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President's Message

MARCH MADNESS

Did it have to apply to the very day in March that the Reno County Genealogical Society scheduled the Beginning Genealogy Workshop at the Hutchinson Public Library? A heavy snow was predicted for Friday and into Saturday morning, so Karen, Gale and I were watching the weather channel very closely. Friday afternoon, when the snow kept getting heavier, the wind stronger and we learned that the Hutchinson Public Library had closed, the decision was made to call off the workshop. For the members that do not live in this part of the state we had eighteen inches of snow (or more in drifts). The workshop was rescheduled for the 18th of April. Gale and Karen put in a lot of time planning for the workshop and I wish to thank them for all of their work.

Did you know that a member of the RCGS is at the Hutchinson Public Library the fourth Thursday evening of each month - unless it is a holiday?

A basket of genealogy "goodies" is being accumulated for the fund raiser at the Family History Month celebration at the Delos Smith Center in October. There are some excellent books in the package and I know Gale has more about it on one of the following pages.

Plans are being made for the KCGS Annual Genealogical Conference the 20th of June in Wichita co-hosted by the Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies, Inc. and the Wichita Genealogical Society. Megan Smolenyak - Smolenyak will present four lectures: Trace Your Roots with DNA, Welcome to Roots Television, Reverse Genealogy: Techniques for Finding Your Lost Loved Ones and Find That Obituary: Online Newspaper Research. Go to <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kcgs/2009ConfBroc.pdf> for more information.

How many hours would it take to send e-mail messages to everyone in your address book that your e-mail address has changed? Have you ever thought about having Google's Gmail, a Yahoo mail or a Hotmail account? In one of his recent articles, Richard Eastman, strongly recommends that everyone have one in case their ISP is bought out by another company and you are given only a short time to react. On February 06, 2009 he posted an article that everyone should read. I would also suggest reading the February 16th newsletter. [eogn.com]

I hope to see many of you in June at the conference. With the place of the conference so close and easy to drive to, RCGS should have a good attendance at the meeting. **Ruth Filbert**

2009 Raffle

Our goal is to sell a minimum of 250 tickets at \$1 each. This Genealogy Kit is valued at \$200.00. The kit includes the 25 items below.

Red canvas tote bag	Cite your sources - 3 pads	
RootsMagic 4	Post it's - 2 pack	
Finding....in U. S. Census book	Flag markers	
Google Your Family Tree book	Pack of [12] colored pencils	
Genealogical Proof Standard book	Pack of [8] colored pens	
8 GB flash drive	Pack [12] of black pens	
2 - 1.5" notebooks	Pack of 6 mini highlighters	
Genealogy page dividers - 2 packs	Pack of 4 highlighters	
Clipboard	3 pack of scotch tape	
	Stapler desk set	
	Memo box	
	1 box of large paper clips	
	Magnifying glass	
	2 packs of Index cards	
	Photo album	
	Genealogy coffee cup	

News & Notes

- RCGS will use the glass case in the Kansas Room to display family items. If you have a small item you would like to display please contact Gale Wall. We will rotate items every few months.
- KCGS 35th Annual Conference: June 20, 2009 Wichita, KS. Featured speaker is Megan Smolenyak. Sessions include: *Trace Your Roots with DNA*, *Welcome to Roots Television!*, *Reverse Genealogy*, *Find That Obituary: Online Newspaper Research*. Early registration \$45. Registration after May 30th is \$50. <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/kcgs>.
- **2009 Raffle:** Tickets are \$1 each. We will promote the raffle May through October and hold the drawing on October 19th at our annual potluck. Our goal is to sell a minimum of 250 tickets. This will make a great kit for the beginner and experienced genealogist! Make your checks payable to RCGS and mail to P. O. Box 5, Hutchinson, KS 67504-0005. Ticket numbers will be posted on our web site to save postage costs. Please help us make this a success. Thank you for your support!
- Cemetery Signs - RCGS will purchase cemetery NAME signs for some of our old cemeteries in the county. More details to come. This is part of our community connections effort to give back to our community.



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 researching Rootsweb.com and other databases.

4/20 – 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.

Editor's Note

Do We Choose or Are We Chosen?

My Mama passed away February 27th. As I handled the arrangements and talked with family and friends I was overwhelmed about the responsibility I have in preserving my family history when my mother's friend, of more years than I can remember, said to me "...there is a mistake in her obituary...she didn't have any daughters named..." Yes, she did. Mama had 5 daughters and the twins born before me died in childbirth. As the only living child it is up to me to document, preserve and share what I can for the future generations.

No one in my immediate family shared my interest in knowing as much about our family history, but Mama knew how important it was to me and she traveled with me on my first week-long research trip covering 3 states, hundreds of miles and many cemeteries. She was present when I experienced my first serendipity moment in a cemetery and she forwarded every scrap of family documents that came into her possession, many of which are treasures to me.

Did I choose to be the historian for my family or was I chosen? I don't have an answer to my question but I do know that I will do my best with the responsibility before me. With that, I dedicate my work to my sisters Denise, Judine, Joycine & Teresa, to my precious Mama, the ancestors I've come to know and those waiting to be found. You can share your Reno County family information here or on our web site. Just ask how!

New Members

Benitez, Roberta - S. Hutchinson, KS
 Heffernan, Edward - Benicia, CA
 Moore, Jay - Hutchinson
 Spence, Melody - Kewanee, IL
 Sublett, Jenny - Hutchinson
 Vanover, Anne - Tuscon, AZ
 Voight, Cathern - S. Hutchinson, KS
 Wells, Jeri Lynn - Hutchinson, KS

WELCOME!

New members - Do we have your email?

Don't miss our monthly eNews!

On The Cover

School District No. 67

Located in section 11 of Troy Township

Submitted by Phillip Pitzer.

Phillip would like to identify the students shown. We determined the date to be 1904 as that is the only year Sina Boody was the teacher at school no. 67.



Kansas One Room School House Project:

<http://www.kansasheritage.org/orsh/index.htm>

Reno county school photo:

http://www.kansasheritage.org/orsh/Gallery/pages/RenoRN1_jpg.htm

Member Spotlight



Name: Karen Poulton Burgess

Location: Hutchinson, KS

Reno County surnames: Poulton, Weaver

Other surnames: Burgess, Ellis, Morris, Paslay, Cummins, Wright, Fiveash, Ellsworth, Mlynek, Galer, Smyk, Cadman, LaClair & Rogers

of years researching: 25+

Top 5 states: Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky, New York & Michigan

Biggest or most frustrating brick wall: I have two Morris' marrying each other. I believe they are first cousins from Tennessee but I have never been able to prove it.

