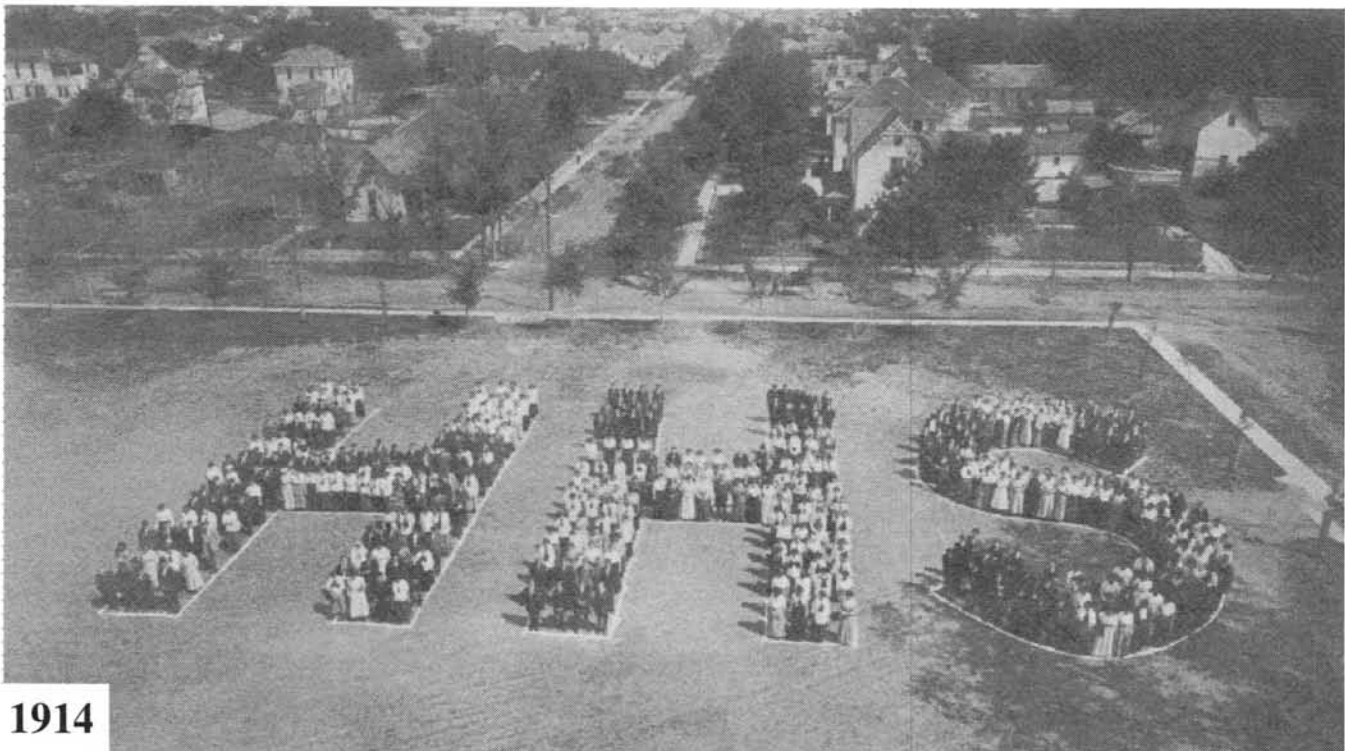
Abernethy, Frances
 Abernethy, Willard
 Alexander, Paul (Alec)
 Anderson, Tyson
 Bereman, Bessie

Burkes, Ethel
 Detter, Esther
 Dhonau, Maude
 Drake, Margaret
 Eagle, Forrest
 Fair, Lena
 Fleming, Bruce
 Kirkhuff, Hester
 Krehbiel, Arthur
 Lauver, Gladys
 Lawrence, Ben
 Lawrence, Sam
 Mc Vay, Hobart (Mac)
 Michael, Bessie
 Mills, Merle
 Moorman, Marguerite
 Murphy, Mabel
 Peterson, Eva
 Pew, Chester

Pew, Edith
 Sallee, Flora
 Schaffer, Roxanna
 Shira, Pansy
 Snyder, Earl
 Stewart, Harry
 Strayer, Fern
 Warner, Raymond
 Whittaker, Clara
 Wiley, Vera
 Wood, Josephine (Jo)
 Wray, Belva
 Yaggy, Mabel

Submitted by Kathleen Dankanyin

SCHOOL DAYS * SCHOOL DAYS * SCHOOL DAYS



1914

Samuel Welliver

Samuel Welliver, an old soldier and an old resident of Hutchinson, died at his home on South Main Street early this morning. He had been ill for several months. He was born sixty three years ago in Pennsylvania and had lived in Kansas eighteen years. He enlisted in Company K. Eighteenth Ohio and fought during the Civil War with this regiment. He was a member of Joe Hooker Post and the old soldiers will have charge of the funeral ceremonies, which will beheld at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. He leaves one son , Samuel Welliver Jr. who lives on Bigger Street West in this city.

Hutchinson News March 8, 1904

U. G. Williams Dead

Very Early Settler of Reno County Died This Morning

U. G. Williams died at his home in Lincoln township early this morning, after an illness of about two weeks. He had recently suffered a stroke of paralysis and again later of apoplexy. The death occurred at 10:20 o'clock this morning. Mr. Williams was born about eighty years ago in Wyoming County, PA., and had come to Kansas in the fall of 1872. He settled on a claim in Haven township, but four years ago bought the home in Lincoln township where he died. He was a member of the Twenty Eight Illinois Infantry, during the Civil War. He was also a member of the Elmer M. E. Church, where the funeral services will be held. The sermon being preached by Rev. W. J. Shull. He leaves his wife and three sons. The funeral will be at 10:00 o'clock on Sunday morning; the burial being in Laurel Cemetery. About four years ago Mr. Williams lived for a short time in Hutchinson. Besides that he has lived ever since he came to Kansas, near where he died in Lincoln township. He was well known over the county and was loved by all who knew him. He had been a subscriber of the News for more than thirty years.

Hutchinson News Weekly March 17, 1910

Child Choked On Chicken Bone In His Wind Pipe

Carr Witherow, Three Years of Age Met Death in Peculiar Manner

When Carr Witherow, three years of age, awoke from his nap late yesterday afternoon, he was hungry, so his mother gave him a chicken bone to suck. A bit of the bone lodged in the boy's windpipe and before a doctor could be reached he choked to death. Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Witherow live in the country six miles east of Hutchinson. As soon as the boy's plight was discovered, Dr. Forney was summoned by telephone but he did not arrive in time to see the boy alive. The boy had been taken to the home of a neighbor in hope that his life might be saved. The funeral of Carr Witherow was held from home at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. W. B. Stevens preached the funeral service. The burial took place in the Eastside Cemetery.

Hutchinson News Weekly Sept. 14, 1911

Submitted by Kathleen Dankanyin, Obituary Coordinator

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- Treasure Maps Genealogy:
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Following certification, with permission granted, the application and pedigree chart will be printed in a Forgotten Settlers of Kansas publication. Applications and proof materials are contributed to the manuscript section of the Kansas State Historical Society's Center for Historical Research.

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