Ancestor farthest back: On the Poulton line: Howell Clerk of Oaksey, Wiltshire, England born ca. 1650. On the Burgess line: Richard Woodwar of Worcestershire, England born ca. 1600.

Genealogy Serendipity: Still waiting on one!



Name: Ruth Hair Filbert

Location: Hutchinson, KS

Reno County surnames: None

Other surnames: Hair, Brown, Dickerson, Halderson/Haldorsen, Suttle, Evert/Everitt/Everett, Wolf & Matthews.

of years researching: About 35 years

Top 5 states: Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky, Iowa & Wisconsin

Biggest or most frustrating brick wall: My great-grandfather, John Everett, died after the 1870 Indiana [Hendricks Co.] census. His wife died in 1874 in Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, where her youngest son was living.

Where did John die and where is he buried?

Ancestor farthest back: Bjorn Golberg, died about 1569 in Gol, Hallingdal, Norway.

Genealogy Serendipity: [none provided]

WANTED! Your Information

You could be next! Send your answers and photo to RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com

2008 Annual Report

We were unable to provide this report in the February issue.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance for 2008: \$1,470.79. Ending balance for 2008: \$940.20 . This does not reflect our 2 CD's or publications account.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

345 pieces of mail were received and processed in 2008.

Membership Report

Membership count ending 2008 was 104. This count reflects 13 non-renewals from 2007 and 23 new members for 2008. Membership beginning 2009 is 109 members, reflecting 5 new members. This number is subject to change during this renewal period. A secondary membership level was introduced beginning 2009.

Historian Report

Our historian archived 49 items during the 2008 year. Items were from monthly meetings, eNews, Kansas State Fair, member obituary, thank you, potluck, news articles, humanities promotion, and other miscellaneous items.

Research Report

The RCGS research team processed 34 research requests and received in \$191.73 in research fees.

Obituary Coordinator's Report

The Pre 1978 obituary file and Post 1978 index files created for our web site were revised to include the year of death. Both were recently uploaded to our site. 1,099 Obituaries were added for 2008. Other tasks included bringing the Post 1978 file up-to-date with manually reviewing 2005 & 2006. This is a great accomplishment since Kathleen became our Obituary Coordinator in 2007.

Quarterly Report

RCGS printed 610 quarterlies, mailing 510 of them to membership and exchange locations. The other 100 copies were used for new member packets, promotion and distribution at the fair. Printing costs were \$494.12 and mailing costs were \$566.64.

Web Coordinator's Report

In 2008 we added a search feature provided by Freefind.com [February] and Google analytics [November]. We also started using a Blog by Blogger.com for our news and event updates [April]. These services are free and allow us to track the number of visitors we have. Software transition continues. We purchased a camcorder late in the year and plan to create short videos for our YouTube site as time and the weather permits.

Please direct questions or comments to the RCGS Board at RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com

Community Connection Membership

We introduced a new membership level for 2009. Our basic membership continues to be \$12.00 and our community connection membership is \$15.00. The extra \$3.00 helps fund projects that allow us to connect with or give to our community, such as, but not limited to:

- Free genealogy workshops
- Books or microfilm placed in the Kansas Room of Hutchinson Public Library
- Marking an unmarked grave or purchasing a cemetery [name] sign
- Working with other organizations to promote genealogy & local history
- Displays & exhibits

2009 Projects In Progress / Complete

- Family Tree Magazine - State Research Guides Book: Donated to Hutchinson Public Library
- Beginning Genealogy Workshop: Presented April 18th
- Family History Display - Kansas Room
- Kansas Room Volunteers - research volunteer fourth Thursday each month. Started March 2009

Under development

- Cemetery & genealogy combined brochure
- Research & planning for cemetery sign purchase project
- Trading Post: Sharing genealogy materials, books & magazines with members and library patrons

Do you have an idea for a community connection project? We'd love to hear from you. Please send us an email at RenoCoGenSoc@gmail.com.

Thank you to our supporters!

**Wanted! Your family items
to display. We will rotate
items in late May / early June**



Registration Affidavits of Alien Enemies

New microfilm in the Hutchinson Public Library - [NARA Publication # M1997, Record group 118, Roll 7]

History from NARA website. [<http://tinyurl.com/M1997-Info>]

President Woodrow Wilson first authorized the registration of aliens by his Proclamation of War with Germany on April 6, 1917. Under its provisions, all non-naturalized males of German nationality 14 years of age or older residing within the United States or its territories were defined as enemy aliens. The proclamation set forth 12 regulations for the conduct of designated alien enemies, including a provision for registration if necessary. Naturalized Germans did not have to register if they could supply proof of their American citizenship. ...The Proclamation of November 16, 1917, required all enemy aliens to register, moving the administration of the program from the War Emergency Division directly to the United States Attorney General (Thomas Watt Gregory). ...The Proclamation of April 19, 1918, extended the registration requirement to individuals of Austro-Hungarian nationality. The proclamation further extended the registration to include women within the prescribed age group. American-born females married to nonnaturalized Germans were also required to register as alien females.

The alien male affidavits include the following information:

- Name and any other names
- Place of registration
- Birth date and place
- Current residence and other residences since January 1, 1914
- Employment since January 1, 1914
- Arrival information—date, port of arrival, and name of the ship
- Names and residence of mother and father, and whether they are living
- Information about wife and children
- Whether anyone in the family was fighting for or against the United States and its allies
- Whether registered for the selective service and previous military service
 - Naturalization status—if naturalized when and where
- Whether contacted by or registered with a foreign government since January 1, 1914
- Whether arrested
- Whether the person held a permit to enter forbidden

areas

- Thumb, hand, and finger prints with a photograph
- Physical description

The alien female affidavits contained the above questions as well as the following information:

- Name including maiden name
- Marital status
- Names and birth dates of all children
- Names of all brothers and sisters, their birth dates, and places of residence
- Whether engaged in any governmental service
- Whether husband had applied for citizenship
- Languages spoken, written, and read

We'll work on formatting this information for our web site.

Brethren Home Goodbye Quilt

Editor's Note: I came across this on the Reno County message board hosted by Rootsweb.com. Shirley was happy to share this with our readers in hopes of finding others connected to the quilt.



Rollo I. Troup was Manager of the Brethren Home in Lincoln Township, Reno, Kansas from 1928 until 1933. I have 2 photographs with dates on the back of them but checking the 1930 Census confirmed the above date. His wife's name was Hattie. His son Ralph was only 12 when they moved to Darlow. They were members of the Brethren Church and remained so.

Ralph told me that when the Troup's left Kansas in 1933 (he was 17) the residents and people that worked there gave his parents a quilt with blocks, on which they had embroidered their names. The quilt was finished except for hemming. It was done entirely by hand.

Ralph's mother never finished the quilt but left it covered and folded on a shelf in her closet. It was scalloped around the edges and she may have been reluctant to try it.

Hattie died in 1977 in St. Joseph, MO. Ralph married my mother in 1986 when they were 68 years old. She left it on the shelf for another 5 or 6 years. When they moved to Arizona they brought the quilt with them and put it in another closet. In 2002 they sold their home in Yuma and moved into a retirement home close to my house and I ended up with it when she died in 2006. When I found it, Ralph got the pictures of the people at the home and told me the story. He still remembered some of the people.

Ralph died last January and I have wanted to finish the quilt and find some of the descendents of the men and women that made the blocks. My cousin, Marguerite McCrary, came to visit from Missouri in January and while here she and I (mostly she) finished the hem, which was quite tedious.

A couple of weeks ago I decided to search for the Brethren Old Folks home in Darlow, Kansas on Ancestry and found on Rootsweb Message Board some messages about the home. I posted a query regarding the names of the people on the quilt and received a reply from Judy Stevens. I am hoping to find more descendents.

The message I sent "... I have a quilt made by some of the help and some of the women there if anyone is interested. The names of the women on the blocks are: Mae Bigley, Mrs. Talbert, Fern Betts, Mrs. Shirman, Mrs. Morgan, E.G. Bowder, Mrs. Kint, Mrs. Sherman, Mrs. Morelock, Leo Showalter, Mary Morelock, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Kohler, Mrs. Clark, Ross Henricks (could be Rosa), Mrs. Negley, Mrs. J.R. Smith, J.R. Smith, Mrs. Comstock. ..."

Shirley received a response from Judy Stevens of Tehachapi, CA regarding the Mrs. Talbert listed. It turns out this is Maggie Talbert, born about 1870. She married James B. Talbert about 1918, his second marriage and possibly hers too. In 1920 they were living in Montgomery County, KS and in 1930 they are residing in the Brethren Home in Reno County. Had this been James Talbert's first wife it would have been Judy's GG grandmother.

Can you add information on the Brethren Home?





Carrie Comstock, May Bigley, Fern Betts, Samatha Smith, Della Morgan

Carrie Comstock

May Bigley

Fern Betts

Ralph Troup [pretending to be old]

Samantha Smith

Della Morgan

There are 2 more photos. We will add to the article copy we post on our web site.



Right: Ralph Troup

Census Data on the Brethren Home

Year, listed on census as, superintendent, number of people [inmates, help & supt. family]

- 1930, Brethren Home, Rollo Troup, 24
- 1925, Old Folks Home, T. P. Oxley, 30
- 1920, Old Folks Home, George W. Keedy, 18
- 1915, Old Folks Home, H. B. Martin, 14
- 1910, Old Folks Home, Samuel Weaver, 18
- 1905, Old Folks Home, M. M. Ennis, 15
- 1900, Home for the Aged & Infirm, Thomas Winery, 20

From the Hutchinson News Herald 11/9/1946

The Brethren began worshipping in Hutchinson in 1895 under the direction of J. P. Harshbarger, who had been the Superintendent of the "old people's home" sponsored by the Pleasant View Church at Darlow.

1895 Reno County State Census:

J. P. Harberger was a minister residing in Hutchinson.

Robert Burling 1832-1906

Robert Bullen was born Dec. 28, 1832 in Needingworth Huntingdon Shire, England, the seventh child of John and Mary Bullen. Mary died in 1838 and John in 1873. John was an agricultural laborer. From accounts of that time life was hard.

Adult Children of John and Mary

- Joseph 1817-1898
- Anna 1820-1845
- Sarah 1823-1898
- James 1821-1866
- Samuel 1828-1895
- Robert 1832-1906
- John 1835-1907



Joseph, Sara & Robert immigrated to America, Samuel went to Australia.

Joseph married Susan Cox in 1847 and had a son John in 1848. Joseph and Susan Bullen and their son John, along with Brother Robert Bullen, boarded the ship John Henry and traveled from London, England, arriving in New York City on May 16, 1851. Robert was naturalized in Indiana in 1852. The search for land eventually lead them to the Illinois area where Robert and his brother John stayed with their sister Sarah, who married John Easton and immigrated to America. John Easton died shortly thereafter. Sarah then married Christopher Stimpson. Census records for 1860 show Robert and Brother John as household members of Christopher Stephenson.

Robert met his wife, Catherine Tennis, during this time and married her in 1862. John married Lucindia Susanna Tennis, Catherine's sister in 1863. After 1870 Robert moved to Kansas and homesteaded land just east of the future town of Arlington.

Adult Children of Robert and Catherine

- John M. 1862-1932
- James Kirby 1865-1950
- Samuel Phillip 1870-1952

- Clara Bell 1875-1962
- William Robert. 1880-1956

Letter from Robert to John 1877

March 2, 1877

Langdon, Reno County, Kansas

Well, John, I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know how we are, all well but mighty hard up at present. We have a comfortable dugout to live in, it is 14 x 20, it is dug in the side of a ravine and fronts to the south with board roof and boarded up at the south end with door and window in it, and a prairie stable for my horses. I went 60 miles for the croches. It is in the ravine and covered and banked up with straw. I have a fair claim. There is about 120 acres of good land as any in the neighborhood and the rest is broken with dry sand draws, I call them ravines. There is two of them, one starts in about 6 rods from the NW corner on north side and the other about 60 rods from it east and come together and running out on the west side about 20 rods from SW corner. NW corner is gravel and sandy soil, the rest of it is heavy soil. I like the country pretty well at present. They raise mostly winter wheat here and not much corn. I don't think corn will make a very big crop here. It is too dry for it in July and August as far as I hear, but some of them talk of raising 40 and 50 bushels per acre, but none of them put in much here.

Well, John, you wanted me to look over the books and see how we stood. I received in all for the girls' board 226 dollars, 15 cents. They was with me 2 years and 17 weeks. Making 242 dollars, you worked for me 4 days haying, and 4 days thrashing, and 1 day shelling corn. Whatever you think there is due me, if any, I would like to have it, as I have only 11 bushels of corn and nothing to get any more with, and only one old breaking plow, 12 inch, and left handed at that.

Breaking plows are very dear here, new 12-inch plows, 24 to 26 dollars, and larger more in proportion. I think [I] will have hay enough to last until

grass comes. They have been plowing all through February and last days of January here. Some mornings it is froze too hard to plow. It never gets too wet to plow here. It is most too dry now. I started breaking this week.

I will have nothing but sod corn this year. I could rent plenty of second sod for corn or oats or spring wheat, but I can't get the seed and they are all too poor to furnish seed that wants to rent, and I can't sell any of my teams here for money. I have been trying to sell one team for cash but cannot get a bid on them nor trade them for any cows or young stock. Nothing to trade for them, only old broken down work cattle and I don't want them. I expect to see hard times here for a while, but will have to do the best I can.

There is a good range for cattle here and plenty of water on the section west of me, never fails. It is a small stream about 20 feet wide call the north Nine-scha River. It runs through the railroad section west of me, mostly on the west half. They hold the east half at 350 per acre, north of me one quarter at 450 and the other three at 475 per acre on 11 years time. The section north of me is all very good land.

Well, John, I will send you an account of my road work in this letter and if you can't attend to it, get Charley Atkins to do the best he can for me and tell him there is ten posts that I never hauled on the last order from Reits Brothers. Collect it as yours if you can.

If you could spare me any money for two years, I would pay you 12½ percent on it. One year would not do me any good as I could not raise anything to pay it back in that time.

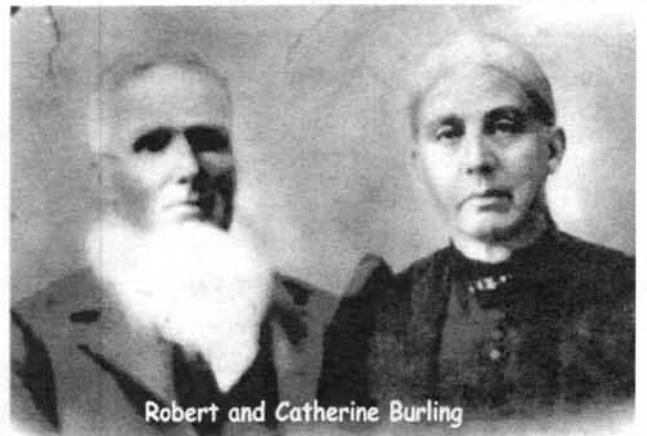
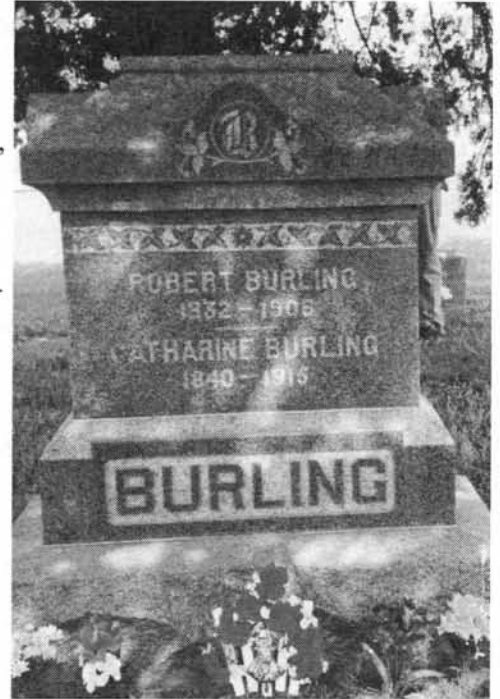
Please give our love to the girls and Cris and Sarah, and receive the same yourself. Answer as soon as convenient.

Robert Burling
Hutchinson
Reno County, Kansas

Don't mail in Chebanse if you want to send money, Hutchinson is a money order office.

Robert & Catherine are buried in the Arlington Cemetery.

Submitted by RCGS member, Leion Burling and his sister, Louise Nance, great grandchildren of Robert & Catherine Burling.



Mary Ann	Corman	27	Female Servant
John	Wheeler	20	Male Driver
James	Scott	24	" Laborer
Robert	Burling	12	" "
Joseph	Burling	21	" "
Charles	Burling	22	Female Wife
John	Burling	10	Male Child
Mary	Law	26	Female Servant
Quinn	Stover	23	Male Carpenter
Frederic	Woyers	26	" Smith
Joseph	Cooley	21	" Miller
Joseph	Cooley	12	" "
James	Cooley	11	" Child

1851 Passenger List to America

254- C.H.

Rev. Elmer Ward Cole of the Christian Church Bids His People Good-Bye

Probably there is no man, unless it is a physician who gets so close to the people as does the pastor of a church, especially if he is a man who invites and never betrays confidence reposed in him. After only a few years he knows each and every one from the aged grandsire to the babe in the arms of its mother. He has been with many of them in hours of sorrow and hours of joy. His has ever been the helping hand. Four years and half ago Rev. Elmer Ward Cole came to this city a comparative stranger. Next week he will leave the city regretted by thousands, many of whom are his personal friends, and they are to be found in his church, other churches and no church at all.

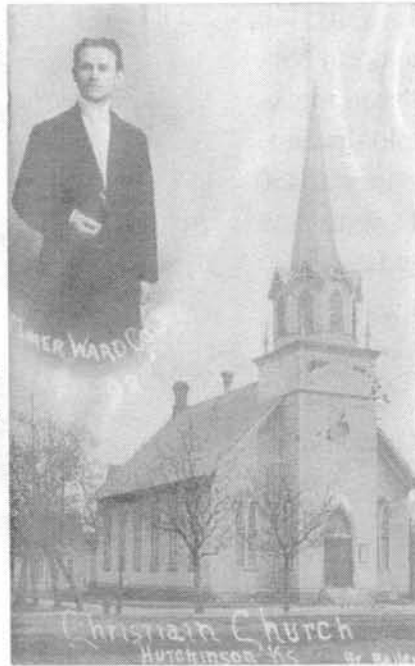
Last Sunday evening Rev. Cole preached his farewell sermon to his people. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather there was not a vacant seat in the church, and his closing address was listened to with the closest attention. Company E. Kansas National Guards, was present in a body and occupied seats of honor in front of the pulpit. The sermon was one of the best ever delivered by this gentleman. In other words he had kept the "Best of the wine for the last of the feast." In closing he said "Do not worry about tomorrow. Let the morrow care for itself. Our business is to build a soul today that will be prepared for the world of tomorrow. Today is man's empire, tomorrow is God's."

Reception Monday Evening

Monday evening a reception was held at the church by members for Rev. Cole and his wife which was attended by members of all churches in the city, and the platform was occupied by the ministers of the different denominations in the city. The body of the church was crowded. The exercises were opened by the choir singing "The Tie that Binds," and prayer by W. R. Gray of the United Presbyterian church. A sweetly rendered duet By Misses Lucille

Asher and Myrland DeVoss followed. Rev. H. E. Wolfe spoke for the Ministerial Union. He was followed by Chaplain Richards of the reformatory. Mr. A. E. Asher, on behalf of the official board, read an address in which he congratulated the retiring pastor on the great work that he had done for the church during his connection with the Christian church in this city. Like the criminal at the bar Rev. Cole was called upon to make reply to the charges, which had been brought against him, and in a short, but feeling talk thanked the members of his congregation for their loyalty and love for him and his wife during the years which he had been their pastor, and in conclusion invited one and all to visit him in his new home – provided all do not come at one time. When he had concluded many eyes were suspiciously near to tears.

An addition to the program was made when



Chairman Asher called upon Rev. C. H. Rogers to make the closing address of the evening. Rev. Rogers commenced by saying that he had not expected to be called upon, but paid a great tribute to Rev. Cole when he said: "I have never met a young man and a minister whom I have learned to love as I have the gentleman whom we are met to honor and bid him God speed to his new field of labor." Such words as these coming from so distinguished a divine as Rev. Rogers can but be pleasing to the one about whom they are spoken. In fact, the words of all the speakers of the evening, bore the impress of the sorrow

which was felt because of the association of years was about to be dissolved and one of their member was to go from among them. Not all the good words were said about the retiring pastor. His splendid help mate came in for a large share of them: She will be as greatly missed as he, for she has been his supporter in all the work which he has accomplished for the good of his own household of faith and the people at large.

At the close of the program a social hour was spent in which all present took occasion to bid Rev.

and Mrs. Cole good-bye and wish them much happiness and prosperity in the new home to which they will shortly go.

Hutchinson Times May 30, 1908, Page 6

Editor's note: Kathleen Dankanyin purchased this photo postcard on eBay. Later I came across a newspaper article on his farewell sermon. I wanted to know "where did he go?" What I found was a paper trail I wish I had on some of my ancestors. Below: details from some of the records I found.

Census [Ancestry.com]

- 1930 St. Joseph Co., IN [w/ Sarah West]
- 1920 Huntington Co., IN
- 1910 Huntington Co., IN
- 1905 Reno Co., KS
- 1900 Richardson Co., NE
- 1880 Cedar Co., IA

WWI Draft Registration [Ancestry.com]

- Address: 317 E. Franklin St., Huntington, IN.
- Birth: 10/13/1873, Age 44
- Minister,
- Employed by the Central Christian Church
- Next of kin: Alice West Cole

Huntington County, Indiana History & Families 1834 - 1993 [Google books result]

- Born in Chariton IA. Moved to West Iowa where father deserted family
- Worked as telegraph carrier, book binder, studied accounting
- 1897 graduated from Tabor College and entered the ministry
- Pastor at Council Bluffs IA, La Junta Co & Falls City, NE on 1/19/1900
- 5/1/1900 married Alice Lucinda West, daughter of Sarah Savage and Arthur T. West

- 1904 to Hutchinson, 1921 to South Bend, IN
- Died 8/21/1938. Alice died 11/27/1957
- Both are buried at Riverview Cemetery, South Bend, IN.

U. S. Passport Applications 1795 - 1925: Roll 0627 1918 [Ancestry.com]

- Residence: Huntington, IN
- 5 feet 8 1/2 inches tall, medium height, blue eyes
- Father, John C. born in Litchfield, IL, now deceased
- Go abroad, return within 10 months
- Travel to Great Britain, France, Italy
- War Dept: no objection to Cole being sent for duty with the A. E. F. in connection with Y. M. C. A
- National War Work Council of Young Men's Christian Association of the United States: Cole appointed Secretary for service with troops of the American Expeditionary force in France. Under contract for 10 months
- Sarah J. West, oath of acquaintance of Elmer Cole and his parents, John C. & Emily A. Cole.

Thanks to "Lisa & Karen" at RAOGK.org for taking the cemetery photos for Elmer, Alice and their daughter Lanthe, in Riverview Cem., South Bend, IN.



Heritage Recipe

Shared by Phyllis Long



This is a recipe for Pecan Cream Pie that my Mom always made for special dinners.



Pecan Cream Pie

Separate 3 eggs, save whites, and beat yolks

Add:

1 and 1/2 cups sugar

1 cup white Karo Syrup

1/2 cup butter

Pinch of salt

1 tsp. Vanilla

Last, add stiffly beaten egg whites

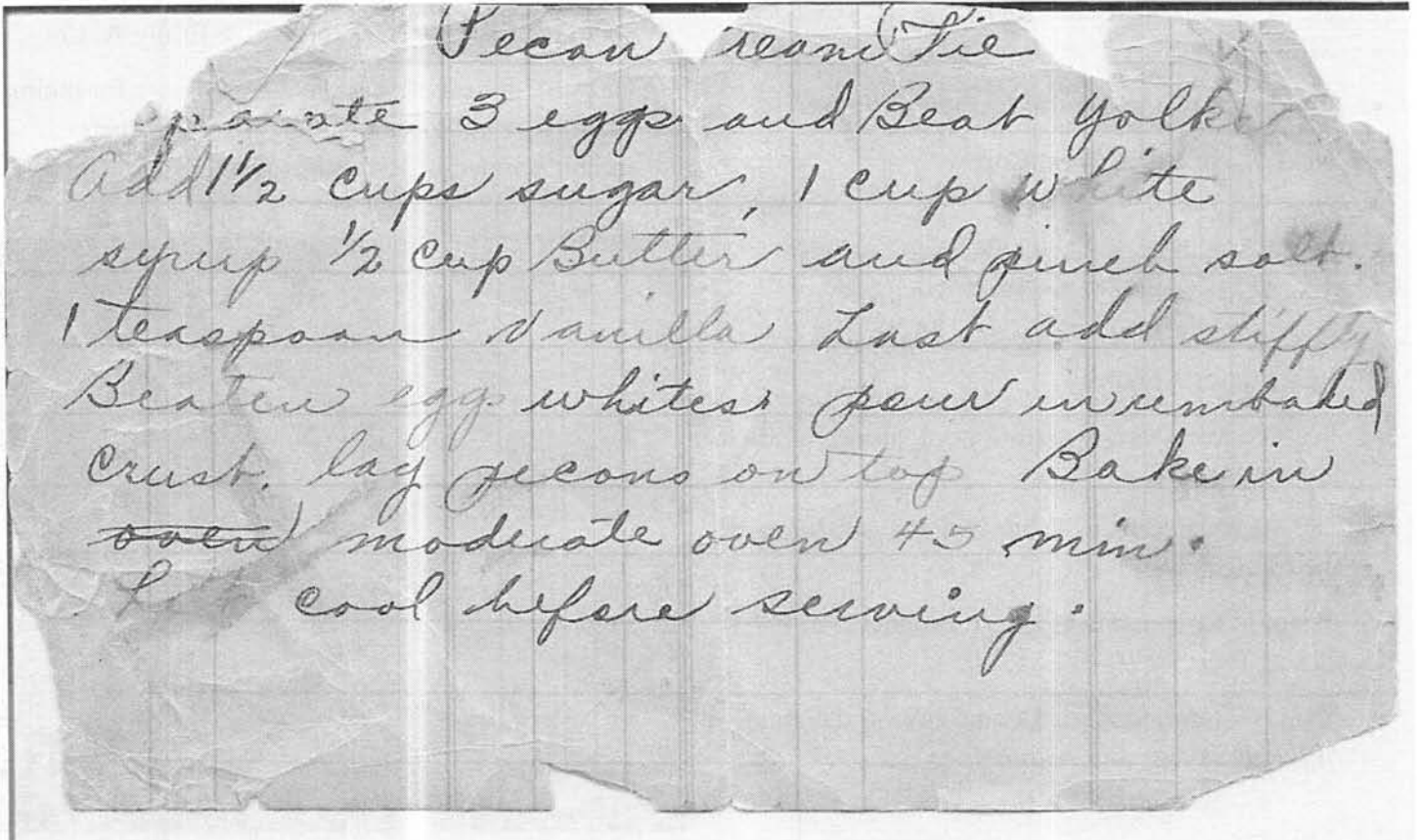
Pour into unbaked pie shell

Cover top with whole pecans

Bake in moderate oven 45 minutes

Let cool before serving.

Anna Mae Humiston Byrd
1902 - 1999



Beginning Genealogy Workshop

Who Are Your Ancestors?

The Reno County Genealogical Society presented a free workshop on beginning genealogy at the Hutchinson Public Library on April 18, 2009. RCGS continues to provide mini classes each September at the Kansas State Fair but it has been a long time since a regular class has been offered. The topics covered were: How to begin, Where to look, How to record what you find, Basic records & Internet Genealogy.

The workshop, originally scheduled for March 28th, was postponed due to the Spring blizzard that weekend with local residents getting 18+ inches of snow. We had 17 attend the rescheduled workshop presented by Karen Burgess, Ruth Filbert & Gale Wall, 10 fewer than originally scheduled. We hope to offer the workshop again later in the year, possibly in August. The survey response was very positive and we will tweak our outline to incorporate a few changes we noted along the way.

Thank you to Sally Eubanks & Kathleen Dankanyin for your assistance with the workshop. Door prize winners were Rebecca Head and Leonore Enfield.



Who Are Your Ancestors?

Ask Us How To Find Out!



Symbols in the Cemetery

Stroll through any cemetery and you will find one or more tombstones with some type of symbolism. Larger cemeteries will offer an afternoon of discovery. So, what does a particular symbol mean?

“ American gravestone art inherits its symbolism from many sources: the Bible, Greek and Egyptian civilizations, and European cultural history that pre-dates Christianity. Popular fraternal organizations, such as Free and Accepted Masons, the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and their many imitators, likewise drew from the same ancient sources. The symbolism essential to the mystery and pageantry of those secret societies became familiar to most nineteenth-century Americans and greatly influenced our country’s history and art.”

-AGS Field Guide No. 8 Symbolism in the Carving on Gravestones

Researching your family history will eventually lead you to a cemetery. What you find there may tell you something new about your ancestor. Symbols found can tell us about their faith and occupation, a social or fraternal membership or of death itself. While there are numerous religious and secular symbols, interpreting them should be done so with the understanding that while some represent a textbook meaning not all hold the same meaning from stone to stone. Someone may have chosen one simply because they liked it. You will find some that are [a] elaborate, [b] simple, [c] whimsical, [d] breath-taking and [e] heart-breaking. With our technology today the message we leave behind is only limited by our imagination.

There are resources in print and on the Internet that can help you learn more on this subject. As I prepared my list to share I thought I’d enlist the help of someone with much more experience on this topic, so I asked Richard Waterhouse to share his answers to three questions. I learned of his newsletter, *Waterhouse Symbolism*, through my membership in The Association of Gravestone Studies [<http://www.gravestonestudies.org/>]. He shares his love of symbolism with others through his monthly newsletter. He has granted RCGS permission to post a sample issue on our web site. You can find the link on our events & news page. [Thanks, Richard!] To learn a little more about Richard you can read this article on him in the October 4, 2008 issue of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution at: <http://tinyurl.com/RichardsArticle>

1. RCGS: If someone is interested in studying symbolism, as it applies to cemeteries and headstones, how or where do you suggest they begin? RW: I would, first, recommend Douglas Keister’s *Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography*. It’s a wonderful basic book about cemetery symbolism and in many cases, explains the origin of the symbols. If they get particularly interested in a certain period [Renaissance, Middle Ages, Prehistoric, etc.] there are particular books related to those periods. If, in their pursuit of symbols, they become very interested in historic cemeteries, I recommend that they join the Association for Gravestone Studies. Their members are great resources for identifying hard to research symbols.

2. RCGS: What online resources do you recommend? RW: Are you familiar with Kim Jacobson's website <http://magnolia.cyriv.com/default.asp> [click on iconography and list all...]. She gives an explanation of the symbol and shows burials using that symbol. Another site I would recommend is <http://www.everlifememorials.com/v/headstones/cemetery-symbolism.htm> and one more is <http://painting.about.com/cs/inspiration/a/symbolsflowers.htm>

3. RCGS: What book resources do you recommend? RW: There are so many wonderful symbolism books. Some that I would immediately recommend are:

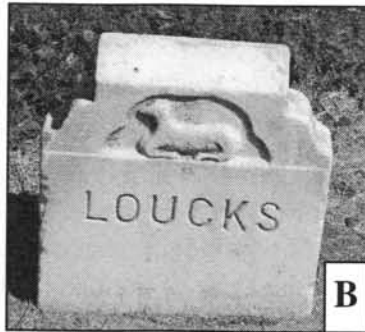
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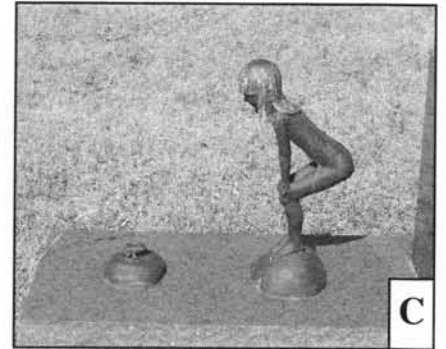
Should you want to interpret the symbolism of your ancestors tombstone we hope these resources will be helpful. Look for our symbolism videos coming this summer on our YouTube channel. Remember, every stone has a story!



A



B



C



D



E

Urn: Symbol of death
Draped: Grief, Mourning
Flames: Immortality



Reno County Doctors

This picture postcard was found in our research archives. We received it in 1982 from Mattie Guyer of Portland, Oregon. The note on the back states it is Dr. Wetherby and that he delivered Effie Clara Guyer on November 19, 1890 in Arlington, KS. The 1895 Reno County State census lists a B. J. Wetherby, age 35, Physician, born in PA. Also listed with him is 29 year old D. P. Wetherby - perhaps his wife.

Health Report

Dr. A. W. McKinney, president of the board of health, sent his annual statement to the state board on Wednesday, in which he said:

“During the year 1892 Reno County has had one hundred and eighty-eight deaths, fifty of whom were persons over fifty-five years of age. Twenty of these were consumptives, eleven of whom had been in the state less than a year; three less than three months, and one of the had been in here about twenty-four hours.”

There were during the year 267 marriages, and 440 births reported, but as about one - fourth of the births were not reported, it is safe to say to estimate the births at about 600. -News



Hutchinson Times Jan. 21, 1893

Some of our Doctors

Brubaker, A. S.	Johnson, A. S.	Roberts, S. L.
Carrington, J. B.	Malcom, J. G.	Robinson, A. H.
Chaflin, S. G.	Mann, C. A.	Ruddy, M. J.
Clymer, John	May, J. S.	Sams, C. E. V.
Colvard, A. H.	Mayberry, E. A.	Sidlinger, S. H.
Comstock, Harriet	Mayfield, M. V.	Slusher, B. F.
Core, C. B.	McAlilly, M. L.	Stewart, H. M.
Duvall, H. J.	McKee, David B.	Stewart, J. E.
Evers, Everlias	McKinney, A. W.	Updegraff, R. H.
Foltz, J. E.	Meyer, E. L.	Wetherby, B. J.
Forney, Fred	Miller, T. H.	Williams, E. E.
Forney, L. O.	Murrell, C. M.	Wilson, R. B.
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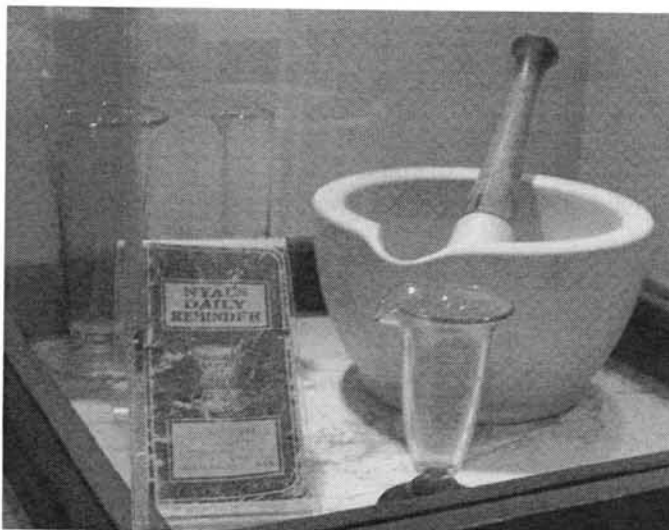
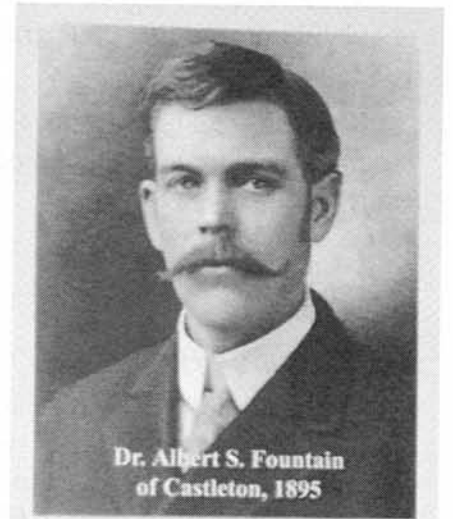
The society would like to document the doctors of Reno County, especially from the early days.

If you would like to work on this project please let us know.

Is There a Doctor in the House?

Stop by the Reno County Museum and see the display "Is There a Doctor in the House?", which features medicine and quackery in Reno County. The exhibit is on the second floor.

Museum hours and other information can be found on their web site: <http://www.renocomuseum.org/>



George W. Elliott

Geo. W. Elliott died August 15, 1906, at the home of his son, near Nickerson, Kans., aged 89 years, 1 month, 8 days. He was born at Mercersburg, Franklin County, PA., July 7, 1817. He was buried at the Dunkard Church Saturday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. Brubaker and Fahrney.

Mr. Elliott was married three times, and his last wife died twenty years ago. He leaves six children, twelve grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He settled in Ohio in 1847, and moved from there to Kansas in 1882.

Mr. Elliott united with the German Baptist church in 1846. He was elected to the ministry in 1853, and was ordained an elder in 1880, but of late by reason of the infirmities of old age he has not taken an active part in church affairs.

Nickerson Argosy Aug 30, 1906

Mrs. Edward Wilcox

Mrs. Edward Wilcox died at her residence in this city last Sunday morning at nine o'clock. She was afflicted with paralysis for over two years and while the visit of the angel of death was not wholly unexpected it was never - the -less a shock to her relatives and friends. She was born in Massachusetts, August 5th, 1832. Married to Edward Wilcox at Elyra, Ohio, August 8, 1851. Came to Kansas in May 1869. In March 1872 she came to Hutchinson where she has since resided. Mr. Wilcox held several positions of public trust and his wife was a lady prominent in social and religious circles.

Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church and was noted for her earnest Christian life. The funeral took place at the family residence, conducted by Revs. A. F. Irwin, and D. M. Moore. The remains were laid to rest in the Eastside Cemetery.

A husband and two children remain to mourn her loss. Upon the loss of such a wife, mother and Christian, how sweet is the thought that there is no death.

“The stars go down

To rise upon some fairer shore;

And bright in heaven's jeweled crown

They shine for ever more.”

The Kansan Jan 10, 1896 Pg 1 Col 2

Owen Murphy

December 12, At Las Vegas, New Mexico, of hemorrhage of the lungs, Owen Murphy, of Nickerson, aged 30 years, 11 months, and 28 days. Mr. Murphy was an engineer in the service of the Santa Fe Railroad Company. He was a brother of Mrs. J. M. Wayman, of this city, and of Mrs. John Weigel, of Nickerson. The remains were buried in the Nickerson cemetery.

The Kansan December 25, 1896

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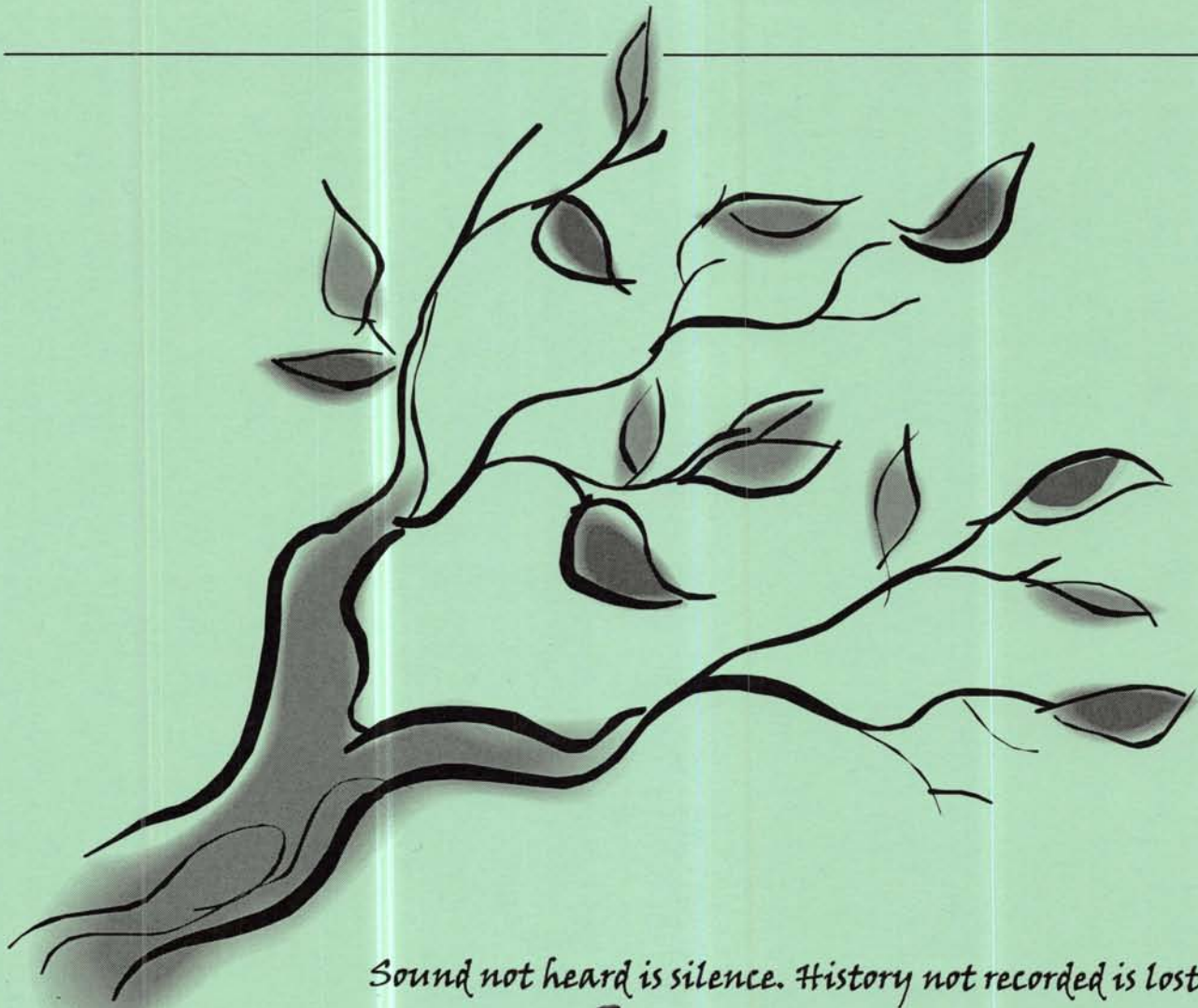
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